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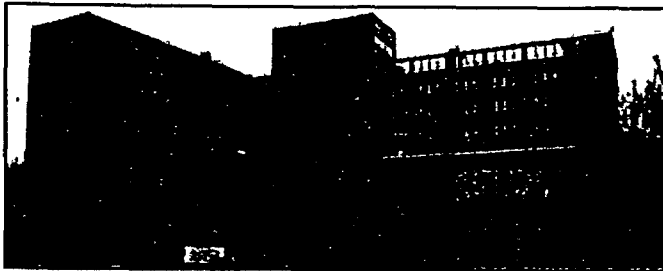
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Bidders emerge for 7 Mile



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The state of Michigan is trying to sell the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital and its adjoining property.

Developers seek assurances going into deal

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Two companies met the state's Monday deadline to submit bids of at least \$65 million for the former state psychiatric hospital on Seven Mile Road, but the "as-is" condition of the deal could again be the deal-breaker.

Windam Realty of West Bloomfield — acting in concert with Mocer of Auburn Hills and Burton Katzman of Bingham Farms — was the high bidder at \$71.1 million, reported Bridget Medina, spokesperson for the department of management and budget, which is handling the sale of the 415-acre state-owned prop-

erty. Rock Construction Company, along with Camelot Ventures — both of Livonia — offered \$65.5 million.

This is the third time the state solicited bids on the property during a nine-month saga of bids offered and withdrawn, extensive

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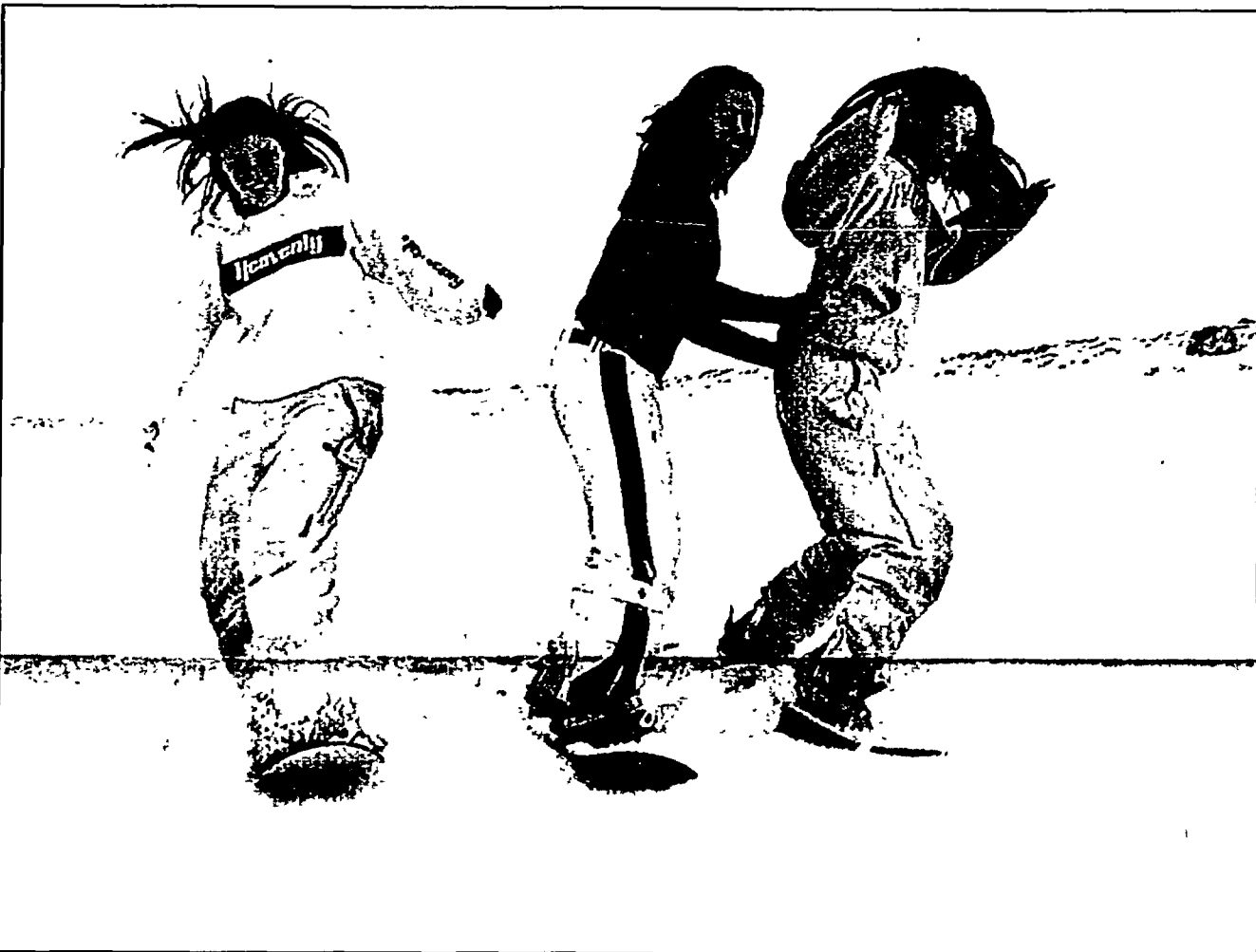


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Northville Ski Club members Gabby Mortimer, Danielle Matley, and Ashley Allcorn, right, all 15, take a quick dash down the hill at Hillside Middle School on their snowboards Saturday night moments before heading off to Alpine Valley.

Once in danger of extinction, Northville ski club back with a vengeance

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The thrill of carving the hills of Mt. Brighton and Alpine Valley helped push Northville Ski and Snowboard Club membership to new heights this season.

Each Friday and Saturday for the last three

months hundreds of local middle school and high school students have climbed into luxury motor coaches bound for icy adventures. The 300-plus member club this weekend will host its last runs to the slopes this winter.

Steven Holman, ski club coordinator for 14 years, has watched the club membership start from 76 when he took it over, peak at 525,

dip, and now grow again.

"We have been on a slowly decreasing enrollment the last 15 years," he said. But this year, membership topped 300, up from 275 in 2003.

"The club gives the kids — from junior

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Detroit defends its water prices

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

For more than a decade, Detroit and the 125 communities it serves in southeast Michigan have been at odds over the wholesale rate Detroit charges for water.

The head of Detroit Water and Sewer Department met with HomeTown Communications Network editors and reporters Friday in Livonia to discuss the giant utility's relationship with its suburban customers. Victor Mercado



Victor Mercado

Late last year, the state House of Representatives formed a committee to consider requiring Detroit water and sewer department to have its rate increases approved by the state public service commission, just as investor-owned utilities like Detroit Edison and Consumers Power.

Still others have called for a regional takeover of the 150-year-old city-owned utility.

Victor Mercado, who took over as Detroit Water and Sewer Department's utilities operations chief nearly two years ago, said the utility has been taking steps to improve efficiency and cut costs.

He said that in the past year he has consolidated the utility's equipment yards from five to four and trimmed its fleet of vehicles by 200, cutting operational costs by \$1 million and saving another

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Modrack: 'We care about our students'

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Adding onto a growing list of accomplishments, Thornton Creek Elementary School teacher Christine Modrack keeps the momentum running with parental praise.

Modrack is February's "Feature Teacher" in the monthly Northville Record contest recognizing excellence in Northville educators.

She was nominated for the award by Thornton Creek parent, Bridgette Knolton.

"There is something about Modrack said, 'I haven't had her little guy for quite some time — I'm touched.'"

Knolton wrote in her nomination of Modrack. Modrack had an angel or a first-grade teacher. Mrs. C. Modrack was a blessing sent by God to my son. Mrs. Modrack is the kind of teacher that really makes a special interest in each one of her students. She is compassionate, caring, generous and most of all concerned about her students' academic progress."



Knolton stated not only did Modrack extend herself in so many ways while Shane was in her class, but continues keeping track of his academic progress even though he isn't her pupil anymore.

Shane is now in third grade.

"We care about our students," Modrack said. "We want to know how they are doing after they leave us and we also learn from our students after they leave our classroom. They are our own private little database and that is how we improve."

Modrack has taught in the

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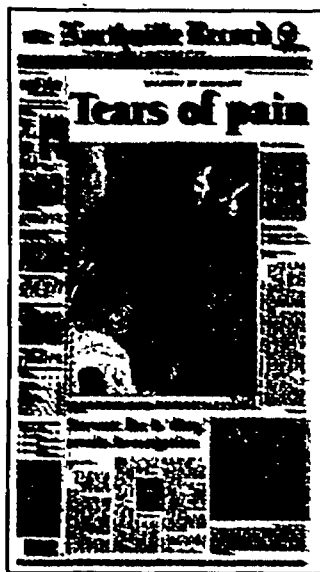
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Thornton Creek Elementary School teacher Chris Modrack reads a book to her students on a recent Thursday afternoon.

Blizzards of
Bargains

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One year later, hope springs at Maybury



The Northville Record's Feb. 20, 2003 front page.

To mark the year anniversary of the fire that destroyed the vintage farm at Maybury State Park, supporters are gathering tonight to raise funds to bring it back.

"We are so excited about this fundraiser and confident we will reach our goal of raising \$250,000 in one day," said Northville Community Foundation president Shari Peters. The non-profit agency in September signed a 15-year renewable lease with the state Department of Natural Resources to operate the farm.

The event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main St., where customers can join the restoration efforts in a variety of ways. While Poole's offers food and beverage specials throughout the day, supporters will be able to name an animal, purchase a barn to be hung in the tavern or "buy a board." For \$250, residents can place their name on Maybury's "Farm Builder's Board" that will be displayed at the new farm.

Local celebrities will be on hand throughout the day to

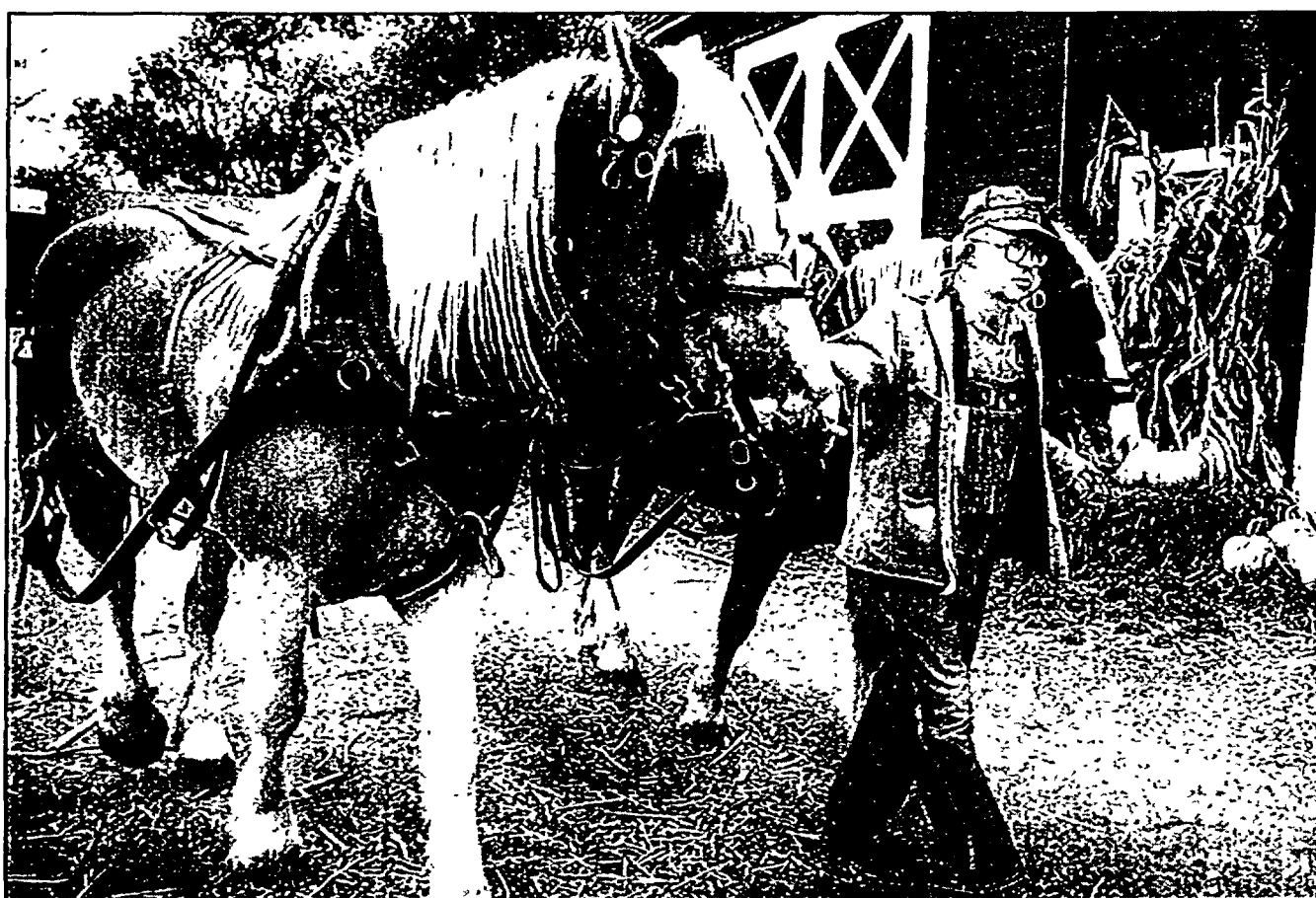


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John Beemer tends to two of Maybury's horses in this photo taken a few months prior to the devastating fire of February 2003 that killed 50 animals. Beemer has since come out of retirement and agreed to run the farm, funds for which are being collected.

encourage donations. Peters said. Maybury farmer John Beemer will be available for photographs in the evening.

"This living, working farm depicted life on an early 20th century farm, and will once again do so if the community comes together, as I'm confident they will," Peters said. "We have already had an overwhelming response to the tragic fire, which just shows how important this facility was to southeast Michigan residents."

Since the loss of the farm, support for its return surfaced in the community in countless forms, from school fundraisers to a dedicated book to a pancake breakfast. The foundation's first goal is to raise \$1 million by May; the larger goal of accumu-

lating \$3 million will fund the farm operation for the long-term.

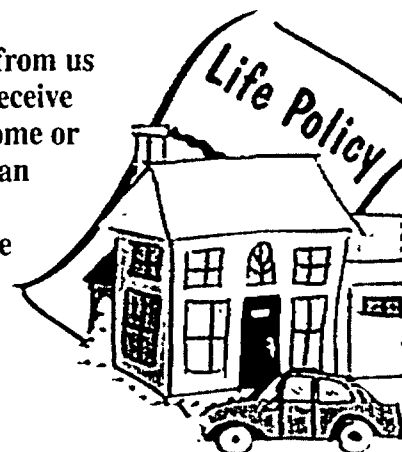
While a few donkeys and some chickens survived, nearly 50 horses, sheep, pigs and rabbits died in the blaze. The fundraiser will help rebuild the barns, replenish the animals and return the farm to the treasure it once was, Peters said.

Residents who would like to donate but are unable to stop at Poole's Tavern on Thursday's anniversary of the fire can make a donation by calling (248) 374-0200. Donations also can be sent to the Northville Community Foundation, Maybury Fund, 321 N. Center, Suite 130, Northville, MI 48167. All donations are tax-deductible.

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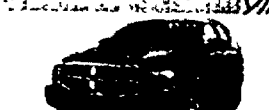
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Wrong number, right dog

Misdialed phone prompts police officer to save newborn puppy's life

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

The curious combination of an accidental 9-1-1 call, animal-loving police officer and very pregnant dog named Honeybear, led to a clandestine meeting on a very cold day last week.

A life-saving meeting in fact, for a newborn Labrador retriever named Mark.

On Friday at about 10:30 a.m., Northville Township officer Mark Kaltz bundled up his leather police jacket and responded to a routine-in-nature 9-1-1 hang-up call at a Northville Township home.

Responding to all unconfirmed 9-1-1 hang-up calls is the department's policy.

As he pulled in the long driveway and exited the police car, he saw a newborn puppy in the snow.

"I initially saw a pool of blood," Kaltz said. "The puppy was on its side with the umbilical cord still attached. The cord was frozen to the ground."

Without thought, Kaltz spun the puppy around, gave him two quick breaths, wrapped him in his police jacket and placed the puppy on the floorboard of his car before going up to home's door.

After pounding on the front and back doors for about 10 minutes, the owners responded.

"We didn't answer because we thought it was a solicitor," said Barbara Lukowski.

And Lukowski wasn't sitting on her thumbs either.

She was inside with her nearly 3-year-old "beautiful" Labrador retriever, Honeybear, who was giving birth to her second puppy, which Lukowski believed was the first.

Lukowski had just brought Honeybear in from the outside when she noticed the dog was bleeding.

She knew it was time for delivery, but was shocked by the sight of blood when she was expecting water.

That is what prompted the fated accidental 911 call.

"I accidentally called 911, but quickly hung up because I was trying to contact information for my vet's phone number," she said.

It wasn't too long after that the door knocking began and Kaltz entered with the motionless, tiny black dog.

"We were all nervous," Lukowski said. "He told us to get a heating pad because the puppy was really cold



photo by VICTORIA SADLOCHA

Northville Township police officer Mark Kaltz holds "Mark," a newborn Labrador retriever he found in the cold last week.

like a frozen fish stick."

When the heating pad didn't seem to work, the officer instructed Lukowski to warm the dog with a hair dryer.

They just kept trying to revive the dog.

"We were a little nervous," Kaltz confirmed. "We thought we lost him because there was no activity."

Then the little 6-inch retriever not even weighing 1 pound, began what Kaltz described as a scream.

After about 15 minutes of listlessness, the newborn pup was moving around.

"At the point we knew we were

out of the woods," Kaltz said.

Lukowski calls the officer a savior.

"He was really in control," she said. "He told us what to do and was very easy going and well-mannered. He seemed to know how to really rescue the puppy."

Kaltz said he had never done anything like that in his life and was nervous, although he does have a background in animals.

Before joining the Northville Township police department eight years ago, Kaltz worked for five years as an animal cruelty investigator with the Michigan Humane

Society in Detroit.

And less than two months ago, the officer befriended a stray great dane mix found at Six Mile and Napier roads.

The animal was starving and diagnosed with heartworm and roundworm.

When the bony dog faced his do-or-die day and still remained unclaimed, Kaltz brought him into his home, calling him Roscoe.

Honeybear gave birth to 10 other puppies and all are doing fine.

"It was meant to happen," Lukowski said. "It was a miracle that saved a dog."

POLICE REPORTS

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

SNACK ATTACK: A 49-year-old Dexter woman who runs a snack bar at Northville Downs at Seven Mile and Center roads last Thursday reported to Northville police that cash and food was missing.

Sometime between 11 p.m. Tuesday and 4 p.m. Thursday, someone broke into the track kitchen in the paddock area, according to police reports. After prying off the hasp on the door, the culprit took \$40 in cash and \$40 in snacks and soda, the report says. The woman told police that anyone with access to the barn area would be able to enter the kitchen, the report says. There are no witnesses or suspects, the report says.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

EXPOSED: A Northville Township resident said she received way more than a friendly hello while entering her apartment late last month. The 50-year-old female told police she was returning to her residence in the 20000 block of Northville Place Drive at about 2:30 p.m. Jan. 28 when she heard someone say, "Psst, psst." The woman told police when she turned around, she noticed her male neighbor across the hall motioning with his head for her to come closer toward his girlfriend's apartment. According to the report, she asked him what he wanted and when looking down noticed "his pants were down and he was observed stroking himself." The female told police he then propositioned her. Upon police questioning, the man said he opened his door because he thought the woman was his girlfriend coming home and he only said hello.

MEANWHILE... Three days later in the same block of Northville Place Drive, a 32-year-old female called police reporting a first-degree home invasion. The woman called Northville Township police at about 4:30 a.m. on Jan. 31 saying a short time earlier, her ex-boyfriend broke into her apartment. She said the 31-year-old Auburn Hills man smashed in her front door and assaulted her guest. According to the report, the officer noticed the door frame had been damaged in a manner indicating a forced entry. The officer also noticed blood on the door, floor and living-room table. Auburn Hills police went to the suspect's home, but he did not answer the door.

Auburn Hills officers said a ring of blood was noticeable in his sport utility vehicle.

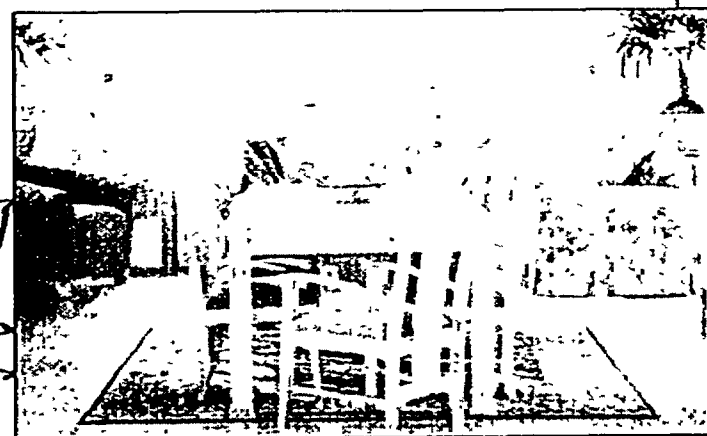
RUNNING MAN: A Novi man with outstanding warrants made a not-so-fast getaway last week after allegedly stealing some X-Box accessories from Meijer. The Northville Township police department received a call from Meijer loss prevention personnel at about 1 p.m. Feb. 2 saying a shoplifter took off on foot and was running across Haggerty Road toward the Best Buy parking lot. Township officers responded to the area and noticed a male matching the same description exit Office Max and enter Dick's Sporting Goods while looking over his shoulder. After calling for backup, the officer entered Dick's and started to follow the man, when he started running. After he was apprehended, Northville police learned he was an 18-year-old Novi resident with outstanding warrants from Novi and Farmington Hills police departments. Farmington Hills police picked him up on a felony warrant for dangerous drugs.

FUNNY MONEY: The manager of McDonald's called the Northville Township Police Department reporting a counterfeit \$20. The manager called police at about 2:30 p.m. Feb. 2 and said sometime during the afternoon rush, between 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m., an unknown person paid for a meal using the counterfeit bill. The unknown person ordered through the drive-thru. The case is closed.

CRY WOLF: A nine-year-old girl learned the severity of her prank via a lecture from a Northville Township officer last week after dining at the Bonfire Bistro. The police department received a call at about 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3 from the Northville restaurant employee saying a waiter found a disturbing message on the back of a child's place mat. According to the report, the message said, "Help — I'm being kidnapped. Help me." The message also listed a phone number. The phone number belonged to a 42-year-old Farmington Hills woman who said she had not been at the restaurant, but knew her friend had been there with her daughters. Police called the friend and learned she in fact had just returned home. The woman questioned her daughter who admitted she wrote the message as a joke. The officer advised the daughter and the mother of how dangerous the prank really was.

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Adults, youth both benefit from mentoring

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Mary Ellen King has 17 years of stories about children's lives changed by the involvement of a mentor.

A potentially troubled youngster matched with an adult willing to tune in to him or her only for a few hours each week just might blossom under the additional attention, said the director of Northville Youth Assistance. The community-wide program currently is seeking individuals interested in becoming a mentor, with a new training session set to begin March 11.

"They can't just walk into training," King said. An application and interview are the first steps. "I'd like to have as many people come forward — to have a bank of volunteers."

Leader of the program for 17 years, the director cited statistics as incentives for adults to volunteer: youngsters are 50 percent less likely to take drugs if they have a caring adult in their lives, 50 percent less likely to drop out of school. Although many of the program's results are intangible, past participants have improved grades, gotten into less trouble, and made new friends, King said.

One example of a successful connection started with a single mom who years ago inquired about the mentoring program for her at-that-time five-year-old son.

"She called me and wanted a male in Max's life," King recounted. "Now he's in private high school and babysits for his mentor's kids. They have kept in contact."

The boys and girls to be matched with a mentor might reside with a single parent, or with both parents. They might be an only child, or one of several siblings. They might have few friends. "If they're a friend to an adult, we hope that translates," King explained. "I tell people, if you do nothing but listen, you have accomplished your goal."

"Kids blank at lecturing," the director continued. "With parents, I say talk less, listen more. It's a skill we have to learn."

The mentor training, which lasts five weeks, focuses on communication, listening, how to build a rapport, how to deal with anger, and substance

abuse. Sessions run from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays. "It's not sitting, listening to a lecture," King said. "It's practicing, doing."

The director said that past volunteers told her that even if they were never matched with a youth, the training itself was beneficial. The book, "How to talk so kids will listen and listen so kids will talk" by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, serves as the guiding philosophy for the program.

Once paired, the mentor and youth usually spend a couple of hours a week together, King estimated. "It depends on what they're doing. It's what seems appropriate for that kid on that night." Examples of mentor outings include a ballgame, fishing, going out for ice cream, cooking a meal, learning to knit, reading at the mentor's house, and shooting free throws.

The length of commitment between adult and child varies too, King said. "Sometimes, it's a year, they move on, it's fine. It's the whole spectrum."

As part of the introduction to the mentoring experience, King invites a panel of currently-matched youth and mentors to talk to the new volunteers. "They come in and talk about their experiences," she said.

The students in the program range in age from five to 15 and are referred from a variety of sources for a variety of reasons. "A parent can refer a kid," the director said. "It doesn't have to come through the school."

She suggested men and women interested in getting involved in the mentoring program call her as soon as possible in order to schedule an interview.

"I may have a waiting list for boys," King said. "Men are always more difficult to recruit. It seems there are always more boys."

"But we need women, too," she added. "I don't want to discourage anyone from coming forward."


Northville Youth Assistance can be reached at (248) 344-1618 or by e-mail at youthassistance@northvillemich.com.

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MILL RACE MATTERS

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

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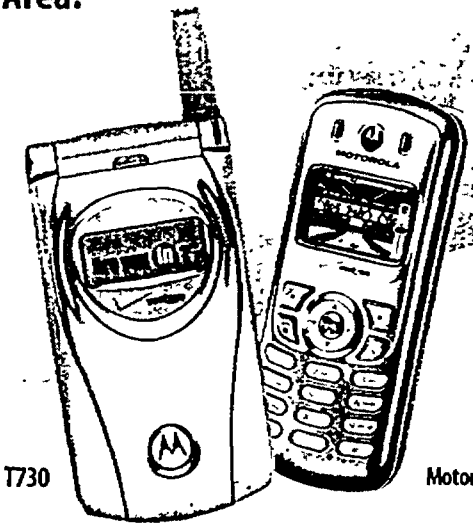
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King's vision relayed to Winchester



Speaker Roosevelt Johnson addresses an assembly at Winchester Elementary School Monday morning on the life and lessons of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Students at Winchester Elementary School learned the definition of some very powerful words Monday through the life and death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The all-school assembly with the same name as the former civil-rights activist, seized the attention of the young group with a balance of verbal power and humorous movements through presenter Roosevelt Johnson.

Johnson echoed the gymnasium with terms like racism and prejudice, telling the students "do not forget these two words."

He told the tale of a boy who at 11 learned the two words

when he was turned away from his friend's door because he was not white.

"He didn't understand and he couldn't see why he couldn't play with his friends just because he was a different color," Johnson said.

The incident sparked a desire for change in King Jr., Johnson explained to the group.

This led to the next set of powerful words, bellowed throughout the gymnasium -- knowledge, power and philosophy.

The latter meaning love of wisdom.

The elementary students learned of King Jr.'s studies of Plato and Mahatma Gandhi.

"By the time he was 25, King Jr. was making a differ-

ence all across the world," Johnson told the group.

The kids then learned two more heavy words: civil rights.

"The civil rights movement was created to give equal rights to all," Johnson said.

He explained when King Jr. was a young man, blacks and whites could not eat in the same place, use the same bathrooms nor could they drink out of the same water fountains.

"It's not fair," said second-grade student, Esther Spence. "It's not fair to other people to make them drink out of different water fountains when the water is the same."

Johnson explained the importance of pioneers like Rosa Parks and Malcolm X and many of the significant speeches and initiatives King Jr. made in the

name of freedom.

"Dr. King had to suffer for what he believed in," Johnson explained.

The speaker said King Jr. was jailed 33 times, arrested 127 times, stabbed, had his home bombed and was ultimately murdered for his beliefs.

The night before his death, King Jr. gave the "I've Been To The Mountaintop" speech in Memphis, Tenn. in support of striking sanitation workers saying, "I don't know what will happen now; we've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now because I've been to the mountaintop, and I don't mind. Like anybody, I'd like to live a long life, longevity has its place, but I'm not concerned about that now."

HE HAD A DREAM

• Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1929 in Atlanta.

• At 15, King entered college and by 17 he was an ordained Baptist Minister.

• In 1948, he graduated from Morehouse College.

• He married Coretta Scott in 1953.

• In 1954, he became the pastor of his own church in Montgomery, Ala.

• On August 28, 1963 he led a march on Washington and gave his I Have a Dream Speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

• He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

• On April 4, 1968, he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

He was shot while on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis on April 4, 1968 at the age of 39.

And the parting power words Johnson impressed on the children were, "Greatness is inside of every single person no matter the age, color or ability."

"His spirit is very much alive today," Johnson said. "And Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wants you to have the courage to be the best you can be. Never forget the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

The Feb. 9 assembly was funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Michigan Humanities Council and made possible through the Winchester Elementary School Junior Enrichment Series.

The Mobile Ed Productions presentation will visit Ridge Wood Elementary Feb. 27 as part of the district's salute to Black History Month.

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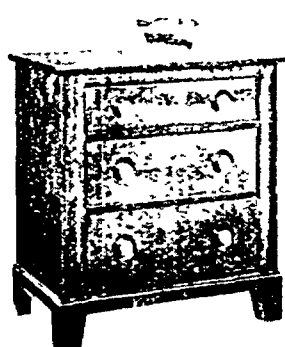
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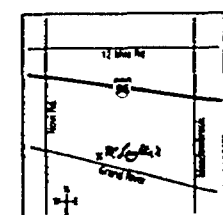
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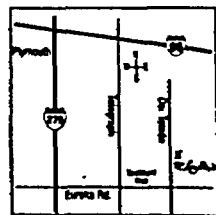


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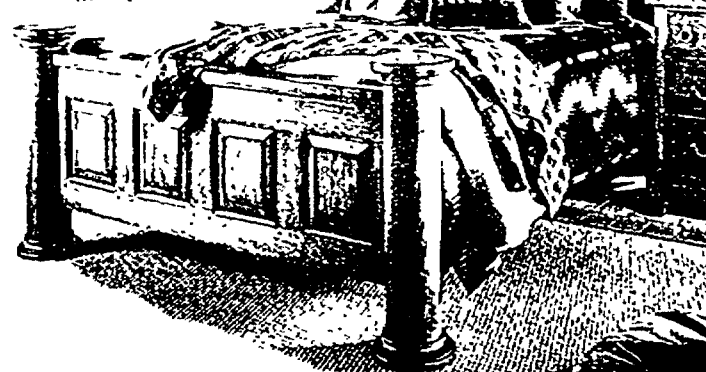
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Students take on Zambian clothing drive

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

"The shirt off my back" is an adage most say in jest, but for a group of Hillside Middle School students the phrase takes a more literal meaning.

A group of five eighth-grade students initiated the Zambian Orphan Project, a group dedicated toward clothing poverty stricken orphans in the southern Africa country.

Charged with a motto borrowed from speaker Ian Hill — "Kids Changing the World, Halfway Around the World" — the group of ambitious girls recently completed a clothing drive collecting more than 4,470 items for shipment March 1.

"We were amazed," said group member Emily Hopcian.

The group's goal was 1,000 items, a mark the members kept raising as more donations arrived.

The first drive was last year and the girls collected about 300 items, so the dramatic increase was a great surprise. Donations primarily from students and teachers include clothing, shoes, school supplies and backpacks.

The group members spent much of their time last week sorting items in the project room and placing them in leaf-size collection bags.

"I feel really good when there is a huge garbage bag," said group member Sarah Stern.

"This room was so filled up, the tables were piled high," added Laura Netti, one of the five group members.

The girls started planning the drive the beginning of this year and have put in about two hours a day, securing success.

Another part of the collection campaign included raising student awareness.

Members of the group along with help from student council, gave presentations to classes at Hillside and Amerman Elementary School.

Amerman students and teachers additionally donated items for the cause.

One of the group's members, Kim ReMine, returned from Zambia last week.

"There was one kid who didn't have a shirt and he was shivering," ReMine said. "So I gave him the coat off my back."

ReMine delivered beans during the six-day trip with her mother, Karen ReMine, president of Orphan Medical Network International.

The network is a non-profit corporation and charitable organization assisting orphans around the world and the catalyst for the Hillside group's enterprise.

"They have done it all," said English teacher Cheryl Gibbs.

Gibbs said the teachers' roles with the group have been minimal at best.

"They would hold lunch meetings and have agendas typed up," she said. "We pretty much just showed up for the pizza."

Other instructors participating with the group consist of math teacher, Amy Burke; English student-teacher, Paul Tripp; social studies teacher, Laurie Convery; and science teacher, Roy Hall.

Group member Lindsay Hagan said she finds the experience highly rewarding.

"As long as we're helping one person in the world it doesn't matter where they are, it's still helping someone," she said.

Hopcian enjoys the group for other reasons.

"We think it is a fun way to show our personality and our interests," she said.

Donations for the orphans of new or gently used, washed clothing are still being accepted at the Hillside Middle School office.

Many children in Zambia have been left without parents because of the AIDS epidemic.

"Now I know that the orphans will have something," ReMine said.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Hillside Middle School students, involved in an effort to bring clothing and other goods to Zambian orphans sort through some of the donations at their school last week. From left are Laura Netti, Emily Hopcian, Lindsay Hagan, Sarah Stern, and Kim ReMine.

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Modrack selected as paper's Feature Teacher

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Northville School District for more than 25 years in grades kindergarten through fourth grade, before settling down at Thornton Creek as a first-grade instructor.

She holds an undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and completed her graduate work at Wayne State University with a master's degree in educational psychology.

While in the district she has taught at Amerman, Silver Springs and Thornton Creek elementary schools.

Modrack said her mother was her motivation for entering the profession.

Watching her mom eagerly leave for school each day and then return home in a great mood solidified Modrack's career choice.

The Northville teacher has won *Metro Parent Magazine's* 1995 Teacher of the Year Award, awarded for 25 years of service to Northville Public Schools and was most recently recognized as the Northville Public Schools nominee for the 2004 WRESA Teacher of the Year award, formerly the WDIV-TV (Channel 4) award.

She also initiated and produced, with a little help from her col-

THE MODRACK FILE	
NAME: Christiane Modrack	FAVORITE BOOK: "The Power of Myth" by Joseph Campbell
SCHOOL: Thornton Creek	
GRADE: First	MEANING OF TEACHING: "Having a mainline connection to the curiosity and love of learning that young children possess and creating ways to propel that toward higher learning."
YEARS TEACHING: 25+	
SPECIAL INTERESTS: Biking, in-line skating and hiking	
FAMILY LIFE: Married with two adult sons	IF YOU COULD ONLY TEACH ONE THING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "Self-regard and empathy from which most other critical
ROLE MODEL: Her mother	

leagues, the first talent shows at Silver Springs and Thornton Creek elementary schools.

At Thornton Creek, she promoted the idea of school-wide assemblies where grade levels present what they are learning to other students in differing grades.

Modrack's musical productions have a fond memory in her nominee's heart.

"At the end of every school year Mrs. Modrack's students would perform a phenomenal musical production, that everyone should see, bringing tears to your eyes,"

Knolton wrote in her nomination. The celebrated teacher is also responsible for numerous grants, presentations and leadership initiatives.

"Mrs. Modrack is one of those teachers that will always be remembered throughout your lifetime and her name will never be forgotten," Knolton wrote.

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OBITUARIES

Andree' F. Serra

Andree' Serra, formerly of the Northville/Novi area died Feb. 5, 2004. She was 82.

Ms. Serra was born April 18, 1921 in France to the late August Reiss and Pauline Lereaux.

She had been a resident of South Lyon for 20 years and was a graduate of South Lyon High School. She had been a manager in Garden City and the Big Boy Restaurant located at the company headquarters in Warren. She was a member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in South Lyon

and worked at the preschool as an aide. She was active with the Center for Active Adults and Active Faith, the Lutheran fellowship and sang in the church choir. She enjoyed playing pinocle with friends at Colonial Acres, travel and was an avid baker and cook.

Survivors include five children, Jane (Jim) Webb of South Lyon, Rosemarie (Ron) Johnston of Northville, Beverly (Richard) Ohsowski of Grayling, Jim (Vicky) Serra of South Lyon, and Richard Serra of Nevada; three siblings, Joan Moran, Roger Reiss and Henry Reiss; 15 grandchild-

dren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Feb. 10 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church with Pastor Terry Nelson of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Interment will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park of Livonia.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 170 ARTICLE 3 GENERAL PROVISIONS - LIGHTING STANDARDS

Date: February 19, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Northville Township Civic Center
41600 W. Six Mile Road

The Introduction and First Reading of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 3 General Provisions, Lighting Standards will be held at the Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday February 19, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

The public is invited to attend and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Clerk's Office, 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

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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.

EVENING STORYTIME FOR FAMILIES: Children and their families are invited to stop by the library for this lively storytime on Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. Best suited for children 3 and older, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required for this half-hour program.

LITTLE ME CLUB STORYTIME: Little ones from 10 months to 2 years old, along with their caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun, and simple stories on Feb. 20 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend. The Little Me Club is held monthly, and no registration ahead of time is required.

TEENS, WIN A PRIZE IN THE PHOTO GUESSING CONTEST: Starting on Feb. 8, the Teen Corner will display photos of staff members now and as babies. The teen who guesses which baby picture goes with which staff member will win a prize. First place prize is a \$50 gift card to best buy, and second is a \$25 gift card. The contest runs through Feb. 14.

YOUTH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS: Books, Chat and Chow, a book discussion program especially for middle and high school students, meets on Feb. 25 at 4:15 p.m. to talk about the historical fiction novel "Fever 1793" by Laurie Halse Anderson. And students in fourth and fifth grade are invited to the Junior version of BCC, which meets at the same time. This month the Junior Books, Chat and Chow will be discussing "Regarding the Fountain" by Kate Klise. Please register.

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.

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- Best salad bar _____
- Best place for burgers _____
- Best place for hot dogs/coney _____
- Best place for subs _____
- Best place for ice cream _____
- Best place for chicken _____
- Best quality dining restaurant _____
- Best place for desserts _____
- Best Italian restaurant _____
- Best place for seafood _____
- Best oriental restaurant _____
- Best Tex-Mex restaurant _____
- Best place for pizza _____
- Best place for steak _____
- Best chicken dish _____
- Best place for barbeque ribs _____
- Best wine selection (store) _____
- Best wine selection (restaurant) _____
- Best beer selection (store) _____
- Best beer selection (restaurant) _____
- Best place for romantic dinner _____
- Best after work meeting place _____
- Best sports bar _____
- Best place for dancing _____

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- Best hair salon _____
- Best place to bank _____
- Best place to get nails done _____
- Best real estate company _____
- Best real estate agent _____
- Best mortgage company _____
- Best new car sales person (dealership) _____
- Best used car sales person (dealership) _____
- Best auto dealer _____
- Best auto service _____
- Best oil change shop _____
- Best collision shop _____
- Best insurance agent (agency) _____
- Best veterinary service _____
- Best travel agency _____
- Best childcare service _____
- Best house painter _____
- Best landscaping company _____
- Best health/fitness company _____
- Best waitress/waiter (include restaurant) _____
- Best car wash _____
- Best tanning salon _____
- Best accountant _____
- Best chiropractor _____

BEST RETAIL STORES

- Best appliance store _____
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- Best floral shop _____
- Best grocery store _____
- Best party store _____
- Best jewelry store _____
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It's all downhill for ski club this winter

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high up — a sense of independence, to be with their friends," he said. "It's a little bit of freedom. But they have to watch what they're doing."

Holman, an avid skier who accompanies the youngsters as one of the adult chaperones, attributed previous declining interest in the slopes to competition for the youngsters' time from other winter activities, such as indoor soccer. This year's increase in membership could be due to the great ski weather this year and last, he said.

"They have a great time, even when it's too cold," the coordinator said. "They'll congregate inside, then go back out again."

Meads Mill eighth grader Samantha Naszradi estimated she and her friends take three breaks during their four-hour outings. After moving to Northville from Florida two years ago, the 13-year-old said she was ready for her second season of snowboarding to start as soon as she heard the facilities had started creating artificial snow.

Northville High School freshmen Danielle Matley, Gabby Mortimer and Ashley Alcorn were among the

GETTING THE GEAR

For increased protection from the risks of snowboarding, the Northville Parks and Recreation Department has made mandatory some of the safety equipment.

"It's not fun to call a parent from the mountain and say your kid's hurt," said ski club coordinator Steven Holman. While ski injuries tend to be to the knees and hips, snowboarders more often hurt their face and wrists, he said.

Among the gear the club members wear:

- Board and boots
- Jacket and snow pants
- Gloves and neck warmer
- Wrist guards (mandatory three years ago)
- Helmet (mandatory effective 2005)

three busloads of students who snowboarded last weekend. The trio of friends tried not to miss a trip since the season began the first week in December, Matley said. Saturday night, she said, "the snow was really good."

In this, her fourth year as a mem-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

With snowboards in hand, members of the Northville Ski Club walk to their J.R. Charter Service buses to go to

ber of the Northville Parks and Recreation ski club, Matley said she has watched more and more of her peers join in, as well as the shift to snowboards from skis.

"It was really small in the sixth grade," she said. "It's gotten really big."

Naszradi said she too joined her fellow club members every Friday and Saturday that her schedule, and

transportation arrangements, allowed. Still honing her technique, she said, "on the really steep hills, it's harder to carve. If you catch your edge, you flip down the hill."

"Especially falling on your butt, that hurts the most. Watching your friends flip around is pretty funny."

The recreation department has a system to keep track of the youngsters, as well as their ability. As they

purchase their lift or tow ticket, they must show the back of their club card, Holman explained. The number of lessons indicates their skill level, therefore determines the hill difficulty to which they will be able to purchase access.

The staffs at Brighton and Alpine facilities compliment the local youngsters, Holman said. "We have some great kids. Northville kids are great to work with."

"That's the only reason I do this," he added. "I love this club. I put my heart into this thing."

The dad first got involved with the club through his own children's membership 20 years ago, he said. They filled a rented U-Haul cube van to the roof with skis. Now, 70 percent of the club members snowboard, he estimated.

Snowboarding is strenuous exercise, Holman said. "They're in their hoodies and you'll think they're going to freeze," he said. "They have big smiles on their faces. They are fun kids to watch."

Recreation supervisor Nichole Passmore said Holman came to the rescue of the club this summer by hiring JR Charters of Novi to provide motorcoaches when the department got word it no longer could

rent public school buses. "The club was in danger of becoming extinct," she said.

The luxury travel bumped the club price \$20 to \$135 for the 15-trip season. Tow and lift tickets cost approximately \$20 each outing.

Two weeks ago marked the largest night of attendance yet, Holman said, with more than 165 teens boarding buses to head for the hills. "We always have a great turnout," Holman said. By the season's end, he estimated the department will have sold 1,800 lift and tow tickets.

Motorcoaches have promptly rolled from the Hillside Recreation Center parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Six hours later — four of them on snow — club members climbed into their parents' vehicle at 11:30 p.m.

"You would think they would be quiet," Holman said. But the excitement on the way to the mountains is matched on the way home by the exhilaration of the exercise.

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

ESSAY CONTEST: The Michigan Council for History Education, in cooperation with the Michigan Humanities Council, is holding a student-essay contest now through April 17. The contest is for students in grades 4-12 and the theme is "Brown v. Board of Education: A 50th Anniversary Reflection." Using appropriate research techniques, the 1,000 words or fewer essay should discuss the importance of the Brown decision and its ongoing significance. The essays will be judged on creativity and originality; use of historical documents and events; thoughtful responses to theme; and clear and effective presentation of ideas. The original and two copies must be submitted by April 17 to the Michigan Humanities Council's Lansing office. Contest guidelines and entry forms may be obtained by visiting people.mich.edu/rolwell, e-mailing cameronmj@saline.k12.mi.us or calling (734) 429-8030.

ALL NIGHT PARTY: Parents working on the All Night Party for the Class of 2004 received a boost from Bill Hahn of Franklin Properties after he donated space for party preparations at his company's property on Seven Mile Road. Parents will work in the space formerly occupied by Rite-Aid Drug Store planning the event. The All Night Party follows the June 5 graduation ceremony, providing a safe and fun option for graduating seniors. Each year, almost 90 percent of

the senior class attends. Parents spend most of the year planning the party and constructing decorations. Parents of seniors wishing to purchase a ticket for the event should call Fran Oakland at (248) 344-2872.

ACT NEWS: The registration postmark deadline for the April 3 ACT is Feb. 27. The late registration postmark deadline is March 12 although an additional fee will be required. The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what students learn in high school and the skills required for success in college. The exam fee is \$26. For more information, including registration forms and test locations, visit www.act.org or speak with an appropriate guidance counselor. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

CHILD RAISING PROGRAM: Rosalind Wiseman will present the lecture Raising a Morally Courageous Child 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 17 inside the Hillside Middle School Auditorium, 775 N. Center St. Wiseman is the author of "Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends and Other Realities of Adolescence" and co-founded The Empower Program, a non-profit organization empowering youth to stop the culture of violence. The event is free and open to

the public. The program is offered through the Northville Youth Assistance, Northville Public Schools and the Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools PTSA's.

PROMINENT SPEAKER: Dr. Ray Guarendi presents the lecture, Teen Raising, Hair Raising from 7 to 8:30 p.m. tonight in the Northville High School Forum. The guest speaker is the father of 10 and been a regular guest on national radio and television including "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "CBS This Morning." He is also the author of "You're a Better Parent Than You Think" and "Back to the Family." Guarendi will share some comical insights and practical advice on raising teenagers. The program is sponsored by the Northville High School PTSA and admission is free. For more information, call Cathy at (248) 348-4238.

HELP! Hillside Middle School seeks volunteers for the Hillside Carnival, the school's largest fundraiser of the year. Workers, items for the bake sale, items for the silent auction and committee chairs are needed. The actual event takes place March 26, but volunteer response is desired by Feb. 16. For more information, call Lisa at (248) 345-5431.


MOTHERS' CLUB: Members of the Mothers' Club of Northville invite area residents to Hands to the Future, an auction and strolling din-

ner benefiting Northville school children. The event will take place 6:30-11:30 p.m. March 6 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile Road. Special performances by the Northville High School Jazz Band and The Shawn Riley Band will highlight the evening. Dress is business casual and a cash bar will be offered. RSVP

is required by Feb. 21 and tickets are \$65 per person. Make checks payable to Mothers' Club of Northville, 350 Orchard, Northville 48167.

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.



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Seven Mile 'as-is' land deal raises questions

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site investigation, and uneasy observation by Northville Township neighbors. And representatives of both developers that stepped up this week raised doubts that the third time would be a charm.

"It will be interesting to see what the state will do over the next week," said David Pawlaczyk of Mocer. The state's deadline is Feb. 17 to resolve bidder exceptions and notify the winning bidder. A bid awarded would commence the selected developer's due diligence opportunity, through May 17. The state also is providing an option to purchase an additional 30 days to investigate, with a targeted final closing date of July 16.

Eight companies took the state up on its Jan. 22 invitation to visit the former hospital site, a combination of dense woodlands, rolling hills and abandoned buildings, west of Haggerty Road, east of Northville Road, and bordered along the north by Seven Mile. Pawlaczyk, Mocer's due diligence and proposal assembly guy, attended on behalf of Wyndam's Herbert Lawson, and Peter Burton and Robert Katzman. Most of the developers already had seen the site during previous bid rounds, Pawlaczyk said.

The Wyndam/Mocer/Burton Katzman bid is contingent on the group's ability to agree with the township on a mutually ben-

Township carefully watching former hospital property bids unfold

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Several camps await state budget officials' response to bids on the former state psychiatric hospital on Seven Mile Road. Representatives from the two groups that bid on the 415-acre site

Wyndam/Mocer/Burton-Katzman at \$71.1 million and Rock Construction/Camelot Ventures at \$65.5 million

said they were aware that the Northville Township Planning Commission has taken

under advisement a plan to revise the Seven Mile property's current zoning from the Planned Use Development,

which permits a mix of commercial and residential development, to R-1, which calls for single-family housing.

"If that is successful, it will even further reduce the marketability of the property," said David Pawlaczyk of Mocer. The

official proposal, Pawlaczyk said. The density and type of development they allow will determine whether their bid is feasible or should be adjusted accordingly, he said.

The Mocer representative said he was familiar with earlier-round bids for the site accepted, then subsequently withdrawn — Real Estate Interests Group of Bloomfield Hills at \$76.5 million and Grand/Sakwa of Farmington Hills at \$76 mil-

lion. They realized the price they pledged was too high relative to the type of development the township would allow, on top of the investment required to prepare the site for development, he said.

To bring the site to residential standards, the combined costs of demolition, environmental cleanup and asbestos abatement could top \$12 million, Pawlaczyk said. "There's a lot of work to be done on it"

township has to be willing to negotiate upward for their current position." Some commercial designation is a vital component of the property, he said.

"The township has a couple of options — stand their ground, or downzone it," Pawlaczyk said. If the sale is postponed, the former hospital property will only continue to become an eyesore and liability.

"It's something I don't think anyone wants."

The planning commission at its Feb. 3 meeting tabled the Seven Mile Road property re-zoning after listening to several residents speak on the topic and fielding more than a dozen letters in favor of single-family residential zoning. The commission has the option at the March meeting to take action on the matter or again table it, Township Manager Chip Snider said.

"We're not concerned about who bids," he said. "We're concerned about their future expectations for development."

Township leaders in 2002 designated the area for planned-use-development in an effort to provide some flexibility in working with a prospective developer. Subsequent proposals that far exceeded the commercial

and residential density they envisioned forced the township board to revisit their concept plan. The leaders have concurred in recent meetings they might be willing to forego the revenue stream from a mixed use — including an expanded commercial tax base — in order to prevent too much construction in too limited an area.

"I think the majority of residents would be comfortable with R-1 in that it provides large, open lots," Snider said. "That would assure the development would not be too dense."

The township manager echoed comments by local leaders that they would like to hear original options for the site. Senior citizen housing, for example, would be a more dense development than single-family housing, but would not impact the school system with an influx of young children.

"Let's use our imaginations to serve the township well, while meeting the needs of the developer," Snider said.

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David Pawlaczyk
Mocer of Auburn Hills

describe the conditions his company attached to the Monday bid. It will be up to the budget department officials if they want to proceed with either of the two proposals, he said.

"We said there are certain things that need to be cleaned up," Cohen said. The township's plan to rezone the property needs to be factored in, he said.

"Clearly, commercial property is a higher value per acre," Cohen said. Without commercial designation, the value further depreciates. "We're just sort of waiting for the state's response."

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Still in love after 50 years

WEDDINGS

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

What's the secret to a life of love?

It was companionship, commitment and camaraderie — rather than chocolates, lingerie or flowers — that lifelong lovers described as part of their Valentine's Day plans.

Three local couples who recently celebrated more than 50 years of marriage shared their plans for Saturday's sentimental holiday. The husbands and wives will be by their spouse's side at a restaurant, under a doctor's care, and with the rest of the family.

Douglas and Elaine Wendrick of South Lyon, who celebrated their 50th anniversary Jan. 30, are planning to share a candlelit dinner. "We like to go out to a nice little restaurant and have an intimate dinner," Elaine said. "It's such a simple thing really. We're just kind of simple people."

The couple regularly dines by candlelight, often to romantic crooners such as Nat King Cole, Elaine said. Their cozy Valentine dinner continues a long-established tradition.

"We've loved one another for 50 years, one week and one day," Douglas said. "Our romance is

The couples who have spent more than 50 holidays of hearts and lace laughed when asked how do they do it.

"We can't believe it," Elaine Wendrick said of her 50-year marriage to Douglas. "It's gone by so fast."

"You just have to have a good sense of humor. You have to really care about each other."

Their life together is a collection of memories, Douglas said. "Every marriage has its ups and downs," the South Lyon couple said. "Raising kids, finances, health."

"We've had a lot of love and support from our children," Elaine added. "The love and support from our family is so important."

Joe Sedgewick suggested treating your spouse to an outing, to Toronto or Chicago, for example. "Go have a nice dinner, have a romantic time," he said. "Do that every year, that'd be nice."

Joe and his wife Pat marked their 50th anniversary Dec. 5. But it was not a simple milestone for the Northville couple. "We celebrated all last year," Pat said.

Julius Saner of Northville added his advice. "Marriage is not a 50-50 thing." He and wife Marjorie celebrated 52 years of marriage in November. "Sometimes it's 30-70. Sometimes, the other way around."

"It takes a lot of love and understanding on both parts."

still together after 50 years."

One year they substituted for their intimate dinner attending the Valentine's Day wedding of one of their grandchildren. "That was very special," Elaine said.

Joe and Pat Sedgewick of Northville this Saturday will be spending their own once-in-a-lifetime holiday together.

Husband will be at his wife Pat's side as she recuperates after heart surgery at Providence Hospital this week.

"I might still be there on Valentine's Day," Pat said. The couple, who celebrated their 50th anniversary Dec. 5, was upbeat about the 98 percent success-rate procedure.

In fact, five family members preparing for Sedgewick's surgery dined Sunday at the New Peking Restaurant in Novi. They laughed together, Pat said, when she opened her fortune cookie, which read, "You will have a change of heart."

Marjorie and Julius Saner of Northville, who celebrated their anniversary Nov. 27, this Saturday will count their 52nd official Valentine's Day together. Last weekend, the couple's children and grandchildren combined a celebration of the holiday and Marjorie's Feb. 7 birthday.

"We just had a real nice dinner," Julius said. "We made Valentine's Day and this day all in one."

But Feb. 14 will not go unnoticed, he said. "We won't forget Marj on Valentine's Day — no way."

"[The children] probably will have some surprise," Saner said. "I'm sure they're going to do something with us."

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Natalie Superfisky and Craig Saline were married Aug. 30 at the Church of the Holy Family. Father John Budde officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of James and Karin Superfisky of Novi. She is a graduate of Northville High School and Oakland University. She is currently employed at Harman/Becker Automotive.

The groom is the son of Theresa Saline of Plymouth and Alan Saline of Longwood, Fla. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and is currently employed as an Automotive Packaging Engineer.

Kristi Klemmer served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Allison Superfisky, Jaime Superfisky, Beth Superfisky, Carolyn Saline, Holly Moesher, and Kelly Saline. Riley Bosch served as the flower girl.

Chris Saline served as best man. Groomsmen were Tim



Superfisky-Saline

Cansfield, Chris Garyet, Jason Began, Mike Patori, Myles Graybil, and Jason Smith. Beau Bosch served as ring bearer.

A reception was held at Links at Pinewood. The couple honeymooned on St. Lucia.

Hotels offer Valentine's packages

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Looking for a romantic getaway with your sweetheart this Valentine's Day weekend?

Look no further. Several of Novi's hotels are offering special promotions for this special weekend for couples.

Hampton Inn, 20600 Haggerty Road, offers discounted room rates from Feb. 8-16 in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, has a "Romance Package" every weekend. The package includes overnight accommodations; a manager's reception, which is a cocktail reception from 5 to 7 p.m. each evening; dinner for two at the No. VI Chop House & Lobster Bar; and a bottle of champagne.

The Valentine's Day package includes overnight accommodations and a dozen roses placed in

your room prior to arrival.

Dinner reservations are full at the hotel restaurant for Valentine's night, but couples can still order dinner through room service.

The DoubleTree Hotel, 2700 Sheraton Drive, has a "Sweet Romance Getaway." The package includes a deluxe room with a king-sized bed; a bottle of wine or sparkling cider; a red rose; dinner and breakfast for two and a in-room movie. Rooms are still available.

Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road, has a "Romance Package" that includes overnight accommodations, a bottle of wine, a cheese tray, full breakfast for two, a 4 p.m. checkout and an upgrade to the hotel's private Club Floor. As of Tuesday, 40 rooms were still available.

Courtyard by Marriott, 42700 Eleven Mile Road, has two weekend packages available for couples. One provides overnight

accommodations and breakfast for two. Another offers overnight accommodations, breakfast for two and two movie passes for the nearby Novi Town Center Theater.

Residence Inn by Marriott, 27477 Cabaret Drive, is offering a one-bedroom or studio suite at a discounted rate. The normal weekend rate applies for the two-bedroom suite.

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Haggerty Road, has a "Romance Package" that provides overnight accommodations and breakfast for two. The hotel, which features a pool and hot tub, will also provide a box of chocolates if couples mention the "Romance Package" when making reservations.

Wynham Garden Hotel at Novi, 42100 Crescent Blvd., offers overnight accommodations that include breakfast for two.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BID PROPOSAL SERVERS AND WORKSTATIONS

The Charter Township of Northville is accepting sealed bids for workstations and servers to be purchased in 2004.

Three (3) copies of the sealed bid should be submitted to Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, Charter Township of Northville, 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167 by 11:00 a.m., Local Time, Thursday, February 26, 2004. The bids will be publicly opened at this time. Proposals must contain the wording "Servers and Workstations 2004" on the outside envelope/package.

A Vendor's conference will not be held for this project. For a copy of the Request for Proposal, please visit the link below. If you have not previously registered with this site, you will need to do so to access the files. <http://www.plante-moran.com/services/mcs/rfp/>

You may contact Pamela Hasan at Plante & Moran, PLLC, 248-223-3415 if you have additional questions.

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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.

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INVITATION TO BID ALLEN TERRACE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CITY OF NORTHVILLE WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Northville, Michigan for the construction of the Allen Terrace Parking Lot Improvement Project, a Unit Price contract. Sealed proposals must be submitted to the office of the City Clerk located in the Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167 at or before 11:00 a.m., prevailing local time, on Thursday, March 11, 2004, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The contract includes the removal and replacement of asphalt curb and pavement, along with various related work items, for an existing parking lot approximately 6,000 SY in size. The complete description of work is shown in the contract documents. Contract documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

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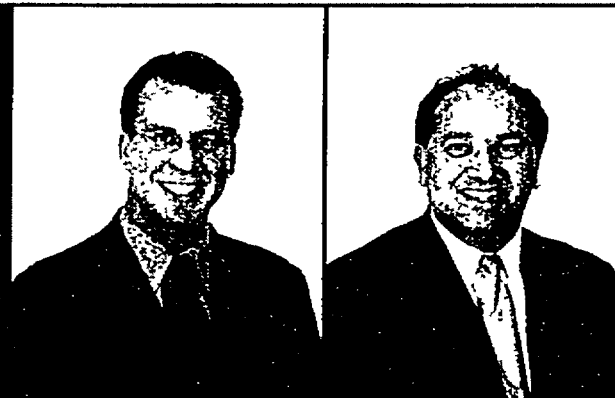
Contract documents, including the plans, specifications and proposal forms for the Allen Terrace Parking Lot Improvement Project may be obtained after February 9, 2004 from McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc. at 37741 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan, 48152. A non-refundable payment in the amount of \$25 is required for each set of contract documents. Payment for contract documents shall be made by check, payable to McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc. Contract documents can be shipped U.P.S. ground service for an additional charge of \$5 for shipping and handling. Plans will not be shipped after March 5, 2004.

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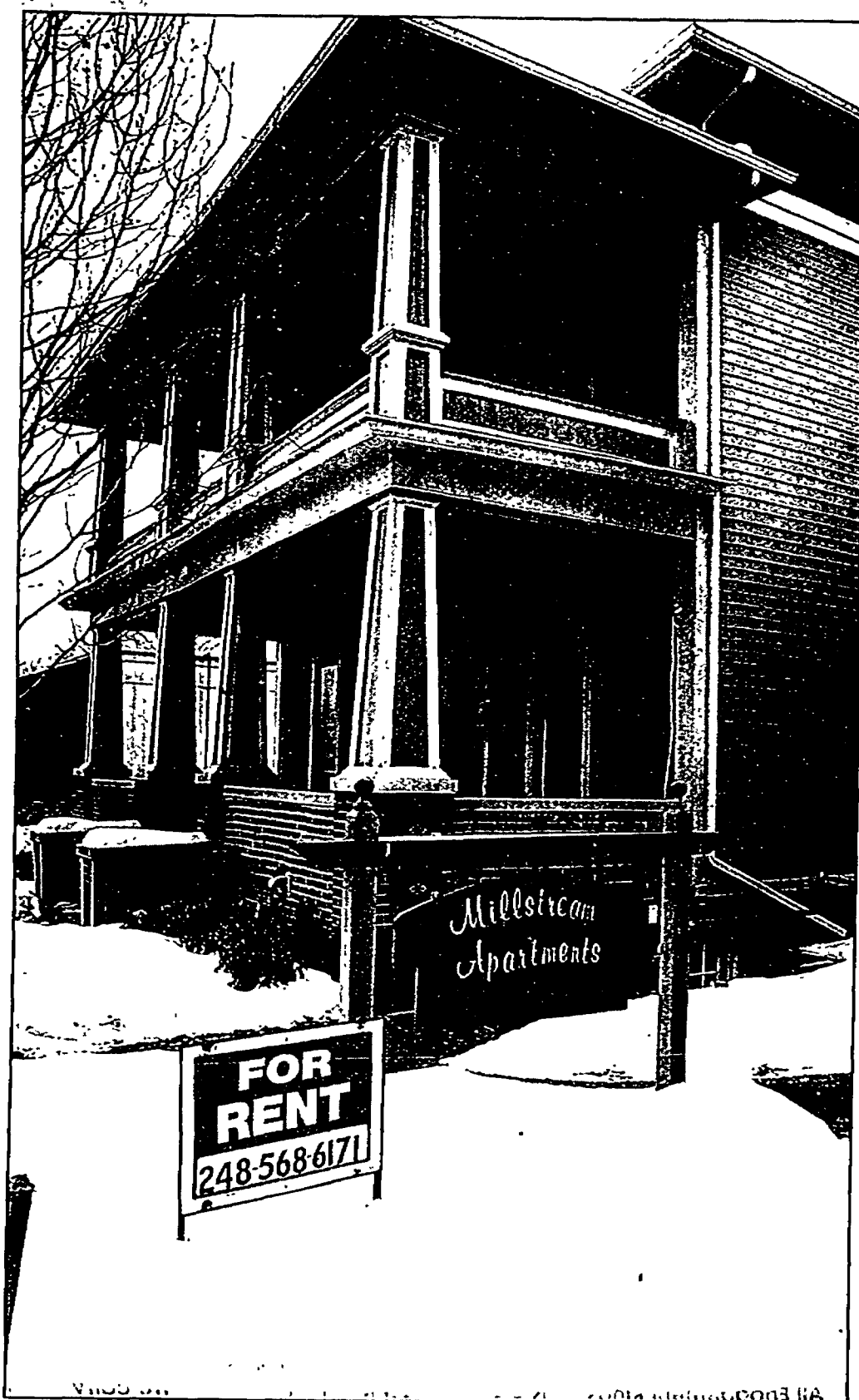


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Apartment inspections get mixed reactions



The city of Northville is reconsidering its zoning laws for apartments buildings. Millstream Apartments have two buildings side-by-side along South Main Street in Northville near Griswold.

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

City officials described a tenant — fearing eviction — keeping quiet about unkempt conditions. Landlords described potentially costly, discriminatory and subjective control.

Northville building inspector Rick Starling said he would relay to the city administration and council the comments from Monday night's meeting about a new rental property inspection program. Property owner Dave Johnson summed it up: "The bottom line is we don't want it."

Seven landlords joined meeting hosts Starling and fire chief James Allen, who led 90 minutes of discussion of the 14 pages of draft ordinance, and residential and commercial inspection checklists.

A proposed rental inspection program would ask for checks on hot and cold running water, too many plugs in one outlet, proper sewage disposal, operational windows, among other conditions. Starling said this initial City Hall meeting was an information-gathering session to help with developing rules to ensure proper conditions of Northville rental properties.

"The intent is to find conditions before they become issues," Starling said.

City representatives have discussed for years implementing rules governing rental properties, said city manager Gary Word. The current draft program proposes an actual inspection on a regular basis of all rental properties, old, new, single-family, multi-family.

Starling estimated Northville's

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Rick Starling
Northville building inspector

"We're not trying to run anyone out of town or get rid of rentals. We're trying to make the city safer."

Jim Allen
Northville fire chief

rental units at approximately 200, including multi-apartment buildings to historic homes for one family. "Many cities are starting to bring rental inspections up-to-speed," he said.

Northville's proposal is similar to other communities' programs, Word said. Depending on the circumstance, they serve to protect the landlords — if the building is well-maintained — or the tenants — if it is not.

"It's either loved or hated by one or both," Word said.

The landlords' consensus question was about the necessity for regulation in addition to the

city's existing property maintenance code. "You can't rent in Northville for under \$600 to 700," said property owner Toni Genitti. People will not rent a place if the conditions are unsatisfactory, her peers agreed.

Northville is "average" for a city in the number of rental units, Word said. There was not a particular incident that prompted firming the program, he said, but the city has fielded complaints in the past, about sanitary conditions, for example.

"We've really had no way to gain access," Word said. "We have nothing to go on right now."

There also was a common concern about the perception of discrimination. Rentals are necessary, affordable housing to allow all types of people to live in Northville, said John Kaloustian.

"We're not trying to run anyone out of town or get rid of rentals," Allen said. "We're trying to make the city safer."

A glut of rentals could hit the market if a program imposes guidelines too strict, the landlords concurred. Potential fees connected to the inspections were another concern.

The proposed rules would cover commercial leases as well as home rentals, Starling said. An inspector might check for leaks, make sure smoke alarms are operating, or make sure gas cans are not stored near the hot water heater. "Much of it is general common sense," Starling said.


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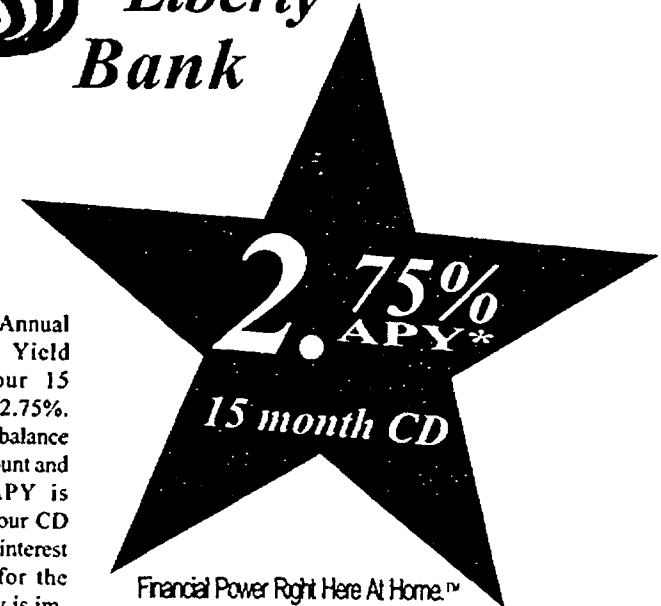
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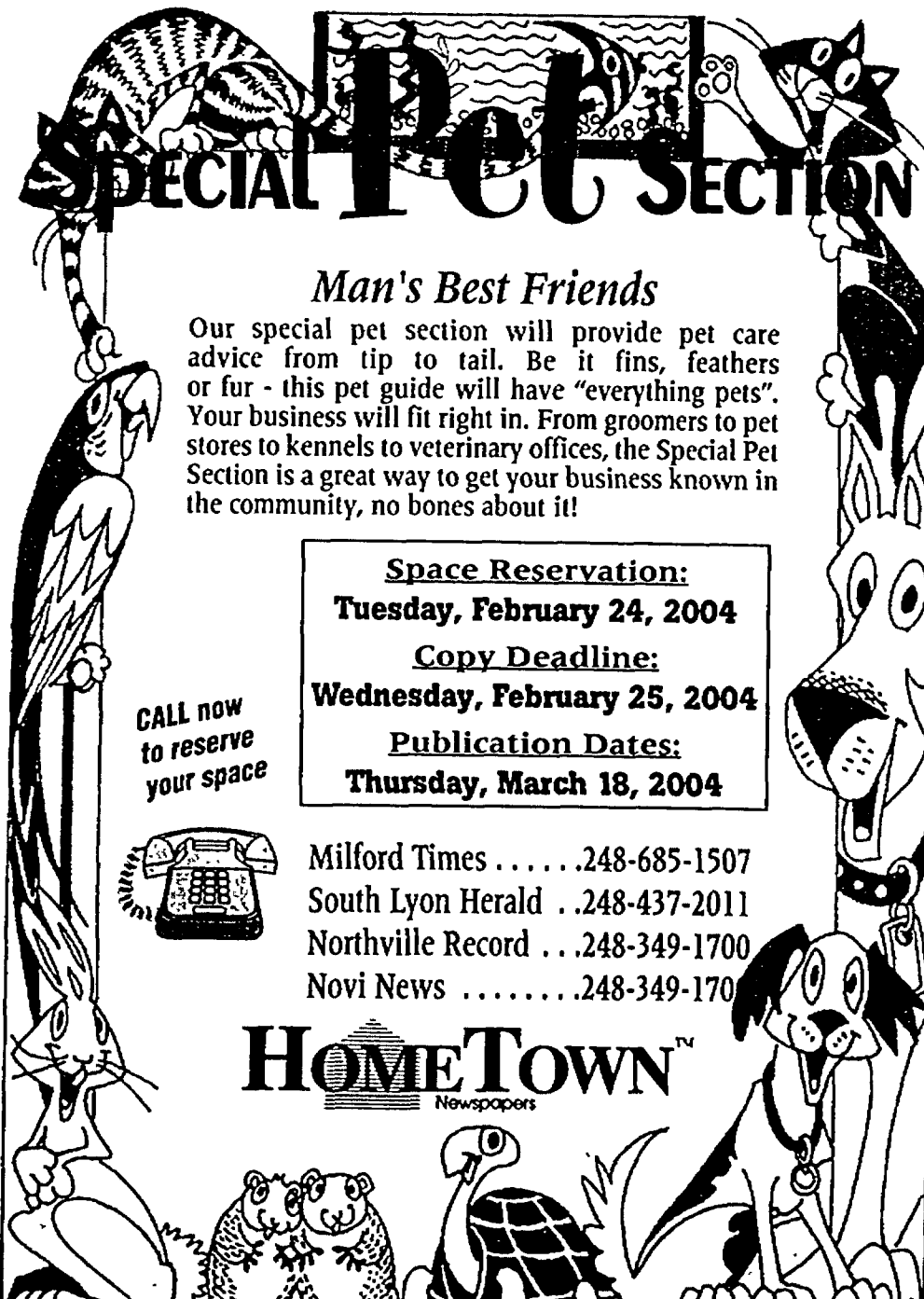
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Hands-on science helps students learn



photo by VICTORIA SADLOCHA

Ridge Wood Elementary second-grade students Micaela Petrucci (left) and Emily Mosteller experiment with levers during a visit from the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum.

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

What is the secret of simple machines?

Ms. Zeeman's second grade class knows the answer — they lighten the load.

"Simple machines are supposed to make work easier," said Greta Gesme Wicker, Ann Arbor Hands on Museum outreach specialist.

Many classes at Ridge Wood Elementary learned all about pulleys, ropes, wheels, axles, inclined planes and levers during a Feb. 9 visit from the mobile Ann Arbor Hands on Museum.

"This is absolutely perfect," Zeeman said. "This could not be better."

The second grade teacher explained the students are in the process of learning how things move and are advancing into learning about simple machines.

Throughout the day, different Ridge Wood classes learned through experimentation how exactly levers work.

Hypothesizing with the three parts — the load, effort and fulcrum — the students learned how mixing it up helps tasks become easier.

After all, it was by moving the fulcrum closer to the load that made it less of an effort for second grade student Jamie Lee to lift her teacher off the ground.

Zeeman's students also worked hard in groups determining how many weights placed on one end of a miniature level would lift the other while simultaneously placing the fulcrum in or near the middle.

"I like putting the washers on the end," said second-grade student Emily Mosteller.

Mosteller and her partner, Micaela Petrucci had lots of fun while learning some great lessons.

Another favorite topic during the program was inclined planes.

The petite crowd was fascinated when finding out where many different forms of planes may be found.

"A screw is just an inclined plane that has been wrapped around something," Wicker said.

The museum specialist explained the top of a baby food jar is also made of planes.

"So next time you're at home and you see a jar, ask your friends and family if it is an inclined plane and see if you can trick them," she said.

The assembly was made possible by the Ridge Wood Elementary Junior Enrichment Series.

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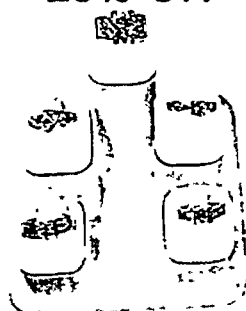
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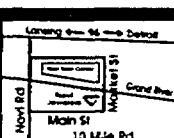
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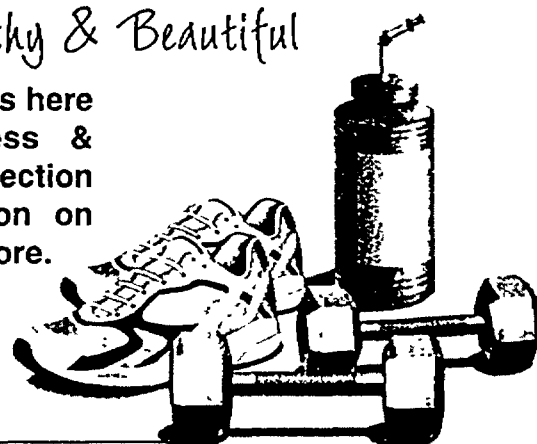
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This year, it's all about jobs

Although it's still cold outside, things are getting hotter by the day in Lansing.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm submits her proposed budget for the state of Michigan this week. The administration hasn't had the forethought to provide me with an early copy... but it's clear enough from leaks this week and from her State of the State



Phil Power

speech what the main emphasis will be: jobs.

The opening sentence in the State of the State speech on Jan. 27 was forthright: "The State of the State tonight is one of total determination: Michigan will attract and

keep good jobs." With Michigan's unemployment rate at 7.2 percent, manufacturing jobs still evaporating (they're down nearly 200,000 over the past three years) and a prospective state budget deficit for the next fiscal year estimated at \$1 billion, Granholm is facing a big problem, and she doesn't have much maneuvering room.

But the governor has produced some interesting ideas already.

Calling for interest-free loans for college students who study technical fields and engineering and who agree to stay in Michigan after they graduate until the loans are paid off is one first-class thought.

Birmingham's Tom Anderson, director of Oakland County's Automation Alley, approves, saying the plan would assure young companies a supply of highly-trained workers and emphasize Michigan's commitment to a high-tech economy.

I agree; our universities produce very talented technical graduates, but too many leave for greener pastures. We need their highly-developed skills right here at home.

In indirect response to reflexive calls from some Republican legislators and the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce for yet more tax cuts, Granholm posed this question: what business would choose to locate and stay in a state that guts its education funding and tolerates rising health care costs, streets with potholes, contaminated lakes and rivers and dangerous criminals released early from prison? Does anybody really believe that a marginal cut in taxes for Michigan businesses is really going to overcome a \$10 to \$15 per hour wage differential with Chinese or Indian competitors? Pleeese!

Perhaps the most interesting initiative was headlined: "Develop a 21st Century Workforce: No Worker Left Behind." Granholm pointed out that Michigan businesses need a high and consistent stock of highly skilled human capital. "In the last century, businesses came to Michigan looking for strong backs," the governor pointed out.

"Today, they also need strong minds ready for continuous learning, skilled hands and an ethic of excellence."

She proposes to "completely re-engineer workforce training in Michigan" to make sure that everybody looking for a job, young or old, will be trained in the skills

employers need now. She cited development of a Regional Skills Alliance in Flint, where a coalition of business, labor, education and community groups identified a shortage of skilled health care workers. The Alliance steers unemployed workers to training and jobs in health care, while at the same time helping local hospitals hire first-class medical workers.

David Hollister, director of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, is supposed to create 12 such "skills alliances" across the state.

Astute readers will be quick to see the contrast between Granholm's job growth proposals — necessarily inexpensive, but at least strategic — and the tactical maneuvers being made by President Bush in his State of the Union speech last month. Facing increasing criticism at the loss of 2 million manufacturing jobs over the past two years and an economic recovery that is so far largely jobless, the President pro-

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They love (hate?) him in Hamtramck

Last week, as politicians seeking the presidency crisscrossed Michigan, Lou Schimmel, who has more power in a smaller space than any of them ever will, paused to look forward to the day he could give up his.

Nearly four years ago, he was named Emergency Financial Manager of perennially fiscally troubled Hamtramck, a tiny city long famous as a Polish cultural



Jack Lessenberry

enclave, a place with more color, history and irresponsible politicians than most.

The "EFM" has been there ever since, in complete control of the city finances. Men in union jackets curse his name in city bars. So

do the politicians — though most will admit that the place was a fiscal mess, and bringing an economic dictator then was, damn it, probably necessary. But that was the fault of all those other guys, they add, and it is high time the man they call "Oscar Schimmel" was sent packing.

Nothing doing, says their emergency financial manager. Not yet. "The fact is that I would be happy to finish this task. I am planning on being out of here by the end of the year. But my first condition is that the mayor and the council and the unions independently adopt a balanced budget — and show good faith that they'll live up to it."

That has been the problem for a long time. Time was when you could spend a lifetime in Hamtramck and never need a word of English. John Paul II came here, as have

acres of presidential hopefuls courting the national Polish vote. Hamtramckans were solid people who crowded into tiny frame houses and mostly worked at the huge Dodge Main auto factory.

They kept the streets tidy and paid their bills. But the city often didn't. Squabbling politicians who couldn't get along or balance a budget have been as much a part of Hamtramck's history as the enormous jelly doughnuts called paczki.

Scandals were common in the old days; and at least one mayor was trundled off to jail. But in the old days, there was always lots of tax revenue from Dodge Main and prosperous auto workers. But the great plant closed in 1980, and the city's fortunes have been drifting, mostly downwards, ever since. Four years ago, things came to a head.

Michigan cities are required by law to balance their budgets. Despite the national prosperity, Hamtramck, which has 23,000 people, less than half its population in its "glory days," was running a \$2.9 million deficit.

Exasperated, the state, after repeated warnings, took over the city. Now 66, Schimmel, who had absolutely no ties to Hamtramck, was starting to ease out of the public bond business when he got a call. Would he consider becoming what amounted to the czar of Hamtramck, with total financial powers? That was on a Wednesday night.

"They wanted me to start Friday. That may have been crazy, but I love a challenge." So he did. The place where his tidy office is today was a derelict room in a long-abandoned hospital turned city hall, littered with what pigeons produce.

He took immediate control. "Yes, I fired people. I eliminated positions. We had early retirements. I had to get the place's financial house in order."

On the streets and in the tough union bars, he became the most hated man on the planet. Noticing he had a German-sounding

name, there were the inevitable Nazi jokes. Yet the garbage was getting picked up again.

Gary Zych, then the mayor, was a particular foe. He was essentially disenfranchised, as were the five city councilmen. For some months the EFM stopped paying their salaries. They battled him tooth and nail, but he had the power and the purse. Campaigning largely against

Schimmel, Zych was reelected — by five votes — in 2002. But last November, he lost to a tavern owner, Tom Jankowski, who pledged to try for better relations with Schimmel "since he is going to be leaving."

Or maybe not. The EFM, never one to mince words, says the new mayor is a vast improvement over the old one. But the problem, as he sees it, is not personality, but form of government. The city has long had a weak mayor and no city manager, and consequently, nobody has overall responsibility.

"What Hamtramck needs is either a strong mayor or a city manager." Last fall, a new city charter that would have provided

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Schools are in a can't-win situation

NEWS FLASH!

On the Northville High School track team this year, coaches are implementing a new policy with their high-jumpers. It requires that each jumper clear the crossbar by a greater margin every time a jump is made.



Chris C. Davis

Even a kid who clears 6 feet, 9 inches will be asked to make 6 feet, 10 inches the next time she lines up. Tougher yet, not getting over that 6-10 mark will set into motion a series of events which will a) have the coach

labeled as a failure, and b) force bureaucrats in from outside organizations to manage the team so that it *does* get over the hump. (Okay, I lied. This *isn't* happening with the track team. That's complete baloney, and any athlete thinking of retrofitting their Nikes with bedsprings can relax.)

Unfortunately, that same standard is exactly what's going on in the classrooms of the Northville school district — and I'm not making that up.

What's happening is the ill effect of the No Child Left Behind policy conjured up in Washington a few years ago. Thanks to the program — which, anyone with an IQ over 5 knows has fundamentally good intentions — school districts are being made to improve each and every year the No Child Left Behind plan is in place, until the entire district is at 100 percent compliance.

A bad idea? Hardly. Everyone wants their children to attend schools where excellence is both demanded and achieved. And if you took a straw poll of parents who've moved into the Northville school district in the last 10 years, I'm willing to bet the overwhelming majority of them said the quality of education in Northville was at least a *part* of their decision to make a home where they did.

But here's the problem: things get tougher and tougher each year that goes by. As demands on the district get all the more stringent, the need to keep that standard in place goes up, too.

I feel for folks like school district superintendent Leonard Reznierski and assistant superintendent Casey Reason, who have done their best on their own to make sure that no child is left behind. They're now saddled with a suffocating standard that stands to place incredible pressure on the district, supplied by a bureaucracy that will rubberstamp "FAILING" on Northville's schools the moment a dip from 98 percent compliance to 97.7 percent is spotted.

There's a quality education to be gotten here in Northville, and I'm sure students who've come through the Northville program over the last decade and beyond are realizing the benefits later in life. I'm concerned that in the zeal to make sure no student is left behind, that certain school districts — like Northville — will be.

If that isn't unfortunate, I don't know what is.

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WHAT: To discover, collect, observe, advance and disseminate knowledge of history of the Northville Region. The group's focal point is Mill Race Historical Village.
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WHEN: The group meets every third Monday, except in January, July and August.

CONTACT: Phoebe Huff
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Center Street accident



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Northville City Fire and Rescue personnel carry a two-car accident victim to an awaiting stretcher after a Monday morning collision at the corner of Center and Eight Mile Road.

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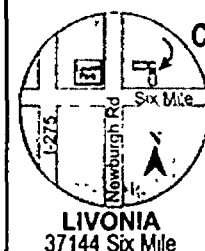
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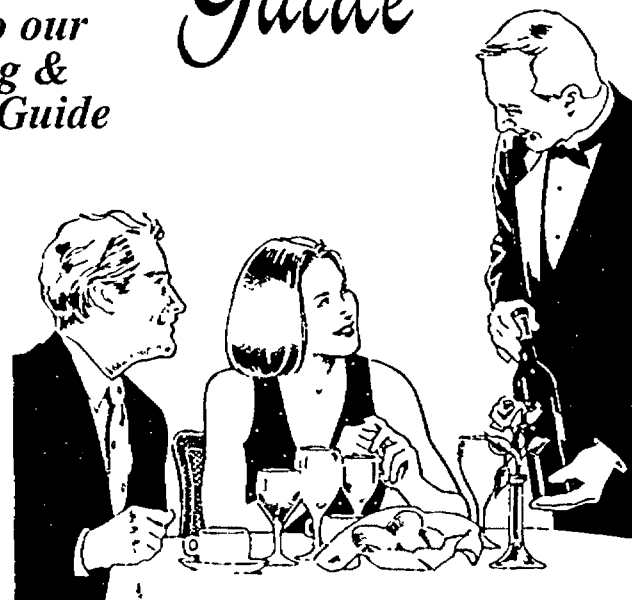
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posed a \$250 million job-training program for community colleges to train laid-off workers.

In a previous life, I served for nearly a decade as chair of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council, so I've been over this ground a fair amount. There is no doubt that community colleges are great places to provide up-to-date training for workers; they're flexible, demand-driven, often entrepreneurial.

But \$250 million for the 1,200 community colleges around the country comes to around \$208,000 for each college, which would be just a drop in the bucket for community colleges in Michigan whose state funding has been slashed by 15 percent — millions — over the past two years.

I'd add two other points, both related to the old saw about the proof of the pudding being in the eating:

(1) President Bush announced — with great fanfare — 18 months ago the creation of a manufacturing czar position in the Commerce Department, an idea pushed by freshman U. S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia). That position is still unfilled.

(2) The Bush Administration early on tried to eliminate something called Manufacturing Extension Partnerships, which are based on the successful model of the agricultural extension service.

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center in Plymouth, whose mission is to help small manufacturers develop more efficient systems and train high-tech workers, was one of the targets. Thanks to senators from both parties, the MEPs still survive ... but only barely.

If this state is going to truly compete in the coming century, we are going to have to do a lot better than this.

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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COMMUNITY EVENTS

• THIS WEEK •

Northville Senior Center Telephone Reassurance program

DATE: Ongoing
LOCATION: Northville Senior Center (215 W. Cady)
TIME: Variable
DETAILS: Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to check on their well-being or just to hear a friendly voice. Participants must give their approval before signing up for the free-of-charge program.
PHONE: (248) 349-4140

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

Vibrant Living health seminar — blood reports

DATE: Feb. 12
LOCATION: Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School / Church (15585 Haggerty Road)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Results of tests administered on Feb. 8 will be discussed.
PHONE: (248) 349-5683

Northville Chamber of Commerce business info exchange

DATE: Feb. 13, March 12
LOCATION: Northville Chamber of Commerce (195 S. Main Street)
TIME: 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

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DETAILS: The free networking opportunity is limited to 12 participants.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

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

ACT preparation seminar

DATE: Feb. 17
LOCATION: Northville High School, Room 188 (45700 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Preparation for the college entrance exam will include a practice mini-test and

the offering of test-taking strategies. Participants should bring a calculator. Registration is required.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203

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

• COMING UP •

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 Striani will be speaking on "firehouse cooking."
PHONE: (248) 349-5446

Vibrant Living health seminar — nutrition and cooking

DATE: Feb. 22
LOCATION: Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School / Church (15585 Haggerty Road)
TIME: 2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Healthy cooking and nutrition will be discussed.
PHONE: (248) 349-5683

Johnson Creek Protection Group volunteer rally / informational meeting

DATE: Feb. 23
LOCATION: Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
DETAILS: Persons interested in assisting with cleaning and preserving the Johnson Creek should attend. Dave Dempsey, policy advisor for the Michigan Environmental Council, will be the event's guest speaker.
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Free church concert — Joseph Palazzolo

DATE: Feb. 29
LOCATION: St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (201 Elm Street)
TIME: 4 p.m.
DETAILS: Palazzolo is a native Detroit pianist and has performed in the metro Detroit area for several years.
PHONE: (248) 349-4140

Friends of Maybury meeting

DATE: March 4
LOCATION: Northville District Library (215 W. Cady Street)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Upcoming events at Maybury State Park will be discussed.
PHONE: (248) 349-2687

Northville Woman's Club meeting

DATE: March 5

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Cindy Champanella will be discussing her book, "The Waiting Child."
PHONE: (248) 349-5446

Northville Chamber of Commerce TGIF

DATE: March 12
LOCATION: Northville Chamber of Commerce (195 S. Main Street)
TIME: 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
DETAILS: The free networking opportunity is open to 12 participants.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Taste of Northville Business Showcase

DATE: March 16
LOCATION: Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. (setup 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.)
DETAILS: Booths displaying the goods and services of dozens of Northville businesses will be set up, including several restaurants. Tickets are \$6 if purchased by March 14 or \$8 at the door. Booths are \$90 for Chamber members and \$150 for non-members. The event is open to the public.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Fashion show to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support

DATE: March 18
LOCATION: Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall (108 E. Main Street)
TIME: 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Admission is \$25 (\$5 tax deductible). The event will feature dancers from Arthur Murray Dance Studios, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.
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for a city manager form of government was offered to the voters. It was denounced by most of the usual politicians, and lost 55-45.

The city can try to pass the charter again. If voters do, I ou

Schimmel would likely gratefully turn over the keys and go home. Last year, a new governor took office in Lansing, and some discreet inquiries were made as to whether he was about ready to declare his task done. "I can quit tomorrow," he offered

"And they said, well, uh, no, that's not what we had in mind ..." he laughed. The state backed down. His department heads quickly got wind of that, however.

They promptly presented him with a certificate, which now proudly hangs in his conference

room. "We, the loyal few, do hereby attest that tyranny, wickedness and insolvency still reign upon the land. Let all men know, by affixing our signatures below, we freely and knowingly resolve to support our EFM in his quest to vanquish evil." He may have hired them, but at

least a few Hamtramckians don't hate the boss.

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Mustang wrestling falls to Walled Lake Western

The Northville wrestling team didn't want to end their conference dual meet season with a loss, but the Warriors of Walled Lake Western had other ideas. The seniors on the squad didn't give up without a fight though, and earned 22 points to WLW's 44.

— See Page B3 for details



Victory after victory — not a bad way to do it

The Mustang swimming and diving team isn't going to complain about getting back-to-back wins on back-to-back nights. It's even sweeter when they do it and find a member of their squad earning a trip to the state finals as Brad Farris did against Plymouth High School.

— Page B3 for full story

Thinking about bringing out the golf clubs? Think again!

Maybe you'll think twice if you ever get a hole-in-one on the local golf course now.

In Japan, the hole-in-one, which is traditionally called an ace in the United States, is called an "arubatorosu," or albatross.

The lucky shot may not be so lucky in the Land of the Rising Sun. There, when fortune smiles upon you, it is traditional to share the good luck by sending gifts to all of your friends and the other members of your golf club. The price? The final sum often reaches 1,053,600 Japanese Yen, or \$10,000.

So how do the Japanese try to avoid the costly stroke of good luck? By carrying "hole-in-one" insurance. Almost four million Japanese golfers annually spend more than 22 billion yen (\$210 million) on policies to guard against the perfect tee shot, as well as damage or injuries caused by errant strokes.

If you're ever golfing in Japan and you see a golfer wrap his club around a tree in anger, don't assume it was because of a bad shot. It could have been thanks to a very, very good shot.

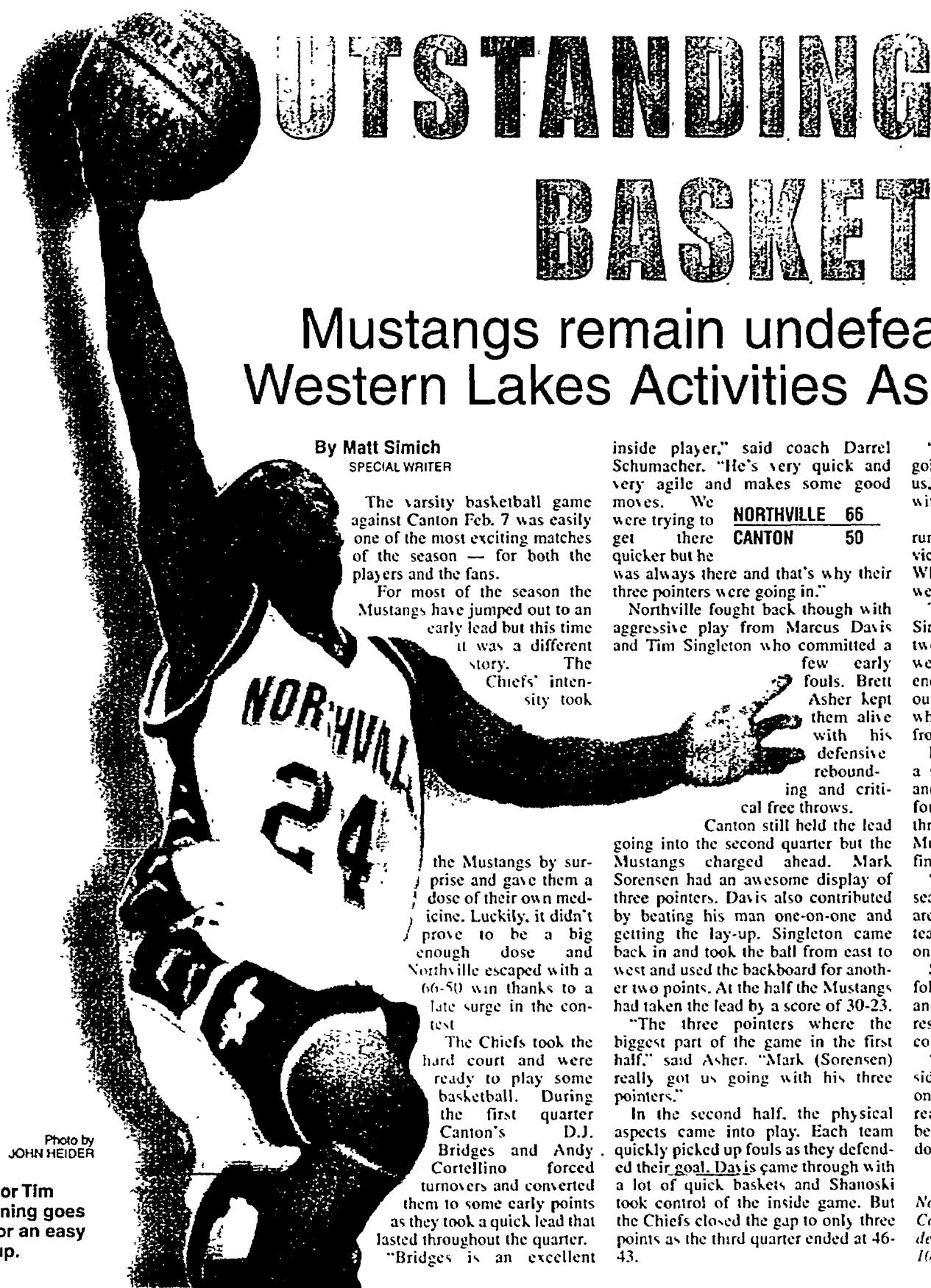


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Senior Tim Downing goes up for an easy lay-up.

OUTSTANDING BASKETBALL

Mustangs remain undefeated in Western Lakes Activities Association

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

The varsity basketball game against Canton Feb. 7 was easily one of the most exciting matches of the season — for both the players and the fans.

For most of the season the Mustangs have jumped out to an early lead but this time it was a different story. The Chiefs' intensity took

inside player," said coach Darrel Schumacher. "He's very quick and very agile and makes some good moves. We were trying to get there quicker but he was always there and that's why their three pointers were going in."

**NORTHVILLE 66
CANTON 50**

Northville fought back though with aggressive play from Marcus Davis and Tim Singleton who committed a few early fouls. Brett Asher kept them alive with his defensive rebounding and critical free throws.

Canton still held the lead going into the second quarter but the Mustangs charged ahead. Mark Sorensen had an awesome display of three pointers. Davis also contributed by beating his man one-on-one and getting the lay-up. Singleton came back in and took the ball from east to west and used the backboard for another two points. At the half the Mustangs had taken the lead by a score of 30-23.

The three pointers were the biggest part of the game in the first half," said Asher. "Mark (Sorensen) really got us going with his three pointers."

In the second half, the physical aspects came into play. Each team quickly picked up fouls as they defended their goal. Davis came through with a lot of quick baskets and Shanowski took control of the inside game. But the Chiefs closed the gap to only three points as the third quarter ended at 46-43.

"We knew at the half that they were going to try and make one more run at us," said Sorensen. "We just had to withstand it."

In the fourth quarter emotions were running high as the Chiefs needed the victory to stay in the running for the WLAA Division and the Mustangs were not interested in giving it to them.

The teamwork was shown as Singleton passed off to Shanowski for two more points. Mustang free throws were also a contributing factor in the end of the game. Northville made 23 out of the possible 33 free throws, which means that they were 70 percent from the line.

Late in the game the players got into a skirmish that emptied the benches and resulted in offsetting technical fouls. Sorensen swished both free throws and sealed the Chief's fate. The Mustangs came out victorious with a final score of 66-50.

"Now we are really in the driver's seat for the Division," said Asher. "We are up two games up on all the other teams this sets us up for the championship."

Sorensen was point leader with 16 followed closely behind by Singleton and Davis with 13 and 15 points respectively. Asher and Shanowski also contributed with 9 and 8 points each.

"It was hard fought game on both sides and we feel fortunate to come out on top," said Schumacher. "The only reason the score isn't different is because of the free throws we made down the stretch."

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

GAME OF THE WEEK



Northville Mustangs Hockey vs Walled Lake Central

Monday, February 16
6:10 pm
Novi Ice Arena

Bring on the Vikings

The Northville Mustangs boys' hockey team has had a remarkable season for the 2003-04 campaign and a lot of it has to do with a renewed attitude on the ice. This squad knows it has the ability to win, and it has a coaching staff that supports that kind of thinking. Northville Record sports writer Sam Eggleston writes of how he thinks the Mustangs are going to be looking to top the Walled Lake Central Vikings with some big goals as they win one for the injured Max Lenn.

— See Page B2

Northville has first-ever share of division crown

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Talk about sweet rewards. The Northville Mustangs hockey team is reaping in the rewards from the time and effort they have put in this year. It isn't in the form of money, or even awards — it's in the form of a guaranteed first-ever share of the Western Division crown.

"We're guaranteed a share of it right now," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said. "As long as we win or tie one of our next (division) games, we'll win it outright."

And outright is what this team wants. Going from one of the most penalized and least victorious teams in the league to one of the most respected and winning ones isn't just an accomplishment — it's a feat.

"They should be proud of themselves," O'Neill said. "This is a good squad and they deserve it."

The Mustangs added to their already sweet season by tacking on another win on home ice recently. The squad topped Redford Union 7-4 in a game that could have easily been more of a blowout in their favor.

Northville took a 3-0 lead following goals by Jake Vitale, Joe Vitale

and Nick Guerro in the first period before Redford managed three goals of their own in the second to tie it up. The Mustangs got back on track with a goal from Blake Brattina for the 4-3 lead heading into the final stanza.

Northville lit up from there as Guerro added his second goal of the night before Troy Engelland and Joe Vitale finished it off in style for the victory.

Sophomore defender Pat Uetz had four assists in the game.

O'Neill was extremely pleased with the penalties his squad acquired — especially considering they had just two throughout the night.

Two days after topping Redford, the Mustangs experienced one of their few downs this season as they fell to non-conference foe Milford, 4-2.

The Mustangs were up 2-1 with just five minutes left in the contest, but couldn't hold on as the Mavericks came back to win it in the final minutes.

"It was a tough ride," O'Neill said of his squad's trip out. "The team left an hour and 45 minutes before game time and it took an hour and 20 minutes to get there."

The Mavericks, who call the Hartland Sports Complex home,

found themselves being outplayed throughout the majority of the game.

Northville first goal came in the first period as Jake Vitale took assistance from Brattina and Engelland and found the back of the net on a 5-on-3 powerplay goal.

"It was the lone goal in the first, but we had sustained pressure and could have been up two or three," O'Neill noted. "Their goalie played well."

The second period found both teams drawing to a scoreless stalemate before both came back on in the third — unfortunately it was Milford who came back with a bit more energy and with a few more lucky breaks.

The Mavs tied the game at 1-1 about five minutes into the third and Brattina added Northville's second goal about a minute later for the 2-1 lead. The assist went to Aaron Bernstein.

Milford then tied the game up on a breakaway following a rebounding puck that cleared past a Mustang and to a speedy Mav forward who put it in for the goal.

Then, exactly what O'Neill was hoping wouldn't happen happened.

"I called a time out and told the kids not to let anyone get behind them because they had been getting



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mustang Mike Monticciolo, right, wins a draw from Red Union's Rory Douglass during last week's home game at the Novi Ice Arena.

breakaways when the puck would squirt out," he said.

The Mustangs earned a powerplay with 1:53 left in the game and began to pressure the Maverick goaltender. Off a hard shot, the puck slides out behind the Northville offense and away from a

defensesman right onto the stick of a waiting Maverick. Northville could only watch as the breakaway was converted with 37 seconds left in the game for the 3-2 lead.

Milford capped the scoring with an empty-net goal with one second left on the clock.

**Sara Ilkhani-Pour
Sophomore
Gymnastics**

Though only a sophomore, Ilkhani-Pour puts up numbers like a seasoned senior. Against Plymouth High School, she collected a team-high 34.3 in all around points as she collected an 8.8 on the bars, an 8.05 on the vault, an 8.45 on the floor and a 9.0 with her performance on the beam. Expect to see more impressive numbers from her in the coming weeks.



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**Blake Brattina
Senior
Hockey**

Brattina is the kind of player that can make all the difference in the world. His play this season has proved invaluable to the Northville Mustangs this season. His play has been steady and determined, and it is his style of play that has helped make the Mustangs one of the most dangerous teams in the state this year.



Spiker squad getting better

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team might not be competing for the conference title this year, but that doesn't mean they can't be satisfied with a job well done.

The Mustangs, who are coached by Rick Vander Veer, fell 15-2 and 15-5 to WLAA foe Stevenson in recent play but have still managed to come out on top with their attitudes and ever-growing determination.

This year, the Northville spikers have added a new style to their program, which includes longer, more grueling practices.

"We've stepped up the conditioning this year to help the team's speed and footwork," Vander Veer said. "We're also trying to run a faster offense with more options."

From Vander Veer's first year to this one, the Mustangs have grown and become a better team in competition. The girls who have returned under his tutelage have shown improvement throughout their time with him.

"All of the girls have improved this year," he said. "The seniors, Kelly, Katie and Nicky, have become much more consistent and Evonna is more powerful on offense. The juniors, most of whom I had originally coached as freshman, have also improved a lot."

Though time is quickly disappearing between where the Mustangs are now and the post season that awaits them, Vander Veer



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Mustang Erin Fleishaker, right, goes up for a block against a Livonia Churchill player during a late January tilt at Northville High.

said he thinks the squad just needs a few tweaks to be ready.

"The team is very cohesive," he said. "Players need to make some individual improvements."

Though Northville doesn't sport the most wins on record this season, they are still plenty capable of earning wins — but getting those wins isn't easy in the WLAA.

"It's very strong," Vander Veer said when asked about the competitive levels in the Western Lakes. "Churchill is ranked 10th in the state, Salem is honorable mention and Walled Lake Central is always strong. I've also seen major

improvements in Stevenson and Canton."

And Northville fits right into that picture. With a fairly young squad, a lot of determination and a desire to succeed, can one expect to see the Mustangs continuing to challenge and grow in the coming years?

"I like to think so," Vander Veer said.

Northville is slated to be back in action when they visit the Walled Lake Western Warriors February 16 at 7 p.m. before hosting the final home match of the year against Canton February 18 at 7 p.m.

Mustangs have all the right elements

It has been a pretty nice run for the Northville Mustangs this year in hockey.

Since my arrival at the Northville Record, the one way I could always describe the Mustangs hockey team was by saying they played a physical game that found them pounding goals into the net. This year, I can't exactly get away with that generalized statement.

Instead, I have to say something a bit more eloquent to match their style of play this year. The Northville hockey team still plays a physical game, but their ability to finesse the puck and skate through defenses makes them a potent offense with a solid defense that helps contain their opponents.

It's amazing the difference just a few words can make in a sentence, isn't it? It's also amazing the way a few different attitudes involved in the program and players understanding what their roles are can make as well. Northville isn't the penalty-laden squad it has been the last couple of years, but they still won't take too much junk without making you pay for it either. They have different ways of retaliating than they have had in the past though. Take when Max Lenn went down. The team could have easily just started a brawl in Walled Lake instead of just doing what they went ahead and did — they won the game.

In the past, would this squad have gone to fisticuffs for a player like Lenn going down? I honestly can say that I don't believe they would have for one simple reason: They weren't near as close of a squad as they are now.

The Mustangs have learned the value of being an actual team and to be actually excited to play. It makes them more formidable on the ice, more agreeable as players and more respected as one of the top teams not only in the Western Lakes Activities Association, but in the entire state.

I have been sitting back and pondering what I think Northville's chances are this year of making some true noise in the post-season play. In my opinion, they are excellent. Not only do they have two lines that can score on you now, but they have a defensive unit that can shut an opponent's hopes and dreams down and grind them into the ice. The Mustangs are serious in hockey this year, and everyone should stop and take note of that. They come to play, and they do it well.

I want to extend congratulations to the Northville Mustangs for turning their entire team, and reputation, around in just a single season. They've taken the talent and the heart that they've always had and have fine tuned it to the point that it makes them into a premier club. For that, everyone in Northville

should be proud to call these guys a member of their community — I know I am.

The Mustangs are slated to be on the ice when they host Walled Lake Central in a rematch of the game that found Lenn going down for the season. This time, however, it's on Northville's home ice at 6:10 p.m. February 16.

I expect Northville is going to win this one for Lenn, and do it with quite a few goals being notched. Despite the fact that the Vikings have a complete starting line-up of seniors, I'm going to call this one a blow out.

Northville 7, WLC 2



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CLUB HOCKEY RESULTS

Brighton 5, Northville 2

The Northville High School Club Hockey team had a rough first half of the season. However, Coach Mike Ward and Assistants Ryan and Rob Ward have the team playing much better of late. They have won convincingly in two of their last three games. On January 12th the Mustangs fell to a Brighton team in a game at Kensington Arena. Brighton scored two goals in the opening period, the first on a defensive lapse that left a player alone in front of the net. They scored again on a one timer to make it 2-0. In the second period, Grant Baidas took a pass from Zach Barry and fired a wrist shot to close the score to 2-1. The second assist on the goal went to Mike Sklut. Goalie Robert Davison made some nice saves to keep it close, but Brighton finally broke through and scored on a shot from the point that deflected in to make it 3-1 after two periods. In the third period, Brighton got a quick goal to go up 4-1. Dino Bernabei pulled the Mustangs back within two goals as he took a pass from Barry and Sklut and skated between the circles before firing a wicked slap shot top shelf. However, Brighton got the goal right back on an odd man rush and the game ended with Northville on the short end of a 5-2 score.

Northville 4, Canton-Salem 1

The Mustangs came out more aggressive and physical against the Canton/Salem JV team at Compuware arena on January 22nd. Ryan Pyatenko opened the game by stealing the puck in the Canton/Salem zone and firing a slap shot from between the circles that beat the Canton/Salem goalie. Mitch Gayner assisted on the goal. Later in the period, a rebound lay in the Mustang crease and was not cleared. It cost them as Canton/Salem finally knocked it in to tie the score after one period. In the second period, Dino Bernabei scored twice to put Northville up by two. On the first goal, Bernabei made a nice fake in front and pulled the goalie right before firing a wrist shot along the ice for the score. Nick Karebian tallied an assist

on the play. Bernabei came back later in the period down the right wing and made a beautiful move and wristed a shot into the top corner for a 3-1 lead. Northville played a strong forechecking game and kept the pressure in the Canton/Salem zone for much of the game. When there were chances in the Mustang zone, goalie Phillip Meck was very sharp in net. The Northville defensive corps of Scott Dauss, Nick Galdes, Grant Baidas, Andrew Gasparotto, Evan Clough, and Grant Ponte also played a fine game and limited the Canton/Salem chances. The Mustangs finished out the scoring in the game on a scramble in front of the net that was finally jammed in by Alan Kursa and the game ended in a 4-1 Northville victory.

Northville 6, Avondale 0

The Mustang Club team came right back the next night and dominated the Avondale JV team at Arctic Pond. The first period was scoreless despite tight checking and lots of pressure from Northville in the Yellowjacket end. Early in the second period the Mustangs got on the board on the power play when Jim Stevenson fed a pass from behind the net to Dino Bernabei who flipped a shot over the Avondale goalie. Northville continued to pressure the Yellowjacket zone and goalie Robert Davison made several strong saves when Avondale did get a good chance. The Mustangs went up 2-0 when Bernabei took a nice pass from Nick Karebian and one-timed it into the net. The other assist on the goal was credited to Andrew Gasparotto. Gasparotto extended the lead with the Mustangs two men short as he picked off a pass at his own blue line and skated in alone. He made a nice shot over the prone Yellowjacket goalie to convert on the breakaway and to close out the scoring at 3-0 after two periods.

In the final period, Northville pulled away as Matt Bray fired the puck into the net after some very hard work keeping the puck in the Avondale zone. Also assisting on the play were Karebian and Ryan Pyatenko. Later, Karebian got a goal of his own as he took a pass from Nick

Galdes at the left point and one-timed a backhand into the top of the net to go up 5-0. Pyatenko also had an assist on the goal. The Mustangs, who seem to play better when they come out more aggressive and physical, kept the pressure on Avondale throughout the game and had them on their heels. Jim Stevenson rocked one Yellowjacket player with a clean but thundering check that separated the Avondale player from his helmet. Northville closed out the scoring with some more hard work around the net as Chris Perkowski knocked in a rebound with assists going to Grant Ponte and Mitch Gayner. The game ended in a 6-0 shutout for Robert Davison and the Mustang squad.

Northville 2, Lakeland 0

The club hockey team extended their winning streak with two more wins during the last week. On January 25th, the team took on the Lakeland JV team at Lakeland Arena in Waterford. The Mustangs scored the only goal in the first period when Nick Karebian deflected in a pass from Dino Bernabei. In the second period, Northville extended their lead when Chris Perkowski broke in alone, made a nice fake and backhanded a pretty goal past the Lakeland goaltender. The rest of the game was tightly played with good defense and forechecking by Northville and goalie Phillip Meck was sharp between the pipes in gaining a 2-0 shutout.

Northville 2, Howell 0

Northville was home at Arctic Pond against the Howell JV team and took a quick lead as Dino Bernabei one-timed a pass from the corner from Nick Karebian. Later in the period, Ryan Pyatenko extended the Northville lead to 2-0 as he ripped a shot from the top of the left circle that cleanly beat the Howell goalie. Howell came back in the last two periods and put lots of pressure on the Mustangs.

However, goalie Robert Davison played what may have been his best game of the year and stopped every shot to preserve a 2-0 shutout.



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Recently my 11-year-old Australian cattle dog, Mingus, ate several sheets of 280-grit sand paper. Why she went for the sandpaper, when there was pepperoni pizza in the garbage can, I'll never know. I was just glad she hadn't re-acquired her taste for shoes and vacuum cleaner power cords.

Last one of our friends paid the vet \$1,700 to extract Berber carpeting from their golden retriever's belly.

According to Consumer Reports magazine, annual spending on veterinary services has jumped to more than \$18 billion dollars — triple the level in 1991. Vets routinely implant pacemakers, transplant kidneys, rebuild patellas and level tibias. But the significant advances in veterinary medicine come at a steep price. How can you protect yourself from paying too much?

Consumer Reports offers these suggestions for cutting veterinary costs without sacrificing quality of care.

Learn the going rates. Before deciding on one vet, call the vets in your area and ask for prices of annual exams, anesthesia, shots, x-rays, as well as limb repair and gastrointestinal surgeries. If you know your breed of dog or cat might be susceptible to a certain health disorder like diabetes, request a quote for treatment.

Get a second opinion on pricey services. Always get an estimate on an expensive treatment from two or three vets. An established vet in a small office may charge significantly less than a young vet, newly graduated and burdened with student loan debt. The same could be true for a vet who practices in a high-rent part of town. Take your animal in for regular checkups. Annual exams give your vet the opportunity to identify a potential health problem before it turns into a chronic condition.

Buy your pet's prescriptions online. If you purchase your pet's medication from the vet, you could be paying as much as 250 percent more than you would had you used an online pet pharmacy like petrx.com or petmeds.com. You can also find bargains on pet drugs by shopping at your local pharmacy. Request a written prescription at the time of treatment, but don't be surprised if the vet charges you a nominal fee of \$5 to \$10 for the script.

Before purchasing a purebred animal, research the breed for abnormalities and susceptibility to certain health disorders. Consult a good pet healthcare reference like the free online Merck Veterinary Manual at <http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp>. The site allows you to search by topic, species, specialty, disease, and keyword. If you're planning to purchase a large dog like a Labrador or golden retriever, or a German shepherd — breeds that suffer from a hereditary condition called hip dysplasia — you might be able to request the breeder provide you certification from University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program and/or the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. Cocker spaniels who suffer from cataracts, glaucoma and dry eye can be certified through the Canine Eye Registration Foundation. DNA tests that identify a variety of genetic disorders are available from commercial labs.

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At the Orin Jewelers' store in Northville, more than 70 years of family history and reputation back the jewellers services and exquisite selection. Standing behind the counter are Orin Mazzoni Jr., his daughter, Gina Mazzoni, Carole Urban, Susan Taylor and Manager David Beyer.

Orin Jewelers continues family tradition

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Orin Jewelers celebrated multiple milestones in 2003 including its 70th year in business, 50 years in Garden City and 20 years in Northville, spanning three generations of the Mazzoni family.

The jewelry business has been a tradition in the family since Orin Mazzoni Sr. opened the first store in West Virginia in 1933. Orin and his wife Mary moved their family to Garden City and set up business under the name Orin Jewelers in 1953.

The original business was located on Ford Road near Middlebelt where the family lived above the store during the early years. That's where their children Carol, Joyce, Orin Jr. and Michael learned the jewelry business.

Orin and Mary built a reputation for honesty and integrity as fine jewelers with a devotion to quality and service. In 1965, they moved the business across the street to its present location in the Folker Building, which formerly housed a National Bank of Detroit branch and Garden City Hall.

"Part of it comes naturally growing up in the business as children," said Orin Jr., now president of the company. "It was important to my siblings and I to be involved in the family business."

Orin Jr. and his brother Michael joined the family business after serving in the Army during the Vietnam War. When their father retired in 1969, Orin Jr. took over as president and CEO. With their sister Joyce Pappas, the Orin children have built on the foundation established by their parents.

When the family decided to



Standing in the Garden City showroom of Orin Jewelers are (from left) Gina Mazzoni, Orin Mazzoni III, Joyce Pappas, Michael Mazzoni and Orin Mazzoni Jr.

expand, they opened their second showroom in downtown Northville in 1983. They completely renovated the building at Main and Center streets, restoring its original Victorian design.

Orin Sr. and Mary continued to work in the business during their retirement years. Although he passed away in 2001 and she in 2003, both lived to enjoy seeing their grandchildren join the family business.

Orin Jr.'s children recently became the third generation of Mazzonis involved in the jewelry business. Orin III joined the business in 1998 and is a graduate gemologist of the Gemological Institute of America. Gina came aboard in 2000 and earned her graduate gemologist degree from the GIA in 2003.

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Orin Jewelers offers the highest quality products, including the "Hearts On Fire" known as the "world's most perfectly cut diamond." The firm is a member of the Independent Jeweler's Organization, the largest dia-

mond-buying group in the world.

The firm provides all major purchases with a jewelry insurance appraisal. They also appraise antique jewelry and watches as well as provide verifications of diamonds and colored gemstone identifications.

Orin Jewelers is an accredited gem laboratory by the American Gem Society, a prestigious organization that sets the highest standards for jewelers and protects the interests of consumers. Orin Jr. and Orin III are among approximately 400 people in the world who hold the title of Certified Gemologist Appraiser from the AGS.

The firm's appraisers are skilled in gemstone identification, laboratory report analysis, and appraisal evaluation. It has the proper gemological equipment and training to provide customers with a professional jewelry appraisal document.

The business has a full service design center in Garden City where jewelers can create custom pieces of fashionable jewelry of all types with the highest craftsmanship.

It also has a jewelry repair department where they rebuild settings, repair worn or damaged items, and refurbish antique jewelry.

"We're very fortunate to have great people who have worked here for many years. We depend on those people to provide that quality service," said Orin Jr.

He is also proud to have more graduate gemologists, registered jewelers and certified sales associates than any other jeweler in the state of Michigan. Their jewelers have undergone intensive training and have the professional credentials to provide customers with the best workmanship and service.

The firm's head jeweler, Jack

Snow, is a Certified Master Bench Jeweler through Jewelers of America. Maria Buffone, customer service manager, is a Graduate Jeweler Gemologist, the highest degree given by the GIA.

Two other longtime employees, Matt Tatro and David Beyer, began working in the business at age 16 and are considered part of the Mazzoni family. Tatro is merchandising manager in Garden City and Beyer manages the Northville location.

Orin Jewelers also provides all types of jewelry for awards and corporate gifts for companies and organizations. It also offers a selection of class rings, watches and other pride jewelry for many area high schools.

"Remember that Saturday, Feb. 14, is Valentine's Day and we have a variety of gift ideas for everyone's sweetheart," said Orin Jr.



Orin Mazzoni Jr. watches Jack Snow, a certified master bench jeweler, set a "Hearts on Fire" diamond.



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Lofty ideas for family room

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We built a really big family room addition onto our house because we missed our city loft so much when we moved to the suburbs (two children ago). It has bare hardwood floors and large windows — they are why I'm writing for help. We left our windows bare in the loft because we lived on the fifth floor. Obviously, bare windows won't work now. What can you suggest?

A: The simpler the plan, the more loft-like your window dress will look. Wooden shutters always get my vote. They have the architectural presence that would complement your "loft" and also offer good light and privacy control.

But custom-fit shutters can be expensive, depending on the size and shape of your windows. In fact, many real estate professionals consider hardwood shutters to be capital investments that increase the resale value of your home.

There are other options, too, from very affordable, self-sticking accordion pleated blinds made of heavy paper (by Levolor/Kirsch, at retailers like Wal-Mart and Lowe's), to the sheer window coverings in the photo we show here.

They are called Silhouette, they're from Hunter Douglas, and they combine the softness of fabric with the operating ease of blinds, thanks to the rotating fabric vanes. The next-best thing to all-bare windows — without the eco-cost and privacy lost — the look is tailored, contemporary and, I think, comfortably in keeping with loft living.

Q: Is everything old new again?

A: Yes. To quote the highly quotable Yogi Berra, it's déjà vu all over again at the 2004 Gift Show in New York City. Any number of materials have come



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Space takes on a contemporary attitude with simple built-ins and streamlined window shades.

back in new guises to meet decorating needs far removed from their original use — and to free-up landfill space. The Casa Collection (call (650) 593-5008) turns thousands of old Coca-Cola bottles into good-looking dishes and decorative items for the world's tables.

A very can-do company, Lee Carter's eponymous San Francisco firm recycles tomato and jalapeno cans into useful objects for the earth-minded household.

Carter offers colorful table lamps (under \$150) and watering cans cut from other cans, and he commissions big and brilliantly colored wire baskets made by jail inmates through Mexico's handicrafts program for prisoners.

"They can support their families

from behind bars," he explains.

The cost: about \$100 for a 39-inch-diameter basket; visit www.leeccartercompany.com.

Still, the brightest idea on display had to belong to Virginia artisan Peggy Kaufman. She paints designs on old light bulbs — round ones, long ones, wee ones — turning throwaways into tree ornaments, cord pulls, even flat-bottomed flower vases made from burned-out spotlight bulbs (Digital Prism, (703) 892-1199).

Q: My kookiest friend tells me there's a law requiring houses in California to comply with a new building code based on feng shui. Is this for real?

A: Not quite, at least, not yet. There is a resolution before the California State Assembly urging the Building Standards

Commission to adapt standards in line with the principles of feng shui, the ancient Chinese art of design and placement that is said to promote health and prosperity through one's environment.

With its large Asian population, California already sees a lot of feng shui principles applied to subdivisions and other new home projects. But, according to The New York Times, there's no guarantee that the feng shui bill will make it out of committee and into the, uh, house of the state Assembly.

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Used kitty litter isn't good for the garden

Q: I have cats and want to do something with this used kitty litter. Can I put it in a vegetable or flower garden? It's crushed clay. Since it's dirt with manure in it, can I use outside?

A: If you really feel compelled to use it, fill up holes in the driveway. And even for that purpose, it's not good. You have a couple of problems with your pile of kitty litter. First on the list is that it's clay. This is the soil that gardeners love to hate. It is heavy and dense and holds moisture. You can turn a flowerbed or a vegetable garden into sticky, compacted lump. Think of clay particles as being tiny bingo chips. They pack tightly on top of each other and they hold moisture. Roots have to do battle to get their roots through this dense mass. Roots can rot because moisture doesn't drain away fast enough. It can harden into the next best thing to concrete when it dries out. Pore spaces are important. That's the air spaces between the soil particles. Clay has very tiny pore spaces. The other part of this is the cat manure that comes along with the clay. There is a chance, albeit small, to transfer feline internal parasites to you. First, if you love your kitties, you probably keep them dewormed regularly. That reduces that internal parasite thing. Second, you will be washing and possibly cooking your veggies, which would also limit your opportunity for hosting another life form. Adding this to any garden site is just making trouble. You need to explore other ways of making yourself miserable.

Home
Grown

Gretchen Voyle



Q: I was given an aloe vera plant several years ago. It multiplied and filled the pot. I have tried to separate it in the past and the separated plants all died. I tried to root them in water and they turned to mush. I tried breaking off some of the leaves and putting them in good, moist soil, and they rotted too. How hard is it to get more plants?

A: Congratulations on finding all the possible ways of killing this tough, hardy plant. It is an easy plant to propagate. If you do it right, every window and friend should soon have at least one. This plant is a succulent and so the rules are slightly different than those for other indoor plants. They grow in sunny, dry, poor places and it is very possible to kill them with kindness. With succulents, it is important to remember that any cuts or dividing that exposes the damp inside of the plant leaves a way for soil bacteria and moisture to enter. This initiates the rot, the mush and the falling apart. When you have cut material, let it dry, unpotted, for several days. You are waiting for the area to callus over. That basically means dry out and not be moist. The plant won't suffer at all. Then it can be potted up. Succulents don't root in water so forget that. They also cannot be propagated from leaf pieces. The most successful is dividing the cluster of plants. Make sure that you have roots attached to any divisions. If you think that tissue was cut or broken, wait for it to callus over. When in doubt, wait. Then pot up in a sandy, well-draining soil. Water lightly and not too often. The plant needs to dry between applications of water. Don't fertilize; they really don't need it. Now you can become Aloe Central and have more plants than you can use.

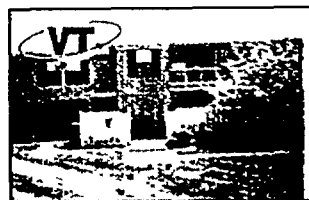
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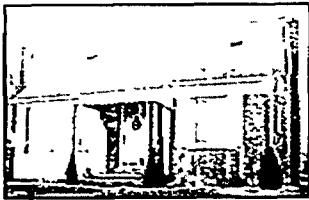
SOUTH LYON — Beautiful condo on outside of complex overlooking open treed area. Ranch style features large living room, dining room, 2 bedrooms. Master bedroom has master bath and walk-in closet. First floor laundry. All appliances stay.

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WIXOM — South Lyon schools without the taxes. Conveniently located in Wixom close to shopping, major freeway access. This contemporary floor plan has tons to offer. Soaring ceilings, private bedroom suites each with its own master bath. Premium end unit, large walk-in closets. Move in immediately!

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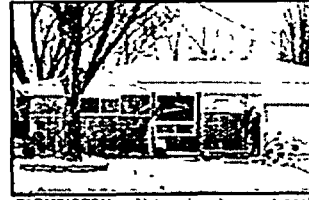
LIVONIA — Well kept bungalow awaits new owners. Desirable bungalow located in Cherry Hill Manor. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage with shelving garage. Open floor plan. Bright basement with glass block windows. Manicured lawn-many updates!

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FARMINGTON — Not a drive-by must see! Farmington 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch. Family room with fireplace, full basement, over 1500 square feet, some hardwood floors. 2 car attached garage, gorgeous, private backyard and 20 covered patio!

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HIGHLAND — Superb family home. Enjoy Duck Lake privileges. Updated Colonial with new Pergo, carpet, ceramic baths. 16x23 deck with awning. Partially finished basement. Walkside windows, move in condition.

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SOUTH LYON — Beautiful adult co-op in great community. Two bedrooms, extra third bedroom in lower level. Finished walk-out basement, 2 full baths, neutral decor throughout, private entry, high ceilings and all appliances stay.

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WESTLAND — Why rent when you can own? Affordable 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo with freshly painted interior. New carpet, kitchen floor dishwasher & blinds. Newer roof, huge walk-in closet. Patio faces beautiful pond!

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REDFORD — Open contemporary design! Great open floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, living room with fireplace, large family room, hardwood floors and more. 2.5 car garage and covered patio. Super starter home.

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YPSILANTI — Beautiful contemporary ranch, great 3 bedroom, 3 bath home built in 1994. Hardwood floor in foyer, great room with cozy fireplace, 1st floor laundry finished basement with family room, den, and 3rd bath, 2 car attached garage, large deck off great room.

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CANTON — Pretty as a picture! Cozy ranch freshly painted, new carpet, ready to move in. Brick and wood trim. 3 bedrooms, cute kitchen, ca. 2 car attached garage with brand new door. Home protection plan provided.

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HARTLAND — Dunham Lake Beauty Super 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on large wooded lot with access to beautiful private Dunham Lake. Award winning Hartland Schools.

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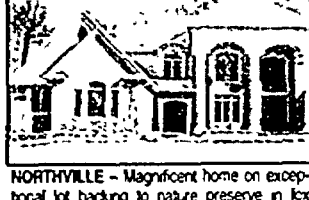
GREEN OAK — Picturesque country living on 10 acres in this quality built walkout ranch. Master bedroom in French doors to deck, main bath has jetted tub, walkout lower level has large family room w/natural fireplace and door-walk leading to brick paver patio.

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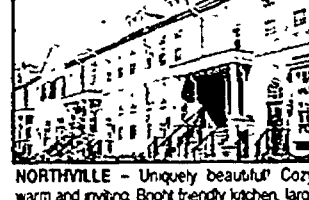
DETROIT — Attractive bungalow. Freshly painted, newer windows, furnace 99, central air 99, roof 99, master bedroom has walk-in closet, 2+ car garage. Close to schools. Immediate occupancy.

\$91,900 (17GRA2) (248) 348-6430



NORTHVILLE — Magnificent home on exceptional lot backing to nature preserve in Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings, gourmet kitchen with granite. Magnificent master suite, finished walk out basement and numerous amenities!

\$1,195,000 (54WOO2) (248) 348-6430



NORTHVILLE — Uniquely beautiful! Cozy, warm and inviting. Bright friendly kitchen, large master bedroom with balcony. Priced below state taxable value. (Lease available)

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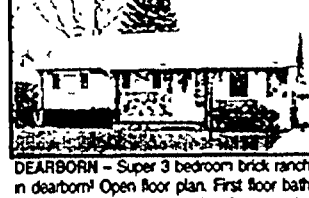
MILFORD — The Heritage Plan! Stonewood Estates. This is a winner! To be constructed at your approval! Welcoming front porch design for this in town walk about beauty! Master on main floor and 2 additional bedrooms up. Choose cabinets, flooring and more! Base price \$295,000.

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DEARBORN — Super 3 bedroom brick ranch in dearborn! Open floor plan. First floor bath with jacuzzi & 2 1/2 baths. First floor laundry room and 20x10 Florida room with 6 person jacuzzi and electric fireplace, finished rec room with wet bar.

\$168,500 (27GUL2) (248) 348-6430



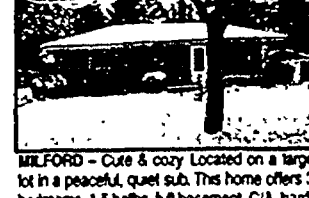
CANTON — Beautiful Bedford Villas Townhouse! Nice 2 bedroom unit with beautiful remodeled kitchen with oak cabinets. Some hardwood floors. Newer windows. Finished basement with family room/computer area. End unit with attached garage and nice side yard.

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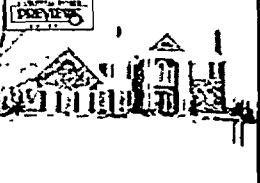
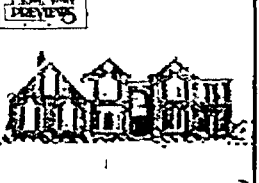













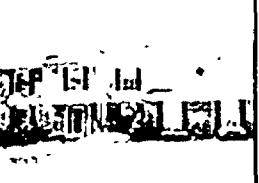
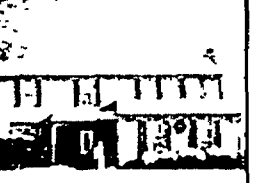


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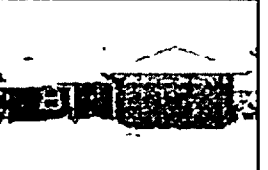




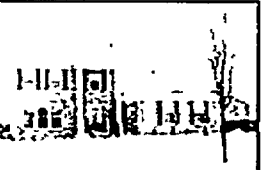











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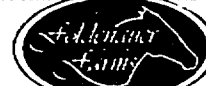
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 <p>FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$162,500 Welcome to this well-maintained home located in one of Fowlerville's newer family developments. Features include 1218 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, open flr plan, neutral decor, 1st flr laundry, central air 14x16 d/c, full bsmt, high efficiency furnace, and a 2 car attached garage (24007608)</p>	 <p>PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$167,875 Spacious 3 bedroom brick ranch on 1.5 beautiful acres. Fully grown trees & apple trees. Fenced yard for kids or pets to play. Feels like your way out in the country but you could walk to downtown Pinckney. This home is priced below appraised value and is a must see! (23126762)</p>	 <p>HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS \$169,900 Beautiful ranch w/ lake privileges & boat facility. Home is very clean & ready to go. Hardwood floors in kitchen & dining room. Large out building in back. Neutral decor w/ many updates. Screened in porch off back of house (24003837)</p>	 <p>BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$177,900 End unit Ranch Condo, ready for immediate occupancy. 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths upstairs along w/ living room, kitchen, dining room, & laundry. Family room, 3rd bedroom, & full bath along w/ storage in the basement. Home warranty included. (24008874)</p>	 <p>HOWELL SCHOOLS \$179,364 Handsome brick Victorian home in downtown. Large lot enhanced by mature pines. Covered front porch. Living room features French doors. Hardwood flooring in parlor & master BR. Den offers built-in bookcase. Lots of storage, bsmt could be finished (24004647)</p>	 <p>SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$179,900 3 BR, 2 full bath brick ranch w/ finished basement, 2 car garage, fenced yard, move-in condition. Neutral decor, many updates including designer ceramic bath tile, roof tear off 100, furnace & C/A 100, garage 99, gutters 101, & windows. Home warranty included. (23129205)</p>
 <p>BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$179,900 Recently restored 3 BR, 1330 sq ft, older home in town, closed to everything. All the character of an older home w/ convenient updates. Home backs to Mill Pond- feed the ducks & geese walk to shopping & entertainment. Large garage for parking or projects. Home warranty included. (23125665)</p>	 <p>HOWELL SCHOOLS \$179,900 Ranch style 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with vaulted ceilings and neutral decor. Open floor plan, kitchen w/ snack bar, 1st floor laundry & attached 2 car garage, basement plumbed for 3rd bath & ready for your finishing touches (23129811)</p>	 <p>WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS \$179,900 Full brick ranch w/ 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, attached 2-car garage, and more. Beautiful lot, huge rooms, tons of storage space. Home warranty! Easy to show. Many updates throughout. (23122996)</p>	 <p>FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$184,900 This 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home has a newer roof, siding, and windows. Interior needs some TLC. Located on nearly 8 acres. Possible split w/ township approval. Located off of a black top road (23128353)</p>	 <p>PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$187,000 Elegant best describes this 2001, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial in Village Edge Sub. The exquisite decor has turned this well-maintained house into a home. You will feel warm as soon as you enter. Full basement w/ extra high ceilings, 2 car attached garage and more (23127235)</p>	 <p>HOWELL SCHOOLS \$189,900 Lake new Cape Cod w/ master bedroom on main floor. 2 large bedrooms up w/ full bath. Full basement w/ daylight windows, central air, extra lot, maintenance free vinyl exterior, one year home warranty and much more! (24007665)</p>
 <p>BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$192,500 Very well kept condo. Sellers new home is almost ready. Bring all offers. Hot tub is included or seller will remove your choice. Neutral colors, cozy fireplace, huge basement (prepped for bath). Extra nice (24x24) at garage. 2 BRs 2 full baths 1575 sq ft, and more. Move right in! (24002299)</p>	 <p>HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS \$192,900 Flashed ranch, 2,000 sq ft, 1,000 sq ft in finished walkout. 2 acre attached garage, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 decks, and unit backs to woods (24005931)</p>	 <p>PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$194,900 Country neighborhood w/ large maple trees. 2,000 sq ft. of living space w/ professionally finished basement, featuring a full kitchen & full bathroom. Main floor has cathedral ceilings w/ an open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and more (23129543)</p>	 <p>HOWELL SCHOOLS \$195,000 This is a great family home on 1.23 acres on a paved road! More square feet of living area in the finished walkout including kitchen 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, neat, and clean (23115731)</p>	 <p>HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS \$199,900 This immaculately maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is a must see. Lots of updates including ceramic bath, oak floors, trim, tile foyer, double driveway carpet, paint, new stove, dishwasher, heated garage, Andersen windows, and more (24003842)</p>	 <p>HOWELL SCHOOLS \$215,900 3 bedroom, 2 full bath condo w/ a spa/accessible floor plan. Soaring ceilings, fireplace (gas), private b-level courtyard 3 decks, 2-car garage w/ electric, and many upgrades (24002938)</p>
 <p>ROCHESTER SCHOOLS \$223,900 Completely updated inside & out, 3 bedroom home in downtown Rochester. Very neat & clean. Just move in and enjoy. Beautiful new deck off rear of house perfect for those warm summer nights. 2 year home warranty included! (24007630)</p>	 <p>VAN BUREN SCHOOLS \$224,900 Perfect for the hobbyist etc. Nearly 2 acres, fenced on 3 sides, 40x40 pole barn 12' high w/ 100K BTU furnace, skylights fan paint room & 40x15 gar extension. Home has new siding roof some newer windows and much more. Great location (24007488)</p>	 <p>BYRON SCHOOLS \$229,000 Detailed stock built Cape on country 2.77 acre lot in area where country is still quiet. Only 20 minutes north of Howell. Oak kitchen w/ pantry lots of cabinets. 1st flr master suite, ash floors in dining & living rooms. Plus stairs. Daylight basement w/ wine storage room. Oversized garage (24002840)</p>	 <p>PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$236,625 Neat 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch on 6.2 acres surrounded by mature pines. Fireplace, kitchen w/ dinette. Garage w/ heated workshop, 36x48' pole barn. (24001025)</p>	 <p>PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$239,850 1,340 sq ft. ranch, full basement, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, extensive landscaping, brick pavers, trees, shrubs, fabulous interior decor, like new, built in '98, 1 acre lot (24006419)</p>	 <p>WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS \$239,900 Great contemporary 1,556 sq ft. quad in a great sub. Open floor plan, 3 BRs, 2 full baths, huge family room, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floor in living rm. Partially fin. bsmt, new front porch, new carpeting in family room, new landscaping. Backs up to woods. A must see! Bring all offers. Sellers motivated (23113131)</p>
 <p>HOWELL SCHOOLS \$239,900 Chapel front from the road in a clearing in the woods. Stream borders property. Master suite & laundry on 1st floor. 9x20 Florida room (heated). Screened in porch, huge deck, and storage areas. Paved driveway. 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2,567 sq ft. all this & more on 3 acres (24308305)</p>	 <p>HOWELL SCHOOLS \$248,500 Beautiful new home on wooded cul-de-sac setting. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, dramatic great room, 2-story foyer, dining room, deluxe kitchen, glamour master suite! Quality throughout! (24007949)</p>	 <p>PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$249,900 2,000+ sq ft., 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Cape Cod. Very quiet 5 acres on private drive. Close to town and shopping. Home warranty included (24001278)</p>	 <p>HOWELL SCHOOLS \$259,803 2-story home w/ 4 bedrooms and 2 baths on 3.54 acres ready for you to move right in! Beautiful hardwood flooring also slate and ceramics. Oversized garage, full basement w/ daylight windows and much more! (24007583)</p>	 <p>BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$249,900 Updated 4 bedroom, 2 full bath Colonial on large wooded lot in popular sub. New driveway, shed w/ electric, cable & phone, park across street, Pella Windows, hardwood floors, fresh paint throughout (24004398)</p>	 <p>HOWELL SCHOOLS \$274,900 Beautiful new home on fantastic lot overlooking acres of woods. 2-story foyer, dramatic great room, deluxe kitchen, dining room or den, master suite w/ glamour bath, hardwood floors, ceramic, 6-panel doors, & neutral decor (24007716)</p>
 <p>SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$274,900 Close to town, but nestled in a bit of wilderness! This lovely 3 BR, 2.5 bath house is a great place to call home! Rear in the large great room w/ vaulted ceilings & 12x12 fireplace. Enjoy the view of the wooded fenced backyard! 1st flr - vault & lots more (24007973)</p>	 <p>BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$275,000 Over 3,400 sq ft. on 2 acres, great location. 7 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Great potential, several outbuildings, 24x40 pole barn. Beautiful yard, mature trees. This house is a must see! (23117912)</p>	 <p>HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$325,000 Completely secluded in towering pines, this 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath home has a lot to offer including almost 9 acres. Nicely updated w/ new furnace, kitchen, bath, & carpet in-ground pool, big pole barn, horses ok. Seclusion and privacy (23120395)</p>	 <p>HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$349,900 Builder's own home! This energy efficient, 2,300 sq ft., 4 BR, 3.5 bath home is situated on 3.9 rolling acres w/ gorgeous views and is sure to satisfy. Master suite w/ vaulted ceiling. French door to balcony w/ in-dresser. Master bath w/ garden tub, finished walkout bsmt. This home is a must see! (23135956)</p>	 <p>WHITMORE LAKE SCHOOLS \$369,900 Fabulous lakefront, completely remodeled home. 2 BRs up and a den. 1st flr master, fabulous kitchen, large breezeway covered porch, partially fin. bsmt. new wiring and plumbing throughout. 2 car attached garage. 2 car detached garage. Extensive decking too much to list. Call to see! (23133353)</p>	 <p>PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$379,900 New construction at Putnam Meadows. The Cape Cod has 2,960 sq ft., w/ 4 BRs, 3 full baths, a 3 car attached garage, full basement, 410 sq ft. bonus room, & much more. This one acre lot backs up to state land. Move right in and enjoy the challenge of Timber Trace golf course (23129485)</p>
 <p>BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$379,900 Custom 100% brick ranch less than 2 years old. 3 full baths, prepped for 4th bath, walkout basement partially finished. Approx 1.5 acres w/ mature trees in all directions. Oversized 2 car attached garage. Andersen. The real w/ windows. Circular drive and much more! (24006336)</p>	 <p>BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$390,000 2,650 total sq ft. in this lovely ranch w/ finished lower level. Oak kitchen, ceramic, pantry. Spacious dining room. 1st floor laundry master w/ walk-in closet, 2nd closet & ceramic bath. Oak foyer & open stairs to LL. Vaulted living room w/ warm brick fireplace. Huge deck, brick patio and more (24308221)</p>	 <p>FENTON SCHOOLS \$409,900 Beautiful 5 acre wooded parcel on a private paved road. Outstanding Victorian in like new condition. 4 bedrooms. 2.5 ceramic baths, 2,400 sq ft. First floor mainly hardwood. New carpet throughout. Beautiful master bedroom (24004045)</p>	 <p>BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$413,900 Private and secluded 1.5 acre wooded site (park-like setting). Dramatic 2-story walkout, 3,900 sq ft., custom designed w/ many features. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2nd garage tucked in back w/ 1,400 sq ft. heated. Easy expressway access (24002897)</p>	 <p>HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$424,900 A piece of heaven in Hartland. Gorgeous 4.53 acres surrounded by tall pines. 2 ponds for fishing, paddle boating, ice skating. Walking trails through pines, perennials everywhere. 2 huge decks, 1 w/ hot tub. Built in over, microwave & Jennie's Stone top range. Many updates in new roof, siding and more (23129635)</p>	 <p>HOWELL SCHOOLS \$449,900 1 acre parcel w/ 203' lakefront on all sports Woodland Lake. 3,571 total sq ft. including 21x21' sunroom, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Brick paver driveway, side-walks, and patio (24003825)</p>
 <p>BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$450,000 4 unit multi-family investment property in downtown Brighton! Each unit has 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, 1 bath. Full basement w/ woodshed storage and laundry facility. A/C, all appliances. New carpet, paint, roof on carports, and more (23123140)</p>	 <p>BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$452,000 Spacious open floor plan. This home has all the special touches. Oak floor in foyer, formal dining, kitchen, nook, dining room, ceramic tiled bath, large master bedroom w/ bath, large walk-in closet, his & her sinks, Andersen Windows, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Walkout basement (24004388)</p>	 <p>BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$469,900 Greek Revival 2-story. Shows like a model. Warm and comfortable. Gourmet kitchen, glamour master suite, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. House backs to woods. Finished lower level. This home is a must see! (24004506)</p>	 <p>SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$539,900 Take your private boardwalk from back of house to your dock. Be on 3 lakes w/ in 5 minutes. This custom built home w/ real stone, brick, & cedar shakes has almost 5,000 sq ft. of living space. Open kitchen has slate, cherry cabinets, & hardwood floors, central vac., 2 furnaces, and much more! (24006648)</p>	 <p>PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$635,000 Elegant French Country Manor! Top of the line quality. Backs to state land. 2 acre site. Hillside view of pristine Winan's Lake. 3/4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. A real show stopper! (23123263)</p>	 <p>HOWELL SCHOOLS \$899,900 Custom lakefront home featuring 3 BRs, 3.5 baths, 3,280 sq ft., central air, fireplaces in master bedroom, family room & living room. Master suite w/ sitting room & luxury bath. Permanent dock, newer maintenance free deck. Add! 56'x16' garage made to house a motorhome including 52 amp service & dump station. Amenities galore! (24006112)</p>



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DEARBORN HTS. Great One Level Living
Great buy on this ranch. Two car garage covered porch & good roof. Home needs some TLC. C/A, 1st floor laundry room. Nice neighborhood. Just waiting for your love & care.
(F35WIL) 248-349-5600 \$84,900



REDFORD Clean & Cozy Ranch
2 bdrm spacious w/ rm. freshly painted. Updated kit & bath. lg din rm. terrific fin bsmt, newer roof, furnace, elec. & H2O. Also a 1 car gar.
(F65DAL) 734-455-5600 \$99,900



PLYMOUTH Tri-Level Near Downtown
Open fr plan. Refin hwd flrs. formal DR w/ newer picture window. FR on main flr w/ gas frplc & door to patio. Newer roof 2000. Main bath renovated w/ cer tile, tub, fr & pedestal sink. Newer Andersen Casement windows.
(F25FAJ) 734-455-5600 \$229,500



NORTHVILLE Walk To Downtown
Clean, open, well-maintained townhome. Huge master suite w/walk-in, 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Large fin bsmt, 2 car att gar. Gas frplc, FR. Gorgeous stone patio pool & clubhouse. Heat & water included in assoc. dues. Pets ok.
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CANTON Great Yard w/ Large Deck
4 BR, 2 BA home with all the newer amenities. Some of them are: roof w/ transferable warranty, & windows. Trans warranty gutters 2000. garage door fireplace in FR. remodeled kitchen - 99. All appliances stay.
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NORTHVILLE Mint Colonial
Move-in perfection. Custom built home w/ 4 BR, 3.5 BA, 3 car gar, fin LL. Prof decorated inside & out. Extensive crown molding. Gourmet kit w/ island. FR w/ gas frplc. Oak paneled den/library. Impressive.
(F43BRO) 248-349-5600 \$582,900



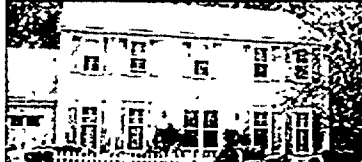
CANTON Looks Like New
3 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/ 2 c att gar, fin bsmt, formal din rm, fam rm w/ frplc, 2 tier deck & extra deep lot.
(F99COR) 734-455-5600 \$249,900



CANTON Pride of Ownership
Spacious 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/ 2 c att gar, bsmt, fam rm, w/ frplc, din rm, custom crown molding & inground pool. All backing to protected woodlands.
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ROMULUS Brand New Model Home
Golf course community. 2-story with quality upgrades. Side car garage, sprinklers w/ full landscaping. Ceramic premium kitchen, C/A, designer wallpaper. Other homes & sites available.
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NORTHVILLE Large Colonial
Plenty of room, many updates including newer carpet, T/O paint, appliances. 4 BR, 3.5 BA w/ a 5th BR in lower level. Large shaded yard backs to commons.
(F03SPR) 248-349-5600 \$339,300



ROMULUS Gorgeous 3 Bedroom
First time buyers, this house is completely refurbished - see it for yourself. Beautiful kitchen w/ ceramic tile. Home sets way back on approx. 35 acres of land w/ mature trees. Seller will assist in closing costs.
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PLYMOUTH Must See Cape Cod
4 BR home w/ luxurious mstr ste Jack & Jill bath. 3 BA up library formal din rm, loft, dynamic fin bsmt, butler entry 4 c att gar, 2 way frplc, gourmet kit w/ walk-in pantry, blt in surround sound, sprinklers & security.
(F99LAN) 734-455-5600 \$624,500



CANTON Move Right In
Sharp 3 bdrm, 2 bath brick ranch w/ 2 c att gar, bsmt, great rm w/ gas log frplc, sprinkler system, prof landscaped yard, lg oak kit w/ plenty of counter space.
(F83STR) 734-455-5600 \$219,850



NORTHVILLE Incredible Value
Waterfront estate in Stonecroft Sub. Largest lot in built by Moken. Upgrades: marble granite, custom Cherry cabinets, 2-story end porch, spiral staircase, MBR w/ 3 way frplc, sitting rm & gameroom, bath fin LL w/ kit, BA & BR.
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FARMINGTON HILLS Old World Charm
All new inside. This beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA home has gorgeous hwd flrs, library sunroom & 1st floor laundry. News in 2003 roof, furnace, electrical, plumbing, kitchen appliances, 2 car garage & spacious deck.
(F55WAL) 248-349-5600 \$225,000



ORCHARD LAKE Best of Two Lakes
The views will amaze you. Orchard Lake in front and Upper Strass in back. 6 BR, 3.5 BA contemporary home. Huge DR can entertain your largest group. Fabulous opportunity.
(F47OLD) 248-349-5600 \$2,399,900



DETROIT Pretty As A Picture
Extensive updates in this 3 bdrm bungalow. Newer features incl furn & CA, roof, windows, plumbing & updated kitchen cabinets & 2 c gar w/ opener. The list goes on & on!
(F15GRE) 734-455-5600 \$89,500



DEARBORN Desirable Area Ranch
Located on 1.5 lots w/ 2 bdrms, 2 baths, att gar, fin bsmt, 2 frplcs & updated windows, roof, furn, CA, elec, H2O, cpt & gar door.
(F23DAC) 734-455-5600 \$5319,900



HOWELL Cozy Ranch Near Town
3 BR home w/ large kitchen w/ eating area & dining room open to kitchen. Basement & room for garage or carport. Fence of trees in back and 5+ Home warranty included.
(F10MAS) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



NORTHVILLE Beautiful Condo
3 BR, 2.5 BA end unit w/ a W/O bsmt that overlooks a stream w/ clubhouse & pool. 1st floor laundry, gas fireplace, wet bar, custom storm windows, newer furnace - 99 & AC - 00. All this & more. Come see for yourself.
(F62WAS) 248-349-5600 \$184,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Chelsea Park Value
You will love all the goodies. 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial tucked away in the forest of Chelsea Park on a cul-de-sac and backs up to woods. Great tile in FR. Fabulous finished w/ oak with theatre area & BR or library.
(F90PEM) 248-349-5600 \$599,900



REDFORD Great Location
Pride of ownership shows in this charming 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick bungalow w/ part fin bsmt, gar, newer roof, furn, CA & elec panel.
(F47WOR) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



PLYMOUTH Cape Cod in Plymouth!
4 BR, 2.5 BA. Enjoy your almost 1 Acre of "Tree Property". Home has beautiful newer kitchen, walk out basement. Some Work To Be Done but Well Worth the Investment!
(F35ANN) 734-455-5600 \$250,000



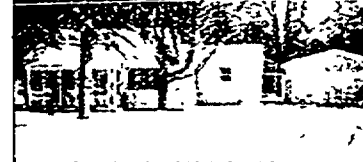
LINCOLN PARK Quiet Tree-Lined Street
Well maintained 3 BR, all brick ranch in desirable area. Newer remodeled kitchen & 2nd kitchen in p.m. finished bsmt. Pano & shed in back yard. One year home warranty offered. Move right in.
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FARMINGTON HILLS The Lot is Outstanding
Bring your builder or contractor! Renovation opportunity in Woodcreek Farms on a large treed ravine lot w/ stream. 4 BR ranch w/ 2.5 BA. Excellent floor plan including a walk out basement. Don't miss this one.
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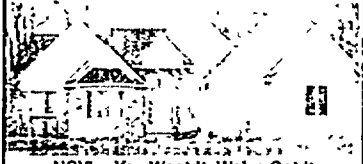
CANTON 3 Bedroom Townhouse
Great location offering 3 BR, 1.5 BA, bsmt, att gar. Newer windows, H2O roof & siding. Kitchen appl, spa, pool, mstr ste w/ a walk of closet. Area pool & clubhouse. Great parking & quiet community.
(F64BED) 248-349-5600 \$147,700



SUMPTER A Little Bit of Country
Approx 1.64 acres w/ 2 homes on property. Bonus 800 sq. ft. home great for renter or in-laws. Completely remodeled. LG pole barn w/ heat, elec & cement flr. Call for details.
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LIVONIA Castle Garden Ranch
Updated 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, 2 car att gar, fin bsmt, CA & furn (97) roof tear off (00) vinyl windows, remodeled kit & baths. Hwd Berber Pergo flooring. Maple cabinets, solid pine 6 panel door, T/O doorwall on fam rm.
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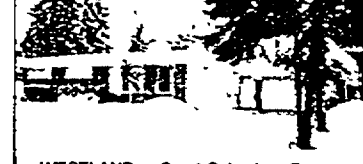
SOUTHFIELD Ranch Plus Bonus Bldg
0.04 acre lot. This beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA home has gorgeous hwd flrs, library sunroom & 1st floor laundry. 2 car attached garage has p.t down storage plus huge bonus bldg that has numerous possibilities.
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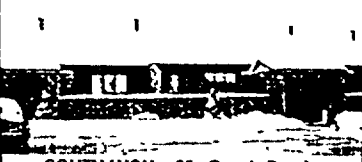
CANTON Fabulous Colonial
Wonderful 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/ 2 c att gar, full bsmt, gourmet kit, mstr ste w/ cathedral ceilings, fam rm, 2nd flr laundry, CA & much more.
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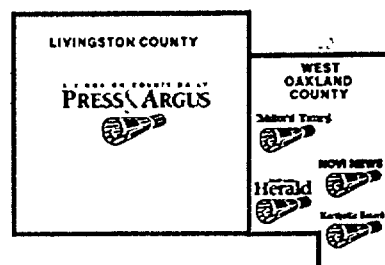
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SE MI automotive supplier is seeking an experienced Production Control Coordinator. We are a successful approved Tier 1 & Tier 2 supplier & a leader in the global automotive marketplace in the fast growing field of pressure sensitive adhesives and components. The successful candidate will have knowledge of Automotive releasing systems & inventory practices exp with ERP/MRP systems. Proficiency in MS Office suite familiarity of DDL EDI Kanban, and QS-9000 and QAD experience is a plus. Salary is commensurate with experience. We offer an excellent benefits package including 401(k) and a pleasant non-smoking work environment. Please send your resume (including salary history) to:

Human Resources
41015 Concept Drive
Plymouth, MI 48178

PROFESSIONAL TURF SERVICES. Needs people for landscaping for temporary work. Jobs include cutting grass, trimming shrubs & weeding and requires 3 mo exp. Work 40hrs/wk. from 8am-4pm daily \$8.06/hr. If interested send resume to MDCOESA, P.O. Box 11170, Detroit, MI 48211-1170, Reference # 241067

RECEPTIONIST Part time. 2 mornings a week. Wed & Thurs from 9am-1pm + occasional weekends. Apply within only. Polished Outlook 119 E Washington St. Milford

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SECRETARY/COORDINATOR
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SHEAR OPERATOR for steel fabricating company 3 yrs. exp. Shipping & receiving exp. helpful. Must have driver's license (517)545-5559

SHIPPING/RECEIVING COORDINATOR
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DENTAL ASSISTANT Friendly Novi office desires experienced, dependable for part-time/full-time position. Please call 248-380-9330

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Resource Coordinator for OCHSA Associate degree required. Responsible for planning, creating, coordinating and monitoring activities for the Livingston County Information & Referral data base. Promote advocacy with community agencies and familiarize families with available resources. 20 hours per week, \$160 per week. Call Linda Michele Doherty at (517) 548-8500 to apply. Reasonable accommodation will be provided upon notification or request. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. EOE

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Child Care Needed

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Valentines Day (6140)

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DEAR GAGA
I love you hope your foot feels better. I'll always be your little angel. Happy Valentines Day Love Ashley

LOVE OF MY LIFE

You are my soul mate & sweet heart. You are my dream come true. From now 'til the end of time I love my heart & soul to you. Happy Valentines Day

MICHAEL DENSKI

If this one goes out to the love of my life. Lets make the years to come even better. 'till the ones we have already shared. I love you, Michelle

Mom-

Val's or you and you have always been there. You are loving and you mean everything. your inspiration is neverending. you are the most talented person we know. Important are you. So need we say more, our everlasting love for you. Speaks Evermore. Happy Valentines Day From The Burns Children & The Outlaws

Announcements & Notices

Announcements & Notices (6200)

DEFAULT OF RENTAL PAYMENT
Sale of household & personal items by sealed competitive bid. Roy Davis III Paul Gibson Verna Stabler Paul Hannah II Scotty Jo Decees Jr. The Grilled Tomato. Sale Date 2/28/04 1:00pm. U Store South Lyon 271 Lorne (248) 437-1600

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Antiques & Collectibles (7020)

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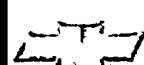
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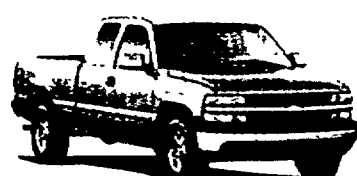
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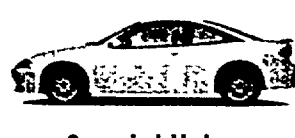
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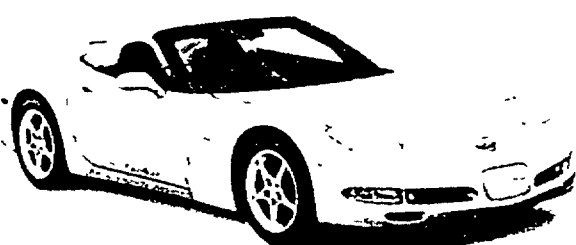
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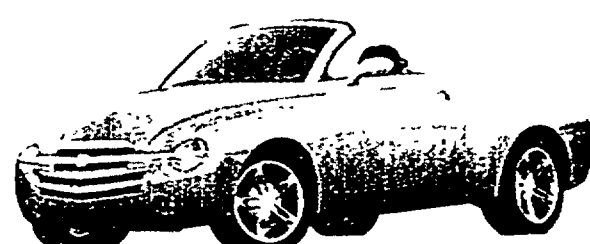
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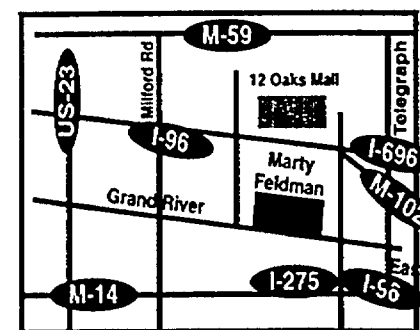
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Q My husband and I are big fans of JAG. What can you tell us about the actor who played the part of Commander Brumby? He has left the show and we heard he died.

—Jim and Pat M., Kansas

Sadly, actor Trevor Goddard died in June of a drug overdose that the Los Angeles County coroner ruled accidental. Goddard, 37, was best known for his role as Lt. Commander Mic Brumby on JAG. He started out as a professional boxer and boxed successfully for more than five years before he turned to acting, beginning with a series of beer commercials. While Goddard played an Australian and his official biography listed his

birthplace as Perth, after his death his parents said he actually was born in Great Britain. After leaving boxing, Goddard portrayed villains such as Kano in *Mortal Kombat* and other Hollywood action films. He had just completed work on *Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl* before his death. His other film credits include *Gone in Sixty Seconds* and *Hollywood Vampyr*. Goddard was divorced and had two sons.

Q What is musician Mark O'Connor doing now?

—Bill J., Rhode Island

"Last year began with the release of *In Full Swing*, my Sony jazz CD, and a 30-city tour with my Hot Swing Trio," says O'Connor, 42. "I composed three classical pieces last year: a violin concerto for the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields; a second piece dedicated to the fallen soldiers in the Iraq war; and a third for the Eroica Piano Trio, inspired by Johnny Cash, my boyhood hero."

While O'Connor has mastered virtually every style of



JAG's Trevor Goddard was a boxer-turned-actor.

music, these days he mostly performs his style of American classical music, jazz and folk. He's celebrating his 30th year as a recording artist with the release of *Mark O'Connor Thirty-Year Retrospective*, a double CD. "Musicians like Chris Thile of Nickel Creek help me recreate some of my best music I have recorded over these 30 years," O'Connor says of the CD. He spent part of last summer working with about 400 students at his music camps in Tennessee and California, which he has offered for the last decade. "When I'm not performing or composing, my music friends can find me hanging out with my family in sunny San Diego, spending time around our pool, and enjoying life with my wife, Carla, and our two boys, Forrest, 15, and Gage, 12. And one of my favorite treasures is our grove of 75 avocado trees. The fresh guacamole never stops! It's nice to have this balance with my time in concert halls, recording studios and airports."

Q Whatever became of the actor Robert Lansing?

—Roger and Donna S., Colorado

Lansing actually was born Robert Howell Brown, in San Diego, and grew up in Indiana before moving to New York to pursue an acting career. He changed his professional name to Lansing because there already was a working actor named Robert Brown (who played the oldest brother from *Here Come The Brides*), and though he didn't live there, he took the name from Michigan's capital city. In a 1976 interview, he said that he became interested in acting as a child. "I started acting when I was very young and enjoyed it, and found out I did it well. I suppose there's that thing with children when they look at an adult doing something and they say, 'Well, I can do that' or 'I can do that better.' I think that happened with me." Lansing began his career on Broadway and appeared in films such as *A Gathering of Eagles* and *Namu, The Killer Whale*, but is probably best known for his television work in the shows *87th Precinct*, *Twelve O'Clock High* and *The Equalizer*. Lansing died in 1994 at age 66. ☆

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Hometown Humorist

Philip Gulley never set out to be a writer.

In fact, he got a D in English composition in college. "I only passed the course with a D because I promised my professor I would never write again," Gulley admits.

But, years later as a Quaker minister, Gulley began writing short essays for his church bulletin. Through a happy twist of fate, those essays were passed along to famed radio broadcaster Paul Harvey whose son visited Gulley's church and was placed on the newsletter mailing list. Harvey spread the "rest of the story" of the writing minister and changed the course of Gulley's life.

Now the 42-year-old writer from Danville, Ind., (pop. 4,902) has devoted readers who have fallen in love with his make-believe Harmony, a charming small town whose poignant stories and folksy characters are recounted in a half dozen books published since 1997. His titles include *Front Porch Tales*, *Home Town Tales*, *Home to Harmony*, *Just Shy of Harmony*, *Christmas in Harmony*, and *Signs and Wonders: A Harmony Novel*.

"I get a lot of letters from people who

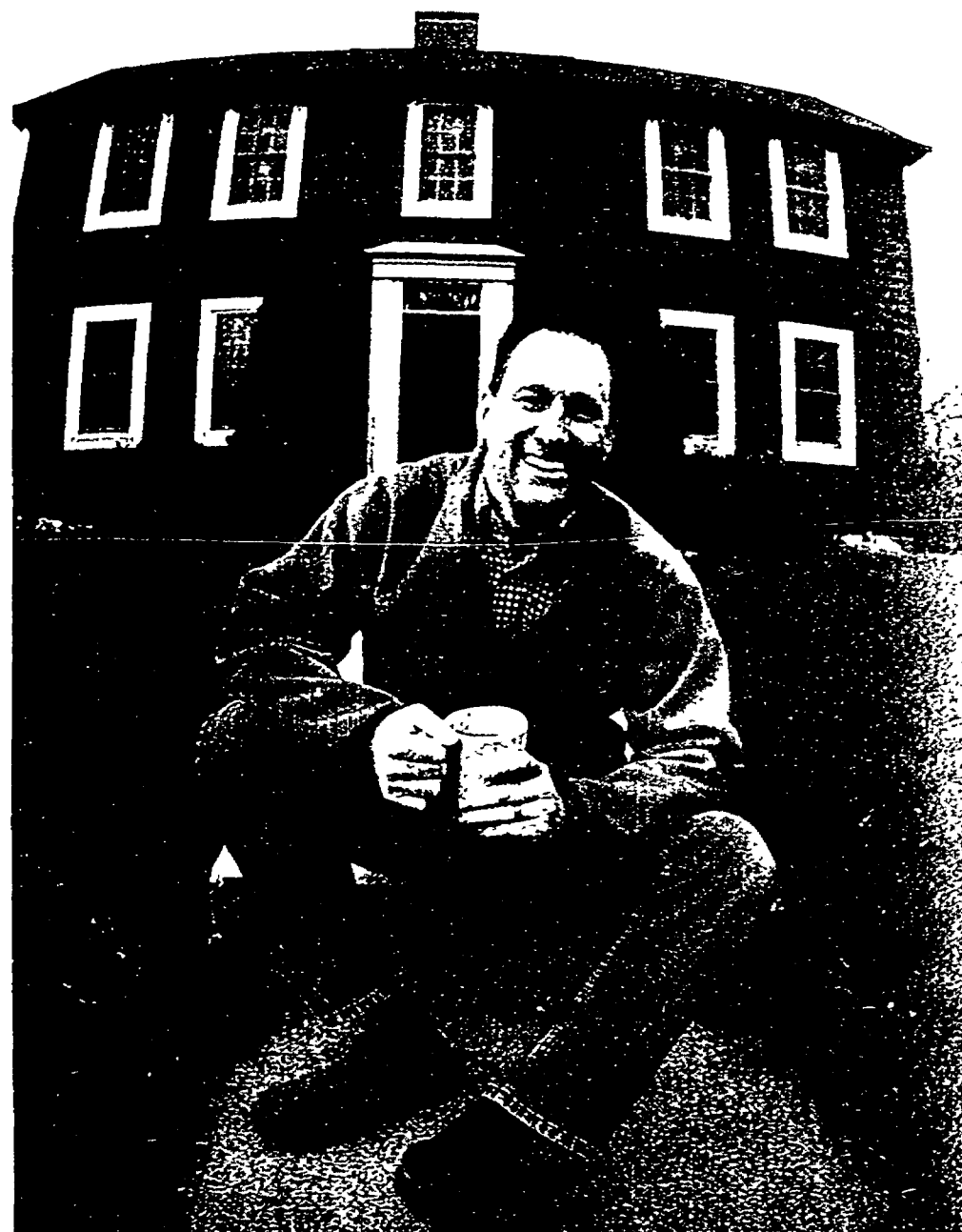
say, 'I grew up in the town you write about and wish I could live there again,'" says Gulley, who has been called Indiana's Garrison Keillor. "The town of Harmony seems so real to me that I feel like I can walk down the street and see the people I write about. It's hard for me to think of them as fictional characters. I keep expecting to see them any day now."

He got the name for his imaginary town from the *Bible*. "I was reading one day in the *Bible* and came across the verse, 'I desire therefore that you live in harmony with one another.' That seemed like such a good name for a place like where I grew up."

Gulley grew up in Danville, the fourth of five children in a strong Catholic family. He became a Quaker as a teenager when neighbors invited him to attend their Quaker church youth group.

Drawing on composites of people he has known, Gulley has created unforgettable Harmony characters such as minister and book narrator Sam Gardner. Like Gulley, Sam returns to his hometown when he is offered a job after the town's Quaker pastor dies in an accident. "Both his parents had died of heart problems, which he feared would happen to him, so he'd begun to jog and was hit by a truck."

Then there's Miriam Hodge, head elder of the town's Quaker meeting. "She



Author and minister Philip Gulley pens humorous tales from his home in Danville, Ind.

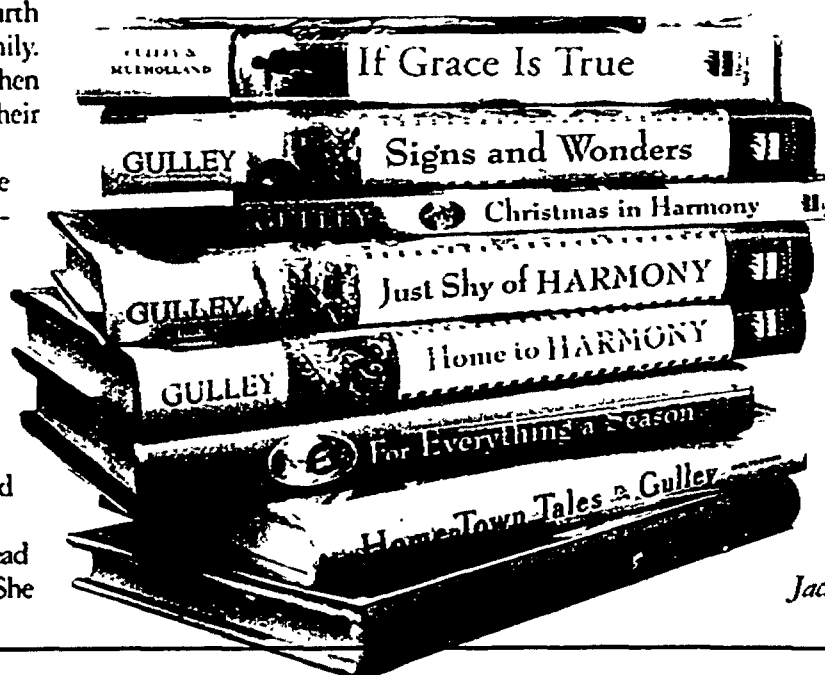
is patterned after a lady in my first church," Gulley says. With a heart of gold, Miriam nevertheless seems to find herself in some embarrassing situations. In one tale, the ladies of the Quaker meeting decide to make a quilt as a fund-raising project. All goes well until they hang the quilt in the meetinghouse and the sun hits it. Suddenly, the face of Jesus appears on the illuminated quilt. Folks begin flocking to see the holy fabric and Miriam knows she must confess a secret to her minister—she spilled coffee on the quilt, creating a stain that resembles the face of Jesus.

"That's not the Lord we've been seeing," Miriam admits. "That's Maxwell House."

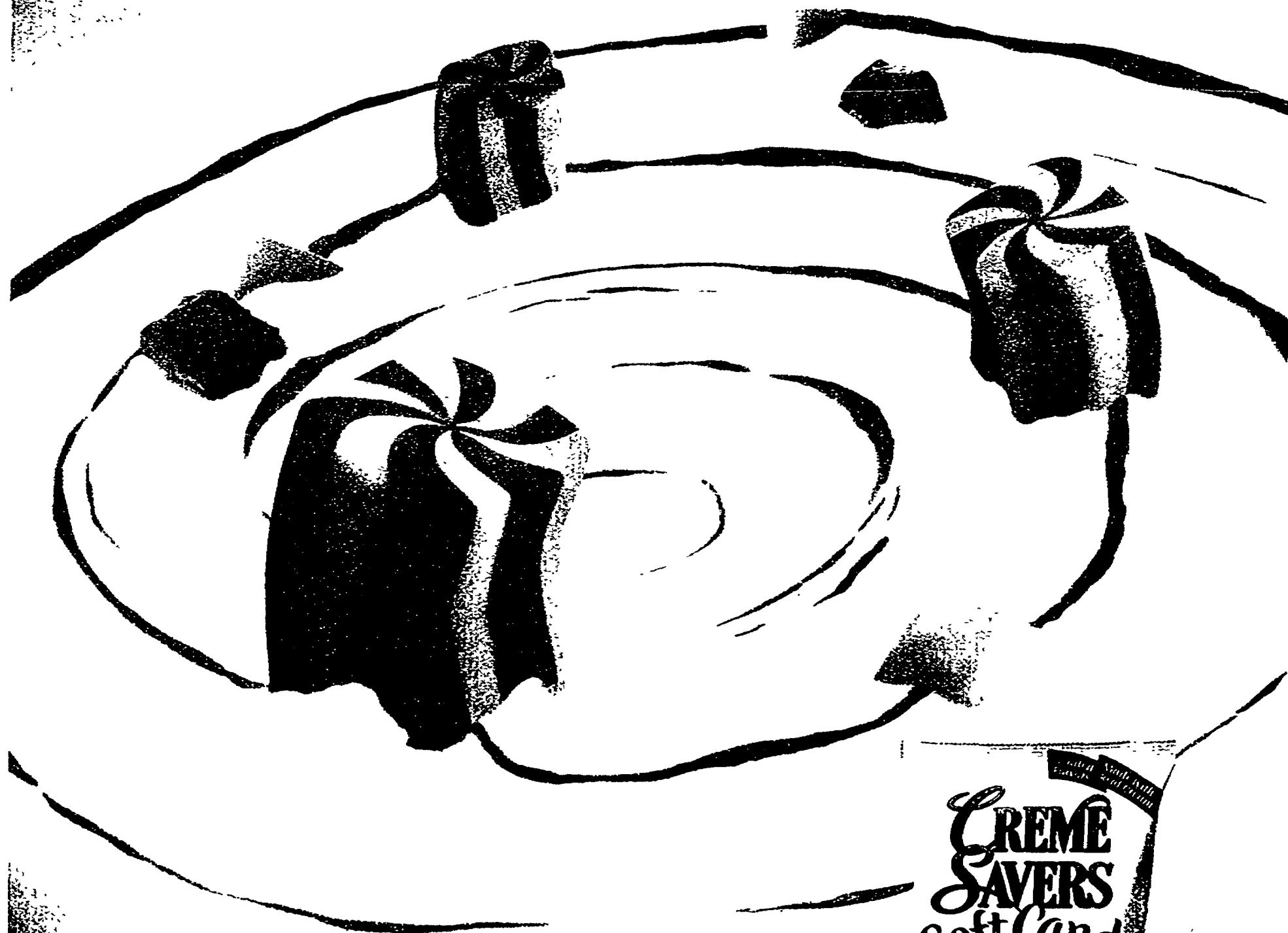
Readers sometimes ask how Gulley makes up the names of his characters. "I don't make them up," Gulley says. "They are real names. The Quakers have a directory of members so I just open it up, put my finger on one name for a last name. Then I skip a few pages and put my finger on a name for a first name."

In the end, all seems to turn out right in Harmony. "People always think small towns are boring," Gulley concludes. "But, to me, small towns are fascinating. You can find opportunities for relationships in a small town unlike anyplace else on Earth." ☆

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In fact, she says it was during the dark times—when she was a 20-something single mother of two mired in poverty, and later, when doctors told her that she was suffering from the fatal liver disease hepatitis C—that she developed a keen understanding about what's important in life.

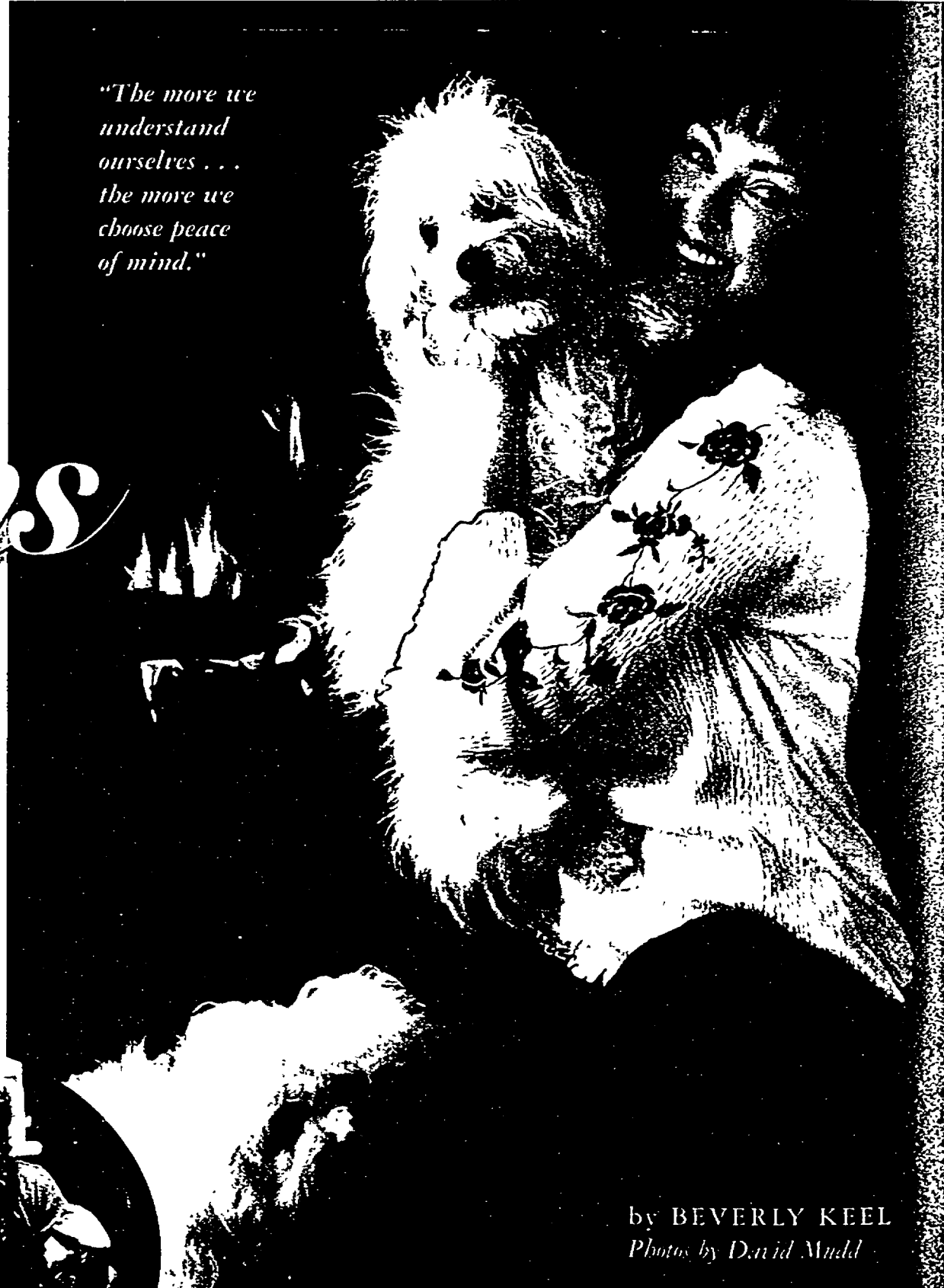
It was in the midst of her battle against hepatitis C, which doctors say is now in remission, that she found her true calling: using her own life story, complete with a multitude of mistakes, to help others. Refusing to accept the death sentence that doctors had given her, she began conducting research into health, healing and medicine by meeting with the nation's leading doctors and professors.

Now she's eager to share what she's learned on her decade-long sojourn of self-discovery in her new book, *Naomi's Breakthrough Guide: 20 Choices to Transform Your Life*. The book, which is equal parts autobiography, hometown common sense, and cutting-edge scientific studies, offers 20 affirmations that provide guidance and encouragement to people looking to improve their lives.

"Health, happiness, success, all the good stuff in life are choices," she says. "All of them are completely under our control. We can't control the way circumstances happen, but we can always control our reaction."



"The more we understand ourselves . . . the more we choose peace of mind."



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"Peace of mind isn't the absence of problems; peace of mind comes from your ability to deal with them," she says. "The more we understand ourselves and what's standing in the way of our being as happy and healthy as we can, and the more eager we become to risk following our dreams and offering our gifts to others, the more worthy we feel, the more we choose peace of mind."

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ing a star. But those fantasies were thwarted when she got pregnant with daughter Wynonna at age 17. She married and the couple moved to Los Angeles and had daughter Ashley, but the marriage fell apart and they divorced in 1972.

She began living a gypsy lifestyle and at age 22 found herself standing in line for food stamps and welfare checks and taking her sick children to the doctor on the city bus. When she left an unhealthy relationship, her ex-boyfriend broke into her house and beat her up. "I felt trapped and overwhelmed by my dire physical circumstances," she says. "No money, no education, no contacts, no emotional support." But as she looked into the mirror, she realized, "I'd done it all to myself."

"Day by day, through the years, I kept choosing this dead-end path," she adds. "My desperate situation that night was a culmination of all the small and large inappropriate choices I'd been making. In a flash, I had a profound breakthrough: life is a series of multiple-choice questions. I saw clearly that it is through our choices that our lives take shape."

She suddenly realized that she didn't like the discrepancy between how she was raised and how she was raising her daughters. No longer intrigued by the superficial Hollywood lifestyle, she wanted her daughters to know their heritage and be close to her family. "When something bad happens to you, it doesn't mean you are bad," she says. "You can reverse the curse."

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In the early 1970s she moved back to rural Kentucky and earned a nursing degree while working as a waitress after the girls went to bed. And in her few moments of downtime, she resumed her dream of someday making a living as an entertainer.

While doing the dishes one evening, she predicted to her girls that she would someday write a No. 1 song. "They erupted in fits of laughter," she recalls.

Annoyed, Judd then vowed to also win a Grammy for Songwriter of the Year. "At the time, it did seem ludicrous," she admits. "Wy, Ash and I were still living in poverty. I was worried that our old car, dubbed Hunka Junk, wasn't going to last



Naomi and grandchildren Grace, 7, and Elijah, 9, at the family farm in Leiper's Fork, Tenn.

much longer. I didn't have medical coverage or a credit card. At 36, I felt I didn't have much to show for my life. But I still refused to allow anything to stop me from believing I could become all I wanted to be."

The next year, Judd, who had subsequently moved her family to Franklin, Tenn. (pop. 41,842), signed a deal with RCA Records, which reaffirmed her philosophy that "you become whatever you think about all day." Indeed, she later won that Grammy.

Mirror of truth

Judd soon realized that the money, while nice, didn't make her happy. "I personally made a choice a long time ago not to participate in the rampant materialism," she says. She and her husband, Larry Strickland, live in a two-bedroom home on a farm that adjoins those of her two daughters in Leiper's Fork, Tenn. She drives a 9-year-old car, doesn't own a cell phone and has never sent an e-mail; her office is her kitchen table. Flannel sheets and fine linens are her greatest indulgence.

Judd says in order to find peace of mind, you must tune out life's background noise and just listen to yourself. She recommends beginning the day with 20 minutes of



Naomi, a former nurse, in 1981.

solitude before taking on the busy world. "I was shocked to discover that 85 percent of all illnesses are stress-related," she says. "In fact, the World Health Organization proclaimed stress as the number one global epidemic."

For instance, she was recently in New York with Ashley, who is starring in Broadway's *Cat On a Hot Tin Roof*. Ashley came home feeling exhausted after rehearsals, but immediately began checking her e-mail and making a to-do list, "which got her jacked up again. I couldn't resist addressing the stress issue with her," Judd says. "I said, 'Sweet Pea, have you ever heard the term winding down?' It's all choices. "If we'll slow down and simplify our lives and start paying attention to our intuition, we will get clarity on what we value," she says. "I decided that my faith, my family and friends, medicine, education and doing self-discovery gave me the most peace and joy in life."

To find true peace of mind, Judd says you must look in the "mirror of truth" and examine what makes you happy, as opposed to what society tells you that you should desire. She recommends becoming a detective in your own life and getting to know your family tree. "It will explain why you are the way you are," she says. ☆

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Heart Attack or Heartburn?

A pain or burning sensation in the chest could signal a heart attack, or less life-threatening, but still potentially serious, heartburn. Anytime you experience new or unusual pains or other feelings in your chest, it's important to seek medical attention. It's also valuable to know the difference between the symptoms associated with a heart attack and heartburn.

Because the heart is a muscle that never rests, it's important that the heart receive plenty of blood at all times to provide adequate oxygen and energy. In a patient with coronary heart disease, the vessels supplying blood to the heart (coronary arteries) become narrow as plaque builds up. Plaque is a sticky, fatty substance that also causes other components of the blood to become stuck to the coronary artery walls. Over a long period of time, plaque-clogged arteries narrow, reducing blood flow needed to nourish the heart. In some cases the blood supply can be cut off completely; in other people, blood clots break off and close the arteries immediately. In either case, when the blood supply decreases enough, the heart muscle is starved for oxygen and begins to die. This is a heart attack. More than 1.1 million Americans experience a heart attack each year and, as a result, nearly half of them die.

Typically, a heart attack feels like your chest is being squeezed or crushed. Some people describe the feeling as an elephant sitting on their chest. The pain often extends to the shoulder, back, throat, jaw, and arms. Most patients experience lightheadedness and have trouble catching their breath; some also have cold sweats and nausea. Exertion, exercise, or other activity usually makes the pain worse in contrast to heartburn, a condition in which rest makes the symptoms worse.

Not all heart attacks have a sudden onset. In fact, most people diagnosed with a heart

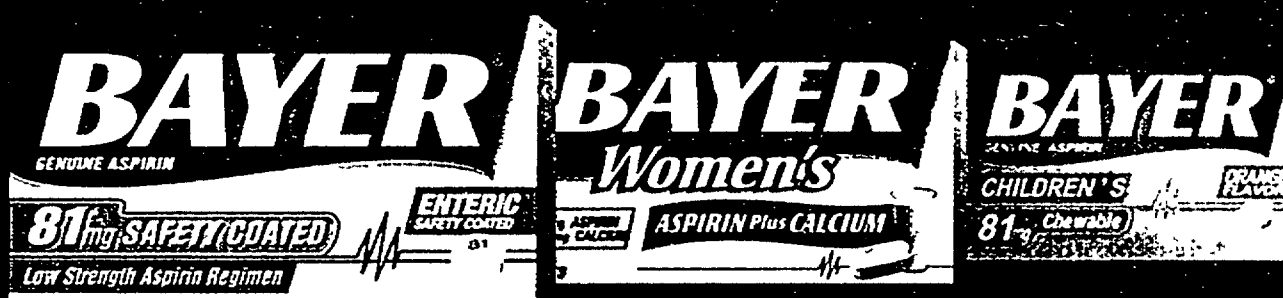
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Hometown Spotlight

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Rodeo and Western Realism

The fabled image of the Western cowboy still rides high in Prescott, Ariz., towering almost as large as Thumb Butte—the massive granite promontory that overlooks the area. In this town, that heroic symbol of American independence and self-reliance is exalted through two ongoing institutions: cowboy art and one of the world's oldest rodeos.

"It's strictly American—the cowboy and the rodeo," says artist Bill Nebeker, 61, a Prescott (pop. 33,938) resident of 51 years. "It is a romantic ideal of the Old West. It only had a span in history of 40 years, but it made a tremendous impact on human life."

Aiding those remembrances through artistic expression are people like Nebeker. As a result, Prescott has become the mecca of American Western realism, that form of art—be it painting, sculpture, or other—that celebrates the cowboy way of life. The movement began in the mid-1960s, the inspi-

Work of Western artists abounds in Prescott.

ration of a group of artists headed by George Phippen, who wanted to see their love of the West furthered through art. They called themselves the Cowboy Artists of America.

"They were a bunch of guys who loved to ride horses and play around at ranches," says Nebeker's wife, Merry, "but who also made their living by art—trading it for groceries and selling it out of the back of their station wagons. They had been inspired by Charles Russell and Frederick Remington, but there was a 50-year gap where nobody did any Western sculpting, partly because there were no foundries in those days."

In the late 1950s, Phippen and a friend, Joe Noggle, a local contractor, opened the Noggle Bronze Works in Prescott, which now boasts more than half a dozen foundries. Nebeker attributes that development as one of the main reasons for the influx of great Western artists to Arizona, and particularly Prescott.

A statue of former town sheriff Bucky O'Neill stands downtown.



Prescott, Ariz., annually presents Frontier Days and the World's Oldest Rodeo, which dates back to 1888. Above is a photo of the famed rodeo circa 1921.

Still, if the Cowboy Artists of America are the romantic sheen of Prescott, the underlying current is Frontier Days and the World's Oldest Rodeo—a combustible Fourth of July blowout that presents its 116th celebration this July, featuring a golf tournament, dances, a major parade, and a fine arts & crafts show, along with the PRCA-sanctioned rodeo. Documentation exists indicating that "cowboy contests" took place in Prescott beginning in 1888. The town relishes its prestigious fit with the American West.

"We think that the rodeo embodies the tradition of Prescott," says Lindsay Mills, president of Prescott Frontier Days and the World's Oldest Rodeo. "You have that small-town sense of Western ambiance. You should see this place over the Fourth of July! It's just spectacular. Thousands fill the streets for the Saturday parade. It's the second largest in the state after the Fiesta Bowl Parade (in Phoenix)."

Deborah Reeder, executive director of the Phippen Museum of Western Art, honoring its artist-sculptor namesake since 1984, notes the town's bond of past and present: "I suspect, in the future... the past will stay important," she says. "It's also nice that there are other things going on here; other kinds of activities and other kinds of art and culture." To which the venerable Sharlot Hall Museum and the Smoki Museum are to be mentioned, both facilities offering comprehensive displays of the area's early settlement and rich American Indian history.

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attack have had symptoms for a while, beginning with mild pain or discomfort. In some cases, the discomfort subsides or goes away for a while. But, unless the problem is treated, it usually returns.

If you have severe, crushing chest pain that lasts for more than a few minutes, or other symptoms of a heart attack, call 911 and get immediate medical help. Do not be alone or isolate yourself from other people and do not drive yourself to the hospital.

Heartburn, meanwhile, is a much more common condition. More than 41 percent of adult Americans suffer symptoms of heartburn during any given month, according to a poll conducted by the Gallup Organization. In a recent survey commissioned by the American Gastroenterological Association of 1,000 patients with heartburn, nearly 80 percent had symptoms at night. For the majority, these problems were severe enough that it interfered with their sleep, affecting their work performance and quality of life the next day.

Heartburn does not actually involve your heart. The condition gets its name because the symptoms associated with it typically are located in the chest. In reality, small amounts of digestive acid escape from the stomach and move toward the throat. This acid irritates the esophagus, the tube that takes food from our throat to our stomach, and this produces the common "burning" feeling described by people who experience it. Other symptoms include a feeling that small amounts of food or liquid are coming back up. This is often accompanied by a bitter or acidic taste in the mouth.

For most people, heartburn typically occurs after eating a meal. Large meals, and certain foods, are more likely to trigger the burning sensation. Although the foods that cause heartburn are different for different people, generally foods that are high in fat, spicy or highly acidic (such as orange juice) are identified as being the culprits. Drinking alcohol or caffeine-rich beverages (coffee, soda, tea) and using tobacco products also can cause heartburn for many people. Laying down makes the pain worse for most people.

Before using any medications, try these suggestions to prevent the symptoms of heartburn:

- Limit your intake of foods and drinks that cause or make your heartburn worse.
- Eat smaller meals.

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You might suspect that your son or daughter is using drugs or drinking. You found an odd-looking pipe in his room, cans and bottles in the car or rolling papers in her laundry. Or you overheard a conversation not meant for you. Every day, close to 4,700 American youth under age 18 try marijuana for the first time. By the time they reach the eighth grade, approximately 50 percent of kids have had at least one drink. More than 20 percent report having been "drunk." Despite these statistics, one thing is true: Parents are the most important influence in a teen's decisions about drug use and drinking. Parents can and do make a difference. If you suspect or know that your child is using drugs or drinking, take action now. The longer you wait, the harder it will be to deal with it.

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- Signs of inhaling products, such as hairspray, nail polish, correction fluid, paper bags and rags
- Eyedrops to mask bloodshot eyes or dilated pupils
- Use of mouthwash or breath mints to cover up drinking or drug use
- Missing prescription drugs

These changes often signal that something troubling is going on and may involve drinking or drug use. The key thing to remember is that it is never too early or too late to take action regarding your kid's drug use.

WHAT DO YOU DO AND WHEN?

When you have a hunch, what do you do? First, learn as much as you can. Go to www.TheAntiDrug.com for information about teen drug use and what parents can do to address it. Next, take action to stop your teen's drinking or drug use. Talk to them about your concerns and work with them to address the problem. You may need to do this more than once. You can enlist the help of others you trust — your family doctor, a school counselor or coach.

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- Don't exercise immediately after a meal.
- Don't lie down after a meal.
- If you are overweight, dropping some of the extra pounds may help.

The use of a liquid or tablet antacid relieves the symptoms of heartburn for many people. For others, there are a many effective non-prescription (over-the-counter) and prescription remedies available. Although they are generally considered safe and effective for most people, you should consult your physician before starting or changing any medication. If your heartburn persists, gets worse over time, does not fully go away after taking medicines, causes vomiting, appetite loss, or tarry, black stools, see a physician.

Recognize the symptoms

The list below shows some basic differences between symptoms of a heart attack and heartburn. It is not intended to take the place of a visit to, or discussion with, a qualified health professional. Furthermore, not all heart attacks occur with the same symptoms, and not all of the symptoms below have to be present.

Heart attack

- Crushing pressure or pain in chest
- Feeling of fullness in chest
- Usually occurs with exercise or exertion
- Pain may move to shoulders, back, neck arms, and jaw
- Irregular heart rate (pulse) may occur
- Shortness of breath
- Cold sweats
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Lightheadedness, weakness or dizziness

Heartburn

- Burning, irritation below breastbone
- Pain usually does not move to back, shoulders, neck, arms, and jaw
- Usually occurs after meals
- Gets worse when lying down
- Antacids will often make pain go away
- Rarely causes shortness of breath, lightheadedness, dizziness, or cold sweats

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Health

Keep Cholesterol in Check

Chest pain was a wake-up call for John Summers, a police officer in Quincy, Ill. (pop. 40,366). After being diagnosed with coronary artery disease in 2002, he took seriously his physician's advice to exercise, lose weight and cut cholesterol, a key factor in heart disease, from his diet.

Today, he's 36 pounds lighter, works out daily and eats a diet that's long on lean meats, vegetables and fruit. Forget fried food and other fat-laden foods loaded with cholesterol—he doesn't miss them.

"It's all worth it. My brother is five years younger than I am and he can't keep up with me now," says Summers, 51. "I feel great, better than I have in years."

For many people learning to keep cholesterol under the recommended level of 200 is a challenge. "You need cholesterol for good health," says Robert Williams, a physician at Angel Medical Center in Franklin, N.C. (pop. 3,490). "But most people don't realize our bodies make all the cholesterol we need."

Found in meats, eggs, oils such as butter, lard and palm kernel oil, and dairy products such as whole milk, excess cholesterol becomes a waxy substance called plaque. Plaque travels in the blood stream and attaches to artery walls. As arteries thicken because of the plaque build-up, less blood reaches the heart. The result can be coronary artery disease and heart attack.

Dr. Williams recommends having your cholesterol checked with a blood test every three years, beginning at age 20 and more often if your physician recommends it. While a cholesterol check from a community health screening is convenient, to get an accurate measure, he suggests having it tested in your doctor's office after you have not eaten for 10 to 12 hours.



Exercise increases so-called "good" cholesterol and decreases "bad" cholesterol.

Family history can be a factor in high cholesterol for some people, but for most, lifestyle change is key. "The way you eat, your activity level and other things, such as not smoking, are more important," Dr. Williams says.

Only a small percentage of people with high cholesterol need medication and even with it, exercise, not smoking and a healthful diet are a must.

Lowering high cholesterol starts with smart food choices. "People who eat fast food or commercial pastries, snack food and frozen dinners run a risk of high cholesterol because of the kind of fat they contain," says Kathy Jochem, a clinical nurse specialist in the Heart and Vascular Center at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Ill.

She recommends lean, unbreaded meat that is broiled or baked, plenty of fresh fruits, and vegetables without sauces or butter. Fat-free milk and cheese, and whole grains such as whole wheat bread and rice, also are cholesterol busters.

"When you do use oil, choose liquid or tub margarine instead of butter, or use canola or olive oil," Jochem suggests. "These have lower levels of (the kind of) fat that raise cholesterol."

For snacks, opt for air-popped popcorn over the buttered variety, pretzels over potato chips, and low-fat frozen yogurt over ice cream.

Exercise and not using tobacco products also are important. "Exercise increases so-called 'good cholesterol' and decreases 'bad cholesterol'," Jochem adds, explaining that the increase in circulation helps move plaque out of the body. It has the added benefit of burning extra calories while increasing muscle strength. Because tobacco helps plaque stick to artery walls, giving it up also reduces cholesterol-related plaque build up.

"A healthy lifestyle is the first step to managing cholesterol," Dr. Williams says. "It can be challenging, but it's worth it because it pays off in good health." ☆

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Understanding Cholesterol

Cholesterol refers to the amount of fat in your blood. It is made up of several elements. Most often, people talk about two of these—high-density lipoprotein (HDL or good cholesterol) and low-density lipoprotein (LDL or bad cholesterol).

Understanding the two can help people keep their cholesterol below 200, the dividing line between high and low cholesterol, says Candy Steele, a cardiac rehabilitation nurse at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo, Iowa (pop. 68,747).

LDL causes plaque to build up inside the arteries, she explains. LDL of more than 130 is considered high; below 100 is best. HDL helps carry cholesterol away from the arteries. HDL of more than 40 is believed to help prevent heart attacks and reduce plaque.

"Decreasing your LDL is about diet," Steele says. "I'm talking about reducing saturated fats from your diet. At the same time, increasing your intake of monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats that are found in olive, canola, and grape seed oil can help increase HDL." Eliminating trans fatty acids, found in the types of fats in fast food and some commercial baked goods, also is important to keeping LDLs and overall cholesterol low.

An important way to increase HDL is to build regular, physician-approved exercise into your day. "Some exercise is better than none, so look for opportunities to exercise in short, frequent bouts throughout your day," Steele suggests, explaining that regular activity is believed to move fat out of the body. The goal is 30 minutes four to five times a week."

Staying active and changing life-long eating habits is hard, Steele acknowledges. "The best way to make real change is to look at your eating habits and pick one thing, make a change and stick with it for a while, then make another," she says.

Practical suggestions include shifting from grilled cheese on white bread to turkey on whole wheat, or moving from whole milk to skim. Hooked on fast food? Opt for salads with dressing on the side instead of a burger and fries.

Even with these changes, some people need cholesterol-lowering drugs, but for most, "There is no magic bullet. It's about eating right and exercise," Steele says, "not about eating at McDonald's." ☆



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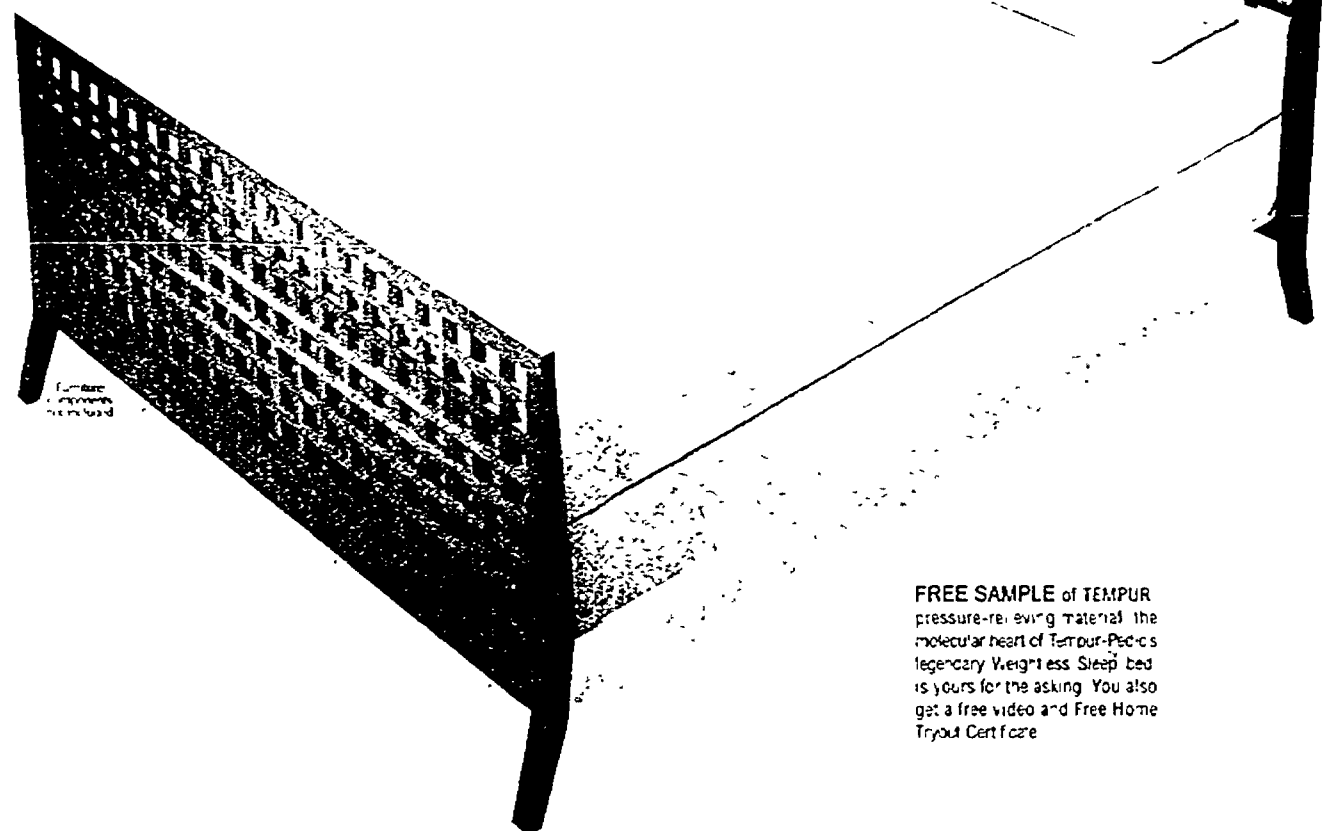


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Warming up readies the body for more rigorous activity and reduces risk of injury. It slowly increases heart rate, muscle temperature, and respiration. The warm-up is initiated during the first five minutes of an aerobic workout. If you are going for a walk, jog, or run, start out with slow, relaxed steps, working up to your usual pace. For cycling and rowing, move leisurely at first, increasing speed after five minutes. For gym workouts, do a five minute warm-up on the first machine you use and then segue into a faster speed.

If weight training is the first and/or only exercise you do, walk around a little, or jog easily in place before beginning weight lifting. Also, a cooldown is wise at the end of exercise. It is simply executed by reducing speed during the last two minutes of your activity.

Most people do mild stretching each day when they roll out of bed, reach arms overhead, and yawn. But the best program includes shoulders, neck, back, abdomen, legs, and ankles.

Stretching increases flexibility, decreases soreness, and helps to get oxygen and other nutrients to muscle tissue. It is best initiated after a workout when muscles are warm and pliable and there is an increase in blood flow and synovial fluid (lubricating liquid around joints). Begin each stretch by moving slowly into position until you feel an easy, relaxed pull in the focused muscles. If you feel pain, ease up, you've gone too far for your body. Hold each stretch for 10 to 15 seconds without bouncing. Muscles respond to bounce by contracting rather than expanding. Breathe normally throughout each movement.

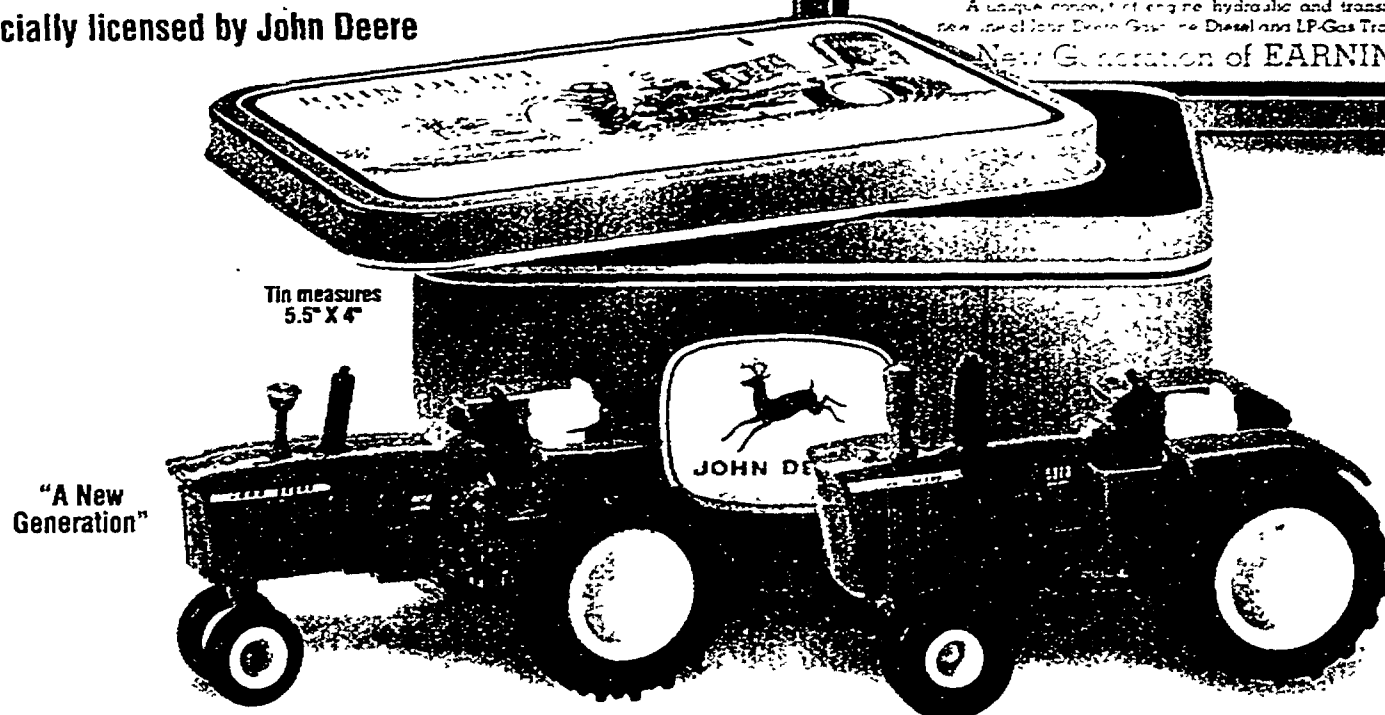
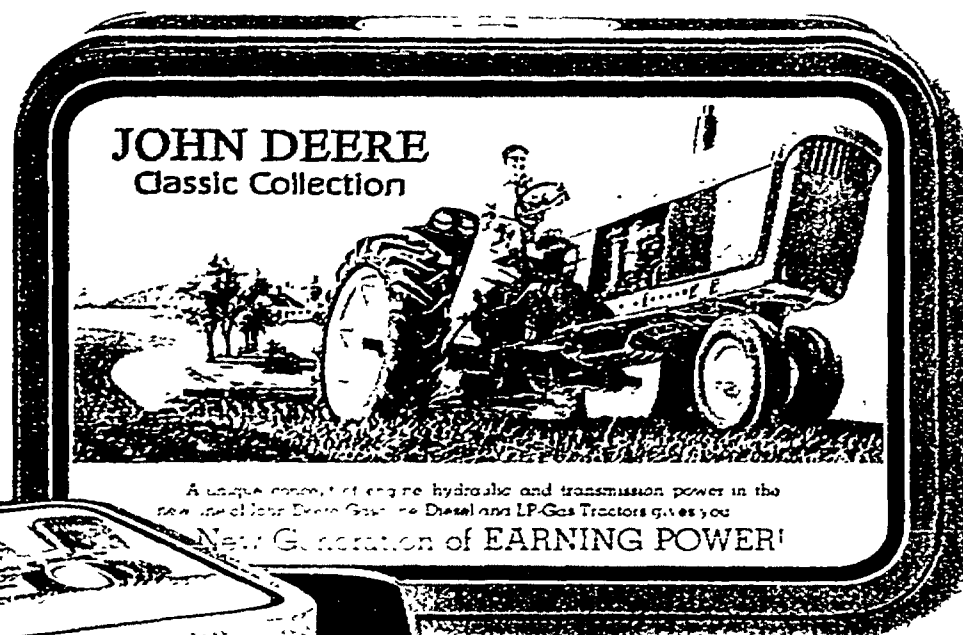
Since muscle tissues lose flexibility over time, stretching is wise even for those who do not engage in a regular exercise program. Before you begin, walk around or in place for five minutes, or do some activity that helps break a light sweat. With muscles warm, begin your stretches.

No matter what your fitness level, warming up and stretching are essential for any exercise.

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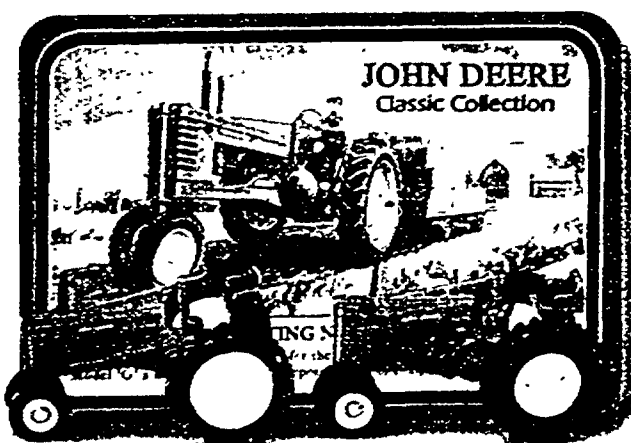
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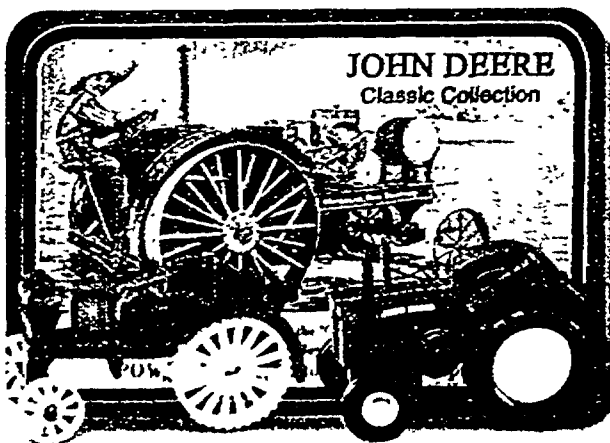
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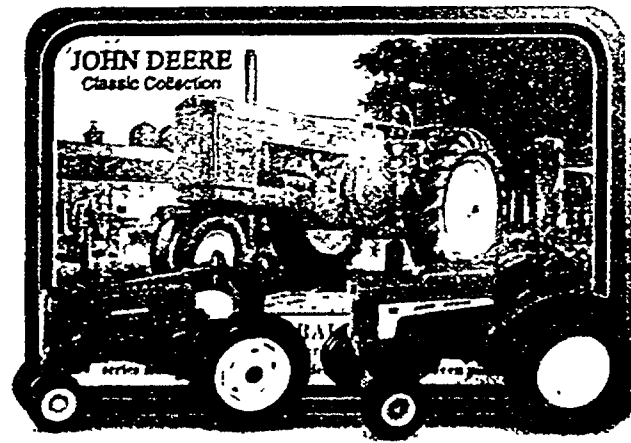
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The town's ambiance is further flavored by the downtown Courthouse (and its sprawling plaza), a white granite icon from the pre-statehood glory days, when Prescott served as capital of the Arizona Territory (1864). Across from it, Whiskey Row, once the pulse of old Prescott with its 26 rowdy saloons, today brandishes a collection of art galleries, antiques and gift shops, and, of course, saloons. The old Palace, a treasured landmark, its bar still intact from the great fire of 1900 that wiped out all of Whiskey Row, leads a contingent of 500 Prescott buildings listed on the National Historic Register. During its heyday, the Earp brothers and Doc Holliday are said to have bent an elbow a time or two at the Palace.

Prescott will undoubtedly remain a city that will entertain change and growth at its own pace and desire. And you can bet that the prized remnants of its legendary past will stay in cherished evidence.

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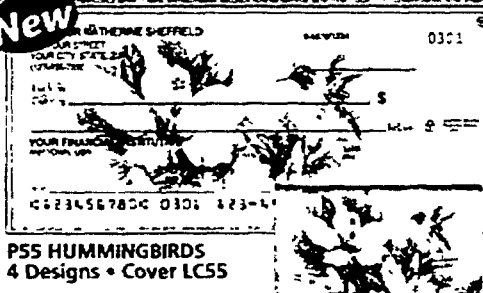
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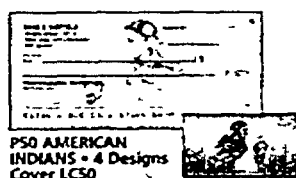
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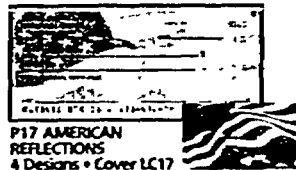
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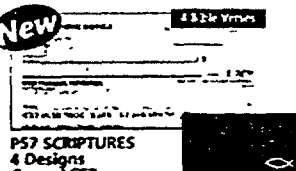
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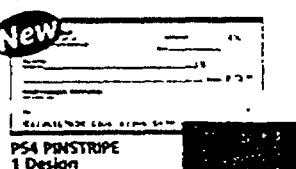
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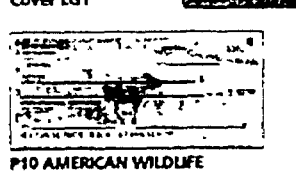
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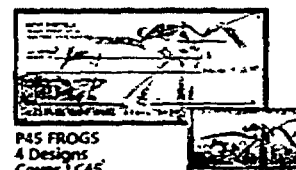
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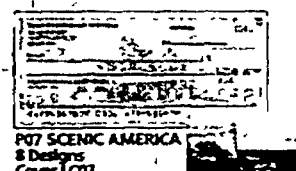
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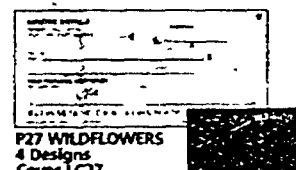
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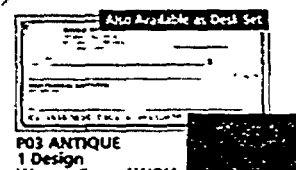
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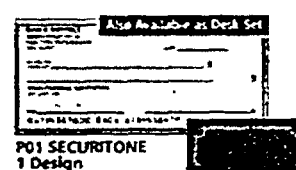
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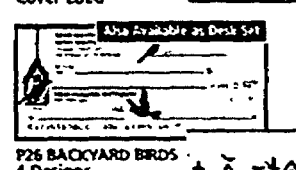
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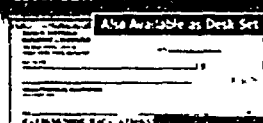
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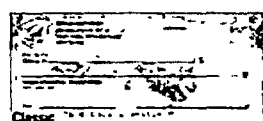
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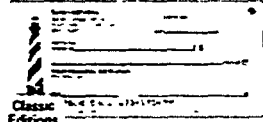
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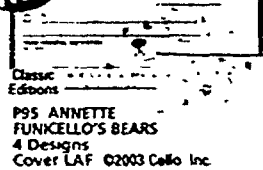


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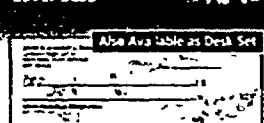
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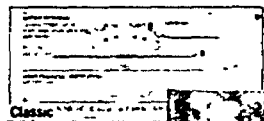
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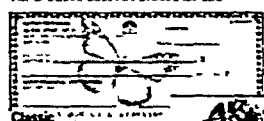
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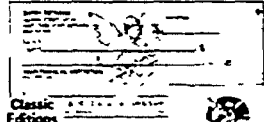
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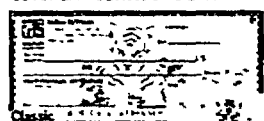
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Did You Know...

ILLINOIS—The state leads America in pumpkin production, growing 319 million pounds in 2001. The next biggest producers were California, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan.

INDIANA—The Levi Coffin house in Fountain City (pop. 735) was known as the "Grand Central Station of the Underground Railroad" for the more than 2,000 runaway slaves who passed through it. It is a National Historic Landmark.

IOWA—The National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum in Knoxville (pop. 7,731) is dedicated to preserving the history of sprint car racing.

KANSAS—The public swimming pool at Finnup Park in Garden City (pop. 28,451) occupies half a city block and is billed as the world's largest free concrete municipal swimming pool.

MICHIGAN—The state name is from michigama, a Chippewa Indian word meaning "great lake."

MINNESOTA—Minneapolis students Scott and Brennan Olson invented rollerblades in 1980 while looking for a way to practice hockey during the off-season. Their design was an ice hockey boot with three in-line wheels instead of a blade.

MISSOURI—The 630-foot stainless steel Gateway Arch in St. Louis was designed as a monument to Western pioneers. Its foundations are sunken 60 feet into the ground, and it is built to sway up to 18 inches in high winds. A 40-passenger tram transports visitors through the structure.

NEBRASKA—The state had a flourishing grape and wine industry in the 19th century, with about 5,000 acres under cultivation, but World War I, Prohibition, and the Dust Bowl drought led to the demise of many Nebraska vineyards.

NORTH DAKOTA—Actress Angie Dickinson was born Angeline Brown in 1931 in the farming community of Kulm (pop. 422).

OHIO—The nation's first interracial, coeducational college, Oberlin College, was founded in Oberlin (pop. 8,195) in 1833.

SOUTH DAKOTA—More than 4,000 acres of state land are set aside for vehicle access by hunters and wildlife enthusiasts with disabilities.

WISCONSIN—Wildlife found in the state today includes deer, coyotes, foxes, bald eagles, bear, wolves, elk (recently reintroduced) and beaver. ☆

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Celebrity Recipe

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Grilled Vegetable Salad

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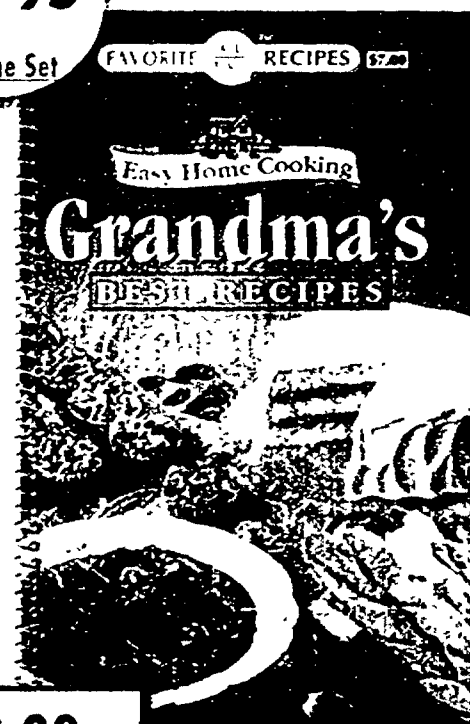
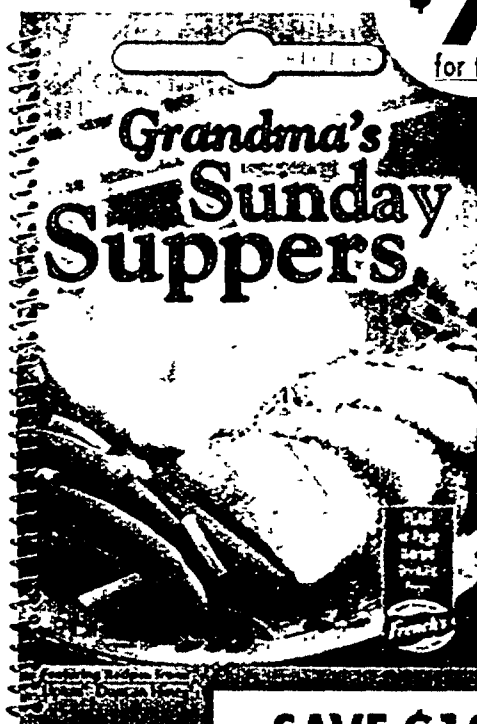
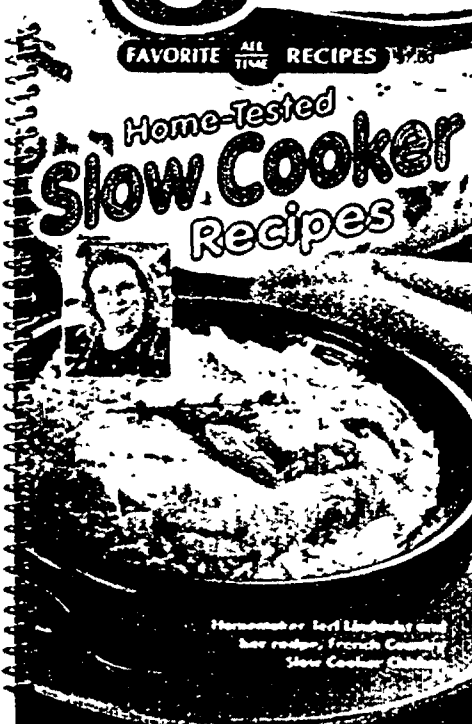
Dressing
1 cup olive oil
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
3/4 teaspoon sugar
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon cracked black pepper

Salad
1 zucchini, trimmed and diced into 3/4-inch pieces
1 red bell pepper, cut into squares
1 yellow bell pepper, cut into squares
Fresh corn kernels scraped from two ears
1 cup diced eggplant
6 stalks of asparagus, cut into bite-size pieces
3 teaspoons olive oil
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 cups mixed torn lettuce leaves (use several varieties)
1 medium tomato diced
1 avocado, peeled, pitted, and sliced
1 pound grilled shrimp or chicken (optional)

Prepare a grill with medium-hot coals or preheat the broiler. In a small bowl, whisk together oil, lemon juice, sugar, basil, salt, and pepper. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Create a basket by folding up the edges of a piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil. In a medium bowl, combine zucchini, red and yellow bell peppers, corn, eggplant, and asparagus. Add olive oil and toss to coat. Spoon vegetables into the foil basket. Place the basket on the grill and cover the grill, or place 5 inches from broiler. Cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are slightly tender, about 15 minutes. Season with 1/4-teaspoon salt. Arrange lettuce leaves in individual serving bowls. Place tomatoes and avocado slices on top. Add vegetables and the shrimp or chicken, if using, either still hot or at room temperature. Whisk dressing again and pass at the table. Serves four.

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Time to Get Moving

Get out and get moving—it's Maureen Scoczynski's mantra. She's using regular exercise, along with medication, in hopes of bringing her cholesterol, currently at 262, to below 200.

"I walk three miles three or four days a week. I use the treadmill and do resistance and free-weight training. I use the stairs," says Scoczynski, a 56-year-old registered nurse from Norton, Mass. (pop. 18,036). "For me, it's about being more active."

It makes sense, says Patti Mantia of Mansfield, Mass. (pop. 22,414), a fitness trainer and exercise science instructor at Holyoke Community College. "Think of exercise as being like the maintenance you do on your car," she says. "Your body needs the same regular care."

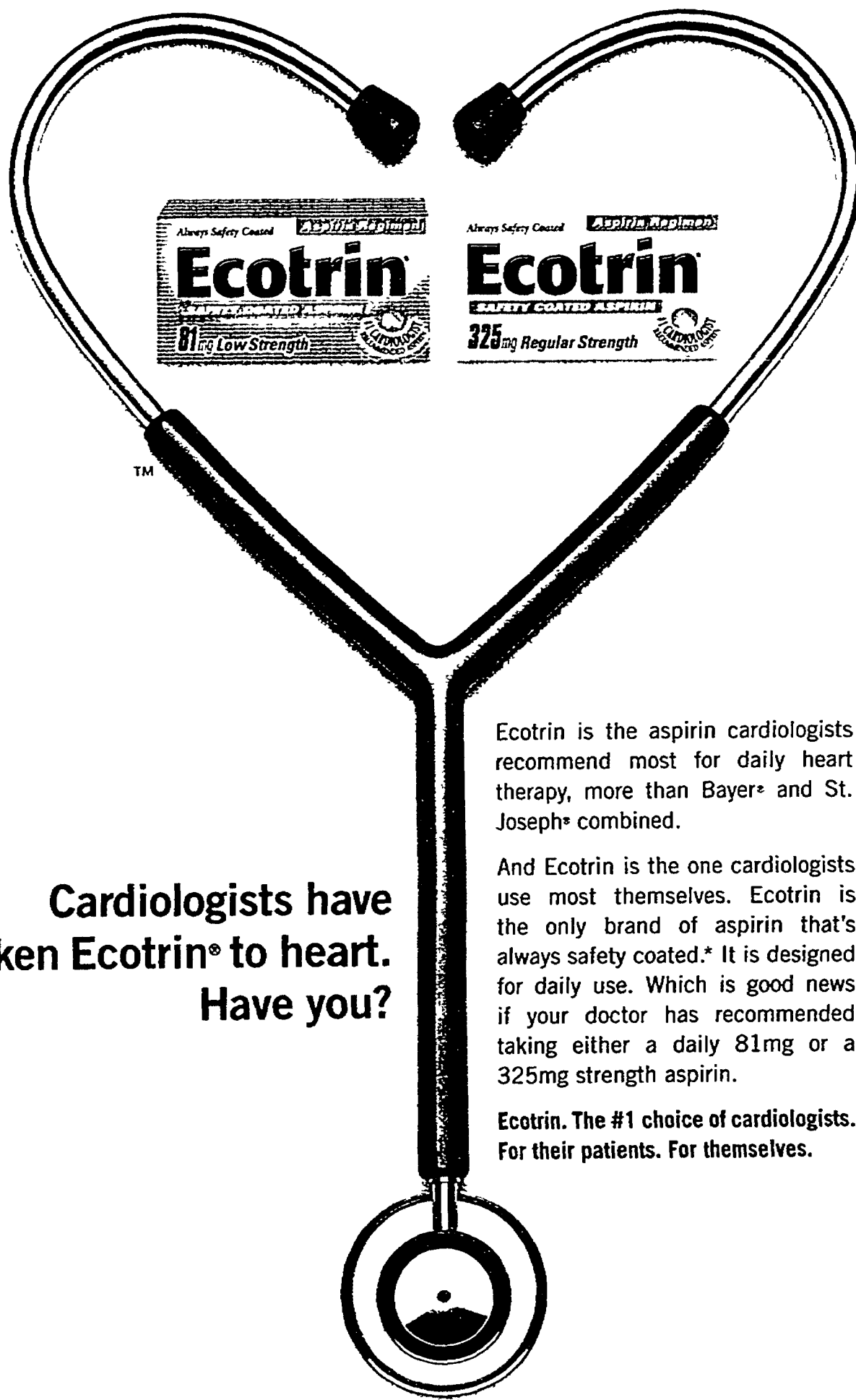
"Regular cardiovascular exercise—activities that involve continuous movement of the arms and legs—increases so-called good cholesterol while helping eliminate bad cholesterol. Think of it as being similar to putting cleaner down a drain," Mantia says, describing the way exercise is believed to help lower cholesterol.

Before beginning an exercise program, talk with your physician about activities that are right for you. Then consider possibilities that suit your lifestyle. "It doesn't have to be complicated, it doesn't have to be grueling," Mantia says. "You don't have to buy anything to do it or join a health club. You just have to get out there and do it."

Take a ballroom dancing, kick boxing or active yoga class to expand your repertoire of possible avenues for activity. Play team and individual sports such as golf, bowling, tennis or swimming, then take a few classes to improve your techniques and find partners. Finally, look for ways to fit small bits of exercise into your day, such as:

- Using the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Parking your car in the far corner of the lot and walking in.
- Working out with a friend.
- Devoting half your lunch break to walking.
- Doing calisthenics, skipping rope, or lifting hand weights during television commercials.
- Do your own aerobic tasks at home, such as mowing the yard, washing windows or the cars, hand-waxing floors or gardening. ★

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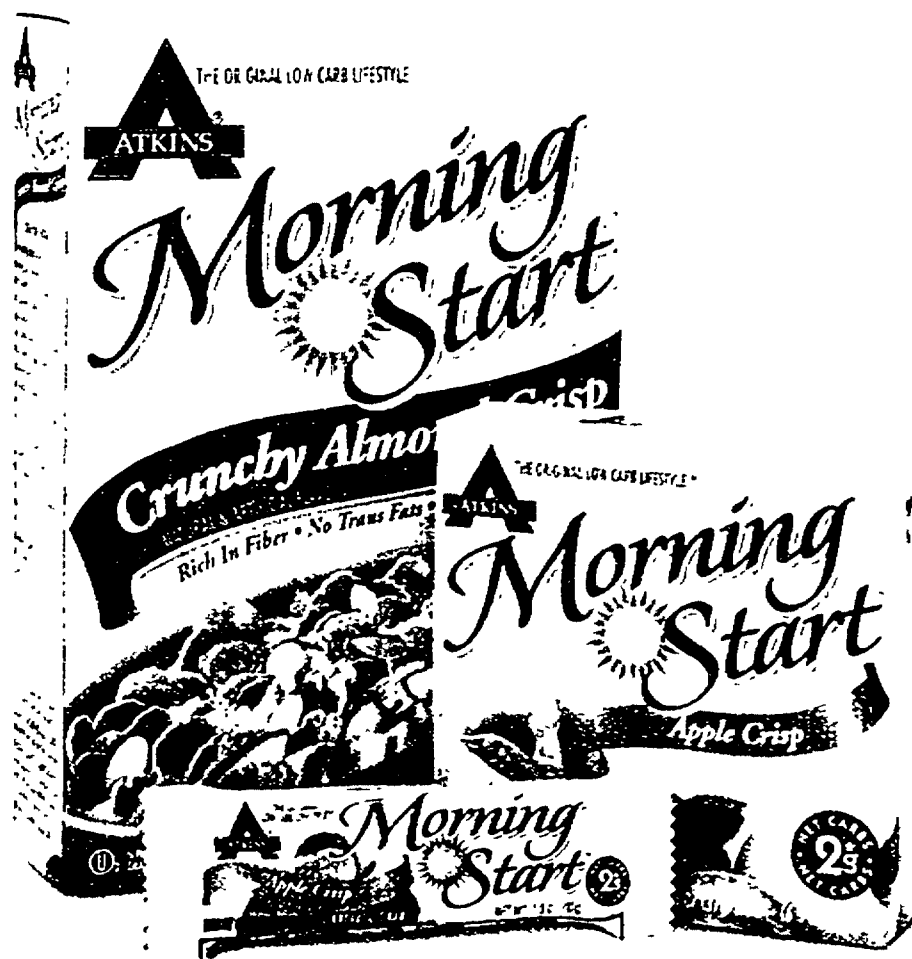
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