



# Assembly electrifies students

## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

■ DTE pays visit to Silver Springs; demonstrates power of power

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

It seemed like Fourth of July last week at Silver Springs Elementary judging from the oodles and abnbs by fourth grade students attending an assembly about electricity.

My favorite part was the giant light bulb said attendee Nick Burr.

Chivis B Spratt Jr DTE Energy community relations specialist would Burr and the others by lighting a large 1,200 watt light bulb.

Spratt additionally entertained the public crowd by throwing around electricity facts outlining safety tips and telling silly jokes and stories.

A crowd favorite was why pats should never be allowed outside if there is a wire down in the area.

Spratt explained to the students if you let your pat touch his wet little nose to a charged backyard fence then Bang! You've got a hot dog.

A history lesson was also part of the event.

Spratt brought a replica of the first light bulb for student viewing.

The DTE employee explained it was Lewis Latimer who actually invented the light bulb but at the time did not receive the credit.

Spratt said Latimer discovered the carbon filament making Thomas Edison's invention a success.

"My favorite part was when Caitlin danced up as the person said student Garrett Glowacki.

The person was a fully uniformed DTE Energy field worker.

Student Caitlin Childers was dressed up in official DTE Energy protective gear including a full rain suit, rubber boots, gloves and high voltage gloves.

"It was scary. Children at it felt really heavy."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Chivis B Spratt Jr DTE Energy community relations specialist is lit up by a 1,200 watt light bulb during his informative safety talk on electrical power to Silver Springs Elementary School.

She did it today. Glowacki said. The purpose of the program was to help the students understand electricity studies. Spratt and he enjoyed his experience in the crowd. We did it to see the

community he said. If we save one life then it was worth it.

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**SPRING CHILD CARE** Extra Care will be offered April 13 through 16 for Kids Club and Wondergarten children. Deadline to register is Jan 23. Care locations will be Ridge Wood and Thornton Creek elementary schools. For more information call (248) 344-8465 or e-mail [psppda@northville.schools.org](mailto:psppda@northville.schools.org).

**KING REMEMBRANCE:** Northville Public Schools Northville Youth Assistance and Northville Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration 7 p.m. Jan. 19 at Hillsdale Middle School 775 N. Center Street. The program will feature music from the Northville High School Hillsdale Middle School and Mauds Mill Middle School. Students from the aforementioned schools will also read from King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

**THE GULICKWUENSCHKE** The Michigan Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German recognized several Northville students for their exceptional performance on the National German Examination administered last winter in NHS German classes. The following students were the top scorers at their respective levels of language study at the time of the exam: Level 4 Daniel Hoffman and Thad Stewart; Level 3 Mary Schubert, Andrew Buran and Geoffrey Calkins; and level 2 Adam Johnson. The honorees received certificates and book prizes with praise and compliments from the American Association of Teachers.

of German

**RESPECT WEEK:** Northville Youth and Family Forum Northville Public Schools Northville Township, city of Northville and the PTA Coordinating Council will join forces for a community wide focus on Respect the week of Jan. 18. The purpose of Respect Week is to recognize the importance of respectful behavior within the community. All members of the community may participate by demonstrating respect within their families, schools, churches and all other relationships.

**HELP!** The following schools are looking for donations: Moraine Elementary is looking for a large plastic play house for the kindergarten playground. Call Ms. Loeffler at (248) 344-8471. Old Village School is accepting used printer ink cartridges as part of its current fundraising effort. Call (248) 344-8460 for more information.

**DARE GRADS:** More than 80 students filed Meads Mill Middle School Tuesday Jan. 6 participating in one of two 2004 DARE graduation ceremonies. Students from Meads Mill Middle School Moraine Elementary Silver Springs Elementary and Northville Montessori Center received recognition from Larry Demeter Northville Township police and school resource officer. Participating children must complete a 10-week program before graduation. A second graduation will take place in May.

## ON CAMPUS

Northville resident Christopher Aversa was named to the dean's list at Michigan State University for the fall 2003 semester.



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# Familiar farmer's face returns to Maybury park

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said, provided the initial \$1 million fundraising goal is met.

A subsequent goal is accumulating \$3 million, which would fund the farm operations for the long-term. Farm supporters to date have collected \$70,000 toward the farm's return, Peters said.

Through interpretive programs, the 150-year-old farm off Eight Mile Road for years had been a field trip destination for metro-Detroit school children where farm hands performed day-to-day duties as done in the old days, plowing by horse, hefting hay bales and gathering eggs from the coop. While experiencing farm life hands-on, Maybury visitors learned the purpose of each animal, crop and product.

"It will be a living farm, reticent of the early 1900s," Peters said, as it was previously, Beemer's responsibilities will include selection of the animals and crops to grow. The Foundation president said she is not yet certain when Beemer will report for work.

Raised north of Grand Rapids on a small dairy farm with cows, hogs and cash crops, "With that experience, Beemer had the right background to continue a career in farming. On his family's farm, he used equipment from the early 1900s. Beemer attended Ferris State University and Michigan State University and began working for



Shari Peters

the state of Michigan's park system in 1964.

Prior to becoming Maybury's farmer 26 years ago, Beemer worked at Sterling State Park, Muskegon State Park, Waterloo Recreation Area and the Pinckney Recreation Area.

"Farmer Beemer is a wonderful man," said Susan Smith, president of Voices for Maybury Farm. A group of regular farm visitors formed the grassroots group soon after the fire to support its return.

"He embodies the character of the farm," Smith said. "He is the epitome of the early American farmer. And I'm really glad he's coming back." Voices, Trailriders of Maybury State Park, and Friends of Maybury State Park, are among the entities designated in the state/foundation lease as members of an advisory committee that will guide the process of the farm's return.

George McCarthy, president of the Friends of Maybury State Park, likewise was happy to hear the news of Beemer's return. "No one knows the particular workings of that farm better than he," McCarthy said.

McCarthy said he hoped Beemer's eventual return will put him back into the on-site farmhouse. "That would give the presence that many of us feel is needed on the site."

That is the Foundation's hope,



Susan Smith

## BUY A BOARD

The Northville Community Foundation is fundraising for the return of the farm through a "Buy a Board, Rebuild the Farm" campaign. For a donation of \$250, a person's name, children's name, grandchildren's name will be placed on a plaque that will hang permanently at Maybury Farm.

To donate, visit the Foundation website, [www.northvillecommunityfoundation.com](http://www.northvillecommunityfoundation.com) or contact the Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

## Family's heart remained at farm

John Beemer's return as the farmer at the Maybury State Park facility will feel like coming home.

"My heart's still at Maybury," he said Wednesday. "There was a lot of love there. If we can do something to bring the farm back, that's what we want to do."

"We" includes Beemer's wife Norma, a second-grade teacher at South Lyon's Bartlett Elementary School, a position she retained after Beemer's October 2002 retirement and the couple's subsequent move to 40-minutes-away Stockbridge.

Beemer, 57, looks forward to returning animals and crops to the vintage farm and again residing in the on-site farmhouse. "It's just work that's fun for me to do," he said. "I've always been a farmer. I've always loved to be around people."

The family's 17 acres in Stockbridge became an open-to-the-public operation of sorts with a pumpkin patch in the fall, and Christmas trees last winter. He said is not sure yet what his new Maybury position will entail.

"I don't know what programs we are going to go with yet," he said. "I guess we'll sit down and hash what's available. Hopefully, it will be as good of a program or better than before."

Beemer remained in touch with efforts to return the farm, via conversations with his now-new employer, the Northville Community Foundation. He was happy to accept the offer to come back.

"Our hearts — the whole family's — it just kept there," he said. "We always had a good time with a lot of people."

Peters said, "Those are some details yet to be ironed out. We do expect him to, yes."

The Foundation and state Department of Natural Resources

Sept. 16 announced a 15-year lease of the farm land. The state maintains ownership of the park land, while putting in local hands control of the vintage farm operation.

# Arts backers envision tour of area works

## Sculpture paves way for more projects in future

By Maureen Johnston  
STAFF WRITER

The Northville Arts Commission in the last three months has helped unveil two public artworks for community appreciation.

And arts commission chairman Ken Naigus said the group is starting to pursue another piece for the corner of Main and Hutton streets. Community input in some form will be considered toward the concept, he said. A grant from the Northville Downtown Development Authority will help make it happen. "That will be this calendar year," Naigus said.

The commission wants to help create an identity for Northville as a destination for cultural appreciation for residents of this community and beyond.

"Our vision is, 10 years from now, people would say, 'I need to make a trip to Northville to see at the art they have there,'" Naigus said. Eventually, a walking tour brochure would lead visitors to a series of sites.

The art enthusiasts plan to pursue at least one project a year — inside or out — as part of the community's public art program, Naigus said. "The focus priority right now is on sculpture." Future projects might include murals painted on appropriate walls downtown or artwork hung in a public building, for example.

Mary Ware, in the name of her late husband Donald, in November donated the metal sculpture "Engaged" to the Northville District Library. Artist Rose Wunderbaum Traines created from scrap metals a figure of a girl on a swing, located near the windows overlooking the

Wing Street park area, just east of the library.

The commission in December supervised the placement at Eight Mile and Center roads of a black-and-white granite monument to Baseline Road designed by internationally-known sculptor David Barr. Historical records describe the importance of Baseline Road in the surveying of Michigan and the settlement of cities such as Northville. The local artist designated the city as the first location in his series of similar monuments planned to stretch from east to west along the original measurement line.

The 10-foot sculpture, intended for education as well as aesthetics, features a combination of engraved project background information, then added data unique to the locale's history portrayed in words and symbols. Creating the concept required the collaboration of historians, surveyors, artists, school children and others.

Naigus invited anyone interested in contributing toward the balance of the costs of that project to call him at (248) 349-1565. Next week the permanent plaque listing donors of \$500 or more will be engraved and installed.

The Barr and Traines works followed the community's 2002 participation in the selection and installation of the treble clef sculpture near the handshell downtown. The bronze musical symbol, designed by Charles Strain of Missouri, was a site-specific piece, Naigus said. That project entailed an open design competition considering the proximity to the home of the downtown concert series.

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# Our Lady of Victory hearing slated for Feb. 2

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the decision whether to grant the Catholic church's application for a special-use permit for the property on the west side of Orchard, between Main and Thayer streets. Procedure calls for public input. Site plan review would be contingent on that request granted.

"The commission really has an open mind," Wendt said. "We really

want the facts from both sides. With the facts, we can make a good decision. We're really looking for something to hang our hat on — that's why we have a public hearing."

At the first forum, there were frequent references to the seven criteria for granting a special use permit, such as harmony with the city's Master Plan; harmony with the existing character of the general vicinity; and compatibility with adjacent

land uses.

The plan the congregation submitted to the city calls for an approximate \$12 million two-story, 77,000-square-foot kindergarten-through-eighth grade school on an approximate 3.5-acre parcel, tentatively scheduled to open in fall of 2005. The parish proposed the building to ease overcrowding at the current school.

When the church broached the

expansion concept in the mid-1990s, some homeowners in close proximity formed a grassroots group nicknamed for the Orchard Heights development in the 1920s. Part of their recent concerted effort is the "Preserve our Neighborhoods" yard signs.

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# Chamber's Marrs to resign April 1

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ber matured.

"I think I have grown in my job as well as the job has grown," Marrs said.

Among the accomplishments of which the president is the most proud is the creation of the Victorian

Festival, which the Chamber will host for the 16th year this fall. "It's the most dear to my heart and the most work," she said. "I've been there to watch it grow, expand. I've nurtured it.

"That will be a very different feeling to watch from the sidelines, knowing it is in someone else's hands. It kind of may be a little bittersweet, I think."

Event planning has provided Marrs a lot of the highs and lows of her position. "Planning for the what-ifs — is it going to rain, should we start pulling our hair out — that was the most difficult part of the job," she said. Helping businesses coming into town succeed there was another challenge, she said.

"The Chamber is the first open door that they knock on," the president said. "We establish the reputation in the community. We want our chamber to be at the center of our community."

A thriving hub transcends city, township and school district boundaries, Marrs said. "Our arms are far-reaching. We dabble in all kinds of ways we can help and improve."

"My philosophy is anything we can do to improve the community improves it for the businesses," she said. "Getting everyone to work as one is one of my good traits."

Within all the businesses, community organizations and civil service departments are the people with whom Marrs so loves to interact. So much she

enjoyed the personalities, she kept her own service position for nearly two decades. Meanwhile, she recalled, she watched a continuous transition in the leaders at the township civic center, in city hall and in the offices at the Northville Record.

"I'm used to seeing people 24-7. That part, I will miss."

Marrs' responsibilities in a day range from buzzing around a festival talking with participants, compiling the Chamber directory, hosting an after-hours event, acquainting new teachers with their school district community, courting new businesses, planning and budgeting, and always, marketing.

"I've watched the community grow," Marrs said. "I've seen such a change overall of the businesses in the community, some good, some bad."

"My heels are firmly entrenched," she said. "You couldn't drag me out of here."

In the near future, Marrs will start the interview process on behalf of the board, developing candidates to recommend as her replacement. But, she also has visions of helping her daughter register for linens, make reception arrangements and compile a guest list.

"After July, I may be doing something," she said. "Maybe I'll enjoy retirement and not want to do anything."

Several of her counterparts giggled at the prospect of Marrs sitting still.

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## Local leaders react to Chamber director's surprise announcement

by Maureen Johnston  
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As word spread earlier this week about Laurie Marrs' resignation from the Northville Chamber of Commerce, local leaders praised her 20 years of community service.

"When she announced it, you could just feel the groan in the room. It was palatable," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Public Schools. He attended Tuesday's Rotary luncheon when Marrs shared her plans to retire.

Upon news of the chamber leader's decision, people repeatedly used words such as "enthusiasm," "creativity" and "commitment" to describe Marrs' tenure.

Mike Haggerty, past chair and current member of the Chamber board of directors:

"She is very enthusiastic about our community. That shows, and it shows every day. She's like a sparkplug, just plugging Northville constantly. She's always looking for ways to increase traffic, to bring in more people to enjoy Northville and to help us realize — those of use who live in Northville — what is here, to continue to enjoy it and support it."

"She's a huge supporter of not only the business community, but the non-profit agencies, the schools. She's had her fingers in everything. She has the pulse. That's really going to be difficult to replace. She has a 20-year legacy of promoting Northville."

Haggerty also complimented Marrs' ability to communicate toward resolving issues. "She has this unique quality — she can work the business side, but she has the

personal side, too."

"She's very dear to me. She will be missed in a tremendous way."

Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson: "I think she's been one of the dynamic sparkplugs of the community. When you think of Laurie Marrs, you think of things getting done — new things as well as traditions."

The mayor also complimented her organizational skill and ability to delegate. She will be hard to replace, Johnson said. "I wouldn't want to be the next chamber director."

"She comes up with a lot of the ideas people eventually act on. You need that kind of creative talent around."

"She keeps focused on the big picture, she doesn't get dragged down in the minutia. She always remembers what's important first."

Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo:

"She'll be seriously missed. She is such a strong advocate for the Northville community. It's hard to imagine anyone filling her shoes. She's well-respected and well-liked. Northville will miss her and I personally will miss her."

Northville Schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski:

"I'm delighted for her and her family. It's a big decision. Clearly, for all of us in April it will be a big void."

"Our school district has been greatly served by the chamber," the superintendent said. Marrs' previous career as a teacher

fostered a certain devotion to the students, he said.

"She has been a vivacious and positive representative of the community here there and everywhere."

Gary Word, Northville city manager:

"That will be a tremendous loss for the greater Northville community. She personifies what is best about Northville. She's a tremendous ambassador for the community."

"Hard-working.

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Township Manager

Chip Snider:

"I will value her boundless optimism and commitment to this Northville community. You can't use the sentence 'Chamber of Commerce without Laurie Marrs'. She is the identity of this community."

Patti Mullen, chair of the Chamber board of directors:

"We are going to have a difficult time filling the shoes she filled for 20 years. Her trademark of getting people involved in the chamber — she goes above and beyond. That's why it's been so successful."

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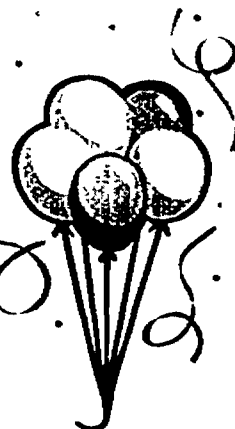
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# Sewer lines flushed; more to follow

By Chris C. Davis  
EDITOR

**Pee-eeew!**  
Pedestrians, drivers and business owners tooling through downtown Northville Monday morning caught a whiff of a familiar but pungent odor, as public works employees worked on cleaning out a section of sewer.

The work was spawned when an area business owner made contact with a contractor to inspect sewer lines near his own office. Despite the timing, public works director Jim Gallogly said in any given year, approximately 20 percent of the city's lines are cleaned out, and around 20 typical trouble spots in Northville are examined or cleaned.

"Sometimes, in an old commercial area, we get some buildup, and it gets a bit more problematic when you get the snow," said public works director Jim Gallogly.

Crews worked for a good portion of the morning at a manhole near Main and Center Streets. Similar jobs are slated for the next few weeks at or near the Allen Drive / Horton Street intersection and the Maplewood / Grace Street intersection, Gallogly said. Nothing unusual was discovered during Monday's cleaning project.

Additionally, a major section of sewer line will be cleaned out in the Bealtown area of Northville — the portion of the city near Northville Downs, along South Main Street. That project is slated for sometime by early spring.

"We're an old town with old lines, and this is just something that we have to deal with," Gallogly said.

When those 20 trouble spots around town were examined last year, Gallogly said video footage of the lines was taken. That video will be reviewed sometime in the next few months to see if the source of the recurring problems can be discovered.

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# Eagle project helps build troop morale

By Victoria Sadlocha  
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Working toward the rank of Eagle Scout, Northville resident Daniel Schaumann corralled the community for a good cause.

Schaumann, 16, assembled and shipped 230 care packages last month to U.S. soldiers in Iraq, satisfying the community-service requirement for reaching the Eagle Scout rank.

The Northville High School student said the initial idea came from a coworker at his mother's work, but quickly evolved into a community-wide project.

"I received an excellent

response," Schaumann said. "I received tons of stuff."

The weight of all the donated items totaled 500 pounds.

The Boy Scout from Northville Troop No. 755 explained members of local Cub Scout, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops donated items for the packages.

Schaumann said he also

donated items, enough for about one family.

The businesses community then donated money to cover practically all of the shipping charges.

Northville Camera Shop, Northville Lumber Co., Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall, Hiller's Market, The Kitchen Witch, The UPS store, TrueNorth Development, Inc. and Long Mechanical all pitched in to help.

The bundles contained items like special greetings, toothpaste, deodorant, snack foods and baby wipes.

"We tried to give [soldiers] the

same things," Schaumann said. "The whole collection period took three to four weeks and once I had all the stuff together, I tried to make the packages as similar as possible."

The most useful item in the packages was baby wipes.

"The soldiers don't have much water to clean up with and the baby wipes come in very handy," he said.

The most unusual donation was a hand-made collage map of the United States.

Schaumann said the experience was extremely gratifying.

"It felt pretty good because I have already received some

response from the troops," he said. "They loved [the care packages] and they thanked me and the community."

The scout was extremely surprised the thanks came via telephone rather than a thank you note.

Schaumann has been a Boy Scout for six years and a Cub Scout since kindergarten.

He hopes to reach the rank of Eagle Scout this year.

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# Hill Auditorium renovations nearly complete

By Keely Kaleski  
STAFF WRITER

He remembers how homely she was, and also how warm — the day Eleanor Roosevelt came to Hill Auditorium is one Phil Power will never forget.

"I was only 10, and it was clear my mother was very excited," said Power who is chairman of the board of Hometown Communications, Inc. the company that owns this newspaper, and a member of the board of the University Musical Society. His mother told him "you must listen to this woman, she's the greatest American and will become a historical figure."

Many memorable people have visited Hill Auditorium since it opened in 1913 including the Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan, Allen Ginsberg, Robert Frost, Count Basie, Martin Luther King Jr., Winston Churchill, and Henry Kissinger.

"Over the years every single significant musician and artist has played at Hill Auditorium," said Power who served 1987-99 as regent for the University of Michigan. "When someone really important came to speak, they came there."

Going to Hill Auditorium was an event, something you got dressed up for. Women wore hats and gloves, and sometimes even black tie, especially on opening night — tuxedos for the men, long, elegant gowns for the women.

"I think this weekend some people are likely to wear black tie," said Power who has many fond memories of Hill Auditorium.

Eugene Ormandy, conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, was a chum of his parents and always came to Hill Auditorium during May Festival. "He told me that President Nixon called him to say he was going to be given some big award," said Power. Ormandy, who was sick in bed when Nixon called to tell him he'd been awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, got out of bed and stood at attention while taking the call.

In 1955 German pianist Walter Gieseking played at Hill. "He was six foot five and built like a linebacker," recalled Power. "But he played Mozart so delicately that notes came off the piano just like oil."

Hill Auditorium cost \$282,000 to build and was named after Arthur Hill a Saginaw businessman who bequeathed \$200,000 to the university to build an auditorium. Hill earned a degree in civil engineering from the university, was a UM Regent, and served a term as Mayor of Saginaw. Designed by architect Albert Kahn with acoustical engineer Hugh Tallant, Hill Auditorium was hailed as a "monument to perfect acoustics."

"A key test was when the acoustical engineer dropped a pin on stage and it could be heard

in the second row balcony," said Power. "It's among the five best concert halls acoustically in the country."

## Absolute change

"Sound of music" to fill refurbished Hill Auditorium  
The sound of music will soar through Hill Auditorium as always.

It's just that concert-goers will probably enjoy the experience at the Ann Arbor venue more than ever.

The auditorium, which celebrates its gala reopening Saturday-Monday, Jan. 17-19 with three concerts presented by the University Musical Society, now has a lower level lobby.

"For the folks going out these days, they want more than a concert, they want an experience," said Kenneth C. Fischer, UMS director.

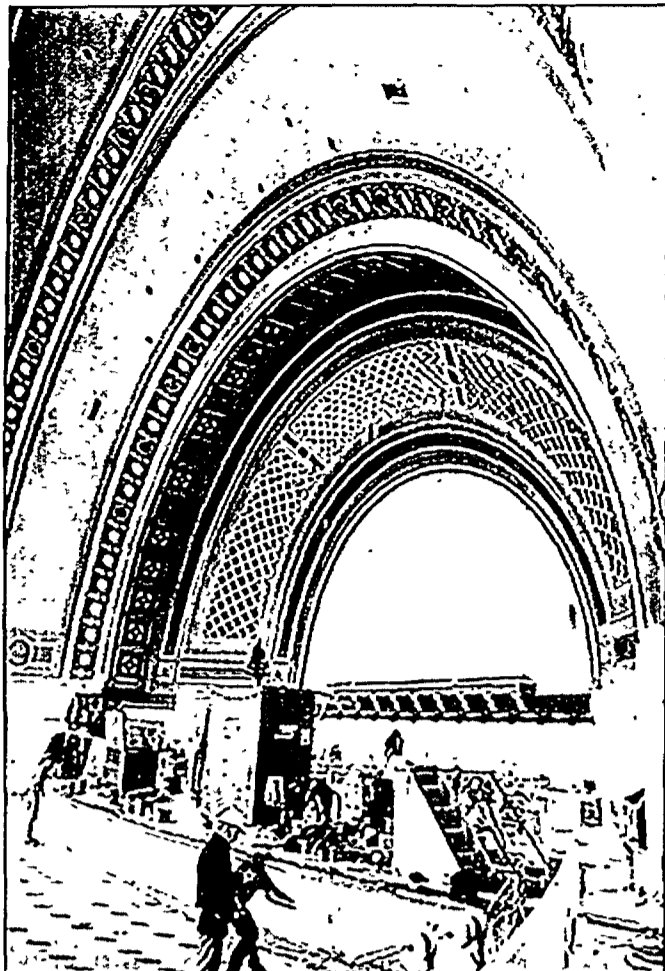
With the addition of the lobby and refreshments stand, patrons can now gather, converse and linger pre- and post-concert. The mezzanine, formerly called the first balcony, now configures into a reception area for post-concert gatherings with catering.

The \$38.6 million renovation of the more than 90-year-old auditorium, well regarded for its acoustics, began in May 2002.

Another significant change — installation of air-conditioning, allowing Hill Auditorium to remain open during summer months.

Other improvements include new seats, sound and light locks, improved barrier-free access, additional restrooms, restoration of the house's wall painting, ceiling adornments and organ piping, as well as the exterior's brick stone and terra-cotta surfaces. Many changes, such as a new backstage utility tunnel and electrical infrastructure replacement, will go unnoticed by patrons but modernize the building and aid in its preservation.

"This is a real treasure,"



Workers put the finishing touches on Hill Auditorium.

Fischer said of Hill Auditorium, which was designed by renowned architect Albert Kahn. "It's being taken care of, and much of what's being done is what will help the building survive through the 21st century."

The reopening concert series also notes UMS' programming strengths, as the organization happens to be celebrating its 125th anniversary.

Renowned violinist Midori performs Saturday, representing the international star soloists who have played at Hill Auditorium. Sunday night's con-

cert with the Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique and The Monteverdi Choir symbolizes UMS' historic Choral Union series, which dates back to 1879. The final Martin Luther King, Jr. Day program, entitled "Jazz Divas," speaks for itself, and features Dee Dee Bridgewater, Regina Carter and Dianne Reeves, three Michigan-born artists of African-American heritage.

Each concert is a "distinctly different event," Fischer said, adding attendees will receive a special gift following reopening

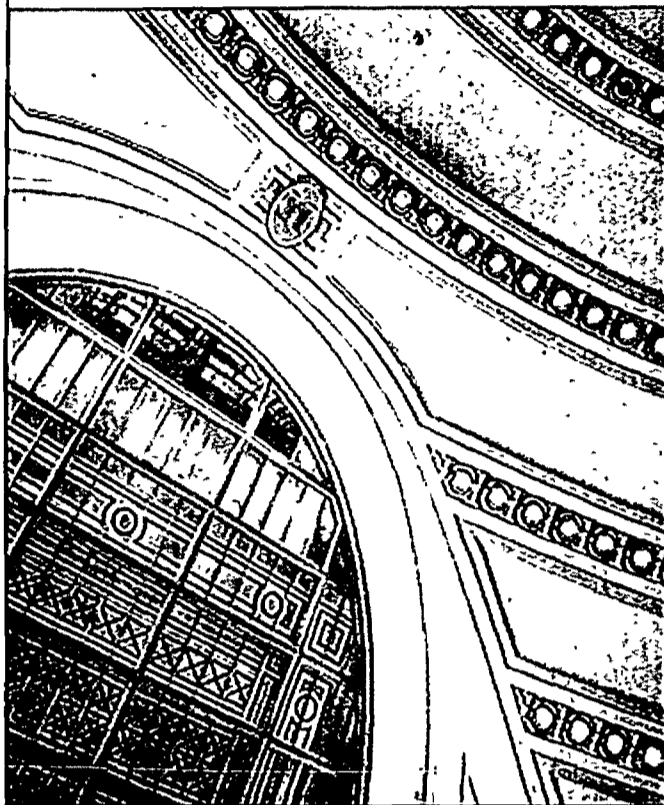
## OPEN AGAIN

**WHAT:** University Musical Society three-concert weekend celebrating reopening of Hill Auditorium with strolling supper in Michigan League prior to opening night performance.

**WHEN:** Reopening concert, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17; Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique and the Monteverdi Choir, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18; and Jazz Divas Summit, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19.

**WHERE:** Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor.

**TICKETS:** \$10-\$75, call (734) 764-2538 or visit [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).



Arched ceilings and cornice work grace Hill Auditorium.

performances. "Hill Auditorium has always been a venue of the community. As UMS has expanded and diversified its programming, it has spoken to more and more of the larger metropolitan Detroit community. What we want Hill Auditorium to become is a place where the community gathers and feels comfortable."

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## OBITUARY

### Long Time Resident of the Northville area

Miriam Lawry (Richards) Mitchell died at the Chelsea Retirement Center December 28, 2003 at the age of 90. Miriam was born August 9, 1913, the daughter of Rev. William James and Janie "Jenny" (Lawry) Richards, Methodist Minister in the Village of Northville 1923 thru 1931.

Miriam attended Northville High School active in Operetta, Basketball, Baseball, Athletic Club, Glee Club, Palladium Staff, Junior Class Vice-President and Senior Class Treasurer, graduated with Honors and not missing a day, on the 18th Day of June 1931. "But to see her was to love her"

Miriam graduated from Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1936 and served as a registered nurse at Florence Crittenton Hospital in Detroit.

Miriam met Melvin P. Mitchell and married July 3, 1937 settling in Northville Township where they raised four children.

Miriam was a member of the Eastern Star, loved to travel, and also being a very sports oriented person became a high average bowler on two to three leagues a week until she had her stroke in 1993.

Miriam is survived by three of her four children, sons M. Richard (Joyce), Fred H. (Sharon) and daughter Mary M. (Ron) Pollans. Five of six grandchildren, Carrie J. Mitchell, Monie P. Mitchell, Bryan E. Mitchell, David J. Lanning, and G. Lynn Mitchell; Eight great grandchildren, Andrew P. Westcott, Melissa Lanning, Jacquelyn M. Mitchell, Breanna Lanning, Victoria L. Mitchell, Vanessa Lanning, Alyssa M. Mitchell, and Macey Mitchell; Brother, Rev. William J. Richards II and sister, Alice O. (Richards) Patterson; School chum and long time friend, Florence (Balko) Orr.

Miriam was preceded in death by her husband Melvin. Son James W. Mitchell; Grandson Michael A. Mitchell; Siblings, Oprie Kathrine Richards, Annie Jane (Richards) Chizmar, and Edward Richards.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Northville, Michigan on Thursday January 15 at 1:00 PM. Rev. Samuel J. Chizmar, nephew, officiating. Interment at Glen Eden Cemetery.

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# State gives more time for 7 Mile land bids

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that can be used by the developer," he said.

One concept plan submitted to the township elicited trustee concerns about a high number of residences in a relatively small area, as well retail operations repetitive of businesses already in the community.

"I will ask them to re-evaluate the current zoning to that which is consistent and protective of the goals and objectives of Northville Township," Abbo said.

Local entities do not want the state dictating development policy, budget department director Mitch Irwin said. "That's the community's role that we respect as so critical," he said. "That's between the successful bidder and the township." The winning bidder must comply with the terms of the township's zoning, Irwin said.

An increased period of site investigation from 75 to 90 days is part of the new bid conditions the state unveiled Friday. Other provisions include additional time to line up financing and mandatory attendance at a pre-bid meeting and tour of the site. The deadline for bids is Feb. 9.

This is the third round of bidding on the 415-acre parcel, stretching from Northville Road to Haggerty Road, fronted primarily by Seven Mile Road. Since the state budget department in May 2002 offered the now-vacant hospital and surrounding grounds for sale, three developers have submitted, then withdrawn bids in excess of \$65 million, including two who conducted the 75-days of due diligence allowed.

Township officials in recent weeks had sought a role in the selection of the company that will design the site, determine its road locations, and designate building size and use on the acres of rolling hills and dense woodlands on the former hospital grounds. Acknowledging those types of decisions will long-term impact the community, state officials said only local planning with local control can determine the outcome on that front. The now-mandatory pre-bid meetings will be open to the public, Irwin said, including township officials if they desire. They will be attended by whoever wants to bid, Irwin's right-hand man Tom

## Comments from state officials on the Seven Mile land sale

The state Department of Management and Budget, which oversees disposal of excessive property such as the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital, expects that revisions to the bid package will move it this time around.

Among the comments by department director Mitch Irwin and his staff Friday about the status of the property:

• This is a very desirable piece of property in a hot market at a time the economy — we hope — is emerging from the doldrums.

• The state-owned Hawthorne Center property on Haggerty Road is not available for sale as part of the adjacent former hospital site.

• Bidders will be aided by additional time for due diligence and closing. The short timing windows during the first bid process was driven by the need to close a deal by December 2003.

• "We have heard some interest," Tom Saxton said. "My view is we'll probably get the same level of interest."

• After (Real Estate Interests Group of Bloomfield Hills) pulled out, we started to get interest from national firms," he said. "The calls have continued into our offices — when are we putting this out to bid?"

• At least two of the original five Michigan companies who bid on the property again have expressed an interest.

### KEY DATES FOR SEVEN MILE PROPERTY SALE

**Jan. 9, 2004** — Mail notice of sale and website address to interested parties. Post web site with bid documents and environmental reports.

**Jan. 16, 22** — Pre-bid meeting and tour opportunities.

**Feb. 3** — Final Q & A posted to the Northville web site

**Feb. 9** — Open bids

**Feb. 17** — Resolve bidder exceptions, sign and mail acceptance, award bid. Start of due diligence period. Return earnest money to other bidders.

**May 17** — End of due diligence period, option to purchase an additional 30 days.

**July 16** — Final closing date.

Saxton and his team.

The township's alternate route of lobbying change of the legislation which governs the sale to protect local interests dead-ended. "Apparently, they've dismissed the opportunity," Abbo said. "Ultimately, I think that will be their loss. Regardless of the process — if any developer thinks they're going to develop the property inconsistent with the underlying zoning, then the process is going to fail."

Local leaders have characterized the minimum \$65 million bid as too high given the conditions of the hospital site, which will require extensive environ-

mental cleanup, building demolition and other remediation.

The budget department inherited the \$65 million price tag from the previous administration, Irwin said. Plus, he said, that number has been validated by previous bids awarded that were much higher than that.

"What it's going to be this time is anyone's guess," Irwin added. "We may get more or we may get less."

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## New township police officer to be part of road division

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April with a bachelor's degree in sociology and minor in criminal justice.

Shortly after graduation, Ciccotelli enrolled in and graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy sponsored by Schoolcraft Community College.

"It was pretty tough," she remembered of the 16-week program. "It was everyday and weekends consisting of a lot of physical training, a lot of book training and a lot of tests."

The effort was worth it to Ciccotelli, who has wanted to be an officer since she was young.

At age 15, she joined the Dearborn Police Explorer Post,

an organization she belonged to until reaching 21.

Ciccotelli also worked in security for nearly three years.

"She is 22 years old and she has shown a strong commitment to law enforcement," said Police chief John Werth. "At that age and her credentials she is going to make and outstanding officer for the community."

Werth said Ciccotelli will undergo 15 weeks of field training with the department and upon successful completion, will be assigned to the Road Patrol Division.

"I look forward to bringing my experience to the department and my knowledge," Ciccotelli said. "I'm very much a people person, so I hope to expand on that characteristic. I

also love kids and hope to participate in many of the department's programs."

And although Ciccotelli is excited to share her background with the department, the new officer said she looks forward to taking it all in and learning the ropes of the Northville Township police department.

The new hire brings the total of Northville Township officers to 29.

Werth said the department will hire two more officers this year, bringing the force to full-strength at 31.

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# Inside Ford's Wixom Plant: Creating the new GT



Ford Wixom employees Helen Hurlburt and Jerry Roach check out a shipment of newly arrived 5.4 liter, 500-horsepower engines that are destined to be used in the Ford GT. The plant's crafting. The rear-mounted engines are made in Ford's Romeo assembly plant.

By Phil Foley  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

When Mark Jarosz was 8 years old, someone gave him a set of Matchbox cars that included a tiny white-and-blue Ford GT40. Today, 35 years later, he's heading up at team of Ford craftsmen responsible for final assembly of one of the most highly anticipated and talked about sports cars in decades.

Last week Jarosz and his band of 17 began disassembling a bright yellow, non-driveable runner inside what was once the Carcraft glass plant next to the Wixom Ford Assembly Plant in order to perfect their assembly techniques for Ford's \$139,000 super car, the GT.

"I used to push them around on the floor, now I'm building them. How cool is that?" said the Wixom resident.

Two years ago, when Ford CEO Bill Ford unveiled the GT40 concept at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, company officials hinted broadly that it was more than a designer's dream and less than a month a half later announced the company would build the car. The announcement came amidst a storm of stories in the busi-

ness and enthusiastic press about Ford's financial performance and product quality.

The first hiccup came when company officials discovered that no one had protected the name GT40 that won Henry Ford II racing glory in the mid-1960s and a kit car maker had trademarked the name. Ford's centennial car quietly became the Ford GT.

So far 15 GTs, including the three rolled out as 2003 models at Ford's centennial celebration this summer, have been hand built with the help of the Wixom team at Saleen Special Vehicles in Irvine, Calif. The first driveable Ford GT is expected to come out of the Wixom Prototype Build Center later this month.

"This is something I've always wanted to be involved in," said John Stachowiak, a 33-year Ford veteran from Howell. "I like the idea of a hands-on project."

Each Ford GT will be shepherded from one end of the assembly area to the other by just two people. "These are craftsmen, not assemblers," Brock Roy, UAW Local 36 chairman. "They should have their names on the car."

Jarosz noted that all the members of the assembly team are cross trained in a number of skills.

"I've been involved in launches before, but nothing like this," said Dick Wagner of Highland. "It's pretty exciting with the attention."

There is a security level at the Wixom Prototype Build Center that's closer to a design center than a normal production plant. Besides Jarosz, only two other people have keys to the building.

When two busloads of auto enthusiasts arrived at the sprawling Wixom Assembly Plant Jan. 8 for a tour of the Lincoln and Thunderbird lines, the GT assembly area was not on the tour.

Ford GT bodies will be delivered six at a time in enclosed trailers, the kind used to deliver vehicles to auto shows, and they'll leave the same way. Jarosz said plans call for his team to produce about 8 to 10 units per day and up to 1,500 per year, which is about 10 percent of the annual production for Thunderbirds.

While at Wixom, the final assembly team will mate Ford's 500-horsepower MOD 5.4-liter supercharged V-8 engine to a six-speed transaxle and wedge it into the car's engine compartment. Team members will then install the interior before driving the car down a 165-foot long test track that's borrowed a title from Ford's best squeak-and-rattle tests.

"There can be no defects," said Jarosz. That's one of the things that attracted Helen Hurlburt, a paint specialist with 30 years at Ford, to the project. "It's a challenge. I want this to be the very best. I want the people who own these cars to take as much pride in owning them as we do in making them."

While the Ford GT is likely to draw the glaring attention of every auto enthusiast and performance magazine when it hits the dealers this summer, team members seem very calm about it. "This is our opportunity to show the world what we're all about," said Roy. Even the assembly area itself was erected by members of Local 36.

"We've become a close-knit family here," said Jarosz. "Every person has a handheld radio so we can stay in constant touch."

In some ways the Ford GT line reaches back to Henry Ford's original Model T line. Like Henry's first car a century ago, the GT is moved through the plant and assembled by hand.

Unlike Ford's Model T, the GT is not an everyday car. The sale price of Ford's entire first year of production wouldn't equal the base price of one GT.

## How can you get one?

So, what are the chances of seeing a Ford GT on a dealer's lot near you? Well... While Ford Motor Company has 3,850 dealers nationwide, plans call for the Wixom Prototype Build Center no more than 1,500 of the \$139,995 supercar per year. That's not enough for one car for every other Ford dealer and one of them has already been sold.

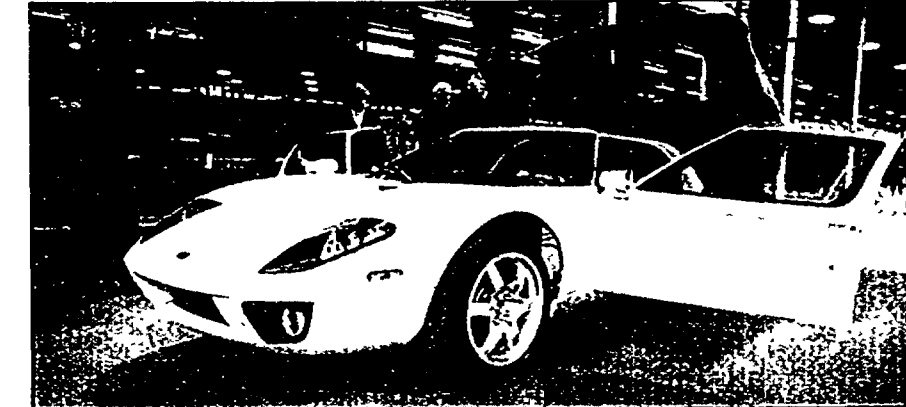
An undisclosed bidder ponied up \$557,500 at a Christie's Auction during the 53rd annual Pebble Beach Concours

d'Elegance in Monterey, Calif., in August. Proceeds from the sale went to support charities designated by the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, including The Pebble Beach Company Foundation, United Way of Monterey County, The Wheelchair Foundation, and Boys & Girls Club of Monterey County.

The remaining cars, said Larry Fisher, dealer relations manager at the Wixom Assembly Plant, will be parceled out on the basis of hard work and luck. Only dealers with a high sales volume and a President's Award for superior customer service will be considered for the opportunity to sell a Ford GT.

From that select group, a distribution lottery will be held to see who gets to have a Ford GT on their lot. The happy few are expected to find out who they are in April. According to several published reports, dealers have been taking substantial deposits without knowing if they'll ever see one of the cars.

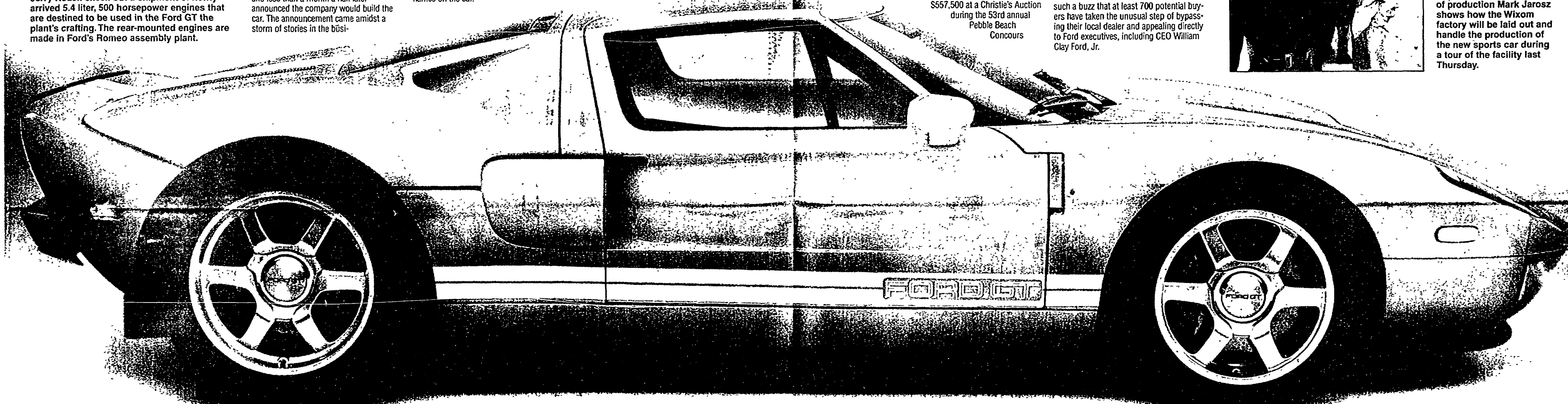
Automotive insider Paul Eisenstein's Web site, TheCarConnection.com, reported last week that the Ford GT has created such a buzz that at least 700 potential buyers have taken the unusual step of bypassing their local dealer and appealing directly to Ford executives, including CEO William Clay Ford, Jr.



Above, the Wixom plant that Ford's \$139,000 GT sits in, which used to be used to make Carlite windshields, will soon be assembling the 500-horsepower automobile.



Left, Ford GT supervisor of production Mark Jarosz shows how the Wixom factory will be laid out and handle the production of the new sports car during a tour of the facility last Thursday.



## FORD GT SPECIFICATIONS

**ENGINE**  
Configuration V-8, aluminum block, aluminum four-valve cylinder heads, H-beam connecting rods, forged aluminum pistons  
Bore x Stroke .902 mm x 105.8 mm  
Displacement 5.4 liters (5409 cc/330 cid)  
Compression ratio 8.4:1  
Horsepower 500 @ 6,000 rpm  
Torque 500 lb-ft @ 4,500 rpm  
Specific output 92.6 hp/L  
Redline 6,500 rpm  
Valvetrain Double overhead camshafts, four valves per cylinder  
Intake valves Two per cylinder, 37 mm  
Exhaust valves Two per cylinder, 32 mm  
Ignition system Electronic distributorless, coil-on-plug  
Fuel system Sequential multi-port electronic fuel injection (SEFI) with dual injectors per cylinder

Supercharger Eaton Model 2300 screw-type  
Throttle body Twin 70 mm  
Exhaust manifold Cast iron  
Exhaust system Low restriction dual with active muffler

## BRAKES

Front 14.0 x 1.3 in. (355 x 32 mm) Brembo cross-drilled and vented discs, four-piston monoblock calipers  
Rear 13.2 x 1.3 in. (335 x 32 mm) Brembo cross-drilled and vented discs, four-piston monoblock calipers  
ABS Four-channel, four-sensor system

## STEERING

Type Rack and pinion  
Ratio 17.1  
Turns, lock to lock 2.7  
Turning diameter 40 ft.

## WHEELS & TIRES

Wheels Front: 18 x 9 in.  
Rear .19 x 11.5 in.  
Tires Goodyear Eagle F1 Supercar  
Front: 235/45ZR18  
Rear: 315/40ZR19

## DRIVETRAIN

Transaxle Ricardo six-speed  
Differential Helical limited-slip  
Clutch Twin disc, 240 mm

## Gear

1st Gear Ratio Synchronization 2.61:1  
Triple  
2nd 1.71:1  
Triple  
3rd 1.23:1

Triple  
4th .094:1  
Triple  
5th .077:1  
Double  
6th .063:1  
Double  
Reverse .3135:1  
Final drive .336:1

## EQUIPMENT

Driver and passenger air bags  
Anti-lock brake system (ABS)  
Front fog lamps  
SecuriLockTM passive anti-theft system  
Leather-wrapped, three-spoke, telescoping steering wheel  
Aluminum gearshift knob

AM/FM stereo, single-disc CD player  
Sparco front bucket carbon fiber seats with leather seating surfaces  
Dual remote control outside mirrors  
Power side windows, door locks  
Remote keyless illuminated entry  
Rear window defroster  
Air-conditioning (manual control)

## DIMENSIONS, CAPACITIES

Wheelbase 106.7 in. (2710 mm)  
Length 182.8 in. (4643 mm)  
Height 44.3 in. (1125 mm)  
Width 76.9 in. (1953 mm)  
Track, f/r 63 in. (1599 mm) / 63.7 in. (1618 mm)  
Seating capacity 2  
Head room 35.4 in. (899 mm)

Leg room 44.6 in. (1132 mm)  
Shoulder room 57.7 in.  
Hip room 57.8 in.  
Passenger volume 52.8 cu. in.  
Fuel capacity 17.5 gallons  
Oil capacity 10 qts.  
Recommended fuel 91 octane (premium)  
Weight distribution, f/r 43/57

## SUSPENSION

Front Unequal length upper "A" arm and lower "L" arm aluminum control arms, coil springs, monotube aluminum dampers, tubular anti-roll bar  
Rear Unequal length upper "A" arm and lower "L" arm aluminum control arms, coil springs, monotube aluminum dampers, tubular anti-roll bar

This week the only place you can get a closer look at the new Ford GT than on the pages of your local HomeTown newspaper is the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall, where Ford Motor Company has a silver prototype on display. Late last year, while the Ford GT assembly team was participating in training programs in California, staff at the Wixom Ford Assembly Plant invited HomeTown Newspapers for a first-ever look inside the final assembly area for the most expensive and exclusive car Ford has ever built.

## FORD GT

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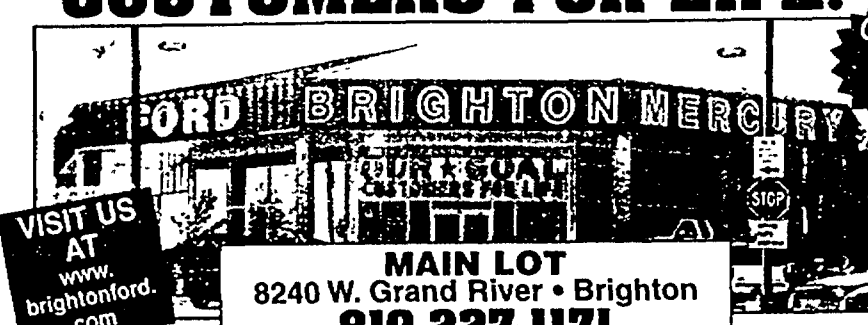
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## POLICE REPORTS

**RED MEANS STOP:** Northville Township police stopped a 23-year-old female Jan. 11 after she coasted right through a flashing red light. An officer was sitting at Tutor Time at about 2:30 a.m. when he saw the vehicle driven by the Northville resident go through a four-way flashing red light at Five Mile and Haggerty roads. After speaking to the driver, the officer smelled a strong odor of intoxicants. The woman admitted to having two mixed drinks at a bar before failing field sobriety tasks. Blood alcohol tests registered at 0.160 and was arrested for operating a vehicle while

intoxicated.

**KEEP ON TRYING:** A 60-year-old male just couldn't get it right before being arrested by a Northville Township officer for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The officer noticed the PT Cruiser driven by the Livonia resident at about 2:15 a.m. Jan. 10, when the vehicle crossed the center line while turning onto Five Mile Road. The officer stopped the driver, asking for his license and registration.

The man repeatedly attempted to give the officer what he believed was his registration. According to the report, the offi-

cer had to tell the driver several times what he was producing was not his registration, and to keep on trying to find the document. The driver said he had three to four drinks that evening. After failing field sobriety tasks, the Livonia man's blood alcohol level tested at 0.125.

**PATCH OF ICE?** On Jan. 9 at about 5:45 p.m. Northville Township officers were dispatched to the scene of a car accident at Northville Road and Hines Drive. Upon arrival, the officers located a 53-year-old male in a Chevy pickup on Northville Road. The Northville

resident said he hit a patch of ice causing him to hit the other vehicles involved.

While giving his explanation, the officer smelled a strong odor of alcohol. The officer also noted in the police report Northville Road was dry. The man continued to slur his words as he spoke to the officer before admitting to consuming a little more than two gin-and-tonics. After failing field sobriety tasks, the man's blood alcohol level tested at 0.114 and was arrested by police for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. It was his second such offense.

**SURF AND TURF:**

Northville Township officers responded to a malicious destruction of property complaint on Winchester Road early in the day Jan. 8. A resident called police at about 8:30 a.m. after noticing someone had driven across her lawn. According to the police report, damage totaled about \$400 and included deep ruts in the grass and a disturbed bush near the house. The woman said she did not see the vehicle nor did she know who would do such an action.

**HOT, DRY MARTINIS:** Three men heading for a possible cocktail party, were stopped by

Livonia police after robbing the Northville Township Meijer on Jan. 7, at about 9 p.m. Northville Township police were contacted by Meijer loss prevention employees saying unknown men stole six bottles of liquor and took off in a Buick Regal heading southbound on Haggerty. After issuing a be-on-the-lookout to surrounding departments, Livonia officers spotted the vehicle traveling eastbound on Interstate 96. Livonia officers found the liquor in the vehicle and transported the three Detroit residents back to the Township. The approximate value of the taken beverages totaled \$170.

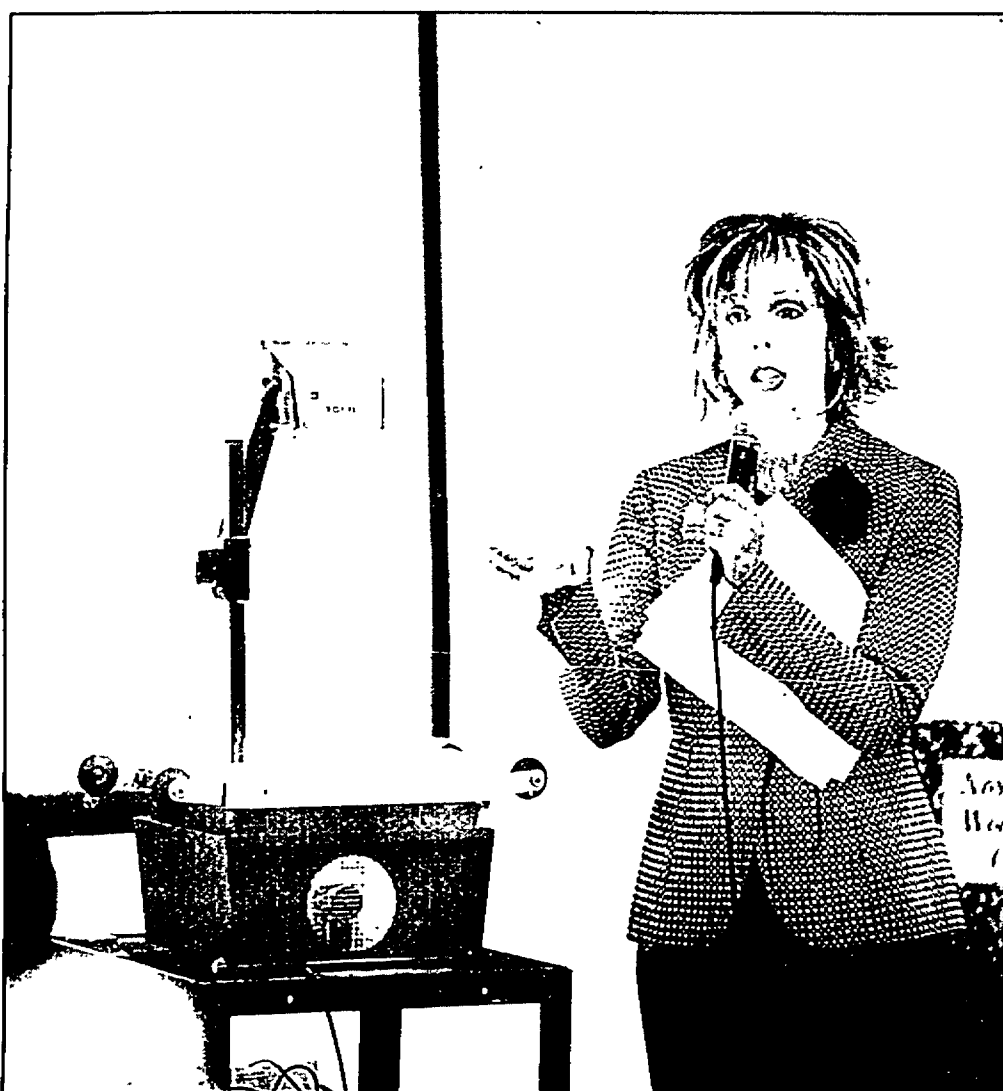


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville native Andrea Vanderveen gives a presentation on "Healthy Women" last Friday afternoon to the Northville Women's Club meeting. Vanderveen touched on the importance of proper diet and exercise and how they both can affect the bodies' overall health.

## Health gets a shot in the arm at Northville Women's Club meeting

By Maureen Johnston  
STAFF WRITER

Andrea Vanderveen's audience laughed in response to the Northville Women's Club guest speaker's question, "Do you like what you see when you look in the mirror?"

Entertaining with empathetic questions like that, the lifelong Northville resident led the group through challenges, tips and solutions for enhancing inner and outer beauty. Approximately 70 members attended the club's Jan. 9 regular meeting, titled "Healthy Women," at First Presbyterian Church on Main Street.

Club member Vanderveen, regional vice president for skin care company Arbonne International, used data projected overhead to convey trends in environmental conditions and their impact on a woman's body. She said her goal was to educate her peers rather than promote her company. She also advised consulting a doctor

before making dramatic lifestyle changes.

The aging process of skin is 10 percent natural and 90 percent what is done with it, the speaker said. The good news is that we avoid known carcinogens, such as mineral oil, is possible — if product labels are read.

Throughout her 30-minute presentation, Vanderveen peppered the group with research data that affects their daily lives. For example, 75 percent of Americans are chronically dehydrated, she reported. That slows down one's metabolism as much as 3 percent. Plus, lack of water is the number one trigger of daytime fatigue. Increasing the amount of water one drinks will affect short-term memory as well as ease back and joint pain, she said.

The speaker also described how changes in the food supply affects health. Vanderveen asked her audience whether members experienced a screen-full list of characteristics, such as PMS, lack of concentration

and water retention. She then related their presence to a hormone imbalance, which is caused by increased exposure to xenoestrogens in the environment. The start of the year is a time people often consider resolutions regarding their health, Vanderveen said. Among her suggestions were:

- increase physical activity.
- develop healthy eating habits, including eating "real food."
- take natural supplements
- understand antioxidants and alkalinity
- seek hormone balance.

Specifically related to diet, Vanderveen suggested the women reduce their intake of caffeine, alcohol, sugars and white flour, increase water and fiber intake and increase whole foods, grains and soy.

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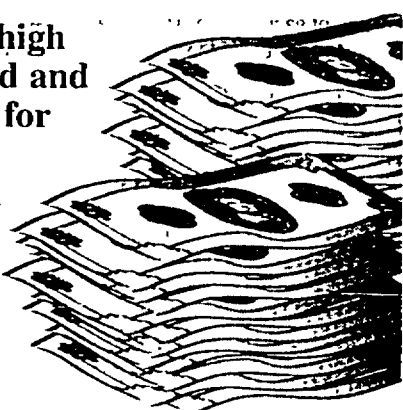
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### • THIS WEEK •

**Northville Woman's Club meeting**  
**DATE:** Jan. 9  
**LOCATION:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The meeting's topic will be "Healthy Women."  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-5446

**Northville Genealogical Society meeting**  
**DATE:** Jan. 11  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)  
**TIME:** 2:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. beginner's class)  
**DETAILS:** Karen Jania of the University of Michigan's Bentley Historical Library will speak about the Library's collection and how to use it.  
**PHONE:** (734) 595-7806

**Auditions for "The Shoemaker And The Elves"**  
**DATE:** Jan. 11  
**LOCATION:** Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 6 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Auditions are for youths age 8 to 16. Auditioners must sing "Do-Ra-Mi" from "The Sound of Music" and read a 90-second, non-memorized poem. The show runs in March and April.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-8110

**Gardeners of Northville / Novi Meeting**  
**DATE:** Jan. 12  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Pam Palachek will speak on attaining the look of English gardens.  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-2426

**Bereavement support group for young widows / widowers**  
**DATE:** Jan. 12, 26  
**LOCATION:** St. Kenneth's Catholic Church (14951 Haggerty, Plymouth)  
**TIME:** 7 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** "Circles of Hope" meets the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month. There are no fees and registration is not required.  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-0115

**Voices for Maybury meeting**  
**DATE:** Jan. 14  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)  
**TIME:** 7 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The open meeting will focus on the role of Voices in the Northville Community Foundation's advisory council, among other topics.  
**PHONE:** (248) 380-5924

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### • COMING UP •

**Northville Historical Society 40th Anniversary meeting / polluck dinner**  
**DATE:** Jan. 15  
**LOCATION:** Mill Race Village New Church School (Griswold / Main)  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Members and non-members are welcome. An entree and drinks will be provided, but attendees should bring a dish to pass. Reservations are requested.  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-1845

**Plymouth Ice Spectacular**  
**DATE:** Jan. 15-19  
**LOCATION:** Downtown Plymouth  
**TIME:** Call for info  
**DETAILS:** Illuminated ice sculptures will be on display for viewing.  
**PHONE:** (734) 459-9157

**Stage presentation: comedian Ken Davis**  
**DATE:** Jan. 17  
**LOCATION:** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (4000 Six Mile Road)  
**TIME:** 7 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Davis' routine is one of humor and inspiration. Tickets for the all-ages show are \$8 per person or \$32 for a family of four or more.  
**PHONE:** (248) 374-5956

**Morning Northville Chamber of Commerce Mixer**  
**DATE:** Jan. 21  
**LOCATION:** Call for info  
**TIME:** 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Admission is \$10. Attendees are asked to RSVP by Jan. 16.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-7640

**Northville Woman's Club meeting**  
**DATE:** Jan. 23

**LOCATION:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The meeting's topic will be "Understanding Feng Shui"  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-5446

**Friends of Maybury State Park annual meeting**  
**DATE:** Jan. 26  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)  
**TIME:** 7 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Members of the board of directors will be selected and activities for the coming year will be planned.  
**PHONE:** (248) 347-0899

**Northville Arts Commission lecture — Florentine Art**  
**DATE:** Jan. 28  
**LOCATION:** Northville City Hall (215 W. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Participants will discuss the city of Florence as a work of art. Tickets for each lecture are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and may be purchased at the Northville Parks and Recreation office at Hillside Middle School.  
**PHONE:** (248) 449-9950

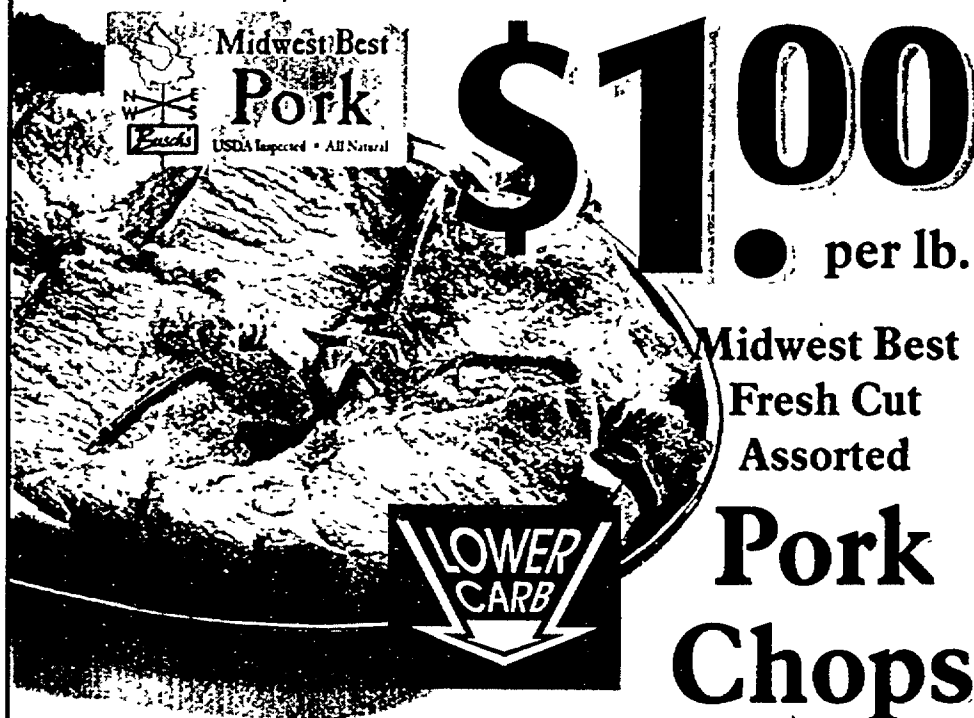
**Northville Woman's Club meeting**  
**DATE:** Feb. 6  
**LOCATION:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Beverly Denske of Godiva Chocolates at Twelve Oaks Mall will be lecturing on "Chocolate — The Food of Love."  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-5446

**Northville Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase seminar**  
**DATE:** Feb. 11  
**LOCATION:** Northville City Hall (215 W. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Area marketing experts will be on hand to help brainstorm methods of showcasing business for the upcoming Taste of Northville Business Showcase or other business fairs. The event is free of charge.  
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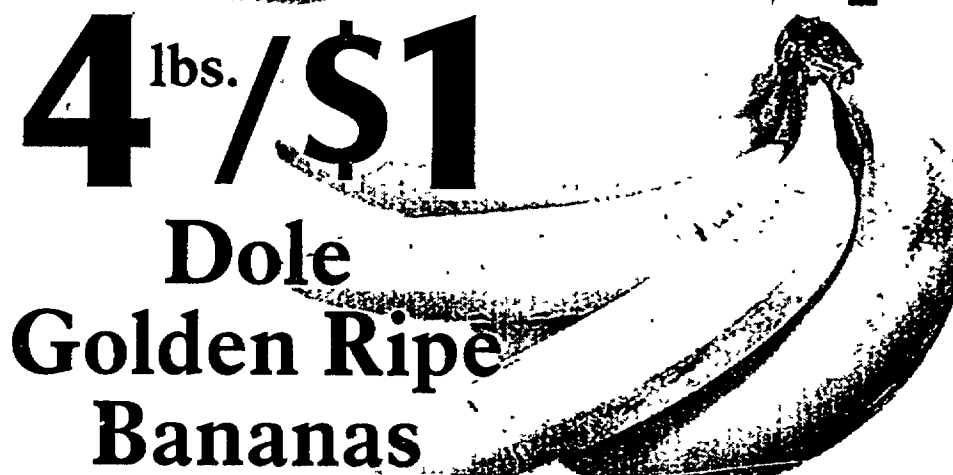
**Wine tasting / silent auction**  
**DATE:** Feb. 12  
**LOCATION:** Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall (108 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Admission is \$22.50 per person or \$45 per couple. Proceeds benefit the Northville Dog Park effort. Photos of attendees' dogs may be submitted for display at the event.  
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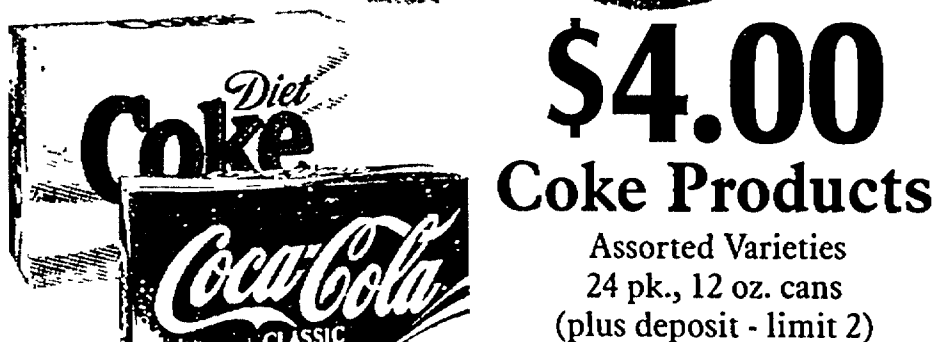
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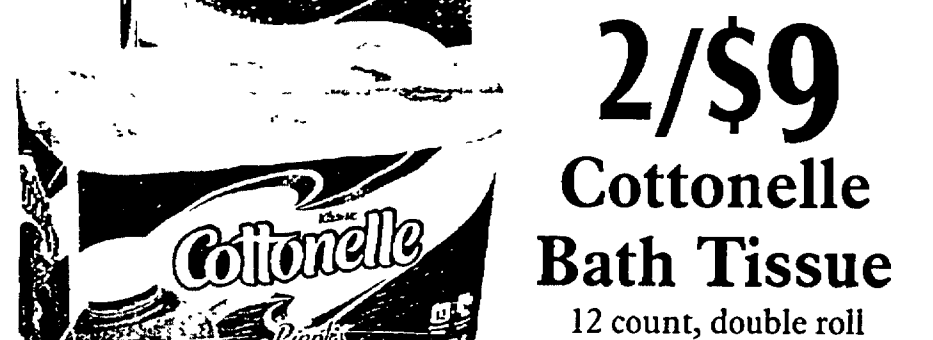
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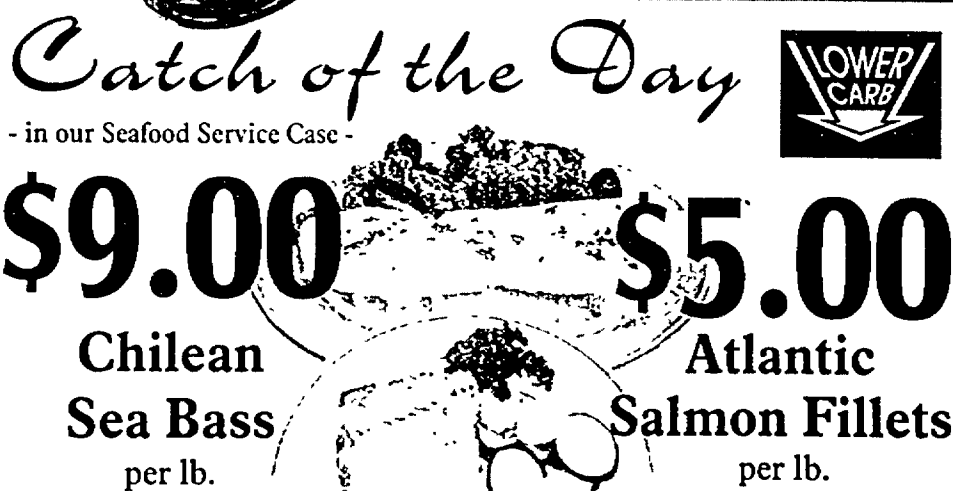
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## Marrs, Beemer: a salute is due

Two icons of the Northville community announced this week big changes in their lifestyle and function.

On the one hand, Northville Chamber of Commerce executive director Laurie Marrs announced her pending resignation, following nearly 20 years of quarter-backing the community's business consortium. Ms. Marrs' contributions to the economic viability and visibility of Northville and Northville Township cannot be understated. Considering that during her tenure, Chamber membership grew by greater than 400 percent and the Victorian Festival was made an annual event, it's a tribute to the commitment she had to Northville and her ability to find talented people with which to surround herself.

"The Chamber is the first open door that [newcomers] knock on," Ms. Marrs said. "We establish the reputation in the community. We want our chamber to be at the center of our community."

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is at the center of the community, thanks to Ms. Marrs' effort and dedication. The business landscape of the two sister communities has forever been changed, and we can only hope Ms. Marrs' successor is able to carry on the tradition.

Speaking of tradition, we shared in the happiness upon

learning that John Beemer was pulling his own version of Roger Clemens' exit-from-retirement, and was returning to head up Maybury State Park's farm. Mr. Beemer was the symbol of everything the agrarian life at the farm had come to represent. Friendly, simple and outgoing, Mr. Beemer was (and is) the ideal personality to bring to Maybury. And even if you ignore his charm — an impossible task, might we add — his experience and education in running educational / recreational environments like Maybury is heavy.

Though the park currently lacks the farm Mr. Beemer will be made to run, all signs point to an inevitable restoration of the farm that brought joy and rural-life education to thousands.

"My heart's still at Maybury," Mr. Beemer said Wednesday. "There was a lot of love there. If we can do something to bring the farm back, that's what we want to do."

Northville is going to have some big shoes to fill with Ms. Marrs' departure, but is refilling some big ones with Mr. Beemer's return. We wish them both all the best in the weeks and years to come.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Silver Springs Elementary School teacher Beth Kuriluk, left, introduces Pattie Mullen, far right, of Remerica Realty, and Dave Rekuc of McDonald Ford Monday afternoon during a ceremony to donate books collected by her students to residents of an emergency shelter in Detroit. McDonald Ford, Remerica and the school's students all contributed financially to make the donations possible.

## LETTERS

### Former Scout building should be art facility

We are asking that the [Northville] city council, Northville business community and the citizens of Northville support the Northville Arts Commission and enthusiastically endorse their use of the old Scout building as a community arts center and the commission's base of operation. It is a positive benefit for all of us.

First, because Northville is long overdue to have a Community Art Center. We have an educated, cultured population that would benefit and grow from a community art center. Second it would benefit citizens of all ages, not just a select group. Third, the detailed plan laid out by the arts commission at the city council meeting is financially self-supporting.

Fourth, arts programming, events, classes would attract more people into town for these events who would also enjoy our restaurants and businesses.

The Northville Arts Commission has enriched the community over the years but growth is difficult and expansion of programs, classes and events even more so without a permanent home. The dedicated group of volunteers has to find space wherever they can.

A community art center would be a wonderful addition to our city — a place we could all be proud of. Please support the arts commission's plan for the use of the Scout building as a community art center.

Laurie Fowler  
Bill Thelen  
Northville

sound organization since 1980, the NAC has the resources, financially and otherwise, to properly manage and maintain the recreation and Scout center.

While the teen proposal, on first hearing, is emotionally appealing, the council needs to look at these hard and fast facts. I haven't seen any information that indicates a teen center would be a prudent or wise use of a precious resource. We can't afford not to support the Northville Arts Commission's proposal. It's in the best interest of our community, and our teens.

Christa Grix  
Northville

### It's hard to 'respect' new definition of word

The definition of "respect" given in the January issue of *The Penguin Express* (school newsletter) raised some concerns for me regarding what our Moraine Elementary School children are being taught.

"Respect is allowing that something other than what we are or what we believe is just as good, only different," Cheryl Jones, ACSW, writes. This is a new definition of respect that I do not find in Webster's Dictionary and one that I do not want taught to my children. The definition is reflective of a philosophy, sometimes called "moral relativism," which states, as Ms. Jones explains, that there is no "good" or "bad," only different. Why are the children being taught this one way of viewing the world?

Children can easily see the illogic of all things being equally good. But if drilled enough, I suppose they might become indoctrinated. Either that, or they will sense such contradictions in the messages being presented that the end result will be confusion and lack of respect for their teaching staff. Whether or not we judge others' beliefs as good or bad, better or worse is a separate issue from whether we "respect" others' beliefs.

How many of you parents share the belief, apparently being taught our children, that respect means making no value judgments? How many of you would instead agree that respect is something to be earned by good behavior and that good behavior includes being kind to others, while still having the right to hold strongly to one's own values? It makes no sense to me to try to tell children that they have to believe that all beliefs are equally good. No wonder some teachers are afraid to tell children they are wrong or failing or to correct misbehavior. Are we teaching the meaning of respect or are we, by creating a new meaning for the word, indoctrinating the children into a philosophy that many families do not accept?

Another troubling thought is that this philosophy of moral relativism by its very definition denies our children the right to even question the philosophy. By Cheryl Jones' definition, one cannot question that all choices are equally good, only different, without

being labeled disrespectful. Thus, the philosophy contradicts itself, as it is actually stating the very strong absolute truth that it is the only right way to see things.

I don't believe I am alone in believing that some ways of behaving and thinking are more admirable than others, that some choices are good and others are bad. I don't believe this means I am "disrespectful." In my dictionaries, respect is defined as, "to consider worthy of high regard." It is a "high or special regard: esteem." It can, as a secondary definition, mean, "to refrain from interfering with." Respect certainly does not mean to accept that all beliefs are equally good, just different, nor does it include the notion that respect is to be expected rather than earned. To change respect to mean something due to everyone regardless of performance or behavior and to teach students it is wrong to make value judgments creates a thought pattern which, carried to its logical conclusion, would teach our children that, for instance, even the acts of terrorism against our country cannot be labeled as "good" or "bad."

"Perhaps in the terrorists' culture this is a good thing, so I can't say that it is good or bad, only different from what I would do," would be the logical outcome of this thinking. Behaviors, beliefs, and actions can be right, wrong, good and bad. Whether I define them as such is not part of the definition of respect. If anything, trying to teach children that all choices are equal while at the same time setting standards for their behavior creates a culture of so little integrity that the students can't really be blamed for lack of respect. How can such mixed and illogical messages be held in "high regard?"

Cheryl Jones' article is not the only place I have seen moral relativism being presented in the Northville schools as the only proper philosophy of life. It presents one very clearly stated example of an overall trend: If all beliefs are equally good, only different, our choices don't really matter, and it is a bleak and depressing life we are presenting to our children.

Julia Preseau  
Northville

### Jones-Watroba show impressed writer

Compliments to the Genitti's and the Arts Council. What a wonderful evening last night was. Robert Jones and Matt Watroba gave an outstanding performance, educational, entertaining, engaging, touching and amusing all at once. Although this performance was well attended, it should have been a "standing room only" event.

In Matt Watroba's words, "get radical" and come on out for the rest of the series offered by the Arts Council. You'll be glad you did.

June McCarthy  
Northville

### Area needs art center, including our teens

The Northville Arts Commission has submitted a superb proposal and business plan to the City Council for the reallocation of the Recreation and Scout Building at 215 W. Cady St. Why should we all be supporting this proposal over that of a Teen Center? Here's why:

- The Northville Arts Commission is inclusive. It serves all members of the community, not just one segment.
- An arts center will significantly add to the quality of life in our community by offering arts-related programs and services. We only have to look to Plymouth, Ann Arbor, and Birmingham as examples of communities that have active Arts Centers that add to the appeal of their respective communities. Northville needs one, too.
- The Northville Arts Commission is a successful, viable organization that has been serving our community for 23 years. Virtually every citizen of our community has been touched in some way by the programs and services offered by the NAC. Non-profit organizations, such as the NAC, that function to serve the community, deserve our support so that they may thrive and prosper.
- Having been a viable and financially

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# OTHER OPINIONS

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## Duggan has his hands full

Mike Duggan started his new job as CEO of the Detroit Medical Center last week. Both Duggan and the DMC have been in and out of the news fairly regularly for the past several years — Duggan as former Wayne County executive Ed McNamara's chief deputy and then Wayne County Prosecutor, and the DMC as hemorrhaging



Phil Power

cash and facing insolvency. So I called Duggan's PR person to schedule an interview and, *voilà!* he returned the call...punctual to the minute. Both in person and in the media, the 45-year-old Duggan comes across as a short, balding, intense and pugnacious guy; imagine a miniature, aggressive but friendly bulldog sniffing energetically at your pant leg and you get the idea. I think he's taken a bum rap over years for McNamara's alleged flaws, thereby obscuring that administration's very considerable achievements: Pulling down abandoned houses in Detroit, fixing up the physically dilapidated Detroit schools, sorting out the suburban bus system.

There was lots of criticism when Duggan's appointment to head the troubled DMC system was announced: He doesn't know anything about medicine or hospitals,

it was said. His appointment was a monument to cronyism. He'll antagonize (a) the doctors, (b) the patients, (c) the other hospitals, (d) the Wayne County politicians, (e) you pick.

DMC is an aggregation of eight hospitals and three medical institutes. Detroit Receiving Hospital, the only Level 1 trauma institution in the city, is one of the best emergency outfits in the country. Hutzel Hospital excels in obstetrics, delivering more than 5,500 babies in a year and coping with the vast majority of high-risk pregnancies in the entire region. The Karamanos Cancer Center and the Kresge Eye Center are national quality.

But the medical center also takes in the poor, the uninsured and the underinsured. As a result, it's losing lots of money; the current rate is probably as much as \$10 million a month. Last year, an emergency \$50 million public grant was arranged to keep DMC afloat while (unnamed) wise people tried to figure out how to fix a system that has been broken for years.

When we talked, Duggan sounded both informed and upbeat. Why did he get the job? "I know some professional hospital administrators wouldn't take it because they thought things couldn't be turned around. For me, health care for poor and uninsured people has always been close to my heart."

And the opportunity to run Detroit's largest private employer is a real challenge, especially one with terrific assets, a wonderful medical staff and lots of talented people who have been caught up in a non-functional system.

Duggan's first priority — one endorsed by every expert I talked with — is to show the world that he's for real and DMC can

survive and prosper by finishing off the stalled refurbishment of Detroit Receiving. "My very first hire was Mary Zuckerman, who is as good a big project manager as anybody," said Duggan. "When I went over to

Receiving, the whole place looked like it wasn't even open for business, and the parking structure was in complete disarray. We have the money to get the job done. It's just an issue of managing and driving the construction."

In the longer run, Duggan will have to figure out how to attract patients and cut costs even further. He says some of the DMC hospitals compete unnecessarily and expensively with each other, and he wants to work out how best to collaborate with other hospital systems in the area — Henry Ford, St. John

**Duggan's first priority is to show the world that he's for real and the Detroit Medical Center can survive and prosper by finishing off the stalled Detroit Receiving project.**

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## Just imagine how voting could be

Every election, millions of Americans tempted by third party candidates face the same frustrating dilemma: Do they vote for the candidate they really like, even though they have little or no chance? Or do they vote for the "least bad" of the two major party candidates, just to prevent the worst one from winning?

But what if voters could feel free to choose the candidate of their dreams without any worry about causing the election of



Jack Lessenberry

the "evil of two lessers?" Tom Ness, a political activist and former Green Party congressional candidate in Ferndale, has come up with a solution.

He and a dedicated band of activists call it IRV, which stands for Instant Runoff Voting. Basically, it allows voters to pick both a first and a second choice for any office. If any candidate receives more than 50 percent, the second-place votes are ignored.

However, if nobody has a majority, the second-place votes are added in. Take the most famous example in modern times: Florida. Four years ago, the official vote stood at George Bush: 2,912,790; Al Gore, 2,912,253; Ralph Nader, 97,488.

Surveys showed that the Nader voters would have split about 65 percent for Gore, 10 percent for Bush, and the rest wouldn't pick anyone else. Allocating those votes would give a rough total of Gore, 2,976,000; Bush, 2,922,000.

The final result would likely have been closer, since the 34,000 Libertarian and Reform voters may have preferred Bush.

But Gore would have won.

"We aren't, however, proposing to do this nationally, but locally," said Ness, who these days operates something of a political activist center and cultural salon called the Green House, on Woodward Avenue in Ferndale, an aging blue-collar Detroit suburb.

Ness and Howard Dittko, a non-practicing psychiatrist from Oak Park, are now working busily to get a proposal to adopt IRV on the Ferndale ballot in November, and their chances are probably as good here as anywhere. Ferndale, which has about 22,000 people, has in recent years marked itself as a gay-friendly city, and gay couples have moved in and rehabilitated many of the town's vintage-1920s homes.

While Green Party candidates elsewhere in Michigan have been performing abysmally, last year Greens won election to both the city council and school board.

"All we have to do is get a few hundred signatures and we are on the ballot," said Dittko, who says he decided not to practice after graduating from medical school "because the profession is so controlled by the drug companies."

Ness says IRV would benefit Greens and other third party candidates, because their first-choice vote would likely swell once voters saw that voting their conscience no longer meant risking electing the person they least wanted.

But the major parties would also benefit, since they would usually still win, he argues, and the winner would better be able to claim a clear mandate from the people.

What happens now is that third party candidates generally get fewer votes than polls show, in large part because voters end up returning to a major party in an effort to block the candidate they really don't want.

Four years ago, of course, the worst of all possible worlds happened for the Greens. Just days before the election, Nader was running far higher in the polls than the 2.7 percent of the vote he received in the end, and Greens were confident he

would get the 5 percent needed to get federal matching funds.

Much of his support evaporated in the final days. Yet while Nader got far fewer votes than he had hoped, he still got more than enough in Florida to deny Gore the election, and make for bad blood ever since between Democrats and Greens.

IRV would prevent that. The system wouldn't necessarily always work to the advantage of liberals; there is some evidence that most Perot voters in 1992 would have made the first President Bush their second choice. The choice would not always be made on ideological grounds, of course, especially in local elections.

For IRV activists, their cause is becoming somewhat of a crusade. They have been sparring with Michigan elections director Chris Thomas, arguing — so far unsuccessfully — that new voting equipment should be made IRV-compatible.

Last week, Dittko held a workshop for activists in other cities, including Royal Oak and Ann Arbor, where ballot efforts are also under way.

Whether IRV would make a big difference in election outcomes is unknown, but it just might stimulate a new wave of inter-

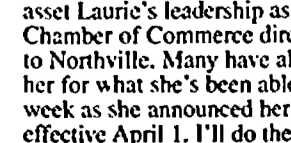
**What if voters could feel free to choose the candidate of their dreams without any worry of causing the election of the "evil of two lessers?"**

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## Laurie, pie contest, sale ideas, etc.

Miscellaneous musings from the editor's desk.

• Laurie Marrs may be the last in a dying breed of people who stuck with one job for more than a few years at a time. Changing economic and employment landscapes have made two decades of continual service to any one institution about as rare a find as there is. If you've been in business in Northville anytime since the early 1980s, you know what an



Chris C. Davis

asset Laurie's leadership as Northville Chamber of Commerce director has been to Northville. Many have already lauded her for what she's been able to do this week as she announced her resignation, effective April 1. I'll do the same.

Well done, Laurie. Enjoy some time off in Petoskey. You've earned it.

• Calling all bakers — the *Record* and the *Novi News* are looking for the best pies in the two communities. An entry form and the nitty-gritty details are elsewhere in this edition, but here are the basics: on Jan. 26, we'll be judging the best pies baked by our readers. Winners of the contest and their recipes will be recognized in a forthcoming edition of the newspapers. If you've got something sweet to offer and think you've got the best pastry along Eight Mile, we'll see you in a couple of weeks.

• In an ironic twist of fate (and I'm sure you've already heard about this) — Detroit was named America's fattest city, according to a recent issue of *Men's Fitness* magazine, based on air quality, climate, commute time, total number of fast-food and pizza restaurants, and number of health clubs and sporting goods stores. Over at the Water Wheel Health Club, Chris Klebba and his band of flab fighters are on a mission to eradicate the extra pounds from this portion of the Detroit area with their "No Stoppin' Northville" campaign. I'm doing what I can to get back in shape myself, and I'd certainly like to encourage others to do the same. Get a checkup with a doctor, set a reasonable goal, and then go after it.

• That the state of Michigan is rethinking its approach of the sale of the former

Northville Psychiatric Hospital property is encouraging. That the breadth of changes being made *now* weren't made part of the original selling scheme is a bit perplexing. Here's the Davis Formula for making this whole sale relatively simple: keep the state focused on the pricing, and let the township call the shots where marketing and project development is concerned. The state wants

(READ: "needs") money. The township wants (READ: "needs," again) to create something that'll fall in line with community standards and aesthetics. That's my 2 cents. Yours?

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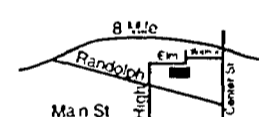
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Three (3) copies of the sealed bid should be submitted to the Clerk's Office, Charter Township of Northville, 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167, by 10:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, February 3, 2004. The bids will be publicly opened at this time. All proposals should contain the wording "Servers and Workstations 2004 - Attention: Dee Bowden" on the outside envelope/package.

A vendor's conference will not be held for this project. For a copy of the Request for Proposal, you can visit the following web site: <http://www.plante-moran.com/services/mcs/rfp/>. If you have not previously registered with this site, you will need to do so to access the files. If you have additional questions you should contact Pamela Hasan at Plante & Moran, PLLC, (248) 223-3415.

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## OBITUARIES

## Doris Mae Anderson Braine

Doris Braine of Meadville, Pa. died Dec. 22. She was 77.

Ms. Braine was born in Erie on March 20, 1926 to the late William and Gertrude Leuth Anderson.

She was a homemaker, enjoyed golf and playing bridge. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where she served on the church council as social ministry chair. She was also coordinator for the church's work at the community soup kitchen and was involved in the altar guild and women's group and worked on bereavement dinners. She volunteered with the Meals on Wheels program for many years.

Ms. Braine is survived by three daughters, Lynda Cook (Thomas) of Erie, Diane (Oliver) Rodax of Hadley, and Sally (Christopher) Stiven of Sevenoaks, England; one son, John (Laurie) Braine of Northville; one sister, Jane Buchanan of Erie; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Her husband, William Martin Braine preceded her in death in 1991.

A funeral service was held Dec. 27 at Trinity Lutheran Church Meadville with the Rev. Brian D. Moran officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 649 Park Ave., Meadville, Pa. 16335 or Family Hospice and Palliative Care, 701 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, Pa. 16148.

Arrangements were made by Hatheway-Tedesco Funeral Home of Meadville.

## Foster Daniel Ashby

Foster Ashby of Plymouth, formerly of Northville died December 24, 2003. He was 86. Mr. Ashby was born June 1, 1917 in Mt. Vernon, S.D. He worked at the old Foundry Flask, then the Willow Run Airport where he assisted in building aircraft bombers for WWII. He received his mason contractors license and started his own business. He was well known throughout Northville and surrounding communities for his hard work and excellent craftsmanship. He developed lifelong friendships with the men who worked for him. His three sons all worked for their father over the years, starting at early ages. In his later years the work crew consisted of him, his son, Dale, and young friend Jim Thompson. He was still doing cement work at the age of 80.

Survivors include his ex-wife

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and friend of 63 years, Esther Ashby; his children, June Ann (Conrad) Doan, Blaine (Faith) Ashby, Dale (Gloria) Ashby, Vicki Ashby-Ronk, and Brent (Cynthia) Ashby; fourteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother, all from South Dakota, preceded him in death.

A funeral service was held December 29, 2003.

Arrangements were made by Charles R. Step Funeral Home, Inc., Redford Township.

## Sylvia G. Carley

Sylvia Carley died January 8, 2004 at her residence in Northville. She was 77. Mrs. Carley was born on July 6, 1926 in Detroit to the late Ignatius Mackowicz and Anna Ciolek Machowicz.

She retired from the Hawthorne Center in 1978 after 15 years of service as a medical receptionist.

Survivors include five children, Dennis Carley of Redford, Thomas (Deborah) Carley of Brighton, Janice (Daniel) Finney of Novi, Ronald (Michelle) Carley of Livonia, and David (Elizabeth) Carley of Northville; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held January 12, 2004 at Grace Christian Fellowship Church, Livonia with Pastor Mark J. Freer officiating. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 29520 Munger, Livonia, Mich.

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

## Doris M. Zielke

Doris Zielke of Northville died Dec. 28 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. She was 65.

Ms. Zielke was born Nov. 21, 1938 in Gordon County, Ga. She moved to Northville in 1977 from Redford. Ms. Zielke worked at Michigan Bell and Dells Clothing Store. She enjoyed spending time with her family, going to casinos, and bowling.

Ms. Zielke is survived by her husband, Tom; her children, Jean Zielke of Livonia and Tom (Tammy) Zielke of Howell, and her grandchildren, Brian, Brandyn and Rebecca. She was preceded in death by a sister, Violet.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 31 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Rev. Richard Schroeder of St. John's Lutheran Church of Fowlerville officiated. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery.

Memorials contributions may be made to the charity of the giver's choosing.

## James I. Berger

James Berger died Jan. 8. He was 68.

Mr. Berger was born on May 29, 1935 in Hume, Mo. to the late Isidore and Jessie (Kennedy) Berger. He served in the U.S. Army, enjoyed playing golf, hunting pheasants and was an A.K.C. Judge and dog handler. He enjoyed spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Shirley Berger of Salem Township; four children, Kim Cottongim of Salem Township, Connie (Bill) Burris of Westland, James Berger, Jr., of N.J. and Dan Berger of Howell; eight grandchildren, three siblings, Helen Monarch, Harold Berger and Roy Berger.

A funeral service was held on Jan. 12 at Phillips Funeral Home of South Lyon, which handled funeral arrangements.

## Gerry P. Gross

Gerry Gross of Salem died Jan. 10. He was 43.

Mr. Gross was born Jan. 6, 1961 in Ann Arbor to James P. Gross and Patricia A. Hollis.

He was employed in lawn maintenance and lawn care.

Mr. Gross is survived by his wife, Shree Gross; four children, Jason Coleman, Kristy, Brandon and Nicole Gross; his father, Jim Gross; one brother, Timothy

(Judy) Gross and mother-in-law, Amey Coston.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia A. Gross.

A funeral celebration will be held Jan. 15 at 11 a.m. at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Carl F. Welser officiated the service. The family will receive friends on Thursday at 10 a.m. until time of the service. Memorials may be made to the family for future designation.

Additional information can be obtained at [borekjennings.com](mailto:borekjennings.com).

## Betty Jean Webster

Betty Webster died Jan. 11. She was 80.

She was born on August 27, 1923 in Cheboygan to the late Benjamin and LuLu Bell (McCash) Merchant.

She was a member of the Brighton Church of the Nazarene.

Ms. Webster is survived by her husband, Albert E. Webster of Northville, three children, Brian (Marie Anderson) Ahern of Onsted, Jerie Lou (Ken) Meier of South Lyon, and Janet (Mike) Evans of Ludington; seven grandchildren, Jeff Ahern, Tracy (Sherri) Ahern, Jason Ahern, Michelle (Michael) Lynn, Michael Evans, Jeremy K. Meier, Michelle R. Meier; four great-grandchildren, Stephanie Ahern, Ryan Ahern, Cortney Ahern, and Breanna Ahern.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Bruce Ahern and James Ahern; one brother, Joe Merchant; three sisters, Leona

Weinberg, Rhea Champine and Henerette Von Oesen.

A funeral service was held Jan. 14 at Brighton Church of the Nazarene.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, Mich. 48075-9522.

Arrangements were made by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

## Ray A. LaPree

Ray LaPree died Jan. 9. He was 81.

Mr. LaPree was born on Dec. 4, 1922 to the late Ray Ellis and Iona Mary LaPree in Chase, Mich.

He had been a resident of the South Lyon area since 1955 and worked at Theiser Equipment Co. for over 40 years as a technician. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in South Lyon.

Mr. LaPree is survived by his wife, Margaret LaPree of South Lyon; nine children, Jeanette (Jack) White of Howell, Richard (Chris) LaPree of Fowlerville, Linda (Robert) Rogalski of Pinckney, Norma (Jeff) Hagadorn of Milan, Larry (April) LaPree of Hartland, Roger (Deanna) LaPree of South Lyon, Carol LaPree of Redford, Karen (Jeff) Merriman of Northville, and Cheryl (Steve) Barnett of Brighton; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Jan. 13 at Phillips Funeral Home of South Lyon, which handled

funeral arrangements. Interment will be at Washtenong Memorial Park.

Memorials contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, Ill. 60678-3968 or the American Cancer Association, 2010 Hogback Rd., Suite 6, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48105.

## Helen E. "Jo" Stevens

Helen Stevens of Northville died Jan. 7 at her home. She was 63.

Mrs. Stevens was born June 14, 1940 in Detroit to Ernest C. and Helen A. (Aland) Smith. She moved to Northville in 1963 when she married her husband, Jerry. Stevens. She previously resided in Southfield where she was a graduate of Southfield High School. Ms. Stevens was retired from Hella where she was an electronics inspector. She enjoyed travel, especially to the Caribbean islands. Her last trip was an Alaskan cruise.

In addition to her husband and mother, Ms. Stevens is survived by a daughter Helen Smith of Rose City, a brother Robert Smith of Georgia, and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, a son Denis and a brother Mark Smith.

A memorial service was held Jan. 10 at Casterline Funeral Home in South Lyon. Marie Kuykendall, a chaplain with Hospice of Michigan, officiated.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Avenue, Detroit, Mich. 48201.



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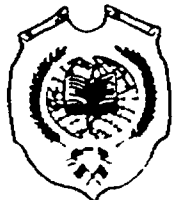
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and Oakwood in particular. Ultimately, some kind of financial and managerial model will have to be developed to stabilize DMC. The obvious example is Chicago's Cook County system, where big hospital operations were rationalized and a network of 20-odd federally qualified local health centers were opened to serve poor and underinsured patients who otherwise would jam the expensive emergency rooms at the big hospitals.

In an anti-tax climate, the obvious question is finance. A new Detroit Wayne County Health Authority was created at the same time the \$50 million bailout was adopted. It is supposed to work out issues of governance, finance and politics — no small matter in these anti-tax days. Duggan says the Authority is the responsibility of "other people," although he adds, "a countywide tax is simply unrealistic." I think

Duggan has no choice but to push the authority as far as it will go. Given the harsh realities of Wayne County politics, this may be the toughest assignment of them all.

Some non-Detroiters may think that what happens to the DMC is of no particular concern to them. I'd advise thinking again. DMC accepts annually around \$125 million in uncompensated health care costs. If DMC were to fold, poor patients would overwhelm the St. Johns and Henry Fords and then flock to suburban hospitals, the obvious first choice being William Beaumont in Royal Oak, just up Woodward Avenue from the city's borders.

Duggan's got a tough job, and I wish him well.

As he says, "Hospitals are the only business I know that the government requires you to take in every customer, but won't pay the cost of treating them."

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



Mike Duggan

## LIBRARY LINES

**EVENING STORYTIME FOR FAMILIES!** March on over to the library in your pajamas and enjoy a lively storytime on Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. Best suited for children ages 3 and older, but all ages are welcome to come to this 30 minute program.

**LITTLE ME CLUB STORYTIME:** Little ones, from 10 months to 2 years old, along with their parents or caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun, and simple stories on January 23 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. This special activity geared to the very young is offered each month, and no registration is required. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend.

**KIDS CLUB FOR 1ST AND 2ND GRADERS:** First and second graders are invited to this special series of 45 minute after school programs, on Thursdays at 4:15 p.m. Limited to 20 children, this series features stories and fun activities. Sorry, additional siblings and non-registered children may not attend. The series runs for six weeks, from Jan. 29 through March 4. Please register by phone or in person starting January 8.

**WINTER STORYTIME FOR 4s, 5s AND KINDERGARTNERS:** Four and five-year olds, or those in kindergarten, are eligible for the six-week series of Storytimes this winter. The children must be comfortable attending without a caregiver present, and young or older

children, and non-registered siblings may not attend. Each 45 minute weekly program features stories and creative activities, so children should also be able to use scissors, glue, etc. Each session includes 20 children. Please register for one of the following sessions: Mondays at 4:00 p.m., from Feb. 9 through March 15; Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. from Feb. 10 through March 16. Register in person or by calling (248) 349-3020, starting Jan. 20.

**WINTER TOT STORYTIME:** Registration for the winter TOT storytimes, for children 2 and 3 years old with caregivers, starts Jan. 7, in the library or by phone. Specially designed for this age group, the six-week series of half-hour sessions are structured to help this age group gain the most from this fun and important library experience. For this reason, please bring only age appropriate children who are registered. Please choose from one of the following sessions: Mondays at 10:15 a.m., from January 26 through March 1; Wednesdays at 10:15 or 11:30 a.m., from January 28 through March 3; or Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. from January 29 through March 4.

**HALF-PRICE SALE ON USED BOOKS:** Find great bargains all through the month of January at The Book Celler, the used bookstore on the library's lower level, operated by the Friends of the Library. The Book Celler will be open Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Monday

and Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All books will be half-price this month.

**YOUTH BOOK DISCUSSIONS:** Join us on Jan. 28 at 4:15 p.m. for a chance to talk about some really good books at the Books, Chat and Chow programs. Kids in fourth and fifth grade will be talking about the novel "Loser" by Jerry Spinelli as part of the Junior Books, Chat and Chow. For those in sixth grade and up, the discussion will focus on "Artemis Fowl," a bestselling title by Eoin Colfer. Please register at the Information Desk or by calling the library.

**GENEALOGY ASSISTANCE:** Volunteers from the Northville Genealogical Society will be on hand at the library every Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. to assist anyone wanting to learn more about genealogy or Northville's history. They will demonstrate how to use AncestryPlus, the Northville History Index, or the CD-Rom collection on genealogical resources all available for use in the library. No pre-registration is required, just stop in at the Local History Room on the lower level.

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING:** The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be on Jan. 22 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.

# Former Record reporter pens book

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Lenore Vinyard Bechtel is the envy of every self-deprecating dawdler.

At 70 and retired, her do-it-yourself attitude has paid off once again.

The former Northville resident and award-winning Northville Record reporter is enjoying the rewards of her first published novel, "Heart in Her Pocket."

A book completed about six months after she decided to begin a new career as a fiction novelist. "I am a really organized person, and I had every chapter outlined," Bechtel said.

Her previous careers include a public relations consultant, playwright and journalist.

In 1978 while living on Rogers Street in Northville, Bechtel worked at the Record covering township events.

During her year as a reporter with the paper, she received first place awards from Suburban



Cover art for former Record reporter Lenore Bechtel's new book, "Heart in Her Pocket."

Newspapers of America and Michigan Press Association.

"I remember one of [the award-winning articles.] It was really an interesting story," she said.

Bechtel explained the article focused on an upcoming judicial election, comparing how candidates would rule on an already decided case.

Before her Northville job, Bechtel worked at the Orlando Sentinel and Milford Times.

"Actually, the Northville Record was my last newspaper job because I went into public relations," she said.

After spending about seven years in public relations, Bechtel retired.

"That is when I started writing plays, after I retired," she said.

Bechtel completed 12 plays produced by community theaters in Michigan, Florida and Texas.

In 1994, her play, "Hocus-Pocus" took first place in the Community Theatre Association of Michigan awards.

It wasn't until 1998 and a move to Alabama that she decided it was time for a change.

"When we moved to Alabama my husband said don't write anymore, plays," she said. "He was sick of building play sets. I thought well, that is a good idea. I thought why not try something different."

Bechtel started out with plans of writing a satire on Mardi Gras, but quickly became fascinated with her research and decided to use it as a backdrop.

"Heart in Her Pocket" is set in 1879 in Mobile, Ala. during

Mardi Gras.

Bechtel describes it as a romantic mystery deep in historical content doing for Mobile what "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" did for Savannah, Ga.

The plot revolves around Lucienne, the book's heroine.

After her caretaker father disappears, Lucienne begins a fast-paced search for answers.

The former Northville resident endured 35 rejections before seeing her work in print, a gratifying feeling.

After returning from a promotional tour in February, Bechtel plans on accumulating more attainments on her resume.

Her second book, a romantic spoof titled "Thank You Elvis" is due out early this spring.

And for fans of "Heart in Her Pocket," Bechtel has this to say, "I do have a sequel to this book outlined and ready to go."

"Heart in Her Pocket" is available at Barnes and Noble Booksellers in Northville and online book sellers.

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 or vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.

## JACK LESSENBERRY (CONT'D)

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interest in politics and voting. "If people see that their vote will really count and really matter, more people will vote," Ness said.

Given that barely half of Americans vote in even the most closely contested presi-

dential elections, that alone might be reason enough to give IRV a try.

Jack Lessenberry is editorial vice president of Hometown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901-2561 or by e-mail at jlessenberry@homecomm.net



Lenore Bechtel

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION R & D INDUSTRIES

There will be a PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville MI 48167 on the request of R & D Industries for a Tax Abatement Application for a partial tax exemption from ad valorem real property taxes.

All interested residents are invited to attend. Comments and questions concerning the proposed tax abatement application on behalf of R & D Industries will be heard at the public hearing.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE  
(1-8/15-04 NR 105729)

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE 2004 MEETING DATES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Township Hall which is located at 41600 W. Six Mile Road. Regular meetings are open to the public and begin at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noticed and/or published.

January 15	July 15
February 19	August 19
March 18	September 16
April 15	October 21
May 20	November 18
June 17	December 16

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(1-8/15-04 NR 105216)

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 7 MILE ROAD, WEST OF HAGGERTY

DATE: February 3, 2004  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Northville Township Civic Center  
41600 W. Six Mile Road  
Northville MI 48167

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Northville has scheduled a Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, on a proposed rezoning. This request is to rezone approximately 470 acres located on the south side of 7 Mile Road, west of Haggerty Road, Northville Township, MI, from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to R-1 One-Family Residential. The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

LISA ANDERSON, CHAIR  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
(1-15/29-04 NR 106795)

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSING

The following Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2004 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Township Civic Center	41600 W. Six Mile Road
Township Financial Center	41660 W. Six Mile Road
Township Public Services/Water & Sewer	16225 Beck Road

The Department of Public Safety and the Fire Department will remain open. All offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at 8:00 a.m.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE  
(1-15-04 NR 107163)

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF RATE INCREASES WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

The following water and sewer rates have been adjusted as follows and are effective with the next billing cycle that begins on January 12, 2004. The new rates will be reflected on the February 6th billing and will be due on March 1, 2004. The rate changes are as follows:

Rate per 1,000 gallons:		
	Present Rate:	New Rate:
Water	\$ 3.06	\$ 3.36
Sewer	\$ 2.89	\$ 3.15

The following water and sewer connection fee adjustments are effective January 1, 2004 as follows:

Water Connection	\$2,800.00	\$3,000.00
Sewer Connection	\$8,500.00	\$9,500.00

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE  
(1-8/15-04 NR 105732)

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF METER READING & BILLING DATES WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

The following dates are the 2004 meter reading, billing and payment due schedule for all residential, multiple and commercial accounts for the Charter Township of Northville:

Meters Read:	Billing Date:	Payment Due:	Solid Waste Disposal Billing Period:
January 12-13	February 6	March 1	March - April
March 15-26	April 8	May 3	May - June
May 17-28	June 11	July 6	July - August
July 19-30	August 13	September 7	September - October
September 20-October 1	October 15	November 8	November - December
November 18 - December 3	December 17	January 10 (2005)	January - February (2005)

Institution meter readings will be at month end with the billing the following mid-month and payment due within twenty one (21) days.

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## WEDDINGS



Spinazze-Main

Marisa Spinazze and Jordan Main were married Sept. 20 at Meadowbrook Country Club. Rev. Dennis Laesch officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Cheryl Spinazze of Northville. She is a 1995 graduate of Mercy High School and majored in communications at Michigan State University. She is employed by Principal Financial Group. The groom is the son of Ron and Judy Main of Midland. He was an accounting major at MSU and is a financial planner with Benefit Resources.

The maid of honor was Gina Spinazze of California. Bridesmaids were Hope Harrison Bayer, Lindsay Bryant Budzinski, Allison Main and Lindsay Purdy. Serving as best man was Jason Main. Groomsmen were Brian Bayer, Brandon Bissell, Chris Dely and Matt Herron. Greeters were Amanda Beggs, Melenie Madias, and Annie Marrs. Geoff Martin, Chris Paradiso and Justin Perrone served as ushers. Kaitlin Bayer, goddaughter of the bride, was the flower girl.

The couple honeymooned in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, and now reside in Northville.

## MILL RACE MATTERS

The Northville Historical Society will hold their annual membership meeting/pot luck dinner on Thursday, January 15, 2004. This year, commemorating our 40th Anniversary it will be in the New School Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. as guest speakers will share our colorful history. This year members and nonmembers are invited to attend and asked to bring a dish to pass. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to the office (248) 348-1845.

Jan. 15	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public Brownie Scout Meeting Northville Historical Society Annual Board Meeting	Cady Inn Cady Inn Cady Inn
Jan. 16	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 4 p.m. and on	Archives Open to the Public Brownie Scout Meeting Cadette/Senior Scout Overnight	Cady Inn Cady Inn Church
Jan. 17	Until 3 p.m.	Cadette/Senior Scout Meeting	Church
Jan. 18	10 a.m.-noon 1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church SUM Unit B Scout Meeting	Church Cady Inn, Church & Social
Jan. 20	9 a.m.-noon 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.	Stone Gang Weavers Guild Meeting	Buildings & Grounds Cottage
Jan. 21	3:45 p.m.-8 p.m. 7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Brownie Scout Meeting Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Cady Inn Church
Jan. 22	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6 p.m.-7 p.m. 6 p.m.-10 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public Rehearsal Eclipse Hot Stove League	Cady Inn Church Cady Inn

## ENGAGEMENTS



Saari-Garcia

Debra and Kenneth Saari of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Eileen Saari to Sergio Alberto Garcia, son of Jesus V. Garcia of Monte Alto, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. James Salinas of Odessa, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School and a 2000 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is currently employed by Plymouth-Canton Schools at East Middle School.

The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of Edcouch-Elsa High School and a 2002 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is also currently employed by Plymouth-Canton Schools at East Middle School.

A June 26 wedding is planned.

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# Consistent captains

Minier, Schanne keep leading by example with wins



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It seems that Novi's Justin Cameron, bottom, has the upper hand in his match against Northville's David Cain. The wrestling match took place at Northville in December.

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Senior co-captains Joel Schanne and Steve Minier continue to pave the path for the Northville grapplers through reliable, consistent performance.

Schanne placed second in the 112-pound weight class, and Minier placed third at 189 pounds at the South Lyon Individuals Tournament January 9. Both Schanne and Minier were seeded high in the tournament, and both earned first-round byes.

In the second round, Minier continued his exciting style of wrestling and pinned his opponent from Canton, just as he had done at the dual meet two days prior. Minier, who uses a strong and fast approach, found himself gaining the upper hand and keeping it right from the start.

Schanne, who uses an extremely technical style of wrestling, methodically defeated his opponent from Dearborn High School by not yielding an inch on the mat and taking advantage of the slightest opportunity. Schanne's match went all three periods and was settled by a nail-biting final score of 3-1.

Schanne dispatched his third round opponent from Linden High School, 11-0, continuing the mastery the Northville wrestling faithful have come to expect. Minier lost a tough decision to a Milford grappler, which dropped him out of contention for first place. The senior didn't seem to be set off track by the loss and proceeded to pin his next opponent from Ann Arbor Huron to qualify for the medal round.

Both captains continue to bring home the hardware in the way of medals earned at various matches — pretty soon their letter jackets will be too heavy to wear.

In order for an unseeded wrestler to get a medal in a large tournament involving 14 schools they have to wrestle a lot of matches and knock off a high seed. Senior grappler Ben Mason had such a day on his path to fourth place at South Lyon. Mason wrestled up a weight class at 215 and he found himself giving up 30 pounds and several inches of height to his opponents.

The scrappy wrestler wasn't daunted by the task though, and pinned his first round opponent, then proceeded to surprise the third seed from South Lyon High School with a 6-5 decision in the second round. Mason seemed to have left every ounce of strength and energy on the mat, and could barely move after the referee blew the final whistle. To his credit, even the coaches from South Lyon congratulated him on they way he wrestled as he made his way off the floor.

Mason was handled easily by the 215-pounder from Milford, who was seeded second in the tournament, and dropped out of contention for first place. He had to wrestle again just to qualify for the medal round, and with renewed determination, pinned the 215 from Okemos. In his fifth match of the day, Mason lost by an 8-2 decision to a very large wrestler from Ann Arbor Huron to earn his fourth-place finish and mark the third Mustang medal on the day.

**Lacey takes on the big dogs of wrestling**  
Northville's wrestling team is in a situation where some grapplers have to take on guys a bit bigger than they are. Senior Bob Lacey is one of them. The 190-pound wrestler is taking on guys who can top out at 275 in the heavyweight division and he's not about to quit. The senior Mustang is up for the challenges that are still ahead of him.  
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**Did you know?**  
Volleyball is the most popular girls' sport in Michigan? Last year, the sport had 698 schools participate with 21,678 girls competing. Not bad, considering girls' basketball had 714 schools involved last year and 20,831 participants.  
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**Gymnastics gets win over Brighton**  
The Northville- Novi gymnastics team, the Wild 'Stangs, earned their first win of the season as they topped the Brighton Bulldogs as they found their squad recording some impressive numbers on the day.  
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**Mustangs take fifth at highly competitive invite**  
The Northville Mustangs boys' swimming and diving team took fifth place at the highly competitive Salem Invitational. Ann Arbor Pioneer, the perennial state champions, took first on the day. Northville may have come into the invitational with just 18 swimmers on their team, but they didn't take last place as they edged Salem by 17 points.  
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## GAME OF THE WEEK



**Northville Mustangs Hockey vs Canton**

Saturday, January 17  
6:10 p.m.  
at Novi Ice Arena

### Bring on the Chiefs

The Northville Mustangs boys' hockey team has had a remarkable season for the 2003-04 campaign and a lot of it has to do with a renewed attitude on the ice. This squad knows it has the ability to win, and it has a coaching staff that supports that kind of thinking. *Northville Record* sports writer Sam Eggleston writes of how he thinks the Mustangs need to get back to their quick-scoring ways in order to keep themselves in the hunt for the Western Lakes Activities Association title.

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## Northville starts off league play with win

Basketball fights for victory over Chiefs

By Matt Simich  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Mustangs proved that you can take a loss and turn your game around in a matter of days. How? They learned from their fall against Novi and churned out a big conference win in their first WLAA match-up.

**NORTHVILLE 53**  
**CANTON 49**  
just two days later.

The Mustangs were pumped for their game against the Canton Chiefs as it was the start of their WLAA conference play and earned a 53-49 victory.

"This was probably our best game all season," said Singleton. "It was a great win. We knew we had to stop the three pointers and double-team them down low to keep the pressure on them. We came out and played hard."

Even though the opening tip off was lost, the Mustangs immediately regained their composure by scoring first. On a fast break, Sorenson passed all the way from half court to an eager Shanowski for an easy two-point bucket. Asher, establishing his presence down low as always, spun and drove his way into basket putting the points up for the 'Stangs. The Mustangs were also playing

### Mustangs fall to Wildcats

By Matt Simich  
SPECIAL WRITER

When a team takes a loss to their cross-town rival, it's just part of the journey to find a way to recover from it and get things moving again. Of course, a win over a rival in their own conference is a good way to go.

On Tuesday Northville took on cross-town rivals the Novi Wildcats.

The Mustangs held strong in the first quarter with an early lead. But when the second began the Wildcats took the lead and kept it for the rest of the half. In the third quarter the Mustangs started making a come back cutting the lead to only four points. But in the end the Wildcats were too much for the Mustangs as the Wildcats went to win with a final score of 51-59.

Brett Asher led the scoring with 17 points followed by Marcus Davis with 12. Alan Shanowski had eight points with Tim Singleton and Tim Downing adding six and four points respectively.

well defensively. Davis and Singleton cleaned up the mess defensively with some early rebounds not allowing the

Chiefs any second chances. As the first quarter came to a close the Mustangs were on top by a score of 13-8.

The second quarter began with the Chiefs making their move. Canton started out with a big four-point play to bring them within one point of the Northville. Canton also put up a flurry of three point shots, which gave them the lead and a big momentum swing. The 'Stangs called a timeout to refocus and, not to be out done, the Mustangs fired back with some of their own three pointers from Downing, Singleton and Davis. Each of these key players got a three pointer on the board. The battle for the lead went back and forth. Each shot made was answered by the opponent within seconds. After going at it for about five minutes the quarter was over with the Chiefs up by two by a score of 23-25. The battle was over but the war was just starting.

The second half came with just as much intensity as the first. Neither team wanted to back down. Probably having his best game of the season so far, Singleton played aggressively at both ends of the court. Northville had a give and go from Sorenson to Singleton and back to Sorenson traveling

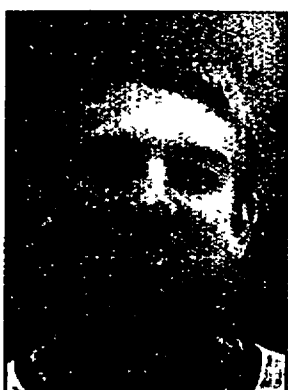
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Mark Angelocci, right, goes up against Northville Mustang Brett Asher during their game last week held at Novi Middle School.

**Brett Asher**  
Senior  
Basketball



Asher is the kind of player that can take a game in a completely different direction than it was originally headed. He has scored a combined 32 points in last two games as Northville continued to play some outstanding basketball against some very intense competition. Because of players like Asher, who lead by example on the hardwood with some intense abilities, the Mustangs will no doubt be in the hunt for a title this year.



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**Sara Wilchowski**  
Senior  
Gymnastics



Wilchowski, who has become a top-shelf gymnast during her high school career, earned high marks across the board in a recent match against the Brighton Bulldogs. Wilchowski took three firsts and a second in the meet. Her second-place finish came on the vault, where she earned an 8.9, while her first came on the bars with a 9.4, in the floor exercise with a 9.5 and on the beam with a 9.6.

## CLUB HOCKEY

The Northville High School Club Hockey team started out 2004 on a high note, playing their best game of the season. The team closed out 2003 with two disappointing performances.

### Novi 7, Northville 3

The first was on Dec. 19 against the Novi Wildcat Club team. Novi started fast and went up 3-0 in the first period before Evan Clough got the Mustangs on the board when he stole the puck at the Novi blue line and broke in alone to pull within two goals.

The Wildcats scored quickly in the second period to regain their three-goal advantage. Jim Stevenson pulled Northville back within striking distance when he took a faceoff from the left circle and wristed a shot past the Novi goalie to make it 4-2. However, the Novi squad took control the rest of the way and prevailed 7-3.

### Royal Oak 2, Northville 1

On Dec. 28, the Mustangs played the first of a home-and-home series against Royal Oak at Lindell Arena. After a scoreless first period, Royal Oak got on the board first as they scored shorthanded on a breakaway. Northville came right back on a wrist shot from the right circle just inside the post to make it 1-1. After goalie Robert Davison stoned a Royal Oak player on a breakaway after coming out of the penalty box, Royal Oak scored with two minutes left in the second period. The third period was relatively even with many chances by both teams. Northville had a power play for the last two minutes of the game but was unable to score and the game ended 2-1 in favor of Royal Oak.

### Northville 8, Royal Oak 0

It was a different team that took the ice in the rematch against Royal Oak on Jan. 2 at

Arctic Pond Arena. Northville took the lead in the first minute as co-captain Jim Stevenson took the puck behind the Royal Oak net and found co-captain Ryan Pyatenko in front of the net. Pyatenko backhanded the puck past the goalie for a quick lead, with the other assist going to Mitch Gayner. Stevenson scored next on an unassisted goal as he took the puck on right wing, skated behind the Royal Oak net, and then snapped a shot from in front to go up 2-0.

Matt Bray put the Mustangs up by three goals as he scored on a rush near the end of the first period. Assisting on the play were co-captain Grant Ponte and defenseman Grant Baidas. Baidas put Northville up 4-0 in the second period as he took a pass from Nick Karebian and skated in on left wing to the center of the circles where he fired a wrist shot by the Royal Oak goaltender.

In the third period, the Mustangs continued to press the play in the Royal Oak zone. When there was action in their own end, goalie Phillip Meck was outstanding. Northville went up 5-0 as Alan Kursa knocked in a rebound with the Mustang goalie pulled on a delayed penalty call. Nick Karebian collected an assist on the play. Later in the period, Karebian scored one of his own as he took a pretty drop pass from Dino Bernabei. Sean Hohl also assisted on the goal. Northville scored again just a few seconds after going on another power play as Mike Garbarz scored on a scramble in front of the Royal Oak net.

Chris Perkowski got the helper on the goal. With four minutes left in the game, the Mustangs went up 8-0 as Mitch Gayner scored on another scramble in front of the net. Assists on the play went to Ryan Pyatenko and Jim Stevenson. Mustang goalie Phillip Meck then preserved his shutout when he stoned a Royal Oak player on a clean breakaway with just one minute in the game.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville sophomore defenseman Max Lenn brings the puck up ice in a December 2003 game at Novi Ice Arena.

## UNDERCLASSMAN SCORES

### Junior Varsity Wrestling

Northville's young wrestlers have been working hard to gain as much experience and ability as they can this year, with the prospect of moving up to the varsity level seeming to always be on the horizon. Two young grapplers added victories to their statistics against the Plymouth Canton Chiefs January 8. Grant Garber, who wrestles at the 171-pound weight class, earned a 5-0 win, while Jeremy West notched a 4-3 victory in the 152-pound division.

Two days later, the junior varsity grapplers found three of their

own placing in the Canton Junior Varsity Individuals Tournament. Freshman Jonathan Junca made it all the way to the final round and took second place for his day-long efforts. Junca wrestles at the 112-pound weight class. Junior Dave Cain, who grapples in the 160-pound division, had a nice showing as well, collecting a third-place finish on the day. Northville sophomore Garber had another good showing following his performance at the Canton dual meet. This time, he earned a fourth place finish in the 171-pound division.

## Mustangs get WLAA win over rival Canton

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right down the middle for an uncontested lay up. The Chief's forward, Matt Payne, kept sinking three-pointers like it was not big deal. After the third quarter the Canton still came up as the victor leading by one point with a score of 38-39.

The battle was now intensified in the fourth quarter. Each team knew that this was it — the final confrontation. The Mustangs came out strong defensively.

Sorenson picked pockets right and left kept the ball on Northville's side of the court. Singleton, Davis and Asher denied the Chiefs by getting the defensive boards. Offensively, the Mustangs kept things in check. Asher and Davis got the buckets down low while Sorenson, Singleton and Downing took care of things on the perimeter. Downing kept the ball away from Canton by dribbling madly in and out of traffic. With one minute to go the score was 50-49 Mustang lead.

"We needed good ball handlers at the end of the game," said Head Coach Darrel Schumacher. "TD came in and gave the team a lift and did a very good job."

Downing drove and got the foul and then went on to make both free throws putting the Mustangs ahead by three points with about 48 seconds left in the

quarter. It was Canton ball. The Chiefs got it over half court but Sorenson again made a key steal which sealed the victory for the Mustangs. The game ended with Singleton on the free throw line making one for two. The final score of the game was Northville 53 Canton 49. The battle was done and the Mustangs were victorious.

"This was a big step," said Davis, a junior center. "We played good and we played together. It was a good win, good crowd and a great game."

The starters put on a great show with Asher as the top scorer with 15 points and seven rebounds. Singleton had 12 points with two three pointers and seven rebounds followed closely with Davis with nine points with a three pointer and seven rebounds. Sorenson put seven points on the board with a three pointer and three rebounds accompanied by three steals. Shanowski put up two points with a rebound. Downing put up eight points with two three pointers and a rebound.

"I was proud of the way the kids came in," said Schumacher. "Our backs where to the wall, we were down by one and they didn't fold. They just kept playing hard."

The Mustangs finally have some home games this week. Come see the Mustangs take on the John Glenn Rockets at home on Friday at 7 p.m.

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By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It was the kind of game the Northville Mustangs boys' hockey team knew they had to win.

Sure, it's early in the season for the most part, and there are a lot of games left — but the Mustangs knew they had to produce against Western Lakes Activities Association rival Salem to stay in the hunt for the conference crown.

Northville did indeed produce, notching a 4-1 victory over the Rocks as they maintained their second-place position behind the Churchill Chargers in the conference.

Northville currently stands at 9-4 on the season, but has an 8-1 record in the WLAA. **NORTHVILLE 4**  
**SALEM 1**  
Churchill is currently undefeated, and the only loss Northville has suffered in league play.

"We had to win this game to keep pace with Churchill," O'Neill said. "We can't expect to get a lot of help from anyone at this point. I can't see anyone beating Churchill this year except for us, and we know we have to win all of our league games to make it count."

The Mustangs knew they would have their hands full with the Rocks, who surprised a lot of people with a 6-3 win over Walled Lake Central just two days before facing off against Northville.

Northville started the game off the way they wanted to, scoring two goals in the first period on power plays. Jake Vitale scored the first goal of the night off assists from Aaron Bernstein and Troy Engelland.

The second goal of the night went onto the stat sheet of Joe Vitale, who was assisted by his brother, Jake, and Engelland.

Derek Mohacsi notched the third score of the night during the second period, taking an assist from Nick Guerro.

Guerro found himself in a new position during the game, being moved to the offensive front instead of the defensive zone.

"He was one of the leading scorers in the league on defense," O'Neill said. "He's a terrific defenseman, but nearly all of our scoring was done by one line with the Vitales and Troy. The move paid dividends."

Salem managed a goal of their own in the second period to make it a 3-1 game heading into the third, but the Mustangs sealed the victory on their third power-play goal of the night — making them 3-for-4 on special teams' play.

Jake Vitale scored in the opening min-

### ■ Allen Park earns win over Mustangs

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs knew it was going to be tough — but in the end it was a lot tougher than it had to be.

The Mustangs boys' hockey team, coached by Brad O'Neill, gave up a staggering four points in the first periods while notching just one of their own on their way to a 6-4 loss against state-ranked Allen Park January 7.

Northville, which is ranked ninth in the state according to a recent Division II coaches' poll, found themselves on the wrong end of a run of goals as 10th-ranked Allen Park shelled out four goals in just four minutes.

"That really put us in a hole," O'Neill said. "For three shifts in a row, it was like we were sleeping out there. They were crashing our net and scoring off rebounds, and it cost us."

Northville managed a goal of their own in the first as Jake Vitale took the puck in for the score. Troy Engelland and Joe Vitale assisted on the goal.

In the second period, the Mustangs' defense seemed to come alive and held Allen Park scoreless. Sophomore defenseman Max Lenn took assistance from Jake Vitale and notched the second Mustang goal of the night to cut the Allen Park lead to just 4-2 before the period ended.

"We got it back in the second and third periods," O'Neill said.

Northville tied the game at 4-4 in the third. Joe Vitale took a pass from Nick Guerro and skated through the defense for the third goal of the night. A second assist was credited to Engelland on the play.

utes of the third on a power play. Bernstein assisted on the scoring drive.

"Salem is a good team," O'Neill said. "They really battle you and are extremely physical. We knew we were going to have our hands full, and we did."

Jimmy Gates, a junior, played in goal and stopped 14-of-15 shots he faced.

Northville, which is currently placed first in the Western Division, will be back in action when they face Canton Saturday at 6:10 p.m. at home in the Novi Ice Arena.

The Mustangs will then visit Livonia Churchill for a chance to slide into a tie for first place if they beat Canton. The game is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Churchill, which is ranked as one of the

Engelland turned around and tied the contest with a goal of his own as he took a pass from Jake Vitale and threaded a shot past the Allen Park goalie.

Unfortunately, the **ALLEN PARK 6** Mustangs weren't able  
**NORTHVILLE 4** to produce any more offense and Allen Park

squeezed out two more goals.

"Their fifth goal was a fluky one," O'Neill said. "There was a kid hanging out on our blue line and the puck squirted out there and he took it in on a break away. Then, they scored another to make it 6-4."

O'Neill said that he was proud of the way his Mustangs came back in the contest.

"They really battled back in that game," he said. "Besides the first period, we were in the rest of that game. We have to learn that we can't get in that kind of hole. That's basically been our Achilles' heel."

Northville's New Year's resolution was to go back to their winning ways with quick scoring and high-pressure offense in the opening minutes of a game.

"We came out a little flat again," O'Neill said of the squad's first game coming off of Christmas break. "It was a little upsetting, but I think we can overcome it."

The Mustangs' loss went on the record of junior goalie Jimmy Gates, who faces a slew of shots on the night.

"He made some good saves in that first period, but we weren't helping him out much and they were getting easy shots off the rebounds," O'Neill said.

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top-10 teams in Division I while Northville is top-10 in Division II, is currently undefeated. The Mustangs lost an earlier contest to the Chargers.

"We were with them for two periods," O'Neill said. "If it hadn't been for a slow start, we might have even won that game."

The Mustangs have shown an incredible improvement over last year — something which O'Neill credits to a combination of renewed interest by the returning players and the sparks brought on by the new players on the team.

"These guys knew they could play this kind of hockey," O'Neill said. "They just needed the right combination. I think we have it, and it shows."

## Mustangs have to be fast and furious

These guys have simply been playing some outstanding hockey this year — especially in light of the last couple of years.

Under the guidance of returned head coach Brad O'Neill, the Northville Mustangs hockey team has been making short work of the majority of their opponents and have had a blast doing it.

Northville's statement seems to be a clear one this season: We're here to play.

And, I'm proud to announce, they mean it. This squad is the real deal, and one that will most likely be turning some heads come the post season even though their regional tournament has added a couple of extra teams to the mix that are also known for their winning ways.

Nonetheless, the post season isn't here yet but the regular season is and these guys look to be in the hunt for their conference title. Northville has come out of the gates in a strong run, winning the majority of the games they have played. Small hiccups came against Farmington United, which was the first match of the year, and then again against the Churchill Chargers — who happen to be a game in front of the Mustangs in the conference run.

Northville will be looking to keep their hunt for a title alive when they take on the Plymouth Canton Chiefs Saturday at 6:10 p.m. at the Novi Ice Arena.

The Chiefs are a big, physical team with the ability to keep you pinned in your own zone throughout much of a contest. Northville has a major advantage though — their speed. Though the Mustangs don't have any players that are going to blow your socks off with their lightning-quick acceleration, the entire team has a decent amount of speed that enables them to open up a variety of scoring opportunities.

The one thing Northville has to get back to is their quick-scoring offense. In the games that seemed to be too close for comfort in the ending weeks of 2003, the Mustangs found themselves not scoring until later in



### Sam Eggleston's GAME OF THE WEEK

the game. In the contests where they dominated, Northville notched quick scores and even quicker follow-up goals. That's exactly the kind of game this squad has to play.

Northville would no doubt love to show off their talent in front of a good home crowd Saturday, and their fans will hopefully comply. I've unfortunately noticed a decline in hockey attendance at the high school level this year and am hoping to see that rectified when the Mustangs host the Chiefs. I have a feeling Canton will be bringing some fans with them, and hopefully Northville will answer with a good showing of support from the parents, friends and students of Northville High.

This should prove to be a good game, and a good time for fans and family to see some impressive hockey from a team that seems to be surprising nearly everyone they meet.

#### Northville 5, Canton 2

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# Copper Country Kings

## Novi hockey tops Yoopers in Michigan Classic

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It's never easy to make the long hard trek to Michigan's Upper Peninsula — especially on a bus and especially with the prospect of playing two days of intense hockey before coming back home.

The journey, which is approximately 500 miles, has ended with the Novi Wildcats hockey team having a good time in the past, but never coming home with the big wins — well, 2004 marks a change in that.

The Wildcats bested the Division II state champion Calumet Copper Kings, 5-1, January 10 to mark a sweep of the Michigan Classic Hockey Tournament. The tournament, which is held in the heart of the Copper Country on the Keweenaw Peninsula, found both Novi and Brighton winning both their games over Calumet and Hancock.

Against the Copper Kings, Novi played one of the most intense and penalty-filled games of the season. Senior Chaz Bulbuk even found himself hitting the road as he was ejected from the contest in the third period on a game misconduct penalty. Overall, the two teams racked up 22 minutes in the penalty box in the third period alone.

Calumet was the first to get on the board in the game as Jake Parske-Sergot found the back of

the net against senior goalie Dan Morrison in the first period — but they weren't going to be able to hold on for this ride. Novi notched their first goal of the game to tie the contest just seven seconds into the second as Brett Jaussi fired a shot home for the score. The Wildcats then added two more just seven seconds apart midway through the second period as Bulbuk added a score and Mario DeGrazia notched another to make it a 3-1 game.

In the third period, DeGrazia added a fourth goal, and his sec-

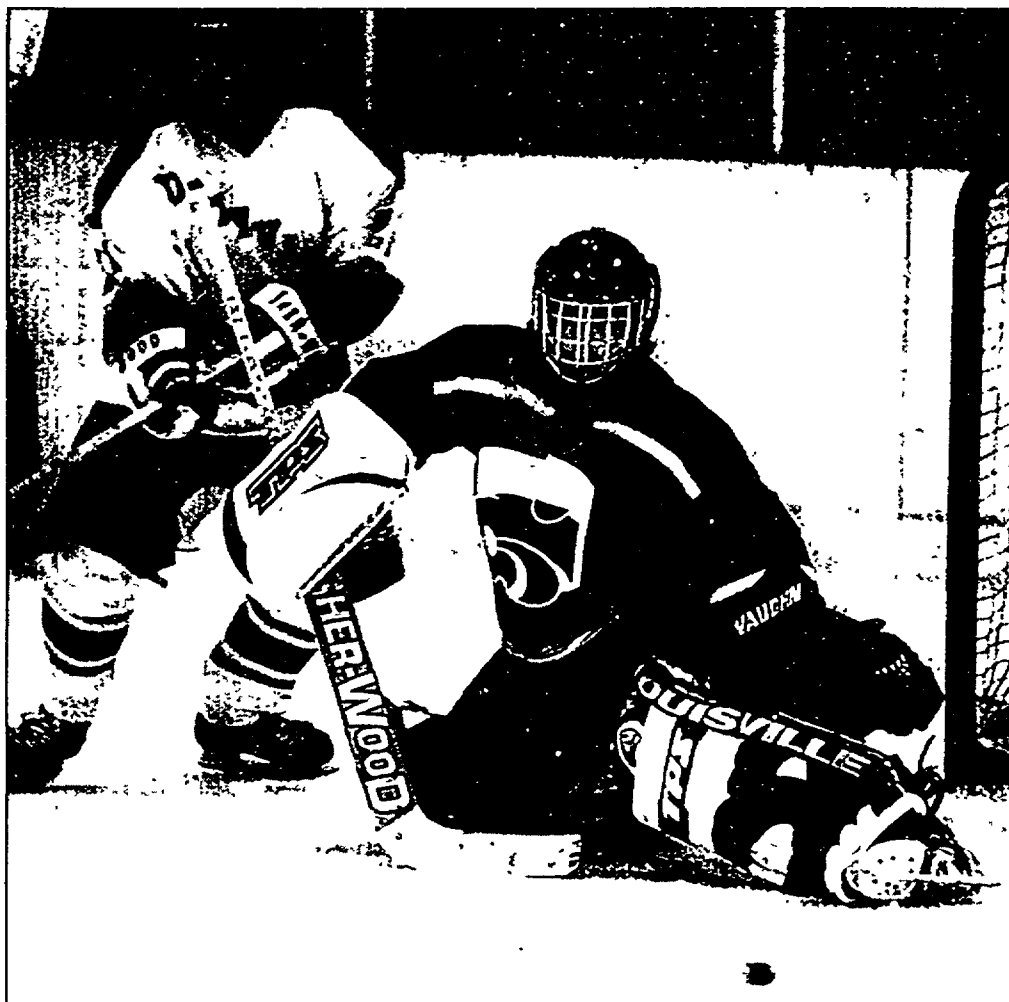


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Wildcat goalie Dan Morrison watches as a Mustang shot passes in from him from right to left during a late-December tilt at the Novi Ice Arena. Morrison made some major saves against Calumet to help Novi beat the Copper Kings on their home ice in the Upper Peninsula.

ond on the night, before Eric Kuptz iced the game with a final goal for a 5-1 final.

Novi benefited from two assists from senior captain John Janssens, while R.J. Makoski and Tom Craverilla added one each.

It wasn't as though the Copper Kings didn't have the chances they needed to beat the Wildcats — it was just that they couldn't get past the tenacious defense and goaltending. The Calumet squad went 0-for-5 on

power plays and couldn't make the best of either of a 38-second and a 1:13 two-man advantages.

Morrison played some stellar hockey, making 19-of-20 saves. Calumet goalie Jason Butkovich didn't have such impressive stats though, and saved just 15-of-20.

Novi climbed to 6-5 on the year, with three of their victories coming after the departure of senior captain Jordan Collins, who left the squad to play Junior hockey in Sioux

City, Iowa. Calumet fell to 4-7 with the loss.

Novi will return to action tomorrow when they host Milford in a Kensington Valley Conference contest at 6:30 p.m. before playing host to Howell January 19 with a 6:30 face off.

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# Lacey fills in heavyweight void for Northville

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes, when you need the wins the most, it seems that nothing can go right.

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team came across that very situation January 8 as they took on and fell to the Plymouth Canton Chiefs in dual-meet action, 46-28.

Canton, which came to the meet showcasing some of the most depth in the Western Lakes Activities Association, proved that sometimes the size of a team does matter as they earned a free win via void in the 130-pound weight class.

The Mustangs also gave up wins in the 103, 125 and heavyweight classes, but the fight was a much bigger one than Canton had probably expected. Northville had three first-time varsity wrestlers taking on their more-experienced counterparts and all of them fought right to the finish. Freshman Colin Appleford stepped up to wrestle in the 103-pound division, while sophomore



Bob Lacey

Joe Marotta wrestled at 125 for his first varsity appearance.

The most notable effort of the day was that of senior Bob Lacey. Lacey, who wrestled in the heavyweight division, weighed in at just 189 pounds — the least a wrestler can weigh to compete in that division.

"I weighed about 167 at the beginning of the season," Lacey said. "With that weight, I would have wrestled in 171, but heavyweight is the only weight class

I've ever wrestled in."

This marks the first year the senior grappler has taken to the mat, as he was prodded to join by his friend and fellow wrestler Jeff Ponder. The fact that he was moved into the heavyweight division doesn't seem to bother Lacey any.

"I'm up to 190 now," he said. "You have to use a lot of energy to wrestle the heavyweights, but it's a challenge I'm ready for."

Lacey, who said he gained his weight eating a lot of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, noted that just because he was ready for the challenge doesn't mean he wasn't a little nervous.

"I was definitely scared before that match," he said. "I had never wrestled before, and I wasn't sure how I would do."

Lacey didn't win the match, but his effort against a rival that outweighed him by at least 50 pounds was noted by his peers and his opponents.

"That guy was big," Lacey said with a laugh.

Northville did escape with a couple of wins — and via pins for

that matter. Senior captain Steve Minier, wrestling at the 189-pound class, pinned his opponent in just a minute and a half. Fellow captain Joel Schanne, also a senior, pinned his rival in the 112-pound division, as did Adam Blunk in the 119-pound weight class.

Ponder earned a 12-2 victory, good for four points, in the 160 division, and Bill Riegner added three points with a 5-1 win in the 171 pound division.

"Steve seems to get pins all the time," Lacey said. "He's an exciting wrestler to watch. It's fun to watch Jeff (Ponder) wrestle too. He used to be this little guy, but he kept working hard and now he's one tough kid."

Ben Mason, also a senior, played a role that is becoming common place at Northville as he wrestled up a weight class to fill an empty position. Mason and Minier, both 189-pound wrestlers, have been swapping on an off at the 215-pound weight class in hopes of earning some much needed points for the Mustangs. Mason did just that, pounding out

a grueling 5-0 win for three points.

Northville is back in action when they compete today at home against conference rival Churchill. Start time is slated for 6:30 p.m.

The Mustangs will then visit the Brighton Invite Saturday at 9:30 a.m. while the younger Northville grapplers will participate in the Garden City Novice Tournament at the same time.

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# Novi cheer falls

■ Squad takes first dual-meet loss of the season

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

If there's one thing that can be said about high school competitive cheerleading, it's that the sport is based quite a bit on opinion.

The Novi Wildcats cheerleading team, coached by Amy Denys and Emily Parker, can attest to that. Though neither coach would ever blame an incident like their 684.5-636.5 loss to the Brighton Bulldogs on the judges, they would agree that there are a lot of opinions in the sport.

"Cheerleading has a lot of arbitrary decisions in it," Denys said. "Brighton is a great team and they have a good reputation. Sometimes that plays into the scoring."

Denys noted that she felt the judges were very correct in their 186.5-179.5 first-round scoring in favor of the Bulldogs, but said that the 202.5-178 score against Novi in round two was a little off in her opinion.

"Their round one definitely

looked better than ours," she said. "I felt that rounds two and three deserved a little more credit than what they got."

Round two found the Wildcats suffering from a penalty assessed to the coaches.

"We lost 14 points in round two on a coaching error on the part of Emily and myself," Denys said. "We changed something and we weren't really thinking about it. We paid the consequences for it."

Round three found the Wildcats being outscored 295-279 — something that Denys definitely thought should have been much closer than what it was.

"We should have (outscored them)," she said. "It was pretty clean and I thought that we should have been given more points than we were. If we would have beat them in that round, we would have been happy with that. The truth is, we deserved it. We really deserved to win that round."

Though the squad lost, Denys said the girls didn't take it too harshly.

"The girls were fine," she said. "Emily and I felt really bad that we cost them 14 points in the second round though. We were disappointed. I told the girls that I thought they did fantastic, even though the outcome wasn't exactly what we were hoping for."

Denys said that she hopes the team responds favorably to the adversity they faced.

"Hopefully, it pushes them to try even harder next time," she said.

The dual meet won't mark the last time Novi will see the Bulldogs. In fact, the squads will meet up again in the Kensington Valley Conference meet in February.

"By then, we'll have made some improvements and we have plenty of time to do it," Denys said. "We'll get better, and hopefully our scores will be what (Brighton's) are and maybe even higher."

Brighton also won the junior varsity and freshman competitions.

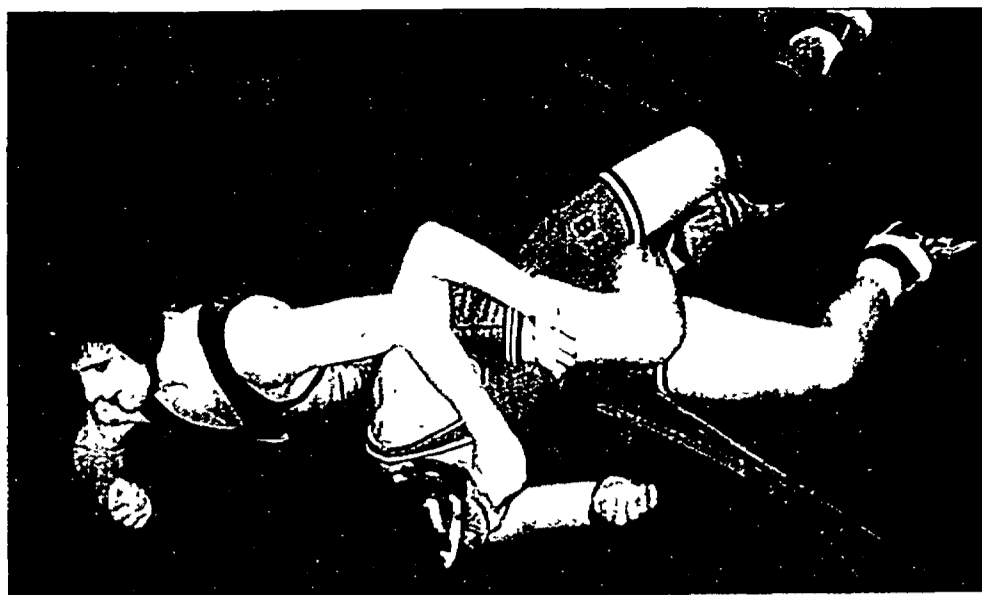


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Novi's Jason Ballentine, left, works on his Northville opponent Stephen Giammarco during a wrestling meet held at Northville High.

## Wildcats lose Scott Bergeson to injury

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It's the kind of injury that is tough to swallow — for both Scott Bergeson and his team.

The senior grappler may be out for the remainder of the season — or perhaps back in time just for post-season tournaments — thanks to a shoulder injury he sustained.

"It was a fluke injury," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "He injured his shoulder during a match and now he might be out for the rest of the year. That's a tough loss to take for us, and it's going to be hard for Scott. He's not the kind of kid who sits."

The Wildcats have been on a good streak lately, and Huss is hoping the injury to Bergeson doesn't change that. His squad took 10th-place overall at the Salem Invitational, and then had a good showing January 10 at the Rochester Adams Team Dual competition.

In the Salem Invite, the Wildcats benefited from a second-place finish from A.J. Morris in the 160-pound division as he lost 4-2 to Wael Ghrbie of Dearborn in the finals, as well as the third-place finish of Justin Cameron in 171, where he pinned Greenville's Ian Wilberg. Taking fourth were both Eric Hansen and John Favorite, who wrestle at 125 and

152, respectively.

"A.J. Morris is having a very good year," Huss said. "He has won nine of his last 10. We are shooting for the state meet with A.J. He is a real leader for our team and I'm real proud of his accomplishments."

During the Duals Meet, the Wildcats took three of their five opponents for wins. Novi topped Fraser, 45-25, beat Lapeer East, 38-29, and topped host team Rochester Adams, 45-31. The 'Cats fell to a very strong Utica Eisenhower, 40-26, and lost to Churchill, 39-31.

Against Fraser, the Wildcats benefited from pins by Bergeson (119), Matt Crawford (145), Cameron (171) and Kristofik (215), while Eric Hansen and Alex Baum both won by voids in the 125 and 135 classes.

"Justin Cameron is starting to wrestle and not brawl so much," Huss noted. "He is starting to understand the difference and he is starting to win matches that he was losing earlier in the year."

Favorite (152) and Morris (160) were forced to do it the old-fashioned way, and won 9-2 and 2-0, respectively.

In the Lapeer East match-up, the Wildcats had a lot of rounds that were decided by points. Al Vellathottam (103), Bergeson, Hansen, Cameron and Kristofik all earned pins in the match. Earning wins via points was

Baum, who won convincingly 13-1, and Crawford, 10-7. Favorite beat his opponent 12-7, and Morris has a very dominating performance, 16-1. Kyle Margave, who is wrestling at heavyweight, topped his foe 17-1.

"Kyle is a very small heavyweight, but he wrestles with a lot of heart and guts," Huss said.

In the Rochester Adams win, the Wildcats took pins with Vellathottam, Nick Lichorobiec (112), Hansen, Baum, Joe Czapski (140), Favorite and Morris. Bergeson won his match 16-0 and Cameron topped his opponent 14-7.

"We wrestled well and are beginning to improve with each match," Huss said. "Some kids are really showing some major improvements and they're starting to gain confidence."

In the loss to Eisenhower, the Wildcats got wins from Vellathottam, Hansen, Baum, Favorite and Morris via points, while Czapski won through a void. Against Churchill, Lichorobiec and Morris won through points, while Jason Sierra (130), Czapski and Dan Sprys (189) pinned their opponents. Crawford won by void in that contest.

Novi will be back in action when they host South Lyon tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. before competing in the South Lyon Duals Saturday at 9 a.m.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Matt Swift leaps off the blocks in an away meet at Livonia Franklin.

## Novi swim gets road win at Franklin

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Though the Novi Wildcats boys' swimming and diving team has just 17 competitors and no home pool to swim and practice in, they're still managing to start the season off on the right foot.

The Wildcats took a 100-78 win against Livonia Franklin before falling to Walled Lake Central 118-62. The squad also managed a 10th-place finish at the highly-competitive Eastern Michigan University relays, and took sixth at the West Bloomfield Invitational.

Against Franklin, the Wildcats found Derek O'Branovic having a good day as he notched first-place finishes in both the 500 free and the 100 backstroke. O'Branovic took time of 6:04.71 and 1:12.45, respectively, to win the events.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the team of Chris Pieprzak, Lev Rubel, Scott Utley and Chris Alberty won with a time of 1:51.17. The 200 medley relay also took first with a time of 1:58.03. Members of that team were O'Branovic, Bryan Hornacek, Pieprzak and Matt Swift.

Swift also had some impressive individual showings. In the 200 freestyle, he took first with a time of 2:07.27 while Utley took second in 2:24.52 and Rubel took third in 2:46.31. Swift also won the 100 free with a time of 54.77 seconds.

Not to be outdone, Pieprzak finished first in the 50 free with a 25.09, followed by Alberty's 29.12 for second. Pieprzak also won the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:03.68, while Utley took second in 1:19.23.

To show some impressive versatility, sophomore Alberty also took second in the diving portion of the meet, gathering 158.10 points.

Hornacek notched a first of his own in the win, taking the 200-yard individual medley in 2:33.15.

Against Walled Lake, the Wildcats gathered just two first-place finishes. Pieprzak took first in the 50 free with a time of 24.70, while Alberty took first in diving with 196.3 points.

Taking seconds was Swift in the 200 free with a time of 2:01.51 and in the 100 free with a time of 54.51 seconds. Pieprzak also had a second, his coming in the 100 butterfly in a time of 1:01.90, while Hornacek took second in the 500 free with a time of 5:55.22.

Taking third was John Wang in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:06.73, while Sean Bugbee, a freshman, took third in the 500 free with a time of 6:05.34. Also taking a third-place finish was Lewis Park in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:06.88.

In the relays, Novi took a second-place finish in the 200 free with the team of Swift, Hornacek, Pieprzak and Wang

with a time of 1:42.75, while the team of Bugbee, Pieprzak, Park and Swift notched a time of 3:54.05 in the 400 free, which was also good for second place.

The team of Park, Hornacek, Wang and O'Branovic took third in 2:02.93 in the 200 free relay.

Novi will swim at Walled Lake Western January 20 at 7 p.m. before visiting Saline January 29 at 6:30 p.m.

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### How to apply for aid

More than half of today's undergraduates receive some sort of financial aid. To apply for financial aid, you'll need to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is used to determine eligibility for federal and college assistance programs.

Though the application deadline varies at each school, for most, it falls between February and March. But you'll want to give yourself ample time to obtain and complete the paperwork.

### Who is eligible for aid

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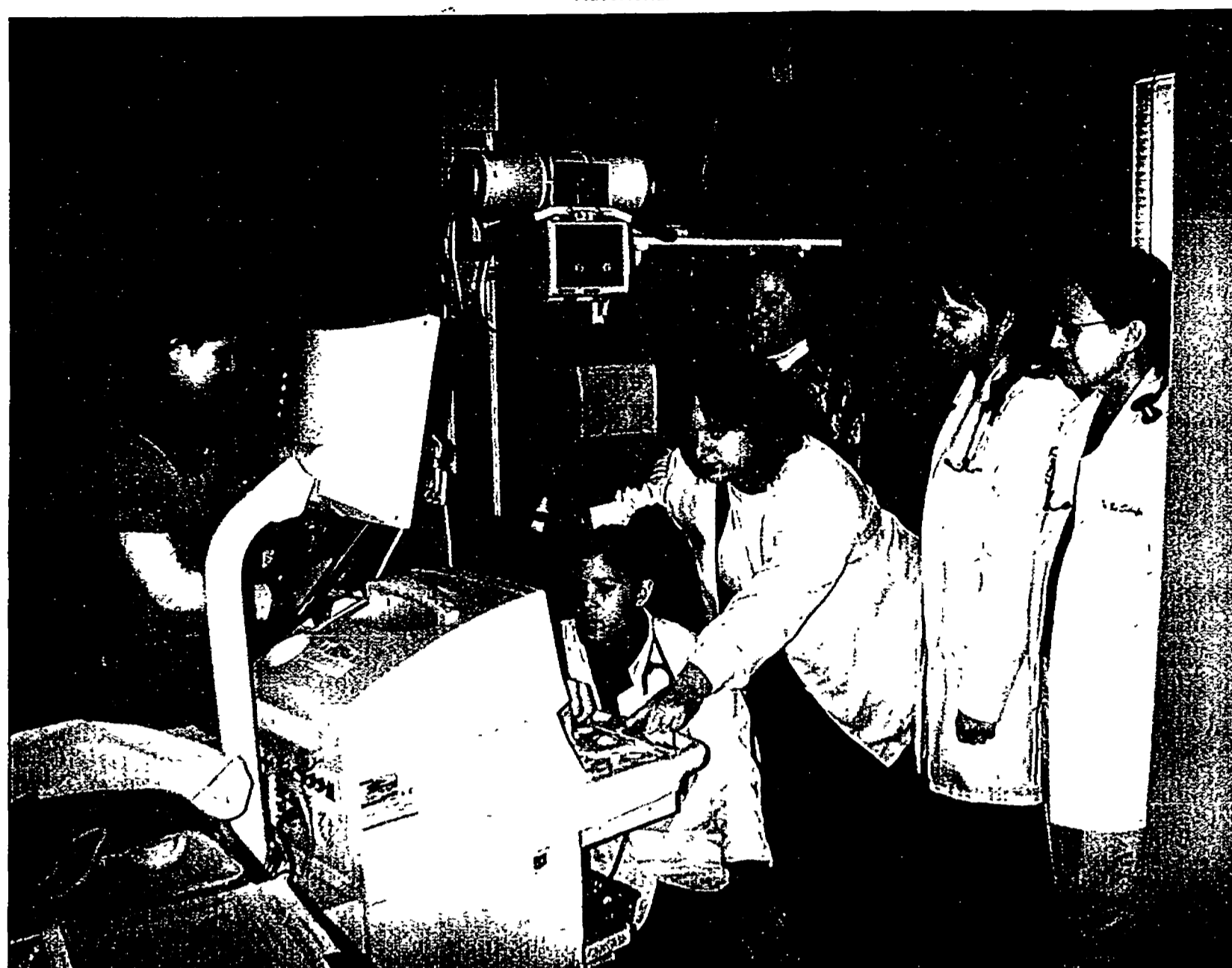
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The original building was expanded several times as the practice grew. A new facility, which was designed and built for the veterinary practice, opened on the same site in September 2000.

"In spite of the new building with its state-of-the-art equipment, Hidden Spring has maintained the warm friendly atmosphere for which it so well known," said Dr. Geake.

The veterinary clinic has grown from the small practice founded in 1970 to a flourishing business with a staff of 22 employees. Dr. Geake has retired from practicing veterinary medicine but is still involved in the operation of the business she owns and loves.

"Clients like coming to Hidden Spring because the friendly staff treats both clients and their pets like royalty," said Dr. Geake.

"The pets enjoy coming here because of the large, park-like atmosphere, exotic scents from

horses and other farm animals that live nearby and the various calm, friendly dogs and cats hanging around the office. The resident pets instill a bit of confidence in the patients."

"Over the years, we have developed many very special relationships with clients and their pets that have ranged from warm and fuzzy to downright hilarious," she said.

Dr. Geake relies on Janet Talbot to manage the daily operation of the growing vet business. Talbot joined the clinic in 1991 and has served as practice manager for the past six years.

"I did a little bit of everything and learned the business from scratch," Talbot said.

The staff includes six experienced veterinarians: Cynthia Eichman, Kim Berrie, Carol Joy, Xuan Mai Vo, Heather Jones and Barb Scheffler, who represent a wide range of educational background and career accomplishments. Coming from various veterinary colleges, they share their collective knowledge and experience freely with each

other.

"The technical support staff is an equally caring, well-educated and motivated group," said Dr. Geake. "They work well with the doctors to make each visit a positive experience for the pets and their owners."

The vet clinic treats mostly cats, dogs and other small animals in its modern new facility that includes several examination rooms, a large clean kennel, surgical suites, an extensive laboratory with testing equipment, and a new ultrasound machine for pets. There also is a large conference room where they hold educational meetings for the entire staff and sometimes include outside veterinary groups.

Hidden Spring offers a wide range of services that include x-ray, ultrasound, surgery, laboratory testing, micro chipping for identification, behavioral counseling, cat boarding, internal and external parasite control, dentistry, and wellness programs such as special senior care.

The veterinarians are always willing to provide referrals to specialists when such care is indicated. Local clients are fortunate to have easy access to specialists including 24-hour emergency service, neurology, cardiology, orthopedics, ophthalmology, oncology, dermatology and many others in the area.

"Pet insurance is available to help people afford the medications and procedures required to provide the best health care for their pets," Talbot said. "Although available, pet insurance is not widely used yet. We provide information about pet insurance to our clients but have



The staff of Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic treats clients and pets like royalty, said Dr. Carol Geake, who is seated on the left. With her are Janet Talbot (standing), and Dr. Kim Berrie with Tigh, one of her Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

processed only a few claims through it."

Last year, the clinic and its staff shared in a local tragedy that touched the entire community. One of the clinic's neighbors, the Maybury State Park Living Farm was destroyed by fire last February.

Dr. Geake and her husband rushed to the scene and offered their services for any surviving animals. The clinic treated a sheep that survived the fire but later died at the veterinary hospital at Michigan State University.

Many concerned citizens had asked to make donations for the farm, so Hidden Spring established a fund and became a col-

lection site. Donations amounting to \$5,000 have come from clients, employees, local community groups, many children and schools. They plan to use the fund for a specific need toward the establishment of a new Maybury Farm, according to Dr. Geake.

Although retired, Dr. Geake stays in touch with the business located on the property where she lives. Away from work, she is a semi-professional nature photographer and enjoys accompanying her daughter Tammy when she trains and shows the Arabian horses they raise on the 10-acre farm.

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## Lofty ideas for breaking up space

By Rose Bennett Gilbert  
 Copley News Service

**Q:** We are moving to a retirement development where all the houses consist of one large, loft-like room (only the baths and bedrooms are separate). I'm feeling a little overwhelmed by all that space. How do we arrange the furniture? Is there some way to break up the room without actually breaking up the space, if you know what I mean?

**A:** I do, and there are many ways to indicate spatial divisions so your one large room can function as several smaller living areas. Start by deciding just how many ways you will be living in the space. For example, do you need a TV "room"? A dining area? Space for a desk, a game table?

Next, settle your furniture to meet those different needs. A TV requires comfortable seating; dining, a table with chairs within easy reach — you get the idea. Let the furnishings do the work of physical walls.

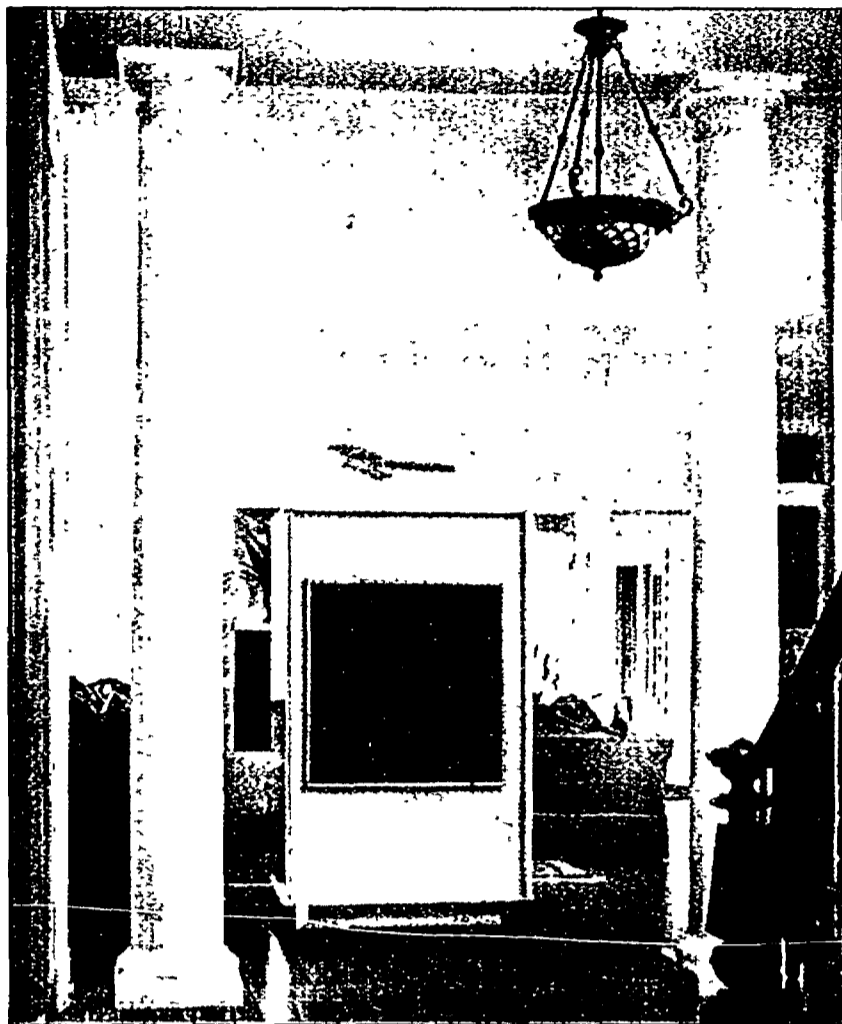
Area rugs can indicate separate spaces underfoot. A sofa back or large potted plant will make effective dividers. Even the spread of light from an over-table fixture can suggest an entire dining "room."

You might also create an actual divider that doesn't truly separate the space. The photo we show here relies on columns (from Chadsworth's, 800-COLUMNS) and a free-standing unit to set the living room off from the entry. A large art photo dresses up the hall view of the divider, which holds a TV facing the other side.

Columns, by the way, make marvelous psychological dividers, even when they don't reach all the way to the ceiling. (For a look at some style and size options, click on [www.columns.com](http://www.columns.com))

**Q:** I am redecorating my bedroom in country French with pale yellow walls and white trim. The fabrics are blue and yellow. What would be a good accent piece to place over the headboard? Can I use other colors?

**A:** Don't stop at just "a" good



**Framed by impressive columns, this freestanding divider does double duty in a stair hall.**

CNS Photo

accent piece: in true country French style, you'll want an interesting gallery of artworks over the head of your bed. Choose different shapes and colors for the frames and mix in other materials, such as a tapestry or an architectural shelf with some objects d'art on it.

As for other colors, the answer is "bien sur" — but of course. Provincial reds would be a good accent color, especially in a patterned rug. But you are onto a classic country French look with your blue/white/yellow scheme, so be wary of adding anything extroverted enough to unbalance your theme.

**Q:** Whoever designed our home put a series of windows so high on the walls of our cathedral-ceiling living room that I have no idea how to handle them.

The sun pours in, but if we install shades, they'll have to stay shut all the time because nobody can reach them. You have mentioned window films that block the glare, but I think I want a real window treatment. Any suggestions?

**A:** You have a wealth of options as close as your nearest window decorating shop. Almost any kind of window treatment your heart desires can be motorized and made to operate by remote con-

trol, as easily as you zap the TV on and off. There are even devices that will tilt wooden blinds at a touch.

Hunter Douglas, for example, offers an assortment of window coverings with fingertip controls. Ask for their booklet on "Special Windows" or have a look at [www.hunterdouglas.com](http://www.hunterdouglas.com).

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## Drought, beetles make short work of huge pines

**Q:** In the last several years, I've had five of my 15 huge white pines die. When I cut down the dead trees, I find tiny holes in the bark and all sorts of trails under it. Since these trees are only ten feet apart, will this kill the others?

**A:** There's a bunch of things going on, and yes or no won't do it. Let's look at the problems that led up to this. The trees are large and close together. Their branches touch and so do their roots. In the best of times, they are competing for moisture and nutrients. In the worst of times, like a drought, they are fiercely competing for moisture and nutrients. Big and crowded isn't good. Drought isn't good. In 2001, there was a short stretch of dry weather during the summer. In 2002, there was virtually no rain from the end of May until March of 2003. That winter was very cold with hardly any snow cover. Then in 2003, we had little rain in July and August. How many times can you knock grandma down the stairs before she can't get up again? When these pines have no water, they have hardly any sap or pitch. When bark beetles like Ips beetles come around, those white pines look like dinner on a stick. If bark beetles chew into a healthy tree, the pitch comes up the holes and glues the little critters down. When they chew into a dry tree, the livin' is easy. There were a number of things that led up to dead trees. So how do you attempt to save the others? Remove the dead and almost dead trees. There won't be any miraculous resurrections. Cut the trunks close to the ground so other troubling wood insects can't move into your pine patch. Get a soil test to determine what nutrients are needed to give optimum nutrition to the trees. Buy a rain gauge to keep track of natural rainfall. You need at least an inch a week. Buy more hose so you can drag it out there when the soil is dry. Don't wait weeks to respond to dry weather. Promote good health for these older trees. The grandmas need you.

### Home Grown

Gretchen Voyle



**Q:** Last year, I had a seedling come up in one of my flowerbeds. It grew to about four feet tall and had long, green leaves on branching, reddish stems and clusters of purple berries that sort of looked like grapes. It died to the ground over the winter and then grew again this year. It had multiple stems and was about eight feet tall. What is it and can I eat those berries?

**A:** Don't put that in your mouth — you don't know where it's been. This is still good advice. Never, ever eat anything unless you positively know what it is and know that it isn't poisonous. This includes mushrooms, fruit, berries and leaves. Don't assume that it isn't poisonous because you saw birds or animals eating it. They can consume things that will hurt your toes. Your big mystery plant is called Pokeweed. It's a perennial that grows from a large taproot. The pink-red, smooth stems are stout and erect. The leaves are arranged alternately on the stems and get smaller at the top of the plant. Flowers are small and white and grow in narrow racemes at the ends of the upper branches. The fruit is dark purple with purple juice. There are a number of small black seeds inside the fruit. The whole plant is poisonous to humans. The root is the most poisonous. If you eat the berries, you can expect to get a burning sensation in your mouth, gastrointestinal cramps, vomiting and diarrhea. This is an attractive plant so keep it if you like it, but don't eat the landscaping.

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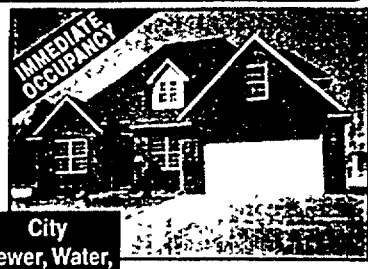
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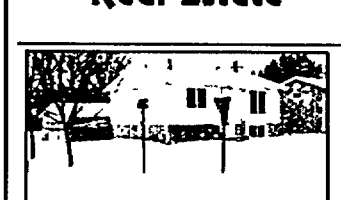
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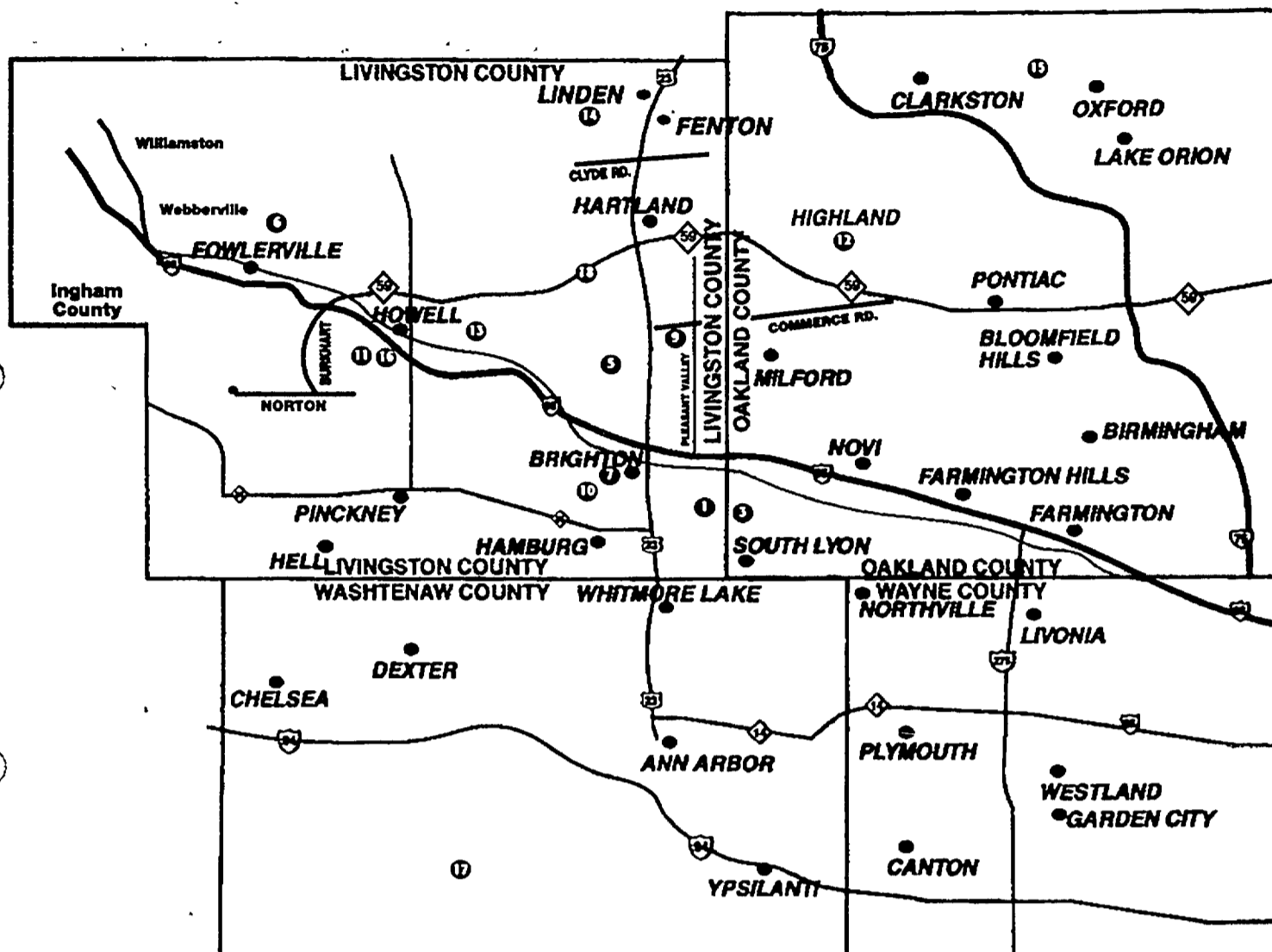
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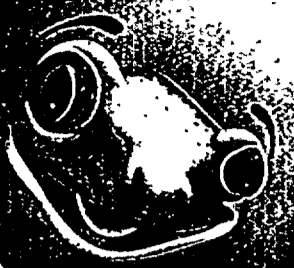
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Professional gardener owns this home! Beautiful perennial gardens waiting to bloom this spring! Wonderful 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch home w/neutral fireplace, private patio off dining room, newer windows in most of the home. Private fenced yard w/above ground pool. Home warranty (23125700)



**BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$129,900**  
Super location-great investment. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath home w/neutral decor, vinyl windows, newer exterior doors & screens, newer 7x10' storage shed, newer septic 1996, 14x24' slab for parking, backyard fenced, all appliances included, and a 1 year home warranty. Move right in at closing (23124439)



**BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$134,900**  
Cute 3 bedroom starter home with a huge backyard. Nice mature trees, attached 1 car garage, stove, dishwasher, and more. Quick occupancy, V.A., FHA terms available. Close to x-ways for commuters, downtown Brighton 5 minutes away (23118385)



**FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$149,333**  
Farmhouse needs restoration. 3 bedrooms, 1,260 sq ft, located on 2 acres. Subject to splits available from Handy Township. Good access to freeway and town. (23128228)



**HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$159,950**  
You'll want to consider this historical beauty built to stand the test of time-impeccable shape including new dimensional shingle roof. Also, attached craft room. Corner lot with plenty of room to expand. Located on the Hartland Memorial Parade Route. Ask to see antique pictures of home (23111925)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$154,900**  
Affordable farm house! Over 1,300 sq ft., located on 4 country acres, many updates including kitchen and bathroom. Excellent freeway access. Oversized 2 car attached garage, paved road, and more. (23114163)



**DANSVILLE SCHOOLS \$158,000**  
This spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch built in 1993 was placed on a brand new 9' basement w/new h-v-t furnace & C.A., new 85 gallon water heater for the new Jacuzzi tub in the master suite. This home is high quality construction, fantastic new oversized 2 car garage. Don't wait too long, once you go inside, you will be sold! (23116653)



**BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$174,900**  
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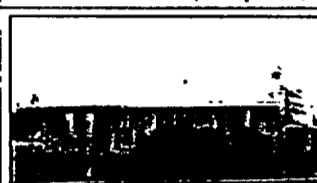
**FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$175,000**  
Better than new, all the work had been done for you! Beautiful 3 bedroom ranch home on an acre with an open floor plan, cathedral ceilings in the great room, freshly painted w/neutral colors, central air, 2 car attached garage, Berber carpet throughout, large deck, & more. (23121624)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$179,000**  
Beautiful new construction with Clark Lake privileges. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, and basement. Park across the street for swimming. Great location minutes from Brighton. Easy access to highway (23122095)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$179,900**  
3 bedroom home with finished walkout basement. Many updates including complete appliance package. 1 car attached garage, and a separate 2+ car garage. Located on just under an acre on a paved road (23116084)



**BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$179,900**  
Maintenance free brick ranch in Brighton. Approximately 1,500 sq ft., including a four season room. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, central air, all appliances stay. Sewers to house already in. Great location between US-23 & I-96. Bring offer! (23117599)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$185,000**  
Adorable 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch in Howell w/many amenities including 2+ car garage w/electronic, deep lot, deck, finished lower level w/2nd bath & fireplace. Maintenance free vinyl siding and a one-year home warranty make this home a great find (23117507)



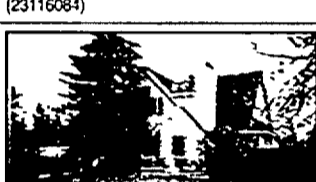
**BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$188,500**  
Pleasant home in quiet neighborhood w/side-walks. Sunny kitchen offers plenty of counter space. Family room features wood-burning stove, daylight windows, plus downspout leading to private paver patio. Master bedroom w/private deck. New roof, one year home warranty (23126832)



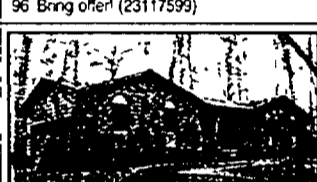
**HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$190,000**  
Enjoy your new home in the country on over 1/2 acre. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open floor plan w/vaulted ceilings in the living room and kitchen. All rooms are spacious. New paint, roof in 2002. New carpet in 2004, and much more (23125833)



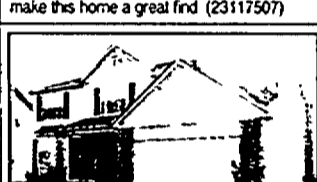
**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$195,000**  
End unit ranch on the pond! Walkout lower level prepped for 2 more bedrooms and a 3rd bath. Master bedroom has a large bath, family room overlooking pond & woods, oversized garage, many windows, & patio. Upgraded appliances & fireplace. 1,575 sq ft., Pella® Dr®. (23313581)



**FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$195,000**  
Charming 2,000 sq ft. Colonial located on 1 acre just west of the village of Fowlerville. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home features new wood trim & knotty pine walls in living room, 1st floor laundry, beautiful main floor bath w/Jacuzzi tub & spacious 4 season great room. 30x47 pole barn is handy-man's dream w/one car garage (23112049)



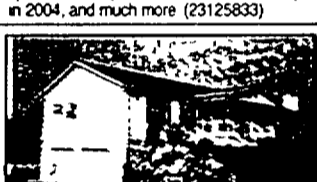
**HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$199,900**  
Wooded 1.5 acre lot in Hartland Woods. No deed restrictions, pole barns allowed. Beautiful beamed ceiling in family room w/brick fireplace & custom wood mantle. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, and a home warranty (23127400)



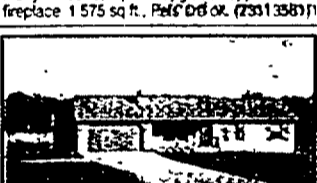
**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$204,900**  
Priced to sell! Immediate occupancy! This wonderful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 1,742 sq ft. home is situated in a wonderful family neighborhood. Bright & open, updated and family room overlook deck. Professional landscaping w/sprinklers. Basement plumbed for another bath! (23119797)



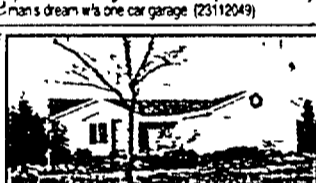
**FENTON SCHOOLS \$210,000**  
Voted city of Fenton's beautification award in 1990. Don't miss this super charming restoration. Victorian. Andersen windows, parlor, great room overlooking a garden, fenced backyard. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 2,000 sq ft., detached 3 car 2-story garage, deck, & oak kitchen. (23115557)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$214,900**  
Beautiful 2-year-old home decorated in neutral decor. Open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Jacuzzi tub, walk-in closet in master bedroom, w/600 sq ft. located on 2 acres close to the expressway. Pretty fireplace nestled in great room! (23110465)



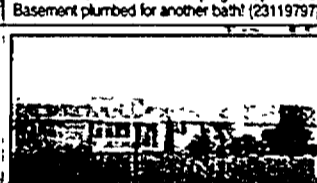
**FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$218,900**  
1,280 sq ft. meticulous ranch located on 1.5 acres, 800 sq ft. of decking wraps around new pool (2003). This is an entertainer's dream! Open kitchen w/built-in range, vaulted ceiling, natural gas fireplace in great room w/1 fireplace. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and more (23116433)



**PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$219,900**  
Almost 2,000 sq ft. of living space including the professionally finished walkout basement w/a fully equipped office w/built in desk & cabinets. Open floor plan w/skylights, natural fireplace in great room, island kitchen w/Pergo flooring, professional landscaping. Home warranty (23123808)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$219,900**  
Affordable country living about 3 minutes outside of town featuring 5 wooded rolling acres, pole barn w/new vinyl siding, new roof, and insulation, fireplace, 2 car attached garage, furnace approx. 3-years-old, and much more (23112251)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$227,900**  
Custom 1991 built home w/updated kitchen and dining room. Stunning new hardwood floors in split floor plan ranch. Sits on 5 quiet acres w/3 outbuildings only 10 miles from Grand River (23120526)



**PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$229,900**  
Beautiful ranch in desired Pinckney sub 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage. Extensive upgrades including maintenance free decking, fenced yard, extensive landscaping w/sprinkler system and more. All on a cul-de-sac setting that backs to a wooded common area. Hurry! Won't last! (23130509)



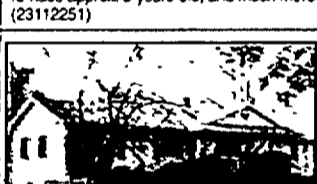
**BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$229,900**  
3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2-story home in Brighton Twp. Beautiful park-like setting. Full basement, oil heat, gas is run to house & hooked up. Breezeway, screened porch off kitchen, 4.50 acres, and a creek w/wooden bridge in the backyard. (23123975)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$229,900**  
Beautiful ranch end unit with view of common areas. Tastefully decorated and in immaculate condition. Great room w/cathedral ceilings & marble surround natural gas fireplace. Formal dining, gourmet kitchen including appliances, 1st floor laundry, and much more (23109077)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$230,000**  
1,500 sq ft. ranch on 1 acre in the country 3 bedroom, 2 bath, split bedroom design, luxury master suite w/his & her walk-in closets, master bath w/jetted tub, tiled shower, & 2 vanities. Full basement, high ceiling, daylight windows, plumbed for a 3rd bath. (23127733)



**LAKE FENTON SCHOOLS \$235,900**  
Lakefront home with deck facing Michigan sunset. Ranch w/lower level in-law apartment. Secluded country flare with city convenience. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 half baths (23116996)



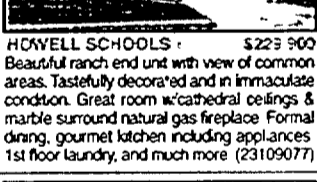
**BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$239,900**  
Quality 4 bedroom, 2 bath family home on a lovely mature lot. Convenient to downtown. Multi-level deck w/gazebo over your own private hot tub. All hardwood floors & extra large rooms, custom brick fireplace, new boiler furnace, updated kitchen, immediate possession & one year home protection plan. (23122653)



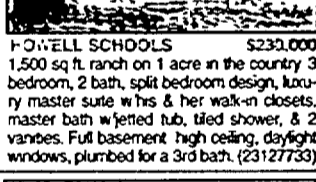
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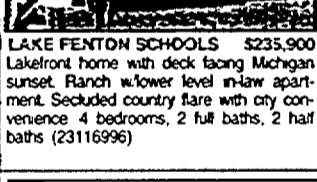
**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$245,900**  
Get that up north feeling in this totally updated & remodeled home 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, large country kitchen w/island, fresh carpet & paint. New master suite w/deck and walk-in closet. Hot tub, 30x47 3+ car garage w/heated workshop w/room for storage. Home warranty included. (23110656)



**SOUTHFIELD SCHOOLS \$250,000**  
Property is rezoned to light industrial. Value is in the land. This is a package sale of 4 properties (23031197)



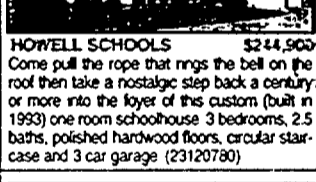
**PLYMOUTH CANTON SCHOOLS \$255,900**  
Fabulous site adjoining park lot w/pond-enjoy views from large deck & screened gazebo. All brick, excellent condition. Island kitchen w/all appliances, ceramic & wood faced fireplace in great room. Split ranch design. New architect shingles, side entry garage sprinklers, C.A. great location! (23123170)



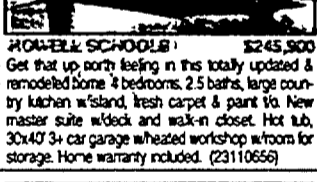
**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$256,900**  
Corporate owned investment property! 3,500 sq ft. of living space located on 2 acres of land. Multi-tiered deck made of imported Brazilian wood. Family room & great room have imported tile from Italy. Loft area overlooks great room, perfect for reading area. Private deck off master 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, & more (23122086)



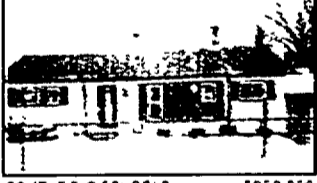
**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$268,500**  
Fabulous 1.5 story overlooking woods and park! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, dramatic great room, deluxe maple kitchen, formal dining room, loft, hardwood, and ceramic floors. 20x17 custom deck. Gorgeous! (23119446)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$275,000**  
Spacious, contemporary ranch on 2.5 acres. Approximately 1,800 sq ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, split bedroom design. Lower level w/high ceilings & daylight windows. Almost finished. Home warranty included (23120770)



**FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$280,000**  
This home is a must see! It has everything you dreamed of. Ranch on 3 acres, fruit & nut trees. Beautiful country kitchen, 1st floor laundry, 4 large bedrooms, 3 full baths, and 1 half bath. 30x47 heated pole barn w/office, 2-story playhouse, tennis, 12x24 horse run, & much more. (23115659)



**PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$299,000**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath 1.5 story on large canal to Portage Lake on the Pinckney Chain of 7 all sports lakes. Living room has tongue & groove ceilings, fireplace & beautiful view out the door. Wrap-around deck, hot tub, 90 waterfront seawall, fenced yard and so much more (23126888)



**BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$299,900**  
5 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial w/almost 3,000 sq ft. 1.3 scenic acre lot w/trees, located on a paved road only 3 minutes to the expressway. Perfect and affordable for the large family. Central air, 1st floor laundry, partially finished basement, fireplace in family room, and more (23121314)



**SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$299,900**  
Better than new! 3 bedroom ranch w/open floor plan. Upgrades galore. Open foyer w/hardwood. Great room w/soaring ceilings & beautiful fireplace. Post room w'soaring master bath. 1st floor laundry. Ceramic baths, all kitchen appliances stay. Neutral decor. Don't miss out! (23116152)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$299,900**  
Farmhouse style 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial w/full front porch. Hardwood floors throughout entry level. 2.5 car garage, rolling wooded 6.2 acre parcel 1,000 sq ft. in finished walkout lower level w/bedroom, full bath, wet bar, media room and computer area (23102388)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$312,900**  
Better than new, in a wooded country sub with sidewalks, park and city water & sewer. Cozy fireplace in great room, first floor master suite. Hardwood floors in foyer, nook & island kitchen. Huge 3 car garage & full basement waiting to be finished. (23099755)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$322,800**  
This classic Victorian style Colonial is beautifully situated on a private 5 acre site. Features include: ceramic, marble, and hardwood floors, top of the line cabinets, and much more (23113261)



**LINDEN SCHOOLS \$337,900**  
Exclusive custom built home w/rounded radius walls. One story for large full lower level walkout. Deep 1.14 acre wooded lot w/easy front approach to garage 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Absolute quality! (23117057)



**SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$339,900**  
Expansive 2-story foyer w/hardwood floors invites you to this immaculate custom built Colonial w/access to chain of 4 lakes. Large kitchen & nook, hardwood floors w/cherry inlay, cherry custom cabinets, built-in appliances, Pella downspout to large cedar deck, and more. (23101948)



**PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$399,900**  
Lakefront & canal front on Tamarack Lake, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Part of the Strawberry/Zukey chain of lakes. Siding, roofing, upstairs addition all completed in 1999. Huge yard with lots of trees, sit on your deck and enjoy the view (23128941)



**BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$419,900**  
Large custom 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, brick home featuring 1+ acre lot, professionally finished walkout basement with full bath and kitchen. Large Florida room, formal dining room, new carpet in living room & den. New roof as of August 2003. 3 car attached garage, large kitchen, family room w/fireplace and 3,275 sq ft. (23119719)



**SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$481,800**  
Outstanding ranch home on over 4 acres of property w/horses allowed. 2 large pole barns to store all your toys. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3,640 sq ft. Grounds are beautifully landscaped w/pond, led sprinkler system. Large in-ground pool & entertainment area. This home is a must see! (23121205)



**HOWELL SCHOOLS \$775,000**  
Fabulous gated estate in Howell sub on 6 beautiful acres. Gorgeous home w/top-of-the-line amenities. 2 ponds, beautiful in-ground pool, awesome views of wooded property, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 3 half baths, finished lower level, and so much more. (23130333)



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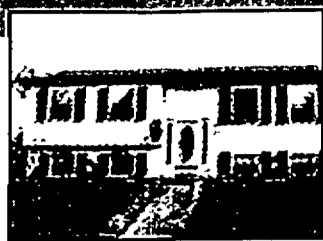


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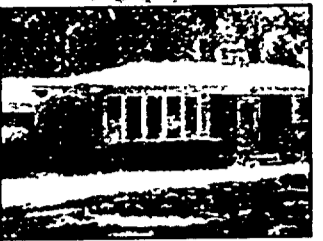
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**DEARBORN HGTS** - Move in condition. 3 bdrm brick ranch with 1 bathroom, eat-in kitchen, dining L, spacious living room, all vinyl windows, 2 car garage. \$150,000 (63SIL) 734-455-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - 1/2 acre broadfront ranch. Curb appeal + finished walkout, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, dining room, family room, living room, fireplace, deck, 2 car attached garage, all appliances, mature trees. \$244,900 (15BRD) 734-455-5600



**WESTLAND** - All the updates are done. Maintenance free 3 bdrm, 2 bath brick ranch w/updated kitchen, roof, furnace, CA + finished basement w/possible 4th bedroom, 2.5 car w/newer door opener all sitting on a newer landscaped double lot. \$176,900 (06GIL) 734-455-5600



**SOUTH LYON** - Shows like a model. Prof. decorated 3 BR, 3.5 BA, 1.5 story condo w/open floor plan. 1st floor MBR. Vaulted ceilings, hwd floor, fin. lower level offers 4th BR and entertainment room w/wet bar & exercise room. Too many upgrades to list. Immaculate home. Golf course community. \$339,500 (39SAW) 248-349-5600



**CANTON** - Wow, what hasn't been done in this 2 BR, 1.5 BA end unit condo? Newer doors/moldings, ceramic floors in foyer, both baths, kitchen, all newer appliances plus washer & dryer, newer windows & roof. Home is across from a golf course and surrounded by higher priced homes. \$129,900 (23ORC) 248-349-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Beautiful detached condo. Decorator perfect - mint move-in condition. 2 BR, library, 2 BA detached ranch condo has it all. Elaborate crown moldings, Corian counters, hardwood flooring and soaring high ceilings. A picture setting backing to woods for privacy. \$369,900 (71PLY) 248-349-5600



**WESTLAND** - Quiet suburban retreat. 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with 2 car attached garage, newer roof, bath, windows, furnace & CA + large deck with Gazebo 1st floor laundry, full wall fireplace with insert. Take a look! \$159,900 (70GLO) 734-455-5600



**SOUTHGATE** - A perfect 10' 4 bdrm Cape Cod w/2.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, bsmt w/glass blks, mstr bdrm w/full bath & Jacuzzi tub, great room w/fpk, dining room, cedar deck, brick paver walkway CA, sprinklers, gorgeous, gorgeous throughout! \$259,500 (25MOR) 734-455-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Well maintained ranch. Updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home w/newer roof (tear off), carpet, furnace, AC, ceramic bath, finished basement, 2.5 car garage, walking distance to elem. school. \$205,900 (21GRE) 734-455-5600



**SOUTH LYON** - Custom built. Hurry, still time to make selections. 4 spacious BR's, 3 full and 2 half baths. 3+ side entry garage. Golf course community. Walk out lower level. Corner lot in great neighborhood. Builder uses only top quality materials. \$504,900 (01GRE) 248-349-5600



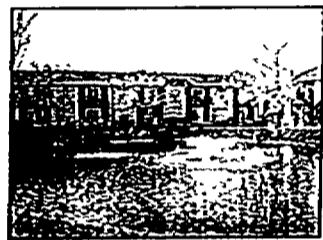
**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - You will love all the goodies. 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial tucked away in the forest of Chelsea Park on a cul-de-sac and backs up to woods. Grand fireplace in family room. Fabulous finished walkout with theatre area & bedroom or library. \$599,900 (90PEM) 248-349-5600



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**PLYMOUTH**  
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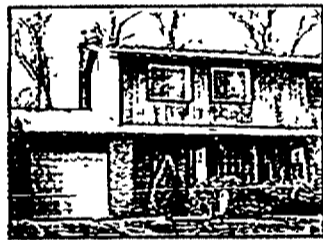
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**WESTLAND** - Awesome condo. Absolutely lovely, spacious ground level condo. Newly painted and carpeted with neutral decor. Large living room w/fpk, doorwall to patio overlooking beautiful pond with fountain, air conditioned, Livonia schools & immediate occupancy. A must see. \$79,900 (55WOO) 248-349-5600



**SOUTHFIELD** - Views of your own forest. Beautiful 1999 built 3 BR, 2.5 BA raised ranch w/DR, FR & large eat-in kitchen. MBR w/master bath. Built in gas fireplace in FR 2 car garage. Sliding doorwall off the dining room. Backs to a natural forest & s's back off the road. \$239,900 (51NIN) 248-349-5600



**WALLED LAKE** - Hot buy, seller says sell 2-story duplex with woody view 2 BR, 1.5 BA, Att. garage, full basement & lots of storage. Well maintained & many updates. Refrigerator, stove, washer and dryer all stay. Spacious MBR w/3 closets. Close to x-ways & shops. \$155,900 (63WOO) 248-349-5600



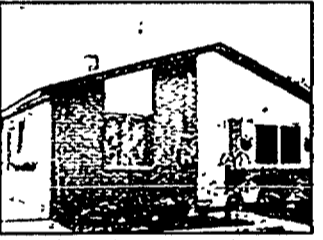
**REDFORD** - Picture perfect. Better than renting. 3 bedroom ranch with newer white kitchen, furnace, A/C, roof, concrete, landscaping and windows updated. Soft neutral colors throughout. Move-in condition. \$117,900 (26NOR) 248-349-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Immaculate 4 BR colonial. Walk to schools & town. Designer kit w/Corian - 02, MBR, BA & 5 BA - 00, FFL storage & mud room, windows - 00, furn, HWH & A/C - 98, fin bsmt w/rec room, gar door & opener - 02. Former builders model w/2nd furn in garage. \$335,000 (24NOR) 248-349-5600



**CANTON** - Classic elegance! Custom built on approx 1 acre lots. Foyer w/brought iron & wood trimmed staircase. 2 story great room w/fpk & crown molding kitchen & master bath w/Granite tops. All 3 bedrooms have a bath & WIC. Full basement w/walkout & 3 car attached garage. \$823,000 (51ROL) 734-455-5600



**TAYLOR** - Great home for under \$100,000. 3 bdrm 1 bath ranch on lg lot w/fenced backyard. Newer Pergo floors, newer appl, windows, interior & exterior doors, newer kitchen flr, ceramic tile in updated bath. Newer CA & furnace. Home warranty. \$99,900 (78BAI) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN HTS** - Cozy 3 bedroom bungalow presents hardwood floors, finished basement, lots of storage, CA, newer furnace & HWH. Sellers motivated. \$149,900 (19HAZ) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN** - Great starter home. 3 BR, 1 BA bungalow in west Dearborn. Roof & windows 02. Tub enclosure, updated kitchen cabinets, freshly painted in neutral colors. Fenced yard, close to park & schools. Appliances stay. \$119,900 (00UNI) 248-349-5600



**MILFORD** - Former builders dream. 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial located in Orchard Estates on approx. 1.6 acres. High quality T/O. 3 fireplace. MBR suite w/garden tub & fireplace. Sunroom leads to secluded deck. State of the art kitchen & appliances. W/O LL. Newer roof & furnace. \$499,900 (25LEW) 248-349-5600



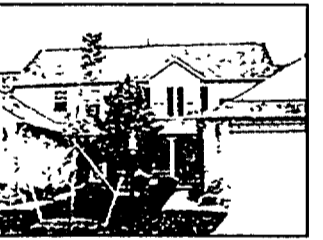
**NORTHVILLE** - Smile, you found it! Sharp 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial family home. Great room w/fpk off well-appointed kitchen. Door to multi-tiered deck. Finished walkout lower level. Terrific master suite. 3 nice sized BR's. Plenty of storage. 3 car garage and more. Move right in. \$448,900 (57HOL) 248-349-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - The perfect condo setting. Large 2 bedroom, 1 full & 2 half bath townhouse with finished basement, att garage, private deck, all appliances, newer carpet & fresh paint. You must see this one. \$152,900 (75MIL) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN HTS** - Nice cozy updated home. Charming 2 bedroom brick ranch w/2 car garage, privacy fence, large patio + walk-in pantry, all appliances. Newer furnace, CA & vinyl windows. \$89,900 (08ANV) 734-455-5600



**CANTON** - Beautiful 2 story condo. Lovely formal dining room w/bay window opening to deck. 2 bdrms open to huge bath w/extra deep garden tub & walk-in shower. Finished lower level + loads of storage. \$161,000 (65HUN) 734-455-5600



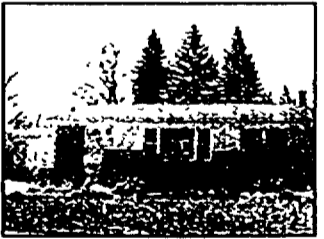
**WALLED LAKE** - Carefree lakeside living... And bring your boat! This 2 BR, 2 BA condo in an adult 50+ community includes all appliances, a beach boat slip on Walled Lake, private beach w/gazebo & picnic area, plus loads of other amenities. Delightful, relaxing living! \$137,900 (27SOU) 248-349-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - No expense spared! Magnificent cape cod on premium lot w/4 BR & 3.5 BA, 3 car garage. Every upgrade imaginable including: doors, floors, trim, windows, electrical & plumbing too. 2 tier Trex deck & brick paver patio. 12 zone sprinkler system & custom landscaping. \$509,900 (75HIL) 248-349-5600



**YPSILANTI** - Ford Lake front. Beautiful studio condo, boat storage port, 2 car ports, updated kitchen w/oak cupboards, newer carpet & freshly painted. Walkout your doorwall to the lake and your boat. \$79,900 (67HAR) 248-349-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - A pleasure to show. Plymouth ranch has newer ceramic floor in entry, kitchen & dining room. Newer Kraftmaid kitchen cabinets, DW, stove, DR has view of priv tree lot w/patio & deck. Main bath updated w/ceramic & pedestal sink. Daylight windows in basement & 1.5 car att. gar. \$199,950 (31LAK) 734-455-5600



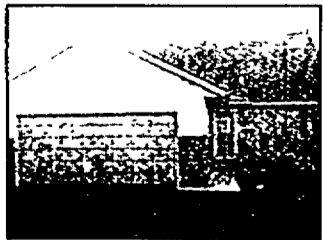
**ALLEN PARK** - A great place to start. Very cute 2 bdrm ranch w/2.5 car garage, huge attic for your storage. Decorated nicely & very clean. Close to all your needs, shopping, schools. Freeway & parks. Home warranty. \$89,900 (44ARL) 734-455-5600



**WARREN** - Beautiful 1st floor condo. Many updates in this 2 bdrm, 1.2 bath beauty. Newer carpet, paint, recessed lights, remarkable kitchen w/ceramic tile & light maple cabinets + new counters, sink, microwave & dishwasher all in 2003. A must see! \$85,900 (50HOO) 734-455-5600



**WESTLAND** - Updated 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch w/newer roof, windows, deck, furnace & AC. Hardwood floors, 2 car garage w/newer door & electric opener. Finished LL makes nice FR. Fenced yard & highly sought after Livonia schools. \$164,900 (50SAN) 248-349-5600



**FARMINGTON** - Peaceful and private. Excellent location in complex. End unit ranch condo w/2 bedrooms and 2 full ceramic baths. 2 car attached garage. Newer carpet, roof and much more. Close to freeway & shopping. \$189,900 (11HER) 248-349-5600



**WARREN** - Move in tomorrow. This 3 bedroom ranch is ready and waiting for someone who wants style. Newly painted, clean and well maintained. Huge yard with professional landscaping + a garden area. Home warranty included. \$150,000 (15FRA) 248-349-5600



**GARDEN CITY** - Custom built ranch. Unique floor plan surrounds inground pool, offers large living area + 2 kitchens, 2 laundry areas, separate heating & cooling. Newer furn & CA units, vinyl siding, newer roof, attached garage, all sitting on approx 1/2 acre lot. \$193,500 (11DAW) 734-455-5600



**GROSSE ILE** - In a choice neighborhood. 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath, rambling brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, bsmt, formal dining room, library w/bay window, vaulted ceiling in great room w/fpk, 1st floor laundry, oak kitchen w/appliances + 4 season sunroom. \$499,885 (36LAS) 734-455-5600



**CANTON** - Great townhouse condo. 2 bdrm w/1.5 baths. Crisp & clean, freshly painted, quiet location, updated kitchen & 5 bath. Nice bay window in DR w/window seat. 2 skylights, brick paver patio, full basement, appl stay. A must see. \$139,900 (79ARB) 734-455-5600

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**KENNEL HELP**  
Part time, mornings and/or afternoons. Must be flexible, exp. a plus. Roadside Veterinary Clinic, (248) 887-8313

**LABOR/CDL DRIVERS**  
WANTED \$10-\$15/hr depending on experience. (517)861-5782.

**LEASING AGENT**  
Edward Rose & Sons seeks to fill leasing consultant position in Detroit suburbs. Position requires energetic individual with excellent communication skills. Sales or customer service exp helpful. Advancement available. Please call Monica at 248-539-2130 or fax resume to: 248-539-2135

**LEASING AGENT**  
for Plymouth Independence Village. Great opportunity for experienced salesperson. Excellent salary plus commission & benefits. Weekends required. Fax resume to: Attn: General Manager 734-453-1150

**LOAN OFFICERS**  
Expanding mortgage company seeking experienced Loan Officers. Best pay plan & benefits in the industry. Bonus for January hire. Call (810)227-5600, ask for Mark.

**LOT ATTENDANT** - Indoor/Outdoor Repositioning attendants needed. Mon-Fri, 8-5pm. \$8/hour. Call (248)684-8725

**Maintenance Worker**  
Now Community Handman, or apt. or manufactured home maintenance background needed. Full time. Outdoor work. Responsibilities: grounds, mowing, plowing, water leaks, maintenance. MUST BE EXPERIENCED & DEPENDABLE \$10-\$12/hour. Benefits in 30 days. Fax resume: 248-624-9871

**MAINTENANCE/ GROUNDS PERSON**  
Howell luxury apt. community seeking part-time (20 hours week) maintenance/grounds person. Position will be full time April thru October. Possible apt. allowance. Fax resume with salary desired to: 517-552-7869

**MARKETING Assistant** needed. Insurance office, downtown Northville needs part time help. Good people skills, computer & phone skills required. Fax resume to: 248-349-5169

## Help wanted General 5000

**MANAGER NEEDED**  
For busy quick-kill change in Northville. Previous experience helpful, but not necessary if you're stuck in a dead-end position, we'll give you the opportunity for advancement. Outstanding pay and benefits for the right person. DAVIS AUTO CARE, INC. 807 Doherty Dr., Northville 248-349-5115

**MECHANIC** - Looking for motivated, dependable, loyal individual for Fleet Maintenance. Starting pay of \$12/hr. Year round employment w/ health benefits avail. Apply at: Todd's Services Inc. 7975 M36 PO Box 608 Hamburg, 48139 fax: 810-231-4778

**MECHANIC** - Heavy truck must be experienced, certification and have own tools if you meet these qualifications, please call (517) 545-4000

**Mortgage Loan Officer**  
Leads Provided! Local lender continues to expand, continues aggressive marketing. Openings for two additional loan officers with proven track record. Free training and a fair split. Fax resume to: Fidelity Mortgage 248-932-2167

**NAIL TECH** - Busy, beautiful Salon. Call for details. Total Dimension, South Lyon (248) 437-8141

**PAINTERS**  
Exp. painters & crew leaders needed, travel required, drug screening & drivers license required. (248) 668-1077

**PART-TIME HELP**  
CURVES FOR WOMEN. 30 minute fitness center hiring part-time staff. Must have flexible hours, Saturdays included. Westland, Livonia & Novi areas. Energetic, self-motivated & loves to work with people. Sales included. Fax resume: 734-458-5009 or call 734-458-5004

**PICK/PAKER** Needed for Canton warehouse to assemble, pack and ship merchandise via USPS and UPS world-shipping. Start immediately. Experience preferred. Monday Friday, 9-4:30 \$8/hr. 734-637-0518

**PLUMBERS**  
Swim Pool Service Persons Commercial/Residential. 888 POOLS 734-427-3242

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Various openings in our assembly and machine shop departments. We offer a friendly and clean work environment with regular full time day and afternoon shift schedules. Benefits include: Profit sharing, 401(k), health drug dental, short-term disability and life insurance, vacation and sick personal days. Unskilled jobs start at \$8.75 per hour. Skilled rates will be discussed with qualified candidates. Send resume or apply in person. (Industrial Park Drive is located next to the Holiday Inn on 10 Mile near Grand River). Resumes accepted until 1/16/2004. ACE Controls 23435 Industrial Park Drive Farmington Hills MI 48335 FAX: 248-426-5631 E-mail: brescecontrols.com

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**SOLICITOR NEEDED** part time evenings for local insurance office. Ideal for students. Call (248) 349-8993

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**TELLERS - PART TIME**  
Seeking part time Tellers for the VGS office, starting wage is \$10.40/hr., more with exp., plus benefits. Prior bank or credit union exp. not required. Apply in person at any branch location. Equal Opportunity Employer. First National Bank 101 E Grand River, Howell, MI 48843

**THE HOWELL Conference & Nature Center** is now hiring for the Spring season. Openings in our challenge department which includes high ropes, climbing tower, & our teams course. No exp necessary. Call (517)546-0249 for more information

**THE NOVI COURTYARD BY MARIOTT**  
Is looking for Front desk clerks. Candidates must have a flexible schedule & possess strong customer service skills. Please apply at the courtyard, 42703 11 Mile Rd. Novi. EEO.M.F.D.V.

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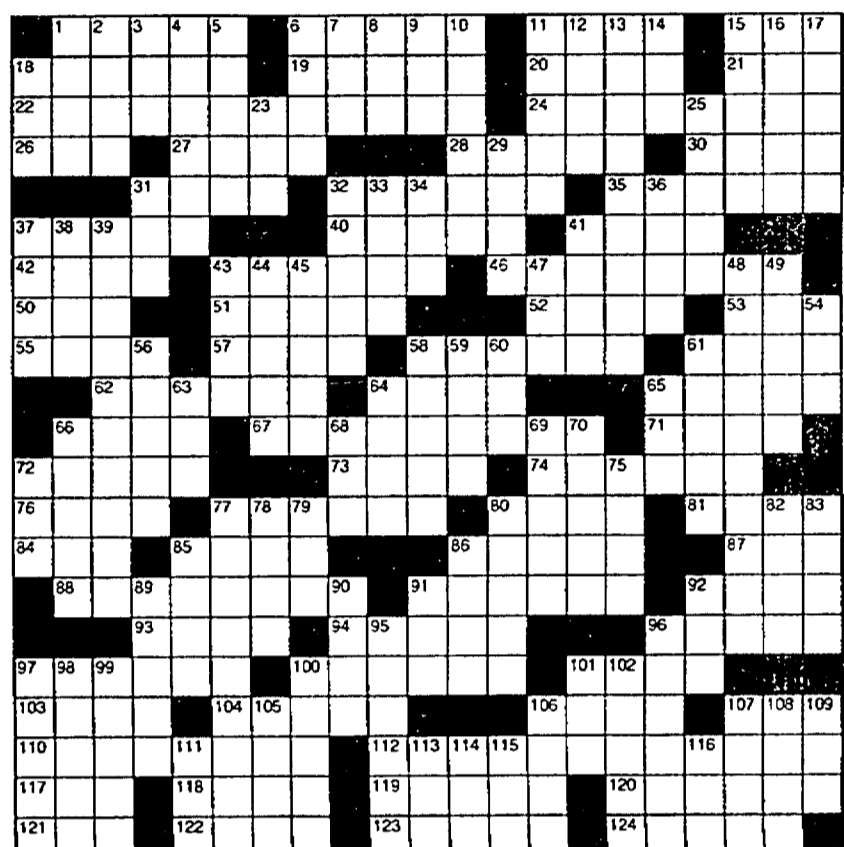
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**ACROSS**  
1 "Lif" actress  
6 Decorous  
11 Jack of "Roo Loo"  
15 With  
10 Down, "Cheers" star  
18 Entice  
19 It's tossed with sauce  
20 Water's offering  
21 Medical grp  
22 Gene Barry role  
24 Gene Autry's horse  
26 Maestro de  
27 Evened the score  
28 Prophets  
30 "So - You" (77 song)  
31 Torrid or frigid  
32 Bluesman  
35 Le Carre tale start  
37 Zeal  
40 Tea of "Deep Impact"  
41 Diplomacy  
42 Libertine  
43 "Macbeth" role  
46 Kind of sale  
50 Vex  
51 Linda of  
52 Revise a manuscript

**DOWN**  
1 "All Over" (64 hit)  
2 Chord member  
3 Cadege  
4 Wind instrument?  
5 Vamash ingredient  
6 Tor  
7 Pine product  
8 Burro  
9 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."  
10 See  
11 Roast host  
12 Annealing oven  
13 "56 Ingrid Bergman film  
14 Silent  
15 Use one's noodle  
16 Overact  
17 Patron  
18 Vigoda or Fortas  
23 Placekicker's prop  
25 It's spotted out West  
29 Lexicographer  
31 Actress  
32 African antelope  
33 "Why don't we?"  
34 Berg or Drabowsky  
36 "New Jack City" actor  
37 Saharan  
38 Actor  
39 Gene Chandler hit  
41 Barber  
43 Leander's love  
44 Iniquities  
45 Crete's capital  
47 Dawson of football  
48 Gene Hackman film  
49 Museum piece  
54 Computer acronym  
56 Play for time  
58 Statesman  
59 Depart  
60 Goal  
61 Amphitheater feature  
63 New neighbor  
64 Unemployed  
65 "Agnus"  
66 Chensh  
68 Uh-uh  
69 Florida feature  
70 Blackboard support  
72 "Stroker" (83 film)  
75 Quote  
77 "Shaft" star (daringly)  
79 Decimal base  
80 Big-name Secretary, e.g.  
83 Diminutive suffix  
85 Blue hue  
86 Re  
89 Court cry  
90 Spilled the beans  
91 Negligent  
92 Tenor  
95 Weak  
96 Circuitous course  
97 Lowdown crooner? a brat  
99 Endowment  
100 Pretended  
101 Berle bit  
102 Knocked out a novel  
105 Agate  
106 So-called  
107 The Brothers  
108 Reduce, with "down"  
109 USIA grad  
111 Recipe abbr.  
113 Conger or moray  
114 Compass pt.  
115 Palindromic diatribe  
116 "Jurassic Park" stuff



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ACROSS  
1. LIF  
6. DECOROUS  
11. JACK OF ALL TRADES  
15. WITH  
10 DOWN  
18. ENTICE  
19. TOSSED  
20. WATER'S OFFERING  
21. MEDICAL GROUP  
22. GENE BARRY  
24. GENE AUTRY  
26. MAESTRO  
27. EVENED THE SCORE  
28. PROPHETS  
30. SO YOU  
31. TORRID OR FRIGID  
32. BLUESMAN  
35. LE CARRE  
37. ZEAL  
40. TEA OF DEEP IMPACT  
41. DIPLOMACY  
42. LIBERTINE  
43. MACBETH  
46. KIND OF SALE  
50. VEX  
51. LINDA EVERTON  
52. REVISE

DOWN  
1. ALL OVER  
2. CHORD MEMBER  
3. CADDIS  
4. WIND INSTRUMENT  
5. VAMASH  
6. TOR  
7. PINE  
8. BURRO  
9. ROBERT OF QUINCY  
10. SEE  
11. ROAST HOST  
12. ANNEALING OVEN  
13. 56 INGRID BERGMAN  
14. SILENT  
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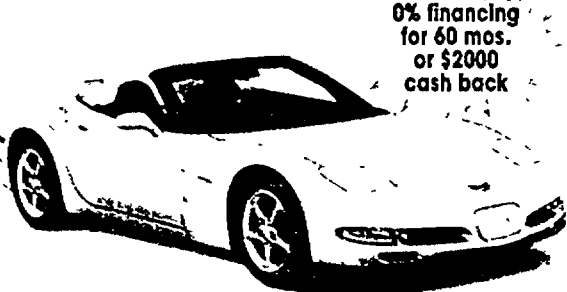
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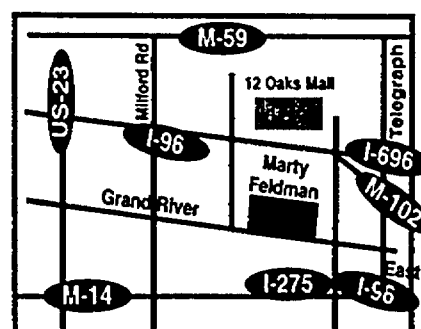
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## Schedule of Events

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

■ 10 a.m. festival opens with display of over 100 individual block sculptures placed in front of participating businesses throughout downtown Plymouth and in Kellogg Park.

■ "Down on the Farm" Fantasyland opens in The Gathering at 10 a.m.

■ Major multiblock displays under construction.

■ Light Show begins AT 6 p.m.

■ Exhibit "Dolls and Toys of Long Ago" at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 115 S Main, from 1-4 p.m.

■ Award presentation to the winners of the Middle School Art Students Ice Sculpture design contest at 4 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

■ "Down on the Farm" Fantasyland opens in The Gathering at 10 a.m.

■ Major multiblock displays under construction.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

■ "Down on the Farm" Fantasyland in The Gathering opens at 9 a.m.

■ Major multiblock displays under construction.

■ Exhibit "Dolls and Toys of Long Ago" at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 115 S Main, from 1-4 p.m.

■ World Champion, Tajana Raukar, carver exhibition 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

■ World Champion, Ted Wakar, carver exhibition noon-5 p.m.

■ Amateur Individual Competition 9 a.m.-noon.

■ Student Individual Competition Flight One, 9 a.m.-noon.

■ Student Individual Competition Flight Two, 2-5 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

■ "Down on the Farm" Fantasyland in The Gathering opens at 11 a.m.

■ Major multiblock displays under construction.

■ World Champion, Jim Bur Jr., carver exhibition, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

■ World Champion, Ted Wakar, carver exhibition, noon-5 p.m.

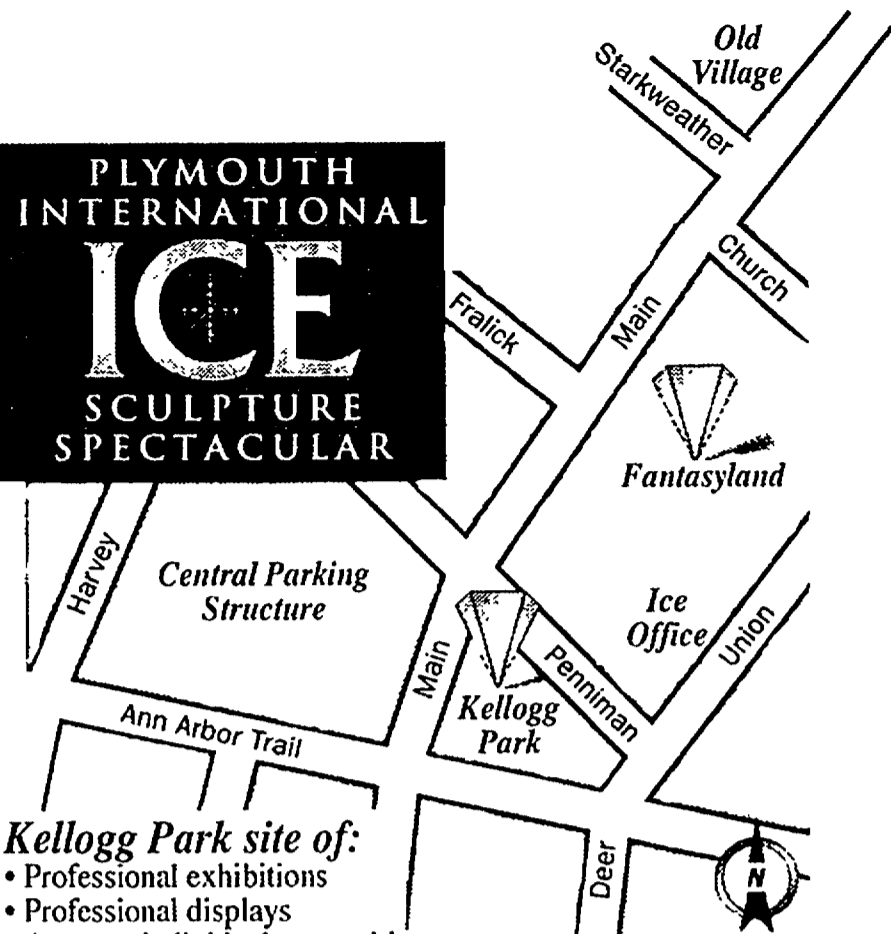
■ Student Team Competition, noon-4 p.m.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19

■ "Down on the Farm" Fantasyland in The Gathering opens at 9 a.m.

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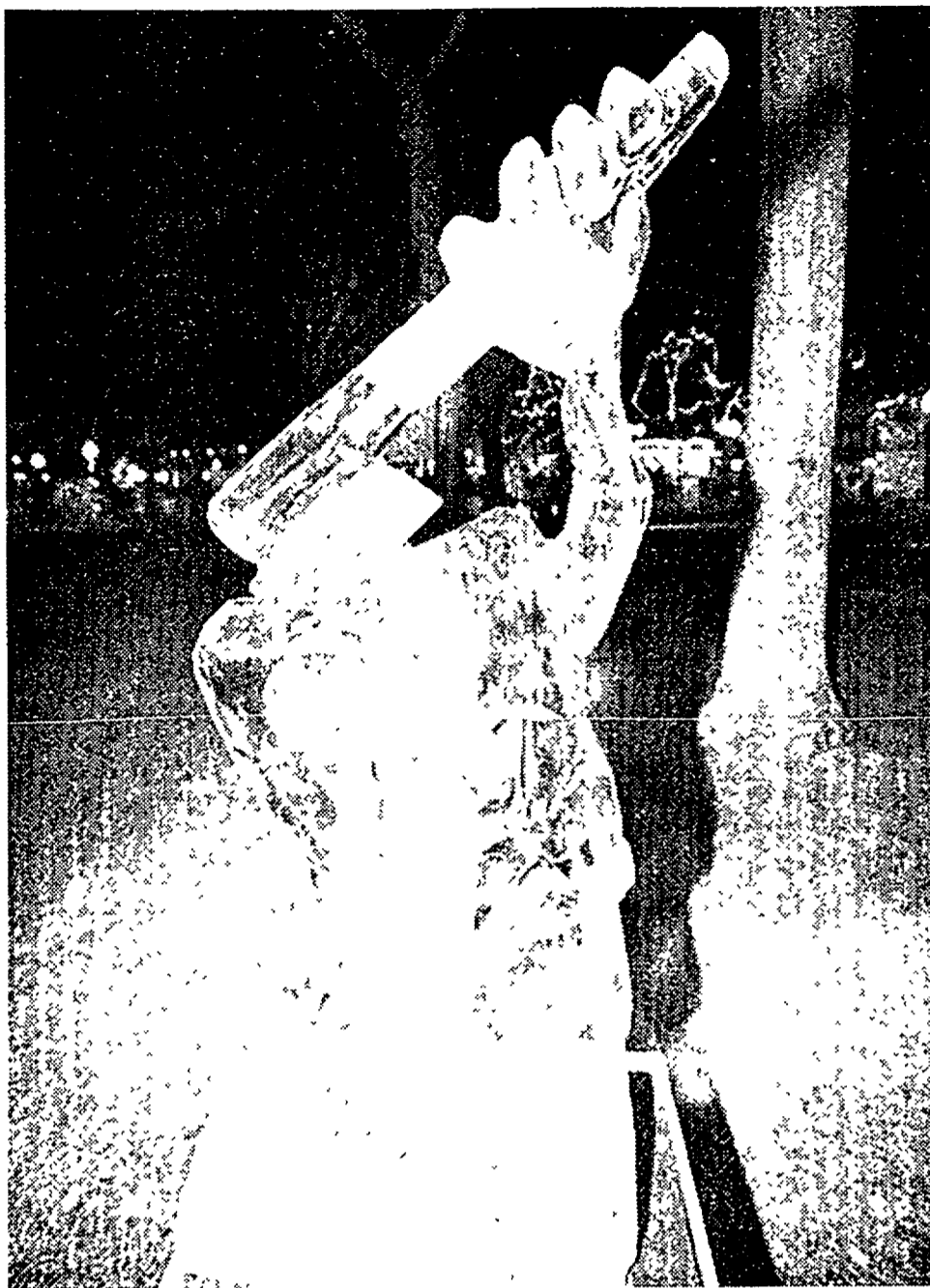


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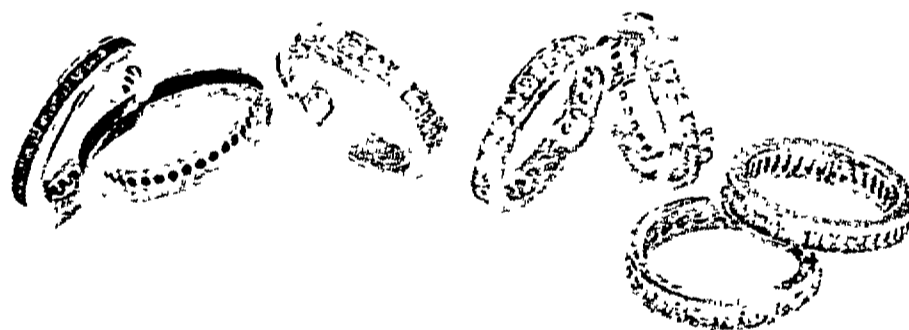
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# Old favorites mark annual ice festival

The 2004 Plymouth Ice Spectacular will again feature hundreds of new and spectacular ice carvings created by students, professors, amateurs and professional ice carvers from Japan, Canada and across the United States.

The Farmer Jack Fantasyland for children will be entitled "Down On the Farm." Open to the public 24 hours a day, the fantastic ice sculptures are lighted during the evening hours to add a thrilling dimension to the dazzling, one-of-a-kind creations.

The work of Tajana Raukar, one of the hottest ice carvers in the world and also a resident and business owner in Plymouth, will be featured in a number of displays. Raukar



Sculptures of all kinds become fan favorites during the annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

began competing at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular as a student ice carver with Schoolcraft Community College and has seen her career skyrocket to the top of the ice-carving world.

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# The Overview

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, North America's oldest and largest ice-carving event, runs Jan. 15-19. The free family event features hundreds of original works by professional, amateur and student ice carvers and annually draws 500,000 visitors.

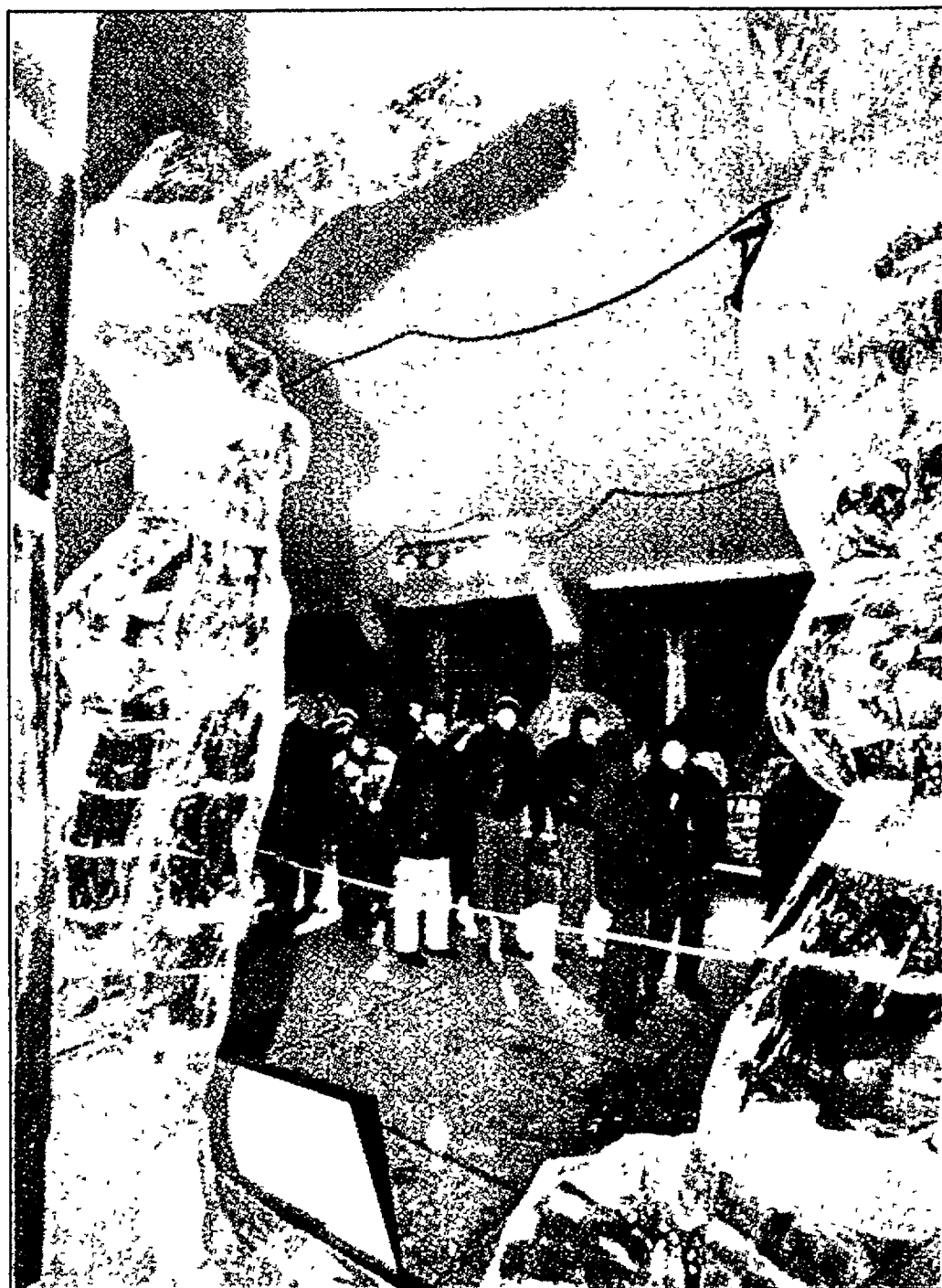
Now in its 22nd year, the festival is open during daylight and early evening hours, with lighting adding a thrilling aspect to the works of art. Over 100 sculptures are displayed along the downtown streets and in Kellogg Park. The ephemeral nature of ice sculpture makes the event a "must see" for hundreds of thousands.

Professional, amateur and student carvers create artworks in "real time," distinguishing the Plymouth ice festival. Artists carve in frigid winter conditions and answer questions while working, strengthening connections for visitors, who discover the tools, techniques and physical prowess ice carving requires.

Once an obscure culinary art, the Plymouth festival helped establish ice carving as a world-class event. In 1998, Plymouth sent their best to participate in an Olympic demonstration sport in Nagano, Japan.

Michael Watts, executive director, reports free festivals and family oriented events make sound investments. His company, Watts Up, Inc. produces some of the largest free events in the state.

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That's appropriate, because the annual ice festival is what pushed Raukar into the business to begin with. Raukar, who was the food artist at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, spent most of her time carving fruits and vegetables.

"I was always trying different mediums, and (ice fest) got me to try ice," said Raukar, who has parlayed her interest in ice into

Plymouth resident Tajana Raukar is one of the favorites for spectators attending the annual ice festival.

"You have to look into that block of ice and see it come alive," she said. "It's hard to put in words. It's something that's just there."

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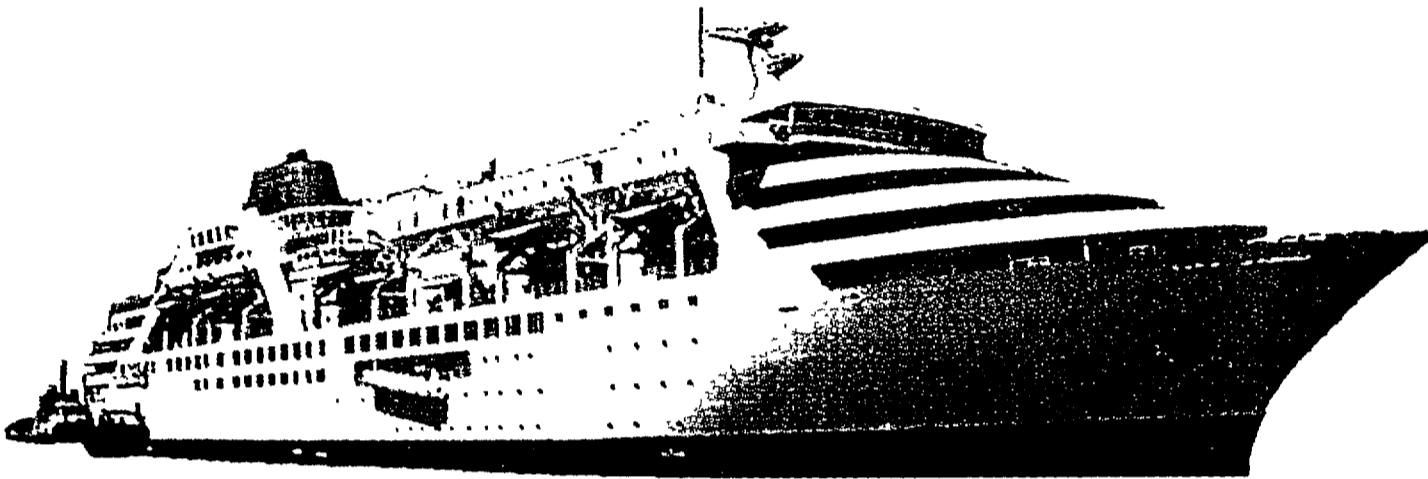
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# International Appeal

The Plymouth International Ice Festival Spectacular started out as a little, local to-do more than 20 years ago.

Now it attracts master ice carvers from Michigan and abroad and hundreds of thousands of visitors into downtown Plymouth.

Festival founder Scott Lorenz of Plymouth said he was inspired to organize the festival after watching a *60 Minutes* segment about a similar festival in Sapporo, Japan.

"It was a very inspirational television program," Lorenz said. "I thought, 'If they can do it, so can we.'"

With a little help from supportive father, Ralph Lorenz, then-city manager Hank Grapper and current city manager Paul Sincock, the first festival was staged in 1982 and drew a few thousand visitors into Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

Sincock said it has been rewarding watching the little festival grow up.

"It's certainly grown from a little weekend event in Kellogg Park to a major international ice carving event," Sincock said. "It was one of the first ice carving events in North America. Plymouth has achieved a lot of notoriety because of the event."



Festival organizers arrange for Japanese carvers to give the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular an international appeal.

At the festival's beginning, Japan was known for having the world's best ice carvers.

Since then, however, local ice carvers, such as Plymouth resident Tajana Raukar and Canton's Ted Wakar, have helped make a name for American ice carvers. Tajana Raukar is a five-time world champion.

Schoolcraft College and Henry Ford Community College both teach the art of ice carving to culinary arts students, who regularly participate in the Plymouth Ice Festival. Some students receive college credit for participating in the festival.

The culinary arts

students have helped elevate ice sculpting from a dying art to a thriving one, according to Mike Watts of Watts Up Inc., who has been festival organizer and promoter the last 12 years. Even local high school students have participated in ice carving.

Attracting visitors into downtown Plymouth during a typically slow time of year was one reason for starting the festival, according to Watts.

"It basically started as a promotion to get people into town," Watts said. "Now Plymouth is known all over the world for its ice festival."



Japanese carvers were long thought to be the best in the world, but Americans are gaining notoriety in their own right.

The key to the festival's success, according to Watts, is location, location, location.

"We've seen other people try to duplicate our festival and no other place works as well as Plymouth," Watts said.

Another key to the festival's success is weather. When temperatures are subzero, it's perfect for maintaining the ice sculptures, but tends to keep away the visitors. When the weather is unseasonably warm and sunny, it causes the ice sculptures to melt but draws more visitors into town.

While a painter uses a palette and canvas, ice sculptors use implements of destruction. In the festival's beginning, ice sculptors used hand saws and chisels, and sketched their design on the ice blocks with ice picks before carving.

Nowadays, carvers use power tools such as chain saws, specialized chisels that cost up to \$250 each and specially treated paper stencils to help them carve out designs. Irons and blow torches are used to help melt the ice.

Not only do the technological improvements make the designs more intricate, but they help save time for the carvers, too. Time is a precious commodity when carving in subfreezing temperatures in ice warehouses, according to Watts.

The latest advancement is computerized routers that can be used to draw precise, computer-drafted designs directly onto ice. This technique is used primarily for designs such as logos.

But most festival visitors just love gazing at the sculptures lining the sidewalks of Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth, and don't realize the work and preparation that go into the elaborate ice carvings.

Watts said the ice festival's appeal is similar to that of an amusement park. "It's like going to Disneyland only all the rides are new every year," he said.

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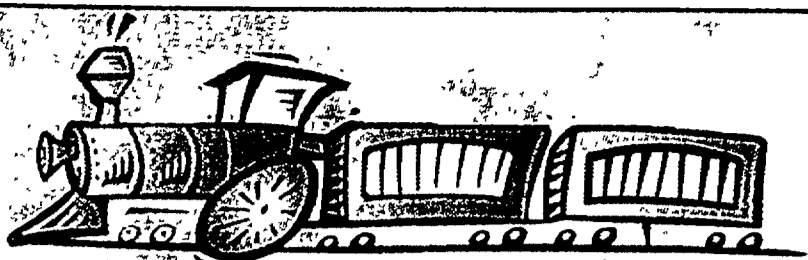
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# Tools make the trade for ice carvers

Ice carvers use several tools for their work, ranging from chain saws and ice picks for the rough stuff to die grinders and steam irons for the details.

A 12-inch electric chain saw is used to rough out the shape of the sculpture. If too much ice is removed, more can be added by grafting additional ice on with water. Fine details are then added, using up to 10 steel-blade chisels. The finest details are carved with an electric die grinder.

The steam iron comes into play when scratches must be taken out of flat surfaces.

Many of an ice carver's tools can only be bought from Japanese companies, and chisels can cost up to \$500 apiece. It's not unusual for a professional ice carver to have \$10,000 invested in his tools and equipment.

There are so many power tools and lights in use when the carvers swing into action that a dozen small generators and three commercial generators are needed to provide power and light.



Carvers use  
a wide vari-  
ety of tools  
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Kids of all ages have been drawn to the ice carvings for 22 years now, since the inception of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.



The ice festival draws not only professional carvers, but also students from many local colleges, such as Oakland Community College.

## OVERVIEW

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The Plymouth event pumps more than \$5 million to the western Wayne County economy each year. "The festival takes place when winter kicks in and customers usually stay home," says Watts. "But here, when the ice sculptures go up, people come out."

Amateur and student competitions are Saturday and Sunday. Other special activities include the Farmer Jack Fantasyland, featuring ice displays for the delight of children. This year's Farmer Jack Fantasyland theme is "Down on the Farm."

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular is made possible through the generosity of sponsors. Sponsors include Comcast Cable, Community Financial, Don Massey Cadillac, Environmental Quality, Hilton Garden Inn Plymouth, Johnson Controls, Master Automatic, National City Bank, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Saturn of Plymouth, and Standard Federal Bank.

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# Cold Carvers Smile

Unlike most Michigan inhabitants, ice carvers usually wish for cold, overcast weather with no wind.

But not too cold. If the temperature gets much below 10 degrees, the ice becomes brittle and difficult to carve.

If it gets too warm, carvers find it difficult to fuse two pieces of ice together. The ice itself gets a cloudy look as the crystals within separate, and fine detail tends to wash out as melting occurs.

The sun can also be a problem, even if the air temperature is ideal. Canton resident and master carver Ted Wakar said the effect is "almost like sunburn."

Ice carvings can also suffer from an excess of wind, which tends to dehydrate the sculpture, Wakar said.

As for temperatures, Wakar prefers anything in the 20s. Oakland Community College Chef Dan Rowson said he's a "25-degree guy," and Tajana Raukar of Plymouth prefers 10-20 degrees.

"The ice starts to get a little touchy around freezing," said Kevin Dickerson of Home City Ice, whose company produces the kinds of 300-pound blocks of ice from which carvings are made. "The ideal temperature is the mid-20s. We could use a nice cold-weather show without a thaw."

Of course, the way the weather is in Michigan, there's no telling what will happen. But if you see a lot of happy carvers in Kellogg Park during the festival, it will probably be at least in part because the temperature is 20 degrees, there's a solid overcast and the wind is light.

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# TAJANA

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The Raukars bought one ice-maker to freeze enough blocks of ice to allow Tajana to practice. Once that was in, the couple decided to keep going, and they've turned what was in the beginning a dream into a thriving, full-time business called, appropriately enough, Ice Dreams.

The Raukars carve any number of items by request: wedding sculptures (like a fully functioning ice bar), company logos and fountains. According to Paul Raukar, the company carves some 50 blocks of ice per week.

Paul does the computer carving and leaves the rest to his wife.

"It's definitely a full-time thing," said Paul, who was born in Dearborn but grew up in Croatia. "Each carving is done like it was a competition piece. (Tajana) is a five-time world champion, and people expect more of her. That quality is very important to our customers."

It's important to Tajana, as well. She spends a lot of time practicing her craft, traveling to competitions — and winning most of them — nearly every weekend from January to March. She's won at the Toledo Zoo; she took part in the Salt Lake City Olympics, where ice carving was a demonstration event.

Such trips not only add to the trophy case, but they foster goodwill and friendship among the carvers, most of whom are ice-carving business owners like the Raukars.

"I have a lot of friends, and you want to see what they're doing," Tajana said. "You can get ideas, too."

Despite all the travel, the Plymouth ice festival is nearest and dearest to her home — and her heart. Raukar is a popular attraction at the annual event, drawing throngs of people who



Animals are a popular subject of sculptures during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

crowd around her to watch her work.

It can be a distraction, if you let it be.

"It's about looking in the ice block and seeing the sculpture inside," Tajana said. "If you notice the people, it's a big distraction. I wear headphones, and listen to music, and that helps me focus."

The pair will be at next month's ice festival, as they are every year. There's no professional competition this year, but professionals will be performing exhibitions. It'll be just as crowded — and just as popular.

"It's unique," Paul Raukar said. "Every year it's different. Everything melts, and you have to start again. That's what brings the people."

It's also what tweaks the people's imagination.

"Each person is different within," Tajana said. "They see something different in the sculpture."

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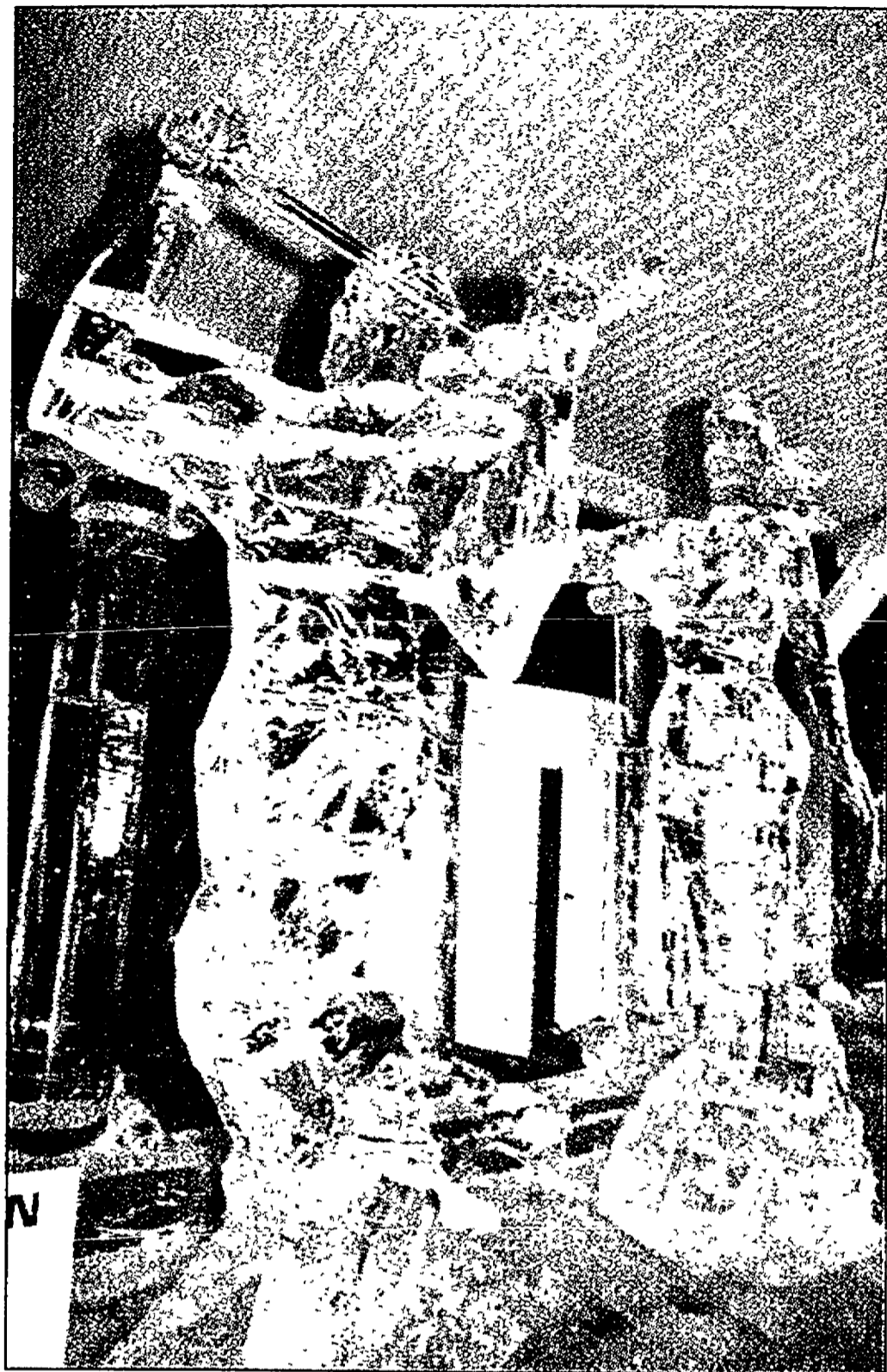
Raukar was invited to the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics, and has also been invited to the upcoming world championships. She has also been invited to carve in Belgium, and has carved in Fairbanks, Alaska, where she crafted from a single large block, cut from a glacier. These events are usually reserved for older, more experienced carvers, and the fact that Raukar has moved up the list of invitees so quickly just shows her great talent and competitive spirit.

The 2004 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular will again feature a professional team of world-class carvers from Japan, who will showcase the style of carving popular in their country.

In addition to the carvers who visit Plymouth each year, the Board of Directors is also pleased to recognize the many high school and community college students who partici-



Ice carvings come in all shapes and sizes during the annual ice festival, which draws thousands of people to the downtown Plymouth area every year.



pate and are an integral part of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular experience.

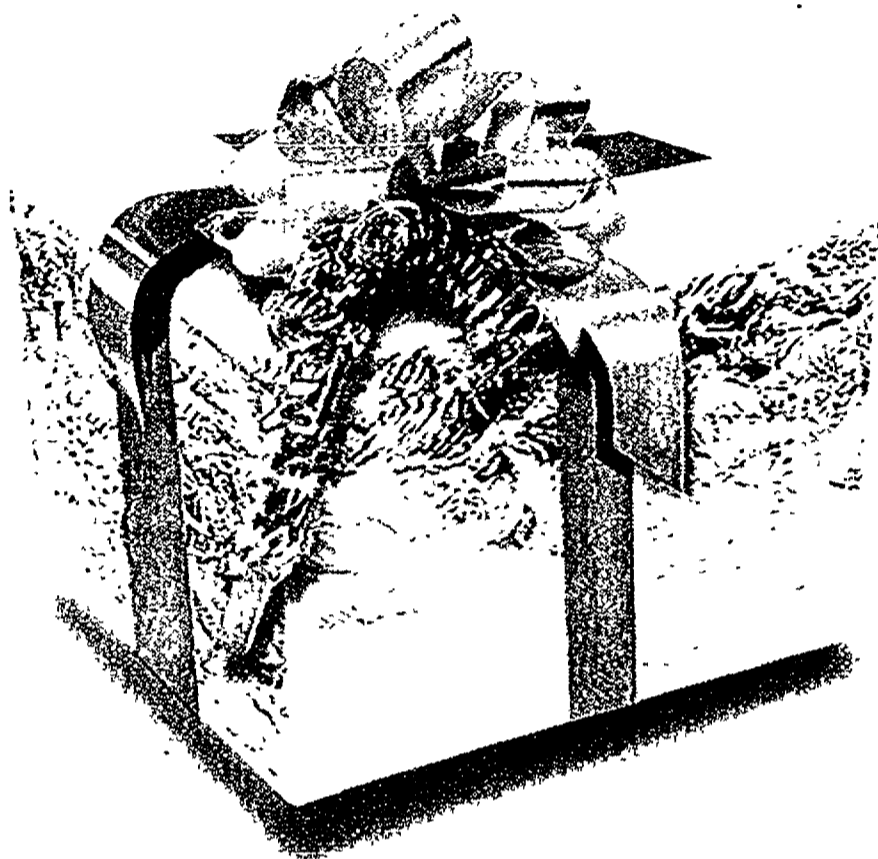
The 2004 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular features the largest contingent of student carving exhibitions and competitions in America and, with the help and assistance of the participating schools and their instructors, Plymouth is known as the birthplace of modern ice carving in the United States.

The student competitions and learning experiences distinguish the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Recognized as a premier winter event, the festival represents a rare opportunity for student ice carvers to work alongside the world's leading professionals. All work performed by the students is supervised, and is used as an instructional experience.

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Thousands brave the Michigan weather to attend the annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

canopy bed all made from ice.

The Japanese chefs picked up the art of ice sculpturing from the French chefs in the last 30 years. Until recently, the Japanese have been considered the masters of the art form. In Japan, ice sculpturing is a full time profession, the sculptors carve wood in the summer and ice in the winter.

In America, ice sculpturing is a relatively young art form helping to revive the dying craft as part of the culinary profession.

In the last 22 years, the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular has been the main reason for this art form being rediscovered in Michigan.

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# Ice festival weathers economy

BY BRAD KADRIC  
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A faltering economy has melted away some support for the 2004 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

The popular festival has been scaled back by a day and won't include some of the features that have been popular in the past when it hits the streets of downtown Plymouth Jan. 15-19.

Despite a drop in sponsorship, however, spectators can still expect to be dazzled when all is said and done, according to festival organizer Mike Watts.

"People are still going to see a great festival, one of the best in the world," said Watts, of Watts-Up, Inc. "The event is going to go on. It'll be as good an event as we can do with the budget we have."

Watts ran into the same problem he's encountered the last few years: Lagging sponsorships. While main sponsor Farmer Jack is still committed to its \$30,000 contribution, Visteon has dropped its \$5,000 sponsorship.

The festival committee is also hurt by

city of Plymouth budget cuts that sliced more than \$16,000 from the festival budget. With budget troubles looming, city officials decided earlier this year to cut support for festivals. Those festivals must now pay the entire cost of city services.

Some changes to the festival have been made to fit it into the current budget structure. The changes include:

- Elimination of professional carving competitions. Professionals will still carve, but only in exhibitions, meaning the board won't have to pay the expense of bringing in professional judges.

- Elimination of the dinner-dance. "It was a nice event, but it really didn't work well as a fund-raiser," Watts said.

- Cancellation of the celebrity carving competition. "Again, it was a nice event, but it wasn't really cost-effective," he said.

Other features return, such as the presence of the Japanese carvers — "We want to make sure the festival maintains its international status," Watts said — and the student and amateur carving competitions.



Viewers will see a scaled-back version of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, but organizers promise it'll be just as spectacular as ever.

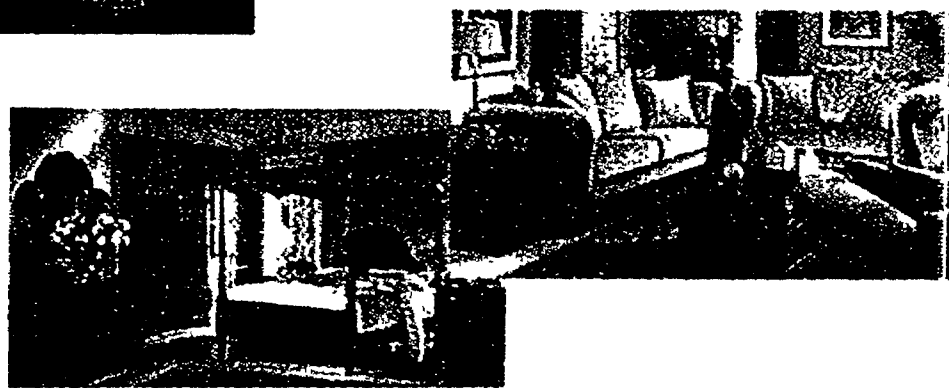
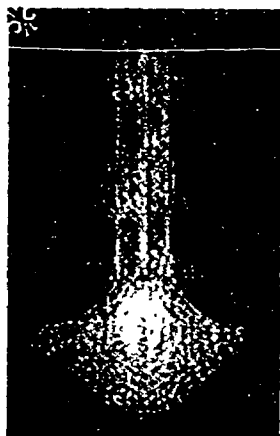


Spectators stroll the streets of downtown Plymouth day and night during the annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

"That's part of our vision, part of our purpose," Watts said. "We're making hard decisions while trying to keep the flavor."

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# Festival full of memories for writers

BY JEFF COUNTS  
STAFF WRITER

There were Elvis sightings in more than a Kalamazoo Burger King.

During the mid-1990s, two Plymouth Observer staff members, staff writer Kevin Brown and photographer Bill Bresler, brought "The King" to life in an icy form in Kellogg Park during the annual ice festivals.

It may have been an odd reincarnation for a Mississippi boy, but hey, it's America, and who cares if we take a southerner and cast him in ice? Grits would have been more appropriate, or maybe fried peanut butter-and-banana sandwiches, one of the King's favorites.

The genesis of Elvis in ice came out of the fertile minds of Bresler and Brown. Both had been covering the festival for years and decided to cross the journalistic line of non-involvement and start carving.

But what would be a proper subject? Almost everything had been done. It was a post-modern dilemma. The



Carvings turn out to be whatever the carver sees in the ice.

answer was "retro" and Elvis came to mind. For Brown, it was an obvious choice. Reporting was Kevin's day job; at night he was a country-and-western musician playing with several bands in the Detroit and Ann Arbor areas.

So, Brown and Bresler decided to tackle the King. The first year they opted for the subtle Elvis guitar which, to the delight of Bresler, ended up on footage filmed by CNN.

"They showed our sculpture and ignored the ones carved by Japanese carvers who had come all the way to Plymouth. We were pretty proud of it," Bresler said.

After that effort came a year of planning for the next artistic project. The pair had confidence now and were ready to tackle a full figure of Elvis, lock, stock and ducktail hair-do.

But a controversy raged between the two amateur carvers. Should it be the early Elvis with thin hips or the later, bloated version in a jump suit used to cover a couple extra pounds accumulated by eating those fried peanut butter-and-banana sandwiches?

About that time, the U.S. Post Office was engaged in a similar debate. Would the commemorative Elvis stamp bear the image of a thin, vital, sexy ex-truck driver from Tupelo, or the entertainer from Vegas who carried around 10 pounds of rhinestones on his clothing?

The Bresler-Brown team eventually opted for a more svelte Elvis — one with the raw, hungry power in his voice that only a kid from rural Mississippi can have.

That year, the Observer team had help from a professional carver who was there to assist in doing a full-figure sculpture.

"He was supposed to help us, but we wanted to do it ourselves, so we sent him over to the Box Bar to have a bourbon and we did it ourselves," Bresler said.

The following year, Elvis' stage run in Kellogg Park ended, but the boys kept up the rock 'n' roll theme with a carving of Jerry Garcia's hand, the one that had the middle figure missing due to a childhood accident.

According to Bresler, the Grateful Dead musician lost the finger when it was chopped off by his brother at the age of 12. It was one of the major factors behind his unique style of guitar playing.

"That was the year Garcia died, but I don't think a lot of people got it," Bresler said.

But to true artists like Brown and Bresler, the rewards aren't always in the public appreciation of your art form. The rewards are in the knowledge you've created something that challenges the minds of festival-goers.

Both are now "retired" from carving and following pursuits in other communities, but both fondly remember their days as rock 'n' roll ice artists.

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# Answers to popular Ice Festival questions

## **How and why did the event begin?**

Scott Lorenz, the son of the owner of the Plymouth Mayflower Hotel, came up with the idea after visiting a similar event in Japan. The event was established to fill a void in the post holiday retail slow-down. Hotel, restaurant and retail business takes a nosedive immediately after a very hectic holiday season. The concept was to create an event so unique it would draw large numbers of people to Plymouth in the hope that they would also shop and eat.

Needless to say, with an average annual attendance of over 500,000 and a total attendance of over 10 million people, the event has exceeded even the wildest expectations of the creators.

## **How did the art of ice carving start?**

As the story goes, once upon a time a czarina in Russia was enamored with a local man who was in love with a woman from his village. As was the custom of the day the man went to the czarina to get her permission to wed the woman he loved. The czarina was not pleased by the request, and decided to show her displeasure by agreeing to let the couple wed only if they would spend their wedding night in a castle made of ice. She was sure this would cool their passion for each other, and/or ruin their wedding night. Much to her surprise love won out and the couple agreed to her condition.

The czarina had her army cut blocks of ice from Lake Bicall, and build a house of ice complete with furnishings including tables, chairs and a bed for the newlyweds. The couple were married, spent their wedding night in the house of ice, and lived happily ever after. However, word spread about the strange house of ice, and eventually people from all over Russia and Europe visited the site to gaze at the first ice castle. It was so

popular it was recreated as a tourist attraction for many years to come.

## **How did the art of ice carving spread?**

Hearing about the unusual use of ice from countrymen who had traveled to Russia to see the famous ice castle, a French chef developed the idea of carving serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. This idea may have been a necessity, because at the time, spoiled food or illness from a dinner could cost the chef his head in a guillotine. The French carried the art with them to the Orient, and today the Japanese are the finest and most prolific carvers in the world.

## **Who carves the ice statues at the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular?**

The professional chef carvers, amateur carvers and student carvers all compete in the team and individual carving competitions. Thousands of dollars in prizes and scholarships are awarded annually at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular. The event is sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation, and ranks equally with their annual national championship competition.

## **Who presents the event?**

The Plymouth Ice Spectacular is owned and operated by the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Incorporated, a non-profit (501(c)3) corporation, administered by a volunteer Board of Directors.

## **Who funds the event?**

The event is funded by donations, corporate sponsorships and various fund-raisers. All the money collected goes to the presentation of the event. The city of Plymouth makes a donation to the event, but the Ice Spectacular is a totally self-liquidating effort completely independent of the governmental process.

## **How much does it cost to present the event?**

In excess of \$200,000 in hard dollars, and services are needed each year to maintain the high caliber of the event.

## **Who benefits from the event?**

The entire business community of Plymouth benefits from the presentation of the Ice Spectacular. This event has become the single busiest retail and restaurant week of the year. Many businesses in the community rely heavily on the business it generates to make ends meet in the two to three slow months that follow the holiday season. The event also creates numerous jobs for young people in the community, and most importantly garners an estimated \$750,000 annually in local, regional, national, and international publicity for the city of Plymouth, Plymouth township, and all the surrounding communities in Western Wayne county.

Most importantly the culinary art students at the metropolitan area community colleges and trade high schools who need to acquire ice carving skills to enhance their education, greatly benefit from the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. They have an opportunity to carve in one of the most prestigious events in the country, and the money that is donated to their club is used to purchase blocks of ice for them to practice on and the expensive tools necessary to do the job correctly. Lastly, the students who compete in the competitions benefit from the experience and the instruction that is given to them by the educators and professional carvers before, during, and after each event.

## **Who comes to the event?**

Parents, grandparents, teenagers and children of all ages. Families from all over the metro-Detroit community, from around the State of Michigan, and from across the country. The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular is world renown as

one of the finest and most entertaining free family winter events available.

## **Special highlights?**

The most visited exhibit at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular is the Farmer Jack "Fantasyland" for children. This year's theme is "Frozen Cinema," and will feature various carvings of characters or scenes from your favorite movies. The "Fantasyland" is also sponsored by National City Bank.

In addition, the event will again run for 24 hours a day with special effect lighting sponsored by Don Massey Cadillac, adding color and lift to the statues at night.

There will be numerous competitions throughout the weekend: a two-man team, 10-block 20-hour event, college teams, high school, college, amateur, and professional individual competitions. Winners will receive gifts, prizes, medals and cash awards in excess of \$10,000. These competitions will take place in Kellogg Park and the Central Parking Structure. The Community Federal Credit Union and Visteon are title sponsors of the competitions.

## **How can I help?**

If you are interested in assisting in a "Spectacular" way it would be through a donation. The Ice Spectacular would also benefit greatly if you would help spread the word throughout the community that this event is self-perpetuating and that funds are needed to keep it going. This event is not a cash drain on the governmental infrastructure, rather it is a cash positive generator that brings jobs and money into the community.

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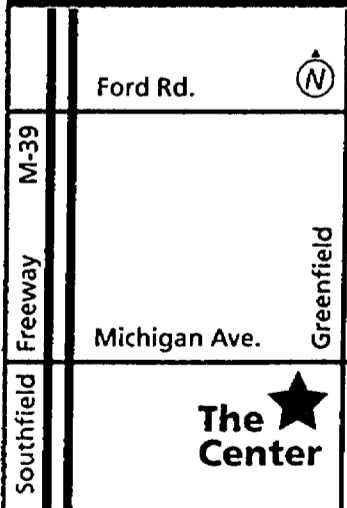
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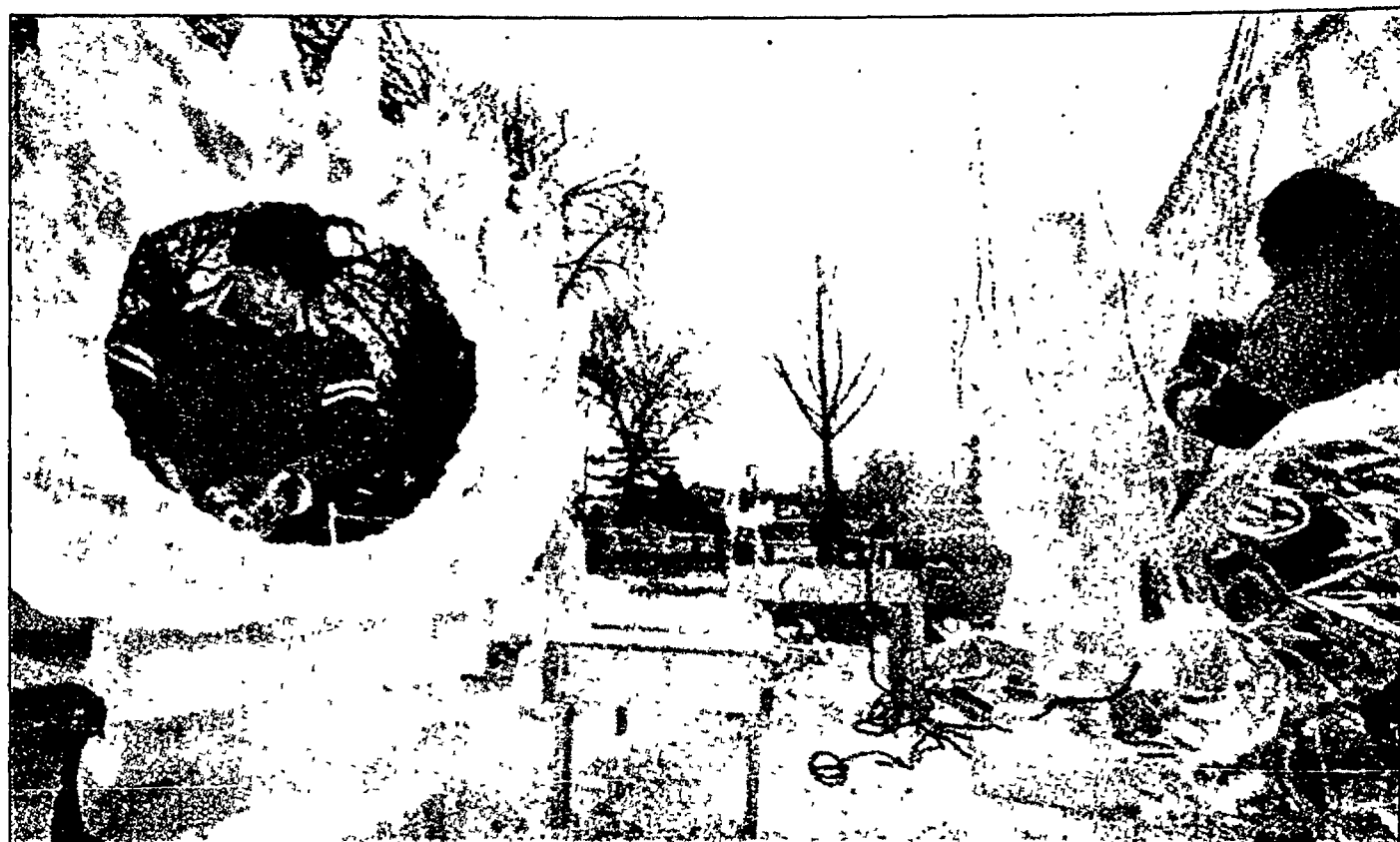
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On behalf of the Charter Township of Plymouth, I welcome you to the 22nd Annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

This is an event for people of all ages to enjoy. Year after year, it is always exciting to see what sparkling new pieces of art the ice sculptors will create right before our eyes!

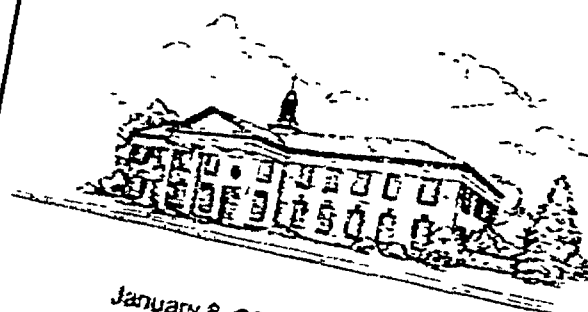
If you're feeling chilled after viewing the outdoor exhibit, stop in to one of the many nearby restaurants to warm up with a hot beverage and a meal.

I hope you enjoy the Ice Sculpture Spectacular and that you make plans to visit the Plymouth Community again very soon.

Sincerely,

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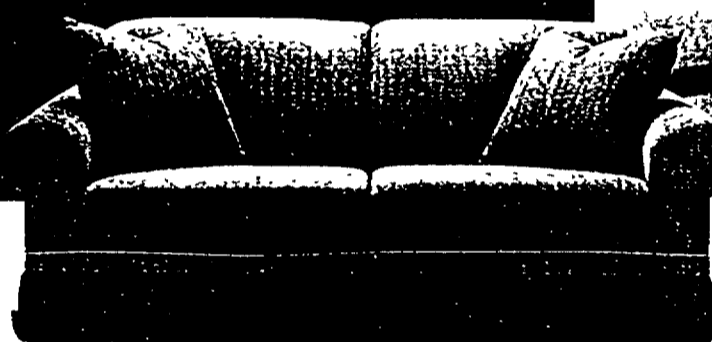
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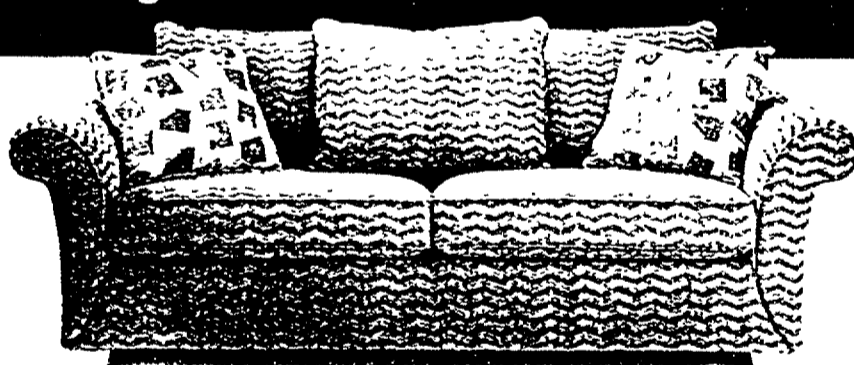
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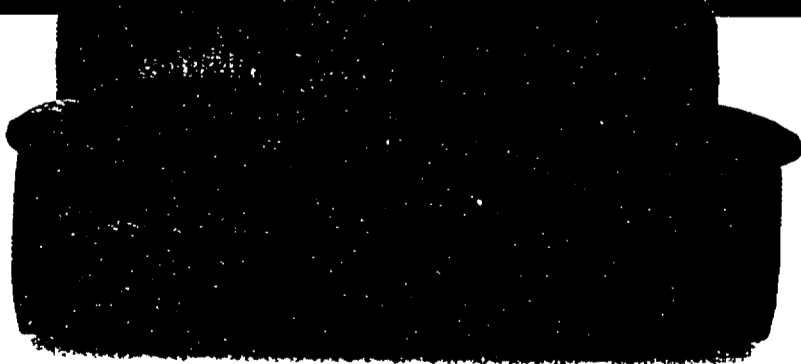
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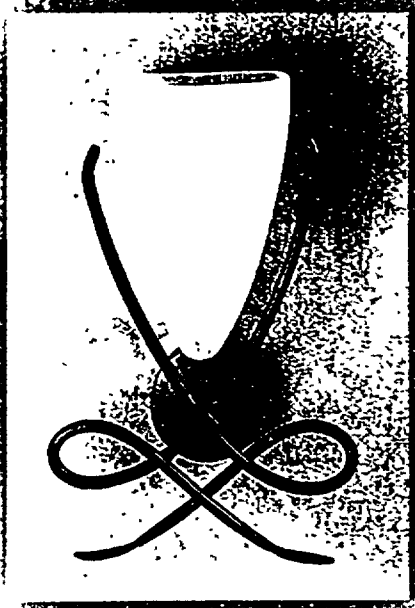
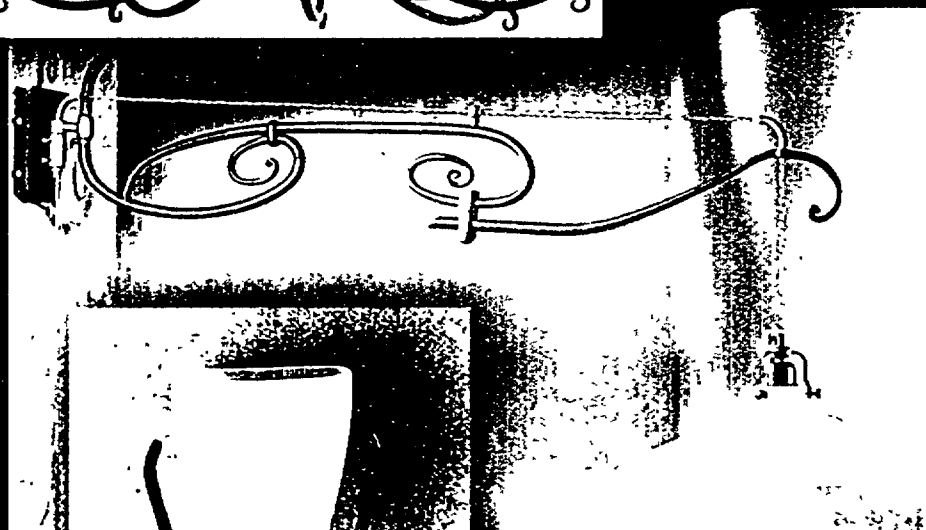
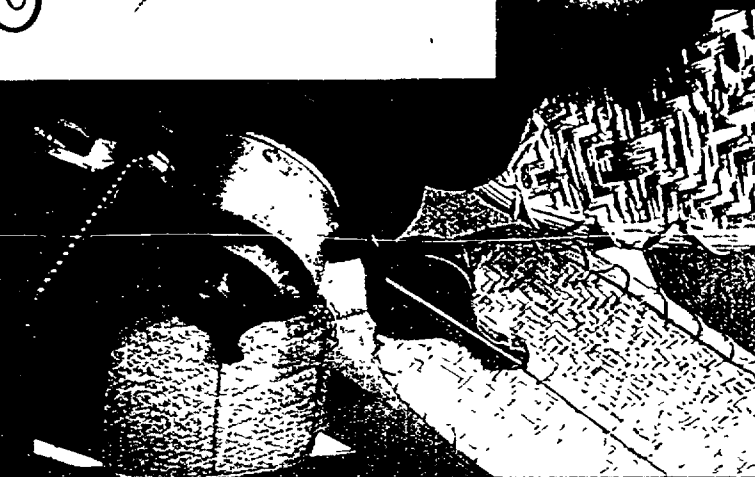
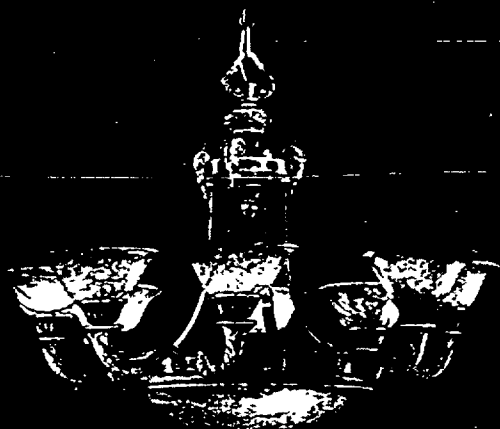
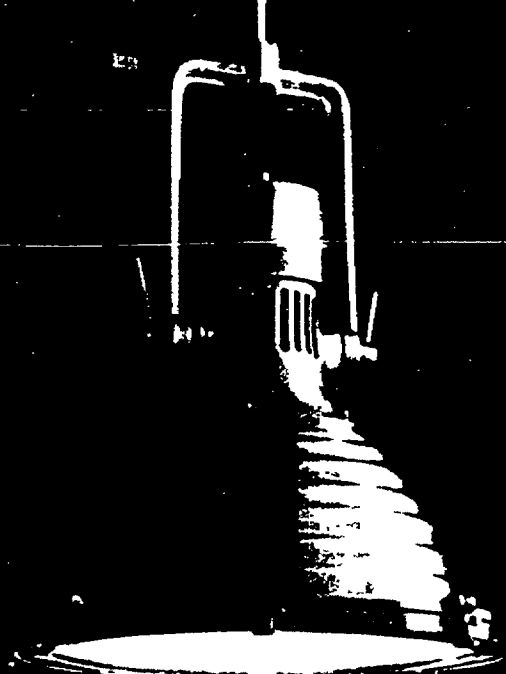
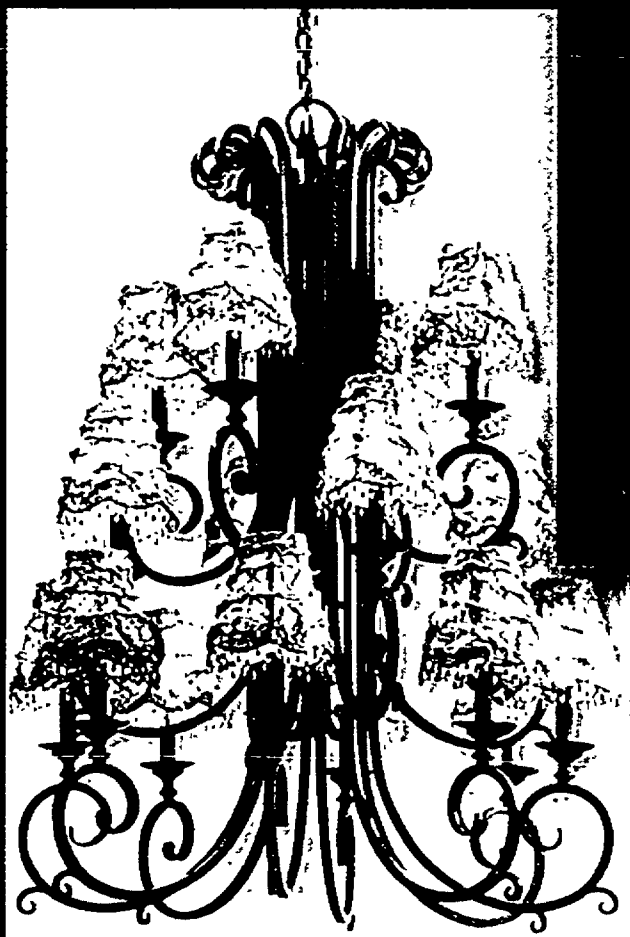
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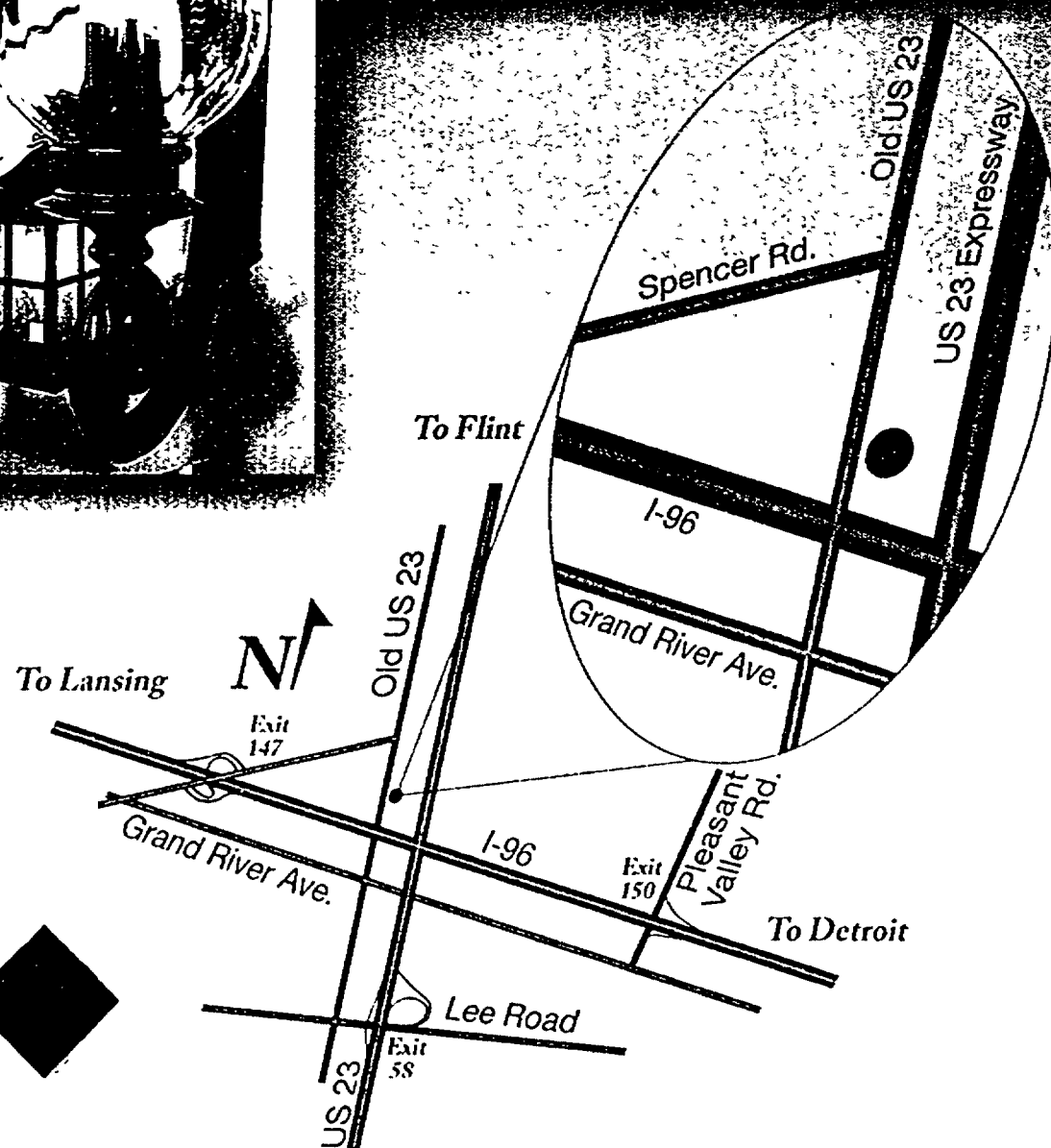


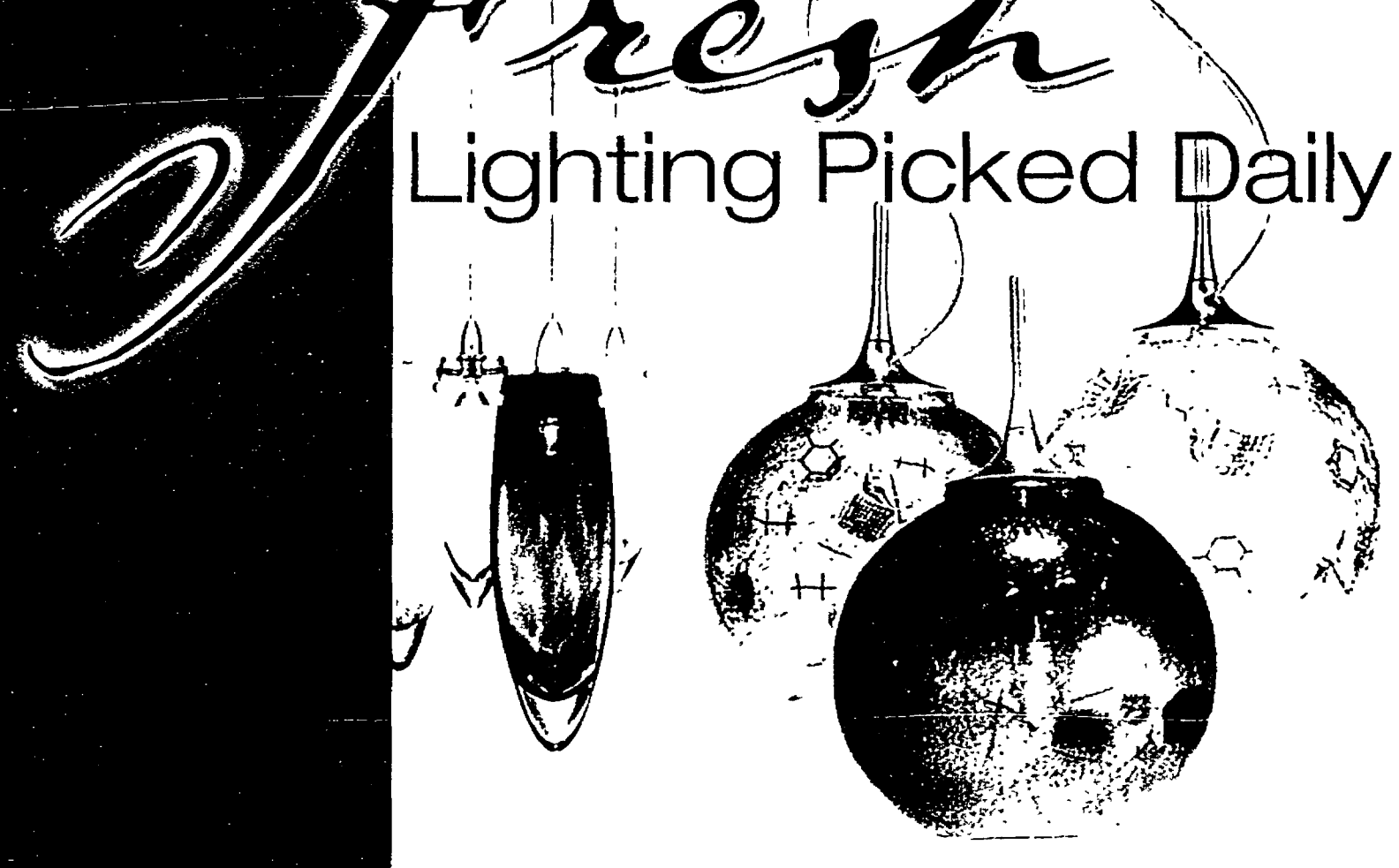
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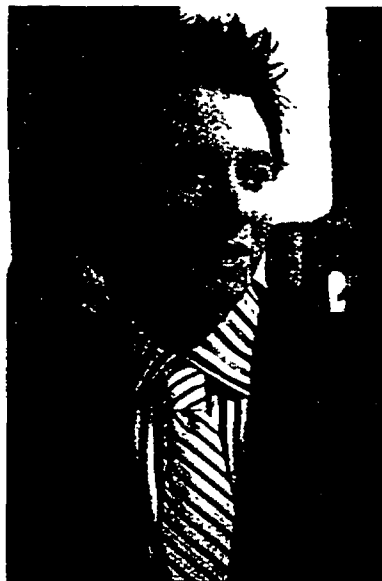
**Q** I would like to know about Clay Aiken, who came in second on *American Idol*. What are his hopes and dreams and his outlook on his career? Does he have a special someone?

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The only special someone in his life right now is his mom, Faye Parker, Clay Aiken says with a laugh. The Raleigh, N.C., native parlayed his second-place finish on the Fox contest into a recording contract with RCA. His first single, *This Is the Night*, debuted at No. 1 on the *Billboard* charts, while *Measure of a Man*, his debut album, appeared at the top of the album charts its first week of release. Aiken, 24, says all the songs are original and describes the album as a mix of pop, rock and soul. "I don't have any specific plans right now,"

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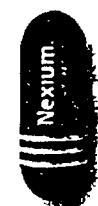
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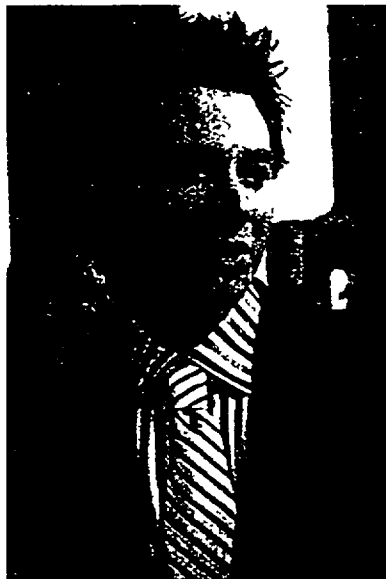
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## Cover Story

by BEVERLY KEEL  
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# A Mission of Nonviolence

As was often the case, Bernard Lafayette Jr., a soft-spoken 27-year-old with the physique of a No. 2 pencil, lingered after an April 4, 1968, morning staff meeting to clarify a few things his boss had said.

Lafayette was the national program coordinator of the poor people's campaign for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization co-founded by Martin Luther King Jr. in 1957 to promote the philosophy of nonviolent resistance for justice and human rights. After the other staffers left the room, Lafayette spent a few private moments with King in a Lorraine Motel room before they began their busy day in Memphis, Tenn.



Lafayette's work with students has been called "life-changing."

"It was almost like he had a premonition," Lafayette recalls. "He was telling me things that I needed to do—like go back to school and prepare for the future—because we were going to witness a period of violence, but this period of violence was going to run its course and people were going to become more receptive to nonviolence."

"He said the next movement he wanted to have was to internationalize and institutionalize nonviolence ... that was the last conversation I had with him."

Bernard Lafayette Jr. stands in front of a fifth-grade class at Moses Brown School in Providence, R.I., where he teaches nonviolence.

Lafayette, now 63, has dedicated the last 36 years to carrying out King's wishes of using nonviolence to solve problems at institutions such as churches, schools and police departments, both locally and internationally. "If nonviolence is a part of our entire system and institutions as a way to solve problems, then you eliminate violence as a means of doing that," he says. "We would evolve to a higher level."

An ordained Baptist minister who holds a doctorate degree from Harvard University, he serves as scholar-in-residence at the University of Rhode Island, where he directs the university's Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, in Kingston (pop. 5,446). He's trained thousands of police officers in South Africa, Miami, Detroit and Rhode Island, and helped establish the U.S. Institute for Peace in Washington, D.C. He's now focused on creating 10 "super centers" for nonviolence around the world.

"These centers will be places where people can come and train, do research and learn skills to develop nonvio-

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lence centers and programs in their regions," he says. In addition to existing centers in Detroit and Miami, he has helped establish nonviolence centers in Colombia, Cuba and South Africa, and is working on opening facilities in the Middle East, China, Ireland and Jamaica.

"As Dr. King said, 'It is either nonviolence or non-existence,'" Lafayette says. "The frightening thing is that we have the capability of doing mass destruction, so I don't think we have any choice at this point. We have to figure out how we can live in peace with people. We have different values, but we have similar goals and we can work on accomplishing them together once we put our minds together."

## Sacrificing for peace

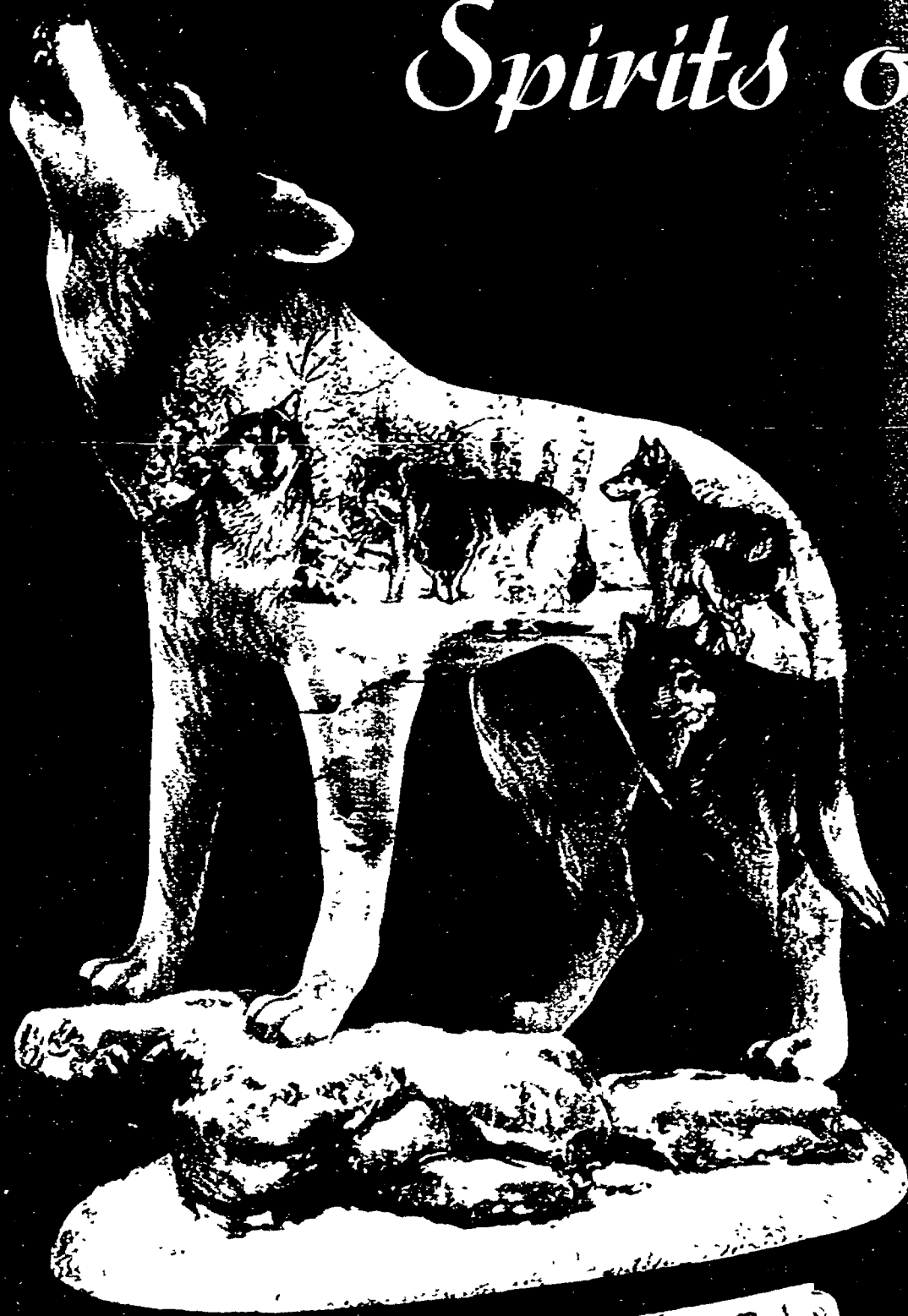
In 2002, Lafayette co-led a 120-mile peace march to an embattled mountain village in Colombia, the world's murder capital, when guerrillas from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia kidnapped him and three others, including Guillermo Gaviria, the governor of Antioquia. Lafayette was released, but the governor was later killed. "Most people think of nonviolence as passive," he says. "Nonvi-

Martin Luther King Jr. and Lafayette in 1967.



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National Guardsmen escort Lafayette (center) and other civil rights activists to Mississippi during the 1961 Freedom Rides.

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olence is just the opposite; it is very active. We can't simply be concerned about what would happen to us if we went to Colombia. We have to be concerned about what would happen to the Colombian people if we didn't go."

Despite the dire situation, Lafayette says he never feared for his life. "When you get at this level of nonviolence, your life is your least worry, except you might not get all the work you want done," he says. "But in comparison to others, I've lived a long time and I've gotten a lot of work done. I feel pretty fulfilled, but there's a lot more work that needs to be done. That's the only fear."

His life mission of civil rights and justice has thrust the Tampa, Fla., native into harm's way numerous times. As a young man, he was one of eight students who led the Nashville Movement to desegregate the Tennessee capital in 1960. "Of all the people in the movement, he was the easiest one to underestimate," says author David Halberstam, who wrote of the civil rights movement in his book, *The Children*. "He's a very quiet American hero."

Lafayette participated in the 1961 Freedom Rides, which protested the South's segregation policies, and directed the 1962 Alabama Voter Registration Project, which registered and mobilized black voters. Arrested 27 times and repeatedly beaten, he was convinced he would probably have to give his life for his cause, but he was not afraid to get his hands dirty—even bloody, as long as the blood was his own. On June 12, 1963, he was attacked by two Ku Klux Klan members in Mississippi, an assault that was part of the same KKK conspiracy that claimed the life of civil rights leader Medgar Evers later that night.

"Life cannot be lived to the fullest until you press your spirit against those forces that threaten life," he says. "The greatest danger is to learn to co-exist with evil and come to the conclusion that there is nothing you can do about it. We were more alive than we ever were when we were struggling in the movement and facing death."

"...if people feel alienated and not a part of a community, they have no sensitivity or responsibility. When they feel that way, they have no regard for any pain or injury they might inflict on a group."



Lafayette chats with University of Rhode Island students Erin Baxter (left) and Tracy Jamula.

"You don't walk by when someone is being teased, and you treat people with friendliness and you work to create the peaceful community that Dr. King believed in," Wildman adds. "They can problem solve and they feel empathy for others. It's a nice way to form a community."

Lafayette took a group of Wakefield students on a tour of the major Southern landmarks of the civil rights movement. "It was life-changing for everybody," Wildman says.

Four years ago, a student asked him if he had ever written a book on nonviolence for children. "I said, 'No, I don't have time because I'm too busy,'" he says. "If you'd like to write a book, I would be willing to be your free consultant." That book, tentatively titled *Peace Is Like Sunshine: Spread the Warmth*, will be released this year.

"It's absolutely fascinating what these young kids are able to figure out and think," Lafayette says. "They are uninhibited, so they are unlimited in their thinking. If you ask them about a problem, they come up with five different solutions. I'm getting material and learning from them." ☆

Beverly Keel is an editor for American Profile.

## An education in nonviolence

These days, Lafayette is focused on the future, so he's spending a great deal of time working with Rhode Island students of all ages. "You have to put nonviolence courses in every school," he says. "That's going to reduce domestic violence and police brutality and the number of people incarcerated."

"I try to help children understand that to marginalize people in their class and to not include them is a form of violence," he says. "It's also a security issue, because if people feel alienated and not a part of a community, they have no sensitivity or responsibility. When they feel that way, they have no regard for any pain or injury they might inflict on a group."

He's training college students to teach nonviolence courses in prisons, and the University of Rhode Island offers an on-campus course called Literature for Changing Lives for those on court probation. He's also training 200 Rhode Island teachers so that they can pass along his philosophy of conflict resolution to their students.

He meets monthly with students from Moses Brown, a private Quaker school in Providence, and he's spent the last four years working with students from Wakefield Elementary School in Wakefield, R.I. (pop. 8,468).

"He brings his visions from the past to create hope for the future," says Wakefield fifth-grade teacher Robin Wildman, who also teaches nonviolence to other teachers. "He teaches kids that they have a responsibility to stand up for justice, no matter who it involves."

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## Hometown Heroes

# Helping Wishes Come True

by ROBIN E. SHIRLEY

Kandi and Mark Bailey don't see themselves as heroes. Helping make wishes come true for children with life-threatening illnesses has become a source of joy for the North Platte, Neb., (pop. 23,878) couple.

"It's the kids who are the heroes," Kandi says. "The children who have to go through the pain and the chemo and the needles. They're the real heroes."

The Baileys know that pain. Their own son, Garrett, died of a brain tumor at the age of 3. Garrett's wish, a trip to Disneyland, was granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation shortly before his death and the Baileys will never forget the joyful moments of that trip. They have dedicated their lives since Garrett's death to ensuring other children and their families have the opportunity to know that joy.



The Baileys with athlete and long-term cancer survivor Matt Elder.

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When Make-A-Wish of Nebraska called the Baileys in 1989, they agreed to volunteer as wish granters.

"When they asked us to volunteer, we decided to do it for Garrett," Mark says. "It was important that something positive came out of this. We kept hearing all the negatives. We kept hearing things like marriages end after the death of a child, or the family will never be the same. For me, that's a big part of why we do this. To make it positive. I think Kandi and I have become stronger for it."

The first wish they worked on was for Matt Elder, a 3-year-old Paxton, Neb., boy with cancer. Matt wanted to go to Disneyworld and the similarities were not lost on the Baileys.

"It was very difficult in the early stages, because we were dealing with our own grief," Mark says.

Kandi agrees, "I remember thinking, 'If he's blonde, I don't know if I can do this,' but when we got there, Matt was so excited. He made it easy. It's very rewarding to see a child so happy when you know they've been through so much pain."

Evonne Williams, president of Make-A-Wish of Nebraska, says the Baileys are a wonderful example of the kind and caring hearts of volunteers statewide. Wishes have been granted to nearly 50 children since the Baileys helped form the organization's North Platte chapter.

"We don't do this alone," Kandi insists. "We have a great core of volunteers in this area, most of them are wish parents themselves."

That first wish, for Matt, has become a great source of joy. Matt's cancer went into remission and never returned. He has recently been declared a long-term survivor and the Baileys have had the opportunity to watch him play basketball with the Paxton High School Tigers.

"I think it's important that people realize this isn't always sad," Mark says. "People think we're granting a last request, but that's not what Make-A-Wish is about."

For more information on the Make-A-Wish Foundation, log onto [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org) or call (800) 722-9474.

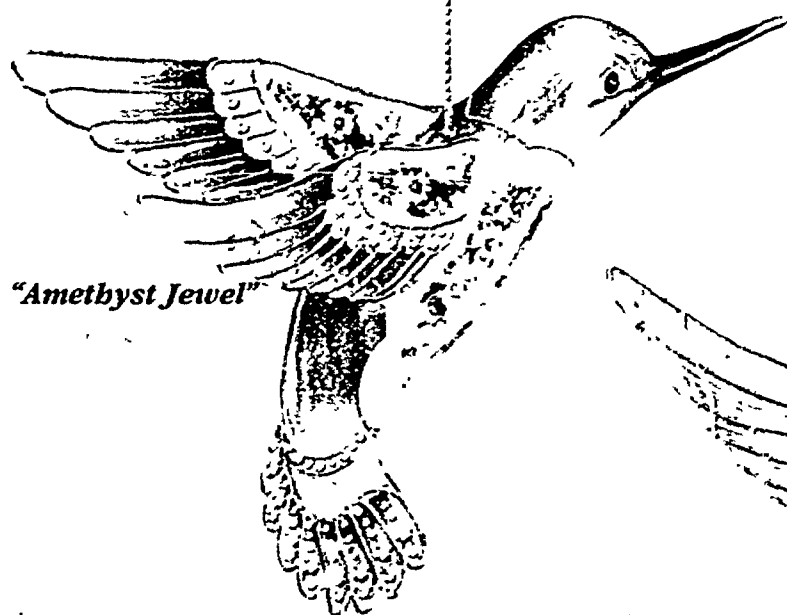
Betsy Elder, Matt's mother, agrees. "When they first contacted me about Matt's wish I thought, 'They must think he's going to die.' It was frightening, but it's not about death, it's about happiness. It's a way for the family to stop thinking about doctors and treatments and illness and just be a family again for a little while. The wish is for the child, but it's a gift to the family as well."

After granting the most important wishes of dozens of children—from a jet ski to a shopping spree and a horse and saddle to a chance to swim with dolphins—the Baileys have no plans to stop their volunteer work. Still, they insist they're not heroes.

"Like Kandi said, the kids are the heroes," Mark says, "but the people are heroes, too. All the people who donate to Make-A-Wish to help make this possible. They're also heroes. All we do is bring the two together." ☆

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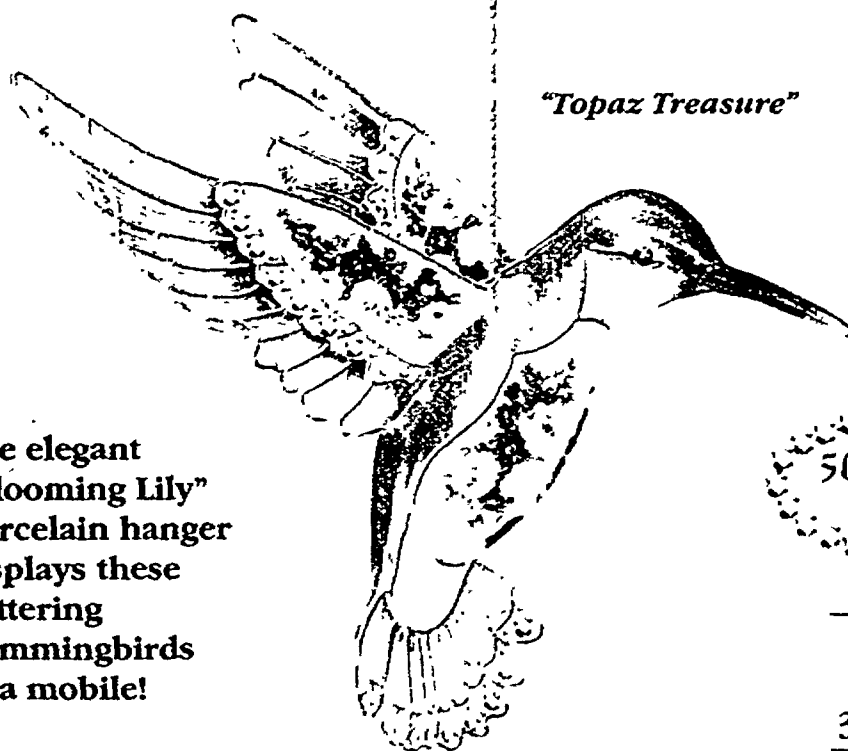
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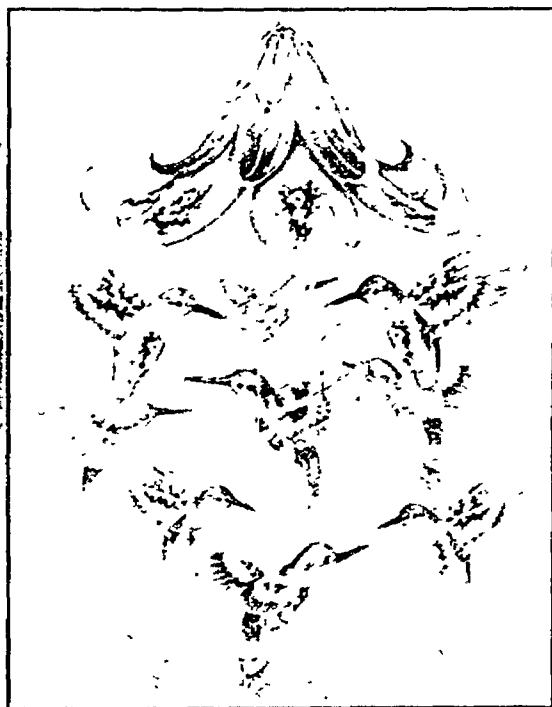


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### OHIO

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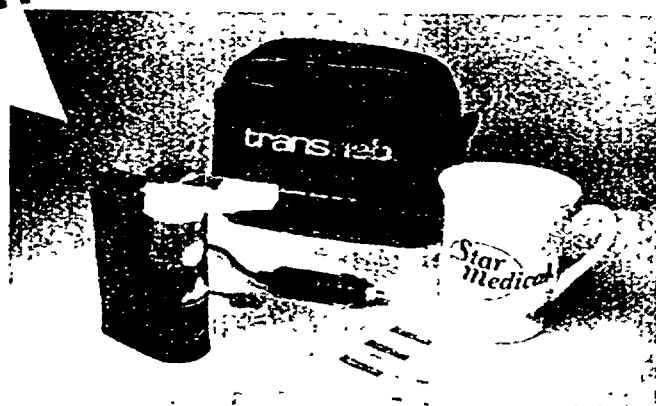
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## Hometown Recipe

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# Best Ever Meatloaf

"I found this corn flake meatloaf recipe several years ago, while living in Missouri. As far as I'm concerned, it is the best meatloaf ever." ☆



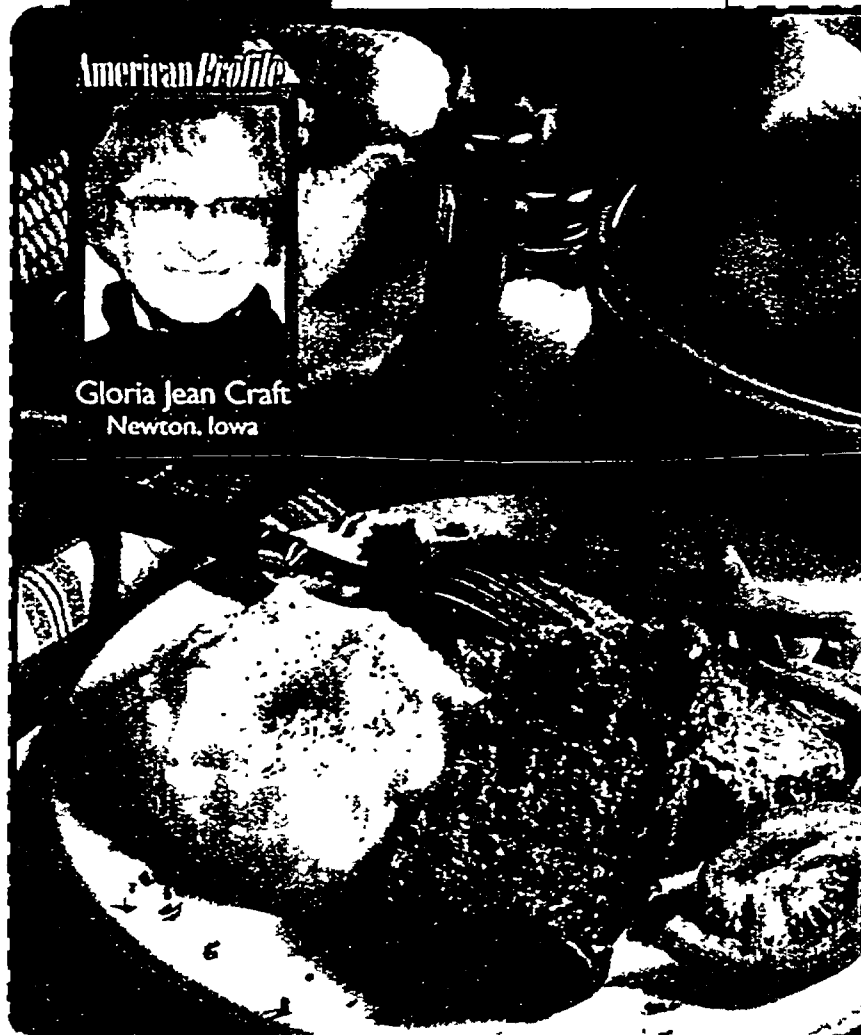
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## RECIPE: Best Ever Meatloaf

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### Meatloaf:

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup corn flakes, crushed
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 teaspoons pepper
- 2 tablespoons parsley, minced

### Sauce:

- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/3 cup brown sugar, packed
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons brown mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare sauce in a bowl and set aside. Combine meatloaf ingredients with hands until evenly mixed. Work in half of the sauce with the meatloaf. Place the meatloaf in a loaf pan and shape it. Pour the remaining sauce on top and bake for 50 minutes, or until center is no longer pink.

**Tips From Our Test Kitchen:** For those who prefer a kick, try adding another tablespoon of mustard and a dash of cayenne pepper.

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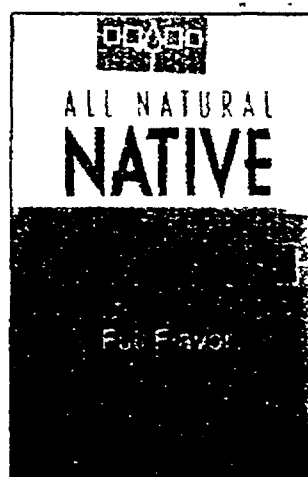
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# A of Their Town Own

by VEDA EDDY

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Zora Neale Hurston Museum of Fine Arts showcases works by artists of African descent.

### In the Reconstruction

period after the Civil War, African-Americans in the South sought a future beyond the shadow of slavery. Some blacks in central Florida dreamed of having their own town, where they could chart their own destiny.

In 1887, 27 registered voters, all black men, proudly voted to establish Eatonville on a 112-acre tract of land bought by businessman Joseph C. Clarke from Maitland Mayor Josiah C. Eaton. The town, named in honor of the original owner, became the first incorporated African-American municipality in America.

tory is the fact that Zora Neale Hurston, a celebrated writer, folklorist, and anthropologist of the 1930s and '40s, called Eatonville home.

Overlooked by academia for years, Hurston regained popularity in the 1970s when Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker proclaimed her literary brilliance. Hurston's stories, which often used Eatonville as their setting, portray blacks as strong and independent, not victims of poverty or racism, explains Hurston biographer Valerie Boyd. "She grew up hearing stories told on the porch of Joe Clarke's general store. For her, Eatonville certainly shaped who she became.

"For me and other black women writers, she is a literary forerunner," Boyd adds. She and as many as 150,000 other visitors travel to Eatonville, 10 miles northeast of downtown Orlando,

each January for the Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts and Humanities, now in its 15th year. The four-day event not only celebrates Hurston and the legacy of her hometown, but also the many cultural accomplishments and contributions of people of African descent.

"The festival takes over the whole town," Nathiri says. "People use their driveways and yards for parking, and hundreds of people serve as volunteers." Activities include educational forums and cultural arts events, plus plenty of food, fun and top-notch entertainment.

"The festival is great because it is really an unusual blend of an academic conference and a rollicking street fair," says Boyd, who adds, "In a way, the festival sort of saved the town."

Indeed, in 1987 when Orange County officials announced plans to turn Eatonville's main street into a five-lane thoroughfare, concerned citizens, fearing the road-widening project would destroy

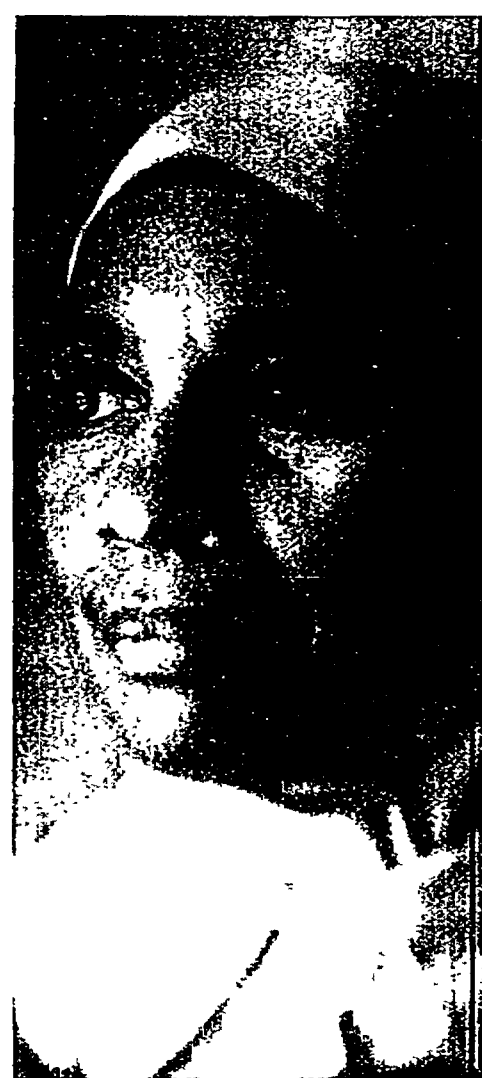
the historic character of the town, formed P.E.C. The organization conceived the idea for the festival, thus proving that a better way for an economic boost was to promote tourism.

Building on the goal of making Eatonville a premier heritage destination, P.E.C. opened the Zora Neale Hurston Museum of Fine Arts, a small gallery showcasing the works of artists of African descent, and established a historic walking trail, one of the first in Florida. In 1998, the town was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"We have had visitors come from every place on the planet," Nathiri says. "They come to Florida to visit Walt Disney World or Universal Studios, and when they realize Zora's Eatonville is just up the road, they come here."

"You've got a lot of pride in Eatonville," adds Bob White, a resident for 40 years who volunteers several hours a week putting up new mailboxes to spruce up the town. "There's a lot of people doing a lot of good things here." ☆

Veda Eddy is a freelance writer in The Villages, Fla.



N.Y. Nathiri preserves the town's heritage.



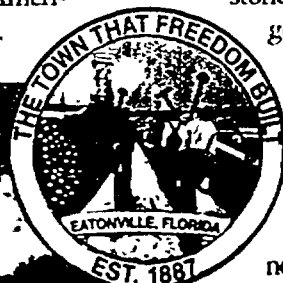
One of the oldest black towns in America.

"There were hundreds of towns populated exclusively by people of African descent that sprang up after the Civil War," says N.Y. Nathiri, executive director of The Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community (P.E.C.). "We are one of a handful of such towns still in existence."

Today, Eatonville (pop. 2,432) remains a community populated primarily by African-Americans, some of whom take great pride in the town's history and cultural heritage.

"It's one thing to have on your letterhead that you are the oldest black community," Nathiri says, "but for us it's a matter of how this community can use that history in an active, relevant-to-today way."

Adding to the town's rich cultural his-



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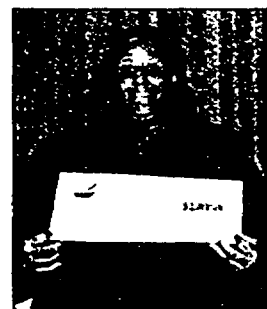
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