

Pop takes backseat to water in schools

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

While the nation grapples with teen obesity and national organizations shun soda, Northville students are watching their waistlines and reaching for water.

"I've given up pop because it rots your insides," said Hannah Booth, Northville High School 10th-grade student.

Booth and her friends gather at lunchtime each day with bottles of water as their choice of beverage.

"It's more healthy," echoed fellow 10th grader Megan Slovisky.

Eleventh grader Lauren Karoub sticks with water not necessarily as a weight measure.

"I prefer water because it's something I've always grown up on," she said.

Karoub said her parents always drink water, so she never really thinks about pop.

The majority of tables in the high school cafeteria serve as water holders, although there are groups going for soda.

"I have pop maybe like twice a week," said Jon Heyer, Northville High School 9th-grade student.

In the morning, Heyer said he purchases juice.

Beverage choices in the high school cafeteria span a wide range of categories from skim milk, water, Coca-Cola products, juice and cappuccino.

"We go through a lot of water and milk," said Pat League, kitchen coordinator for Northville High School.

Coke vending machines also line the south side of the lunchroom offering Dasini water, Coke carbonated beverages, Minute Maid juice and Powerade.

"We have a policy here that every other machine is a choice," said Northville High School principal Dennis Colligan. "We prefer [the students] would buy the juice and water, but ultimately we would like the choice to be the students."

Four Coca Cola vending machines are located in the high school athletics area.

One is for carbonated beverages while the other are water and juices. "I'm an athlete, so I lay off sugar," said 10th grader Ryan Smith.

Smith plays football and runs track for the high school and says he usually sticks with Gatorade and water, although he feels pop is a popular choice among most students.

BATTLE OF THE BULGE

- 300,000 people die every year from complications of obesity

- Nearly two out of three Americans are overweight, a 50 percent increase from a decade ago

- Nearly 15 percent of children and teenagers are overweight compared to 4 percent in the 1960s

- Studies show obese children ages 10 to 13 have an 80 percent chance of becoming obese adults

- More than one third of high-school age children don't engage in vigorous physical activity

- The economic cost of obesity in the United States is more than \$100 billion annually

Northville School District deals almost exclusively with Coke.

"The high school received a substantial donation while under construction, which in turn was spent on scoreboards for a number of athletic fields," Culligan said of the partnership.

Culligan estimates the district receives about 26 cents profit from each bottle sold from Coca-Cola vending machines, but said the school does not receive any lump sum payments nor does Coca-Cola display its name on anything other than the vending machines.

As grades digress in the district so does the availability of carbonated beverages.

"Pop is not available during the school day unless students bring it from home," said Jim Cracraft, principal of Hillside Middle School.

Cracraft said all of the carbonated beverage vending machines in the building are on timers and not on during the regular school day.

"What we do have on all day are a water machine and we have a juice and milk machine with a milk product [Swerve]," he said.

Meads Mill Middle School follows a similar policy.

"We don't serve soft drinks," said Sue Meyer, principal of Meads Mill Middle School. "We do have machines in the building. They are available to the students before practices, like in the afternoon, after school."

Meyer said the school's number one beverage choice after hours is water.

"There are no carbonated beverages at all in the elementary schools," said David Bolitho, Northville School District assistant superintendent for administrative services.

Bolitho added two machines were removed from Hillside by Coca-Cola after a continual slump in sales.

Earlier this month, the American Academy of Pediatrics released a study stating soft drinks should be eliminated from schools to help tackle the nation's obesity epidemic.

According to the study, about 15 percent of U.S. youngsters ages 6 to 19 are seriously overweight and 56 to 85 percent of school-age children consume at least one soft drink daily.

"I'm certainly not going to denounce the research, but covering the beverages is a small piece," Culligan said. "We feel there is a lot more impacting health and weight than whether or not a student chooses juice or a soft drink."

Culligan said the high school has not relaxed physical education requirements like some other districts in the area.

Along with stressing other aspects of physical health, Culligan said he believes it is equally important to offer students in the formidable age group of 14-18 the exercise of choice.

"We have to make sure we focus on the big picture," he said.

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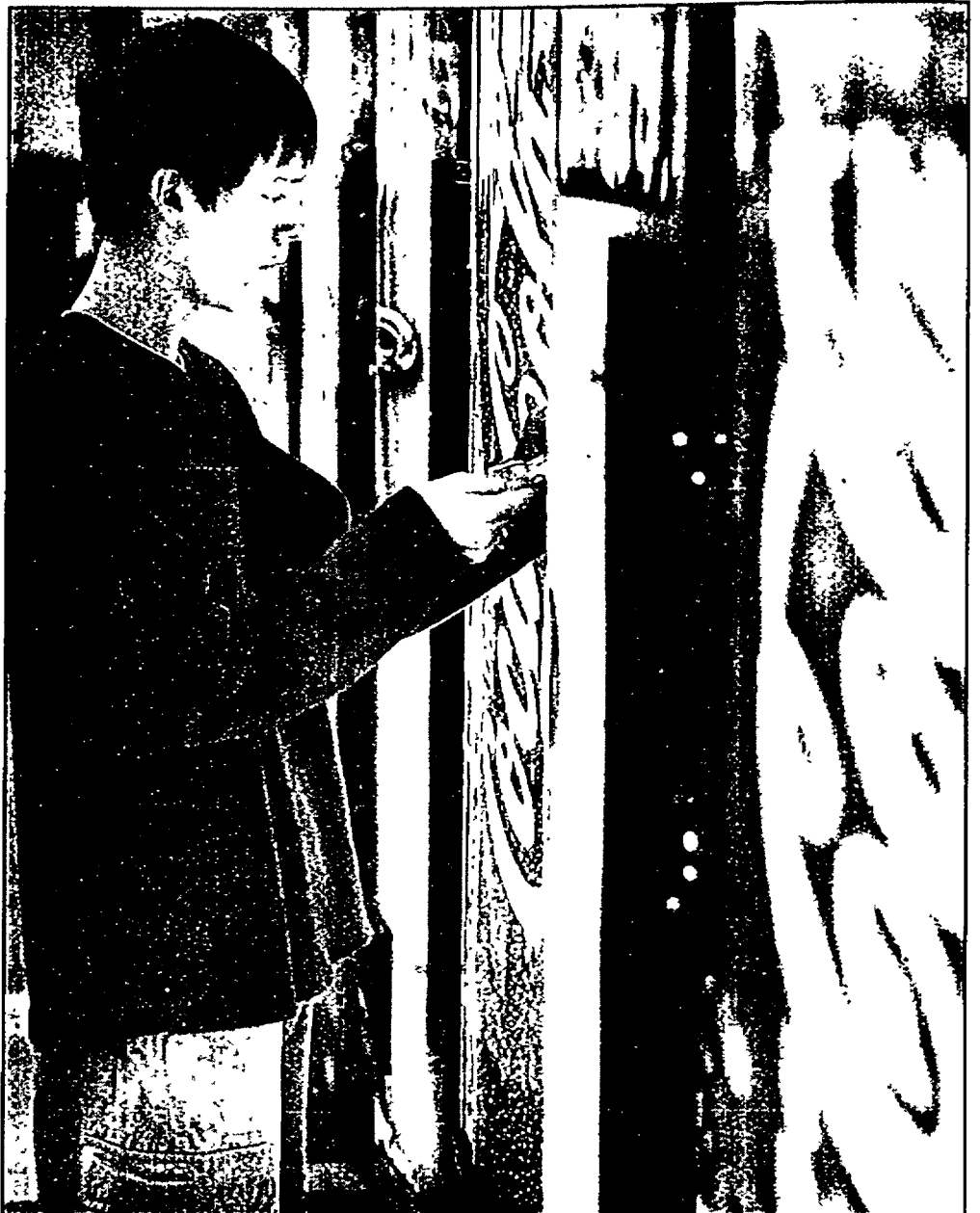


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Northville High School student David Juenemann feeds a dollar bill into a Coca-Cola vending machine in the school's cafeteria Monday morning. Some school districts are contemplating removing beverage vending machines that dispense pop to improve the dietary habits of their students.

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• THIS WEEK •

Blood drive
DATE: Feb. 1
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Northville
TIME: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
DETAILS: Appointments are preferred. A photo ID or American Red Cross donor card is required for giving a donation.
PHONE: (248) 349-6592

Community-wide healing service of prayer
DATE: Feb. 2
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Northville (777 W. Eight Mile)
TIME: 4 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 349-1144

Free federal and state income tax preparation for seniors
DATE: Starts Feb. 3
LOCATION: Northville Senior Center (215 W. Cady Street)
TIME: 9 a.m. to noon / 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
DETAILS: Appointments are required. Work is performed by trained counselors qualified by the Internal Revenue Service.
PHONE: (248) 349-4140

• COMING UP •

American Red Cross blood drive
DATE: Feb. 5
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College / VisTaTech Center
TIME: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Donors may make appointments, but walk-ins are also welcome.
PHONE: (734) 462-4422

Northville Arts Commission Winter Concert Series — Sheila Landis Jazz Trio
DATE: Feb. 8
LOCATION: Genitti's Little Theater (108 E. Main Street)
TIME: 7 p.m. (5 p.m. pre-show dinner)
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

New Hope Center for Grief Support workshop
DATE: Feb. 9
LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: The free workshop is open to the public and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have experienced similar losses.
PHONE: (248) 348-0115

Northville Chamber of Commerce Taste of Northville Business Showcase seminar
DATE: Feb. 11
LOCATION: Northville City Hall (215 W. Main Street)
TIME: 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
DETAILS: The fee seminar will discuss the planning, preparation and followup to participation at the business showcase, slated for March 16 at Northville High School. Reservations for the seminar must be received by Feb. 6.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Northville Arts Commission art historian lecture series — Giotto: 14th Century Painting
DATE: Feb. 11
LOCATION: Northville City Hall (215 W. Main Street)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets for lectures are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. They can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Northville Parks and Recreation office at Hillside Middle School.
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Wine tasting party to benefit Northville Dog Park
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 off-leash dog park project. Participants are invited to bring photos of their dogs.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203

Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens awards reception
DATE: Feb. 16
LOCATION: Plymouth District Library (223 S. Main Street, Plymouth)
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Ofc. Anthony Angelosanto of the Plymouth police department will discuss the York Street Cemetery in Plymouth. Citizenship awards will also be given to local high school students.
PHONE: (734) 420-2775

Northville Chamber of Commerce luncheon
DATE: Feb. 18
LOCATION: Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall (108 E. Main Street)
TIME: Noon
DETAILS: U.S. Rep Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will be the keynote speaker. Admission is \$15 for Chamber members or \$20 for non-members.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640.

Northville reunion in Florida
DATE: Feb. 20
LOCATION: Hotel Jacaranda (19 E. Main Street, Avon Park, Fla.)
TIME: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
DETAILS: Any resident with current or past ties to Northville is invited to the event. Of particular interest to organizers are members of Northville High School's Class of 1959. Admission to the event is \$12.50 per person and should be paid on or before Feb. 5.
PHONE: (863) 471-3427

Northville Woman's Club meeting
DATE: Feb. 20
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Northville Township fire inspector Brian Siriani will be speaking on "firehouse cooking."
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Second home burglary puzzles township cops

By Victoria Sadlocha
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Northville Township police do not believe the second burglary of a senior citizen's home this month is cause for significant regard.

"I don't think there is any reason for specific concern," said Lt. Raymond Garbarino, Northville Township Police Department. "We've only had two out on the west end."

Both crimes occurred in area of Beck and Seven Mile roads.

Garbarino said the two cases are similar in that both happened at isolated homes not in subdivisions and both happened during the day.

"So there is a chance both are connected, but we don't have any evidence of that right now," he said.

Investigators are looking at both cases together.

The most recent home invasion took place the morning of Jan. 19. About \$750 dollars and jewelry

were taken from the home of a 79-year-old resident and his 50-year-old son.

The 79-year-old man told police he left his home at about 9 a.m. and when he returned at about 11:30 a.m., he found the side door forced open.

According to the police report, "the three bedrooms appeared to be the only disturbed areas."

Police said they found dresser drawers ajar and an empty jewelry box.

Partial prints were detected in the snow.

On Jan. 12, a safe containing \$30,000 in cash, rare coins and a .25-caliber automatic handgun was stolen from a 65-year-old couple's home.

Expensive jewelry was also reported missing.

The couple was not home at the time of the burglary and learned of the crime after returning home to an open door.

Both Monday burglaries remain

under investigation, and police said no injuries were reported in either incident.

Garbarino said township residents not feeling comfortable answering the door for suspicious visitors or deliveries during daytime hours should contact the police department.

"A lot of times what these people will do is go to the door, they will knock and they will have some type of ruse like they're looking for somebody," he said. "And basically they are just checking to see if anybody is home. So then if nobody answers, they may leave, watch the house for a little bit and come back and break in."

The Northville Township Police Department may be contacted at (248) 349-9400.

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MICHIGAN DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS INFORMATION

Democrats in Northville and Northville Township will have their first chance at selecting the Democratic nominee for president on Feb. 7.

Here are some quick questions and answers about the event.

Q: Who is eligible to participate in the Democratic caucuses?

A: Anyone of legal voting age who is a registered voter or will be a registered voter by the November general election. However, at the caucus sites, and on the mail and Internet ballots, all persons participating must declare themselves as Democrats for the purpose of voting in the presidential caucus.

Q: Where and when will the caucuses be held?



A: In the city of Northville, the caucus will be held at the Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street) and in Northville Township, at the Northville Township Civic Center (41600 Six Mile Road). Caucuses are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All persons in line to vote by 4 p.m. will be eligible to do so. Voters must provide proof of residency.

Q: Must I vote in the community in which I live?

A: Yes.

Q: Is campaigning and related political activity allowed at the caucus sites?

A: Yes.

Q: May I vote online or by mail?

A: Yes. Online voting may be done at www.mi-democrats.com. U.S. mail ballots may be sent to Michigan Democratic Party, 606 Townsend, Lansing, Mich. 48933. All ballots must be received no later than Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. For more information, or to acquire a ballot, call (517) 371-5410.

Q: Who will represent the state of Michigan at the Democratic National Convention?

A: Michigan will be represented by 153 delegates and several alternates. This year's convention is slated for July 26-29 in Boston.

Novi fights library space issue, finds location woefully small

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Public Library needs more space.

In fact, it's the second smallest library in the Metro Detroit area, with only one half of one square foot per person available based on the current population.

This is just one finding members of the Novi Public Library Strategic Planning Task Force discovered since April 2003 when they began meeting to help plan the future of this important city service.

"Parents can't even watch programs with their kids in the meeting room because there's not enough room for them," said Beth Belter, task force member.

Task force members presented their findings at two Community Forums last week and will offer recommendations to the Library Board of Directors at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at

Council Chambers in the Novi Civic Center.

Members propose six broad goals for the library to achieve from 2004 through 2009:

- Establish a comprehensive funding program for the library to meet community needs;
- Address short-term, mid-term and long-term facility needs and required infrastructure to ensure adequate spaces to support desired programs, services and other community needs;
- Develop and maintain varied collections, programs and services reflective of and responsive to the needs and changing demographics of the community;
- Position the library as a necessary core city service and cultural and informational resource in the community;
- Ensure that the library attracts and retains a high-quality, well-trained staff to support the needs of

the community; and

• Ensure that the Novi Public Library Board continue its leadership and advocacy for the assurance of quality library programs and services, staff, resources and facilities for the community

One of the most challenging activities for the library over the next two years will be to find ways to match funds recently donated by Charles Walker, a retired Novi businessman, and his wife, Myrtle. The Walkers are in the process of finalizing an agreement they made last fall to donate \$1 million to the library.

In addition to their \$1 million gift, earmarked exclusively for capital improvements, the Walkers will match every dollar donated to the library from the time the agreement becomes effective through December 2005 up to \$1 million. Any library replacement building will be named the Charles and Myrtle Walker Building.



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DeRoche pushes get con teachers out of class

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

If State Rep Craig DeRoche, R-
Novi, has his way, teachers convicted
of felonies will be out of a
job and out of luck.

DeRoche hopes to have a bill on
the state House floor by the first of
the month that would strip teachers
convicted of felonies of their
teaching certificates. DeRoche's
constituency includes a portion of
the city of Northville.

This, said Andy Anuzis,
DeRoche's legislative aide, will
keep teachers convicted of
felonies from simply moving on to

a new school district and will also
save local school districts money.

According to
DeRoche, under
current law
school districts
have to go
before the state
Tenure
Commission to
have a teacher's
teaching certificate
revoked after
they've been
convicted of
a felony.



Craig DeRoche

"It is ridiculous that a school
district has to spend time and tax-

payer dollars to remove a teacher
that has been convicted of a
felony," said DeRoche.
"Education dollars are precious
and should not be wasted on frivolous
legal proceedings."

DeRoche said he became aware
of the problem when he learned
that a South Lyon teacher and
coach who had pled guilty to his
fourth felony charge still had the
right to protect his teacher tenure
at a state board of education hearing.

He said that while the case,
which involved felony possession
of cocaine, misdemeanor charges
of marijuana possession and drunk

driving, outraged him, it wasn't
even the worse case. DeRoche
said he's learned of a case in the
Grand Rapids suburb of Wyoming
where a teacher convicted of
smoking marijuana with students
challenged the suspension of their
teaching certificate and another
case in Chelsea where a teacher
convicted of killing his wife
fought to keep his job.

DeRoche noted that under
Michigan law, a lawyer can lose
his license for one drunk driving
conviction.

"As the law is currently written,
it is possible for a teacher who is
serving time for a crime to still be

eligible for monetary compensation,"
said DeRoche. "It should be
automatic for people to have their
teaching certificate revoked upon
certain felonies."

He added, teachers convicted of
some misdemeanors, such as
those involving drugs, child
pornography or sexual assault,
should also lose their right to
teach. DeRoche argued that these
are not the kind of people the
community wants in a position of
authority over their children.

DeRoche said he's hoping to get
the bill signed into law by March
8 in order to prevent South Lyon
school officials from having to

appear before the state board of
education. That's when the South
Lyon teacher is expected to fight
his certificate suspension.

According to DeRoche, state
House Speaker Rick Johnson has
made moving his proposal forward
a priority.

Anuzis said that while DeRoche
hasn't discussed his proposal with
state teacher's unions yet, he doesn't
think they'll be eager to protect
bad apples.

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Water leak shuts down high school for a day

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The prayers of Northville High
School students were answered early
Tuesday morning, when they learned
school was canceled after all.

The closing however was not
because of piles of snow and ice, but
rather a problem with the building.

"We just had a heck of a mess,"
Colligan said.

Colligan said a frozen water pipe
burst in the east end of the school,
sending gallons of water to a sprinkler
head in the building's fire suppression
system.

The principal said water just
poured into the stairwell, cutting off
about 18-19 classrooms.

"It would have effected about 400-
500 students on an hourly basis,"
Colligan said.

Students were held in other areas
of the building before being released
at about 8:20 a.m., after buses
returned from elementary school
runs.

Colligan said school custodians
worked tirelessly on Tuesday, repairing
water damage.

Actual snow fall on Jan. 28 fell
short of weather predictions,
although after school activities,
sports practices and events and meetings
were canceled.

The Northville School board
meeting was rescheduled for 7 p.m.
tonight at Silver Springs Elementary
School.

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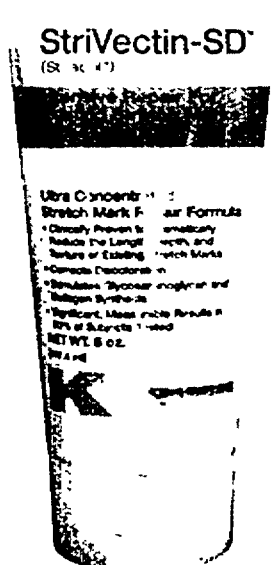
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Sincock wins accolades at rec seminar



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Northville parks and recreation director Traci Sincock was recognized by the Michigan Recreation and Park Association for her efforts in Northville Township and Northville.

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Traci Sincock changes the community's recreation offerings with the seasons, warmly greets families who attend special events, coordinates the logistics of the senior center renovation, attends countless administrative meetings, directs Pumpkin Walk parking, and twirls a parasol in the Victorian Festival parade.

That range of responsibilities only scratches the surface of a day in the life of Northville's busy director of Parks and Recreation. The 24-year veteran of her field last week added to her list of duties: bring home a statewide honor.

"This job is who she is. It defines her," said Northville recreation superintendent Pat Brown, who has worked with Sincock six of her 16 years in recreation. "I think that's what makes her so good and so deserving of this award."

During a conference in Grand Rapids, representatives of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Tuesday presented Sincock with their Fellowship Award for her contributions to the state group, her community and the recreation profession. Three of her counterparts from Canton, Wayne and Trenton nominated the Northville director for the honor.

"I want to think of it as Northville is being recognized," Sincock said Tuesday. "To me that is more important than any individual recognition." She said she was grateful for all the friends and family who attended the event, adding she was honored and humbled to be singled out.

"She is very dedicated. She is very enthusiastic," Brown said

The application that earned Sincock the nod is filled with letters of praise from her peers and professional associates. "She's made a significant contribution in her 20-year tenure," Brown said. "In the Northville department, as well as serving the state."

Sincock has served as Northville's director since 1991. She came to the community in 1985 as assistant director of the department. Over the years, she has served on numerous boards and committees, including stints as the state association's president, and member of the state strategic planning committee.

Locally, Sincock has been an active member of the Northville Rotary Club since 1990, and a Northville Arts Commission member since 1999. The director also served on the Northville Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing Committee from 1992-1995 and in 2000, chaired the Northville Children's Fourth of July Bike Parade.

"This is who Traci Sincock is," Brown said. "She loves this profession. She's dedicated to this community."

Parks superintendent Jeff Moon cited his experience coming to work for Sincock 18 months ago as testimonial of her character. While she encouraged him to pursue the position, she also ensured he applied through the proper channels and met the qualifications.

"I don't think a lot of people know just how much she does," Moon said. "She's great, really, really super."

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A day to play

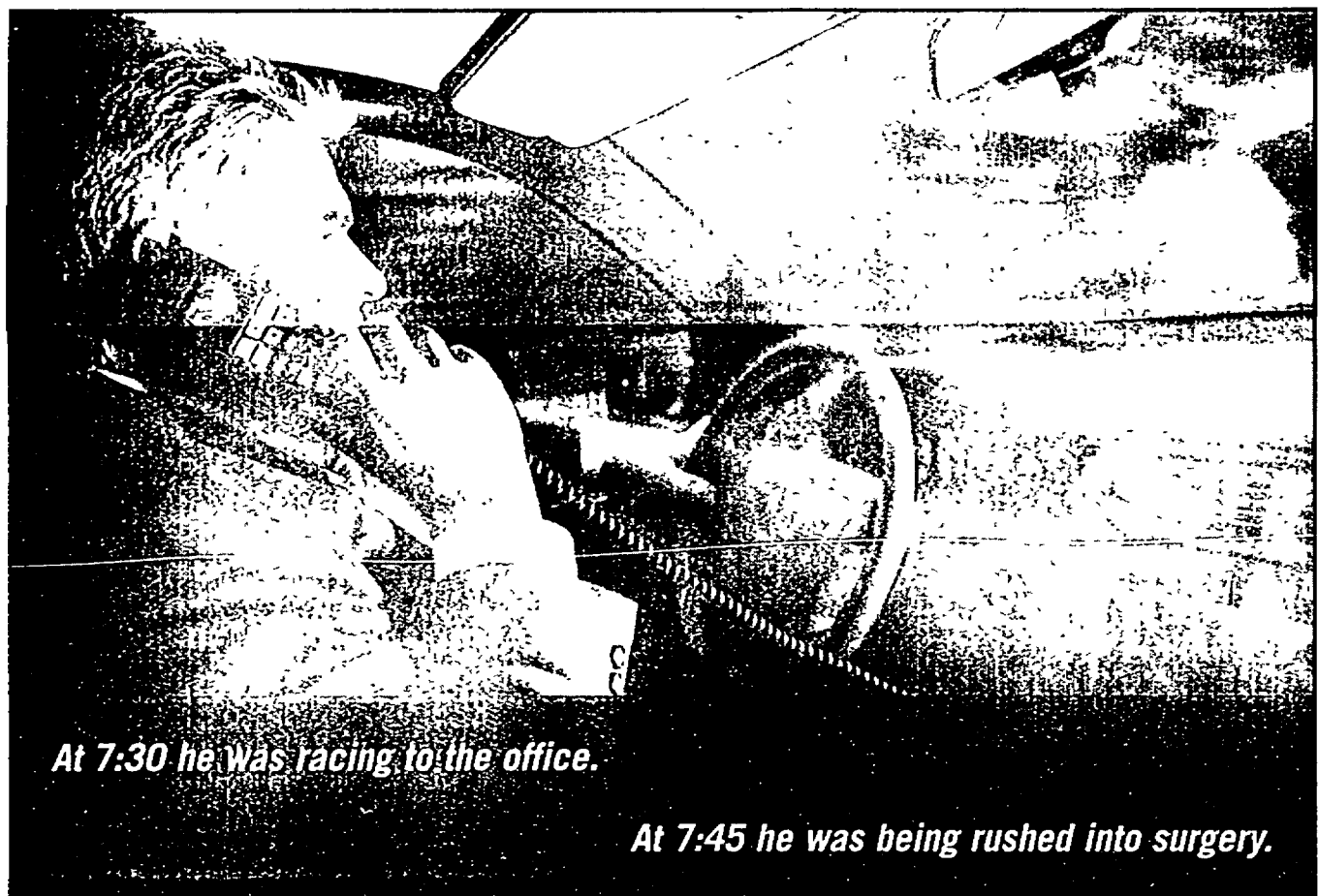
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Showing off some of the craft projects they've assembled during a Northville Recreation Department-sponsored "Snow Day" are (from left) Gabe, 11, and Patrick Sarnacki, 12, Joey Azzouz, Nolan Sarnacki, 8, and Ken Kosinski, 9. The day off school Snow Day activities afforded the kids at Hillside's Crows' Nest.

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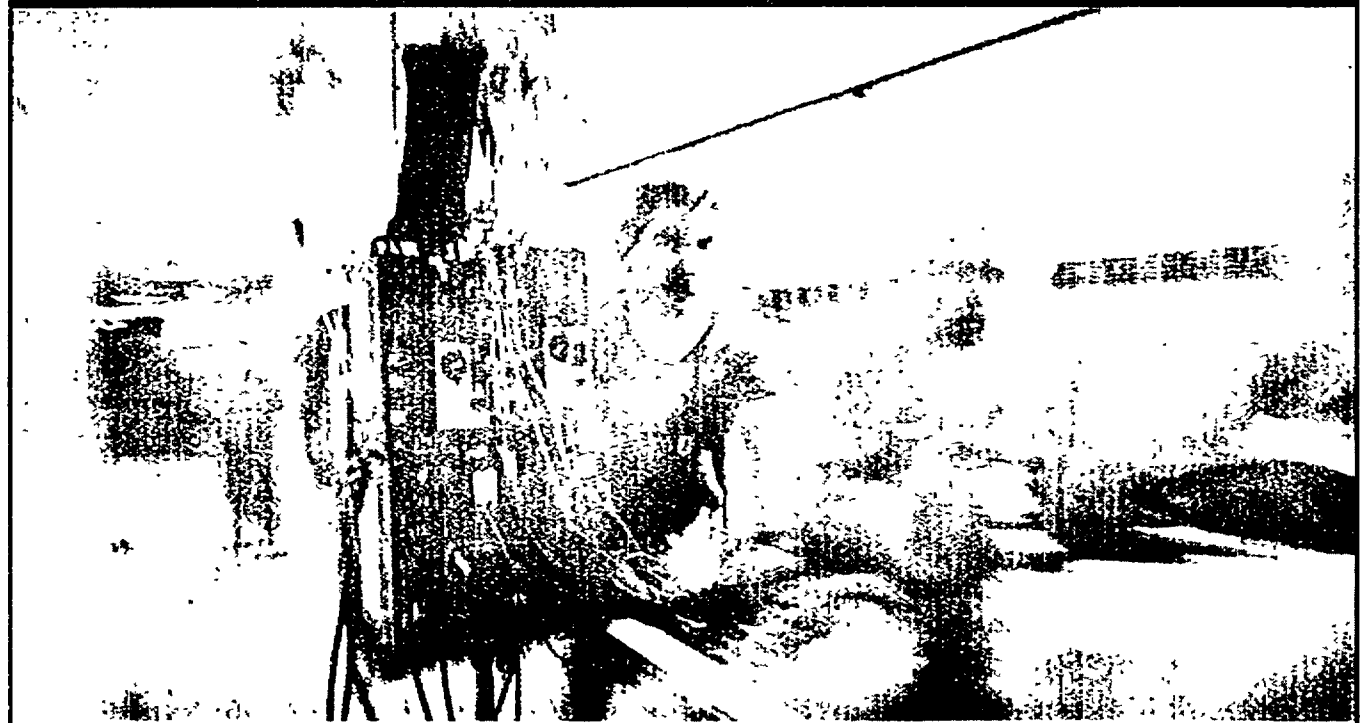
The Northville Historical Society is a nonprofit organization which maintains Mill Race Village. An important component of keeping the village alive is its membership. If you want to help preserve this living museum and have not yet joined the Historical Society, please contact the office or stop in during office hours. Membership is tax deductible and includes a subscription to the Mill Race Quarterly. Memberships are as follows: Senior Citizen/docents \$10, Individual \$15, Family \$20, Business \$25, Contributing \$50, Sustaining \$125, Patron \$500, Benefactor, \$1,000 or more.

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Mroz, Schrot share memories of their duties

And do they have the stories...
 From leading home a horse racing car along Six Mile Road, to breaking up "Beer Hill" parties, to helping track psychiatric hospital patients, volunteer peace officers James Schrot and Edward Mroz served the community in countless capacities.
 Schrot for 37 years and Edward Mroz for 16 years have independently patrolled every inch of the township.
 "These guys have so much history behind them," said township supervisor Mark Abbo. "It will be sad to see them go."
 Among the incidents the constables recalled:
 • "The first murder in the township — as a constable — I handled that," Schrot said. It was at Foreman's Orchard in the mid-1980s, he recalled. "The township had one officer — he was not on-duty at the time." Already near the orchard location, Schrot reported to the scene and made the arrest. He said it was the only time in his law enforcement career that he drew his weapon.
 • Patients wandering away from the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road. Before the today's Lakes of Northville and Maple Hill subdivisions on the north side of Six Mile Road were built, there was an unobstructed view across vacant land backing up to the hospital. "There was a big barn there," Mroz recalled. "You could see them coming over the hill. That used to be a major problem."
 • The Child Development Center at Five Mile Road and Sheldon was a haven for vandals when that facility closed in the late 1980s, Schrot said. "We were constantly in there, night and day," he said. "People who move out there now don't know about that."
 • The sledding hill in Edward Mroz Park, used to be known as "Beer Hill." "That used to be quite a place for the teen boppers," Mroz said. There were routine checks for underage drinking, he said. "I never got too involved in that."

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effectively eliminated the two positions by declining to put them on the November ballot. Schrot and Mroz will serve through the close of their terms Nov. 20.
 The trustees concurred that they want to streamline government services and the township's public safety department can absorb any duties performed by the constables after the expiration of their term. The annual cost savings will be approximately \$2,000, which the volunteer lawmen used toward training, such as firearms certification.
 Township manager Chip Snider said he can empathize with a reluctance to step back from law enforcement. "It doesn't surprise me that either or both constables will be or are reluctant to give up this title."
 When they took office, they were full-service constables in a semi-rural township, Snider said. "There was a period in this township that those two served a critical function. There was no other way to do it."
 A career lawman of 33 years prior to being appointed to his current position, Snider said he would not recommend the board reverse itself in February.
 "Frankly, it doesn't make good managerial sense," he said.
 It is not impossible for the board to again broach the constable topic, said supervisor Mark Abbo, but not likely. "If it is brought forth, I will not endorse it. At this point in time, it's the right thing to do."
 The board's formal resolution complimented Schrot and Mroz's "superb" service. It also cited the constables' duties: to supplement the township's public safety department, patrol state and locally owned property, assist with Department of Natural Resources enforcement and handle animal complaints.
 "Before they started doing all the building out here, everything was farm and rural," Schrot said. "You had no set hours. You just felt you had the duty 24 hours a day."
 "If there were incidents, you responded. It wasn't a 9-to-5 job or something."
 What has not changed during his 37-year tenure as constable, Schrot said, is his accessibility to the people who annually elected him without opposition. If parents suspected their child was experimenting with drugs, for example, they could approach him.
 "They could talk to us on a one-

to-one basis," Schrot said. "Eight to 10 years ago, we knew just about everybody in the township. Being the constable, you had more personal contact with the residents."
 From the original community of 4,000 he has watched grow and grow, he warily eyes continued development on sites such as the state-owned Seven Mile Road property. This long on the job, the constable said he knows his territory well.
 "I almost walked the whole thing — actually I did — for the dog census, we went house to house."
 Back when Schrot first took office, there was no high-tech, full-time, full-service public safety department.
 Both constables eventually served as township police reserves with the department they watched take shape. In fact, Schrot was the department's first reserve officer. "We built the department," he said. "The radios, the cars, the lights, whatever we could get."
 In 1992, Schrot retired as a lieutenant after 22 years of service. Mroz similarly worked as a reserve officer, retiring as a sergeant in 1999 after 20 years. He also was a member of the Livonia police reserves for 10 years, and the Detroit reserves two years prior to that.
 The two men also have been similarly active in the Michigan Constables and Court Officers Association.
 Both men earned the designation "Constable of the Year" — Schrot both in 1978 and 1984, and Mroz in 1992.
 Schrot, 72, has lived in the Northville community for 52 years. He and his wife Bonnie raised four children here: Jaymie, Kevin, Carolyn and Christopher. During his service as constable since 1967, he has collected a file thick with letters of commendations, certifications, and recognition of his efforts.
 "All the years I've been in it, it's been a good life," he said. "A fun thing."
 Mroz, 64, moved to Northville Township from Livonia in 1978. He and his wife, Charlene, raised children Lisa Marie and Scott here.
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Northville Township constables Jim Schrot and Ed Mroz, right, have had many assignments in law enforcement including tracking down at arresting poachers at Maybury State Park.



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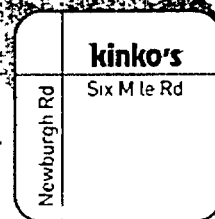
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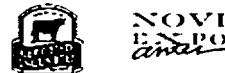
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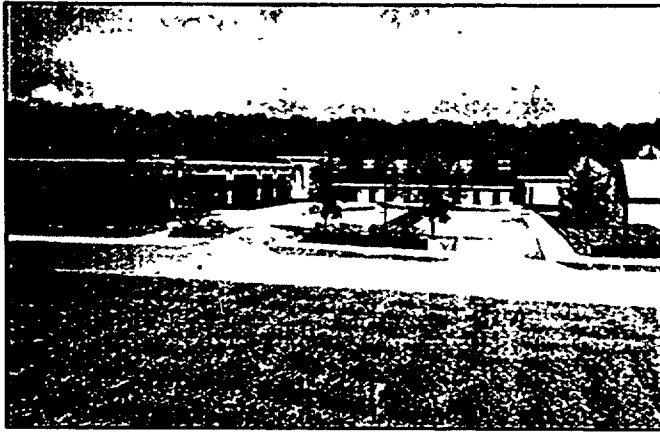
City manager Gary Word said he could not predict whether the planning commission will make a decision that night on the permit request. "I don't know how much public comment is yet to be received," he said. "It's possible they could make a decision on Tuesday night. I just don't know. [Planning commissioners] probably don't even know until they get into it."

Commission chairman Jay Wendt repeatedly said that the commission wants to provide a forum for all who wish to speak on the topic. Procedure calls for public input. Site plan review would be contingent on the request for the special-land-use permit.

Homeowners close to the Orchard Street site, to the north along Main Street, south to Spring Drive, and blocks surrounding the Thayer Avenue main church took turns presenting their views on the school's potential impact. While some predicted a decline in property values due to increased traffic congestion and an oversized building, others stressed the concept of a neighborhood school is what drew them to the area.

Plans before the commission Tuesday will be slightly revised from those initially submitted. Father Terry Kerner said Tuesday. The congregation's architect addressed "deficiencies" cited by Donald Wortman of the city's planning consultant Carlisle/Wortman Associates. Last month, he led the commission through his review of the special use permit application, as well as site plan review commentary.

Many residents in close proximity to the Orchard Street location fear the size of the school will have a long-term impact on the neighborhood, said Mike



submitted artwork

An artist's rendering of the proposed renovations and expansion to Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.

McClish. A grassroots group, formed in 1996 when the church first proposed expansion plans, in recent weeks posted red-and-white "Preserve Our Neighborhoods" signs in the blocks surrounding the site to demonstrate their opposition to the school's construction.

The proposed two-story school would double the current number of classrooms, housing two of each grade. Church representatives have asserted that the new school would meet the needs of the pupils, as well as improve the neighborhood.

"Both sides of Orchard are being redone," Kerner said. "Right now, we have deteriorating buildings." Part of the proposed construction and renovation plan would create a wooded area on the southeast corner of Main and Orchard streets where the former convent will be demolished. "The landmark trees stay, it's going to be gussied up," Kerner said. "It's going to be a pretty corner, an integrated landscape design."

The homes closest to the school would be worth less, then become real-estate comparables for the surrounding residences, McClish said. "What

THE OLV HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 3

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hillside Middle School auditorium

happens is a slide begins on property values," he said. "It makes it easier for someone to purchase another piece of property."

Kerner said he is familiar with concerns that the 2,400-family Catholic congregation will just continue to grow with the Northville community, while landlocked on a finite city site. "We have other churches around too," he said. "If you're in the city, you do have limited space. We don't want to over-build. It's far better to have a waiting list than empty classrooms."

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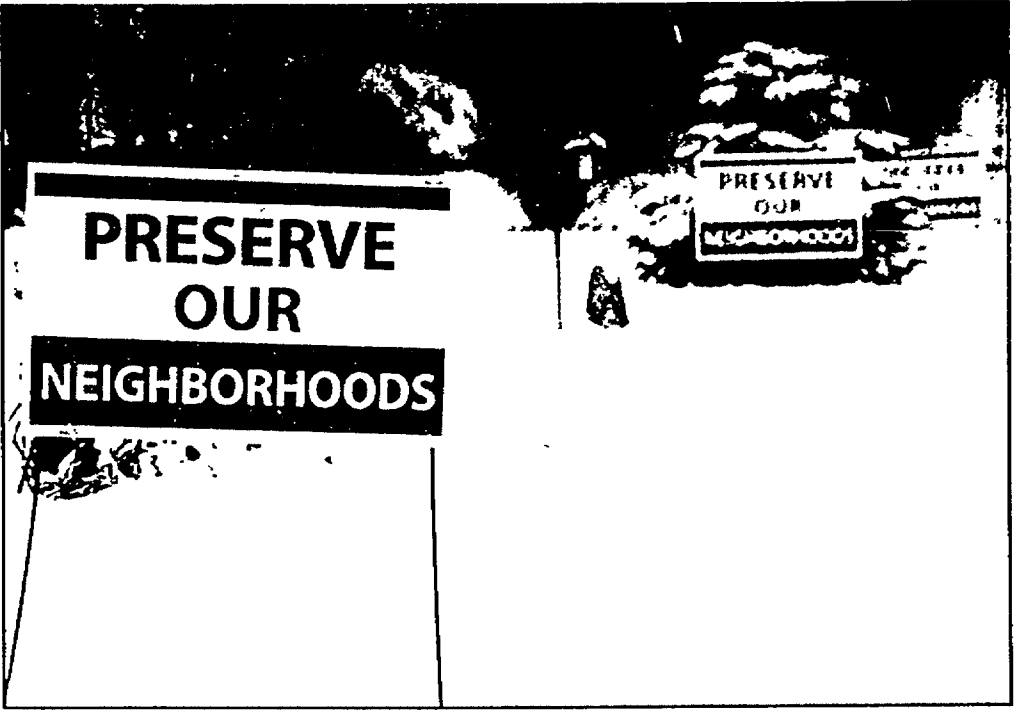


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The lawns of three homes in a row along Northville's Orchard St. sport signs in opposition to Our Lady of Victory's plans to expand their school in the neighborhood. These signs were one block south of OLV.

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New bidders surface for 7 Mile property

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Construction, Schostak-Fisher and Windham Development sent representatives, according to Bridget Medina, a spokesperson for the budget department, the agency responsible for selling the approximate 415 acres. The state required potential buyers to attend one of two pre-bid meetings and tour opportunities; none attended the Jan. 16 session.

"Their appearance at the pre-bid meeting makes them eligible to participate in the bid process for Northville," Medina said Monday. Budget department representatives Tracy DeClerq and Carol Schultz conducted the tours and pre-bid meetings, she said.

The preliminary preview was part of the criteria the state presented in a Jan. 9 invitation to bid schedule. This marked the third time the state has offered up the parcel. The state pulled the plug on the first round in June after an unrelated business relationship between one of the developers and the Gov. Jennifer Granholm administration came to light. The second round in July turned up five bidders.

REI of Bloomfield Hills and Grand/Sakwa of Farmington Hills last year conducted the state-specified limit of 75 days of due diligence before withdrawing their bids of \$76.5 million and \$76 million, respectively. Other revisions in the state's offer of the property this go-round include:

- a minimum \$65 million bid.
- 90-day due diligence period.
- 30 days to close.
- bidders may be able to purchase an extra 30 days of due diligence for \$100,000. In REI's case, the developer in December cited insufficient time to complete its investigation of the site within the state's time constraints.

Township officials have characterized the minimum \$65 million price tag as too high, given the conditions of the former hospital site, which will require extensive

Planning commission preparing recommendation for township board

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

While developers put pencil to paper to see if the Seven Mile Road parcel is a viable investment, Northville Township leaders will be jotting notes of their own.

The Planning Commission is hosting a special meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 3, to decide whether to revise the current planned-use-development zoning of 457 acres from Haggerty to Northville roads to more restrictive R-1 single-family residential zoning. Although the state owns it, the township board can adopt ordinances to guide the type of development.

The planning commission, which serves as an advisory body to the trustees, at next week's meeting could recommend changing the designation. The board

could accept or reject the recommendation as soon as its Feb. 19 meeting.

"The purpose of that meeting is to take public comment on the proposed rezoning," planning commission chairperson Lisa Anderson said. "The planning commission has been asked to look at a rezoning on that piece of property, whether rezoning to residential R-1 makes any sense. We haven't discussed it as a body yet."

Township Supervisor Mark Abbo at the board's Jan. 15 meeting formally requested the commission look into changing the designation. The township in 2002 zoned for planned-unit-development the state-owned property including the now-vacant psychiatric hospital and Hawthorn Center on Haggerty Road, which the state repeated last week will remain

environmental cleanup, building demolition and other remediation. The final patients in May left the former psychiatric facility, now eerily quiet, with halls lined with assorted upturned office equipment, abandoned gurneys, and other remnants of past treatment. The state Department of Community Health in November 2002 announced the close of the facility.

Last Thursday, the potential developers toured the main hospital building only, because the roads were very snow-covered. Medina said. During a subsequent question-and-answer opportunity, no one spoke up, she said. However, bidders still are able to e-mail the budget department with questions through Feb. 3. The queries and responses will be posted on the website: www.michigan.gov/strategic-development

The state property stretches from Northville Road on the west to Haggerty Road, primarily front-

ed by the south side of Seven Mile Road, bordering several existing residential developments accessible from Six Mile Road along the southern border.

The landscape ranges from dense woodlands in the northeast corner to a series of service drives along rolling hills back to the power station to the series of single-story buildings, in addition to the main eight-floor hospital building.

With interest from eight companies, next steps in the process outlined by the state are:

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. When state officials first offered

the property, they eyed applying potential proceeds to the state's 2004 budget deficit. Sept. 30, 2003 was the initial deadline to close the sale. Neighboring property owners as well as township officials have scrutinized the process all these

months, awaiting the state's decision on selection of a buyer. The parcel, along with the former Detroit House of Corrections property east of Ridge Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads, is one of the two largest undeveloped

areas remaining in the township.

will exist, we're fine." Rezoning will be done according to the township's timetable, he added.

In preparing their recommendations of the board, the planning commissioners will defer to their experts, Anderson said. "We'll be listening to what the public has to say about it and then reviewing any consultants' recommendations. I'm assuming the township attorney will have a recommendation or some comments regarding the potential rezoning."

"Then, we need to look at master plan, what's on the master plan, what's the history of the township, what have we done in the past with R-1 districts, just kind of an overview of what makes sense for that property."

"We're trying to set ourselves up in the best position we can with the state still asking \$65 million, a

minimum of \$65 million for that piece of property," the commission chair said. "We're trying to look at what makes sense for the property and what's going to get us the best development, without putting us in a position hopefully where we don't see an overly dense development."

Township officials have referred in the past to the need to carefully consider development plans for this, the largest undeveloped property parcel in the township.

"It needs to be consistent with the concepts we discussed at our 2020 vision meeting," Abbo said. That is, the homes and/or businesses that are built along Seven Mile Road cannot overburden municipal services such as public works, police and fire departments, or dramatically impact the school system, he said.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hayes Lemmerz announces agreement with Hyundai

Northville-based wheel manufacturer Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc., recently announced that its

Commercial Highway Division has received a multi-product agreement with Hyundai Translead.

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POLICE REPORTS

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

DEDICATION: A Northville Township gas station clerk took employee dedication to the next level after chasing down a gas thief. A female employee of the Mobile Gas Station on Six Mile Road told police she saw an unknown man pump \$41 worth of gas into his sport utility vehicle on Jan. 21 at about 6:45 a.m. The man then took off eastbound on Six Mile Road without paying. The employee said she jumped into her vehicle and followed the suspect driving a gold Chevy, eventually onto northbound Interstate 275. The male driver, estimated in his 30s, exited at Seven Mile Road when the employee decided to go back to the station and call police. The vehicle was registered to a Livonia resident who said he was not in the area at the time of the alleged crime and could prove so if needed. Further contact with the gas station employee prompted police to close the case because the attendant said she was pretty sure that was the suspect, but not absolutely certain.

VENGEANCE: A Northville Township resident suspects vengeance is the reason behind a recent instance of vandalism. On Jan. 17 at about 10:30 p.m., a resident living on Tournament Drive called police and reported damage to her residence. The woman said sometime between 7 and 10 p.m., an unknown plow truck significantly damaged the grass in front of her home. According to the report, police believe the damage was intentional. In addition to the lawn job, snow was plowed up against the garage door. The resident told police she suspected a 41-year-old Livonia landscaper who had done unsatisfactory work on the house last summer. The woman said her husband had problems with the landscaper about work left unfinished before he was fired.

SMOKING: A strong odor of smoke was the tip off a Northville High School student had cigarettes on school property earlier this month. On Friday, Jan. 16 at about 11 a.m., the school liaison officer was notified of a male student who smelled of smoke. After questioning by the township police officer, the student admitted he had been smoking in his car. The officer followed the student to his vehicle to retrieve the

cigarettes. The student handed over an empty pack from the console and two full packs of Camel Turkish Golds from inside the glove department. The student had prior violations in previous years for the same offense, but none in the current school year. He was issued a warning and ordered to participate in smoke cessation class. According to the report, it is a violation of law and school policy to smoke on school grounds.

DUDE: A 42-year-old Howell man was arrested by township police after shoplifting Led Zeppelin compact discs from Meijer while possessing a bag of marijuana. Dispatchers received a call from Meijer loss prevention on Jan. 14 at about 3:30 p.m. stating they had a shoplifter in custody. Meijer detectives watched the suspect take two Led Zeppelin and one AC/DC compact discs and leave the store without paying. According to the report, the Howell man was combative when approached in the store parking lot and had to be detained on the ground for police arrival. While at the police station, township officers found a Doritos bag in the man's outer shirt pocket full of marijuana.

ZIP IT: Police officers arrested a man on Thursday, Jan. 15 at about 1 a.m. for driving his car through the township after drinking alcohol. Police noticed the 40-year-old Northville man's Toyota in the middle of Napier near Six Mile with only the parking lights on. Before initiating a traffic stop, the officer watched the man spin his tires and speed away. According to the report, when the officer approached the vehicle to speak with the male driver, his pants were unzipped, his belt was unclasped and he had a wet stain on his pants. After failing field sobriety tasks, the Northville man's blood alcohol level tested at 0.145 and was arrested by police.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

BAD EXAMPLE: A 40-year-old Northville woman last Wednesday displayed the following behavior in front of her young son: she disobeyed a crossing guard signaling her to stop, she cursed repeatedly at a police officer, and she refused to listen to an explanation of her citation.

At the end of the 3 p.m. run-in with the driver of a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer, the officer had to slide her ticket for disobeying a crossing guard signal through the inch the window was cracked, according to police reports. The department had fielded complaints that drivers were disobeying the guard posted after school near the corner of Center Street and Eight Mile Road.

The Jan. 21 incident began with an officer watching the SUV driver ignore the crossing guard's stop sign and upraised hand as three middle schoolers prepared to cross Eight Mile, the report says. "The driver did not agree with my explanation of why she was being stopped," the report says. Also, "the driver never spoke to me in a normal tone of voice."

Using profanity, the driver ordered the officer back to patrol car and indicated she would be late for work as a result of the stop.

When the officer returned to the vehicle with the citation, the woman refused to roll down the window more than one inch and did not want an explanation, the report says. The infraction called for a court appearance within 20 days.

HOG FRIED: A Northville couple lost \$2,900 through computer fraud last Friday trying to buy a 2002 BMW motorcycle via an Internet service.

A 42-year-old woman Jan. 24 reported to Northville Police that apparently her purchase went awry after she wired money to an address in New York and now could not contact neither the electronic seller nor the alleged escrow company, according to reports. The seller had instructed the woman she needed to be pre-approved to buy the motorcycle, the report says.

Acting on instruction via her Internet connections, the woman withdrew cash from her bank then wired it via Western Union, she told police. When she was unable to reach the seller in subsequent attempts, she became concerned she was the victim of a scam, the report says. A call to the New York Western Union office revealed the wired money had been collected, the report says.

EBay instructed the victim to contact the FBI's Internet fraud website, the report says, where

the woman completed an on-line complaint. Without recourse locally, the Northville department classified the case inactive.

LAME BEHAVIOR: A Northville Downs trainer called his employer last Wednesday morning with the bad news that more than \$1,000 of his horse's equipment was missing.

The equipment, which hangs on a common wall that runs the length of the barn at the Seven Mile Road track, was last seen by the trainer's co-worker just past midnight Jan. 20, according to Northville Police Department reports. The missing equipment, used to hook to the racehorse the driver's cart, includes two quick-hitch harnesses, two pairs of hobbles, two pairs of hobble hangers, and one blind bridle, the report says. The trainer noticed the items missing when he reported for work at 8 a.m. Jan. 21, the report says.

There are no suspects and no signs of forced entry, the report says.

FROM BAD TO WORSE: A 19-year-old woman crying over a fight with her boyfriend ended up in a cell last Tuesday after a Northville police officer noticed her erratic driving.

The driver of a 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier headed westbound on Eight Mile Road accelerated rapidly enough to catch the attention of the officer who had been stopped at a traffic signal alongside her, according to police reports. The officer paced her traveling from Horton to Center at 56 mph, the report says. After pulling her to the side of the road, the officer noted glassy and bloodshot eyes, as well as a strong odor of intoxicants, the report says.

After performing field sobriety tests, then a breath test, the officer arrested the driver, securing

her in a cell until she sobered and posted bond. She has a court date today.

PARTY'S OVER: A pair parking outside Amerman school at Eight Mile and Center roads over the weekend will share a Feb. 5 court date for their infractions.

A Northville police officer on patrol approximately 2 a.m. Jan. 25 investigated a blue 1986 Dodge Ram truck with a man and woman inside, according to police reports. A vehicle search turned up a crack pipe in the cigarette pack belonging to the 41-year-old Northville woman, the report says. The officer arrested her for possession of drug paraphernalia. The officer cited the 48-year-old Detroit man for consumption of alcohol on school property after finding a bottle of whiskey between the two seats, the report says. His preliminary breath tested showed an alcohol level of 0.18, the report says.

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Novi schools retool gifted student program

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Parents of gifted students in the Novi Community School District should be concerned, but they should also have faith that the Student Services Department is doing everything it can to resolve and minimize the impact of the Learning Activities Enrichment Program being cut. That's the message that Novi Director of Student Services Donna Tinberg wants the public to know.

Yearly, the program has costed the district more than \$200,000 and each year for many years, about \$16,000 of that came from state sources. The Novi district covered the teachers salaries and the grant covered very specific kinds of things that were non salary items such as teaching supplies, competitions and coaches salaries. Last year the grant was cut to \$13,000, which was still

manageable if some belts was tightened a bit, but it wasn't until this year, after the school year had started, that Novi received word that that grant will now be cut further to \$689.

"Obviously, we had to rethink our situation," Tinberg said. "There are so many changes going on already with the funding and with No Child Left Behind, so when we looked at our entire assessment program which included how we're gathering information about children and the cognitive abilities test, which we traditionally used, we figured that we weren't using that for many purposes. A decision was then made this past fall that we're not going to buy the cognitive abilities test again. All that has some impact on the program."

Effectively, the cognitive abilities test was used for many years to identify gifted students in the second and third grade. Students taking

it had to score above the 95th percentile in all three areas of that test in order to be identified. Students who made the scoring cut of 130 were in the program.

Over the years, the Learning Activities Enrichment Program had a district committee, which is a combination of teachers and parents. About four years ago that committee did an extensive study to locate the best practice. The group came up with something was already known — that a single test is not a good way to identify students. At the time, the idea was introduced that cognitive ability might not be the only measure of giftedness and that there might be other measures.

"We had a program where if you have an IQ of over 130, in third and fourth grade you're automatically going to be put into a pull out program once or twice a week where you work with a gifted teacher,"

Tinberg said. "It was a good project, but not necessarily tied to your specific area of strength because everybody was working on the same thing. In fifth and sixth grade we have have kids clustered in classrooms and the service they get really is determined by the general ed teachers."

Tinberg explained that in seventh and eighth grade, everybody is able to take an elective class, but again, the project might not be specifically linked to each of the students strengths.

In the long range plan, Novi also had a goal to differentiate instruction for all students in the program. It addressed the question, 'How can we help teachers do better at meeting the needs of the students?' Different training tactics for teachers in that area were tried which was believed should have a long term impact of meeting the needs of those high ability students. The Student Services Department also had recommendations from its committee.

"Then we had this giant slash in funds, so all those things within our program this year created a change for sure," Tinberg said. "There's no way around that so we put the program on hold. I sent a letter out to the parents explaining what's going on and what we're planning to do. We thought that we don't have that cognitive abilities test any more, so we have to have an alternate method of identifying kids together because right now we're kind of in a vacuum."

Some general concepts that the department is leaning towards include using multiple data sources to paint a portrait of a student's individual needs. For instance, standardized tests of achievement, curriculum-based assessments, classroom performance indicators/portfolio assessments, teacher input/rating scales, parent input/rating scales and information from outside sources.

Other concepts include putting less emphasis on 'how smart are you?' and more questioning of 'how are you smart?' or putting more

emphasis on tailoring differentiation strategies to meet the specific needs of the student, increased emphasis on collecting data and monitoring adequate yearly progress for all students and reallocation of reduced resources to make the most creative use of the dollars Novi has.

"These are not carved in stone, they're just general concepts that we're leaning towards," Tinberg said. "It's not a definite by any stretch of the imagination. The typical process would be to be finalized by LEAP teachers, then it would go to the district committee for input, then it would come back for approval by the Board of Education. We're far from that point right now though."

Tinberg hopes to have a new system in place within the next few months.

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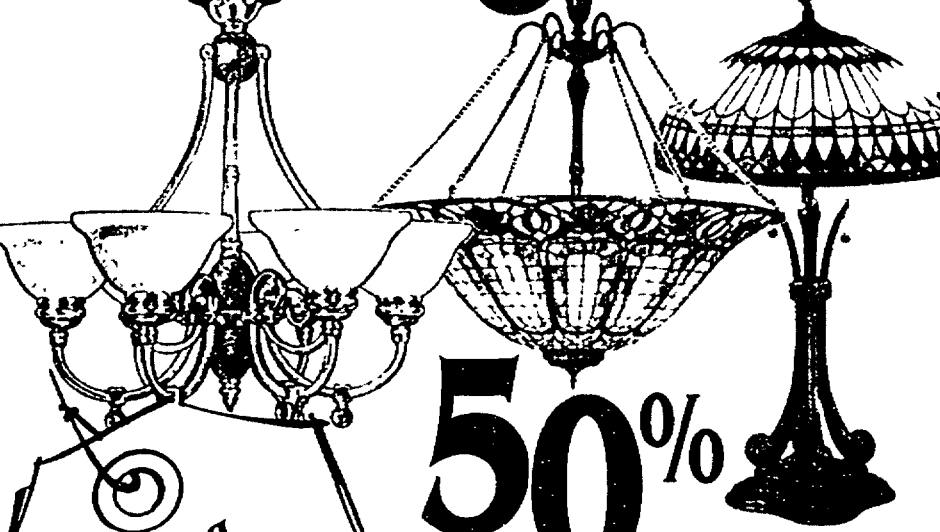
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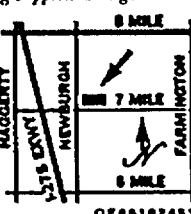
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More people, more students

When the word "growth" is mentioned to describe a community's evolution, prosperity is often the imagery most likely to be associated with it. Around here, that's often the case.

But all is not necessarily rainbows and sunny skies. There are any of a number of side effects to an influx of population and business to a community, not the least of which is the burden more people places on a school district. We learned this week that the redevelopment of state-owned land along Seven Mile Road may very well require the Northville school district to ask for more taxpayer dollars to support more infrastructure needs.

This suggestion was made before the district even moves ahead with the more pressing issue of asking for a bond this year to assist with maintenance and facility upgrade matters. In other words, there's a semi-decent chance voters will be asked to help cover additional school expenditures both in 2004 and again in 2005.

None of this comes as a surprise to us, and we don't think it should to taxpayers, either. Quality public education the likes of which residents of Northville have come to expect demands cash. It's hard to learn when leaky rooftops are drip-

ping on students' heads, and if the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property is developed as extensively as early indications suggest, there are going to be a fair number of new faces in Northville Township in the relatively near future.

The district remains hamstrung by state laws which only permit public schools to forecast building needs five years in advance. Given the scope of projects Northville has had to take on, this can often mean that plans by the time new facilities are in place, the needs envisioned for the buildings have already been satisfied and have been pushed over the top. Such was the case when Northville High School was built, and additions to the building were almost being contemplated before the cornerstone was in place.

The school board and district administrators have a responsibility to be diligent fiduciaries of the taxpayers' money. Given the pace of growth in the community — which will likely make another spurt shortly — it seems there are going to be more taxpayers (and taxpayers' children) to look after. We hope voters recognize this economic reality if and when bond issues are placed before them.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER
With good intentions, but maybe the wrong implement, Mihika Murdeshwar, 5, helps her mother Julie shovel some snow Tuesday morning at their home in Northville along Horton. About four inches of snow fell on the Northville area late Monday and early Tuesday.

LETTERS

Letter only expressed partial comprehension

We live in a world often content with only partial comprehension. We are an "on the go" people, dealing more with sound bites than thoughtful discussions. That was certainly the case in the *Northville Record*.

In a Jan. 15 letter to the editor, Julia Preseau demonstrated that she is more content with sound bites. In her letter, Preseau asserted that Cheryl Jones, author of the "Stand Up for

Justice" column in Moraine Elementary's "Penguin Express" preaches a moral relativist outlook. She cites as evidence when Jones wrote, "Respect is allowing that something other than what we are or what we believe is just as good, only different."

Jones went on to write, "Parents sometimes find it difficult to accept the differences in preference or thought that their children hold. Children often find it difficult to tolerate differences in their friends or classmates, because they seek to determine which is better. As parents, we must understand and explain to our children that different is not necessarily better

or worse, it is only different. It provides the most interesting part of life, getting to know something outside of ourselves."

Ms. Preseau, Jones was not writing that, as you suggested, acts of terrorism could be viewed as neither "good" nor "bad." How dare you misinterpret such a simple argument to such a devilish end. Jones was simply restating the message that I hope your parents taught you: race, religion, or ethnicity, for example, are not grounds for discrimination.

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Now and then I have an idea

I like it when people direct me from "the high school" (meaning Hillside), "the Ford plant" (meaning the Water Wheel complex), or "the hospital" (well, we don't know yet).

I know what they're talking about. I feel like an old-timer. No, better than that, it makes me feel like I have roots, context, history. I grew up in Northville, went to Northville schools and recently moved back to town with my daughter.



Maureen Johnston

Here at the *Record*, my broad job description is to write about the city and township. There are the mandatory municipal affairs, and so much more. You might imagine the importance of context when reporting on what I endearingly refer to as my "sagas," the development of the former hospital property on Seven Mile Road, the proposed Our Lady of Victory school, or downtown parking expansion. Really, historical perspective helps me with every story topic. I rely on conversations with a lot of people to form the basis for my reports.

All that background leads up to my introduction this week of a new feature we've planned for the *Northville Record*. In future issues, you will see the new "Now and Then" logo to signal a little nugget from

Now & Then



Northville's past that we can all relate to the community's present. Chats with people on my "beat" repeatedly turned up an interest for coverage reflective of Northville's history.

None of these ideas are new and never-been-done-before, but there seems to be a growing appreciation for things-old. We have planned three types of standing features:

- a vintage photograph you can contrast with the appearance of the same location, event, or personality today.
- timelines of 25, 50, 100 years ago that will demonstrate the concerns of the day of our predecessors in the community. (We'll pull from our 136-year-old back issues for that one.)
- a now-versus-then look at a current issue. This is a pretty broad category, and intended to be. Again I'll cite the hospital location — it was only 50-odd years ago that the state facility was constructed. OK — readers out there who remember the hospital coming to town — how did that go over?

This brings me to the audience participation part of the program. I'm hoping we can

create a forum to share memories about this community, which has drawn people in increasing droves for the past decade. It is convenient highway access, a good school system and a prestigious zip code. But it is also the vintage flavor, the underlying character, and the sense of having found a place to stay.

In recent weeks, I've had the opportunity to chat with individuals who have made Northville their home for more than 50 years: Mary Ware, Bruce Turnbull and James Schrot. In fact, one of the three used the word "void" to describe the senior set's view of our coverage designed to appeal to their hunger for historical perspective in their *Record*.

I could not spend enough time with any of them — for their company and for their accounts of how the community has evolved over the years. But they did all agree to help supply me with anecdotes, photographs, community connections, suggestions or other sources to get me rolling.

Can you imagine an Opera House on the corner of Center and Dunlap streets; a loose horse, racing cars on Six Mile Road near Sheldon; a pond on today's Seven Mile Road between Sheldon Road and Rogers?

Let's see what we can dig up. I'd love to hear from you at (248) 349-1700 ext.109 or mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net. Or drop me a note in care of the paper at 104 W. Main Street. I will make sure photos are returned.

I'll just be at my desk preparing the story for my (four-year-old) daughter's children, "I remember when they were talking about what should be built on that Seven Mile property..."

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OTHER OPINIONS

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I'm going to air my ideas now

Over the years, I've done my share of whining about Northwest Airlines: Expensive fares; poor service; bad on-time record. The list goes on and on.

But in recent months, possibly because I've been flying more than usual, I've changed my mind. Mind you, I'm still grumpy about high fares, especially when there are no low-cost competitors serving most routes. But things at Northwest seem to have improved substantially. Both at the gate and on the plane, staffers seem genuinely friendly and interested in being helpful.



Phil Power

Departures and arrivals now bear a fairly direct relationship to the posted schedule. Planes are clean. If you want, you can order something to eat on the flight instead of overdoing on pretzels and nuts. The new McNamara Terminal is attractive, efficient, a pleasure to use.

And there's no doubt whatsoever about the enormous advantage of having a major new and spiffy Northwest hub at Detroit Metro. We can fly non-stop to essentially any place in the world. Anybody who's had to suffer the thrash and inconvenience of changing planes once or twice en route recognizes what a terrific thing a major hub is.

Plus there's even another dimension to the issue of high fares, at least if you listen to Andrea Fischer Newman, a University of Michigan regent and Northwest's senior vice president for government affairs. According to Newman, if you take the average cost of an airline ticket in 1978 (before the federal government deregulated air travel) and compare it with today's prices, you'll find the inflation-adjusted cost of air travel overall has declined by around 50 percent. And if you add to that the very low-fare charter operations now clustered at Detroit Metro, we may well be benefiting from the deflationary impact of the Northwest hub...and just don't know it.

But there's much more to this story, especially here in Michigan where the big problems are economic: a jobless (and slow) recovery, an evaporating manufacturing base, concern about increasing export of good jobs to places like China and India. Upon reflection, I think the single greatest engine for this region's economic growth is hidden in plain sight at Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run airports. Here's why. Most historians agree the regions that offered the best transportation infrastructure are those that showed over time the greatest growth. Think of the seaports in the 18th century, when sailing ships were dominant, or rail hubs in the 19th century. Closer to home and in the late 20th century, it's probable that Livingston County's enormous growth comes in large part from the advantages in road transit produced by the intersection of US-23 and I-96.

Plainly, air transit for both passengers and cargo will be dominant factors in the world economy of the 21st century. And

regions that have developed the capability to link air passenger and air cargo infrastructure have shown enormous growth over the past decade. Consider the great airports at Dallas-Ft. Worth, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Amsterdam, and even Memphis, the main hub for FedEx's planes. These regions have added literally hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs leveraged out of their great air transit facilities; the phenomenon is sometimes called an "aerotropolis."

Experts, led by Dr. John D. Kasarda, Director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, say the potential offered by the combination of an excellent passenger facility (the Northwest hub at Detroit Metro) and a good cargo operation (at Willow Run) is as

There's no doubt whatsoever about the enormous advantage of having a new and spiffy Northwest hub at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

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Belafonte: the political X-factor

For the most part, Michigan voters trying to get a handle on this year's presidential campaign are still grappling with names that were totally unfamiliar six months ago. Howard Dean. John Edwards. John Kerry.

But Al Fishman, a longtime peace activist from Detroit, is hoping politics in America will be shaken up by one very familiar name which, up to now, absolutely no one has thought about in connection with the presidential election.



Jack Lessenberry

Harry Belafonte. No, that's not a misprint. We are talking about the "Day-O, Day-O," 1950s calypso singer, who on Jan. 31 is coming to Detroit to lead a town hall meeting aimed at creating a "national people's agenda" designed to create a continuing pressure group that will affect politics and issues in this country for years to come.

"What we want to do is build something that isn't tied to a particular candidate or campaign," said Fishman, who, at an athletic and healthy 77, is a veteran of more causes and campaigns than he can count, stretching back to the 1948 Progressive Party effort.

Too often he has seen young people excited about a candidate, only to be disillusioned and drift away when that candidate loses or "sells out." Others lose interest when the media stops paying attention to a particular issue, like the 1980s nuclear freeze movement.

This year, however, a progressive think tank called the Institute for Policy Studies

in Washington, D.C., has another idea. They are sponsoring a series of events in cities across the nation called "Grassroots America Shapes the Debate," which are designed to energize people and move them to form a national agenda.

There is, it seems safe to say, a politically leftist slant to all this. The 10 cities involved are all members of "Cities for Peace," a group of more than 100 cities that adopted anti-war resolutions last year. Yet though the organizers are clearly liberal, they say they don't plan to put any restrictions on what people may think the issues should be.

"The idea is to work towards building something — a document — that will not only offer an alternative political platform for this year, but which will serve as a guide for united action for years to come," said Fishman, who, with U.S. Rep. John Conyers, is one of the key Detroit-area organizers of the event.

But what does Harry Belafonte have to do with it? Though few of his fans may know it, the 76-year-old singer has been a longtime crusader for civil rights and peace causes, and volunteered his services for a total of 10 such meetings.

He was also a close friend of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and on Jan. 31, will be the keynote speaker at Detroit's Martin Luther King High School, an all-day town hall meeting billed as the opportunity "to help create a national people's agenda for the election and beyond." How that will work isn't quite clear — even to the organizers — but the plan is to lead people to shape their thinking on perhaps a dozen topics, from criminal justice to national security to health care.

How much can really get done in a day is questionable, and the event's organizers aren't too clear on what the next step will be after that. Bringing a group of people together for a day is fairly easy. Mobilizing them over a long period of time is far harder, as generations of activists on all sides

have painfully learned.

Detroit-area organizers don't yet seem to have thought much about how to keep things going after the first meeting, or how and where to bring people together again.

But Karen Dolan, who is coordinating this whole effort at the Institute for Policy Studies, said continuing work has been going on in Cincinnati, where the first such town hall was held in a poor neighborhood last September. "They have already developed a draft for what they call their City of Hope project," and hope to make it public soon, she said. Eventually, she hopes each city will share their draft platforms, and some sort of national agenda will emerge.

That may be a long shot; the number of citizens who are willing to engage in sustained political activity has never been large. But polls show voters seem increasingly worried about a wide number of issues, and that millions feel neither party is doing much to address people's concerns on subjects from health care to jobs.

"Our governing slogan will be leave no

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GUEST COLUMN

Give your Valentine your heart

In my work as a therapist and as pastor, one of the goals to which I am committed is doing what I can to make relationships work. Surely a gift that you can give to your partner on Valentine's Day is to reconnect when your relationship has not been at its best. It is not important only for relationship to simply survive; they need to thrive. There is one thing which each person can do



Paul Melrose

to make that happen. Focus on yourself. Religious wisdom from Jewish scriptures and picked also in Christian scripture tells us that we should love our neighbors as ourselves. One of the ways to love ourselves is to closely examine ourselves.

That is hard to do. In so many relation-

ships each party is saying that he/she knows what the problem with the relationship is: it is my partner. It is their fault. When they change and do it right our relationship will be fine. But, since that is the way that each partner in the relationship thinks at exactly the same time, that approach to relationship problems is destined to make matters worse. Hence, self focus. If you love your partner as much as you say, you need to love yourself enough to examine what you are doing to contribute to the problem. Yes, indeed, all marriage counselors and writers and researchers in this field will advise couples that it is not only your partner who needs to examine him/herself. You must do that, too. If each partner focuses on the other than the gift you will give each other on this Valentine's Day is a less than healthy relationship.

Quickly, a couple of things you want to do to start this process. Focus on your strengths and build on them. Examine your beliefs about relationships; are yours the same as your partners? Probably in small and large ways there are some differences. Learn from each other what your differences are. If the problems you are having persist, let each of you look at what you are trying to do together and sep-

arately to solve the problem: it could be that their needs to be a new approach to solving that problem. Let each of you take responsibility to look for new solutions.

What a lot of folks in relationships don't realize is that keeping the relationship in a "thriving" mode takes a lot of work. Part of the Valentine's Day gift you can give to each other is to let each other know how important your relationship is and talk about what each of you is doing for your relationship. Because life is constant change, this is a constant task. Also, remember that there is not a single truth. Each of you came into the relationship having learned life the "right way," and so you will need to discuss the "two right ways" to make your relationship work

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

FREE WORKSHOP: A free workshop for Northville community parents of newborns to 5 years old will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m. Feb. 7 at Ridge Wood Elementary, 49775 Six Mile Road. Special education director Robert Somson will speak about the implications of brain research on early childhood education. Child learning methods will also be offered. The workshop and free child care are provided by the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center. For registration, call (248) 344-8465.

ABE LIVES: Former President Abraham Lincoln will visit select Northville public elementary schools this week via an assembly titled, "The Living Abe Lincoln" presented by Mobile Ed Productions, Inc. A professional actor will portray the former president, offering students a chronological, first-person narrative of Lincoln's life from the backwoods of Kentucky through his years in the White House. At the end of Lincoln's performance, the actor will step out of character and answer questions from the students. The production will make its first stop at Thornton Creek Elementary School followed by a visit to Winchester Elementary School on Jan. 30.

SCHOOL BOARD: Northville School Board meetings will take place next month on Feb. 10 and 24. The February 10 meeting will take place on the third floor of Old Village School. The Feb. 24 meeting will take place inside Moraine Elementary School. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 344-8440.

KINDERGARTEN 2004: The Northville Public School District is accepting kindergarten registration for Fall, 2004. Guardians of children who will be five on or

before Dec. 1 are asked to contact the appropriate elementary school for kindergarten registration information. Phone numbers are: Amerman, (248) 344-8405; Moraine (248) 344-8473; Ridge Wood (248) 349-7602; Silver Springs (248) 344-8410; Winchester, (248) 344-8415; and Thornton Creek (248) 344-8475.

HELP! The following schools are looking for offerings: Ridge Wood Elementary is looking for 45 volunteers to implement an indoor recess program through spring. Also needed is a volunteer possessing sewing skills to coordinate a community service project. Call Carla at (248) 305-8782. The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center needs buttons, beans, small noodles, shoelaces, thin hair ribbon, unused garbage bag twist ties, wax paper and playing cards. The items will be used to create fine motor kits for parents and classroom use. The center is located inside Ridge Wood Elementary School on Six Mile Road just west of Ridge Road.

LADIES NIGHT OUT: Members of the Hillside Middle School PTSA are sponsoring a fundraiser 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 inside the school's cafeteria titled, "Ladies night out." More than 30 different businesses will fill the area, offering merchandise with a portion of the collected proceeds going to the Hillside organization. Organizers said everything will be offered from baked goods to home decorating ideas. Some of the booths scheduled for the fundraising event will sell items such as makeup, glassworks, handbags, portraits, cappuccino and goodies. There is no charge at the door and all area residents are invited. Members of the PTSA will also collect beauty products at the door for donation to Civic Concern and First Step. For more information, call (248) 349-1720.

ENGAGEMENTS



Surdu-O'Grady

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Surdu of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Trevor Michael Surdu to Bridget May O'Grady, daughter of Carol and Michael Nelson of Livonia and Scott and Martha O'Grady of Waterford.

The groom-elect is a 1995 Northville High School graduate and a 2002 Michigan State University graduate. He is employed with Norfolk Development Corp. in Ann Arbor as construction development manager.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as the assistant specialist for Neiman-Marcus. A July wedding is planned.



Matela-Wisniewski

Jerry and Sue Matela of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Marji Matela to Chris Wisniewski, son of Edward and Shirley Wisniewski of Saline.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Northville High School. She also graduated from Western Michigan University in 1998 with a marketing degree and Wayne State University in 2002 with an MBA degree. She is currently employed as a Leader of Program Planning for Valassis.

The groom-elect is a 1992 graduate of Saline High School. He is a 1997 graduate of WMU with a mechanical engineering degree and a 2002 graduate of Wayne State University with an MBA degree. He is currently employed as a senior engineer for Denso. An August wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



Lapham-Gilliland, Jr.

Stacy Lyn Lapham and David Alan Gilliland, Jr. were married Aug. 8 at The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Reverend Richard Jones officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lapham of Northville. The groom is the son of David and Patricia Gilliland of New Boston, Mich. The matron of honor was Fran Lapham of Birmingham, Ala. Rosanna Taylor of Canton was a bridesmaid and Elizabeth Lapham was a miniature bride. The best man was Ronald Weddington of Ypsilanti. David Taylor of Canton was a groomsman and Cody Draper was a junior groomsman.

The couple honeymooned in Oahu and Maui and will make their home in Canton.

BIRTHS



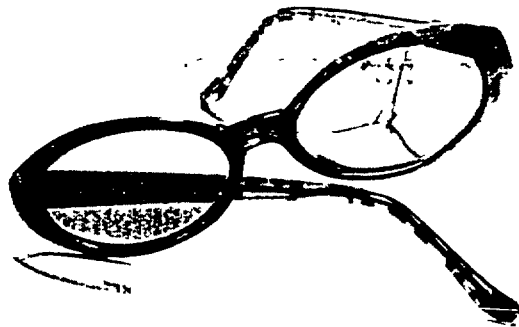
Thomas Joseph Corriveau

Matthew and Stephanie Corriveau of Northville announce the birth of their son, Thomas Joseph Corriveau at Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce, on Jan. 18. At birth, Thomas weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

Thomas is the grandson of Carl and Barbara Haller of Hamburg, N. Y., Richard Corriveau of Northville and Katherine Corriveau of South Lyon.

Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

On Thursday, February 19, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. a Public Hearing will be held on the 2004-2005 Community Development Block Grant Funds at the Township Civic Center located at 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48167. The 2004-2005 CDBG allocation for Northville Township will be approximately \$110,000.00. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to fund eligible activities and projects which benefit low and moderate income persons; aid in the prevention or elimination of blight and slums; and/or address an urgent community development need.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and provide views and proposals concerning the 2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant Program. For additional information on the program or the proposed 2003-2004 allocations, please contact Ms. Maureen Osiecki, Northville Township CDBG Coordinator, at 248-348-5800.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

(1-29 & 2-12-04 NR 108597)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 170

ARTICLE 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1 H.

ARTICLE 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1 I.

Article 37 Temporary Uses Events, Structures and Buildings, Section 37.1

Date: February 24, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Northville Township Civic Center
41600 Six Mile Road

A public hearing will be held on February 24, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The Planning Commission will consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1 K. Open Storage, Parking and Repair of vehicles
Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1 L. Performance Standards
Article 37 Temporary Uses, Events, Structures and Buildings, Section 37.1 Definitions

The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. A complete copy of the proposed changes are available at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

LISA ANDERSON, CHAIR
PLANNING COMMISSION

(1-29 & 2-19-04 NR 109320)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission will consider a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding regulations for helicopter use within the City of Northville. The proposed change is described as follows:

Article 16.15 SITING OF A HELIPORT, HELISTOP AND THE NON-MEDICAL EMERGENCY USE OF HELICOPTERS

a. Definitions

For purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

Helicopter - A type of aircraft whose aerodynamic support is obtained from propellers rotating on a more or less vertical axis and which is capable of rising and descending vertically

Helipad - An area of land, water or a fixed structure used or intended to be used for the landing and take off of helicopters or other rotary wing aircraft

Helistop - A landing area for occasional and infrequent use by rotary wing aircraft not exceeding a gross weight of 10,000 pounds and not for regularly scheduled stops

Non-Medical Emergency - Any condition other than a sudden life-threatening medical emergency related to the health of one or more human beings which condition calls for immediate evacuation to a hospital

b. Siting

The siting of a heliport and the siting of a helistop may be considered as a special use only in the Racetrack (RTD) District, Performance Regulated Industrial District NO 1 (PR-1) and the Performance Regulated Industrial District NO. 2 (PR-2). Such siting shall be done pursuant to applicable federal and state standards. It shall not be permitted in any other zoning district in the City of Northville.

c. Non-Medical Emergency Use of Helicopters

The non-medical emergency use of helicopters shall be limited to the heliports/helipads cited in Section 16.15b above.

d. Nothing in this Ordinance applies to the emergency use of a helicopter relating to the evacuation of a human being(s) with a serious medical condition which condition requires immediate evacuation to a hospital.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12 - RACETRACK (RTD) SECTION 12.03 SPECIAL LAND USES PERMITTED AFTER REVIEW AND APPEAL

Add: (d) The siting of Heliports and Helistops subject to Section 16.15

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13 - PERFORMANCE REGULATED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT NO. 1 (PR-1) SECTION 13.03 SPECIAL LAND USES PERMITTED AFTER REVIEW AND APPEAL

Add: (d) The siting of Heliports and Helistops subject to Section 16.15

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 14 - PERFORMANCE REGULATED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT NO 2 (PR-2) SECTION 14.03 SPECIAL LAND USES PERMITTED AFTER REVIEW AND APPEAL

Add: (g) The Siting of Heliports and Helistops subject to Section 16.15

The proposed text amendments will be considered by the Planning Commission at the Tuesday, February 17, 2004 meeting at 7:30 p.m., at the Northville City Hall - Meeting Room A (lower level), 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, (248) 349-1300. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the proposed Zoning Ordinance can be reviewed at the City Hall during normal business hours. Written comments will also be received.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Jane Raysor

Mary Jane Raysor, formerly of Northville, died Jan. 18 at Sagebrook Health Center in Cedar Park, Texas.

Ms. Raysor is survived by her children, James J. (Arleen) Raysor of California, Sid (Georgia) Raysor of Arizona, Barney (Judy) Raysor of Michigan and Maja (Ron) Linderman of Texas; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard "Bud" Raysor.

No funeral services were held

for Ms. Raysor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Health Care Odyssey Hospice, 14205 Burnet Road, Ste. 400, Austin, Texas, 78728, or a charity of the giver's choosing.

Robert J. Cole

Mr. Robert Cole of Gaylord, formerly of Northville, died Jan. 25. He was 70.

Mr. Cole was born in Northville on May 2, 1933 and had been a longtime resident of the Northville area.

He moved to Manclona where

he owned The Hideaway Bar for 25 years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and had been living in Gaylord for a short time.

Survivors include four children; Brad (Wendy) Cole of Northville, Melanie Cole of Northville, Guy Cole of Manclona and Ty Cole of Howell; and several grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Jan. 28 at the Elks Lodge.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan (Gaylord area) through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, Mich. 49734.

LIBRARY LINES

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

ONLINE INVESTMENT SITES: On Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. Richard Truxall, Internet specialist, will demonstrate valuable free online tools available to investors, to help them create and maintain a diversified and balanced portfolio. Please register.

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 chil-

dren 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 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. Please register.

VALENTINE CRAFTS FOR KIDS: Children of all ages are invited to make a Valentine for someone special in the library's meeting room on Feb. 11 from 4 to 5 p.m. No registration required, just drop in!

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION: The novel "What You Owe Me" by Bebe Moore Campbell will be the topic of the

next Between the Lines Discussion Group on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

GENEALOGY ASSISTANCE: Volunteers from the Northville Genealogical Society will be on hand at the library every Monday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 7 p.m. 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 registration is required.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be on Feb. 26 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

Golden retriever gets retrieved from lake

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window because I looked up almost immediately after I sent her outside, and I saw dog tracks leading in a semi-circle about 30 feet from the shore," she said.

Custer said to her daughter-in-law Nong, "Uh oh, we better hurry up out there and call Silk in because she will fall through that ice."

Except as she was speaking, Silk had already fallen through. Custer and Nong panicked before running out to the garage and grabbing whatever they could — a sled and a circle swing with an attached 15-foot rope.

Custer ran out to the lake, but immediately sank through the ice, making her rescue attempt fruitless.

"After I cracked through the ice, I figured the only thing I could do right now is just keep yelling at her...and I just kept encouraging her," Custer said. "And she actually responded very nicely, every time I would say 'Come on girl,' she'd reach up on top of the ice to pull herself up, and the ice would crack."

Meanwhile, Nong ran next door and asked some moving men for help.

The movers came, but Custer said when they reached the ice, they also sank.

Then one of the movers decided to jump into the neighbor's boat.

Custer said the motor was pulled out and the boat was heavy, but the movers pushed it through the ice and water, making it about half way to Silk.

She recounted the tall, lanky mover inside paddled the boat the rest of the way to the treading dog.

"He reached for her paws and pulled her straight up," Custer said.

"I saw my dog coming out like a straight arrow out of that water, and I thought oh dear, she is going to have problems when she comes back up."

The elderly golden had been treading water for about 45 minutes at the time of the rescue.

"I petted her and her fur was like an icicle," Custer said. "It was stiff. I personally was not optimistic, I was more worried at that point and concerned."

Nong waited in the walk-out

basement with a blanket and space heater.

Custer said what happened next is unbelievable.

About 20 minutes after resting in the basement, Silk was already trying to come up the stairs at a time when Custer expected her to be warming herself.

"She wanted no part of that. She wanted to be upstairs with the family, shaking herself off."

Custer said and if the life-saving effort wasn't a big enough phenomenon, Silk now has the energy and saunter of a pup.

"You would not have known that was an old, handicapped dog that went down into the ice," she said. "My friend said well there must be something to those polar swims that people take."

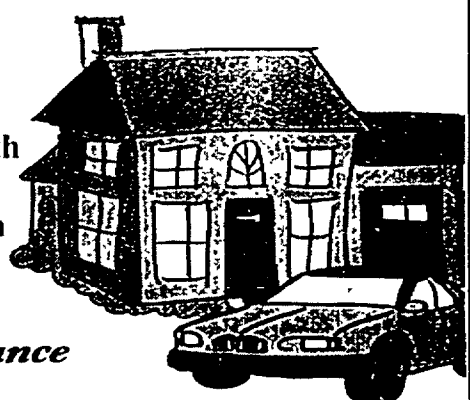
One year previous, the Northville resident said Silk was in such bad shape she was limping.

Today, Custer said Silk gets up on the couch like she's not supposed to, wags her tail and greets everyone she sees.

"Actually she is a little more lively than before this happened," she said. "Amazing."

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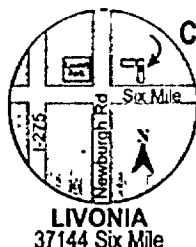
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONT'D)

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And please, don't suggest that an incorrect reading of the Qu'ran - as preached by al Qaeda - counts as a religion. It, much like your understanding of Jones' article, speaks more to ignorance and misplaced anger.

Indeed, Ms. Preseau, it's little wonder why you did not quote the rest of Jones' column. Instead, you concluded that Jones meant, "respect means making no value judgments." Jones was not preaching the benefits of moral relativism. Ms. Preseau, and as her son, I should know. I have never known a person more moral or worthy of respect than my mother. She has taught her three boys more about being good people than we could ever hope to teach our children. And, as much as it may irk you, she has also taught us to respect those different from us.

There are words for people like you, Ms. Preseau - people more content spewing vitriol than actually understanding a thesis. But my mother taught me not to use them in public.

Adam Jones
Washington, D.C.

Lives are richer due to diversity

As a parent active in the Moraine Elementary School community for six years and Publisher of the PTA

Penguin Express newsletter, I would like to comment on what our children are being taught about respect. Moraine Elementary has a program called "Stand Up for Justice," which seeks to help our children understand and embrace the principles of honesty, caring and compassion, fairness, responsibility, courage, non-violence, service to community, and respect. Each month, we focus on one of these principles through a student-generated bulletin board, during "constitutional moments", through classroom discussions, and in a Penguin Express article written for parents to encourage family dialog about the principle. Throughout the year, students demonstrating these principles have the honor of raising the flag. In 2002, this program contributed to Moraine receiving the National School of Character Award from the Character Education Partnership.

In the Stand Up for Justice Program, respect is defined as, "behaving in ways that show consideration and appreciation for yourself and others."

This definition is consistent with the sense, or meaning, of respect pertaining to "consideration" in the dictionary, and was the basis for the Penguin Express article in question. In fairness to Ms. Jones and her writing, I have reprinted a portion of the article to show how the sentence focused on in the *Northville Record* was part of a larger thought.

As such, I do not believe it represents "moral relativism", a philosophy I have never heard discussed as the foundation for the Stand Up for Justice Program or classroom instruction.

"How much easier would life be if everyone looked the same, had

the same opinions, and wanted the same things! There would be no one to disagree with us. People would not have to wonder about who was better or who was right. But our lives would be so dull. There would be no one to learn from, no new ideas to evolve, and no new personalities to experience. Our lives are infinitely richer because we are all different. Respect is the critical element that enables us to truly enjoy the limitless variations in other people. To experience a peaceful world, it is essential that we not only give permission but at times even encourage others to be different from us.

Respect is allowing that something other than what we are or what we believe is just as good, only different. ... As parents, we must understand and explain to our children that different is not necessarily better or worse, it is only different."

The Penguin Express article does not state that we must allow for something different to be just as good in all cases. Obviously, there are times when different is not better or worse, like differences in skin color, and there are other times when it is. It is up to parents to consider when different is or is not better or worse and communicate that to their children.

In that regard, I believe the definition of respect at Moraine Elementary is about tolerance of the differences among people and how differences can enrich us as a whole...and that is a message I do want sent to my children.

Patty Curtis
Northville

PHIL POWER (CONT'D)

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good or better than any place elsewhere in the world. They point to the development prospects of the 25,000-acre area between the two airports, bounded by I-94 on the south and Ecorse Road on the north and including the Pinnacle project south of Detroit Metro. And they endorse the wisdom of having created an airport authority with governance powers over both airports.

So the potential is great, but there's lots of work to be done to make it real. Willow Run, for example, needs considerable work if it's going to reach its potential to be a serious hub for air cargo: An extended runway to service fully loaded 747s (which will

irritate the neighbors) better storage and cargo handling facilities. Coordinated regional development plans need to be worked out by the various local government bodies affected. And a link to the Port of Detroit - adding ship-borne cargo access to the Atlantic seaboard and Europe - needs to be worked through and developed.

Fortunately for the State of Michigan, which has no extra money, much of the work that needs to be done now won't cost much. Identifying the region as a key economic development target would be a good start. Wayne County needs to make the aerotropolis a development priority and work to include various townships along I-94 in the plan-

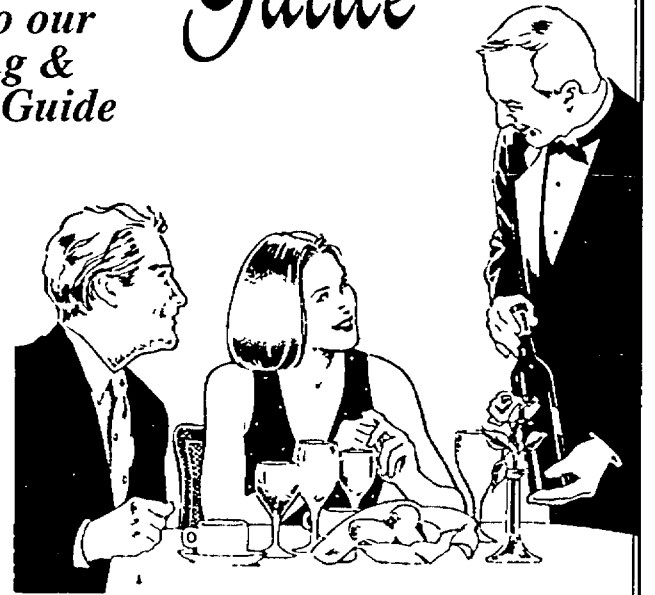
ning process. Asking senior leaders in the automotive assembly and parts industries for their input would help.

And, while people are at it, they might want to include folks from Northwest Airlines. After all, the essential precondition for an aerotropolis is a first-rate passenger hub, and Northwest has already contributed that. We've been whining about Northwest too long; today, we all owe them a pat on the back for a job well done.

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

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JACK LESSENBERRY (CONT'D)

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voter behind," said Fishman. And if it may seem doubtful whether his movement can form a policy pressure group with enough interested members to have true staying power.

it is beyond dispute that a whole lot of citizens have been left so far behind they don't even bother to vote.

If "Shape the Debate" can rock that world even a little bit, Harry Belafonte's trip to the frozen north may not have been

in vain.

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.

PAUL MELROSE (CONT'D)

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the best way for you. Finally, it is not our partner who is the problem. You have a part to play in the problem as well. But the good news in that, and gift for you partner is, that you know you need to look at yourself and make some

changes and that demonstrates how much you care about yourself in this relationship and your partner.

Happy Valentine's Day.
Dr. Paul Melrose is director of clinical services at the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeast Michigan. The

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It's all about teamwork

Gymnasts take on and defeat Glenn

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

For the Northville-Novi Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team, getting wins isn't so much something that happens because of great scores by a single individual, but from the overall team effort.

The Wild 'Stangs, who are coached by Lindsay Schultz, came away with a 135.45-110.50 victory over their foes from John Glenn January 22 in a home showing.

The combined Northville-Novi team **WILD 'STANGS 135.45** also **JOHN GLENN 110.50** scored

130.40 points with their Division II team, which consists of some extremely talented gymnasts.

The Division I team found itself getting some pretty remarkable scores across the board as they jumped into action with some work on the vault. For the Wild 'Stangs, Janna Ramsey took first place with an 8.60, while Julie Foucher and Lauren Duda's 8.40s were good enough for second. Ann McQueen put together a showing of an 8.30, which was good for fourth, while Adrienne McHenry took fifth with an 8.20. The best showing from John Glenn came from Traci Stanton, who scored an 8.20.

On the bars, Tricia Brownfield led the way with an 8.30 to lead all gymnasts. Ramsey took an 8.10, as did Sara Ilkhani-Pour, which was good enough to be second best among their peers. Jacqueline Gazette took fourth with an 8.05, which was also the best showing of a John Glenn gymnast, who was Stanton Maggie Mills rounded out the Northville-Novi scoring with a 7.45 in the winning effort.

Leading the way on the beam was Jenn Mehl, who scored a 9.10 with her routine. Foucher recorded an 8.7, while

both Emma Platt and Marcie Fink earned 8.5 for their showings. Duda had the fifth-best score with a 7.90, and Gazette rounded out the scorers with a 7.60. For Glenn, Stanton was joined by Beckey Clark with a 7.6 to lead their squad.

Brownfield recorded an impressive 9.0 with her floor routine to lead all scorers, while Ilkhani-Pour scored an 8.65 for second place. Taking third was McHenry with an 8.55, while Gazette scored an 8.20 for fourth and Fink notched an 8.10 for fifth. Taking sixth out of the Wild 'Stang performances was McQueen, who recorded an 8.05 from the judges. The best John Glenn showing once again came from Stanton, who notched a 7.90.

For the Division II gymnasts, the Wild 'Stangs proved to be extremely dedicated and talented as they racked up some impressive numbers. On the vault, Megan Wallen collected 8.50 points for first, while Jill Guffey took second with an 8.2 along with Jessica Glancy. Glancy led the way on the bars, collecting another 8.2, while Cortney Paul earned an 8.15 and Wallen collected a 7.55 for third. The beam found Wallen taking first with an 8.7, while Paul was second with an 8.6 and Kylea Pohl was third with an 8.40. Glancy took fifth in the event with a 7.8 and Nika Frimenko took fifth with a 7.6. Erin Yankovich had the best floor routine, earning an 8.45, while Amanda Crawford and Pohl took second with an 8.10.

The Wild 'Stangs are scheduled to be back in competitive form when they visit Plymouth High School February 2 at 7 p.m.

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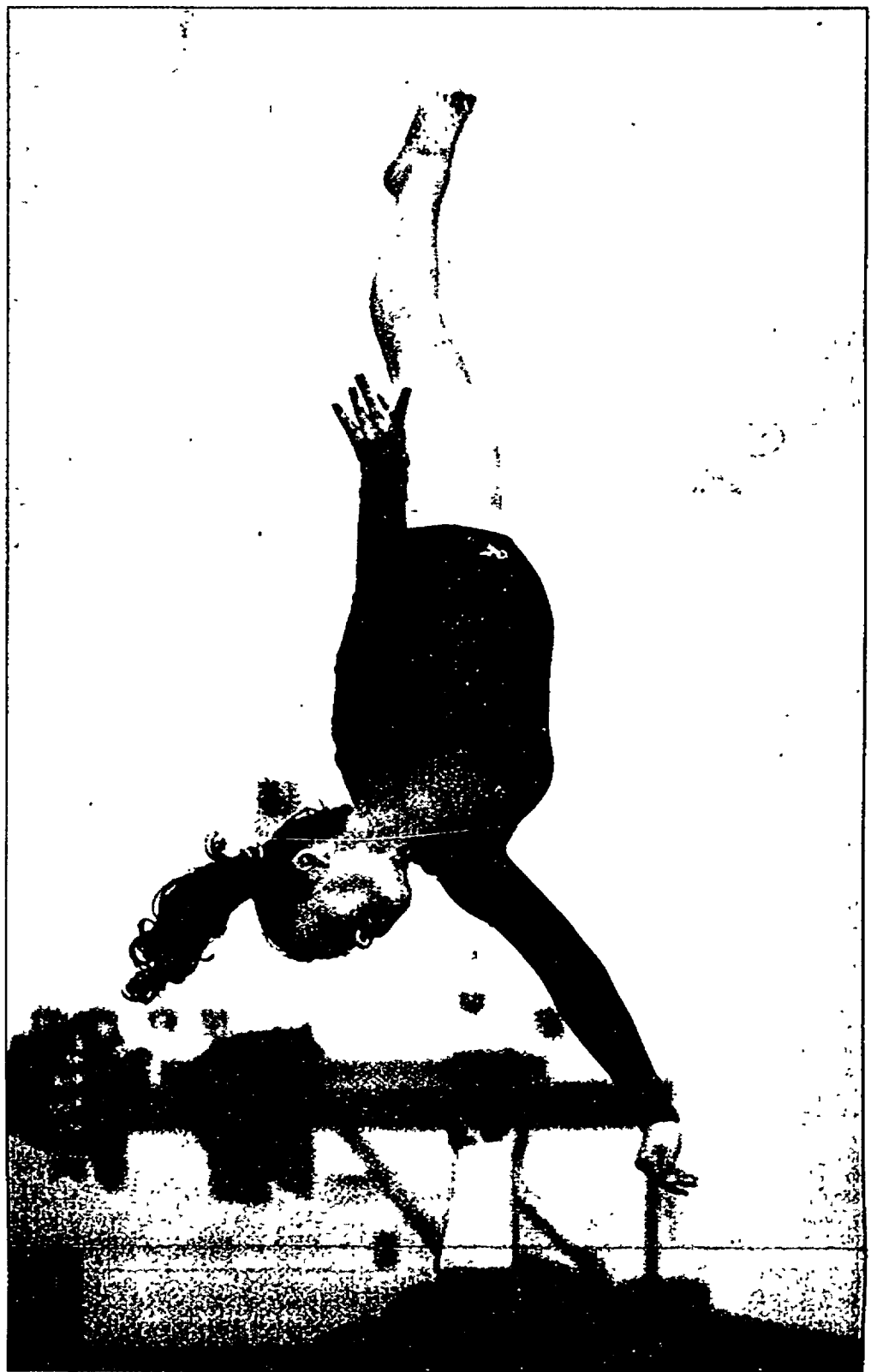


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Wild 'Stang gymnast Megan Wallen temporarily looks at the floor as she nails her dismount from the balance beam in last week's home game against John Glenn High School.

Mustangs get the best of Plymouth
The Northville Mustangs wrestling team was getting tired of getting pushed around. You know what they did about it? They went out and stomped **NORTHVILLE 56** the **PLYMOUTH 21** Plymouth Wildcats in a match that shows why you had better be prepared when these Mustangs come to town. Northville earned the big win despite two voids at the 103 and heavyweight divisions.
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Did you know?

Northville's strength and conditioning program, run in the weight room after school, has helped college athletes prepare for their own training courses? According to the University of Virginia swimmer Shannon Hogan, the program prepped her for the demands of her own strength exercises:

"The strength and conditioning program at Northville helped me prepare to come in as a college athlete," Hogan said. "Some of the techniques they teach here I already knew. The credit goes to (Steve) Mandregger and Coach (Clint) Alexander. Both are wonderful and both are ready to help anyone who wants to learn how to become stronger and how to do it right."

Mustang swimmers drop yet another close dual meet

The Northville swimming and diving team must be getting tired of seeing 40-some players lining up on the other side of the pool from them. The Mustangs were once again topped by just a handful of points, this time losing to Canton 94-91. The winner of that particular dual meet usually goes on to win the Western Division. Freshman Chris Keady did notch another state cut though.
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GAME OF THE WEEK

Northville Mustangs Basketball vs Salem
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Wowing the home crowd

The Northville Mustangs boys' basketball team knows they don't have many home games left on their schedule. To make that situation the best it can be, they are no doubt going to do their best to wow their fans, friends and fellow students when the opportunities come.

Northville Record sports writer Sam Eggleston thinks this squad, which is coached by Darrel Schumacher, isn't about to let the Northville basketball community down, and he predicts they are going to escape their next WAAA match-up with a victory.
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mustang Evonna Karchon (7) spikes the ball past the outstretched arms of two Churchill defenders Monday.

Volleyball continues to show improvements

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team must be pretty happy with the improvements they've seen in themselves as a team.

The squad, which is coached by second-year helmsman Rick Vander Veer, recently took third place in the highly competitive Woodhaven Tournament.

There, the Mustangs took on some strong talent as they unleashed some of their new-found offensive play that has been incorporated into the program this year by Vander Veer.

Thanks to the efforts they put forth, the Mustangs even found themselves earning more than just team honors with their finish — they earned some individual nods as well.

Defensive specialist Kelly Wasalaski showed that she is indeed one of the premier players at her position as the tournament coaches noticed her intense playing style and gave her the nod as

an All-Tournament player. Another player the coaches kept their eye on was setter Diana Deabis, who was also awarded a position on the All-Tournament team.

Vander Veer also noted that senior Nicky Horn, who has been a major factor this season with the Mustang successes, had an outstanding day as she led the squad with her impressive serving and passing ability.

The Mustangs came into the season knowing that they had a good foundation to build their team on, and it seems that foundation has continued to hold strong as the squad has made some adjustments to their play and to their overall line-up since the beginning of the season.

Northville has always known they had the talent to be contenders in the tournaments they participated in, but a little confidence goes a long way. This squad now has the experience of being one of the top teams in a strong field of squads at the Woodhaven

Tournament. They will no doubt build on that and continue to strive for even more successes as the season continues.

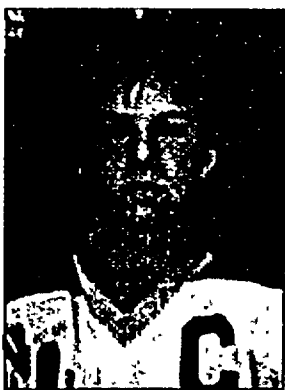
Northville will have another opportunity to showcase their tournament abilities when they play against some of the best teams around in the Schoolcraft Tournament Saturday, starting at 8:30 a.m. at Schoolcraft College. The college is located on Haggerty Road between Seven and Six Mile roads.

Then, the squad will have the task of taking on the Salem Rocks on the road as they visit their Western Lakes Activities Association rivals February 2 at 7 p.m. Northville will then return home, hosting the Vikings of Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. February 4.

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Max Lenn
Sophomore
Hockey

Lenn is the kind of player that, even with a possible season-ending injury, is a leader no matter what. January 24, against Walled Lake Central, Lenn took an injury to his Medial Collateral Ligament (MCL) that could possibly see him sidelined for the remainder of the season. Nonetheless, Lenn is prepared to help Northville out as a scout in the stands and as a leader off the ice.



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Nicky Horn
Senior
Volleyball

It takes impressive senior leadership skills to keep a team on track when they are in the midst of learning the styles and philosophies of a first or second year coach. Luckily for Northville, Horn is on the job. The senior has been noted as not only an outstanding volleyball player, but also as an outstanding senior who is eager to see her team be the best they can be no matter who, what or when they play.



Mustangs get the best of Plymouth Wildcats

Wrestlers earn huge victory despite two voids

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was the kind of victory the Northville Mustangs deserved on the wrestling mat — a com-

plete and utter dominating win. The Northville Mustang varsity wrestlers demolished the Plymouth High School Wildcats, 56-21, January 22 as they used their technique, experience and desire to show their foes exactly what it takes to earn a major victory.

Though the Wildcats earned 21 points, the match wasn't even that close. Plymouth earned 12 points through two Mustangs voids — one at

heavyweight and one at 103 pounds, and scored just nine total points on the mat throughout the night.

Northville, on the other hand, earned every point they were rewarded and the points that came via pin came from the usual suspects: Nick Didia (130), Justin Swanson (135), John Manica (140), Jeff Ponder (160), Steve Minier (189) and Ben Mason (215) all once again earned pins in their respective

weight classes. Three Mustangs came away with five-point technical wins as Joel Schanne (112) came away with a dominant 18-2 performance, Brad Ashby (152) earned a 17-0 shut out of his opponent and Adam Blunk (119) took an 18-3 win for the required 15-point differential. Bill Riegner overpowered his opponent in the 171-pound division with a 10-2 drubbing for four Mustang points.

Thursday's win over Plymouth High School was the Mustang's first conference victory. The Mustang grapplers all know that both losses to conference rivals Canton and Churchills were actually close enough to win. This victory sets the stage for next Thursday's final conference match against Livonia Franklin, which is at home at 7 p.m. and marks the final home showing for

Northville this year. Northville is looking to close out the regular season with flair, and approach the conference cross-overs with the confidence of winners.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mustang Chris Keady competes in the 100 meter backstroke in a home meet against Livonia Stevenson in January.

Tankers edged out against Stevenson

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team knows that there are only so many close calls they can have that go against them — sooner or later, the wins are going to start rolling in for the tenacious group.

Northville took a loss to the Canton Chiefs in a final that can be just about as close as possible, 95-91.

"It was a good, close meet," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We had some opportunities to pull it out."

Northville actually won the majority of the events — taking home 8-of-12 first place finishes. Unfortunately, their depth of 18 swimmers has once again proved their undoing.

In the 200 medley relay, Mustangs Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Will Blicke and Brad Farris took first with a season-best time of 1:46.47 — about two seconds faster than their previous best. Canton finished right on their heels for a second place, recording a time of 1:47.

In the 200 free, freshman tanker Chris Keady notched yet another state-qualifying time with a first-place finish in 1:49.86.

Blicke, who is also a freshman, took first in the 200 individual medley race, notching a time of 2:07.35. Sophomores Brad Farris and junior Joe Hogan took first and second in the 50 free with times of 23.57 seconds and 23.96, respectively.

Northville's diver, junior Brad Lempke, was recruited straight out of the halls earlier this year — a move that has definitely started to pay dividends. Lempke took first in the dual meet with 200 points.

After winning the first five events, the Mustangs looked poised to win the dual meet and quite possibly the Western Division — but then things took a turn for the worse.

In the 100 butterfly, Blicke came up with a second-place finish with a good time of 57.43 seconds. Then, the squad lost the 100 freestyle and then watched the meet slip out of their fingers in the 200 freestyle relay as Canton took both first and second — the only two places that are awarded points in a dual meet.

"That's what happens when you're basically trying to win dual meets with five or six guys," Bennetts said. "We depend heavily on our front-line guys, and we really have to spread them out. Canton has 42 guys on their team and eight of them are pretty decent 50 free swimmers. That gives them the advantage in an event like the 200 free relay."

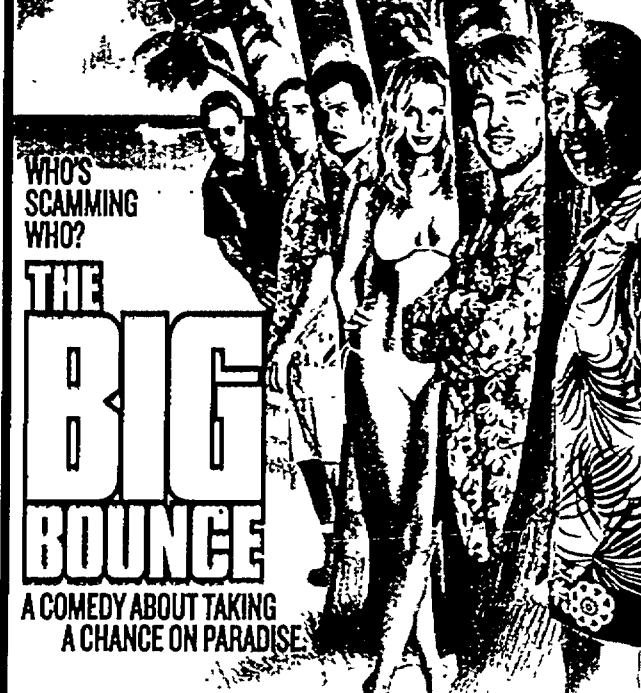
Keady and his fellow Mustangs weren't about to be deterred though, and went on to win the 500 freestyle swim in 4:55.40. He later combined his talents with Farris, Hogan and

Blicke to win the 400 free in 3:29.35. In the 100 backstroke, Schwartz took a lifetime best in 58.61 seconds to win the event.

The Mustangs will be back in action when they play host to Livonia Churchill today at 7 p.m. Then, the Northville squad will be on the road when they go to Plymouth High School at 7 p.m. February 4.

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Fit to be tied: icers skate to draw against Churchill

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was the kind of game that the Northville Mustangs could have been happy about — but they weren't.

Instead, the Northville hockey team was rather upset that they were oh-so-close to beating top-ranked Churchill, but had to settle with a 2-2 tie instead.

"I'm glad they were disappointed they didn't win," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said. "That's the kind of attitude you want your players to have. At the same time, they should be proud of the game they did play."

As it is, Northville is only the second team to tie the Chargers, along with Ann Arbor Pioneer. Churchill has only taken losses to defending state champion Detroit Catholic Central and to the powerful Port Huron Northern.

"I have to give the kids a lot of credit," O'Neill said. "I think they realize that they played with Churchill as well as any one has, and they gave them a game."

The Chargers and the Mustangs fought to a 0-0 draw by the end of the first period, but things dramatically changed in the second round. Northville was the first to get on the board as Jake Vitale took an assist from his brother, Joe Vitale, and slammed it home on a powerplay goal for a 1-0 lead. Nick Guerro was also credited with an assist on the play.

Just a couple minutes later, the Mustangs took a 2-0 lead over their conference foes as Guerro collected his own score on the night, assisted by Aaron Bernstein and Derek Mohacsi.

Churchill burned a time-out in order to get their own play back under control and managed to score a goal of their own as time was expiring in the second period to cut

the lead to 2-1 as Brandon Michoski found the back of the net.

In the third, Churchill tied the game on a powerplay as a hard shot from the point was redirected by Michoski for the second Charger goal.

"I can't fault Jimmy (Gates) on that one," O'Neill said. "It was a quick shot that was about waist high and Michoski knocked it down. It took one bounce off the ice and went in."

With about 2.5 seconds left in the final period and the score tied, the Mustangs had the luck of having a draw in the Churchill zone. To take as much advantage as they could, the Mustangs pulled Gates from his position in goal to give them an extra attacker — a move that almost paid off.

"We had a scoring chance off it and just missed the net," O'Neill said. "We would have liked to have gotten the win, but the tie didn't hurt us. We just need someone in the league to help us by beating Churchill."

The Mustangs were fortunate to have the presence of Gates in goal. He stopped 25-of-27 shots while the Mustangs were able to put just 16 shots on goal throughout the game.

"I think he's the best goalie in the league," O'Neill said. "I've had the opportunity to see a lot of hockey this year, especially Division II, and I think he's got a good chance at being All-State this year."

On the defensive end of the ice, Northville benefited from the play of Max Lenn, Bernstein, Nick Reuter and Pat Uetz.

"They played an incredible game," O'Neill said. "Our defensemen did a great job on coverage and getting bodies on people. When you hold Churchill to under 30 shots on goal, you know your defense did its job."

The Mustangs are scheduled to hit the ice again when they visit the

Mustangs beat Vikings, but pay huge price with loss of stellar sophomore MaxLenn

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Though the Northville hockey team escaped with a 3-1 win over a very physical Walled Lake Central squad, they took a loss that will be felt through the remainder of the season.

Stellar sophomore defender Max Lenn found himself laying on the ice and in more pain that he would have liked following a penalty by a Viking player that resulted in his Medial Collateral Ligament possibly being damaged. The result? A two-minute penalty for the Vikings and Lenn possibly missing the remainder of the season.

"They had to take him away in an ambulance," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said. "It's a very big blow for the team."

Lenn is well known for being the hardest working member of the hockey team — one of the main reasons he earned a "C" on his jersey this year as a captain.

The play, which found Lenn being grabbed and spun around and his knee staying planted, was just one of many penalty incidents on the night.

"After Max went down, things got pretty chippy and it just con-

tinued to escalate," O'Neill said. "The refs let them play and we ended up with five penalties. Once the kids saw Max go down, I think they took it personally."

The Mustangs made it count where it mattered the most — the scoreboard. Aaron Bernstein, a senior, avenged his fellow defenseman with a powerplay score in the first. The goal marked his first goal of the season and gave Northville a 1-0 lead.

In the second, Derek Mohacsi notched a goal of his own just 12 seconds in as he took assists from Nick Guerro and Blake Bratinna. He then turned around and scored the third goal of the night for Northville just a few minutes later with Bratinna earning another assist on the play.

With about three and a half minutes left in the third, Walled Lake scored their first and only goal of the night off a shot by Adam Griffin.

"That was a character victory for us," O'Neill said. "We took a lot of pride in that win."

Jimmy Gates made 25 saves on the night, while the Northville offense peppered the Viking goal with 39 shots and hitting the post six times throughout the contest.

non-conference Lakeland Eagles Saturday at 1:20 p.m. before playing host to Redford Union February 4 at 6:10 p.m.

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GAME OF THE WEEK



Mustangs are rolling

When a team gets on a fairly good roll, they want to do everything they can to keep that roll going.

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team is in that situation right now. Loaded with talent, speed and desire, this squad has posted a better-than-decent record to this point in the season — and they aren't about to give up.

When it comes to basketball, this Northville squad has the same potential as any team in the Western Lakes Activities Association — and probably more. They have found themselves basically being the team to beat when it comes to conference play, and I don't think that's going to change any time soon.

The Mustangs will be the team to beat once again when they play host to the Plymouth Salem Rocks February 3 at home, with a tip off that is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Rocks are going to come into this game looking to beat the Mustangs on their own floor, but coach Darrel Schumacher and his boys are about to let that happen. This squad has more than just a little bit of team pride, and they don't like losing, let alone at home.

Though I haven't had much of a chance to watch the Northville basketball team in action, I have enjoyed the articles written by Northville's very own Matt Simich, who just happens to be an intern here at the Northville Record and my basketball beat writer. He's kept me filled in, and the readers as well, to the ups and downs Northville has experienced this year.

The squad, thankfully, has experienced mostly ups — and I'm expecting that to continue when they take on Salem too.

Northville 59, Salem 41

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With cars, sell smart, buy smart

Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder—even in the world of automobiles. Recently, I thought my husband had spied Cameron Diaz the way he made a u-turn to look at a 1955 Chevy that was for sale. It turns out, the car was a rust bucket and an over priced one.

By selling your car yourself, you could pocket \$1,000 to \$2,000 more than if you trade it in at the dealership. If you know your product — its pluses and minuses — and are willing to price it appropriately, that is.

Assess your car's condition

The first step to selling your car is to rate it — honestly. AutoSeekandSell.com has a handy checklist you can print to help you assess your car's exterior, interior and mechanical condition. This information will be helpful when you research the market value of your car. Review maintenance and service records and make note of how often you changed the oil, rotated tires and engine parts you replaced. Have the receipts and records available to show prospective buyers.

Determine your car's worth

Knowing what your car is worth will allow you to price it appropriately. Online car guides like Kellybluebook.com, Edmunds.com, and autoweb.com offer up-to-date pricing information. Car and truck prices will vary by region. Consult newspaper ads to be sure that you're asking price isn't ridiculously high or low. To give yourself some wiggle room, consider pricing your car 10 to 15 percent higher than your absolute lowest asking price.

Treat your car to day at spa

Vacuum the carpets, clean the seats and ashtrays, wash the windows, and wash and wax the exterior including the tires. If the engine looks greasy, consider having it detailed.

Spread the word

Start by telling your friends, family and coworkers. Put a "for sale" sign in your car's window and ask a local retailer if you can park it on their lot over the weekend. Consider placing an ad in the newspaper or online at Autotrader.com or Cars.com. When you write your ad, use verbiage that will make your car stand out from the others, like "original owner," "garaged," and "service records available."

Showing the car

If a prospective buyer wants to see the car, agree to meet at a public place like a grocery store parking lot. Consider bringing a spouse or friend along. Jot down a license number and leave it with your spouse or friend before embarking on a test drive.

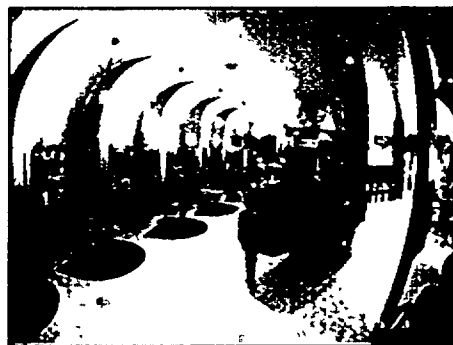
Making the sale

Once the sale and the buyer have negotiated the price you're ready to make the sale. Don't accept anything but cash or a cashier's check. Complete the back of the title and create a bill of sale. The sale form should include the date of sale, the make, model, year and vehicle identification number (VIN) of the car, the purchase price, mileage and both parties' signatures. If you've agreed to sell the car "as is," make note of this on the bill of sale. Have the form notarized.

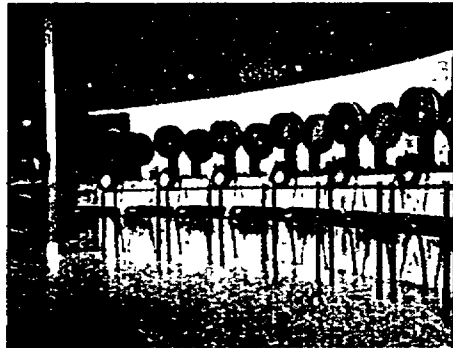
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Part of the ambience of Scappare is the luxurious interior décor; modern architecture and equipment mixed with furnishings that are all old English antiques.



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The large staff of Scappare salon provides a broad range of services that make their customers feel pampered and beautiful. From hair to pedicure, Scappare has someone special to make their customers feel their very best.

Pamper Yourself at



By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

You don't have to go to Hollywood to feel like a star. Glamour is right in your neighborhood at Scappare in South Lyon. This upscale salon provides a one-of-a-kind experience, specializing in pampering their customers. Expect the unexpected, even the cut and styles include a relaxing head massage. Once you've tried it - you'll be back.

"There's no other place like it," said Chris Cortis, owner of the elegant day spa along with wife, Lindsay Cortis.

"It's very easy to get people to become addicted. People today don't take the time to pamper themselves... We're the only salon around that has this ambience and incredibly well-trained

staff." The service and atmosphere are incomparable, and the staff ensures clients feel comfortable. It's the small things like greeting customers at the door and offering refreshments that are part of the service at Scappare.

"People think that maybe it's stuffy and you need to get dressed up. We're not about that," said Lindsay Cortis.

"We want people to feel at home. That's why we have the warm furnishings like sofas, carpeting and comfortable chairs," added Chris Cortis.

Part of the ambience, is the luxurious interior décor. Lindsay notes that all the furnishings are old English antiques. Each station features an antique dresser and roomy surroundings.

Chris Cortis describes it as a Beverly Hills feel with the

warmth of Old-World Europe. The focal point is a 138-year-old grand piano in mint condition. Adding to the ambience is local artist, Michael Baker, who plays the keyboards for guests on the weekend.

Ongoing training by top of the line platform artists such as Corey Randall from Matrix and Michael Shawn from Alterna keeps the entire staff on the cutting edge. They're also carefully chosen for their attention to customers.

"They're all fantastic. We're like one big extended family," said Lindsay Cortis. "Everyone pitches in together to get done what needs to be done."

"We look for the best of the best," added Chris. He raves about the aestheticians, and massage therapists.

And now the same fantastic

product lines they carry in their salon like Aveda, Graham Webb and Alterna are also available online at salonscappare.com.

Why not give yourself the star treatment with exclusive products such as Alterna's White Truffle limited edition shampoo used by Jennifer Aniston and Britney Spears. It's always available. Product specials change once a month as well. Come in and browse or check it out online.

For a great escape, a romantic retreat or trying a new look, contact Scappare at (248) 437-1112.

Scappare is located at 21190 Pontiac Trail South of 9 Mile Road in South Lyon. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday; and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. They're closed Sunday and Monday.

"Scappare is Italian for 'escape to' and that's just what we are providing, an escape from the everyday. But we don't want you to feel you have to dress up to come here."

Lindsay Cortis
owner, Scappare

Treat someone special (including yourself) to a day at Scappare salon

Why not enjoy the pleasures of being pampered, like South Lyon's Donna McGuire, who admits to using all the services offered at Salon Scappare. The relaxing atmosphere and attention to detail has made her a regular.

"I came here once and I've never left," she explains. "It's like walking into a family atmosphere here with Chris and Lindsay."

To begin, you're greeted at the door, where they'll take your coat and offer refreshment.

"You're relaxed from the minute you walk in the door until you walk out," she added.

A perfect day for McGuire might begin with a moisturizing facial, followed by a relaxing massage with Susan. Then she would enjoy a pedicure by Bob and nails by Kerri.

"I'd finish it all off by having my hair styled by Laura, and then have my husband take me out," she laughed.

McGuire said they used the salon for hair, nails, makeup and pedicures on the day of her daughter's wedding and "had the time of our lives." It's a great destination for bridal parties.

On this day, she's getting her nails done

by her favorite manicurist, Kerri. She can't help but smile at her pretty fingers that are now a shimmering ruby red, something like the color of Dorothy's slippers in the Wizard of Oz.

Special Salon Packages

Chris Cortis points out that Scappare's make it easy for guys to find a gift that would please anyone. Why not pamper your wife or significant other with gift certificates for special occasions, maybe Valentine's Day or a birthday? It's a gift they'll treasure. For the guys, you know you could use a little pampering, too. Get your feet wet with a little hydrotherapy pedicure, massage or even a facial. Or, make it a romantic occasion, a Valentine's Day treat, suggests Lindsay. They'll provide the atmosphere in a private alcove with a dual hydrotherapeutic pedicure and whatever you like, wine, or mimosas, cheese and crackers or dessert.

Here's a few of Scappare's packages

Mosta

Pamper yourself with a mini facial, hairstyle and make up application — a perfect beginning for a special event.



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Michael Baker, 13, is one of the musicians who entertain customers at Scappare salon with its 136-year-old grand piano.

Melliena

Three hours of indulgence by professionals including a one-hour massage, manicure, pedicure and lunch.

Moira

Enjoy a European facial, one-hour massage, manicure, pedicure and lunch.

Valleta

Get lost for four or five hours beginning with a Four Layer Facial, one hour massage, cut and style, manicure, pedicure, make-up, arch and lunch!

Facials

Tired of dry dull skin? Facials can be tremendously beneficial for your skin this time of year, points out Delanie West, aesthetician for Scappare. The winter weather and forced heat can be very drying for your skin.

"If you're looking to start having facials, it's a great time to do so, says West. Scappare's uses the Repechage fine line of products. A favorite to try is the Hydradew, which replenishes moisture. Or go for the glamour with the Four Layer Facial that Cosmopolitan magazine calls the facial of the century.

"This is layer upon layer of hydrations that will definitely put the moisture back in your skin," said West.

You're in capable hands at Scappare. Delanie West is the regional trainer for Repechage products. In addition to the Midwest area, she also does national platform training throughout the country.



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Outdoor projects for wintertime

By Jeff Rugg
 COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Did you know that there are still outdoor jobs that you can do even in spite of snow?

For example, winter is a good time to prune dormant trees and shrubs. Besides keeping you warm on a cold winter's day, there are several benefits from winter pruning.

It doesn't matter where you live, pruning deciduous plants in the dormant season makes it easier to see the shape of the plant and branches that have to come off. Since the plants don't have leaves, there is less waste generated. There also is little chance of insects or diseases being spread at this time of year. Still, remember to sterilize pruning equipment between plants with one part bleach to four parts water.

Shade trees are good to prune at this time of year because they haven't flowers nor fruit and pruning now won't hurt their display. Spring-flowering trees and shrubs already have their flower buds on them, so any pruning can remove blossoms. Their normal pruning time is in the month or so after they bloom.

By cutting out interior and wayward branches of shade trees now, the new growth that occurs in the spring will only be on the good branches.

If you do prune spring-blooming plants, the branches can be put to a good use indoors as winter blooms. On some plants, such as forsythia, pussy willow and crab apple, the flower buds are visible in clusters along the length of the branch. On other plants such as lilac, magnolia and viburnum, the flower buds are bigger than leaf buds and are borne on the end of the branch. In either case, cut the branch off just above a leaf bud that faces toward the outside of the plant.

If you to make a flower arrangement, it is helpful to know how many flowers you are getting and where they will be produced as the plant begins to bloom. If you cut off a stem with flower buds near

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WHY DO IT NOW?

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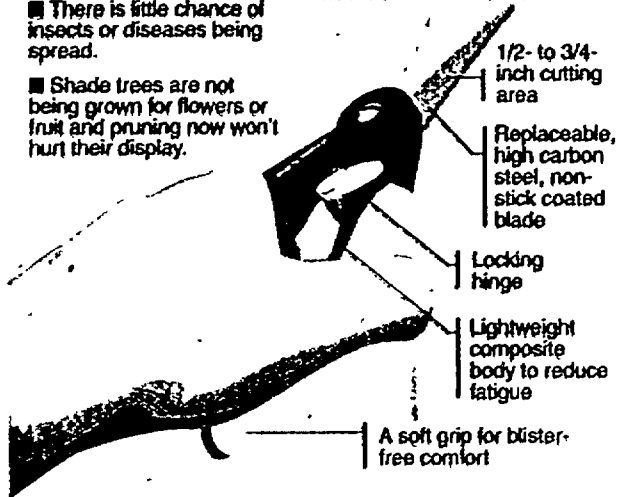
■ There is little chance of insects or diseases being spread.

■ Shade trees are not being grown for flowers or fruit and pruning now won't hurt their display.

■ Spring flowering trees and shrubs already have buds, so any pruning can remove any blossoms.

■ The plant won't waste energy on growth that doesn't contribute to its well-being.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A PRUNER OR SNIP



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the base and then strip them off to place the stem in a vase full of water, you will be disappointed with the results.

Take the stems indoors and cut the bottom 1 or 2 inches in half. Rotate the stem 90 degrees and cut again. During the four or more weeks until the flowers bloom, the end may need to be cut off and re-quartered again. Keep the cut end in the water. Leave the vase in a cool, bright location until the buds expand and change color. When in bloom, they can be put in a warmer, sunnier location, but the flowers will last longer if kept in a cool spot at night.

The earlier a plant normally blooms in the spring, the earlier it can be forced. The later you wait in winter to force a plant, the easier and faster it produces blooms.

Try pruning one shrub a week to make it easier on you

and to get new stems each week for the flower arrangements.

Time to plan

You should be getting seed catalogs in the mail. If not, you can still order some.

Working on a landscape or garden plan is easier now, when there aren't so many things that have to be done outside. Landscape architects and contractors are also usually less busy now and may offer good discounts to get more work.

Take pictures or video of your yard each month of the year to see the changes that occur. It will help you decide what is needed.

If you can't wait for spring, try a little indoor gardening now. Plant herb or salad green seeds in pots or flats and harvest them as they grow. Set them near the sunniest window or under fluorescent lights. You can keep harvesting

and replanting or, if you have room and a large pot, you can grow an edible centerpiece. If you put some bulbs into cold storage last October, you can begin potting them up for winter blooms.

Check indoor plants for insects and mites. Most can be washed off in the shower and rotate them so that more leaves will get some sun.

Another good winter project is to make sure your summer power tools have been cleaned up and tuned. Take them to the repair shop now so they have plenty of time to work on them before you need them.

Don't forget to feed the wildlife. The extra food they get may be the difference between life and death. Suet and black oil sunflower seeds give the most calories so the birds have enough energy to stay warm.

Water and shelter are also necessary, so don't forget them when you design your landscape. A bird bath heater is designed to keep the water liquid and available for drinking during cold weather. It won't turn the birdbath into a spa. This is also a good time to build a bird house so it will be ready to hang in the spring.

A heater in the water garden keeps a small area of water ice-free. This allows oxygen exchange with the oxygen, which in turn helps keep the fish alive.

Check your landscape for signs of rabbit and other rodent damage. They especially like to nibble on fruit trees and shrubs. Also check guy wires and recently installed plants for the possibility that frost has lifted them out of the ground. Reinstalling stakes may be difficult in frozen ground but, the plants probably won't fall over until the ground thaws anyway. If the plants have been lifted up and their root systems exposed to the cold air, just add several inches of mulch and replant in the spring.

Houseplants in window fall victim to mildew

Q: Something has happened to a couple of houseplants that sit in my bay window. I have grape ivy that developed kind of dusty spots on the leaves. Those leaves shriveled up and it kept going until the plant died. I sprayed a bug spray on the plant and it didn't help. Now I have a big begonia that flowers and it is getting those spots. Will bug spray help this plant?

A: You need to choose your weapons more carefully. Insecticides kill insects. Your problem is not insect related; it's a fungus called powdery mildew. Fungicides prevent fungus but don't kill insects. See where this is going? But be aware that most fungicides cannot be used in the house. There is a simpler, safer solution to your mildew problem.

That simple answer is soap. Not detergent but soap. That's stuff like Ivory or Palmolive or any of the liquid hand soaps. A big, fat tablespoon of soap in about a gallon of room temperature water does crazy things to mildew. Soaps change the pH of the leaf and the spores can't get a grip. So here's the plan. Soap won't cure anything so remove any badly damaged leaves. Put the plant in the sink or tub and cover the soil surface with a piece of aluminum foil or plastic wrap to keep the soap and water out of the soil. Spray your soap and water over the leaves until it drips off. Put the plant in a warm dry location with air circulating and let it air dry completely. There are certain plants that find nighttime by winter windows too cold and damp. These are the ones that develop powdery mildew. Leave the plant near the window during the day for the light. In the evening, move the plant to a warmer, dryer location. This should put an end to the mildew. Watch the leaves and if you see any mildew redeveloping, give it another dose of soap and water.

Q: I'm really worried about my perennial garden now that it is so cold. How much damage can this zero weather do to my plants?

A: I've got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that it may be cold but your plants

Home
 Grown

Gretchen Voyle



are under several inches of snow. No matter how cold it gets on top of the snow, underneath is a pleasant 32 degrees. They are well insulated if they have snow cover. Now the bad news part. We got snow before the ground froze completely. This means if you have hungry little rodents like voles skittering about, they can dig down and eat the crown of the plant. The crown is that important part where the top of the plant and the roots come together. It's the place all the new growth comes from. It's also a tasty treat for ravenous rodents. Keep your fingers crossed that there aren't any moles or rodent relatives hanging around looking for a free meal.

Q: A while ago, you had a recipe for treating mealybugs and scale insects on houseplants. Can you run it again?

A: This is from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Mix together one tablespoon of corn oil that you buy from the grocery store and one tablespoon of detergent. Don't use soap. Mix these into about one gallon of water. This makes what's called a superior or summer oil spray. It smothers the insects by putting a fine oil coating over them and they suffocate. Do a check before you treat the whole plant. Apply to half a leaf and look or any damage after 24 hours. Make sure the plant is out of the sun and in a warm, dry place. Spray both the top and bottom of the leaves and the stems. Your insect pests should be gasping in a short time.

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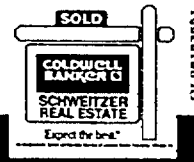


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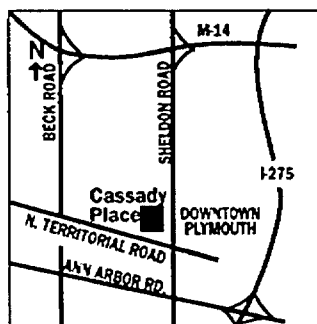
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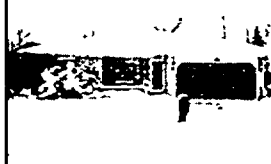











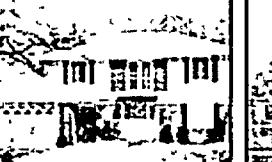

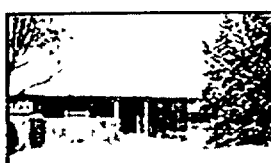
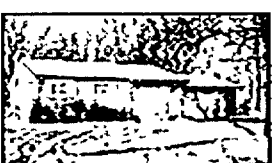
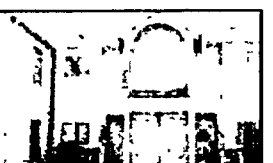

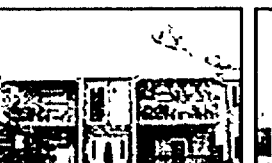

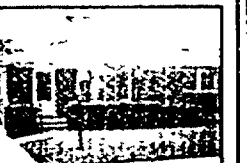
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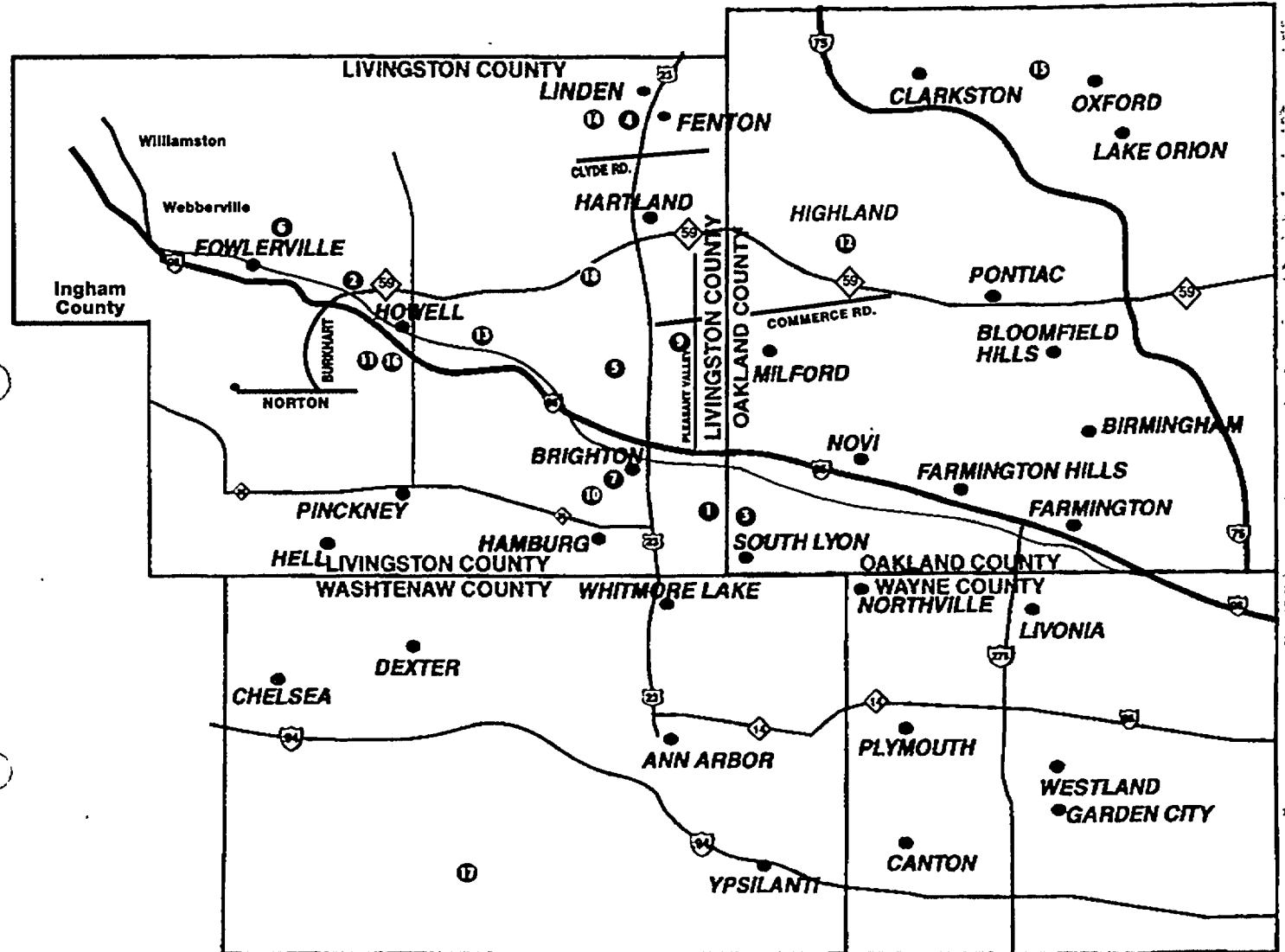
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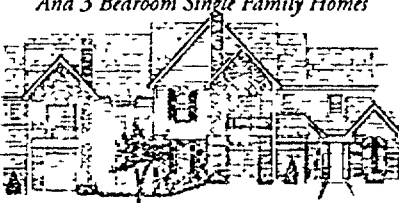
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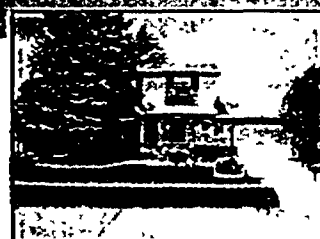
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VAN BUREN - Country in the city. 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch w/ lg 3 c gar w/workshop. Lovely flower gardens & lg covered patio. 7 Remodeled baths, mstr w/whirlpool tub. Newer steel doors, fresh paint & more. See through frpic in LR & FR & lg shed w/lot. \$184,900 (27OLD) 734-455-5600



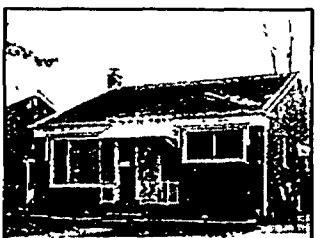
FARMINGTON HILLS - Say hello to a good buy! Fantastic custom built 3BR ranch in Farmington Square. excellent quality materials used throughout. Gourmet kitchen, formal dining room, French doors, wood floors. Huge basement and GR w/ fireplace. Many updates \$350,000 (F43BAY) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Charming Saltbox. 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA saltbox colonial in Beacon Estates. 3 season sunroom off updated kitchen. Two fireplaces. Gracious living room & dining room. Handsome family room. Detail moulding inside and out. Exceptional home-has "Home Sweet Home" appeal. \$379,800 (F85GLE) 248-349-5600



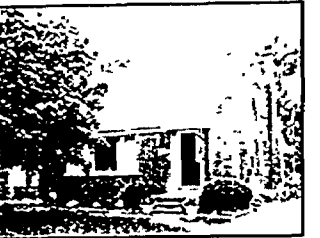
FARMINGTON HILLS - Stylish private townhome. Own a home for less than a rental. Very clean and neutral decor-looks brand new 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA (including master bath). All appliances stay. Access to pool, clubhouse and exercise room. \$133,900 (F58NAN) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Beautifully maintained, 3 bdrm ranch, hrdwd fls, vinyl windows, plaster walls & coved ceilings, updates, include roof, fun & CA, elec & carp. Neutral colors, ceramic tile in kit, lg bsmt for added space. 2 c gar has 1 c door & South Redford Schools \$130,000 (73ORA) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Old world charm & character, spacious brick bungalow. Hardwood flrs T/O. Natural woodwork, leaded glass, 2 baths & kitchen updated. Most windows replaced. Newer furnace, CA, roof, elec, insulation, HWH & sprinklers. Formal DR, FR bsmt, 2 c gar \$234,900 (06MOR) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Premium location on lg lot. This 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath brick bungalow offers character & charm w/coved ceilings & hrdwd flrs, spacious rm & Florida rm. Lg mstr bdrm w/2 walk in closets. Beautiful perennial gardens \$249,900 (42PEN) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Friendly Canton sub. This is it. Nice brick colonial w/ hardwood floors, FR, natural frpic, LR, 3BR, updated baths kitchen att 2 1/2 car gar, large covered patio, yard, partially finished basement. Appliances included 1 year home warranty. Walk to township park or in-sub park. \$209,900 (F44BRO) 248-349-5600



WALLED LAKE - Great condo. 2nd floor end unit condo w/private entry 2 BR, MBR w/WIC, 1 1/2 car attached garage, laundry room in unit. Doorwall to balcony, kitchen with snack bar, and central a/c. All appliances included \$117,900 (F26HAR) 248-349-5600

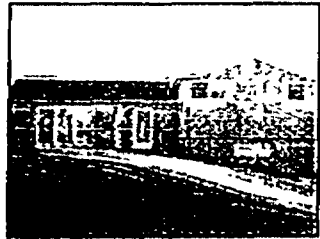
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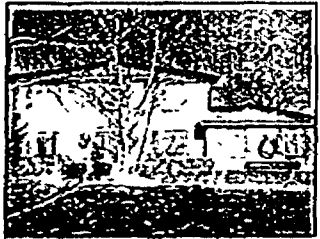
WESTLAND - This is the one! Spacious 4 bdrm, 2 bath tri-level w/ lg eat-in kitchen, newer windows, gar, CA & nicely landscaped w/pond in backyard \$168,500 (55CHI) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - All brick beauty! 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath Tudor style colonial w/ hrdwd floors, coved ceilings, old world charm, lam rm & fin. bsmt. \$192,500 (40 WAR) 734-455-5600



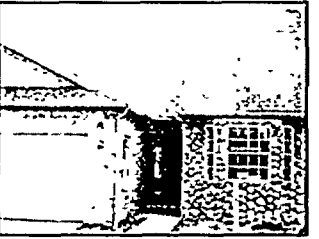
NORTHVILLE - Beautiful lot 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA home has been recently updated w/ carpet, paint, crown mouldings & cer bath. Kit. has light oak cab, ceramic floor. Approx 1/2 acre w/perennials trees and brick paver patio. Short walk to elem. school. Close to Maybury Park, easy access to x-ways \$269,500 (F47CHI) 248-349-5600



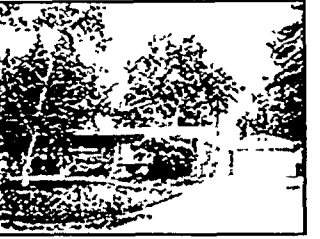
NOVI - Super spacious home Popular Orchard Ridge Estates colonial w/4BR, 3 1/2 BA. Charming kitchen w/ island, breakfast room & wood floor. Large family room w/frpic. Novi schools \$349,900 (F81HAR) 248-349-5600

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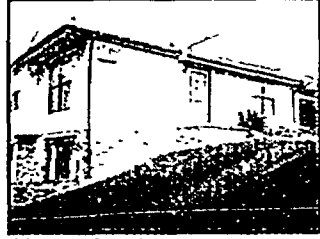
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CANTON - New construction condo. 2 bdrm, 1 full & 1 half bath, 2 c att gar, bsmt w/garden wndws, CA, 1st flr laundry, deck overlooking pond \$209,900 (58AVI) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Quiet Suburban retreat. 3 bdrm, 2 bath brick ranch w/ 2 car att garage, newer roof, bath, windows, furnace & CA + lg deck w/Gazebo 1st flr laundry, full wall frpic w/insert. Take a look! \$159,900 (70GLO) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON - Ranch condo. 55+ ranch end unit w/2BR & 2 full ceramic baths. Extra sink in dressing area. Great view from dining room window. Newer dishwasher. Large patio. Single car garage. Enjoy clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake \$136,500 (F52CAM) 248-349-5600



HAZEL PARK - Brick bungalow Gracefully middle-aged. Too many updates to list. Enjoy the LR, frpic, coved ceilings, DR w/built-ins, pergo floors & hardwoods under carpets. In-law suite w/kit, BR, BA & sitting room. We're ready "R" you? \$129,000 (F47HAZ) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Beautiful updated 5 BR, 3 1/2 BA colonial on approx. 5 wooded acres. Updates include: kitchen, flooring, roof, furnace, A/C & more. Great floor plan FR w/frpic, Formal DR. Large media room. All seasons room w/frpic & wet bar. 5+ car gar \$799,900 (F06NAP) 248-349-5600



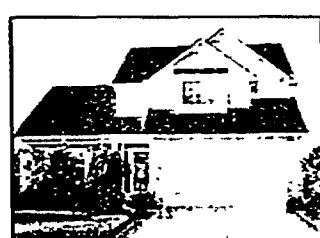
NORTHVILLE - Bed & Breakfast feel! Wonderful colonial sitting on 2 beautiful acres, with stocked pond! Traditional layout, liv rm, formal din rm, huge lam rm w/panoramic view. Spa rm, mstr ste w/WIC. Unique keeping rm, 2 frpics, bsmt, huge deck & tennis ct. REDUCED! \$449,900 (00BEC) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Cute & Cozy 3 bdrm, bungalow w/updated oak kit, roof, some windows, vinyl siding & much more, +2 c gar w/ newer door & bsmt \$131,900 (95DEN) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Classic elegance! Custom built on approx 1 acre lots. Foyer w/wrought iron & wood trimmed staircase. 2 story GR w/frpic & crown moulding, kit & mstr bath w/Granite tops. All 3 bdrms have a bath & WIC. Full bsmt w/walk-out & 3 c att gar \$823,000 (51ROL) 734-455-5600



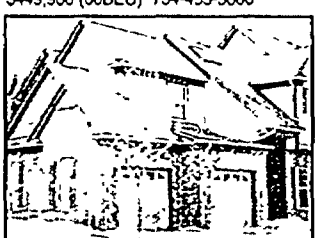
SOUTH LYON - Trotter's Pointe Sub. Premium lot 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA colonial w/ 2 car att. gar, Master bedroom w/bath & jetted tub. Family room with fireplace. Hardwood floors, basement. Contemporary colonial home w/neutral decor. Sprinkler system, large private deck & appliances \$264,900 (F51COL) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Seller hates to leave this 3 BR brick colonial in ever-popular sub. Family room w/frpic & newer carpet & doorwall. Lots of other updates like windows, roof, siding garage & front door & electric. Nice flowing floor plan. Nice neighbors \$223,900 (F42JAM) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Ranch on corner lot. Great looking 3 bedroom home. Breezeway provides a bonus room for an office or den. Privacy fenced yard. Lets you enjoy the above ground pool all summer \$140,000 (F05NOR) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Beautiful end unit 2 bdrm, 3 bath ranch w/att gar, prof fin bsmt, master ste w/Jacuzzi tub & sep shower, kit w/ cherry cabinets & matching panels on stove & frg. FP in lb rm, formal din (rm) mirrored wall \$223,900 (09COP) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Located on premium lot! Charming 2 story condo overlooking scenic pond. Offers upgraded Pergo flr in kit, all kit appl, frpic in great rm, fin bsmt w/drywall, recessed lights & carpeting. Also, lovely deck for entertaining \$172,999 (75HUN) 734-455-5600



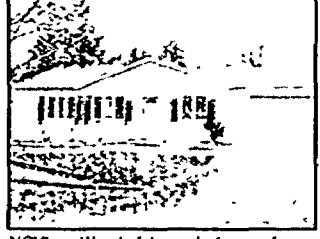
PLYMOUTH - The perfect condo setting. Lg 2 bdrm, 1 full & 2 half bath townhouse w/fin bsmt, att gar, private deck, all appliances, newer carpet & fresh paint. You must see this one \$152,900 (75MIL) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Popular Highland Lakes 3 bedroom 2 story unit with living room, family room, dining room, full basement & patio. All appliances stay. Gas and water are included in association fee. Clubhouse & pool & Northville Schools \$158,900 (F05CRY) 248-349-5600



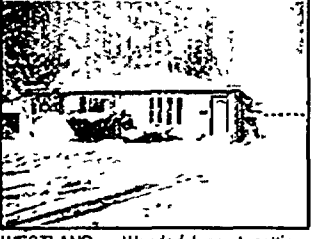
AUBURN HILLS - Brand new condo 2 BR, 2 BA raised ranch condo with loads of upgrades from the cherry extra high cabinets to the ceramic baths and state of the art appliances. Double crown mouldings. T/O. Upgraded carpet & pad \$259,900 (F23JOT) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Wonderful ranch home. Large ranch home on a double lot w/Walled Lake privileges. 3 BR, 2 full baths & whirlpool tub. Lots of fresh paint and carpet. Great access to free ways & 12 Oaks Mall. 1 car gar \$230,000 (F30PAR) 248-349-5600



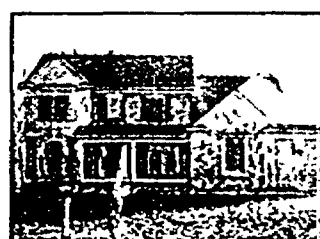
DEARBORN - Gorgeous executive condo. 3350 sq ft ranch presents lg bdrms, 3 1/2 baths, fin bsmt, 2 c att gar in gated community at the TPC golf course overlooking fairway. Master suite w/jetted tub & sep shower. Spacious white kit w/Granite counter. Reduced \$60,000 \$799,900 (SPRES) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Wonderful court setting. Just move in & enjoy! Beautiful hrdwd flrs, updated kit w/oak cabs, newer windows, roof, furn, CA, cement Part fin bsmt w/ full bath, 2 c gar. Fenced yard. This home is very clean & well cared for! \$165,500 (45BAL) 734-455-5600



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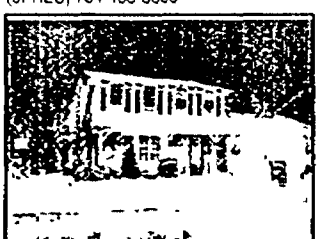
NOVI - Everything you value. 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA colonial on a quiet cul-de-sac on approx. 1 acre. Open floor plan w/ hrdwd floors, granite counters & butler's pantry. Formal LR w/bay windows & fireplace. Extraordinary master suite, DR & study. Northville Schools close to sports & state parks \$549,900 (F81DEE) 248-349-5600



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REDFORD - Move right in! Updated 3 bdrm bungalow w/newer roof, furn, AC, windows, kit fr, sink, disposal, counter top & newer appl. Part. fin bsmt, private yard w/patio & gar. Great location. \$133,899 (23ELM) 734-455-5600



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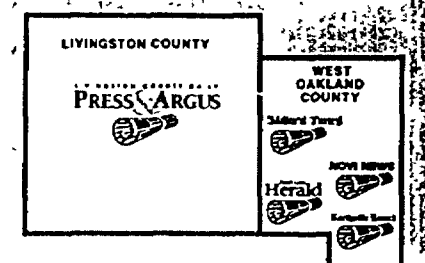
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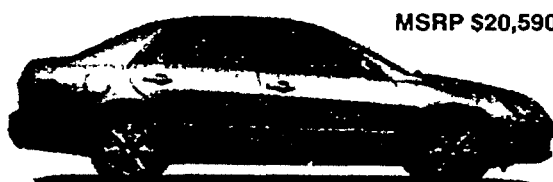


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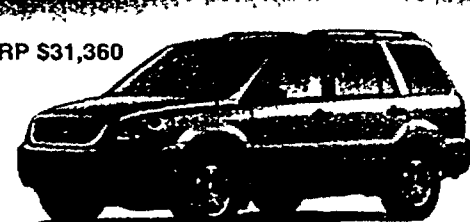


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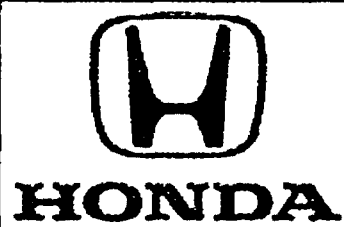
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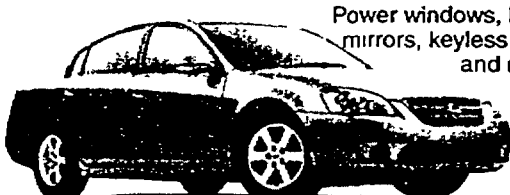
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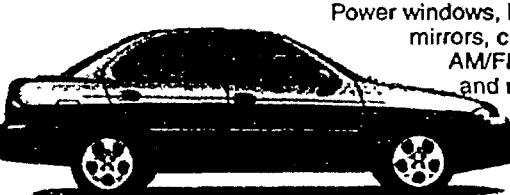
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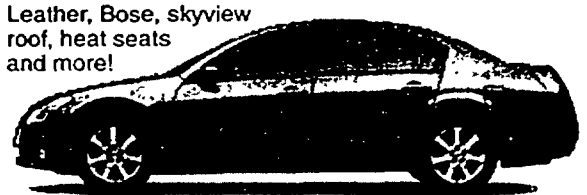
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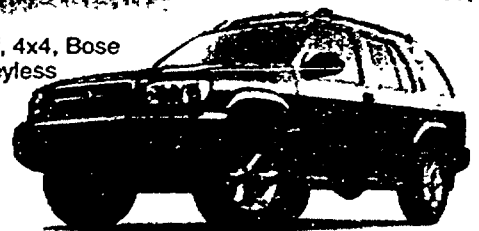
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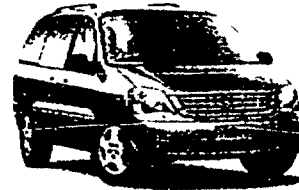
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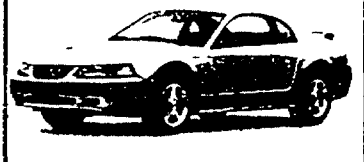
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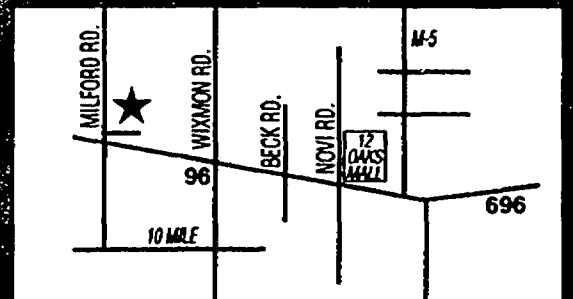
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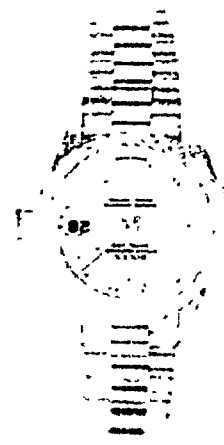
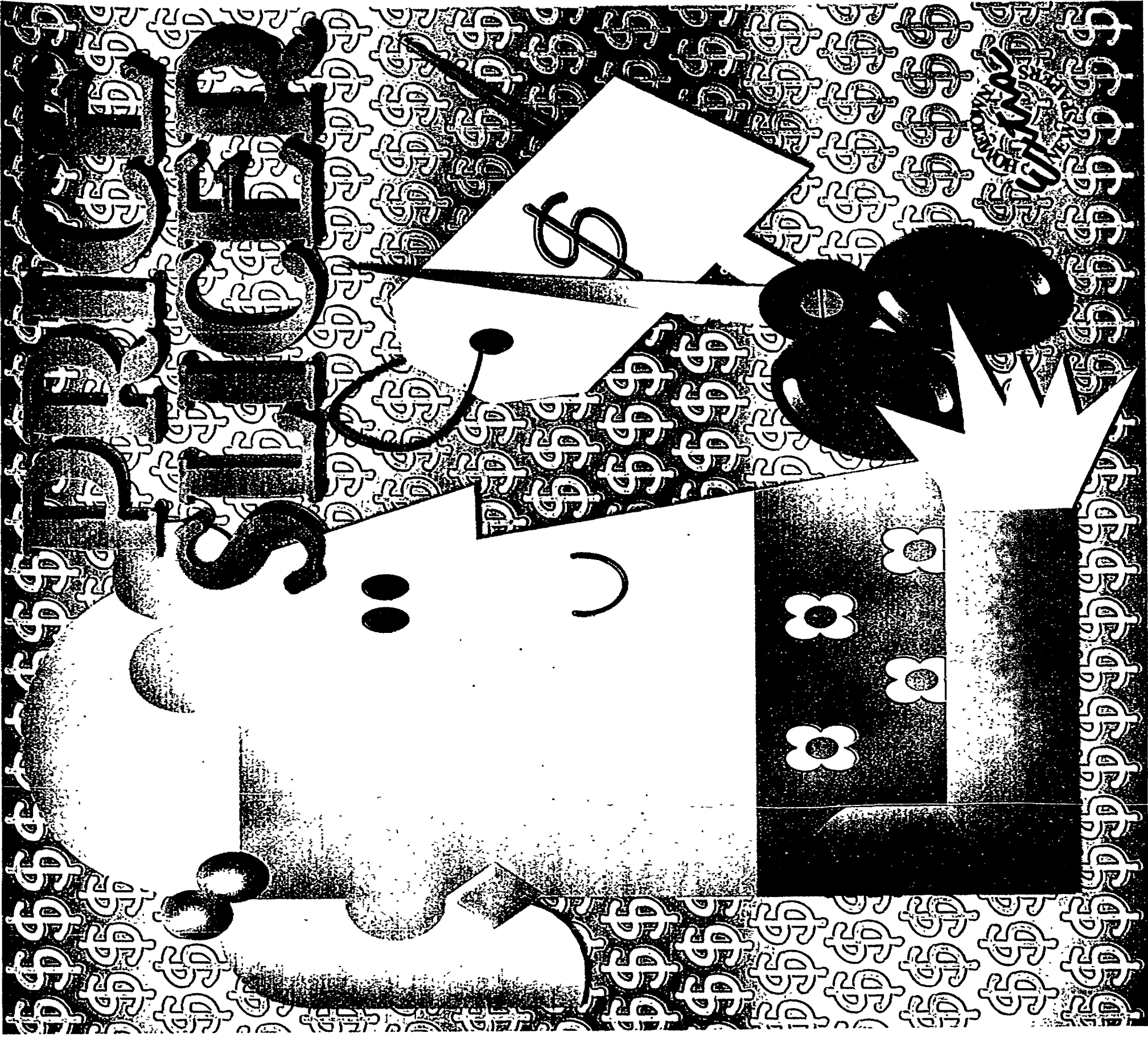
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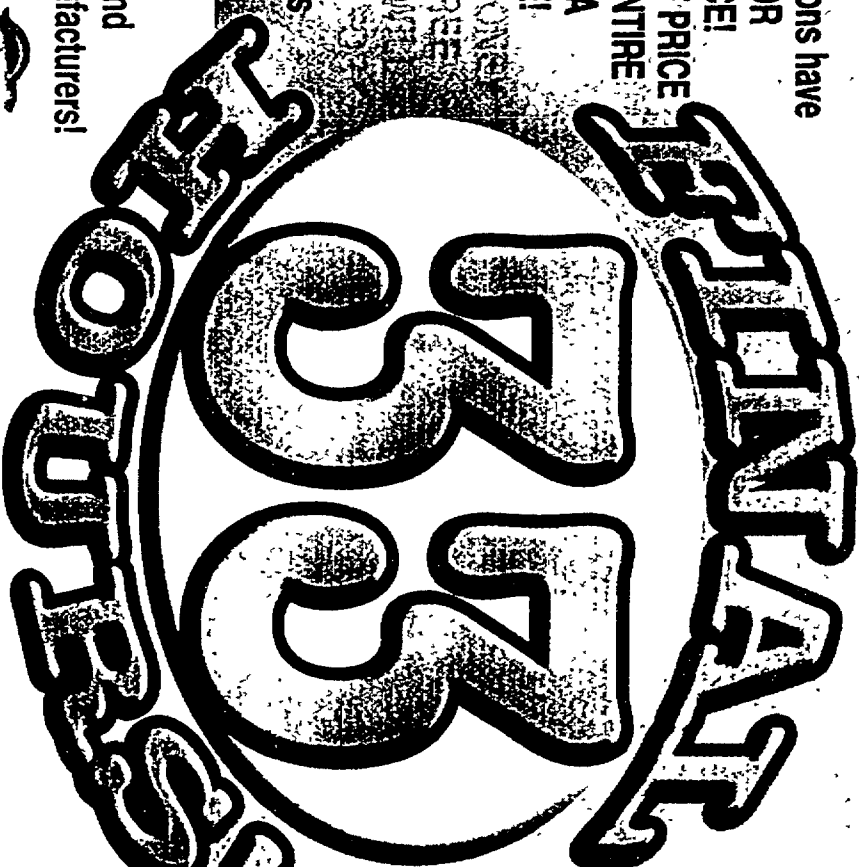
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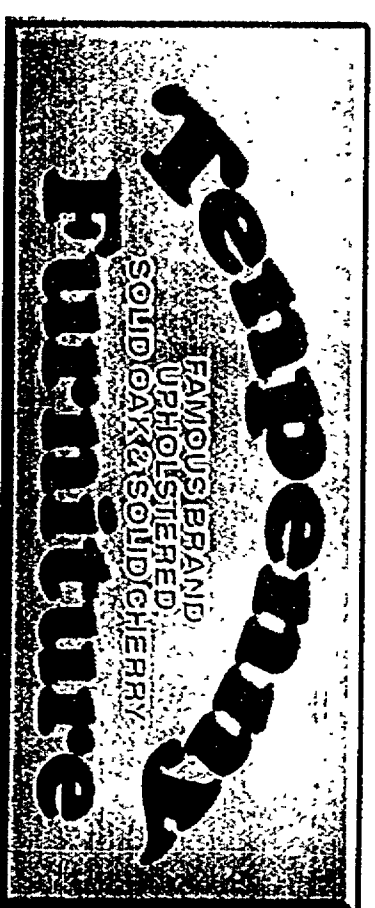


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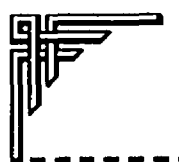
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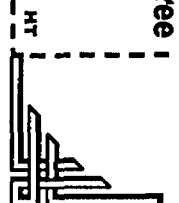
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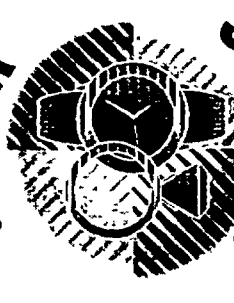
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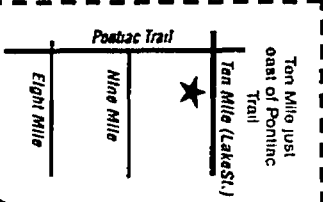
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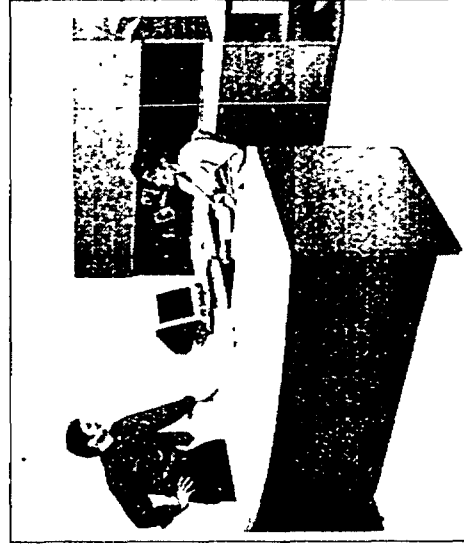
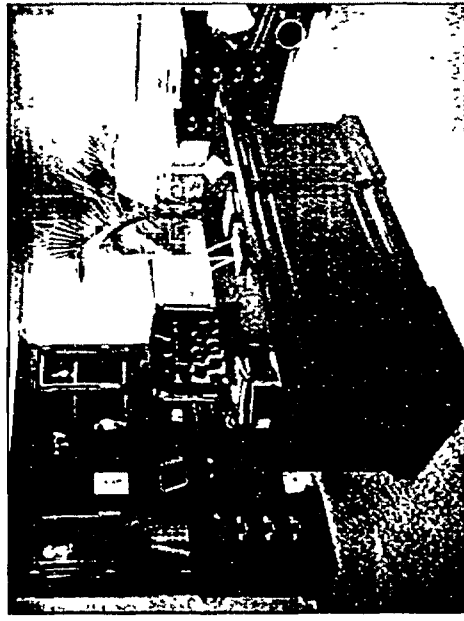


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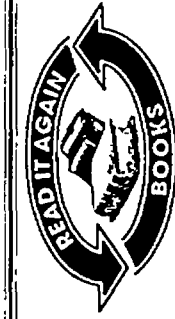
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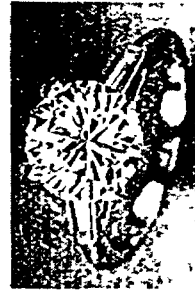
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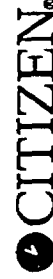
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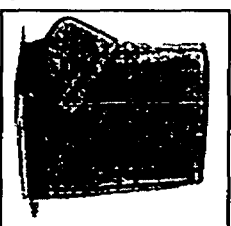
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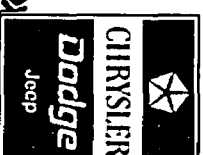
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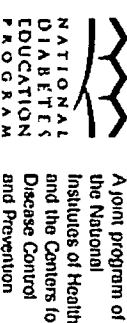


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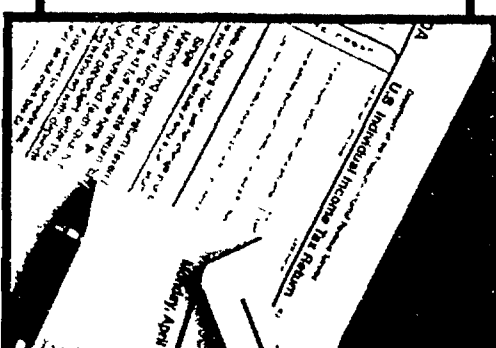
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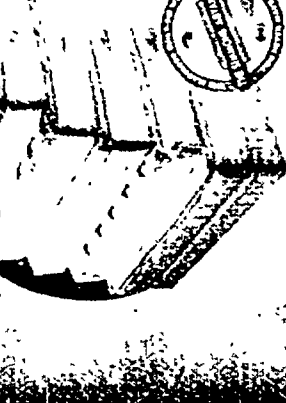
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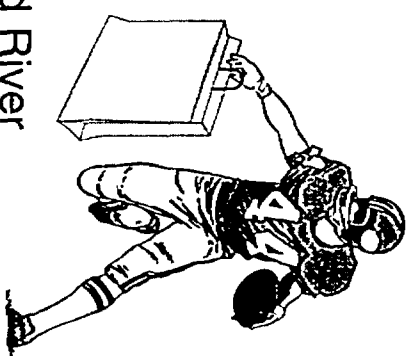
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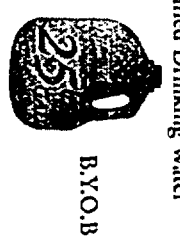
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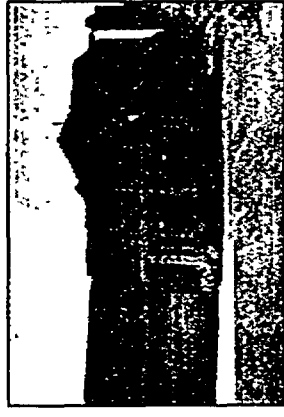
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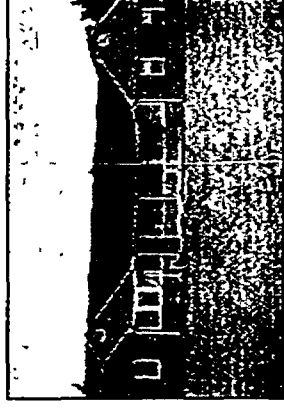
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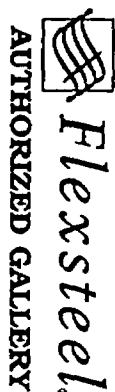
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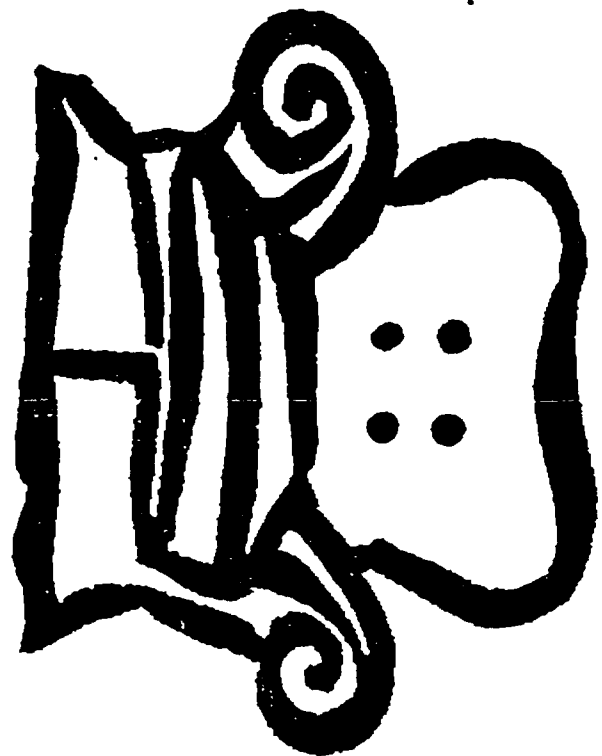
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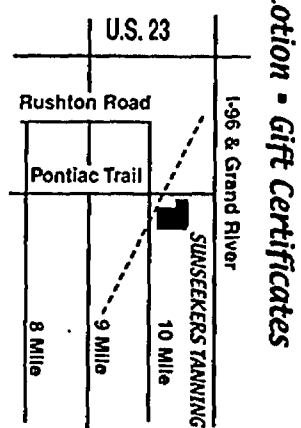
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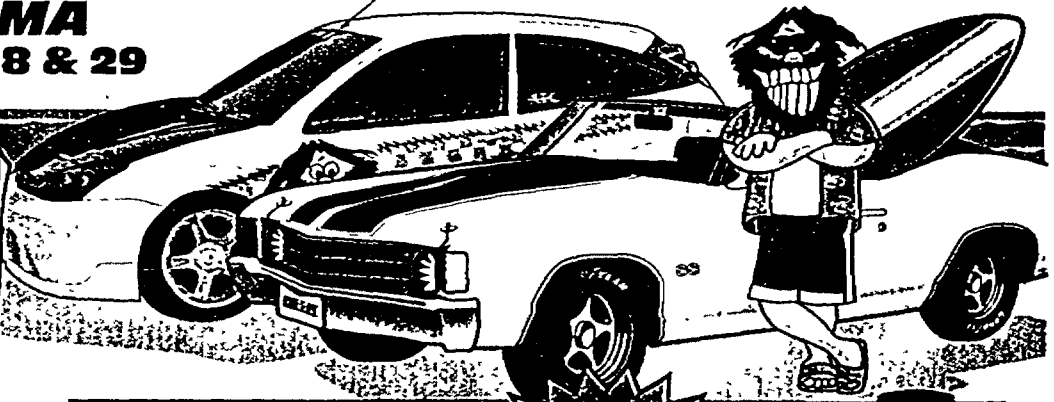
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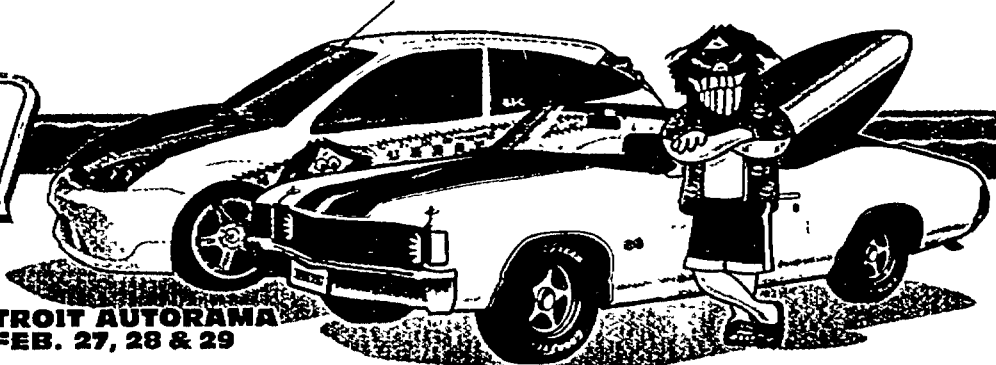
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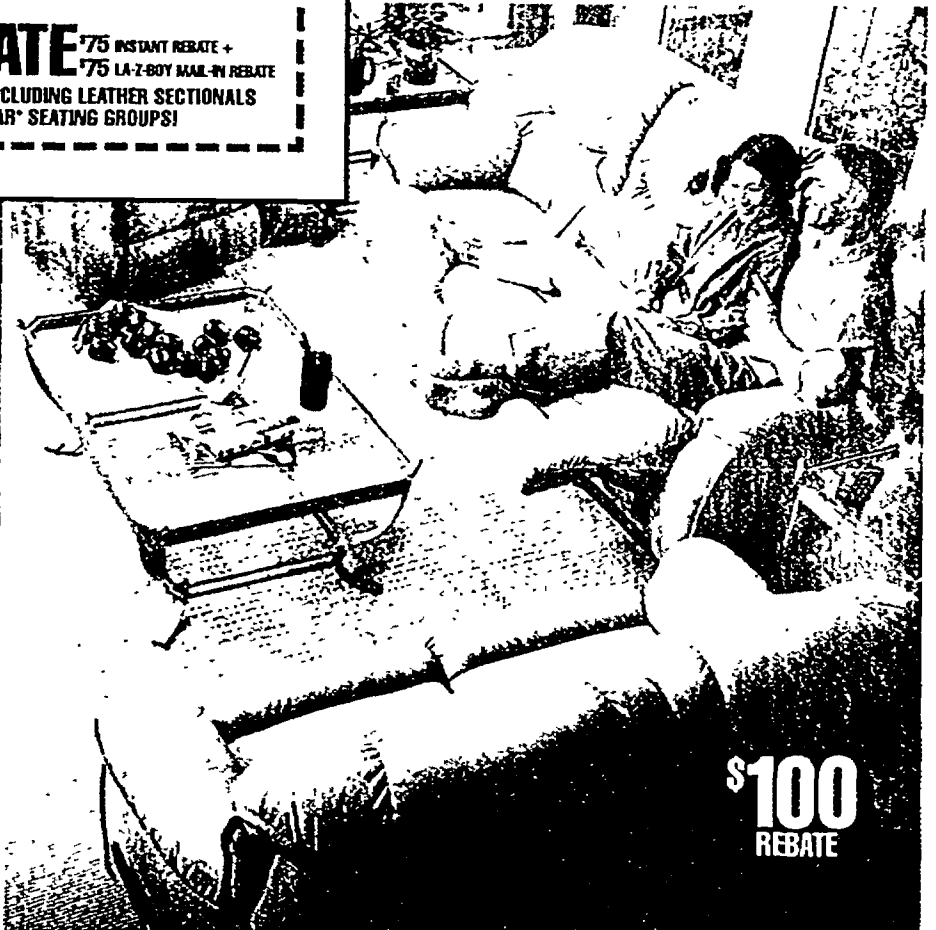
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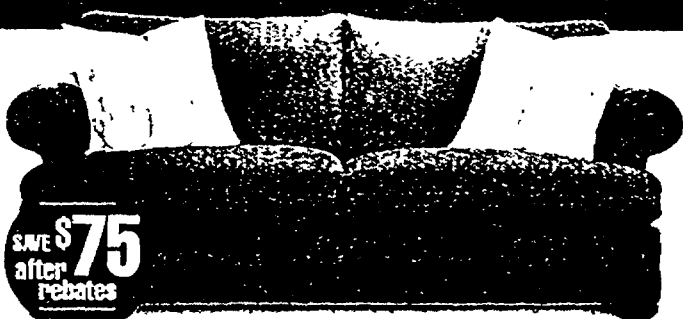
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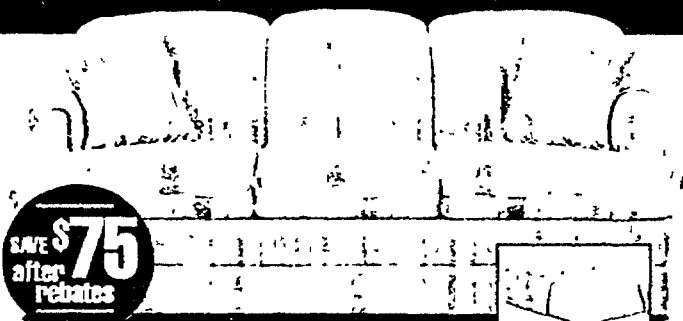
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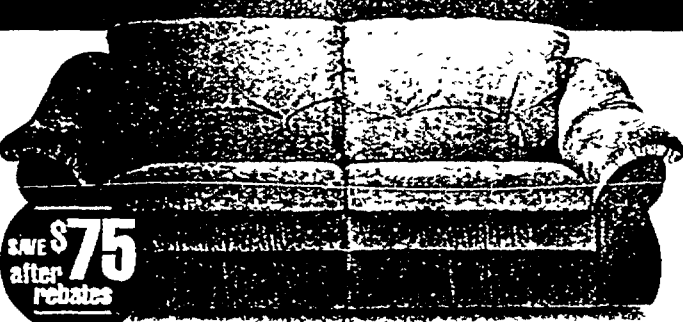
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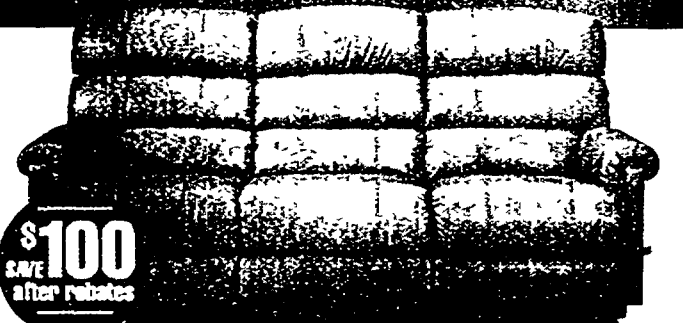
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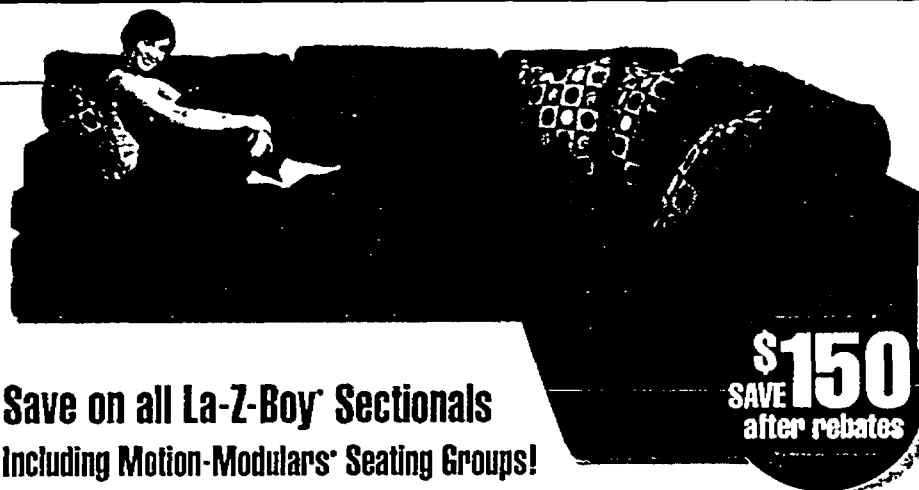
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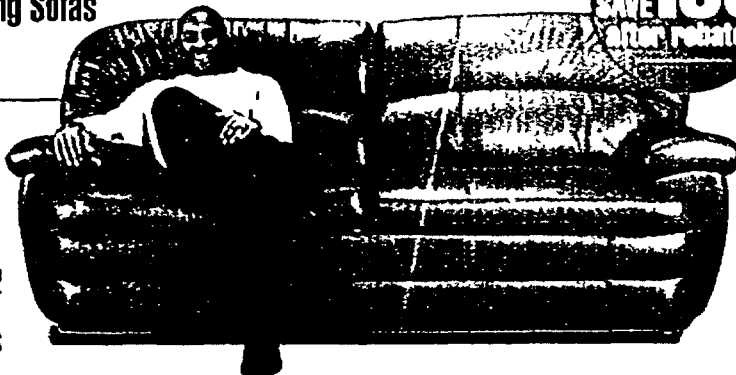
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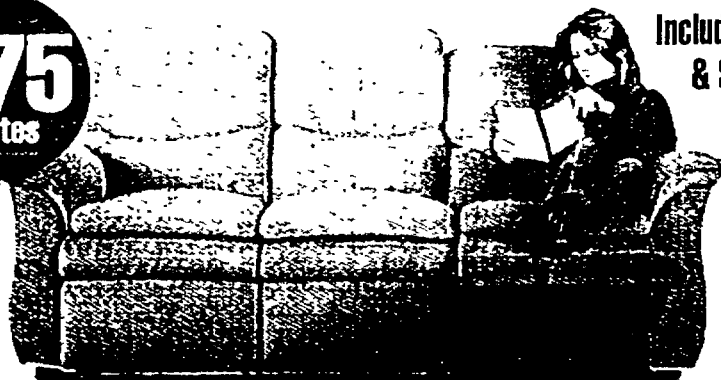


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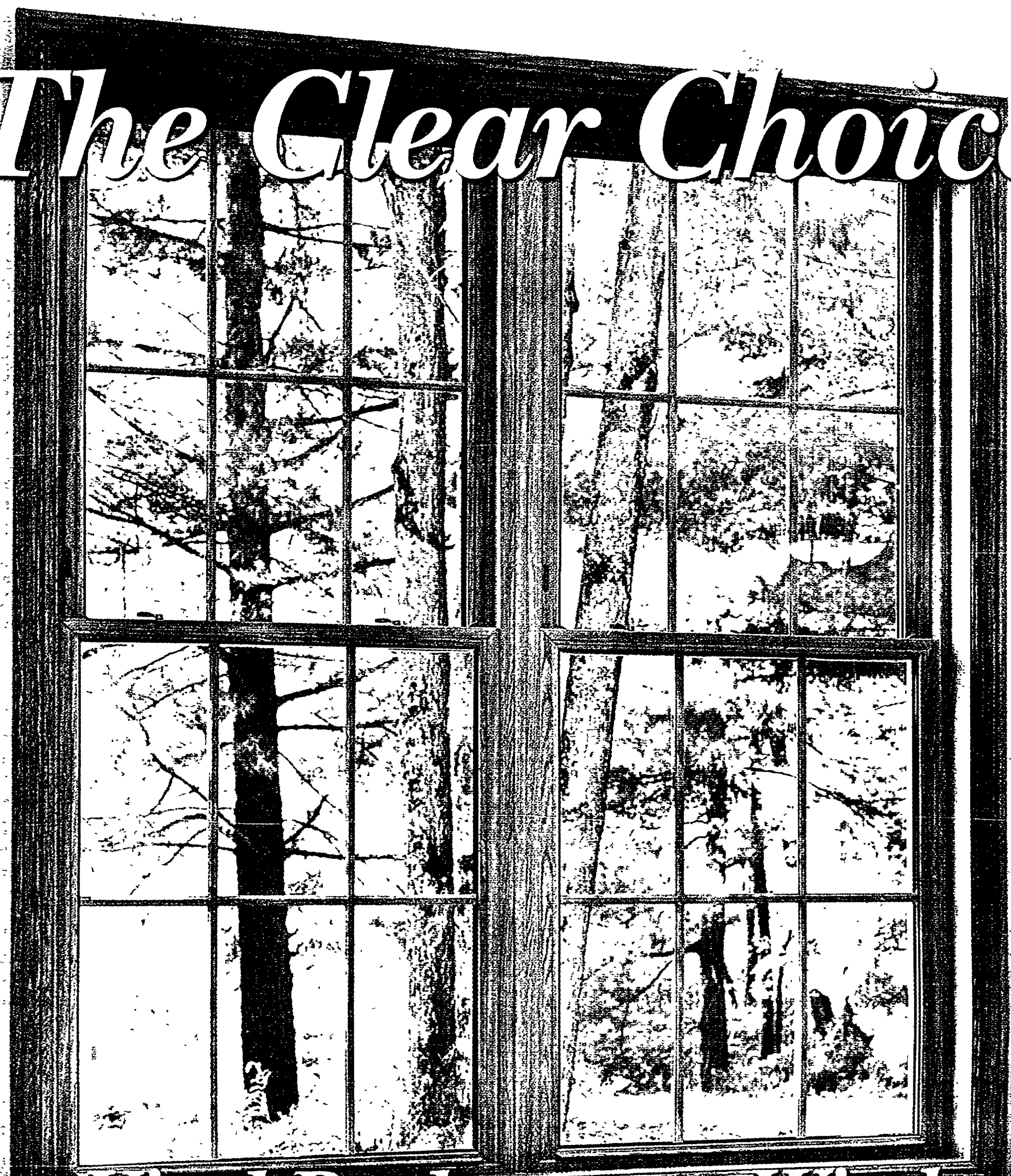
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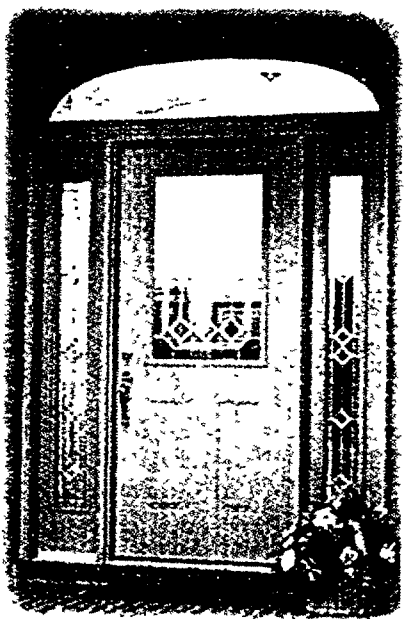
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Q I love *The Nanny* with Fran Drescher. She's great in her role. What can you tell me about her career?

—Pat D., Missouri

While the nasally Fran Fine is Drescher's best-known role, she made memorable appearances in movies such as *Saturday Night Fever* and *This Is Spinal Tap* long before the TV series started. She also starred in a short-lived sitcom called *Princesses*, alongside model/actress Twiggy. Though that show was canceled, it indirectly led to *The Nanny* when Drescher flew to England to visit Twiggy, and was struck by the comic contrast between her New York style and the English manners of her hosts. Drescher wrote and produced the show that she starred in. "I pushed the envelope and made a very appealing character who happens to be Jewish and isn't frightened to admit that, or even speak Yiddish and poke fun at her own ethnicity," Drescher says. "This show was successful in the Midwest and the Sunbelt long before it was accepted in New York or Los Angeles. It was the Heartland that really loved that little girl in the short skirts and I appreciate and respect that audience." In 2000, Drescher discovered that she had uterine cancer. It was caught early, she had surgery and is doing very well. She wrote a book about the experience, *Cancer, Schmancer*, which includes a great deal of her trademark humor. She returned to television recently as a guest star on *Good Morning, Miami* and currently appears in commercials for Old Navy.

Actor Perry King is a father first.

Q I am a Perry King fan. The last movie I saw him in was *The Cowboy and the Movie Star*. Is he still acting?

—Vicki S., Nebraska

Yes, although King, 55, says he is currently focusing mostly on raising his 12-year-old daughter, Hannah. Children are one of King's passions in life and he strongly believes that they need consistency in the family, so he'll shift his focus back to acting when she's a little older. You can see King in a summer 2004 release, *The Day After Tomorrow*, which also stars Dennis Quaid. He plays a sup-



Former *Nanny* and Old Navy model Fran Drescher.

ported role as the president of the United States in the big-budget motion picture about an abrupt climate change with cataclysmic consequences for the planet. King, who you may remember from the TV shows *Riptide* and *Melrose Place*, recently completed an independent film, *Stranger at the Door*, with Linda Purl. The divorced father, who studied at Yale and Julliard, is the grandson of the famous literary editor Maxwell Perkins. In addition to his film and television career, he is an avid motorcyclist involved with the annual Love Ride and Cruise 4 for Kids in Los Angeles. He also is the national spokesperson for Olive Crest Homes for Abused Children in Orange County, Calif. A native of Alliance, Ohio (pop. 23,253), he divides his time between Los Angeles and his 500-acre ranch in northern California.

Q My absolute favorite singing group is the Statler Brothers. Now that they have retired, how are they keeping busy, and are they well and happy? Any chance they'll perform again?

—Mary Ann A., New Mexico

Three of the four Statlers—Don Reid, Harold Reid and Phil Balsley—are enjoying the chance to spend more time with their families in Virginia. Jimmy Fortune went on to make a critically acclaimed solo album, appropriately titled *When One Door Closes*. "I don't expect I'll ever retire," he says with a laugh. Still, going out on his own after so many years as part of a group felt a bit strange. "It's more scary on stage by yourself," he says. "My first show alone, I opened for the Oak Ridge Boys. My legs were shaking so bad, it was like butterfly wings fluttering!" Fortune, who is preparing for his second solo album, stays in touch with the other three Statlers, and says they all sound happy. They have no plans to perform together again in the near future, but you can get a CD, DVD or videotape of the *Farewell Concert* through their website, www.statlerbrothers.com, or by calling (540) 885-7297. ☆

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Jimmy Fortune sings solo.

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Hometown Hero

Leader of the Symphonette

by BRETT FRENCH

Once the wheat is harvested and the combines are put away on the Montana farms around Scobey (pop. 1,082), Jack Reiner calls for the Prairie Symphonette to start rehearsals.

"The most unique thing about the orchestra is that the majority of the players are from farm families," says Reiner, who has to plan performances around the area's farming schedule.

The affable, 74-year-old retired mortician is one of the founders of a unique group of musicians who play in one of only two volunteer symphonies in the state. The volunteer orchestra draws players from four surrounding counties and all walks of life—students, teachers, business professionals and, of course, farmers.

Some drive 140 miles across the rolling prairie—sometimes through the snow—to practice and play. "It's a small, struggling, rural community that still has a dream," he says.



The volunteer Prairie Symphonette orchestrates free shows in Scobey, Mont.

Reiner's own musical dream began at age 11, when he started playing in his family's dance band. In the 1960s, he taught music in nearby Flaxville (pop. 87) and has taught strings to symphonette members for more than 25 years. Even today, he's still driven by a love of music.

"There's a challenge that fuels you a bit. (The symphonette has) had high points and low points, but we keep going," he says.

The spark that ignited the unique symphony more than a quarter century ago was a chance conversation at a Sunday dinner after church. The late John Stentoft asked who played the violin sitting on Reiner's piano.

"No one," Reiner told him, "but it's mine and I like to play on it." The following Sunday, Reiner went to Stentoft's home and the two played a few hymns. "John and I were just very inept," Reiner recalls, "but we were having fun."

The duo later asked violinist Marlys Farver, now the symphonette's principal violinist and concert mistress, to join them. Then Nathan Rodning, the teen-age son of the Lutheran Church's new minister, joined them on bass. With three violins and a bass, Reiner says the instrumentation was out of balance, so he offered to learn the cello. The quartet then began playing at churches and around town.

"We were well received," Reiner says. "That fueled us to go on to better things."

Better things meant giving a few high school students music lessons. "It wasn't long until we had a string ensemble," he says. "Then it became obvious that if we added brass, reeds and percussion we could have an orchestra of a sort."

"It's still an orchestra of a sort," he chuckles.

By 1977, the Prairie Symphonette was confident enough to hold its first concert. With practices on Thursdays at Scobey High School (more often if they were scared), the 40 musicians performed every spring, fall and Christmas, a tradition that continues today.

The symphonette binds the town even as it draws together an unlikely group of musicians, from eighth graders to 80-year-olds. Farver says the concerts are festive, dress-up affairs, with decorations in the performance hall.

Because the symphonette—and its audience—are so eclectic, the orchestra performs a varied musical selection—from classical compositions to rock 'n' roll, and Broadway show tunes to the Beach Boys.

The symphonette has never charged admission, although the group does take donations. Likewise, the music lessons Reiner gives are free.

"He's the grandfather of the group," Farver says of Reiner. "He's never charged a nickel for the kids he's taught. And he works five nights a week (giving lessons)."

Payment for Reiner comes in the form of smiling graduation photos that line his bookcase, a testimonial to the appreciation of former students.

Further proof came on July 7, 2002, when more than 50 past and present players from across the country came to Scobey to celebrate the symphonette's 25th anniversary. More than 1,000 people attended the event at the high school.

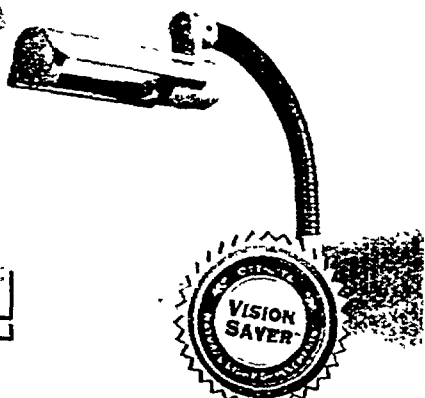
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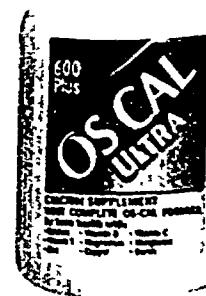
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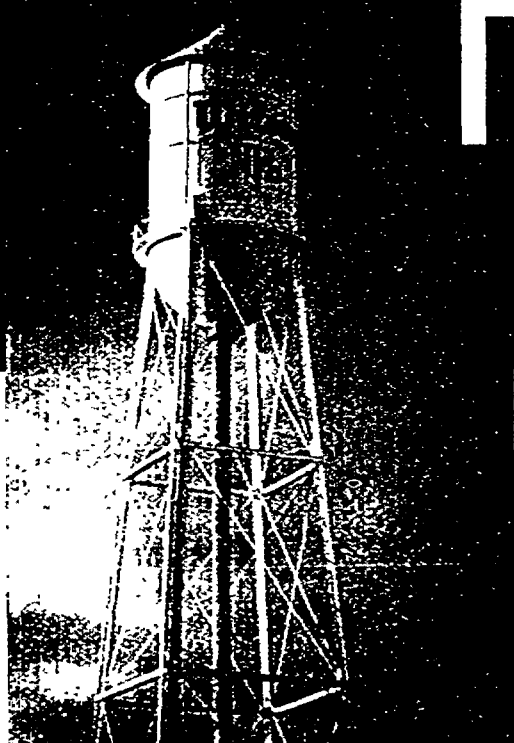
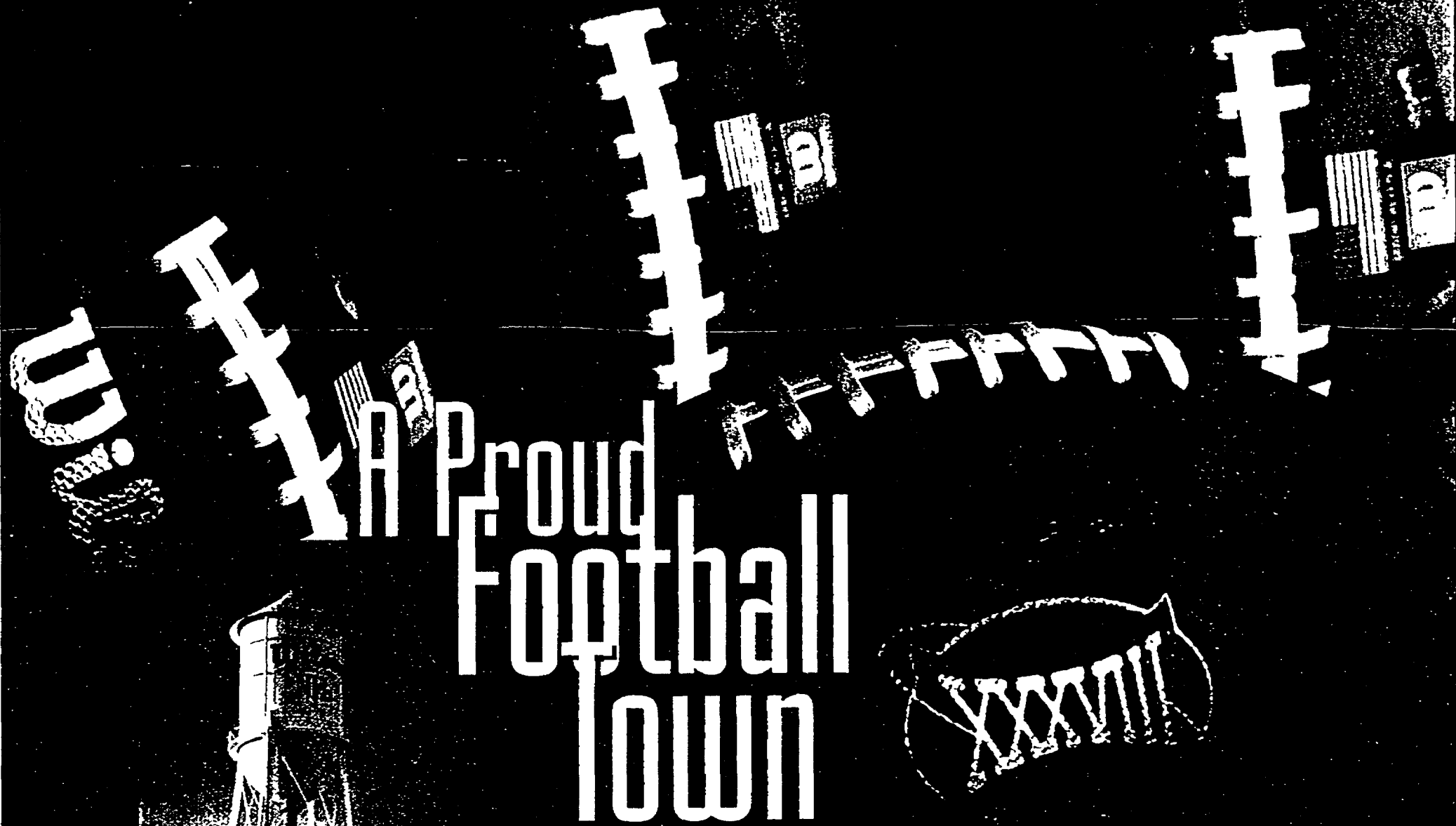
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"Every time you see an NFL game, you know that the football was made right here by people you know," says James Meyer, village administrator. "Everybody's really proud. Everyone knows about the footballs."

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Despite its importance to the town, the Wilson plant is easy to overlook; it's housed in an unassuming white building on Liberty Street, just west of downtown. That building, however, bustles with activity as 4,000 to 5,000 footballs are produced daily during two 10-hour shifts, four days a week.

"I have a lot of fun working here," says Charles Moore, 58, who has worked at the Wilson plant since he graduated from Alger (Ohio) High School in 1964. "I got to go to eight Super Bowls. If I hadn't been working here, I wouldn't have been able to go."

Moore works quickly, putting the football first into a steam box to soften the leather, and then nimbly turns each football right side out on a metal rod. He turns about 600 footballs each day.

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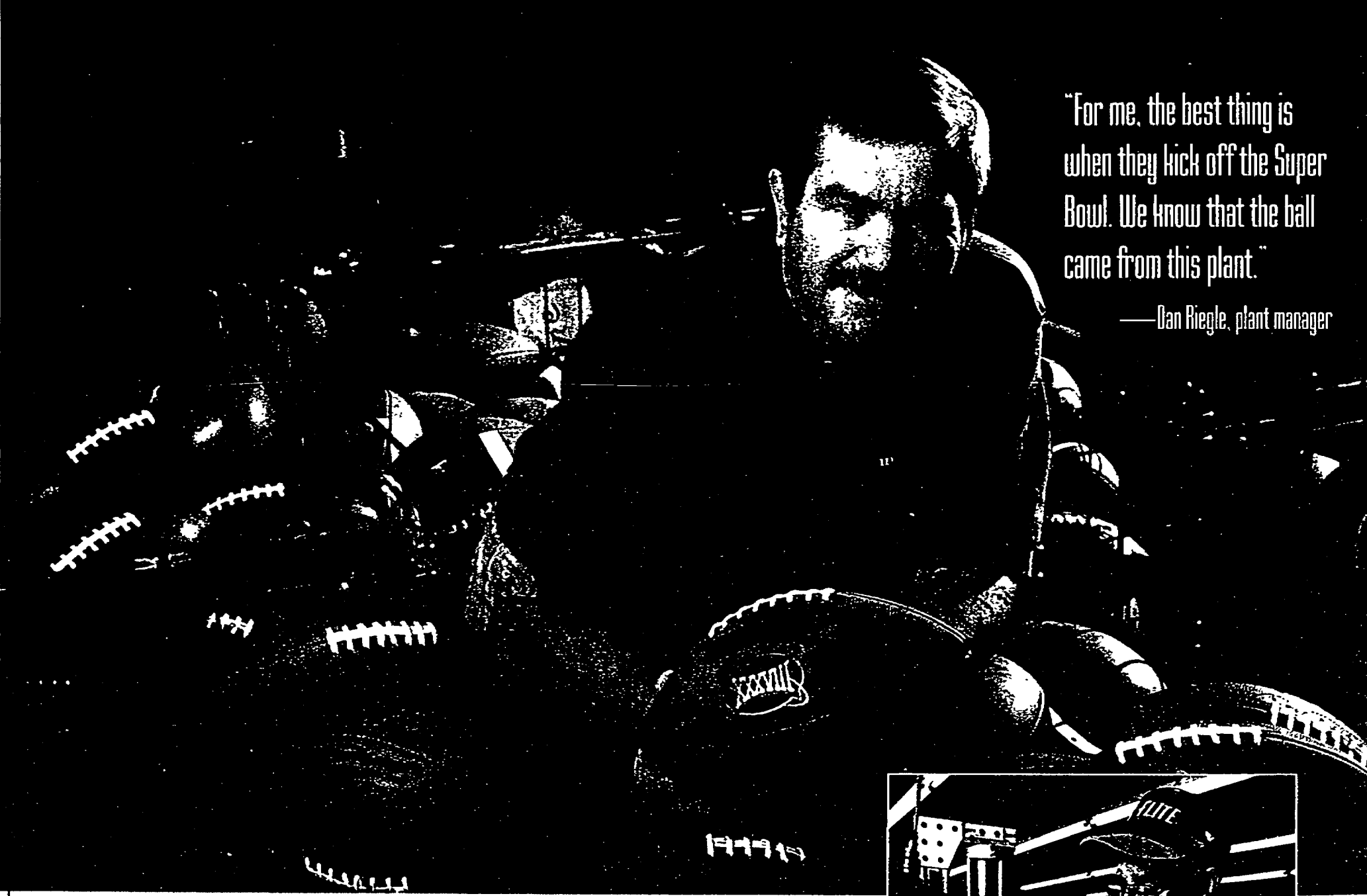
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don't have to be strong. It comes natural to me to pick up a football and turn it."

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Riegle likes to brag on Wilson's footballs and employees.

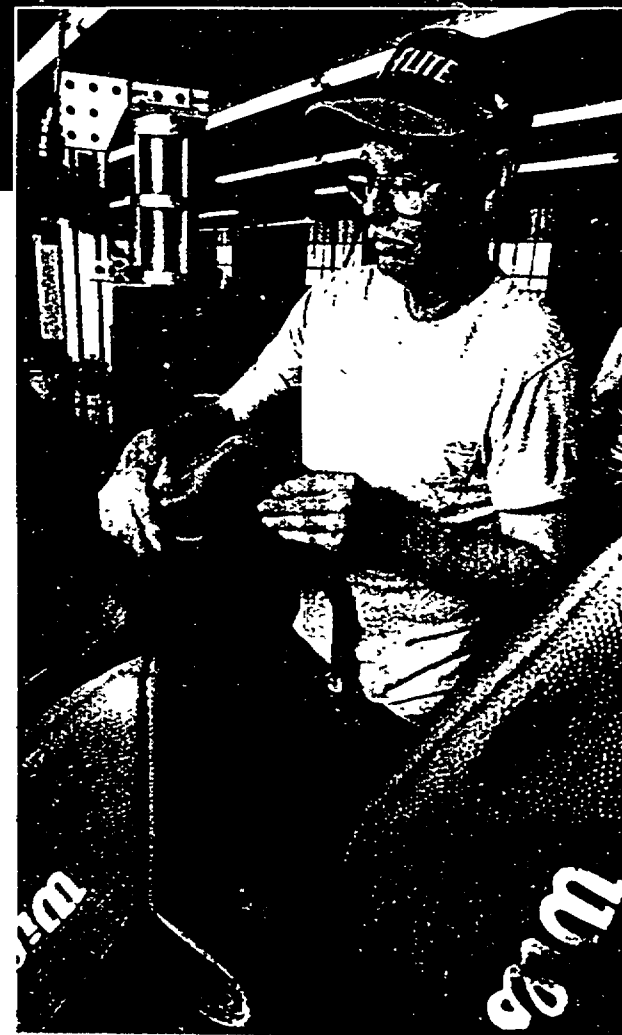
"It's the best quality football made, because our people make footballs here every day," says Riegle, who has worked for Wilson since 1981. "We've got really good people, and that's why we have such a good product."

Come Super Bowl Sunday, Riegle, Moore, and most other Wilson employees will gather around the television, awaiting the game's opening kickoff, knowing they played a small—but essential—part in the nation's biggest sporting event. "I think that's the moment that our factory is proudest of all year," Riegle adds. ✧

Vivian Wagner is a freelance writer in New Concord, Ohio.

Beyond football

Ada was founded in 1853 along the Ohio and Indiana railroad line that still crisscrosses the town. For its 150th anniversary, the village spruced up a downtown park near the old railroad depot and installed a commemorative clock along Main Street.



Charles Moore turns a leather ball right side out.

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Time-saving Tips for Indoor Projects



Rescue that molding

Use nippers to pull finish nails through the back side of millwork and paneling. This leaves the face of the wood unmarred and reusable.

Sure-shot cut starter

Use a block of wood to hold your handsaw on the mark and square to the board's surface. It'll help protect your fingers too.



Perfectly placed pictures

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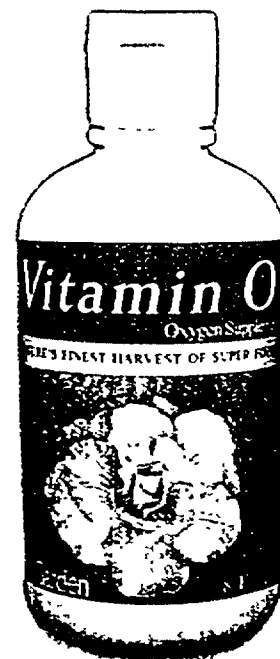
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Hometown Spotlight

Glass Beaches and Skunk Trains

by JUDITH
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Sixty years ago a glass bottling plant stood as a sentry on a wind-swept California coastline. It wasn't all-picturesque and pleasantries. For decades, local citizens and plant workers used the cliffs behind the plant as a dump. With each tide, crashing waves turned glass shards from trash to treasure.

Today, Glass Beach in Fort Bragg (pop. 7,026) sparkles like a jewel. Among the seashells and sand, jagged pieces of glass have been polished into brightly colored gems of amber, green, blue and red.

"Years ago the Union Lumber Company opened the street to the ocean and suggested people get rid of their garbage over the bluff," says Don Nelson, director of the Guest House Museum.

Built in 1892, Guest House Museum, located downtown, was the first house on the coast with electricity, as it was part of an old lumber mill. "Visitors to the



Photo: John Birchard

Angela Lansbury's TV home in *Murder, She Wrote* is actually Blair House.



Photo: John Birchard

The Skunk Train in Fort Bragg, Calif., chugs a 40-mile trail to Willits. museum are charmed by the 12-foot coffered ceilings, redwood paneling and stained glass windows," Nelson says. "There's a sense of history here."

Not far away from the museum is the Skunk Railroad, one of the most popular attractions in town.

"There are few places in America today where steam engines roll through town," says Robert Pinoli, vice president of the Sierra Railroad. "Fort Bragg gives you a true sense of Americana."

The Skunk Train, whose name originated from its early aromatic gas engines, runs roughly 40 miles between Fort Bragg and Willits. Originally built as a logging railroad, the train, which is expected to re-open this spring, has followed the coastal Redwood Route since 1885. Skunk Train's rail offer glimpses to parts unseen from the road. Passengers may see deer, mountain lion, bobcat or brown bear.

Fort Bragg was founded as a military outpost in 1857 to maintain order on a nearby Indian reservation. Abandoned by the military, sawmills were established to mill the redwood trees into the lumber that created the town.

"Fort Bragg is a quaint town with a rough edge," Pinoli says. "It's still a working town. We have the fishing village of Noyo Harbor, where you can see boats going to sea."

The harbor also is home to a bit of television trivia. The series *Murder, She Wrote* fooled many viewers into believing star Angela Lansbury, who portrayed Jessica Fletcher, was on location in Maine when actually Cabot Cove was really Noyo Harbor. Her character's cozy seaside Victorian home was actually Blair House, an antique filled bed-and-breakfast inn on the Mendocino coast.

Built by Elisha Blair, a local banker, Blair House is a prime example of a home built in 1888. Innkeeper Norm Fluhrer says, "All of the houses in town retain the name of the person who originally built them."

The area also is home to Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, a 47-acre track of theme gardens. "There are 14,000 public gardens in the continental United States, but Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens is the only one with ocean frontage," says Rich Owings, executive director of the gardens. "It is a unique climate here with coastal fog in the summertime and spring and fall bring sunshine."

Like a picture book scene, "visitors can stand on the bluffs during fall and spring to watch the whale migration and witness seals playing in the water," Owings says.

On the third weekend in March, Fort Bragg welcomes everyone to town for the Whale Festival. "The whales get very close to shore and you can watch them without going out on a boat," says Dave Martin, former Committee Chair for the Whale Festival.

Fort Bragg is blessed with small town Americana charm and the graciousness that welcomes guests, a job the locals have been doing for decades. ✨

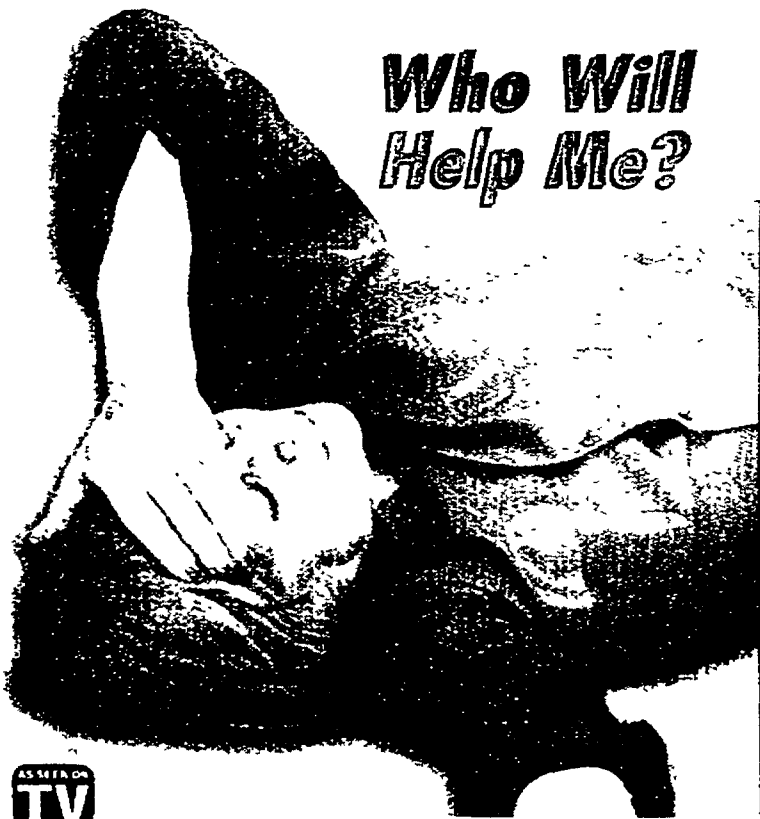
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Titanic—Jasper, Feb. 8. This musical depicts the 1912 tragedy of the historic voyage and sinking of the great ship in the North Atlantic Ocean. Jasper Community Arts Commission. (812) 482-3070.

IOWA

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Jesus Christ Superstar—Willmar, Feb. 12-14, 19-21, 23-24, and 26-29. This rock opera chronicles the last seven days of the life of Jesus of Nazareth. The Barn Theatre. (320) 235-9500.

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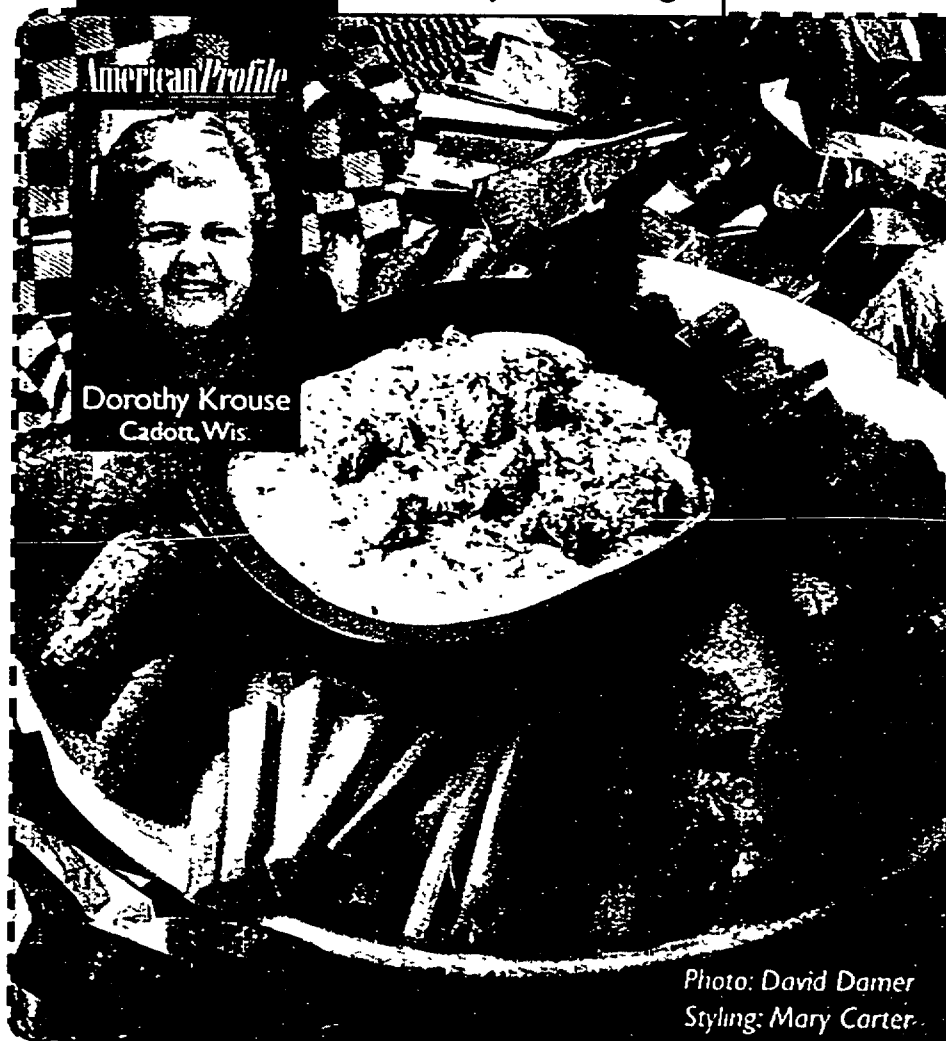
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"I'll admit to being skeptical. After all, over the years I had tried them all (Sally Hansen, Barielle, Naitique, etc.) and nothing helped my thin weak nails that split and cracked before they even reached the end of my nail beds.

"TRIND was going to be my last attempt to grow my own nails before giving in to the expense and risks of artificial ones. Imagine my utter surprise and joy to find TRIND works where all others have failed.

"This is the most wonderful and amazing product! At last I can enjoy the beautiful nails that before I had only been able to envy on other women."

Michelle Hogan
Harvard, Massachusetts

"Please send me four nail kits. I bought one and loved it so much that I wanted my mom and mother-in-law and two friends to have this excellent product! To tell the truth, I bought it fully expecting an over-priced gimmick that did not work! It works and I love it. It's so quick and easy.

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Mindy Coulter
Knoxville, Tennessee

"I stopped using acrylics but my nails looked terrible, so for two years I sat on my hands to hide my nails whenever I went out. Then I tried Trind Natural- Nail Repair and it seemed like my nails became long and strong almost overnight.

"Now people think my natural nails are acrylics. Every time I go to my manicurist she just shakes her head. She can't believe how well it's working."

Florence Atkinson
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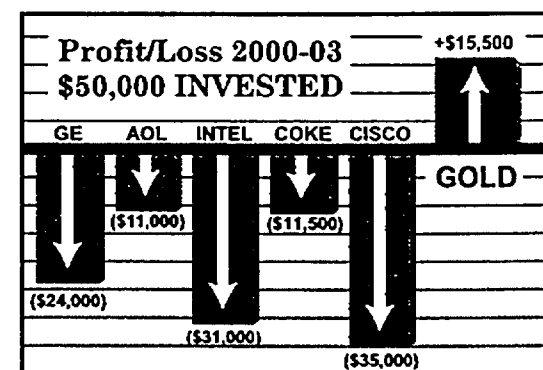
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