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Deck back to Square 1

Banking on outcome of Nov. 4 ballot, DDA pledges to examine variety of parking options

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

One deck here, two decks there and there. One deck now, one deck later. Two decks that look like this, instead of one like that.

They are going to look at it all. Members of the Northville Downtown Development Authority pledged Tuesday morning to revisit all options to address

adding parking in the city. To maintain any kind of timeline they have pursued, authority members are banking on voters' belief they are sincere in their review.

Considering the comments from the dozens of residents and merchants who spoke at a public information meeting the night before, the downtown property owners who comprise the authority concurred that they need to reconsider their recommendation to Northville city council to pursue

construction of the multi-level deck on Wing Street between Main and Dunlap streets.

They also agreed that they heard a consensus need to add parking downtown, and there is no property within the city limits that would add a substantial number of new spaces at ground level only.

There was some consternation among the DDA members that the public outcry came at the 11th hour so to speak, with a

ballot proposal to fund a parking expansion program on the Nov. 4 ballot. Residents around the table and in the audience concurred that the top priority in the next couple of weeks is to communicate to city voters that the authority is flexible in determining how to add parking downtown.

"Parking decks are a hard sell in Northville," said John Kaloustian, who

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Township leaders help to transform Seven Mile

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Another couple of hundred families out toward Ridge Road are on their way to joining area residents at local grocery stores, in the schools and on the roadways.

Some time after, a sea of activity is foreseen for the 400-plus acres of Seven Mile Road property planned as office buildings, new homes, and research and development facilities.

It will not be tomorrow that the current concepts translate into additional population, but the plans for developing the two largest remaining parcels of land vacant in Northville Township hit the desks of local leaders at the same time. Representatives and staff regularly schedule special meetings, scrutinize maps and packets of information, and attempt to steer the continuous stream of developers into the community.

"I'm hoping that they have an interest in working with the township to see that our mutual needs and desires are appropriately dealt with," said Northville Township supervisor Mark Abbo.

Residents interested in keeping tabs on the new neighbors can attend two open-to-the-public

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...little help, please?



Erika Salas, 6, of Howell, strains under the heft of a pumpkin that she's selected during last Sunday's Maybury Fall Festival activities at the state park in Northville.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Ruth Mary Atchison

1914-2003



By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Long-time Northville resident Ruth Mary Atchison died in her home Oct. 8.

She was 89.

Atchison was born July 28, 1914, in Ann Arbor to the late Harriet Riddick and Richard T. Baldwin. She later moved to Northville with her family when her father purchased the *Northville Record* during the Great Depression.

She worked as a journalist until she met her husband, Dr. Russell M. Atchison, and they continued to make Northville their home. The two were married in January 1937.

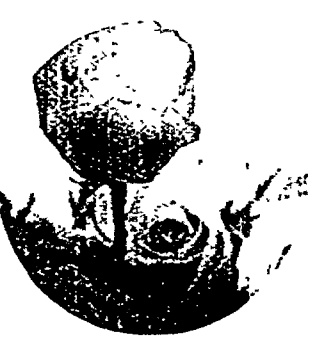
Atchison's husband preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 2001.

"She lived a good, long life," said Lindsey Dogonski, granddaughter of Atchison.

Dogonski said Atchison loved to bake, can strawberry jam, needlepoint and travel, particularly to Hawaii.

"Her house was on the parade

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The Gifts

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The Thoughts

Let's face it, October 18 is no December 25, nor does it have the notoriety and fanfare of January 1 or even July 4. But it might come close to an autumn version of February 14. And that's a good thing.

I've often heard "Sweetest Day" referred to as just another pocket-lining scam, an invented holiday geared to benefit merchants



Jennifer Norris

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Resident hopes to hook viewers with indy film

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A Northville resident and former model is hoping that his interest in film will lead to a new career featuring visual resumes and other innovative endeavors.

James Croteau recently had showing of his short, "Father's Day," at the first Michigan Independent Film Festival. The event took place at the Emagine Theater at Fountain Walk in Novi.

"This festival really got me fired up," Croteau said.

His goal is to have a film in the Los Angeles Digital Film Festival in December. "There will be quite a few reps from ad agencies there looking for talent," he added. "And, the festival organizers are pretty selective in what they accept," he said.

Croteau will submit "Father's Day," a 10-minute black-and-white film about a boy's first

"The less time you have in a film the harder it is to tell the story. The challenge is to keep people enthralled."

James Croteau
Northville resident

fishing trip with his father. It's a reflective piece that focuses on cinematography.

"I found out about the local film festival on the Internet, and the project started unfolding last

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Seven Mile facelift guided by township

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meetings scheduled in the coming week.

Oct. 23, 7 p.m. Thursday. Special meeting at Northville Township Hall

Representatives of Real Estate Interests Group of Bloomfield Hills are scheduled to appear at special meeting of the Northville Township board of trustees and planning commission Oct. 23 to discuss their plans for the former state psychiatric hospital property stretching from Haggerty to Northville roads.

The meeting is contingent on the developer's submission of concept plans by Monday, according to Jennifer Frey, director of community development.

"The plans will be distributed to the planning commission and the board," she said. "In addition, plans will be available at the township for the public to view. If plans are not submitted, the township will cancel the meeting."

Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Tuesday. Public hearing at Northville Township Hall

The township scheduled a public hearing Oct. 28 immediately preceding the planning commission's regular 7:30 p.m. meeting to hear developer Grand/Sakwa's revised plan to develop a new neighborhood off Ridge Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads.

The Farmington Hills-based firm met last week's deadline to submit revised plans after a Sept. 30 initial go-round with the planning commission. The developer, familiar in the community for numerous residential and commercial projects, has a purchase agreement with the city of Detroit for the 308-acre parcel between the Mile roads, east of Ridge Road.

The public hearing will be a next step toward establishing planned-use-development ordinance, which would guide all aspects of the project. The planning commission eventually will have the option to approve Grand/Sakwa's plan in concept, modify it or deny it.

At the start of the week, Frey said she had not yet had a chance to review the latest plans to see if the developer had addressed all the planning commissioners' concerns.

The initial presentation of Grand/Sakwa's conceptual plans included two options for the property — specifically 404 single-family lots, or a combination of 272 single-family residences and 120 duplex condominiums.

The 90-minute discussion at the Sept. 30 meeting related to the target property included:

- east-side proximity to the Northville Community Park expansion
- compatibility with neighboring developments
- demand for public services
- potential access from Five Mile Road
- the need to pave Ridge Road
- diversity of home styles
- lot layout
- potential tax impact of excluding research and

development potential on the site.

The group also discussed at length density requirements and the environmentally sensitive aspects of the property. There are wetlands, flood plains, and the Johnson Creek runs through the parcel.

Meanwhile, back on Seven Mile Road

Crews contracted by the Real Estate Interests Group have been investigating the site of the former hospital according to 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 check it out. REI's five-partner buying group in June offered \$76.5 million for the state-owned Seven Mile Road property, making the Bloomfield Hills-based company the latest likely candidate to transform the former psychiatric hospital site.

Initial choice of the state's selection committee, Grand/Sakwa Sept. 5 withdrew its \$76 million offer at the close of that company's due diligence period. Representatives from Rock Construction Co. of Livonia declined the state's Sept. 8 invitation to proceed with their offer of \$76.7 million for the property.

The developer's contract with the state 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.

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.

Locals regularly drive by past projects of REI principals — John 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.

Development of the parcel would span 10 to 15 years, Weaver has estimated, depending on the economic climate.

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

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A very, very, very fine house

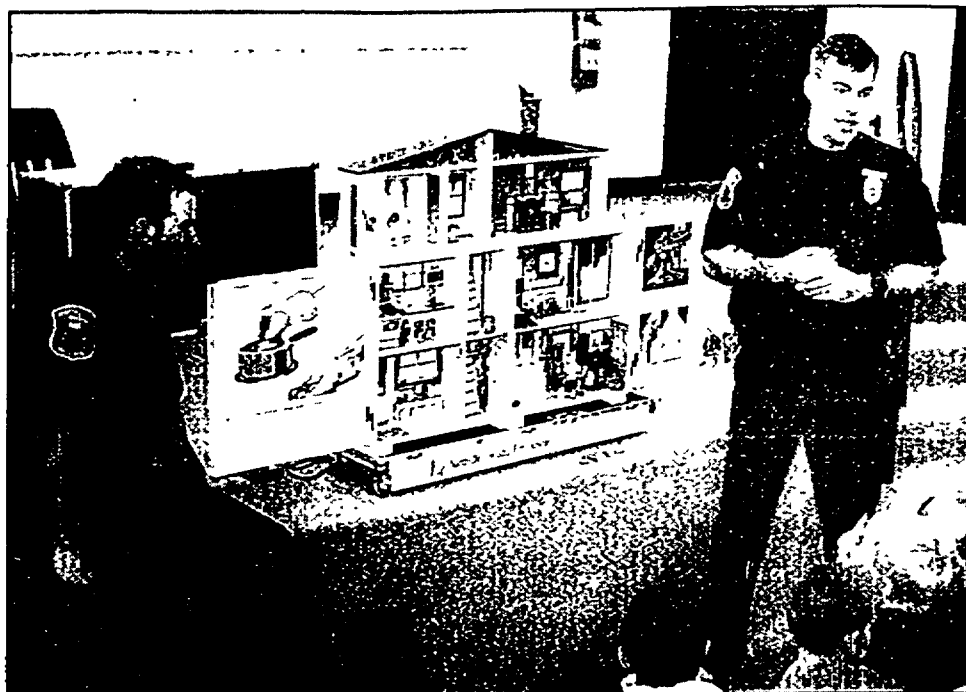


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A pair of Northville Township firefighters demonstrate their portable "safety house" to an assembly of Silver Springs Elementary School students last Friday. The safety house illustrates for kids how to remain well in their house and how to devise various escape and rescue plans should something go awry.

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DDA pledges to look at its parking options

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attended both meetings. He and fellow resident Neil Mansilla, who Monday night questioned the current Wing Street concept, represented the "adversarial" side as discussion continued Tuesday. Voters need to be educated that approval of the ballot proposal potentially provides for funding a project, not specifically the Wing Street deck, all agreed.

Near the conclusion of the meeting, Kaloustian acknowledged, "I feel there's a sense that there is flexibility here." People will be more inclined to vote in favor of the downtown authority funding a parking expansion project if they knew the city was considering options other than the multi-level deck on Wing Street, he said.

Bob Buckhave and Mary Poole, both local merchants, stressed the need for additional parking downtown in order to maintain the favorable business environment. They spoke in favor of the deck proposal at the Monday and Tuesday meetings.

A council vote Sept. 15 put the deck on the ballot, requiring voter approval to issue \$5 million in limited obligation bonds to finance the parking expansion plans. With little public input to date, city leaders had been proceeding with their plan, including construction of a multi-level deck on Wing Street between Main and Dunlap streets, as well as reconfiguring the lot behind the Marquis Theater.

The council, planning commission and development authority had endorsed the \$6.2 million project, with the remaining \$1.2 million to be paid for with funds accumulated by the DDA.

Mayor Christopher Johnson, who chairs the development authority, reviewed the three-hour-plus meeting the night before for the DDA members who did not attend. The basis objections to the deck were the size, mass and location, he said, "Other than that, everything was fine."

While the authority members around the table chuckled, they grimaced in realization that the proposal in which they had invested months of preparation was withering.

"It's hard to encapsulate in a

Residents' opinions vary widely on parking deck proposal issue

By Maureen Johnston
Staff Writer

It was called a "beheemoth," the "Main Wall," and "unnecessary." It was called a "catalyst for growth," "attractive" and "essential." For more than three hours, the approximate 60 residents and merchants assembled at Northville City Hall Monday night debated the merits of the multi-level parking deck proposed for Wing Street between Main and Dunlap streets. So many opinions were voiced and volleyed, the only concrete consensus to emerge was that there was no consensus.

Mayor Christopher Johnson, in his role as chair of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, thanked the residents for their input. He reminded those in attendance that the proposal recommended by the downtown property owners — subsequently endorsed by the Planning Commission and City Council — was the result of hundreds of hours of discussion about the size, shape and location of a deck, as opposed to the three hours they invested that night.

The DDA had whittled from 20 options at one point to the five they deemed most feasible, which they presented to the other city bodies earlier this year. Among the possibilities earlier eliminated by cost and other considerations were two smaller decks on both the Wing and Dunlap city lot sites, and one large deck behind the Marquis Theater. The meeting opened with staff projection-screen presentations about the development authority's role in revitalizing the downtown, researching the need for parking, as well as the method for business property-owner funding of the parking deck. Representatives from the

city's architect Rich and Associates took the group through the specifics of the Wing Street proposal, including appearance, dimensions and relationship to adjacent structures.

Members of the audience, several local merchants among them, for the most part concurred there is a parking problem downtown. From there, they voiced as many suggestions as people in attendance ways to address it.

DDA representatives and city administrators fielded audience questions on a variety of topics, including: can the city put on the web site the conceptual drawings from the perspective of a 6-foot person; why does the viable business Edward's Catering have to be relocated; is the deck to provide convenient parking for city employees; how many net spaces will the deck as proposed provide; how much would the DDA be willing to pay in land acquisition costs.

The questions continued: can you explain how parking credits work; what type of lighting would the structure have; is there a way the city can fund the project other than voter-approved bonds; with additional commercial development, where will customers park; what if a deck design does not meet with the approval of the historic commission; what is the cost of relocating utilities; are women willing to park in structures.

Information is available on the website at www.downtown-northville.org or by calling Lori Ward, DDA director at (248) 349-0345.

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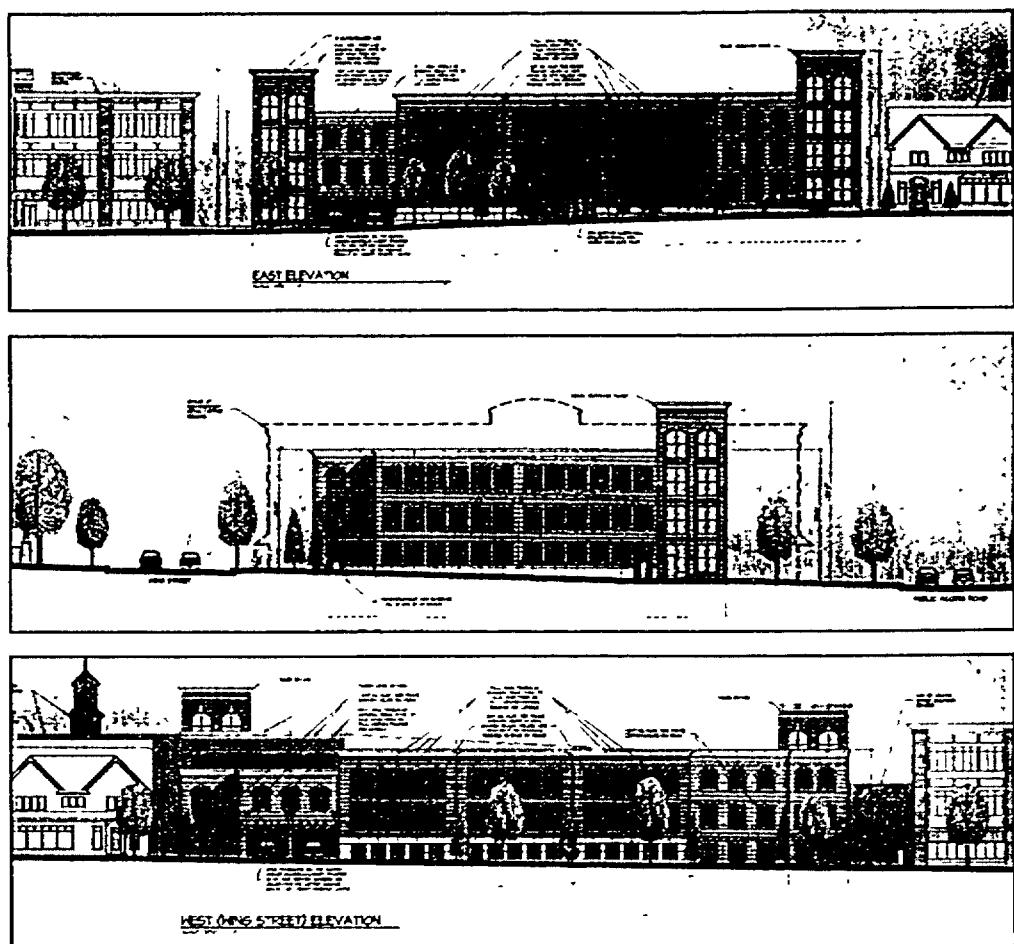
three-hour meeting all the discussion that's gone on in the last few years," Johnson said. However, he voiced the consensus observation, that the impending vote finally prompted public attention.

"It is my proposal that we sit down and take a hard look at the decisions that we made," the mayor said. "I don't mind revisiting the choice, personally." The addition of a parking structure will be one of the most significant changes to the downtown over the next 20 years, he

said. Statute limits the way you can word ballot language, he pointed out. So, the November proposal cannot ask individuals whether they want a deck at location A, B or C, for example.

"I can assure you we'll take a good, hard look at everything again," Johnson said.

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Artists' renderings show the east, south, and west elevations of a proposed parking deck to be constructed on the site of the current Main / Wing Street parking lot.



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From teacher to creature: it's Dracula!

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

A fourth grade teacher at Silver Springs Elementary in Northville will soon be appearing in a production of Dracula at Schoolcraft College.

Jason Brooks, 26, has been teaching at Silver Springs for four years and has been cast as "Dr. Seward," the proprietor of the asylum and father of "Lucy."



The theater, located inside Jason Brooks Schoolcraft's Liberal Arts building, will be hosting several performances. Some of the productions will be preceded by a dinner—prepared by Schoolcraft students involved in the Culinary Arts program—and served at the VistaTech Center.

Performance dates are slated for Oct. 24-25; Nov. 7-8; and Nov. 14-15.

Nov. 8 and Nov. 14 are allotted for theater performances only. The four remaining showdates are slated to include dinner, followed by the Dracula production.

All shows begin at 8 p.m., with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. on specified evenings.

Dinner theater tickets are \$22 per person. Performance only tickets are \$10.

The upcoming Dracula production is being directed by Schoolcraft professor, James Hartman.

Brooks said he happened to see a notice for the play as he drove past the college's electric billboard one day. That sighting spurred his interest in possible participation.

"My fiancée convinced me to go and audition," he said. "I decided it was something I wanted to try. I was scared out of my wits. I was so nervous, I was shaking through auditions and callbacks."

Despite his perceived nervousness, Brooks made the callback list.

"Close to 100 people tried out over two nights," he said. "Eighteen people were called back."

Eight of those individuals — Brooks included — were cast in a

FANGFARE

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COST: Dinner/theater tickets are \$22 per person. Performance only tickets are \$10.

INFO: Tickets are available at the Schoolcraft College bookstore or by calling (734) 462-4596.

* On these dates, a dinner/theater performance is planned. The remaining showdates, Nov. 8 and 14 are for theater performance only.

speaking role.

In preparation for his performances, Brooks said his fourth grade students have been helping him rehearse his lines.

"A couple of kids grab the script from me and they try to stump me," he said.

Brooks said the students are allowed to select a line that precedes his own and he is to recite his next line.

"They love to try to stump me and they cheer when I get it right," he said. "They just love it."

Brooks said while he did some previous drama performances at Michigan State University, they pale in comparison to his newest venture.

"It was nothing as intense as this for sure," he said. "This is my first big show. It's as close to professional theater as you're going to see around here."

"It's amateur theater, but we treat as professional theater, and our sincere hope is you see it that way."

Tickets to see Dracula are available at the Schoolcraft College bookstore or by calling (734) 462-4596.

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MILL RACE MATTERS

Oct. 16	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Archives open to the public Brownie Scout Meeting Rehearsals Church Historical Society Board Meeting	Cady Cady Cady
Oct. 17	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. 6 p.m.-7 p.m.	Archives open to the public School Tour Northville Woman's Club Northville Woman's Club Wedding Rehearsal	Cady School Cady Church Church Church
Oct. 18	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Wedding Wedding Wedding	Church Church Church
Oct. 19	10 a.m.-noon 1 p.m.-4 p.m. 6 p.m.-8 p.m.	Mill Creek Church Buildings open to the public Pumpkin Walk	Church Village Village
Oct. 20	9 a.m.-4 p.m. 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Heirloom Rug Hookers Junior Scout Meeting	Cady and Cottage Cady
Oct. 21	9 a.m.-noon 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 9:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Stone Gang Heirloom Rug Hookers School Tour Junior Scout Meeting Weavers Guild Meeting	Cady Cady School Cady Church
Oct. 22	9 a.m.-4 p.m. 9:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. 7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Heirloom Rug Hookers School Tour Brownie Scout Meeting Mill Creek Church	Cady School Cady Church
Oct. 23	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Archives open to the public School Tour Junior Scout Meeting Rehearsal	Cady School Cady Church

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Registration will be November 7th at 7 p.m., 6 p.m. for Historical Society members. Last year it sold out with the members.

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Daughter of former Record owner dies at 89

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route, so we'd go over and watch the parade," said Dogonski. "She always had a smile. We spent every holiday with her."

Funeral services were hosted Monday at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, a church she was a member of. Rev. John Hice served as the officiant. Visitation was hosted Oct. 12 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Interment was arranged through Salem Walker Cemetery.

Atchison, who received a bachelor of arts degree from Albion College, is survived by her children Richard (Barbara) Atchison of Virginia, Russell (Jeanine) Atchison of Washington, Rhonda (Wil) Burnes of Brighton and Roxanne (Ray) Casterline of Northville. She is also survived by her brother, Philip C. Baldwin of Albion, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Along with her husband, Atchison was preceded in death by her daughter, Robyn.

Dogonski recalled her grandparents became introduced to each other as a result of very unusual and life-threatening circumstances.

Atchison met her future husband after he saved the life of her father, who was hit by a stray bullet during the Depression.

Atchison was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority and was a Life Member and past president of the Northville Woman's Club, where she received a 60-year membership award. In addition, she was a Life Member of the Northville Mother's Club and a member of Questers.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Salem Walker Church Restoration Fund, Attn: Annette Bennett 30061 Cherry Lane New Hudson, Mich. 48165.

Checks may be made payable to Salem Walker Church Association.

Contributions may also be sent in Atchison's memory to the Northville Mother's Club Lifetime Members, 20360 Woodhill Northville, MI 48167.

Library wall adorned with mural

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Two Milford artists last week gave the Northville District Library a unique update with a sizable wall mural.

Mural artists Karri and Mike Mohr were selected to paint a whimsical bookshelf on the wall of the library.

Assistant Northville District Library director, Anne Mannisto, said the spines of the painted books will be lettered with the names of donors to the library's Endowment Fund.

Mannisto said this mural will honor those who have contributed to the fund or will contribute in the future.

"This artwork will be something that will evolve with people's names on it," she said. "It will be a nice artwork in and of itself and it will also be a fitting recognition for all of our generous library supporters."

According to Mannisto, the Northville District Library Endowment Fund was established in 2001 as a means to provide funding to enhance the future services and collections of the library above and beyond the library's basic revenues.

Library officials said donors who con-

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Anne Mannisto
Northville District Library

tribute a cumulative amount of \$250 will be recognized on the mural. This includes all gifts made since the Endowment Fund began in 2001 and continuing through the end of the Five Year Campaign in 2006.

Four sizes of books with increasing amounts of decorative detail will honor cumulative giving at six levels, said officials.

In addition, library officials said since the library's Endowment Fund is under the umbrella of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, those who contribute are eligible for a 50 percent direct tax credit on their Michigan Income Tax.



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Milford artists Karri and Mike Mohr dress up the walls of the Northville District Library last week.

LIBRARY LINES

SPOOKY SPIDERS & CREEPY CRAWLIES: Kids in Kindergarten and up are invited to join Little Creature's exotic animal specialist, Dan Briere, for a close up look at spiders and other creepy crawlies from around the world, on Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. To attend this program, just pick up a free ticket at the Information Desk on the day of the performance, at 3:45 p.m.

LITTLE ME STORY-TIME! Little ones, from 10

months to 2 years old, along with their parents or caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun, and simple stories on Oct. 17 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Offered once a month, this special activity requires no pre-registration. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend.

BOOKS, CHAT AND CHOW FOR 6TH GRADERS AND UP: Join us on Oct. 29 to talk about the book "Turnabout" by Margaret Peterson Haddix. This futuristic

novel takes place in 2085, when two girls who underwent secret experiments on aging learn the terrifying truth. The discussion runs from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., and refreshments are served.

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. Register at the Information

Desk or call the library at (248) 349-3020.

TEEN READ WEEK SCAVENGER HUNT: Stop in anytime during Teen Read Week, Oct. 19 through 25, to play the "Sports Celebrity Scavenger Hunt"! All correctly completed entries will be eligible for the Prize Drawing.

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the audience, or just come and listen. Everyone who reads will get a prize, with special prizes going to the top 3 performances, as determined by a small panel of judges.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be on Oct. 23 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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Creativity takes off at Handcrafters show

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Motorists slowed in the vicinity of the Northville Community Center this past weekend as a warm fall breeze and a shopping opportunity swept hundreds of walkers into one of downtown's largest annual arts and crafts events.

The Handcrafters show, organized by Canton residents Sue Smith and Molly Pemberton, hosted 70 vendors and visitors from throughout the area ready to start their holiday shopping, pick up some seasonal decor or discover a one-of-a-kind creation. The two women, who for five years operated the Handcrafters shop 342 E. Main Street, have welcomed buyers and sellers to the community center at spring, fall and winter shows for 21 years.

Mere hours after the artisans loaded their remaining wares at the end of the day Sunday, contractors at 8 a.m. Monday arrived at the site to begin the \$2.89 million project to create an expanded senior center. So, the next time those who attended the show this weekend enter the building — a July reopening is scheduled — it will be laid out a little differently and feature an Arts and Crafts flavor in decor.

Halloween and Christmas decor were on the minds of many shoppers this Friday, Saturday and Sunday as vendors offered yard decorations, ornaments and home accessories favoring those themes. There were also timeless favorites in the form of dried flower wreaths, angel items, beaded jewelry, American Girl doll outfits and decorative wood birdhouses.

For Smith and Pemberton, scheduling the show is a concerted effort to combine long-time favorite participants with innovative newcomers. Approximately 25 percent of the vendors are new each show, Smith said.

"You do have to rotate to keep it fresh," Smith said. The artisans and crafters sign up months ahead to secure a slot, she said.

Larry and Cindy Durbin, who set up their Walnut Hill Studio booth alongside a dozen others on the community center stage, have traveled to the Northville show from Delton near Kalamazoo for more than eight years. Each year they share their woodworking, handpainting and reworking of items with the local clientele.

"We're not taking antiques and destroying them," Cindy said. "We're making something new out of something old."

The Durbins made lamps from treadle sewing machine bodies and small cabinets from sewing machine drawers. Cindy hand-painted cheery designs on old ice skates and work boots and filled them with greens.

"It is one of our better shows," Cindy said. "Over the years, we've gotten to know our regular customers. We look forward to saying hello."

"I just really like this town," Entering the gym — its floor protected blue tarp for the event — teased the senses with the sight of sparkling jewelry, the sound of excited chatter, the textures from lace to clay, and the aroma of scented soaps.

Tracy Hoagland, accompanied by her 12-year-old daughter Emily, manned the ClayTime booth and its rows and rows of miniature clay polymer figurines. This was the Brighton mom's fifth year at the Handcrafters show.

"Northville is a good show for me," she said. Emily came along for company and to earn wages toward a new snowboard, she said.

This time of year, the best sellers among her tiny, detailed clay characters are witches, pilgrims and scarecrows, Hoagland said. Dorothy with her sparkling slipper and trip-to-Oz companions are always popular, the crafter said.

"I make everyone of them," she said, usually 10 at a time. "I always add characters," she added with a laugh. "That's my problem, I never subtract."

Jennifer Phillips of Farmington Hills displayed 22 years of design and show experience in her Whimsical Wears booth. She measures the length of her sewing career by the age of her son Eric, now a University of Michigan student, who was eight months old when she began.

On the spot, she will personalize a bib, tote bag or outfit with her electric sewing machine. Like other vendors, Phillips said she sees some of the same faces year after year.

"With so many repeat customers, we always have people coming back," she said. The other crafters too become familiar, she said.

"This is fun," Phillips said. "It's definitely like a little community. This is one of the better shows."

In the community center's activity room, tables were set with autumn-colored tablecloths where shoppers could rest or have a snack. Joan Lindsay, who enjoyed a dessert of carrot cake, traveled 30 minutes from Hamburg with neighbors to attend the Northville show.

"There's a lot of unique things here," she said. "People are making them themselves. They're more fine arts than crafty things."

Renovation at the 303 W. Main Street facility will force the Handcrafters to relocate when they return to town for their winter show. The Handcrafters shows Dec. 12-14 and the week before Easter will be held at the Northville Recreation Center at Hillside. For information, call (734) 459-0050.

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Quilter Jennifer Phillips personalizes a bib that she's created for a customer of hers at last Friday's Handcrafters Arts and Crafts show at the Northville Community Center.

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Resident's indy film hits screen

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winter," said Croteau, who wrote, directed and produced the piece.

Shot on location at Kensington Metropark in Milford and Greenmeade historical park in Livonia, the film features Croteau's real-life 12-month-old son, Tristan James.

Croteau's nephew, Jareme Karriker of Canton, served as camera operator. Croteau's wife, Trisha, was also instrumental in the creation of the film, especially during the brainstorming stage and actual filming.

"She likes the conceptual part of the process, and is just as visual as I am. The main thing we had to attack was how do we do this on a shoestring budget?" Croteau said.

Featuring Mozart as the musical backdrop, the film reviews a day in the life of a young father taking his son fishing for the first time and looks back to the time when he used to fish with his own father.

"The less time you have in a film, the harder it is to tell the story," Croteau said. "The challenge is to keep people enthralled."

The film is more visual without a lot of dialogue. "Obviously, you're not going to have a lot of dialogue with a one-year-old in your film," he joked. "The main goal was to entertain the audience with cinematography — to present a lot of visuals instead of dialogue," he said. "I spent a good deal of the spring chasing sunsets."

A native of Canton, Croteau started out as a model in Chicago and then moved to Los Angeles.

"I was told that I might have better luck as a model in L.A., but I struggled trying to break into the business," he recalled.

"Then, one day on a plane ride to Chicago from L.A. in 1990, a gentleman gave me his business card and said he was filming a movie in Chicago and was looking for actors," Croteau recalled.

He landed a role in a science fiction movie called "Them," and, ironically, some of it was filmed in the Detroit area.

"Eventually, I thought it would be better to be on the other side of the camera creatively," he said.

Croteau studied journalism, multi-media presentations and film as part of a communications degree at Madonna University in Livonia. He took on some design jobs working as a graphics artist right out of college.

He has submitted scripts to publishing houses recently, but hasn't received any responses yet. "It's frustrating when you have so much passion about something. You can't control it," he said.

And, his one of his latest adventures is creating a three-to-five-minute visual resume on film for area job hunters.

"The idea is to create a visual tapestry of your career goal combined with who you are," he explained. "And, you want your message to come across quickly."

"My overall goal is to obtain more commercial work in the area," Croteau said. "I'm kind of taking baby steps in that respect."

Those interested in Croteau's visual resume service or other film services can contact him at (248) 561-2164 or croteausimpson@aol.com.

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The cast and crew of "Father's Day," a short film by Northville filmmaker James Croteau shown recently at the Michigan Independent Film Festival in Novi, from left: James Croteau; Jareme Karriker of Canton, camera operator; Tristan Croteau; and Trisha Croteau.

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Back on track: it's the month for spine health

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

In recognition of October being heralded as "Spinal Healthcare Month" by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Northville chiropractor Ken Stopa, Jr. is offering free spinal screenings for children this month.

Stopa, who operates the Main Street Family Chiropractic Center at 109 W. Main in Northville, said he is pleased state-wide attention is being given to chiropractors' contributions to human health and personal well-being.

At the request of the Michigan Chiropractic Society, Granholm has signed an Executive Declaration proclaiming this month as Spinal Healthcare Month, officials said.

"To us, it's an honor to have the Governor recognize what chiropractors can do for the community," said Stopa. "It's our job to get out and let the public know what chiropractic can do for them."

For the remainder of this month, Stopa is offering free spinal assess-

ments for children up to age 12.

Specializing in the care of the spine and nervous system, Stopa said chiropractic care can help prevent certain organ disorders and diseases.

"Most people don't realize the nervous system is the key to proper functioning in the body," he said.

The Governor's declaration concurred.

"The proper function of the nervous system and the correct alignment of the spine are paramount to the body's ability to develop appropriately and work efficiently," it stated. "The science of chiropractic care and the doctors who practice it have contributed greatly to the health and well-being of our citizenry."

For more information on spinal health or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 735-9800.

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- All entries must be completed by entrant
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Maybury's fall festival proves to be a-maizing

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Six Northville cousins had a fine time Sunday wandering through a 7-foot corn maze at Maybury State Park then watching the patch for the perfect pumpkin.

Bob Raymond, accompanied by his son Alec, 11, and daughter Sarah, 8, rounded up his two sisters and their children for the fall family outing. Laurie Grimes, her two sons Ryan, 13, and Steven, 12, and Linda and Rob Transou, with Nolan, 4, and R.J., 7, made a mound of pumpkins in the farmer's field, then loaded their loot for the ride home.

It was the first time the families picked pumpkins at Maybury and agreed that it was a fun time. In the comfort of a slight breeze and sunny 70-degrees, the parents and children traversed dirt paths heads bent, inspecting the orange gourds nestled at random among the now-dried vines.

"It's a beautiful day," Rob Transou said. While the adults leisurely admired the golds, greens and reds of the turning leaves, the youngsters were excited about the trip back through the trees to reach the maze of tall stalks and the ultimate pumpkin hunt on the 12-acre patch.

Transou, who perched on the hay-bale benches for the wagon ride to and from the maze, complimented the farmer that the park, contacted to plant and harvest. "Farmer Butch was informative and entertaining," he said.

Lifetime area resident Butch

George hosted harvest-time fun for a steady stream of cars, trucks and SUVs that joined Maybury's usual weekend visitors passing through the park's Eight Mile Road entrance. The grassroots group, Friends of Maybury, added free activities to the farmer's offerings.

Friends again this weekend will continue their fall festival 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the concession stand, on the far side of the parking lot inside the Eight Mile Road entrance. Children last weekend enthusiastically learned to shuck corn, painted miniature pumpkins donated by George, and watched with interest the weaving demonstrations by the Northville Weaver's Guild.

An added attraction this Sunday, from 1 to 3 p.m. will be a visit by Wendy Bair and her dog, Plinkie. Friends members will offer sticker books, popcorn balls and donuts for sale as part of the group's main fundraiser for the year.

The location of the snacks and activities near the start and finish point of Farmer Butch's wagon ride created a central gathering spot for the fall celebration. Families waiting for the adventure of pumpkin picking watched the triumphant return of dozens of their counterparts, cradling in their arms their varied-size and shape orange prizes.

As the farmer pulled his wagons by tractor out to the maze, he described coyotes in the woods last week and the horseback riders following the park paths. At the drop-off site, George described the type and yield of his commercial corn, which will be harvested when it is

completely dry. It will be used for cattle feed, corn chips or cereal corn flakes, he said.

Joking with his passengers, the farmer said the average time to go through the maze, with its 32 intersections and deadends, is two to three weeks. He invited them to enjoy the maze at their leisure, which actually took approximately 20 minutes to conquer.

The youngest park visitors excitedly experienced new sight and sounds in the farm field. Some clambered into wheelbarrows for a ride to the patch, others clutched a bare cob as a memento of their shucking experience, still others crunched against the bent leaves of the almost brittle corn plants.

Giggling collisions mixed with the sound of the breeze rustling the dry leaves and chirping insects as people worked their way through the pale, faded-from-green stems. Angled ears with tufts of black hair still poked from the stalks. Exiting the maze opened to view the endless stretch of pumpkins.

Farmer Butch will continue his trips to the patch through the end of the month. The hours are Fridays 4 to 6 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children age 4-12, and free for children under 3. For information about group tours, anyone can call George directly at (248) 515-7649.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Butch George talks to attendees of last Sunday afternoon's Maybury Fall Festival about the corn that's been planted on the park property and how and when it will be harvested. The George family has cut a corn maze into the rows it's planted at Maybury at festival goers could wander through its twisting, turning paths.

NORTHVILLE AREA BRIEFS

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Neighborhood Legal Services will be hosting a free legal presentation Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at Alterra Wynwood of Northville, an assisted living residence.

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Alterra Wynwood, an assisted living residence, is located at 40405 Six Mile Road.

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A "get moving, get in shape" new fitness initiative is being launched for the Northville community.

A kick-off party is planned for Saturday, Nov. 8 at Northville High School from 9 a.m. until noon.

Free entertainment, snacks and prizes will be offered along with health screenings. Fitness classes and demonstrations from fitness and medical professionals throughout

the community will also be available.

For more information, call (248) 449-7634 or visit online www.wtr-wheel.com

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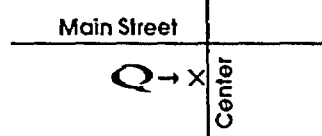
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Dowdells plant their future in conservatory

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The room the Dowdells added to the rear of their Horton Street home so wows some passers-by they stop to ask the story behind it.

Denise and Rodger Dowdell can peer through the glass of their 265-square-foot conservatory at their white-picketed yard, their pond, the colors of fall. Inside, the almost-finished project features slate-tile flooring, white-trim molding and beadboard, to complement the character of their Victorian home.

"We're very pleased with the way it came out," Denise said. "This opened it up tremendously."

"We're anxious to have our first gathering, to have everyone over," she said. Frequent entertainers, she and her husband have described project progress to friends and family since they signed contracts in June.

The daytime impression of the 16-by-17 structure is glass and sunlight and bright, a natural extension of what was a quaint kitchen in the 1893 home. The couple, with the help of an interior design consultant, incorporated into the room features to keep the setting cozy into the night.

Webster's defines "conservatory" as a greenhouse. Denise is planning to pick up that theme with lots of plants to tie her setting to the outdoors, but she and her guests will not lack for comfort year-round. The floors are heated below the slate. The windows are insulated glass framed by heavy-gauge vinyl. The pitched roof, with its metal-accent crossbar, is made of a honey-combed, insulated poly-



Northville residents Rodger and Denise Dowdell stand outside their recently-finished conservatory sunroom that they've added to their Horton St. home. The conservatory's sunray burst patterned roof can be seen through the windows.

carbonate.

When the couple downsized from their Novi home two years ago, they planned to add a sunroom of some type, Denise said. The longer they lived at the Horton address, she said, they realized they wanted to add space to the 2,000-square-foot home, not to the detached, covered patio.

"Because of the age of the home, we wanted to stay with the Victorian flair," Dowdell said. The couple opted for field-

stone on the exterior of the addition to match the chimney, rather than the originally planned gray siding of the rest on the house.

Through an advertisement in a local magazine, she learned about Canterbury Conservatories. That company's products led them to Kim Friewald of Building Lifestyles in South Lyon, who acted as project manager for the addition.

"We get so many people that stop," the homeowner said. "They've had several people

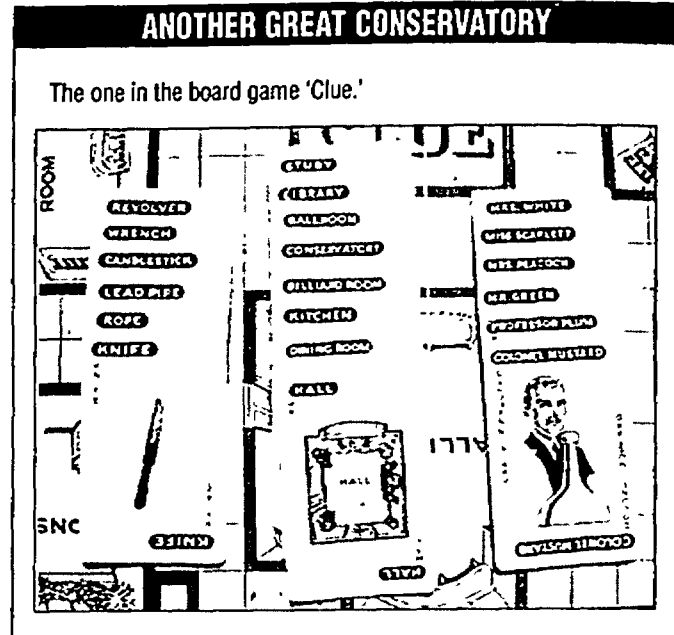
referred as well."

"She really gave us some good ideas to tie the space into the rest of the house," Dowdell said.

Friewald, in her role providing interior design suggestions and assisting with subcontractor scheduling, helped the couple explore interior and exterior options.

"I came in and said why don't we just take this wall out," she recalled. "It totally changed the feel of the whole kitchen."

The project exceeded the orig-



inal 12-week estimate, Dowdell said, because they expanded the scope.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time, it gets into a bigger project," Friewald said. When the project taps an existing room, people tend to want to create a softer transition to tie the two areas together, she said.

In addition to the new room, the Dowdells traded their kitchen appliances for new stainless steel models, added granite countertops, and revised the laundry room set-up, including an obscure-glass pocket door. The cost of all the work topped \$75,000, she estimated.

Dowdell lost use of her stove for two and one-half weeks when the workers punched through the rear wall. Aside from the stream of landscapers, electricians and construction crews, the disruption has been minimal, she said.

"It was dirty and dusty and all the construction things, but they tried to keep it to a minimum," she said.

One of the next parts of the project will be paint, Denise said, a golden-yellow base, washed with red, to give it an antique look. She has planned the wicker furniture, bar stools along the granite countertop, and seating in the breakfast nook that will fit her garden theme.

"She was real communicative," Friewald complimented Dowdell. "I was really able to work with her as a homeowner."

"They were probably some of my favorite people to work with."

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Sound of Music cast pays visit to elementary

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Fifth grade students at Silver Springs Elementary were visited Oct. 2 by five cast members of "The Sound of Music" who are currently performing nationwide.

Actress Jeanne Lehman, who plays Mother Abbess, was joined by four of the Von Trapp child actors including Maggie Watts, 11, Alexa Ehrlich, 9, Patrick Minor, 14, and Brittney Portman, 12.

Silver Springs students were allowed a question-and-answer session with the performers, inquiring about their school schedules, amount of homework and whether they ever got nervous while on stage.

The actors — who homes are based in Georgia, Mississippi and New York — spoke to students on their experiences of touring, their acting responsibilities and squeezing in an education. Lehman said rehearsals for "The Sound of Music" began in June and the first show took place in Texas. Since then, the actors have traveled across much of the U.S., performing and delighting audiences.

The group performed at the Fox Theater in Detroit Sept. 30 through Oct. 5.

Until their tour concludes in mid-November, the group will be performing in a different state nearly every



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Cast members of the touring show of the "Sound of Music" including Maggie Watts, Patrick Minor, Alexa Ehrlich, and Brittney Portman perform a song from their show for an assembly of Silver Springs Elementary School students last Thursday morning. The cast is performing at Detroit's Fox Theatre.

week.

The cast members' visit was made possible through the school's Junior Enrichment Series program.

Shelly Bush, JES coordinator, said her family made a trip to see the play performed live.

"It was a lot of fun for my kids because they saw the show," she said. "It's fun [for students] to see kids their own age doing something not many kids get to do."

As a result of the actors' visit,

Northville students were given a taste of what a performer's job entails.

The child actors concurred that it is exciting to travel and become like a family with one another, but said being on the road for long periods and missing relatives at home is a challenge.

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Mother's Club gives \$18K donation

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville Public Schools was given an \$18,000 shot in the arm Tuesday evening, as Northville Mother's Club representatives presented a hefty check to school officials to supplement the district's budget.

The check — totaling slightly more than \$18,400, or \$3 for every student enrolled in grades K-12 — was presented at the Northville Board of Education meeting at Old Village School.

Denise Taylor, enrichment chairperson for the Northville Mother's Club, said the organization became interested in helping the district financially, due to extreme school funding cutbacks at the state level.

"We wanted to do something that would make a difference," said Taylor. "This money is to restore the district's budget to what it was for textbooks, materials and supplies."



Two members of the Northville Mother's Club Diana Birdsall (far left) and Denise Taylor (third from left) presented a check for more than \$18,000 Tuesday evening.

Consumable items or periodicals could also be purchased, she said.

Although the organization has routinely offered assistance to other school programs or activities, Taylor said this contribution is unusual

because it's designed to help restore the district's budget.

The Northville Mother's Club, which has been around since 1935, is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to educational enrichment for Northville school children.

Taylor said the funds were generated through advertisements placed in the Mother's Club phone directory and the All Aglow Christmas fund-raiser.

"All that money goes right to the schools," she said. "Every dollar goes right back into the kids. We're all volunteers. No one gets paid."

Since its inception, the Mother's Club has been providing aid for local students and has continued that tradition, said Taylor.

"Last year, we helped out with an after-school club at the high school giving computer equipment," she said.

The organization has also provided a telescope to the science department at the high school, she said.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Paul's Lutheran School will be having a rummage sale on Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon.

St. Paul's is located at 201 Elm Street in Northville. Funds raised will go toward new playground equipment.

RESIDENT EARNS SCHOLARSHIP

DFCU Financial, formerly Dearborn Federal Credit Union, has awarded Founders' Scholarships to three recent high school graduates including Justin Craig of Northville who demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and service to his community.

Craig, who was named valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, received a \$2,000 DFCU Financial scholarship. His poignant scholarship essay illustrated how he boldly faced a personal challenge and, from the experience, learned the critical role that people play in giving strength to others. He also serves as a role model for young children at Focus Hope in Detroit and Starfish Family Services. In addition, he serves on the leadership board of Volunteer Impact. He enjoys playing football and Lacrosse and plans to attend Harvard University in Boston.

The application deadline for the 2004 DFCU Financial Founders' Scholarship is Friday, Nov. 14.

2003. Applications are available at DFCU Financial's branches and website at www.dfcufinancial.com and at various Detroit-area high schools. Candidates must be members of DFCU Financial, high school seniors and have a minimum 3.0 grade point average. For more information, call (313) 336-2700.

MAD SCIENCE AT AMERICAN

From Sept. 30 through Nov. 19, American Elementary in Northville is hosting after-school science programs, orchestrated by Mad Science of Oakland County, two days a week.

The classes run Tuesdays from 3:45 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. An estimated 100 students are currently enrolled in the classes.

This winter, sessions of additional Mad Science classes will be available.

For more information, contact Lisa Hilton at (248) 305-5151 or Janeen Crittenden at (248) 380-7222.

KINDERCARE ACCREDITED TWICE

The National Association for the Education of Young Children recently awarded accreditation for the second time to Silver Springs KinderCare. Only seven percent of early childhood programs nationwide achieve this recognition. Silver Springs KinderCare was first accredited three years ago.

Silver Springs KinderCare, located at 20675 Silver Springs Drive, has been caring for area children since 1974. The center can accommodate 83 children, ages six weeks to 12 years.

RIDGE WOOD PARENT SOCIAL/AUCTION

Ridge Wood Elementary School's PTA 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 Five 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 PTA. Donations to the auction are welcome. For tickets and additional information, call (248) 735-9591.

BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES

A family activity and learning fair is slated to take place Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Northville High School. The workshop is for families with children from pre-school to high school.

For more information, call Judy Prain at (248) 348-2073.

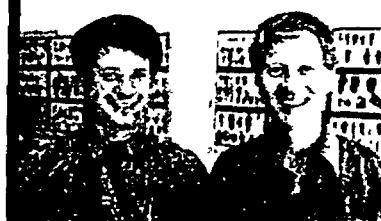
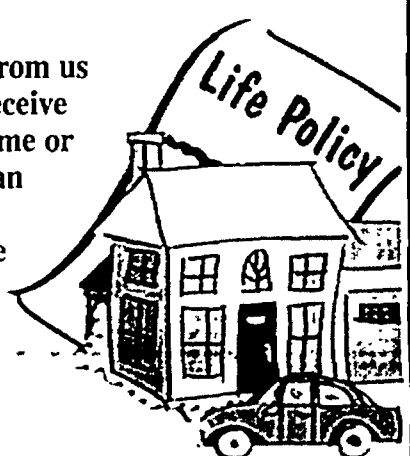
HILLSIDE SCIENCE FAIR

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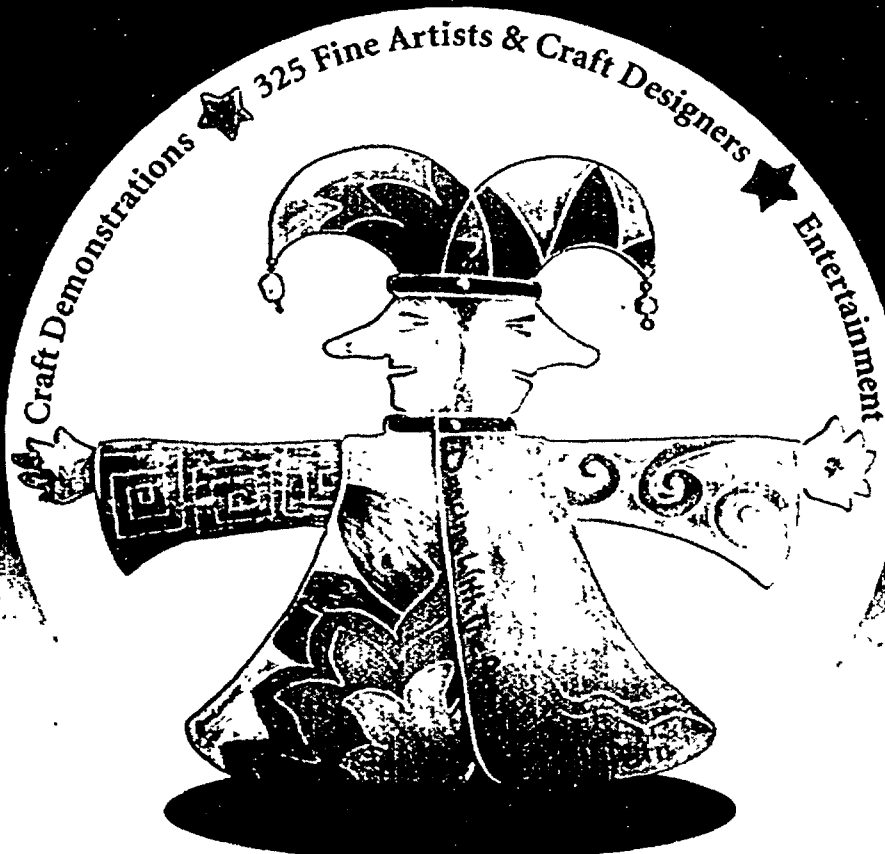
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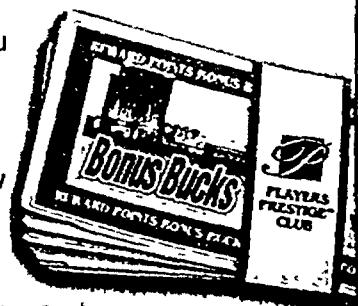
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BIRTHS

Emma Caroline Manross was born Sept. 17, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor to Michelle and Chris Manross of Northville. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20½ inches at birth.

Emma is the sister of Connor, 7. She is the granddaughter of Rick and Karen Manross of Novi and John and Sally Price of Fairfield Glade, Tenn.



Emma Caroline Manross

Charles Joseph Schlagheck was born Aug. 19 at Providence Hospital in Southfield to Kristén and Larry Schlagheck of Northville. He weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 23 inches at birth.

Charles is the brother of Will, 4½, and Emma, 2½. He is the grandson of Jack and Jane Martin of Northville and Bill and Mary Schlagheck of Toledo. He is the great-grandson of St. Petersburg.



Charles Joseph Schlagheck

WEDDINGS

Laura K. Brown of Northville and Andrew J. Copilevitz of St. Louis, Mo. were married July 26 in Chicago. Rabbi James Sagarin of Chicago Sinai Congregation officiated the service.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Karen Brown of Northville. She is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School and a 1999 graduate of Northwestern University. She is employed by Aon, Inc. of Chicago. The groom is the son of Steven Copilevitz and Barbara Korman of St. Louis and is a 2000 graduate of Northwestern University. He is employed by Valor Equity Partners of Chicago.

Adrienne Browne of Northville and Sarah Van Epps served as maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Laurie Copilevitz, Lisa Morrison and Kristen Rielly. Andy Kuhn served as the best man. Groomsmen were Mark



Brown-Copilevitz

Copilevitz, Robert Codol, Jesse Meschuk and Todd Smith.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and now reside in Chicago.

OBITUARIES

Ruby P. Wright

Ruby Wright of Canton died Oct. 6. She was 73. Ms. Wright was born June 21, 1930 in China.

She had been a former resident of Livonia and Plymouth and was a retired registered dietitian in local nursing homes. She had been an office manager for Ob-Gyn Joy Wong and Dr. Eduardo Phillips, and was an active supporter for the Garden City Swim Club and the Livonia Spartans Aquatic Club. She taught Chinese cooking classes in Garden City and Northville and was an avid amateur artisan in stained glass, needlepoint and sewing.

Ms. Wright is survived by her children, Christina (Roland) Hwang of Northville, Gerald (Colleen) Sich of Rochester Hills, Theresa (Tom) Zeug of Cincinnati, Ohio and Jacqueline (Richard) Gordon of San Francisco, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Oct. 11 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth, which handled funeral arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, Inc., Woodholme Medical Building, Ste. 515, 1838 Greene Tree Road, Baltimore, Md. 21208.

Barbara J. Gallagher

Barbara Gallagher of Northville died Oct. 11. She was 64.

Beloved wife of the late Donald. Dear mother of Shawn (Patrick) Converse, Jill (Edward) Quillen and Kelly Gallagher. Loving grandmother of Samantha, Marcus, Megan and Donald. Sister of Patricia Caskey and Bernice Armstrong, and the late Shirley Hudy and Leonard Democour.

A memorial service for Ms. Gallagher was held Oct. 15 at O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home of Northville. Interment will be at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, Mich. 48076.

Eugene "Sam" Kunst

Eugene "Sam" Kunst of Northville died Oct. 7. He was 74.

Mr. Kunst was born May 6, 1929 in Grand Rapids to the late Peter H. Kunst and Wilhelmina Dahlke.

Mr. Kunst had lived in Northville for 40 years and received a bachelor's degree from Tri-State University in Indiana. He had been an engineer for Honeywell, enjoyed watching Notre Dame football and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a veteran of the Army, serving as a Paratrooper in the 11th Airborne.

Mr. Kunst is survived by his wife,

Patricia E. Kunst; three children, Peter (Nancy) Kunst, Sarah (fiance) Drew Brown) Kunst, and Jane (Eric) Stepnitz; two siblings, Kenneth (Patricia) Kunst and Elizabeth (Theodore) Eckert; and five grandchildren, Angela, Nathan, Ryan, Katie, and Abbey.

The funeral mass was held Oct. 10 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville with Father Paul Czarnota officiating. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady of Victory School, 770 Thayer St., Northville, Mich. 48167 or the Lymphoma Research Fund, c/o Dr. Mark Kaminski, University of Michigan Cancer Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109.

Funeral arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

William B. Smith

William Smith of Livonia died Oct. 8. He was 85.

Mr. Smith was born April 2, 1918 in Highland Park to Walter Smith and Minnie Crosson.

He had lived his life in the area, with homes in Plymouth, Northville and Livonia and was a graduate of Plymouth High School. He also attended Henry Ford Trade School

for eight years. He was a draftsman at an automotive company and was a life member of the Northville Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Gladys (Myers) Smith; two daughters, Marlene (Donald) Gray of Livonia; one brother, Earl (Bonnie) Smith of Plymouth; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and a special friend, Robert McCallum.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one brother.

Private family services were held at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Sondra Wilboe of Farmington First Methodist Church officiated. Interment will be at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens of Novi.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the giver's choice.

Ruth Mary Atchison

Ruth Atchison of Northville died Oct. 8. She was 89.

Ms. Atchison was born July 28, 1914 in Ann Arbor to the late Richard T. Baldwin and Harriet Riddick.

She moved to Northville with her family when her father purchased the Northville Record during the Great Depression. She worked as a journalist until she met her husband,

and they continued to make Northville their home. Mrs. Atchison earned a bachelor's degree at Albion College. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville, Delta Gamma Sorority, Life Member and past President of Northville Woman's Club where she received a 60 year membership award. Life Member of Northville Mother's Club, and a member of Questers. Her hobbies included needlepoint and reading, and she enjoyed travel, especially to Hawaii.

Ms. Atchison is survived by her children, Richard (Barbara) Atchison of Virginia, Russell (Jeanine) Atchison of Washington, Rhonda (Wil) Bumet of Brighton, and Roxanne (Ray) Casterline of Northville; one brother, Philip C.

Baldwin of Albion; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Russell M. Atchison, and one daughter, Robyn.

A funeral service was held Oct. 13 at First United Methodist Church of Northville. Rev. John Hice officiated the service. Interment will be at Salem Walker Cemetery, Salem.

Memorials may be made to Salem Walker Church Restoration Fund, c/o Annette Bennett, 30061 Cherry Lane, New Hudson, Mich. 48165 (checks should be made payable to Salem Walker Church Association) or Northville Mother's Club Lifetime Members, 20360 Woodhill, Northville, Mich. 48167.

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Seven decades later, Orin is still a jewel

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Orin Jewelers in Northville and Garden City marks a milestone this year with the observance of its 70th anniversary in the family-owned jewelry business.

And, according to owner Orin J. Mazzoni Jr., technology has modernized the industry, but as far as customer service, not a lot has changed in almost a quarter century of selling fine jewelry.

"My dad only had a sixth-grade education. But, his philosophy in business was if you treat your customers the way you'd like to be treated, you'll be successful," he said.

"Making people happy and taking care of them after the sale — that hasn't changed," he added.

The Northville location on the northeast corner of Main and Center streets has been a landmark of the downtown area since 1983.

In celebration of the company's 70th year, a special case of selected items is being offered ranging from 20 percent to 70 percent off. The case includes rings, earrings, bracelets, watches, pendants, key chains, cuff links, money clip, tie tacks and even a 14-carat gold ball-point pen clip with a diamond.

Orin Jewelers also offers Orin's Coins, which are actually gift tokens in \$25 and \$50 increments that come in a velvet bag.

Mazzoni, president of the company and a certified gemologist, noted that his late father, Orin Sr., was a master watchmaker who started the business in Weirton, W. Va., in 1933.

After living in Ohio for a while, the family moved to Garden City in 1953 when Mazzoni Jr. was only 8 years old. His father opened a jewelry store in a frame building, and the family lived above the store.

The owner of the building sold the structure in 1965, and the elder Mazzoni purchased another piece of property down the street.

Later, the former city hall building in Garden City became available, and the Mazzoni family purchased it for their store that's still located on the southwest corner of

"Making people happy and taking care of them after the sale — that hasn't changed."

Orin J. Mazzoni, Jr.
Orin Jewelers

Ford and Middlebelt roads.

"When we were kids, we used to work behind the counter when we were 9- or 10-years-old. I got my first engraving machine when I was 12," Mazzoni recalled.

When Orin Sr. retired in 1969, Orin Jr. took over as president and CEO. Mazzoni's son, Orin III, joined the business in 1998 and is also a certified gemologist. He graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in economics.

Mazzoni's daughter, Gina, who has worked at the Northville store for two years, is currently obtaining her gemologist certification at the Gemological Institute of America in Carlsbad, Calif. She recently graduated from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids with a degree in business.

Currently, Orin Jewelers has more gemologists and registered jewelers than any other jeweler in the state.

"It looks like we're going to be able to perpetuate the business into a third generation," Mazzoni said.

Mazzoni's brother, Michael, is part owner of the company and manager of the store in Garden City. His sister, Joyce Pappas, serves as the sales manager of the Garden City location. His mother, Mary, who worked in sales and as the company's bookkeeper, died in January.

David Beyer manages the Northville store and has been with the company for more than 25 years.

"I always loved Northville — since I was a kid," Mazzoni said. "I don't think anybody knew how

it would grow like it has." The Northville location, in fact, is twice as large as it used to be.

During his many years in the jewelry business, Mazzoni said he has learned that there's a big difference between making a sale and making a customer.

"There's a difference between a clerk and a professional salesperson. Follow-up after the sale is important. That's what we try to teach our staff," he said.

"They're very concerned about the people they deal with because they're looking for longevity with customers," he added. "If you take care of your customers, they become very loyal."

Mazzoni said to be successful in sales, "You've got to be selling all the time. Plus, you have to love what you're selling," Mazzoni said.

His advice to his children and grandchildren has always been, "Find something you like to do and figure out a way to make a living at it," Mazzoni said.

The Mazzoni family leased space for a store at the Brighton Mall, but closed that location a few years ago.

"It was supposed to be a specialty mall, but the owner decided to do something different, so we left. But we still have a lot of devoted clients from the Brighton area who come to the Northville store," Mazzoni said.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.



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Orin Jewelers' David Beyer takes a look under his gem-studying microscope at their East Main Street location.

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- Ford Dump Truck, Model 2003. Bids should be returned to the Business Office at 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, no later than 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 29, 2003.

Bids should be in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Ford Dump Truck, Model 2003 Bid." Specifications are available to be picked up in the Operations Department, 501 West Main Street, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please contact Chris Gears at (248) 344-8445 if you have any questions.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE - NORTHVILLE HOUSING COMMISSION ELEVATOR RENOVATION ALLEN TERRACE RENOVATION PROJECT

The City of Northville - Northville Housing Commission requests sealed requests for proposals for an elevator renovation project.

Proposal details may be received by contacting: Joanne Inglis, Housing Director, 401 High Street, Northville, MI 48167 (248) 349-8030.

An original proposal and eight (8) copies must be submitted by Friday, October 24, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read to: Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope marked "Allen Terrace Renovation Project - Elevator Renovation" Faxed and emailed proposals will not be considered. The City of Northville reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the City of Northville.

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(10-16-03 NR 91385)

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2003 - 2004 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Northville Parks and Recreation is currently soliciting bids for round trip transportation services from December 1, 2003 through November 30, 2004 for Northville Parks and Recreation programs.

Northville Parks and Recreation will accept sealed bids until Tuesday, October 28, 2003, 10:00 a.m. local time, at Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, at which time all proposals received shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from Northville Parks and Recreation. For further details contact Nichole Haskins, Recreation Supervisor at 248-349-0203 x1408.

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• THIS WEEK •

Free VFW membership opportunity
DATE: Ongoing
LOCATION: VFW Post No. 4012 (438 S. Main Street)
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: A free membership is available to all armed forces who have or are serving in hostile action.
PHONE: (248) 437-0777

Co-ed Over 50 Volleyball
DATE: Ongoing — Monday, Wednesday, Friday
LOCATION: Northville Parks & Recreation (303 W. Main Street)
TIME: 10 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: All levels of play are welcome.
PHONE: (248) 449-9947

"Miss Halloween Patch" stage production
DATE: Ongoing through Nov. 2
LOCATION: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street)
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: Tickets are \$7.50. Shows are not recommended for children under age 3.
PHONE: (248) 349-8110.

Flu shot clinics / health fair
DATE: Oct. 9, Nov. 14
LOCATION: Northville Downs (301 S. Center Street)
TIME: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Oct. 9); 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Nov. 14)
DETAILS: The event is sponsored by the Northville Senior Center. The event works only for persons with Medicare Part B, or for persons bringing \$17 to be paid at the fair.
PHONE: (248) 349-4140

Handcrafters Arts and Crafts Show
DATE: Oct. 10, 11, 12
LOCATION: Northville Recreation Center (303 W. Main Street)
TIME: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (Oct. 10); 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Oct. 11); 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Oct. 12)
DETAILS: Admission is \$2. Lunch will be available. More than 70 juried artisans will participate. Baby strollers are not permitted.
PHONE: (734) 459-0050

Library mural painting
DATE: Oct. 11, 12
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)
TIME: Various times
DETAILS: A mural on the library's atrium will be painted

in-house.
PHONE: (248) 349-3020

Gardeners of Northville / Noyl meeting
DATE: Oct. 13
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Sue Grabba will speak on night lighting in gardens. The event is open to the public.
PHONE: (248) 348-2426

Northville Chamber of Commerce Morning Mixer
DATE: Oct. 15
LOCATION: TCF Bank (39725 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 8 a.m.
DETAILS: Chamber member admission is \$10. Potential members or at-the-door admission is \$15. Reservations by credit card may be faxed to the Chamber office at (248) 349-8730
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Northville Woman's Club meeting
DATE: Oct. 17
LOCATION: Mill Race Village (Griswold / Main Street)
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Barbara Louie will be speaking on "Our Northville."
PHONE: (248) 349-5446

Sarah Ann Cochrane Northville-Plymouth chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting
DATE: Oct. 20
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)
TIME: Noon
DETAILS: All Daughters' and potential members are welcome. The program will discuss guest speaker Andrea Vanderveen
PHONE: (248) 442-2679

Mill Race weavers guild meeting
DATE: Oct. 21
LOCATION: Mill Race Village church

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New members of the Mothers' Club of Northville are Carolyn Holloway, Debbie Grant-Kelterborn, Marnie Mertz, Libby Smith, Suzie Johnson and Cathy Ponder.

TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Shaker traditions will be discussed by Mary Alva Erf. The event is free and open to the public.
PHONE: (248) 449-1497

Northville Chamber of Commerce annual meeting
DATE: Oct. 22
LOCATION: VisiTech Center, Schoolcraft College (Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads)
TIME: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Recognition of the Chamber's Citizen of the Year will take place at the meeting.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

• COMING UP •

Divorce recovery workshop
DATE: Oct. 23 - Dec. 4 (meets on Thursday)
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The workshop will discuss various elements of divorce recovery, including grieving, the legal dimensions of divorce, spiritual issues and forming new relationships. The seminar is

\$35. Childcare can be provided with three days' advance notice.
PHONE / WEBSITE: (248) 349-0911 / www.singleplace.org

57th Sunday School & Church ministries convention
DATE: Oct. 24, 25
LOCATION: First Church of the Nazarene (21260 Haggerty Road)
TIME: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Registration turned in by Oct. 24 is \$50. Several Christian education-style speakers will be on hand. Food and music will also be provided.
PHONE: (248) 557-5526

Monster Mash Bash
DATE: Oct. 27
LOCATION: Water Wheel Health Club (235 E. Main Street)
TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The free event will allow visitors to see Water Wheel and its staff. Halloween-related events will also be held at the Bash and prize drawings will be held. There is no obligation for attending.
PHONE: (248) 449-7634

"Growing Through Grief" grief recovery seminar
DATE: Nov. 1 (Advance registration deadline is Oct. 26)
LOCATION: Cornerstone



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The Mothers' Club of Northville's executive officers for 2003-2004 are vice-president Diana Stadtmiller, president Diana Birdsall, treasurer Brenda Engel, corresponding secretary Susan Bray and recording secretary Patsy Johnson. The Club will be holding its annual All Aglow fundraiser on Dec. 12 and its dinner auction March 6. For more information, call (248) 349-5026.

Evangelical Presbyterian Church (9455 Hilton Road, Brighton)
TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
DETAILS: The event, sponsored by Northville-based New Hope Center for Grief Support, will offer support and encouragement for persons in grief and those who wish to help others who are grieving.
PHONE: (810) 227-2319

Flu shot / pneumonia vaccine clinic
DATE: Nov. 1
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church (777 W. Eight Mile Road)
TIME: 9 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: Payment may be made via Medicare Part B, or \$17 for a flu shot and \$25 for pneumonia. Registration is recommended, and all insurance cards should be provided.
PHONE: (248) 349-1144

Northville Woman's Club meeting
DATE: Nov. 7
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)

TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The meeting's topic will be "Hindu Temple Rhythms." The event's chairperson is Rigmor Cuolahan.
PHONE: (248) 349-5446

Northville Historical Society Christmas workshop registration
DATE: Nov. 7
LOCATION: 218 W. Dunlap Street
TIME: 7 p.m. (6 p.m. for Northville Historical Society members)
DETAILS: Children in grades 1-6 can make seven old-fashioned handmade gifts for persons on their gift lists. The craft session will be held 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6 at Mill Race Village, accommodating a total of 150 children. Enrollment is \$14 per child, or \$12 if a empty 5-inch coffee can is brought to registration.
PHONE: (248) 349-2833

Turkey Trot
DATE: Nov. 12
LOCATION: Great Harvest Bread Company (136 E. Main Street)
TIME: 4:15 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
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Seven Mile is big piece of puzzle

Seven Mile Road is more than just a principal boundary between Northville Township and the city of Northville — it's one of the most heavily-traversed ingresses from Interstate 96 / 275. And while a portion of it may still be the sleepy, wooded mainline it was 25 years ago, actions of the last two years (and the last two months, in particular) are a clear indication that the Seven Mile we see today won't stay that way for long. To that end, we're pleased with the keen interest township authorities are giving to development along the area.

Between 400 acres of property near Ridge Road and the planned redevelopment of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, the Seven Mile corridor stands to be a veritable sea of surveying stakes and earthmoving equipment over the next five to 10 years. Residents interested to know what will occupy their front or back yards would be well-served to attend one of the two forthcoming public hearings on development — one on Oct. 23 (dealing with Seven Mile projects) and another on Oct. 28 (a similar

public hearing, but focused on Ridge Road between Five and Six Mile roads.)

"I'm hoping that [developers] have an interest in working with the township to see that our mutual needs and desires are appropriately dealt with," said Northville Township supervisor Mark Abbo.

We hope so, too. We think it's impossible to understate the potential effect projects along Seven Mile could have. As evidence, look north to our friends in Novi, where the advent of Twelve Oaks Mall opened the floodgates to surrounding developments and breakneck population growth — which, by the way, crested the 50,000 mark in June.

We believe Northville Township has been a model community for metro Detroit in the area of cohesive and well-thought-out development. The stakes have been raised, however, with Seven Mile Road now entering the picture. Properly done, Seven Mile stands to be a thoroughfare well-suited for the next half-century. Mishandled or mismanaged, the consequences could be dire for government, residents and existing businesses.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Polly Kelly, bunching together a red bow, of the Northville Garden Club, along with dozens of other volunteers, spent time last Monday morning putting together supplies for the club's annual holiday wreath sales. Orders can be placed through the organization's advertisement in the Record or taken during the annual Christmas Walk in November.

LETTERS

State legislator's office was very unresponsive

Am I wrong in believing that as a voter and taxpayer of Michigan, I am entitled to the services of any and all state senators and representatives?

I had a need to contact state Rep. Susan Tabor, R-Delta Twp. on Oct. 7. I requested the names of legislators who accompanied her on a sponsored (Sportsmen's Alliance) dove hunting trip [over] Labor Day weekend. I had acquired the list but wanted Tabor's office to substantiate it. I hadn't divulged this to the clerk, however. I also wanted information on the "child/gun" legislation she was also sponsoring.

Her clerk became very defensive and put me on hold. When she returned, she asked if I were a resident of Eaton County. My reply was, "No." She immediately informed me that unless I was a constituent of Eaton County I was not to expect help from her, [and should] call my own representative. No "goodbye" — just a phone slam in my ear.

Now I ask, what is the problem? Both the dove hunt and child-gun legislation are Tabor's "babies." Isn't it logical to get the correct information from the source? What are they hiding? Who will be offended? The big money pots?

I thought I was the only unimportant taxpayer who is so rudely and crudely treated by government officials and their clerks until I read Mr. Power's Oct. 9 column, and he couldn't get access to Mr. Mehan. My representative, Mr. John Stewart and his staff are the ideal. No so, many of the others, state or federal.

Perhaps California has the answer. If not recall, if not term limits then perhaps making our legislators a part-time job. Other states have part-time law makers. How about it voters? Think of the money we'll save.

Mary Braddock
Northville

pay for the benefit of a few.

Carol Haveranek
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Old Village School golf was a hit, thanks to many

On Sept. 27, the Annual Old Village/Cooke Golf Outing was held at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course. 75 golfers arrived for a perfect day of fun and golf. Thirty-nine hole sponsor signs dotted the golf course in support of both schools.

A total of approximately \$10,000 was raised and has been divided between both schools. These monies will be used for student equipment, music therapy and leisure recreation activities such as swimming, bowling and rollerskating.

The students of Old Village and Cooke schools would like to express their appreciation to the following very generous hole sponsors and prize donors who supported this outing:

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It is through the generosity and thoughtfulness of people such as those who supported our golf outing that we can provide high quality programming for our students.

Arthur H. Fischer, Jr.
Principal, Old Village School

Marilynn Bachorik
Principal, Cooke School

Parking situation has reached critical point

Until just a few years ago it was not uncommon for Central Business District building owners to lease portions of their premises — especially second floors — for office uses. One second floor location, for example, which had traditionally served as merchandise storage with some display area was converted to multiple office use hosting over 30 personnel. This use alone added over 30 (all day) cars to the daily downtown parking lot use. Meanwhile new buildings were being constructed and existing buildings were being enlarged—all of which brought increased demands for parking—both short and long term.

Few of these new or renovated buildings were required to provide on-site parking for their actual use. In most cases they were allowed to purchase "credits" for "here and there" parking spaces. It would be a stretch to say these spaces actually existed and, in any case, it seemed more like a riverboat gamblers shell-game in which the same spaces were repeatedly re-sold while the "pea" never turned up under the "shell". In recent years some new (albeit temporary) surface lots were provided, one aged and physically failing deck was replaced, and one new deck was built.

The CBD merchants need customers to survive, of course, and customers insist on convenient

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Parking deck project has limited benefits

I am opposed to financing downtown parking structures for the business owners.

The idea, in, and of itself, seems unethical. It is not right for the citizenry be asked to

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Education has to start early

They held the ninth annual Governor's Education Summit conference a couple of weeks ago in Lansing. It was the biggest one ever, with 1,000 people attending and 400 more turned away for lack of space. But, not surprisingly, the summit didn't get much attention, and disappeared almost without a trace in the maw of the big-time media machine.



Phil Power

It was important, though, because it marked a significant change in direction for Michigan's policies on early childhood and education, a change driven by what brain scientists and doctors have come to understand about early child development. It turns out that children learn most rapidly from a very, very early age — probably starting literally at birth. Much of infants' brain and personality development takes place by the time they get to age 5 or so, after which learning is slower and emotional health is more problematic.

What's very interesting about these findings is that they highlight an enormous disconnect in our society between what we know and what we do. What we know is that kids are best able to learn when they are very, very young. What we do is to start children in kindergarten at age 5, exactly the point at which their capacity to learn starts to slow down.

Consider, furthermore, the enormous misallocation of billions of dollars arising from this

disconnect. For some years now, a group of heavyweights from the business, education, human services and foundation communities have been meeting to chew on this issue. Called "Ready to Succeed," this group has sponsored some interesting advertising campaigns on radio and TV, all around the theme of "Be a hero from age zero" and urging parents of newborns to "hold, talk, read, play," and so forth with their children. The idea is to get the practical consequences of scientific findings into the heads of ordinary parents.

The Ready to Succeed folks had a willing audience in Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who immediately latched on to the idea, now repackaged as "Project Great Start." At the education summit she announced a sweeping plan to use donations instead of tax dollars to promote the idea that "education begins at age zero." The slogan will be on grocery bags from Meijer's, on public service announcements on TV, in church bulletins and in videos in doctors' waiting rooms. "We need to hit this from all directions if we are to create a movement, if we are to change people's minds about when education begins," Granholm said in her keynote speech.

All this promotion is well and good. But it doesn't cut to the concrete core of what needs to be done if we are to bring our child care and education system kicking and screaming into the 21st century.

Turns out the best in the world at all this are the (gasp) French, who operate a system of maternal and childcare centers for every family with children as part of the national health system. The centers start with prenatal care for mothers and babies, continue with home visits after the baby is born and provide very early childhood education. The whole system is linked in a continuum of care from birth to grade school, and most experts say it's the very best part of the French education system. The English have a similar system, called "Sure Start."

Of course, we probably can't get to the French or English systems overnight, even assuming we would want to. They are very expensive and fit perfectly into the French/English culture of cradle-to-grave social services that cost taxpayers a ton. But it does represent a model that might usefully be adapted to American conditions.

Gov. Granholm offered a start in her speech at the summit when she said that 17 Michigan elementary schools on a federal list of 213 underperforming schools this fall will open Family Resource Centers with state social services workers on hand to help solve family problems.

The idea of co-locating social services, public health and early childhood care in elementary school buildings has been kicking around for years, especially in communities with deeply rooted social and economic problems. So suppose you add a child care specialist and a teacher to the Family Resource Centers. And suppose you expanded the program to all 213 underperforming schools. And suppose further ... you get the point.

The big problem with all summit conferences is to figure out "what's next" after the conference is over. Edging toward a serious early childcare and education system is the obvious "next step." It will take a lot of tugging and hauling on a whole lot of constituencies that are invested in the system as it now is, but it's well worth the effort. And it could be a defining objective for a very smart Governor with three school age children and a demonstrated interest in policy innovations in the field.

Phil Power is a member of the executive committee of the Ready to Succeed organization. He is also 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.

Looks like it's Fieger time...again

For the better part of a decade, Geoffrey Fieger and Jack Kevorkian dominated the news agenda in a way that scarcely seemed believable.

They were, in a sense, characters out of an adolescent novel, two brilliant, in-your-face bad boys who got away with things nobody else could — and changed the country's way of looking at a major social issue. Time, and again, the unemployed pathologist would help



Jack Lessenberry

some ill person commit suicide.

Time and again, they would go into court, captivate the media with their antics, openly own up to what the then-Dr. Kevorkian had done — and win an acquittal. Once, they even took the whole jury out to an expensive dinner party afterwards.

During one trial, Kevorkian sat with his fingers in his ears. During another, he dressed up to look like Thomas Jefferson, though in fact he looked more like a minor footman from a bad movie about King Louis XIV. During another, he refused to even show up, saying he had better things to do.

Somewhat, the judges let him get away with all this. Geoffrey Fieger roared like a lion, said outrageous things to the jury ("Unfortunately the judge has ruled that I can't tell you about my client's prior acquittals.") and even more outrageous things about the prosecutors. He speculated whether his enemies' parents coupled with farm animals.

Once, he moved for an immediate dismissal on the grounds that the prosecutor was spineless "and in the state of Michigan a case has to be tried by a vertebrate."

Other lawyers would have been staring at

some bars. Geoffrey got a wagging finger.

The odd couple teamed up in 1990. Six years later, assisted suicide Kevorkian style was de facto legal in metropolitan Detroit. Kevorkian lived in a house Geoffrey owned, filling its garage with wheelchairs that belonged to departing "patients."

The partnership collapsed in 1998. Geoffrey Fieger assumed he could translate his courtroom brilliance into the political arena, and ran for governor. He was smeared. Feeling neglected and bored with success, Kevorkian upped the ante. He moved to euthanasia, videotaped the act, and sent the tape to "60 Minutes."

Then he dismissed Fieger and insisted on representing himself. This resulted in a second-degree murder conviction, and a 10-to-25 year sentence. "I've got them right where I want them," he told me, the day they led him away in April, 1999.

He thought a public outcry would force his release. But he had about used up his minutes of fame. Most of his supporters melted away. The judicial system took its time about considering his many appeals, then rejected them, one by one.

They transferred him to various prisons until they finally sent Prisoner No. 284797 to Lapeer. Jack Kevorkian is 75 now, an old man with many ailments. Last Sunday, he had a visitor he had finally agreed to see. Geoffrey Fieger. Hard as it must have been for Kevorkian to do, he asked Fieger to come back.

This week, once again, the press releases went out and the cameras flocked to the steadily expanding suite of offices informally known as the Fiegerdome. "For almost five years Dr. Kevorkian has been more than punished," his lawyer thundered, just like in the old days. "His continued incarceration is brutal, inhuman and cruel."

Yet the world has changed. Wednesday, Fieger formally asked Oakland Circuit Judge Rae Lee Chabot to release his famous client, who isn't eligible for parole for nearly four more years. Dr. Kevorkian's own physician wrote a letter testifying that the old man suffers from serious hernias, double vision, an-

emia and heart problems.

They had hoped that she would schedule immediate oral arguments, and bring Kevorkian down from prison to attend. But she declined, saying she would accept written pleadings only, and consider them at her leisure.

What Jack Kevorkian may not realize is that the world has indeed changed since he dominated the headlines in an era when the economy was booming, foreign affairs seemed irrelevant, and life seemed to be all about lifestyle.

Today, thousands are still suffering who would like "a soft landing." But national priorities are different, and people have thought less about individual choice in death since the day 3,000 died in a flash through no choice or fault of their own.

Geoffrey Fieger has changed, too. The days when he could fight courtroom battles all day and banter with reporters in bars all night are gone. He and his wife, Keenie, have adopted two multiracial infants, Julian and Aidan, and by all accounts the flamboyant lawyer has, at 52, become a surprisingly dedicated father.

"Geoffrey comes home at night a lot earlier now," his wife says. These days he hangs out with the likes of U.S. Sen. John McCain, who lives near where the Fiegers have a vacation home. Someday, some judge may let Kevorkian out. But I wouldn't bet on it. The odds that he wouldn't keep his word not to help anyone die seem too great.

One has to wonder what the situation would be today if he had just gone on assisting suicides — something the prosecutors had given up fighting.

And one has to wonder about the future. "Oh, this will become legal, all right," Kevorkian told me years ago. "You know why? There are 75 million of your generation and only 17 million in the next. Do you think they're going to spend all their income to keep all of you hooked up to machines?"

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There's help for the drug-addicted

Last Friday when Rush Limbaugh announced his addiction to prescription painkillers — from behind his golden



Maureen Johnston

Excellence in Broadcasting network microphone — I was surprised and saddened.

Loyal listeners are familiar with his bold proclamations of "talent on loan from God," always-up-to-the-moment political commentary, knack for mimicry, and strong advocacy for personal responsibility.

I was surprised at the length of time he struggled in secret with his addiction. I was saddened to think of this larger-than-life, blustering, intelligent, funny guy enduring the lonely isolation of his disease.

Limbaugh, seemingly at the top of his game, is an example that addiction can afflict anyone, regardless of socio-economics, smarts and status. Myth and misinfor-

mation surround this devastating, but treatable disease.

That's one of the reasons to attend a workshop series hosted by Dawn Farm, a non-profit community of programs for treatment of and recovery from addiction. The presentations, which start next Tuesday, are:

- FREE
- Begin at 7:30 p.m.
- Held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Education Center, Classroom EC-1, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. (From our Main Street office to the hospital, Mapquest.com clocked the 28-mile route at 21 minutes.)
- No registration is required.
- For more information, people can contact Dawn Farm by (734) 485-8725 or info@dawnfarm.org.

The workshops cover a variety of topics, all designed to provide accurate, helpful, hopeful, practical, current information about chemical dependency. Dawn Farm launched the October-April series more than 10 years ago to address the gap in good, basic education about the disease of addiction.

When alcohol or other drug addiction hits home, many people do not know where to turn for help, according to Dawn Farm president James Balmer. Chemical dependency is a devastating illness that can

leave those it touches feeling helpless, hopeless, isolated and desperate.

The good news is that with the right help, addicts and alcoholics can recover their lives and regain their futures, Balmer said, and family members can learn how to restore sanity to their lives whether their loved ones recover or not.

A sampling of the education series topics include:

- Oct. 21 Chemical Dependency 101. Balmer will examine the dynamics of addiction, the brain disease and the recovery process.
- Oct. 28 Discovering a Problem. A Dawn Farm Outpatient Services therapist will discuss how people can explore their alcohol and drug use and help build motivation to change.
- Nov. 18 Doctor's Opinion on Alcoholism. A St. Joseph's MD will describe a physician's view of alcoholism as presented in the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Other workshop dates are: Nov. 25; Dec. 16 and 30; Jan. 20 and 27; Feb. 17 and 24; March 16, 23 and 30, and April 20 and 27.

People from Northville, Novi and all over the place have attended the educational series, as well as benefited from Dawn

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Hey Kids! Come Join Our "NO CAVITY CLUB!!"

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parking. Mystery that it may be, the customer base never took to these parking areas. Responding to merchant pressure over the past few years city officials have enacted more stringent on-site parking requirements for new construction and renovations and substantially increased parking space credit costs.

The current issue is the proposed parking deck between Main and Dunlap along the east side of Wing Street. This area has been utilized as one large parking area for a number of years but few residents, if they even thought about it at all, realized this lot is not all city-owned. A substantial portion of this property is privately owned. Those owners have a right to develop their properties. Two of them, the Long and Buckhave families, recently decided to do that. Both families live in the city and have existing buildings and long-term businesses in the city. Neither is an absentee landlord and the quality of their buildings and operations is evident.

For these two projects the city took a firm stand to provide adequate parking in excess of proposed use. Long's would have paid \$499,500 in direct fees for the 111 spaces it would use, Buckhaves would have paid \$144,000 for their 32 space usage. Additionally the two businesses would have paid at least \$139,000 in yearly property taxes. These amounts would have gone substantially toward refinement of the \$5 million deck construction bond and created some 211 parking spaces above project usage.

The Downtown Development

Authority already has \$1.5 million in its parking fund from past merchant taxes earmarked toward the \$6.5 million cost of the deck. The \$5 million bond cost is to be repaid by captured tax funds from the downtown merchants. No resident tax funds would be utilized for the parking deck. No resident or even merchant funds would be utilized for privately owned buildings.

The proposed deck would be surrounded by commercial buildings on all four sides and effectively visible only from the five residential construction houses on the west side of Wing Street.

Functionally this parking deck was free to the residents and even free to the merchants since its cost would have been paid for from returned (captured) tax funds which otherwise would go out of Northville elsewhere in the State.

Even if the original project were approved today the construction delays engendered by the referendum vote would add some \$300,000 to the bond interest. The Buckhaves have subsequently withdrawn their project and offered their property for sale to others. It can only be hoped that any purchaser will propose a project of the care and commitment to community values as the Buckhaves proposed and have demonstrated through their Old Church Square project.

A 'yes' vote on the upcoming Parking Bonding Proposition is fair, reasonable and as close to a win-win situation as these things ever get.

Ron Bodnar
Northville

This won't hurt a bit



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wally Newlin, left, receives a flu shot from R.N. Linda Gottleber last Thursday afternoon at Northville Downs. The Northville Senior Center had the Visiting Nurses Assoc. hold a flu shot clinic at the Downs and area seniors were encouraged to get their shots before the oncoming flu season. There will be another flu shot health fair offered on Nov. 14.

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Farm's treatment program. More than 30 percent of the Farm's clientele is from Wayne County, Balmer said.

Individuals healing leads to the healing of their larger families over time, including an improved workplace and less stressed criminal justice sys-

tem.

"It's a life-changing event for the whole family, for the whole community," Balmer said. "The healing of people has huge ripple effects. The positive effects go on for a long time."

Rush — it sounded as if — has already taken the First Step, admitting his life had become unmanageable and he is power-

less over the drugs.

I'm going to stay tuned.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
PUBLIC NOTICE

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Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, has been completed by Plante & Moran, LLP, Ann Arbor, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Finance and Business Services Office in the McDowell Center at the College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

JILL F. O'SULLIVAN
Vice President for Finance and Business Services

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF NORTHVILLE
Sale of Surplus Computer
and Office Equipment

On Friday, October 24, 2003, the Charter Township of Northville will be having a Garage Sale open to the public. The surplus equipment includes Pentium computers, file cabinets, chairs, tables and other assorted office items. The sale will be held from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Township Civic Center located at 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48187.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CMC
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
CLERK

(10-16/23-03 NR 89905)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test for the November 4, 2003 City Regular Election has been scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law. Candidates and other interested parties are invited to attend.

(10-16-03 NR 90570)

DIANNE MASSA,
CITY CLERKNOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF NORTHVILLE
HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

The Charter Township of Northville is hereby giving notice that Halloween "Trick or Treat" will be held on

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2003
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

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(10-16/23-03 NR 91480)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE #9-15-03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has repealed Chapter 42 Historical Preservation, Articles 1 and 2, Sections 42-1 through 42-24 in its entirety and adopted Ordinance No. 9-15-03 - Historic Preservation, Chapter 42, Articles 1 and 2, Sections 42-1 through 42-33 and provide for penalties for violations thereof, to the Northville Code of Ordinances.

The Ordinance was introduced on September 15, 2003 and was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 6, 2003. The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective upon publication on October 16, 2003. The complete text of the Ordinance is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. prevailing local time.

RICHARD STARLING,
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DIANNE MASSA,
CITY CLERK

(10-16-03 NR 90568)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF ELECTION

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Regular Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, November 4, 2003. The polls will be open at 7:00 A.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M. at the polling places listed below.

Precinct 1 Wayne County Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
Precinct 2 Oakland County Amerman Elementary School,
847 N. Center St.

For the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:
Mayor: Two (2) Year Term
Vote for not more than One (1)
City Council: Four (4) Year Term
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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.

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF SAID LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM INCREMENTAL TAXES COLLECTED IN THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND IN THE EVENT OF INSUFFICIENCY OF SUCH TAXES FROM THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE CITY INCLUDING AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED WITHIN CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHARTER LIMITATIONS.

Absentee ballots for said election are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main Street. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 1, 2003. The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absent voting on Saturday, November 1, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 3, 2003. This ballot must be voted in the City Clerk's Office. If you need an absentee ballot application, you may call 248-349-1300 ext. 1962 or visit our website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

This Notice is given by the authority of the City Council of the City of Northville, Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan.

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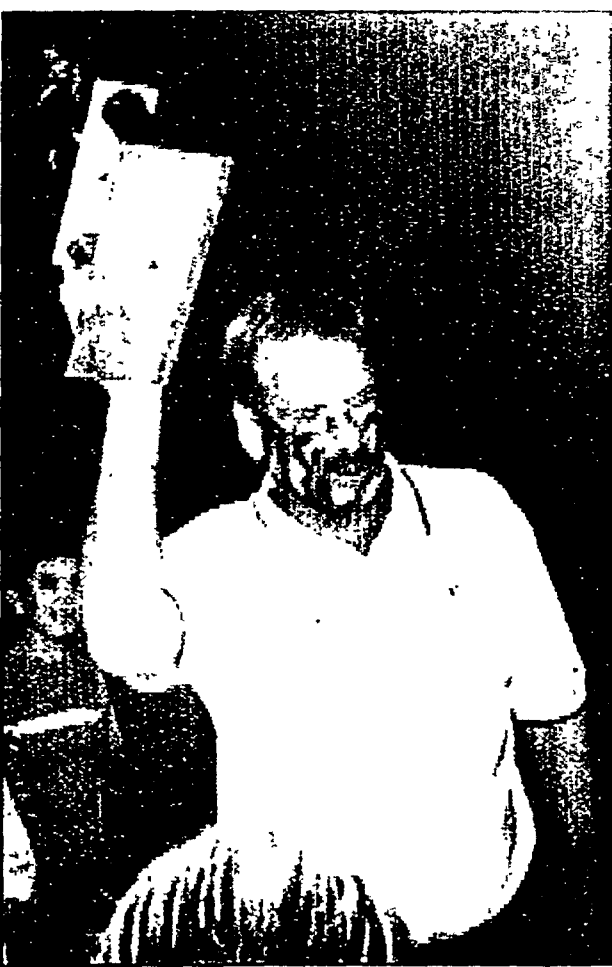
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State-bound Mustangs

Northville wins regional to advance to state tennis finals

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It's one of the greatest feelings in the world — and the Northville Mustangs are feeling it.

The Mustangs, led by coach Sandy Woolfall, earned a first-place finish in their Regional Tournament as they carded 28 points. Livonia Stevenson took second place with 21 points, and Dearborn Fordson took third and was one of the lucky few teams in the state to escape their Regional by collecting over 18 points as they took 19 in their tourney.

The Mustangs found themselves winning five out of eight of the flights as they stomped their way to a major victory.

Shannon Farris earned a flight championship with her play in second singles as she beat her opponent from John Glenn 6-4, 6-3 before topping Southfield's second singles player 6-2, 6-1. In the championship round, Farris blasted Stevenson's player 6-06, 6-0 to



The Northville Mustangs varsity tennis team includes: Back Row: Chelsea Johnson, Kate Thomas, Amy Knoth, Amanda Darish, Jen Harkness, Jonnie Powers, Laura Krstevich, Woolfall; Front row: Jackie Taylor, Shannon Farris, Catalina Oaida, Catalina Krstevich, Erica Dobson and Maria Rice.

earn the Regional title.

The third singles flight found Chelsea Johnston earning some

impressive wins before finally edging out Livonia Stevenson in the finals round with a 6-4,

7-5 win. The first round found Johnston blanking Livonia Franklin 6-0, 6-0 and then mov-

ing on to defeat John Glenn's third singles player 6-2, 6-1 to advance to the finals.

In one doubles, Amanda Darish and Jen Harkness made it very clear that they plan on making a run for a state title once again. In the first round, they dominated Livonia Churchill 6-0, 6-0 before doing the same to their foes from Livonia Franklin. In the finals match, Harkness and Darish had little trouble with their most competitive match of the night, and escaped with a convincing 6-3, 6-3 victory for the Regional crown.

At third doubles, Kate Thomas and Laura Krstevich earned a good 6-0, 6-3 win over Livonia Churchill before slipping by Livonia Franklin with no trouble at all to earn a 6-0, 6-0 final. In the championship round, Krstevich and Thomas had a tougher time, but managed an impressive 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 win over their opponents from Dearborn Fordson to earn the Regional title.

The fourth doubles duo of Catalina Oaida and Maria Rice had their hands full but quickly showed just how determined they were as they earned a 6-0, 6-0 pounding over Southfield. In the second round, the

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Mustangs are team to watch out for

And, suddenly, the crowd goes silent.

Northville football coach Clint Alexander seemed to hush the Naysayers as he led his team to a stunning victory over what seemed to be a playoff-bound Walled Lake Western crew last week — bringing his record to 2-5 thus far this season.



Sam Eggleston

After weeks of being ridiculed and hounded on the internet for his coaching ability, Alexander was more than happy to have his team climb to a win after four-straight losses in his second year of heading the Northville program.

And it wasn't just Alexander doing the hushing either — it was the Mustangs football team as well. They made one thing very clear with the win: Drop your guard against us and you'll regret it.

The Mustangs are much like a wounded animal at this point in the year. They are quick to snap their teeth and even quicker to bite if they feel threatened. That is the most dangerous kind of animal out there, and the Mustangs are the most dangerous kind of football team in the state.

They know there are no playoffs. There are no post-season victories that can possibly come their way. But, they also know they have the chance to spoil a few victories that other teams have chalked up already — and the next possible victim is Canton.

Though the Chiefs are one of the most feared teams in the WLAA with their bruising linemen and speedy backfield, they are also one of the most capable of winning. That means that this team has won so many times this year, and done so very handsily I may add, that it is becoming an old habit for them. Northville? Geesh, they probably think they are going to stroll into town and get a massive blow-out victory against the Mustangs.

Good. Let them think that way. A team like Northville, with no other place to go but home after the regular season is done, can take risks that no other team can take. On fourth down they can throw the ball instead of punt it away, and they can run the hook and ladder just to see how well it works. Remember the flea-flicker? They can do that too — all without worrying about winning or losing.

Though I go way out on a limb to say this (not that I've ever minded before), but I am picking Northville in the major upset. The Mustangs are a great bunch of boys, and they aren't afraid to play with their heart on their sleeve. That's what makes them so dangerous. They play with emotion, with dedication and with hope — and you can't coach any of it.

I wish the best for Northville in this upcoming contest. The season hasn't been an easy one, and no one can expect you to give any more than you have. Remember, we are all proud of each and every one of you, and all of us are eager to see the team that takes the field against the Chiefs in their final home game of the season. And if anyone ever doubts you, just tell them to hush.

Northville 23, Canton 22.

Northville ruins WLW homecoming

By Brett Asher
SPECIAL WRITER

Northville football coach Clint Alexander was having a rough week, but that all changed on Friday. Alexander has had to deal with more than his fair share of criticism this season, but he feels he has put the criticism behind him, thanks in large part to a Friday morning conversation with former head coach Darryl Schumacher.

Alexander said, "I talked with coach Schumacher on Friday morning and he really gave me a lot of encouragement and support. He told me not to worry about all the criticism, and the internet stuff and just focus and be positive with the team, and the kids really responded to that."

The response was incredible as the Northville Mustangs football team pulled off a huge upset victory Friday night by upending the Walled Lake Western Warriors 27-21.

In a game that Walled Lake Western was heavily favored to win, the Mustangs used a quick strike offense and big plays from their defense to ruin Western's homecoming. The Mustangs improved their record to 2-5 while Walled Lake Western's playoff hopes took a major hit as they fell to 4-3.

The first quarter found Northville in complete control of all aspects of the game. The Mustangs took the opening kickoff and quickly moved down the field. On a third and 10 early in the drive, senior quarterback Mark Sorensen found senior Bill Brown to pick up a key first down. Junior running back Mac Stilec did the rest of the work on this drive, carrying the ball three times for 41 yards, including a 12-yard touchdown run. Brown tacked on the extra point to give Northville a 7-0 lead with 9:14 to play in the first quarter. The Mustang defense forced a three and out to give the ball back to Northville, and once again the offense would convert. A 20-yard run by Stilec and a pass interference penalty on Walled Lake Western put the ball on the Western 39-yard line and sophomore quarterback Charlie Thomas hauled it in. On a quarterback draw, Thomas broke

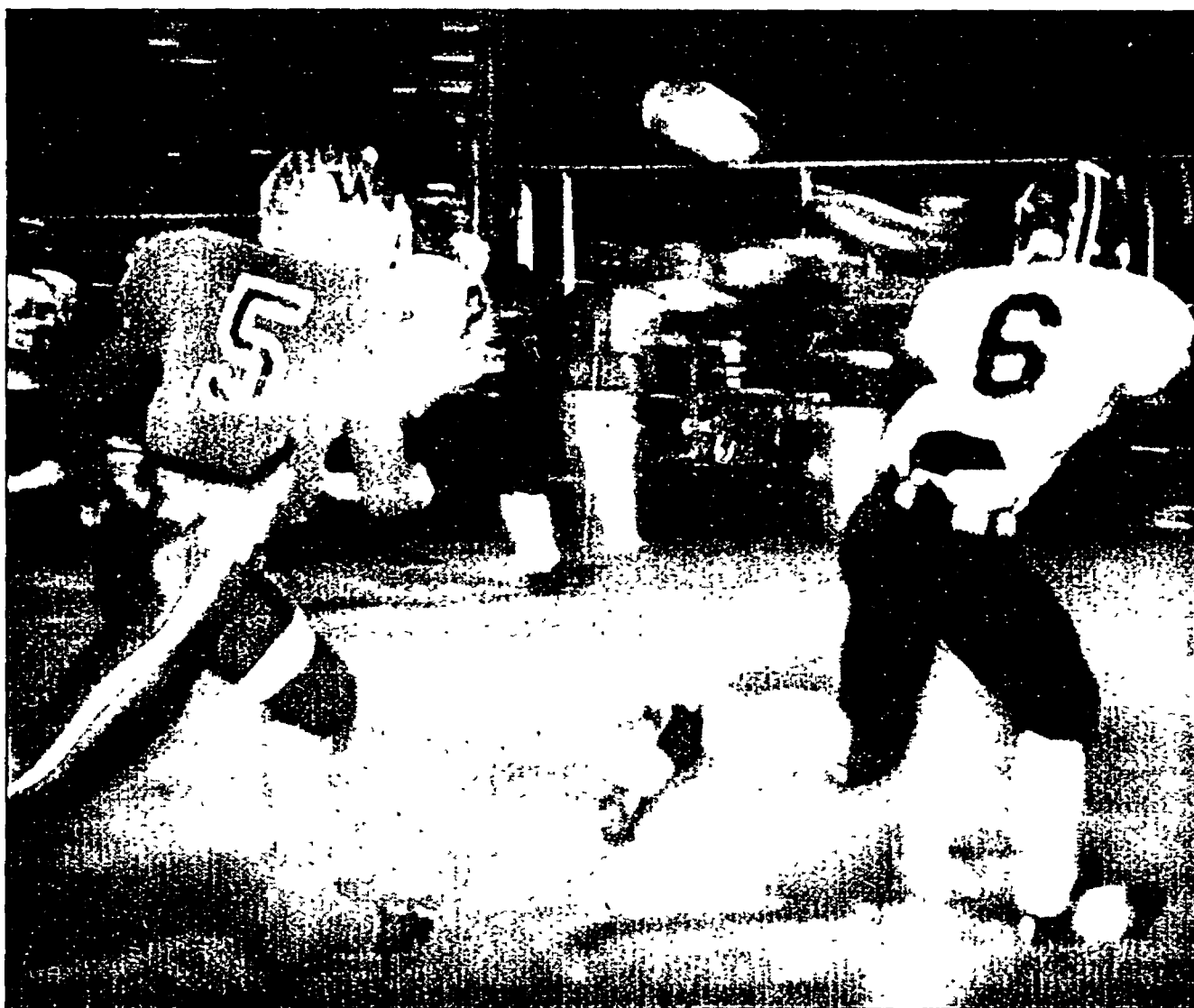


Photo by KEVIN WINE

Northville's Mike Jameson beats the Walled Lake Western coverage and scores six off a Mark Sorensen pass in the first quarter. The Mustangs put up 27 points in the first quarter and held on to top their WLAA foes and let everyone know they mean business in the finals weeks of the 2003 season.

through the line and scored almost untouched. Brown added on the extra point again, and Northville had a 14-0 lead with 6:57 remaining in the first quarter. The Mustang defense forced another three and out, and after a 17-yard punt from Western, the Mustang offense had great field position at the Warrior 45-yard line. On the first play of the drive, Sorensen hit junior receiver

Mike Jameson on a slant for a 45-yard touchdown pass. Brown converted his third extra point of the quarter and the Mustangs found themselves ahead 21-0 with 4:42 still remaining in the first quarter.

The Northville offense dominated all game long accumulating 267 yards on the ground and 142 yards through the air. Stilec led the charge with 189 yards on 27 carries and a

touchdown. Sorensen added 44 yards rushing on seven carries and Thomas had 34 yards on eight carries. Sorensen, who was 9-14 for 125 yards and two touchdowns, led the Northville passing offense; Thomas was 2-2 for 17 yards. Jameson led the receivers with three catches for 80 yards and two touchdowns and Brown added five catches for 51 yards.

The second quarter found Western creeping back into the game on a nine-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Peter Mooney to senior receiver Bryan Kowaleski. Todd Monfette added the extra point to make the score 21-7 with 11:16 remaining in the

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Amanda Darish and Jen Harkness Seniors Tennis



Darish and Harkness are the seemingly unstoppable duo that plays first doubles for the Northville Mustangs. Most recently, the duo helped their squad to a state-finals berth as they won their regional flight. Harkness and Darish, who have already won a state championship last year, will be looking to help the Mustangs to the highest finish they can in the finals, which are held in Midland.

Athletes OF THE Week



Mac Stilec Junior Football

Those who have doubted the Northville Mustangs football team over the past weeks have been pretty unanimous about one thing — Stilec is for real. This kid can put up the numbers, and he's as slippery as a wet frog and any defensive player that has tried to arm tackle him or grab his jersey would definitely agree. Stilec's number already have people buzzing about his future in the sport — and he still has one more year as a Mustang to add to those stats.



Friday, October 17
7:00 p.m. at Northville

GAME OF THE WEEK



Northville Mustangs Football VS Plymouth Canton

Northville's Desira looks to be dominant on the hardwood now, in future

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

Thirteen may be an unlucky number for many, but not for senior Domonique Desira — it's the number she wears for the Northville varsity basketball team. A

s the star forward at NHS, Desira loves the sport. Even her favorite movie, "Love and Basketball," has something to do with hoops.

Basketball has been a part of Desira's life since the fourth grade. Family support plays a huge role in her success. Her dad and older brother, Gaston, played basketball before her, so it is in her blood to play. Even now at game half time, her brother gives her a pep talk helping to motivate her for the second half. Her parents, Richard and Lynda, and younger sister Eden, are all very excited when Desira has a great game.

Desira worked hard her freshman year as a center, where she was the point and rebound leader for the team. During her sophomore year, the Mustang JV team struggled throughout the season but Desira found strength through the Joe Dumar's Basketball Workshop in Utica. She continues to participate in this workshop today. Workshop coach Dave Guinane has been a huge role model for the Mustang superstar.

"He has taught me a lot and supported me through out high school," said Desira.

It was during her sophomore year that she switched from center to forward. In the off-season, Desira played on a travel team. Her team won the All-American Kid's Classics and was the national champion. They were rated in the top 10 teams in the nation. This training helped her game in her junior year as she consistently put points on the board and played a great defensive game as well.

Standing tall at 5-feet-11-inches, Desira is at the top of her game today. This season she played her best game ever against powerhouse John Glenn High School. Desira scored 15 points, nabbed 13 boards and 7 blocked shots. Even though she has attained great individual heights, Desira knows the importance of teamwork.

"Play together as a team."



Submitted photo

Domonique Desira just can't see herself without the ball. She plays the game with her heart on her sleeve, and hopes to do it in college too.

said Desira. "Never give up, even if people don't believe in you."

After high school, Desira wants to pursue basketball at the college level. She is not sure where she will go but for now, is keeping her options open. Several colleges have been scouting her. In recent issue of *Prep Spotlight* magazine, Desira was ranked 46th out of the top 50 players in Michigan. This magazine highlights each player's strengths and statistics over her entire high school career. It is an outstanding accomplishment to be included in the magazine.

At college, Desira would like to study business and sports management. Her dream is to play professional basketball someday for the Detroit Shock. She would also like to run a basketball workshop of her own to teach other people how to play the game.

When she has some spare time on her hands she likes to hang out with friends Andrea

Watts, Evonna Karchon and Kim Larson.

Desira and Watts joke around about being sisters after they were mistaken for twins by a referee in one of the games. The two girls go back to the early days when they played against each other on opposing teams. Desira played for Cooke while Watts played for Meads Mill. They became friends as freshman at NHS.

In the meantime, Desira goes to school, and attends practice and workshops to get the kinks out of her game. One of the things Desira will miss most after leaving NHS is, of course, "... playing with the girls on the team."

Regardless of where she goes, Desira has a bright future in basketball.

Matt Simich 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.



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Stopa Family Slammers win Parks and Rec title

The Stopa Family Slammers were the Northville Parks and Rec 2003 co-ed Softball League Champions. Their final record was 13-1.



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White Sox get H-League championship

The White Sox captured the 2003 Northville Baseball H-League Championship by defeating four teams in a season-ending tournament. Key hits delivered by Luke Jacobi, Jeff Hewlett, Austin Lighter, Eric Zwierzchowski and Andrew Thompson were backed by the fine fielding of Shane Cahill, Alex Nork, Henry Hough, Steven Toth and Nathan Lightner. Strong pitching by Anthony Peraino, Eric Rettig and Drew Baldwin sealed the wins. The White Sox were coached by Joe Peraino, Dave Rettig, Kevin Zwierzchowski, John Cahill and Scott Baldwin

UNDERCLASSMEN SCORES

Northville 42, Walled Lake Western 24

The Northville Football Junior Varsity continued its winning ways Thursday with a 42 to 14 home win against Walled Lake Western. The victory ran Northville's unbeaten streak to five.

The tone for the game was set early. The opening kickoff was fielded by Chris McGuire on his own 12 and returned to the Walled Lake Western 44 yard line. Two plays later a pass from quarterback Derek Mohacsi to tight end Mike Burke gained 22 yards. The next play, tailback David Bandy ran 22 yards behind blocks by Todd Schoenheide, Joey Perpich, Evan Duey, Mike Kosztowny and Mark Stuber. The extra point was missed, and Northville led 6-0.

On Walled Lake Western's second play from scrimmage, safety Doug Haase intercepted the ball and returned it eight yards to the Western 32. The Northville offense stalled, and Western mounted its best drive of the day. Ryan Smith made a touchdown saving tackle after a long run of 32 yards. Western pushed the ball to the Northville nine, but was unable to advance any farther. The entire defense led by Brad Moss, Nate Simmons, Chris Estes, Matt Wollack, Cory Patterson, Steve Clark and Andrew Jakuboski refused to let them farther. A 31 yard field goal attempt was low, and Northville had held.

On Northville's next possession, Bandy broke a run for 75 yards and a touchdown. The two point conversion was no good, and Northville led 12-0. During the ensuing possession by Walled Lake Western, Estes sacked he quarterback for a 16 yard loss. The next play, Northville's Evan Corbeil picked up a Western fumble and

returned it 19 yards to the Western two yard line. On the first Northville offensive play, quarterback Mohacsi swept left and scored, the extra point by Corbeil was good, and Northville led 19-0.

After an exchange of possessions, Western got on the board with a 65 yard touchdown run by Tommy Bell. They converted a try for two points making the score Northville 20, Walled Lake Western 8.

Northville didn't wait long to respond. A run of 39 yards by Ren Tukys was followed immediately by another touchdown by Mohacsi on a broken play, the extra point hit the upright and bounced away, making the score Northville 26 Walled Lake Western 8 and that turned out to be the score at half.

Northville's opening drive of the second half featured McGuire running once then catching two passes, the last one for a fifteen yard touchdown. On Western's subsequent drive they fumbled and it was recovered by Northville's Estes. That turnover led to a 22 yard field goal by Corbeil making the score Northville 35, Walled Lake Western 8.

As Northville made offensive and defensive substitutions, the players that came in proved that they could play, and play well. David Anderson, Shadi Deibes, Alex Jiao, Tom Margle, Sid Reddy, Sachin Khare, Nick Thurbur, Adrian Todoroski and Brad Winter all performed admirably showing this team's depth. Western and Northville traded scores at the end, with Peter Cohen carrying for the last Northville touchdown.

The Plymouth Canton Chiefs are scheduled as the next opponent, with the game slated for today at 7 p.m. The game will be played at Plymouth Canton High School.

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'Stangs earn another victory

■ Win streak
ends with loss
to tough WLW

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Even in the best of times, a loss usually ends up finding its way into a record.

For the Northville Mustangs girls' basketball team, taking a loss to a team like Walled Lake Western isn't something to be ashamed of — it's something to learn from. Instead, the Mustangs, who are coached by Pete Wright, fell 43-37 against a very stingy Warrior squad October 9 after winning yet another WLAA match-up with a noteworthy 42-29 spanking of Livonia Stevenson two days prior.

Against the Walled Lake Western Warriors, the Mustangs found themselves against a team that is known for their defensive pressure and ability to control the tempo of a game. The Warriors benefited from a 21-12 halftime lead before the Mustangs were able to make some major adjustments to out shoot their opponents 17-9 in the third quarter to make it 30-29 heading into the final period of play.

The Warriors managed to come out on top, scoring 14 to Northville's eight to seal the 43-37 victory over their Western Lakes Activities Association opponents.

Leading the way for the Warriors was shooter Diana Houghton with 11 points. For Northville, Simone Toney was the leading scorer, putting up 14 points in the losing effort, while Evonna Karchon added eight. Dominique Desira, a senior forward, scored five points while Danielle Toney chipped in four points and Andrea Watts, Chrissy Catelli and Emily Weaver added two points each. Both Simone Toney and Karchon had seven rebounds on the night, but Weaver was the one to lead the team on the boards, collecting nine total.

The Mustangs are scheduled to return to action when they host undefeated Plymouth Canton today at 7 p.m. before undefeated Salem comes to town October 18 at 7 p.m. Northville will then visit Walled Lake Central October 21 at 7 p.m.

Northville 42, Livonia Stevenson 29

The Northville Mustangs made in an official winning streak as they added another conference victory to their records with a win over the Stevenson Spartans.

The Mustangs jumped to an 11-7 lead in the first quarter of play before tacking on 15 more in the second quarter compared to Stevenson's 12 for a 26-19



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mustang Lindsey Blair looks to pass the ball in a game hosted by Lions of South Lyon.

lead going into the half.

The Spartans made some quick adjustments in the locker room, and the Mustangs buckled down to keep the game much tighter defensively than it had been earlier in the contest. Northville scored just 16 points in the second half of play, but held Stevenson to just 10 of their own to secure the victory.

Simone Toney and Desira led the pack with 12 points each, while Karchon tacked on seven. Sarah Conn added four along

with Andrea Watts and Danielle Toney scored two. Rounding out the scoring was Lauren Iwema, who tacked on a single point from the free-throw line.

Desira recorded a double-double on the day, tacking on an impressive 19 rebounds to her 12 points. Watts snagged 14

boards in the winning effort.

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Northville earns chance to play state's top teams

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Northville duo had a tough time but escaped Livonia Stevenson with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 final before topping Dearborn Fordson in the finals with a 7-6 (3), 6-3 finale.

Taking second place in the Regional Tournament were Jackie Taylor and Jonnie Powers at second doubles. The first round found the Northville duo topping Detroit Redford 6-0, 6-0 before taking on and beating Livonia Stevenson 6-3, 6-1.

They finally stalled against a tough Dearborn team and fell 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Also taking second was fourth singles star Amy Knoth. Knoth earned a convincing win over Livonia Churchill 6-0, 6-0 before topping John Glenn's second sin-

gles player 6-0, 6-2. In the finals round, Knoth fell to Stevenson 6-0, 6-0 for second place.

Earning points for Northville was first singles player Erica Dobson, who beat her opponent from Wayne Memorial 6-1, 6-2 before falling in the second round in a tough three-set match against John Glenn with a 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 final.

The Mustangs are back in action tomorrow at Midland when they participate in the state finals. Winners who advance to the semi-finals and the finals will play Saturday in the same location.

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Mustangs are second best in their division

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

No one ever argued that the Western Lakes Activities Association wasn't a tough conference to run in — and no one would say that about the Western or the Lakes Divisions either.

The Northville Mustangs girls' cross country team took on some of the toughest competition in the area as they ran to a second-place finish in the Western Division meet.

The Mustangs came just shy of the title, taking second behind Churchill with 37 points — just two off of the Chargers' 35. The next closest team was Walled Lake Northern, who finished third with 110 points.

"The team as a whole ran the best they have all season," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "Liz Hrivnak ran a strong race after going down last week, on the same course, from dehydration."

Hrivnak led the way for the Mustangs, earning a second-place finish overall with a time of 19:48. Not far behind her was fellow Mustang Andrea Mochle with a fifth-place finish and a time of 20:16.

"Throughout the race, Andrea Mochle looked strong and determined as she picked off runners throughout the course," Smith said of Mochle's season-best time.

The Mustangs then benefited from a nice pack of Mary Sprader, Meghan Keiffer, Molly Gavin,

Megan Sheremet and Kate McClymont. Sprader finished in eighth place with a 20:44, while Keiffer took 10th with a 20:56. Gavin was 12th with a time of 21:05. Sheremet finished 13th in 21:09 and McClymont was 14th with a 21:22.

"We have a nice pack forming after Andrea and will work on moving that pack up by the regional meet," Smith said.

McClymont's efforts were especially noteworthy in the division race considering it was her first time back this year. She was out of contention after suffering an injury during the track season in the spring.

"Kate McClymont did a great job and looked good throughout the race," Smith said.

The junior varsity team also had some nice showings. Leading the squad was Kelly Hardenbergh, who finished ninth with a 21:53, while Lauren Rocco was 25th in 23:11 and Shelly Hilger finished 28th with a time of 23:18.

"Kelly ran a good race and had a great finish, passing runners as she finished," Smith noted.

The Mustangs are slated to return to action when they participate in the conference meet tomorrow at Willow Metro Park at 4:40 p.m.

"This will be a great race," Smith said. "Stevenson looks to be the leader right now and will be hard to catch, but Northville, Churchill or Salem can be the second team to finish in a very competitive meet."

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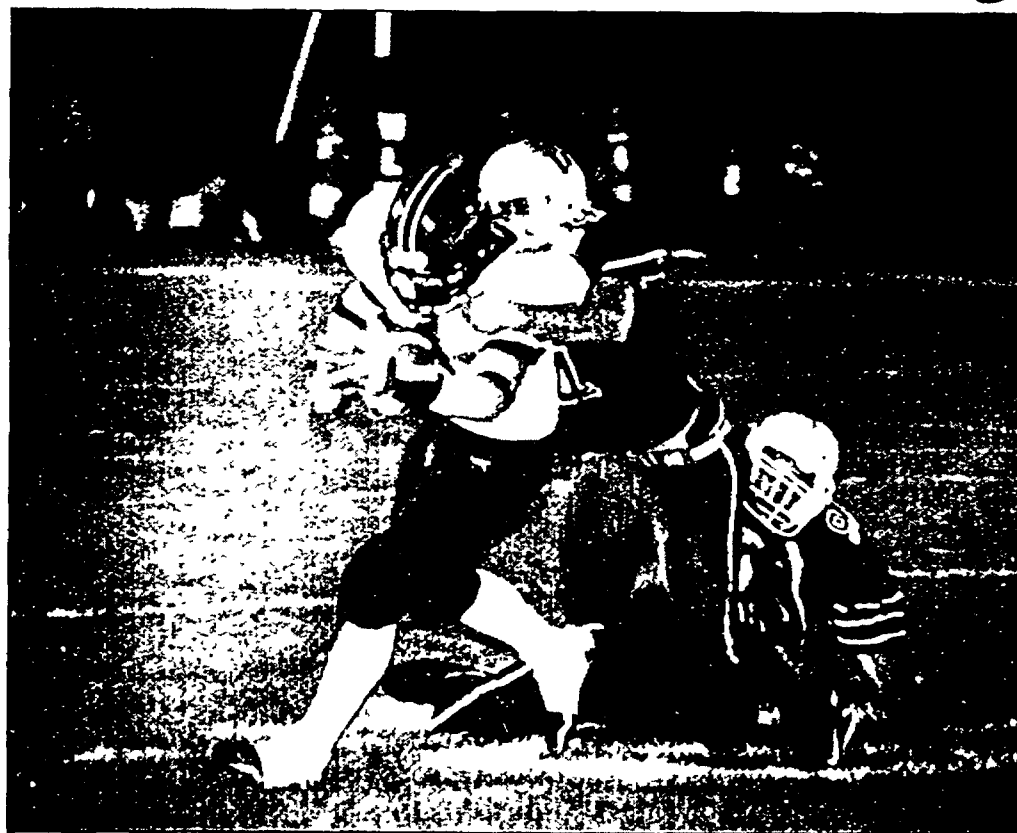
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Mustangs foil Warrior homecoming



Northville Junior running back Mac Stilec breaks past one defender and carries another for a gain against Walled Lake Western.

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second quarter. After the Mustang offense failed to convert a fourth and five on their next drive, the Warrior offense would return to the field but their return would be short lived. On the first play of the Western drive, Northville senior cornerback Chris Oakland made a sensational, one-handed interception along the sideline at the Northville 47-yard line to give the ball back to the Mustangs. The Mustang offense moved the ball to the Warrior five-yard line on a pass interference penalty and a 21-yard run by Stilec, but could not convert. On a fourth and one, the Mustangs came up just short, giving the ball back to Western. The Warrior offense put together an impressive drive that covered 95 yards in less than three minutes and was capped off by a five-yard touchdown run by senior Mike Bagnasco. Monfette would add the extra point, making the halftime score 21-14 in favor of Northville.

The third quarter began with the Northville defense holding strong on a couple of key third and fourth down plays. On a third and one in Northville territory, senior defensive lineman Mike Subu stopped Mooney for a one-yard loss and on fourth down senior linebacker Steve Minier disrupted a running play in the backfield to give the ball back to Northville. After a Northville three and out, the defense stood big on another key third down. On a third and eight, Northville senior defensive end Jordan Marshall dropped a Western

wide receiver on a reverse for a six-yard loss to give the ball back to the offense. The Mustang offense got back into gear with another scoring drive highlighted by a couple of nice passes from Sorensen to Jameson. The first was a 22-yard pick up to put Northville in Western territory and the second an 11-yard touchdown pass. The extra point was failed, but the Mustangs still found themselves in the lead 27-14 after three quarters of play.

Western continued to fight back as Kowaleski returned the kickoff 75 yards to the Northville 21-yard line. As the fourth quarter started, the Warriors would quickly convert the good field position into seven points as Mooney found Kowaleski for the second time of the night on an eight-yard touchdown pass. Monfette would tack on the extra point to make the score 27-21 with 11:11 remaining in the fourth quarter. After a Northville drive stalled, Western took over on their own 20-yard line with 7:15 remaining in the game. The Warriors looked to be headed towards a go ahead touchdown drive and moved the ball to the Northville 28-yard line. The Northville defense needed a big play, and got arguably the biggest play of the season out of junior linebacker Matt Williams. On a second down play, Mooney dropped back and again looked to his favorite target, Kowaleski. Williams had other ideas, he stepped in front of Kowaleski and made a momentum changing interception at the Northville 18-yard line and added a 12 yard return to give the Mustangs possession at

their own 30 yard line.

Williams described his game changing interception this way, "It was the same play that they had scored their previous touchdown on, so I recognized the formation and as soon as the quarterback looked my way I knew it was a slant. I did my best to get in front of the receiver and when the quarterback threw the ball I was right there so I just jumped up and caught the ball, turned and ran as fast as I could down the sideline."

The Northville offense was able to maintain possession for the rest of the game thanks to some key runs from Stilec and Sorensen. Sorensen's 29 yard run on second and nine from the Western 46-yard line sealed the game, as Northville could simply kneel down to run out the clock.

Following the game, Alexander was extremely proud of his team's effort. "The kids believed in themselves and beat a really good team on their homecoming. A lot of teams in our position would just pack it in at this point of the season, but we came out and gave tremendous effort and did a great job."

Northville will need to display that same effort this week as they take on the undefeated Canton Chiefs. The Chiefs will bring their top 5 state ranking to Northville to battle the Mustangs at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

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The Junior Varsity team: Sarah Ambler, Stephanie Brown, Renee Farah, Andrea Firlit, Ashley Flohr, Aly Flood, Jean Hanley, Katie Hartshorne, Holly Kellogg, Michelle, Lone, Alyssa Polsinelli, Gabrielle Priebe, Lauren Step, Michelle Stewart, Michelle Zacharzewski.

Northville cheers to victory

The Junior Varsity and Freshman Cheerleading squads from Northville High School attended the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) Camp this summer at the University of Michigan from August 4-8. The Junior Varsity Squad received the Camp Champs award for the Cheer division and received the coveted Leadership Award. The Leadership Award is given to one team at camp that demonstrates great leadership skills throughout the duration of camp. The Freshman Squad received the Camp Champs Award for the Dance division and received second place in the Cheer division. Several cheerleaders also made UCA All-Stars, which is an award given to the top 20 percent of the cheerleaders attending the camp, they include: Renee Farah (JV), Andrea Firlit (JV), Aly Flood (JV), Holly Kellogg (JV), and Lisa Poenisch (Freshman). Congratulations to both Northville High School Cheerleading Teams and the UCA All-Stars! Come see the squads perform their half time at the Junior Varsity and Freshman games, Junior Varsity Football games start at 7 p.m. and the Freshman Football games start 4:30 p.m.



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The Freshman Cheerleading team: Tanya Bedrosian, Anita Foss, Megan Haller, Carrie Jones, Jessica Kelly, Sara Laidlaw, Katie Maltese, Breanne O'Neill, Lisa Poenisch, Shayna Savage, Ashely Smith, Megan Smith, and Megan Sundburg.

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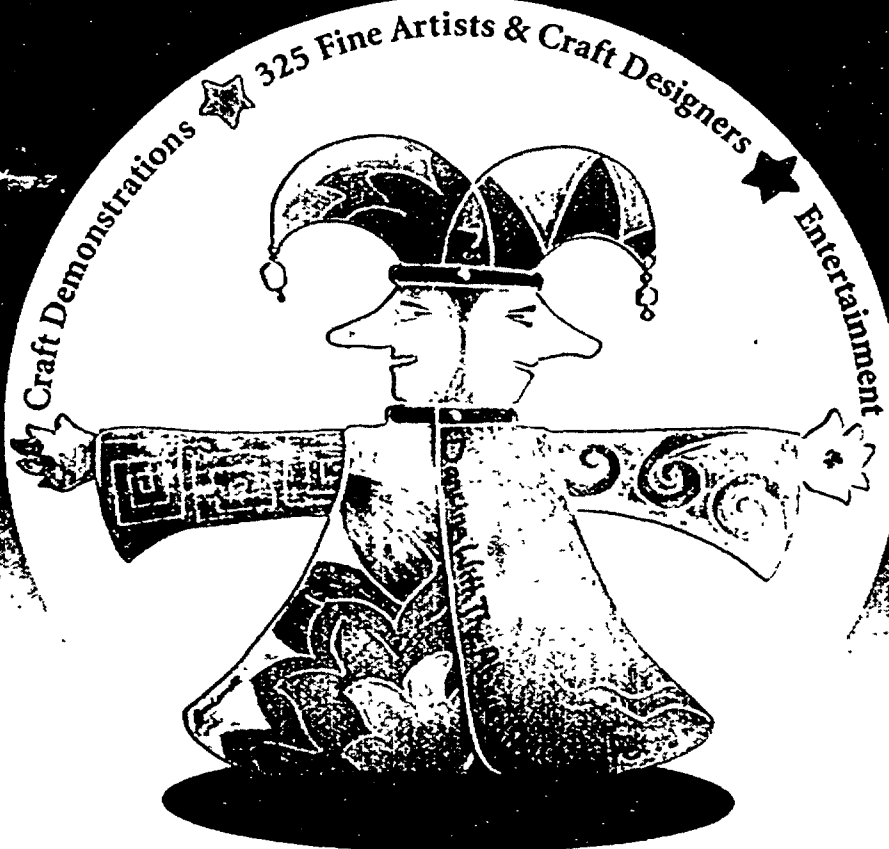
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Plymouth falls to pesky Greyhounds

The Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds handed the Plymouth Whalers their first loss in their last six games with a 4-1 victory at Compuware Sports Arena October 11. The Greyhound scored three goals in the third to break open a 1-1 tie. Plymouth drops to 5-3-1 while Sault Ste. Marie improves to 3-4-1.

Plymouth continued to roll on the power play to take a 1-0 lead in the first. Whalers defenseman James Wisniewski scored his fifth goal of the season when his blast from the point cleanly beat Sault Ste. Marie goalie Kevin Druce at 17:25 of the first. John Mitchell and Vaclav Meidl assisted on the goal.

The Greyhounds tied the game early in the second, providing the lone score for the period. Tyler Kennedy scored off a pass from Brad Staubitz just 45 seconds into the period.

Sault Ste. Marie used a power play goal of their own to break the 1-1 tie. Jeff Carter scored at 2:13 of the period to give his team the lead. The Greyhounds continued to pressure and it paid off with another goal just 16 seconds later from Jeff Larsh. Jacob King capped off the scoring with the Greyhounds fourth goal of the game.

Plymouth will now get ready to host Guelph on Friday night and

welcome Samia on Saturday night. Tickets are available by calling (734) 453-8400.

Whalers 3, Windsor 1

The Plymouth Whalers kept its win streak alive at five games with a 3-1 victory in Windsor on Thursday night. The Whalers scored three goals in less than a minute, two of which on the power play to put the game away. Plymouth improves to 5-2 while Windsor drops to 3-4 on the season. Plymouth took a quick 2-0 lead with a pair of power play goals. Vaclav Meidl gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead when he took a pass from Canton's James Wisniewski and beat Windsor goalie Matt Anthony at 9:29 of the first. The Whalers continued to roll with another power play goal just 24 seconds later. John Mitchell scored his fifth goal of the season with Dan Collins and Wisniewski earning the assist. Plymouth's Tim Sestito increased the Whalers lead to 3-0 with a goal at 10:27. Collins earned the lone assist. Windsor cut into the Plymouth lead with a power play goal of its own in the second. Mitch Maanu scored his second goal of the year at 16:22 to make it a 3-1 game. But the Whalers held on for the win.

Whalers 5, Wolves 0

The Plymouth Whalers increased their winning streak to four games with a 5-0 shutout over the visiting Sudbury Wolves on Saturday night. Vaclav Meidl paced the Whalers with two goals and Jeff Weber earned his first shutout of the year.

Playing in his first game this season, Plymouth's Mike Letizia gave his team a 1-0 lead when his slapshot from the point snuck past Sudbury goalie Patrick Ehelechner at 9:34 of the first period. Gino Pisellini earned the lone assist. After killing off a 5-on-3 man advantage the Whalers took advantage of their own power play opportunity as Vaclav Meidl scored his first of the season at 17:56 of the first. John Mitchell assisted on the goal to give the Whalers a 2-0 lead.

The Whalers increased their lead with another goal in the second on a nice effort by John Vigilante. Vigilante took a pass from Ramsay and slid a back-hand shot between the legs of Ehelechner at 12:36 of the second period.

Plymouth added two more goals in the third as Meidl scored his second of the game and Dan Collins scored his first OHL career goal to ice the win. Weber did the rest, turning away 17 shots for the shutout.



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Now that's one heck of a season

The Northville girls 18 and under Fast Pitch Softball team finished in second place in the Incredible League, South Division, with a 12-6 record. The League consists of teams from Livonia Stevenson, Franklin, Churchill, Ladywood, Plymouth Salem, Canton, and Farmington. The girls also won a season ending double header against Walled Lake Western in a cross-over game against the second place team from the North Division.

Pictured: First Row: Lisa Mueller, Cristy Badeen, Suzi Boll, Jessica Fellwock. Second Row: Allison Jenny, Kristen Zawacki, Megan Higgins. Third Row: Coach Jim Long, Merideth Cole, Emily Doren, Laura Zima, Jane Kruszewski. Missing for the photo: Kim Larson, Katy Marshall, Kim Bagiam, Assistant Coach's Terry Fox and Candra Nabozny

Northville takes second in boys' Western Division meet

■ Mustangs take second with three points helping WLW to win

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs boys' cross country team knew that they would have the race of the year on their hands when they took to the course for the Western Division meet — and they were right.

The Northville squad, which is coached by Christopher Cronin, ran to a second-place finish behind a very strong and very competitive Walled Lake Western crew.

Boys' Cross Country

The difference in the race? Three points.

"We are still looking to put a complete race together," Cronin said of his squad. "Tim (Dalton) and Jasen (Turnbull) were great today, but our seniors have to come up big on Friday if we expect to retain our conference title."

The Mustangs were led by Tim Dalton, a senior harrier, who finished the race with a 16:36 — but he couldn't pass up his chief rival in the conference, Walled Lake Western's Neal Naughton.

"Neal Naughton was outstanding," Cronin said. "Tim Dalton ran with him for the first mile, a blistering 4:57, but Naughton was too strong and pulled away in the second mile."

The Mustangs also had a great showing from freshman Jasen Turnbull, who took an overall fourth-place finish with a time of 17:09.

"Turnbull ran his best race of the season," Cronin commented. "Jasen is peaking at the right time. He surprised some people today."

And Cronin would like to see it again tomorrow, when the Mustangs compete in the WLAA conference meet at 4:10

p.m. at Willow Metro Park.

"If he can give us that kind of effort Friday, he could be the difference maker," Cronin said.

Rob Steiner, Colin Keiffer and Andrew Moore were the next three finishers for the Northville harriers. Steiner ran an impressive 17:37 for ninth place in the division meet, while Keiffer, who is coming off an injury he sustained a couple of weeks ago, ran to 12th overall with an 18:01. Moore took 15th for the Mustangs with a time of 18:14.

"Rob Steiner, Colin Keiffer, and Andrew Moore will be the key to our success Friday," Cronin said. "They're seniors and know what it will take."

The Mustangs will be facing some of the most competitive cross country teams in the area — all while defending their conference title from the 2002 season.

"We feel we have one shot against these teams, and we have to bring our best efforts to the meet," Cronin noted. "If we can do that, we'll be happy with any outcome."

In the junior varsity race, Ian Gunn-Boyar, Masaru Yokomura and Neil Das had impressive showings for the Mustangs, who finished first in the division race for their level.

"These three led the charge for the Mustangs," Cronin said. "They will have to really step it up if they expect to repeat as conference JV champs."

The Mustangs are back in action tomorrow in the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet tomorrow at 4:10 p.m. with the race slated to be held at Willow Metro Park.

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Photo by John Heider

Mustang cross country runner Rob Steiner finishes the course at Cass Benton Park during a late September meet.

Youth Results

Boys' Soccer

The U12 Northville Cosmos were shut out for the first time this year by the CW3-1 as they fell in a tough 4-0 contest. The Cosmos kept the game close for the first two-thirds of the game but couldn't keep pace at the end. MVPs for the game were Christian Preseau playing an excellent position as defender, standing in strong for many steals and clearing kicks and Max Rogers who intercepted a number of passes and worked the ball forward from the midfield position on the offensive end.

The U12 Northville Stompers pounded out an impressive 4-0 win over their opponents from Livonia recently. The Stompers goals were scored by Michael MacDonald, Kyle Cummings, John Lubisco and Aris Zervos. The MVPs for the Stompers were Paul Sanders and

Austin Esqueda for making good plays in the midfield and pushing the ball up the field to provide scoring opportunities.

Girls' Soccer

The U-12 Northville Lightning beat a stubborn Plymouth team 2-0 October 11. Alex Roach tallied the Lightning goals for the Lightning. Strong performances were turned in by Danielle Wesolowicz, Kelly Stewart and Kirsten Schipper. Game MVP honors go to the defense of Shelby Doyle, Laura Kallil and Adrianna Petrucci who did not allow a shot on goal. The Lightning also won a 5-1 contest over CW3. Roach scored three goals and Hailey Hartke scored two for the Lightning. Excellent field play by Madeline Frogner, Doyle, and Anna Lanzetta helped the Lightning to victory.

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NORTHVILLE-NOVI COLTS FOOTBALL

Livonia Falcons 13 Junior Varsity Colts 8

The JV Colts lost to the Livonia Falcons after a valiant comeback effort, 13-8 in a tough fought game. The Falcons took a 13-0 lead early in the fourth quarter, but the Colts did not give up and scored a touchdown on their next possession. Late in the quarter the Colts got the ball back after a big defensive stand and drove the Falcons 39 yard line where they were forced to turn the ball over on downs with 30 seconds left in the game.

Each team had the ball for just one offensive series in the first quarter, putting together time consuming drives. The Colts started at their own 45

yard line and were moving the ball when an incomplete pass on 4 and 8 ended the drive. The Falcons began their drive at the 37 yard line and had moved the ball to the Colts 17 yard line by the end of the quarter.

The second quarter started with the Falcons deep in the Colts territory and they scored on a 15 yard run for a 7-0 lead. Later in the quarter the Falcons were driving toward a touchdown when Westley Baber made a great open field tackle at the 13 yard line.

The Colts kicked off to start the third quarter with Matthew Stark making the tackle. The Falcons were driving but a tackle by Brett Gardner and Steven Toth stopped the momentum,

which lead to the Colts taking over on downs. The Colts made a first down and were moving the ball, but on 4 and 4 could not convert to keep the drive alive. On the ensuing drive the Falcons scored a touchdown but it was called back on a holding penalty.

At the start of the fourth the Falcons continued the drive and scored a TD. Michael Kinville broke though on the PAT and made a tackle for a loss to keep the score 13-0. The Colts received the kick and started at their own 41 yard line and mounted a critical drive. After a first down, quarterback Ethan Eckhout completed two long passes to Jon Alandi, taking the ball to the 3 yard line. The Colts

workhorse, Niko Palazeti drove in for the touchdown on the next play. The PAT was good for 2 point and the Colts had narrowed the score to 13-8.

The Colts attempted an onside kick, but it was recovered by the Falcons. The Colts defensive line of Dakota Budde, Kyle Hammer, Daniel Stern and Robert Laney stacked up the Falcons and key tackles were made by Kinville, Kenneth Campbell III and Jonathan Robinson to force a three and out. The offense took over with 2:30 left in the game and drove to the 39 yard line but could not convert the first down on 4 and 15. After the courageous comeback effort, the young Colts ended up with a loss.

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NFIB UPDATE

Swinging for the Fences

As the annual chase for baseball's World Series championship begins, American small-business owners have more in common with the players on the field than they might realize.

Entrepreneurs are no strangers to blistering curves, wild pitches and knuckleballs thrown at them with blinding speed. Instead of horsehide-covered spheres weighing five ounces, these "balls" aimed at small-business owners appear with frightening regularity in the form of government-mandated wages, regulations and taxes.

Somehow though, morale in the dugout is high, according to the results of NFIB's recent economic trends report. Optimism on Main Street took a big leap recently and the buzz among the team is that now's the time to expand operations.

But the team of lawmakers from Capitol Hill reared back and fired a high, hard one when it refused to update the nearly 50-year-old employee overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act to give workers flexibility and allow employers to offer financial rewards for improved productivity and profitability.

That wasn't the first one to cross the small-business plate. Back before the economy started gaining momentum, a mandatory wage increase bill came out of the Senate's left field. Deceptively labeled the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2003, this slider threatened to nail small business in the hip pocket with yet another government-imposed pay boost to \$5.90 an hour, then another hike to \$6.65 one year later.

Needless to say, small business cried "foul" and opposed the measure on the grounds that government manipulation of the starting wage has failed as a tool of social and economic improvement. Free-enterprise umpires agree that minimum wage hikes not only hurt small firms, but their employees as well.

But the challengers continue to ignore the cheers rising from the stands as reports of capital-spending improvement, inventory investment and hiring plans flash up on the scoreboard. The economists who conducted the recent survey assure us that the record optimism stats signal big wins for growth during the second half of this year.

Growing firms could put one in the upper deck, but procedural spitballs from the Senate have prevented the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 from becoming a permanent change to the tax code. Good only through 2010, this statute provides small-business owners temporary relief from high individual tax rates, eliminates the death tax, eliminates the marriage penalty and makes a number of significant tax cuts and reforms to our nation's pension laws. But what happens then? Without a permanent, predictable policy environment in which to make sound business decisions, small-business owners will be scoring fewer economic home runs.

One fat pitch that entrepreneurs could slam into orbit would come in the form of affordable medical care through Association Health Plans, but while the House has done its part, the Senate isn't even in the ballpark yet.

Still, no matter how many wild pitches American small-business owners face, you can always count on them to hang in there and swing for the fences.

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

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Photo by JIM FARKAS

Proprietor Pat Fielding (left) and Sherry Tucker, full-time designer, stand ready to create your special bouquet, arrangement or centerpiece.

Fresh flowers add cheerfulness to any occasion

By James C. Farkas
SPECIAL WRITER

Ask any man, what is the first gift that comes to mind for Mothers Day, anniversary or birthdays? Ask any woman, what is the most cheerful gift she could receive to brighten a

special occasion or any day? I'll bet the answer, without hesitation, would be a fresh bouquet of flowers. When you think about it, fresh flowers stimulate almost all of your senses - sight, smell, touch and feel.

When you think of fresh flowers in the South Lyon area, you

think of Pat's Field of Flowers.

Proprietor Pat Fielding attended design classes at Schoolcraft College 16 years ago.

With the goal in mind of being in business for herself, she felt it was only natural to do something she loved. So, in 1989 she opened Pat's Field of Flowers in the Brookdale Strip Mall on the southwest corner of Pontiac Trail and Nine Mile Road. Fourteen years at the same location has made Pat's Field of Flowers a household name in the community when it comes to fresh flowers from around the world. Delivered daily from a local distribution center are the always popular roses, carnations and orchids to the more exotic species such as bird of paradise and protea. They come from all parts of the world, such as Florida, California, Hawaii and Ecuador.

But that's not all. Pat's business has been growing and expanding into other complimentary lines of gifts and home decor, such as scented candles by Colonial-at-Home and a wide selection of body lotions by Camille Beckman, that her discerning customers will select to compliment the bouquet of flowers.

"We also offer a beautiful line of greeting cards by Lang," said Pat.

Other services offered at Pat's Field of Flowers include in-home consultation for custom silk flower arrangements and centerpieces; wedding consultations, which include delivery and set-up; and gift baskets, fruit and gourmet baskets and, of course, live plants, at a wide range of prices.

"We will tailor-make a unique floral arrangement just for you," said Pat. "Whatever you can imagine, we can create. You

won't find this kind of service at the corner grocery store amongst the frozen foods."

Pat has been married for 42 years. She and her husband, Bob, have two married sons, Michael and Brett. She actively participates in the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce.

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't meet several people in the community that I know," said Pat.

She gives back to the community in several ways, from donating fresh pumpkin centerpieces for South Lyon's Annual Pumpkin Fest costume ball to gift certificates for local school fund-raisers, charities and auctions.

"We show our appreciation for our customers in a very special way by having an annual Christmas open house the first Saturday in December," said Pat. "There are free gifts, drawings and plenty of food as a thank you for doing business with us all year."

Pat can't say enough about her professional and courteous staff. Besides assisting customers herself, she has three part-time delivery and counter people, Marge, Anne and Jackie; two part-time designers, Tabitha and Sue; and her full-time designer, Sherry, who has been with her for 12 of the 14 years. Pat's customers are very special to her and their satisfaction is of foremost importance.

"You can expect personal attention and a genuine interest from each and every one of my competent staff," said Pat.

Besides the FTD and TELE-FLORAL services one would expect, Pat says her Web site orders have been increasing substantially.

"People can order right from their office or even from out-of-

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state by going directly to www.patsfieldofflowers.com and avoid the corporate national companies' service charge," said Pat. "This way, they will have direct contact with the professionals that will be making up their arrangement and can communicate any special requests."

According to Pat, business is constant throughout the year due to special occasions. However, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are always the busiest.

"We stock up with a large selection of fresh flowers and gifts prior to these occasions so our customers will always find a good selection to choose from," said Pat. "So, if you would like to brighten someone's day - whether it be a birthday, anniversary, upcoming Sweetest Day or a centerpiece for Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas - call or stop in at Pat's Field of Flowers. She and her staff will be happy to create a special bouquet or arrangement just for your special someone. There's nothing more pleasurable than the colors and scents to accentuate the seasons in your office or home decor."



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Winterizing water gardens

Preparing your pond for the cold

By Annette Jaworski
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's hard to say goodbye to summer — especially for those who cherish those outdoor ponds and water gardens. Fall's cooler temperatures bring us back to reality. Our favorite pond weather is dwindling and we need to spend some time and energy preparing for the cold weather.

Although it's not usually a favorite task, using some elbow grease to clean up the pond now will pay off later. Not only will it be cleaner in spring, it will help extend the life of equipment and pond as well as the fish, frogs and other friends.

Nanette Winowiecki, owner of The Pond Place in Highland, realizes there can be some confusion as to the best way to prepare for winter, especially for first-time owners. By hosting workshops that are free of charge and open to the public, she helps to educate local pond owners as to how to make the best of the impending winter. An important consideration for winter is protecting the fish.

"Last year because of the long cold spell, people lost a lot of fish. You want to make sure you're preparing appropriately," Winowiecki said.

First of all, she recommends preparation is better now than later. As the fall season develops the water temperatures quickly cool.

"Since you need to put your hands in the water, do it as soon as possible so that the water is warmer. It helps to put on gloves," she said. As a last resort, you can hire someone to avoid that task.

Remove leaves and dead organic matter with the skimmer net or wet dry vacuum, since toxic gases may harm the fish and add additional sludge to the pond. If you have a skimmer in your pond, clean it daily when leaves are falling. Clean out the pond filter mats and brushes with a water hose. Do not over-clean and never use soap or cleaner of any type, as it will harm the healthy bacteria built up in the filtration system.

Once this is done, she recommends quickly netting the ponds to prevent more leaves from falling in. This stays on through fall and winter and is removed in the spring. Many people are reluctant to put on the netting because they think it affects the pond's visual beauty. But now there are many types that are less visible when installed.

"I know we like to look at our ponds and they're fun to see. It (the netting) doesn't look as bad as

"Netted" ponds (left) will prevent leaves and other junk from contaminating the water, and a running-water system (above) prevents water in the pond from freezing.

you think," she added. Stake down the netting well and to prevent growth of string algae over the winter, add barley straw in bundles pellets or liquids.

One of the toughest decisions owners have to make is whether to shut down their system completely or run it all winter. Each has its advantages and disadvantages, she pointed out.

Shutting down the system completely has lower operating costs and minimal work. However it can be risky for the lives of fish and/or frogs left in the pond. The toxic gases may build up from the debris and if not allowed to escape from the pond, it can kill or severely stress the fish. If the fish are removed, you have the cost and commitment of maintaining the fish indoors.

If you leave the system running, you can enjoy the view of the pond year round as well as the interesting ice formations. The disadvantages are that fish actually prefer quiet, non-moving water in the winter. And there are extra energy costs involved with running the system over the winter. If the electricity goes out, the system can freeze and pumps may crack or

Photos by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

burst, so it's best to have a back-up generator. Running water cools the water even more, so she recommends that if you keep your pond fully functioning, you should consider heating the water. And lastly, pump seals, housings and impeller blades are easily damaged by ice and are often costly and difficult to replace.

Since ponds require an opening for gases to escape, there are several ways to maintain this opening. Using an aerator is one choice that requires a higher initial investment, but also a lower operating cost. It adds oxygen to the water, which is beneficial to fish in summer as well as winter. Or you can choose a pond de-icer with a low initial investment, but higher operating costs if a high wattage de-icer is used. Some owners choose to operate both for security, although it obviously entails higher initial investment and operating costs.

For more complete information and all pond supplies visit Nanette Winowiecki or manager Vicki Taylor at The Pond Place 2586 S. Milford Road in Highland. Call (248) 685,1818 or visit their website www.pondplace.com.

Invading ladybugs just looking to keep warm

Q: I'm living in some kind of an Alfred Hitchcock movie, except it's not birds, it's ladybugs. They are all over my house. What do I do? Why are they at my house?

A: Or, "why me?" Well, why not you? Except in this case, it's everybody living in a building in Michigan. You've got a lot of company. These are our favorite imported ladybird beetle, commonly called Asian Multicolored Ladybird Beetle, or ladybug, to you. These crazy things were first found in the United States in the early 1900's. They hopped ship in Asia and got unloaded with cargo in Baton Rouge and San Francisco. They were also brought in by the United States Department of Agriculture in the late '60's and '70's to control aphids on southern pecan crops. They are still valuable insects all year, except for in the fall. This is an insect that spends the winter as an adult. With the first cold nights, comes the message to all things ladybug, "get your silly self inside or you will be frozen into a bugicle." They overwinter in structures. That includes houses, barns, doghouses or mailboxes. The lucky ones choose house. The losers pick the birdhouse. They would like to be in between the outer and inner wall of your house. The temperature will stay above freezing and they can hibernate away the winter. If they end up inside, they burn up all their calories in a month or two and drop dead. That's if you haven't beaten them to death. During this time of year, they fly to the south or west sides of your house because those are the warmest. They squeeze into cracks around windows and doors. They fly and land on your back or the dog as you come into the house. Being hungry little things, they may give you a little nip. It's annoying but not dangerous. If you smack them or handle them roughly, they exude a little drop of an orange, stinky liquid. It's called reflexive bleeding and protects them from being eaten. Because they are going into dormancy, pesticides don't work well. They just don't metabolize the poisons. Suck them up with the vacuum. A shop vacuum is very nice. If you use the household vacuum and will have nightmares about them plotting against you in the bag, here's what to do. Use an old sheer-toe nylon stocking or a couple layers of nylon net. Put one over the end of the tube and push it a bit into the tube. Secure your new filter with those big broccoli rubber bands. Now you can suck them up. When you are done, tap the hose over a bucket of soapy water and let them all sink below the waves. Give them a couple of hours to marinate. You can keep adding until they are higher than the water. Keep a broom or dust mop on the front porch and swoosh them away from the door when you come in. Remember that the end is near. As soon as days are cool, the stampede stops.

Q: Every year, I plant bulbs and every fall some stupid rodent digs them up and usually eats them. How can I solve this? I hate using the chicken wire on the ground.

A: Here's a few choices and see what works. Every critter out there eats tulips and crocus. Try daffodils, Dutch iris or alliums or some of the small bulbs. Some taste terrible and some are poisonous. Try using a repellent sprayed directly on the ground. Replace it after it rains until the soil settles. Something like Mole Med or Scoot Mole, which are castor oil extracts smell bad to diggers. You could use something like cayenne pepper or curry powder or other smelly spices. Save your old spices and recycle them as repellents in the fall. Replace after a rain. Try a sprinkling of blood meal or bone meal. Sometimes, an inch or two of wood mulch makes it unattractive to dig through. May the force be with you.

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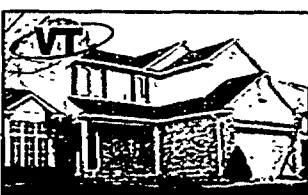
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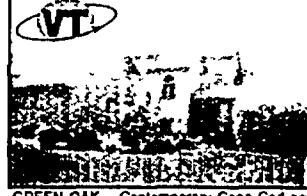
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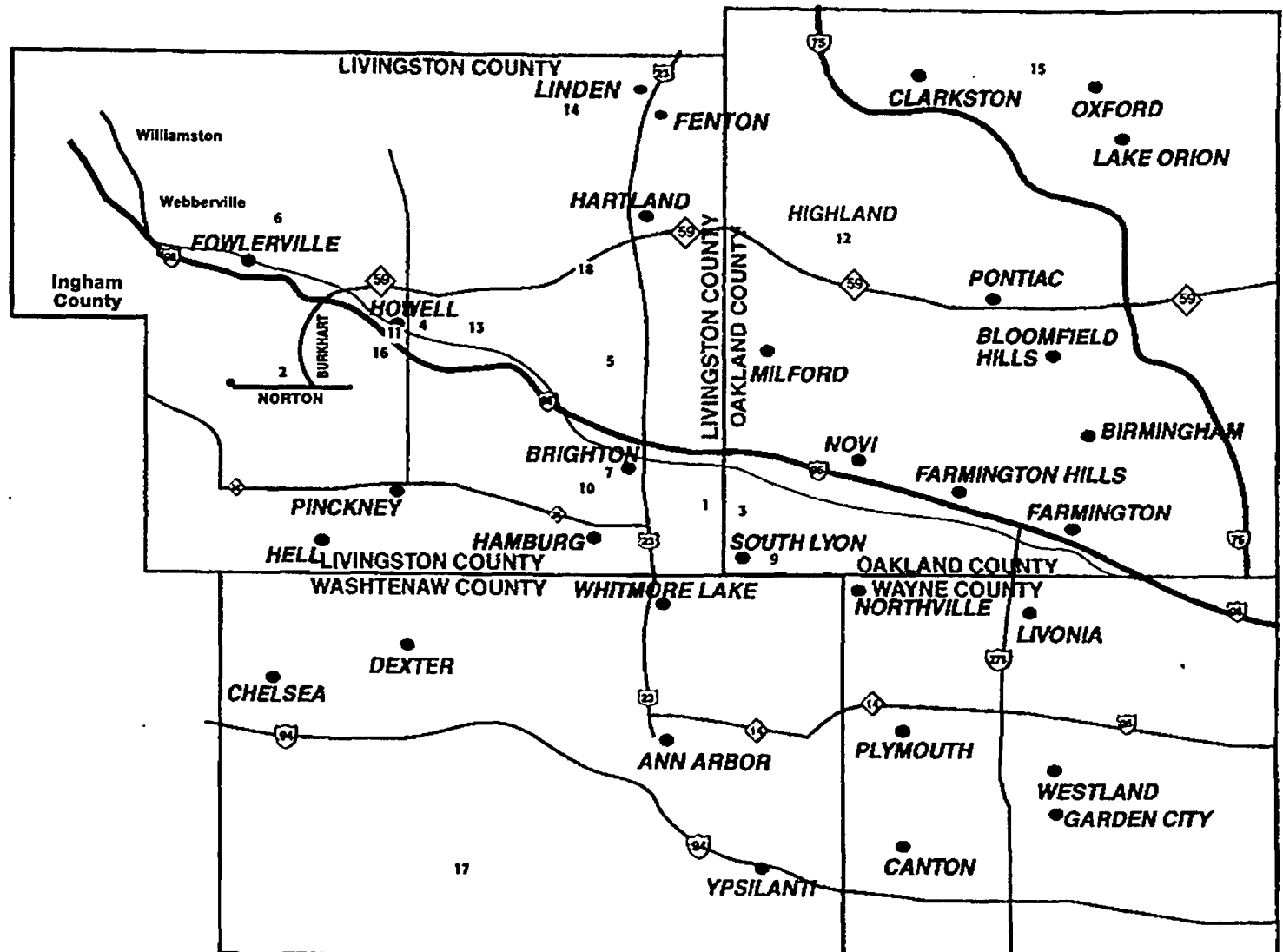
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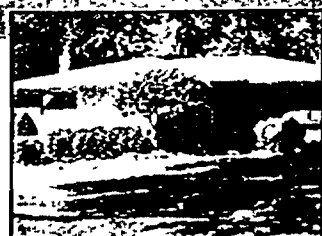
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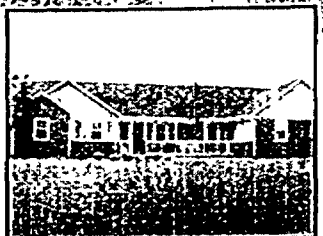
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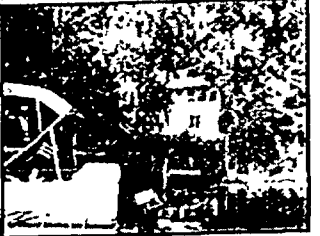
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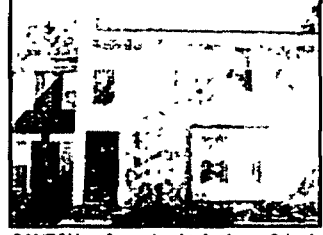
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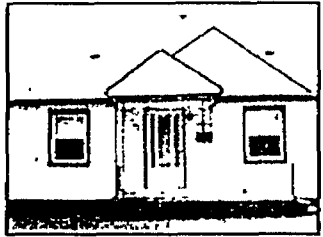
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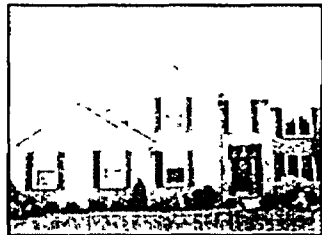
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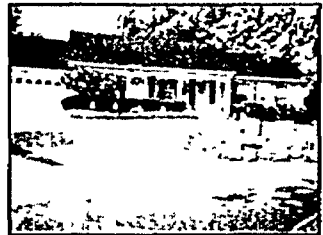
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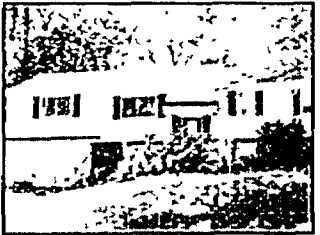
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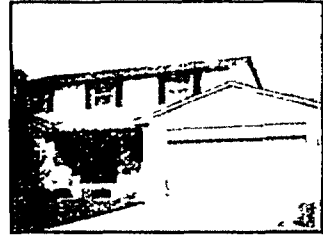
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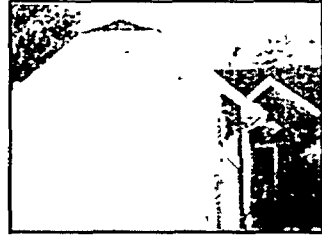
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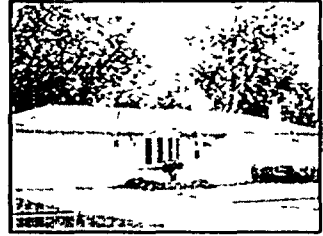
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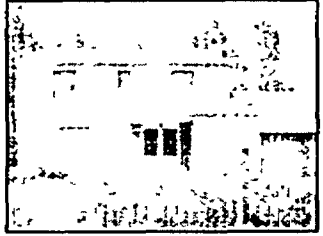
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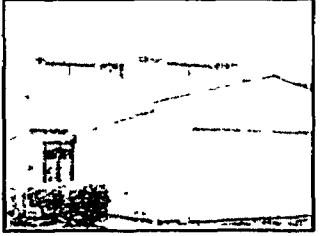
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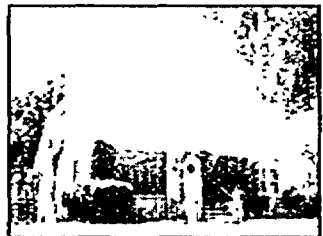
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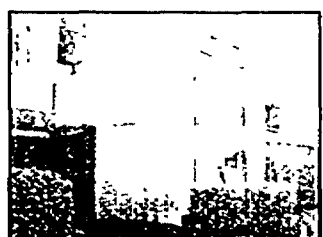
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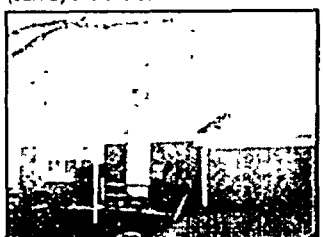
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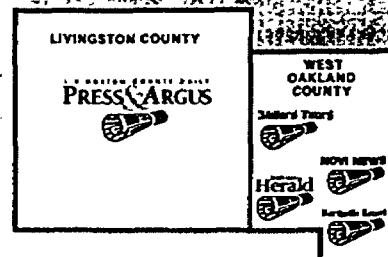
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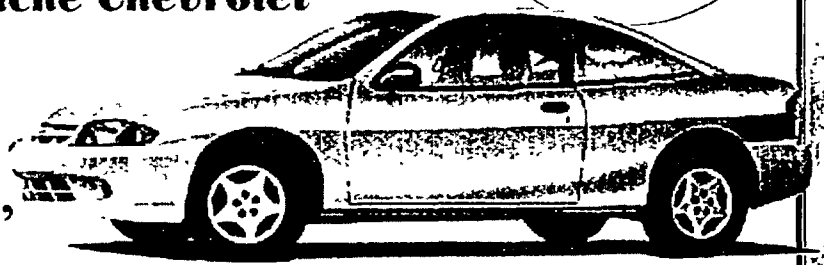
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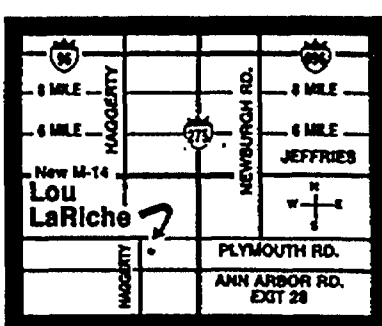
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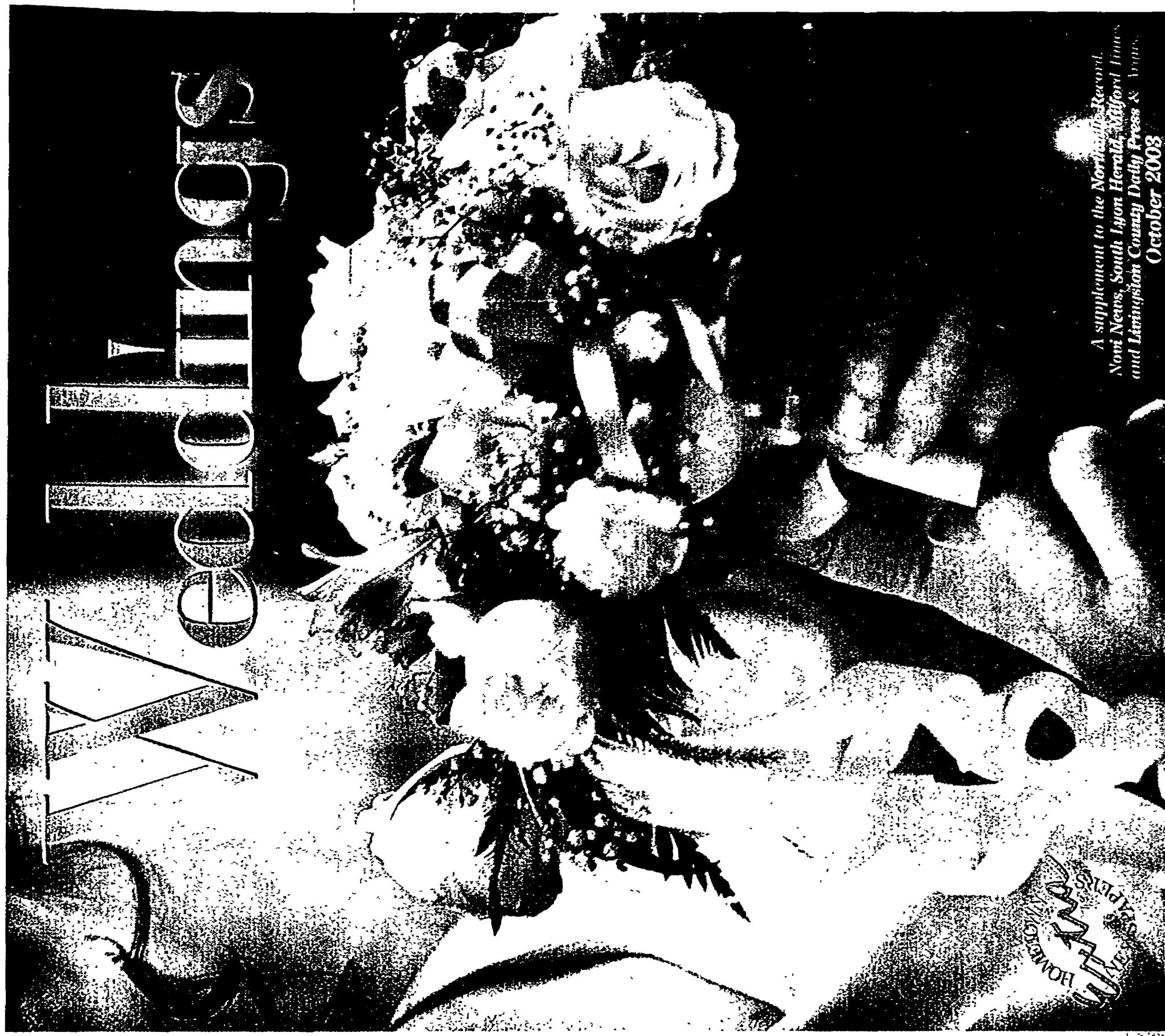
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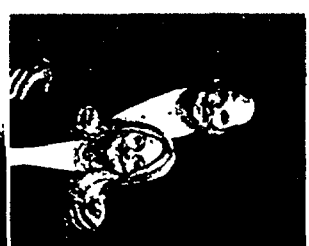
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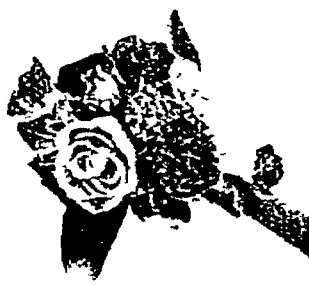
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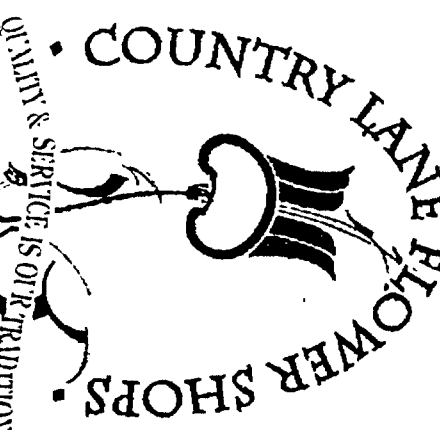
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Adding new and old traditions makes ceremony special

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- ♥ For a New Year's Eve wedding, consider inviting guests around 10 p.m., beginning with cocktails, and sealing your vows with a kiss at midnight. Forgo the rice for a fireworks send-off.
- ♥ If you're planning a Valentine's Day wedding, why not hold the ceremony in a rose garden? For a fall wedding, try an apple orchard; for a spring wedding, look for a flower field.
- ♥ A beach wedding is the perfect setting for a "sand ceremony", in which the bride and groom pour sand from two glasses into one to signify their union in marriage.
- ♥ For a medieval wedding, ask your minister to tie your wrists together with ribbon before you recite your vows — medieval brides associated knots with hope, luck and steadfastness.
- ♥ If a Hollywood wedding is your style, consider rolling a red carpet down the aisle before you make your grand entrance.
- ♥ **Something borrowed**
Another way to personalize your ceremony is to borrow the talents of your friends and families. If your best pals are gifted singers or musicians, consider letting their melodies accompany you down the aisle. Got a few secret Shakespeares in the family tree? Let them write a few verses to read during the ceremony.
- ♥ **Something you**
There are endless ways to include whatever is most important to you in your wedding ceremony — even pets or hobbies. If your dog is a part of the family, tie the ring to his collar and have him serve as ring bearer. If you and your sweetheart are vocalists, sing your vows to each other. The most important thing to remember is that it's all about you.

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Vintage dress needs special care

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The more acidic the fabric, the more likely it is to yellow rapidly, he says. Yellowing isn't necessarily bad, Scheer says, but there is a qualitative difference between the uneven yellowing of a poorly cared-for vintage gown and the aged patina of a well-preserved one. "A patina speaks to a gown's antiquity," Scheer says.

Another problem is weakness in the fabric a gown is made of, which can be caused by mildew or dry rot. Such weaknesses are not always readily apparent until after the fabric has been cleaned, Scheer says.

For all of these reasons, it's very important to get an expert assessment of an heirloom gown before choosing to wear it. Also, Scheer says, many commercial dry cleaners are not equipped to handle the delicate nature of the kind of cleaning or restoration that may be necessary. However, he says, most metropolitan areas have specialists like himself, many of whom belong to the American Institute for Conservation of Historical and Artistic Works (see its Web site at <http://aic.namford.edu>). It costs roughly \$500 for an assessment and cleaning, said Scheer.

Brides also should look for an expert seam-

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By Michelle Warren
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The first time may not have been a second or third won't be. These days, it's not uncommon for weddings to include at least one person who is exchanging vows for the second time.

According to an article featured on the SecondWivesCafe Web site by Jill Curtis, "nowadays four out of every 10 weddings are second marriages for one or both partners."

In her book, "1,001 Ways to Have a Dazzling Second Wedding," Sharon Naylor addresses many concerns and issues for the second-time-around couple.

"The great news for you is that the strict societal conventions regarding weddings are quickly evaporating," Naylor wrote. "No longer are brides sticking to the dusty old etiquette rules that say they can't wear white, they can't have a big wedding and any other can't's. Today's bride has so much more freedom in all wedding choices."

"The wedding industry has given its blessing to the second-time bride (because there are millions of you out there), and all options are much more diverse."

First time all over again
Cathie and Casey Jalowicz of Marshall, Ind., planned a wedding that was a second trip to the altar for both of them.

"We decided it was our day and wanted it to be special, so we went ahead and did it that way," Cathie said. "I guess I was more mature in planning this time. I took more time with my decisions. Even with the music — I wanted a theme instead of the traditional wedding marches."

Casey and Cathie, whose hearts were set on a big, fancy wedding, encountered criticism from friends and family, which is often an issue for couples planning a second wedding. "They thought we should have a small wedding," Casey said. "They said we should save the money. But we decided we wanted a big party, and we did. We wanted it a certain way and decided we'd make other sacrifices to get what we wanted."

And really, there's no reason a wedding should be anything other than exactly what the couple wants, whether it's a second wedding or not. As Casey and Cathie pointed out, it was their first wedding — and they were paying for it.

"Do what your heart tells you to do," Cathie advised. "This is your special day. No one can take it away from you."

Despite her determination to go all out, Cathie was a bit squeamish about wearing a wedding gown. But she did decide to go for it, and she found just what she was looking for.

The gift question
Gifts are an etiquette concern for many couples getting ready for their second wedding. Kathy Henson, author of an article titled "The Second Time Around," which was featured in the Bridal Planning Guide on www.MountainTimes.com, says there's nothing wrong with approaching the gift question

Second trip down aisle just as special as first

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as you would in a first wedding. "You may not need the money and gift items as badly the second time you marry, but it's perfectly fine to register for gifts, although you should never expect them, especially from people who gave you a gift the first time," she advised. "If you don't need a lot of 'stuff,' consider having guests make a donation to your favorite charity, but spread this by word of mouth. Gifts should never be mentioned in the wedding invitation."

Cathie and Casey decided against registering for gifts.

"That was one of the toughest things — figuring out how to answer about gifts," Casey said. "We just told them we wanted them to come to our party and celebrate with us. We both had our own things."

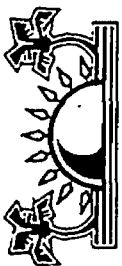
Choosing an escort
Will the bride be escorted down the aisle a second time? And who will do the escorting? Whether or not to go it alone is yet another topic for debate in the bog of second-wedding do's and don't's.

Jill Curtis, in an article for the GettingRemarried.com Web site, addresses this question in an article called "Who will give the bride away?"

According to Curtis, there are brides who do not believe they have to be "given away" a second time. Some prefer to be "escorted" or "accompanied" down the aisle and make their choice accordingly. Other brides decide to walk by themselves.

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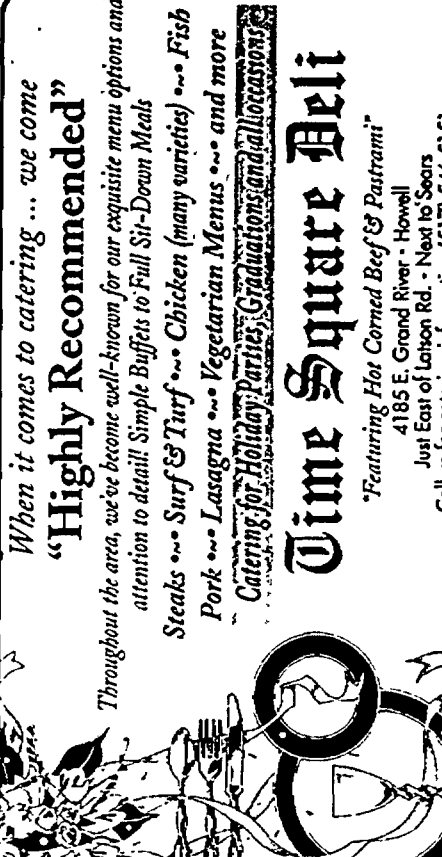
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Finding your fabulous, flattering gown

By Kerry Blankenship
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The date has been set and the wedding planning is in high gear. You've reserved the church, hired the photographer and chosen a color scheme.

One major item is still left on your to-do list, though: selecting your dress.

You've pictured it since you were a little girl, and even if the picture has changed throughout the years, the thought of choosing your wedding gown still gives you shivers of excitement. Finding the right dress is possibly the second most important wedding-related task — you accomplished the first by finding the right person to marry — and one not to be taken lightly.

In all likelihood, your measurements differ at least slightly from the mannequin modeling your dream dress in the store window. Not to worry — that's what fittings are all about. But the most important step is to select a style that's right for your figure — and one that will make you feel like a princess, not a pumpkin.

The secrets of shapes
In the world of wedding dresses, there are four basic types: the ball gown, the empire-style gown, the A-line or princess gown and the sheath.

The ball gown is the perfect choice to fulfill all your Cinderella fantasies. Traditional and elegant, ball gowns feature a full bodice and a fuller skirt.

Medieval maidens searching for that Renaissance romance will be drawn to an empire-style gown. The high waistline of an empire gown hugs right under the bust and falls into a slimmer skirt.

Everyone looks great in an A-line or Princess shape gown, with its flared skirt following the vertical seams at the neckline to form an "A" or "V" pattern.

The last style, the sheath, is not for the faint of heart or full of figure, as its slim silhouette hugs every curve.

ID your body type

Most brides-to-be are fairly familiar with any figure flaws they might have, and these are important things to keep in mind when choosing the wedding gown. Your best bet is to select a dress that flatters your figure, so here are some tips for picking the best gown for your body.

◆ **Petites** on parade — Tiny brides should stick with simple dresses that form long lines — sheaths and A-lines — as opposed to fluffy ball gowns. Too much fabric will take the focus off the bride. Sexy strapless and off-the-shoulder necklines will work well.

◆ **Here's the skinny** — There's certainly nothing wrong with being thin — the sheath was made for a slender bride. Or you can choose a feminine ball gown to get the ballerina look. Prominent collarbone?

Careful of the neckline. Flat chests? Select a bodice without darts.

◆ **Pear-shaped** parade — A ball gown will focus on your best half and cover the other half. Avoid a sheath. As for necklines, V-necks, which direct the eyes toward that "other half," are not the best option, but off-the-shoulder styles will help your proportions seem equal.

◆ **Broad-shouldered** bride — Show off your shoulders by picking a halter. Or, if you're a drama queen, choose a gown with long, off-the-shoulder sleeves. A narrow bodice will help minimize your shoulders. Don't try to hide them, though — you may wind up doing the opposite.

◆ **For the fuller figure** — Try a ball gown with a basque waist, which has a slimming effect. A high-waist A-line with a low neckline also flatters curves. A slim sheath or slinky bias cut will cling and may accent any extra inches; avoid spaghetti straps.

◆ **Warning: curves ahead** — Want to make the most of your curves? Go off-the-shoulder and add an "uplifting" undergarment. To downplay your assets, go for a fitted bodice and full skirt — and a one-piece minimizer underneath. If you would prefer the focus to be on your face, rather than your figure, keep an eye on how much skin you're showing.

◆ **Standing tall** — Tall women can be the belle of the ball in several different dresses: A-lines, ball gowns and sheaths are among the options. High necklines and long

sleeves will add to your height, though, so try an open neckline and fitted bodice.

◆ **Boxy but sexy** — To accentuate — or create — curves, an empire-waist gown is your answer. Another style to consider: A ball gown with a basque waist. Sheaths and dropped waists will emphasize the problem, rather than conceal it.

◆ **The short and snappy of it** — A short waist isn't the end of the world, but if you have one, a sheath may not be your best bet, as it could emphasize the area. Try a princess-line gown with a full skirt and fitted bodice to create the impression of longer lines.

◆ **In the thick of things** — Thick-waisted brides, don't fret: The empire gown was made for you. This high-waisted style provides long, slim lines and draws attention away from your waistline. Styles to avoid: basque waists and princess-line.

Shop Smart

Keep these tips in mind as a starting point when you head to the bridal store, and make sure to take some trusted friends to help you find the perfect dress for your body. Don't be afraid to consult the saleslady. They have worked with all types and sizes of brides, and they know the store's inventory. They may be your best bet for finding a flattering fit.

Work with your figure instead of against it, and you'll walk down the aisle with pride.

Traditions to put the you in nuptials

By Trista Morrison
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Somewhere between orchestrating the reception, traipsing through dress stores and agonizing over guest lists, the details of the wedding ceremony tend to slip through the cracks. Aside from the location, decorations and bridal party, how much can you really do with your wedding ceremony, anyway?

By adding just a few personal touches, you can transform your ceremony into an unforgettable masterpiece guaranteed to leave you and your guests misty-eyed.

The key to creating a memorable wedding ceremony is to include aspects of your personality. From your walk down the aisle to the moment you say "I do," there are countless opportunities to tastefully incorporate the things that are most important to you.

Something old

Your own heritage is a great source of inspiration for personalizing your wedding ceremony. Integrating ethnicity or religion into your ceremony is sure to make the nuptials more meaningful not only to the bride and groom, but to your families as well. The key is deciding if you prefer to include these traditions with a subtle touch or with dramatic flair.

For those looking to add just a slight hint of the past, consider the following:

◆ **Native American** couples receive their vows facing east, toward the rising sun, to signify the new beginnings of life together.

◆ **Scottish** husbands, at the conclusion of the vows, drap their new wife in a sash of their clan's tartan to welcome her into the family.

If you're willing to let tradition take center stage at your ceremony, you may be more interested in these customs:

◆ **Evening** Orthodox weddings include a crowning ceremony, in which the best man places crowns tied together with ribbon on the bride's and groom's heads. The ribbon unites the new couple both literally and symbolically throughout the ceremony.



rate a tradition called "jumping of the broom," in which the couple concludes their vows by jumping over an ornately decorated broom to signify that past troubles have been swept away.

Something new
While modern weddings are frequently themed to reflect a certain season or time period, these themes all too often stop short of the chapel doors.

Yet with a little creativity, there are many ways a couple can stylishly extend their wedding theme into the ceremony:

Can heirloom gown be worn?

By Liz Poppens
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Every bride wants her wedding dress to be special, whether it is a handmade couture gown or an off-the-rack dress that captures just the right look. For many brides, however, wearing a gown that belonged to Mom or Grandma is even more meaningful.

"It adds something extra special," says Antonia van der Meer, editor in chief of Modern Bride magazine, noting that many heirloom gowns being worn today mirror contemporary styles harking back to glamorous evening gowns of the 1930s.

Still, wearing a vintage wedding gown is not just as simple as pulling one out of the family cedar chest and taking it to the cleaners or the tailor, says Jonathan Scheer, president of J. Scheer and Co., a New York-based textile conservation firm that handles vintage wedding gowns. If a gown has not been cleaned and stored properly, it may not be wearable at all, he says.

How well a dress ages also depends upon the fabric, Scheer says. Plant fibers, such as cotton or linen, as well as some synthetics such as rayon are more acidic than protein fibers, such as silk or wool.

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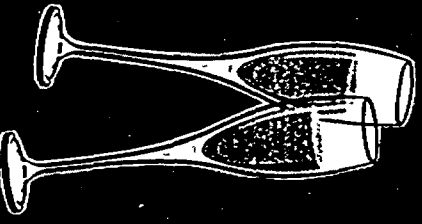
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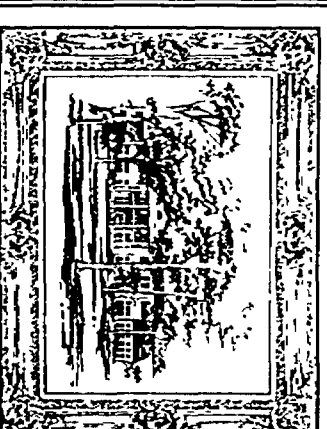
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Mastering the toast

With glass in hand, keep foot from mouth

By Paul R. Huard
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Even with the current practice of "anything goes" as the norm for wedding events, Thomas says the old-fashioned rules of courtesy are a good safety net.

In other words, think Emily Post — traditional rules of etiquette have survived for a reason. They might not be trendy, but they have kept people out of trouble for a few hundred years.

Thomas offered these tips to would-be toastmasters and toastmistresses:

- Traditionally, the best man offers the first toast. It's considered polite for everyone in the room to stop drinking and hold their glasses in anticipation of the toast.

The rules of etiquette state that in a formal wedding, the bride and groom should not toast themselves. Let the people who have gathered for your special day honor you and recognize the importance of your marriage.

Thomas says that additional toasts, such as the groom honoring the bride or the parents, are completely acceptable. Just don't go overboard — too many toasts detract from the special significance of the one that really matters.

Thomas says the common fear of public speaking often makes the task of toasting

daunting.

"People put a lot of pressure on themselves," says Thomas. "Everyone knows you're human and nobody expects perfection. Besides, most people really don't want to be up there anyway."

With that in mind, remember there are several tactics that will help you be the toast of the town.

Giving some thought to what you will say. "Winging it" is not a good strategy, particularly if you are nervous or unsure of public speaking like most people.

If you know you will be asked to give a toast, jot down a few notes beforehand. You might even practice the toast in front of a friend to get his reaction to what you'll say.

One important tip: Get the bride and groom's name right.

"I recall a wedding where the best man called the bride by the name of the groom's old girlfriend," says Thomas. "It was just a slip of the tongue and everyone laughed it off. But that example does serve as a lesson for why it's important to rehearse a toast if you have a chance and know everyone's names."

What if you mess up unintentionally? Thomas says that people are forgiving — just laugh off a slip of the tongue or unintentional faux pas and move on.

Watch how much you drink. The old saying is "loose lips sink ships" and nothing loosens lips faster for some people than overindulging at the no-host bar.

Alcohol lowers the normal inhibitions that might otherwise keep you from saying something really, really stupid. Stay sober if you're the person charged with making the toast.

What if the wedding guests include a lush about to open his or her mouth? If the thought of what the guest might say makes you cringe, get a friend to help keep the parter at bay.

"It should be an intimate, someone who knows the person well and who will save them from ultimate embarrassment and the embarrassment of the people in the room," says Thomas.

If asked on the spot to give a toast, think once, then twice about what you say and how you will say it.

Conservative decisions stand the test of time, she says, and offer the least opportunity for embarrassment.

"How do we know if what we consider cool at age 25 will be acceptable at age 55," she says. "What you say or do at the wedding will be etched in people's memories forever."

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Make your day special with these memorable suggestions

The Web site MakelMemorable.com has a section titled "Unique Ideas" that offers a wealth of great ideas for creating memories and adding style to your wedding.

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- Bridal Quilt — Create a bridal quilt by having each guest bring a square of fabric to the reception.
- Balloon Release — Release balloons after the ceremony instead of having guests throw rice or flower petals. These balloons can include a tag with the name of the bride and groom and the marriage date.
- Butterfly Release — Provide each guest with a box containing a butterfly. The guests can be then signaled to release the butterflies at the end of the ceremony.

Planning easy with resources

By Traci Brink Cumbay
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Just in case you need a little help planning your big day, you'll be relieved to know there's plenty of it available. Check out these bride-tested books and Web sites for just about anything you'll need to know.

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 - "Bridal Bargains: Secrets to Throwing a Fantastic Wedding on a Realistic Budget," by Denise Fields and Alan Fields
 - "Getting Married When It's Not Your First Time: An Etiquette Guide and Wedding Planner," by Pamela Hill Neutleon
 - "Planning a Wedding to Remember: The Perfect Wedding Planner," by Beverly Clark
 - "Working Woman's Wedding Planner," by Susan Fasoli-D'Arcy
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Honeymoon Planning

- "Plan Your Honeymoon," by Karen Cure
- "The Most Romantic Resorts for Destination Weddings, Marriage Renewals and Honeymoons," by Paulette Cooper and Paul Noble
- "Romantic Wedding Destinations: Guide to Wedding and Honeymoon Getaways Around the World," by Jackie Carrington and Annette Riche

After the Wedding

- "Bride's Thank You Guide: Thank You Writing Made Easy," by Pamela A. Piljac
- "Crib Notes for the First Year of Marriage: A Survival Guide for Newlyweds," by Everett De Monier
- "What No One Tells the Bride: Surviving the Wedding, Sex After the Honeymoon, Second Thoughts, Wedding Cake Freezer Burn, Becoming Your Mother, Screaming about Money, Screaming about In-Laws, Maintaining Your Identity, and Being Blissfully Happy Despite it All," by Marg Stark
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French baker stacked and frosted them. Voila! The first tiered wedding cake was born.

Getting married has long been referred to as "tying the knot." So, where does the phrase come from?

According to some historians, this expression has its roots in ancient Rome, when the bride traditionally wore a girdle that was tied in a knot. After the wedding, it was the duty of the groom to untie the girdle. Others believe the phrase is more closely associated with ancient "handfasting" ceremonies, which involved tying a cord or ribbon around the wrists of the bride and groom, thus binding them together.



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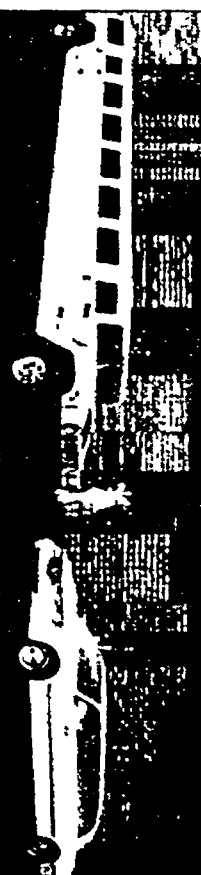
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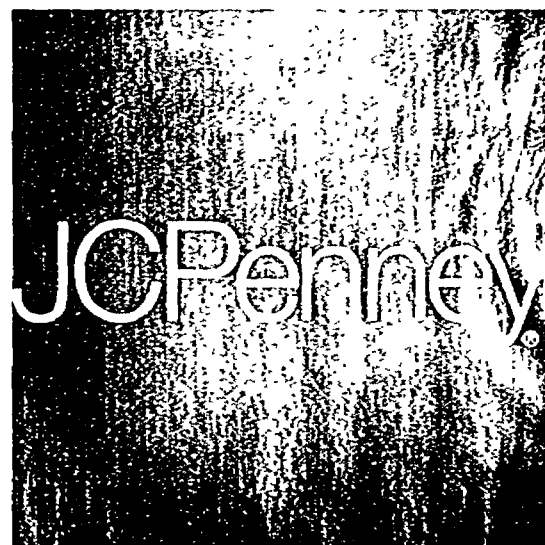
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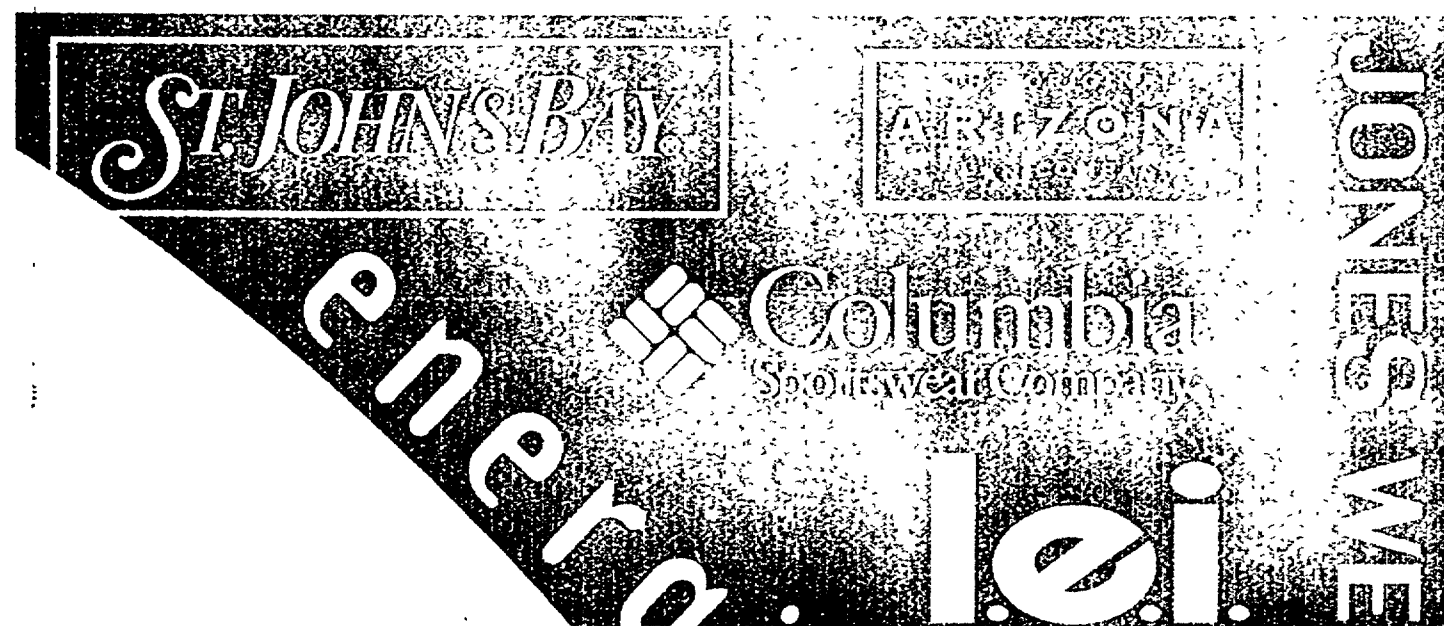
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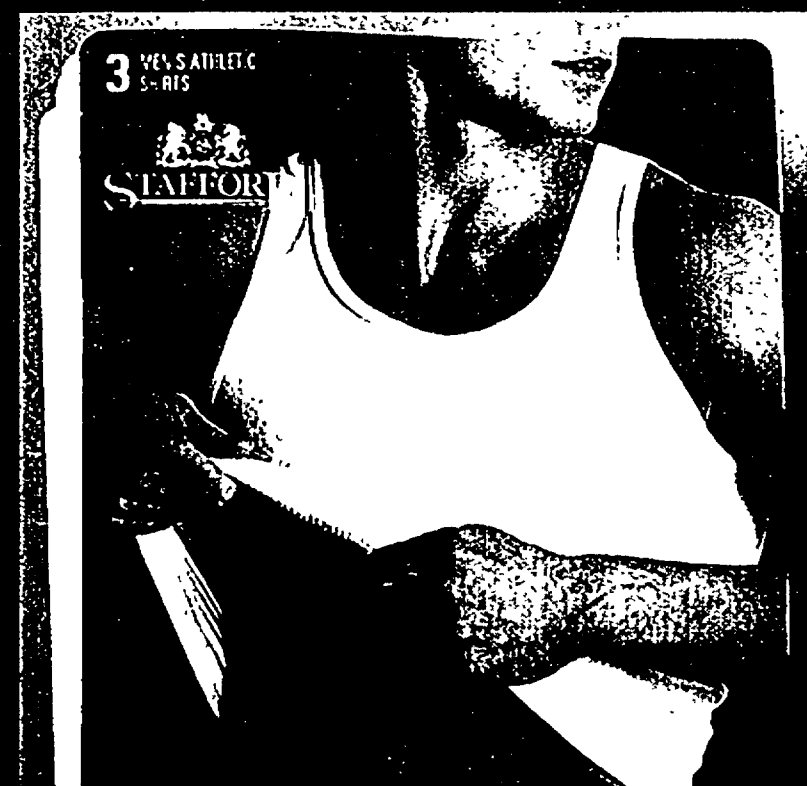
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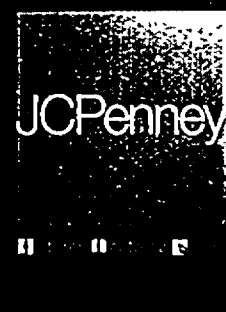


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Exclusively for JCPenney

THE GREAT FALL HOME SHOPPING SPREE!

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SAVE ON ENTIRE STOCK!
50% OFF

REGULAR PRICES ON THESE ITEMS FOR YOUR HOME

ALL BED PILLOWS AND MATTRESS PADS

ALL AMERICAN TOURISTER® LUGGAGE

ALL PROTOCOL® LUGGAGE

ALL DINING ROOMS

50% OFF PLUS EXTRA 25% OFF

ALL CROSCILL CLASSICS®,
JCPENNEY INTERIORS® AND
INTERLUDES® MADE-TO-MEASURE

BLINDS AND SHADES
ORDERED BY 10/21/03

SHOP THROUGHOUT OUR HOME DEPT.!



JCPenney 5 Go to jcpenney.com to see this week's store ad online! Furniture/Mattresses not available in all cities or in all JCPenney stores. Availability of featured items will vary by store. Delivery charges will apply to home deliveries and to customer pick-up from JCPenney Stores, where available.

GREAT FALL HOME SHOPPING SPREE!

Dale Tiffany, Inc.

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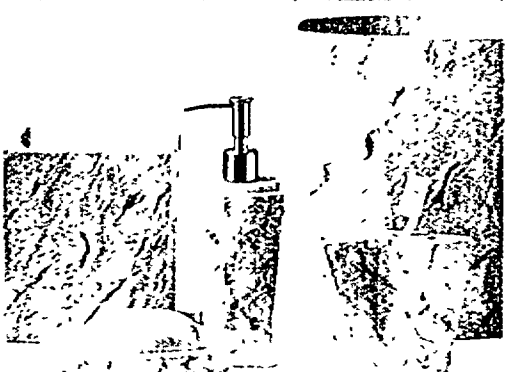
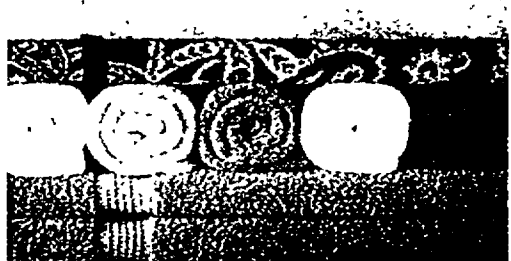
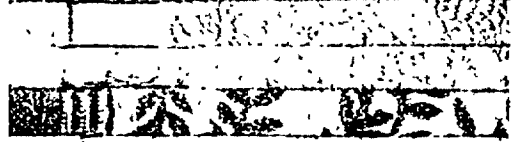
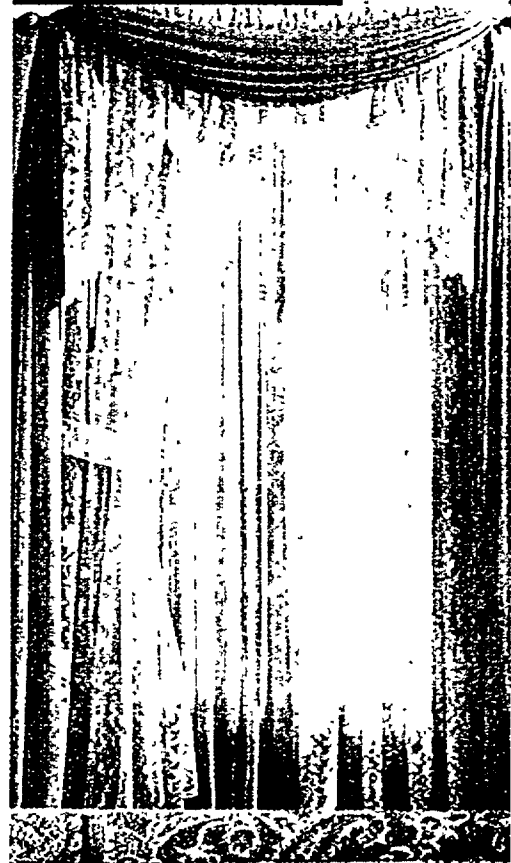
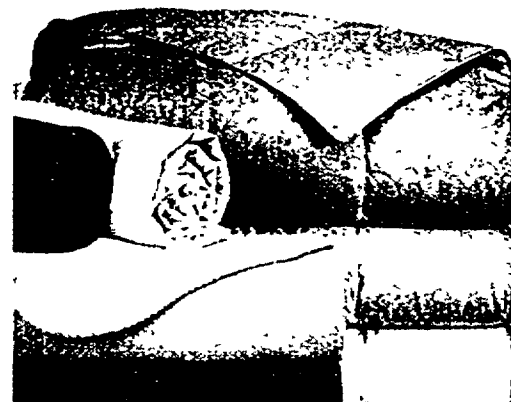
- ALL SOFAS, CHAIRS AND RECLINERS
- ALL HOME OFFICE AND OCCASIONAL FURNITURE
- ALL ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS AND BEDROOMS
- ALL LAMPS, CLOCKS, MIRRORS, FRAMED ART, FRAMES AND ALBUMS
- ALL EMBROIDERED AND LACE CURTAINS
- ALL JEEP®, SAMSONITE® AND ATLANTIC® LUGGAGE
- ALL BATH TOWELS AND BATH RUGS
- ALL SHEETS, TROWS AND BLANKETS
- ALL DECORATIVE PILLOWS, ACCENT RUGS AND SLIPCOVERS
- ALL FEATHERBEDS AND DOWN COMFORTERS

SAVE ON ENTIRE STOCK!

30% OFF

REGULAR PRICES ON THESE ITEMS FOR YOUR HOME

- ALL DECORATIVE BEDDING AND ACCESSORIES
- ALL SHOWER CURTAINS AND BATH ACCESSORIES
- ALL SEALY®, SERTA®, SPRING AIR™ AND STEARNS & FOSTER® MATTRESSES
- ALL METAL BEDS
- ALL READY-MADE DRAPERIES AND TOP TREATMENTS
- ALL READY-MADE HORIZONTAL BLINDS
- ALL CRYSTAL AND GLASSWARE
- ALL DINNERWARE AND FLATWARE
- ALL TABLE LINENS



it's all inside.

JCPenney optical

50% OFF

MOST EYEGLASSES

Cannot be combined with any other offer or vision care plan. Available in JCPenney stores with a participating Optical Center. See optician for details. Offer expires 10/20/03.

Call toll free (877) JCP-EYES or visit www.JCP-EYES.com.

PROFESSIONAL EXAMS*

*Eye exams provided by independent state licensed Doctors of Optometry. CONTACT LENSES • OVERNIGHT SERVICE AVAILABLE

FREE 8x10" PORTRAIT & NO SITTING FEE

PORTRAIT SHEETS

4.99 EACH

Reg. 12.99

it's all inside.

JCPenney portraits



Offer expires 02/12/04. Free sitting fee for the first person or save \$9.99 on the purchase of a Portrait Club membership. Present at time of sitting. Not valid on reorders, Enhancements, studio events or other offers. One FREE 8x10 per family. Valid at participating locations. Cash value 1/20¢. PC1812044.

SHOP 3 WAYS!

STORES: To find the JCPenney store nearest you, call: 1-877-FIND JCP (1-877-346-3527) or go to jcpenney.com.

ONLINE: Log on to jcpenney.com 24 hours a day, seven days a week!
BY PHONE: Call 1-800-222-6161 any time for easy Catalog ordering.

Store, Catalog and Internet merchandise selections may vary. Some store discounts may not apply to Catalog and Internet orders; shipping and handling charges will apply. See store associate for more details.

Sale prices effective through 10/21/03 unless otherwise noted. Percentages off regular prices or original prices, as shown. Actual Savings may exceed stated percentage off "Regular" and "Original" prices reflect offering prices which may not have resulted in actual sales. Any event designated as a "sale" excludes Value Right merchandise and items sold everyday with discounts if purchased in multiples of 2 or more. Intermediate markdowns may have been taken on original priced merchandise. Clearance items are available while supplies last. Merchandise selection may vary from the JCPenney store to another.

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STORES CATALOG



MURRAY'S

Be Car Care Aware

DISCOUNT AUTO STORES®

SAVE \$3.60
A CASE
AFTER
REBATE



MURRAY'S CHOICE
5W30 • 10W30 • 10W40
MOTOR OIL
Murray's Sale Price .89
Less Mail-In Rebate -.20

69¢ Quart
Limit 12

Final Cost After Rebate
Maximum Rebate 2.40 • Regular 99¢

Case Of 12 Qts. Sale Price	Less Mail-In Rebate	Final Cost After Rebate
10.68	2.40	8.28
Regular 11.88 • Limit 1 Case		

FREE Oil Recycling!
Oil Change Sticker With
Every Oil Purchase!

MONSTER DEALS!

YOU'LL GO WILD FOR THESE
MONSTER SAVINGS!



MURRAY'S CHOICE
AUTOMATIC TRANS FLUID
• Dexron III/Mercon
99¢ Quart
SALE Regular 1.49 • Limit 12

MURRAY'S TRANS FLUID, GALLON SALE 4.99 Regular 5.49



NEW!
KRACO
4-PIECE CARPETED FLOOR MATS
• Universal Fit
• Anti-Slip Nib Backing
12.99 Set Value Series
SALE Regular 14.99

PEAK
ANTIFREEZE & COOLANT
Murray's Sale Price 5.99
Less Mail-In Rebate -2.00
3.99 Gallon

Final Cost After Rebate
Max. Rebate 4.00 • Regular 6.99



CASITE
FUEL INJECTOR CLEANER
• Restores Power & Reduces Emissions
BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!
12-OZ. Regular 2.59 • Limit 2 Free Items

ANCO
AEROVANTAGE
• Aerodynamic Design Prevents Wind Lift At Highway Speeds
PREMIUM WINTER BLADES
• Rubber Frame Covering Helps Prevent Ice & Snow Build-Up
FREE INSTALLATION!
10% OFF
OUR EVERYDAY LOW PRICE!

MONSTER CARBON
FREE \$10 MURRAY'S GIFT CERTIFICATE
With the purchase of four Bosch Platinum 34 Spark Plugs PLUS you're automatically entered to win a Monster Garage Sweepstakes!

BOSCH
PLATINUM +4 SPARK PLUGS
• Provides Multiple Spark Paths For The Most Powerful Spark
5.99 Each



DON'T BE AFRAID OF THESE SAVINGS!

PENNZOIL
5W30 • 10W30 • 10W40
• Improved Stop & Go Protection
SALE
1.69
Quart
Limit 12
Regular 1.99
Case Of 12 Qts. ... **SALE 20.28**
Regular 23.88 • Limit 1 Case

SYNTHETIC BLEND
5W30 • 10W30
• Provides Extra Protection Against The Hazards Of Short Trip Driving
SALE
2.49
Quart
Regular 2.79

GATORSKIN
50-PACK LATEX
MECHANICS GLOVES
• Keep Hands Safe From Oil, Paint & Chemicals
• One Size Fits All
SALE
2.99
Each
Regular 3.59

MARVEL MYSTERY OIL
ADD TO GAS AND OIL
• Helps Extend Engine Life
• Cleans & Lubricates Entire Fuel System
• Improves Motor Oil Performance
SALE
2.99
32-Oz. MM013R
Regular 3.99

GUNK
ENGINE BRITE
ENGINE CLEANER
• Quickly Removes Grease And Grime
• Regular & Foamy
SALE
1.79
16 To 21.6-Oz.
Regular 1.99
EB1, FEB1

GUNK
OIL TREATMENT
• Premium Protection For Cars, Light Trucks & SUVs
SALE
2/3.00
15-Oz.
Regular 1.99 Each

MURRAY'S

MONSTER DEALS!



GET-READY-FOR-WINTER CHECKLIST

- BUY NEW WINTER WIPER BLADES AND WE'LL INSTALL THEM FREE!
- CHECK FLUID LEVELS:
- ANTIFREEZE
 - WINDSHIELD WASHER SOLVENT
 - MOTOR OIL
 - POWER STEERING & BRAKE FLUID

- DON'T FORGET:
- SNOW BRUSH
 - LOCK DE-ICER
 - BOOSTER CABLES
 - GAS-LINE ANTIFREEZE
 - FUEL INJECTOR CLEANER

REPLACE BURNED OUT HEADLIGHTS & SIGNAL LIGHTS

HAVE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM CHECKED (FREE Service Provided At Murray's)

REPLACE WORN BELTS & HOSES

IF YOUR BATTERY IS FOUR YEARS OLD OR OLDER, CONSIDER REPLACING IT NOW, BEFORE COLD WEATHER HITS

SHOCKINGLY GOOD DEALS ON AUTO PARTS!

STARTERS
• New Bushings & Brushes
• 100% Load Tested
• All Units Submitted To 4 Tests Prior To Shipping
STARTING FROM..... 29.99
Each
With Trade-In

ALTERNATORS
• New Bushings & Brushes
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• All Units Submitted To 5 Tests Prior To Shipping
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Each
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Robertshaw
GENERATION 2 THERMOSTATS
• The Only Thermostat Guaranteed To Perform Within O.E. Specs For As Long As You Own The Vehicle
STARTING FROM..... 8.99
Each

SIEMENS VDO
BLOWER MOTORS
• O.E. Quality To Match Your Vehicle
• Designed Like Original For Easy Replacement
STARTING FROM..... 19.99
Each

MONROE SHOCKTOLK
BUY 3 REFLEX™ OR SENA-TRAC® SHOCKS OR STRUTS, GET THE 4TH ONE FREE!
*After Mail-In Rebate.
Free Unit is Limited To The Lowest Cost Unit.
STRUT MOUNTS Starting At 6.99 Each

HIGH PRICES DON'T HAVE A GHOST OF A CHANCE!

MOTHERS
WHEEL MIST
WHEEL CLEANER
• Removes Brake Dust & Road Film
• Spray It On, Hose It Off
YOUR CHOICE!
SALE
3.99
22-Oz.
Regular 4.99

BLUE CORAL
HIGH FOAM
CAR WASH
• Fights Spots & Streaks
• Safe For All Finishes
SALE
2.99
64-Oz.
Regular 3.59

TurtleWax
WET 'N BLACK
AEROSOL
TIRE DRESSING
• For Deep-Black, Wet Looking Tires
SALE
2.99
14.5-Oz.
Regular 3.99

REESE
TRAILER BALLS
• Solid Steel Construction
10% OFF
OUR EVERYDAY LOW PRICE!

ARMOR ALL
LEATHER WIPES
• Clean & Protect
• Protect & Shine
CLEANING WIPES
• Clean Dash, Vinyl & Fabric
GLASS WIPES
• Remove Film & Grime On Glass
SALE
2/7.00
20 To 25-Ct.
Regular 3.99 Each

BUDGE Lite
CAR COVERS
• Spun-bonded Polypropylene
• Water Repellent, UV Treated
SALE
24.99
Each
B1, B2, B3, B4 Series
Regular 29.99

NOTHING SCARY ABOUT THESE PRICES!

FEDERAL MOGUL
WHEEL BEARINGS & SEALS
• Meets Or Exceeds O.E. Specs
BEARINGS **SEALS**
STARTING FROM..... 5.99 Each **STARTING FROM..... 1.99** Each

MORSE
FRICTION GRIP OR FRICTION GRIP PLUS DISC BRAKE PADS
10% OFF
OUR EVERYDAY LOW PRICE!

CARDONE
MASTER CYLINDERS
• Master Cylinder Piston Assemblies Are 100% Height Gauged To Meet O.E.M. Specifications
STARTING FROM..... 15.99
Each
With Trade-In

TRICO
WASHER PUMPS
• O.E. And Universal Applications For Import And Domestic Vehicles
• Easy-To-Install
STARTING FROM..... 9.99
Each

K&N
HIGH-FLOW AIR FILTERS
• Improves Air Flow & Performance
• Washable & Reusable
1,000,000 MILE WARRANTY
10% OFF
OUR EVERYDAY LOW PRICE!

Mechanics Products
112-PC. TOOL SET
• SAE And Metric
• Tri-Fold Heavy-Duty Storage Case
SALE
15.99
Each
W1518
Regular 19.99

MONSTER DEALS!

FLY IN BEFORE THESE GHOULISH SPECIALS GET SCARED AWAY!

ASE CERTIFIED PARTS SPECIALIST

AN ASE CERTIFIED PARTS SPECIALIST WILL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU WITH A SOLUTION... NOW AT MURRAY'S!



OPTIMA BATTERIES

RED TOP™ AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES

- Premium Starting Power For Demanding SUV & Automotive Applications
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- Extra Power For Today's High Output Car Audio Systems, Winches & Other Accessories

GET READY FOR WINTER AT MURRAY'S!



\$15 OFF

OUR EVERYDAY LOW PRICE! With Trade-In



Cobra SPARK PLUG WIRE SETS

- Manufactured By Standard Motor

STARTING FROM **10⁹⁹** Each



FRAM

OIL FILTERS

- Extra Guard
 - Tough Guard • X2
- ### AIR FILTERS
- Triad Filter* Traps Up To 48% More Dirt

10% OFF

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Buy A Fram Air & Oil Filter And Get 3.00 Back By Mail! See Store For Details.

FRAM

CABIN AIR FILTERS

- Removes Pollen & Dust From Vehicle's Ventilation System
- Change Annually

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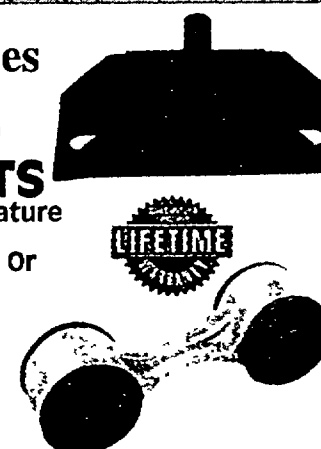
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ENGINE AND TRANS MOUNTS

- Bad Mounts Will Cause Premature Failure Of Your CV Shafts
- Check Them When Replacing Or Inspecting The Shafts

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ROL Gaskets

HI-PER BLUE GASKETS

- Specially Formulated Material Means Less Wicking & Compressing
- Better Than Cork Or Rubber

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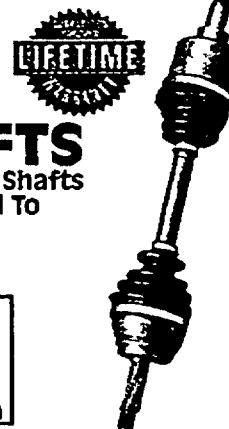
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C.V. DRIVESHAFTS

- Premium Remanufactured C.V. Shafts
- New Joints Or Remanufactured To Exact Tolerances
- New Premium Boots
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DEARBORN HTS...23300 VAN BORN
DEARBORN HTS...6938 TELEGRAPH
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(586) 228-8100
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(313) 292-1824
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DETROIT...14510 LIVERNOIS
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(313) 972-5330
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(317) 523-0029

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UTICA...47250 VAN DYKE
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WATERFORD...225 SUMMIT DRIVE
Behind Summit Place Mall
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SALE PRICES IN EFFECT

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CALL 1-877-566-1523
Or See Store Manager For Details



Management Cashiers

Counter Person

Full & Part Time Positions Available



115 POINT INSPECTION • WARRANTIES • ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE • FULL TANK OF FUEL

AUTO LIQUIDATORS OF NORTH AMERICA IS GOING TO FOWLerville

BANK MANDATED REPO LIQUIDATION MEGA SALE



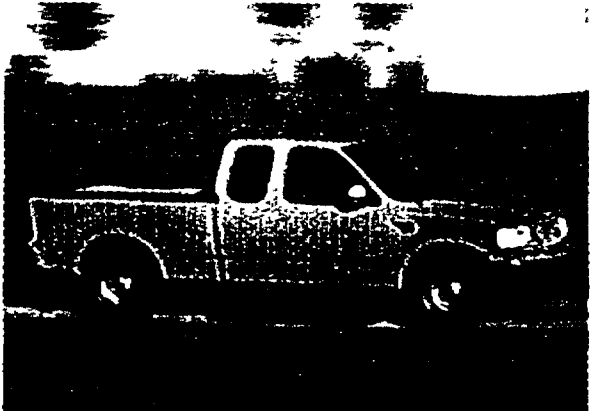
\$29

DELIVERS...

ALL YOU PAY IS \$29

THEN START MAKING PAYMENTS

AUTO LIQUIDATORS OF NORTH AMERICA IS COMING TO FOWLerville FORD OF FOWLerville, MICHIGAN TO ASSIST IN THE DISPOSAL OF 250 BANK REPOSSESSED AND OTHER USED VEHICLES. THESE USED VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED AT INCREDIBLE SAVINGS FROM FIVE DIFFERENT BANK SOURCES AND DEALERSHIPS - AND THEY MUST BE SACRIFICED IMMEDIATELY AT ALL COSTS!

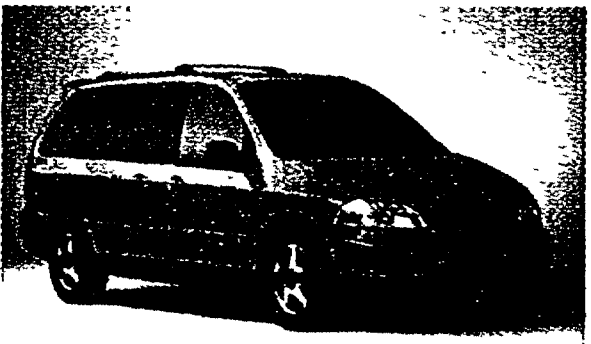


**NOW YOU CAN BUY CREAM-OF-THE-CROP BANK REPOS
AND OTHER USED VEHICLES FOR NEAR OR BELOW
WHOLESALE!**

PICK A VEHICLE - PICK A PAYMENT

**ANY TRADE-IN WILL BE GUARANTEED \$2000 VALUE
PUSH, PULL OR DRAG YOUR OLD VEHICLE IN!!!**

**250 CARS, PICKUPS, VANS & 4X4's WILL BE DISPOSED OF!
MANY UNSOLD VEHICLES WILL BE SENT TO THE AUCTION.**



CREDIT PROBLEMS? NO PROBLEM!

\$5 MILLION WORTH OF CREDIT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT

*If you've had credit problems in the past
(bankruptcy, divorce, slow-pay, repossession)

We have banking sources from all over the U.S.

We've helped thousands of financially troubled
customers.

BRING CURRENT...

*PAYCHECK STUB

*HOME PHONE BILL

*DRIVER'S LICENSE

NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED!!!!

MONDAY
OCT 13
9AM-9PM

TUESDAY
OCT 14
9AM-8PM

WEDNESDAY
OCT 15
9AM-8PM

THURSDAY
OCT 16
9AM-9PM

FRIDAY
OCT 17
9AM-6PM

SATURDAY
OCT 18
10AM-4PM

With approved credit. \$29 plus tax, title and fees. Negative equity will be added to the amount financed. Subject to lenders final approval.

**FOWLerville
FORD
517-223-7777**

**8100 Country Corner Dr
Fowlerville, MI
48836-7939, US**



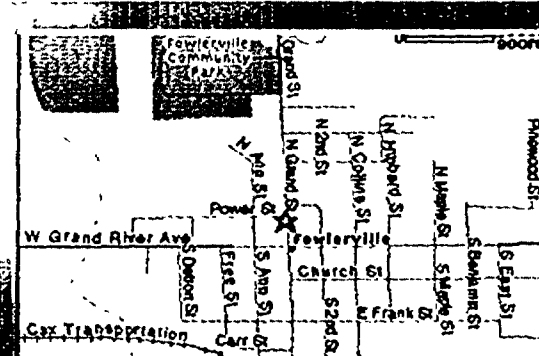
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FINAL NOTICE TO PUBLIC!**BANK MANDATED
REPO LIQUIDATION****MON. OCT 13TH through SAT. OCT 18TH**

AUTO LIQUIDATORS OF NORTH AMERICA IS COMING TO FOWLerville FORD OF FOWLerville, MICHIGAN TO ASSIST IN THE DISPOSAL OF 250 BANK REPOSSESSED, LEASE RETURNS, PROGRAM VEHICLES, & OTHER USED VEHICLES, THESE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED AT INCREDIBLE SAVINGS FROM A VARIETY OF BANK SOURCES AND DEALERSHIPS. ACCORDING TO CREDITORS INSTRUCTIONS THEY MUST BE SACRIFICED IMMEDIATELY AT ALL COSTS WHATEVER THE LOSS MAY BE!!!!

BANK REPOS! LEASE & RENTAL RETURNS! THEIR LOSS WILL BE YOUR GAIN!**FOR 6 DAYS ONLY****You can pay a \$29 FEE THEN START MAKING PAYMENTS*****PICK A VEHICLE – PICK A PAYMENT****ANY TRADE-IN WILL BE GUARANTEED \$2000 VALUE****PUSH, PULL OR DRAG YOUR OLD VEHICLE IN!!!****250 CARS, PICKUPS, VANS & 4X4's WILL BE DISPOSED OF!****MANY UNSOLD VEHICLES WILL BE SENT TO THE AUCTION.****CREAM-OF-THE-CROP REPOSSESSION! There will be millions worth of inventory disposed of, including Chevrolets, Pontiacs, GMCs, Fords, Hondas, Toyotas, & MORE!!****VEHICLES ARE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION - MANY STILL WITH FACTORY WARRANTIES****All you pay is a \$29 FEE* then start making payments!****CREDIT PROBLEMS? NO PROBLEM! \$5 MILLION IN CREDIT AVAILABLE****Bring your trade, title, and/or payment book. Be prepared to take immediate delivery.****Special lenders will be on site with \$5 MILLION in credit to insure the success of this MEGA-SALE!****FOWLerville****FORD****517-223-7777****8100 Country Corner Dr.****Fowlerville, MI****48836-7939, US**

With approved credit. \$29 plus tax, title and fees. Negative equity will be added to the amount financed. Subject to lenders final approval.

\$9900 DOWN



MONSTER NEW/USED CAR SALE

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCT. 14	OCT. 15	OCT. 16	OCT. 17	OCT. 18
9AM-8PM	9AM-8PM	9AM-8PM	9AM-8PM	9AM-5PM

**NO PAYMENTS
'TIL DECEMBER,
2003!**

**FINANCING
AS LOW AS
2.9%⁰**

HUGE SELECTION OF NEW AND USED HONDAS!

**ACCORD, CIVIC, CRV, ELEMENT, INSIGHT,
ODYSSEY, PILOT AND S2000**

150 WHOLESALE PURCHASE, LEASE RETURNS and other used vehicles for immediate sale. These vehicles have been acquired at incredible savings from banks, lease companies, trade-ins, dealerships and other sources – AND NOW THEY MUST BE SOLD IMMEDIATELY!

ALL YOU PAY IS \$99⁰⁰* THEN START MAKING PAYMENTS *wac*
\$4 MILLION WORTH OF CREDIT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT!

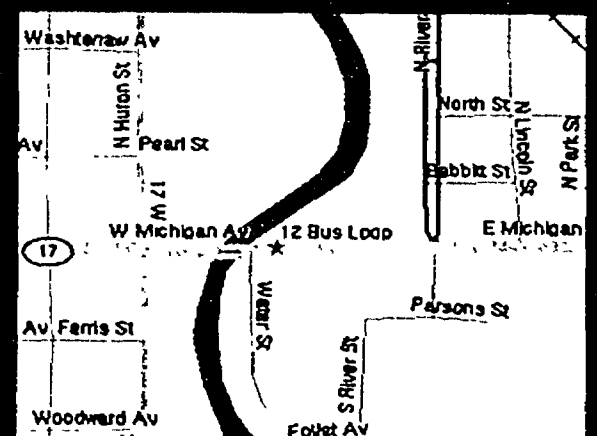
- If you've had credit problems in the past
We have bank sources aggressively seeking new accounts.
We've helped thousands of financially troubled customers.
- Don't be concerned about your current payoff*
When we make a deal we'll pay off your trade no matter what you owe.

BRING CURRENT...
• PAYCHECK STUB
• HOME PHONE BILL
• DRIVER'S LICENSE

**NOW YOU CAN BUY QUALITY WHOLESALE PURCHASE & OTHER
USED VEHICLES FOR UP TO THOUSANDS BELOW NORMAL VALUES!**

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**15 EAST MICHIGAN AVE.
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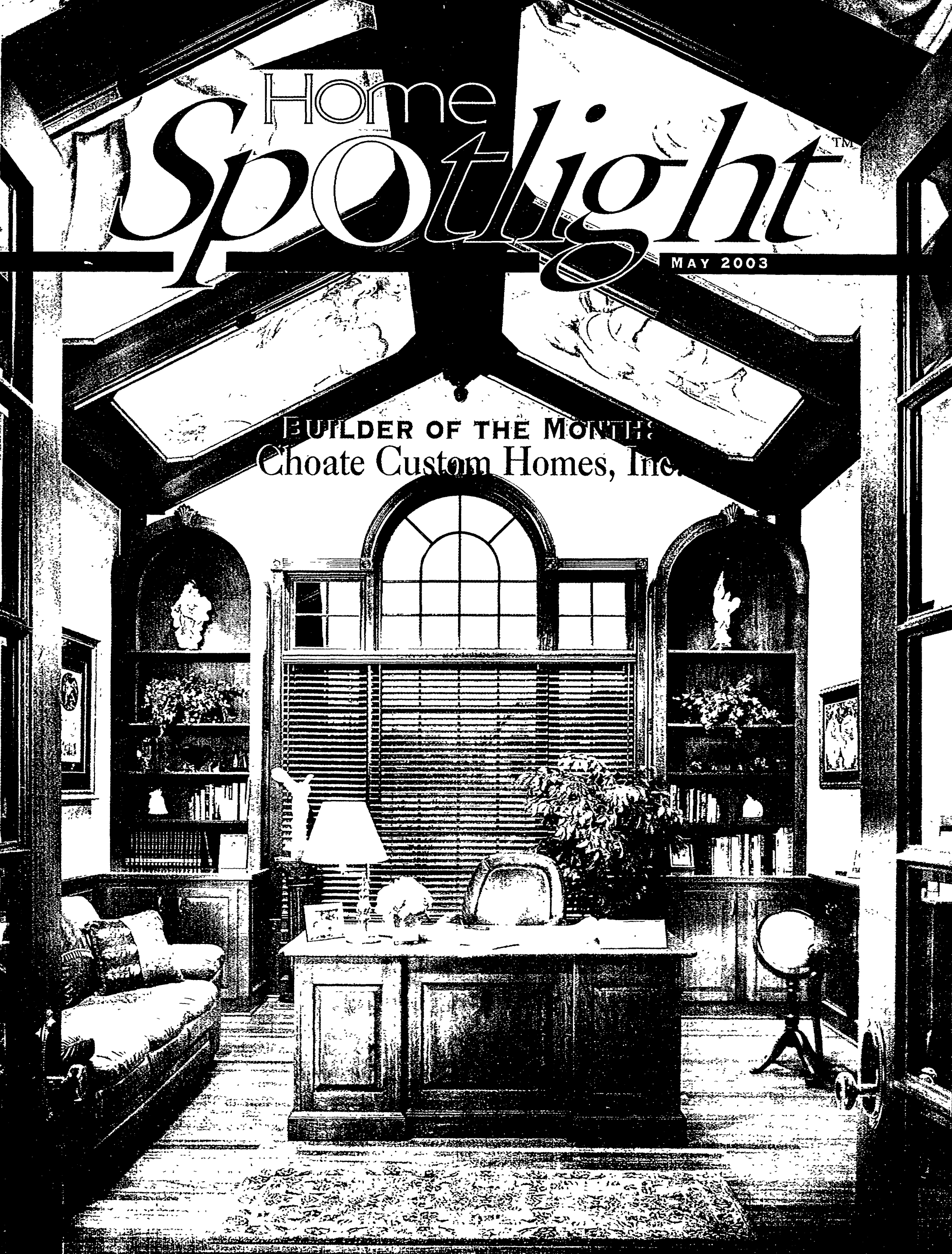
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Choate has used his technical skills to develop a very unique website homeowners can use to track the progress of their Choate "Dream Home." With a user name and password, customers can log into and view current photos of their home in progress, view floor plans and select materials like doors, moldings, finished flooring, paint colors, appliances and hardware such as door-knobs and handles. Clients can also do 3-D virtual walkthroughs of their plans.

"This feature helps our customers visualize what the inside of their homes will look like and feel like when they live there. Their cyber home also allows our customers to show off their new Choate home to friends and family during the construction phase," says Choate.

For many homeowners, the Choate website can ease the need to visit the building site every few days to check on progress. And it's a perfect way for out-of-state homebuyers to keep updated.

A family's castle

Choate Custom Homes builds in Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston counties, although for an ultra-custom large

High-tech, high touch is the trend at Choate Custom Homes, Inc.

By Alice Rhein

When builder John Choate calls himself an "old-world-techie," it means that he's building homes with old-world craftsmanship and old-world customer service philosophies while utilizing the latest technologies.

By using integrative technology, Choate's custom homes often feature systems such as Lutron's "Homeworks" home automation system to control the entire homes' lighting, heating and cooling, security, phone, intercom, etc. His "wired" homes provide his clients with total control of their homes and property for today and the future.

According to Choate, "the systems we utilize to wire our homes provide our homeowners with a future-proof investment. We install structured wiring throughout the home that includes fiber-optic expansion capabilities that will handle anything you can throw at it in the foreseeable future."

Choate can also provide everything from driveway sensors that notify you when someone has pulled into your driveway, to changing the temperature of specific rooms from a touch-tone telephone when you're on your



way home, to having your security system emulate you being home even though you're away.

But as high-tech as Choate's homes are, he is also incredibly fastidious about a home's stylish details. Intricate hand-carved moldings, custom hand-carved mantles, solid wood 8-foot-plus doors, custom-made stained glass windows, exotic wood wainscotings, and carved stone counters and columns are a few of the features typically found in a Choate executive estate.

"I love building a home with details and finishings that no one has seen before," says Choate, who started his building firm in 1987.

Every Choate Custom Home is designed to accommodate the homeowners' lifestyle, so in the planning process, Choate works





estate, they will build anywhere in Michigan. Customers can already have a parcel of land on which they want Choate to build, or Choate can build on one of the lots they have available in the "Stone Gate" or "Stone Valley" subdivisions in Brighton Township, or select lots in Milford Township.

"We're building homes that start around \$500,000 and some can end up running into the millions of dollars," Choate says.

When Choate started the company, he says they adopted the old motto, "the customer is always right, as an integral part of our mission statement." So from the site choice to the architectural style of house, Choate works to ensure the utmost customer satisfaction.

A Choate Custom Home is typically between 3,500 square feet to well over 8,000 square feet and includes the highest-quality products and materials from manufacturers such as Pella, Kohler, Porcher, Sub-Zero, Viking, Gaggenau, ITW, Raymond Enkebol and Omega. Choate's \$1.95-million showcase home in Milford's Stone Hollow subdivision features a mahogany and iron free-standing spiral staircase, hand-carved marble columns, hand-made beveled glass windows, carved mahogany mantels, a Lutron "Homeworks" home automation system, an Elan entertainment system, a home theater with Dolby 7.1 and stadium seating for 11, and a 2,100-square-foot home design center in a total of more than 11,000 square feet.

The practical approach

A backbone of dedicated custom crafters and settling for nothing less than total customer satisfaction is what Choate says sets his company apart. As part of his pre-construction assurance, Choate offers customers

what he calls a "worry-free" building process, which includes a "fixed-fee" construction agreement.

"We provide our homeowners with the cost to build their dream home, based on their specifications, with our fee being fixed. This arrangement puts homeowners in charge of their total construction costs and eliminates any potential surprises at closing," he says.

If during construction the customer decides they would like solid wood stain-grade doors instead of paint-grade doors, he or she need only pay the differential in material costs with no additional markups.

"My job is to build the best home we can, based on customer desires. We handle logistics, and to us, a door is a door, relative to installation. Our costs to install both types of



doors are the same, so why would we add extra profit for us if they decide to upgrade?" asks Choate.

Choate's practical approach also extends to warranties, which he broadens beyond what the manufacturer offers. For all appliances and home systems, Choate Custom Homes provides a five-year insurance-backed warranty. For his homes' structural systems, such as the foundation, Choate provides a 10-year insurance-backed warranty.

For Choate, it's all about keeping his customers happy. "I've spent a lifetime taking care of my clients, and I have found that if you keep your customers happy, they will refer their friends, family and associates," says Choate. "I love my job! I get to spend my days helping people obtain the one-of-a-kind home of their dreams." ▲



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The Maple Man of Backbone Ridge

Mike Hill knows his maple, just ask
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Ask American Profile

Q I am a huge fan of Blues Traveler and John Popper. Can you tell me more about John Popper and if Blues Traveler is still "travelin'" to a city near me?
—Alice A., Kentucky

They don't call themselves Blues Traveler for nothing—the band can be found on the road almost yearround. Chances are good they'll play somewhere near you, and you can check their official website, www.bluestraveler.com, for tour dates. Lead singer John Popper's vocal talent was discovered by his parents when he was just 3 years old, singing in church. "They were quick to notice that I was not only singing in tune, but harmonizing," he says. "The music teacher who was teaching my older sisters violin said that I had true pitch and musical ability." From then on, Popper, now 36, sang and played music—trying cello at age 5, piano at 8 and tuba at 10. Nothing took until he picked up a guitar at 11 and discovered that he knew how to play by ear. Soon after, his parents gave him a harmonica for his birthday. That was the instrument that really took; his playing was so good that he became the first harmonica player in his high school band. In 1983, he and his high school pals formed a band that eventually became Blues Traveler.

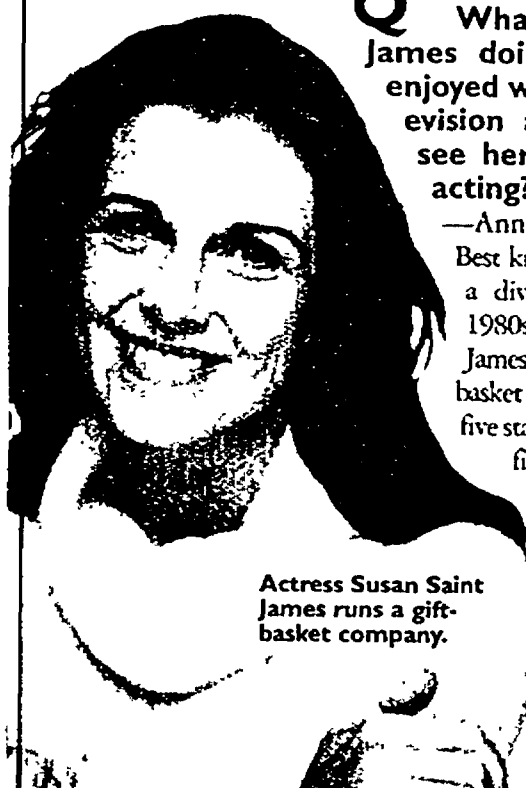


John Popper (left) and Blues Traveler spend most of the year in a tour bus, trekking from city to city.

Q What is Susan Saint James doing now? I always enjoyed watching her on television and would like to see her again. Is she still acting?

—Annette H., Georgia

Best known for the role of Kate, a divorced mom on the hit 1980s sitcom *Kate & Allie*, Saint James is running a baby gift-basket business. The mother of five started the business in Litchfield, Conn., in 1998 with her sister and a friend. The company, Seedling and Pip, sells baskets full of classic books, lullabies, and hand-knit clothing for the birth of a baby or other special occasions. The



Actress Susan Saint James runs a gift-basket company.

actress, 57, was raised in northern Illinois, then began modeling as a teenager. She moved to California and television, winning an Emmy for her role on *The Name of the Game*. She co-starred in *McMillian & Wife* with Rock Hudson, playing his spouse from 1971 to 1977. Saint James, whose movie roles included *Love at First Bite*, still does some acting. In 1999, she starred in a production of *The Miracle Worker* in Torrington, Conn. She is married to Dick Ebersol, chairman of NBC Sports. Saint James has been involved with the Special Olympics for 30 years.

Q Would you have any information on Victor Mature, Tony Martin, John Payne or Glenn Ford?
—Angie R., New York

Louisville, Ky.-born Victor Mature, who played strongman Samson in 1948's *Samson and Delilah*, was once billed by his studio as a "beautiful hunk of man." He passed away in 1999 at age 85. John Payne, another movie star known for his handsome face, was the son of a farmer and an opera singer. He passed away in 1989 at the age of 77. Singer Tony Martin, born Alvin Morris in San Francisco, is 89 years old. He's been married for more than 50 years to dancer Cyd Charisse. Glenn Ford, born Gwyllyn Samuel Newton Ford in Quebec, is now 87. He keeps in touch with fans through his official website, www.glennford.com. Ford will occasionally pen a message for the site himself, and his son Peter keeps visitors informed of any news on a regular basis. Peter currently is working on a biography of his father with writer Christopher Nickens. The book is scheduled for release next spring. ☆

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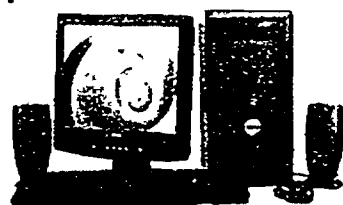
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Hometown Hero

The Luthier

by WARREN D. JORGENSEN

Photos by Kathleen Kelly

Ralph "RJ" Storm has always loved wood and music. Thirty years ago, then 9-year-old RJ traded a motorbike for a chain saw and began spending summers trimming trees and cutting lumber around his family farm in Rio, N.Y. He also began plucking his first five-string banjo.

Seven years later, working in a mill making everything from cabinets to a wooden leg, he fashioned his first banjo, cutting the neck from a banister in the Port Jervis, N.Y., post office. "I still remember the smell of that sweet walnut," Storm says.

He had no idea then that his work someday would find its way into the hands of musicians, from foot-stomping bluegrass bands to the string sections of symphony orchestras. "You never know where life is going to take you," he says, sitting in the 10-by-25-foot workshop behind his home in Middletown, N.Y., (pop. 24,100) where he practices the art of the luthier, or violinmaker.



RJ Storm of Middletown, N.Y., takes pride in creating and restoring violins.

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Antonio Stradivarius set the standard for violinmakers in Cremona, Italy, 300 years ago. Since then, the ranks of the masters have been from Italian, French, and German schools, creating an instrument unchanged since its invention. It's only in the last 50 years that American luthiers have come into their own, with training schools in Boston and Salt Lake City. To join the ranks of this little known guild, students study the basics for four years and then, if they're lucky, are taken on as an apprentice by one of the few working masters.

RJ's first "school" was in the town of Warwick, N.Y., where he worked in a shop learning to repair violins, violas, cellos, and whatever else came through the door. He made folksinger Pete Seeger's banjo before setting up his own shop in Middletown. Then, eight years ago, a chance request for an appraisal, and an audacious phone call to a master violinmaker, brought him to a small shop in New York City. There, RJ found his calling. "I wanted desperately to learn to make violins," he says.

"The Master" had no room for an apprentice and stacks of applications sat on a shelf, gathering dust. By dint of small town grit, perseverance and persistence, RJ simply went to the shop every week and sat on the front steps, until finally, the man pointed at a bench on the other side of the shop and said, "There. Sit."

Thus began three years of suffering the indignities of the apprenticeship, while still running his own shop. After a year, he was allowed to sit at the side of his teacher and hand him his clamps. But he learned.

Here, he was exposed to and handled almost priceless instruments of the violinists who can discern a luthier's work by the instrument's sound. Violinists tolerate few mistakes. Holding a repair job in his hands, he says, "This is an extension of someone's soul. They speak with it what they feel, in a way you can never clothe in a garment of words."

Today, Storm is in his own shop every day, repairing, restoring, and building violins, using gouges, planes—some as small as a joint of his finger—scrapers, and surgical-sharp knives. From a hand-picked 39mm slab of 100-year-old, band-sawed curly maple and rough-cut elm and walnut, he fashions the crepe-thin, curved back and top, cuts the F-holes, bends, curves, and fits the ribs, shapes the neck and carves the scroll—the signature of any violin—and fits them all together. Fingerboard, peg box, and bridge follow, but the true secret of a violin is in what's not seen—it's in the sound, and creating the sound revolves around the 2-inch spruce sound post.

Fit in between the top and back behind the bridge, the carving of the sound post can take years to master. "It is the soul of the violin, its heart," Storm says.

A small businessman/artist, he adds balance to his life by playing in a bluegrass band, and volunteering as the Wednesday and holiday chef at the local homeless shelter, where he met his wife, Diane. Of his shelter work he says, "It is my way of being of service to humanity."

It can be said that art is created from the mind, eye, and hands of the artist, but the creation has to come from the heart, and Storm has plenty of that. ☆

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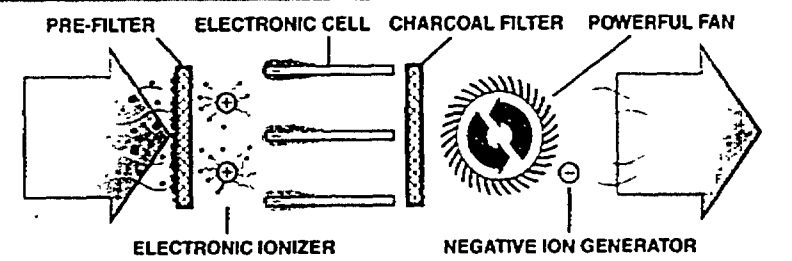
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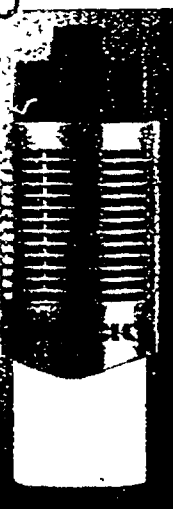
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The Maple Man of Backbone Ridge

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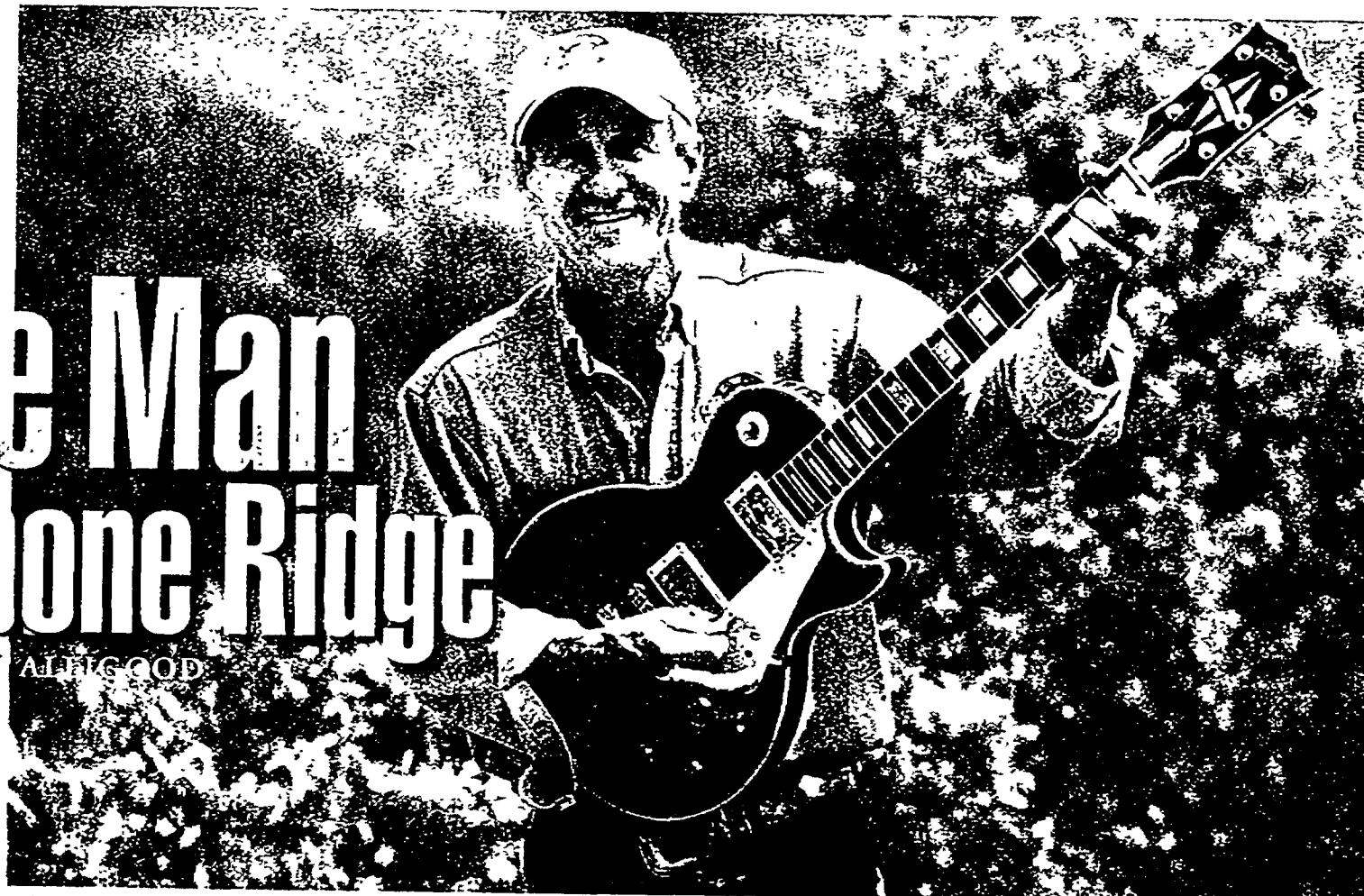


Photo: Tim Webb

One of Gibson Guitar's top suppliers of curly maple, Mike Hill stands with one of the coveted Les Paul guitars he helps to manufacture.

Mike Hill is a wiry mountain man, 5-foot-5 and 135 pounds soaking wet, with a Virginia drawl as pronounced as the landscape he calls home. To make a living among these peaks and hollows during his 49 years, Hill has been a coal miner, a carpenter, and a handyman.

His current profession, going on 12 years, has been hunter of the elusive curly maple tree for wood Gibson Guitar Corp. uses for its premium guitars played by country stars such as Vince Gill, Charlie Daniels, and Kix Brooks of Brooks & Dunn.

Hill is one of the company's top suppliers, having searched out "curly" in more than half a dozen states. To say he came to this profession in a curious way

would be an understatement. Even he, the maple man of Backbone Ridge, has to convince himself the events of 1991 unfolded the way they did.

"Let's just say times were hard," Hill begins. He was unemployed. Geri, his wife, was recuperating from back surgery, which later forced her from a nursing career. There were bills to pay, food to put on the table.

Despite these necessary distractions, Hill pondered curly maple: the beauty of its rippled grain, the vibrancy of its colors, the way the wood surface flickered when it was moved in the light.

"I don't know why, I was just thinking about curly, thinking how good it would look on the top of a guitar," he says.

Hill comes from a long line of musical

mountaineers, who also made a living with their hands, farming and mining, he explains. But some did make a go of it as professional musicians. A group of his mother's uncles formed the Barton Brothers, who wrote several hits, including *Old Richmond Prison*, which later was recorded by Ralph Stanley.

Hill's personal musical training began with a Sears Silvertone flattop guitar given to him by his mother. Except for a short time when the family moved to Louisville, Ky., Hill has never taken formal music lessons.

"It's been all trial and error for me. I'd plunk and pick until I found the sound I was looking for," he says. Today, he plays "just about anything with strings."

Hill works with his son-in-law Steve Mullins.



Photo: Tim Webb

The many planks signify a successful hunt.



Photo: Tim Webb

Hill uses a Les Paul template from Gibson.



"Guitars are like shoes. One fits one guy, one fits another. I prefer Gibson. In my opinion, there's not a better guitar made."

—Charlie Daniels

A dozen years ago, unemployed with limited opportunities, he had taken up crafting instruments—fiddles and guitars—in his workshop to pass the time.

Now here's the part where some people with lesser faith might view his story with raised eyebrows, Hill says.

"I was upstairs and it came to me like, like a calling from the Master: You need to call Gibson Guitar."

So that's what he did. Hill grabbed an old Nashville, Tenn., phone book, brought with them after an unsuccessful four-month try at fame in Music City, and turned to the "Gs."

"I remember just like it was yesterday. I say, 'I'd like to speak to the purchasing manager in the wood shop.' Now where that came from in my brain I don't know because I had no idea what I was going to say when someone answered," Hill recalls.

His call was transferred. A woman answered. "I asked her if they were interested in buying any hard rock curly."

The woman put the phone down and asked her boss the same question. In a moment, Hill was talking curly with an excited wood buyer, who was very interested in what the Virginian had to offer. The Gibson man wanted a sample, 8 inches-by-22 inches, planed smooth.

"That's when I got kind of nervous, because, truth be told, I didn't have a piece to send him," he remembers with a laugh.

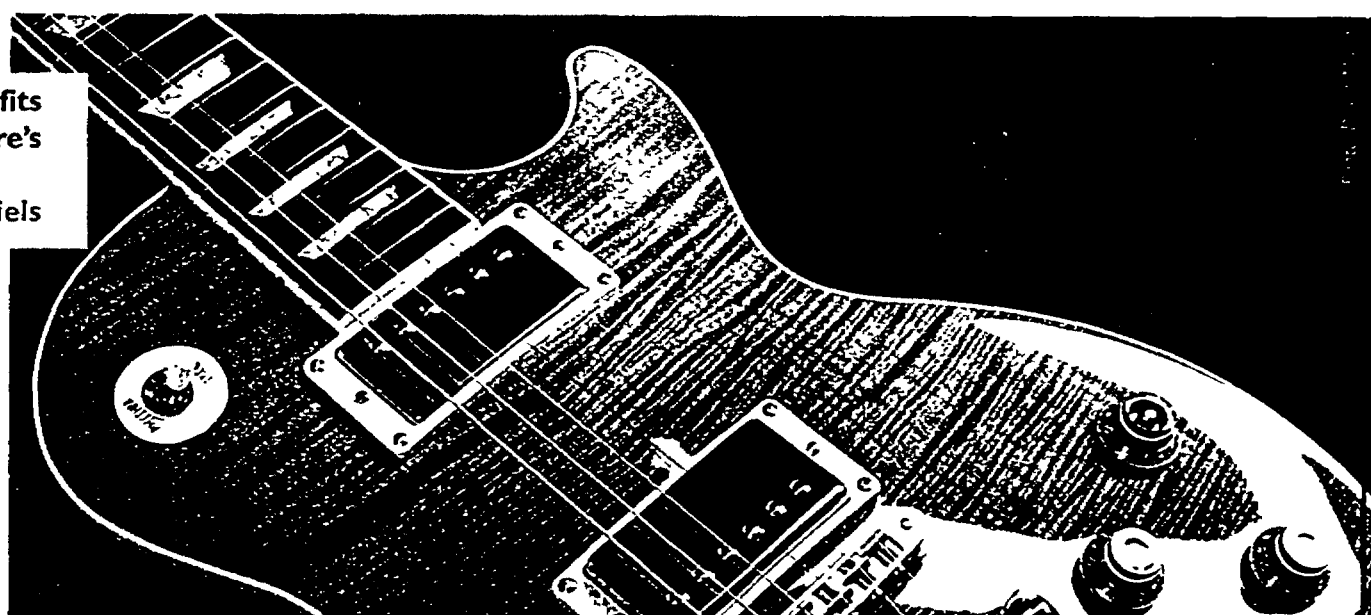
But Hill had an idea where to look.

"Me and my wife went way back on this mountain and saw a man who had some hard rock curly maple up in his barn where it had been for years. I bought it from him for \$25," the wood hunter says.

He sent the slab to Nashville and waited a few days. He got his answer soon enough. The curly was excellent; could he fill an order for 11 more?

He replied "yes," but had no idea where he'd find trees to fill the order.

"I went back on this mountain for 35 miles to get one piece. How was I going to get 11 more?" he remembers asking himself.



The sleek lines of a premium Gibson Les Paul guitar are richly complemented by the unique grain of the curly maple.

The answer was found by driving his four-wheel-drive Blazer through the mountains of Dickenson County, talking to logging friends he knew and becoming acquainted with others. A few days into his search, a logger directed him to a pair of cut maple trees.

"Now not every maple has the curly grain," Hill says. In fact, some scientists estimate this prized grain, which is actually a deformity, occurs in only about one-half of 1 percent of all maple trees. Each curly maple board is unique, with no two exactly alike.

When Hill removed a section of bark on these trees, however, it was one of those eureka moments. "The curly grain just jumped out at me. I was excited," he recalls.

Hill was also broke.

But he had a deal to offer the logger: his four-wheel-drive truck for the two logs. A handshake sealed the transaction. Hill could supply his first order.

"Man, those logs were beautiful."

Of course, that led to another Gibson order,

and another, and another.

"I've been hunting curly ever since," he says.

Geri initially questioned his new profession, especially when he bought a sawmill and planer that put them in debt, but she's come around since then.

"I couldn't have done it without her, that's for sure, especially during those days when we were working with a \$400-a-month payment and a prayer," he says.

The pair has traveled Virginia and surrounding states on a curly quest, talking to landowners and loggers, stop-

ping at wood yards to examine logs, putting out the word they pay good money for curly maple.

"People think I lead a charmed life, staying in the woods looking for curly maple, but it hasn't made me a rich man, just a comfortable living for my family," he says. In addition to he and Geri, his daughter and son-in-law, Christy and Steve Mullins, also work in the business.

But, he admits, the business does have its perks. He's met many of the stars who use guitars made from the wood he supplies.

"What I really get out of the business is an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the wood, to work with it and feel it, and know that it's going to be used on an instrument that will make good music," he says.

Recently, he learned that Vince Gill used a Gibson guitar made from Hill's curly maple while performing on the Country Music Association awards telecast.

"I remember that piece of wood, kept it under my bed for six months because it just had a special feel to it," Hill says.

"When I heard it was on the CMA show I was tickled to death. It made my day." ☆

Stephen Leon Allgood lives and writes in Tennessee.

"Gibson was my first guitar, the very first instrument I put in my hands. Forty some years later, I still play one on stage. They're timeless."

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Old West BOOMTOWN



Art galleries and antique shops line Main Street in Bisbee, Ariz., which boomed as a mining town a century ago.

A hundred years ago, Bisbee, Ariz., could boast of being the rowdiest, richest town in the West. It also claimed to be one of the largest, its early-1900s population of more than 20,000 a result of one of the richest mineral sites in the world.

Neither was an idle boast. Though now a town of 6,090—its mines long played out—Bisbee's strikes produced 3 million ounces of gold and more than 8 billion pounds of copper, as well as silver, lead, and zinc found in the rich Mule Mountains that frame the town. Briefly, Bisbee was one of the largest communities between St. Louis and San Francisco.

Around 1880, when copper was discovered, mining camps and boarding houses sprouted along the sides of two mountain gulches—Mule Gulch, later Main Street, and Brewery Gulch—and Bisbee was born. Brewery became notorious for its barrooms and boisterous miners, and Bisbee seemed destined to become as lawless as the nearby town of Tombstone.

Yet, if some miners were content to carouse in the saloons, others could visit the Copper Queen Library. Set up in a corner grocery store in 1882, it was established by some of the principals of the Copper Queen Mining Co. in an attempt to offer more civilized diversions. It apparently worked, because the library still is there, in quarters built in 1906-07, its two floors sitting atop the town's post office. Librarian Janet Ball says it's likely the oldest continuously operating library in the state, a pedigree, she says, "I'm working with state researchers to verify."

Eventually, as the mines closed (the last big one in 1975), Bisbee changed, though it didn't forget. Today, the town sports the Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum and, over Labor Day weekend, celebrates its boisterous past in Brewery Gulch Daze.

"There's a lot going on here today," says Donna Gaab, Cochise County librarian. (Copper Queen Library is a unit of the county system.) Once-wild Brewery Gulch, part of the town's historic district, is lined with shops and old homes, and "civilized diversions" have won out over the town's former rowdiness. In the late 1970s, artists began moving to the former boomtown. Gaab was one of the many who came to Bisbee then, when housing was cheap.

"Old houses now cost a fortune!" she laughs. "But the artists are still around, and this is a place where they can get involved in things." Bisbee now boasts an active amateur theater group and frequent musical concerts. Galleries and artists' co-ops dot the main streets, together with antique shops, restaurants, and stores catering to lovers of the Old West.

And history still hides in Bisbee's basements and garages. Gambling chips have been found in the cellar of The Main Street Inn—from the days when a gentlemen's club occupied the first floor—and when Laura Harvey loaded a truck with what she thought was trash from the garage of her new home, her eye fell on a land grant signed by Theodore Roosevelt. The truck was quickly unloaded. Six years later, she and her family are still "sifting through the old papers and photographs for treasures."

One of the town's niftiest attractions is the Shady Dell Motel, a collection of vintage aluminum trailers from the 1940s and '50s serving as rental units. They sit next to Dor's Diner, itself a "trailer" that was, for a time, a diner in Los Angeles. Moved by flatbed truck to the Shady Dell in 1996, it has achieved a fame all its own. Both the diner and the motel have received national television and magazine coverage.

Ed Smith, one of the Shady Dell's owners, points to Chenille bedspreads, black and white TV sets showing old movies, and record players.

"If you're in a trailer and you're listening to music or you're watching TV, you can't look around and see anything modern," Smith says. "That's part of the rules."

While Bisbee has become a modern town, it's a point of pride that you can still look around and find the past. ☆

Vicky Kalambakal is a freelance writer from Mesa, Ariz.

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Hometown Recipe

from CATHERINE GANT

Banana Cake Once More!

American Profile is re-printing a corrected version of the Banana Cake recipe after receiving dozens of calls, letters, and e-mails pointing out an error in our Aug. 31-Sept. 6 edition. We sincerely apologize to Catherine Gant, who submitted the fine recipe, and thank all the readers across America who took the time to let us know that a typographical error suggested too much cornstarch. The previously published recipe also inadvertently omitted vegetable oil. ✨

RECIPE: Banana Cake

American Profile



Catherine Gant
Prescott, Ariz.

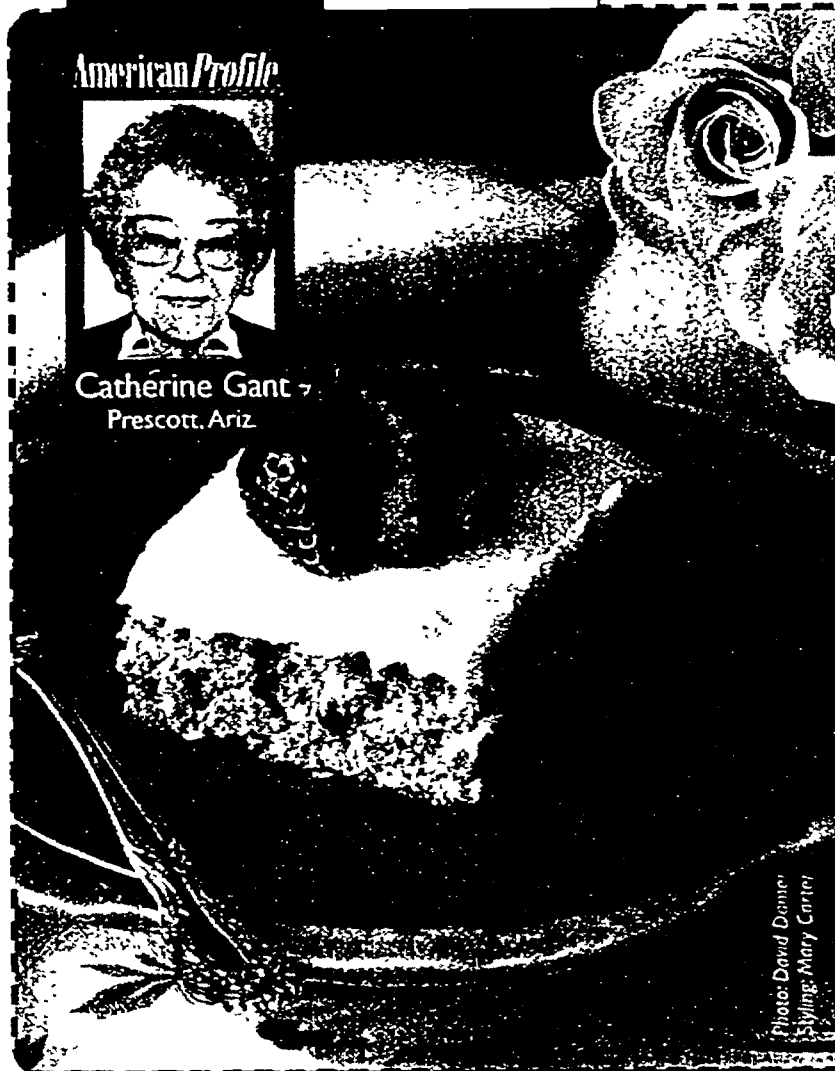


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Styling: Mary Carter

For the cake:
2 medium ripe bananas, mashed
1 cup flour
3/4 cup chopped walnuts
2/3 cup sugar
1/4 cup cornstarch
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 tablespoon orange juice
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix dry ingredients. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into greased and floured 8-by-8-inch baking pan. Bake for 30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean when poked into cake's center. Set aside to cool before icing.

For the frosting:
1/3 cup soft butter
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
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1 tablespoon grated orange peel

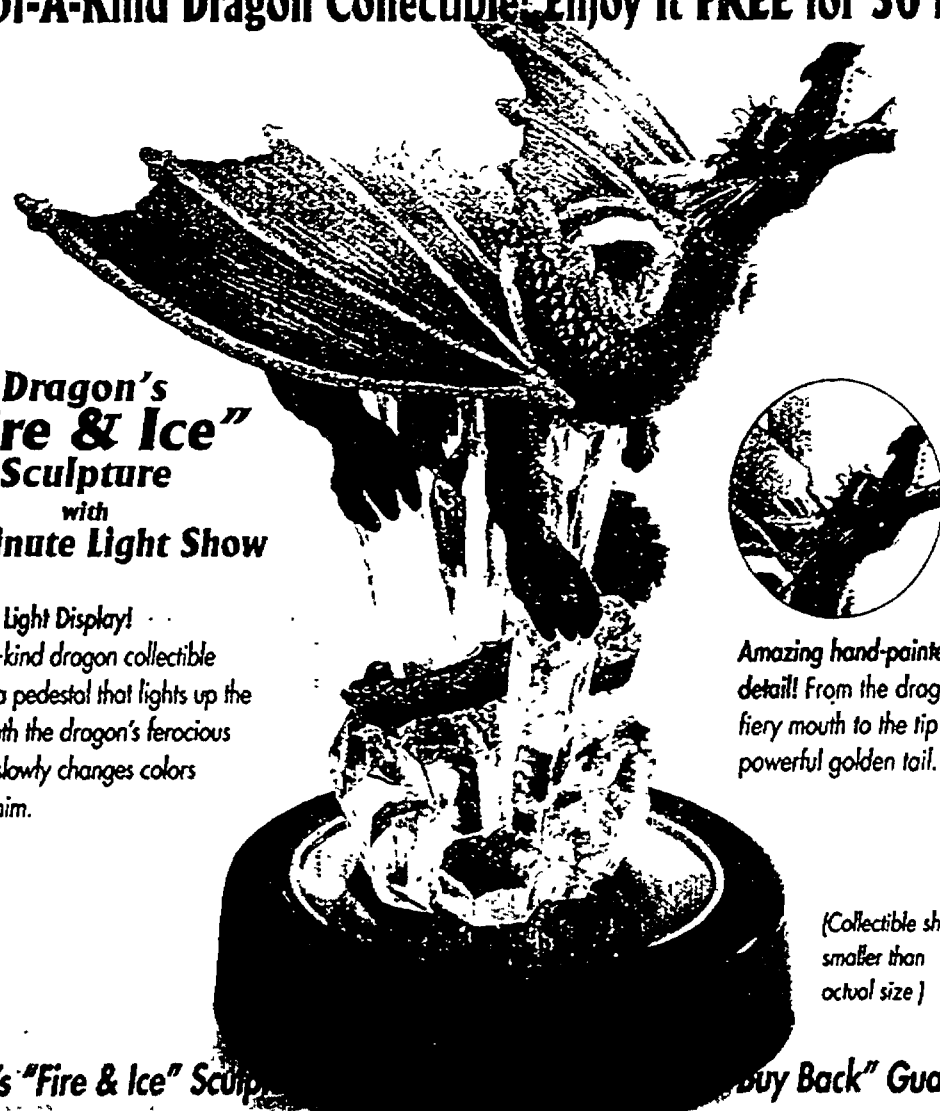
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INDIANA

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IOWA

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MISSOURI

Bootheel Youth Soccer Classic—Sikeston, Nov. 1-2. More than 100 teams of kids ages 6 to 15 compete for trophies and medals during this 9th annual invitational soccer tournament at Sikeston Recreation Center. (573) 471-3300.

NEBRASKA

Night of the Great Pumpkin—Beatrice, Oct. 30. Kids will get a thrill during this event featuring free pumpkin picking and painting, trick or treating, nickel-in-a-haystack, games and prizes, and barbecue dinner on Main Street. (402) 223-3244.

NORTH DAKOTA

Lutefisk and Lefse Supper—Almont, Nov. 1. Taste traditional Scandinavian fare such as *lutefisk* (cod fish dish) and *lefse* (potato dish) during this 53rd annual event, and enjoy Norwegian folk dancing and music at Almont Legion Hall. (701) 843-8786.

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Walk in the Park: Trick or Treat Trails—Pierre, Oct. 30. Children carry flashlights and search for pumpkin, ghost, skeleton, bat, and witch hat reflective signs during this Halloween treasure hunt on La Framboise Island. (605) 224-5605.

WISCONSIN

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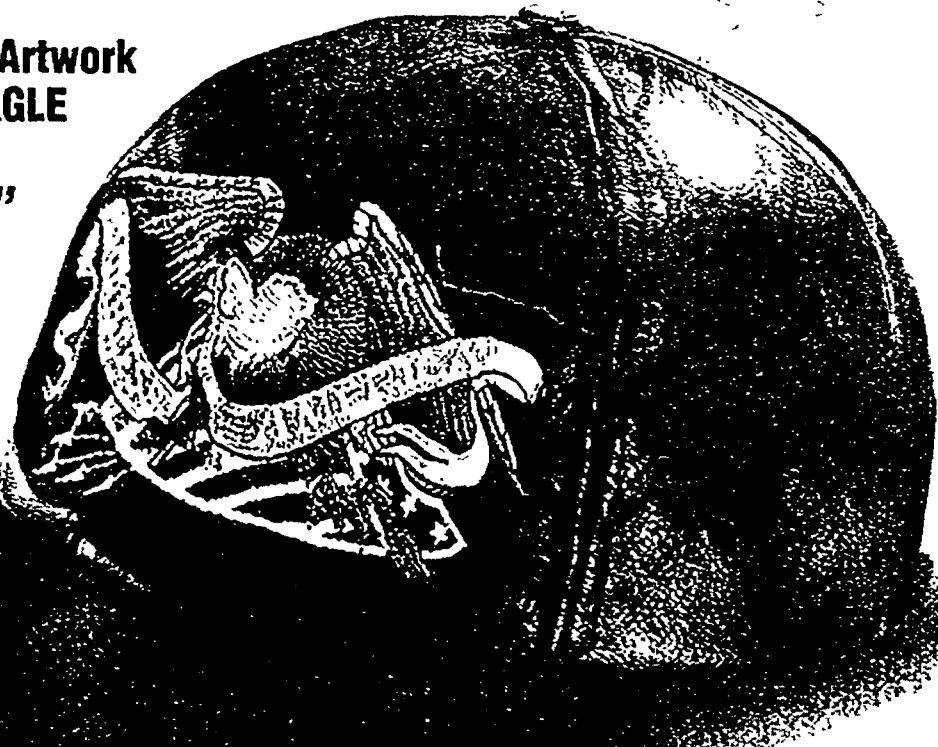
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INDIANA—Actress Marjorie Main, who was born Mary Tomlinson in 1890 in Acton, starred as Ma Kettle in the *Ma and Pa Kettle* movies from 1949 to 1957.

IOWA—Quilting bees are regular get-togethers in Kalona (pop. 2,293), the "Quilt Capital of Iowa" and home of the largest Amish Mennonite settlement west of the Mississippi River. A quilting museum, quilt shops, and quilt sale each April cater to stitchers.

KANSAS—Established in 1866, Tonganoxie (pop. 2,728) is named after Chief Tonganoxie, the last lineal chief of the Delawares.

MICHIGAN—From 1836 to 1855, stagecoach passengers traveling from Detroit to Chicago stopped for meals and lodging at Walker Tavern at Cambridge Junction, a state historic site.

MINNESOTA—In 1865, S.W. VanDusen platted Byron (pop. 3,500) and named the railroad town after his hometown of Byron, N.Y. (pop. 2,493).

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RECIPE: Halloween Cookies

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- 2 sleeves Ritz-style crackers
- Creamy peanut butter
- 1 12-ounce bag white chocolate chips
- 1 12-ounce bag semi-sweet or milk chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons Crisco shortening
- Decorative icings, orange and yellow
- Green gumdrops, cut in half

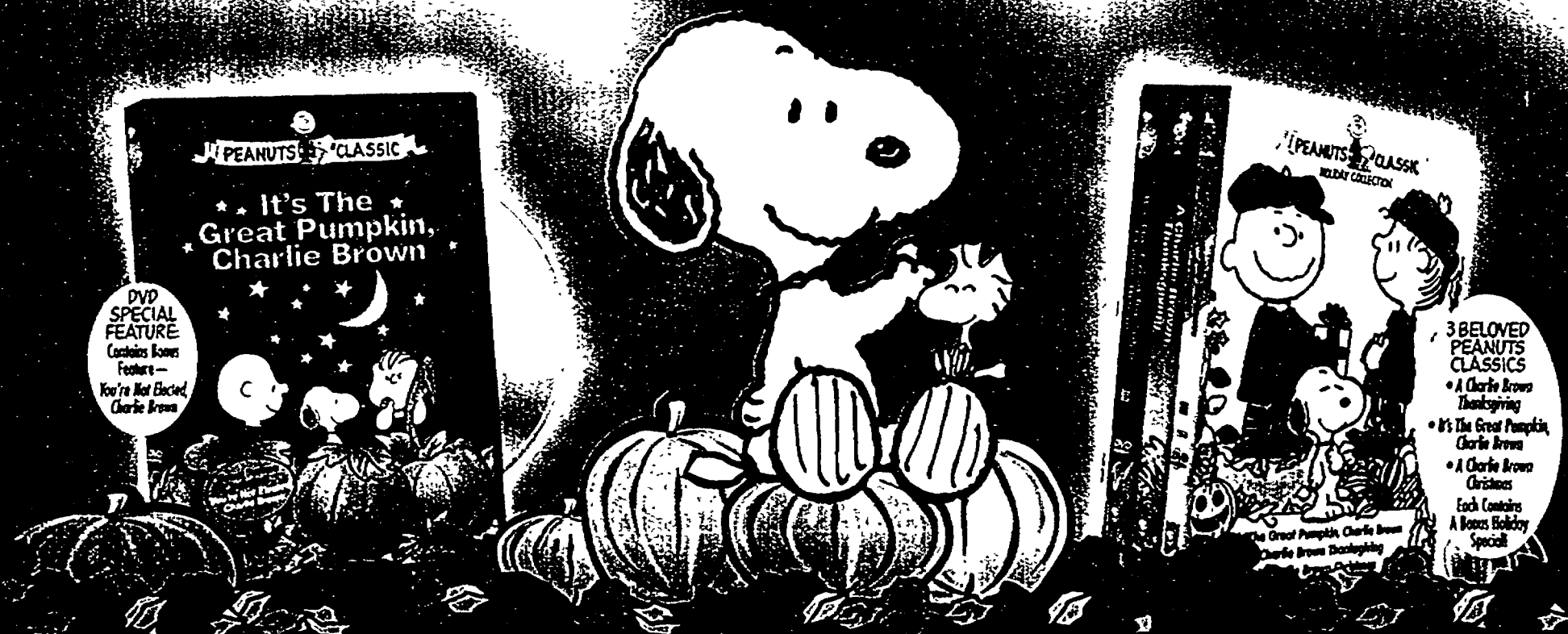
Spread peanut butter on 32 crackers and cover with another cracker, sandwich style. Melt chocolate chips separately in a double boiler with one tablespoon shortening per bag. (This also can be accomplished in a microwave oven on very low heat, stirring at one-minute intervals.) Dip the peanut butter crackers in the chocolate to coat evenly. Set aside on waxed paper. When chocolate is firm, decorate with icings and gumdrops.

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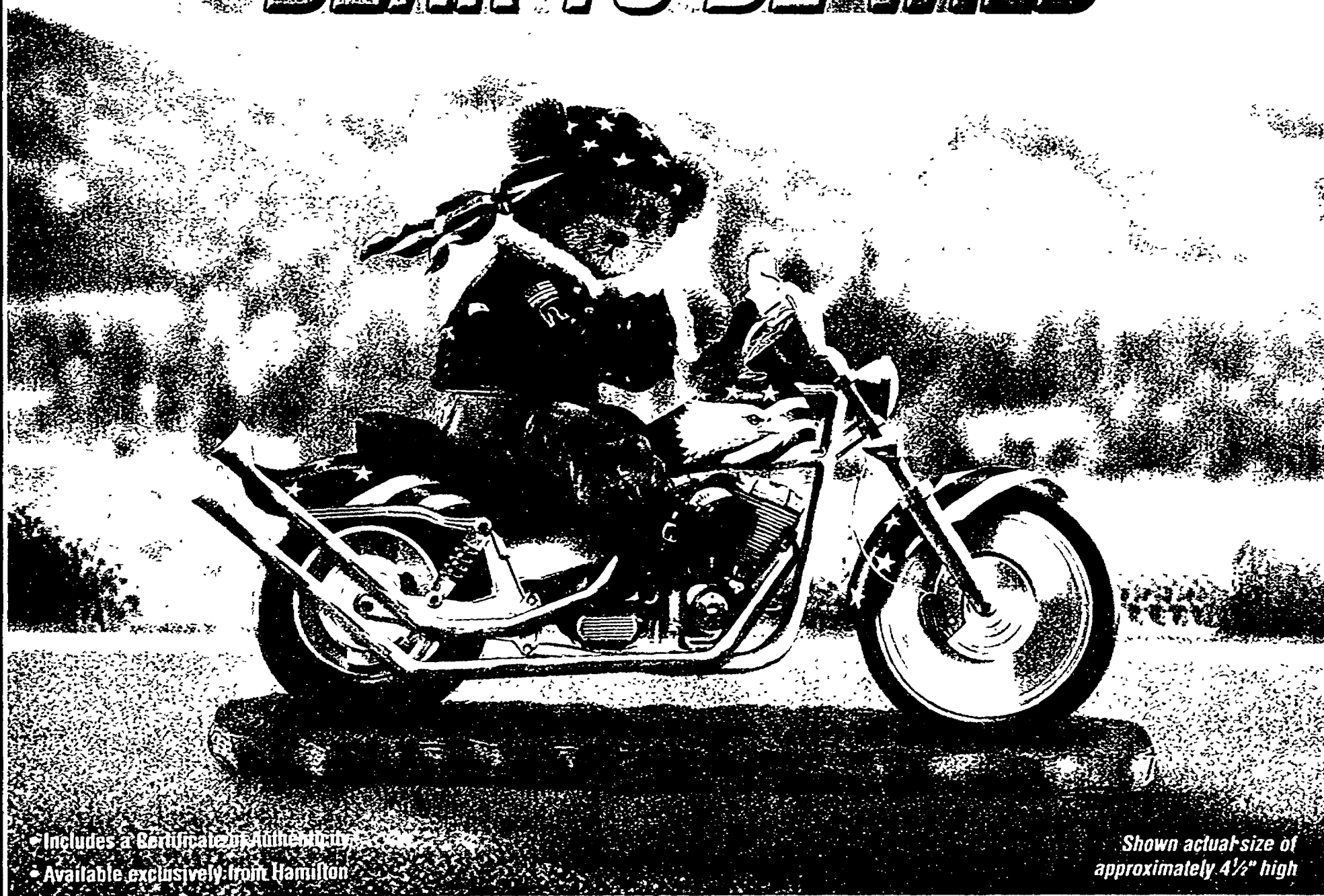


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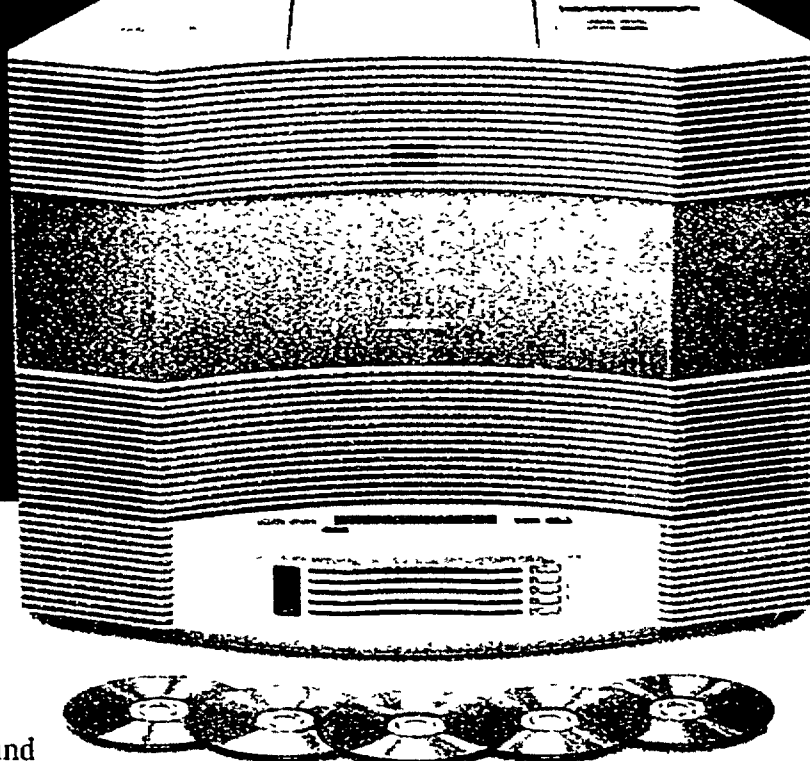
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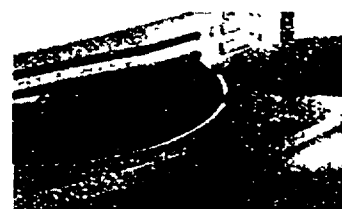


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