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# New bidder jumps into hospital rebid project

Real Estate Interests group gets into bidding war for NPH property

By Maureen Johnston  
STAFF WRITER

Real Estate Interests Group on Monday reaffirmed its June \$76.5 million bid on the state-owned Seven Mile Road property, making the Bloomfield Hills-based company the latest likely candidate to transform the former psychiatric hospital site.

Grand/Sakwa's Sept. 5 decision to withdraw its \$76 million offer opened the door once again for interested bidders. Representatives from Rock Construction Co. of Livonia declined the state's Sept. 8 invita-

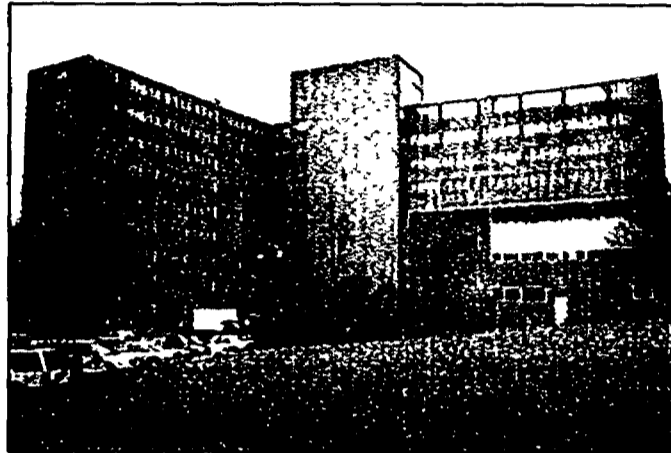
tion to proceed with their offer of \$76.7 million for the property.

REI's five-partner buying group stepped up. The parcel, on the south side of Seven Mile Road, west of Haggerty, is an opportunity to explore options for development, said partner John Weaver, and is ideally situated in a growing community.

Real Estate Interests group is in no way affiliated with REI of Northville Township, a retailer which specializes in high-end outdoor gear and clothing.

"Our goal is to create a project

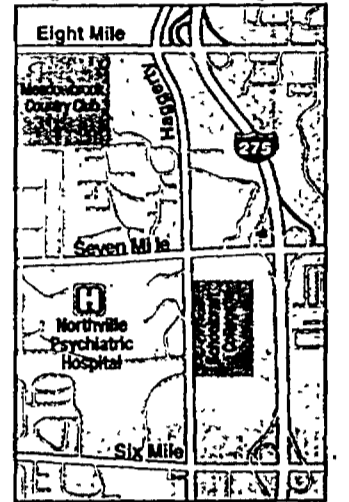
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The future of Northville Psychiatric Hospital and its adjoining property may rest in the hands of Real Estate Interest Group.

**Northville Psychiatric Hospital**



## CAN YOU DIG IT?



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Officials from both Northville and Northville Township prepare to break ground this past Friday night at the expansion and renovation of the former recreation center on Main Street. The location will become the new Northville Senior Center and will also have a room for public meetings and space available for rental.

### Months of waiting comes to an end at senior center groundbreaking

By Maureen Johnston  
STAFF WRITER

Since the Sept. 12 formal shovel-hitting-the-dirt groundbreaking ceremony, local seniors are digging in behind-the-scenes on the renovation of their new center.

The Senior Advisory Council Thursday formed three subcommittees to plan for the future of the expanded Main Street facility.

In addition to a new local gathering spot, the Northville Parks and Recreation Department that oversees the senior program is looking into how to market the updated building for event rental, as well as continue to use the gym for existing athletic programs.

To that end, one subcommittee will investigate area facilities for square footage, pricing and amenities to begin to develop a package to offer the center for rental, said advisory council

member Jim Nield. The variety of room sizes will offer an opportunity for wedding receptions, private parties, retirement parties, baby showers, and so on.

"We're a carriage ride from Mill Race Village and all the

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## Art lovers have new friend in rec dept.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Emily Sherman, the new special events and arts programming Supervisor for Northville Parks and Recreation, sits by the cities' Treble Clef sculpture near downtown's band shell last week.



By Maureen Johnston  
STAFF WRITER

Emily Sherman's new position with the Northville Parks and Recreation department should be just the ticket for the arts enthusiast to share her passion with area residents.

An almost full-time position created with the departure of two part-time employees, the special events and arts programming

supervisor said she found the just the job for her.

"A community that appreciates art is a community with passion and power," Sherman said. "It's a community that has a creative spirit and draws others to it. It sets itself apart."

Northville is that kind of community, which is why working here is a privilege, she said.

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## Detroit property eyed by developer

By Maureen Johnston  
STAFF WRITER

A developer's vision for the former Detroit House of Corrections site is on Tuesday's Northville Township Planning Commission agenda.

Representatives from Grand/Sakwa of Farmington Hills are scheduled to present to local officials for the first time their conceptual plan for the 308-acre parcel between Five Mile and Six Mile roads, on the east side of Ridge Road.

The vacant land, for which Grand/Sakwa has a purchase agreement with the city of Detroit, represents the second-largest parcel yet to be developed in Northville Township. The team behind countless area residential and commercial projects, Grand/Sakwa representatives when they Sept. 5 bowed out of purchasing the state-owned Seven Mile Road site, restated their interest in working with the township leaders in planning development of this former prison property.

That is the main item on the 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30 work session schedule, said township community development director Jennifer Frey.

This will be the commissioners' first opportunity to ask questions about Grand/Sakwa's plans, Frey said. They will not take formal action. Company representatives requested this meeting as an initial step toward drafting a development agreement. The township's planned-use-development ordinance would govern all aspects of a future project, Frey said.

Establishing those specific guidelines would require a public hearing, which could be scheduled as soon as next month. The

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Drug company sales representative Lee Szuba, left, prepares to take away her order from Northville's Parmenter's cider mill last Monday morning with the help of counter helper Dottie Nichols. Szuba's order of 10 dozen doughnuts, 5 gallons of cider and 5 pies came to a bit over \$100 and was to be given to a number of doctor's offices along her route. Parmenter's, first opened in 1873, operates from Labor Day weekend until the Sunday before Thanksgiving. On an average weekend the cider mill will sell more than 2,500 gallons of cider and 2,500 dozen doughnuts. Located at 714 Baseline Rd., it's operated by Diane and Mel Jones and Cheryl Nelson.

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# He's on guard for Winchester students

## Making a Difference

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Whether it's 8 degrees outside or 80, blazing sun or blustery snow-showers, school crossing guards in Northville are on the job and in the roads, making walkways and busy intersections safe for student pedestrians.

When it comes to serving as a crossing guard, Marc Van Poperin is doing double duty.

By day, Van Poperin teaches fourth grade at Northville's Winchester Elementary. By afternoon, he grabs his wooden-handled stop sign from the main office and heads outdoors.

"Hi, Jess," he said to a bounding elementary student, a backpack slung over her shoulders.

"Whoa, slow down," he calls to another.

For Van Poperin, and others like him, this is a typical day as a crossing guard's life.

Van Poperin — who currently has afternoon duty only — stands outside approximately 15-20 minutes herding students and families safely across the parking lot at Winchester Elementary.

Minivans, SUVs and sedans slow to a halt as Van Poperin ventures out into the roadway, stop-sign extended, and waves the pedestrians by.

"No parents have tried to run me down," he said with a wide grin. "It's just a matter of time, probably around the first of November when report cards come out."

Van Poperin's crossing guard posi-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Winchester Elementary School teacher Marc Van Poperin turns in his chalkboard for a crossing guard's Stop sign last Wednesday afternoon after school's out.

tion — which adds a little extra salary to each paycheck — will be in effect until the end of the school year.

"We needed somebody," he said. "It's not a hard job. It's something that needed to be done."

Van Poperin, a native of Novi, has taught at Winchester Elementary for five years.

He added that his "after-school"

job enables him to see his former students and their families on a routine basis.

"We have fun," he said.

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## LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The library is located at 212 W. Cady Street, near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady St. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

### 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 registration required.

### EVENING STORYTIME FOR FAMILIES

Kids, wear your pajamas and enjoy a lively storytime on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. Best suited for children 3 and older, but all ages welcome. No registration required.

### DECORATE A MINI-PUMPKIN

Children of all ages are invited to decorate a little pumpkin at the library on Oct. 14, from 4 to 5 p.m. The library will provide 200 mini-pumpkins, or you may bring your own! Just drop in and get creative. No registration required.

### JUNIOR BOOKS CHAT & CHOW FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

Make friends, have treats, and enjoy a lively discussion of the book "The Night the Bells Rang" by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock. Join

us on Oct. 29 from 4:15 to 5 p.m. Registration begins October 1.

### HALF-OFF SALE ON USED BOOKS

On Sept. 28 only, the Book Cellar on the library's lower level will be offering all books at half-off the usual prices: hardcovers will go for 50 cents each, and paperbacks for 25 cents. The Book Cellar, which is operated by The Friends of the Library, is open every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

### 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.

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# Fringe films to get chance in the spotlight

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Film lover Jim Jerome of Northville was tired of the standard Hollywood fare at local theaters.

So the independent filmmaker decided to give local movie watchers something different. Emagine Theater in the Fountain Walk shopping center in Novi will host the first Michigan Independent Film, Art & Music Festival Oct. 3-9.

The event will include feature films, documentaries, shorts, animated shorts and music videos.

"It started in March when me and a couple of buddies said we were sick and tired of going to the theater and being forced to see Hollywood sequels," said Jerome, a Northville native.

"What we're trying to do is bring the independent culture to the Novi and western Detroit area. This includes independent filmmakers, artists and musicians," he said.

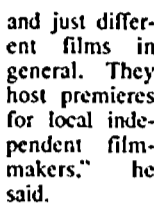
Jerome graduated two years ago from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, with a degree in film and video production and has an independent film company called Lefthand Films. "I'm left-handed, so that's where the name came from," he said. For more information, check out his Web site at [www.lefthandfilms.net](http://www.lefthandfilms.net).

What better person to start such a festival.

He selected the Emagine Theater because it's a new theater in the area, and other theaters have agreements with Hollywood studios to run mostly Hollywood productions.

"The Emagine Theater not only looks spectacular, but it's a little more open to independent films

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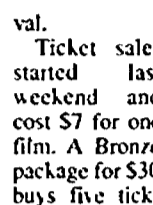
Jonathan Buchanan

and just different films in general. They host premieres for local independent filmmakers," he said.

The Emagine has 18 full stadium auditoriums that seat 340 people each. It also has 18 concession stands, digital sound and projection and a full bar with beer, wine and cocktails.

Many films will be shown to the public for the first time. Directors and professionals from the film industry will also present workshops during the festival.

The event includes exhibits and demonstrations of the latest technology in film. Artists will also display and sell their work, and live concerts will be provided by local bands each day of the festival.

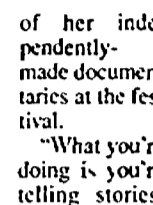


Jim Jerome

Ticket sales started last weekend and cost \$7 for one film. A Bronze package for \$30 buys five tickets. A Silver package for \$50 buys 10 tickets. A Gold package for \$75 provides 20 tickets. And a Platinum package at \$250 secures access to all movie showings, all after-party events, access to workshops and concerts, and a TUNNEL VISION T-shirt, with only a limited number of shirts available.

"We're showing both of Jeff Daniels of Chelsea films — 'Escanaba in Da Moonlight' and 'Supersucker,'" Jerome noted.

Penelope Spheeris of Los Angeles, who directed the comedy "Wayne's World," and "The Beverly Hillbillies," will have two



Ryan Steinhause

of her independently-made documentaries at the festival.

"What you're doing is you're telling stories. That's basically what it comes down to. We're just telling stories using film and video," Jerome said.

Jerome has several friends who have volunteered to help him with the festival.

"Most of them have been working six to nine months on the festival. This is the first one, and we hope to do it for many years to come," he said.

Farmington, Buchanan serves as director of photography for Lefthand Films.

The festival organizers come from many walks of life, including restaurant workers, a bridal shop employee, computer engineers, and, of course, independent film makers.

Close to 100 films and videos will be offered at the festival.

For more information, call Jerome at (248) 767-2893 or visit the official Web site at [www.michiganindependentfilmfestival.com](http://www.michiganindependentfilmfestival.com).

For advertising and sponsorship information, contact [erin@lefthandfilm.net](mailto:erin@lefthandfilm.net).

"I'm getting excited about the event. It's been almost nine months since we started working on the festival," Jerome.

After the festival, he'll be back at the craft.

"I will be shooting a documentary about road kill," Jerome said.



"I'll just leave it at that."

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## Grand River bridge wraps up

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

After a long dusty summer of roadwork delays, relief for Novi businesses along Grand River Avenue is just around the corner.

Paving crews moving east along Grand River from Beck Road seem to be going at a pretty good clip, and city and county road officials agree the project is on track to open for traffic Nov. 1.

Haim Schlick, a construction engineer with the city, said paving crews are working on schedule. He said preparing the roadbed was the most time-consuming part of the project, noting that once crews start pouring concrete, "it goes fast."

Tom Blust, director of engineering for the Road Commission for Oakland County, said crews were scheduled to pour concrete for the first half of the bridge deck on the commission CSX Bridge project last Monday night. Although the entire project isn't slated for completion until next June, Blust said the bridge should be open for traffic Nov. 1.

Road Commission crews will be back next spring and summer to put in sidewalks on both sides of Grand River and finish landscaping.

On Twelve Mile Road, where Road Commission crews are building a four-lane boulevard from Meadowbrook Road west to Novi Road, work isn't expected to be complete until the middle of next month.

Blust said the county is a little behind its original schedule. He attributed the delay in part to cooperating with the city to keep the road open to business traffic.

"We can always work faster if we can shut a road down," he said.

He added it also took longer than expected to obtain needed right-of-way from a cemetery on the north side of Twelve Mile Road and move several graves.

Once complete, the project will leave most of Twelve Mile road boulevardized through Novi.

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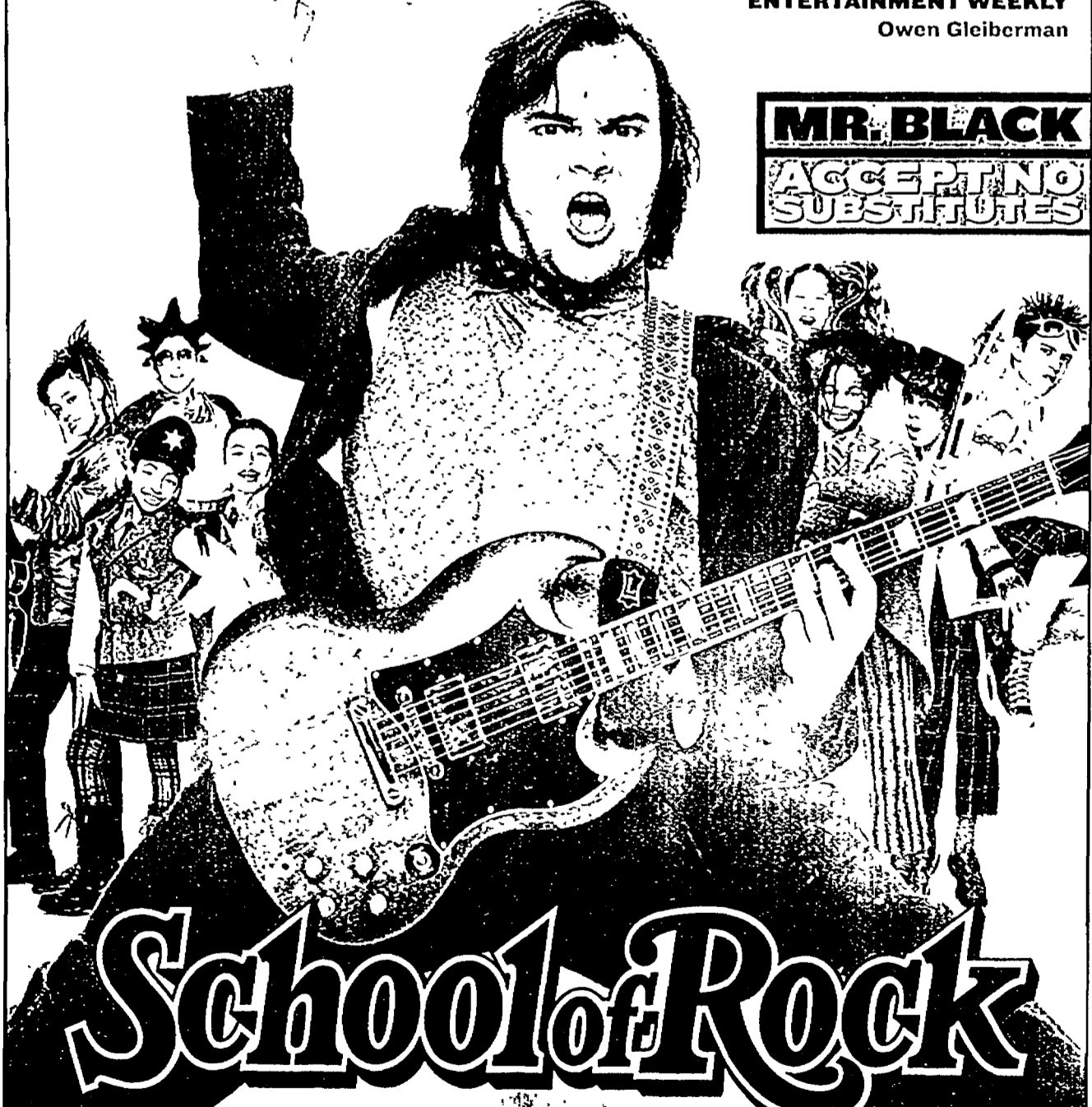
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# New Northville senior center breaks ground

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churches," Nield said.

A second subcommittee will look into specific contributions to the senior center for which residents would be recognized with a plaque, for example, Nield said. Perhaps people will want to donate artwork or the decor for one of the rooms, he said.

In January, the new-programs subcommittee will report back with suggestions for what might be added in the new, larger building, Nield said, based in part on past survey results. "We can double the number of programs from what we have today."

Before, scheduling classes, activities and events was limited by lack of space available, he said. "We've got to grow into the new facility and we can offer more."

With endorsement by the Northville Township board during an upcoming presentation, the plan will be through the approval process, Nield said. The city of Northville and Northville Township in April pledged as part of their cooperative recreation agreement to expand senior opportunities in the Northville School District-owned building.

Immediately following the Victorian Festival parade, approximately 150 peo-

ple gathered for the groundbreaking. Parks and Recreation director Traci Sincok acted as master of ceremonies, introducing Northville Township supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville mayor Christopher Johnson, school district superintendent Leonard Rezmierski, and Nield, who commented on the collaborative effort and need for the project.

"Our ultimate goal is to all be seniors one day, so we're all included in this," Nield said. At the close of comments, municipal officials and advisory council members gathered for the ceremonial dig.

The tentative timetable starting expansion of the building mid-October, and finishing July 2004 still holds, Nield said.

"We're just about ready to have the bidding process start."

The 303 W. Main Street building will close its doors as the Community Center Nov. 1 to allow demolition to begin. Passers-by will see steel and masonry along the west side of the building where 6,000 square-feet will be added. Other soon-to-start parts of the \$2.89 million project are: the bricking in of the stage opening on the gym side of the building, replacement of the front windows, and removal of the former recreation department offices, which will become a computer room.

Project specifications currently call for four multi-purpose meeting rooms, three offices, and a gathering area for large-group activities.

Plans to renovate the 1953 building also call for replacement of the heating and cooling systems and plumbing, as well as improvements to the kitchen, meeting room and lobby. A barrier-free entrance will be added to the rear of the building.

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# Parks and recreation department hires new arts supervisor

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"This is what I went to school to do," Sherman continued. She earned her bachelor's degree in arts management from Eastern Michigan University. While still in college she worked on creating programs for students at the McKinney Union in Ypsilanti.

"There is a need for more arts activities and classes," Sherman said.

Her predecessors, special events supervisor Sue Taylor and arts programming supervisor Kathleen Tabaczynski, both will remain involved in the local cultural scene through their work with the Northville Arts Commission.

In addition to her work with that organization, Sherman's other responsibilities include planning and programming art classes, and organizing special events.

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**Emily Sherman**

*Special events and arts programming supervisor*

For example, in her new role she is acting as liaison with the city to arrange a November fundraiser that will help place a David Barr sculpture near the intersection of Center and Eight Mile roads. The "Baseline Road Sculpture" is an artistic, natural and historic project recognizing the importance of Baseline Road in the surveying and settling of Michigan.

"I'm very excited about the David Barr sculpture project," she said. "And I think adding

more public art is vital to the vibrance of Northville."

Sherman brings to her position experience with the Plymouth Community Arts Council, where her responsibilities ranged from bookkeeping to programming to administrative assisting.

Now a couple weeks into her

Northville position, she is fast familiar with popular programs. She also is considering how her own ideas might fit.

One of her larger goals is a dedicated space for the arts in Northville, a space for classes, exhibitions, consignment, and special events such as performances, lectures and artist talks.

"Such a place would be an asset to the community — for both artists and art lovers," she said. "I think if we established something here, people would use it."

Her creative flair is evidenced in her photography and the varied artwork that decorates her Hillside recreation center workspace.

"I want to focus on maintaining and creating programs for the whole family, events that bring families together in the community," Sherman said.

Long-time special events she will seek to maintain include the sold-out Pumpkin Walk, "Northville Night" on New Year's Eve, the daddy-daughter dance, and the used sporting equipment sale.

Another goal is continuing to build on already existing relationships with community groups such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, and Northville Youth Assistance.

Sherman's enthusiasm for children's theater led her to found her own company, Ever After

Productions.

Her theater know-how is in demand by municipalities who contract her to bring performance opportunities to young children. "I think there's a need for that," she said. "I love working with children."

Performing is a growing experience, she said. "They just need someone to positively encourage them."

"Even if they don't become actors, they've been exposed to art."

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# Stewart to pay a visit to school students

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Fourth and fifth grade students at Winchester Elementary will learn how Michigan's government operates next month when a local state representative visits their school.



At the invitation of school staff, John Stewart, R-Plymouth, is slated to speak to students Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Marc Van Poperin, a fourth grade teacher at Winchester, said students have traditionally toured state government buildings in the past, however recent budget cuts have eliminated all field trips.

Instead of visiting Lansing next month, Stewart will bring Lansing to the students.

"It should be fun for the kids," said Van Poperin. "He was very adamant about coming in to the classroom and coming to talk to fourth and fifth grade [students]."

Van Poperin said Stewart's visit will be an effective tool in teaching students about state government.

"It's part of my district's curriculum, and when you're trying to teach it out of a book, it's not always the best way," said Van Poperin. "We're exposing the kids to the real world right now. Representative Stewart is the real world. That's his job."

"What better way to have a taste of real life than to have a real life lawmaker come in? How cool is that?"

Although district officials have banned field trips, Van Poperin said administrators have been supportive of new ideas in lieu of student outings.

"[Winchester principal] Pat Messing has been behind me 100 percent of the way," he said.

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# Moraine gets lessons on life

Richard Paul gives the Xs and Os on conflict resolution in and out of classroom

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Students at Moraine Elementary got a lesson in character from Richard Paul, an educational speaker and award-winning ventriloquist, during an afternoon all-school assembly.

Equipped with a message entitled "It's OK to Walk Away," Paul entertained students as he taught them keys to conflict management and resolution.

During the assembly, Paul incorporated ventriloquism, puppets, humor and personal

stories. In addition, props were used to simulate an argument and its resolution.

Paul's presentation marked the launch of a string of upcoming Junior Enrichment Series assemblies.

JES chair Sue Laabs said Paul's message is closely tied to programs and services available for students at Moraine Elementary.

For example, Laabs said some older elementary students are trained to serve as conflict managers and can assist younger students when schoolyard squabbles arise.

"We always try to start off the year with an

assembly that ties in with our "Stand Up for Justice Program," said Laabs.

The Stand Up for Justice Program, she said, is a character-building program at Moraine, which concentrates on developing a different personal characteristic each month in students. Such principles include caring and compassion, respect, honesty, responsibility, fairness, non-violence and community service.

Laabs lauded Paul's presentation, believing that Moraine students strongly benefited from the experience.

"It thought it was good," she said. "It certainly got the kids thinking about some of those principles we'll be talking about through the year. They seemed to really enjoy it. He seemed to hold their attention well. It's always nice to have a kick-off at the beginning of the year that covers all of Stand Up for Justice principles."

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# Health clinic open to women young and old

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Women of all ages are invited to participate in a free women's health fair and open house on Oct. 8, hosted by the Northern Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More.

The event will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church located at 14951 Haggerty Road (south of Five Mile Road) in Plymouth.

Debbie Radloff, a Northville resident and four-year member of the Mothers and More, said the organization is partnering with the St. Mary Mercy community outreach department to provide the free health screenings.

Along with the health checks, Michelle Moccia, a registered nurse from St. Mary Mercy, is slated to present "The Truth about Women and Heart Disease" from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Medical screenings begin at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation will follow from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

According to Radloff, blood pressure and bone density screenings will be available. In addition, demonstrations of self-breast exams using an anatomical model are planned. Literature on various health issues such as nutrition and anger management will also be available.

Refreshments will be served. Radloff encouraged women of any age to learn about important health issues and the services Mothers and More offers.

"It's been an awesome group for me," she said. "I am a big fan of this organization."

Mothers & More, a national non-profit group, is dedicated to

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improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy, officials said.

Along with easing the transition from the workforce to becoming a "stay-at-home" mom, the organization addresses mothers' needs as individuals, members of society and promotes the value of the work mothers do.

Radloff said there are currently five chapters of Mothers & More in the Detroit area.

Local group meetings are hosted at St. Kenneth Church on the second Wednesday and fourth Tuesday of every month from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Topics include speakers, group discussions or activities such as game night, movie night or making crafts.

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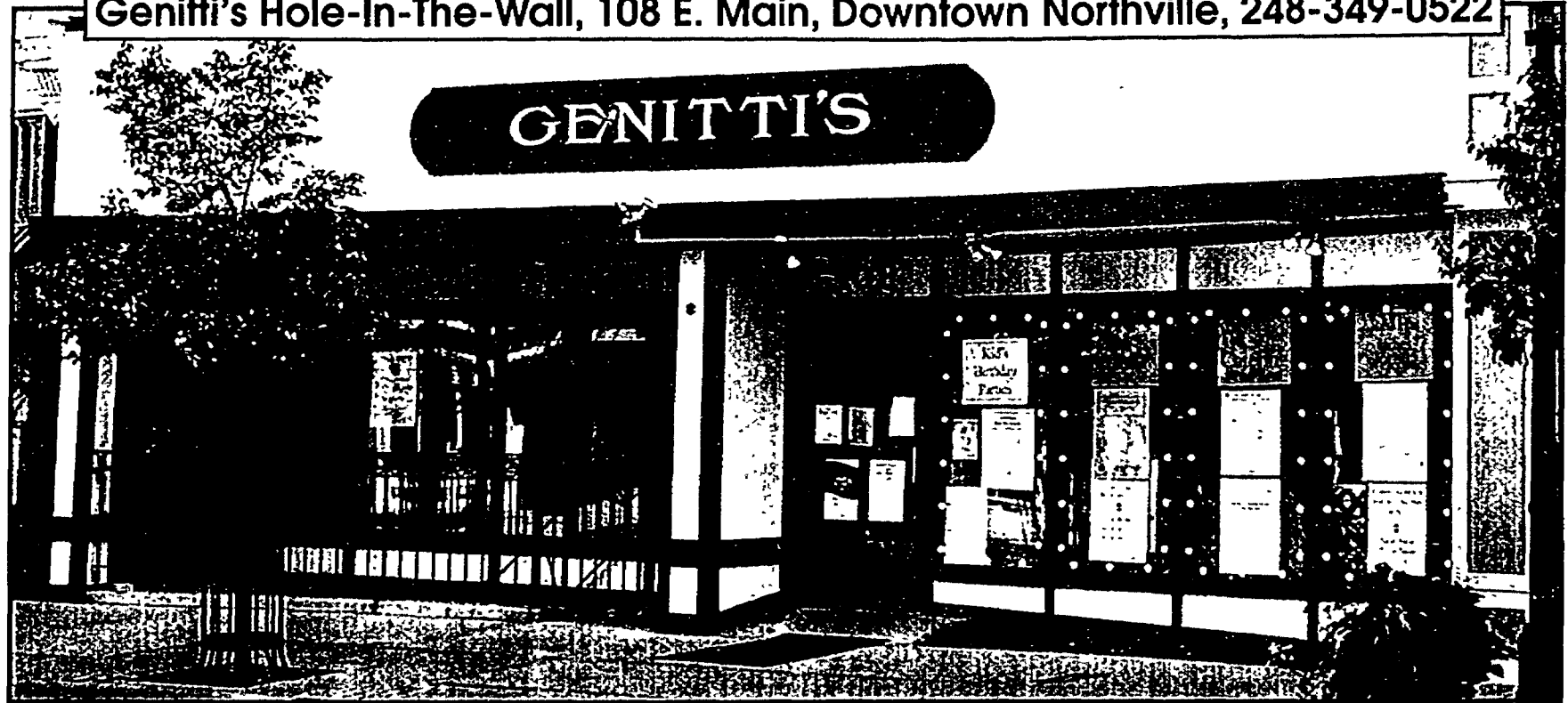
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**OBITUARIES**

**William H. Wolverton**

William Wolverton of Northville died September 17, 2003. He was 76.

Mr. Wolverton was born Jan. 4, 1927 in Reeves, Tenn. to Frank C. Wolverton and Lilly O. Breeden. He had lived in Northville since 1959 and was a job setter for Ford Motor Company for 30 years. He was a member of Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 9568, an avid billiards player, a member of the Northville VFW Post No. 4012 and the Romulus VFW Post Billiards Teams. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Mr. Wolverton was a veteran of the Army, serving during the Korean War.

Survivors include five children, William W. Wolverton of Commerce, Carl A. (Armine) Wolverton of West Branch, Sadie A. Noble of Wixom, Brenda J. (Rudy) Spencer of Tenn. and Michael L. (Venessa) Wolverton of Tenn.; two step-children, Jacqueline (Lee) Foxworth of Florida and Lorraine (Lowell) Minger of Va.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Val Aube; his parents; four brothers and one sister.

A funeral service was held Sept. 23 at Casterline Funeral Home of

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104 W. Main Street,  
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Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Jennifer Bixby of First United Methodist Church of Northville officiating. Interment will be at Parkview Memorial Cemetery of Livonia. Memorial contributions may be given to the charity of the giver's choosing.

**Rev. James F. Andrews**

Rev. James F. Andrews of Northville died Sept. 19 in Farmington Hills. He was 93.

Mr. Andrews was born Dec. 5,

1909 in Cashon, Okla. to Edwin Alvey and Bessie Andrews. He later married Leona Nellie Andrews in 1933. She survives him.

Mr. Andrews began a 73-year ministry in the Free Methodist Church of Lansing, and later, in Oxford. He founded the Full Salvation Union Interdenominational Church in Lansing, the ministry for which served many communities, including Northville. He devoted many passages from scripture to memory, gave extemporaneous prayers and sermons and formed fellowships with other church groups.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Andrews is survived by his children, James (Delores), Thomas (Barbara), Naomi (Richard) Blain, David (Karen) John (Cynthia), Philip (Joseph), William (Kimberly), Mary (James) Poulin; his siblings, Burdette (Annabelle), Harold (May) Jack, Byron, Eldon (Freida) Howard (Nancy); 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one of his children, Grace Henning.

A memorial service for Mr. Andrews was held Sept. 22 at Casterline Funeral Home of South Lyon. Leona Andrews officiated

the service. Interment was at Maple Grove Cemetery of Comstock.

Memorial contributions may be made to the E.A. and Bessie Andrews Endowed Chair for Spiritual Development of Spring Arbor University.

**George Alan Bonnier**

George Bonnier of Redford, formerly of Novi, died Sept. 15, 2003 at Botsford General Hospital. He was 24.

Mr. Bonnier was born June 24, 1979 in Royal Oak. He was a floor installer.

Survivors include his mother, Betty Beachnau of Portage; his father, Charles Bonnier; two brothers, Toby Bonnier and Bradley Bonnier; and five sisters, Suzette Hamilton, Koula Kramer, Amanda Knapp-Bonnier, Stacey Knapp-Bonnier and Maria Bonnier.

A funeral service was held Sept. 20 at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, Mich. with Father Ronald T. Browne officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Arrangements were made by Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington.

**WEDDINGS**



Shah-Schultz

Precious Shah and Alan Schultz were married Aug. 2 at Martha-Mary Chapel at The Henry Ford. Rev. Gerald Harrington officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Navnit and Pai Shah of Northville. She is a graduate of Northville High School and Northwestern University and is employed by The Cambridge Group. The groom is the son of Alan F. and Eva Schultz of Northville. He is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and Northwestern University and is employed by Bain of Chicago.

The maid of honor was Natasha Shah. Bridesmaids were Christine Deacon, Cynthia Mills, Kathleen Pasicznyk, Karen Russell, Sharon Russell and Megan DeFelice. The flower girl was Kelsey Yee.

Best man was Eric Schultz. Groomsmen were Jason Abbott, Daniel Black, Clark Kirkman, Jared Harrington, Michael Niebauer, and Andrew Weinrich.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and now reside in Chicago.

**NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE MISDEMEANOR ORDINANCE**

The Board of Trustees approved the adoption of the Misdemeanor Ordinance at their regular monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, September 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at 41600 W. Six Mile Road.

This Ordinance and the state laws adopted by reference herein shall be collectively known and may be cited as the "Northville Township Traffic Code Ordinance."

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE: SECTIONS 53-15, 67-10, 67-14, 67-22, 67-25, 67-26, 67-27, 67-28, 67-31, 67-39, 67-54, 69-6, 93-2, 104-3, 106-22, 133-15, 128-13, 117-14, AND 155-12; TO REPEAL 67-7 AND 67-24; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP CODE PROVISIONS REGARDING ANIMALS, CRUISING, HUNTING, LETTERING, PEDDLING, OUTDOOR GATHERINGS, NOISE AND SWIMMING; TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP CODE PROVISIONS REGARDING MALICIOUS MISCHIEF, LARCENY, RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, WRITING CHECKS WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FUNDS OR WITHOUT AN ACCOUNT, ASSAULT & BATTERY, MISREPRESENTING AGE TO OBTAIN LIQUOR, AND ANY OTHER OFFENSE THAT IS A MISDEMEANOR UNDER STATE LAW; TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNTS UP TO WHICH THE OFFENSES OF LARCENY AND RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY MAY BE PUNISHED; TO FORBID THE KNOWING UTTERANCE OF FALSE INFORMATION TO POLICE OFFICERS IN THE LINE OF DUTY; TO ESTABLISH A NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP CODE PROVISION FORBIDDING THE POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES THAT CONFLICT HEREWITH.

A complete copy of the ordinance may be obtained through the Clerk's office or the Department of Public Safety. Copies may also be viewed at the following locations:

- Public Services Building - 16225 Beck Road
- Financial Building - 41660 Six Mile Road
- Township Hall - 41600 Six Mile Road
- Fire Station 48515 Seven Mile Road
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE  
(9-25-03 NR 86453)

**NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ORDINANCE**

The Board of Trustees approved the adoption of the Motor Carrier Safety Ordinance at their regular monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, September 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at 41600 W. Six Mile Road.

This Ordinance and the state laws adopted by reference herein shall be collectively known and may be cited as the "Northville Township Motor Carrier Safety Ordinance."

AN ORDINANCE ENACTED PURSUANT TO MCL 41.181, 42.15, 42.23, AND 480.11 ET SEQ., TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT OF 1963, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES THAT CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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**NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE TRAFFIC CODE ORDINANCE**

The Board of Trustees approved the adoption of the Traffic Code Ordinance at their regular monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, September 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at 41600 W. Six Mile Road.

This Ordinance and the state laws adopted by reference herein shall be collectively known and may be cited as the "Northville Township Traffic Code Ordinance."

An Ordinance enacted pursuant to MCL 41.181, 42.15, 42.23, and 257.951 through 257.955, to adopt by reference the uniform traffic code for Michigan cities, townships and villages as promulgated by the Director of the Michigan Department of State Police pursuant to the administrative procedures Act of 1969 Public Act 306, as amended (MCL 24.201 et seq) and made effective October 30, 2002, and to adopt by reference certain State laws, to provide penalties for violation of this ordinance, to provide for the severability of this ordinance; and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict herewith.

A complete copy of the ordinance may be obtained through the Clerk's office or the Department of Public Safety. Copies may also be viewed at the following locations:

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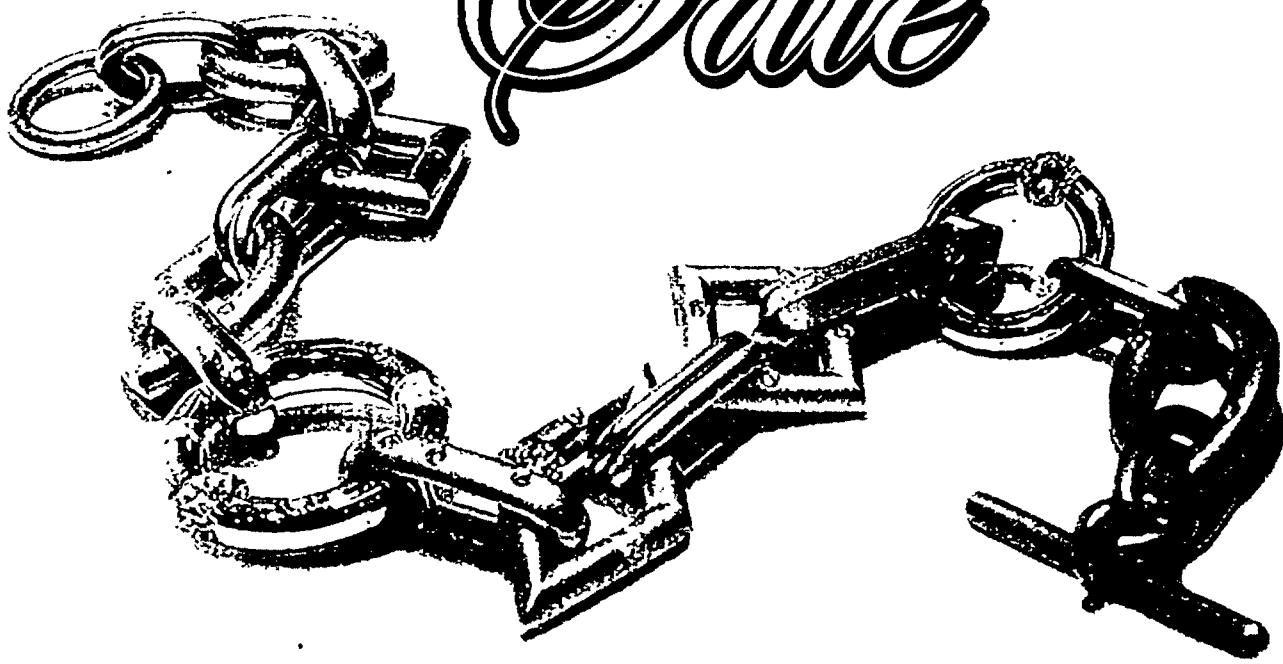
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## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

### RIDGE WOOD PARENT SOCIAL/AUCTION

Ridge Wood Elementary School's P.T.A. plans to host its First Annual Parent Social and Auction on Oct. 24. This gala event begins at 7 p.m. at St. John's Conference Center near 5 Mile and Sheldon Roads. It features musical entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and an opportunity to bid on live and silent auction items.

The cost is \$50 per person with beverages extra.

All proceeds from this event will fund programs sponsored by the P.T.A. Donations to the auction are welcome. For tickets and additional information, call Dottie Garrity at (248) 735-9591.

### AMAZING ANIMATION

Michael Kalec of Northville, a junior television, radio and film major at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, was recently profiled in the summer issue of

Newhouse's biannual publication, Newhouse Network.

Newhouse Network is the official publication of S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

Kalec was profiled for producing "Lower Learning," a full-length, animated television show.

### BOOSTERS BOTTLE DRIVE

The Northville High School Music Boosters plan to conduct their annual returnable can/bottle drive Oct. 11 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Fliers are slated to be distributed this week and the collections will be hosted Oct. 11. Funds raised directly support the high school band and choir. This is the eleventh year the boosters have conducted the bottle drive.

### TEE TIME SEPT. 27

The fourth annual golf outing, geared to benefit Old Village and Cooke Schools, is scheduled for

Sept. 27.

The event is slated to take place at the Woodlands of Van Buren course located on Ecorse Road off of Interstate 275. The cost for 18 holes of golf with lunch and dinner is \$100. You can take \$20 of this as a tax deduction.

Hole sponsors are needed. If you choose to sponsor a hole, the cost is \$100 and the entire amount is tax deductible. If you or your company sponsor a hole, a sign bearing your name will be posted at the hole. All sponsors are thanked for their contribution in the monthly Old Village newsletter and the Northville Record.

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

### SKATIN' 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 Nov. 5 and Jan. 20.

### STROLLERS NEEDED

The Old Village School leisure recreation program is in need of large strollers to accommodate children 50 to 100 pounds. For more

information, 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.

### RECORD SEEKS OUTSTANDING TEACHER NOMINATIONS

The Northville Record is seeking

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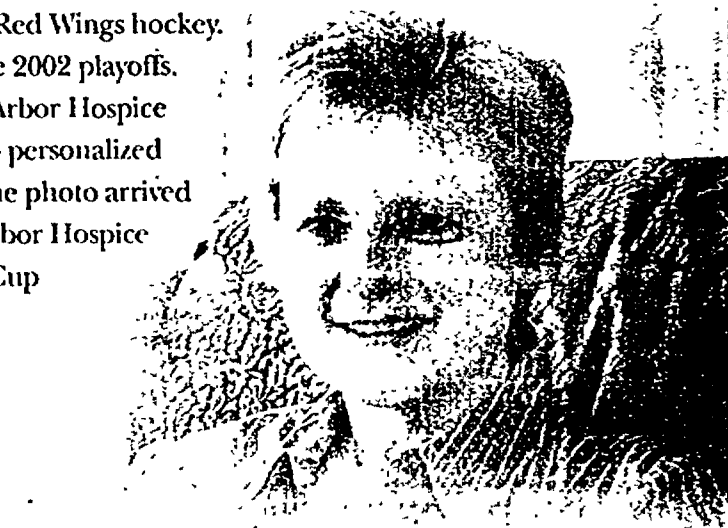
Vivian Nichols had one true passion in her life - Red Wings hockey. Vivian's last wish was to see her team through the 2002 playoffs. Through some behind-the-scenes negotiations, Arbor Hospice staff secured a prized Red Wings alumni photo - personalized 'to Vivian' by each player. The evening before the photo arrived for presentation, Vivian died peacefully at the Arbor Hospice Residence. For those who followed the Stanley Cup championships that year, you remember what happened next.

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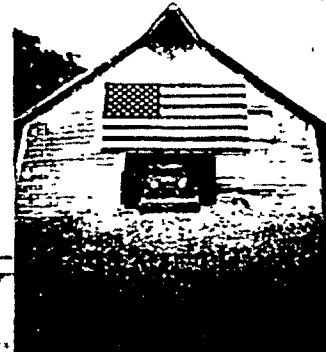
The City of Northville Planning Commission will consider a request for a special use permit for the Northville Senior Community Center located at 501 West Main Street. The property is zoned First Density Residential, R-1B. Publicly owned community centers and recreation facilities are allowed as a special use in accordance with Article 3 and Article 16 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed special use will be considered by the Planning Commission at the October 7, 2003, meeting at 7:30 p.m., at the City of Northville, 215 W. Main St., Council Chambers. The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive public input on the Senior Community Center. The complete application can be reviewed at the City Hall during normal business hours. Written comments will also be received at the above address

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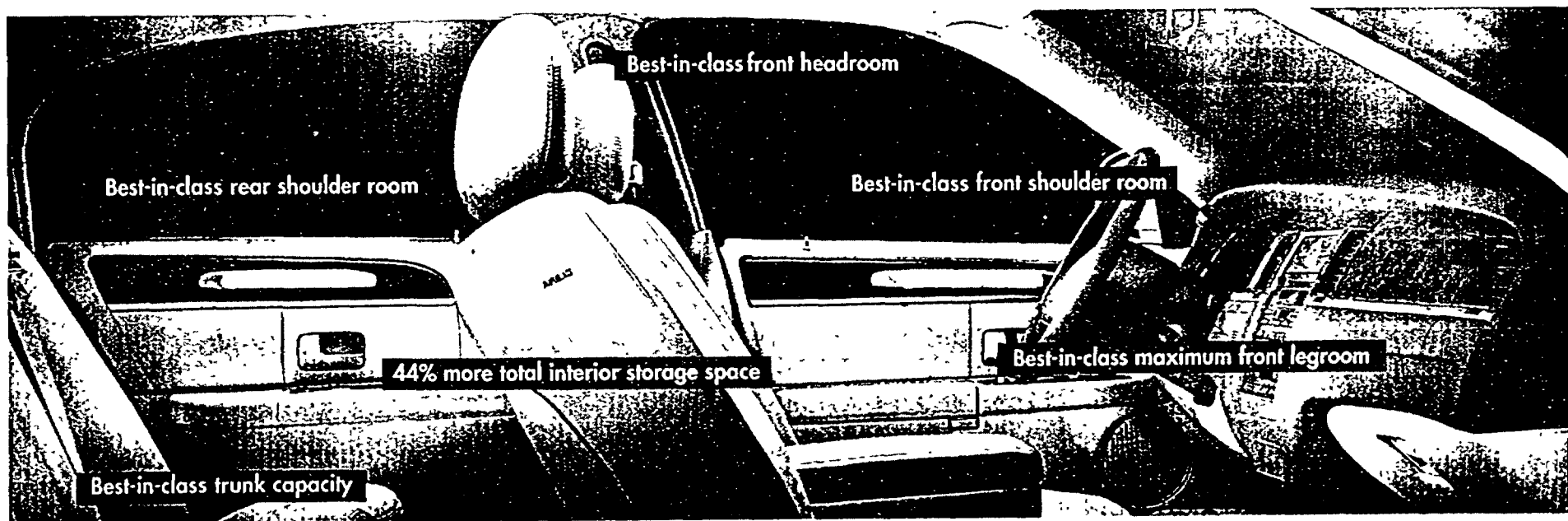
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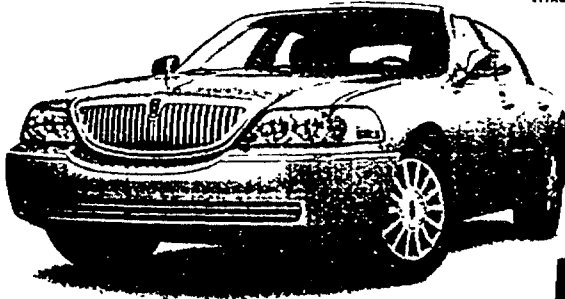
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# POLICE REPORTS

## City of Northville Police Reports

**NO STORES STUNG:** During a Northville Police Department decoy operation, five local stores targeted in the sting refused to sell alcohol to a minor.

The 19-year-old woman who acted at the department's direction, visited CVS on Dunlap, Hiller's Market on Center, Good Time Party Store on Seven Mile Road, Hamlet Party Store, and Northville Gourmet on Eight Mile Road. All declined to sell to her, according to police reports.

**TRIPPED UP BY PLATE:** A Northville police early Monday morning arrested a 23-year-old Northville woman for drunk driving after noticing her license plate tab had expired.

During a routine patrol, the report says, the officer saw the small pickup roll through the flashing red signal at the corner of S. Rogers without a complete stop. Following the vehicle, the officer saw the car cross yellow lines, the report says.

After stopping the driver, the officer noted the odor of intoxicants, and her face was red and flushed. The woman's eyes were bloodshot and watery, the report says. After asking the driver to perform sobriety tasks, the officer noted her 0.143 preliminary breath test results and arrested her for operating under the influence of liquor and unlawful blood alcohol level.

**TWO BROTHERS ARRESTED:** After a traffic stop approximately midnight last Wednesday, Northville police arrested two brothers.

The 24-year-old Howell man driving the car when the officer stopped them at N. Center and Eight Mile Road was arrested for operating under the influence and unlawful blood alcohol level, while his 21-year-old brother of

Northville faces disorderly person charges, according to the police report. The driver also was cited for tinted windows.

The officer observed the vehicle near Center and Eight Mile Road, crossing the yellow line and traveling at less than 10 mph, according to the report. There was a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle, the report says. During sobriety tests, the driver's body waved side to side as he tried to maintain his balance, the report says. Preliminary breath tests showed 0.136, prompting the arrest, the report says.

When the officer attempted to explain events to the brother in the passenger's seat, he talked over the explanation, the report says. His upset behavior and refusal to comply with the officer's direction prompted him to arrest him as well.

**COUNT HER OUT:** A 22-year-old Walled Lake woman driving near Center and Ely approximately 3 a.m. last Thursday caught an officer's eye for passing over the double yellow line.

When the woman said she was headed to her grandma's house in Westland, the officer told her she was headed in the wrong direction, the report says. When she exited the car to perform sobriety tasks, the officer smelled intoxicants, according to the report.

When the officer asked her to count backward 68 to 38, the driver "became upset and stated that 'I couldn't do that if I were sober,'" the report read. The officer arrested her after her preliminary breath test showed a blood alcohol level of 0.189, the report says.

## Northville Township Police Reports

**SEARCH AND NO SEIZURE:** Northville Township Police were dispatched to Old Bridge Court in Northville after receiving a report of larceny from

an automobile.

A 40-year-old Northville man observed his vehicle intact Sept. 19 at approximately 8 p.m. At about 5 a.m. the following day, the man discovered his driver-side door partially open. He checked the vehicle and found the glove box console opened and rifled through.

The man did not believe anything was stolen. The vehicle doors were unlocked and no damage was done. The automobile was parked in front of his residence on the street.

Police said other vehicles in the complex were also rifled through, but nothing was taken. Their vehicles were also left unlocked.

**CREDIT CONUNDRUM:** A 70-year-old Northville man notified Northville Township police Sept. 17 regarding credit card fraud.

The man received a phone call Sept. 17 at approximately 9 a.m.

that his 32-year-old son applied for a credit card over the Internet with Chase Bank. A Chase Bank fraud investigator contacted the older man stating that his son used his own name with his father's social security number, instead of his own. The application was denied by Chase Bank and officials suggested a police report be filed.

On Sept. 17, police contacted the son and informed him that the bank's fraud department had contacted police about the credit card application. Police asked why he used his father's social security number and he stated he was using his father as a co-signer and that he had his father's permission. Police asked for the father's phone number and the son stated they were out of town in Florida and would not return until October. Police said they knew the son was lying and advised him if something like this

occurred in the future, he could face felony charges. The son stated it was all a big mistake.

Police advised the father of the conversation with the son. The father stated he did not want to pursue prosecution, that he already contacted credit bureaus and may change his Social Security number.

**CELL PHONE TAKEN:** A 27-year-old Northville man came to the Northville Township Police department Sept. 18 to report that his cell phone was taken. He stated his insurance company advised him to file a report, so he could file a claim.

The man stated that his cell phone was taken from within his vehicle around Aug. 13. He advised that police contacted him around this date and stated that his briefcase had been located in the middle of the street with its contents spread

about. The man said that he responded to the police department and obtained his briefcase. The man stated a report was not filed at that time.

He said his vehicle was unlocked and there was no damage.

## ILLEGAL SEARCHES

A 45-year-old Fry Road resident stated he and a 40-year-old Howell woman parked their vehicles in the man's driveway at about 10.30 p.m. Sept. 19.

On the morning of Sept. 20, the complainants discovered their vehicles had been rifled through completely. There was no damage to the vehicles and both vehicles were left unlocked. Neither person believes anything was stolen. Police reports indicated there were no witnesses and the neighbors' vehicles were untouched.

## CITY OF NORTHVILLE INVITATION FOR BIDS PURCHASE OF SNOW PLOW TRUCK

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 P.M. local time on October 8, 2003 for the purchase of a new fully equipped snow plow truck. Said truck shall be equipped with a central hydraulic system, snow plow hitch, truck cab and chassis, box and tarp, piggy back spreader, front plow and under-body scraper in accordance with City specifications.

Contract documents can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

All bidders shall complete and return the bid document in a properly identified and sealed envelope to the City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. This bid shall bear the inscription "Bid for Snow Plow Truck."

Bids must be received before the time of the Bid Opening. Late bids will not be considered.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

JAMES P. GALLOGLY  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
(9-25 03 NR 85398)

DIANNE MASSA  
CITY CLERK

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Amendments to Ordinance 170, Zoning Ordinance Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1, N. Reception Antenna Facilities Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.3 E. Gazebos Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.3 I. Residential Entrways Article 24 Landscape Standards, Section 24.5 C.1. Greenbelt Article 28 Private Roads, Section 28.7 Standards for Shared Residential These amendments were approved for adoption at the September 18, 2003 Board of Trustees regular meeting. These amendments will become effective upon publication.

A true and complete copy of the approved amendments may be inspected at the five (5) following locations and copies are available through the Clerk's Office:

Northville Township Public Services Building, 16225 Beck Road, Northville  
Northville Township Financial Building, 41660 Six Mile Road, Northville  
Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville  
Northville Township Fire Station, 48515 Seven Mile Road, Northville  
Northville Parks and Recreation Building, 303 West Main, Northville  
(9-25-03 NR 85562) SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

## CITY OF NORTHVILLE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOVEMBER 4, 2003 CITY ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the CITY OF NORTHVILLE, WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES: Notice is hereby given that Monday, October 6, 2003 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the City Regular Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2003.

The City Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. or you may register at any branch office of the Secretary of State or any County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Electors may register by mail by completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding the application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 248-349-1300 Ext. 1962 or to download an application, please visit our website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us). A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

The following proposition will be submitted to the electors of the City of Northville at said election:

### Parking Bonding Proposition

Shall the City of Northville, Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) and issue its limited tax Bonds therefor payable in not to exceed twenty (20) annual installments for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring and constructing parking improvements together with all attachments and appurtenances related thereto? The primary source of revenue necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds will be incremental taxes collected in the City of Northville Downtown Development Authority Development District.

(9-25-03 NR 85161)

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

## SYNOPSIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEPTEMBER 18, 2003

DATE: Thursday, September 18, 2003  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
PLACE: 41600 W. Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Abbo at 7:30 p.m.

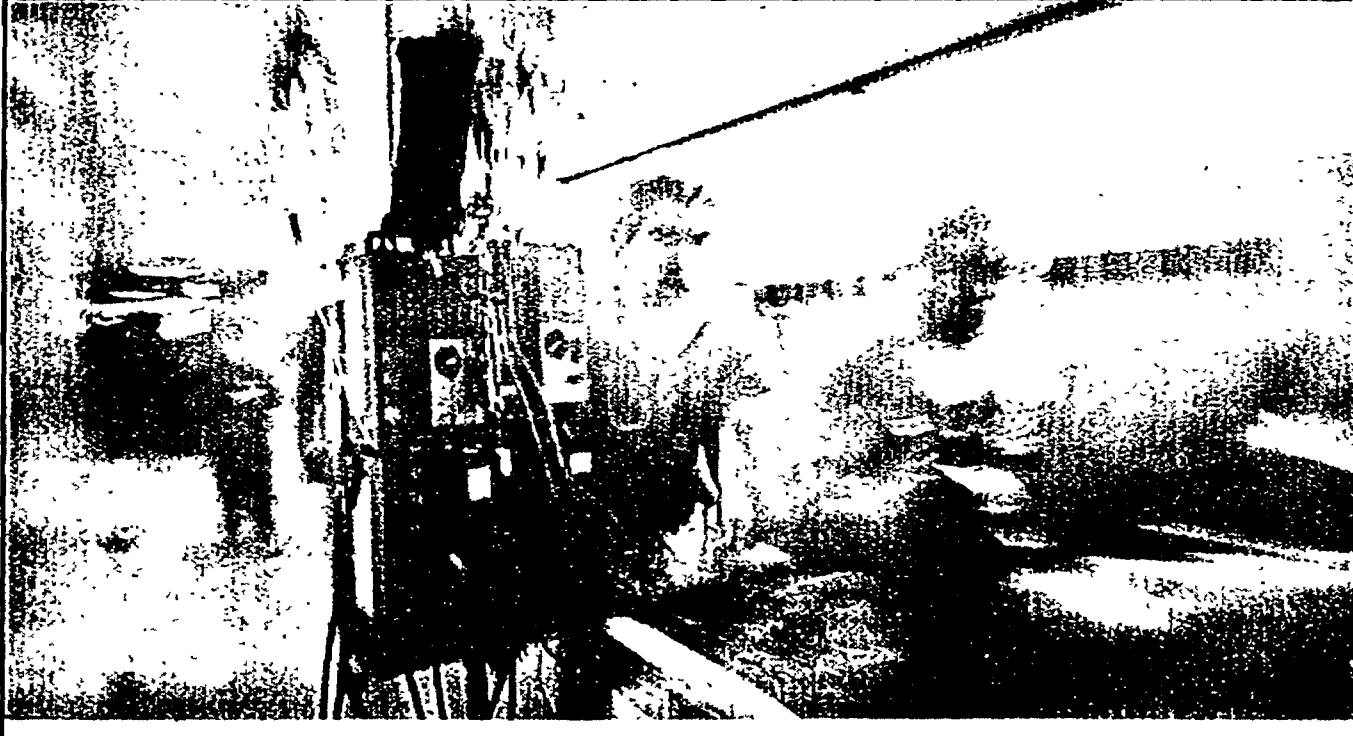
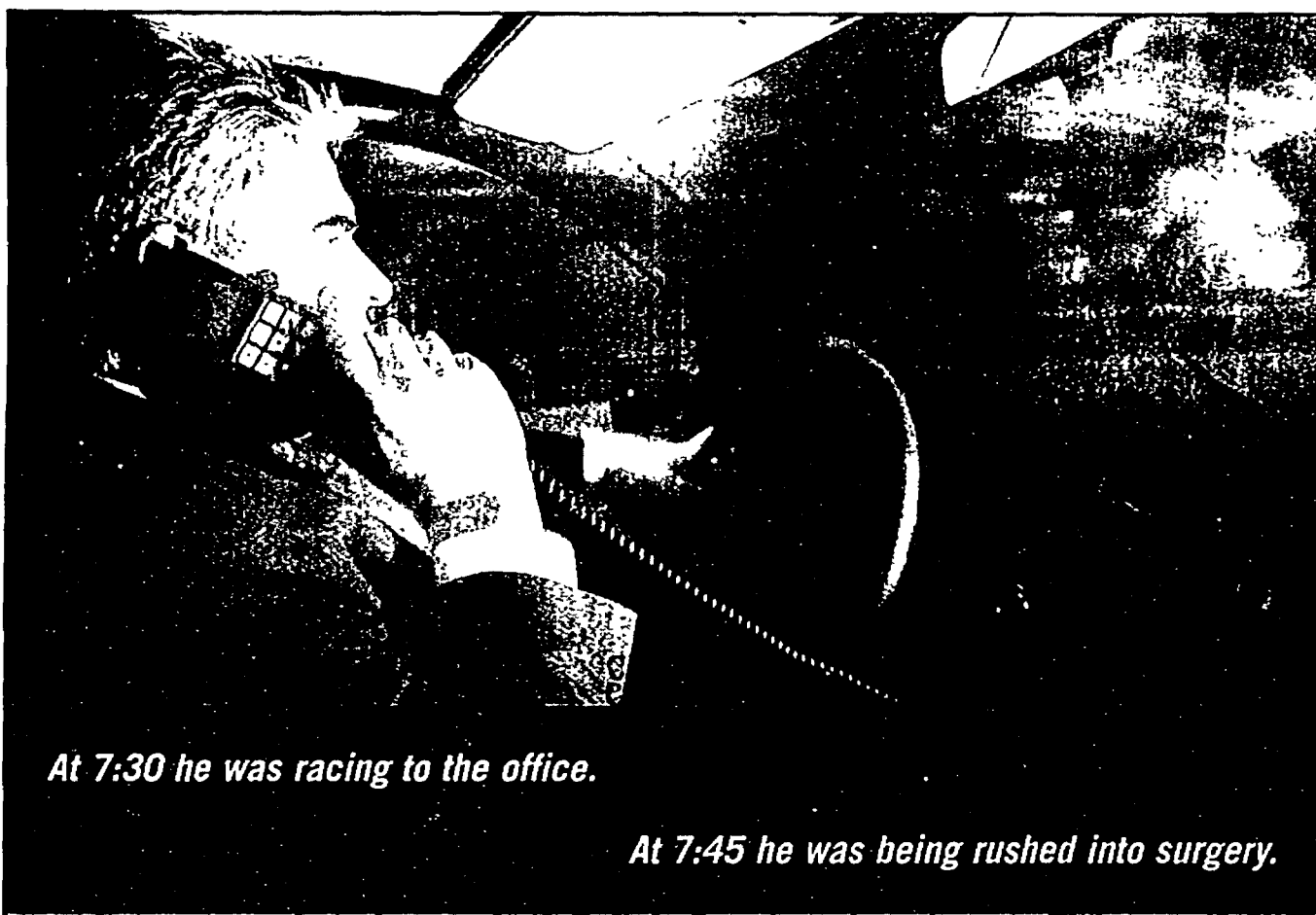
ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Marjorie Banner, Sue Hillebrand, Marv Gans, Richard Henningsen, Shirley Klokenga, Brad Werner

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas: Approve Consent & Regular Agenda - approved
- Appointments, Petitions, Resolutions & Presentations:
  - Laurie Marrs reappointment to EDC Commission - term to 10/11/09 - approved
  - Presentation by Northville High School students regarding a new Teen Center.
- Public Hearing:
  - Budget Public Hearing - No comments or questions
- Brief Public Comments & Questions: Janet Bernardino updated the Board on activities of the Johnson Creek Protection Group. Update of Senior Center by Jim Neid.
- New Business:
  - Municipal Building Project - Progress Payment #6 - approved
  - Municipal Building Project - Change Order #7 and #8 - approved
  - WTUA Budget - approved
  - Quail Ridge Drain Improvements - approved
  - Ridge Hills - Final Site Plan - approved with conditions
  - Grand Vista Estates - Concept Site Plan - approved
  - Community Planning Principles - approved
  - Northville Ridge Phase 2A - Utility Easements - approved
  - Millennium Park Playground Bid Award - approved
  - Proposed Changes - Parks and Recreation Commission By-laws - tabled
  - Community Park Geotechnical Services - approved
  - Princt Re-Alignment & additions - approved
  - Liquor License - The Noodle Shop Co. - approved
- Unfinished Business:
  - Haggerty Road Pathway - Payment No. 10 (final) - approved
- Ordinances:
  - 2nd Read & Adoption of amendments to Zoning Ordinance - approved
  - 1st and 2nd Read & Emergency Adoption of Uniform Traffic Code, Motor Carrier & Misdemeanor ordinances - approved
- Bills Payable: Bills payable in the amount of \$1,894,680.65 - approved
- Board Communication: Reports were given by the following: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Snider, Marv Gans, Marjorie Banner, Shirley Klokenga, Brad Werner
- Any Other Business that may properly be brought before the Board of Trustees: Discussion regarding Painter and Ruthenberg services.
- Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

(9-25-03 NR 86175)

MARK J. ABBO, SUPERVISOR  
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# Quality theater hits Hillside school stage

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

**Curtains! Lights! Action!**  
The theater stage at Hillside Middle School was transformed from its usual state Sept. 10 to one that reflected a setting for suspense, horror and plenty of comedy, as skits were performed by Boston's Chamber Theatre Productions.

"This is a great opportunity to bring quality theater performers to our kids," said Hillside principal James Cracraft.

The Encore! team of five actors and three technicians produced five short stories including "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," "The Monkey's Paw" and "The Necklace" for the eighth grade audience.

Due to state budget cuts in school funding, field trips for Northville students have been suspended indefinitely. As an alternative, school officials took steps to bring live theatre to Hillside.

Jayne Tuite, an eighth grade English teacher at Hillside, said plenty of preparations preceded the professional performance. Staff, students and parents assisted in the set-up and arrangement of sets and props.

"It allows them to get a hands-on feel for what goes on behind the scenes," said Tuite.

Encore! show actors include Steven Webb, Jason Spencer, Maire-Rose Conlon, Anne Ashby and Travis McKinley. Technicians include Thomas Miller, Alex Amyot and Susan Brumley.

**"This is a great opportunity to bring quality theater performers to our kids."**

**Jim Cracraft**  
Hillside Middle School

Tuite said she was pleased with the group's performance and conduct.

"So far, so good," she said. "We've been real happy when we've gone to see them in Detroit. We were hoping it would be the same quality if they came and it is."

The extra provisions and efforts to stage the production at Hillside was well worth it, she added.

"It has been a lot of work," Tuite said. "If we had taken a field trip there, we couldn't get the same interaction. It's much more intimate. For the kids, it's a thousand times smoother."

Stage manager, Susan Brumley, said the performance at Hillside was the second performance on their tour.

"It's been a fine experience here," she said. "I felt that it went seamlessly."

"It's a special circumstance to come to a school. It's nice for us to be able to work with people in the community and students."

The touring group has plans to

travel all over the nation, Brumley said.

Actor Steven Webb, who graduated from Walled Lake Western High School, said he joined Chamber Theatre Productions in the early 1990s.

"I really do feel like it's helping the kids," he said. "It's kind of quaint when we come to the schools."

Hillside students also lauded the actors' abilities and showmanship.

"I thought it was really good," said Amy Mnich, an eighth grade student. "They looked like professional actors and actresses. It's kind of like a mini Broadway play."

Eighth grader, Sam Solomon, also said she appreciated the in-school experience of attending a theater production.

"I thought it was pretty cool," she said. "We've never had that before, where they came to us."

Although only five actors were on stage, there were many more characters and personalities, which did not go unnoticed by audience members.

Gina Greco, another eighth grade student, said, "I thought they did a good job playing each role. It was good how they performed many different skits."

Mnich agreed.

"I was so impressed," she said. "I'd rate it a 9.2. I didn't get bored at all."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Actors of the Chamber Theater Company present Guy de Maupassant's "The Necklace" to Hillside Middle School students last Wednesday morning. Actors included Steven Webb, Jason Spencer, Maire-Rose Conlon, Anne Ashby, and Travis McKinley.

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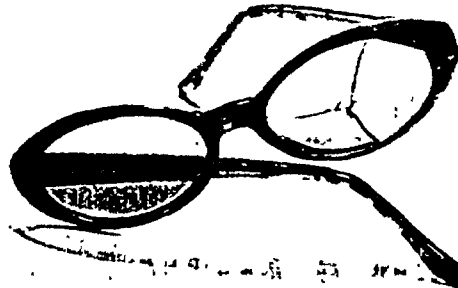
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# New firm gets into NPH redevelopment

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that the community and neighbors can support," he said. "We're 100 percent devoted to our success on the property, and community and neighbor satisfaction with the project. I think we'll bring something exciting and interesting back to Northville for their consideration. There's a lot of development that has occurred in Northville Township. This is a chance for us to differentiate ourselves."

Locals regularly drive by past projects of REI principals — Weaver, Gregg Orley, Robert Orley, Larry Lax and Larry Garon — including Country Club Village and Woodside Village. They also assisted in getting the Seven Lakes project, renamed Stonewater, back on track.

"We've been involved in large-scale projects in Northville for a number of years," Weaver said. And if due diligence findings provide for proceeding with a project, REI will be around for many more.

"I'd say we're probably looking at a 10- to 15-year timeline," Weaver said. "It's all, of course, market-driven."

REI-contracted crews were expected Tuesday to descend on the 422-acre site to commence with the due diligence provision in the sales agreement effective Sept. 23. The contract signed by state department of management and budget officials gives the buyer 75 days, or until Dec. 8, to conduct investigations.

The contract further specifies:

- Closing shall be contingent upon receiving approval from the State Administrative Board.
- Following the opportunity for physical inspection of the property, the buyer accepts it "as is."
- The buyer put \$3 million in an escrow account as "earnest money."
- The state's approval shall not be required with respect to discussions with Northville Township or other governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the property.

With investigation of existing conditions under way, the REI team is analyzing what Northville Township has laid out for the future in zoning ordinances.

"We have a huge task in front of us and a limited time to accomplish it," Weaver said. Just coming off a 1,400-acre project, the group is up to the task.

"This is not an overwhelming size for us," he said. "It's a challenging site, don't get me wrong."

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.

"It governs the entire concept of the property," township supervisor Mark Abbo said. "We felt it was a good plan, and complementary to the development that now exists in Northville Township. As long as the development is consistent

with the PUD, we shouldn't have any problem with whoever develops the property."

An official announcement in May formally put on the block the vast parcel, diverse and challenging in its series of now-abandoned empty buildings and rolling hills and dense woodlands. REI, Grand/Sakwa and Pulte Home of Royal Oak 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 Governor Jennifer 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, Grand/Sakwa was awarded the property. The company concluded its July and August due diligence

investigation of the property by withdrawing their offer. For now, the fate of site familiar for so many years as the state hospital is in REI's hands.

No meetings with the staff and developer have yet been scheduled, Abbo said. "This is a significant piece of property," he said. "It's going to impact Northville Township forever."

Home to the hospital for 50 years, the township has watched from the sidelines negotiations between the state and prospective developers.

Grand/Sakwa's step back from the parcel did not deter REI's intent, Weaver said.

"I'm not aware of the specific reasons why they decided not to proceed," he said. "They're involved in a lot of developments throughout the community."

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# Corrections property may be converted

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planning commission eventually will have options to approve the plan in concept, modify it or deny it, explained Marv Gans, township trustee and liaison to the planning commission.

"There's all kind of options depending on what they're asking for," he said.

Two current options for the property are all single-family housing, or a combination of single-family residences and duplex condominiums, Frey said.

"They will have to pick one to have the public hearing on," she said. The township's desired density has not yet been determined.

Compatibility with the development in the immediate area certainly will be part of the discussion, Frey said. While the east side of the property abuts Northville Community Park, nearby homes are all single family in one case, and a combination of home and condominiums, the other.

"There's all kind of options, depending on what they're asking for."

Marv Gans  
trustee, Northville Township

A planned unit development would be in order, Frey said.

"It's definitely a very sensitive piece of property," she said.

There are wetlands, flood plains, and the Johnson Creek runs through the property, she said.

Based on a successful track record of cooperation with the developer, the Johnson Creek Protection Group volunteers already have been actively inquiring about Grand/Sakwa's plans for the site. While the unique natural characteristic of

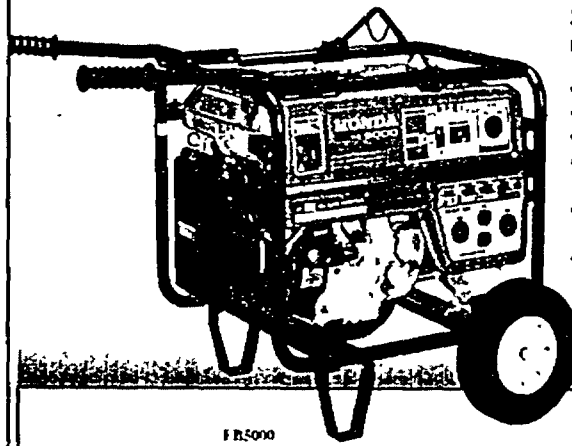
the site may make development more challenging, the goal of the township-supported public information group is to preserve and protect those finite resources.

"Technically, Grand/Sakwa doesn't have to do anything," said Janet Bernadino, acting director of the protection group. The group is suggesting, in this early planning stage, including nature trails, public access for fishing, bird watching opportunity, bike paths, and substantial buffering.

The city of Detroit bought the location under consideration in 1919, according to Plymouth District Library files. The parcel was part of 1,000 acres in Plymouth and Northville that the city purchased for about \$30 an acre to build a new house of corrections.

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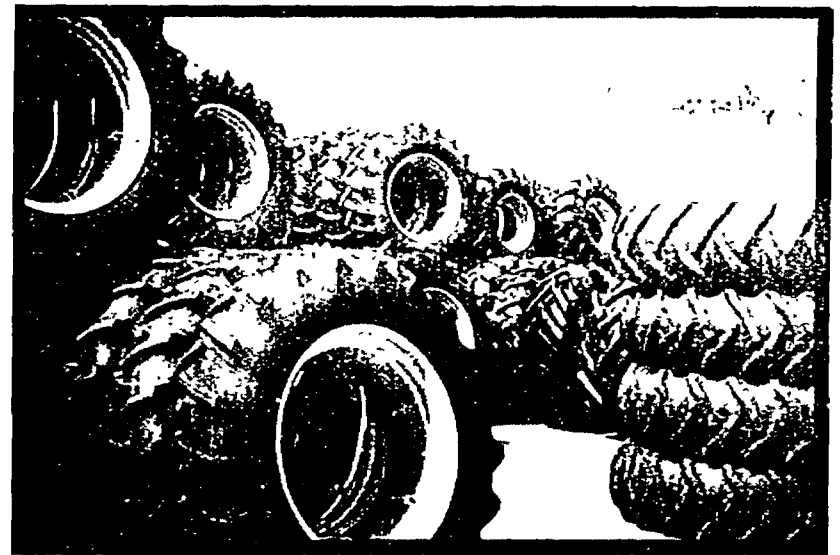
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# Wixom man arraigned on rape charges

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

A Wixom man, who police say sexually assaulted his neighbor for hours, stood alone and mute in Novi's 52-1 District Court Friday afternoon charged with home invasion and three counts of criminal sexual conduct.

District Court Judge Robert Bondy ordered Dean Michael Schmitz, 35, held without bond.

Schmitz's arrest in a wooded area behind a pole barn on a farm near Burkhart and Mason Roads in Livingston County's Marion Township Thursday ended a

nine-day investigation for the Wixom Police Department.

"This is a big relief for all of us," said Wixom Detective James Osborne. "This is the kind of case that really scares people."

He said Wixom Police received more than 200 calls from residents and nearby police departments after word of the attack got out.

Wixom Police said Schmitz broke into his neighbor's apartment in the early hours of Sept. 8 and raped the 21-year-old woman repeatedly after telling the woman he'd been sent there to kill her.

Investigators said Schmitz jumped the 57-inches between the balcony on his third floor apartment and his neighbor's in Wixom's Stone Ridge Apartments and then cut a screen in a door wall to gain entry.

The victim told investigators that she had returned home about 3:30 a.m. the morning of the attack and a short time later was awakened by hands over her eyes and mouth and a male voice.

Wixom Detective Shannon Luther told Judge Bondy that Schmitz covered the woman's eyes with a bandana and secured it with electrical tape before rap-

ing her and forcing her to have oral sex over the next three hours. Luther said that before leaving, Schmitz forced the woman to bathe and wash her hair and then covered her with a blanket and ordered her not to move for 10 minutes.

Detective Luther said a palm print recovered from the bathtub in the woman's apartment recovered by the forensic technicians from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office matched one obtained by the Livingston County Sheriff's Office following Schmitz' arrest.

Investigators said the one-time Pinckney resident fled to a friend's farm in Marion Township, south of Howell.

Schmitz, said Detective Osborne, was being sought by sheriff's deputies in Livingston County on a year-and-a-half old warrant charging him with failure to appear for earlier charges of OUIL and child endangerment from and earlier reported drunk



Dean Michael Schmitz

woods:

Schmitz' roommate, said Luther, told investigators he packed a bag and disappeared shortly after detectives began asking the woman's neighbors questions.

According to Detective Luther, Schmitz admitted to drinking heavily and using cocaine the night of the attack. Asked about the attack, Detective Luther said Schmitz told her, "I don't believe I did it. I don't believe I did it."

Dressed in an orange Livingston County Jail jumpsuit, Schmitz asked Judge Bondy for a court-appointed attorney.

Judge Bondy set a preliminary exam for Sept. 25 and denied bond.

If convicted, Schmitz could be sentenced to life in prison.

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.

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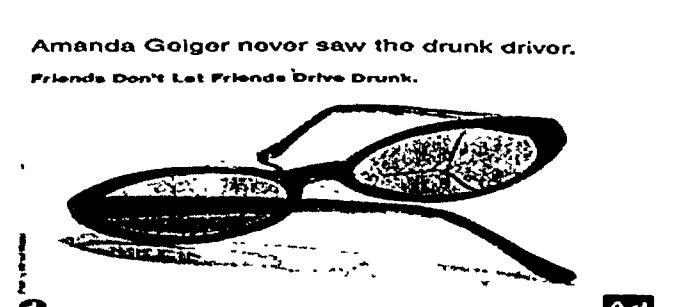
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2003 Northville Citizen of the Year Award

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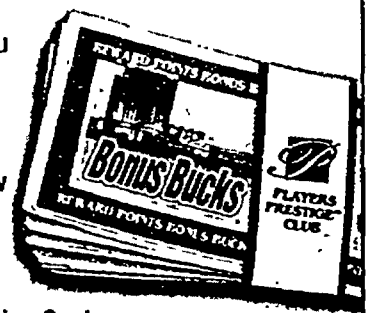
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 Maybury State Park Interpreter Karen Gourlay cuts a cake as young park supporter Arthur Greenlee looks on.



# Support for Maybury grows through groups

By Maureen Johnston  
 STAFF WRITER

Before and since a February fire at Maybury State Park focused scrutiny on the vintage farm there, the Friends of Maybury have continued their quiet, steady support of the entire entity.

The dozen members who assembled at the park office for their monthly meeting Monday discussed the Northville Community Foundation's agreement to lease 50 farm acres from the state Department of Natural Resources that was announced last week. Aside from brainstorming ways to express moral support for that endeavor, the volunteers agreed they would return their focus toward supporting the remaining hundreds of acres of park in general.

Next up, the group will host a fall festival, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 12 and 19. With a backdrop of fall colors and cooling temperatures, the Friends' annual fundraiser will provide an opportunity for a family outing on two consecutive Sundays.

Volunteers stationed at the concession stand, accessible from the

park's Eight Mile Road entrance, will sell a variety of items to benefit the Friends, including cider, donuts, popcorn balls and sticker books.

Past projects paid for from the proceeds include purchasing playground equipment, performing limited grounds work, and providing materials for the interpretive staff.

The group timed their event to coincide with the for-profit seasonal adventures of pumpkin picking, hayrides, and a trip through the corn maze currently ongoing at the park. In addition to those contracted activities, the Friends members discussed arranging a weavers demonstration, a hands-on herb experience for children, and pumpkin painting.

Another act Jean Bemish planned to secure was Wendy Bair with her dog, "Blinkie," from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 19. Although the two Sundays will not be the scale of the harvest festival that the park used to host at the barn, the members concurred that the concept of gathering as a community to celebrate a season remains a worthy tradition, farm or not.

Keeping programs alive at the park despite state funding cuts was the impetus behind the Friends' July and August nature series.

"I think, all in all, the programs went well," said Friends' president George McCarthy. At the meeting Monday, members swapped stories about the "critter guy," "the beekeeper" and the huge turnout for "spiders."

In August, the volunteers set aside their monthly meeting slot to instead honor four Maybury State Park supporters. They thanked lead farmer John Beamer, farm hand Eric Fisher, park interpreter Karen Gourlay, and park ranger Roger Dyjak.

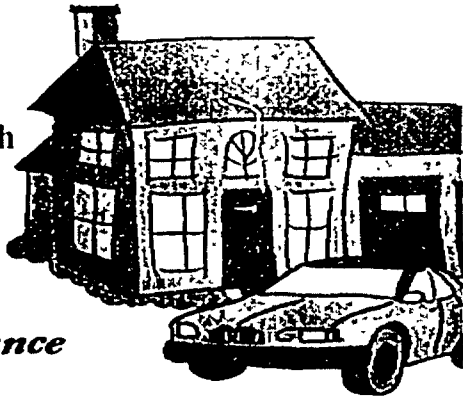
McCarthy presented each with a specially framed image of Maybury Farm, featuring the barn that burned Feb. 12. The long-time employees talked with affection about their workplace and the experiences they had there.

The next Friends meeting is 7:30 p.m., Oct. 27.

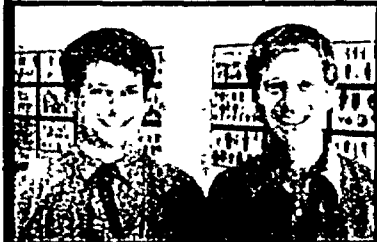
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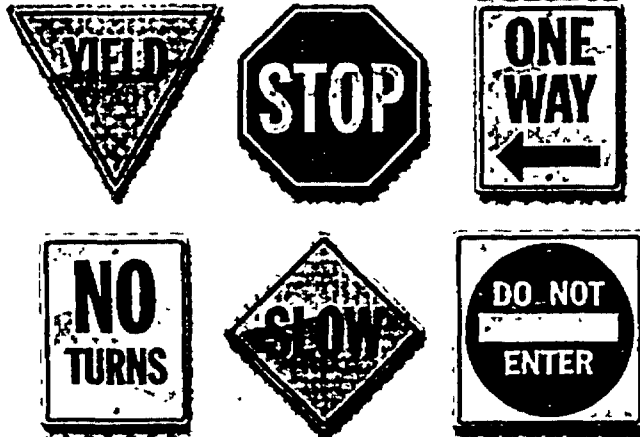


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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Northville, State of Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 6th day of October, 2003, at 7:30 o'clock, p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time at the City Hall in Northville, Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving amendments to the Downtown Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the City of Northville Downtown Development Authority pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the amended Plan applies are as follows:

- (a) All the lots in the block bounded on the north by Dunlap Street, on the east by Center Street, on the south by Main Street and on the west by Wing Street, said lots being part of Assessor's Plat No. 6; and
- (b) All the lots in the block bounded on the north by Main Street, on the east by Center Street, on the south by Cady Street and on the west by Wing Street, said lots being a part of Assessor's Plat No. 3; and
- (c) All of lots 211, 212, 213, and 214, and 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, and 250, all in Assessor's Plat No. 3, in the block bounded on the north by Cady Street, on the east by Center Street and on the west by Wing Street; and
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- (e) All the lots in the block bounded on the north by Main Street, on the east by Griswold Road, on the south by Cady Street and on the west by Church Street, said lots being part of Assessor's Plat No. 1; and
- (f) That part of lot 718 in Assessor's Plat No. 7 described as Beginning at the SW corner of Lot 718, thence North 01D 35M 15S West along the westerly line of said lot 262.55 ft.; thence South 35D 05M 35S East 103.70 ft.; thence South 67D 02M 43S East 75.63 ft.; thence South 4D 29M 50S East 6 ft.; thence North 85D 30M 10S East 354.78 ft.; thence North 85D 29M 53S East 62.40 ft. to the easterly line of said lot; thence southerly along the easterly line of said lot to the SE corner; thence westerly along the southerly line of said lot to the P.O.B., in the block bounded on the east by Griswold Road, on the south by Main Street and on the west by Hutton Street; and
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- (i) All of lots 527 and 546, 547 and 548, all in Assessor's Plat No. 6, in the block bounded on the east by Center Street, on the south by Dunlap Street and on the west by Wing Street; and
- (j) All of lots 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, all in Assessor's Plat No. 2; and all of lot 72 except the east part measuring 19 feet on the north line and 24 feet on the south line, all of lots 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79, except the east 75.89 feet there of, all of lots 80, 81 and 82 except the east part measuring 10 feet on the north line and 10.16 feet on the south line, all in Assessor's Plat No. 1; and all of that part of vacated Church Street lying easterly of lots 177 through 181, inclusive, and westerly of lots 75 through 80, inclusive, being a part of Assessor's Northville Plat No. 1; and
- (k) That part of lot 718 in Assessor's Plat No. 7 described as beginning North 85D 30M 10S East 1171.25 feet and North 2D 55M 2S West 165.05 feet from the center 1/4 corner of section 3 for a point of beginning; thence South 85D 30M 10S East 417.18 feet; thence North 4D 29M 50S West 6 feet; thence North 67D 2M 43S West 75.77 feet; thence North 35D 5M 35S West 121.81 feet; thence North 1D 35M 10S West 24.48 feet; thence North 41D 8M 10S West 83.64 feet; thence North 5D 44M 20S East 509.61 feet; thence North 86D 6M 50S East 111.20 feet; thence South 5D 44M 20S West 58.56 feet; thence South 22D 40M East 320.69 feet; thence North 2D 55M 2S West 19.97 feet; thence South 51D 5M 14S East 50.94 feet; thence South 76D 57M 29S East 117.98 feet; thence North 88D 47M 12S East 161.98 feet; thence South 2D 55M 2S East 310.10 feet to the point of beginning, bounded on the west by Hutton Street and on the east by Griswold Street; and
- (l) All of lots 738 and 739 in Assessor's Plat No. 8; and all of lot 8 in Assessor's Plat No. 1; and
- (m) All of Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in Assessor's Plat No. 1.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the Downtown Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan, maps, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection.

All aspects of the Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing, and all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the amendments to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the City of Northville Downtown Development Authority. The City Council also shall receive and consider communications in writing with reference thereto. The hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for expression of opinion, for argument on the merits, and for introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the City Manager. This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Northville, Michigan.

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## Autumn is here and that's okay

Summer officially came to an end this week, ushering in temperatures we haven't seen around here in quite a while. Those desperately clinging to the remnants of the warm-weather months should probably face reality, that the heat and long days of June are but a memory and that fall is making its presence known.

### Fall has a melancholy tone, but it has its nice side, too.

Ahh, but all is not lost, nor is it necessarily a bad thing. There are some undeniable plusses to the arrival of autumn. Here are a few we came up with:

- At least for the next couple of weeks, we'll neither need to worry about turning on the heat or the A/C in our homes. That'll be a nice energy savings...and give some relief to power companies looking for ways to avoid another cataclysmic blackout.

- Cider mills start opening up. Forget diets for just a second — doesn't a dozen and a gallon sound great right now?

- It's better weather for fall athletes. Sure, summertime warmth is great, but ask anyone who works up a sweat, and

they'll tell you cooler air is much nicer for sustained competition.

- Hayrides and haunted houses start popping up...and both Maybury State Park and Hines Park provide restful places for afternoon walks.

- It's a great time to curl up with a good book and a cup of tea at the end of the day. (Hot tea in the middle of July just doesn't do it.)

- Color on the trees starts popping up and provides a short but spectacular feast for the eyes.

- Sitting in a classroom is no longer quite the torture it was when the mercury was hovering at around 82.

- The Northville farmers market (which runs through the end of October) will almost certainly start offering pumpkins and apples.

- The Tigers' annual trek to now here comes to an end.

Fall has a melancholy tone to itself, no doubt, but it — like the rest of the seasons — has its nice side, too. It's a side we hope residents and visitors can enjoy.

(If there was just some way we could skip past March...)



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Steelworkers weld together large I-beams, last Wednesday afternoon, of the Township Hall under construction at the corner of Sheldon and Six Mile Roads for Northville Township.

## LETTERS

### Power's column gave hope in bleak situation

I read [Phil Power's column] on [Michigan employment difficulties] this week and am somewhat relieved at your optimistic outlook. For some time I have watch jobs from Michigan going south and southwest, as well as overseas, where they pay low wages and there is no union protection for the employees.

My son-in-law, who runs a small shop for his father in Flint, is pessimistic about the future for our state. His feeling is that in the future we will become a society here in Michigan that is strictly a provider of services, whatever that means. How many people will be needed to provide "services?" Also, what wages will service providers receive? I certainly do not expect these people to have homes up north or a home in Florida.

Thanks for your column. It made my day a more pleasant one with your outlook.

Bill Craft  
Northville

### A quick history lesson of U.S. foreign policy

If it were not for the fact that Dwight Wild personally attacks me in his long diatribes, I would not bother to answer. However, just a few words.

He admits that we have kept brutal dicta-

tors over Nicaragua for years so that we could control that small nation for our benefit. But he justifies this by misinterpreting the Monroe Doctrine. Neither that doctrine or any other justifies our subjugating people to semi-slavery for our convenience. As to his stating that the people of Nicaragua feared the Sandanistas, this is his invention. True, they voted the Ortega brothers out in the election but this was after the Reagan administration let them know that it would continue its war on them through its proxy army if they did not and would give the country \$400 million in aid if the people chose its preferred candidate. I cannot recall her name.

This war had cost about 35,000 deaths, mostly civilians since the alleged "freedom fighters" mainly fought by laying land mines and killing unarmed people. One was an American who was building a water plant for a town.

When I ran union certification elections for the National Labor Relations Board, such an atmosphere of threats and bribery on one side would have nullified an election. By the way, years later the bribery had not been paid. I don't know if it ever was.

Iran: The Iranians had succeeded in throwing out the British who were helping themselves to their oil and kept their workers in a state of semi-slavery. Their president or premier wanted to nationalize the oil and make necessary reforms. So the Dulles brothers and Kermit Roosevelt with the use of the CIA paid people to make mass demonstrations against the government and help bring it down and thereafter installed the Shah who had millions killed, I am told. I presume, Mr. Wild, that you have heard how thankful the Iranians were for this help from the U.S. and how they have demonstrated it.

Guatemala: For years the United Fruit Company had been paying taxes on their

property which the company claimed was worth only one million dollars. When a liberal president was voted in, he wanted to buy that land at that price to distribute it to the peasants. But, alas, the property was really worth \$80 million, so the United Fruit Company asked for U.S. help. Thereupon, our tax-supported CIA came to its help and got this president removed and replaced with a dictator who proceeded to kill, over the years, 100,000 people, mostly native Indians.

Chile: Our government assisted in the overthrow of a duly-elected president in a country which had had a democracy for years and installed in his place General Pinochet who proceeded to kill thousands. Did you notice how [former Secretary of State Henry] Kissinger ran off to avoid a subpoena from the court investigating the atrocities?

Iraq: Our government helped put the Baath party in power and was buddy-buddy with Hussein while he was killing all those people now being found in mass graves and being retroactively used to justify this war. In fact, the C.I.A. provided Hussein with lists of alleged communists for him to murder.

Finally, Mr. Wild, our form of government is that of a representative democracy. If it isn't really as much of a democracy as it should be, it is because of the enormous influence of money in the selection of the representatives. George W. Bush is a prime example. Aside from his name recognition, what would make oil, lumber, and other industries give him a \$100 million campaign chest? Only seven years earlier he was a playboy, he could hardly articulate a coherent sentence, and he had been a failure in business, not to mention other negatives. Yet, once in power these donations have been rewarded a hundred-fold at the expense of the

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# OTHER OPINIONS

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Thursday, September 25, 2003

## A new face for an old friend

I used to be a board member of Jacobson's Stores, Inc., and I can tell you from personal experience that retailing is a tough way to make a living.

At the same time, there is something deeply satisfying to many, many people to shop in a warm and pleasant environment, staffed by attentive and knowledgeable sales people who know their inventory and have a sense of the customer's needs. It is not an experience that is offered either by surfing the Web or by visiting



Phil Power

one or another of the giant box stores that have sprung up in recent years.

Which is why the opening of two Von Maur stores — both occupying former Jacobson's premises in Livonia at Laurel Park Place and in Ann Arbor at the Briarwood mall — is so interesting. Von Maur, a family owned company with headquarters in Davenport, Iowa, opened its first store back in 1872. It now has 18 locations, all in the Midwest, and the two new stores are the company's first in Michigan.

I went over to the Ann Arbor store last weekend to have a look around during the "soft opening;" the Livonia store will have its "hard opening" on Oct. 18. I was pleasantly surprised at what I found. Von Maur plainly has spent a ton to renovate the store. Floors are marble, with pleasing pastel carpets; lighting is bright and warm; furnishings and fixtures are

bright and crisp; merchandise is displayed in low racks; a piano plays in the background; sales associates, many of them former Jacobson's employees, are welcoming and attentive.

Von Maur offers a very large range of merchandise, mostly apparel, with emphasis on mid price items up to "bridge" (no "designer") and an enormous selection of shoes. Signs throughout the store urge shoppers to "Please touch the merchandise ... You'll love it!" The company offers an interest-free credit card, free gift wrapping (you can choose from 12 different wraps!), free simple alterations and an emphasis on personal service. Price points are mid to upper; the company believes in regular "fair" pricing and will not be heavily promotional or sales-oriented.

Several people I spoke to remarked on how sad they were that Jacobson's closed and how hopeful they were that Von Maur would succeed. "Now I won't have to go all the way over to Somerset," said one well-dressed woman as others in the group nodded in agreement. "People are thirsting for us — it's our emphasis on personal service," says Lori Abel, the Von Maur Ann Arbor store manager.

I've always felt the slot that Jacobson's used to occupy and that Von Maur is trying to fill was very important but threatened by forces beyond its control. First to feel the pressure were the downtown merchants who contributed so much to the ambience of home-town communities. Companies like Wal Mart took dead aim at downtowns in small cities across America; as a practical matter, when a Wal Mart goes in to the outskirts of a small town, you can expect the downtown to be seriously damaged in short order.

Next came the malls, often with big department stores as anchors at either end. What the malls really did, however, is provide enough shopper traffic so the various specialty stores

in the middle could thrive. After the malls, of course, came the box stores with everyday low prices. And on top of it all arose retailing on the Web offering 24 by 7 access and a vast range of items — all at the click of a mouse. And pervading everything has been the phenomenon of every day discounting; most people won't buy stuff these days unless it's "on sale" (whatever that means).

Retailing keeps getting tougher and tougher. As Adam Gopnik writes in the Sept. 22 issue of the New Yorker, "The choice is now between Kmart and Prada, and the institutions that joined them together (i.e. old fashioned department stores) are finished. We've gone from shopping through trust to a culture of discounting and edge."

That said, I'd guess that retailing will continue to evolve rapidly. The generic box stores are going to discover that mere vastness of size and range of low priced goods isn't going to cut it — witness the recent success of Costco, where you can buy \$30 cymbidium orchids in full bloom in addition to giant quantities of paper towels or boneless chicken breasts. And I think there will be an increasing proliferation of very tightly niched small specialty stores, often operating in downtowns, that offer a well edited selection of goods and attentive service.

It is this emphasis on the human touch that motivates my hopes that Von Maur will succeed in occupying the niche that was filled for so many years by stores like Jacobson's and that a sense of community will contribute to a rebirth of so many downtowns across Michigan.

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



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## The business of the Middle East

Two years ago, in the aftermath of Sept. 11, Detroit's Arab community was under siege, under a microscope, and torn from without and within.

For many, the issue was merely survival, and the way to do that, many thought, was to keep their heads down. The idea that they could counter perceptions by putting on a



Jack Lessenberry

huge international conference would have seemed a mirage.

But that's exactly when and why the Arab-American Chamber of Commerce went to work. At the suggestion of the government of Bahrain, they threw themselves into planning a world-class international business conference. Nasser Beydoun, executive director of the chamber and a delegate to the Arab League, saw it as crucial.

"Our goal was not just to promote understanding and knowledge of our two cultures, though of course we want to do that," Beydoun said. "Our goal is to make this area a global leader, an international trade center, and to bring jobs to the region."

They knew that wouldn't happen if they brought together a collection of third assistant ministers and some professors. So from the start their goal was to get world leaders: Secretary of State Colin Powell; Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi foreign minister; and Crown Prince Shaikh Sakman bin Hamad al-Khalifa of Bahrain.

To their own community's amazement, they got them, along with a host of other Arab dignitaries and top American corporate and

government leaders: Richard Wagoner, CEO of General Motors; Donald Evans, Secretary of Commerce, and the CEOs of companies like Hewlett-Packard, Boeing, Intel, Pepsi-Co. and a flock of others.

"How did we do it? Well, we asked, And then we asked again, often three times," Beydoun said, chuckling. Subtle lobbying by another guest at the conference, Amr Moussa, secretary general of the Arab League, undoubtedly helped.

But the Bush Administration is also keenly aware of the economic importance of the community and the region; the President has traveled to Dearborn, a city of less than 100,000 people more than once since the attacks.

And so a galaxy of business and government leaders will all crowd into Detroit and Dearborn, the informal capital of the North American Arab world, for a three-day meeting beginning next Sunday, Sept. 28. The conference, which cost \$3 million to stage, is called "One World. Two Cultures. Endless Possibilities," and is designed, Beydoun said, to enable the policy leaders to put together an "action plan to enable a future rich with economic collaboration, cultural dialogue, and innovation."

That may happen — but clearly, a lot of business and professional types are also coming for the time-honored purpose of networking and maybe doing a few deals. As of last week, 740 had signed up to pay the full price, \$2,250, to attend the conference.

Rubbernecking is also a motivating factor. Some paid \$450 just to attend a dinner with the heads of state; it isn't every day you can claim to have rubbed water glasses with a crown prince. Most of all, this may be about breaking stereotypes.

The United States does \$55 billion in trade a year with middle eastern countries, and it isn't just about oil," Beydoun said. He should know. When he took over the Arab chamber four years ago, it had barely 100 members and could not pay its bills. It has

1,100 members now, and the ability to do a conference of this scope.

"We have changed and I think we want — we need to see real change in the relationship between the United States and the Arab world," Beydoun, a 38-year-old Lebanese native considers himself both an Arab and fully American. He has lived in this country, mostly in Detroit, since he was 4. Though estimates of the region's ethnic population vary, he maintains that the area has 380,000 Arab-Americans, easily making it the largest concentrated Arab population outside the Middle East.

That population, however, is virtually as diverse as the United States. It includes Shiites from Iraq who defiantly learn no English, and thoroughly Lebanese Christians whose families have been here for generations, don't speak a word of Arabic and have taken pains to disassociate themselves from the Muslim world.

Beydoun hopes to bring them all together, and to make non-Arab Americans more comfortable living with and trading with the Middle East. That won't happen overnight, he knows. It will be many years before either community recovers from 9-11.

But he has converted one very prominent non-Arab — Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, who enthusiastically threw himself into helping make the conference happen. When new mayors of Detroit take office, they have often gone abroad looking to snare investment and jobs. Some have gone to Germany and others to Japan.

Mayor Kilpatrick thinks he sees a different future. His first trip was to Dubai.

Details about the conference are available at [www.usaeforum.org](http://www.usaeforum.org).

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## O, Canada, please no more trash!

On Saturday morning, my wife and I will pack up our Jeep and head down I-96 to Detroit. A few twists and turns later, we'll end up on Jefferson Avenue at the entrance to the



Chris G. Davis

Detroit Windsor Tunnel. We'll drop a couple of leftover Canadian dollar bills (how the heck did we get these things in the first place?) to cross through the subterranean street and we'll pop out to the daylight of the Land To The North — which is actually to the south, but that's another story altogether — where a conversation something like this will probably take place.

"Citizenship?"  
"United States...we live in Novi, Michigan."  
"Are you bringing anything besides your personal effects?"  
"No, sir."

"And what's your business in Canada?"  
"We're going to Toronto for the weekend, and to dump this load of garbage we're hauling in your landfills."  
The agent lowers his sunglasses to the

bridge of his nose and notices that in addition to the car we're in, we're also towing a trailer of fly-infested trash with us. Glinting off the first bit of daylight is a menagerie of fast-food wrappers, ratty blue jeans, a rotted head of lettuce, a copy of the Record from March 1987, and an old Commodore 64 computer.

Alright — so I won't be bringing any trash with me across the border, with the possible exception of a Tigers' baseball cap.

But could you imagine the look of disbelief on the agent's face? I'd be turned away faster than someone applying for a patent on bubble gum-flavored bleach.

Five years ago, when we first began exploring the matter of Canadian trash import policy, I had the chance to speak with Toronto Works and Emergency Services director Angelos Bacopoulous, a kind and forthright gentleman who took many of the tough questions I asked him and answered them as best he could. I was asking him questions about Toronto's export of garbage to the then-Arbor Hills BFI facility at Six Mile and Napier roads, mostly because residents along Six Mile called me complaining about the level of truck traffic passing through their neighborhoods on a daily basis.

I pointed out to Angelos the obvious: that Canada was a country with 300,000 more square miles of land area, but one-tenth the population of the United States. So why, I asked him, is Canada having such a problem finding a place to put its own trash?

He couldn't really give me a straight answer. I could almost hear him scratching his head in amazement.

"It's something, isn't it?" he said. "The city's been trying to get this thing worked out for quite a while."

I haven't spoken to Angelos since then, but whatever thing Toronto was trying to figure out apparently hasn't been nailed down yet, because trash from the other side of the border is continuing to flow into Michigan.

Let's be clear about one thing: trash is business. Trash is big business. Trash has the potential to make a lot of people very, very wealthy. It may lack the kind of corporate sexiness that dot-coms of the world have, but the business of taking that old banana peel from your kitchen to some final resting place makes someone a pretty penny. And if you think for a second that those who are making the money from that banana peel are about to relinquish their fortune made in a perfectly legal business, well...I've got some land in Saskatchewan I'd like to sell you.

Wouldn't it be nice, though, if we could come up with some kind of agreement with our Canadian friends?

"Tell you what — you quit tossing your old Winnipeg Jets pennants into our landfills and we'll stop sending busloads of our seniors over your way to buy drugs that are way too overpriced on our side of the border. Fair deal?"

Something tells me I'm not going to get my wish, and the maple leaf-embazoned items will continue trickling across into our backyard. It's tempting to toss my Tigers' cap into a waste bin while I'm over there, but it would probably just end up over here in the long run.

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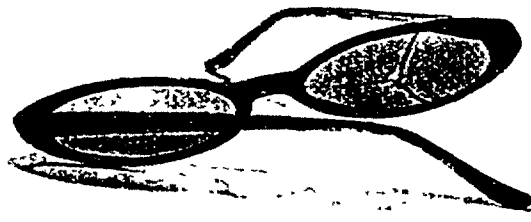
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (cont'd)**

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rest of us who could not afford to give enough money to be significant.

One last word: I do not intend to keep answering Mr. Wild. We obviously are looking at issues from opposite angles. I believe the U.S. has no right to enslave other peoples for its convenience and its corporations who want to do business in their countries. In fact, it not only does not have that right, but it is self-destructive as Iraq, Iran, and 9/11 have shown us. As I read Mr. Wild, he has the opposite view. In fact, I find much of his attitude uncomfortably close to that of the Germans who supported Hitler

when he was declaring the Aryan race to be superior to all others.

**Irene Piccone**  
Northville

**Barrage of letters driving her crazy**

I swear, if I read anymore letters from Irene Piccone, I think I will scream. The editorial page has turned into a personal opinion page for this woman. I think that once or twice a year is sufficient for one to air their opinions, but everytime I start to read a very long and annoying view

point, I can almost always guess who signed it.

Give everyone fair time. No more Irene, please!

**Sue Topolewski**  
Northville

**Soccer photo lacked information**

Thanks for the photograph emphasizing the growth and support for Northville's soccer program. Practice and game fields are in short supply. Soccer is Northville's largest community involved sport for its youth, with

close to 4,000 children participating annually. Our children need safe active sports like soccer to develop and stay fit all of their lives.

Unfortunately, the caption failed to give credit to Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation, whom three of the men in the photo represented. The picture portrayed Northville Soccer Association's presentation of a \$15,000 check to FNPR toward the expansion of Millennium Park. To set the record straight, FNPR is very instrumental in this development. In fact it is contributing \$100,000 toward the construction of two fully sodded, irrigated, and drained soccer fields, 112 additional parking spaces, continuation of 1,000 feet of bike path plus a

necessary bridge, the relocation of the playscape, and improving drainage and irrigation in the park.

By using the volunteer expertise of Marvin Gans, retired recreation and sports facilities consultant, in negotiating with contractors and others, and in overseeing this construction, the township is saving more than \$300,000 over the construction bids it had received for this project.

While I have your attention, permit me to point out some of the progress recreation has made as a result of the contributions of FNPR. Our community is to be congratulated on its support, both monetary and otherwise, by providing the funds so that FNPF (a 50-C3 non profit organization)

could make almost \$700,000 worth of recreational facility improvements over the past 12 years.

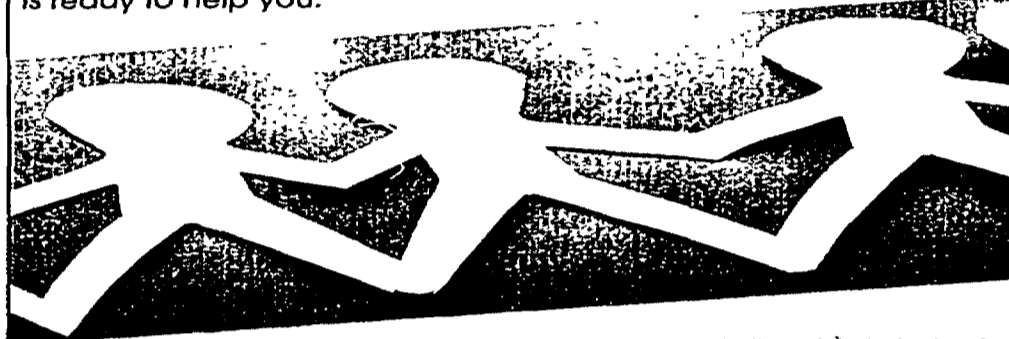
Northville soccer will have their 27th year of the Northville Cup this next week. Boys and girls compete in each division to sport the trophy for the upcoming year. This event is held each fall midway through the season. Soccer registration for spring will start in January, check out our website for details.

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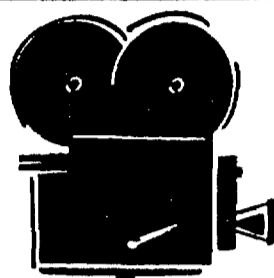
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# SeniorFest attendees kick up heels

By Maureen Johnston  
STAFF WRITER

It was line dancing, door prizes, useful information and a chance to chat.

More than 500 seniors attended the annual Senior Fest hosted Sept. 10 by the Northville and Plymouth senior centers at Waterford Bend Park on Northville Road.

"It was a great time, great music," Bruce Tumbull reported Thursday to the Senior Advisory Council. "The big thing was that the weather was good that day."

The weather was a sunny, 70-something for the men and women who found picnic table seats in the shade, under the pavilion and facing the stage. Sue Koivula, senior adult services coordinator for the Northville parks and recreation department, was among the staff who worked for months with her counterparts in neighboring Plymouth to pull off the 18th annual event.

In addition to the choice of chicken or hot-dog, a \$3 admission price earned participants entertainment during the four-hour event and a chance at the more than 50 door prizes. Attendance each year is pretty evenly split between Northville and Plymouth residents, Koivula said. Friends and family from other communities could purchase the pay-in-advance tickets as well, for \$5.

The senior staffs pulled together private contributions, donations from local businesses and fundraisers to host the event intended as a thank you to area seniors.

"It shows the seniors, yes, we do care," Koivula said. Local merchants readily contribute to the event, she complimented.

"I think everyone went away happy. That's our reward for doing this."

Chatty representatives manned rows of display tables where seniors picked up educational and informative literature on everything from health concerns to things to

watch out for to retirement homes to things to do.

Mildred Madigan, who was on the bee lookout with her buddy Joanne Rike, was full of compliments for the fest planners. "The displays were wonderful, I thought," she said. "It was very well-organized. The food was good."

Pat Cepuran of Northville attended the event with her mom. "The handouts I thought were very good," she said. "There were a lot of things to be aware of, a lot of safety tips."

If the sheer number of displays forced a leisurely pace to move through the information aisles, the entertainment got things hopping.

The line dancers from the Friendship Station in Plymouth were a crowd pleaser.

Musician Jim Lauri likewise played to his audience. "People really enjoy him," Koivula said. "It went great."

Chris Klebba from the Water Wheel demonstrated stretching techniques and strength training exercises. Conversations grew more hushed during the final hour of the fest as men and women listened for their names to be called from the stage during the prize drawing.

At noon E.J. McClendon led the group in prayer, and the seniors orderly proceeded to where their picnic lunch awaited. The system was improved from previous years, Koivula said. Staff did not have to dash anywhere for refills because they implemented the advance-ticket sales.

Ann Williamsen of Northville, at her first Senior Fest after a recent move to town from Nebraska, was glad she attended. "The meal was great and the people were very friendly," she said.

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Beverly Semenuk, left-front, leads a line dance during last week's Senior Fest at Northville Township's Waterford Bend Park. Semenuk teaches dance at the Plymouth Township Friends' station.

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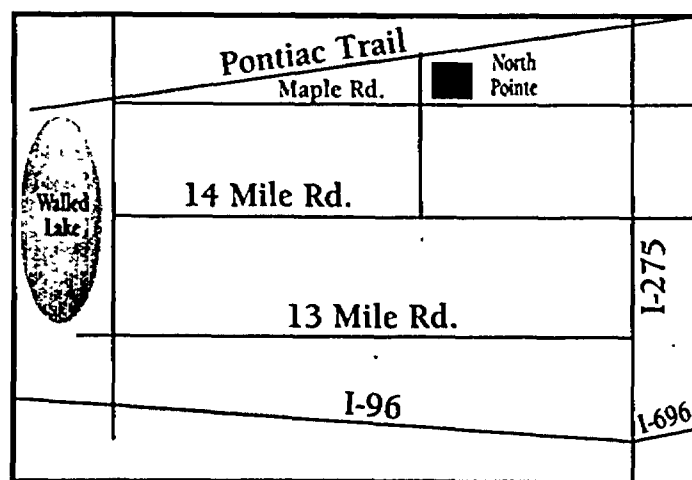
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## Dalton runs strong at MSU

### Northville senior's talent starting to shine through

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Just what kind of potential does Northville senior Tim Dalton have on the cross country course?

Just ask his opponents at the Michigan State University Invitational as well as all of the Mustangs that have ever run it before him.

Dalton finished in 14th place at the MSU Invite, running a 16:19 as his best-ever finish.

"Tim is our first medal winning at this meet in the four seasons we have gone," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "That tells you something about the race he ran."

Dalton's 14th-place finish

helped the Mustangs to a 12th-place team finish.

"I think this will give him confidence as we head into October and the meets that count," Cronin said.

Dalton said that although he is pleased with how well he did at the Invitational, there is still room to grow.

"I am happy with my MSU time, but I'm just trying to get better each week," he said.

The Mustangs also had some impressive showings from other runners.

Jasen Turnbull continued his impressive running, earning the best time by a freshman at the entire meet as he ran to 80th-place with a 17:44.

Rob Steiner and Colin Keiffer

both had strong showings as well, and Andrew Moore recorded the first sub-18 minute mark of his career with a 17:56 for 87th place.

"To have our top five all under 19 is the first step," Keiffer said. "Now we have to work hard to get the elite teams in the conference like Walled Lake Western."

Running in his first varsity invitational, freshman Tommy Sugawara ran a personal best time of 19:05.

"Tommy has really come on these last two weeks," Cronin said. "I see him as a potential sub-18 runner by season's end."

The Mustangs may have had some good performances against the best of the best at the MSU Invitational, but there are some

things that still need to be tweaked — but there's plenty of time for that.

"We have a long way to go until we get to the big meets in October," Cronin said. "We are running well and testing ourselves each week."

#### Catholic Central Invitational

The Northville Mustangs didn't want to pass up a chance to get some of their younger runners the experience necessary to become competitive runners in the WLAA, so they took quick advantage of the Catholic Central Invitational, held at Cass Benton.

The first runner across the line for Northville was Ian Gunn-Boyer, who ran the course in 19:19, while Masaru Yokomura

ran a 19:47 and Chris Hilger finished in 19:56.

"These three freshmen, added to Tommy and Jasen, have been a great surprise this season," Cronin said. "Their week-to-week improvement seems limitless at this point."

In the Catholic Central Invitational's reserve race, the Mustangs had a strong showing by George Kern. Kern, who is a first-year runner as a sophomore, ran a 20:05 to finish in 18th place.

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## Harriers are ready to show their stuff

Taking a run against the teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association is not something that most teams look forward to. In this conference, we have some of the most talented runners in the state and have proved it time and time again with individual finishes and outstanding improvements throughout the year.



Sam Eggleston

The Mustangs, both the boys and girls teams, will be competing in the second WLAA Jamboree a week from today at 4 p.m. at Cass Benton Park. The girls took second in the first installment of the conference race two weeks ago as did the boys and both teams will be in the hunt for an improved showing next week.

There's no doubt in my mind that both of these squads are capable of it too. The girls have been plagued by injury and illness throughout the season and came into the first WLAA Jamboree without all of the weapons they possess as a squad.

The boys, on the other hand, have had their roster filled to the brim for the most part, but just can't find the consistent rhythm necessary to win in the WLAA's biggest event.

Now, I have to say that when it comes to cross country, I respect Northville's coaches and runners for what they are capable of accomplishing. In no way do I intend to bash on these squads when I say they are out of sync or that I think they could improve here or there — it's just my way of prodding them on a little.

The boys and the girls will no doubt agree with me when I say they are quite capable of being much better teams that they are at this very instant. It all comes from determination (which they have), dedication (also have) and good coaching (yup, that too). Now, you take all three of those and you intermingle them with a cross country team and there is quite a bit of potential there. I have a gut feeling that Northville's boys and girls will be looking to live up to that potential for this particular race.

The other teams in the WLAA are well aware of this too, and will be on the lookout for the 'Stangs. Northville's biggest challenge is no doubt going to be that of Livonia Stevenson and their premiere runners, while the boys are going to try to knock a very tough Walled Lake Western squad off of their pedestal and take the top spot themselves.

I am expecting this to be one of the best meets for both of these squads and I am hoping that each and every runner turns in personal-best times with their efforts. Under the coaching guidance of Christopher Cronin and Nancy Smith, these teams have the leadership to help them push themselves right to the limit and sometimes beyond.

I have a good feeling about this one, and I hope you, the fans and readers, do too. Make sure to head over to Cass Benton and catch this race!

Northville girls and boys cross country wins the 2nd WLAA Jamboree



Photo by John Heider

Northville's six-footer Emily Weaver, right, gets a hand on the shot of Novi's Becky Gasiorek, left during last week's tilt at the home of the Wildcats.

## The rocky road of the Western Lakes

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The road known as conference play in the Western Lakes Activities Association doesn't appear to be getting any smoother in the coming weeks.

The Northville Mustangs, coached by Pete Wright, started their journey into the WLAA with a pothole, falling 48-30 to a tough Canton Chiefs squad. Six days before, the Mustangs were on the wrong end of a 44-37 loss to the Novi Wildcats.

Against Canton, the Mustangs kept themselves in the contest with an 23-18 halftime deficit against their WLAA foes, but couldn't

hold on as the ride got even bumpier and Canton went on a 25-12 shooting spree through the second half.

The Mustangs found scoring coming from a multitude of sources, which was a goal the squad had set after some troublesome shooting earlier in the season. Sisters Simone and Danielle Toney led the pack with nine points each, while Meghan Higgins and Domonique Desira added four apiece in the losing effort.

Rounding out the Northville scoring was Evonna Karchon and Andrea Watts, who put up two points each.

The difference maker in the game was no doubt Katie Cezat,

who poured in 28 points and snagged 10 rebounds against the Mustangs to help the Chiefs to victory. Rachele Guastella added 12 points and six assists for Canton.

The Mustangs are slated to be back in action today at 7 p.m. against the John Glenn Rockets at Northville High School before hosting Livonia Franklin at 7 p.m. October 2. Both games are Western Lakes Activities Association contests.

#### Novi 44, Northville 37

If there's any game besides a buzzer beater that is tough to swallow when it comes to losing, it's a game that you led in through the majority of only to see it slip

through your fingers.

That was the case against cross-town rival Novi September 16.

The Mustangs got out to a good start, taking an 11-7 first quarter lead before slightly stalling in the second period of play as Novi took a 17-13 advantage before heading into the half.

Fired up and eager to win, Northville came out of the locker room with determination, outscoring their Wildcat opponents 16-8 to take a 29-25 lead.

Then, out of no where, the shots started falling for the Novi cagers.

"We just finally hit some shots," Kelp said of his team's 19-

8 run over Northville in the fourth period of play. "Our two big scorers finally started to score."

Rachele Folino, who has been stellar for Novi since her arrival on the basketball team, hit for seven in the quarter, while Alison Greulich lit it up with nine. Folino finished the night with 13 and Greulich collected 14. Sophomore Hope Morris did well, adding seven.

The Mustangs were led by Danielle Toney, who poured in 13 points on the night, while sister Simone added nine. Emily Weaver pitched in six points in the losing effort, while Karchon added five and Lindsey Blair added four.



Tim Downing  
Senior  
Football

What can't Tim Downing do? Even though his squad is on the wrong end of three losses out of four games, Downing is making the best of a rough situation. This stellar tailback and defensive back was all over the field in the team's loss against Walled Lake Central last Friday. He jarred loose a fumble and was in on plenty of tackles and still managed to find some time to carry the ball a few times.

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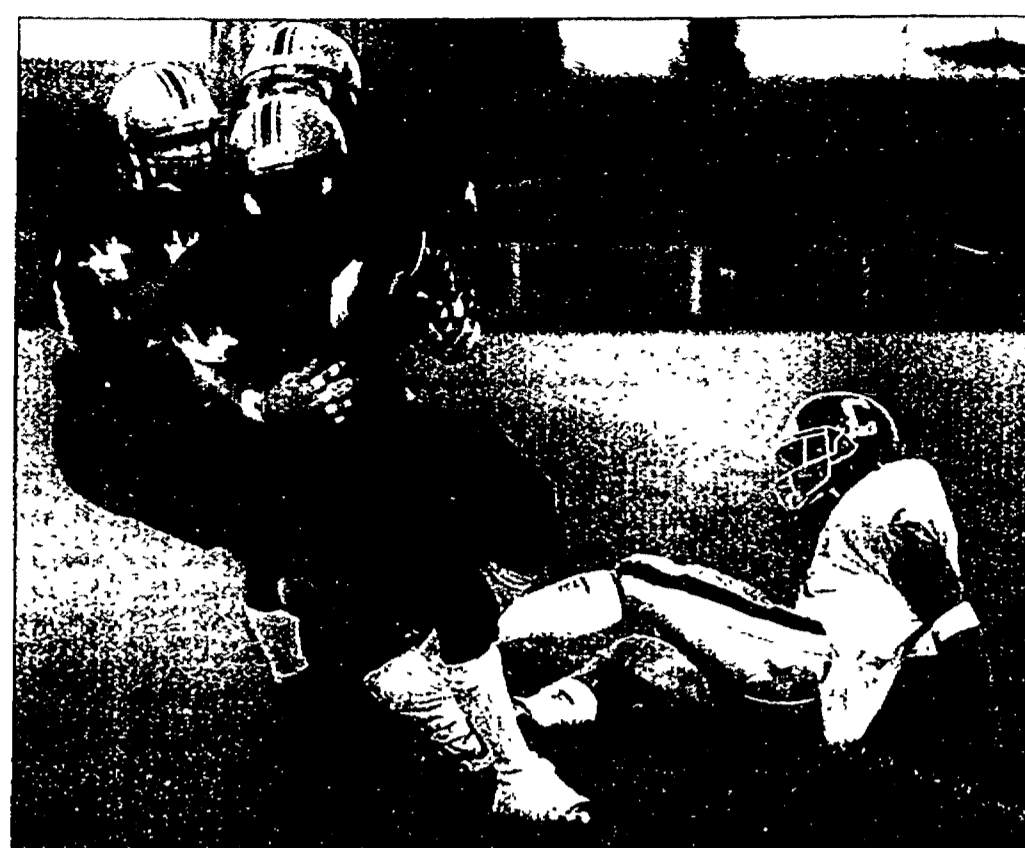
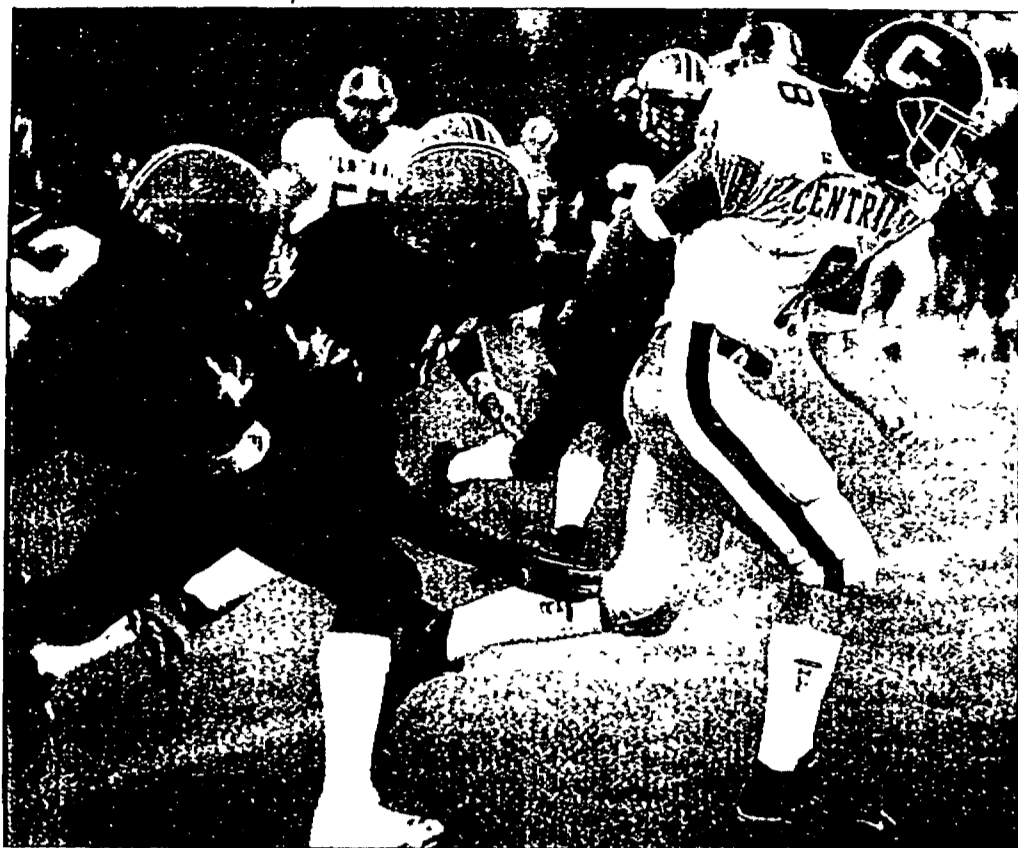


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# One more and they're out

Despite strong defensive play, Mustangs are facing playoff elimination



Mustangs, including Brendan Buckley, left, and Tim Downing, center, begin to work on stripping the ball from the Vikings' QB during last Friday night's home game.

Northville defensive back Tim Downing (#2) ends up with the ball that he's stripped from Walled Lake Central QB Casey White, right, (#8)

By Brett Asher  
SPECIAL WRITER

In a hotly contested WLAA match-up played at Northville on Friday night, the Northville Mustangs came up short against the Walled Lake Central Vikings.

The Mustangs, who trailed for most of the night, continued to fight back and got close, but could never take the lead as the Vikings converted key third and fourth down plays all night to defeat the Mustangs 31-22.

The Mustangs, who dropped to 1-3 on the year and 1-2 in the conference with the loss, received the ball to begin the game and had a promising drive going until a holding penalty wiped out what would have been a 52 yard touchdown run by junior Mac Stilec.

Two plays later, a Northville fumble would turn the ball over to the Vikings on Northville's 27-yard line.

In what would prove to be a pattern on the night, the Vikings,

who are now 4-0 and 3-0 in the WLAA, ran the ball well, and it showed as quarterback Casey White scored on a three-yard touchdown with 7:06 to play in the first quarter.

Northville quickly turned the ball over again on their next possession with another fumble, this time at their own 19-yard line. Central moved the ball on the ground and again made it into the end zone. This time it was running back Paul Campbell scoring from three yards out for the Vikings, who added a two-point conversion to take a 15-0 lead.

The Vikings were moving the ball again until senior defensive back Tim Downing made a terrific play to strip Campbell of the ball and recover it himself to keep the score at 15-0 to end the first quarter.

Northville would not quit on this night and began to battle back in the second quarter. Following an interception by senior defensive back Brendan

Buckley, the Mustangs moved the ball and scored on a 50-yard touchdown run by Stilec. Senior kicker Bill Brown added the extra point, making the score 15-7.

Stilec led the Mustangs offensively accumulating 186 rushing yards on 18 carries with one touchdown. Senior quarterback Mark Sorenson added 38 yards rushing on five carries.

When asked about the improvement of the running game in the last two weeks, Stilec credited the offensive line.

"It's really the big men up front that are creating the holes that have made us successful running the ball in the last two weeks," he said.

However, momentum quickly swung back to the Vikings, when they converted a third down play for a 23-yard touchdown run by White. Central was moving the ball down the field again until a fumble that was recovered by Northville junior Joe Prain.

The Mustangs capitalized on

this mistake and took the ball down the field with the drive resulting in an 11-yard touchdown pass from Sorenson to Mike Jameson with 37 seconds remaining in the second quarter, making the halftime score 22-14 in favor of the Vikings.

The third quarter led to no scoring for either team as the Mustang defense played extremely well. A second interception by Buckley and a fumble recovery by senior linebacker Bill Riegner helped to stifle the Viking offense.

As Northville's Buckley stated, "The defense is getting better every week. The defensive backs and linebackers really stepped up in pass defense this week, and the defensive line did a nice job putting pressure on the quarterback, forcing him to make bad decisions."

The fourth quarter found Walled Lake Central moving the ball again. The key play of the game came on fourth and one

from the Northville 13-yard line.

The Vikings ran the ball, the chains were brought out from the sideline, and they picked up the first down by inches. Central would go on to convert on another fourth and one from the Northville 4 yard line, and on the following play White scored his third rushing touchdown of the game. The two point conversion failed making the score 28-14 with 7:26 remaining.

The Mustangs received the ball, but came up short on a fourth and one of their own which eventually lead to a 42 yard field goal by Viking kicker Chris Kelly and a 31-14 Central lead.

Northville would add one last touchdown, as Sorenson once again hooked up with Jameson this time for a five yard touchdown pass with time expiring. Sophomore Charit Thomas found Brown on a pass for a successful two point conversion, but it was too little too late for Northville as Walled Lake

Central ran out the clock for a 31-22 victory.

Following the game Northville head coach Clint Alexander was pleased with his defense, which gave up 31 points as it dealt with poor field position all game yet created five turnovers, but was unhappy with his own offense's turnovers.

"I was really pretty happy with how our defense played, but the two fumbles really hurt us," he said. "We haven't fumbled all year. I asked all our coaches and they couldn't even remember two fumbles this year in practice."

The Mustangs will look to get back on the winning track on the road this week where they will take on the Westland John Glenn Rockets (3-1) tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Brett Asher is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

## Downing keeps the faith despite rough year

By Matt Simich  
SPECIAL WRITER

Whether its running down the football field to tackle a guy, shooting a three-pointer in basketball, or sprinting for the finish line in the 200 meter dash, senior Tim Downing has had a very successful career at Northville High School.

A three-sport athlete, Downing considers his favorite sport a tie between basketball and football. He has gotten off to a great start as Northville's starting defensive back this year.

"Tim has an outstanding work ethic and is very coachable," said Mustangs Coach Clint Alexander. "He usually has the burden of defending against the toughest receiver on the other team."

Believe it or not, Downing almost passed up playing football. His older brother had received a severe injury shattering his kneecap in four places during a game. However, Downing was destined to play. When football came up at Cooke Middle School, Downing leapt on the opportunity.

"It was the thing to do back then," said Downing. Now with the support of his family Tim looks forward to every game. Downing's parents, Katherine and Jerry, are his biggest fans.

"... They're always the first ones in the stands," says Downing.

Downing recalls one of the finer moments in his career at Northville when he scored five touchdowns as a freshman against Stevenson. That earned him the nickname "TD" which has stuck with him ever since. Another memory was the stellar field goal kick by teammate Bill Brown that clinched the game against Churchill that same year.

Downing played on the varsity squad as a sophomore. Although he had the playbook memorized, during his junior year the Mustang team had the challenge of learning a new football system under Alexander.

"When asked how he felt about the changes Downing simply said, "You got to trust and have faith in the system."

Physical conditioning is an important part in any athlete's routine and Downing is no exception. Even back in his days at Cooke, Downing was always pumping iron. Teammates Chris Oakland and Reggie Holmes, along with Downing, would walk across the bridge together to the old high school and lift weights with older players. Being mentally prepared for the game is just as important. Downing tries to relax the day before a game. His favorite pre-game meal would be either a delicious Jet's Pizza or a Chicken Explosion from Santino's Place.

In the classroom, Downing enjoys chemistry but funny enough, his least favorite is subject is gym. This outstanding athlete laughs when he mentioned that he got a B in gym class.

For the future, Downing would like to play football for the University of Michigan but is applying there and several other colleges such as Michigan State and Illinois. He would like to go a Big 10 University and is also being looked at by Cornell University for football. Long term, Downing wants to play in the NFL like his



Mustang two-way player Tim Downing stands on the sidelines during Northville's home game against Walled Lake Central.

uncle Dennis Owens, who played for the New England Patriots as a lineman.

When he has some spare time, Downing likes to chill out friends Bill Riegner, Brandon Buckley, Mark Sorenson, Oakland and Brown. Downing and Jason Kimpel have a small lawn service company. Downing also loves to watch college and pro football and basketball when he gets the chance. But most of the time Downing is busy cracking the books and studying for the next big test in chemistry.

He is active in a youth group in the Family Victory Fellowship Church in Southfield. Downing has a deep faith and relies on the advice given to him by his parents: "... God has a plan for you that you may not be able to see yet, but you just have to trust."

It's not unusual to see Downing out with the younger neighborhood kids playing catch or having a backyard football game. He is a humble local hero and they look up to him. These kids will be the Mustangs of tomorrow and Downing has some encouragement for them.

"Follow your dreams, don't let people talk you down, just give it everything you have," Downing said. "If you put your mind to it then you can accomplish anything."

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So no matter what excuse or legislative technicality those foot-dragging lawmakers in the U.S. Senate conjure up to avoid reforming the nation's health-care system, they can't say the issue has lacked ample discussion. Credit is certainly due the U.S. House of Representatives, whose members took a bold step earlier this session to pass a bill that would allow small businesses to buy health insurance from their trade associations.

It could be that certain senators are unable to see the link between economic growth and health benefits. Most Americans know that when our small-business-driven economy is chugging along, it puts more money into the pockets of wage-earners, encourages consumers to buy goods and services and fattens the tax coffers of governments at all levels.

It could be that certain senators could care less that small businesses create three out of every four jobs in America. Or maybe it's because some of those who serve in the upper chamber march to the tune of special interests, such as big business, big insurance and big labor, which can band together to buy low-cost, quality health insurance for their employees—an option not available to Main Street employers.

Are those senators who are reluctant to give small businesses fair treatment aware that the single largest barrier to job growth among entrepreneurial firms is the cost of health care? Do they know that health insurers reaped more than \$4 billion in profit in 2001, a whopping 70 percent increase over the year before?

Have those indecisive legislators in the Senate heard that one big company alone—Blue Cross/Blue Shield—raked in a profit of nearly \$3 billion while small firms were staggering under dramatically excessive hikes in health care premiums? Or that the Kaiser Family Foundation reports health insurance costs rose 16.6 percent this year for the smallest of firms?

Association Health Plans can bring equity to the medical marketplace by allowing small firms to collectively purchase affordable, worthwhile health coverage. This crucial reform would open the door to medical care for millions of American workers who earn their livelihoods. Interestingly, on one side of Washington, D.C., the U.S. Small Business Administration is gearing up to celebrate its 50th anniversary of service to the nation's entrepreneurs later this month. But at the highest point in the city, Capitol Hill, Senate efforts to help small firms by passing an Association Health Plan bill have fallen short.

King Hammurabi's code made all his subjects equal before the law. It's time for our modern lawmakers in the Senate to put small business on an equal footing when buying health insurance. If unfairness was easy to see 4,000 years ago, what's delaying health-care reform today?

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

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## My Handyman grows from referrals

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After surveying past consumers, it became apparent that

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Andrea Morris, My Handyman's office manager, says, "My job is fun because I'm building relationships with people that I know we'll be serving for years to come."

Currently My Handyman is generating over 60 percent of its revenue from existing customers. One happy customer, Mike Brueger of Mercedes-Benz of Ann Arbor, said, "When you meet the men and women who work for Dayn Benson at My Handyman, you are happy to turn your house over to them and head off to work. You can feel comfortable that they will do the job and lock up behind them-

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ing on its technicians.

3. Experience pays, it does not cost. Ask about the experience level of the technician who will be coming to your home. Look for at least 10-15 years of professional experience.
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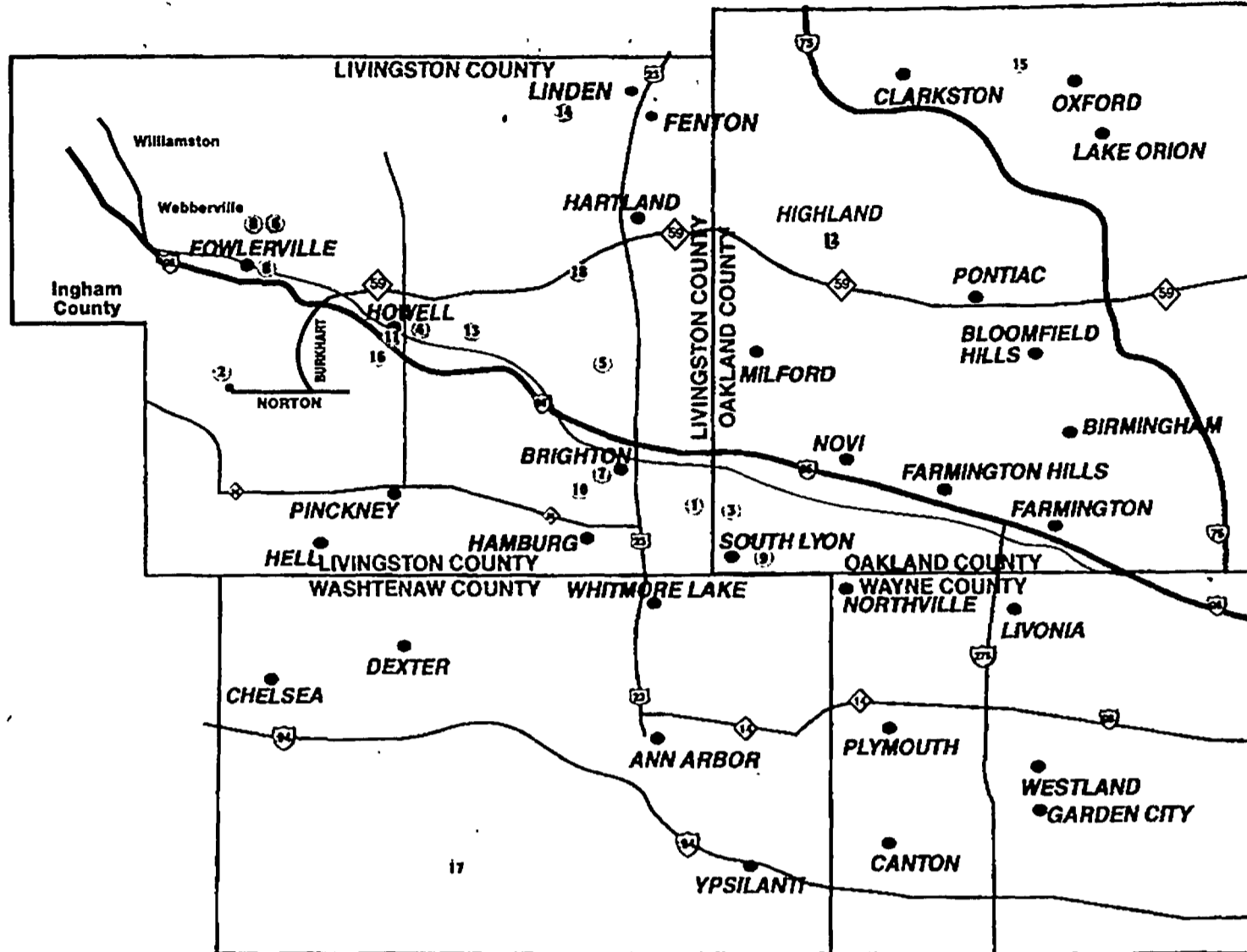
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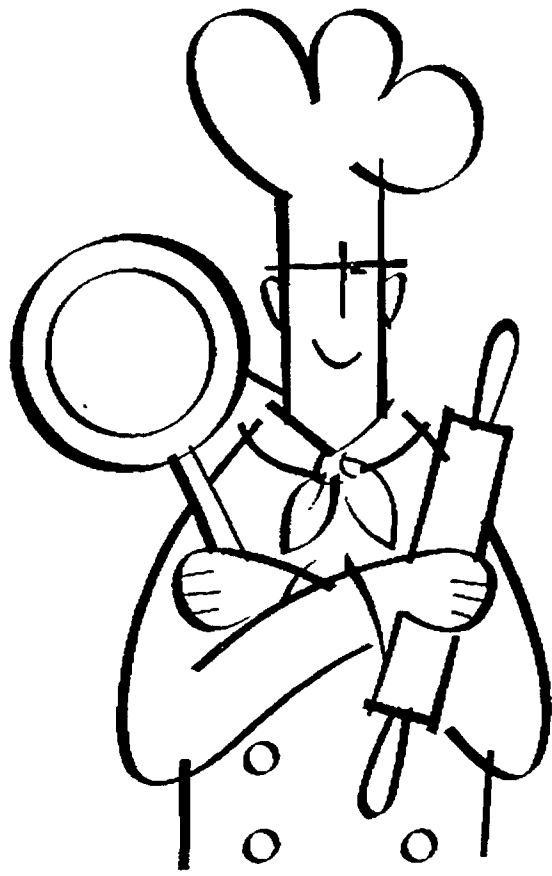
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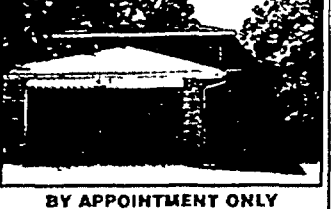
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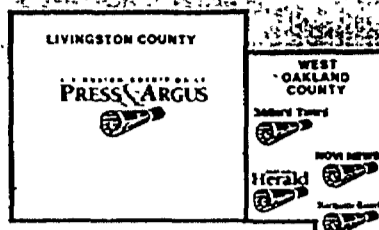
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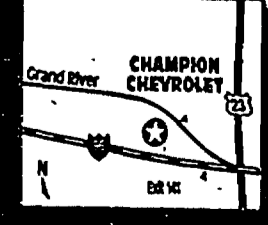
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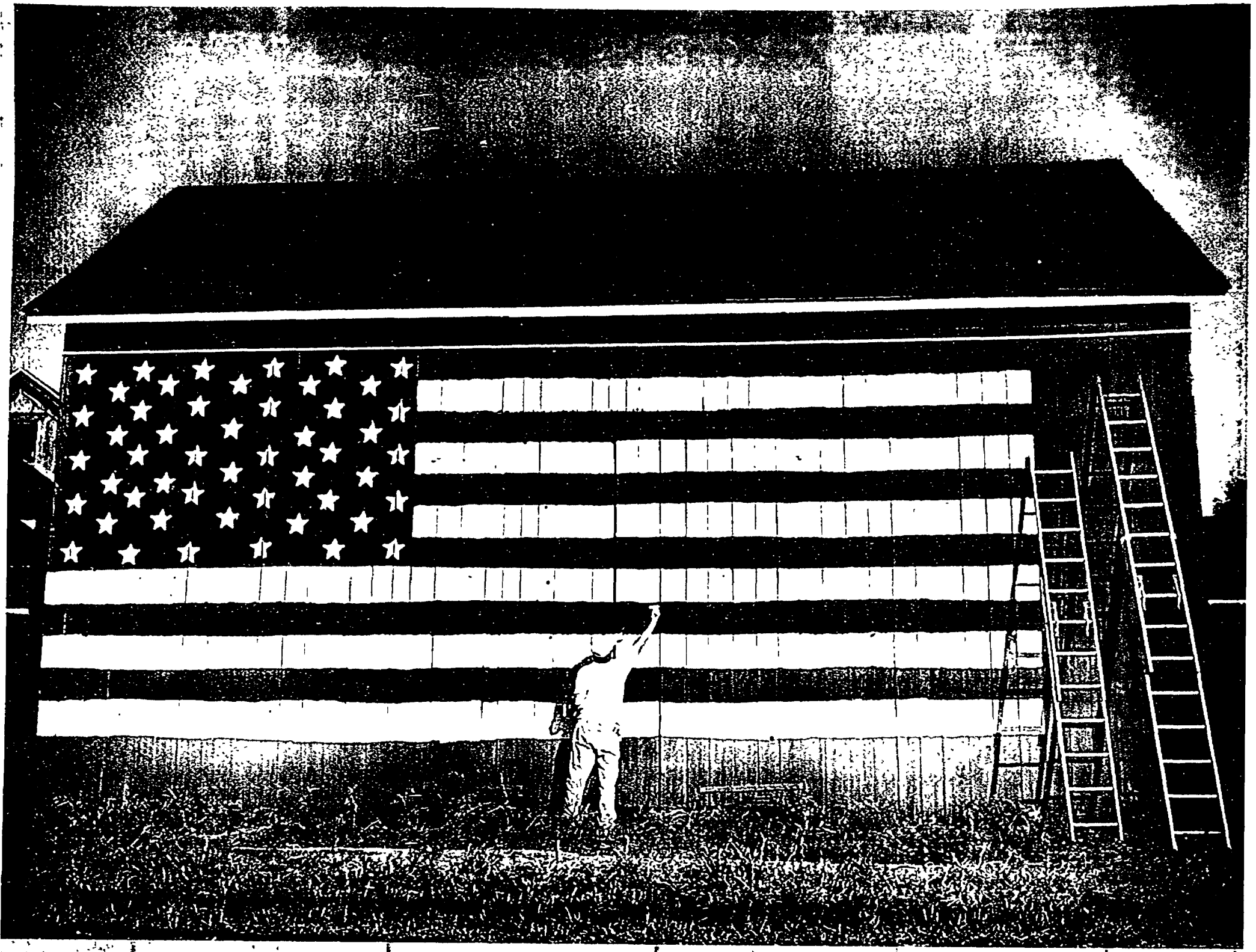
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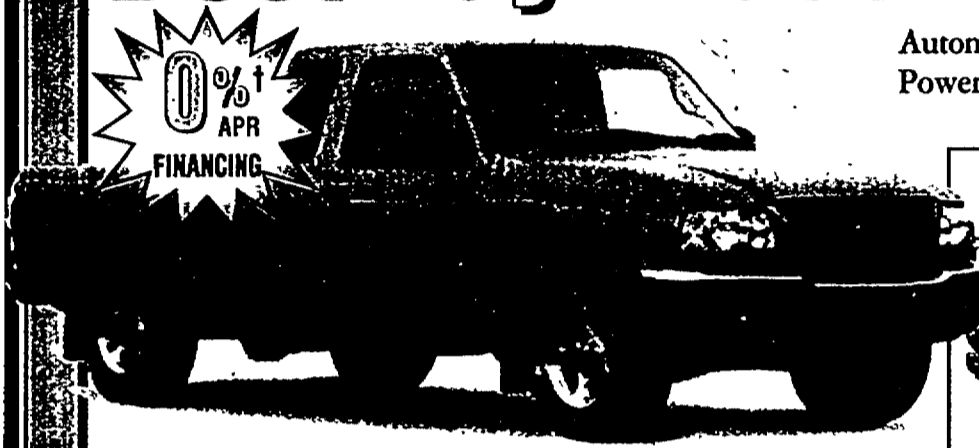
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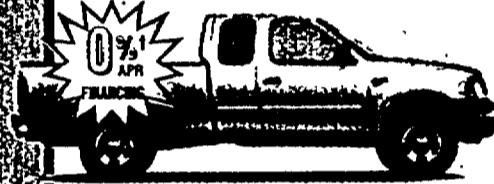
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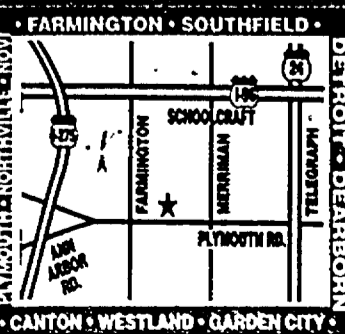


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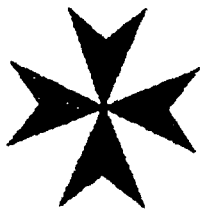


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Mellissa Allen passes out balloons while visitors line South Lyon's streets for the annual Pumpkinfest parade last year.



A rider carries a flag during last year's Pumpkinfest parade. This year's parade should last an hour.

# Welcome to Pumpkinfest 2003

The South Lyon Area Pumpkinfest Committee invites you to join us for the 19th Annual Pumpkinfest. Again this year we will have a little something for everyone.

Contests to enter, a wonderful Craft Show, games and rides for the kids, and entertainment from local bands and dance studios. There will also be numer-

ous food booths to keep the family well fed. Of course the whole weekend will kick off with the Annual Pumpkinfest Parade.

If you have never been to Pumpkinfest or have never missed a Pumpkinfest, please come and enjoy a wonderful fall weekend with your neighbors in South Lyon.



Photo by SAM BLACK

Each year, Pumpkinfest is brought to you by dedicated groups of volunteers, as well as a volunteer group of organizers. Pictured above is the Pumpkinfest Committee for 2003, which brings you the South Lyon area's largest festival of the year.

## A special thank you to Pumpkinfest volunteers

We would like to thank all of our volunteers who gave their time and hard work to Pumpkinfest. Without them the Pumpkinfest would not be possible!

**President** - Greg Downey  
**Vice-president** - Walter Pyles  
**Treasurer** - Dick Selden  
**Secretary** - Jan Renwick

**Board Members:** Greg Downey, Diane Roest, Dick Selden, Jan Renwick, Bill Rodman, Bill Desmond, Maryann Mihalic, June Lane, Agnes Lute, Lee Kempisty, Jeanette Holtman.

We would also like to thank everyone who served on the various committees. We really appreciate your hard work.

## New this year: Pumpkin royalty to be crowned

Come out and see the Pumpkinfest royalty in the annual Pumpkinfest parade.

Your baby princess and prince, mini princess and prince and prince and princess, will be crowned on Thursday, Oct. 2, at the historic South Lyon Hotel.

Money raised by this project was donated to the South Lyon Burned Out Families Fund.

The South Lyon Area Jaycees are a local organi-

zation designed for people between 21 and 39 who take pride in their community and gain life and leadership skills in the process.

The South Lyon Area Jaycees are proud to provide this special event, and to raise money for the victims of terrible fires. Please help with this worthy cause.

If you have any questions please call Ken Vowles at (734) 945-2021 or (248) 437-6148.



## NationsRent sponsors Entertainment Stage

This year's Pumpkinfest brings an exciting line up of entertainment from music, to karate demonstrations to dance. We at NationsRent hope you have a great time at the Pumpkinfest Entertainment Stage that we are sponsoring.

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## Farmer Jack proud to sponsor Pumpkinfest

Farmer Jack is again proud to be sponsoring the South Lyon Pumpkinfest. This year's Pumpkinfest, slated for October 4th and 5th, is bigger and better than ever.

The activity venue includes fun for the entire family with game booths sponsored by local businesses and service groups. The festival will also feature an inflatable amusement attraction, made up of a 25-foot Titanic Slide, 40-foot Alien Invasion Laser Tag, Jurassic Adventure, Moonwalks, Climbing Wall, Orbitron, Space Maze, Sea Monster, Inflate-a-Hoop and Obstacle Course.

"South Lyon Pumpkinfest is a fun community event for the Farmer Jack family," said Maria F. Ward, director of community relations at Farmer Jack. "Our associates really look forward to adding their own flair to the festivities. It is great to be a part of the South Lyon community and the local hometown grocer," Ward said.

Farmer Jack associates will sell cocoa, coffee, cider and donuts beginning each morning at 7 a.m. By mid-day, the grill will heat up hot dogs and chips & pop will also be for sale. All donations will be contributed to a local charity.

"We encourage everyone in the community to come and join in the excitement," commented Ward. Last year, thousands of visitors attended each day. The event was very successful.

"At Farmer Jack, we're thinking fresh - fresh pumpkins, other vegetables, fruits, meats, deli items and bakery," said Ward. "It all ties together and this is why Farmer Jack is pleased to sponsor this safe and family-friendly event."

For further information, contact Steve Lackey at 248-437-8105.



# SOUTH LYON AREA PUMPKINFEST



# Schedule of events

## Saturday

8 a.m. - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Millennium Middle School

10 a.m. - Parade

Craft Show opens - Millennium Middle School

Noon - Dance Centre - Entertainment stage

1 p.m. - "Underestimated" band - Entertainment stage

2 p.m. - Hans Tae Kwon Do - Entertainment stage

2 - 4 p.m. - Old fashioned games - Greenock Mill

3 p.m. - "Crossroads" band - Entertainment stage

3 - 6:30 p.m. - Chicken BBQ - First United Methodist Church

4 p.m. - Craft Show closes

## Sunday

9 a.m. - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Millennium Middle School

11 a.m. - Craft Show opens

Noon - To be announced - Entertainment stage

1 p.m. - "Last In Line" Band - Entertainment stage

2:30 p.m. - Creative Company

3 p.m. - Pumpkin Pie eating contest - Entertainment stage

4 p.m. - Craft Show closes

# Chicken BBQ Dinner

Saturday, Oct. 4, serving 3 - 6:30  
p.m. First United Methodist  
Church, 640 S. Lafayette Street  
(just south of McHattie Park).

### Menu:

One-half chicken, baked potato,  
Cole slaw, roll and butter,  
pumpkin or apple pie\*, beverage.

Cost \$8.

Eat in or carry-out available.

(\*sugar-free pies will be offered  
for those who prefer).

Proceeds go to Active Faith.



# Let us entertain you

A variety of music, dance and children's entertainment will be offered at Pumpkinfest. There's something for the whole family. All performances will be at the entertainment stage at Millennium Middle School.

## **The Creative Company**

**Sunday, 2:30 p.m.**

Calling itself a children's production, combining dancing, modeling and acting, The Creative Company helps prepare children for a world of performances. The concept of children's production was first formed in New York and California to give children the education needed to make it on television or Broadway.

The Creative Company has brought that concept to the South Lyon area, and offers instructors who provide an environment of enthusiasm and excitement.

Two locations are available: The Studio in South Lyon at 122 Lafayette and in Howell at 5830 Grand River Avenue. Information about various programs can be found in South Lyon, Brighton, Huron Valley and Walled Lake Community Education brochures.

Contact: Tara Buchinger, (248) 486-0649

## **The Dance Centre**

**Saturday, 12:15 p.m.**

Soon to celebrating 15 years of doing business in South Lyon, the Dance Centre was established in April 1989 by Patt Palermo, and will commemorate that anniversary during the 2003-2004 season.

Students of the Centre are exposed to many forms of dance, including ballet, tap, modern and jazz. A specialty of the Centre are rhythmic, creative and pre-dance classes for children ages 3 to 6.

Currently, the Centre is noting an interest in high school-age hip-hop classes, which are forming are require no student experience.

In addition to the Pumpkinfest exhibition, the Centre will present a Christmas Tea and Benefit Performance, "Excerpts From the Nutcracker," with profits going to a local charity.

The Dance Centre is located south of Nine Mile Road on Pontiac Trail.

Contact: (248) 486-0410

## **Under Estimated**

**Saturday, 1 p.m.**

Formed in 2003, the band Under Estimated consists of Ron Corte-Obrien on lead and rhythm guitar and vocals; Sean (Felix) Driscoll on drums; and Loch Durrant on bass guitar. The band performs punk rock with select cover songs and original work.

All three band members are 8th grade students at South Lyon Middle School, and have played at many parties for classmates. In addition to about six original songs, Under Estimated plays covers of songs by Sum 41, Pennywise and MXPX.

The goal of the band is to go into the studio and put together an EP of original music. They are also interested in playing different teen clubs and partici-

pating in battle-of-the-band events.

## **Last in Line**

**Sunday, 1 p.m.**

Playing together for more than a year, Last in Line combines the three high school talents of Dan Foley on bass and vocals, Brandon Bertrang on guitar and vocals and Alex Felts on drums. Last in Line performs original music, described as punk and heavier rock. The band is working on a new CD with Gary Palermo, and has played many shows to include winning a battle of the bands in Dexter. Previously the band performed at Pumpkinfest as Exit 17, and appeal to audiences age 8-28.

## **Han's Tae Kwon Do Academy**

**Saturday, 2 p.m.**

Offering children's and adult classes, morning and evenings, Han's Tae Kwon Do Academy offers programs in women's self-defense, cardio aerobic kick-boxing and other camps that run year-round. The Academy is currently enrolling students for its after-school martial arts program. The Academy is located in downtown South Lyon at 131 E. Lake Street.

Contact: (248) 446-4051, [www.hanstkacademy.com](http://www.hanstkacademy.com)

## **The Kreeps**

**Saturday, 4 p.m.**

A local band consisting of three South Lyon guys and a Novi member, the Kreeps perform music from the '60s through the '90s, and aim for an all-around party atmosphere. South Lyon bandmen are Lee Farquhar on lead guitar, vocals and keyboard; Dave Wilk on vocals and drums; and Gary Bertoli on bass. The band is available for outdoor parties and other occasions.

Contact: (248) 437-9602



# Familiar contests set for Pumpkinfest 2003

It is time for your talent in the kitchen and your creativity to shine. We know all you cooks, crafters and artists are out there... let's see what you have been up to lately!

This year we will offer the traditional Pumpkinfest Baking Contest and the Canning, & Preserves Contest as well as Woodworking, Quilting, Dried Floral, Handwork & Sewing and Crafts. All media will be accepted. Last year we had many fine items to taste and look at, we hope to see more of your fine work and wonderful recipes this year!

## Baking

All entries must contain pumpkin and have the recipe included. Recipes will be kept for a possible future Pumpkinfest cookbook.

**Judged on:** Presentation/appearance, originality, taste and texture, overall appeal.

## Canning & Preserves

All entries must be labeled with contents, canned with the water bath or pressure cooker method (to insure safety for tasting during the judging) and include a list of ingredients.

**Judged on:** Presentation (in the case of a group of items entered together), clarity, color, and taste.

## Woodworking, Quilting, Handwork & Sewing, Dried Floral, Crafts

Any hobby or creative talent can be reflected in an entry. Dried arrangements must be made from natural materials and may include dried fruits, vegetables with minimal silk. ONE ENTRY PER PERSON, PER CATEGORY. Please supply an easel if your entry needs to be hung up.

**Judged on:** Creativity/Originality, Attention to Detail, Intricacy, Work done by Hand, Overall Appearance.

## General Information

All entries need to be submitted on Friday, Oct. 3, between 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Bring entries to the "Home Arts Room" (Choir Room) in Millennium Middle School. When dropping off your entry you must fill out an entry registration form with name, address and phone number as well as sign a waiver regarding the display of entries. All entries will be judged on Friday and displayed for the duration of Pumpkinfest. All items must be picked up by 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5. The committee will not be responsible for articles left after this time. For further information or to register by phone, call 248-486-3162.

Everyone will receive a participation ribbon for entering. Special Pumpkinfest Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 3rd and Honorable Mention.

## Decorated bike contest

The decorated bike contest will once again take place. We welcome any child ages twelve and under to participate. We request that the child be old enough to ride a two-wheel bicycle. Training wheels are okay.

The only rules are:

- Helmets are a MUST!
- Bicycles must be decorated.
- All entrants will ride together in the Pumpkinfest Parade.

Entrants must be at Bartlett Elementary School by 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4. Judging will take place at 8:30 a.m. Rosette ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, and parade participation ribbons for all entrants. You do not need a parade application to participate in this, just show up.

Parents of entrants are welcome to walk, roller blade, bicycle etc. behind the group of entrants. We look forward to seeing you at the 17th annual Pumpkinfest Parade. Good Luck!!!

## Pumpkinfest Parade participants

See pages 10 and 12 for Pumpkinfest parade and route information.

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 South Lyon High School Band  
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 Han's Tae Kwon Do Academy  
 "The King" Jack Weir  
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 South Lyon Herald  
 South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce  
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# Everyone loves a parade

By James Mitchell  
South Lyon Herald

It's often claimed that local events are "bigger and better" than ever, but organizers of the Pumpkinfest Parade can back that statement up with numbers.

Pumpkinfest chair Greg Downey noted that the expected 85 participants in the annual parade easily tops the average of 60 or 65 groups or marchers in the parade.

Downey said that the participants include two bands, numerous floats and a host of cars, clowns, stilt-walking men and other attractions are poised to provide the longest parade yet.

"There's just more community and local support of the parade," Downey said. "There are more participants and kid's activities. It's definitely the biggest yet."

The parade is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 4. The staging area will be at Bartlett Elementary School.

Due to the sidewalk repair project downtown, the parade will take an alternate route this year. From Bartlett, the parade will proceed south along Warren



The South Lyon High Marching Band.

Street across Ten Mile Road. The parade will turn east on McHattie before turning south on Pontiac Trail, where it will continue to its conclusion at Millennium Middle School. Downey said the parade is expected to last until about 11:15.

Entrants will be eligible for at least three prizes, awarded as Mayor's Choice, Grand Marshall's Choice and People's Choice. For information, contact parade chair Ole Hagen at (248) 437-9158 or Maryann Mihalic at (248) 437-5815.

## Marshal dedicated to flag and community

By Stephanie Rutherford  
South Lyon Herald

Serving as the Grand Marshal of this year's Pumpkinfest Parade will be Lee Clair, a longtime community volunteer notably seen around town tending to the American flags that decorate the city.

Clair has been a South Lyon resident since 1957, when he relocated here from his native Kentucky and began a 30-year career at the Ford Motor Company plant in Wixom. In 1960, Clair married Jerilyn Grimm, and the two raised daughters Lianne and Dineen in the community.

Participation in community activities predated his marriage, though, as Clair began serving as referee at basketball games in the area in 1959.

Throughout the years, Clair served on the Pumpkinfest Committee in various capacities, including as vice chair, and has also helped organize VFW parades, the former Fourth of July parade and the South Lyon Gala Days. Although not officially a member of any local organization, Clair has volunteered countless hours to area causes, and has been honored by the VFW, the Chamber of Commerce and the South Lyon School District.

Flags, however, hold a compelling interest to Clair, who began hanging U.S. Flags in town in 1984, and continues seeking sponsorship from area groups. What started as about 15 flags has grown to 50, Clair said.

Earlier this year, the declaration of War on Iraq moved Clair to revive a symbolic gesture, and he and others were responsible for draping yellow ribbons around town in honor of the military.

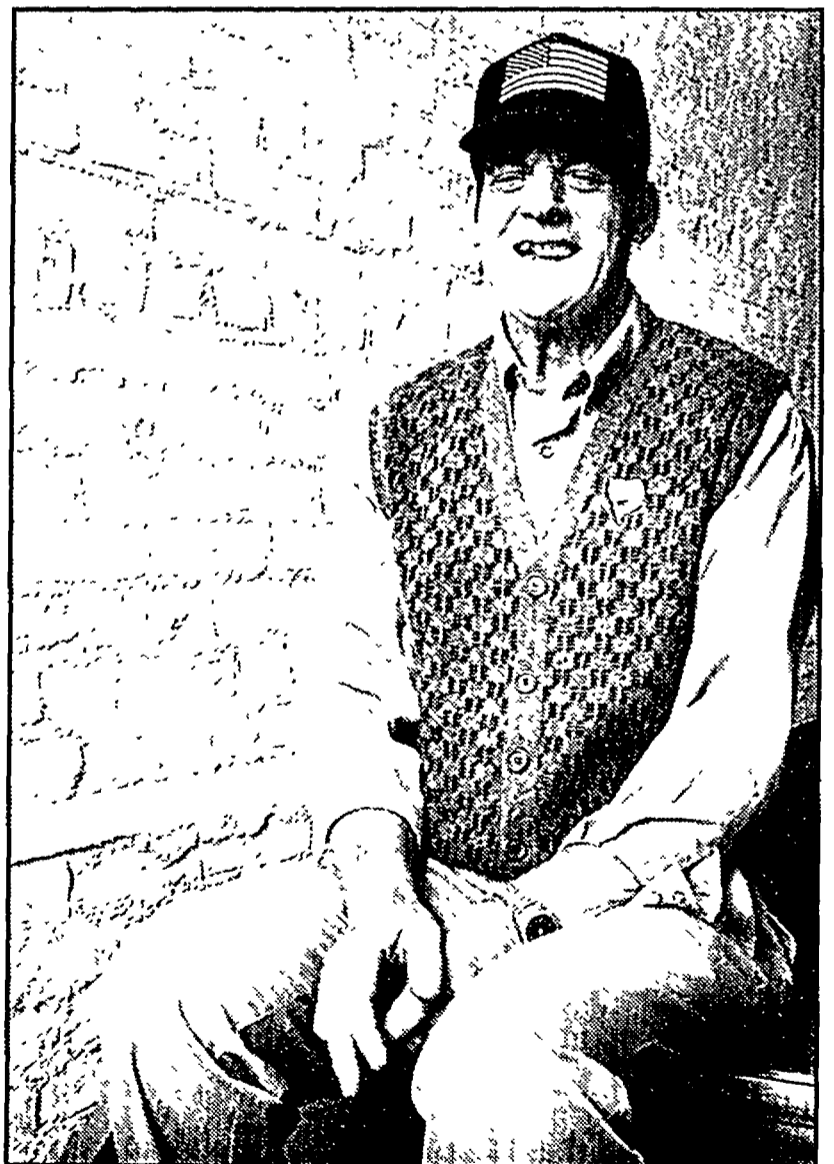


Photo by SAM BLACK

Lee Clair will lead this year's Pumpkinfest parade as its grand marshal. The parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4.

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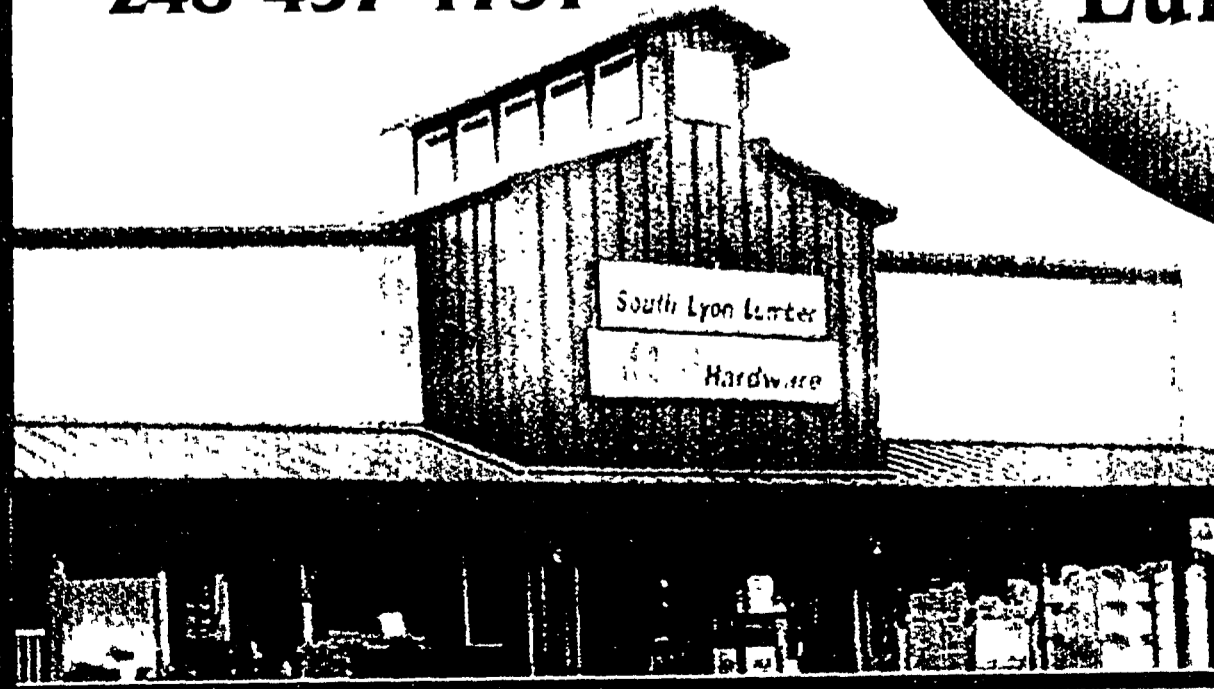
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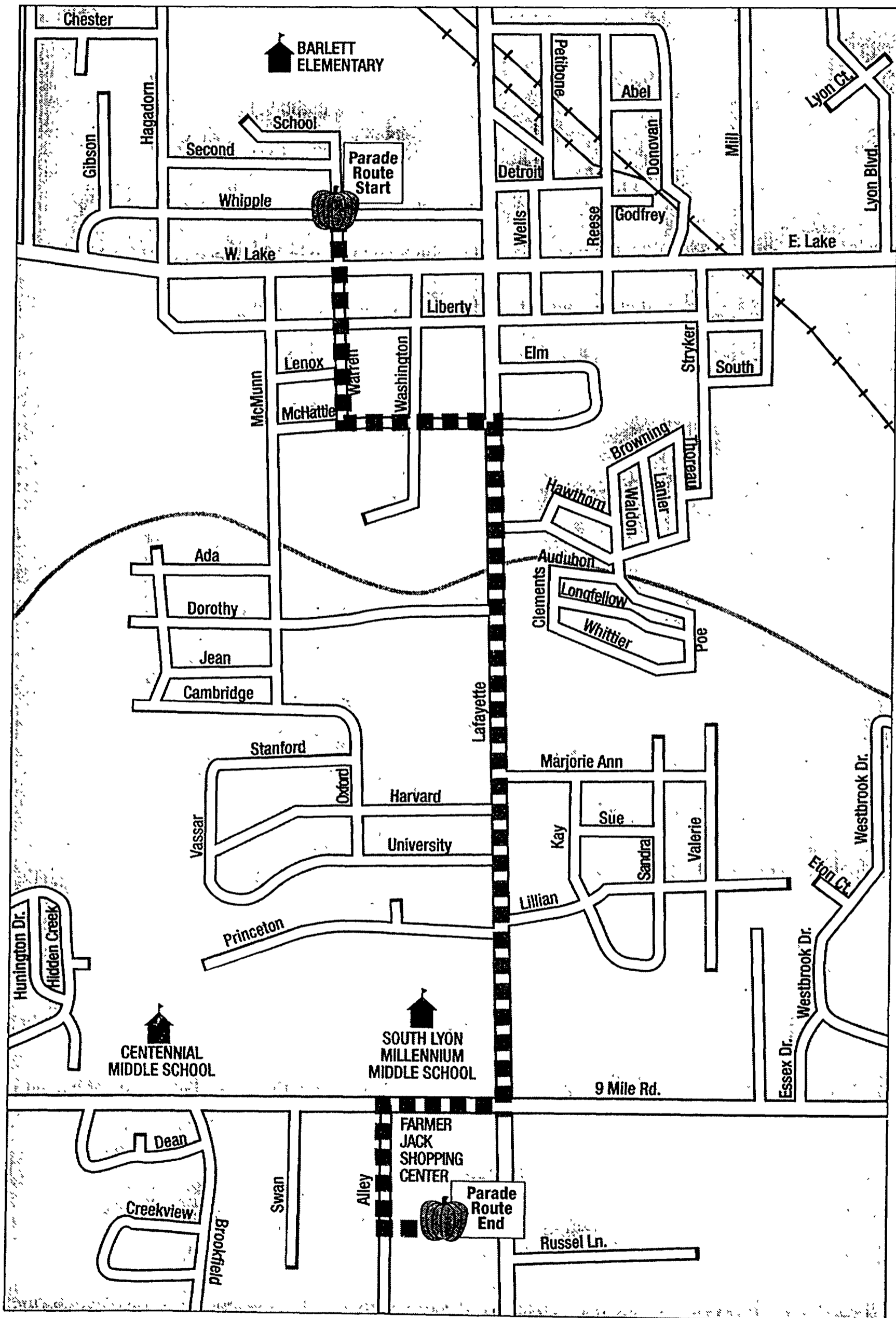
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## **Pumpkinfest Crafters list**

At this year's Pumpkinfest Craft Show, you'll find more crafters than ever. From candy and tasty treats to quilts, candles and jewelry, you'll find this visit a lot of fun. The Craft show will entertain the whole family and opens at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4th and 5th, in Millennium Middle School.

**Diane Tibbits**  
Shirts-Angles-Time Out Dolls-Goose Clothes

**Sandra Hyek**  
Angles-Santas-Bunnies

**Sandy Mc Elgunn**  
Salt & Flour Dough Figurines

**Karen Flynn**  
Paints on Glass

**Maxine Przybylowicz**  
Hand Made and Decorated Candy (Gift Bags)

**Carol Young**  
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**Deborah Fedorko**  
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**Amelia Hefferlin**  
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**Joyce Crawford**  
Crochet Necklaces, Angel Ornaments, Halloween Kids.

**Farah Rose**  
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**Gail Miller**  
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**Wendy Kelly and Michele Smith**  
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**Jo Lang**  
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**Lisa's Little People & Friends**  
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**Fliippa Witman**  
Mugs with pictures - needs good lighting

**Gail Williams**  
Tons of Christmas Items

**Lorriane Adams**  
Wooden Ornaments

**Patty Ratliff**  
Avon

**Debbie Piercy**  
Applique Sweatshirts

**Karen Laurin**  
Dip Mixes

**Joe Hehir**  
Body and Souls Soaps: Handcrafted Herbal Soaps

**Anita Ford**  
Beautiful floral arrangements

**Andrea Sellers**  
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**Mark Ripley**  
Stoneware

**Cynthia Crowley**  
Personalized Children's Story Books

**Sharon Treichel**  
Reversible snowsuits out of fleece, Novelty bibs, Hats and Mittens

**Linda Swatoch**  
Quilt Hangings

**Bonnie Hoffman**  
Check book and Credit Card Covers

**Christy Roberts**

**Sandi Soens**  
Amish Traditions-Candles

**Julie Winchel**  
Sand Art and temporary tattoo's for children. Would like to be by kids games.

**Ruth Elston**  
Quillows - Table Runners - Jointed Teddy Bears - Tree skirts and Curling Iron Holders.

# Pumpkinfest Crafters list



**Cheryl Anderson and Dick Reichenbach show some of the Christmas cards that Active Faith Community Services will be selling at the Pumpkinfest Craft Show. Active Faith is a non-profit organization that provides food, clothing and tutoring and other services to families in need. Call Active Faith at 248-437-9790.**

**Darlene Kruger**  
Lovely Wood Products-Hand Made

**Mary Kowalski**  
Sew and Crochet items.

**Sandy Nicholls**  
Girls reversible bandanas w/headband sewn inside-also purses to match.

**Jean Sova**  
Dried and Sild floral arrangements.

**Theresa and Dale Edkom**  
Decorative Painting on wood-canvas and other items.

**Debi Keeling**  
Decorative painting on wood, personalized items for holidays.

**Sharyl Wilt**  
Hand-painted kids clothing, door hangers, kids jewelry, doll pillows and tooth fairy pillows.

**Cheryl Rakowski**  
Jewelry

**Jan Cunningham**  
Hand Poured Pewter figurines which I accent with diamond cuts using a diamond drill.

**Ole and Marie Hagen**  
Watkins Products

**Karen Orlandoni**  
Discovery Toys

**Mary Hearth**  
Reversible Placemats and Runners - Fireplace scarfs-pillow covers etc.

**Joanne Brosch**  
Glazed ceramic vases and lotion bottles imbedded with fabric - beautiful!

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## **Pumpkinfest Crafters list**

- Jeannette Holtman**  
Memory Books - a home based business.
- Debra Ventimiglia**  
Santas and many other pottery works "Heirloom Pottery"
- Kimberly Walz**  
Embroidery crafts (shirts, pants, baskets etc.) and cross stitch items.
- Karen Tryon**  
Birdhouses, Santas, Snowmen, Flowerpots, hand painted, wood items hand cut.
- Cindy Oxley**  
Pet collars, Petkerchiefs, tissue box and book covers, bag holders.
- Linda Knight**  
Baskets - blankets and wood products.
- Mary Curnutte**  
Lovely floral arrangements
- Lynda Leach**  
Painting on Birdhouses, plates - vases, eggs, ornaments.
- Angela Wiseman**  
Hand painted clothing (everyday and holiday designs).
- Mary Shiemke**  
Appliqued Sweat Shirts
- Joyce Vis & Fonda Marlind**  
Embroidered T-shirts, sweat-shirts etc.
- Dorothy Docherty**  
Handmade purses.
- Yvonne Anderson**  
Reversible placemats, table runners, mantle scarfs, embroidered bowling and golf towels etc.
- Mary Kramer**  
Tons of beautiful wood products santas-snowmen etc.
- Mary Waterbury**  
Wooden Santas, snowmen, pumpkins (look like logs). Would like corner of Cafeteria.
- Heidi Rumberger**  
Jewelry
- Carol & Brian Mullaney**  
Jewelry
- Fran Grooms**  
Jewelry
- Valerie Lalinsky**  
Hand made doll clothes
- Kelly Ann Rubenson**  
Handmade scarves, ceramic scarf slides and matching scrunchies - nice work.
- Ron Lindgren**  
Hand Tied Brooms made from broomcorn-very nice!
- Doris Brailean**  
American Girl doll clothes/barbie clothes.
- Bea & Martha Sands**  
Ceramic wind bells and wind chimes. Wood dogs - witches & skeletons.
- Shirley Kryzstof**  
Baby quilts and bibs. Pillows, aprons, beanie accessories and children's beaded jewelry etc.
- Joan Vickers**  
Ceramic everything - great display.
- Gail Hardy**  
Tie-dye T-shirts, hats, scrunchies, jewelry etc.
- Anita Lenderman** - This artist grows-dries and paints her gourds-they are something to see! Decorative painting on wood-shapes, signs, paper mache boxes and dried gourds
- Norma Umphrey**  
T-Shirts, sweatshirts and pillows decorated with heritage lace.
- Gladys Welker**  
Sews lace on T-shirts & sweat-shirts. Goose clothes.
- Bobbi Stopa**  
Beaded Jewelry designs.
- Amy Wallaert**  
Rag quilts and neck muffs.
- Lisa Fetterley**  
Jewelry
- Colleen Coursey**  
Pretzels Made Special (dipped in chocolate - very good)
- Michele McKinley**  
Tons of wood products
- Tammy Duffey**  
Wood Products
- Alexis Hernandez**  
Soap
- Frank Javanowski**  
Old Country Kettle Corn
- Keri Garcia**  
Jewelry
- Gene Tanger**  
Decorated sweatshirts/pants.
- Everdry Waterproofing**  
Waterproof basements.
- John & Rosemarie St. Pierie**  
Wood Products
- Susan Barrow**  
Lots of Ceramic Products - hand made.
- Laurie Sparrow**  
Jewelry
- Karen Tower-Chapel**  
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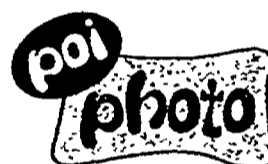
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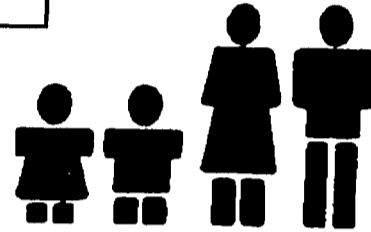
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# Everything new is old again

## Greenock Mill joins in Pumpkinfest

By Jim Mitchell

South Lyon Herald

The Greenock Mill General Store used to be, for the community of Rushton and surrounding areas, the place to hang out. In addition to the grist mill that ground out flour, the creekside setting hosted a saw mill, the post office and the Rushton stop on the railroad line.

This year's Pumpkinfest offers a chance to spend time there again, with children's games, apple bobbing and other activities scheduled on the peaceful lawn from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4.

Visitors unfamiliar with the restored business are in for a pleasant surprise. Much of what was formerly housed at the location may be a memory, but new owners Rhonda and Jim Fackert have begun an ambitious series of projects designed to restore the mill's heritage.

The Fackert's have an impressive amount of original material to work with, dating back to the 1840 construction of the mill by William W. Dean. The facility served as a community center, and continued in various capacities through the next 130 years before a 1971 fire partially destroyed the principal building.

In 1978, the mill was rebuilt by the George DeAngelis family, which maintained ownership until it was bought five years ago by the Fackerts. By October 2000, the Greenock Mill was reopened as a general store, albeit one with more diverse ambitions.

Rhonda Fackert said that she and her husband — with respective interests in natural foods and the mill's machinery just begging to be tinkered with for hydro power — are able to work with the heritage of the mill in large part due to the efforts of George and Sid DeAngelis. When the brothers purchased the partially-burned building in 1971, they spent several years' worth of weekends restoring rather than rebuilding. An cider mill operated on the premises during those years.

The mill's original beams are present and accounted for, and portions of the original wooden mill equipment perform service as display space for the store's diverse inventory. A crane and mill stones, for example, are identified as to their original purpose while working with the retail needs of the store.

Throughout the main floor, a combination of the building's heritage is evident along with an assortment of natural foods and local crafts and arts. Rhonda said that a priority is given to area artisans looking to put their wares on the market, including paintings, crafts, books and pottery and glass work. Rhonda's initial service offering of a natural foods cooperative remains a staple in the General Store inventory.

Upstairs, which served as a museum of sorts under



**Rhonda Fackert, owner of Greenock Mill, and Peggy Kogstrom stand ready to assist customers from the large selection of organic herbs on the back wall. The Mill will also host a variety of activities for kids and adults during Pumpkinfest.**

the DeAngelis ownership, visitors usually betray their gender; handicrafts such as crochet work invite the interest of women, while Rhonda said that men are more interested in pieces of the mill's original machinery such as a "scalper" and a "smutter" on display.

Beyond the walls of the mill, Rhonda said that a number of projects are hoped to both restore the mill's functions for both commerce and education. Also planned are a recreation of the original post office, and placement of a railroad car and the original "Rushton" sign at the site of the station stop. Rhonda said she hopes to eventually transform the site into a smaller-scale version of McHattie Park's historic village.

The Greenock Mill General Store is located at 10470 Rushton Road between Nine and Ten Mile roads. Hours of operation are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The store is closed on Mondays. Contact the mill at (248) 486-5655.

# Bistro 127, South Lyon Theater put on a show

**Laurie Lamey**

South Lyon Herald

Pumpkinfest offers an array of activities for kids and adults alike. This year the South Lyon Theater and Bistro 127 are joining in the fun with special presentations that will entertain both the family and adults.

Sit back and rest your weary feet after you visit the Pumpkinfest festivities on Saturday, Oct. 4, with a movie at the South Lyon Theater.

"The movie will be a family film rated G or PG, and will cost only a dollar per person. The movie is not yet decided," said owner Don Waldenmeyer.

Adults can end their day of Pumpkinfest fun by attending a live comedy show at the South Lyon Theater. Returning to South Lyon for a special Pumpkinfest performance is Bill Hildebrand. Hildebrand has performed at Bistro 127 before sold out crowds and is sure to tickle your funny bone.

# BISTRO 127

Along with Hildebrand, there will also be two other comedians that are sure to get a laugh or two. If you're in need of a good laugh, you won't want to miss this show.

"Dinner and show tickets are available for \$19.95, or you can enjoy just the show for \$10. Dinner will be served between 5 and 8:30 p.m., and the show starts at 9:30 p.m.," said Waldenmeyer.

Tickets for this special Pumpkinfest Live Comedy Show can be purchased at the South Lyon Theater or Bistro 127.



Be like Superman at Pumpkinfest. Above, Zach Hayes makes a giant leap at the activities area.

# Let us entertain you

A variety of music, dance and children's entertainment will be offered at Pumpkinfest. There's something for the whole family. All performances will be at the entertainment stage at Millennium Middle School.

## **The Creative Company**

**Sunday, 2:30 p.m.**

Calling itself a children's production, combining dancing, modeling and acting, The Creative Company helps prepare children for a world of performances.

The concept of children's production was first formed in New York and California to give children the education needed to make it on television or Broadway.

The Creative Company has brought that concept to the South Lyon area, and offers instructors who provide an environment of enthusiasm and excitement.

Two locations are available: The Studio in South Lyon at 122 Lafayette and in Howell at 5830 Grand River Avenue. Information about various programs can be found in South Lyon, Brighton, Huron Valley and Walled Lake Community Education brochures.

Contact: Tara Buchinger, (248) 486-0649

## **The Dance Centre**

**Saturday, 12:15 p.m.**

Soon to celebrating 15 years of doing business in South Lyon, the Dance Centre was established in April 1989 by Patt Palermo, and will commemorate that anniversary during the 2003-2004 season.

Students of the Centre are exposed to many forms of dance, including ballet, tap, modern and jazz. A specialty of the Centre are rhythmic, creative and pre-dance classes for children ages 3 to 6.

Currently, the Centre is noting an interest in high school-age hip-hop classes, which are forming are require no student experience.

In addition to the Pumpkinfest exhibition, the Centre will present a Christmas Tea and Benefit Performance, "Excerpts From the Nutcracker," with profits going to a local charity.

The Dance Centre is located south of Nine Mile Road on Pontiac Trail.

Contact: (248) 486-0410

## **Under Estimated**

**Saturday, 1 p.m.**

Formed in 2003, the band Under Estimated consists of Ron Corte-Obrien on lead and rhythm guitar and vocals; Sean (Felix) Driscoll on drums; and Loch Durrant on bass guitar.

The band performs punk rock with select cover songs and original work.

All three band members are 8th grade students at South Lyon Middle School, and have played at many parties for classmates. In addition to about six original songs, Under Estimated plays covers of songs by Sum 41, Pennywise and MXPX.

The goal of the band is to go into the studio and

put together an EP of original music. They are also interested in playing different teen clubs and participating in battle-of-the-band events.

## **Last in Line**

**Sunday, 1 p.m.**

Playing together for more than a year, Last in Line combines the three high school talents of Dan Foley on bass and vocals, Brandon Bertrang on guitar and vocals and Alex Felts on drums. Last in Line performs original music, described as punk and heavier rock.

The band is working on a new CD with Gary Palermo, and has played many shows to include winning a battle of the bands in Dexter. Previously the band performed at Pumpkinfest as Exit 17, and appeal to audiences age 8-28.



**At last year's Pumpkinfest, a student breaks a board held by Master Han.**

## **Han's Tae Kwon Do Academy**

**Saturday, 2 p.m.**

Offering children's and adult classes, morning and evenings, Han's Tae Kwon Do Academy offers programs in women's self-defense, cardio aerobic kick-boxing and other camps that run year-round. The Academy is currently enrolling students for its after-school martial arts program. The Academy is located in downtown South Lyon at 131 E. Lake Street.

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## **The Kreeps**

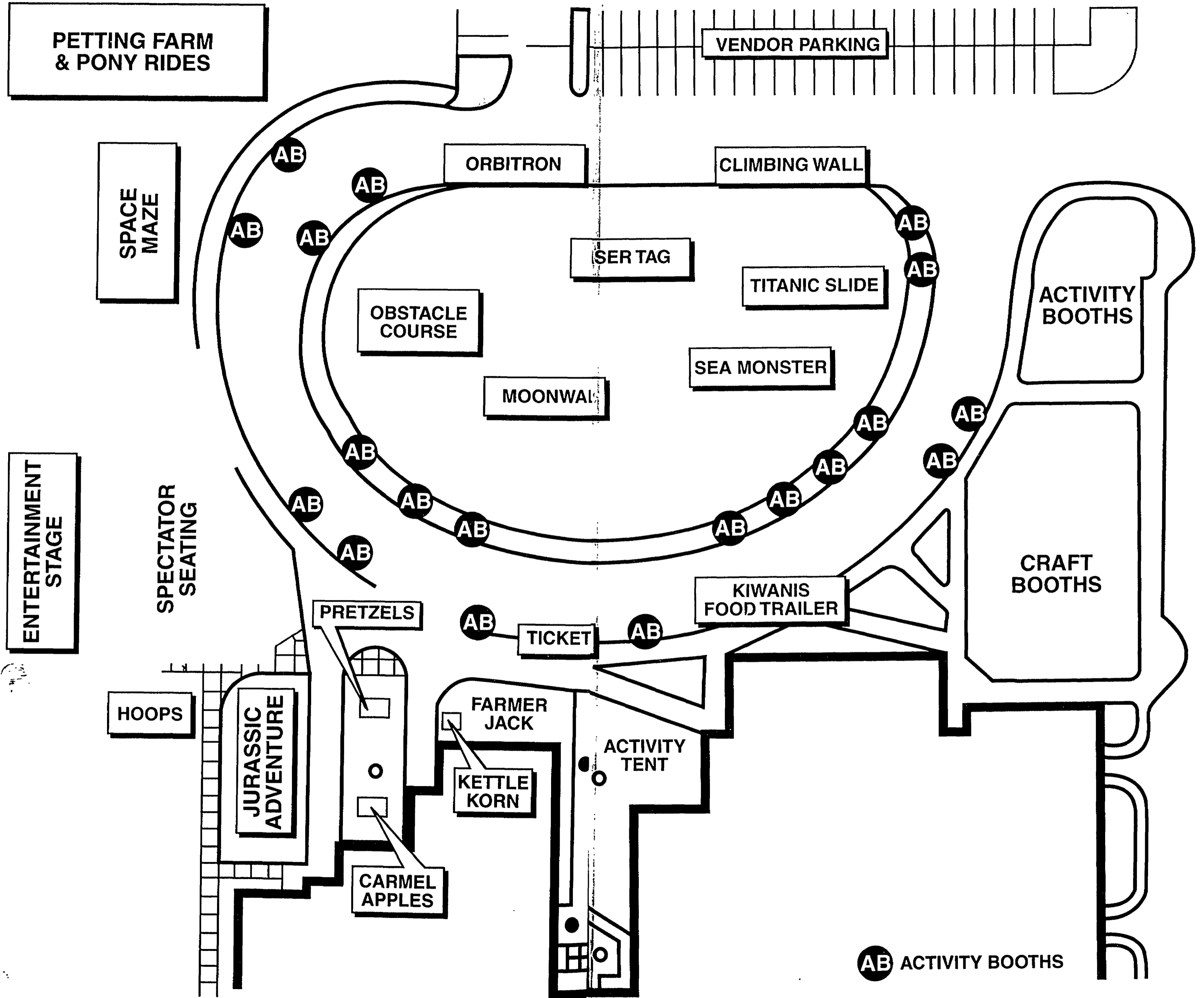
**Saturday, 4 p.m.**

A local band consisting of three South Lyon guys and a Novi member, the Kreeps perform music from the '60s through the '90s, and aim for an all-around party atmosphere.

South Lyon bandmen are Lee Farquhar on lead guitar, vocals and keyboard; Dave Wilk on vocals and drums; and Gary Bertoli on bass. The band is available for outdoor parties and other occasions.

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# Pumpkinfest activities area t Millennium Middle School



# Find great big pumpkins!

**By Laurie Lamey**

South Lyon Herald

When Bryan Bradford started growing his pumpkin for the largest pumpkin contest last year, he had no idea that his pumpkin would reach the weight of 423 pounds. Not only did he win the contest for the largest pumpkin, he also was able to produce plants for this year's contest.

Bradford's garage was converted into a greenhouse, where he started his pumpkin seedlings, which yielded 44 plants that were placed throughout the community.

"My patch looks good this year, but the volume of size isn't as good as I expected. Unless something spectacular happens, I'll be giving up my crown," said Bradford.

This year, pumpkin growers may produce six to twelve competitors with pumpkins that weigh upwards of 150 pounds. Judging for the largest pumpkin will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, around noon at the South Lyon Hotel.

After the judging, the festivities will re-locate to King Plaza at around 2 p.m., where adults and kids alike can carve or paint a prize winning pumpkin.



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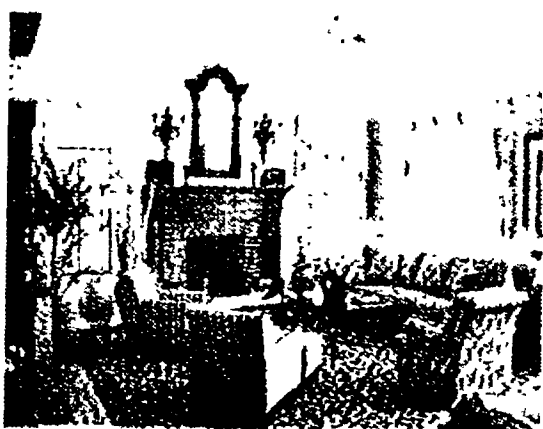
There will be prizes and awards for first through third places for decorating. There will be an open class for pumpkin artists who are 16 years old and older, so the carving and painting is not just for the children, the adults get to join in the fun.

Next year Bradford hopes that 100 to 200 plants will be given out and he has made arrangements for a couple of local greenhouses to start the plants.

The Jaycees are still accepting donations from local business and individuals to help cover expenses and prizes.

Your donations are tax deductible due to Jaycees and Pumpkinfest being non-profit groups. Anyone that would like to make a donation should contact Bryan Bradford at (248) 538-0363.

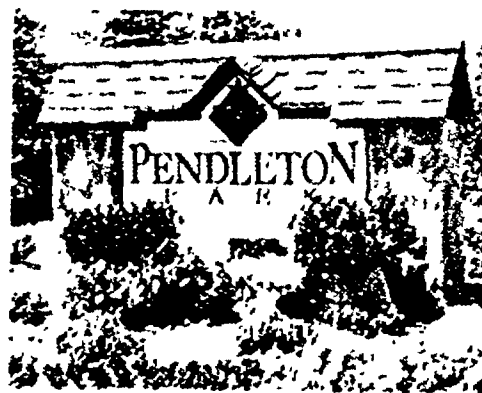
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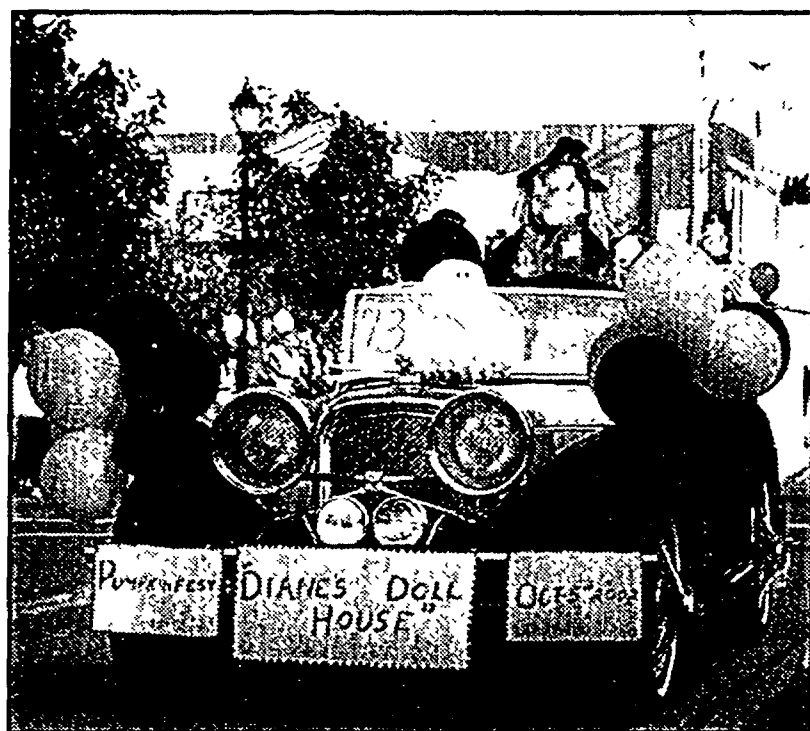
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Diane's Doll House entered this float in last year's Pumpkinfest Parade. Don't miss this year's parade, which starts at 10 a.m. Saturday. See page 12 for the parade route, and see page 10 for more parade information.

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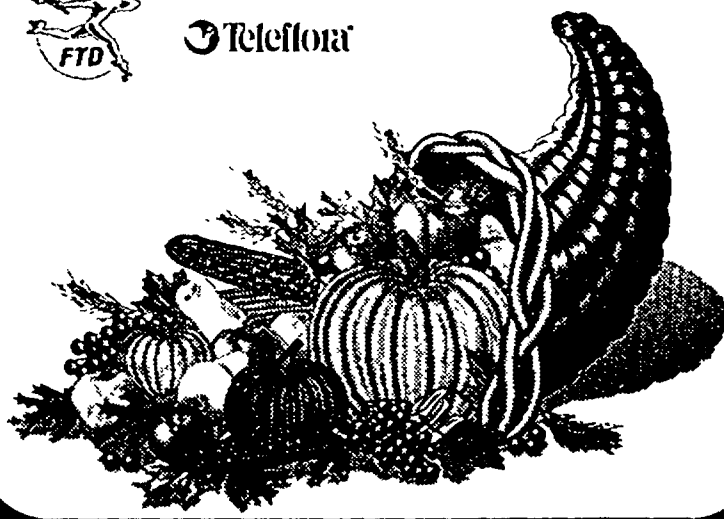
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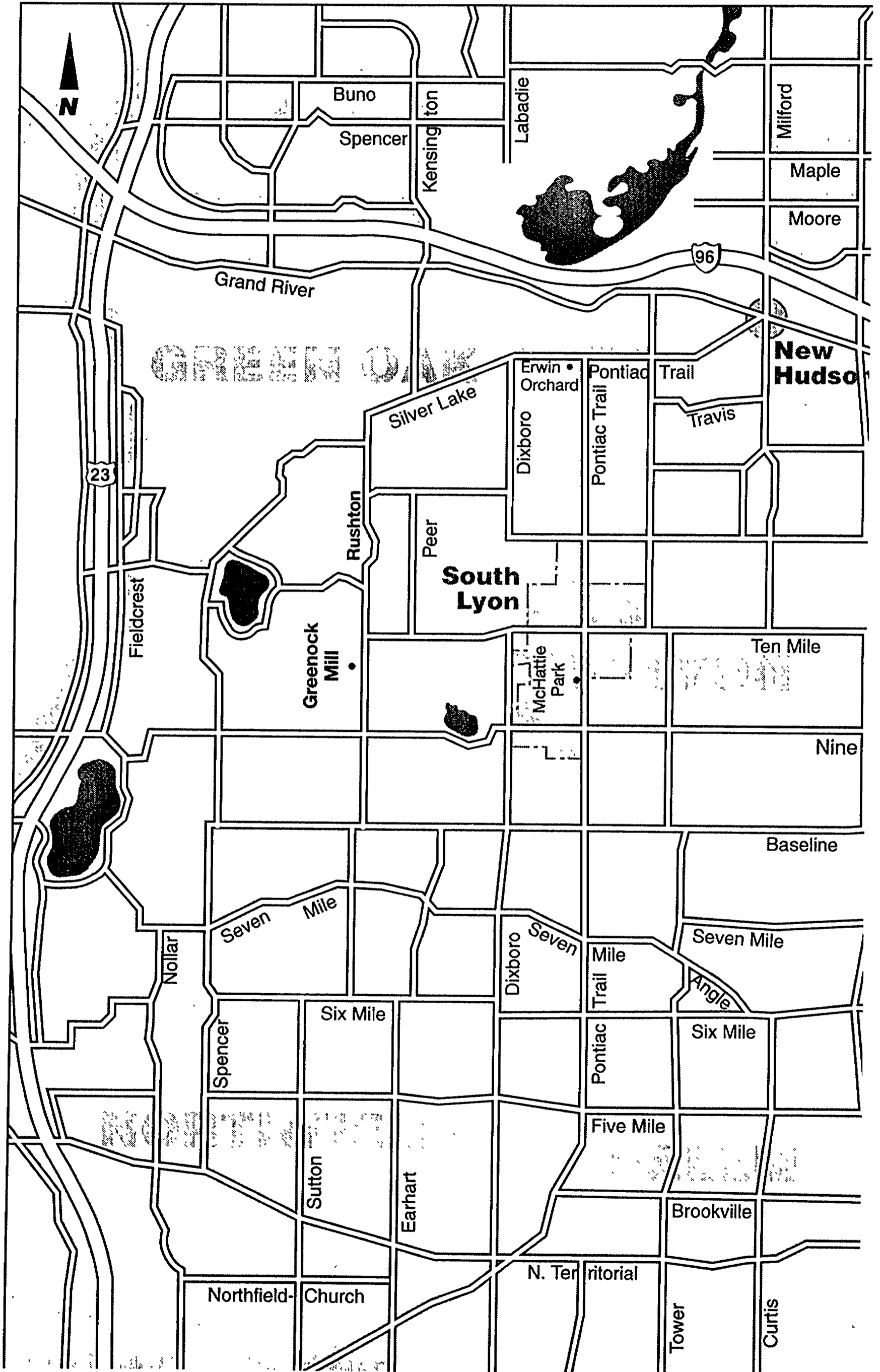
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A delicious dinner catered by local area chefs, dancing to a live band, prizes and special live performances by area entertainers are always part of the agenda at the Costume Ball. Held under the watchful eye of the harvest moon and within the warmth of a heated tent, all area residents, friends, local business owners and Chamber members are invited to join in the fun. Alcoholic beverages can also be purchased, making this an event for those at least 21 years of age.

Designed to coincide with South Lyon's Pumpkinfest celebration, tickets to this festival fall evening are \$35 per person and can be purchased through the South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce, 125 N. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon, or call (248) 437-3257.

Though costumes are optional, they certainly add to the fun and flavor of the evening. Prizes will be awarded for best costume in several categories throughout the evening. Kick your creativity into gear, get your tickets early, and plan to attend this fun-filled evening!

This year's Diamond Sponsor of the Costume Ball is Standard Federal Bank.



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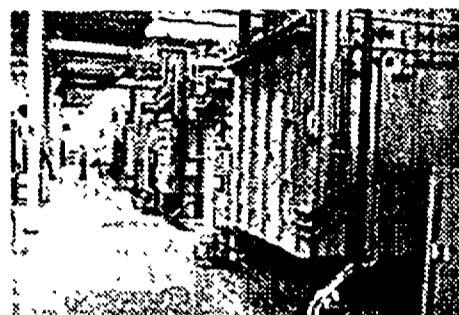
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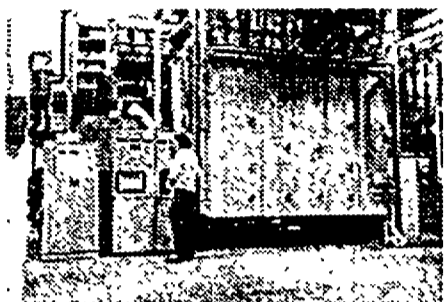
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## **Annual Pumpkinfest Dog Show is much too fun to miss**

**By Stephanie Rutherford**

STAFF WRITER

Tails will be wagging at the third annual Pumpkinfest Dog Show with prizes awarded and a costume parade for pets and their owners.

Area canines will take the stage at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5. Prizes will be awarded in five categories—cutest, smallest, largest, dressed to look alike and best overall.

“I think it’s fun for the community,” said show coordinator June Clark. “I think everybody wants to come out and show off their dog, whether it is a mutt

or a pure-bred.”

Prizes will be donated by local businesses, including free dental cleaning at the South Lyon Small Animal Clinic and a complimentary stay at the Animal House boarding kennels.

No dog will go home with empty paws, as every contestant will get special Halloween bone.

“Everybody is proud of their dogs, we don’t want anyone leaving without a prize,” Clark said.

All dogs entering the competition must be leashed and be up-to-date on their shots..

Applications for entry can be picked up at Diane’s Doll House, Burger King, Pet Stop, the Cycle Shop, Parkside Cleaners and Dandy Acres Vets and must be turned in by Monday, Sept. 24.

For more information, please call June or Darrell Lane at (248) 437-3380.



**At last year’s Pumpkinfest Dog Show, there was a new sheriff in town and won the “cutest” honor. The dog, Benson, was shown by its owners, the Tarhanick family.**

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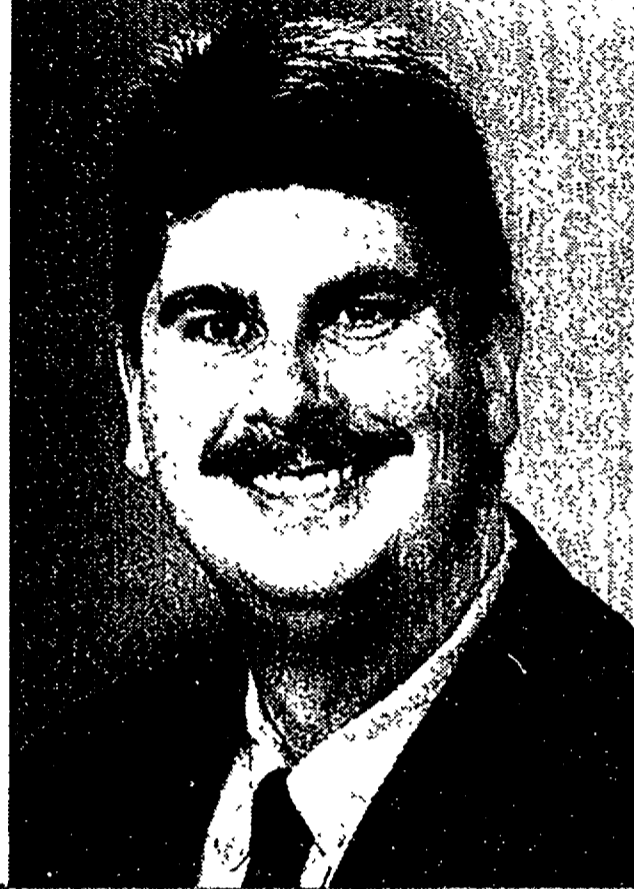
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# Golden K has fun at Pumpkinfest

**By Stephanie Rutherford**  
STAFF WRITER

The Kiwanis Golden K hopes to have a Monopoly of South Lyon, literally. As part of its upcoming fund-raiser the group will make a board game, putting actual area businesses on the spaces.

"It was just a neat idea we came up with," said Kiwanis Golden K president June Lane. "A chance for us to raise money and for businesses to advertise."

The Golden K's are also busy with their regular charities, as well as Pumpkinfest. They hope to sell children's books this year as well as the boards to raise money for their charities.

The Golden K's contribute to Active Faith, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Mott's Children's Hospital, Children's Miracle Network and Salvation Army, among others.

Clark says the Kiwanis Golden Key's enjoy attending Pumpkinfest each year.

"We really like to get out and be active within the community," she said.

"Pumpkinfest is fun because there are just so many things to enjoy."

The Kiwanis Golden K's meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Kiwanis Hall located at 288 N. Warren. Contact Raymond Tolinski at (248) 437-1700 for more information.



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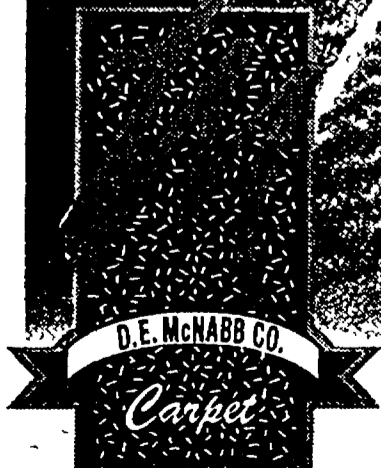
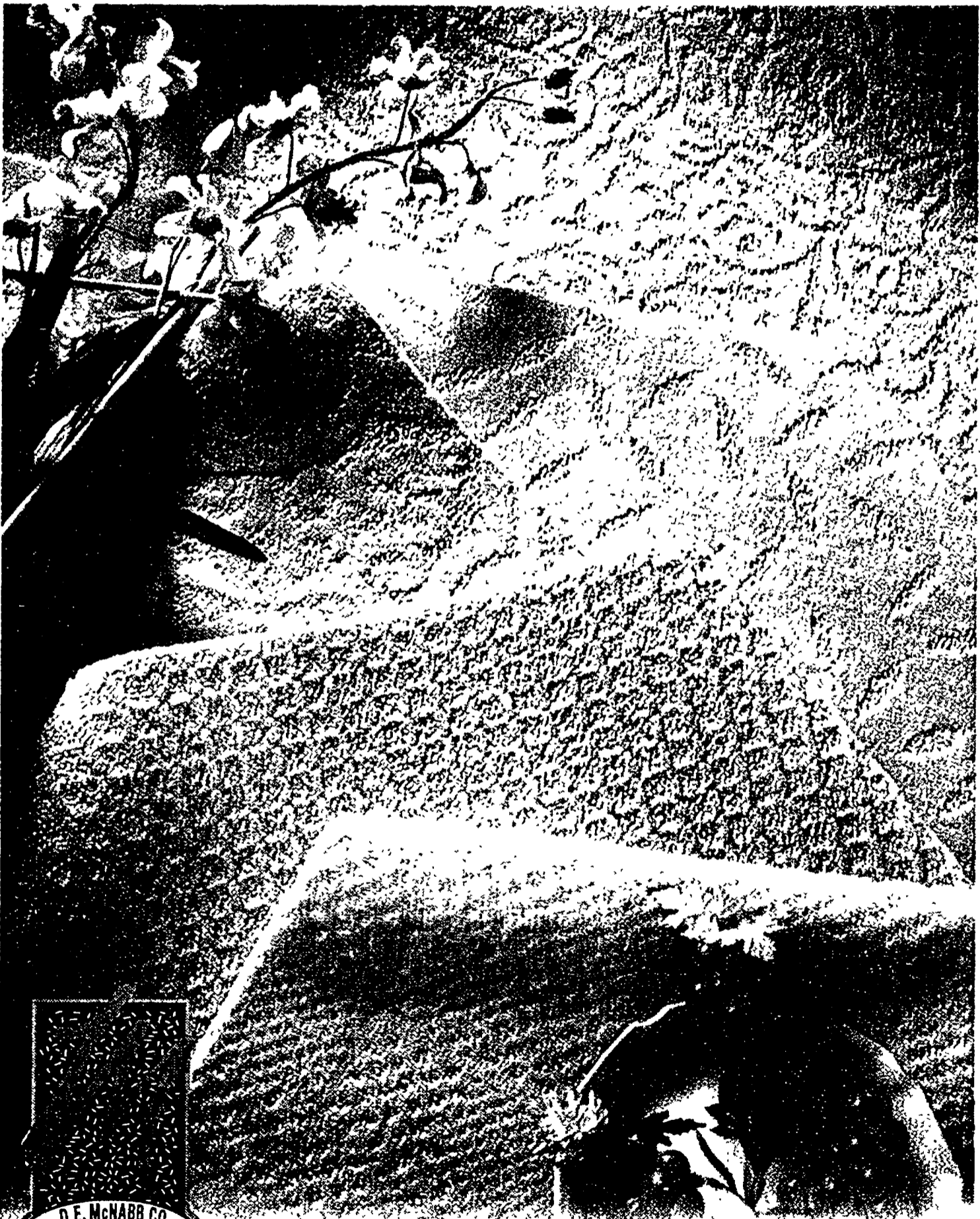
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Chet Jankowski concentrates as he scales the rock climbing wall at Pumpkinfest.



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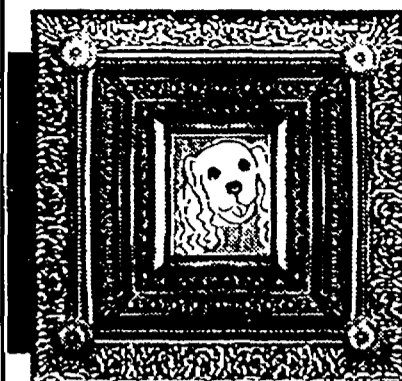
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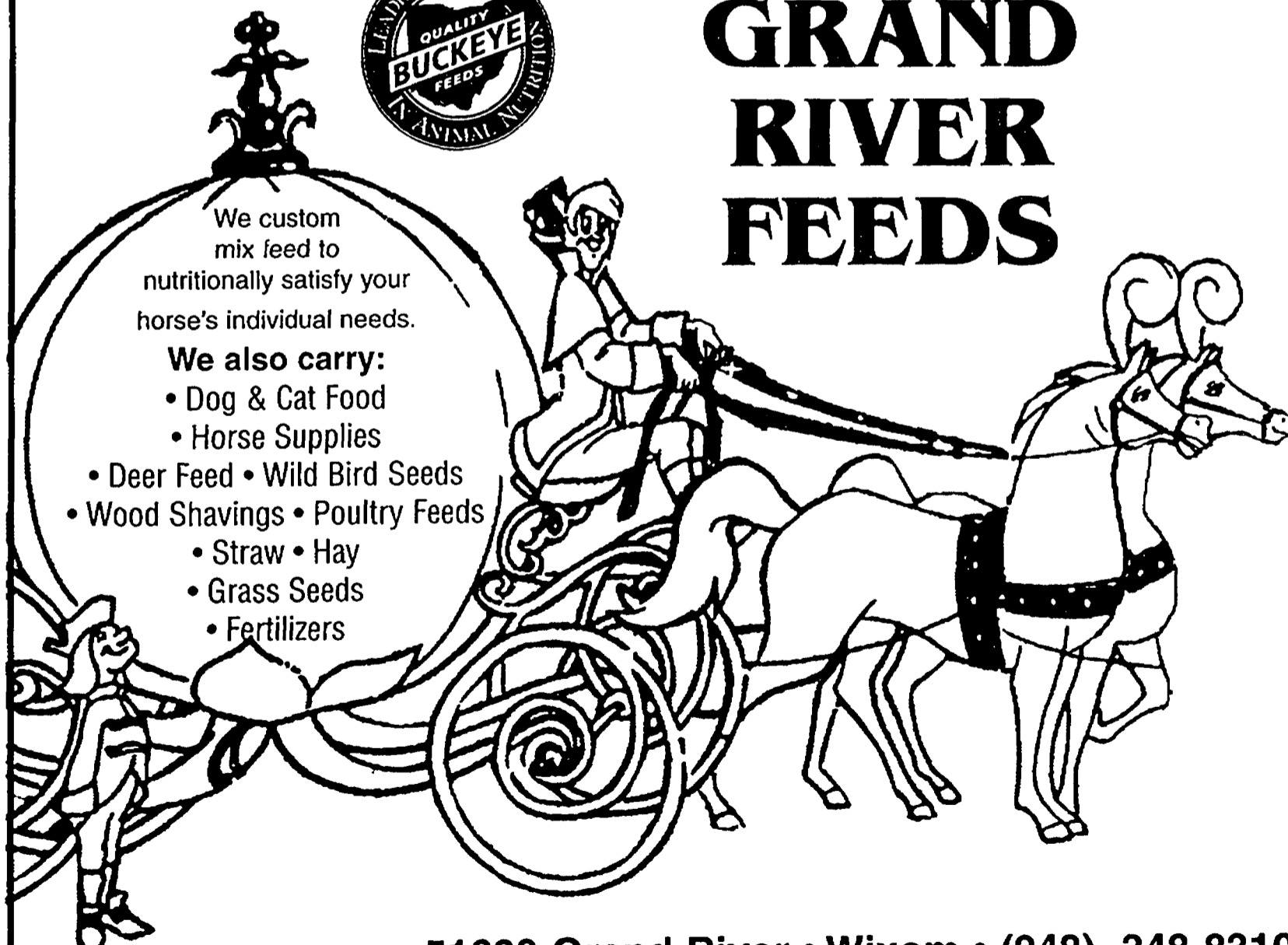


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The South Lyon Kiwanis was one of the founding sponsors of Pumpkinfest, Legendary Kiwanian and civic activist, the late Dean Sparks, spearheaded the formation of our largest local event.

This year the South Lyon Kiwanis was happy to sponsor, along with the South Lyon Golden K, the Key Club at South Lyon High School. Key Club is a student led community service and leadership training organization. Key Club is open to all high school and welcomes their participation.

South Lyon Kiwanis is active in a number of projects serving many segments of the community.

Some are:

- Reading is Fundamental (RIF)
- Christmas in April
- "Don't Shake a Baby" Campaign
- Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner
- Annual Christmas Tree Sales
- Active Faith
- Scholarships of graduating seniors
- South Lyon Youth Assistance
- Law Enforcement Career Academy
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp
- Adopt-a-Road
- Mott's Children Hospital
- Community Support Team
- South Lyon Key Group



**Among its volunteer projects, South Lyon Kiwanis Club cleans a two-mile stretch of Pontiac Trail.**

## Senior All Night Party

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Your support is much appreciated and vital to our efforts. Our members is open to men and women 18 and over. We meet each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Kiwanis Hall, 288 N. Warren, for dinner, fellowship and service. For more information, call Phil Weipert at (248) 486-1100. The members of Kiwanis will also be serving breakfast and much in the six grade cafeteria at South Lyon Millennium Middle School during Pumpkinfest.

## Kiwanis Pumpkinfest menu

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# Knights of Columbus serve greater South Lyon

**By Stephanie Rutherford**

STAFF WRITER

The Knights of Columbus are known for being active in both their community and the Catholic Church.

"Our volunteer programs support the church, the community and the youth of the area," said John F. Betley, Grand Knight of the Fr. Battersby chapter in South Lyon.

The Knights of Columbus are the world's largest Catholic family fraternal organization. The local chapter council of the Knights meets at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in South Lyon.

St. Joseph's pastor, Rev. Fr. Kenneth Chase, serves and the council chaplain.

This year the Knights were successful in their annual fundraising drives; including the Mental Retardation Drive, which assisted several area charities.

"Due to the generosity of the city and local busi-

nesses we have been able to support such organizations as the South Lyon Community Schools, the St. Louis Center and the Special Olympics of Oakland County," said Betley.

As in past years, the Knights will host a community Free Throw basketball competition to raise money for charities such as the Holy Cross Children's Services.

In addition, the local Knights of Columbus keep busy throughout the year with blood donations, Catholic League Prep Bowl, Special Olympics, dinners and parish fish-fries and the annual Children's Christmas Party.

"We would like to extend a sincere thanks to all the generous citizens of the community for their support," Betley said. "We hope their charitable attitude continues in days to come."

The Fr. Battersby Council of the Knights of Columbus meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

## Knights announce officers of local chapter

Father Battersby Knights of Columbus Council 7586 in South Lyon announced its officers for 2003.

The officers are Grand Knight S.K. John F. Betley P.G.K.F.D.D., Chaplain Father Ken Chase, Deputy Grand Knight Larry Sebastian, Chancellor Joseph Betz and Recorder Larry Florian.

Other officers name are Financial Secretary S.K. Robert von Berge, P.G.K., Treasurer Frank Urban, Advocate Ray Tolinski, Warden George Goga and Inside Guard James Bridson.

The board of trustees includes Jon Albert, Joe Piscopo and Fred Heiler.

Grand Knight John Betley has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 15 years, serving in the positions of State Director, Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight. A resident of Brighton, Michigan Grand Knight Betley is retired from Ford Motor Company.

With 1.6 million members, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization.

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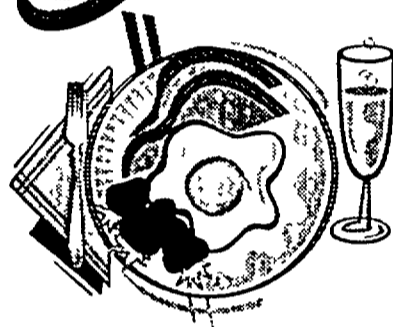
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The historical societies of our communities are in great need of man power and monetary help. If you would like to help the historical society in your township or city, please call one of the societies listed below:

## **Brighton Area Historical Society**

P.O. Box 481

Brighton, MI 48116

Board meets the 4th Monday of the month at the Brighton District Library, 100 Library Dr., Brighton.

Marieanna Bair (810) 229-6402.

## **Green Oak Twp., Historical Society**

P.O. Box 84

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## **Northfield Twp., Historical Society**

Holds four board meetings and four general meetings, spring, summer, fall and winter each year. Recently released updated book of township history, Northfield Harvest.

President, Rusty Towers, (734) 665-8077.

## **Salem Area Historical Society**

P.O. Box 75228 Salem, MI 48175

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month, except in the summer, 7:30 p.m. at the Jarvis Stone School, at Curtis Road and North Territorial.

President, Bob Riddering, (248) 349-3550.

## **South Lyon Historical Society**

P.O. Box 263

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Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Witch's Hat Depot Museum hosts Depot Days, early September. Museum is located at 300 Dorothy Street, hours April to November are Thursdays 1 - 4 p.m. and Sundays, 1 - 5 p.m. (248) 437-9929.

## **Howell Area Historical Society**

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## **Washtenaw County Historical Society**

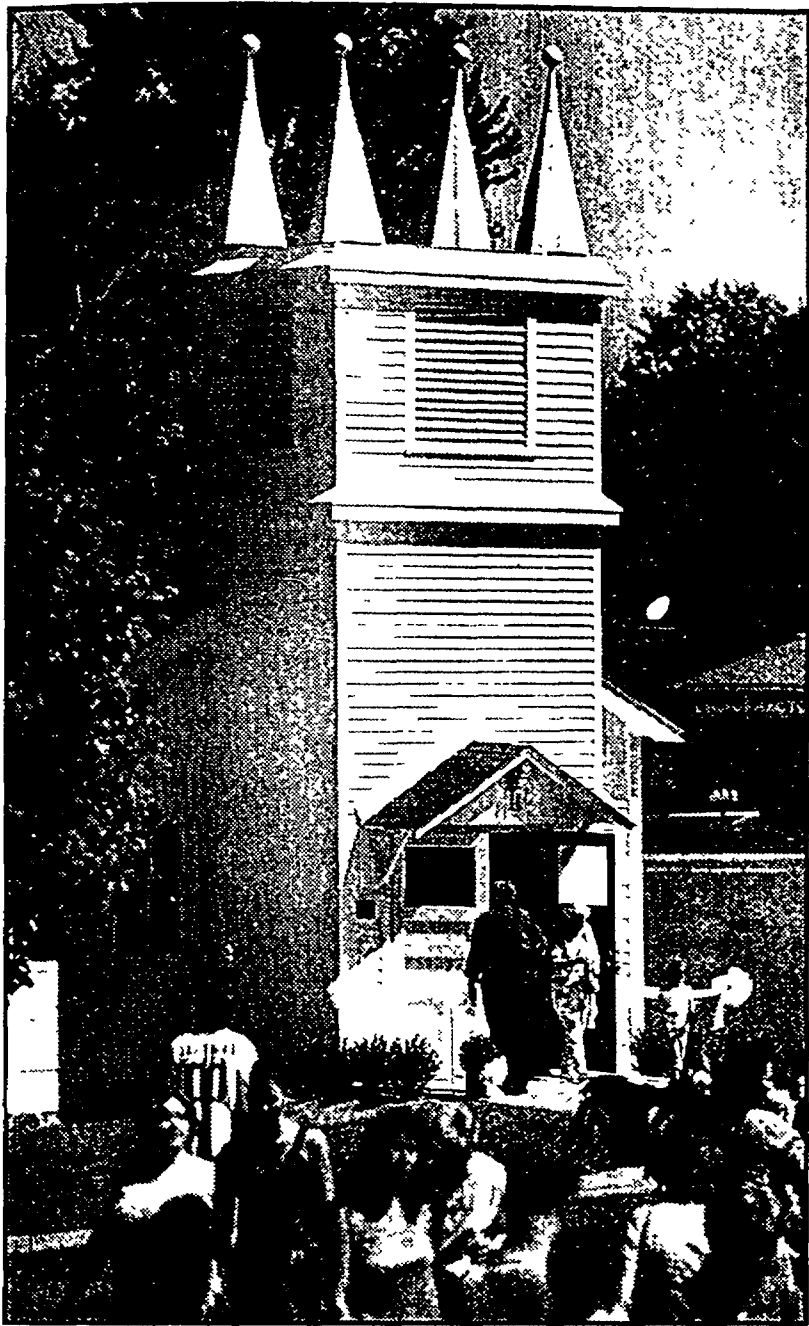
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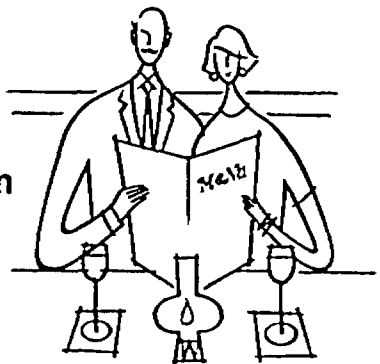
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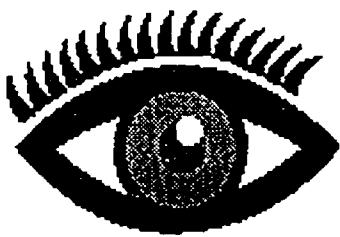
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Kathy Reed, (248) 437-9790  
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**Artrcraft Quilters**  
Meets the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at  
W.K. Smith Community Center, adjacent to the Lyon  
Township Library.

**Christmas In April**  
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nomically disadvantaged on the last Saturday in  
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Patricia Carcone, (248) 437-2240.

**Civil Air Patrol**  
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cadet programs, community involvement.  
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Chief Master Sgt. W. Pyles, (248) 486-3397  
Maj. C. Seaberg, (248) 437-7894

**Fr. Battersby Council Knights of Columbus**  
Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at  
St. Joseph Catholic Church.  
Wally Wolfe, (248) 486-5198

**The Fine Arts Society of South Lyon**  
Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.  
February through May and September through  
November at the Salem-South Lyon Library. Ruth  
Luce, (248) 437-4223.

**The Four Seasons Garden Club**  
Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the South  
Lyon High School Activity Center, 7 p.m. Annual  
seed and plant exchange held in July. (248) 437-  
8751.

**Friends of Salem-South Lyon District Library**  
Meets the third Thursday of every month from  
7:30 - 9 p.m. at the Salem-South Lyon Library.  
Jeanette Benson, (248) 437-3833.

**Golden K Kiwanis Club**  
Meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Kiwanis Hall,  
288 N. Warren. Raymond Tolinski, (248) 437-0681.

**Kiwanis Club of South Lyon**  
Meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis  
Hall, 288 N. Warren. Don Beck, (248) 437-1700.



**The South Lyon High School Band  
marches with its Star Dancer in last  
year's pumpkinfest parade.**

**Lyon Area Lions Club**  
Meets the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.  
at the South Lyon Woods Community Center. White  
Cane Drive is held the last Friday and Saturday in  
October. Gordon Bunn, (248) 437-0237.

**Lyonette Quilters**  
Meets the first Wednesday of the month at noon in  
the W.K. Smith Community Center, adjacent to the  
Lyon Township Library.

**Masonic Lodge F & A No. 319**  
Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30  
p.m. except July and August at the South Lyon  
Masonic Temple. Gordon Bunn (248) 437-0237.

**Oddfellows**  
Little City Lodge No. 25. Meets the second and  
fourth Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. at the  
Kiwanis Hall, 288 N. Warren.

**Pumpkinfest Committee**  
Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.,  
at the Kiwanis Hall, 288 N. Warren, South Lyon.

**South Lyon Amateur Radio Club**  
Meets the second Sunday of the month at 7:30  
p.m. at the Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy Street.

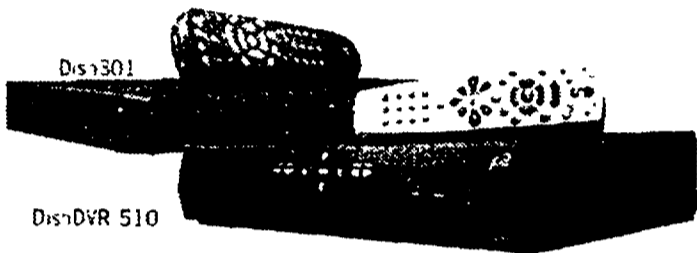
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125 N. Lafayette, Exec. Director, Charlie Robertson, (248) 437-3257.

**South Lyon Area Jaycees**  
Meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Witches Hat Depot. Sabrina Harris (248) 437-6148.

**South Lyon Area Recreation Council**  
Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the South Lyon Recreation Department, 318 W. Lake Street, South Lyon. Steve Lackey (248) 437-8105.

**South Lyon Area Twins Club**  
Meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m. at the Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy Street,

South Lyon. April (248) 437-0892 or Meg Doyle (248) 486-6664.

**South Lyon Area Youth Assistance**  
Board meets the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the South Lyon Center for Active Adults, in the South Lyon High School. Prevention of delinquency, child neglect and abuse through positive community action. Call Stacy Pasini (248) 573-8189 for more information.

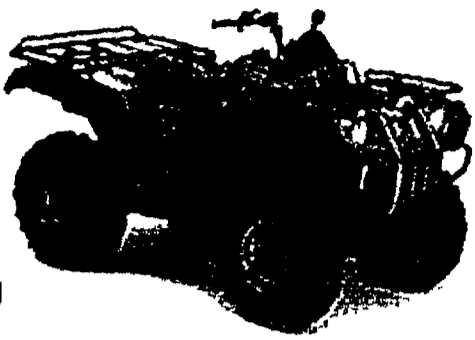
**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
Meets the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall, 125 E. McHattie. Jack Middleton (248) 437-5092.

**VFW Auxiliary**  
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**The Women's Forum**  
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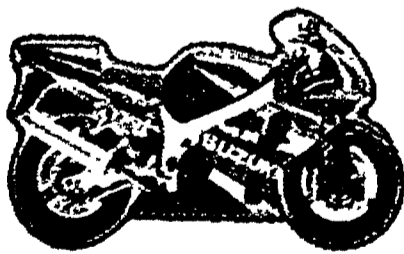


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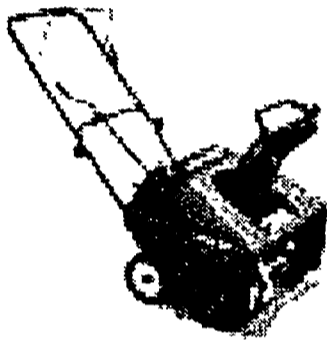
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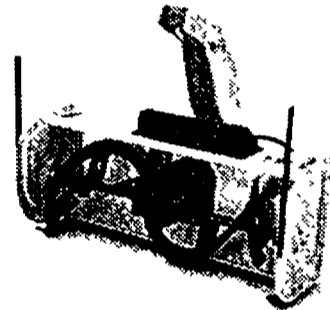
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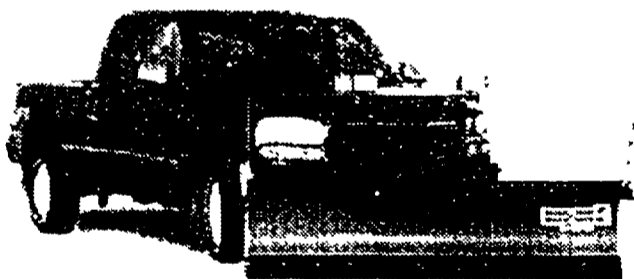
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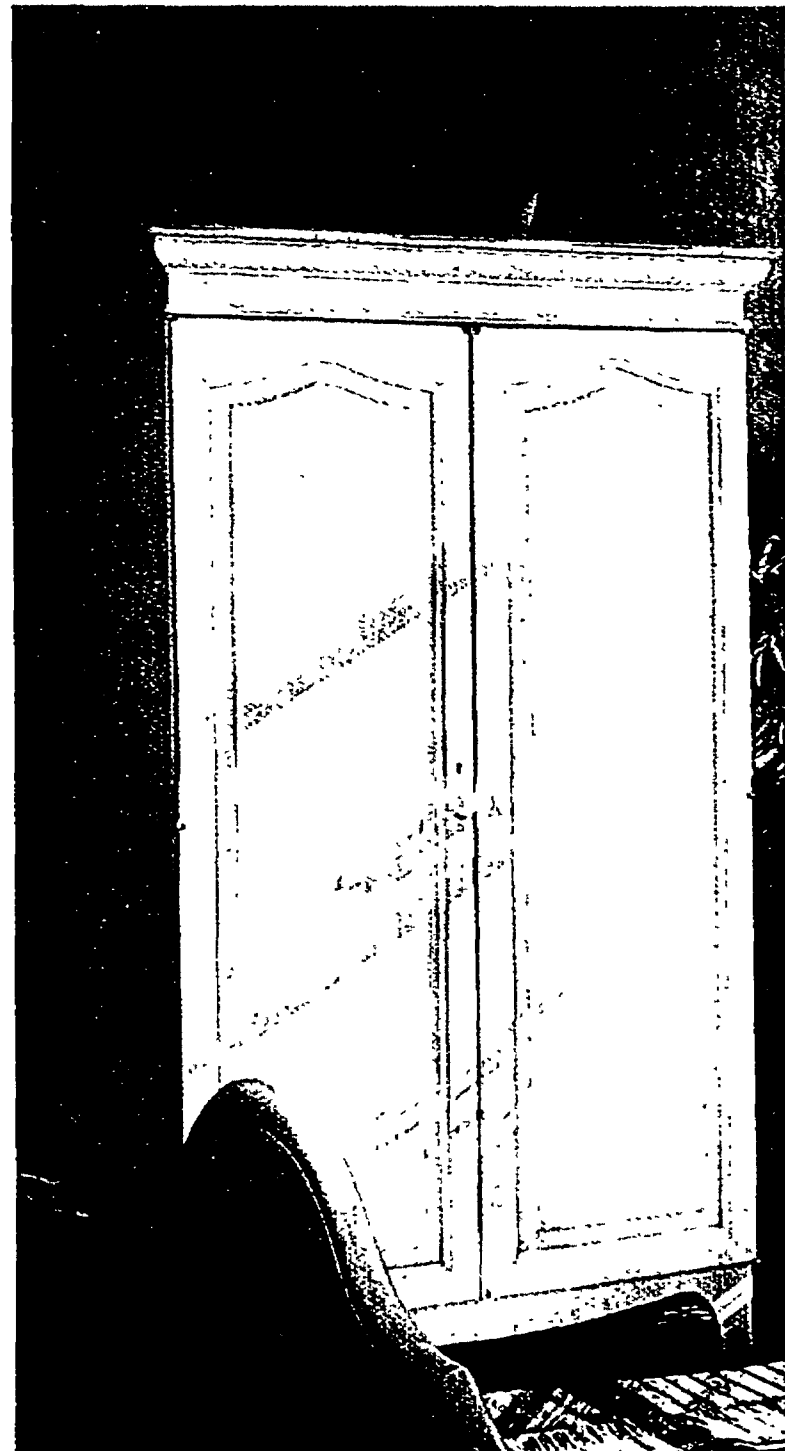
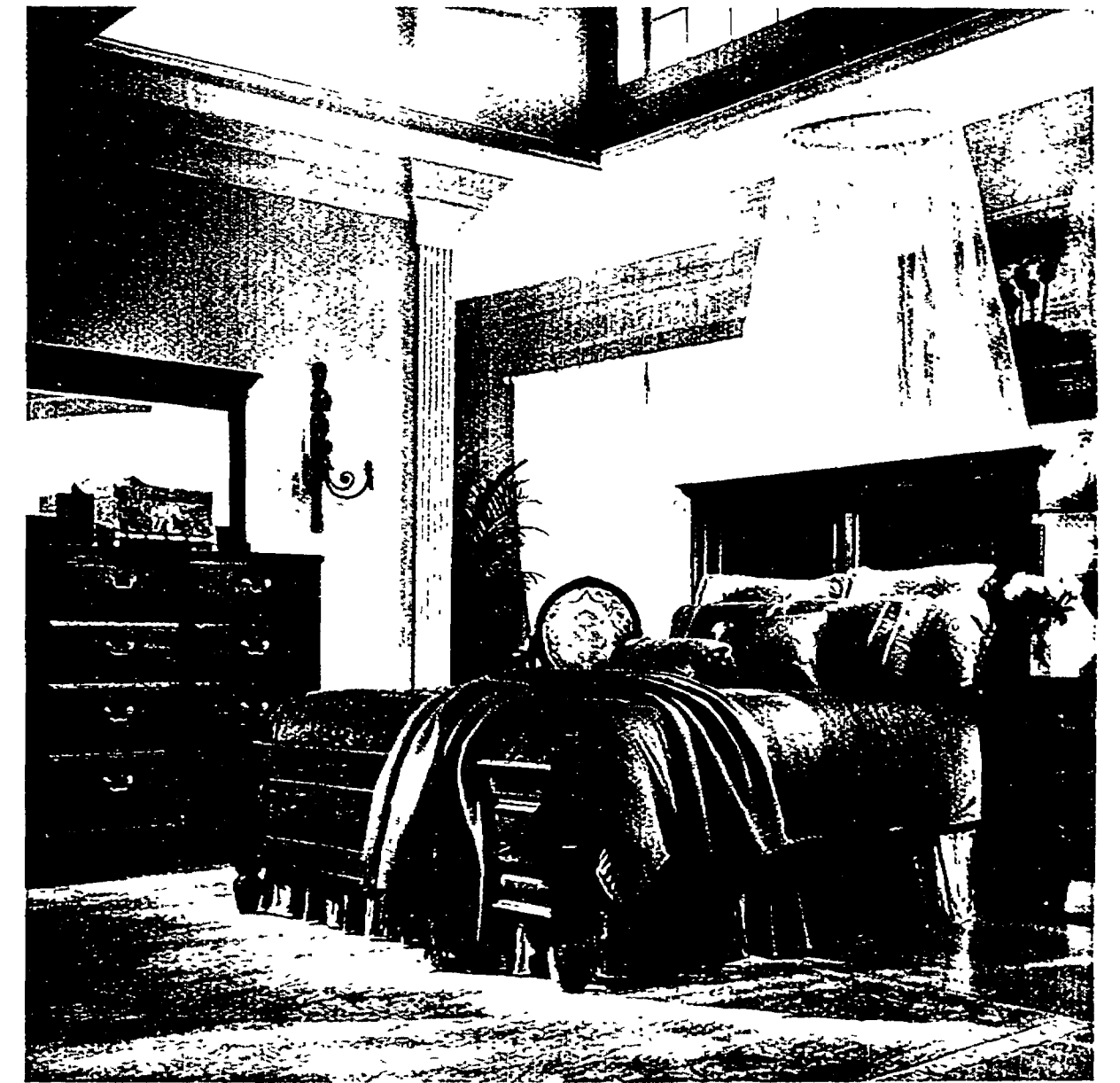
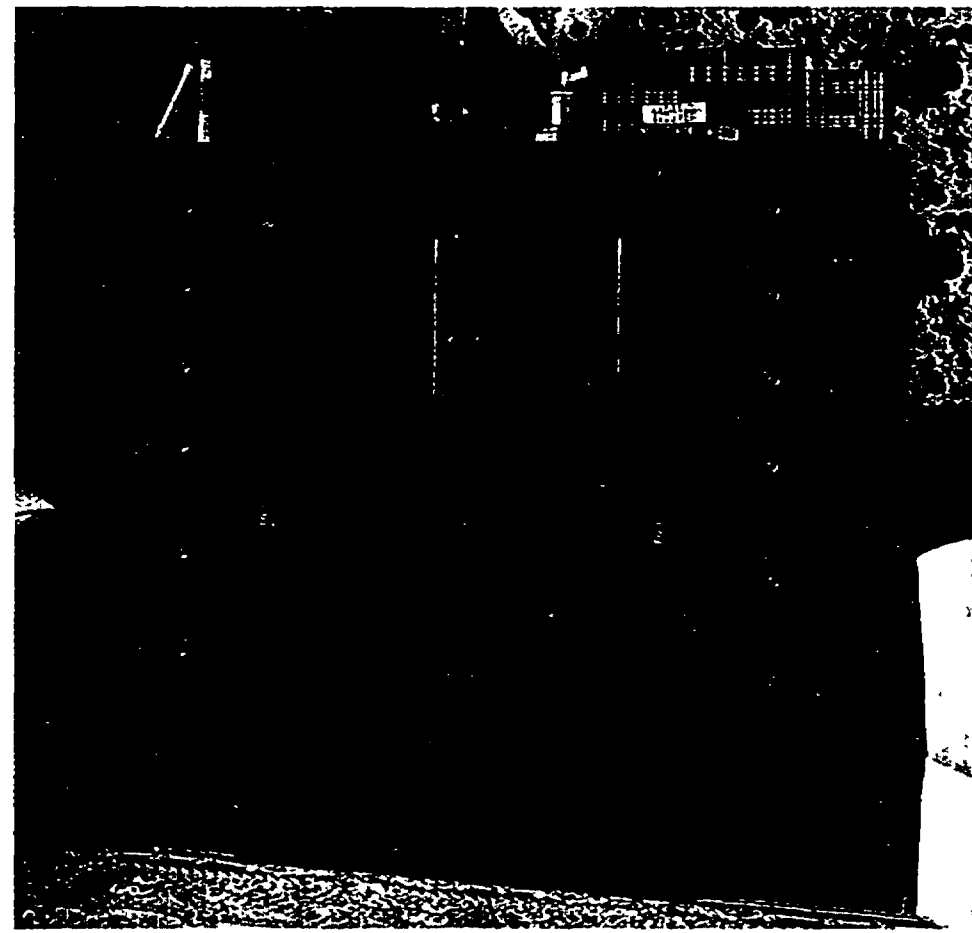
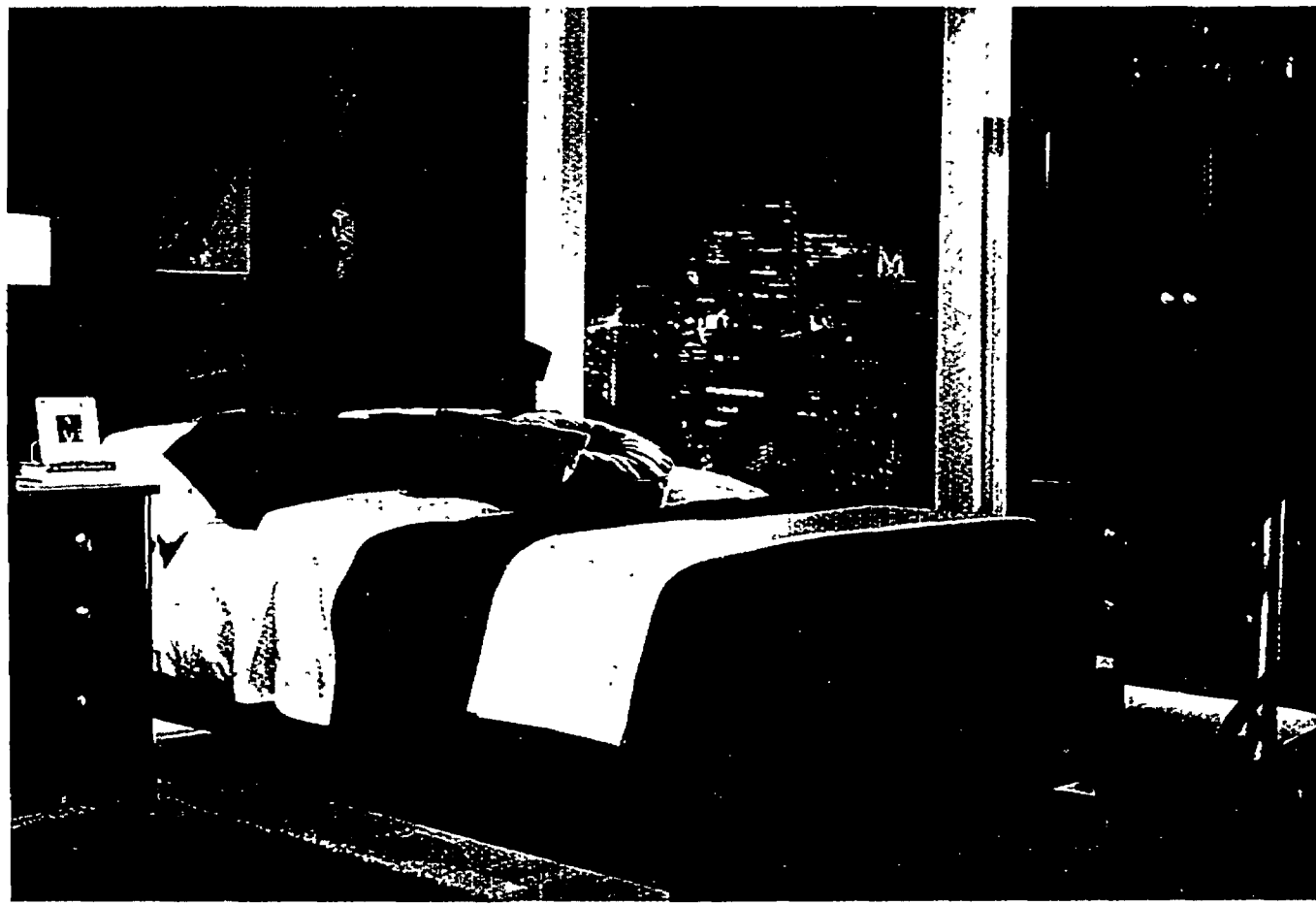
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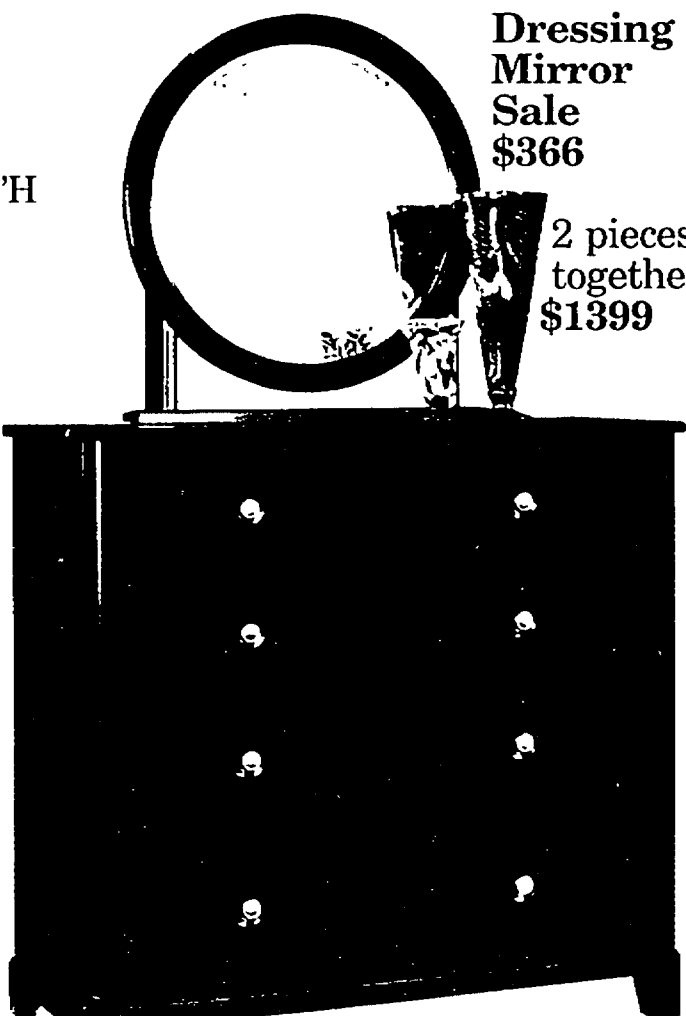
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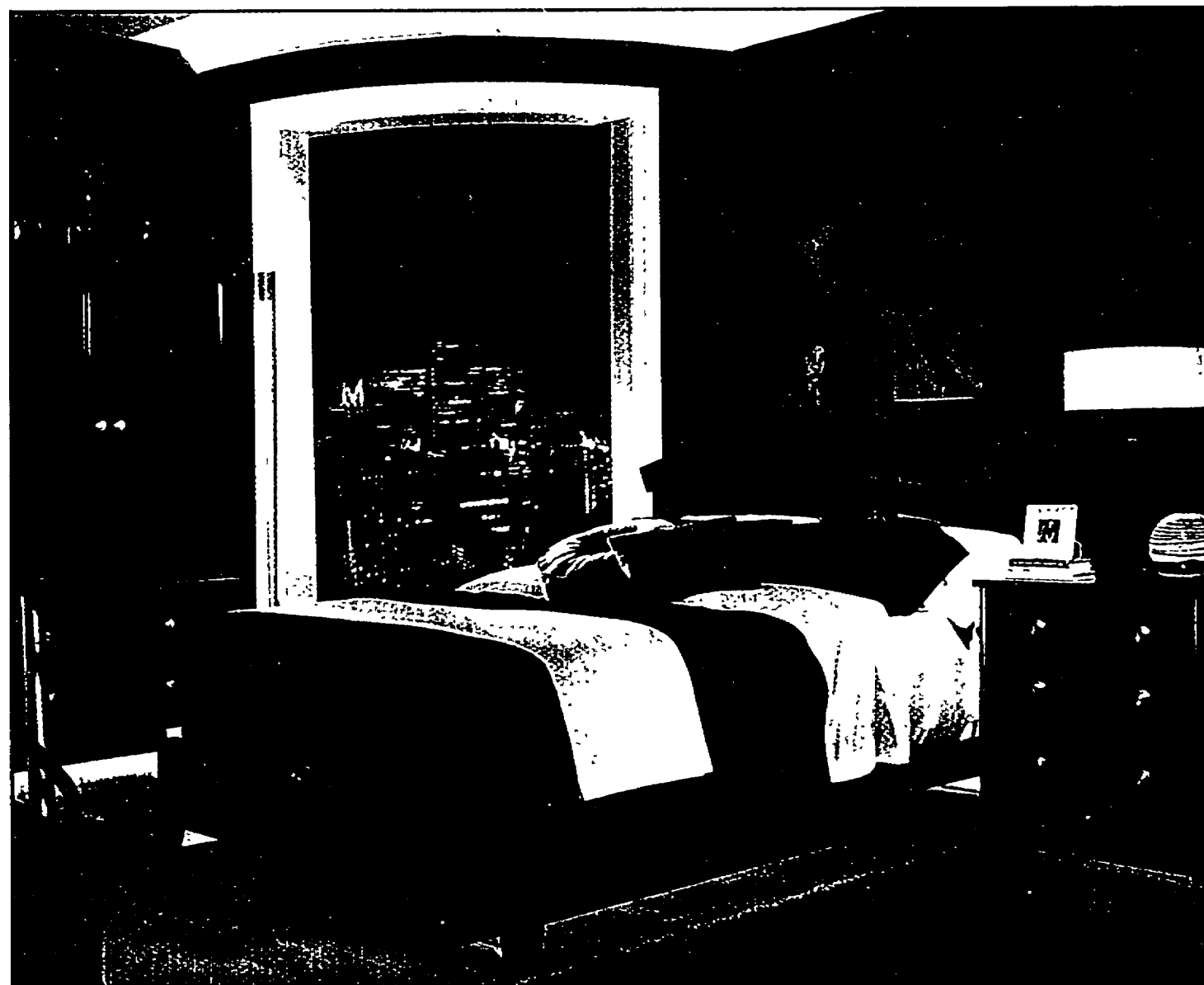
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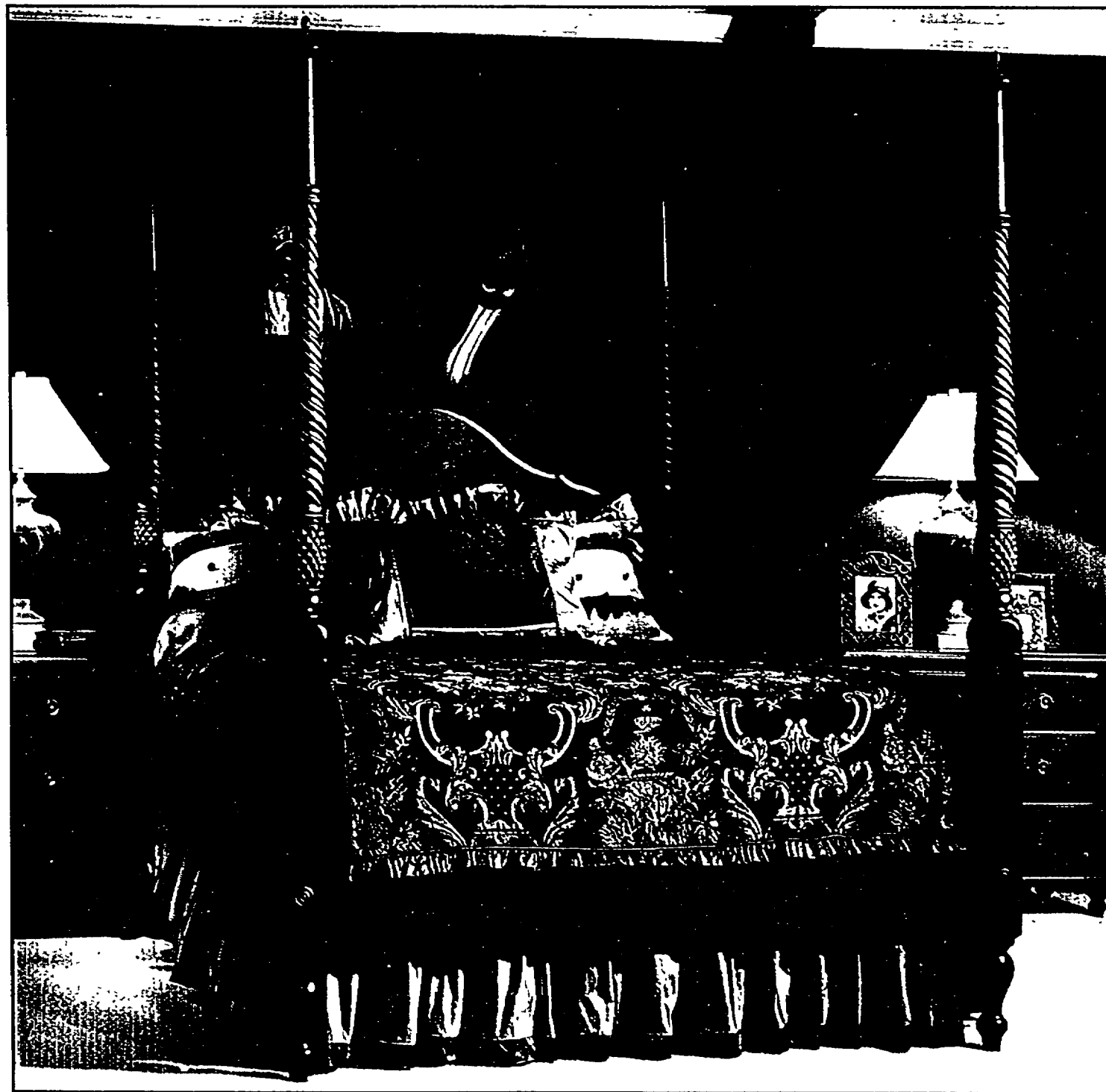
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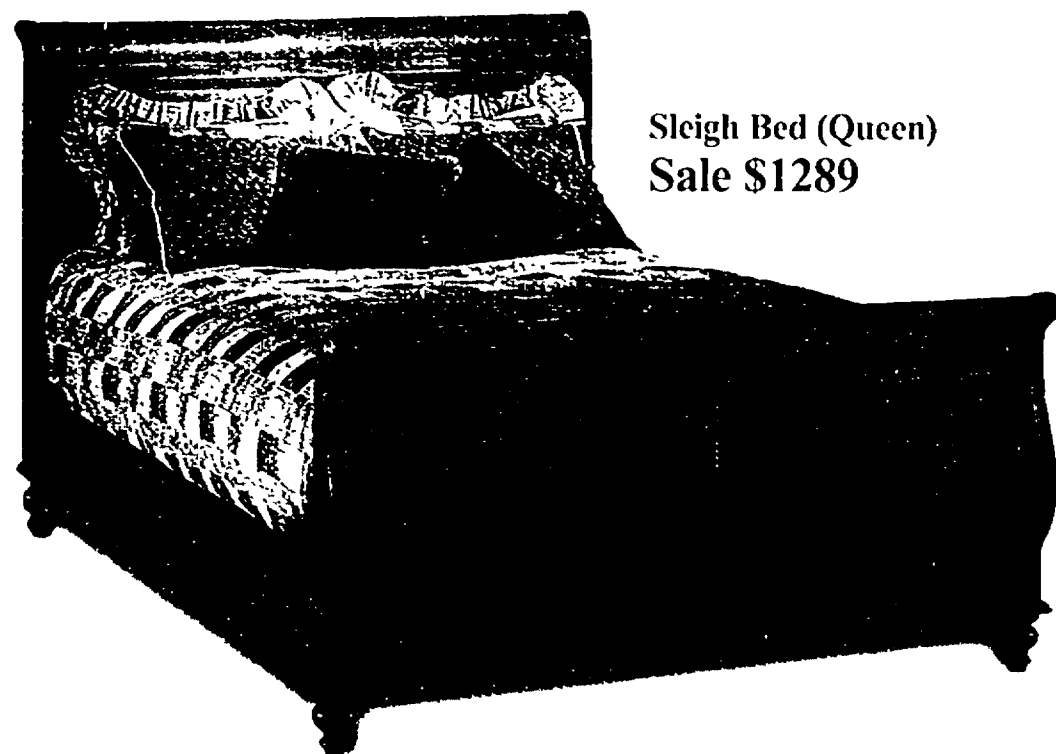
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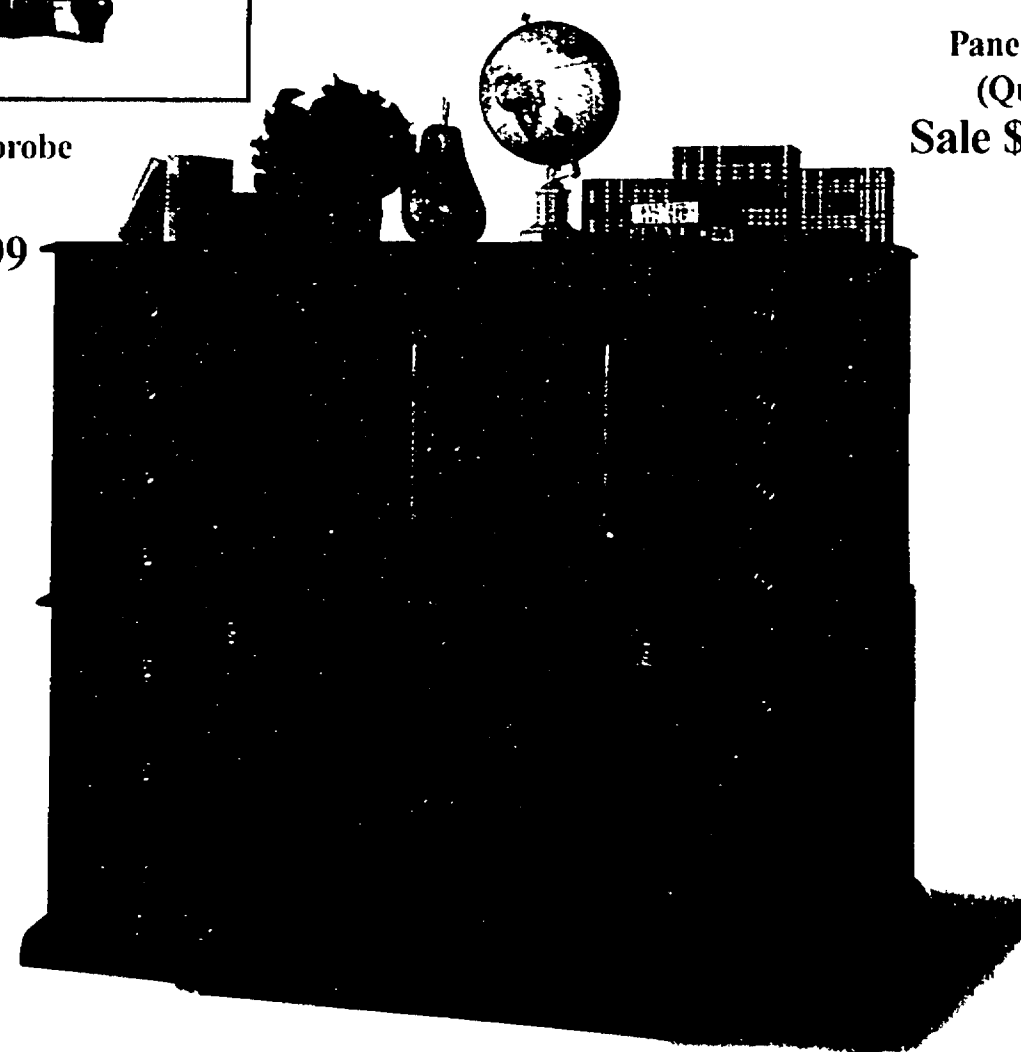
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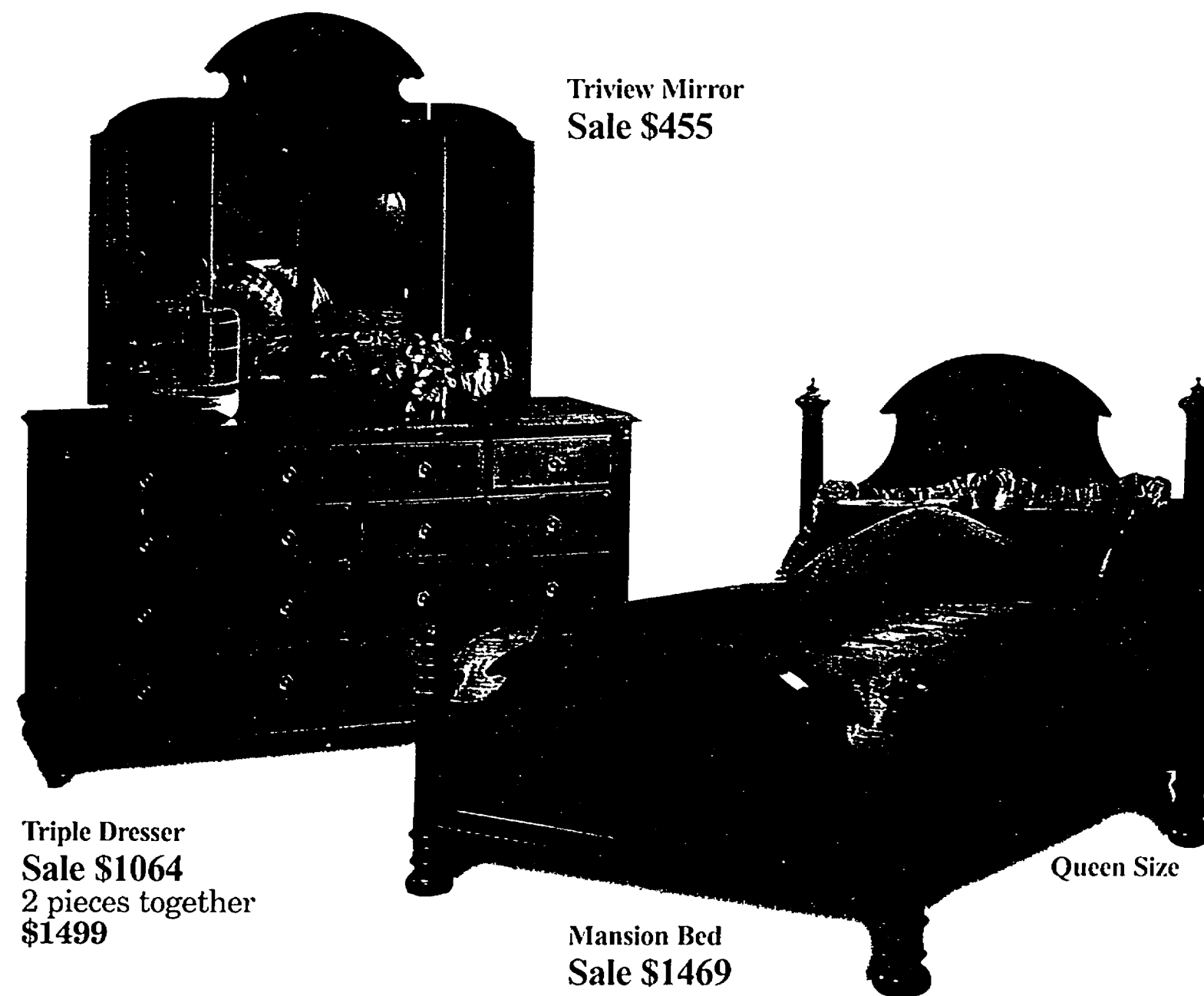


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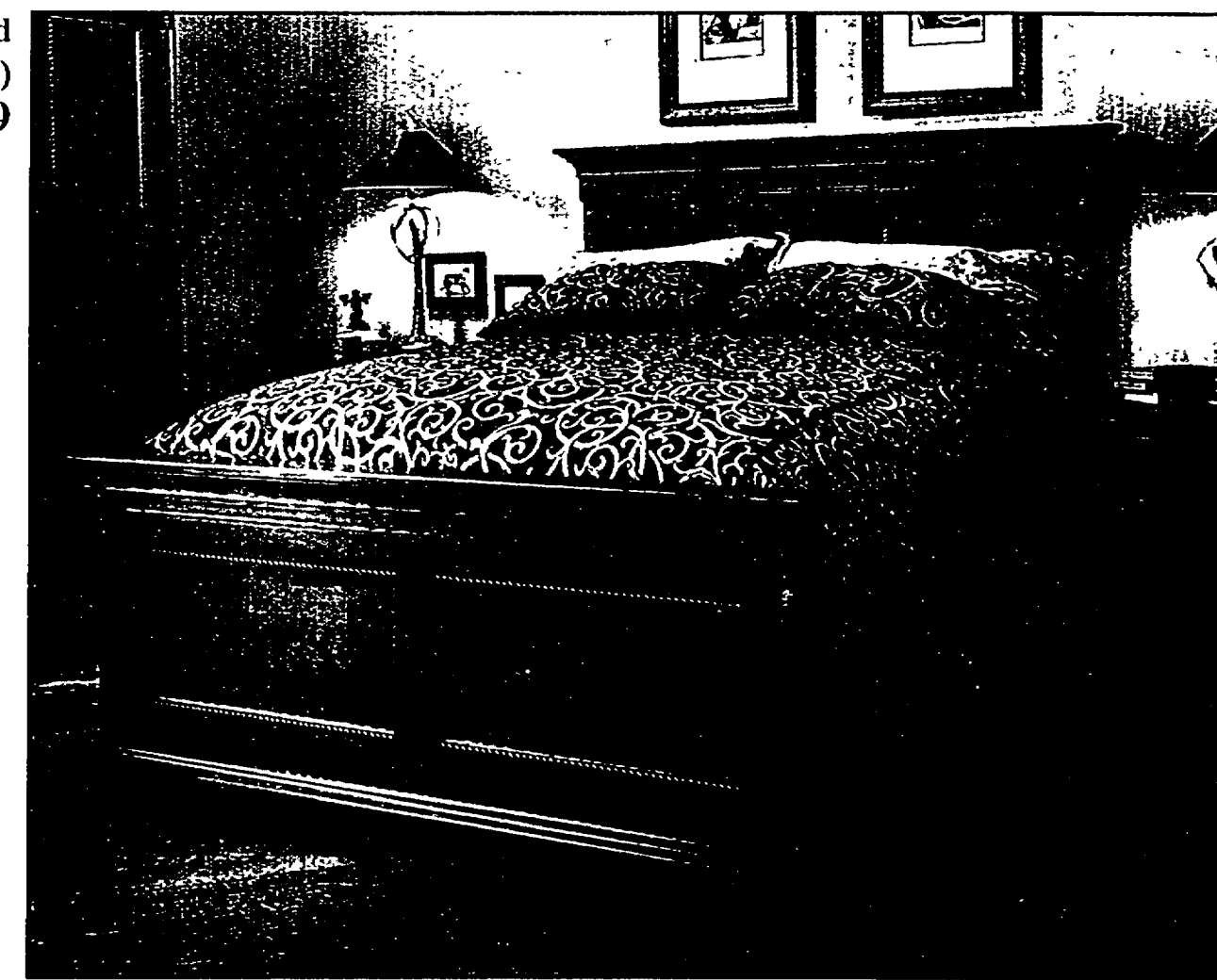
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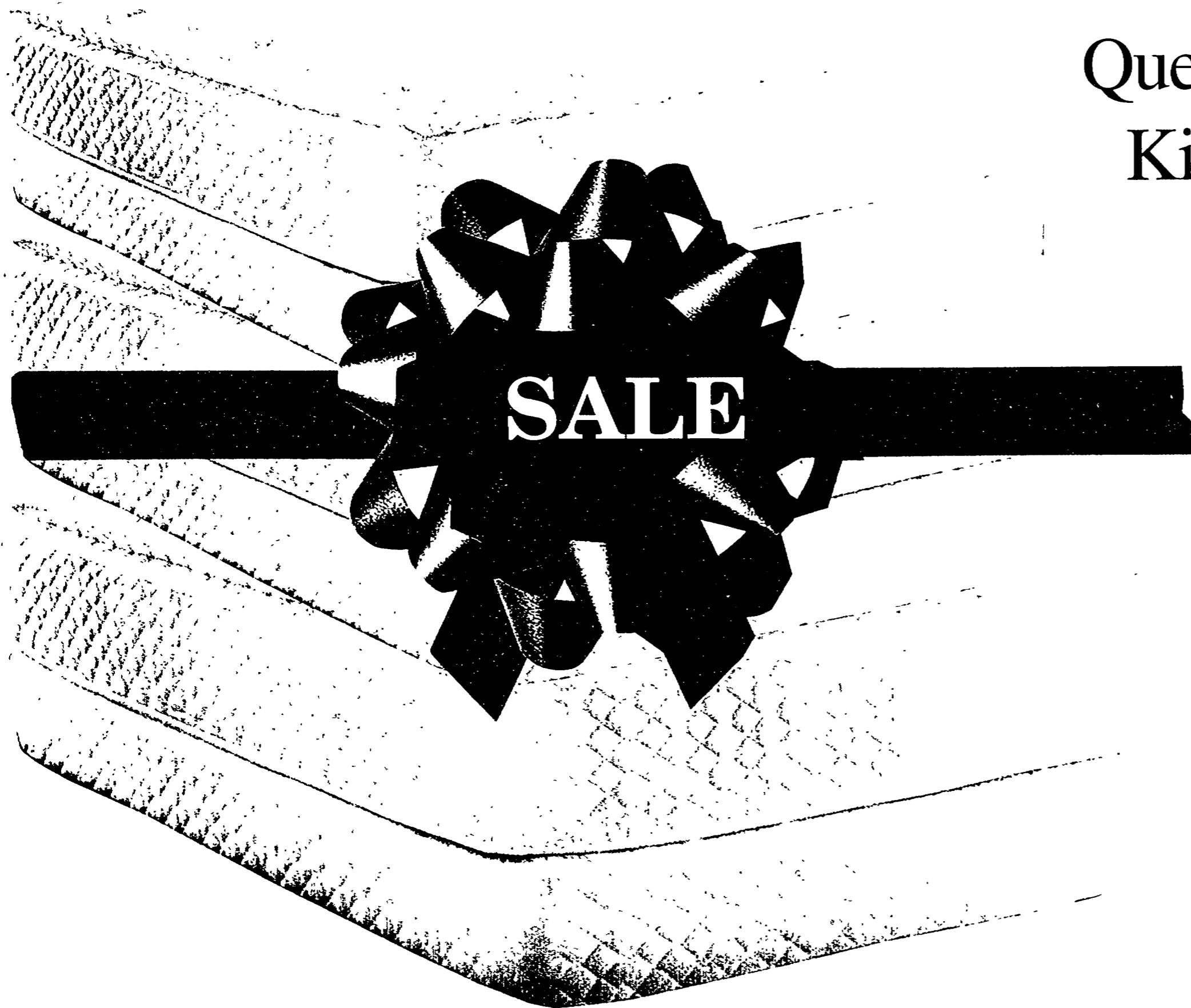
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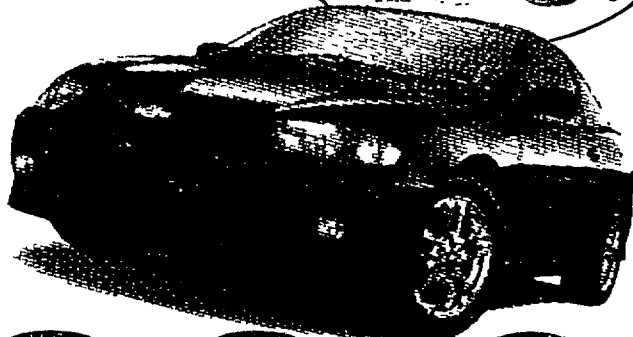
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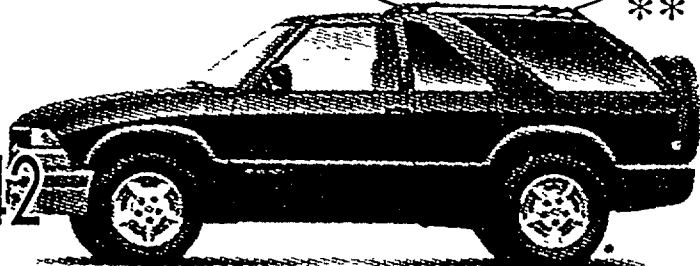
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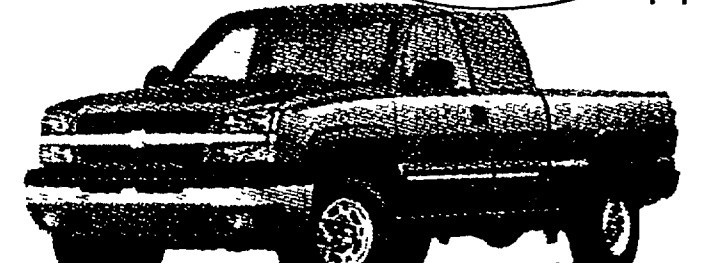


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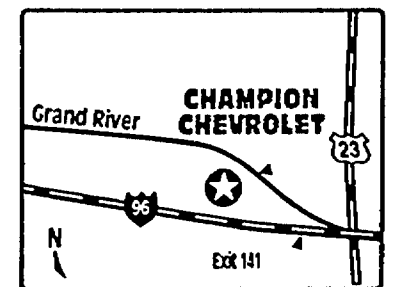
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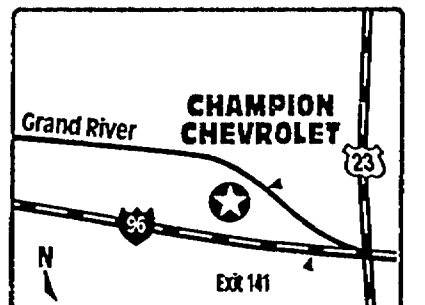
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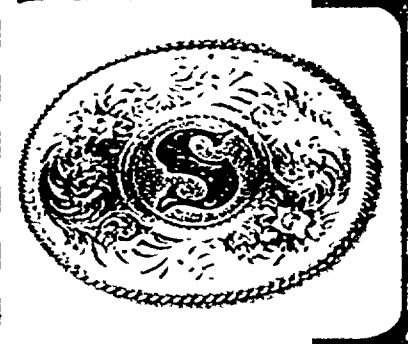
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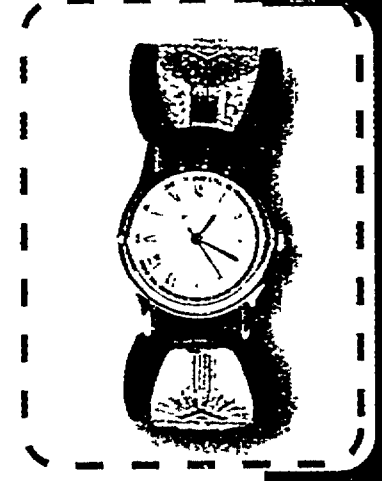
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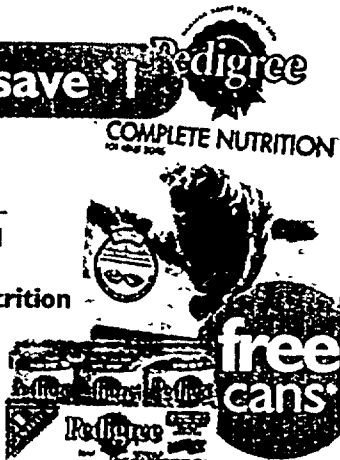
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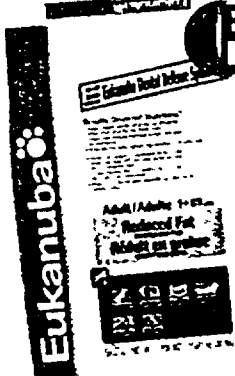
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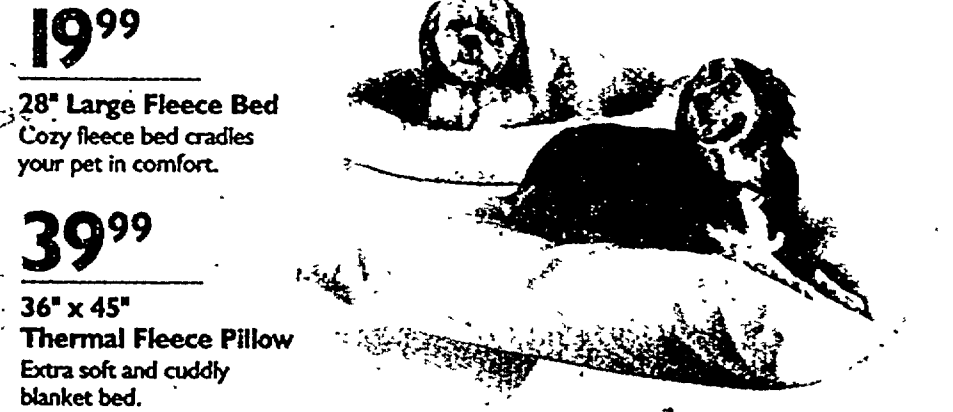


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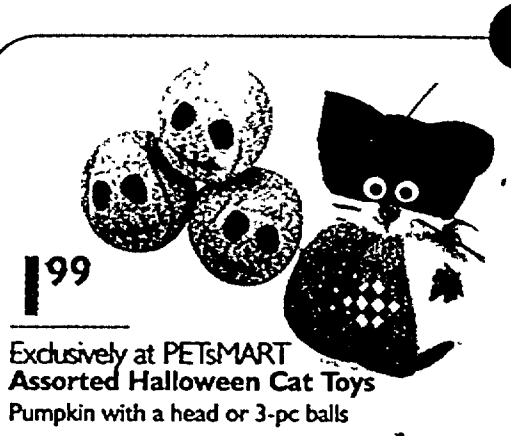
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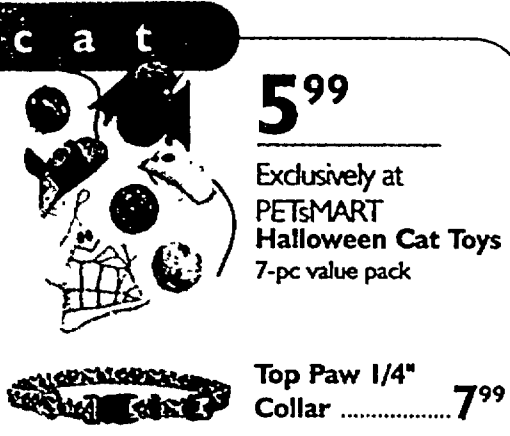
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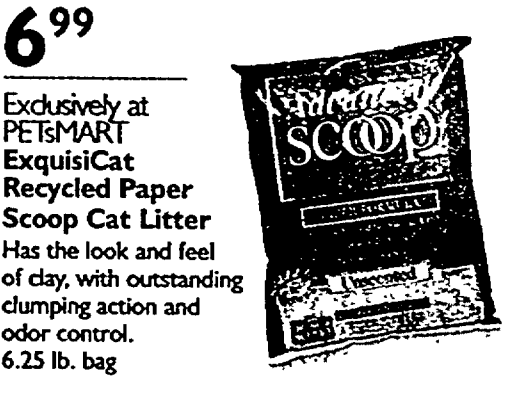
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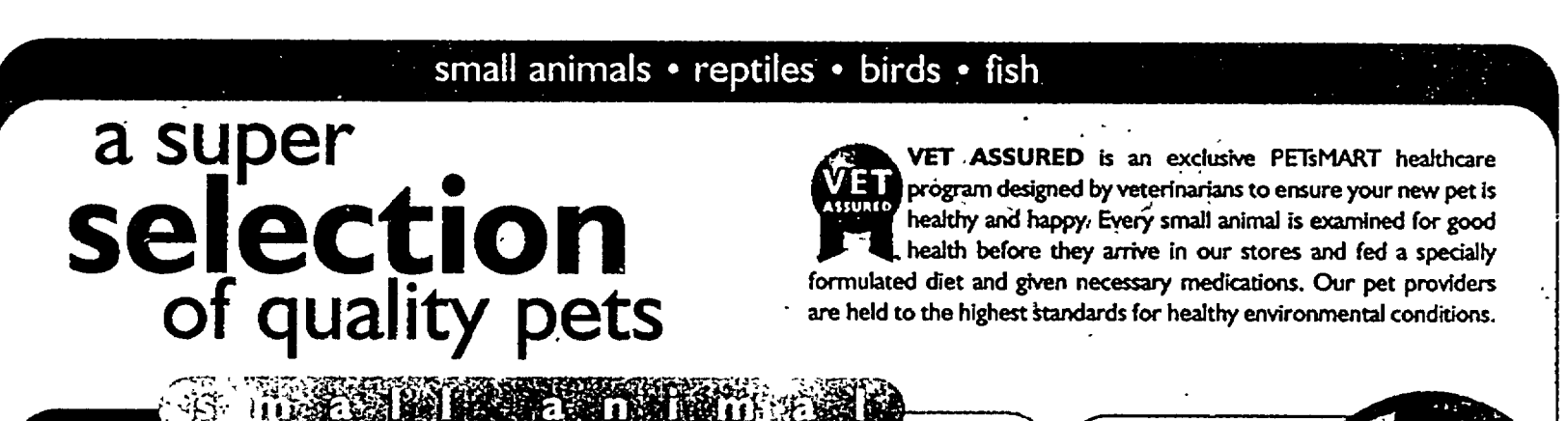


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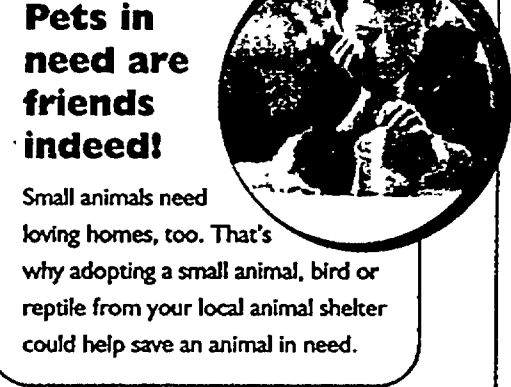
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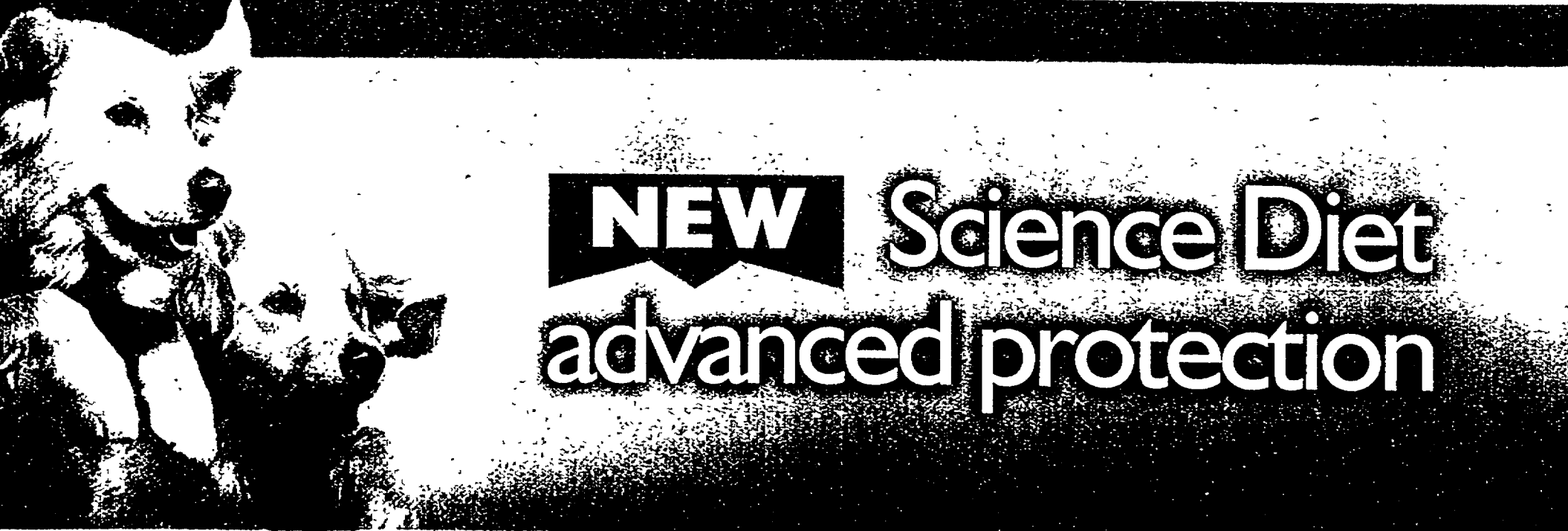


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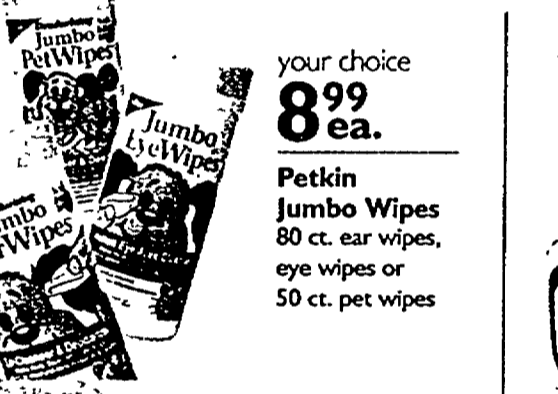
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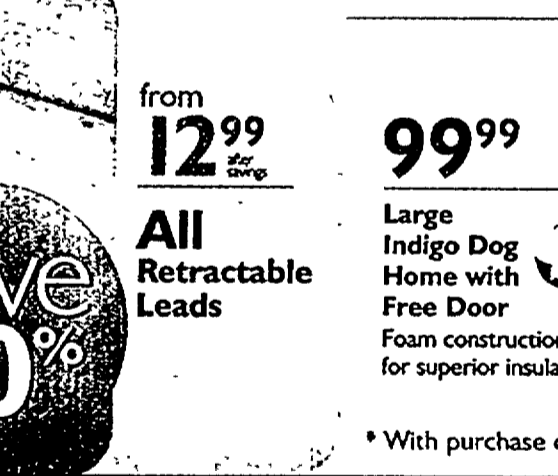


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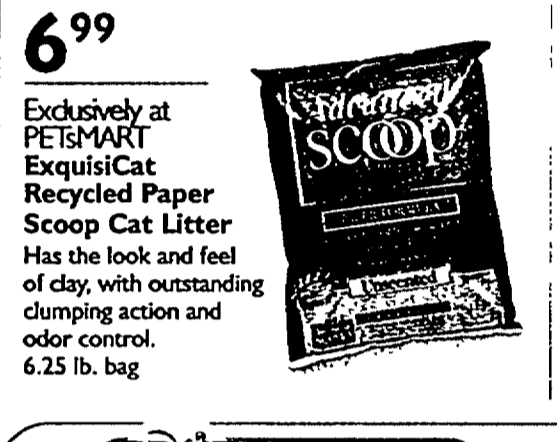
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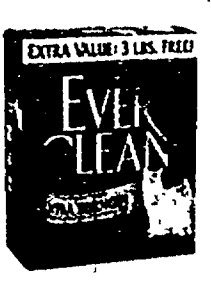


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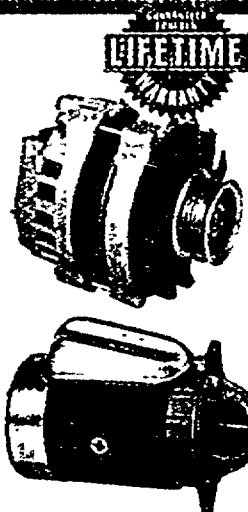
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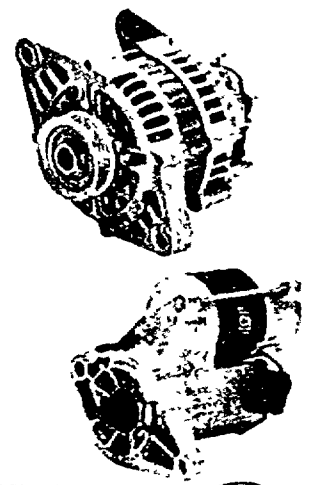
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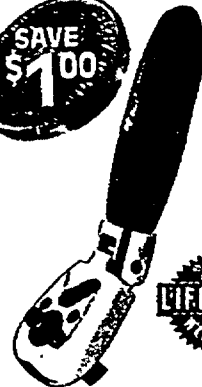
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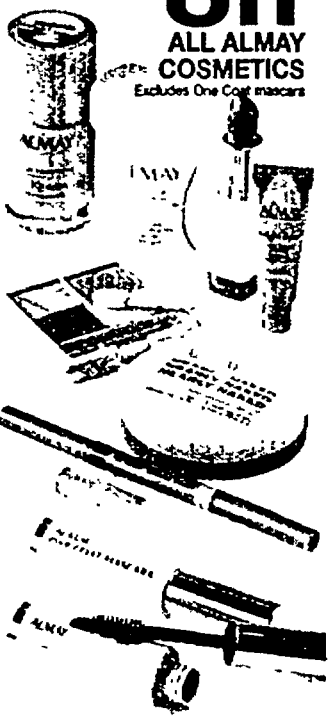


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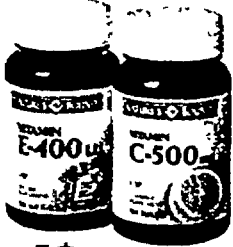
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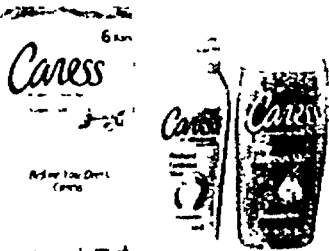
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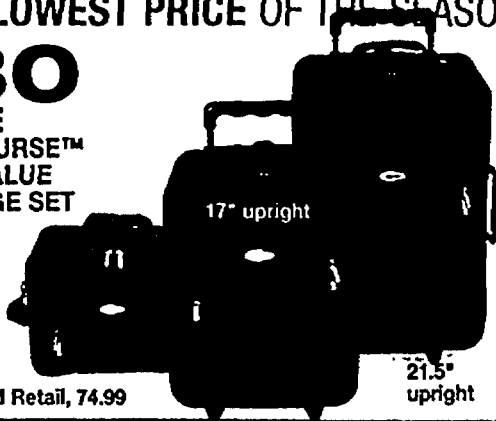
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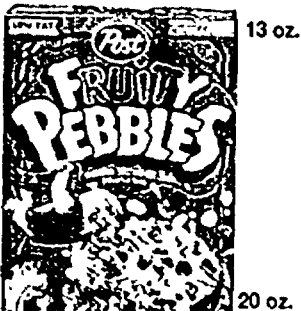
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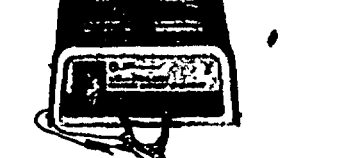
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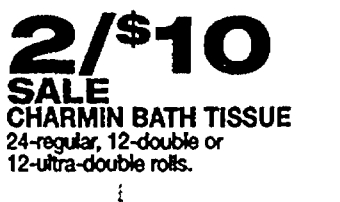
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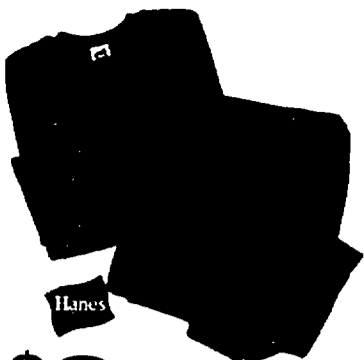


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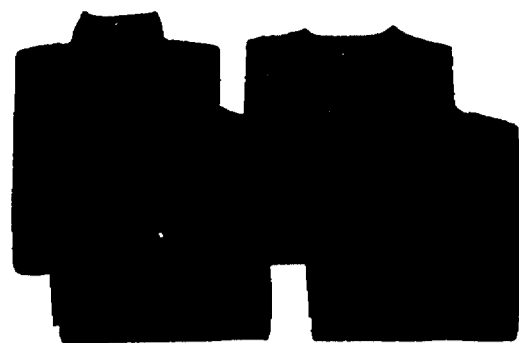
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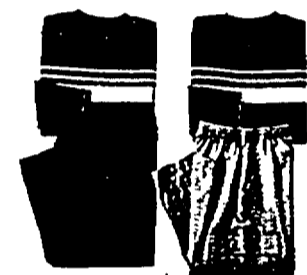
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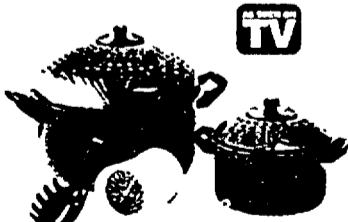
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*Autumn*

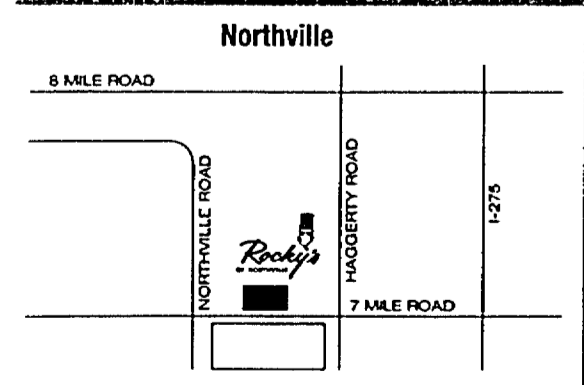
Autumn is the time of year when Michigan's farmlands produce an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables including sweet corn, tomatoes, squash, mushrooms, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, berries and apples.

This autumn Chef Rocky and his band of culinary virtuosos combined their talents to compose a special autumn menu highlighting the many great tastes of the fall harvest.



Join us for a relaxing lunch or dinner next to the fireplace and enjoy such fall specialties as...

- **Grilled Gulf Shrimp** with pesto risotto, cherry tomato, roasted corn salad and Michigan tomato sauce.
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- **Smoked Apple Cider Chicken Linguine** with tart apples, dried cranberries and walnuts.
- **Indian Spice Rubbed Pork Loin** served with sweet potato pancake, braised cabbage, natural sauce and crispy onions.
- **Black Walnut Encrusted Whitefish** with sweet corn sauce.
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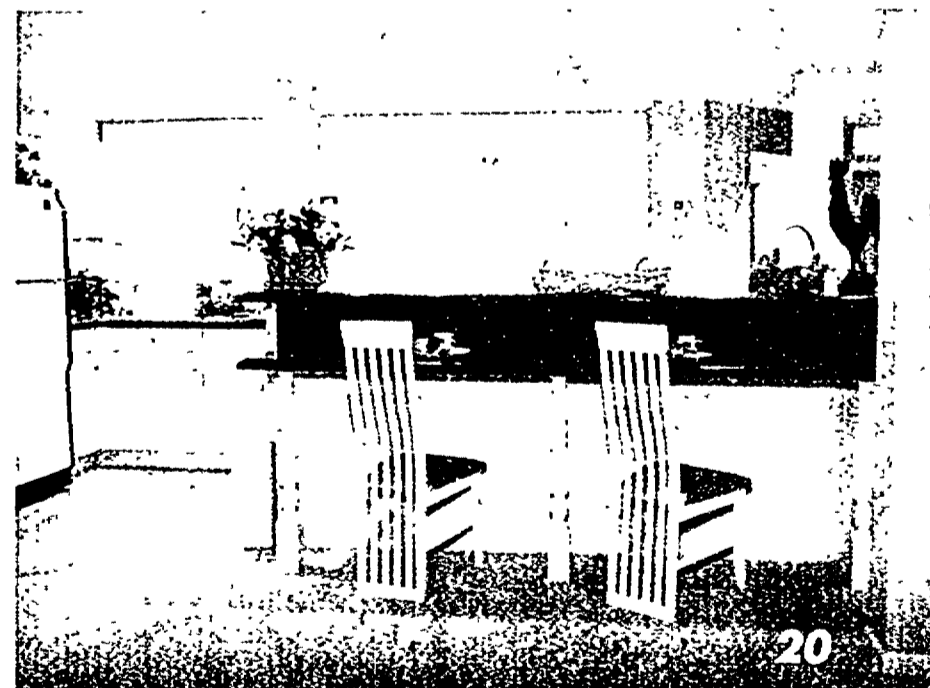
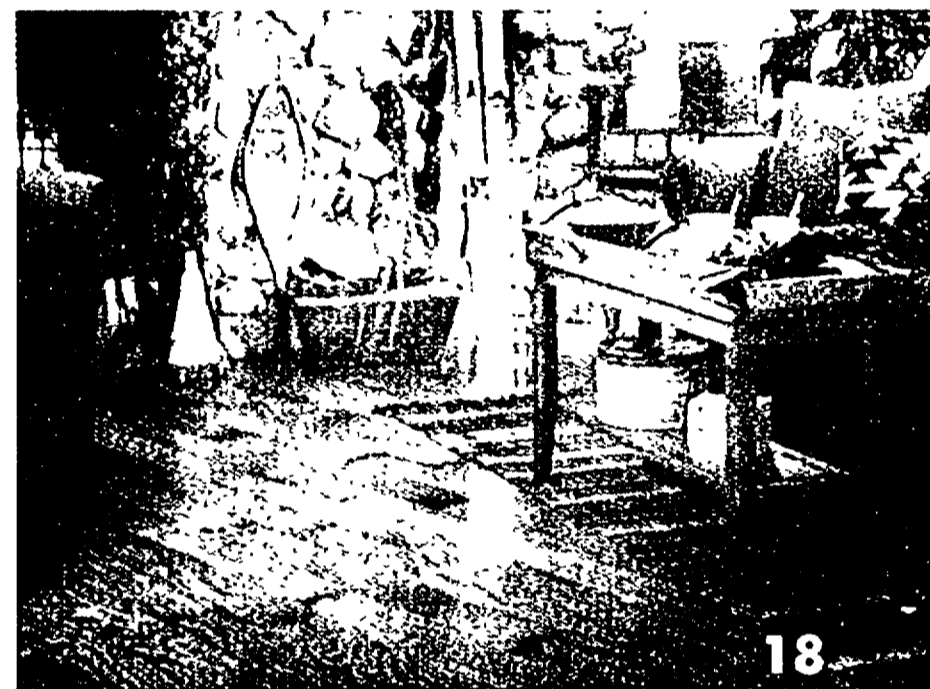
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# BONNIE BROOK HOMES

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BUILDER OF THE MONTH



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here's no dealing with a salesperson or a supervisor when prospective homeowners choose Bonnie Brook Homes. Instead, they work directly with owners Bonnie Hartsock and Dave Postma. And the owners wouldn't want it any other way.

"We're not a large builder, so we can keep it more one on one," says Bonnie Hartsock, who began working with Postma 14 years ago.

In that time, the Plymouth to Ann Arbor corridor has blossomed with new homes, and Bonnie Brook Homes has built single-family residences in several cities including Farmington, Canton, Plymouth and Novi.

The Oaks, a 17-home project in Northville, was the company's first major endeavor, and about half the houses in Maybury Crossing are Bonnie Brook Homes.

Currently, the owners are heading into phase two of the Lapham Lake Estates in Salem Township. "There are 12 houses in phase one and 16 in phase two," says Bonnie Hartsock.



The area is surrounded by land and trees and has a lake for paddleboats, swimming and fishing. "The lake is full of fish," Dave Postma says.

The homes in Lapham Lake are exclusive 2,800-square-foot-plus estates that feature brick and stone exterior, two-acre lots, and side-entry three- and four-car garages. Some have a first-floor master suite and walkouts or daylight basements are available in many of the homes. Gourmet kitchens and the spacious two-story foyer are two features Bonnie Hartsock most likes to highlight.

## ■ PICK AND CHOOSE

Of course, Bonnie Brook Homes are all custom-built, so customers can pick and choose features that best suit their lifestyle.

"Unlike other builder's packages, the cus-

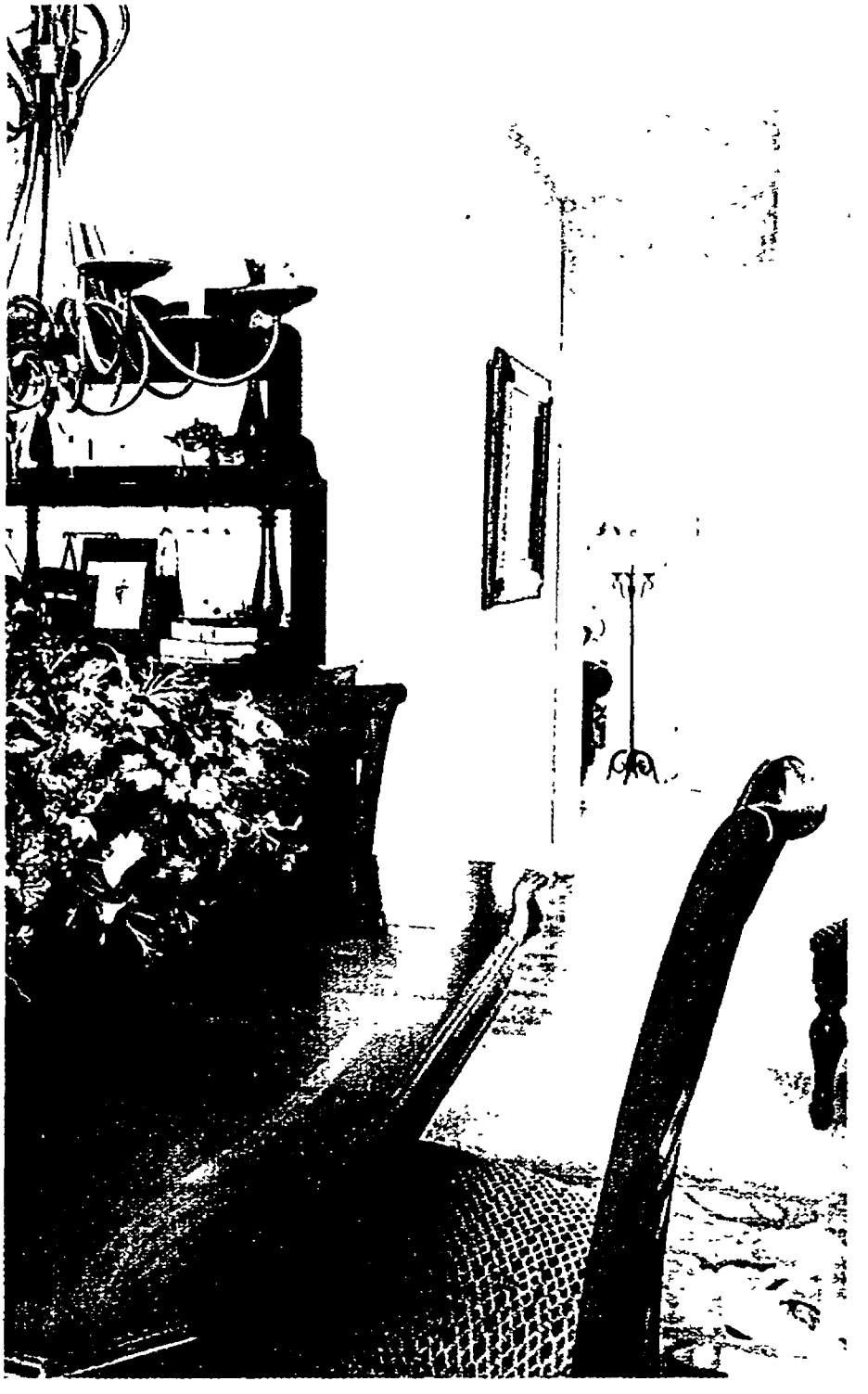
PERSONAL SERVICE FOR THE PERFECT HOME

tomers can make their choice," says Dave Postma. "We build for the customer and give them what they want."

In addition to personal service, the duo also has a host of skilled trade workers who have been with them since day one. This close-knit community only serves to enhance the quality of the home, and gives homeowners peace of mind that the job is being handled by qualified, experienced local contractors.

A list of the companies that work with Bonnie Brook Homes reads like a Who's Who of premier businesses: Mans Lumber in Canton, cabinetry from E.W. Kitchens in Wixom, interior trim from Legendary Mill Work in Troy, Finished Carpentry Products in Livonia, carpeting from Reimer Floors in West Bloomfield, tile from Stephenson Tile in Chelsea, electrical work by Joe Payton of Farmington Hills, heating and cooling from Wilkin & Son of Westland, as well as Dave





Postma's plumbing company and D&C Plumbing of Ann Arbor, which furnishes plumbing materials.

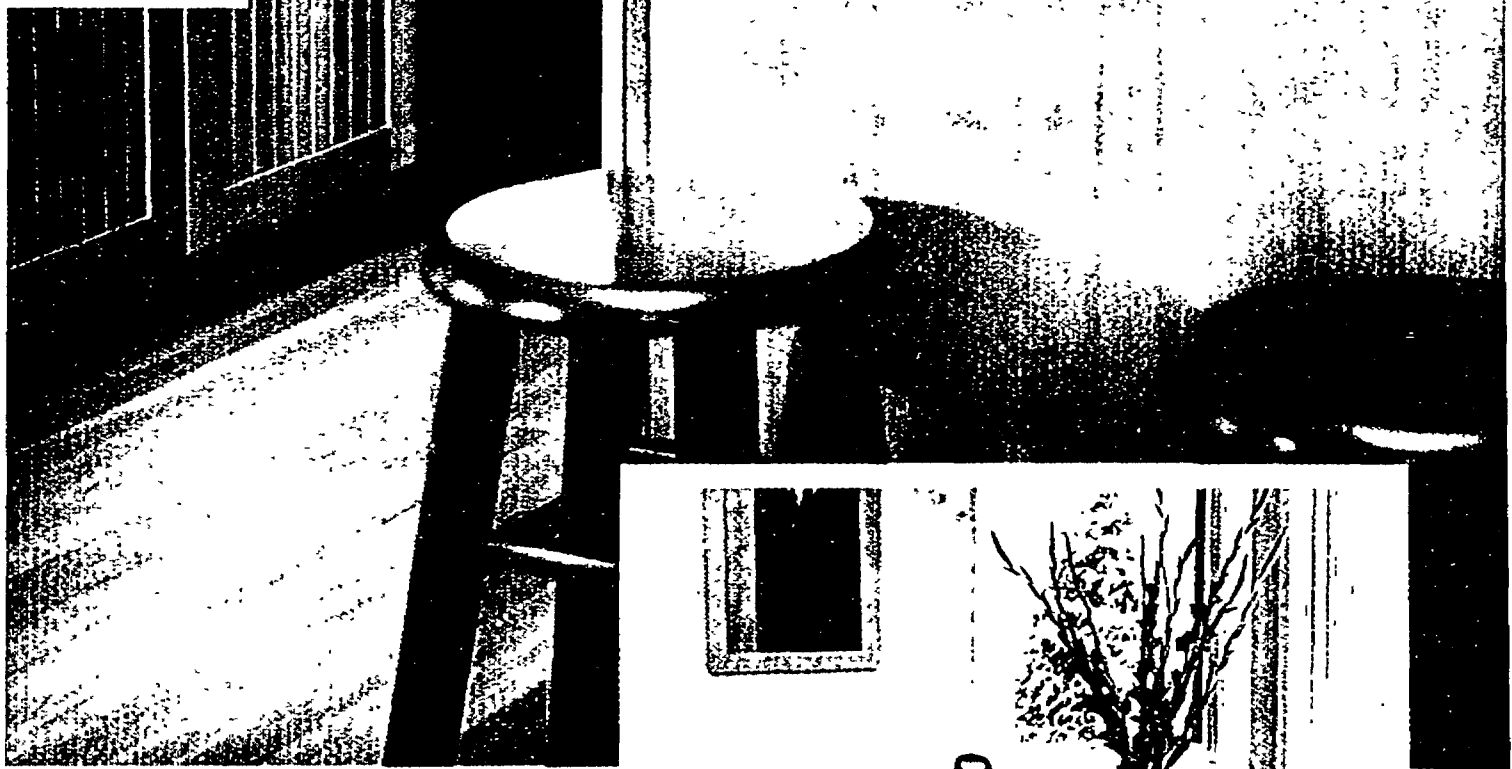
"These are a caring group of individuals who we've established a relationship with," says Bonnie Hartsock. "It goes back to being a smaller company where we all know each other and work together well."

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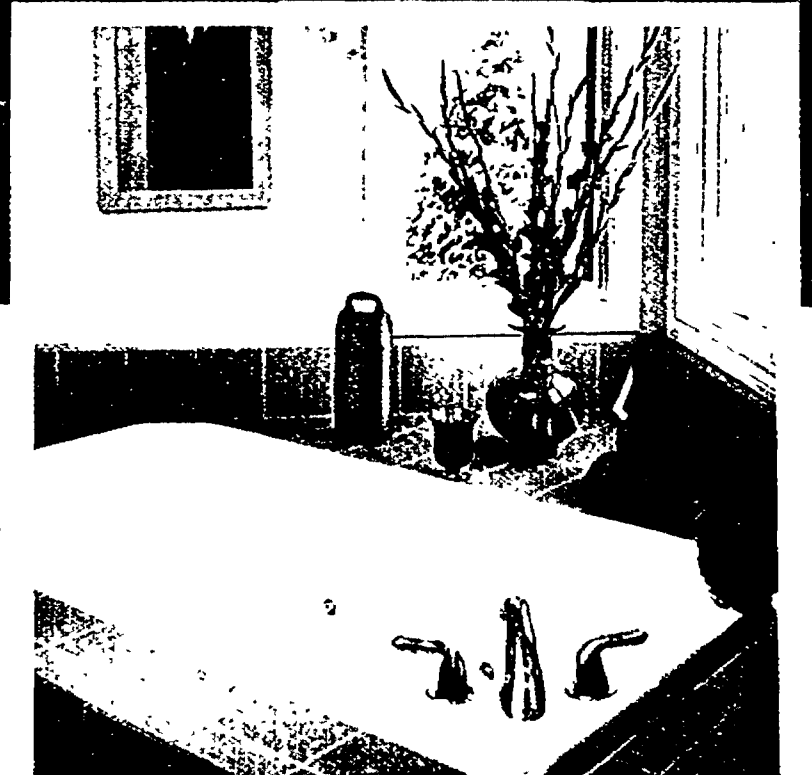
"Most of our customers are young couples in their 30s and 40s with younger children," says Bonnie Hartsock. "They hear of us through word-of-mouth, or they've driven by some of our homes."

Bonnie Hartsock says a home can take up to a year to build, depending on the size and detail, and the company can do everything from plans to landscaping. And since most of the homes are less than 20 minutes from

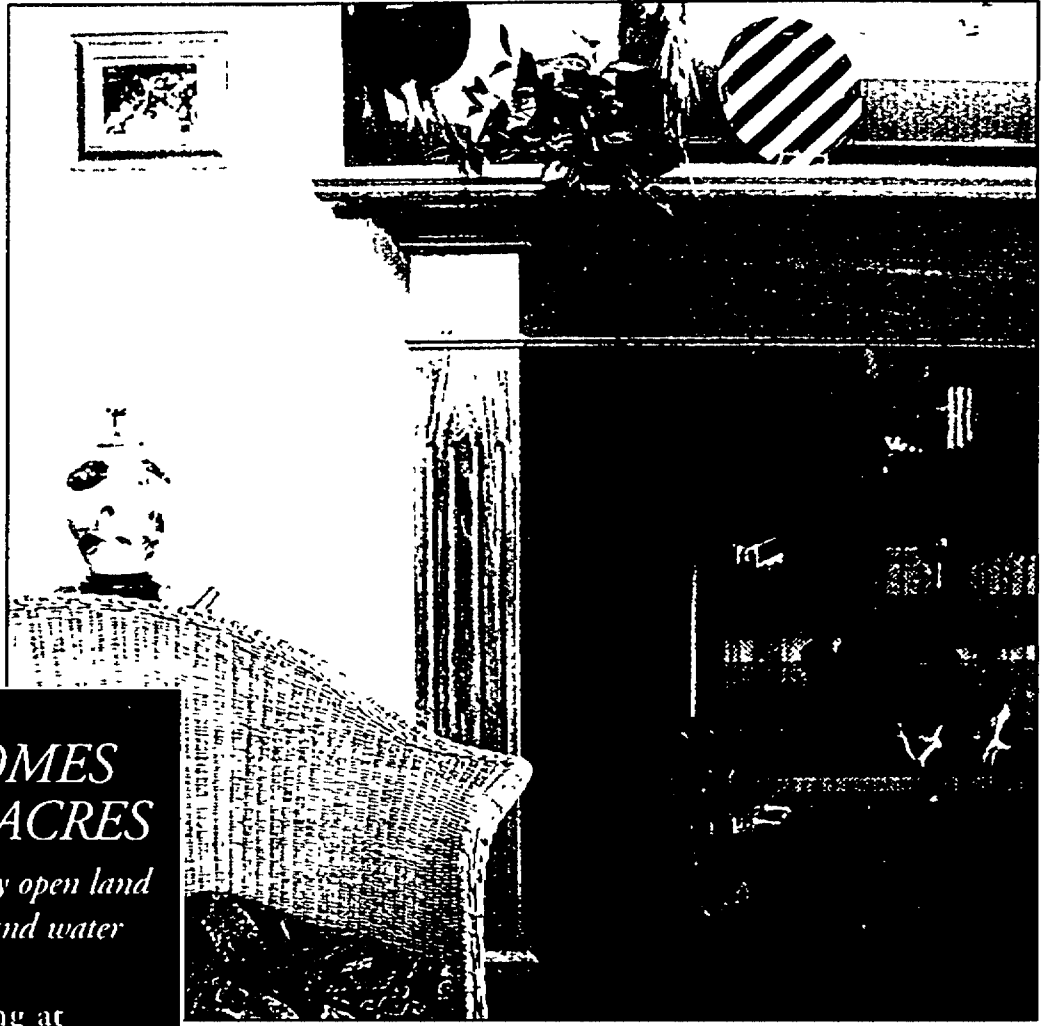


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Look for Bonnie Brooks' newest development coming in spring 2004, also in Salem Township. Prices start in the \$400,000s. 🏠



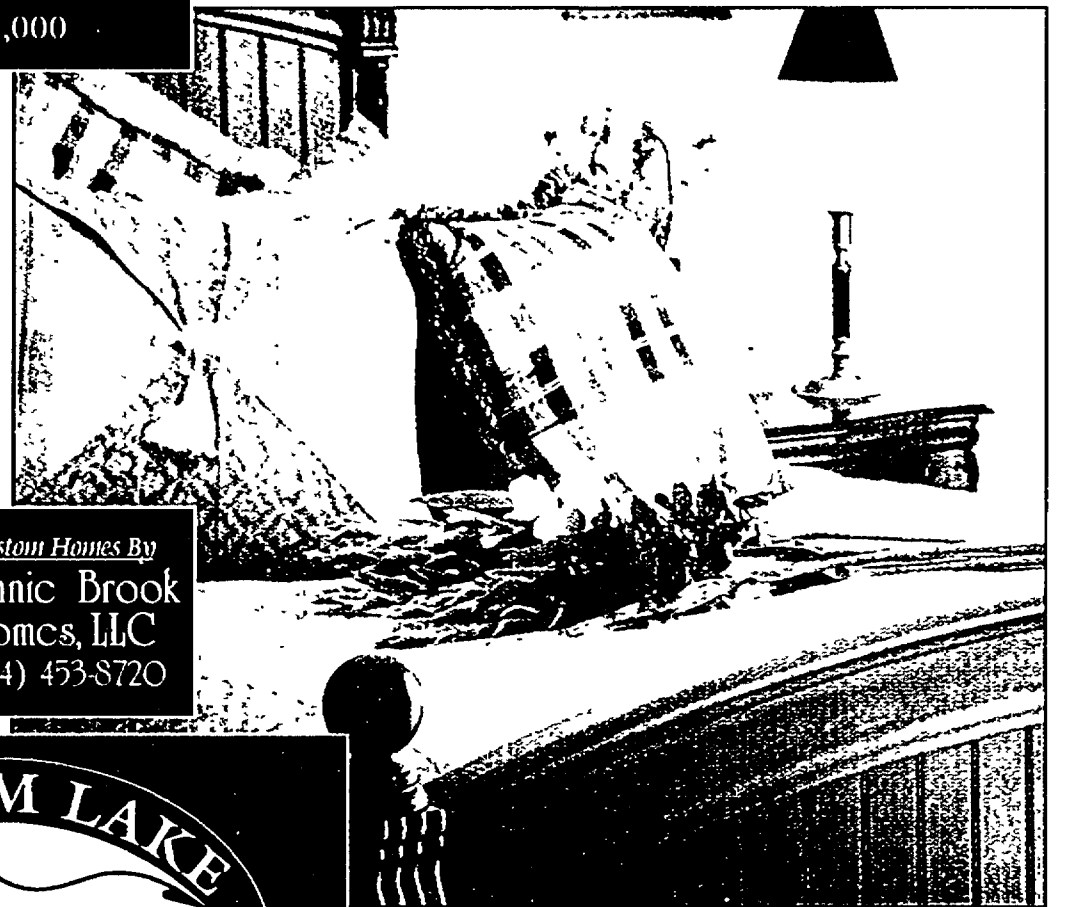
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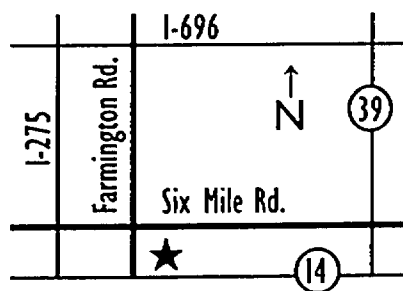
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# CONDOMINIUMS: SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

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**W**ho is the "typical" condominium buyer? There is none, because these days a wide range of people are choosing a condo as their primary home.

"Surprisingly, we're getting all kinds of buyers — families, young professionals, retirees," says Melody Griffin, vice president of sales at MacLeish Building, which has developed Indian Wells Condos of Royal Oak.

People choose condos for a variety of reasons. "With condos, there's no mowing, shoveling, painting the house," says Dennis Rollinger, director of sales and marketing at Phoenix Land Development. "It gives you freedom — you don't spend all weekend taking care of the house."

"Condos are less stressful to take care of," Griffin agrees. "Condo living is good for those who travel a lot."

## ■ HOT SELLERS

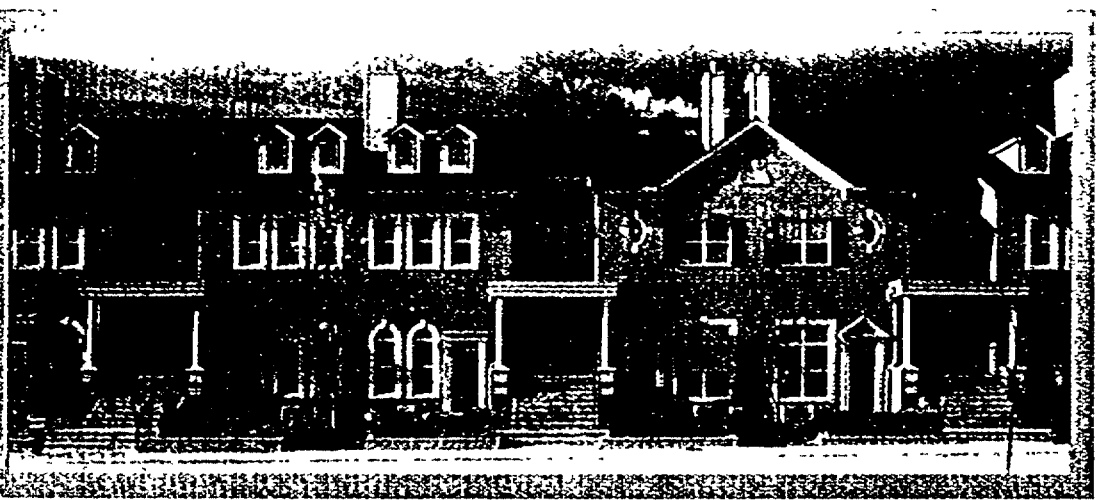
Everywhere there are examples of how popular condos have become. Although construc-

tion has not even begun at Phoenix's Fountain Park development in Livonia, the company has already entered into nearly 50 option-to-buy agreements with potential owners.

Rollinger says his firm's condo sites in Livonia — Bell Creek Square and Fountain Park — are popular because they're located near major freeways and shopping. And, he says, people like the security of the condos.

He says many people are moving up to condos from apartment living. "We tell people that, unlike the stock market, this is an investment you can live in 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Griffin says she congratulates buyers on the benefits they'll get from owning versus renting. "They'll gain equity in their home and tax advantages," she says. "Appreciation is quite dramatic on new construction during the first five years.



Condos are a smart purchase now, whether you've been renting or are coming from another home."

Phoenix conducts extensive market research to determine potential buyers' needs. They meet with real estate agents and customers. The company conducts focus groups and asks, "What do you want? How do you live?"

"We determine what's *not* in the area, what niche we can fill," says Rollinger. In the case of the Livonia developments, Phoenix found professionals — single or divorced people in their late 30s and early 40s — who wanted the convenience of the location at an affordable price. So Bell

Creek Square was designed with them in mind.

Bell Creek Square's stacked, attached condo brownstone look is "very rich and elegant," Rollinger says, but more affordable at \$175,000 to \$199,000. "People drive by and think these cost \$300,000 or more," he says.

Phoenix also discovered a market for long-time Livonians, now empty-nesters, who want to move from a home to a condo without leaving the area. Many are choosing Fountain Park because of the floor plans — there are no stairs — and the proximity of shopping. For instance, Rollinger says, a drugstore is only 500 feet away.

MacLeish's Indian Wells Condos of Royal Oak is a cozy complex with lavish landscaping. Each condo is three stories, including full basement, with two or three bedrooms. One option includes a bedroom and loft space upstairs; another offers two bedrooms upstairs.

"Our condos are offered at the drywall stage," Griffin says. "That means the buyer has their choice of cabinets and countertops. They can pick the decorative pieces and truly make the condo their own. We make the process fun. We do the selection process in stages, so the buyer isn't overwhelmed.

"We offer a turnkey package," she continues. "Everything is included except the refrigerator and washer/dryer. With so many options, those are more personal choices. But they can be added as an extra, with the cost included in the mortgage."

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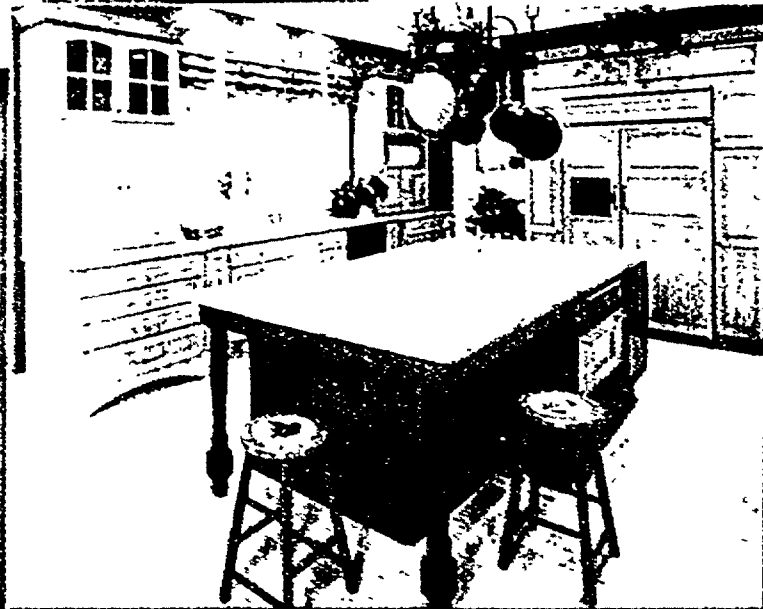
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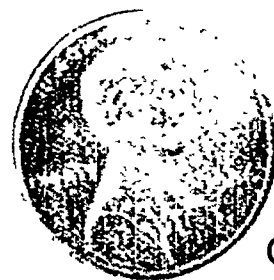
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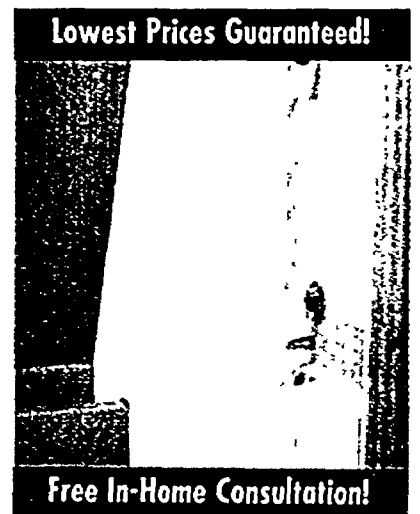


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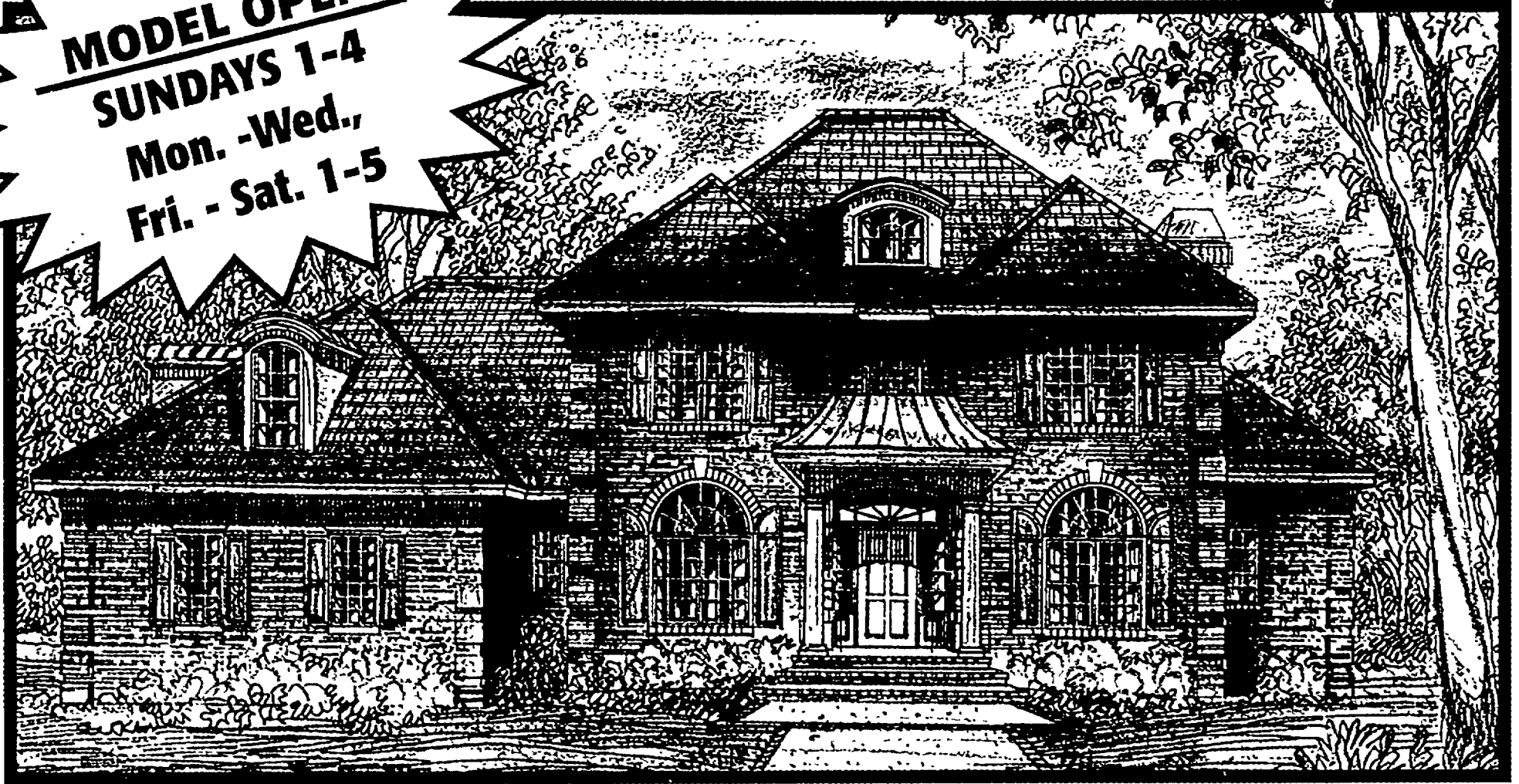
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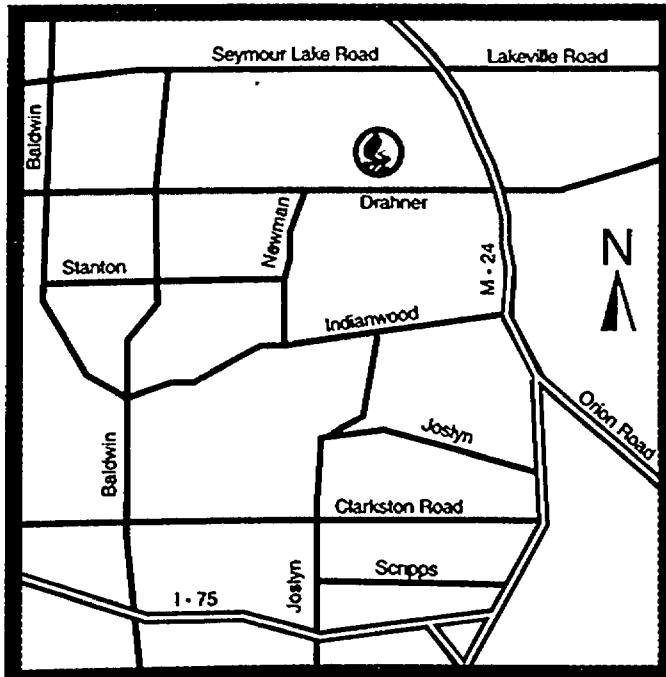


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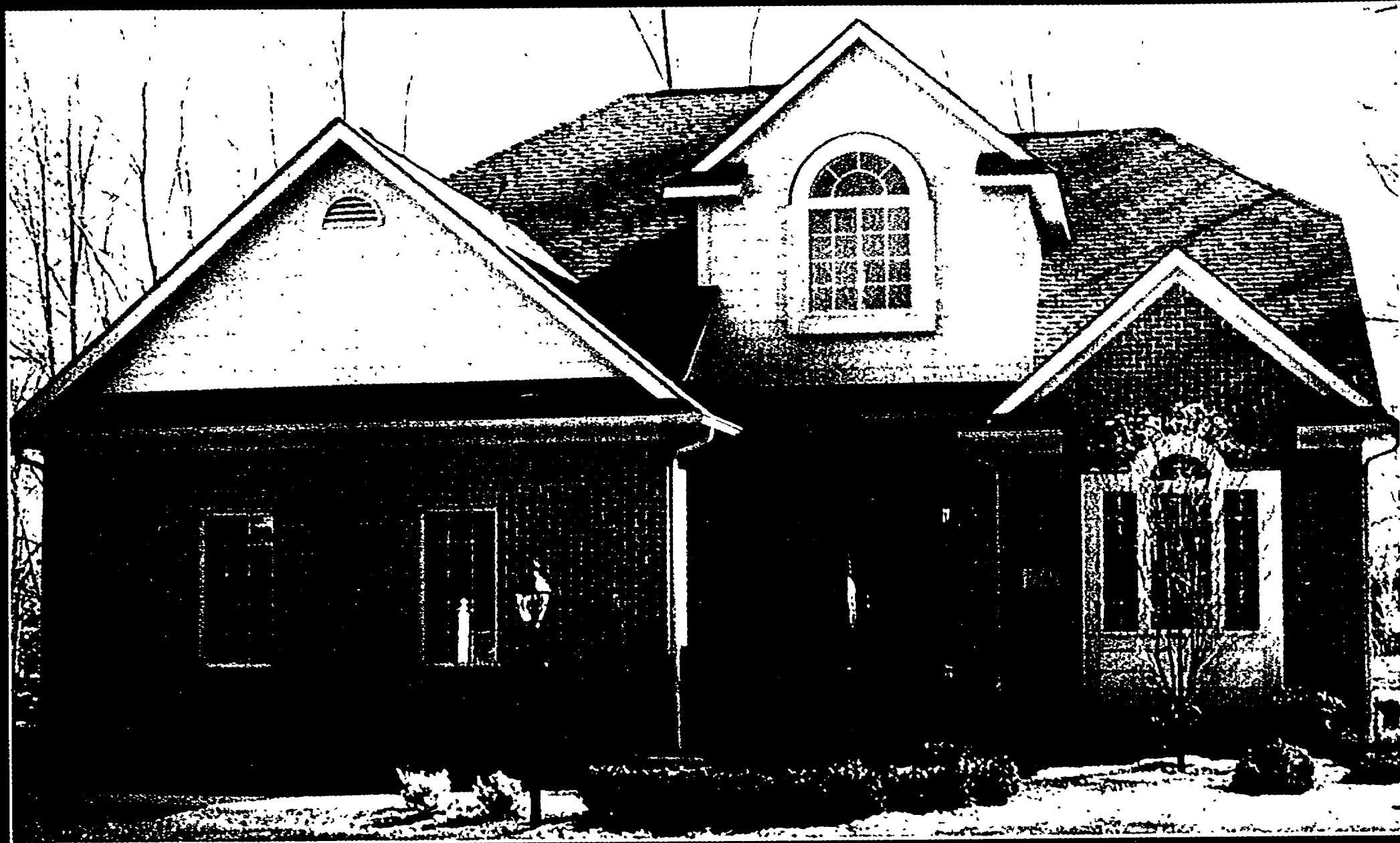




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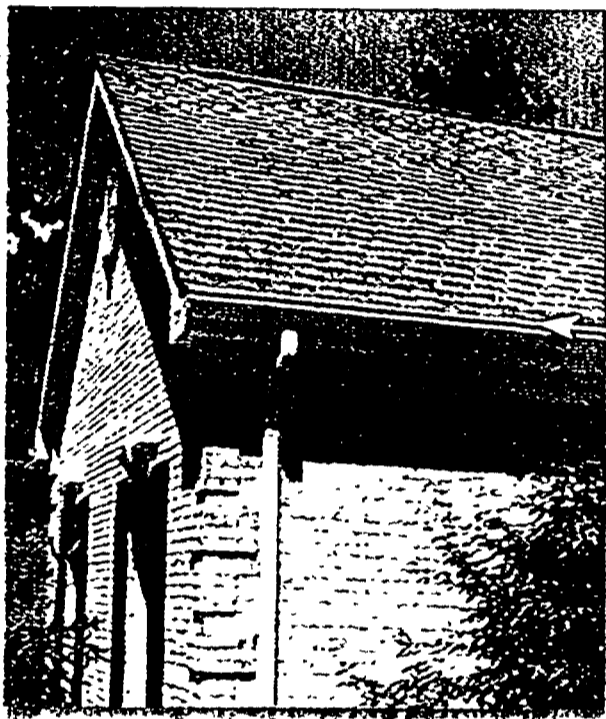
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**Seasonal wreath:** Purchase a small grapevine wreath. Place the wreath on top of a bowl or platter that contains water. Use flowers in a mixture of fall colors and thread the stems down through the wreath into the water.

**Gourd and easy:** Surround a tall arrangement of fall flowers with a collection of seasonal gourds in different colors.



**Halloween treat:** Hollow out a large pumpkin or several pumpkins of different sizes. Inside the pumpkins, place simple glass jars that contain water. Fill with flowers from a ready-made bouquet from a florist.

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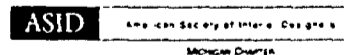
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"It was beautiful," says Graham, who bought the generator about 10 years ago mainly to help in his contracting jobs. "I plugged in the refrigerator, freezer, wall air conditioner, fan and radio. And on Saturday night I added the TV/VCR, and watched two movies."

Most of us weren't as prepared as Graham, learning the hard way during the August blackout that life without electricity has its challenges. The outage here in Southeast Michigan and seven other states proved die-hard survivalists right in at least one area: It pays to have a home generator.

About 10 percent of U.S. households own a generator and this number is increasing. In fact, a pre-blackout survey revealed that more than 15 million Americans are planning to purchase a standby generator for the home within the next two years. Goodness only knows what that percentage has risen to since that fateful August 14 when all the

lights went — and stayed — out.

Generators have made major strides in recent years by becoming more consumer-friendly. Whether a homeowner needs a portable generator or a permanent standby model, what once seemed to be an overwhelming decision to many is now easier.

Portable generators are available to meet the power needs of many household items with wattage requirements of 4,000 to 10,000 watts. For instance, a 100-watt light bulb takes, well, 100 watts. To run the lights, refrigerator and perhaps watch a little TV requires about 3,500

watts at a price of about \$1,500.

Permanent generators may be slightly more expensive, but their overall value and convenience can prove priceless when a big storm or power failure hits. These units connect directly to the home's natural gas or propane fuel supply and offer between 5,000 and 20,000 watts of power. Permanent standby generators can sense a power disruption, automatically start, and remain on until the line power has been restored, which is a valuable asset for those who may be away from home when power is lost. ■

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When using standby generators, it is important to have a basic understanding of safety issues before operating the unit. Here are some tips:

- Always run your generator outdoors in well-ventilated areas.
- Maintain your generator engine according to the maintenance schedule for peak performance and safety. Check engine oil daily or after eight hours of operation.
- Do not operate the engine near com-

bustible materials.

- Keep gas fresh. If you do not plan to use your generator for up to 30 days, stabilize the gas with a gas stabilizer.
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"There are new pre-finished wood products with an aluminum oxide urethane finish on the top coat. This makes the flooring more scratch resistant," says Jason Cameron of Cameron The Sandman, a 67-year-old family-owned and -operated company in Farmington Hills. The company installs both unfinished and pre-finished flooring. It also sands, stains, refinishes and repairs hardwood floors.

"Most companies that make pre-finished wood, including Bruce and Hartco, have this finish. Lauzon uses a similar finish of polytitanium," Cameron says. "The flooring comes with a 10-25 year finish warranty,



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which is really outstanding."

While oak is still the most versatile and popular hardwood option, many homeowners are upgrading to exotic wood flooring in Brazilian cherry, mahogany, walnut or hickory.

"The appeal is that it's something different. It stands out quite a bit," Cameron notes. "Exotic wood floors cost a little more

but are well worth it."

Refinishing an existing hardwood floor might be all that's needed to make your home more inviting. The equipment used to reduce the amount of dust created when floors are sanded has greatly improved in recent years.

"We also have new finishes for refinishing floors," Cameron notes. "Water-based finishes have advanced quite a bit. They have less odor and dry time and are just as dependable as the old oil-based products."

The moisture content of a room can affect hardwood flooring, so it may not be a good idea to lay a wood floor in a bathroom that has a shower or tub, Cameron advises. A powder room or half bath is more appropriate.

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including Armstrong, Mannington and Congoleum are popular options, especially for high-traffic areas. DuraStone and Dura Ceramic, vinyl composite products by Congoleum, offer strength and wear resistance.

"It comes in larger-sized single tiles, so there's less grout work. It looks more like ceramic," says Jack Baldner, manager of AR Kramer DuPont Flooring Center in Canton Township. (The 77-year-old family-owned and -operated business also has a location in Livonia.) "There are many different colors and styles — stone chip, brick, mosaic, granite, marble. They place aluminum oxide on the surface so it's easier to clean and has good wear and tear ability. The fact that it's a tile means that it can be a do-it-yourself project."

#### ■ LAMINATES

"In the last year or two, laminates have become more popular, says Pete Staib, director of retail for D.E. McNabb Flooring Co., a 52-year-old family-owned and -operated business in Milford. "Mannington and Mohawk make laminates. There are many different styles, including some that look like wood floor, ceramic tile and slate. Laminate is durable, resistant to scuffs and scrapes and easy to keep up.

"Ceramic tile is still a very popular choice and

very durable for bathroom flooring," Baldner adds. "Glass tiles also have a look people like. They come in different colors and are as dependable as ceramics."

#### ■ CARPETING

Those who love the look, warmth and cushy feel of carpeting will find a variety of attractive colors, interesting textures, styles by noted designers and more durable and softer fibers. Nylon carpeting is the most popular. AR Kramer carries DuPont Tactesse, which has

durable fibers with finer, smaller filaments.

"We've sold a lot of it in the last year and a half," Baldner says. "Tactesse has softer fibers that wear as good or better than other nylons. The fibers are coated with Teflon, so it's soil and stain resistant and easy to clean.

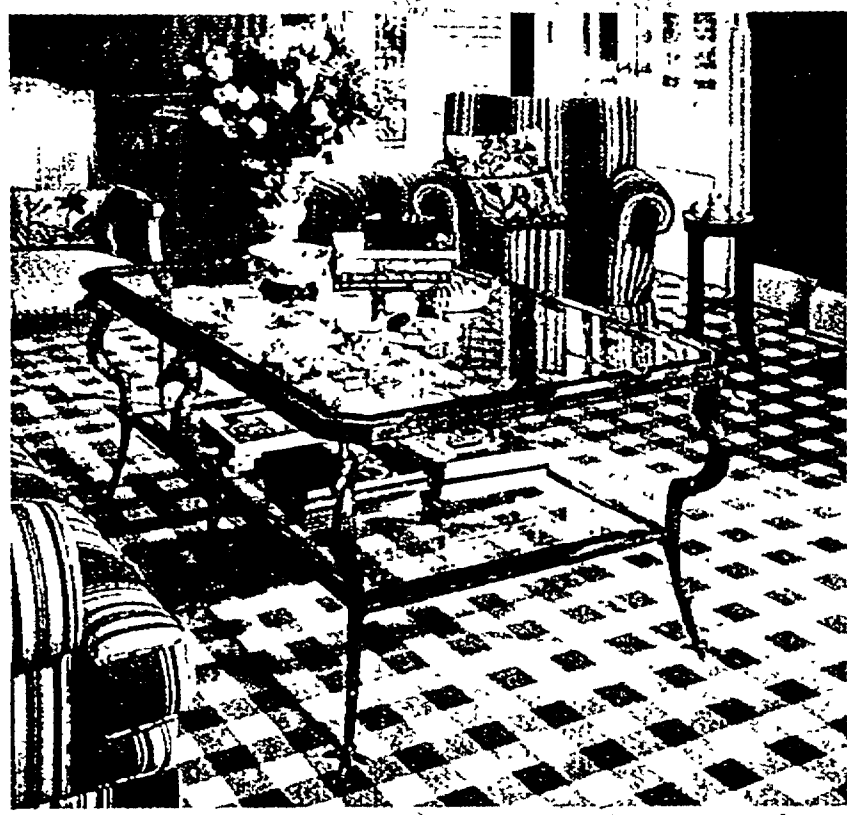
"We're seeing more patterns and more color," he notes. "Instead of boring beige, people are buying carpeting in brown tones, greens, linen color and pastels. Ralph Lauren has a line of carpeting that matches his line of paints."

Carpet is one of D.E. McNabb's biggest sellers. The company carries products by DuPont, Stainmaster and Weardated.

"Popular styles include California Berbers, Berber loops and frieze, which is like a short shag," Staib says. "Sage green is still a

popular color but now customers are more into earth tones and neutral tones."

For more information contact AR Kramer DuPont Flooring Center at (734) 844-1800 (Canton Twp.), (800) 522-5370 (Livonia) or visit the company's website at [www.arkramer.com](http://www.arkramer.com). Call Cameron The Sandman at (248) 477-8108 or visit [www.cameronthesandman.com](http://www.cameronthesandman.com). D.E. McNabb Flooring Co. can be reached at (248) 437-8146 or at [www.demcnabb.com](http://www.demcnabb.com). ■



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# BASEMENTS: SAY GOODBYE TO THE DUNGEON

■ BY AMY PARRENT ■ PHOTO COURTESY OF STELLA CONTRACTING, INC.

**A**re you among the many homeowners who have a vast area of unused space waiting to be converted into a wonderful new set of rooms? In some instances, homeowners could nearly double their amount of living area by remodeling the basement.

Stella Contracting Inc. of Plymouth can transform the lower level into one or more new areas for the family's teens, adults or guests.

In one Chrysalis Award-winning job, Stella Contracting converted a typical dank basement into a spacious, brightly lit, multi-use area complete with kitchen and bathroom facilities, a serving bar and office area, all reachable by an elegant stairway.

In that instance, as with many of their customers, the family wanted to give their teenagers a separate space.

"Generally, we're dealing with families where the kids are old enough to want to separate from mom and dad," says Jeff Stella, adding that the remodeled lower-level provides a safe getaway for the teens.

Among the top features homeowners



request is a half or full bath. Media centers, homework areas/offices and bedrooms are among the other primary uses people make of remodeled basements.

"At my house, we have an in-law suite," says Stella. "Visiting relatives can have a

comfortable place separate from the rest of the house."

Stella says some people want hobby rooms for sewing, woodworking or exercising. "We encourage clients to come up with concepts," he says, "even make a picture book to illustrate what they like."

Numerous technical details are involved in a remodel, such as analyzing the best spot to install a bathroom or kitchen area.

"Unlike new construction, I have these four walls to work with," Stella notes. "Newer homes have taller ceilings in the basement. But if we have a lot of ductwork, we can only make the ceiling so high.

"Many times a sus-

pending ceiling will be the proper solution," he continues. "Some styles of suspended ceilings can be gorgeous. Drywall could be a good look too. Or we might mix the two."

To increase the feeling of natural light, the contractors take out old single-pane steel windows and replace them with glass block. "We emphasize and accentuate the windows," Stella says.

If they're creating a separate bedroom, Stella likes to use large doors and tries to make the entranceway as wide as possible to give the

area a sense of more space.

There are safety code concerns too. "If we're putting in bedrooms, if someone is going to be occupying the area, national building codes require egress — an escape out of the lower level," Stella says.

Proper heating and cooling is another key issue. Stella ensures there are enough heating vents. "We get good heating and cooling and dehumidifiers to keep the air balanced," he says. "We also have to have proper insulation."

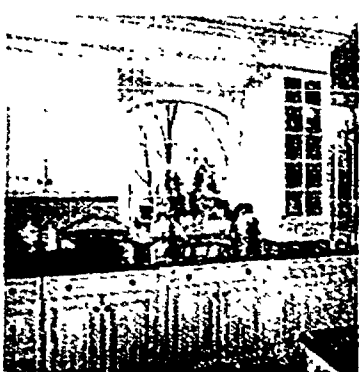
Depending on the scope of the project, a remodel can take six to eight weeks. Prices range from \$20,000 upward to \$75,000, with the average cost being \$50,000.

"We compare it to cars," says Stella. Do you want a Mercury, a Lincoln, a Jaguar? If you want a 'Mercury' basement, you can't get a sauna, for example. For a 'Lincoln,' at \$50,000 to \$65,000, you could have a steam shower, wet bar, a complete entertainment center."

Stella, owner of this family business founded 45 years ago by his father Ray (who still stays involved with the company), emphasizes the personal relationship between customers and contractors. "What's important is not who is going to give you the project for the lowest price, but who you are comfortable with," he says. "Can you talk to the contractor? Do you like the company's ideas?"

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here's no denying that a nice soak in a hot tub or spa feels great, but did you know it actually has medical benefits as well? According to the website hottubguide.com, the jet-driven force of water enhances circulation, digestion and skin tone, and hot tub therapy may be helpful in treating heart disease, arthritis, lower back pain and sleep disorders. In fact, the use of water therapy dates back to the ancient Greeks and Romans.

But you don't need to be in poor health to benefit from a nice, hot soak. As life's stresses pile on, more and more people are discovering that a hot tub is well worth the investment.

The choices are as endless as the bubbles created by the jets. You can spend a few thousand dollars or all the way up to \$10,995. In fact, the latter, Jacuzzi's Model J380, is the top seller at All Seasons Spas and Fireplaces, which has showrooms in Howell, Waterford and Livonia.

The eight-by-eight-foot unit comes complete with two waterfalls, special LED lighting that changes color, a CD player and stereo

system with pop-up speakers at ear level "so you can hear it and your neighbors don't have to," as Richard Knorp, store coordinator for All Seasons, says. The high-end unit also has the industry's only high-volume, low-pressure jet system, which eliminates the irritating itchy feeling that can result from prolonged exposure to a jet stream.

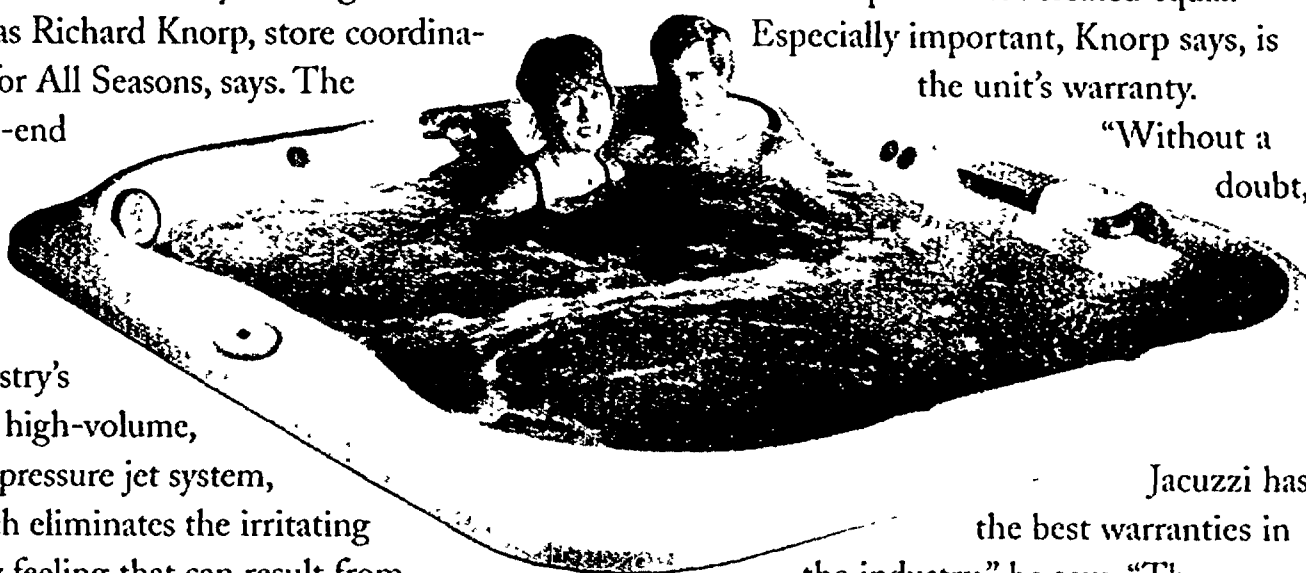
"It's everything you could want in a hot tub," says Knorp.

Thinking of taking the plunge? Knorp advises shopping at a home improvement show.

"It's so easy to look at one spa and another and all you see with the naked eye is a blue shell and redwood skirt," he notes. "At a show, all the competitors are there, so you can compare features and prices. And we encourage people to wet-test the spas."

While they may look the same, all hot tubs and spas are not created equal. Especially important, Knorp says, is the unit's warranty.

"Without a doubt,



Jacuzzi has the best warranties in the industry," he says. "They cover 10 years on the structure, seven years on the surface and five years on everything else like parts and labor. A lot of manufacturers give you a lifetime warranty on the shell, but parts and labor are only covered for one to three years."

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# BATHROOMS: DETAILS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

■ BY JOYCE WISWELL

**T**he devil is in the details, so the saying goes, but in the case of refinishing a bathroom, the details can be downright heavenly. Just ask Toula

Georgakas, owner/manager of expressions in ... hardware and Design Center.

"Just changing cabinet hardware and fixtures can definitely make a huge difference," she says. "It's like giving a facelift to a bathroom or kitchen."

Georgakas knows of what she speaks; her 4,000-square-foot showroom in Ann Arbor carries hundreds of different fixtures for every room in the house. And Georgakas has partnered with Rocksolid Natural Stone, which offers the finest in countertops, from design to installation.

Despite the downturn in the economy, business is brisk at

expressions in ... hardware and Design Center, Georgakas says.

"People are spending more time — and their money — on the kitchen, master bedroom and master bedroom," she notes. "They want them to be really livable spaces."

The bath is being increasingly treated like any other room in the house. For instance, vanities built to resemble actual pieces of furniture are in vogue, Georgakas says. So is placing real furniture in the bathroom, space permitting, and adding custom cabinets.

When it comes to fixtures, there's no limit to what can be done. Oil-rubbed bronze, satin nickel and chrome are all currently popular.

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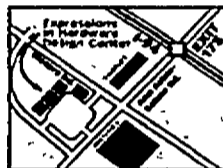
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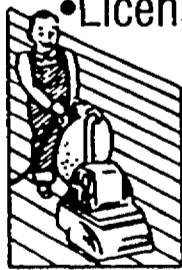
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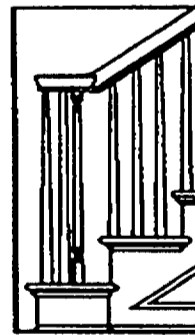
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# VANITY FAIR: TRENDS IN BATHROOM LIGHTING

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**A**lthough there are a vast number of design options to choose from, bathroom lighting is often a last-minute consideration in any home or remodeling project. This is unfortunate indeed — of all the elements that go into a perfect powder room, proper lighting can and does have a great impact on the bathroom.

According to Joslyn Wilson, general manager of Michigan Chandelier, "Placement can make a big difference. Simple overhead vanity lighting creates shadows. Placing lighting off to the side of a mirror, however, will create a cross-lighting effect that better illuminates your face."

The good news — the cost of bathroom lighting won't soak you. Wilson says, "With a basic vanity budget of a few hundred dollars, you can get quite a bit for your money. You could spend anywhere from \$50 to \$1,000 on a vanity; however, most mid-range consumer projects fall somewhere within the \$150 to \$300 range."

Your budget will be affected by a few ele-

ments — light placement, what size fixtures you want to use and vanity size, says Wilson. "In any new bathroom," she notes, "it's important to consider lighting — not only how the design and look of the fixtures will impact the room, but how light will be emitted."

Wilson adds, "For so many people, the bathroom is a retreat. Mood is important. Fixtures can be on a dimmer, whether you're into a warm soak and a few candles, or a good book."



Your bottom line cost is also dependent on your personal style preferences and the quantity of lighting required for the job.

"Anything goes in today's bathroom," says Wilson, "from more traditional to the more extreme or ultra-contemporary fixtures and everything in between. There are many, many

style options out there."

Don't be afraid to look to designers for inspiration. Manufacturers are now producing composites and resins to create stylish fixtures imitating carved stone, bronze and other rustic, heavy metal materials at a fraction of the price. To create these fixtures, resin materials are poured into a mold and then given a material finish.

Before the wiring is in place, an electrical consultant can tell you what lighting is best for your bathroom. "We're seeing more educated consumers today in our showrooms," says Wilson.

If you are a do-it-yourselfer, fixture installation may be a way for you to save a few bucks. "Most homeowners we see install their own lighting. It's hardly a high-tech job," Wilson says. But, she cautions, "If you have any doubts about installation at all, play it safe. Call a qualified electrician to do the job."

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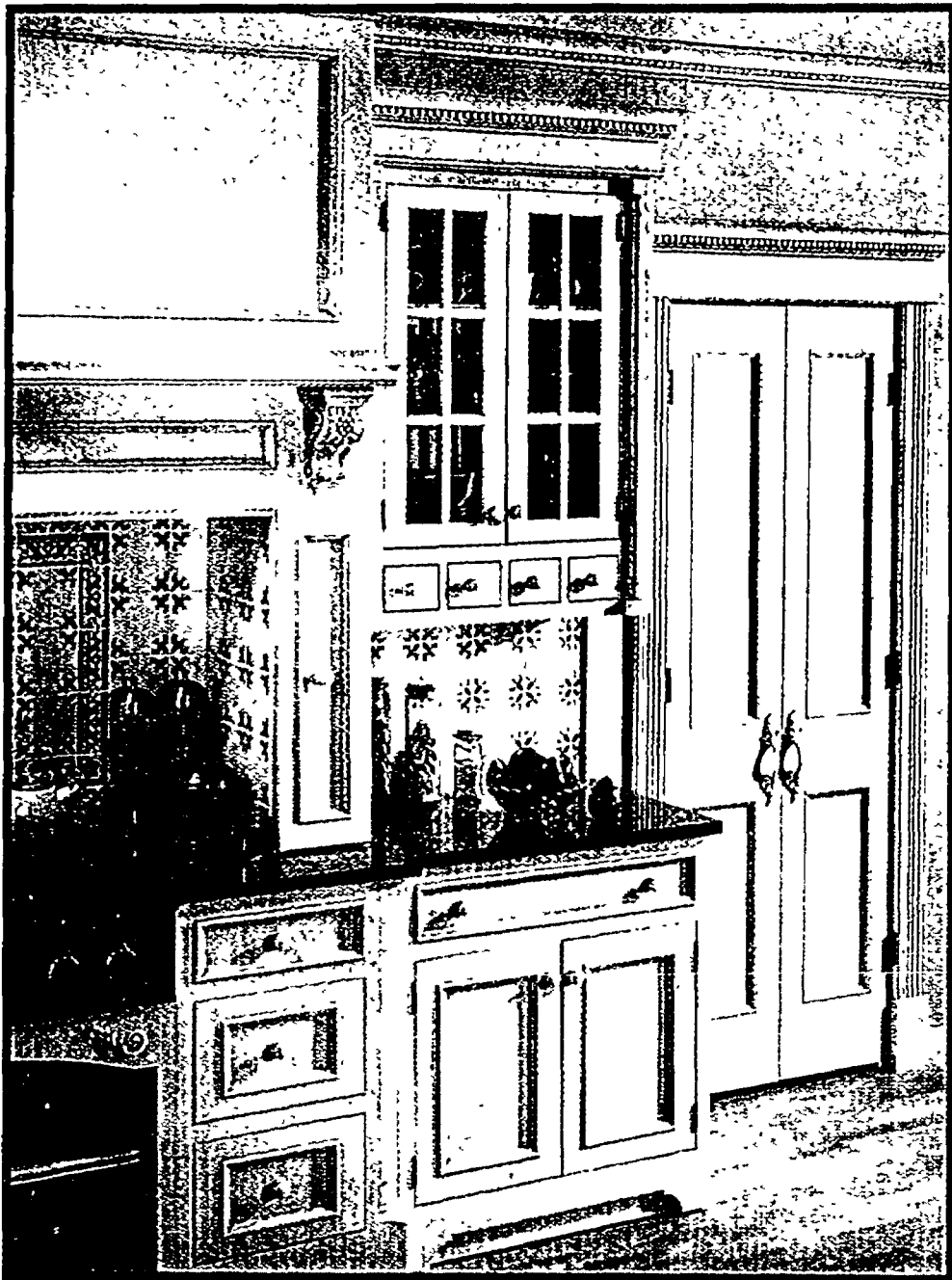
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