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School bond awaits voters

June 14 ballot to include \$35 million expansion, renovation issue for district buildings

2004 NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

First in a series of stories examining the \$35 million June 14 Northville School District bond proposal.

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Northville board of education unanimously

voted last week in favor of placing a \$35 million bond proposal before the community.

"We are ready to move forward to a June 14 election," said Karen Paciorek, secretary of the Northville school board.

If approved by voters, the majority of proceeds from the bond will cover capital improve-

ments and capacity expansion projects district wide, ranging from carpeting to the addition of a cafeteria-multipurpose room at Silver Springs Elementary School.

Northville school board president Joan Wadsworth said the capital improvement portion of the bond will include mainte-

nance items that would have been part of the district's normal spending if state funds were not cut.

"This bond issue is kind of a catch-up," she said.

A \$5 million roof for Hillside

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Major changes proposed for city parking

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Increased parking fines, shifting employee parking from Main Street lots and the construction of two decks will be part of an open-to-the-public presentation on parking Tuesday.

Northville's Downtown Development Authority is hosting the meeting at 7 p.m. March 23 in the council chambers at City Hall. Alongside the downtown property owners, members of the city council, historic district commission, and planning Commission will ask and answer questions.

The meeting will commence with a recap of the Dec. 8 meeting, said DDA director Lori Ward, when more than 40 residents shared their solutions for improving parking downtown. Suggestions at that time ranged from a covered escalator up from Cady to Main Street, better signage and construction of a deck or two.

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They're extinct...right?



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Paleontologist Neal Larson of the Blackhill Museum of Natural History in South Dakota goes over some of the finer points of Tyrannosaurus Rex "Stan's" skull with Corey Capraro, 6, and Hillside Middle School sixth grader Daniel Stern after a Monday morning assembly. The skull of Stan was originally located near Buffalo, S.D. For more on the visit, turn to page 6A.

Park expansion question: stay or grow?

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Skip the baseball diamond, make the parking lot gravel, postpone the irrigation — there were lots of options for Northville Township trustees to mull Tuesday.

In preparation for their meeting tonight, township leaders did some last-minute homework on their alternatives for Northville Community Park expansion.

The topic sits mid-way through the new-business portion of the March 18 agenda.

The trustees will stop, start or meet in-the-middle on a new phase of the Beck Road facility, between Five Mile and Six Mile roads. The regular board meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Representatives from the township and City of Northville, which jointly provide community recreation opportunities through a shared services agreement, have

discussed for months how to continue to fund the operations-side of the high-demand program. Township leaders, to meet bid requirements, must act tonight on plans for the approximate \$3 million park expansion.

The trustees have debated whether to invest their park-development and land-acquisition funds in additional infrastructure now, without nailing down a source of additional operational revenue. One

school of thought would limit the project scope at this time to that which would require simply additional mowing, for example.

A couple of the options on the table Tuesday followed that thinking, explained trustee Brad Werner, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Plans B and

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Commuters brace for return of familiar orange barrels

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Beck is not going to be anyone's favorite road name for a while.

Construction on the south side of Northville Township began again this week, narrowing the road to one northbound lane for the next two months. Even after two-way traffic returns to top-speed at a new boulevard entrance at Six Mile, the northern stretch in Novi will go nowhere for nearly a year.

Like every expansion and resurfacing season, the fruit of road crews' efforts will be smoother travel and increased capacity for the growing communities. The 2004-2005 projects that affect Beck — from M-14 to I-96 — are part of a full schedule



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Squeezed down to two small lanes, traffic moves along Beck Road near Five Mile Monday morning. Soon Beck between Five and Six Mile will be northbound only as road construction gets underway.

sown by Wayne and Oakland road commissions, local municipalities and the state department of transportation, with the calcu-

lated harvest as always contingent on Michigan's weather con-

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Business Showcase draws hundreds amid foul weather

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of people exited Northville High School Tuesday night, appetites satisfied, sated with three hours of conversation, and loaded with new knowledge about what is available in the community.

"It turned out to be a great crowd after all, despite the snow," said Northville Chamber of Commerce director Laurie Marris. "We had a lot of compliments. Overall, we're very happy. It was a nice steady stream."

The Taste of Northville Business Showcase — featuring restaurants, merchants, service groups, non-profit organizations

and municipal representatives — again this year represented the community from one end to the other. Some business owners said they would not miss the annual networking event; others attended for the first time.

Their peers and potential clientele leisurely roamed between exhibits, listening to representatives, exploring table offerings, talking with acquaintances, picking up literature, and sampling all types of food. From salmon to gelato to stew to grasshopper pie, the area restaurants and specialty shops showed up in the taste category.

Marris said the evening's only

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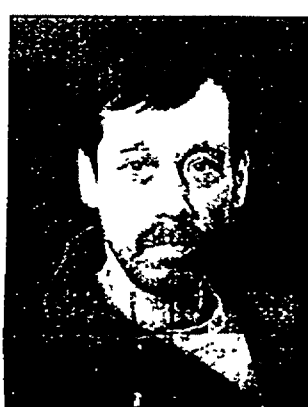
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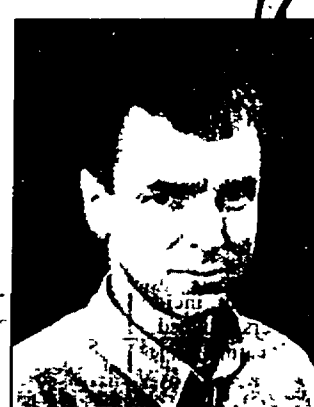
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State closes loophole for ex-con teachers

By James Mitchell
STAFF WRITER

Michigan law will now prohibit felons from holding on to their teaching certificates after a conviction.

On Tuesday, state lawmakers approved a bill introduced by local Rep. Craig DeRoche, who drafted the legislation after learning about former South Lyon teacher and coach Scott Anthony Harris. Last week, Harris was given a required tenure hearing before his teaching certificate could be revoked.



"This is going to stop the outrageous abuse of the tenure act like we saw last Monday," DeRoche said. "Lawyers argued for back pay for someone who was convicted of their fourth felony."

Harris had been suspended following an October 2003 arrest for possession of cocaine and marijuana and for driving under the influence of alcohol. Harris pled guilty to the charges in December.

The incident brought Harris's past to light, and it became known that when he was hired by the local school district, he had two felony and three misdemeanor convictions on his record and was on probation.

What alarmed DeRoche, along with many parents and residents, was that Harris retained his teaching certificate even after being convicted of a felony crime, and that a tenure hearing was required for revocation. Harris on Monday sought back pay from the school district from the time of his conviction in December to last week's tenure hearing.

After learning of the Harris case, DeRoche and his staff researched several recent incidents in which teachers retained the right to a tenure hearing after being convicted on felony

charges.

DeRoche said that the new law will empower the state superintendent to fire "felonious teachers," and that the approved version of his bill accomplishes what he set out to accomplish.

"I feel good for the parents of South Lyon students and parents throughout the state," DeRoche said.

The bill was approved by the state House last month, and Senate acceptance was finalized Tuesday with unanimous approval. With modifications, the bill returned to the House Tuesday, where it gained passage after a 107-0 vote. The bill now awaits the signature of Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The bill was opposed by the Michigan Education Association, the statewide teacher's union. Al Short, Director of Government Affairs for the MEA, said that the organization questioned aspects of the bill during the legislative process, and that current policy did allow the state to revoke certificates.

The approved bill, DeRoche said, puts the burden of proving why a certificate should be retained on the felon, not local school boards.

James Mitchell is a reporter for the South Lyon Herald. Reach him at (248) 437-2011 or at jmmitchell@ht.homecomm.net.

MILL RACE MATTERS

The Mill Race Quarterly, a Northville Historical Society will be mailed soon, if you have not yet joined or renewed your membership with the Historical Society, please contact the office at (248) 348-1845 or stop in any week day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to make sure you receive your copy in the mail.

Mar. 18	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public Brownie Scout Meeting Northville Historical Society Board Meeting	Cady Inn Cady Inn Cady Inn
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YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UP: Leagues will be divided for boys in grades 8-9 and 10-12. Girls divided in grades 9-12. League will be an eight-game schedule April 3 through May 22. Fees start at \$100. A \$10 late fee will be assessed after March 12. Call Ext. 1405.

ACT TEST PREPARATION: This workshop is for any high school student taking the ACT test this year. Review will include, practice mini test, ideas for pacing your-

self and many more helpful strategies. Bring a calculator. The workshop will be held at Northville High School on Monday, March 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room 188. Registration is required.

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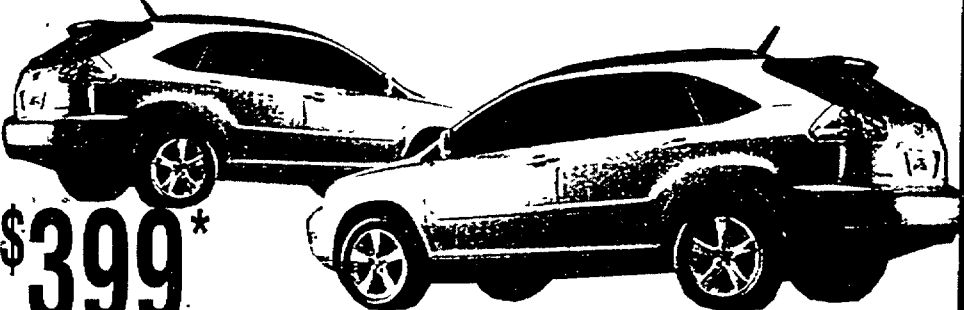
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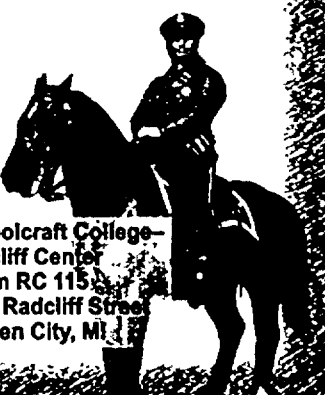
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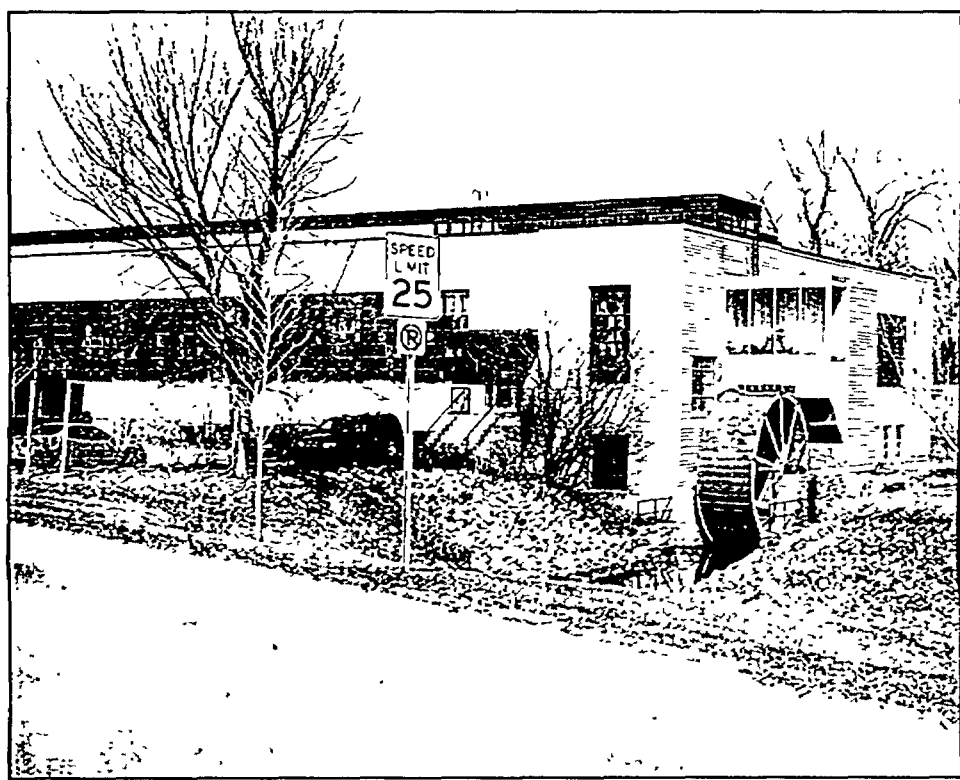
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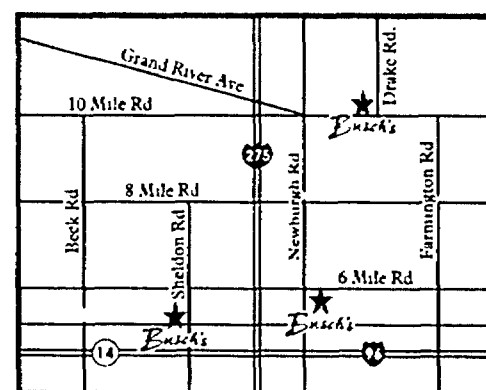
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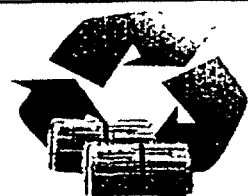


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OBITUARIES

Marvin J. Bowen

Marvin Bowen of Brighton died March 13 at Henry Ford Hospital. He was 78.

Mr. Bowen was born March 5, 1926 in Pontiac to the late Melvin T. Bowen and Merwina Button.

Mr. Bowen lived in Novi from 1957 until he moved to Brighton in 1995. He graduated from Redford Union High School and was a Tool and Die Foreman at A. B. Heller in Milford. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 586 of Livonia and the Eastern Star of Northville. He was an avid sportsman and fisherman and was an accomplished gardener. He

was also a Naval Storekeeper (T) Third Class, and Photographer in the Pacific and was awarded the Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal and the American Area Campaign Medal.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria (Hamilton) Bowen; one daughter, Nancy (Dave) Buchanan of Brighton; two siblings, Robert (Florence) Bowen and Gwen Smith; and three grandchildren, David John, Neil William and Sarah Rose.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sandra Kay in 1972.

A funeral service was held March 17 at Cornerstone

Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Brighton. Rev. Brian Tweedie officiated. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery of Northville.

Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Christian School, 9455 Hilton, Brighton, Mich. 48114.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.

Nathan Keith Camp

Nathan Camp died March 13. He was 25.

Mr. Camp was born June 28,

1978 in Farmington Hills to Keith and Jerrilyn (Ruszkiewicz) Camp, currently of South Lyon. He moved to South Lyon 13 years ago and attended the South Lyon Schools.

In addition to his parents, survivors include his wife, Stephanie Marlo of West Bloomfield; and three brothers, Ronald Fabean, Timothy Fabean and Kenneth Fabean.

A funeral service was held March 16 at Phillips Funeral Home of South Lyon, which handled funeral arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Toys for Tots.

Northville resident Lynn Szynal was among the graduates of Grand Valley State University during winter commencement exercises.

Northville resident Catherine Hebert was among the graduates of Central Michigan University during winter commencement exercises.

Northville residents Aaron Lueker and Alexis Troschinetz were named to the dean's list at Michigan Technological University for the fall 2003 semester.

Northville resident Agnieszka Zielonka was among the graduates of Kettering University during winter commencement exercises.

Northville resident Brian Ingalls was named to the academic honors list at Owens Community College (Findlay, Ohio) for the fall 2003 semester.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Northville resident named as partner

Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, a Detroit-based law firm, recently elected Northville resident Aradhana Das as a partner in the firm's Litigation Department.

Das will represent corporations, partnerships and individual clients in trials, arbitrations and mediations.

Das graduated cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School, Order of the Coif. She also earned a master's degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Franklin Bank appoints Barrett

Franklin Bancorp. Inc., and its operating subsidiary, Franklin Bank, N.A., headquartered in Southfield, recently appointed Thomas J. Barrett as vice president of the Northville Loan Production Office, 41740 Six Mile Road, Suite 100.

Barrett previously spent five years with Republic Bank, serving as vice president of the Commercial Lending Division. Prior to that, he spent four years with York Group, six years with Huntington Bank, and four years with First Federal of Michigan.

He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from John Carroll University.

Franklin Bancorp. has entered into a definitive agreement to be acquired by First Place Financial Corporation, the holding company for First Place Bank headquartered in Warren, Ohio. Pending regulatory and shareholder approval, the merger is anticipated to close in the second quarter.

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St. Paul's Lutheran School hosts VIP day

photo by VICTORIA SADLOCHA

Grandfather Dale Libstorff helps his granddaughter, Emily Fairbairn build a kite as part of the morning activities during St. Paul's Lutheran School's annual VIP Day.



By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Friday was a very important day at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

In keeping with a long-standing tradition, students brought their grandparents in for a day of excitement designated as VIP Day.

The March 12 activity culminated a week-long celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week.

During the very important day, the children enjoyed a chapel service, book fair, special classroom events and a luncheon with their grandparents by their sides.

"I like being with them for the day and seeing what they're doing in school," said grandfather, Dale Libstorff.

This year marked Libstorff's second visit.

He came in the past as a guest of his grandson, Jacob Fairbairn and this year with his granddaughter, Emily Fairbairn.

Libstorff helped Emily construct a kite with guidance from a special speaker.

Gordon Negen, also known as the "kite man," entertained the group with a presentation on flight, followed by a hands-on lesson in

kite building.

For the past 10 years, Negen has spent a portion of his time as a part-time pastor and the other traveling to Michigan schools, discussing all types of flight ranging from Orville and Wilber Wright to flying kites.

"I would like to see all of you become kites," he told the children. "You can go kiting with other kids, you can go with your grandparents and even with people as old as your teachers, but most of all I would like you to be kites because it is fun."

"I liked making the kites," Emily said.

For other students who may not have grandparents for their VIPs, parents, aunts, uncles and even members of the community stepped in for the job.

Thirty-nine-year Northville resident and St. Paul's Lutheran Church parishioner, Eraine Witzke, donated her services as a stand-in-grandmother.

"I just love it," she said. "I've been coming here for so long, and I just love the children."

This year's National Lutheran Schools Week theme for Missouri Synod schools statewide was "Lutheran Schools: A Great Place

to Grow — Grow in Grace and Knowledge of Jesus."

The Northville school's activities began on March 7 when students sang during the church's early service.

Throughout the week, students jumped rope for the American Heart Association, wore their favorite pajamas to class and enjoyed the book "The Frog Principal," read by St. Paul's Lutheran School's principal, Carol Ritt.

The kindergarten through eighth grade students also participated in crazy hair day, hat day and spirit day before the grand finale: VIP Day.

"Kids won't forget this day," Ritt said. "Somewhere down the line they will remember."

Ritt said her husband was spending the day in Wheaton, Ill. serving as their grandchildren's VIP.

"I'm retiring at the end of this year, so next year I'll be there too," she said.

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T-Rex skull pays rare visit to Hillside Middle School

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

In the past two weeks, science and Hillside Middle School have crossed paths in a marvelous fashion.

On March 15, paleontologist Neal Larson visited the school bringing with him a cast skull of Stan the Tyrannosaurus rex.

"This is 'Jurassic Park' big," said Hillside Middle School science teacher Heidi Capraro.

The impressive cast and guest speaker excited students, teachers and educators throughout the state.

Capraro said while at the Michigan Science Teachers Association conference earlier this month, educators from many districts in the state asked how Hillside attracted such a revered presentation.

"People are drooling over the fact that

this man is coming to our school and our school only," she said. "This is his only engagement in Michigan. He is coming here just for us."

Known throughout the world for his controversial involvement with Sue the Tyrannosaurus rex and his later involvement with Stan, Capraro said the visit was monumental.

"He is the most celebrated paleontologists in the world," she said. He is really, really huge."

Hillside Middle School Principal James Cracraft said he credits Capraro's diligence as an educator and presence in the science community for delivering the high-caliber event.

Less than two weeks prior to Larson's appearance, Capraro attended a state recognition event in Lansing, acknowledging her as a finalist for the Michigan Science Teacher Association's middle school teacher of the year.

Capraro also recently won the Stoney Award through the Michigan Earth

...and more kudos for Hillside teachers

The Hillside Middle School eighth grade team was recently selected as the Region No. 7 Teaching Team of the Year by the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators. The following teachers received high accolades from state and local administrators:

- Laurie Convery
- Amy Burke

Science Teachers Association with a \$500 prize attached.

The middle school teacher used the money to buy individual dinosaur kits for her students.

"The kids just have a riot putting these kits together," she said. "It really helped fuel the enthusiasm."

During the March 5 Lansing award banquet, Cracraft was additionally recognized by the organization as a co-winner

- Cheryl Gibbs
- Roy Hall
- Christine McDonald
- Rick Vander Veer
- Jan Janigan
- Jim Lee
- Mitch Van Ochten
- Burt Schwartz
- Jayne Tuite

of the "Administrator of the Year Award."

"The teaching staff at Hillside nominated me, and I had no idea," Cracraft said. "It is their effort. We have an exemplary staff here."

Some of Cracraft's science initiatives at Hillside include overseeing an award-winning science team, an animal room boasting more than 30 exotic animals and a frog nursery receiving national attention for preserving endangered species.

Other prestigious awards received throughout Cracraft's career came from the Fulbright Master Teacher Program, Golden Apple Award from Ford Motor Company, National Administrator of the Year from Ciba-NSTA and the Galileo Leadership Fellowship from the Kellogg Foundation.

"This is just a great school," Cracraft said. "I'm very proud of our staff, kids and parents."

Meads Mill Middle School teacher, Jennifer Sterk was also recognized at the state event as the association's co-winner of the Teacher of Promise Award.

The award is given each year to outstanding science teachers in the first few years of their teaching career.

Sterk has been at Meads Mill for nearly three years.

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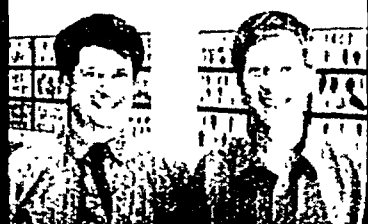
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Great athletes have positive attitudes everyone can use

Great athletes seem to have one thing in common, regardless of the sport. They say that when they're "in the zone," playing becomes easy for them. They'll also tell you that they approach the game with a positive attitude, expecting to win.

After traveling all across this country and meeting thousands of people, I've noticed that the healthy people I meet seem to have something in common, as well. They have a way of "seeing the good side" and finding the opportunities in a situation rather than focusing on the bad. And that positive attitude seems to translate to good physical and mental health.

With that in mind, it's worth considering what we can do to develop and maintain a positive outlook on life, so that our health can flourish.

Here are five tips for thinking more positively in your daily life:

- Stop negative talk.
- Look for the hidden opportunities in problems.
- Visualize positive outcomes to the challenges in your life — expect the best

- Stop feeling guilty about things that "didn't end up right."
 - Laugh every chance you get, especially at yourself.
- If you incorporate these simple tips into your life, you'll have a more positive outlook, be healthier and perhaps gain a whole new perspective on what's possible.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.



Ernie Harwell

COMMUNITY EVENTS

• THIS WEEK •

Moms Offering Moms Support infant goods resale collection

DATE: Ongoing through April 9
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Northville (777 W. Eight Mile Road)

TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: Gently-used baby equipment, clothing, furniture, books and toy donations will be accepted. The resale of those items will take place on April 23-24.

PHONE: (248) 349-1144

Stage presentation — "The Shoemaker & The Elves"

DATE: Ongoing through May 2
LOCATION: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street)

TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets to all performances are \$7.50. The show is not appropriate for children age 3 and younger.

PHONE: (248) 349-8110

Limited vision living seminar

DATE: March 18
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Northville

(777 W. Eight Mile)
TIME: 10 a.m. - noon

DETAILS: Henry Ford Hospital Low Vision Living Clinic therapist Mary Ellen Daniel will discuss solutions to living with limited eyesight.

PHONE: (248) 349-1144

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.

PHONE: (248) 449-4282

Northville Woman's Club meeting

DATE: March 19
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)

TIME: 12:30 p.m.
DETAILS: A potluck luncheon will be held. Participants are asked to bring a new or used book to exchange, as well as

table service.
PHONE: (248) 349-5446

Art lecture series — "Founders of Italian Renaissance"

DATE: March 24
LOCATION: Northville City Hall (215 W. Main Street)

TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Art historian Michael Farrell will facilitate discussion on Donatello, Brunelleschi and other Italian artists. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$5 for students.

PHONE: (248) 449-9950

• COMING UP •

Northville SADD free movie night — "The Lion King 1½"

DATE: March 26
LOCATION: Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road)

DETAILS: Concessions will be available for purchase. Children under age 13 must be accompanied by a guardian.

PHONE: (248) 347-6839

Musical performance — Brass

By Design
DATE: March 28
LOCATION: St. Paul's Lutheran Church (201 Elm Street)

TIME: 4 p.m.
DETAILS: The brass group is led by Ron Kischuck and has performed at a variety of Michigan venues.

PHONE: (248) 349-3140

Friends of Maybury State Park meeting

DATE: April 1
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)

TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Upcoming events will be discussed.

PHONE: (248) 349-2687

Roses-West Rose Society meeting

DATE: April 1
LOCATION: Call for info
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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FRISATLS 11:45

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BIG FISH PG-13, 12:30, 2:30, 4:45

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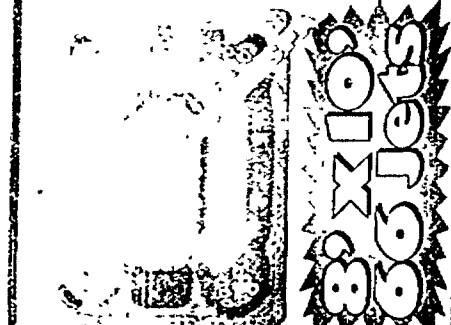
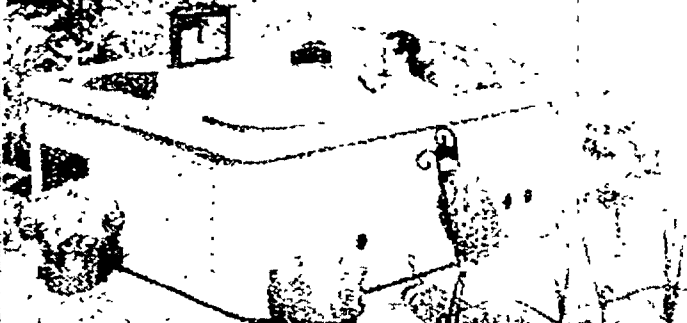
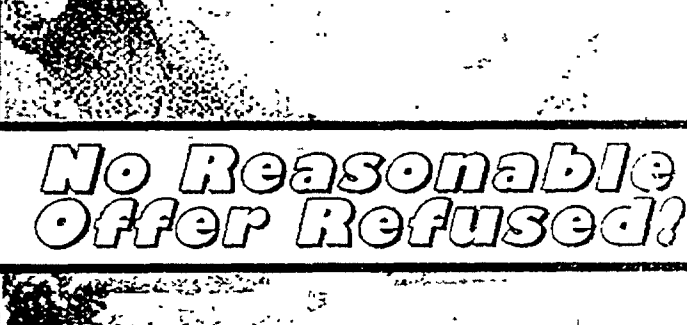
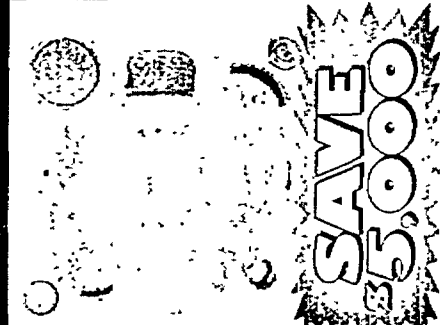
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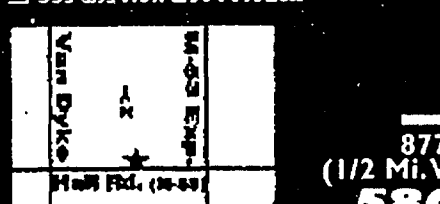
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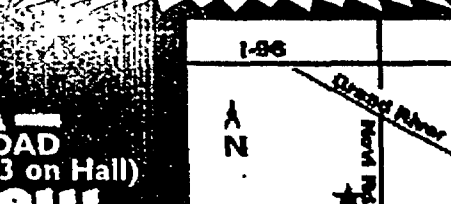
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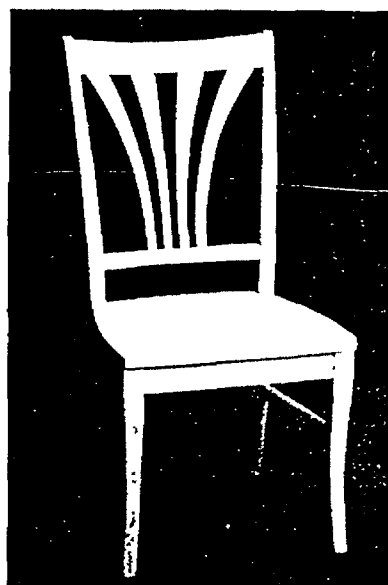
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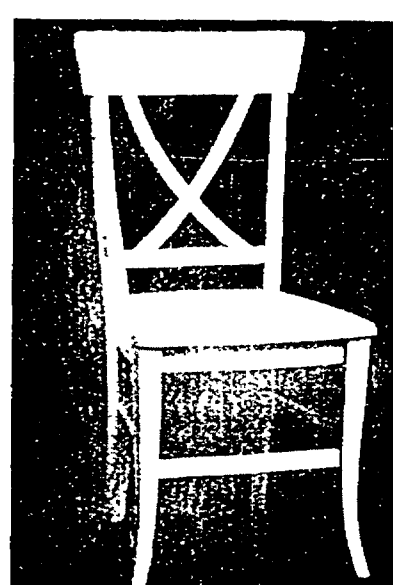
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City's parking policy faces big revamping

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The agenda also will include parking management suggestions compiled by a DDA subcommittee, with input from police chief James Petres, and a description of preliminary expansion plans. In addition to Ward, mayor Christopher Johnson — also chairman of the development authority and historic district commission — will lead the meeting. Matt Jobin of the city's architect, Rich and Associates, will present drawings of two "table-top" or "sloped-floor" garages proposed for current surface-lot locations on Dunlap and Wing Streets.

"We want to have as much input as early as possible," Ward said. "We encourage the public to

come."

Members of the development authority at their monthly Tuesday morning meeting reviewed with Jobin the plans for the two decks. They concurred that the lower-profile structures, in two locations, which collectively would add more than 200 parking spaces, addressed many of the



Chris Johnson



Gary Word

"From my perspective, [the parking deck proposals have] got to be expandable, both of them."

Gary Word
Northville city manager

concerns they heard in December.

Tuesday's meeting will generate important feedback for the downtown authority, Johnson said. "We need some direction from the council and other boards. We've got to get to a point where we agree on a concept."

From there, they can proceed

with more detailed drawings, the mayor said. In contrast to the multi-level Wing Street deck the DDA proposed last year, the new proposal may include two expandable concrete slabs at ground level, with a ramp up to a second level.

The combined costs associated with erection of the two lower decks — approximately

\$6.3 million — is similar to the price of a parking expansion plan floated last year, which was rejected in a November bond-issue vote. The method to fund a project would be the same, with \$1.3 million covered by DDA reserves, with the remaining \$5 million bond issue repaid with taxes generated on commercial property within the development authority boundaries.

One concrete factor the DDA members referenced Tuesday was the 169-slot lot on the Wing Street deck that will be decreased by 40 spaces when downtown merchant and developer Jim Long begins construction on his retail/office building, tentatively scheduled for late this summer. Jobin's drawings incorporate the outline of the \$2

million 22,000-square-foot building planned on Long's property on which he has allowed public parking since acquiring it years ago.

Jobin has two drawings for each Wing and Dunlap site, including an option at each site to later add deck levels to the initial one; those drawings earned consensus DDA support. Those plans won favor, too, with city manager Gary Word.

"From my perspective, they've got to be expandable, both of them," he said.

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City explores penalties for parking lot violations

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

An investigation of Northville's parking management system turned up one driver who during a 13-month period received 26 tickets for exceeding the posted time-limit.

Northville Police Chief James Petres Tuesday shared four pages of statistics and information with the Downtown Development Authority. The group of property owners and city administrators are looking at the effectiveness of the city's current parking management program, designated in part by the three-hour-limit orange dots painted in spaces on local lots.

The concept, implemented in 2002, ideally prompts all-day downtown employees to park in slots further out in lots, while leaving free spaces more conveniently located to business for customer use. Shifting the orange dots in stages — from the Wing and Dunlap lots south to Cady Street — is among the options city leaders will explore during a special joint meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, in City Hall.

The parking subcommittee, which incorporated the police chief's comments on problems with enforcement, submitted a list of recommendations to the

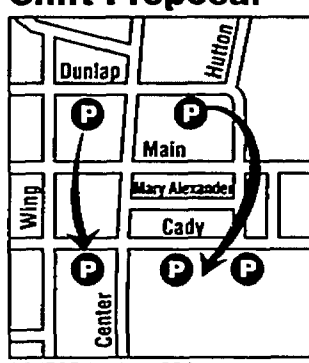
Parking Violations Multiple Offenses

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DDA, including:

- With half the orange dots removed from Wing and Dunlap lots in June, remove the remainder if and when construction began on a parking deck downtown. Once the deck(s) were completed, long-term parking would return to each of the deck(s) in some capacity.
- Increase the fine for an expired time limit from \$5 to \$10 per offense.
- Increase the amount of time spent on enforcement.
- Purchase hand-held electronic equipment for enforcement

Parking Space Shift Proposal



officers, allowing immediate access to information about the parker's ticket history, and whether they are a registered employee with a downtown business.

• Adopt an escalated fine system to discourage parkers from using the low-ticket fees as a parking program.

• Change time limits of on-street parking. Current two-hour limit spots changed to one-hour would encourage turnover of the prime spots.

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District to ask voters for \$35M in June

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Middle School will be part of the capital improvements funded if the bond is approved by voters.

Wadsworth said student capacity will also increase at Ridgewood Elementary and Meads Mill Middle schools.

Additional proceeds from the June 14 proposal will fund a new transportation and maintenance facility, including an upgraded communication system meeting near-future FCC requirements.

Northville schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said the bond proposal process began in July when a citizen committee was formed, assessing the district's immediate needs.

Rezmierski said the committee met more than a dozen times before presenting a proposal to administration detailing what they believed were the most immediate needs voters would support.

Two town-hall meetings were since held to answer questions of community members while educating voters on bond

details.

Administrators anticipate the June bond will be the first of two proposals placed before Northville voters.

A second bond proposal, possibly exceeding \$35 million, may be placed before voters as early as 2005 for construction of a new elementary school and further district-wide improvements not included in this year's proposal.

School administration credits the increasing population with the need for another school building.

David Boliho, assistant superintendent for administrative services of Northville Public Schools, said the dollar amount of a second bond hinges largely on the sale and development of the Seven Mile Road former psychiatric hospital and the proposed Grand Sakwa development on the former Detroit House of Corrections property.

Boliho said as many as 669 single-family homes could be placed on the psychiatric hospital property alone.

If the June \$35 million bond proposal

is approved, district administrators said it would cost the owner of a home with a market value of \$200,000 about \$100 a year for 20 years.

"This is a great decision on the part of the board," Rezmierski said. "This is that important to our district's future and what we need to do."

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

DONATION: Tommy Tree Company donated the necessary labor and equipment to remove 35 dead Ash trees from the Hillside Middle School site. Members of the Northville Board of Education approved the donation during the March 9 meeting while expressing their appreciation. Removing the trees is necessary to resume using the area as an outdoor classroom for district students. The value of the donation is \$4,375.

REGISTRATION: Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center registration for the 2004-2005 school year will begin 8 a.m. Saturday, March 20 at the Early Childhood Center office inside Ridge Wood Elementary, 49775 Six Mile Road. Registration forms will be accepted for the parent-child, kids' creative corner, child care, wondergarten and kids' club programs. For more information, call (248) 344-8465.

EVERYDAY ANGELS: The 2004 Everyday Angels Bowling Tournament is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at Novi Bowl. The fund raiser takes place each year with proceeds benefiting Michigan kids with disabilities. Last year, the event raised more than \$2,500. This year, the friendly tournament will offer attendees lots of prizes, jackpots, food and some surprises. Entry is \$25 per bowler and registration is due by April 11. For more information, call Everyday Angels at (313) 387-1190.

SIMPLE MACHINES: The Ann Arbor Hands on Museum is visiting many Northville elementary schools this week, explaining the secret of simple machines. The program gives students the chance

to learn about pulleys, ropes, wheels, axles, inclined planes and levers through demonstration and participation. A representative from the museum visited Ridge Wood Elementary last month, providing a well-received presentation.

DRIVER EDUCATION: Applications for Segment One driver education classes are now available in the Northville High School office. There is a fee of \$315 that covers Segment One in the summer 2004 and Segment Two in the fall and winter 2004-2005. Application deadline is April 23. For more information, call Linda Murphy at (248) 344-8427.

NOMINATING PETITIONS: Northville Public Schools is accepting nominating petitions or filing fees for two open school board seats up for grabs during the Monday, June 14 regular school election. The last day for filing or payment of the \$100 filing fee is 4 p.m. April 12. The last day residents may register to vote in the regular election is Monday, May 17. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch or Northville clerk's office.

ALL NIGHT PARTY: The Northville High School Senior All Night Party will take place from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. June 5 inside the school. Although party details are kept secret until the event, some features will include great entertainment, food, games and fun. Tickets are \$70 through March and will increase to \$80 on April 1. Checks made payable to Northville Senior Class Party may be dropped off at the High School office or sent to Fran Oakland, 21958 York Mills Circle, Novi, Mich. 48374. Parents interested in helping with the event

may call Helen Detrych at (248) 348-7543.

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP: Old Village School & Cook School Special Education present an Education Workshop titled Planning for a Special Needs Child: Planning Beyond Wills & Trusts at 6 p.m. March 29 in the third floor board of education room, 405 W. Main Street. The free lecture will be given by Minoti Rajput of Secure-Planning Strategies and will include an explanation on the importance of special needs planning strategies. Frequently asked questions will also be answered.

OPEN HOUSE: St. Paul's Lutheran School is hosting an open house 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25 for preschool through eighth grade. The school is also accepting enrollment applications for the 3- and 4-year-old preschool programs. St. Paul's Lutheran School is located at 201 Elm Street in downtown Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-3146.

FEATURE TEACHER: The Northville Record seeks nominations specifying local teachers who have demonstrated academic excellence in the classroom. To nominate a teacher, send the teacher's full name, school address and phone number along with a statement of no more than 200 words indicating why the instructor deserves the Feature Teacher recognition. Nominations should be sent to 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich. 48167 or via e-mail to cdavis@ht.homecomm.net. The staff at the Record will make each selection. The winning teacher will be featured on the second Thursday of each month.

Township police arrest clerk for underage cigarette sale

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Continuing the commitment toward keeping cigarettes out of the hands of children, the Northville Township Police Department arrested a sales clerk earlier last month for selling a minor tobacco.

"We expect zero tolerance from people that are supposed to be abiding by the law," said Detective Joe Hetu of the Northville Township Police Department.

The sale took place at about 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Smokers Number One Choice on Five Mile Road.

Police said a confidential informant went into the store, asking to purchase a pack of Virginia Slims.

The informant told two officers waiting outside, he was initially asked for identification from the store clerk.

According to police documents,

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Source: American Lung Association

when the informant told the clerk his identification was in the car, the clerk said "just tell me you're 17."

Police said the informant told the clerk he was 18 and then the sale took place.

The awaiting officers immediately went into the store and arrested the sole employee for selling cigarettes to a minor after verifying the purchase on the cash register receipt log.

According to police documents, the employee said the purchaser of the cigarettes showing on the log was a 35-year-old male — not a minor.

The opportunity for comment was declined by store management.

The Northville Township Police Department conducts investigations of questionable tobacco sellers a couple of times per year.

"Actually on this night, there had been complaints about some stores people thought were selling to children so that is the reason we conducted the check when we did," Hetu said.

Smokers Number One Choice has a previous contact from the department for a similar offense in June, 2001.

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION 2004

Slew of roadwork slated for spring, summer

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conditions.

Eight Mile/Novi Road Project

Milling is in order for the washboard called Eight Mile Road between Novi Road and Center, the result of a bad batch of some surface mix a couple of years ago.

"We plan to mill off the asphalt and get it replaced," said director of Wayne County roads Patrick Hogan. The agency starts its repair program in early May, he said, so a date for the work will be set between now and then.

"We haven't scheduled the work yet, so I can't tell you when, except we had hoped to get it done last year," Hogan said. "We're going to do this one early in the season, I can tell you that."

Eight Mile/Haggerty Project

A couple of miles east on Eight Mile, Wayne County Road Commission crews will help address some of the congestion at Eight Mile and Haggerty by reworking the south side of the road. Northville Township's busiest intersection is the challenge of department manager Ed Bizek, who will oversee the April-through-September project.

"There's just about every aspect of the construction industry that's going to take place there, bridge painting, traffic signal modernization, concrete widening, asphalt resurfacing," Bizek said.

"From what I've seen, it's a high-volume traffic area," he said. "But it's not anything we haven't encountered in the past."

Last fall, motorists encountered the improvement plan's first course of asphalt poured on Haggerty. The project will resume mid-April with some additional resurfacing south of Eight Mile, with the bulk of the project on the east-west thoroughfare.

On the south side of Eight Mile — from Haggerty east, just past Hickory Lane beyond the overpass — crews will widen the road's resurface it all, as well as reconstruct it under the bridge. To

"There's just about every aspect of the construction industry that's going to take place [at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads]."

Ed Bizek

Northville Township department manager

assist drivers exiting I-275 onto Eight Mile, they will install new signals — for the first time on the southbound side — and reconfigure the expressway ramps.

"When it's done, it's going to be a lot easier," Bizek said. "It's going to be delineated quite well." Drivers will be able to follow the curb easily to go east on Eight Mile; motorists exiting the southbound expressway will not feel like they have to floor it to make it before eastward traffic.

The project manager said he is planning on an April 15 start. "There will be times they'll encounter lane closures eastbound and westbound," Bizek said. "There still will be through traffic maintained for both directions on Eight Mile. At no time will traffic be detoured around, other than the ramps for the expressways."

"If people can just bear with the construction," he added. "It's unfortunate to be impeded — in the long run, it's going to be OK. People feel the same everywhere about construction barrels."

Beck Road Project

Wayne County's Beck Road widening project, currently focused between Five Mile and Six Mile roads, continues last summer's construction. The March-through-July product will be a four-lane concrete boulevard, welcoming Northville Township visitors with a grassy median.

"Maybe the blessing in disguise is last year they worked on Sheldon Road," said township director of public services Don Weaver. "That's the obvious alternate route."

During these two months that Beck Road is confined to one

northbound lane only, southbound traffic has to head elsewhere. Because parallel Ridge Road is unpaved between Five and Six Mile roads, Weaver said, "Sheldon Road would be the preferred alternative."

Members of the public services staff are among the Beck Road occupants who will have to access their location from the south. "People will be able to get where they need to go, but in a round about way," said project manager Craig Wolbrock.

It likely will be May when county crews have completed two lanes of the road, allowing two-way traffic to resume on the road, he said.

"The existing road out there is starting to fall apart now," Wolbrock said, estimating an 1987 origin for the surfaces. "We're doing it just in the nick of time actually."

After creation of the boulevard between Five Mile and Six Mile, crews will turn their attention to reworking the Five Mile/Beck intersection, which is scheduled for the subsequent five to six weeks. Another surface layer on Beck Road from M-14 to Five Mile is scheduled as final phase of project.

"We have to come back and adjust the catch basins up an inch and a half and put another lift of asphalt on," Wolbrock said. That work will require only temporary lane closures.

Wayne County widened and resurfaced that Plymouth Township approximate mile stretch of Beck Road last summer. "From that work done, hopefully people already have seen a difference," the engineer said. He cited the greater ease in entering and exiting the Computer Sports Arena, for example.

I-96 and Beck Road Interchange

On the other end of Beck Road, Novi engineer Nancy McClain in a six-page memo outlined for the administration the road closure and detour information related to the I-96 interchange project. The \$45 million Michigan Department of Transportation project, divided into five stages through November 2005, is scheduled to begin May 17.

Starting in mid-July, and continuing through August 2005, Beck Road between Grand River Avenue and 12 Mile Road will be closed to through traffic. The signed detour routing for north and southbound Beck Road traffic will be to use the Wixom Road bridge over I-96 via Grand River Avenue, West Road, and West Park Drive, McClain said. Novi Road will not be signed as a detour, she added, but remains an option.

As with road construction projects last summer, the city will use several methods to update residents on project progress, McClain said. The engineer suggested watching the city's Web site, www.ci.novi.mi.us, and cable channel 13. She also invited residents to call (248) 347-0460 to request to be included on e-mail and fax lists.

Before construction begins on the major road projects, the city will host informational meetings, McClain said. "We'll be keeping as much information out there as we possibly can."

Novi voters through part of their 2000 road bond chipped in a healthy \$6 million toward the Beck Road interchange project. The city will pay for Meadowbrook and Taft projects as part of the capital improvement program funded by gas-tax money through the state, McClain explained.

A combination of sources pay for the Northville and Novi Road intersection improvements described above and below, including 80 percent federal funding, and a split between the respective county and municipal-

ity on the remaining 20 percent.

Novi Road/Grand River and Ten Mile

Motorists will pause for construction a couple of times along Novi Road this summer.

The Road Commission of Oakland County is planning reconstruction and lane widening of all four approaches where Novi Road meets Grand River. "It will go out to bid in May, at least that's the plan at the present," said Craig Bryson, the road commission's public information officer. "Construction usually begins a month after the bid letting."

County staff still is finalizing traffic management plans for the \$2 million project, Bryson said. "We're not sure yet if it's going to close — we'll know that as we get closer to the start date. There will not be a detour unless we close the road."

Further down Novi Road at 10 Mile, the county will widen the approaches from three to five lanes. However, work in July and August likely will be limited to utility and underground work, Bryson said.

If conditions allow, road rebuilding and widening will follow the initial phase, then continue through November, he said. Eventual widening of Novi Road to five lanes from 10 Mile to Grand River — the "Novi Road Link" — is scheduled for completion in 2005.

Taft Road Project

City engineer Nancy McClain is trying to time her entrance and exit on Taft Road between school buses.

By bidding the repaving between Ten Mile and Grand River by the end of April, contractors could start by the beginning of June, she estimated.

"I'd really like to be out of the way by the time school starts again," McClain said. Taft will not close during the \$970,000 repaving project, she said. However, she will urge through traffic to detour.

"If you need to go to the schools, if you need to go to the subdivisions, there will always be access in there," she said. There likely will be flag personnel, and part of the road may be closed for part of one day. "For all intents and purposes, there will be traffic both ways," McClain said.

"It won't have as severe an impact as Meadowbrook will," the engineer said. "It won't be as intense of project or as long in duration."

Meadowbrook Road Project

The city is reconstructing and widening all of Meadowbrook Road to three lanes from Grand River to Twelve Mile Road this summer. Once completed, the southern part of the street will be as wide as the northern stretch, Novi's McClain explained.

Design of the approximate \$1.6 million project is scheduled for completion in May, with bidding to follow in June. McClain said construction should be substantially complete by December.

There will be some road closures during the construction, so detour signs will direct motorists to follow from Grand River or from Twelve Mile to Haggerty or Novi roads.

"We may be doing it in phases — north of I-96, south of I-96, just to make it easier," McClain said. "We'll have information about that scheduling in about a month and a half."

The city will host kick-off informational meetings before the project's start so business owners and residents know what to expect, McClain said. "What we'll be doing continuing through the construction is holding at least monthly meetings on them."

The engineer added that the good news is that the recommended Beck Road project detour does not go through any of the concurrent construction areas.

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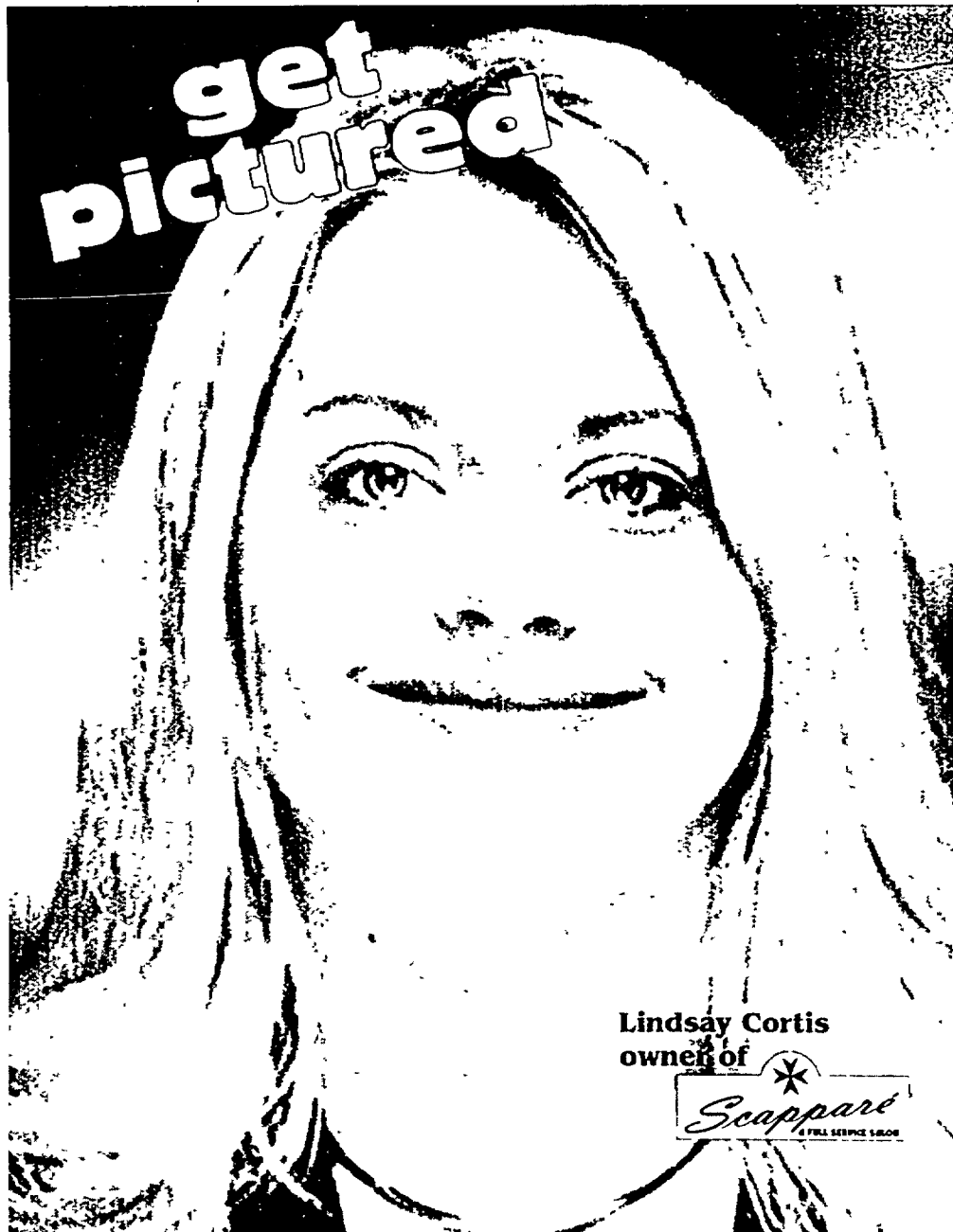
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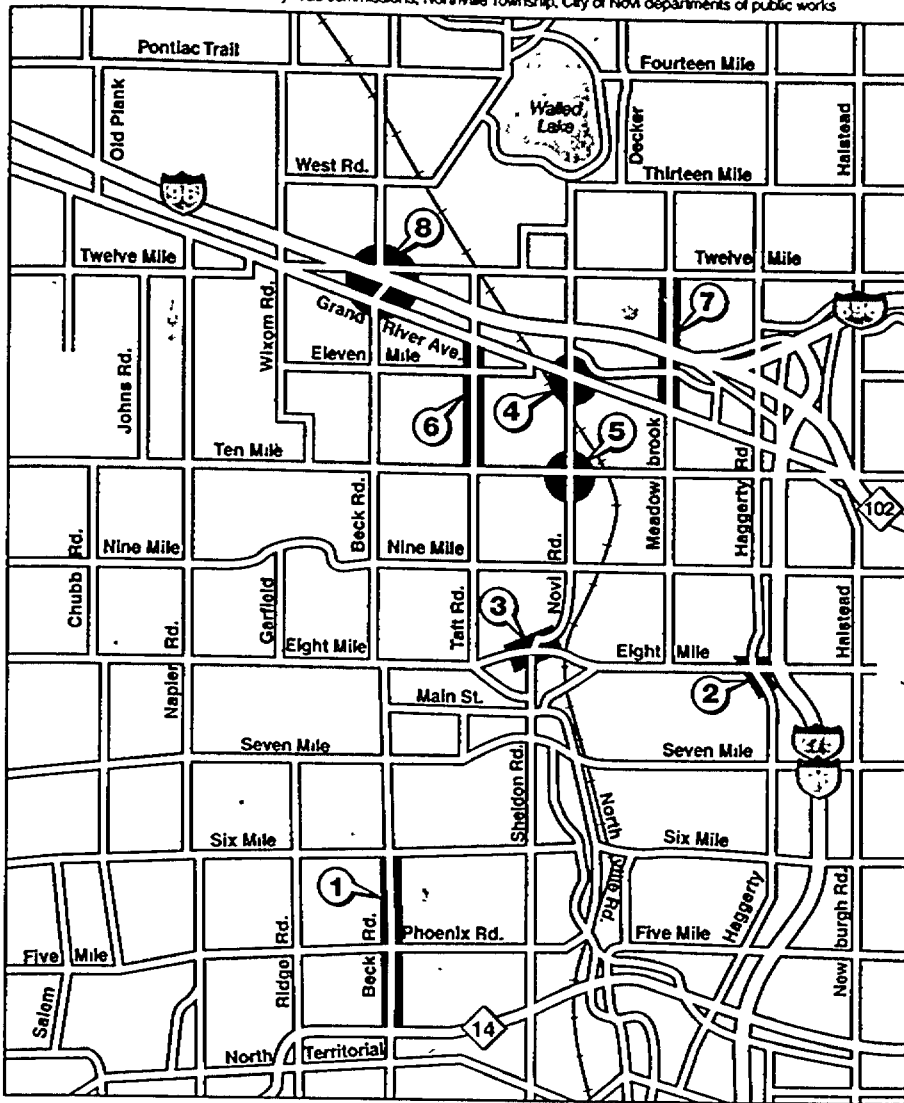
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1. Beck Road Project
Location: Five Mile to Six Mile
Scope: Construction of four-lane concrete box
Estimated timeline: March through July
Project cost: \$3.7 million (for 2003 and 2004)
Related projects: Five Mile/Beck intersection; Road M-14 to Five Mile scheduled as final phase
Note: Traffic restricted to one lane, northbound

2. Eight Mile/Haggerty Project
Location: South side of Eight Mile from Haggerty
Scope: resurfacing; widening Eight Mile, total of 1/2 mile
Estimated timeline: mid-April through September
Project cost: \$1.4 million
Concurrent project: resurfacing of Haggerty

3. Eight Mile/Novi Road Project
Location: Eight Mile Road west toward Center
Scope: Milling and resurfacing
Estimated timeline: Date this summer yet to be determined

4. Novi Road/Grand River Project
Location: All four approaches to intersection
Scope: Reconstruction and lane widening
Estimated timeline: June into November
Project cost: \$2 million

5. Novi Road/10 Mile Project
Location: All four approaches to intersection
Scope: Widening approaches by adding lanes
Estimated timeline: July through August for 1/2 mile
Project cost: \$2 million
Note: If conditions allow, road rebuilding and November. Eventual widening of Novi road to 1/2 mile is scheduled for completion in 2005.

6. Taft Road Project
Location: Grand River to 10 Mile Road
Scope: Repaving, minor drainage work
Estimated timeline: June through August 2004
Project cost: \$970,000

7. Meadowbrook Road Project
Location: Grand River Avenue to Twelve Mile
Scope: Reconstructing and widening
Estimated timeline: July through December
Project cost: Approximately \$1.6 million

8. I-96 and Beck Road Interchange
Location: Beck Road at 12 Mile and I-96
Scope: Complete reconstruction of the interchange
Estimated timeline: May 2004 through November
Project cost: \$45 million
Note: Beginning in mid-July, and continuing through 12 Mile Road will be closed to through traffic

Injured youth sees hazing bill named after him

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

"Garret's Law" will be the new name of pending legislation making hazing illegal in Michigan if signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm this spring.

The name request was made by Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, March 16 in honor of Meads Mill Middle School student Garret Drogosch, who was seriously injured in a controversial football tackling drill last fall.

"I think it is great and Garret thinks it is great," said Paul Drogosch, father of Garret. "I think it is a silver lining in what has been a pretty bad situation relative to what has happened to Garret."

Paul hopes the governor will approve the anti-hazing legislation by the end of April.

"Garret is just trying to now turn something very bad into a good situation for kids in the future," Paul said. "He doesn't want to see people in jail. I just don't think he thinks it was right for this to have happened to his team, to him and anyone else in the future."

Garret spoke before Patterson and other members of the senate in a March 9 senate judiciary committee hearing held to assess testimony regarding the anti-hazing legislation.

The bill prohibits anyone attending an educational institution from engaging or participating in the hazing of another person.

The bill does not apply to a person who is the subject of the hazing, regardless of whether he or she voluntarily allowed the activity.

While speaking before the committee, Garret told the story of an Oct. 28 football drill at Meads Mill Middle School leaving him with multiple leg fractures and an ongoing recovery.

The Drogosch family hopes Garret's story will put an end to activities considered hazing among adolescents.

Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, backed the anti-hazing legislation along with support from Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau.

If signed, the legislation banning the activity would make a hazing incident resulting in injury a misdemeanor and resulting in death a felony.

Michigan is one of seven states that does not consider hazing illegal.

The senate was scheduled to take a final vote on the bill March 17, after press time.

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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 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 212 W. Cady Street, near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady St. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

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April 13 through May 18. Registration begins on March 23.

LITTLE ME CLUB STORYTIME: Little ones, from 10 months to 2 years old, along with their parents or caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun, and simple stories on March 19 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. This special activity geared to the very young is offered each month, and no registration is required. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend.

EVERYBODY'S READING PROGRAM: The April meeting of "Between the Lines" will be discussing the title chosen for the Metro Detroit "Everybody's Reading" program. Join us on April 12 at 7 p.m. for a lively talk about the novel "Saul and Patsy" by Charles Baxter.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS FOR YOUTH: Fourth and fifth graders are invited to join us each month for Junior Books, Chat, and Chow, a lively discussion of a good book. On March 31, we will be discussing

Peg Kehret's novel "Saving Lilly". Kids in 6th grade and up are invited to join us that same day to talk about "The Boy in the Burning House," by Tim Wynne-Jones. Both groups meet from 4:15 to 5 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be on March 25 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month.

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Taste of Northville 2004 draws hundreds

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of Commerce director Laurie Marrs "We had a lot of compliments. Overall, we're very, very happy. It was a nice steady stream."

The Taste of Northville Business Showcase — featuring restaurants, merchants, service groups, non-profit organizations and municipal representatives — again this year represented the community from one end to the other. Some business owners said they would not miss the annual networking event; others attended for the first time.

Their peers and potential clientele leisurely roamed between exhibits, listening to representatives, exploring table offerings, talking with acquaintances, picking up literature, and sampling all types of food. From salmon to gelato to stew to grasshopper pie, the area restaurateurs and specialty shops showed up in the taste category.

Marrs said the evening's only disappointment was last-minute cancellations by restaurants Bonfire Bistro and Little Caesar's Pizza. However, she said, "we had some outstanding restaurants, so we were very happy with that."

Kitty Marshall of Northville, who has yet to miss the annual event, this year brought her friend Gwen Patmore of Livonia. "I can't eat anymore," Marshall said. The two women raved about the array of restaurant samplings, as well as the courtesy of the business presenters.

"I got a hole-in-one," Patmore announced. She referred to her try



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

With some help from his staff at Sizzling Sticks restaurant, Orlando Viato, left, prepares samples of vegetable stir-fry during Tuesday night's Taste of Northville business showcase held at Northville High.

at golfing, courtesy of the Water Wheel Fitness Club. The club was one of the 120 exhibitors who set up a hands-on activity in front of their station.

"This is my first time — it's delightful," Patmore said. She and Marshall split their vote on best taste treat between Rocky's salmon, and Northville Gourmet's Irish Stew.

At Northville Gourmet's booth baker Sue Poster worked alongside owner Dave Stewart and chef Dave Krysztof to serve the stew, rolls and Grasshopper Pie, which gained its color-of-the-day from creme de menthe. "This event is just awesome," Poster said. She recalled the very first showcase held at Cooke School and how the Chamber has continued to fine-tune and grow the event

One of Marrs' duties throughout the evening was announcements of giveaway drawings, with winners collecting prizes from dinner out to a desktop printer to a two-year vehicle lease. Her microphone post at the podium was across the aisle from the American Spoon staff that could not scoop out fast enough the chocolate gelato and raspberry sorbetto.

"Raspberry went first," owner Kimberly Behmer said. "It's been a really good night." Up and down the aisles, people carried the little cups of Italian ice cream. American Spoon opted to distribute a coupon for the evening. Behmer said, which she hopes will bring patrons who enjoyed their taste test to the 19-month-old Center Street location.

"We're really glad we came," Behmer said. People commented most on the variety of products the store has available, she said, salads, preserves, low-carb and diabetic association-endorsed products, as well as the reduced-calorie ice cream.

Alongside restaurants and shops doling out food samples, merchants presented treats of their own. For example, Northville Candle and Gifts owners Beverlee and Lance Lindeen handed out candles to people passing their display table, which was jam-packed with samples of their candles, cookie jars, door knockers, Nambe line, Raku pottery, collegiate, hostess-gift, lodge-theme, and candle holder offerings.

The couple marked their third year in business in Northville with their third appearance at the business showcase. "This is a great way to advertise and meet people and have fun," Beverlee said. "Just the camaraderie with the other business owners — sometimes you don't get to meet with them, you're so busy with your own business."

Experience has taught Lindeen this annual event has earned her customers, she said. "A lot of them didn't know they had a candle store in town, or the extent of items that I carry," she said.

Sue Dillon, owner of Graphic Visions, chatted with past and potential clients about her design, logo and sign offerings. "We've had a couple people come through who have been real interested in our truck graphics," she said, pointing to her full-color-photo examples. "We hear, 'I didn't

know that you did that.'"

The Northville business owner said she has attended the event all 12 years. "For the exposure," Dillon said. So people remember, we're still around. We see past clients, maybe we did their logo, we want to keep our name in their mind for when they need anything."

Among the eye-catching displays toward the entrance of the arena was Bobby Bouncer's Party Rental money machine. Passersby paused to watch the participant grab for fake money blowing through the transparent booth.

The combination of live and artfully created animals at Dr. Carol Geake's Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic forced at least a double take. The staff described the two kittens in the cage available for adoption; clinic worker Jenny Watts created the life-like dog and cat for display.

This year was the first time the clinic attended the event, Geake said. But after the response Tuesday, she said they likely will

return annually.

Northville youth Assistance literally adapted their presentation to the evening's green theme, presenting packets of spruce and pine tree seeds. "Two Ways to Make the Future Better," the sign suggested, "Plant a Tree. Mentor a Child." Mary Ellen King and Sue Campbell fielded questions about adult opportunities to assist youngsters referred to the mentoring program, and other youth assistance activities.

"It's very worthwhile to attend," said youth assistance director King said. "The public exposure, to let people know we're in the community and what we do. There's a lot of residual — this one tells that one — we never know."

"It's just good PR — if you're a non-profit, you've got to be here."

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Park development faces crucial crossroads

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C. for example, included site infrastructure and land balancing, but eliminated the baseball field, irrigation system, additional restrooms and picnic shelter. There would be a new park entrance, but gravel parking; practice soccer fields, but no sand volleyball courts, and perhaps some-size detention pond.

Tuesday's proposals ranged from the original \$3 million plan to delaying the project altogether, Werner said. "We want to have a

clear understanding of the options when we go in Thursday," he said.

Parks and recreation director Traci Sinecock and township and city finance directors Thelma Kubitskey and Nickie Bateson have met in recent weeks to discuss operating expenses, potential cuts, as well as new resources. The three, along with parks and recreation staff and commission members, as well as local sports organization members, helped develop the revised proposals, Werner said.

At the city council meeting Monday night, Mayor Christopher Johnson repeated the city's stance against park expansion at this time. Johnston indicated the city is not in a financial situation to increase funding of the joint services agreement.

I think that again needs to be conveyed," he said.

Council member Tom Swigart raised the recreation topic, asking whether the municipalities formally had agreed to continue to subsidize baseball and soccer. Based on the options of

Thursday night's meeting, Bateson said, they will resume talks with the sports organizations on how to best fund the leagues.

The original proposal for Community Park expansion that the board will discuss tonight includes on approximately 40 acres six soccer fields, two lacrosse fields, three basketball courts, six sand volleyball courts, a baseball diamond, a picnic shelter, restrooms, a playscape area and parking. Another substantial portion of this first phase would be creating the infrastructure for the entire 100-plus-acre park site, which entails construction of drainage and water retention systems.

The phase is part of the \$11 million overall concept for complete development M.C. Smith presented to the board in July. Timing and specifics of subsequent phases have not been discussed, Sinecock said.

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Expand a park? Wait a minute...

Wait a minute — you're acting too fiscally responsible!

When is the last time you heard that accusation hurled at civic leaders? That is the greatest fear Northville Township leaders face when they make a decision on the future of Community Park tonight.

That decision should be to hold off on investing the \$3 million currently on the table to expand the facilities.

The low-bid contractor might be missed. The consultant that has led the board to this point in the process might wonder. Costs to create infrastructure; add fields, diamonds, and courts, and put in place the related amenities almost certainly will go up before the opportunity rolls around again to pursue the project.

But leaders look at the big picture.

As much as we all would like to see created unlimited recreation opportunities for our growing, vibrant community, there are times we need to stop and take stock of all that the commitment to enhancing the facilities entails. It's the cost to operate that follow the expansion that is truly at issue when the board goes to vote tonight.

With the addition of each field, diamond and court comes the costs of personnel to register people to play

there, crews to mow there, and juice to light it up there, for starters. Staffing within current recreation budget constraints already is stretched. The city has acknowledged they cannot chip in any more money for operations right now.

In 2005, you say you're new in Northville? Let us show you our part-of-a-park that just could not help ourselves going ahead with — the plans were ready. Yes, it does look quite under-utilized.

Voters approved proceeding with park expansion when they endorsed the township's land acquisition and park development millage to add facilities. But likely they want the whole package — needs must be defined before a penny is spent.

A large part of the support for the township purchasing more land (before developers snap it all up) was that it was a plan for the future. We know more people are coming to Northville, along with their recreational needs.

In the words of one official, "you can't have too much land."

You also can't have too much fiscal common sense. The land is not going anywhere. It can become the facility for the community to enjoy — when the time is right.

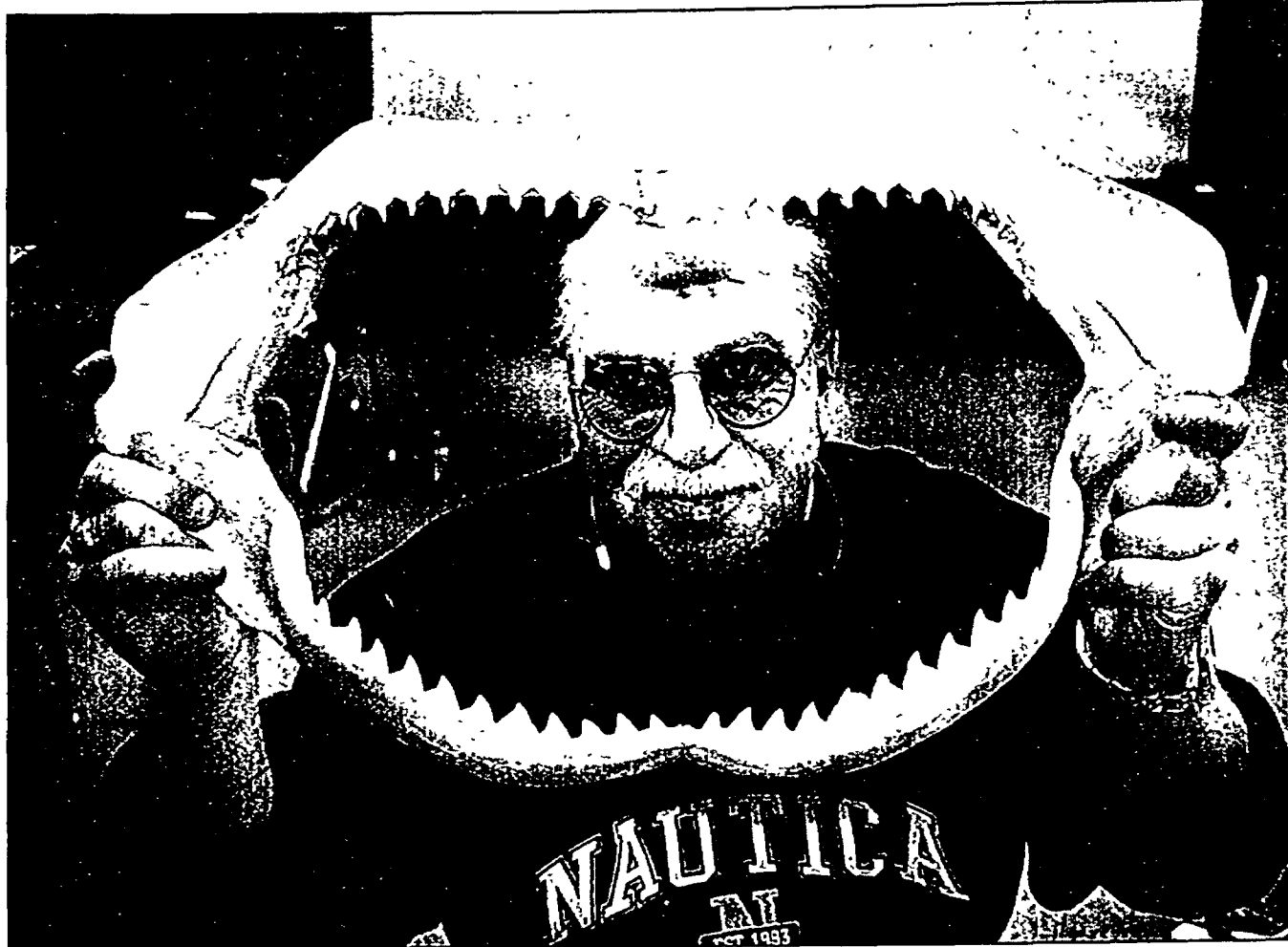


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Greg Mann, President and Director of Independent Marine Mammal Research, displays a pair of tiger shark jaws before his talk last Thursday afternoon to an assembly of Meads Mill Middle School. Mann presented a multi-media show on some of the research he's done in various oceans around the world on sharks and whales.

LETTERS

Give OLV a break — a new facility is needed

I feel blessed to have been a member of Our Lady Of Victory Parish for over 20 years as our initial interest in membership was largely due to the unique choice of education that was provided to members of OLV.

The Northville community clearly has demonstrated that public education may be its most important priority. In the past 20 years, we have witnessed an incredible growth in student population, facilities and resources devoted to that goal. For OLV, the parish is simply requesting the ability to both replace a facility more than 50 years old and to accommodate a portion of the community's demand for additional capacity.

If the city of Northville and its residents truly value and are committed to having OLV and other congregations as a key asset, I would suggest a new approach. The city and its officials could address the issue with encouragement and guidance toward a plan that they would support and approve. Specifically, they could initiate the dialogue, consider the primary objectives as presented by OLV, the legal and subjective issues and then lead the effort toward the solution because it is important, period.

Isn't that true leadership? Isn't that the best example of what Northville claims to be? Or is it more convenient to hide behind lawn signs, attorneys and consultants then walk away, job finished?

John O'Reilly
Northville

the current school. You obviously don't care one bit about the concerns of the residents in the area of Orchard Drive, Thayer, Eaton and Spring Drive. Some of these people have lived there for years and are elderly. Until now, they haven't really had any major problems with the school. That area is simply too small to support an addition to the school. Don't you think these residents deserve some peace and quiet?

There will also be a huge increase in traffic in this area. I have nothing against the Catholic church, its congregation, the school, the parents or the students. In this world today with its increasing violence, terrorism, loose or no morals, rampant drug and alcohol abuse, and gang activity, I applaud the parochial schools. My daughter went to one and she turned out just fine. Kids learn the lessons of their religion, and lessons of life. They learn love and not hate, tolerance and not discrimination and acceptance, not rejection. They learn the importance of good morals and most of all, they learn to take responsibility for their actions, mistakes and wrongdoing.

Yes, we need parochial schools. My only problem is where they want to build the school. I thought the church owned property on Six Mile and Beck. Isn't that where Our Lady of Providence used to be before they discontinued it? It was a school and residence for developmentally disabled girls. Why can't they build a school there? Surely, they own other properties in the area. There has to be a better place than Orchard Drive, Thayer, Spring and Eaton.

Sharon Johnson
Northville

forms of recreation. Of all 50 states, Michigan is fourth worst in attracting skilled, 25-to-34-year-old workers. We need to diversify our recreational opportunities, in order to appeal to this segment of the population that is so vital to our economic future.

In the last *Northville Record*, a letter to the editor from Nancy Schieb and Alfred Ackerman pointed out that current DeHoco development plan should follow the recommendations of Michigan governor's Land Use Leadership Council. This Council is made up of both Republicans and Democrats, and is chaired by former Republican governor William Milliken. We need to follow the advice of this bipartisan group in planning dense development, clustered away from natural features.

We are asking our fellow Northville Township citizens: Please use your democratic rights to voice your opinion that putting houses, lawns, and roads along the creek is not what this community wants, nor what the community needs. This Thursday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall on Six Mile, the township trustees will be deciding whether or not to approve the developer's plan. There will be time allowed for public comments. You may also join other concerned citizens by contacting greensource@comcast.net.

It is the responsibility of each and every one of us to help the township do the right thing. Don't look the other way and say you don't have a voice. You do have a voice, and you must use it. Take it upon yourself to walk through the property (park at Community Park, and walk west), and see for yourself what all the fuss is about. For the sake of our children and their children, it is up to us.

Cristian A. Fierro
Pilar Herrera-Fierro
Northville

William Allen Academy has served student well

My husband and I would like to commend William Allen Academy. My son began his education there after four years of school in classrooms with more than 25 kids.

He has academically flourished in the positive environment provided at this school. The classes are small, the teachers are superior, and the administrators will go beyond the call of duty to ensure the success of every student.

This school could be easily missed as you drive by on Eight Mile Road. I am so glad we stopped to take a look and meet the staff.

Thank you, William Allen Academy, for the best year of education our son has ever experienced.

Jennifer and Dave Lineberry
Northville

Use American freedom to speak on DeHoCo

We were born in South America, but obtained American citizenship because we wanted to be members of a democratic, free society. Having left Chile during the Pinochet dictatorship, we believe that the right of citizens to take part in government is something to be cherished, and never taken for granted.

A case in point is the current controversy over what should be done with the undeveloped Detroit House of Corrections property. We have been hearing a lot about what an ecological jewel it is. We are wondering why the issue hasn't been put to a millage vote, to purchase the property as parkland for all to enjoy. A walk through the property makes it obvious how much the community would benefit from the beauty of such a park:

- The trout fishing is famous to anglers far and wide.
- The views from the bluff overlooking the wetland are remarkable.
- The trees are like no others around, in both size and species.
- The creek is clean and clear, of higher quality than any other part of the whole Rouge River system, allowing it to support endangered species.
- A trail system through the site would be fantastic for hikers, nature enthusiasts, bikers, joggers, and cross-country skiers.

Our community did well to pass a millage for soccer fields, but now it is time to preserve land for those who enjoy these other

Mother's Club thanks dinner auction help

On March 6, 2004, the Mother's Club of Northville hosted the Hands To The Future Dinner Auction at St. John's Golf and Conference Center to benefit the children in our community. It was a great success. We entertained over 300 guests and raised \$30,000. We must attribute our success to hard work and your generous support.

We would like to express special thanks to Orin Mazzoni from Orin Jewelers for continually being supportive of all Mother's Club events. We received many financial contributions from the community as well as items from the following businesses: We appreciate your unending support.

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The man for a better Detroit

If someone — God, say — put together a blue-ribbon committee to find the best possible person to try to save blasted and troubled Detroit, it is easy to imagine Fremman Hendrix as the more or less automatic choice.

Handsome, athletic, a political operator to the marrow, Hendrix is that rarity among politicians: a seemingly normal person with a close-knit family who has abilities and

passions outside the world of power. When asked what he is proudest of, the 53-year-old U.S. Navy veteran could say school reform, masterminding Bill Clinton's triumphant re-election campaign in the state or



Jack Lessenberry

working out casino contracts.

But he doesn't. Yes, he was the guy who made it happen for the eight years of Dennis Archer's administration, as deputy mayor and chief of staff, sometimes publicly and more often behind the scenes. He presided over efforts to reform the schools.

Like Bobby Kennedy, he dispatched his man's political enemies with cheerful ruthlessness (some said, too much ruthlessness) did the deals, ran the office with efficiency and dignity, and tried (mostly in vain) to get the city's bureaucrats to treat common people as valued customers.

Yet what he really would like people to know is that he was the guy who revived Little League baseball in Detroit, putting together a league from scratch, coaching his son's team and later serving as commissioner.

"I always say if everybody who was so quick to jump on a soapbox to bring some attention to themselves — if they spent time working in a youth recreation program — I think many of the problems we face today wouldn't be as bad."

Now, however, Hendrix is testing out the soapbox, trying to get the public's attention. The city he served is in a deepening mess, and he wants to be mayor.

Personally, he doesn't need the job. He walked away from politics without bitterness in early 2001, when his boss couldn't decide whether to run again. Hendrix then became chief operating officer of Strategic Staffing Solutions, an information technology company, and started making serious money for the first time in his life. He played golf, took some vacations, got his son and daughter in good colleges.

Last month he stepped down, however, to begin testing the waters for a run for mayor next year. Though he chooses his words carefully, he is plainly appalled by the present administration's priorities and ways of doing business.

The idea of spending unrevealed millions to buy the ruins of the old train station on the city's southwest side and convert it into a police headquarters strike Hendrix as something close to, well, nuts. "The police station needs to be downtown, and they need a state-of-the-art new facility," he says, shaking his head.

He also thinks Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's other recent proclamation, that

Detroit needs a new million-square-foot convention center, is overreaching too. (As with funding to pay for the train station, the mayor has been mysterious about much of the convention center details, including how to pay for it and where he plans to put it.)

And Hendrix is willing to commit the ultimate political heresy and tell the truth, even when it hurts. Detroiters have taken to saying their town is a "world-class city" or on the brink of becoming one. Fremman Hendrix, who himself was known to say that on occasion, now wishes he hadn't. "That's something we wanted to move towards, but we aren't even close. But we need strong leadership to start getting us there."

He thinks he could provide that leadership, combining his corporate and political

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It's been a wild career for Laurie

If you haven't met Laurie Marrs yet, your chances are winding down. The veteran executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce will be calling it a career in two short weeks.

Laurie has been the director of the Northville Chamber for a long time. To put things in perspective, here are a few trivia nuggets worth considering:

- Ronald Reagan was president when Laurie took up her position.



Chris C. Davis

had just won the World Series. (Talk about ancient history.)

- "Out of Africa" had won Best Picture at the Academy Awards.

- The Commodore 64 was one of the world's best-selling computers.

Fittingly, there's a party being held in her honor at the end of this month, and organizers of the event want it to be a blowout the whole community can rally around. Everyone has their own Laurie Story to

tell. I've got my own. Laurie and I first met in her office on a late autumn afternoon. I introduced myself and the two of us sat down. Moments later, a train rumbled along the CSX railroad tracks, which runs mere nanometers behind the familiar purple building. After the earthquake subsided, I reminded Laurie of that line from "The Blues Brothers."

"How often does the train go by?" "So often you won't even notice it."

She laughed in agreement. I could tell from that moment she had a sense of humor — a quality I look for in almost anyone with whom I have contact. On a more serious note, Laurie had to make what was arguably one of the most difficult decisions anyone in her position could make, when she had a mere 24 hours to decide whether or not to go through with the Northville Victorian Festival, which began on Sept. 14, 2001. Laurie's decision was the right one — it let our newspaper offer up the opportunity for Victorian Festival attendees to sign a banner for the victims of the World Trade Center attacks, and also let us shoot a photo of those same people holding the banner. The completed package was shipped to New York.

Laurie brought to her job the perfect blend of personality, organization, purpose and dedication. She could have been an asset to any company in America. We should feel blessed to have had her services working here for us, in Northville, for nearly two decades. It's an understatement to say "she'll be missed." Given the growth and expansion of the Chamber under her guidance, there can be little doubt her

influence in the Northville business community is virtually unparalleled.

Bravo, Laurie. You've done a fine, fine job for us all.

Laurie Marrs' retirement party will be held March 31 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The cost for the party is \$35 per person, which includes appetizers and funding for a party gift. and is due by March 23. For more information, call (248) 344-8458. The event is open to the public.

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville Record. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 114, or cdavis@homecomm.net

To put things in perspective, Ronald Reagan was president and the Commodore 64 was a popular computer when Laurie Marrs took up her position.

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Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Northville Township Hall
41600 W. Six Mile Road
The 1st & 2nd Reading of amendments to the Building Construction Ordinance, Chapter 58 will be held at the Board of Trustees meeting on March 18, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Hall, 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.
The amendments include Article III, §58-4 Nuisance Animal and Pest Prevention, Article IV, §58-5 Notice of Violation and §58-6 Penalty.
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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WE CAN PREVENT CHILD ABDUCTIONS

National headlines have recently been filled with heartbreaking stories about children being abducted. The last several abductions we have heard about in the news have occurred where the children were taken from their front yards, within their homes, or in broad daylight in a public place. Parents have been shocked and terrified all over the country. We expect our children to be safe when they are at home, and we are sadly realizing that virtually anywhere can be the site of a crime.



Michael Bouchard

First, you should know that in fact the majority of abductions in our country are actually committed by parents or other family members. There are over a quarter of a million family abductions annually. Many involve non-custodial parents who transport their children out of state with the intention of keeping them permanently.

Still, the recent cases in the headlines appear to be non-family abductions. It is estimated that 3,200 to 4,600 non-family abductions are reported to law enforcement each year. Most offenders are someone known to the family, such as a casual acquaintance. Of those reported, approximately 200 to 300 are total stranger abductions, meaning that some-

one not known to the family kidnaps the child. It is estimated that more than 114,000 stranger abductions are attempted annually and most involve an attempt to lure a child to a car. The police are never contacted in the majority of these cases. Regardless of the statistics, however, it is apparent that we need to find better ways to protect our children, because even one missing child is too many. The biggest problem with our traditional method of prevention is that we focus on teaching kids about "stranger danger." Remember, most kidnappings are committed by someone with whom the child is familiar. We must not limit our focus to strangers only. In addition, studies have found that most young children do not truly understand what the word "stranger" means. They picture a stranger as someone with a scary physical appearance, not a man in the park asking for help to find his puppy. Also, once a stranger tells a child his or her name, the child does not think they are a stranger any longer. Or, if the person has met the child before in the neighborhood or at a store when the child's parent is there, then that is not a stranger to a child.

The most important thing we can do as parents is to teach our children about which situations to avoid, not simply about "stranger danger."

Teach your children to avoid any situation where an adult is asking for help. Tell them that "adults ask adults" for help, and adults should not be asking children for assistance. If an adult asks a child for directions, or for help finding their puppy, the child should be taught to run in the other direction. Teach children not to take candy or gifts from anyone without your permission, and to stay

away from individuals in cars or vans. Teach your child that just because adults may be familiar to them, it does not mean they should go anywhere with them, without your permission. It is much more effective to teach your child about these situations and actions, rather than trying to teach them the meaning of the word "stranger." Teach them they should never go in a home without your permission. Also, it is a parent's job to best determine which houses are safe and how long a child may visit.

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Tips for keeping your child safe

Encourage open communication between you and your children. Many children are told not to tattle or that "children are to be seen, and not heard." We must let children know they can talk to their parents about anything. We teach our children to respect and listen to adults. We must also teach children that it is okay to say "no" to an adult, and that not all adults are good. Always know where your

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Coaches help students, too

Over the past few months the

media has been all over the incident where Garret Drogosch was injured on Oct. 28 in a practice drill. These three coaches have been treated like criminals, yet they're some of the best teachers ever to set foot in Meads Mill.

I for one was lucky to have Mr. James Chabot as my math teacher last year in 8th grade. He would never discourage someone or put someone down when getting a math problem wrong, but he would help them. He gave up his lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help kids with math. He also was always there if a student had a personal problem. He is a stand up guy who has a young daughter and wife and he doesn't deserve this bad media

We spend so much time talking about "hazing" this and "hazing" that, that we forget who these teachers are and what they have done for this district. They

get up every morning for nine months to drive to our school and teach the students of Northville. Some teachers go there to get their paycheck. I know Mr. Chabot goes there because he loves what he does. As for Mr. Nugent and Mr. Walters, I've never met them personally but only seen them in the halls, but many peers of mine could say these teachers are their favorites and also don't deserve how the media has treated them.

I don't know whether what the "bad" coaches did, was right or wrong because the media has failed to report their side of the story, but what I do know is these teachers have inspired many; one of those teachers inspired me.

Josh DeCrescentis
Northville

JACK LESSENBERRY (CONT'D)

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contacts with the common touch that the somewhat stuffy Dennis Archer, a corporate lawyer, lacked. But the big question is whether he will get the chance.

Kilpatrick, who likes to call himself the "hip-hop mayor," will assuredly run again. So will Sharon McPhail, a city council member who is charismatic and controversial. Both have vastly higher name recognition than Hendrix, and perhaps the only thing they have in common is that they loathe him.

Hanging out in his northwest Detroit neighborhood coffee shop, "Free" hopes that there will be a general sense in the

city that it is time for a rational, competent, compassionate grownup. "Right now I am testing the waters," he says, spending a few months in boardrooms, on talk shows, and in the neighborhoods.

He wants to see if the money needed to run a major campaign is there, and trying to gauge whether the votes will follow. If not, he'll do something else. He wants, but doesn't need this job, which just may be a powerful argument for putting him in it.

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

MICHAEL BOUCHARD (CONT'D)

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children are. Never let them go anywhere alone. They should always have a friend with them when they are playing. Make sure they ask your permission before going anywhere. Make sure your children know their own name, address, phone number and how to reach you in case of an emergency. You should also have a trusted adult they can call in an emergency. If your children must be home alone, make sure they keep the doors locked and leave strict instructions as to who is allowed inside. Be alert to any teenager or adult that is paying an unusual amount of attention to your child or giving your child gifts.

Obtain references for babysitters. Teach children to yell "you're not my parent" if someone grabs them or tries to take them somewhere.

Teach your child to run the other way if an adult asks them

for assistance of any kind. Even if your child sees an adult they recognize, tell them they always need your permission to go anywhere with any adult. If your child has Internet access, discuss safety guidelines with them. Be certain they do not give out any personal information over the Internet. Monitor your child's Internet use.

Teach your children that no one should ever touch any part of their body that bathing suits cover.

If you help your child acquire knowledge, self-confidence and assertiveness skills, they will be more able to recognize and escape from danger. Don't teach your children fear, but teach them to be cautious and aware.

For more information on this topic, check the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's website at www.ncmec.org.

Michael Bouchard is Oakland County sheriff. He can be reached at (248) 858-4950.

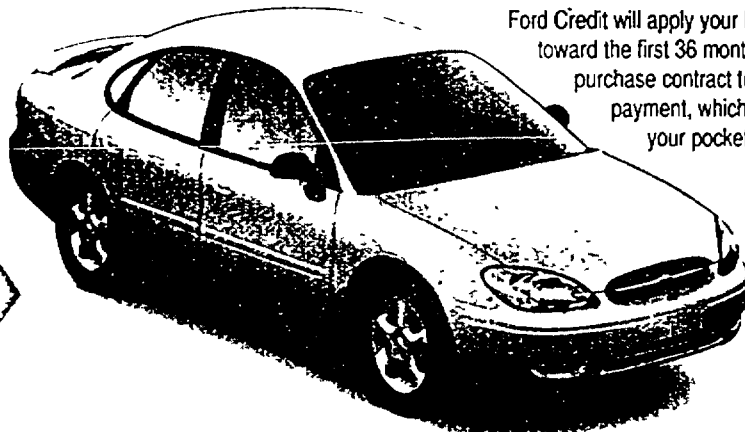
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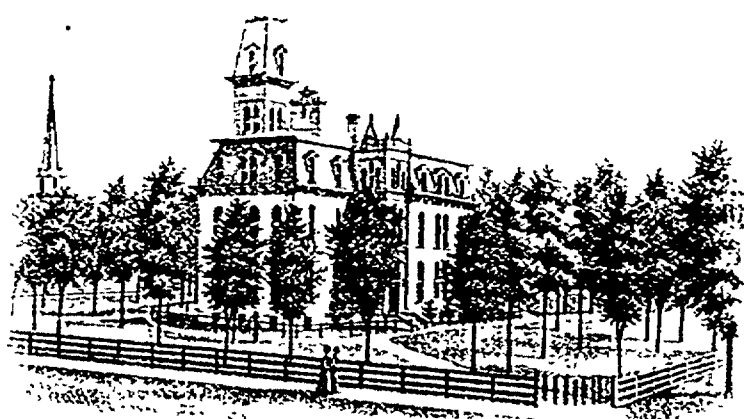
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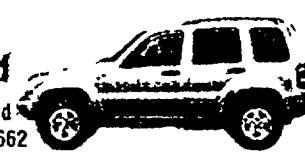
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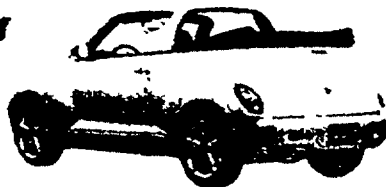
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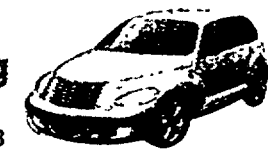


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Correction

The photo that was in the "Athletes of the Week" portion of the sports section March 4 was not Maggie Mills. Mills, who is a junior on the Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team, is pictured below in this week's "Athletes of the Week."

Swimmers do well in states

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team collected 20 points in the toughest meet of them all — the state finals. This year, the finals were held at the University of Michigan and found a very young Mustang squad making the trip with eight competitors. Though they didn't top rival Salem like they had hoped they would, the Mustangs gained some impressive finishes and invaluable experience for next year. Expect to see this squad making a return trip in the next couple of years.

— See Page B3

Mustangs fall to eventual state champion Trenton

The Northville hockey team, which has been a surprise all season long, made **TRENTON 5** even more **NORTHVILLE 3** noise as they rattled the cage of eventual state champion Trenton in the state semifinals. Unfortunately, two periods of being on the defensive didn't help the Mustangs as they found themselves down 4-0 in the opening minutes of the third period.

The squad showed true resolve though, coming back with an intensity unlike any they've had all year as they kicked up the pressure and turned it into a nail-biter of a contest.

— See Page B3 for details

Girls' hockey makes history with first-ever Final Four

There was no stopping the Northville Mustangs girls' hockey team when they set their sights on making the state semifinals.



The 'Stangs, who are coached by Bill Holden, forced their quarterfinal contest into overtime and slapped home the winner just 1:45 into the final stanza to earn their trip. Unfortunately, that was where it ended, but not before the Mustangs made school history with their very impressive run.

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Check back next week

Though the spring seasons are about to start in Northville, the *Northville Record* isn't quite through with winter coverage just yet.

■ Next week, sports writer Sam Eggleston will announce the HomeTown Newspaper All-Area team for hockey, basketball, wrestling and volleyball. No doubt, especially with such incredible seasons, there will be more than a couple of Mustangs making appearances on the various squads.

■ Did you know Dominique Desira is a nominee for the McDonald's All-American team? Well, she is. Next week check back and find out just how much the game of basketball means to this Dominating presence.

■ There's a life outside of high school sports, and it's not always the friendliest. Northville senior Steve Mnich is a Midget Triple-A player and is hoping that the phone is going to ring soon with news that he's moving up to the juniors. Mnich isn't afraid to tell the tale of why he plays at such a demanding level of hockey.

Sixth in the state:

Wild 'Stangs rank up with the best

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi-Northville Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team knew going into the state finals that they would have to put up some of their best performances if they hoped to rank with the best of the best — and that's just what they did.

The gymnastics team, which is coached by Lindsay Schultz, took 6th in the state of Michigan behind some of the best teams that have come out of the sport in recent memory. Earning a first-place finish was Farmington, which netted 150.175 points to upend reigning champion Rochester Adams, which took second with 146.95. In third place was Livonia, which earned 146.325 points from the judges, while Brighton took fourth with 144.62 and Portage took fifth with 144.05. Novi-Northville's points tallied up to 143.6. The event was held at Plymouth High School for both the team competition, which was held March 12, and the individual competition, March 13.

With the strictest judging that they have faced all year, the Wild 'Stangs were prepared to see slightly lower scores than during the regular season — but no one could tell by looking at the score sheets the judges filled out.

On the bars, the squad earned their best performance from one of the youngest members on the team in Sarah Ilkhani-Pour. She collected a 9.175 while Maggie Mills earned a 9.025 and Julie Foucher took an 8.7. Rounding out the scoring were Janna Ramsey, who had an 8.55, and Amanda Perelli, who scored an 8.325.

The beam, which has proven to be one of the stronger events for Novi-Northville this season, had a different leader emerging in Maggie Mills, who earned an 8.85 while Jenn Mehl scored an 8.725 and Rachel Deneau notched an 8.7. Scoring an 8.625 was Julie Foucher and Trish Brownfield recorded an 8.3 in the event.

The floor routine — typically highest-scoring event in gymnastics — didn't disappoint the fans who came to Plymouth High School to watch the extremely competitive event. Novi-Northville was led by Mills, who earned a 9.4 while Deneau scored a 9.3 and Foucher collected a 9.0. Brownfield wasn't far behind her teammates, recording an 8.95 while Ramsey rounded out the scores with an 8.35.

The vault showed itself to be another strong event for the Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team. This time, it was Foucher who stepped up to lead the herd with a 9.425 while Perelli recorded a 9.125 and Jacqueline Gazette collected a 9.1. Scoring 8.85 were Jessica Giney and Marcie Fink.

Team Competition



Wild'Stang gymnast Rachel Deneau goes head-over-heels at last Friday's competition at Plymouth High.

**DIVISION I
INDIVIDUAL
FINALS**

VAULT		
Name	Team	Score
1 Gwen McConkie	Troy Athens	9.800
2 S. MacDonald	Adams	9.600
3 Alyssa Kelly	Canton	9.525
4 Danielle Inman	Freeland	9.500
5 Christy Keller	Forest Hills	9.475
6 Megan Simon	Grand Ledge	9.450
6 Cynthia Hughes	Portage	9.450
8 Nichole Drouillard	Brighton	9.400
9 Shannon Jodoin	Farmington	9.375
9 Jessica Nieman	Freeland	9.375
11 Kyla Krygier	Traverse City	9.300
11 Stephanie Nowak	Tecumseh	9.300
13 Heather Smith	Mona Shores	9.275
14 Sarah Tomkovich	Farmington	9.175
15 Martina Totkov	Saline	9.150
15 Andrea Pisani	Livonia	9.150
15 Emma Platt	Northville	9.150

UNEVEN BARS		
Name	Team	Score
1 Megan Simon	Grand Ledge	9.800
2 S. MacDonald	Adams	9.725
3 Kyla Krygier	Traverse City	9.575
4 Martina Totkov	Saline	9.550
5 Cynthia Hughes	Portage	9.425
6 Gwen McConkie	Troy Athens	9.350
6 Megan Chappo	Canton	9.350
8 Sarah Tomkovich	Farmington	9.325
9 Kelly Patrick	Farmington	9.300
10 Alyssa Kelly	Canton	9.275
10 Heather Scheffer	Troy Athens	9.275

BALANCE BEAM		
Name	Team	Score
1 Megan Simon	Grand Ledge	9.625
2 Sarah Houchins	Farmington	9.525
3 Kyla Krygier	Traverse City	9.375
4 Martina Totkov	Saline	9.300
5 Christy Keller	Forest Hills	9.200
6 S. MacDonald	Adams	9.150
7 Cynthia Hughes	Portage	9.125
7 Katherine Brown	A.A. Huron	9.125
9 Gwen McConkie	Troy Athens	9.075
10 Danielle Inman	Freeland	9.050

FLOOR EXERCISE		
Name	Team	Score
1 Cynthia Hughes	Portage	9.700
2 S. MacDonald	Adams	9.675
3 Shannon Jodoin	Farmington	9.625
4 Kyla Krygier	Traverse City	9.600
4 Sarah Houchins	Farmington	9.600
6 Megan Simon	Grand Ledge	9.575
7 Christy Keller	Forest Hills	9.550
7 Nichole Drouillard	Brighton	9.550
9 Martina Totkov	Saline	9.525
10 Alyssa Kelly	Canton	9.450

ALL AROUND		
Name	Team	Score
1 Megan Simon	Grand Ledge	38.450
2 S. MacDonald	Adams	38.150
3 Kyla Krygier	Traverse City	37.850
4 Cynthia Hughes	Portage	37.700
5 Martina Totkov	Saline	37.525
6 Gwen McConkie	Troy Athens	37.500
7 Shannon Jodoin	Farmington	37.025
8 Sarah Houchins	Farmington	36.950
9 Christy Keller	Forest Hills	36.925
10 Alyssa Kelly	Canton	36.775

Wildcats claw Mustangs again

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

■ Novi edges Northville in district title game

Friday night the Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats basketball teams battled for the District title in front of a capacity crowd. The teams played on neutral ground at Salem High School but the stands were packed with fan wearing black and orange on one side of the hard court and green and white on the other. This game was not just another

skirmish between cross-town rivals. One team would head home while the other would advance to the next level in the playoffs. It took two overtime periods for the match to be settled with the Novi Wildcats taking home the trophy beating the Mustang 68-63.

"It is always fun to play Novi," said Mustang Chris Oakland. "They are a great team and unfortunately the ball

didn't bounce our way at the end of the game."

How They Got There

The two teams had to fight their way through games on both Monday and Wednesday night to make it to the final round.

The Mustangs started their Week of District play facing off against the Salem Rocks on

their home court. What some thought would be a quick victory turned out to be a long, grueling game. The Mustangs hung in there and won the game with a last minute free throw by Tim Singleton. The score was 30-29. Mark Sorenson, Marcus Davis and Brett Asher had 6 points each. Sorenson also grabbed three steals and Singleton had great blocked shot.

Meanwhile, things were heating up between the Wildcats and the Churchill Chargers. It was a neck and neck game the whole way but the Wildcats came out on top by a score of 58-55. Brad Simpson was the scoreboard leader with 22 points. This was followed up closely with Anthony Harbin adding 15.

Wednesday night brought looser play to the hard court as

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**Maggie Mills
Junior**

Gymnastics

Mills collected some impressive numbers as she helped her gymnastics team take sixth place in the team state finals. Mills earned a 9.4 with her floor routine, a 9.025 on the bars and an 8.85 on the beam to help her squad along. Mills has been a solid contributor all year long and that didn't stop when she helped lead her team in the finals.



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**Nick Guerro
Junior
Hockey**

Why should Guerro be athlete of the week? That's simple: His season numbers include 13 goals and 34 assists for a total of 47 points this year — and he's a defenseman. Guerro is going to be a solid player next year and will no doubt help keep the Mustangs riding on a high note when he leads them onto the ice as a senior.



Cagers fall in District title tilt

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the Mustangs went up against the South Lyon Lions. This game, thought to be one of the tougher match ups of the tournament, was actually a blow out. Northville was always ahead of the Lions, which led them to a 51-33 victory. Singleton came up with 16 points, followed by Davis with 14 points and Sorensen with 11 points.

Across town, the Wildcats also clawed their way to a victory over the Canton Chiefs 60-50. Simpson leading the score sheets again with 26 points. Brad Chandler also chipped in 14 points for the Wildcats victory. This set the stage for the Novi-Northville championship match at the end of the week.

Fateful Meeting

It seems like fate that the two teams should meet in the finals. Both the Mustangs and the Wildcats were ready for the classic cross-town battle in this annual war.

The game started with Northville winning the tip-off and immediately scoring thanks to Davis who received a pass from Singleton. On the next play, Singleton put the ball up for an easy two points. But Novi's Chandler came right back with a 3 pointer at the top of the key. This is what much of the quarter was like-back and forth, both teams equally intense. When the buzzer sounded, the score was tied at 13 points apiece.

In the second quarter neither team lost that intensity. At one point Novi's Trevor Hoover launched up a 3 point bomb and Singleton answered right back with another 3 pointer at the Mustang end of the court. It was dead even. When one team got some momentum going, the other team would soon take it away. Just when it seemed like the half was over, Asher got the last shot off for 2 points making the score 26-25 Mustang lead.

Both teams rested and took the court to start the second half, which would finish in a cliffhanger. The teams were offensively and defensively even. Wildcat Anthony Harbin did a great job of drawing the crowd in as he scored the lay-up and drew a foul. He sealed the deal with the extra point giving Novi a three-point lead. But almost instantaneously Sorensen tied things up yet again with another 3 pointer at the end of the quarter bring the two teams to another tie score of 38-38.

Northville got the energy flowing into the fourth quarter and the Wildcats knew they had to stop them defensively in order to slow down the Mustangs. That's exactly what they did. Novi's defense shut down the 'Stangs. Things didn't seem to be going anywhere until Northville's Davis put in three 3 pointers in a row making the score 51-41 with 4:06 left in the fourth quarter.

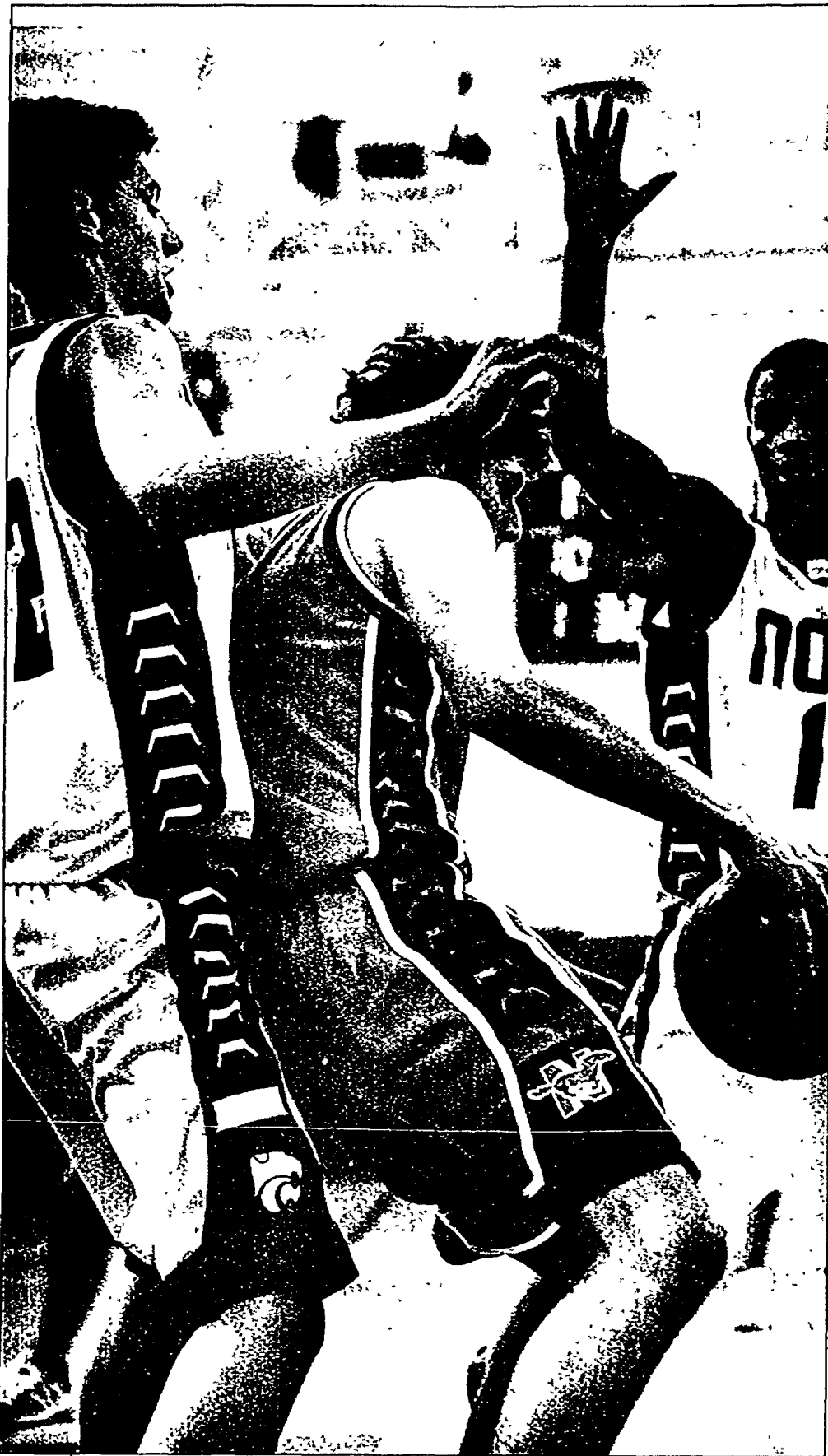
Novi took a quick timeout to calm things down and regroup for a new strategy. After the timeout the Wildcat's Harbin sunk two free throws to give the Wildcats the lead 51-53. The Mustang took a timeout and came out very cautiously. They used every second of that minute and waited to strike. And strike they did. Chris Oakland was wide open and tied the game at 53. This match was going into overtime.

It's Not Over Yet

Overtime started with a tip-off to the Mustangs who were looking to end things. Asher scored a lay up making the score 55-53. Two minutes later Asher scored again. The Mustangs then took another minute off the clock.

But the Wildcats would not give in. After a two free throw boost from Novi's Simpson, making the score 57-55, the Wildcats fouled Davis with 6 seconds left in the overtime. Davis split the two free throws making it 58-55, Mustang lead.

The Wildcats passed the ball in with 5 seconds left. Chandler received the inbound pass and dribbled it up to half court. . . 3 seconds left. Chandler spotted Hoover in the corner. . . 2 seconds. Hoover grabbed the ball with one second and time stood still as he shot the ball in the air.



Surrounded by Wildcats Mark Moore, left, and Anthony Harbin, Mustang Alan Shanoski finds it tough-going during last Friday night's district finals playoff game at Plymouth Salem High.

The buzzer sounded and the ball came down with a clean SWISH. The Wildcats had tied the game 58-58. The game was going into double overtime.

"In the first overtime we weren't making our shots," said Wildcat Brad Chandler. "But there were flashes of my whole high school career when Hoover made that last shot."

With renewed confidence, the Wildcats took the court. Harbin gave Novi four points early in the overtime. Chandler and Simpson also put in 3 points apiece. As the time was winding down, Oakland came in again and delivered another 3-point basket for Northville but it was not enough as the Wildcats went on to win the District finals 68-63.

"In the second overtime we just had the momentum and knew we were going to win," said Novi's Simpson. "The time we spend together is priceless. We're seniors and this could have been our last game."

For Northville's side of the scoreboard, the leaders were Davis and Asher who had 16 each. Singleton had 11 points and Sorensen followed up with 10 points.

"We didn't make our free throws. We had them on the ropes but we let them go," said Mustang coach Darrel Schumacher. "They are a very good team but we are also a very good team and we showed that tonight."

For Novi, Chandler was the point leader with 22 points followed by Hoover with 17 points. Simpson also had an impressive showing with 12 points and Harbin had 9 points.

"I'm proud of my kids, we didn't quit," said Novi coach Pat Schluter. "We got down in the first overtime and hit the three to tie it in the last 6 seconds. I give Northville a lot of credit. It could of gone either way. Both teams are winners."

Novi and Northville can both be proud of the way they played. These athletes gave the fans a game to remember. They played with the drive and heart that is necessary to be champions.

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Northville's Tim Singleton, left, drives for two against Salem's Brad Clark in a playoff game hosted by Salem on March 8.

SPORTS SHORTS

Michigan Indians Baseball Tryouts

The Michigan Indians U14 travel baseball team will hold tryouts on Fridays from 4:30-6 p.m. on March 19 and 26. The tryouts will be held at Total Baseball in Wixom and those interested are asked to call in advance before coming out for the tryout.

The team is coached by former professional player and full-time baseball instructor Aaron Knieper. The team will play in the Michigan Superior league with six scheduled tournaments and indoor training at Total Baseball.

Call Knieper at (248) 219-8205 or email him at arknieper@aol.com for more information.

Girls' Spring Basketball League

The Northville Parks and Rec Department is currently accepting player registrations for a new Spring 2004 Girls' Youth basketball Program for students in 9th through 12th grade. Registrations will be processed through March 12th or until the league fills and a \$10 late fee will be assessed for all registrations after March 12.

The new league will play an eight-game schedule from April 1 through May 27 and practices will begin March 27. Cost for the spring program is \$100 for residents, \$103 for school-district residents and \$110 for non-residents.

Adult coaches are needed for the girls' and boys' youth basketball programs. Your child will play free if you volunteer to be a head coach. If interested, please call Dave DeMatos at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405.

Adult Hockey League

The Novi Ice Arena will hold spring adult hockey leagues for adult teams, including 18 & Over "D" on Sunday nights, 18 & Over on Friday nights, 30 & Over "B" on Wednesday nights, 30 & Over "C" on Thursday nights, and 35 & Over on Tuesday nights.

The league features include excellent game times, no

checking, focus on fun and even competition, and trained scorekeepers. Teams will play a 10-game schedule (including playoffs), with one game per week beginning in mid-April. Games will consist of three 15-minute running time periods.

For information on adult hockey leagues at Novi Ice Arena, call (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviicearena.com.

Learn to Skate

The Winter/Spring session of Novi Ice Arena's Learn to Skate Program will run through April 8, 2004. Skate rental is available. In addition, Learn to Skate students, with their registration receipt, get free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the seven-week session.

Open registration for Learn to Skate is currently underway. Call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviicearena.com today to inquire about the proper class for your skater.

Kids' Night Out

Parents: Spend an evening out while your kids enjoy swimming, movies and organized games along with pizza and drinks, which are provided by Northville Parks and Rec.

The dates for Kids' Night Out are March 26 and April 30 from 6-9 p.m. Kids need to bring a bathing suit and towel.

Pre-registration required by 5:30 p.m. the day before the scheduled date. The event is open to kids from Kindergarten to fifth grade and the cost ranges from \$11 to \$21. Call the Rec Center for more information at (248) 349-0203.

Recreation Center at Hillside Drop-In Activities

Current activities include senior and open volleyball, open gym, open badminton, table tennis and lap and open swim. For more information, visit the Northville Parks and Rec website at www.northvilleparksandrec.org or pick up a schedule at the Rec Center.



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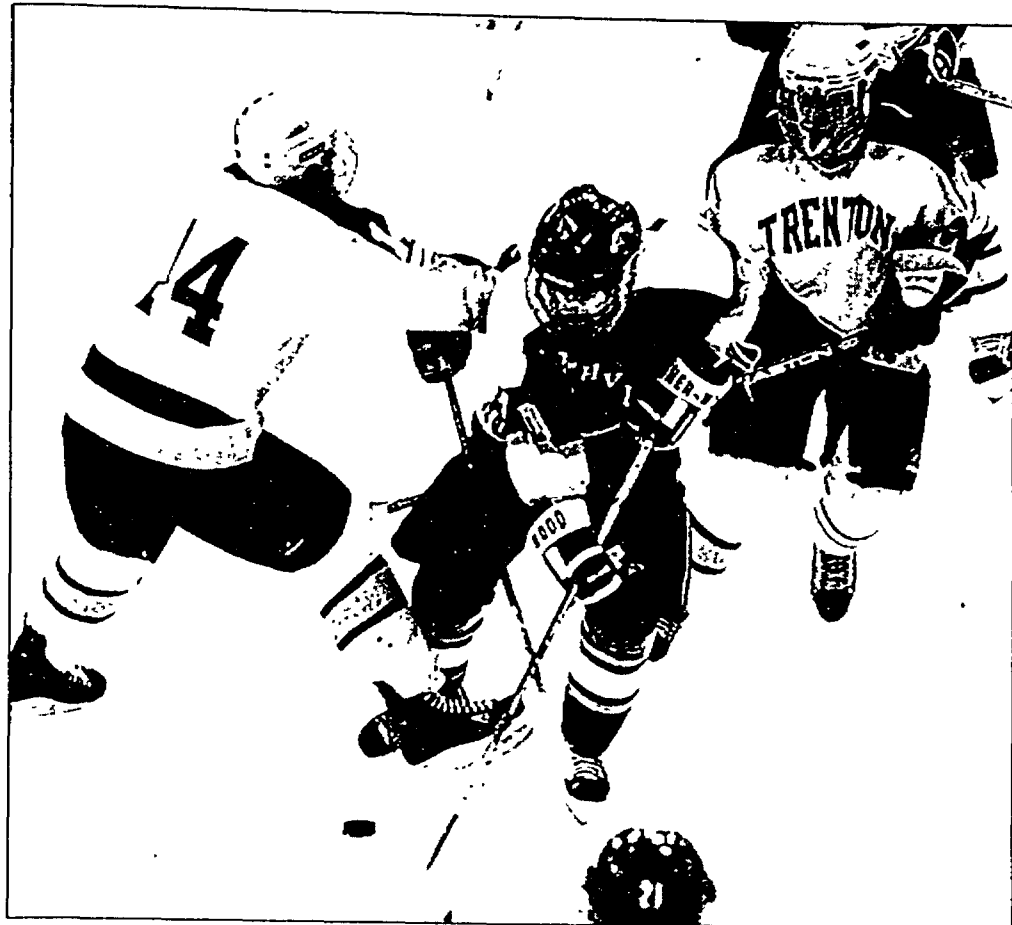
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Mustang puck-handlers found little skating room during last Thursday's playoff game against Trenton.

Mustangs fall to champs

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

If the Northville Mustangs hockey team would have come out and played two periods like they played their third, it just might have been them making a trip to the state finals.

Instead, the Mustangs couldn't seem to find their groove until late in the game and fell to a very powerful Trenton Trojans squad, 5-3.

"You like to say that you played the best and we obviously did," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said. "To get to the final game, we had to beat Trenton. My hat's off to them. They have a great program and a lot of history. They're the state champs."

The Trojans went on to be Mona Shores in the final, 5-2, to claim yet another state title for their school. Their victory made Northville officially the third best team in the state in Division II.

The Mustangs, who were ranked as high as second in their impressive run this year, found themselves being out run and out gunned in the first period of play. The Trojans were the first team to get on the board, scoring with just 1:05 left on the board as Phil Bouchard slapped home a hard shot for the score and the 1-0 lead. Andy Legut and Chris Sullivan were credited with assists on the play.

"Between the first and second period, we told the kids that we had to make some adjustments," O'Neill said. "We tried to and we tried a few different things. The bottom line was that we simply weren't moving our feet and I honestly believe it got a little worse in the second."

The Trojans came out in the second smelling the blood in the water. Their forecheck increased and their pressure in the second increased as well. After out shooting the Mustangs 9-6 in the first period, Trenton went on to fire 14 shots at netminder Jimmy Gates. Northville managed just five shots on goal in the second.

Trenton scored with 7:30 left on the clock with Brian Thomson slugging it home for the 2-0 lead and Legut earning the assist. Six minutes later, it seemed the straw that broke the Mustangs' back had finally hit the ice. Gates stood tall to stop a slapshot by Chris Sullivan, but had it slide out of his grasp and onto the ice where Sullivan skated forward and fired it into the back of the net for the unassisted goal and the 3-0 advantage.

"The defenseman let me go and I just dumped the puck on the net and got it in," Sullivan said after the game.

The Mustangs would be the victim of a fourth goal with just 2:30 off the clock in the third as well to fall back 4-0. Jacob Schering managed to snag a loose puck to the left of the net following an all-out scrum and flipped it in over Gates' shoulder for the score.

The Mustangs, being the scrappers they have been all year, weren't about to give up.

"We basically told them they couldn't do this to themselves," O'Neill said of the score in the early minutes of the third. "We told them that they were in the final four for a reason and they had to go out and play."

And play they did. The Mustangs went on a fearsome offensive, firing

home a shot at the 7:30 mark as Nick Guerro wound up and fired off a slapshot from the top of the zone for the score. Jake Vitale and Troy Engelland were credited with the assists.

Just 22 seconds later, the Mustangs struck again to cut the lead to 4-2. This time, Joe Vitale took a pass from his brother, Jake Vitale, and skated through the defense before firing a wristshot past Trojan goalie Neal Callahan's glove for the goal.

"To cut the lead to two was huge for us," O'Neill said. "I was real proud of the way they came back."

The Trojans, who were reeling from the sudden onslaught, managed to make themselves a bit more comfortable with 4:33 left to play as Derek Mayoros fired a shot that deflected off Jon Meldau for the score.

Northville came back though, pressuring the defense and forcing themselves deep into the Trojan zone. The tactic paid-off as Troy Engelland took assistance from Joe Vitale and Aaron Bernstein and scored the final goal of the season for the Mustangs at 1:12.

"This year was quite a feat," O'Neill said. "We did something that no one thought we could do except for every man in that locker room. We set some lofty goals this year and I have to give them credit because they did what they set out to do, which was make the final four."

And there wasn't much more O'Neill could ask his kids to do.

"I'm real proud of them," he said. "I'm real proud of everything they were able to accomplish this year. This is a great bunch of kids."

Skaters to compete in finals

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs figure skating team, which is in its fifth year of competition, earned a trip to the state finals with second place finish in the District 3 competition.

The state finals, which will be held Saturday at 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Adray Arena in Dearborn, will have a slew of extremely talented skaters representing their high schools.

Northville, which is coached by Alexandra banner and Michele Mikonezyk, has 19 skaters on the team this year.

In skating across the state, the high school teams had more than 400 athletes participate from 40 high schools and has seen remarkable growth in it's run to this point.

Competing in the state finals this year in level A will be Birmingham, Troy, Bloomfield Hills, Gabriel Richard, Grosse Ile, Southgate Anderson, United Farmington, Northville, Walled Lake, Marquette, Ontonagon, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Port Huron Northern and Kalamazoo Hackett.

In the level B competition, Northville will be joined by Grosse Pointe, Troy, Diving Child, Gabriel Richard, Trenton, United Farmington, Birmingham, Plymouth-Canton, Marquette, Houghton, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Kalamazoo Hackett and Port Huron Northern.

Competing on Northville's team this year are: Carrie Banner (Co-Captain), Halie Bojovic (Co-Captain), Kristy Bishop (Co-

Captain), Katie Rzepecki, Brittany Zuerlein, Greg Zuerlein, Michelle Oz, Annie Fitzpatrick, Samantha Wilson, Mary Simpkins, Margaret Wilson, Megan Burley, Gretchen Burley, Andrea Sulek, Danielle Besk, Michelle Gasparetto, Meredith Zangle, Heather Quick

and Rachel Halboth.

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Tankers gain valuable experience at finals meet

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It's an experience they'll never forget — and hopefully they'll apply every bit of what they learned to getting to experience it all over again.

The Mustangs scored 20 points to make their presence felt in the state finals — a point total that found them finishing 26th in the state.

"Overall, I'm very pleased with the results," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "I would to have liked to have gotten our relays back for the second day, but we'll have all four of the boys in each relay back for next year."

The 200 medley relay of Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Will Bickie and Brad Farris finished 18 on day one, but only the top 16 return for day two. The 400 free relay team of Chris Keady, Bickie, Joe Hogan and Farris finished 17th.

The best individual finish came from Bickie, a freshman. He swam a 4:48.72 to finish 10th in the 500 free, while Keady took 13th in 4:50.75.

Though he didn't have the best finish, Chris Culklin had the best improvement on his time. After barely making the state cut in the 500 free during the "Last Chance" meet two weeks ago, Culklin entered the state finals seeded 42nd



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Mustang swimmer Will Bickie, right, receives a handshake and a medal after finishing 10th overall in the state's 500 meter freestyle race held at the University of Michigan.

— but he blew the seedings out of the water. Culklin swam a 4:56, cutting almost five seconds off his time, to finish 20th in the state of Michigan.

In the 200 free, Farris took 14th in the state in 1:46.74, marking his best time of the year in the event. Keady, a freshman, took 22nd in 1:48.27. Farris also collected a 14th place finish in Division I with a 48.74-second race in the 100 free to mark a career-best time.

"Brad and Will swam their best

times of the season and really represented us well," Bennetts said. "It was a good learning experience for Chris Keady as well and it showed all of them that it's a different ball game when they are at that level."

In the 200 individual medley, Bickie took 14th with a time of 2:01.39, which was also a season-best finish. In the 100 backstroke, Schwartz swam to a 24th-place finish, completing his run in 57.03 seconds. Also finishing 24th was junior diver Brad Lempe.

Girls' hockey makes semis

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Northville's girls hockey team made league history by becoming only the sixth team in State Tournament history to make it to the final four — a remarkable accomplishment for a second year team.

The Mustangs had quite the show to put on for their fans as they looked to make it to the semifinals. Their game against Grosse Pointe North found them climbing into overtime as they earned a win over the top-ranked team, 5-4.

The crowd didn't have to wait long in the extra stanza as it was just 1:44 into overtime before the Mustangs got things going as Jenny Forker made a perfect pass to Caitlyn Crawford who was changing to the front of the goal. Crawford shot the puck while being knocked to the ice by the Grosse Pointe defense. The puck deflected off the goalie and on to the stick of Sam Pope who fired the puck over the goalie's right shoulder and into the goal, sending Northville for the first time to the "Final Four."

This also marked the fifth time in a row the Mustangs have won in overtime, a 5-0 record that dates back to last March, when they defeat University Liggett, in the first round, when Caitlyn Crawford scored the winning goal in triple overtime.

"Earlier in the season, in an overtime game against Port Huron, I told the team, we don't loose in overtime and many of the players took it to be a jinx," Northville coach Bill Holden said. "When we huddled together on the bench this time, it was the players telling one another, we never loose in overtime."

The Norsemen entered the game as the heavy favorite, having

defeated the Mustangs decisively in both earlier meetings. The Norseman wasted only 53 seconds before taking a 1-0 lead on their very first shot.

Exactly seven minutes later, the Norseman scored again taking a 2-0 lead. The Norseman dominated the period, tallying twelve shots on goal and missing on at least twelve others. One of the keys to the Grosse Pointe's first period success was preventing Amy Cauzillo and freshman sensation Andrea Soloko from controlling the puck.

But with time running out in the first period Anne Kirkpatrick passed the puck off the boards to Andrea Soloko who blasted the puck between the legs of the Grosse Pointe Goalie to put the Mustangs within one goal as the period ended, 2-1.

The second period began with much of the same, as Grosse Pointe

— North again scored less than two minutes into the period to take 3-1 lead and the second two goal lead. But as the second period wore on, one major change, the Mustangs were becoming more aggressive. Amy Cauzillo intercepted an errant pass at the blue line and passed to Sam Pope who let go a 30 foot wrist shot that caught the lower short-side corner of the goal to put the Mustangs back to within one goal.

Desperately trying to get the puck out of their end of the ice, Grosse Pointe's clearing attempt was intercepted by Andrea Soloko, who skated around the Norseman's defense and scored the tying goal with nine minutes left in regulation.

Northville went on to win but dropped the following semifinal game in their first-ever Final Four appearance in the state hockey tournament.

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Getting back on track after bankruptcy

More than 1.6 million people last year discharged their debt by declaring bankruptcy, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. And they did so for a variety of reasons, including extended unemployment, illness, injury, divorce, business failure and poor financial planning.

The choice to declare bankruptcy is a personal one that comes with serious consequences. And though a filing can stay on your credit record for up to 10 years, there is life after bankruptcy. To achieve long-term financial health you'll need to understand why you got into debt the first time. Next, consider how you can rebuild your credit. This is a process that will require time, patience and discipline.

Craft a budget - The first step in achieving financial health requires examining your income and expenses. To get a realistic idea of how much you're spending each month, consider tracking your spending for at least a few months. Draw up a budget for all of your basic expenses: rent or mortgage payments, utility and household bills, car payment, and work related expenditures. At the end of each month, compare your total income with your expenses. If you find that your expenses are more than your income, you'll need to find a way to reduce your expenses. One way to do this is to cut back on the incidentals you spend money on — lunches and dinners out, trips to the cinema. By treating yourself occasionally, instead of routinely, you could save a lot of money.

Build an emergency fund - Be sure to include an emergency fund as an item in your budget. Experts recommend putting away at least a year's worth of living expenses. Say you can't save? Each time you break a dollar bill, drop the change into change jar. If you deposit \$2 in coins into your change jar every day you can save over \$700 a year. You might also consider having your pay raises deducted from your paycheck and deposited into savings.

Check your credit report - Order copies of your credit report from all three reporting bureaus — Experian, Equifax and Trans Union — because each company may have different information on file about you. Review each report carefully to make certain the information is accurate and complete. If you find an error, you can use the directions that come with your report to request that the credit agency investigate your claim. If you're not satisfied with the outcome of the investigation, you can contact the creditor directly to resolve the problem. You can also prepare a 100-word statement explaining why you believe the information is incorrect. The agency must provide the statement when you request your report.

Steer clear of credit repair companies that claim they can clean up your credit record for a fee. You're the only one who can repair your credit. And the only way to do it is to be patient, live within your means, pay your bills on time and use credit wisely. Doing so will demonstrate to creditors that you can handle your personal finances.

Rebuild your credit - Once you've determined that the information in your credit report is accurate, you'll want to start working at getting positive information on file. Consider applying for a secured credit card. This is credit backed by money you've put on deposit at your financial institution. Use your card at least once a month, but only if you know you can pay the balance due on time. Once you're comfortable using your secured card, consider applying for a gas card, but avoid opening many credit card accounts. Too many accounts, even if you don't use them, tell creditors that your risk for racking up debt is high.

Don't wait to get help - At the first sign of financial trouble, seek the help of a non-profit credit counseling agency. GreenPath Debt Solutions are offered in person, over the phone and via the Internet.

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Advertorial

Bell's Landscape offers guaranteed service

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

You might call them the one-stop shopping of landscaping. Bell's Landscape Service Inc. in Wixom is ready to handle all of your outdoor landscaping needs — commercial and residential, from construction to maintenance all year long. Family owned and operated, Mike Bell's background includes a hefty 32 years in landscaping and 28 years in business.

From pruning to planting, they're proud of the diverse range of services they offer. Not only do they maintain residential sites, they also maintain condominium and apartment complexes, office and retail sites, commercial and industrial sites.

"If you're looking for someone to take care of all of your outdoor home and commercial landscaping needs, I'm your guy," said Bell. "The nice thing about what we do is that we can manage all those areas at once."

What does that include? From start to finish they'll create, construct, design and install an award winning landscape on your site. As a licensed builder, Bell's Landscape Services can install a custom deck, retaining wall or gazebo; complete that with brick paver walkways and patios. Enjoy evenings outdoors and improved security by installing landscape lighting. Sit back and relax with popular water features including ponds and fountains.

Many of Bell's landscape designs have received awards from their peers in the industry. Most are for the design/build projects that they've created. Because their goal is customer satisfaction, much of their business comes through personal referrals and many are repeat customers that have stayed with them throughout the years.

Many people, especially working couples often lack the time and energy to keep their landscape looking attractive, he observes. Hiring a dependable landscape service can remove one more task from a busy schedule. Bell's Landscape can keep your property looking beautiful with a complete schedule of landscape maintenance programs. That's their expertise. "Seventy percent of the households are dual-income families, and they don't have the time to maintain their landscape," said Bell. "My customers rely on me to take care of their maintenance needs."

Bell's landscape maintenance program begins with the basics like lawn cutting and fertilizing. Along with lawn service, they install and repair sprinkler systems to keep grass healthy and green. They also provide shrub and tree care, mulch installation; pruning and bed care to maintain beautiful flower beds. Seasonal



Photo by HAL GOULD

Mike and Mary Bell of Bell's Landscape Services sit on a bench with their dog "Spike," while Mike Jakubiec, Koa Mosher, Dave Crain and Scott Bell back them up. Bell's Landscape designs, builds and maintains landscaping for residential and commercial customers.

services include those big jobs that are so hard to find time for like spring and fall clean up.

Bell's commercial property customers have also received many beautification awards for their design. In addition to their routine maintenance, they also offer professional parking lot sweeping and maintenance for commercial buildings or subdivisions.

Keeping a clear flow of traffic and preventing slip and fall on snow and ice is critical for commercial sites. During the winter season they offer professional snowplowing and salting.

Forget shopping around with several vendors. Bell's business philosophy is simple: offer a



From green, kempt lawns to paver patios and landscaping, Bell's Landscape offers attractive solutions.

complete range of services with professional results. While some landscape companies come and go, quality work and professionalism is never compromised and it has helped them build a solid reputation. They guarantee quality workmanship.

Mike and Marcy Bell have been Lyon Township residents for the past 15 years and have raised three children, Scott, Steven, and Stacey in the community. They have been active participants in the schools and the township since they moved here. Clients will be in contact with Marcy when they call the office at Bell's Landscape, she has been running the office operations for many years.

"My oldest son Scott has taken an active roll in management and plans to be a second-generation owner one day," Marcy Bell said. "The other two kids are still attending school."

Bell takes pride in his entire staff and believes in continuing

education. It's one reason they call themselves "The Landscape Experts." Each employee completes an extensive training program and is supervised by professionals on the job site. Currently, they're working with employees to participate in the new, (CLT) Certified Landscape Tech program.

"It's part of an effort to show a higher level of professionalism," he said.

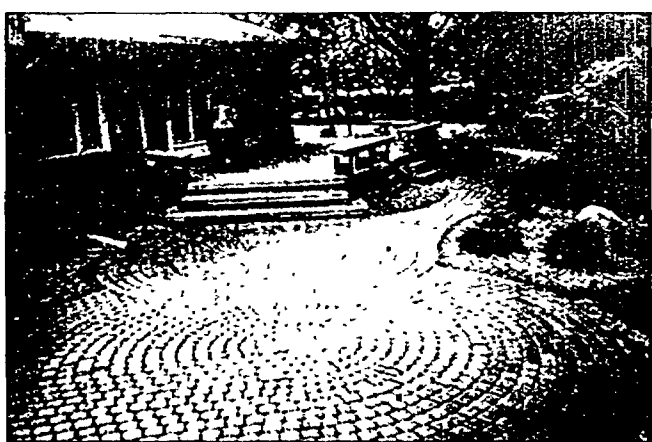
Bell's Landscape is licensed and insured, which is another guarantee that clients will receive quality work. To ensure prompt service they also own, maintain and repair all of their own equipment. Their service region covers a 30-mile radius that encompasses a wide area north to M-59 and south to I-94, west to D-19 and east to Telegraph Road.

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Catty-cornered beds can be unsettling

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: When my husband's great-aunt came to visit, she was obviously not impressed with the guest room. I'd worked hard to make it nice, cleaning and buying new sheets and a comforter. It turned out that she didn't like the catty-cornered bed.

I had to do that because there's not much wall space and it was the only way to keep the headboard from half-blocking a window. My husband thinks I'm silly to be upset. Please tell me if there's something gauche about catty-cornering the bed?

A: Not gauche, but sometimes, unsettling. Your husband's great-aunt may have been subliminally disoriented by that catty-cornered (aka "cater-cornered") bed arrangement.

It's a personality-type thing. Is she neat, precise, totally organized in her person and lifestyle? Anything off-center could be visually and emotionally disturbing.

According to designer/author Patricia Hart McMillan ("Decorating for Dummies"), diagonal lines cause rapid eye movement, suggesting fast movement in general, so they are "not just dynamic, but downright disturbing!"

On the other hand, symmetrical room arrangements, where the furniture is evenly balanced and squared-off against the walls, are classic, more formal and calming.

Without realizing it herself, Auntie must have been undone by the unexpected angle of her bed.

Next time she visits, try rearranging so the head is squarely against the wall — although, be aware, overlapping a window with furniture is more of a no-no these days than catercornering.

I'm all for the different slant designer Phyllis Harbinger (914-271-5440) takes in the bedroom we show here. Part of a guest suite in a Connecticut home, the bedroom was inspired by English country style: cozy and



This bedroom is part of a guest suite in a Connecticut home designed by Phyllis Harbinger. The slanted bed frees up floor space and adds drama to the room.

warm, with deep-colored walls and traditional fabrics in florals and plaids. What looks like paneling on the walls, by the way, is actually wallpaper (designed by Nina Campbell for Osborne & Little).

By angling the bed, the designer has freed-up floor space, added movement and drama to the room, and perhaps even achieved good feng shui: The ancient Chinese art of propitiating placement urges you to position the bed in the corner of the bedroom, diagonally opposite the entrance.

As explained by feng shui expert Lillian Too, author of 16 books on the subject, the idea is to be able to see the door without sleeping directly in front of it. Too says it also matters in which direction your head points: north strengthens physical health; south deepens sleep,

elicits intuitive capabilities, and helps you remember dreams; east helps you wake up quickly with more energy; west slows things down and reduces stress.

Q: Are today's consumers being led by the nose?

A: It's already happening when you buy a new car, and furniture could be next. According to a New York Times report by writer Danny Hakim, America's auto makers have found ways to process that "new car smell" so that it lingers almost as long as the payment plan.

For example, General Motors engineered a new fragrance called "Nuance" especially for its new Cadillacs. As Hakim describes the scent, it's "sort of sweet, sort of subliminal." And definitely upscale. Smell doctors — such as

Collins & Aikman, which devotes a division to aromas — can enhance the natural smell of leather and wood, too. So can extra-fragrant furniture be far behind?

So far, the most advanced technology I've seen involved packets of potpourri secreted under the hinges of a cupboard's door. Opening and closing the cupboard smashed the potpourri, releasing a lovely fragrance.

Simple and purely natural. But what technological advances await home decorators in the future? Who nose?

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Making maple syrup is quite a chore — might want to buy some instead

Q: I have a maple tree in front of my house; at least I think it is a maple. I really want to make some maple syrup. My family and I want to make some for our Sunday family waffle breakfasts.

A: Don't heat up the waffle iron just yet. First, you need to be certain it is a sugar maple. There are lots of trees out there, and some are maples. And of the maples, some are silver maples or red maples or Norway maples or sugar maples. The only one that makes good syrup is sugar maple. If you don't have a tree identification book, you might want to get one from the library or buy one. At this time of the year, you may not be able to tell by the bark, tree shape or buds if you don't regularly do this. Look under the tree and see if you can find a lot of one kind of leaf left from last fall. This could help. If you decide that it is a sugar maple, consider that it takes forty gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup. Your one tree doesn't have forty gallons to donate. You might end up making a pint or so if it's a big tree. The other problem is that it takes awhile to boil off three-fourths of the moisture in your tree sap. If you have a lot of sap to boil, you can steam the wallpaper right off the walls with the water vapor. So if you're still interested, do some hunting to find the right equipment to tap the tree. Collect your sap daily and refrigerate it immediately. Sap that isn't refrigerated can end up with an off flavor that remains after cooking. After cooking, it probably won't make you sick, but it won't be tasty. Also consider that there are people locally who make maple syrup. Then you can make all the waffles you want.

Q: I've tried growing cauliflower in my home garden and something isn't right. The plant makes a decent head but it's

Home Grown

Gretchen Voyle



greenish and not white. It tastes fine but it looks different. Why is this happening?

A: Here's the headline: Secrets of the vegetable industry exposed...shocking facts revealed.

With that great introduction, it's not much of a story. Sunlight causes the head to turn green. Commercial growers tie the leaves over the developing head to cause it to stay white. This is called blanching. Often, rubber bands are used to hold the leaves in place. You can also investigate other varieties of cauliflower because some are called "self blanching." They will be white or close to white without tying leaves. There are also some varieties of cauliflower that are intended to have green or purple heads so you may want to investigate them. Try to avoid planting cauliflower when the crop is trying to mature during the mid-summer heat. Cauliflower performs poorly if it's hot.

Q: Sometimes, you're not real nice to the people who write. How come?

A: I write the questions, so I'm only being rude to me. In most cases, it's deserved. The ideas come from questions that have been asked over the phone or in person at various times and are changed to make the story more interesting. Sounds like a multiple personality disorder to us.

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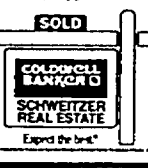


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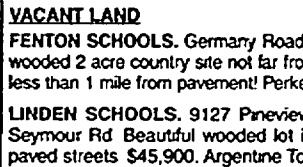
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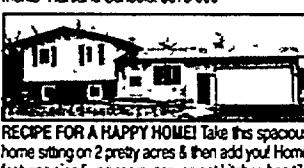
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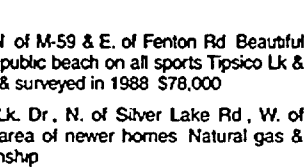
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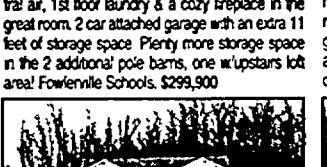
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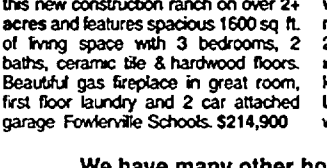
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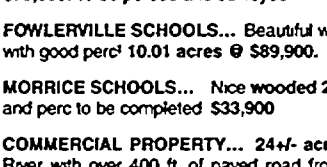
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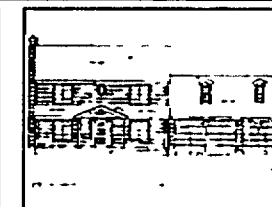
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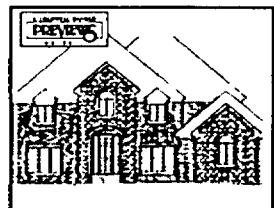
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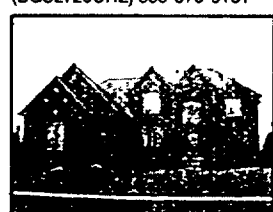
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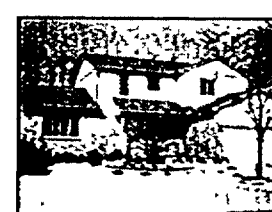
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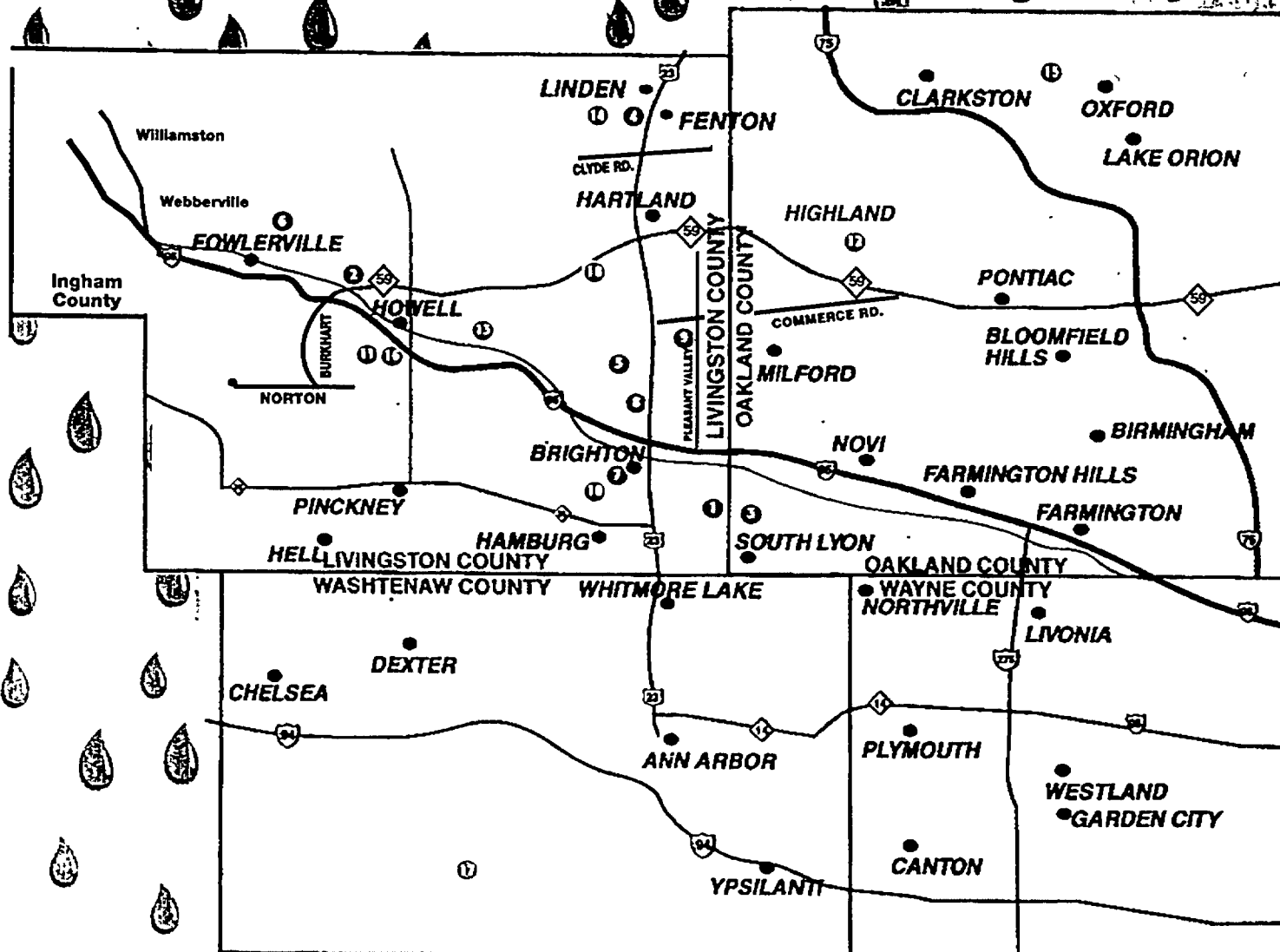
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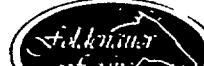


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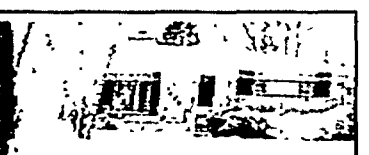
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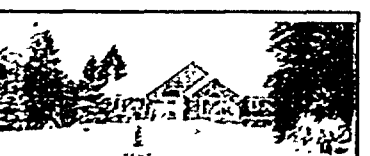
PLYMOUTH Beautiful Colonial
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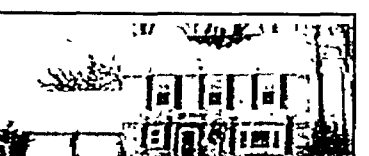
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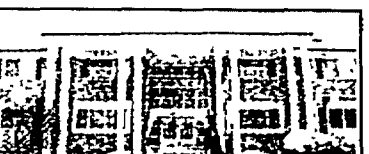
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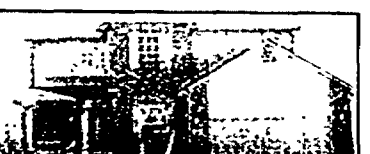
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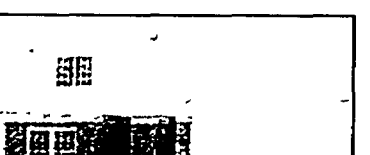
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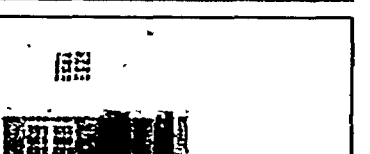
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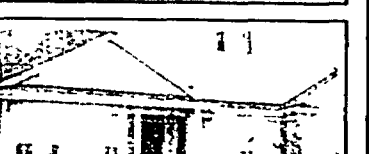
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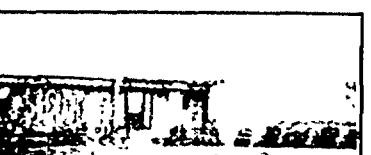
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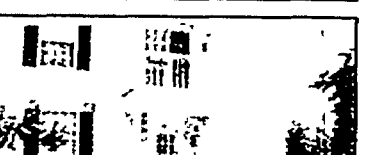
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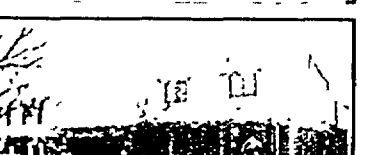
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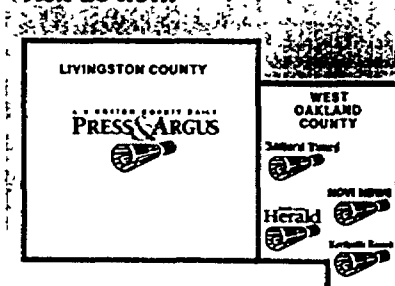
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For Horses Haven in Howell. Must be at least 16. No exp necessary (734) 425-2156

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Rhino Seed & Turf Supply. Call Steve. 800-482-3130

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WARRANTY/SERVICE TECH
Immediate opening-NW Wayne County residential builder. Prior experience a plus. Please fax resume to 248-646-3529

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Work in my office part time. Located on M-59. 248-360-9819. Leave message w/ best time to reach

WHISPERING PINES GOLF COURSE
Is now accepting applications for all departments. Apply in Person at 2500 Whispering Pines Dr., Pinckney (734)878-0009

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WINK-JET - Mailing machine
operator, mechanical & computer skills needed. Exp a plus. Willing to train the right person. Full time. Resume to Mailing Services, 45525 Grand River, Novi MI 48374 email sales@pscolor.com

Help Wanted-Computer/Info Systems \$500

Computer Programmer
Part time. Knowledge in Visual Basic, Access 97, Visual Studio a plus. Good pay and flexible schedule. Perfect for college student majoring in CIS. Robot Printing and Communications 12085 Doble Redford, MI 48239 (313) 255-0470 FAX humanresources@robotprinting.com

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Help Wanted-General \$5000

MEAT COUNTER & DELI HELP WANTED
Apply: Midwestern Market, 5580 E. Grand River, Howell.

MECHANIC WANTED
Heavy truck & trailer. Certified & exp. w/CDL. Sue, Northstar Ranch, (517)545-7255.

MECHANIC/REPAIRMAN
for heavy metal industry. Must have own tools. Will consider training right person. 248-684-0555. Email: qualitysteelwelding@comcast.net

MILL HAND/GRINDER HAND
Must be experienced. Air cond. shop. Lectra Tool Co., Howell 517-545-5818

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Program Director
Masters in early Childhood Education, part time. Administrative/curriculum exp. a must. Resume to Perry Nursery of Ann Arbor, 3770 Packard, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 Fax 734-677-0280 or email perrynursery@provide.net

PURCHASING CLERK
Immediate opening for detail oriented individual with excellent clerical skills, data entry and PC exp. to work in our purchasing department. Prefer exp in chain drug stores, super markets, mass merchandisers, or other large distribution operations. Full time employment with benefits. Send resume in confidence with background to: Personnel Manager PO Box 8026 Novi, MI 48376-8026 or Fax 248-374-6065

RELIABLE & Exp Master
Plumber. Call UNIVERSAL (248)449-1737

REPOSSESSION FIELD AGENT
needed for Midland co. Must be 25 yrs. of age & have a clean driving record. No exp needed. Please Fax resume to 248-684-8713

SCREEN PRINTERS
Screen printing co. looking for an exp. flat stock printer. No textiles. Full time for large format & high volume shop. Novi area. 248-735-9999

SHEET METAL INSTALLER, SHOP PERSON, SERVICE TECH NEEDED
For Heating Company 401K & profit sharing (734) 878-9890

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an extremely capable, reliable caregiver/assistant with 20 years exp & impeccable references. Please call Sherree Chapman, (734) 721-5058

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Good cond. Howell (517) 548-3688

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Antiques/Collectibles (760)

Antiques Bought! Postcards, paper dolls, dishes, perfume bottles, Shelley bone china, military. 248-624-3385

Education/Instructor (600)

CHARYL STOCKWELL ACADEMY
A K-8 charter school located in Hartland is seeking a teacher of academically gifted students. Elementary teacher certification required with exp. and/or training in the education of gifted children. Please send resume, copy of transcripts & copy of teaching certificate to Charyl Stockwell Academy, 9758 E. Highland Rd., Howell, MI 48843

TUTORING - Teacher with 10 yrs experience will tutor K-12, incl. Special Ed., math, English, science (248) 974-6868

Attorneys/Legal (570)

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Business Opportunities (5740)

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6000-6780 ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEST SELF STORAGE OF NEW HUDSON
53600 Grand River will hold a lien sale on 3/31, Noon. Ryan Chambers - tv, boxes.

COUNTRY STORAGE, 58000 W. Light Mile Rd., Northville

Will hold a lien sale for units held by Timothy Henderson 1184, Jenny Burnside #1-25H. Toys, clothing, household goods, 70 used computers. Auction to be held on March 19, 2004, 1:00 pm

DEFAULT OF REMITAL PAYMENT

Sale of household & personal items by sealed competitive bid. Michael Carrion, Gail Spehar, John Lewiska, James Gilbert, Jeffrey Cobb, Sherry Stoll, Donna Montpelier. Sale Date 3/26/04, 1:00pm. U-Store South Lyon, 271 Lottie (248) 437-1600

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Cards of Thanks (6300)

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Lost & Found - Goods (6340)

FOUND CAMERA, March 13, Howell area. Please identify 810-623-1894

LOST 2/28, 2 sling back patio chairs beige & green, on/over Brighton Rd (810) 494-5000

7000-7780 MERCHANDISE

Absolutely Free (7000)
1973-1987 BLAZER/JIMMY car pool SE corner of Grand River/Second St., Fowlerville

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LOOKING TO BUY: Mahogany and Oak furniture of all kinds, also collectibles from one piece to an entire estate. 734-634-2339

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7100 Estate Sales (7100)

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PEDESTAL DESK
64" Wx30" Dx30" H, 3 storage drawers, 2 legal letter file drawers, good cond. Exc. Buy \$600 (248) 947-2196

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Appliances (7180)

BRAND NEW Asko dishwasher, 4 year warranty \$700 best Call (248) 787-6848

GE MICROWAVE, stove, dishwasher, 5 yrs old Frigidaire, 10 yrs old A/C white \$200 each. All exc. cond. (248) 446-6013

WATERBOSS water softener, approx. 2 years old, good for cottage or small family, good working condition. \$300 Tel 248 446 0051

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HOT TUB, new in wrapper, seats 7 adults, warranty 45 jet dual 5 HP pumps rated best in class! Cover, MSRP \$8 498. Sell \$4 350. Can deliver 248-730-0893

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COUCH - Seats 3, good cond \$100 (248) 486-1314

Household Goods (7160)

* \$100 - double pillow top, full size mattress-box set. New in plastic, warranty. Can deliver 248-941-4206

* \$110 - double pillow top, queen size mattress-box set. New in plastic, warranty. Can deliver 248-941-4206

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* BORDM SET Brand new 4-piece still in boxes. Must sell \$299 Can deliver 248-941-4206

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BEDROOM SET - 62 yrs old, fair cond, \$250 Crystal Chandelier, \$125 Old Oak desk, \$50 Exercise machine, \$25 (810) 229-6698

BUNK BEDS Quality Craft w/8 storage drawers Solid pine, \$175 Br Dresser w/mirror, \$100 Solid pine waterbed framed w/headboard incl. lights & mirror, \$100 (810) 229 9466

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CONTEMPORARY dining set, black lacquer w/8 highback black chairs w/white cushions. Glass hutch, black buffet \$1700 (517) 552-3044

DAYBED metal frame, pop up and 2 mattress, never used. Denim cover Paid \$773, asking \$500 (810) 229-9973

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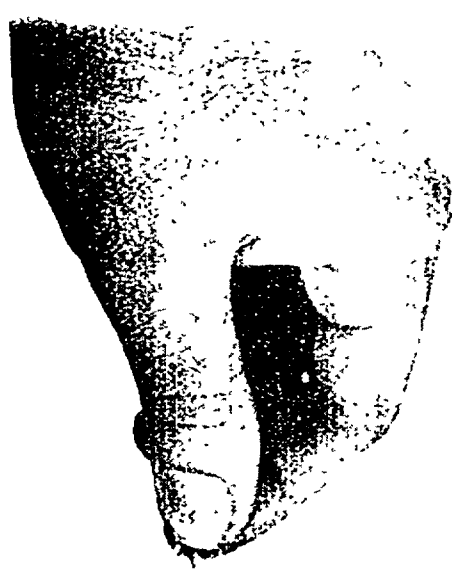
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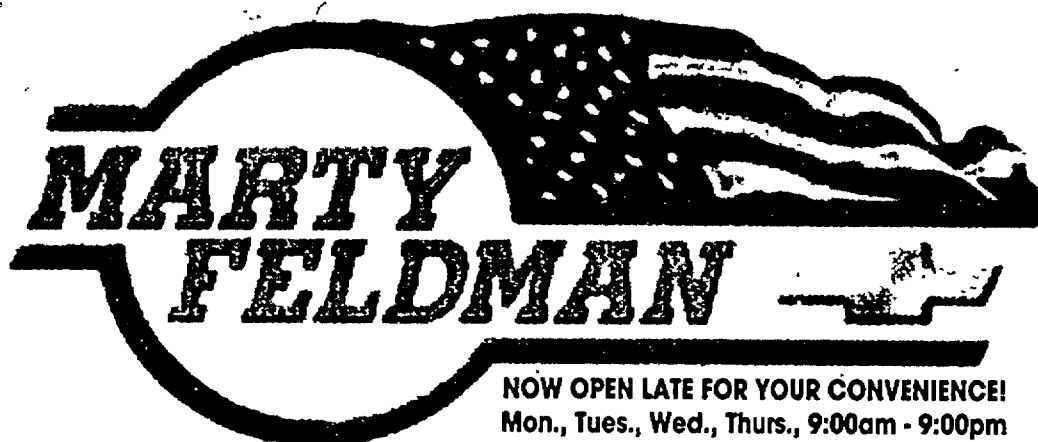
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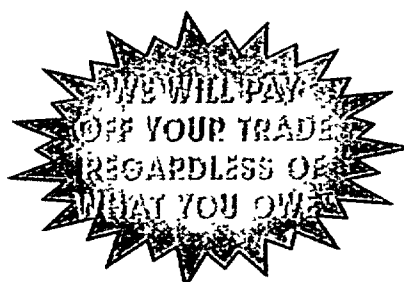
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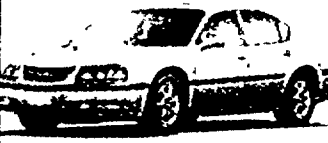
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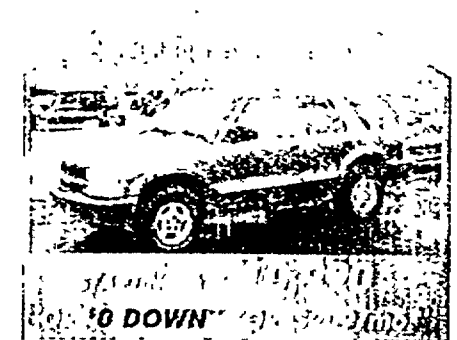
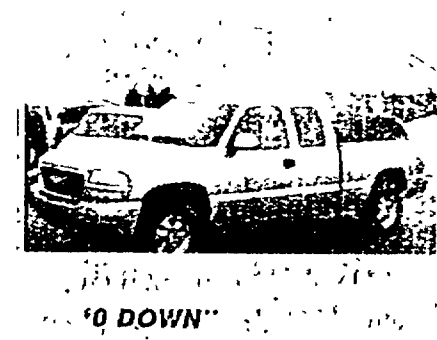
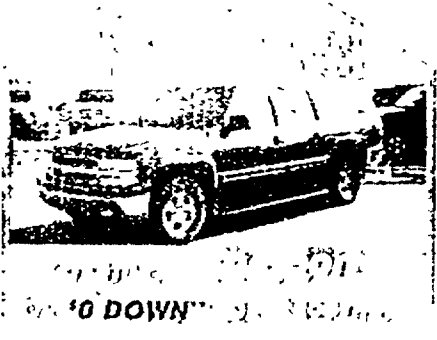
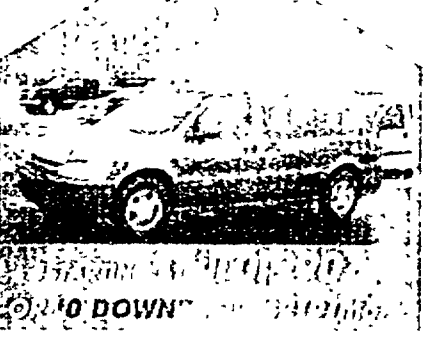
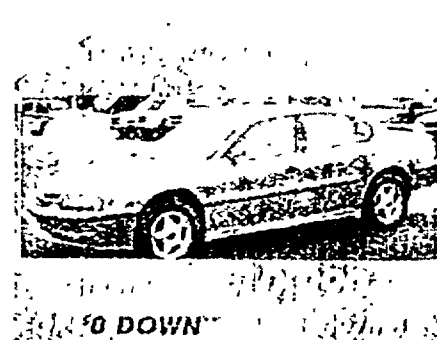
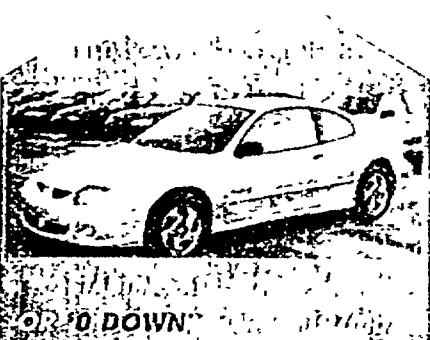
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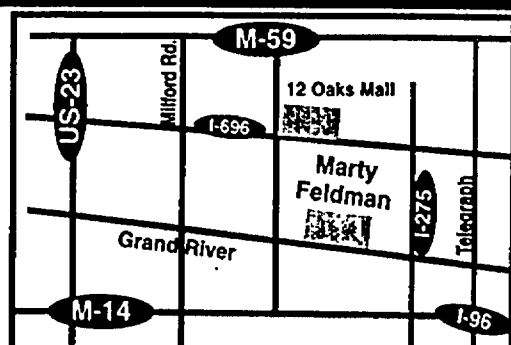
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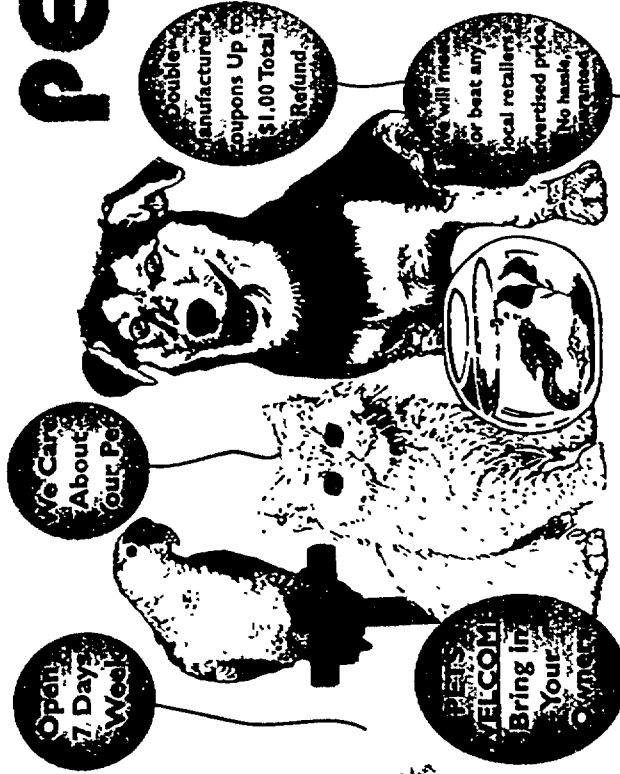
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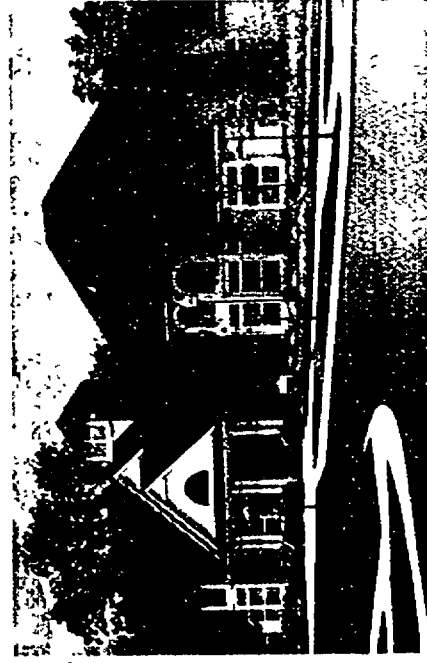
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Boxer

AVG. SIZE: 22-24" WEIGHT: 50-80 lbs.



BERRIE SAYS: Very friendly dogs, very social, tend to be exuberant when they're young. Not great for toddlers. Tend to be very good with older kids. Great for running around and playing with older kids. Need a lot of contact with people and a lot of exercise, very energetic dogs. Not a good dog for someone who wants a quiet inside dog.

Chihuahua

AVG. SIZE: Variable WEIGHT: Under 6 lbs.



BERRIE SAYS: Moderate activity level. Good with older kids, but not so great with kids who don't know how to handle dogs respectfully. Can be a little bit snappy with younger kids. Tend to be pretty good with older kids who know how to behave around dogs. Come in long and short hair, so it depends on if you want a dog you have to groom or not.

Golden retriever

AVG. SIZE: 22-25" WEIGHT: 60-80 lbs.



BERRIE SAYS: Very emotionally stable, loving, patient dogs. Very good with kids. Need social families, as they are social dogs. Not for someone is looking for a watch dog or a dog to have outside, they need to be inside with the family. They do shed heavily, so they're not for someone who has allergies or is concerned about having a nice, clean house or couch.

Beagle

AVG. SIZE: 13-15" WEIGHT: 16-30 lbs.



BERRIE SAYS: Most are good with kids. Very active, a hunting breed, they follow their noses and they bark quite a bit. Have tendency to dig. If they catch a scent, they will want to take off after it. Not a good dog for someone who wants to keep a nice, pretty landscape type yard, because they like to dig. Pretty active dogs and very social, friendly.

Yorkshire terrier

AVG. SIZE: Variable WEIGHT: 8-11 lbs.



BERRIE SAYS: Nice little dog. They're sweet and good for a lot of different things. They could be a for people who want an inside dog, but they're also pretty energetic and active. A good dog for obedience or agility.

Poodle

AVG. SIZE: Variable WEIGHT: Up to 70 lbs.



BERRIE SAYS: All poodles are non-shedding. Great for people with allergies or people who just want a clean house. The standard poodles, which are the bigger ones, are one of the top five ranked dogs in intelligence. Real good with obedience training.

Shih tzu

AVG. SIZE: 8-11" WEIGHT: 9-15 lbs.



BERRIE SAYS: Longer hair, so they're a dog that requires regular grooming. Good with kids and other pets. A little bit harder to house-break, but a very nice little dog. A good lap dog, good companion. Not so great in hot weather because of their flatter face, so it's not good to keep them outside during the summer.

Seek alternatives to exotic pets

By Phil Foley
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

President Harry S. Truman once advised, "You want a friend in Washington? Get a dog."

Truman was talking politics, but according to Ron Kagan, executive director of the Detroit Zoo, it's pretty good advice for people living in Novi, Milford or pretty much anywhere else.

In an attempt to introduce all the birds of Shakespeare's plays to America, Eugene Schieffelin released 40 starlings in New York's Central Park in 1890. That original release eventually grew to a nationwide plague 50 million strong.

In the past decade, people who grew weary of their cute 10-inch-long iguanas turned them loose in the hardwood hammocks near their homes. They grew into five-foot-long landscape munching pests that have become a permanent part of the landscape.

Kagan suggests that while the desire to have something unusual and exotic as a pet may be strong, it's a desire best resisted.

Jim Jansen, a wildlife division permit specialist with the state Department of Natural Resources, agrees. He noted wryly that until the state legislature passed the Large

Carnivore Act in 2000 people needed a state permit to keep squirrels, raccoons or skunk, but anyone could keep lions, tigers or bears (as long as they weren't native) in their back yard.

Jansen said keeping bears and any member of the feline family is now tightly regulated, but keeping alligators remains unregulated. He said the state's primary concern over exotic pets is the fear of spreading disease to the state's wildlife population as well as the possibility of exotic species establishing themselves in the wild and edging out native species.

Kagan noted that exotic pets can also pose a health threat to their owners. For instance, he observed, all reptiles carry salmonella.

Jansen added that some animals like raccoons and skunks look cute as babies, but grow up to be ill-tempered adults. Jansen also cautioned there are effective rabies vaccines for only few species besides dogs and cats. That means if an exotic pet nips the kids, it will have to be euthanized.

Kagan said keeping and displaying exotic animals is best left to the experts. He said it's best for the animals and safest for the public.

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Exotic pets run the gamut from tarantulas to geckos to squirrels to panthers. Detroit Zoo and Department of Natural Resources officials suggest the more traditional pets are a better way to go.

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Obesity plagues pets, too

By Stephanie Rutherford
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Long cold winters indoors and too many treats may turn your feisty fur ball into a portly pet.

Obesity is the number one health issue that can damage a cat or dog. Veterinarians warn that even pets who are slightly overweight can be at risk for everything from arthritis to diabetes to joint problems.

"At least 60 percent of the animals I see are overweight to some degree," Heather Ferguson, a veterinarian at the Lyon Veterinary Clinic in South Lyon, said. "People don't take it seriously or realize the health risks involved."

Ferguson noted that joint and hip problems, heart disease, respiratory conditions

and depression were all common problems associated with obesity in pets.

Obesity in pets is caused by a lack of physical activity combined with eating excessive calories, both which are much more common in the winter months.

"I encourage people to play games with their pets indoors and keep them active," Therese McCarthy of South Lyon's Dandy Acres Veterinary Clinic said. "Don't overfeed. You can use some of their regular food as treats during playtime. It's all about keeping your pet healthy throughout the year."

Taking steps to keep your pet at a healthy weight is simple. The first step is to determine the appropriate caloric intake for your pet's ideal weight. Your veterinarian should be able to help out with this.

"You'll need to find out how many calo-

ries are in the food and treats you're giving to your pet. Measure or count the necessary amount

of food or treats to equal your pet's caloric needs," said Joseph Osbourne of Novi's Breckenridge Veterinary Clinic.

Finally, have your pet engage in some physical activity on a daily basis.

"I recommend at least 20 to 30 minutes a day, even if it's just going for a walk," Osbourne said.

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HOW MUCH SHOULD YOUR PET BE EATING?

Veterinarians recommend the following daily amounts of high-quality dry food to keep pets at a healthy weight."

Feeding amount for cats:

- 5 to 8 lbs. - 1/3 to 1/2 cup daily
- 9 to 14 lbs. - 1/2 to 1 cup daily

Feeding amount for dogs:

- 3 to 12 lbs. - 1/3 - 1 cup daily
- 13 to 20 lbs. - 1 to 1-1/4 cups daily
- 21 to 35 lbs. - 1-1/4 to 2 cups daily
- 36 to 50 lbs. - 2 to 2-1/3 cups daily
- 51 to 75 lbs. - 2-1/3 to 3 cups daily
- 76 to 100 lbs. - 3 to 3-2/3 cups daily
- More than 100 lbs. - 3-2/3 cups plus 1/3 cup for each 10 lbs. over 100 lbs.

*Source: American Veterinary Medical Association

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Heather Ferguson
Lyon Veterinary Clinic

Pet insurance can defray medical costs

I do feel pet insurance is worthwhile to look at because the unforeseen, the unexpected, can happen to any pet," Groehn said. "It can be good for people who believe in providing the best medical care and the best preventive care. It's something that is really important for all pets, whether mutt or purebred."

Jennifer Groehn, D.V.M.
Highland Veterinary Hospital

veterinary clinic for accidents, illness and routine care. This can include surgeries and treatment for burns, poisonings, lacerations and allergic reactions, as well as vaccinations, flea and heartworm control, wellness check-ups and physicals. Monthly premiums and deductibles are generally determined by the type and/or breed of animal, its age and amount of coverage desired. Plans are available for not only dogs and cats, but birds, rabbits, ferrets, reptiles and other exotic pets.

"There are generally three or four main companies that offer pet insurance, and I am always impressed with how it's such a growing industry throughout the U.S.," Groehn said. "It reminds me to keep offering it to my patients, and that they are interested in benefiting from it."

PetHealth Pet Insurance, founded in 1998, is one such provider. According to its Web site, an assortment of programs is offered for dogs and cats, ranging from \$8.50 to \$55.90 per month. Another provider, Veterinary Pet Insurance, is a California-based company that boasts more than 20 years' experience and claims to be the largest licensed insurer of pets in the U.S. Groehn keeps its brochures on hand for all her clients. It's also the insurance company recommended by VetSelect Animal Hospital in Novi.

Sharon Green, director of operations for VetSelect, says that a minimal, but growing, number of people are utilizing pet insurance — and she'd like to see more.

"We have a very small percentage of our

patients that have the insurance, but not as much we'd hope," Green said. "I think it can lead to better care for our patients." Trouble is, she said, many people are probably misinformed about what coverage is available.

"Pet insurance has been around for a long time, and I think that a lot has changed over the years that people don't realize. The companies have changed their ways, of thinking somewhat. So now, they cover more, like office calls, deworming, stool samples, even wellness visits — just like humans. In the past, a lot of this might not have fallen under the policies, but often now they do." Once people take another look at what's offered, she said, there will be a greater trend toward getting that coverage.

Green also expects the decision to insure pets for illness and injury will become mainstream in the future, with more people looking at their pets as members of the family, rather than simply dogs or cats. "Pets are living longer and clients want to take better care of them. They want to do what they can for that pet to have a better life." Insurance can help them do that, she said.

Groehn added that she regularly asks patients who have the coverage if it is beneficial. "I want to know if they find it helpful and whether it has paid off," she said. "Pretty much, they say 'yes.' Clients are real positive about it. They are pretty happy with it, so I'll keep offering it."

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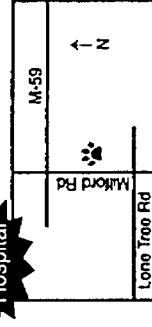
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By Maureen Johnston
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Off-lease dog parks — like those found in downtown Northville and Lyon Township — allow pets to freely frolic and people to meet and pick up after their pets.

Rules at the two facilities are similar:
• Hours basically from dusk to dawn
• No dogs in heat allowed.
• Owners must clean up their dog's waste and dispose of it.

• Owners are responsible for their dogs at all times. Dogs must be accompanied by an adult.
• Urnally dogs will be asked to leave.
• Dogs must have a current license and be up-to-date on vaccinations.
• No dogs allowed that are less than four months.

• Dogs must be kept on a leash until inside the enclosure.
A core group of Northville pet owners continuously campaign for the opportunity to run their dogs and meet with the friends that they have gained in close quarters during the past eight months. They have repeatedly asked their community leaders to grant the current, temporary park permanent status, as well as expand the off-lease park concept into the township.

Among the benefits park supporters described are:
• Promotes exercise for residents resulting in a healthier lifestyle.
• Serves many lifestyles by being available during daylight hours, 365 days a year.
• Promotes acceptable behavior from dogs.

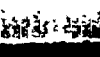
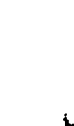
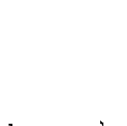
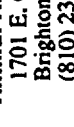
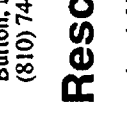
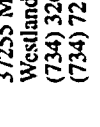
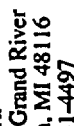
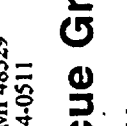
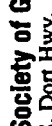
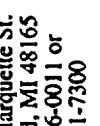
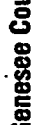
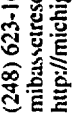
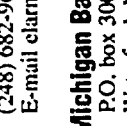
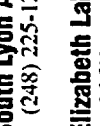
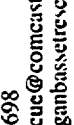
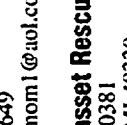
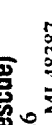
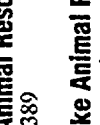
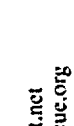
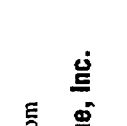
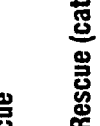
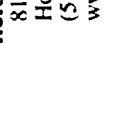
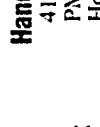
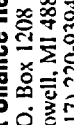
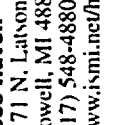
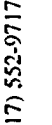
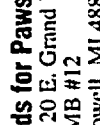
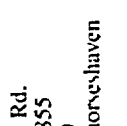
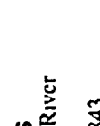
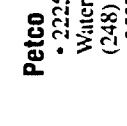
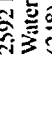
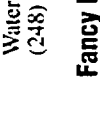
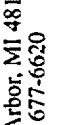
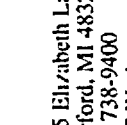
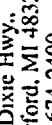
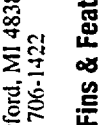
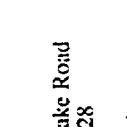
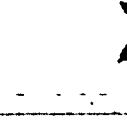
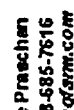
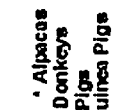
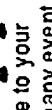
Northville Township resident Fred Shadko and his Dalmation are frequent visitors to their local park. "It is not uncommon to see as many as 25 dogs and 30 to 40 residents in the park," he said. "While the dogs run and play, the owners run with the dogs, socialize and pick up after their pets."

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Cheech - a very cool one-year old bulldog. He is owned by Jeff and Alice Adams of Highland.



"Saaha and Clare love to play tennis ball together and they also love to play with me. Both of them are spunky, rambunctious and silly," said Clara Giagola of Milford. Saaha is a chocolate lab and Clare is a yellow lab.



Flash - a two-year old beagle that was rescued by Dr. Jennifer Groehn, and is now owned by her daughter Skylar Welti. She is the mascot of Highland Vet. Hospital.

"This is the life" according to NIKKI and Coemo. Owners are Kyle and Lori Murphy of Novi.



Misty is a Palomino Quarter horse. She enjoys riding in Parades for Highland Veterinary Hospital and being shown by Skylar Welti.

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Shhh..Dog Whisperer comes to Northville

Celebrity trainer helps canines mind their owners

By Pam Fleming

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He's trained Detroit Red Wings' Captain Steve Yzerman's Portuguese water dog as well as and countless other canines in the area.

And recently, Viadue Roytapel, a local dog trainer known as the Dog Whisperer, came to Northville to help Louise Schart's dog, Ernie.

Schart became Ernie's owner when her son, Ed, 22, a student at Madonna University in Livonia, brought home the Bichon Frise puppy one day unexpectedly. "It had been years since we'd had a dog — probably 12 years or more. He just decided that he wanted one," she said. "He got him from a breeder in Utica."

Schart was quite surprised when her son brought the puppy home. "I was pretty shocked, but what are you going to do?" she said.

Ernie was guilty of normal puppy behavior — basically running around the house out of control.

"And, I had just had hip replacement surgery in September, so I needed a dog that would mind me," Schart said.

Schart wanted Ernie trained before he started to develop bad habits.

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households, the dogs are leading the humans. But dogs like strong leadership. It gives them a sense of security."

Viadue Roytapel
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That's when she decided to call Roytapel, who along with trainers Condi Fleishman and Bonny Wain, owns Alternative Canine Training. They have a Web site, www.alternativecaninetraining.com, and can be reached by phone at (586) 323-2810.

"I heard about Roytapel on the radio and decided to contact him after visiting his company's Web site," she said.

Roytapel, a native of Russia who lives in Troy, brings his two German Shepherds, Elke and Princess, who are mother and daughter, with him to training sessions. He brings them to show the dog being trained canines that exhibit proper behavior.

Elke has given birth to many Leader Dogs for the Blind, and both dogs have wonderful temperaments. During his career, Roytapel has trained not only Leader Dogs for the Blind, but also search and rescue dogs, therapy dogs, gun-sniffing dogs, sled dogs, guard dogs, border patrol dogs and assistance dogs.

It's clear that he understands the language of canines. His theory is that dogs don't need to live in a democracy, and because of this, he's never seen so many problems with pets than in the U.S.

"For Americans, democracy reigns, but dogs don't share our moral code and values," Dogs came from a different background. They are a pack-oriented species. They don't recognize the U.S. Constitution. They don't speak in Russian, and English is not their second language. If you're not the leader, your dog will be," he said.

"We teach the owner to be the master. In most U.S. households, the dogs are leading the humans. But dogs like strong leadership. It gives them a sense of security," Roytapel said.

He believes dogs confuse kindness with weakness. "The balance of power should always be toward your direction," he explained. "We train the dog from the dog's point of view."

Roytapel said dog owners need to take the lead and establish the right relationship with their pets. "I believe in the power of positive reinforcement, but without discipline, you will never create a reliable dog or child for that matter," Roytapel said.

Schart, who signed Ernie up for a five-session course, said the 5-month-old puppy's behavior has improved since Roytapel started working with him. "I saw results after the first session," she said. "At least he will listen now."



Photo by John Hecker

"Dog-whisperer" Viadue Roytapel gets some affectionate licks from "Ernie" the bichon frise of Northville resident Louise Schart during a training visit last Friday afternoon.

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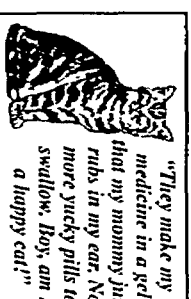
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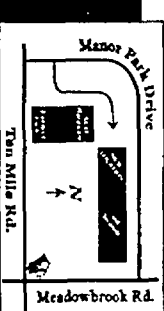
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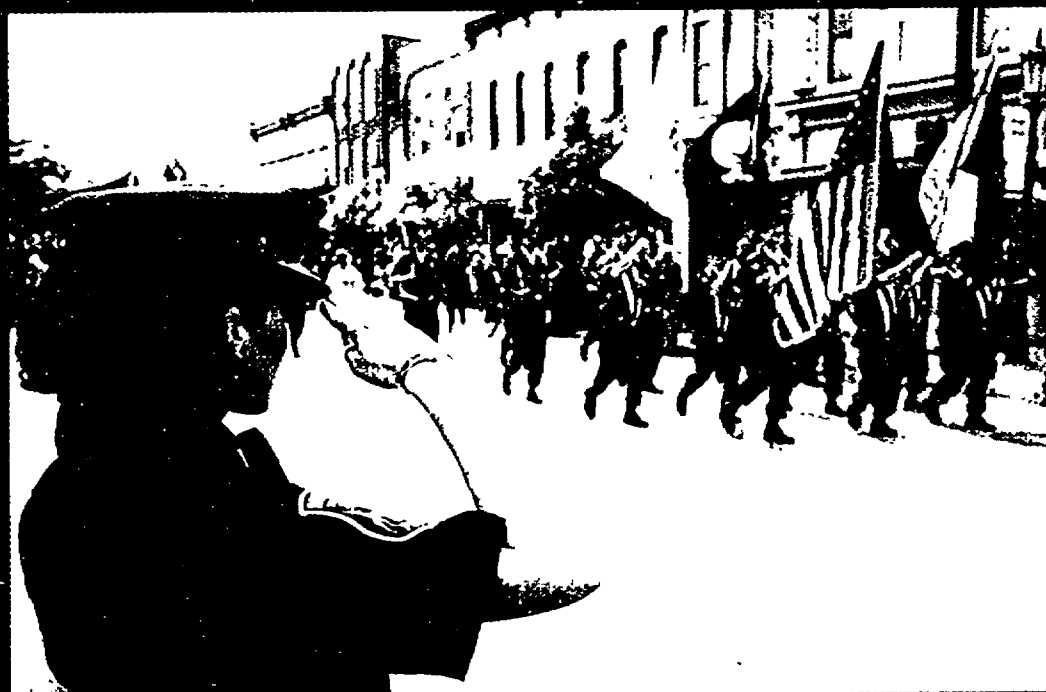
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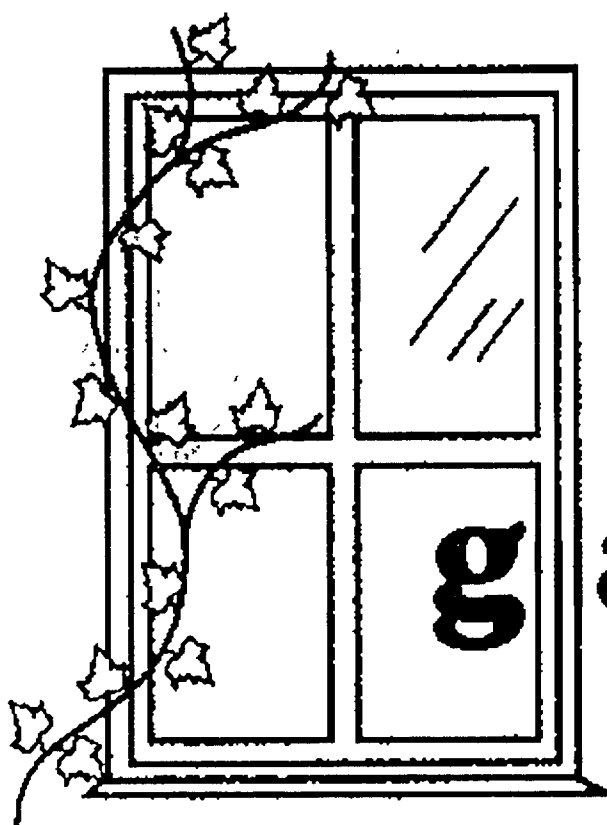
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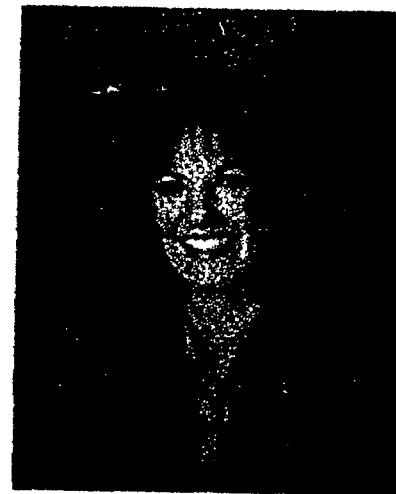
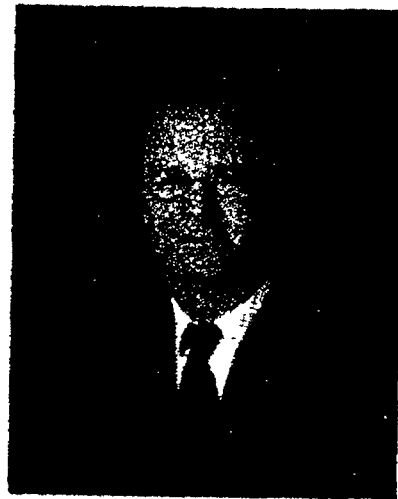
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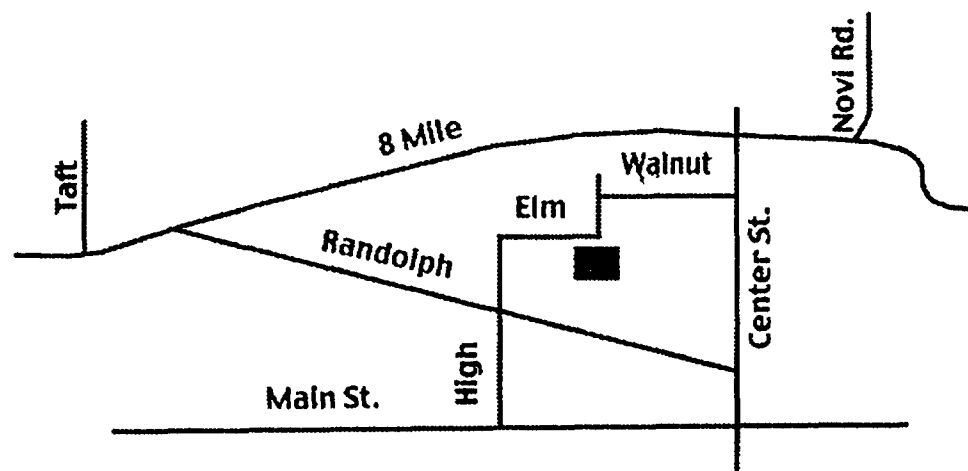
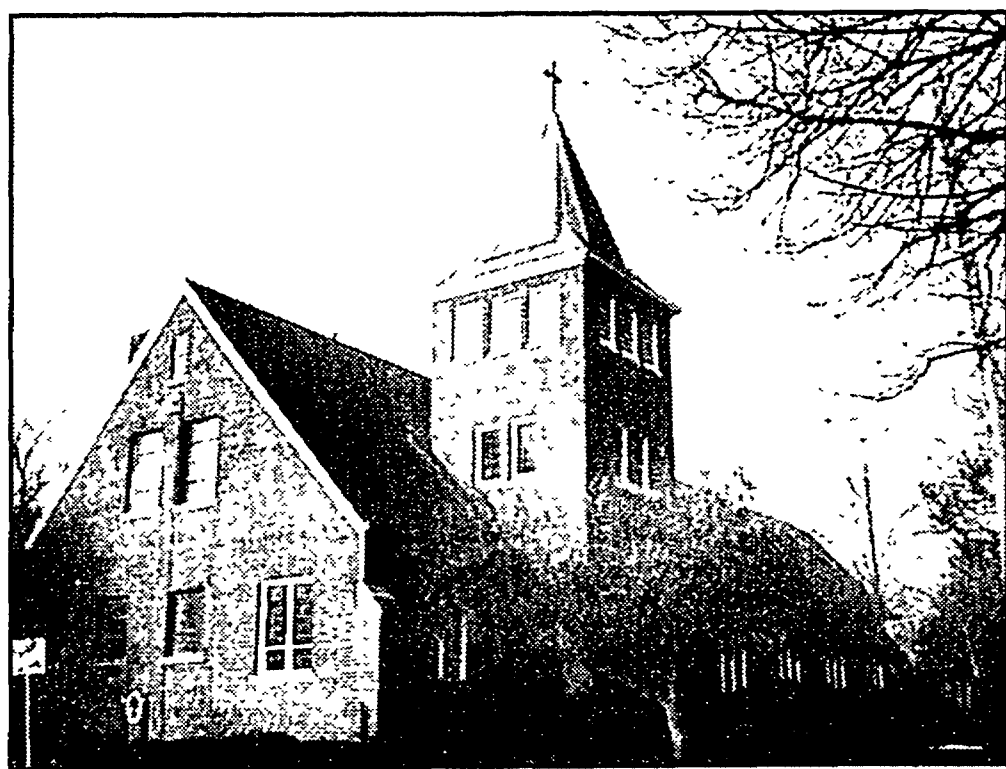
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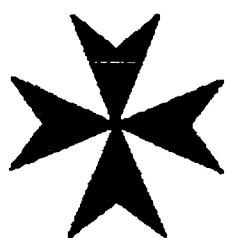
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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

One of the great things about being in the local newspaper business is being in a location that's the unofficial source of all information...seriously.

It's not unusual that in any given day, I'll field a phone call from someone looking for a back copy of the *Record* from July of 1975, and 20 minutes later have someone stop in and ask for a recommendation for a good place to get a haircut.

It's both comical and flattering, but mostly flattering. It's an honor to be considered to be so much in the loop that questions that seem to have no other source for an answer get directed at us. It's poetic justice, I suppose — we often say newspapers are in the business of answers. Situations like these make us earn our stripes, and we do so willingly.

Answers seemed to be the order of the day when Samuel Little first published the then-*Wayne County Record* back in 1869. There, on page 2, Little wrote, "The only thing wanting to make a newspaper successful is an earnest cooperation on the part of our citizens." That's as true today as it was 136 years ago. The newspaper belongs to the people, and making the newspaper relevant and useful to the community is the cornerstone of our company's mission.

Little's vision statement has been updated and refreshed by current Hometown Communications Network chairman Phil Power, who believes that the *Record* "be the essential tool for our readers to lead the good life in their community." What you're holding in your hands at this moment is just one part — but a big part — of our being that essential part of your life.

We've got answers. We've got essentials. We want this special section to be dog-earned, tattered, scribbled-on and worn out. We hope it gets used so much you'll make a phone call of your own in about six months, wondering if we still have any copies of *Discover Northville 2004*, because your old one finally wore itself out.

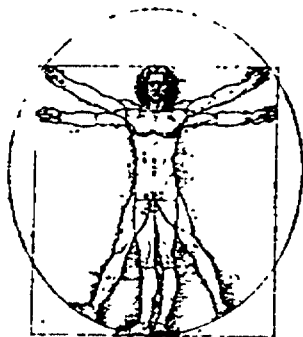
We are constantly trying to stuff more answers and more essentials with each edition of the *Discover Northville* guide, wanting it to be more informative, easier to use and better-designed. If you've got a suggestion for improvement for our next edition of it, please pass it along. Like I said...this is *your* guide. It needs to be helpful to *you*.

But please — don't stop with just this guide. We're a newspaper, too, and for the other 51 weeks of the year, we work to keep you in the loop of all that's going on in Northville and Northville Township. If you've got an idea for a news story, drop us a line or give us a call. Our few sets of eyes are made much more powerful with the thousands in the community.

Enjoy this guide. Use it. Make it your own. And come back to the *Record* each week to learn more about the people and places *Discover Northville* introduces to you.



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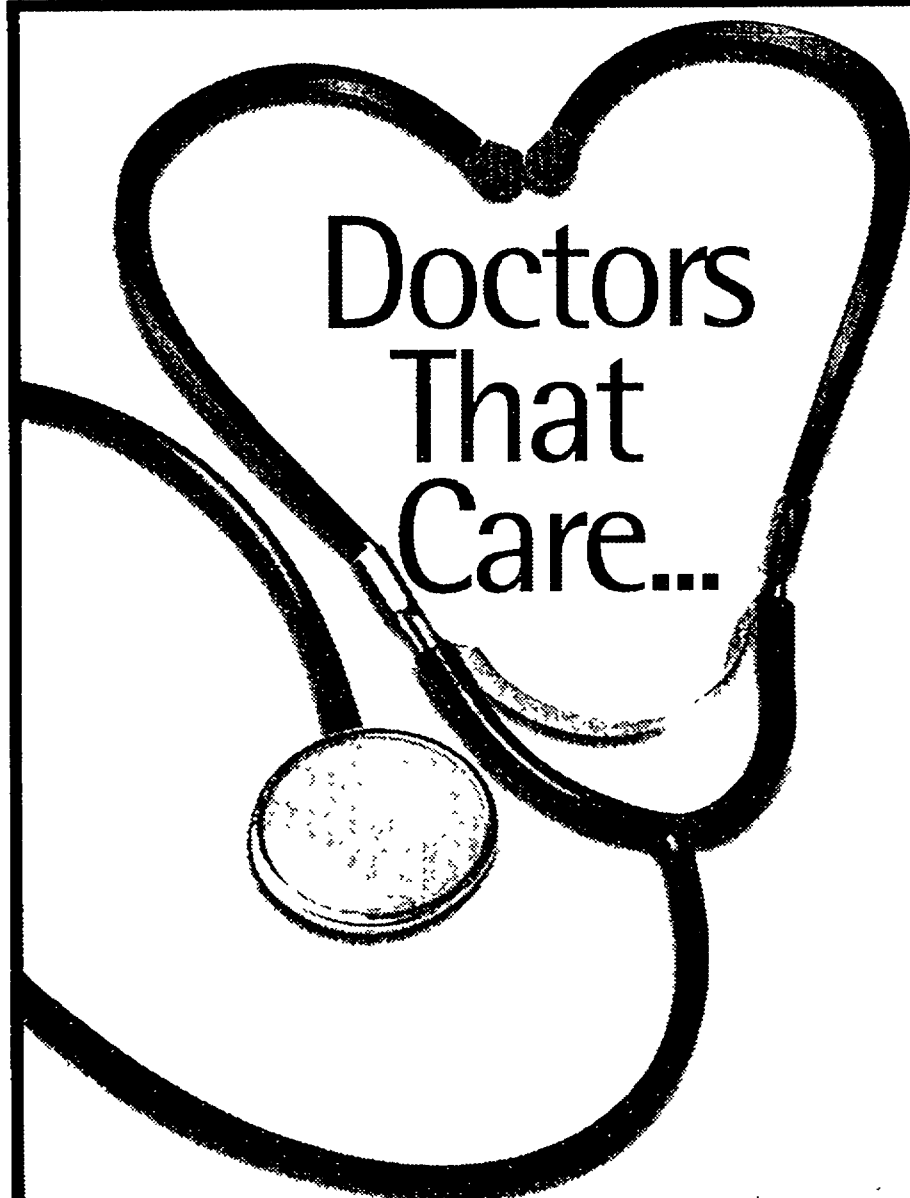
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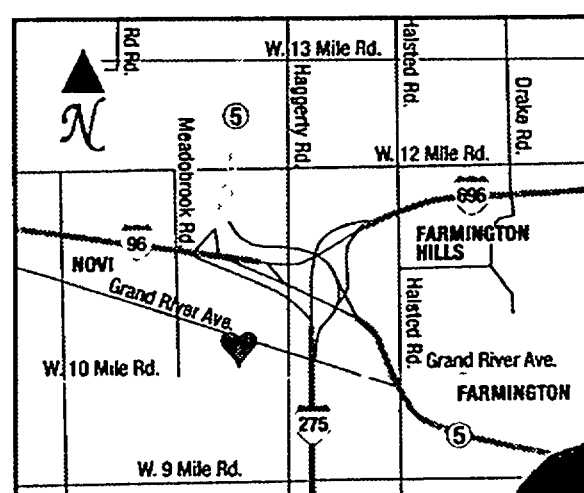


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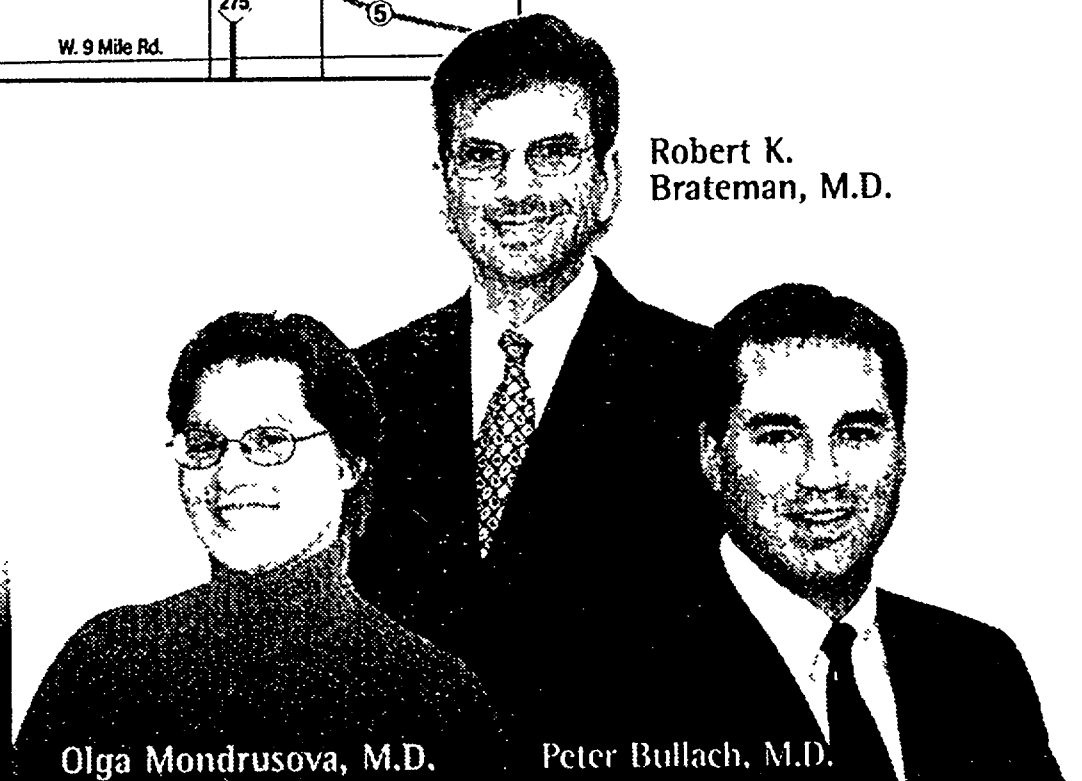
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You may wish to stroll into the historic neighborhoods that are adjacent to downtown. If so, you will be pleasantly surprised by the beauty and majesty of some of these well-preserved structures of the Victorian Era. Northville prides itself on being one of the first communities in Michigan to initiate a historic district to preserve and maintain its architectural heritage.

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Time permitting, you may wish to visit a number of historic landmarks or nearby attractions including Maybury State Park, Hines Park, Fish Hatchery Park, Ford Field Park, Water Wheel Center, Parmenter's Cider Mill, Northville Downs, or the Northville Water Well.

Whether you are a long time resident reacquainting yourself with our town or first time visitor, you are special to us. Enjoy your visit, and again, welcome to Northville.



Christopher J. Johnson
Mayor

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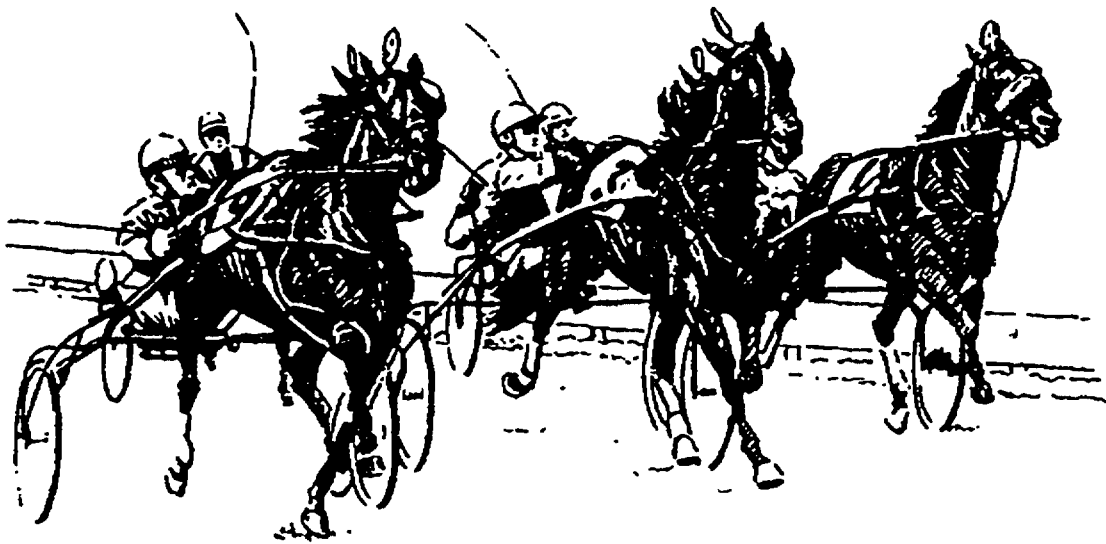
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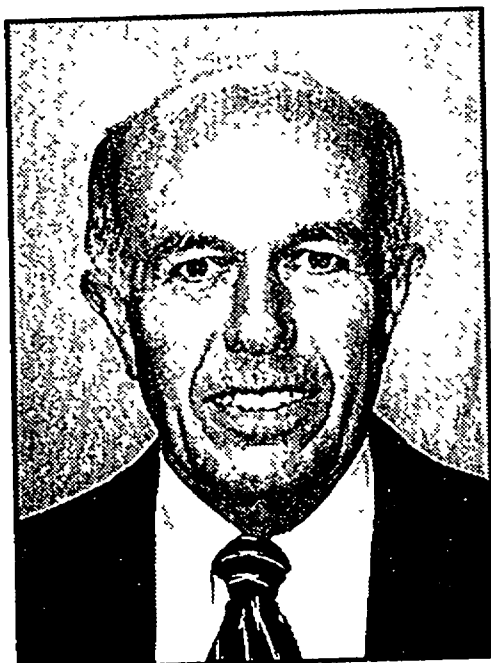
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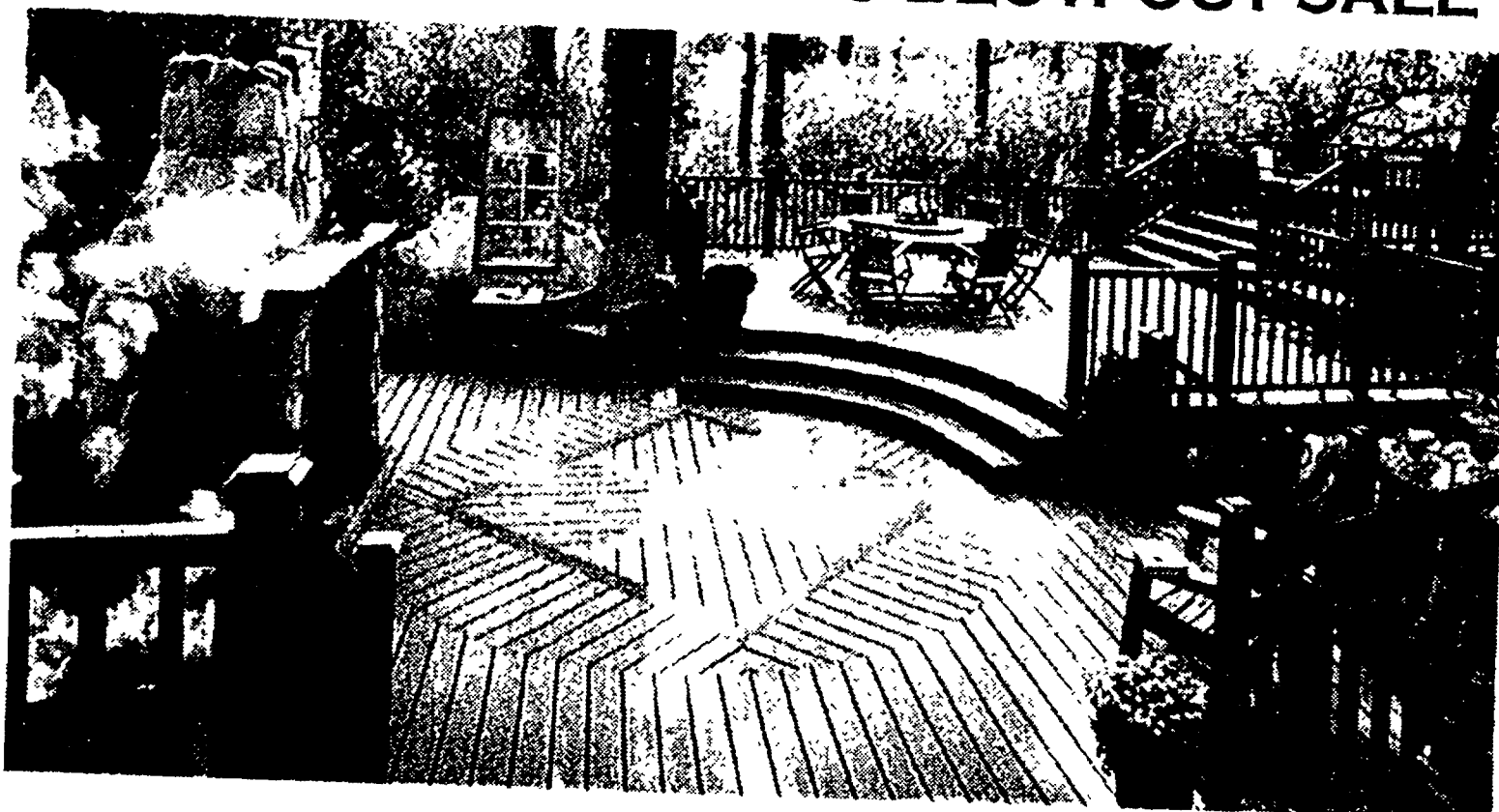
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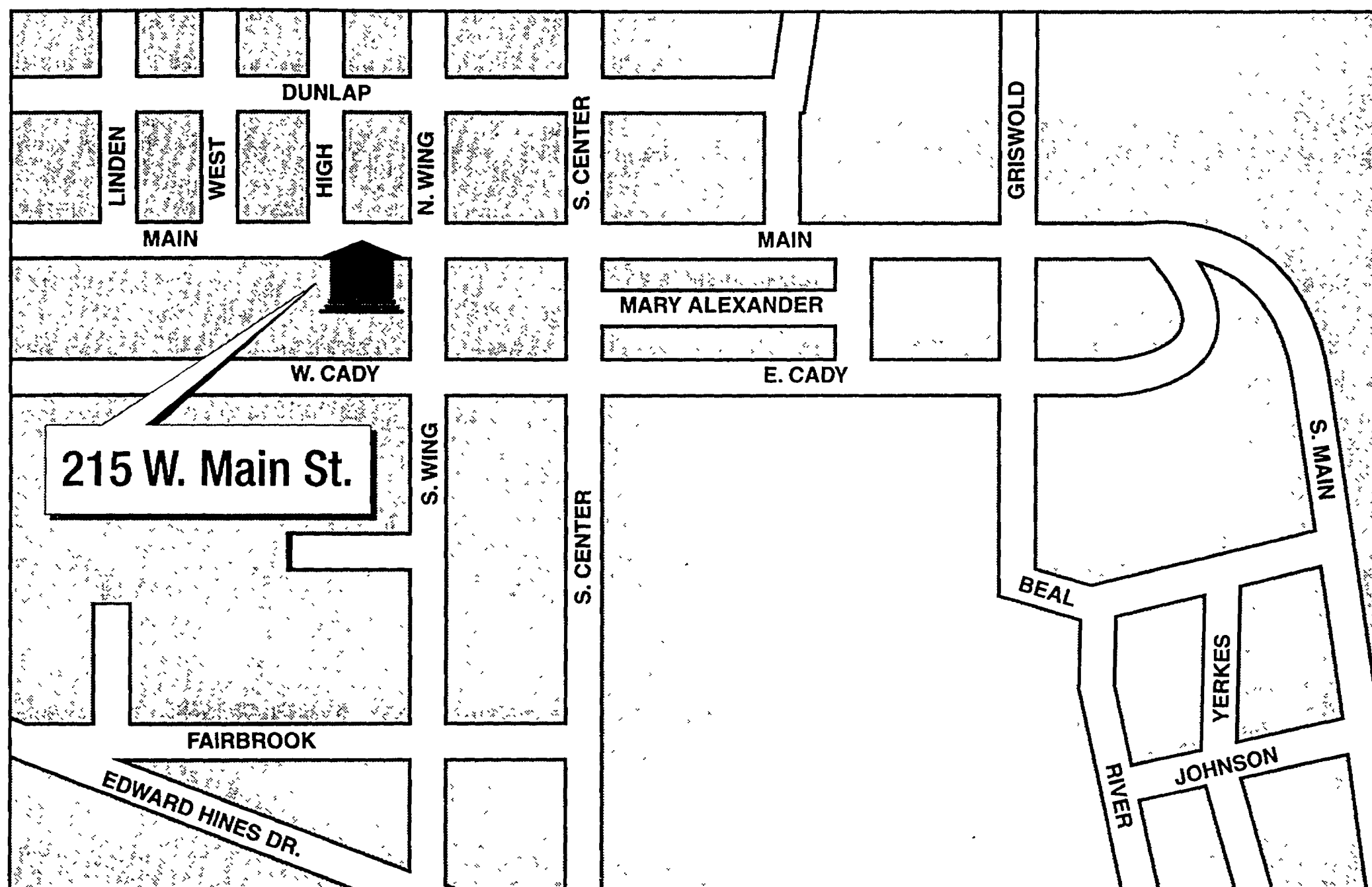
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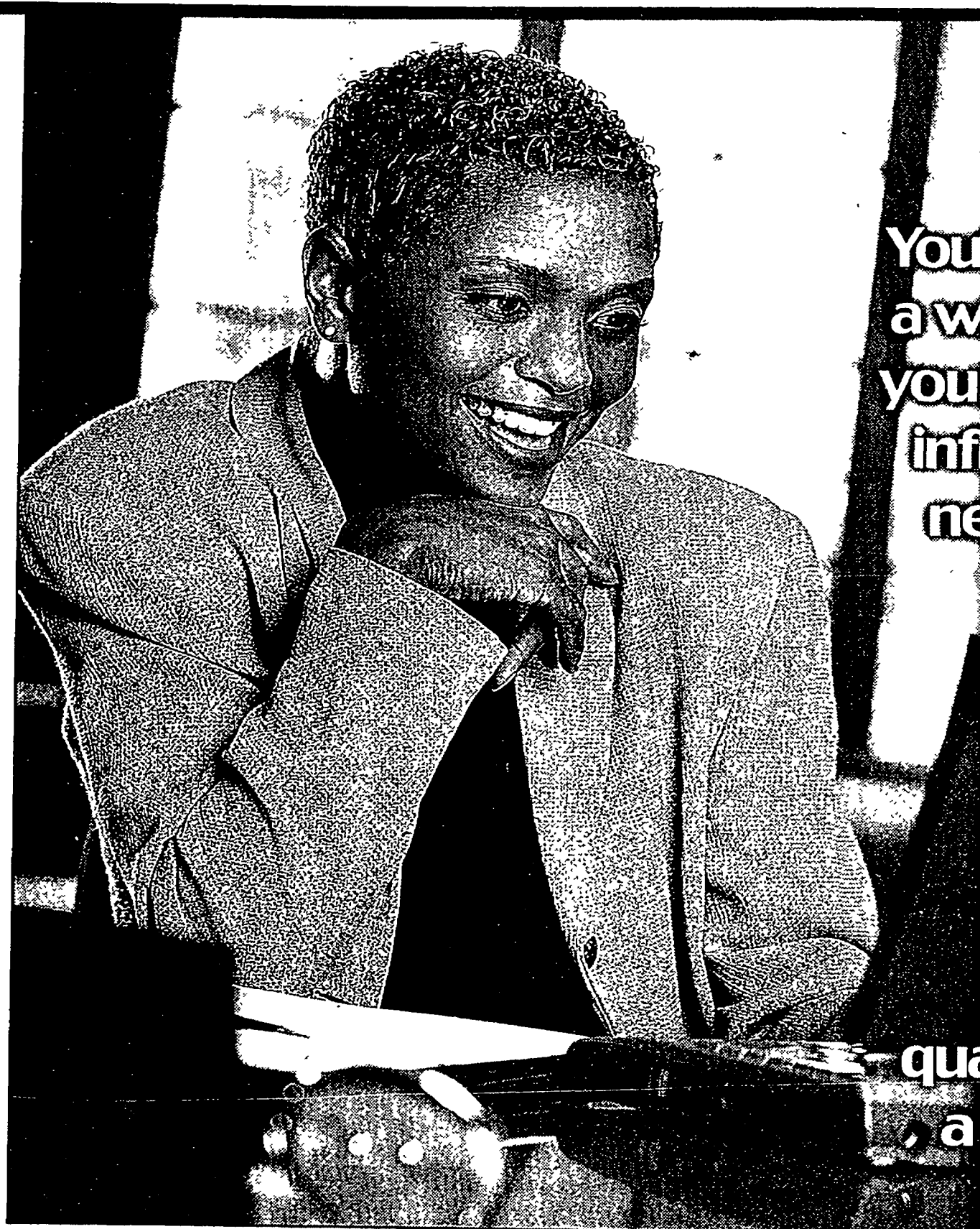
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Juliet Culp, commission member

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Ray Casterline, chairperson

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Sue Ellen Hooper, commission member

Charles Jerzycke, commission member

William Robertson, commission member

Kevin Hartshorne, city council liaison

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Commission members serve three-year terms. The board is comprised of members from both the city of Northville and Northville Township. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School.

Traci Sincock, director

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Thomas Swigart, city council liaison

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Robert Russell, township member

Jim Nield, township member

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Mary Ellen King, director

John Hill, chairperson / township member

Michele Fecht, city member

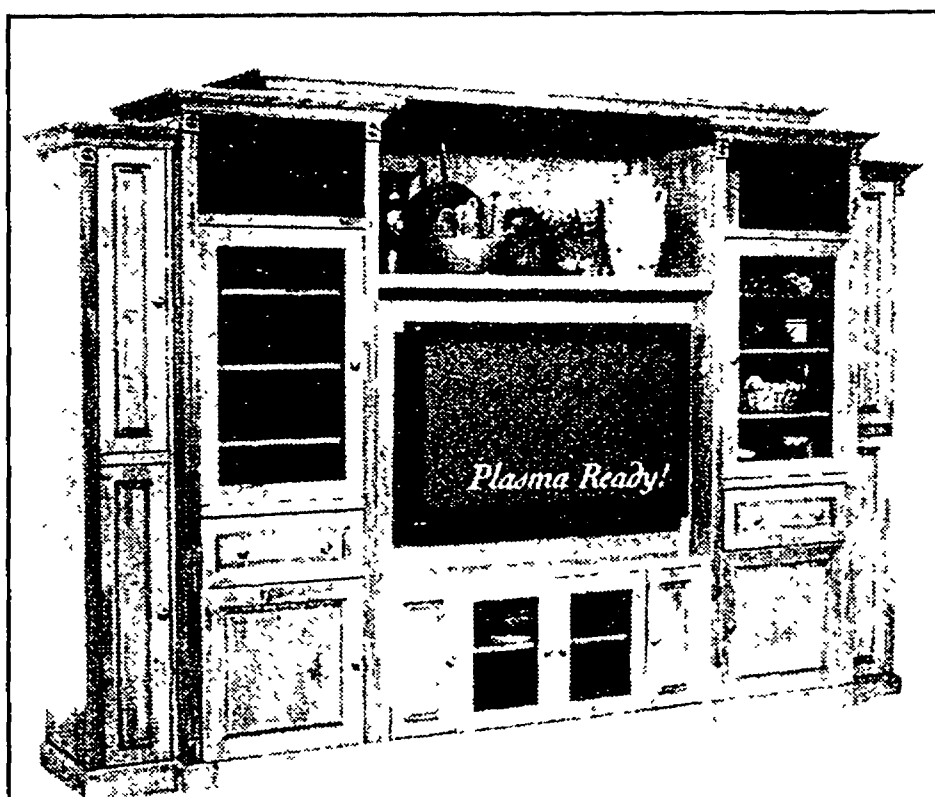
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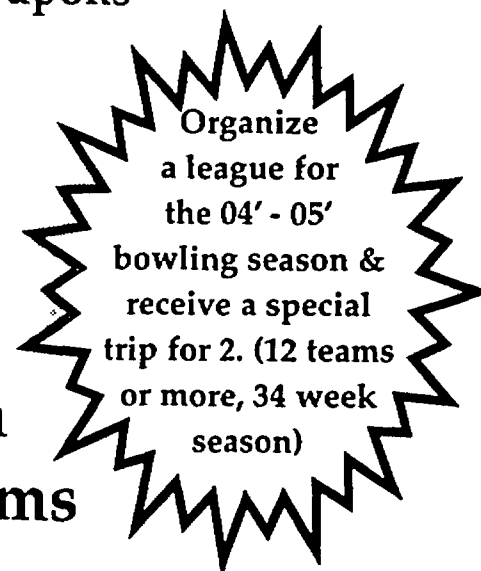
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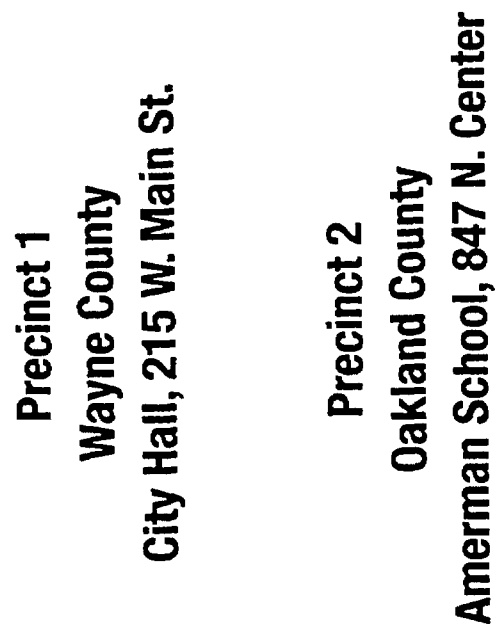


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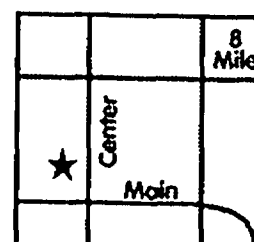
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The Charter Township of Northville offers its residents and businesses the stability and security of living in a metropolitan city, while continuing to cherish our small town values. Customer service and responsive government are values we treasure. These require listening to our constituents and taking their concerns to heart.

The Township's future offers exciting prospects for both residents and business owners. A number of well-planned business ventures are scheduled for construction, as are single family and multiple family dwellings. Construction of a new township hall and fire headquarters, and police facility renovation is well underway. With our master plan recently revised, we now look to the next decade for major growth in a setting that accommodates the needs and concerns of a changing environment. We enjoy a very positive relationship with the Northville school district and our neighbors in the city of Northville and thank them for their never ending support in helping to provide many recreational activities and family assistance services through our shared services agreements.

This township board of trustees with a philosophy of "Community First" has enjoyed the support of the residents and look forward to the future opportunities and challenges.

To learn more about our community, please visit us at www.northvillemich.com.

Mark Abbo
Township supervisor

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

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Senior citizens' programs	(248) 349-4140
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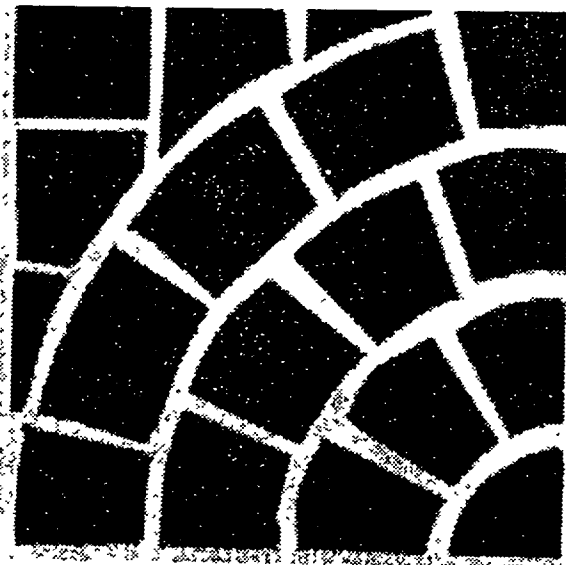
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As Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand, left, and Treasurer Dick Henningsen, right, steady it for him, Northville Township Police Chief John Werth puts his John Hancock on a piece of metal to be placed on the township's civic center building in a ceremony to denote it's symbolic structural completion. The new civic center is slated for completion later this year.



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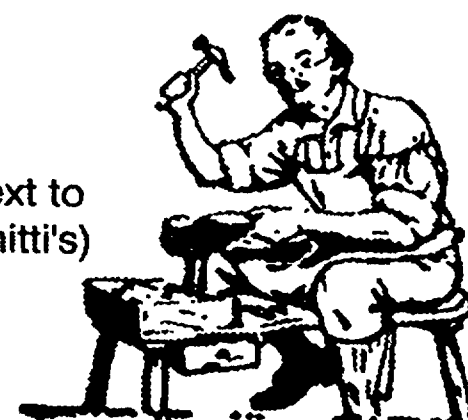
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** Northville Township is constructing a new township hall at the southwest corner of Six Mile and Sheldon roads. It is expected to open in July 2004.*

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BUILDING DEPT. PHONE: (248) 348-5830

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Department of Finance

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Fire Department*

48515 Seven Mile Road

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** Northville Township is constructing a new fire station near the southwest corner of Six Mile and Sheldon roads. It is expected to open in April 2004.*

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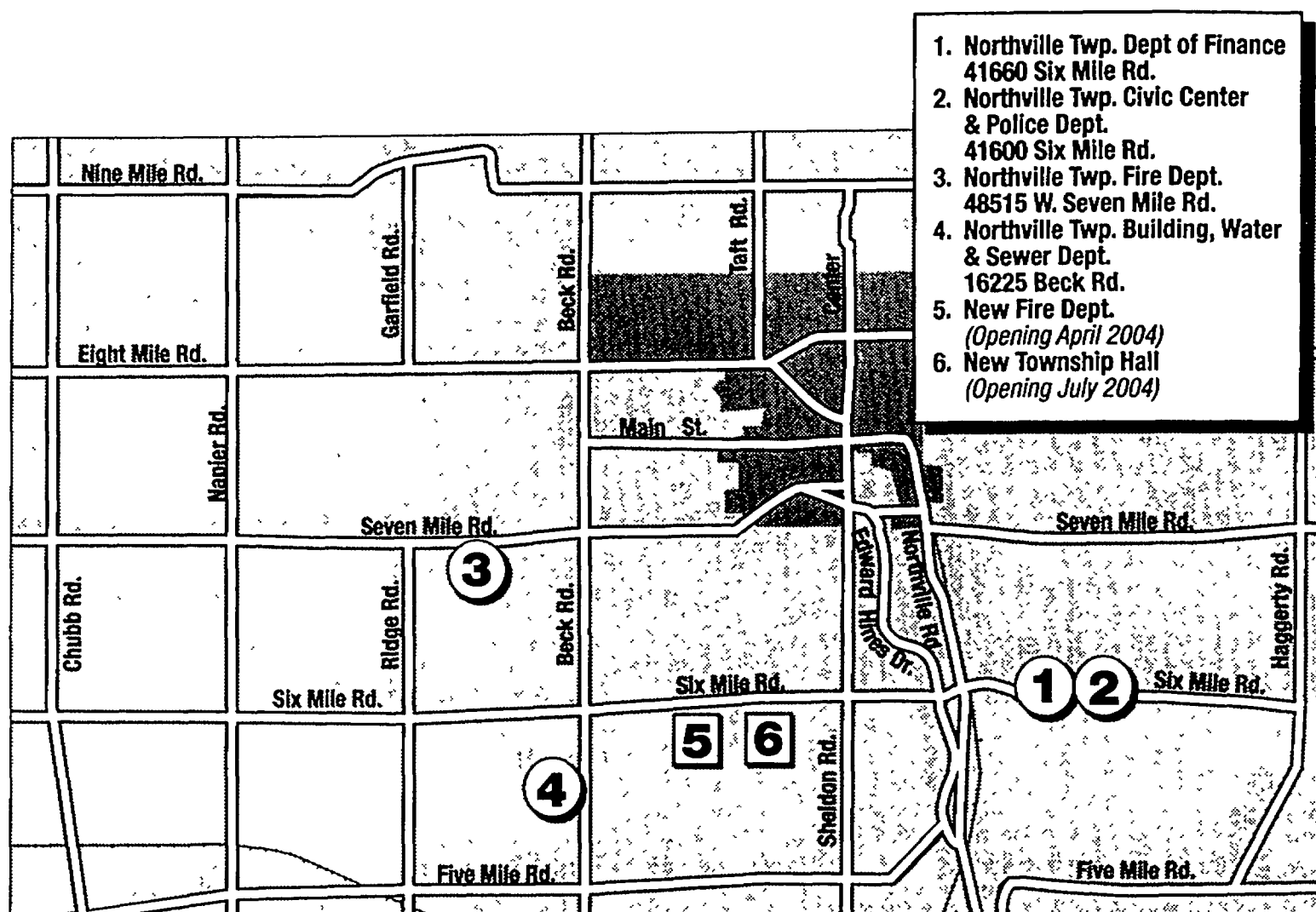
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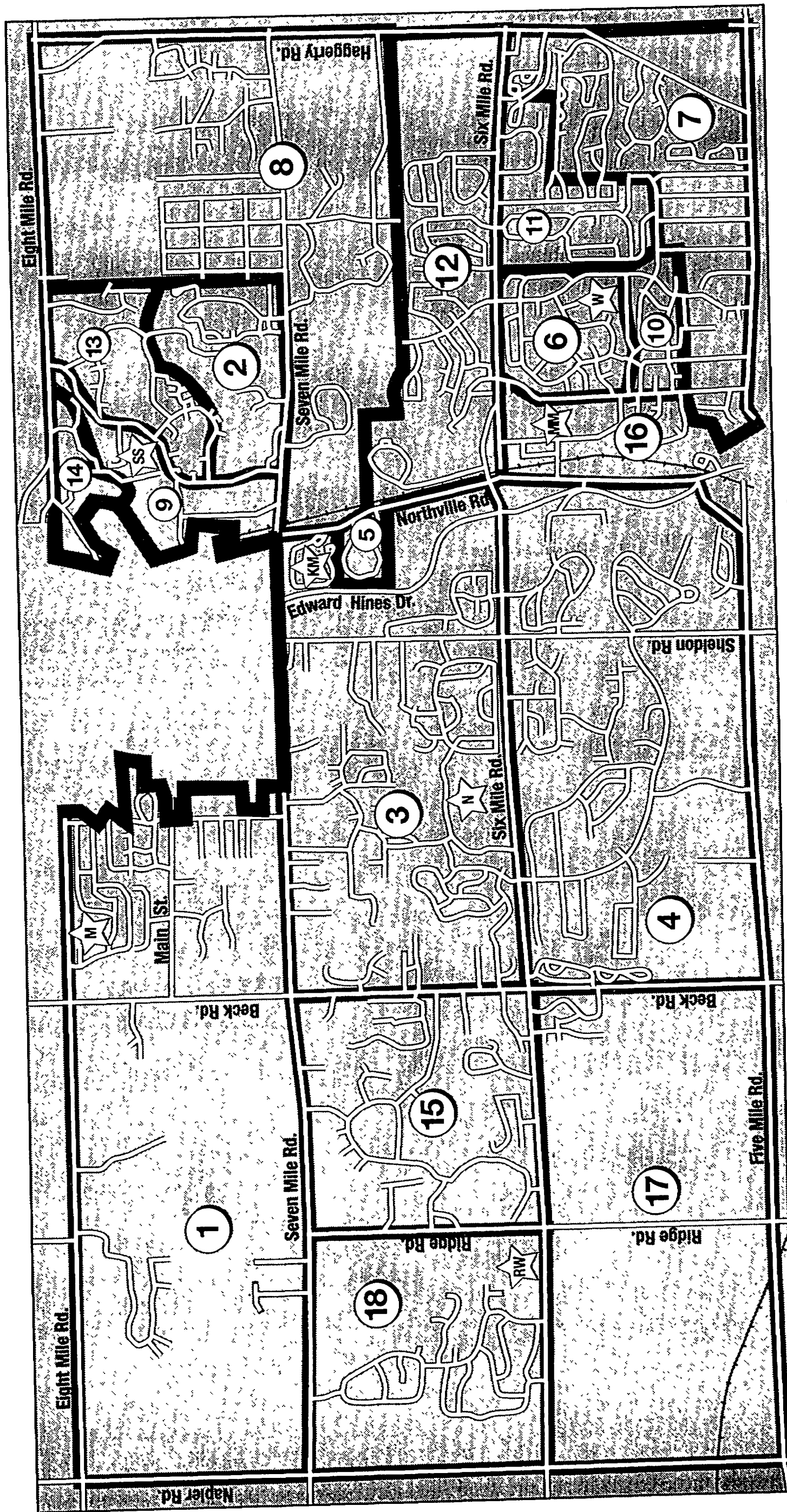
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2, 8, 9, 13, 14	SILVER SPRINGS ELEMENTARY (SS) 19801 Silver Springs Drive	3, 4	NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (N) 45700 Six Mile Road
7, 12, 16	MEADS MILL ELEMENTARY (MM) 16700 Franklin	5	KINGS MILL CLUBHOUSE (KM) 18120 Jamestown Circle
		17, 18	RIDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY (RW) 49775 Six Mile Road

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONS

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▼ TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONS

ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

Board of review members serve two-year terms. Meetings are held annually as needed.

Jerry Henderson, board member

Victor Leo, board member

Tom Makelbust, board member

James Malinowski, board member

Suzann McKillop, board member

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Beautification commission members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Marie Barr, chairperson

Larry Aepelbacher, commission member

Joanne Dayton, commission member

Margaret Faessler, commission member

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Laurie Marrs, secretary

Rebecca Connell, member

Judy Costigan, member

Shirley Klockenga, member / township trustee

Allen Meredith, member

Dan Ruzylo, member

Michael Weaver, member

Janice Wilkiemeyer, member

Thelma Kubitskey, member

Maureen Osiecki, Northville Township liaison

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning commissioners serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

George McCarthy, chairperson

Richard Allen, vice-chairperson

Lisa Anderson, board member

Kent Anderson, member

Marv Gans, member / township trustee

James Nield, member

Bob Nix, member

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Board members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Robert McMahon, chairperson

Brian Doren, vice-chairperson

Lisa Anderson, board member

Shirley Klockenga, board member / township trustee

Donald Samhat, board member

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Commission members serve three-year terms. The board is comprised of members from both the city of Northville and Northville Township. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School.

Traci Sincok, director

Nancy Darga, city member

Teresa Folino, city member

Susan Egan, city member

Thomas Swigart, city council liaison

Richard Brown, township member

Scott Ferriman, township member

Mike Weaver, township member

Brad Werner, township liaison

Ken Roth, school board liaison

BOARD OF CANVASSERS

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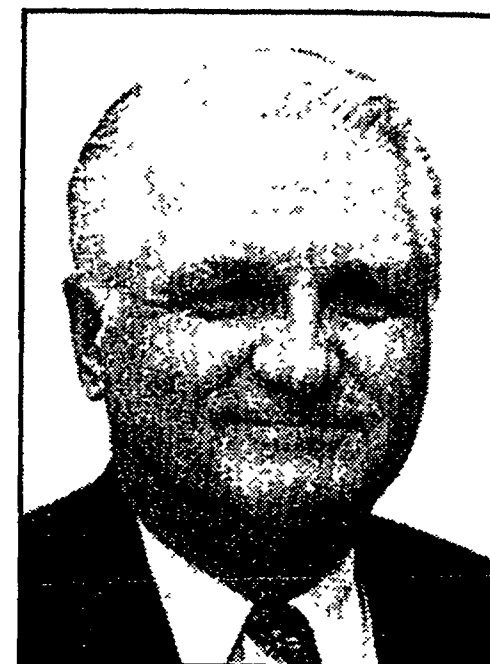
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The school population of the district is approximately 6,200 students enrolled in the kindergarten through 12th grade program, approximately 250 students in the Special Education Center/Section 53 programs and approximately 800 students in the pre-school/child care programs. The district operates the following public schools: six elementaries, two middle schools, one high school and two special education buildings. Northville Public Schools' Early Childhood Development Center is housed in the board of education building, located at 501 West Main Street.

The district continues to revise, update, and maintain sound curriculum as well as provide support and encouragement for gifted and talented, science/math/health, instructional technology, language arts, applied academics, and vocational and career education programs. The board is committed to a continuous and comprehensive staff development program.

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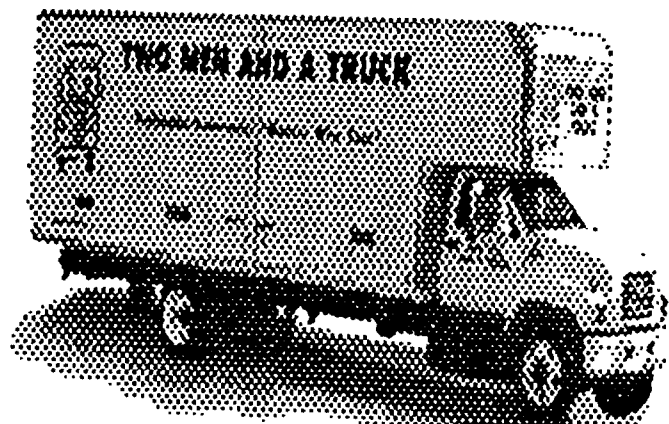
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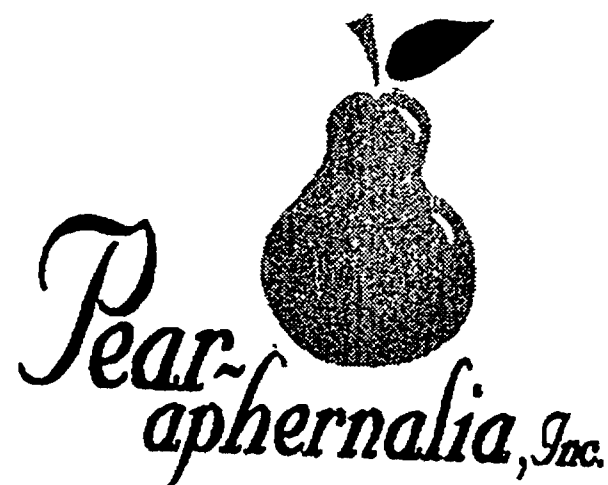
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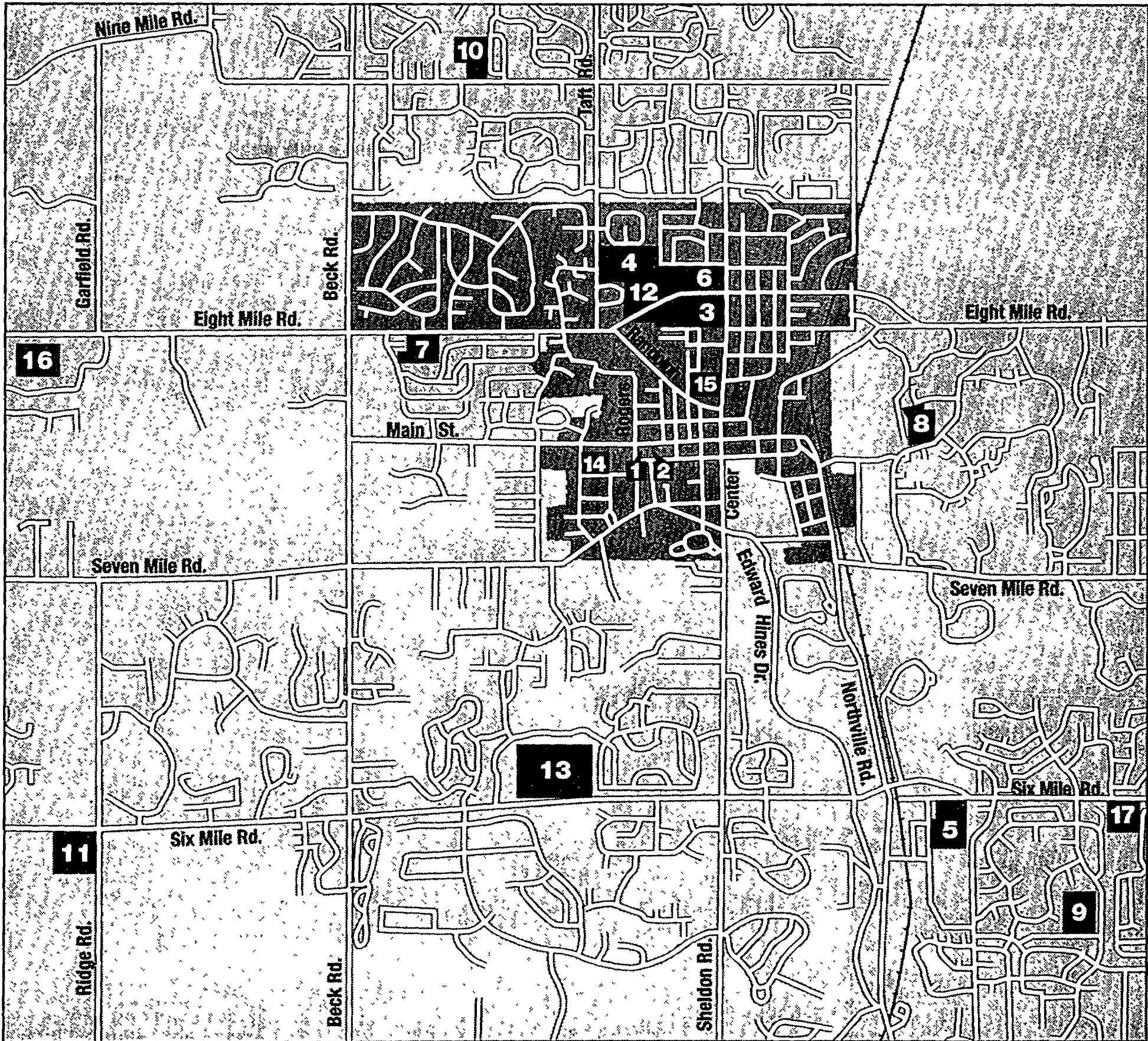
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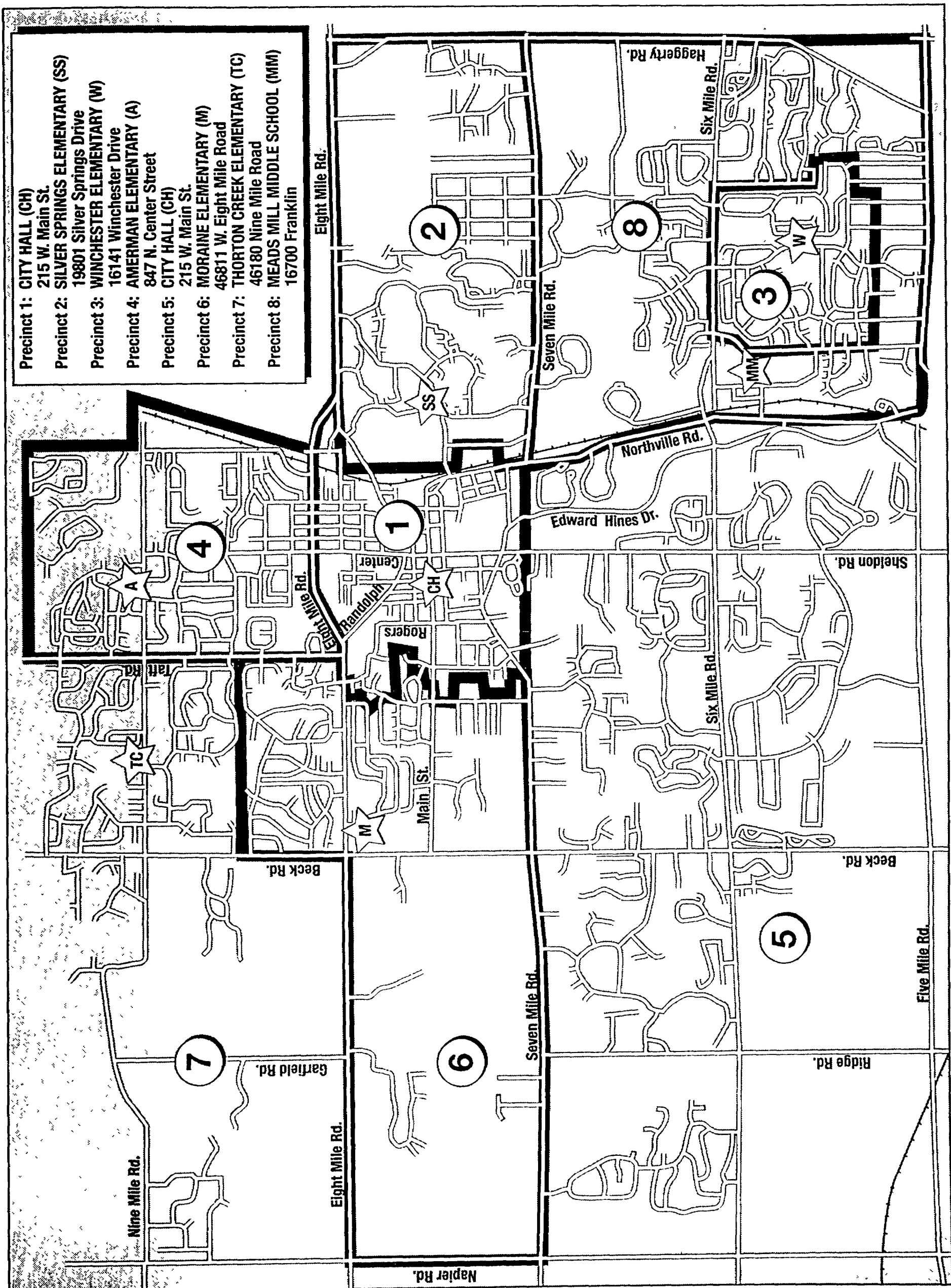
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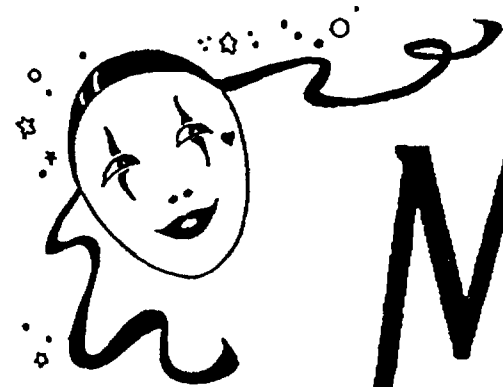
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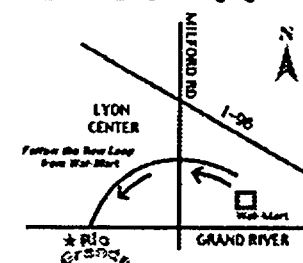


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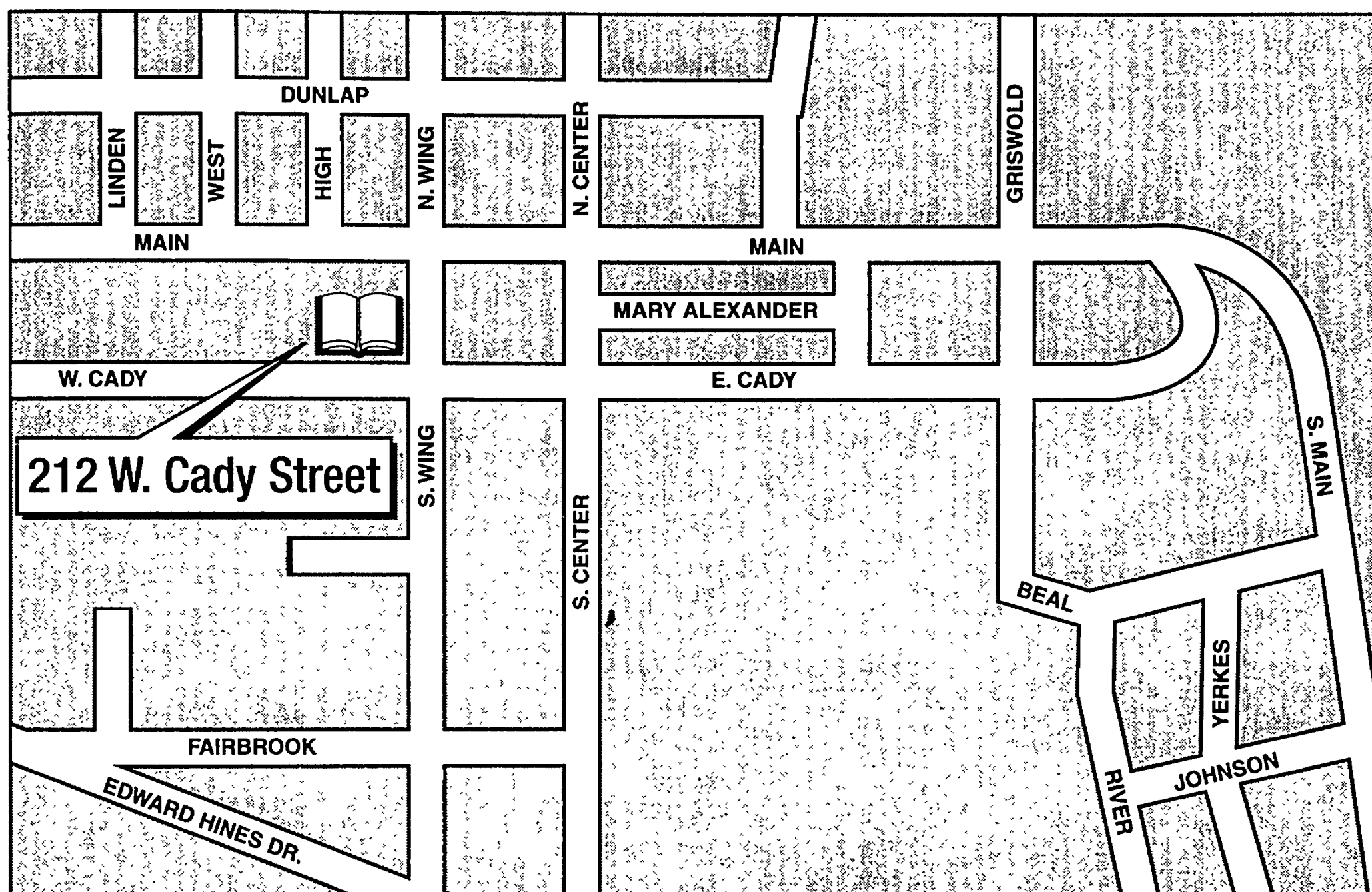
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A seven-member board of trustees governs the library. The trustees are elected to four-year terms and meet monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend the board meetings.

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On behalf of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, I extend a warm welcome. Our mission is to promote develop and support business and industry for the benefit of the Northville Community. With a dedicated staff, an 11-member volunteer board and more than 450 Chamber members, we work continuously to ensure Northville is the best place to live, work, and visit.



The Northville Chamber has much to offer the businesses and residents. We sponsor several significant events throughout the year including:

- **TASTE OF NORTHVILLE BUSINESS SHOWCASE:**

An opportunity for businesses, restaurants and non-profit groups to showcase their products and services. This year, the showcase takes place March 18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Northville High School, located at 45700 Six Mile Road.

- **FARMER'S MARKET:**

Farmers and crafters set up outdoor booths and sell plants, perennials, garden accessories, Michigan-grown produce, baked goods and hand-made crafts. Northville Downs and the Northville Driving Club have generously donated the use of the Northville Downs parking lot at Seven Mile Road and Center Street for the market. It

is open every Thursday (rain, snow, or shine) from May through October.

- **ART IN THE SUN:**

An outdoor juried art show held in the downtown streets. Visitors can enjoy art, food, and entertainment during this two-day event held every year on Father's Day weekend. This year the dates are June 15 and 15.

- **NORTHVILLE CLASSIC GOLF OUTING:**

The Chamber invites the community to participate in a day of golf and camaraderie on June 3 at the Links of Novi golf course.

- **VICTORIAN FESTIVAL:**

The most popular and comprehensive of the Chamber's activities, this grand event is a celebration of Northville's heritage. Our entire community comes together during this three-day festival to commemorate our unique ancestry. Vintage attire and turn-of-century entertainment send Northville back in time and provide a weekend of old-fashioned fun. The event gets underway the evening of Sept. 12 with a Victorian costume parade through the city's historic district, a children's game area, an Antique Show, free entertainment, and food booths sponsored by non-profit organizations.

On Saturday, festivities include children's activities, continuous street entertainment throughout the town, a fine arts

market sponsored by the Arts Commission, an Antique Show, and numerous food booths.

Sunday offers the same activities, plus additional opportunities to step back in time with a box lunch auction and a duck race. The Northville Chamber of Commerce appreciates the value of community-wide involvement. Community non-profit groups, Northville schools representatives, merchants dressed in period costumes, and a veritable army of volunteers makes the event a successful, entertaining, and informative celebration of a bygone time.

- **CHRISTMAS WALK**

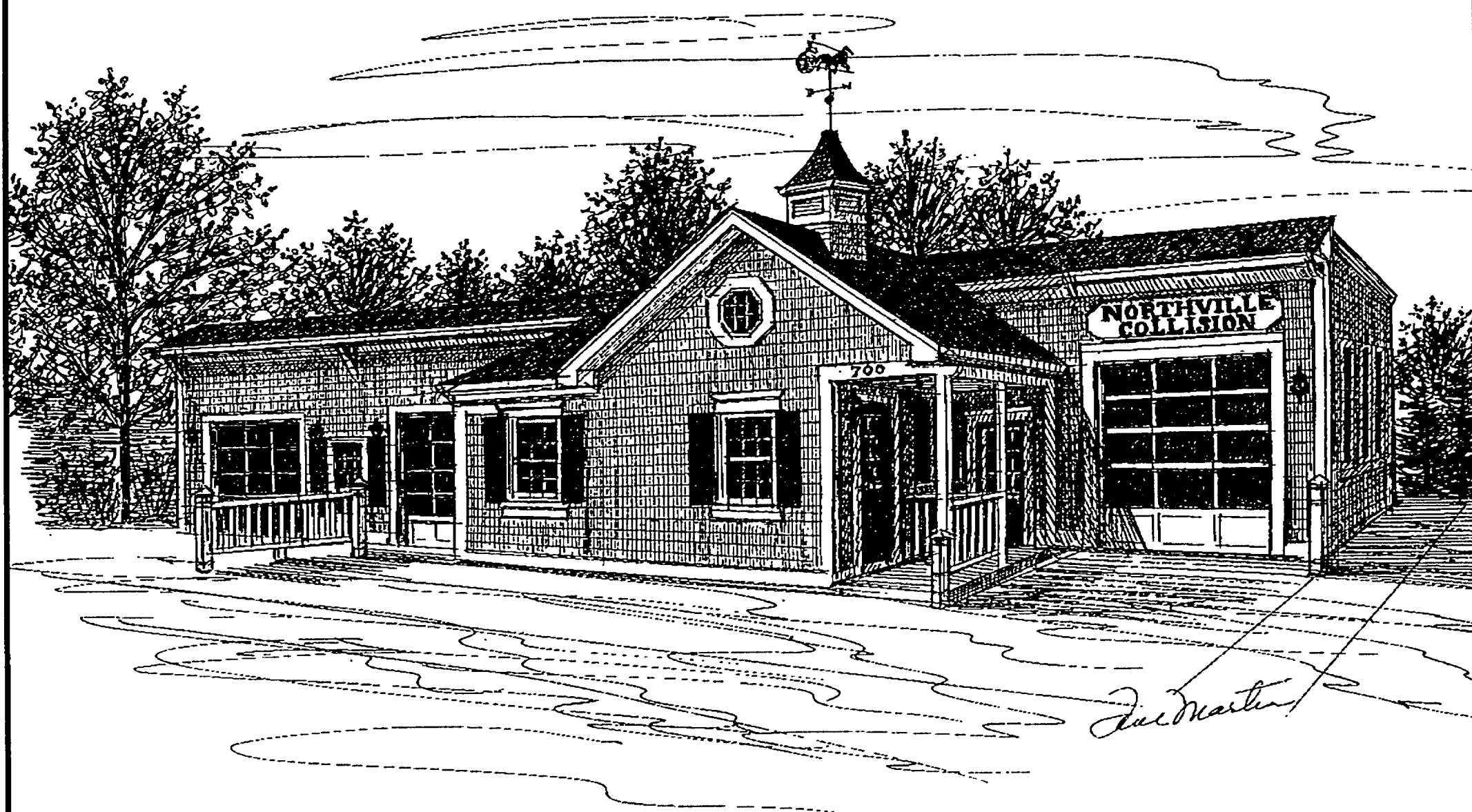
The Chamber sponsors this popular annual event the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Northville comes alive with lights, decorated windows and special shopping hours. The date for this year's 22nd annual Christmas Walk is Nov. 23.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is proud to sponsor these activities and events to help promote our community.

For more information on the Chamber events, please call (248) 349-7640 or visit our website at www.northville.org.

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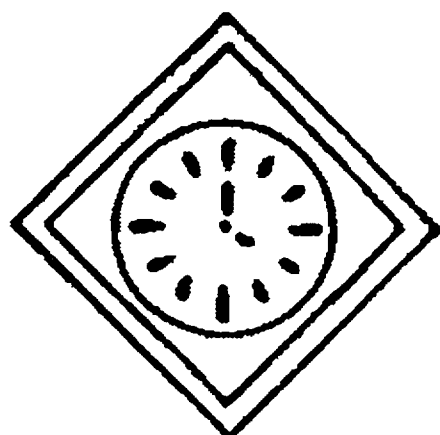
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NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - 2004

DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR / LOCATION	PHONE No.
March 20	Beach Party	Northville Recreation at Hillside	(248) 349-0203
April 3-4	Handcrafters Craft Show	Northville Recreation at Hillside	(734) 459-0050
May-Oct	Farmers Market, Every Thursday	Northville Chamber	(248) 349-7640
May-Aug	Friday Night Bandshell Concerts, 7:30pm,	Northville Bandshell	(248) 449-9950
May 7	Magic Show	NHS, Northville Recreation at Hillside	(248) 349-0203
May 8-9	International Badminton Tournament	Northville Recreation at Hillside	(248) 349-0203
May 9-13	Student Art Show	First Presbyterian Church	(248) 449-8361
May 28-29	17th Annual Flower Sale, NCBA	Downtown Northville	(248) 348-0488
May 31	Memorial Day Parade 10:00 AM,	Downtown Northville	(248) 348-1490
June-Aug	Tunes on Tuesday Kids Concert	Northville Recreation at Hillside,	(248) 349-0203
June 2	Northville Chamber Annual Golf Classic		(248) 349-7640
June 12	SKRUFF Concert	Ford Field, Northville Recreation at Hillside	(248) 349-0203
June 19-20	16th Annual "Art In The Sun"	Northville Chamber	(248) 349-7640
July 3	Independence Parade 10:00 AM	Northville Community Foundation	(248) 374-0200
July 3	Mill Race Village Independence Day Activities		(248) 348-1845
July 14	11th Annual Northville Garden Walk		(248) 349-7914
Aug 5-7	Northville Shoppin' Jubilee	Country Garden Club of Northville	(248) 349-0611
Sept 8	Senior Fest	NCBA	(248) 349-4140
Sept 17-19	16th Annual Victorian Festival	Northville Senior Citizens	(248) 349-7640
Sept 18-19	Art Market	Northville Chamber	(248) 449-9950
Sept 18	Historical Home Tour	Northville Arts Commission	(248) 924-2180
Oct 2-8	12th Annual Juried Art Show	Northville-Novi American Assoc. of University Women	(248) 349-0911
Oct 8-10	Handcrafters Craft Show	First Presbyterian Church	(734) 459-0050
Nov 12-13	Holiday Home Tour	Northville Community Center	(248) 374-0200
Nov 19	Holiday Lighted Parade	Northville Community Foundation	(248) 349-0611
Nov 21	23rd Annual Christmas Walk	NCBA	(248) 349-7640
Dec 10-12	Handcrafters Craft Show	Northville Chamber	(734) 459-0050
Dec 10	All A-Glow/Illumination for Education	Northville Community Center	(248) 349-6364
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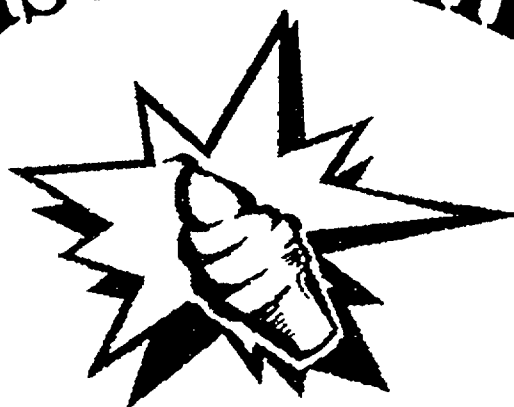
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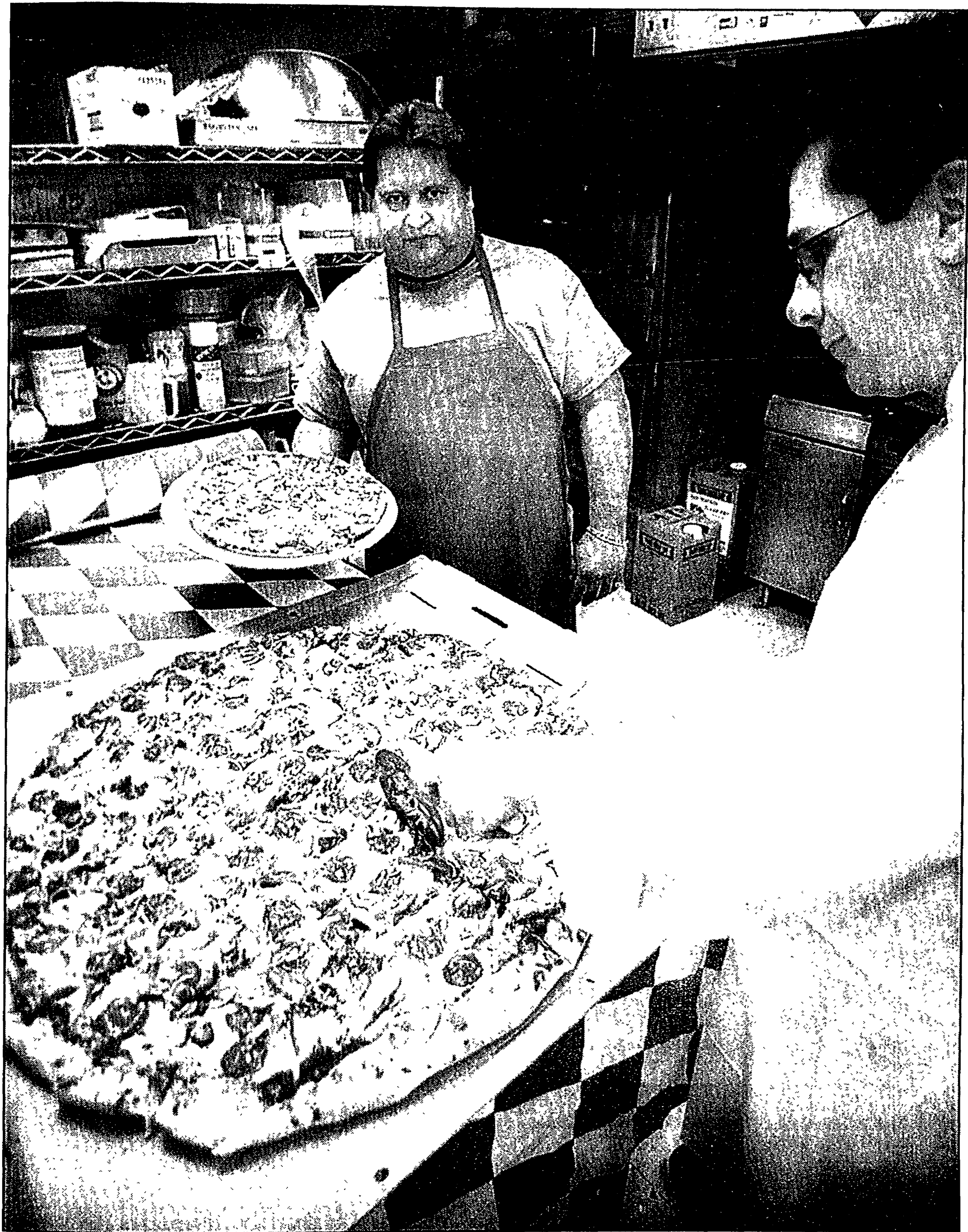


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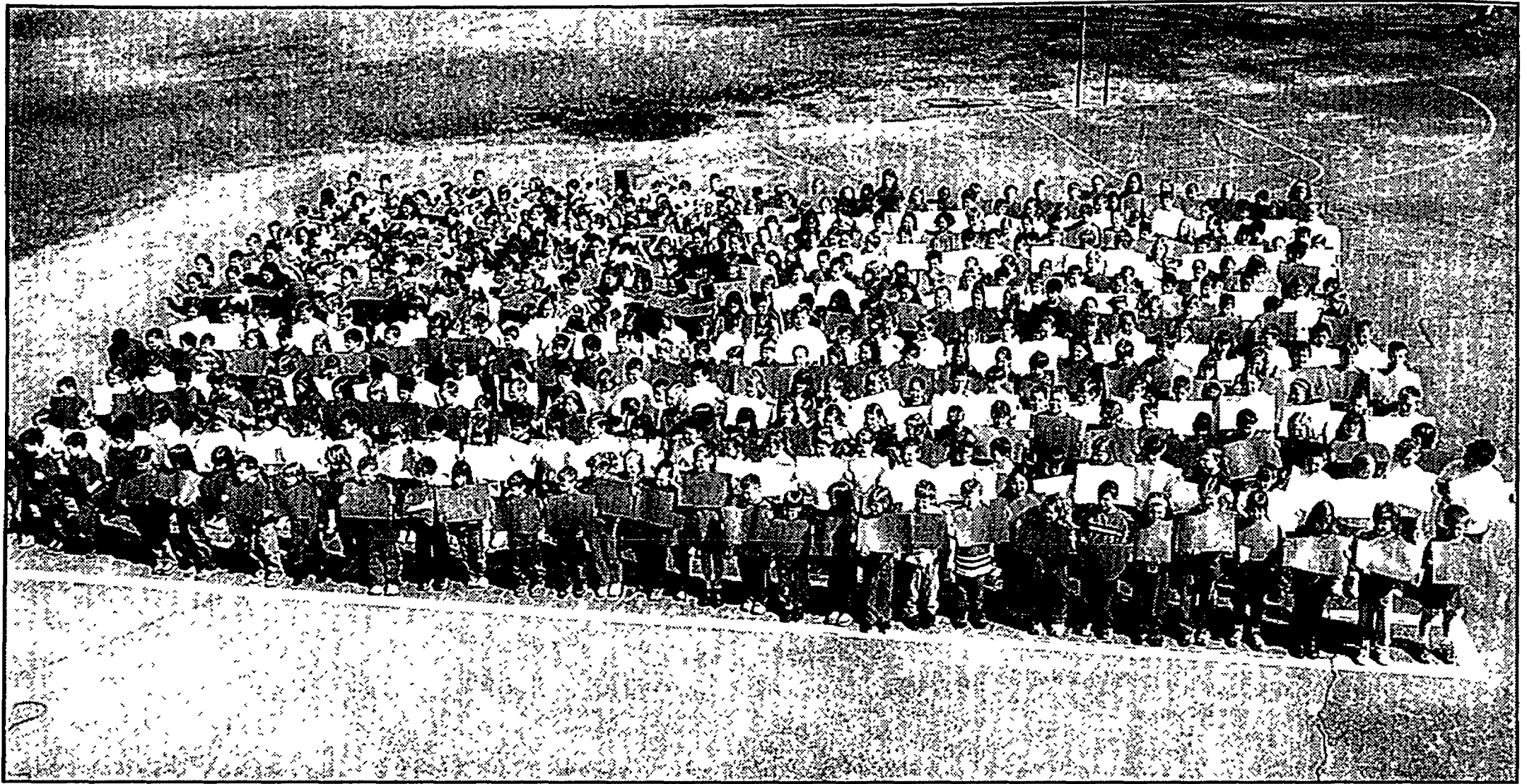
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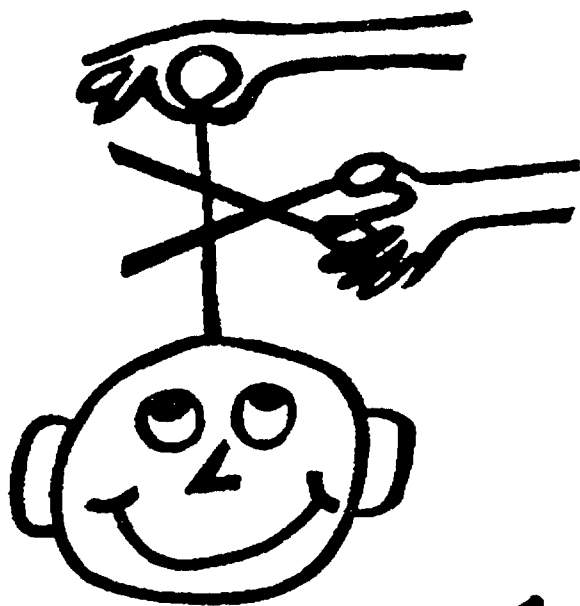
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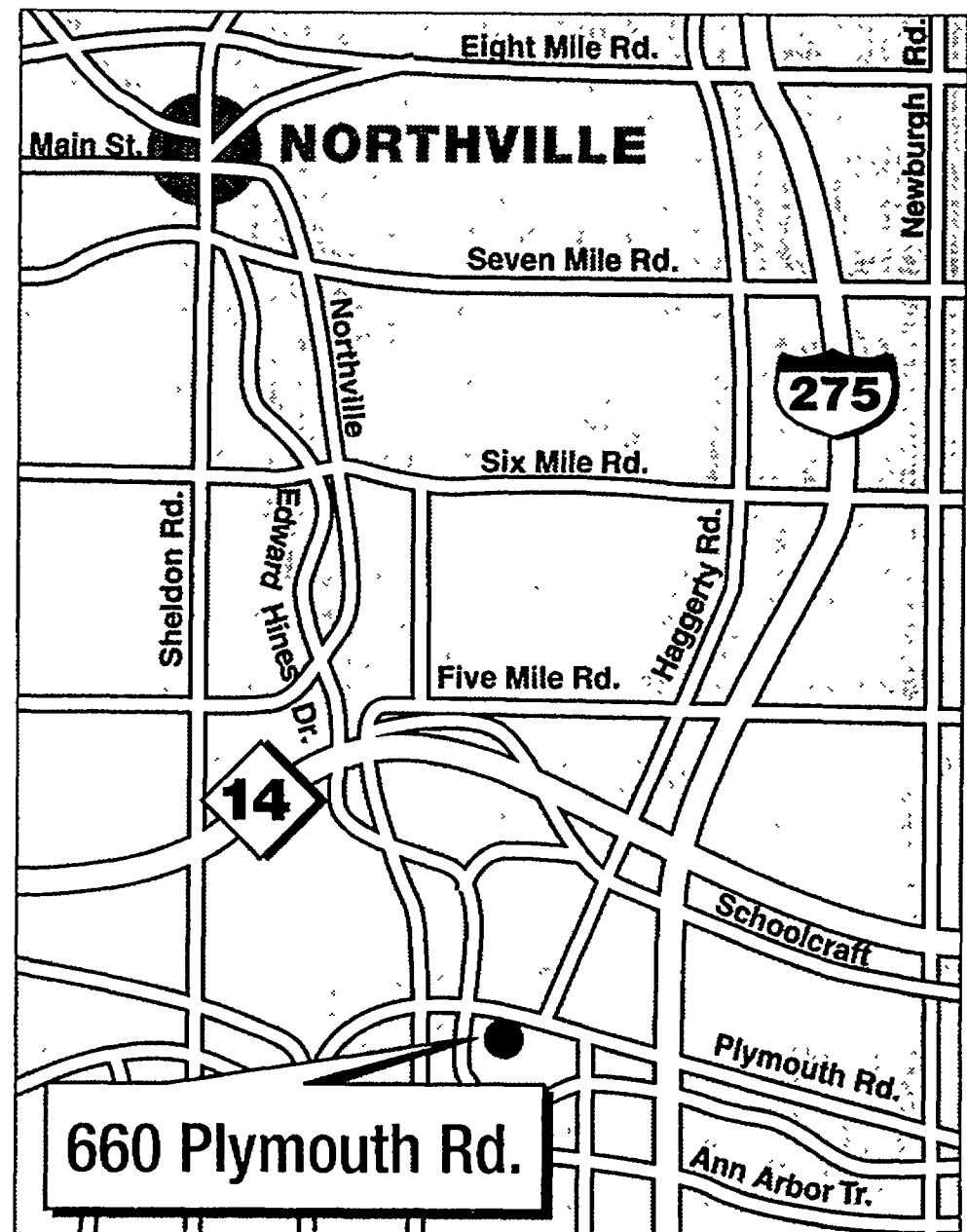
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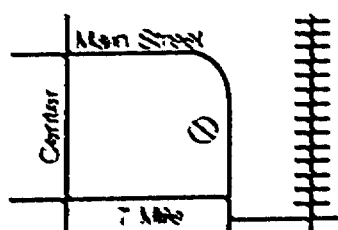
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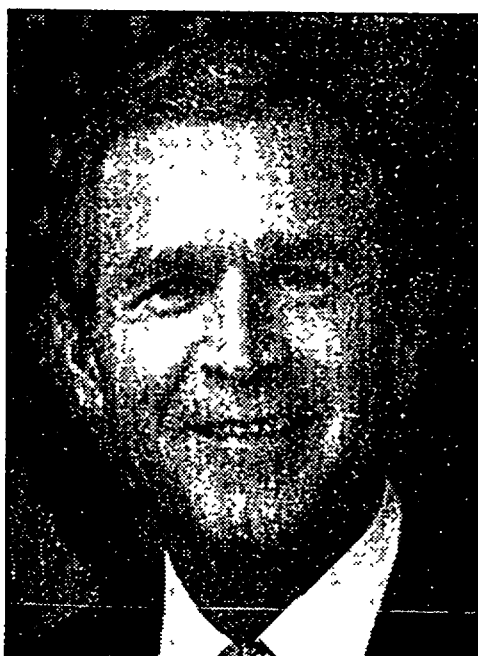
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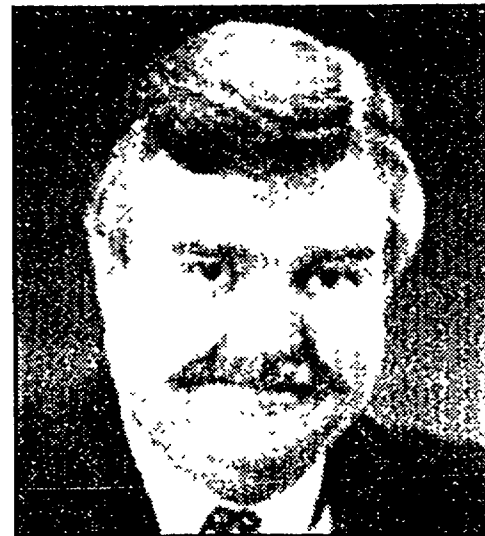
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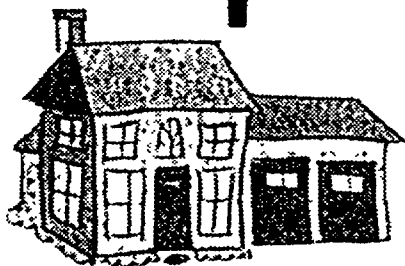
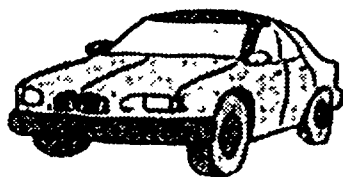
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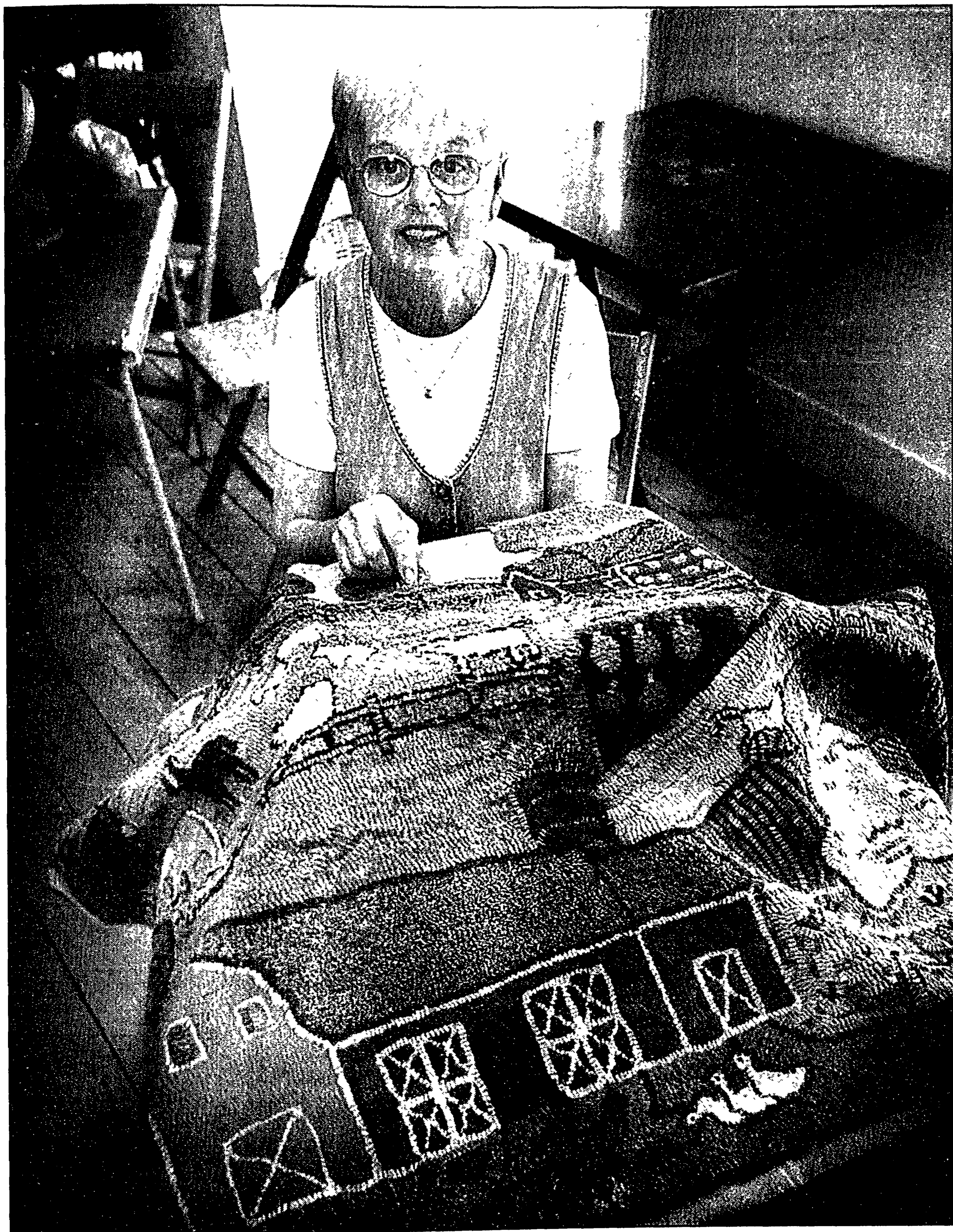
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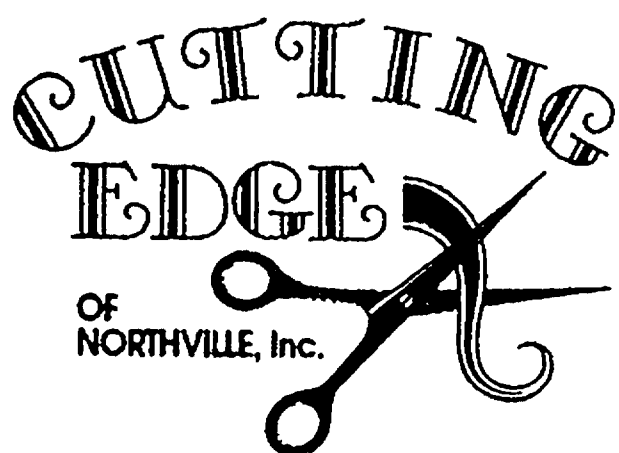
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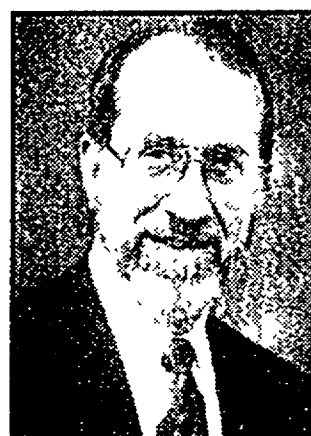
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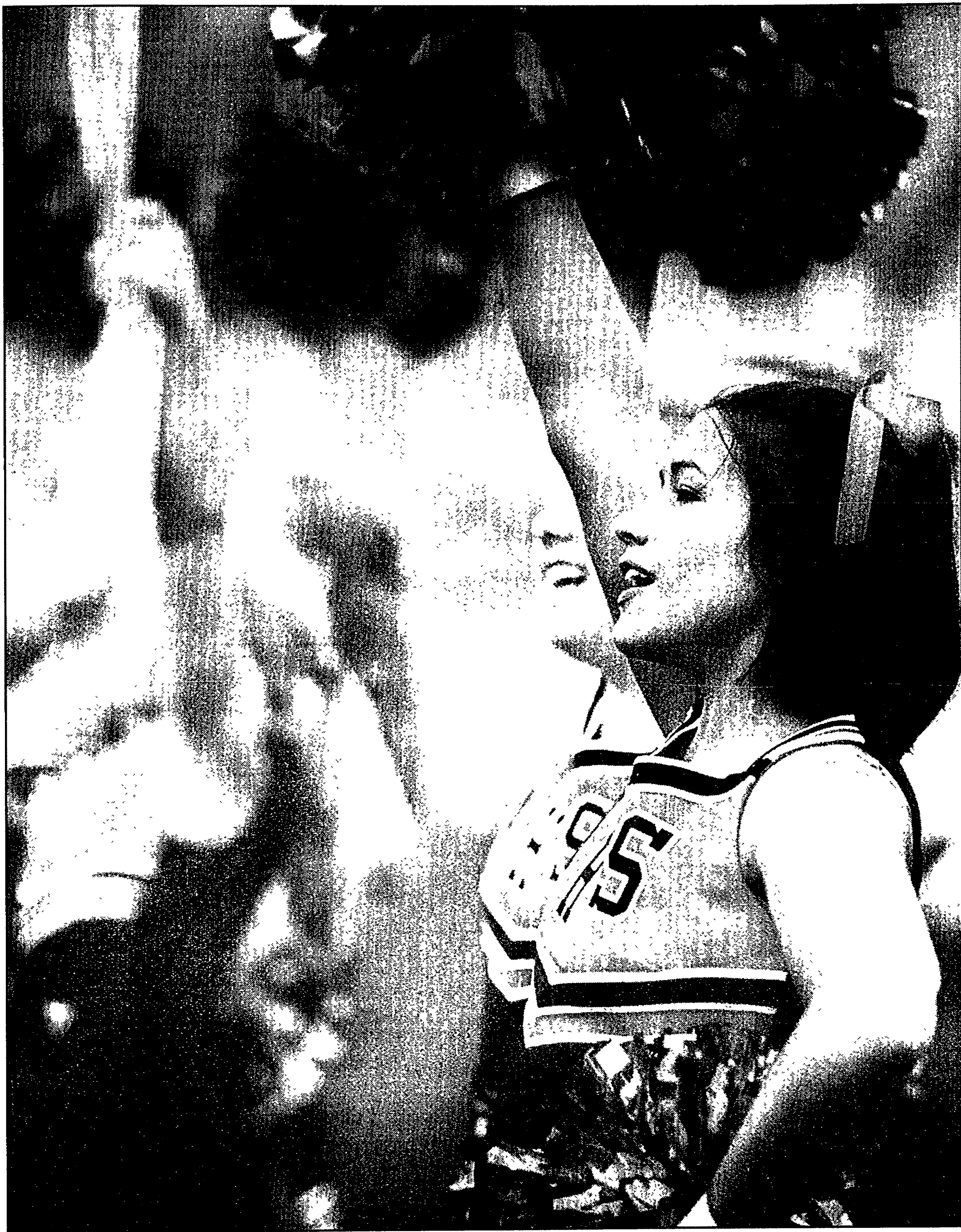
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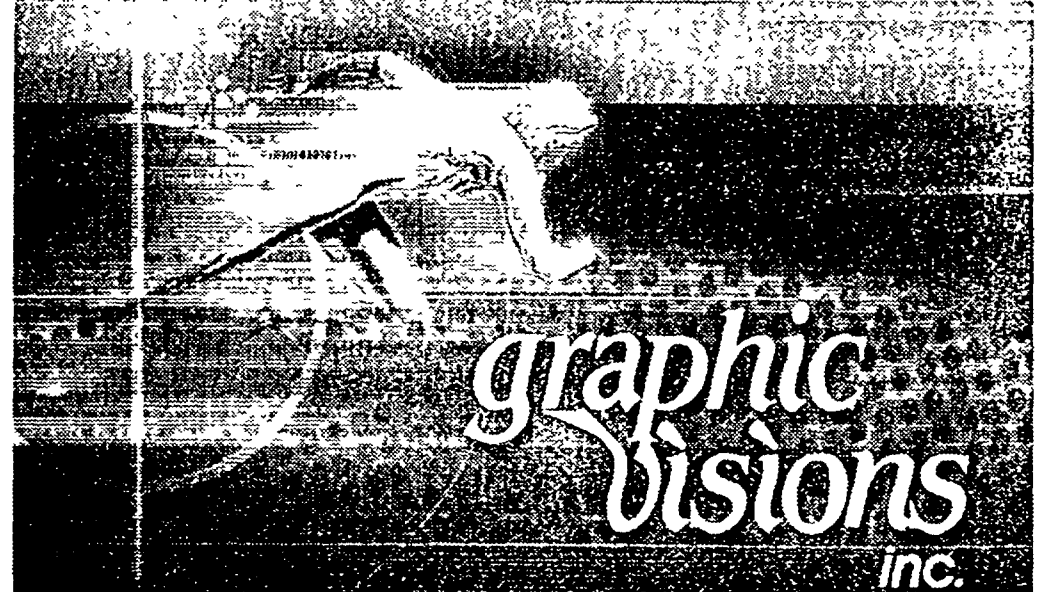


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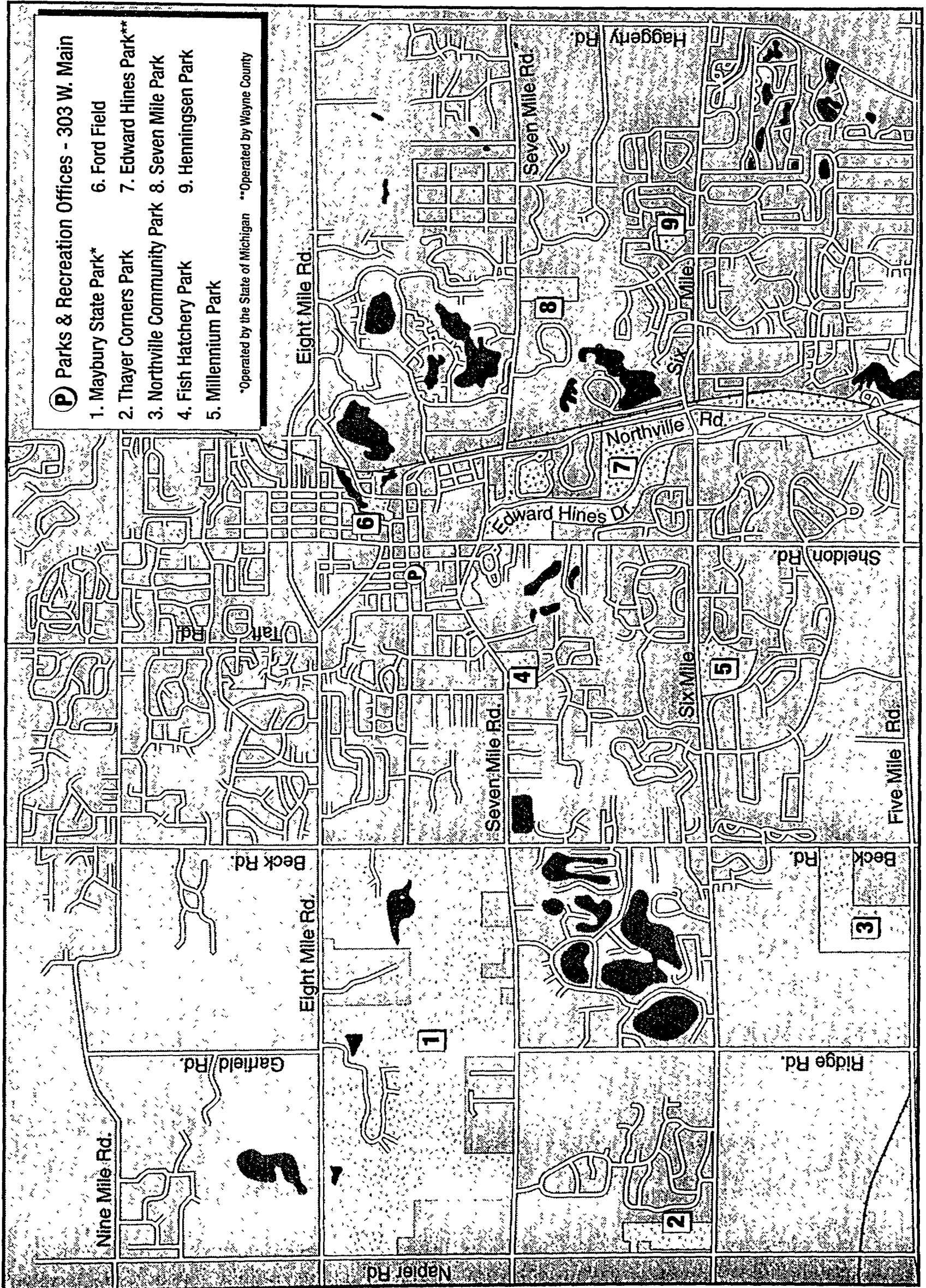
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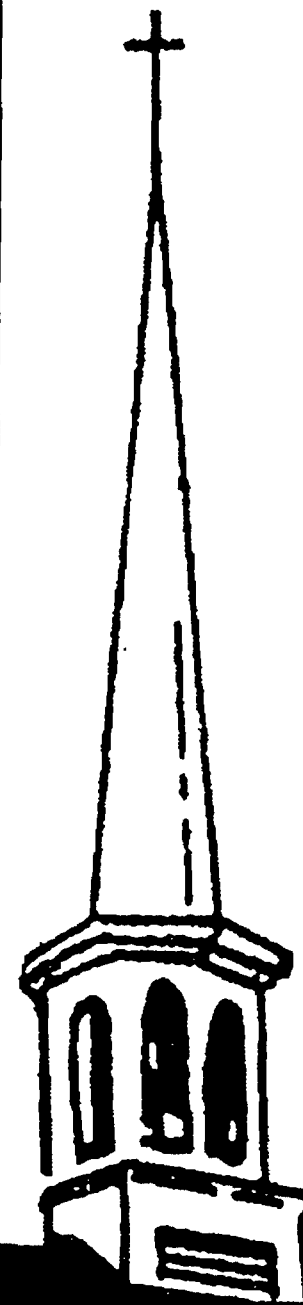
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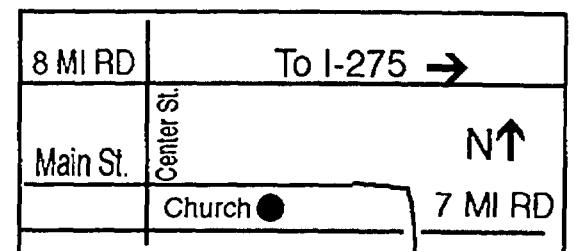
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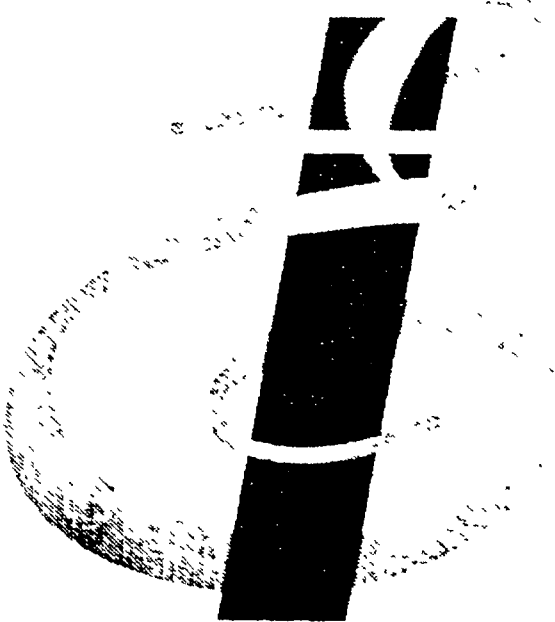
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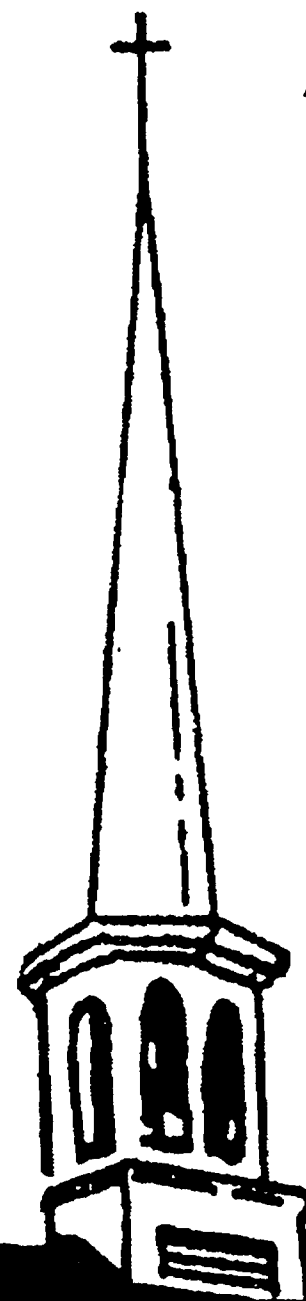
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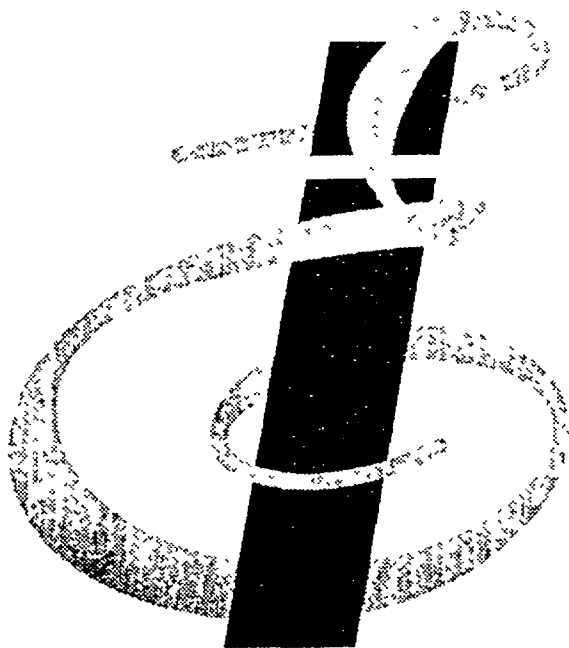
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With colorful lights and pumpkins nearby, the trio of Bridget Dunn, Beth Hadley, and Allison Sarokin, all 10 hand out treats at the Pumpkin Walk at Northville's Mill Race Village.



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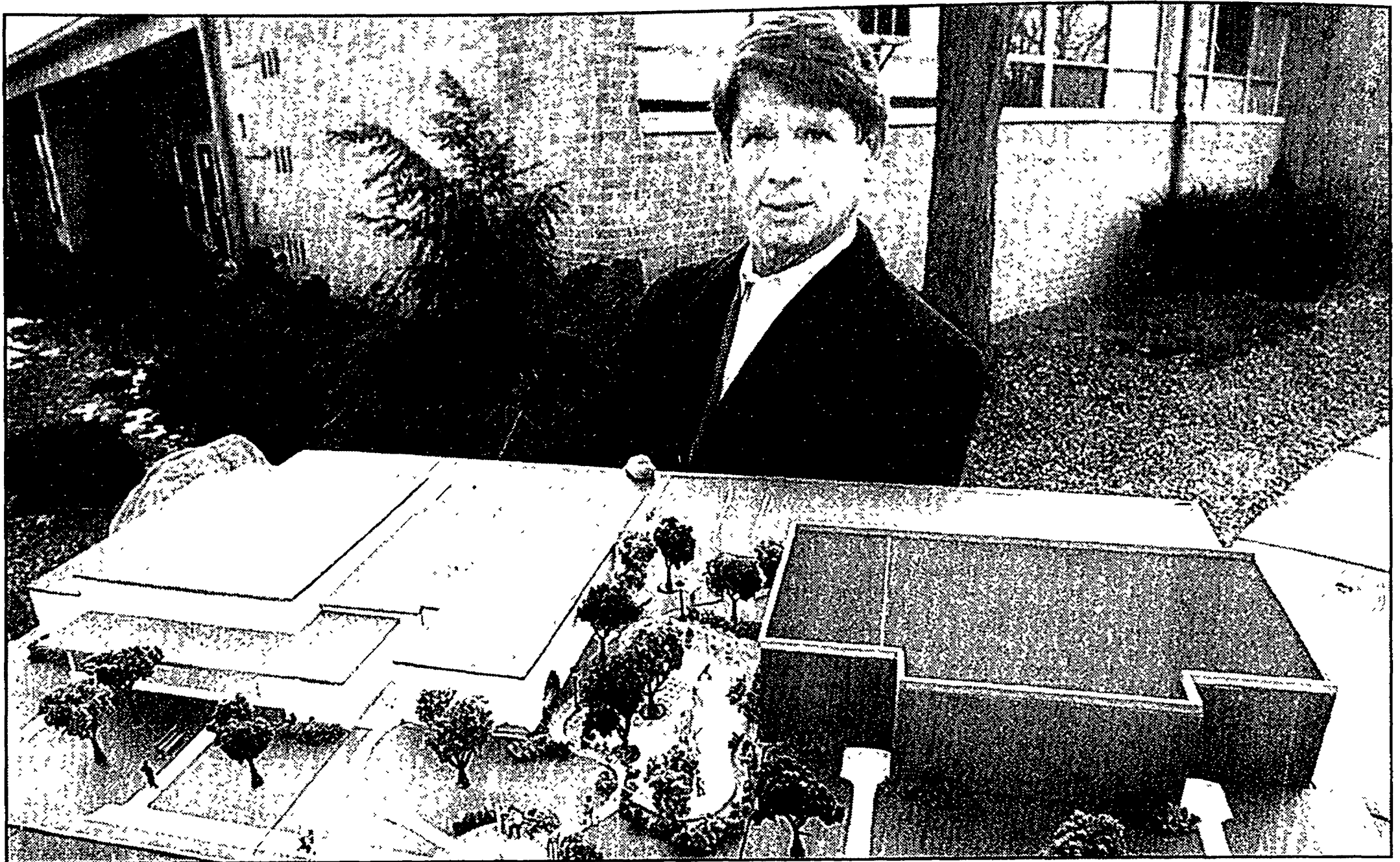
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Workshop registration	Varies
Mill Race Christmas Walk	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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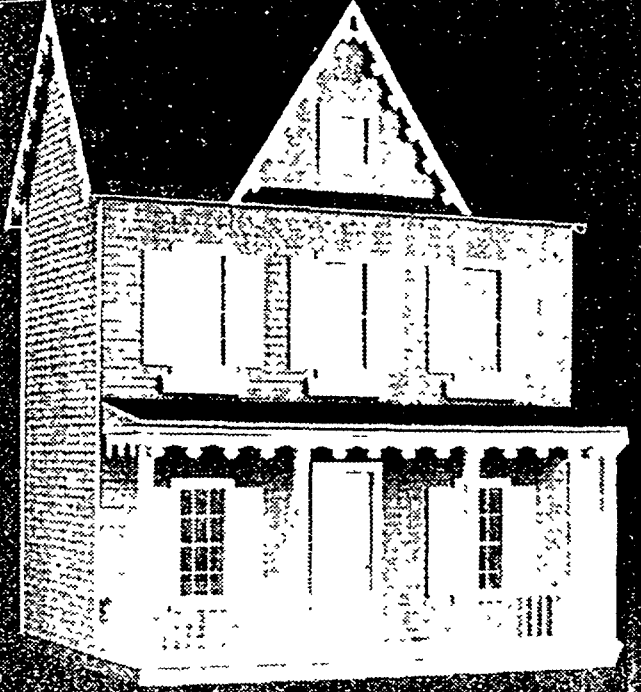
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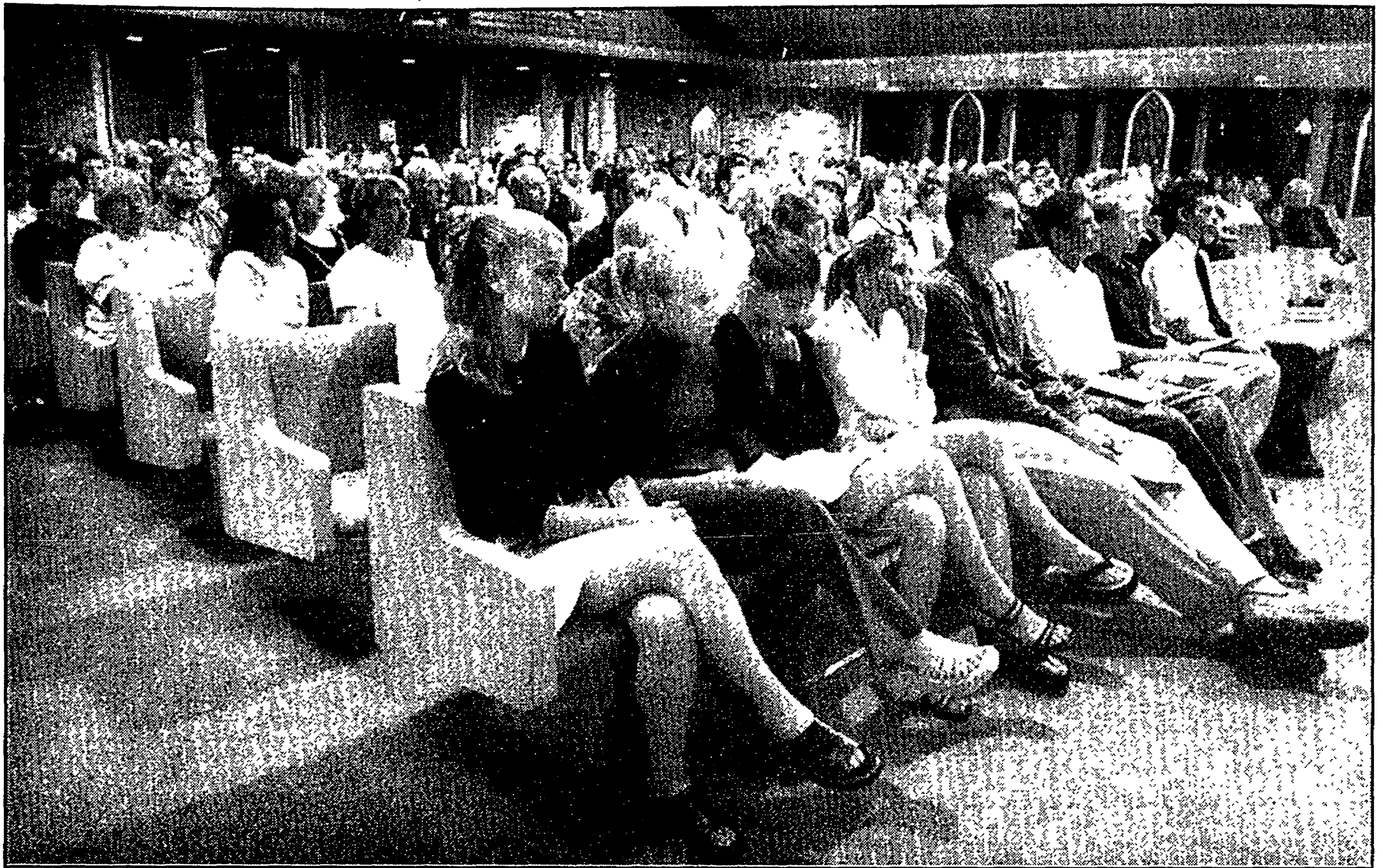
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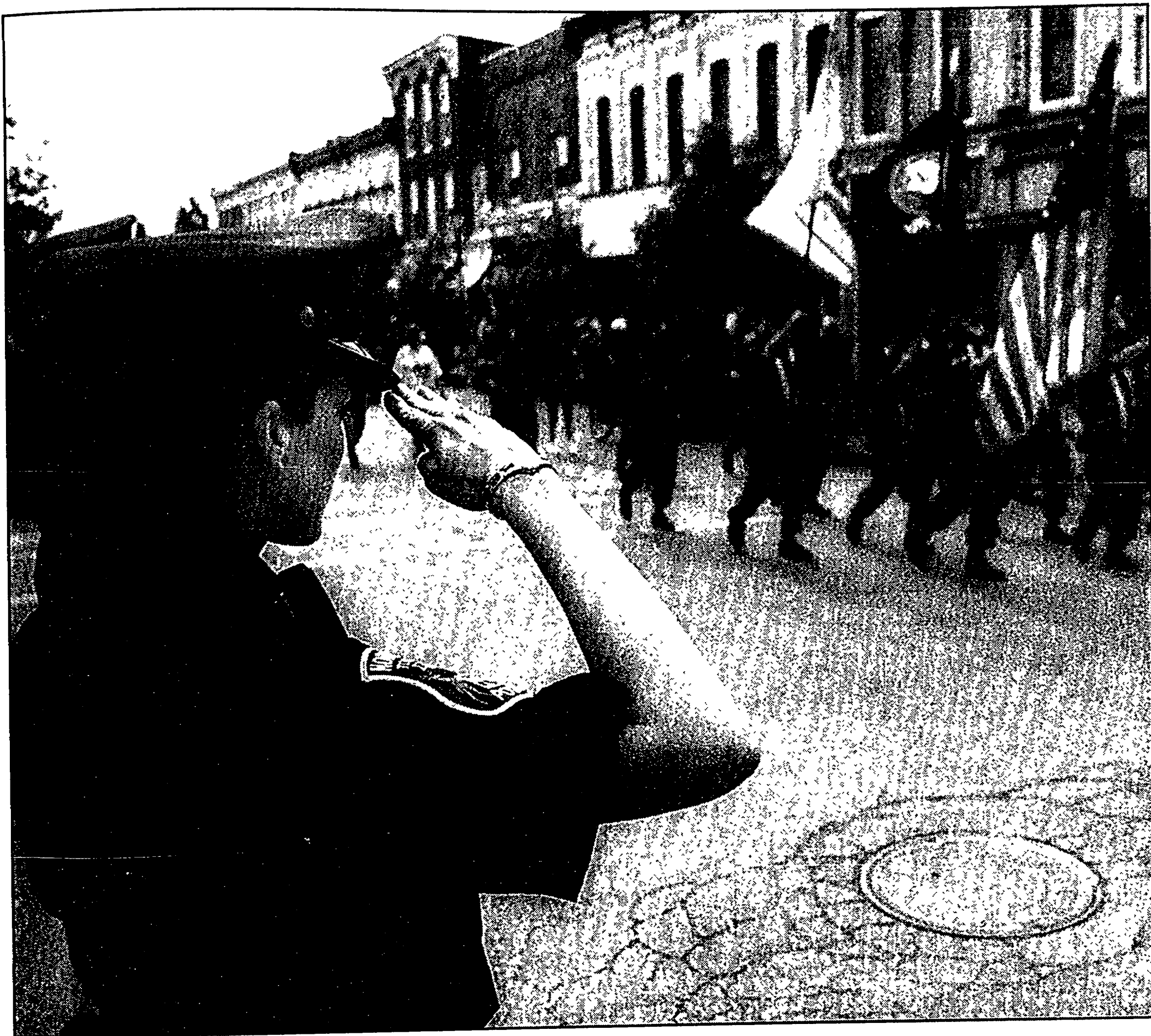
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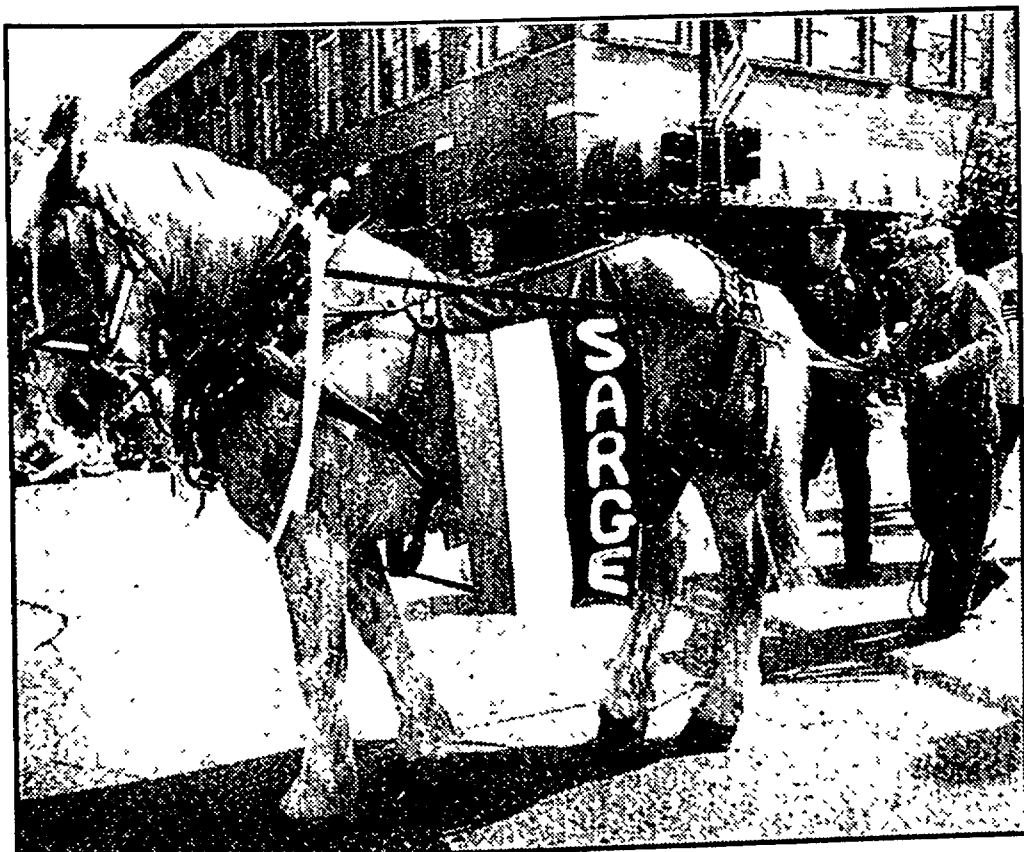


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Farmer John Beemer, leading Belgian plowhorse "Sarge" shakes hands with Novi Police Department's Tim McNamara during Northville Fourth of July parade.



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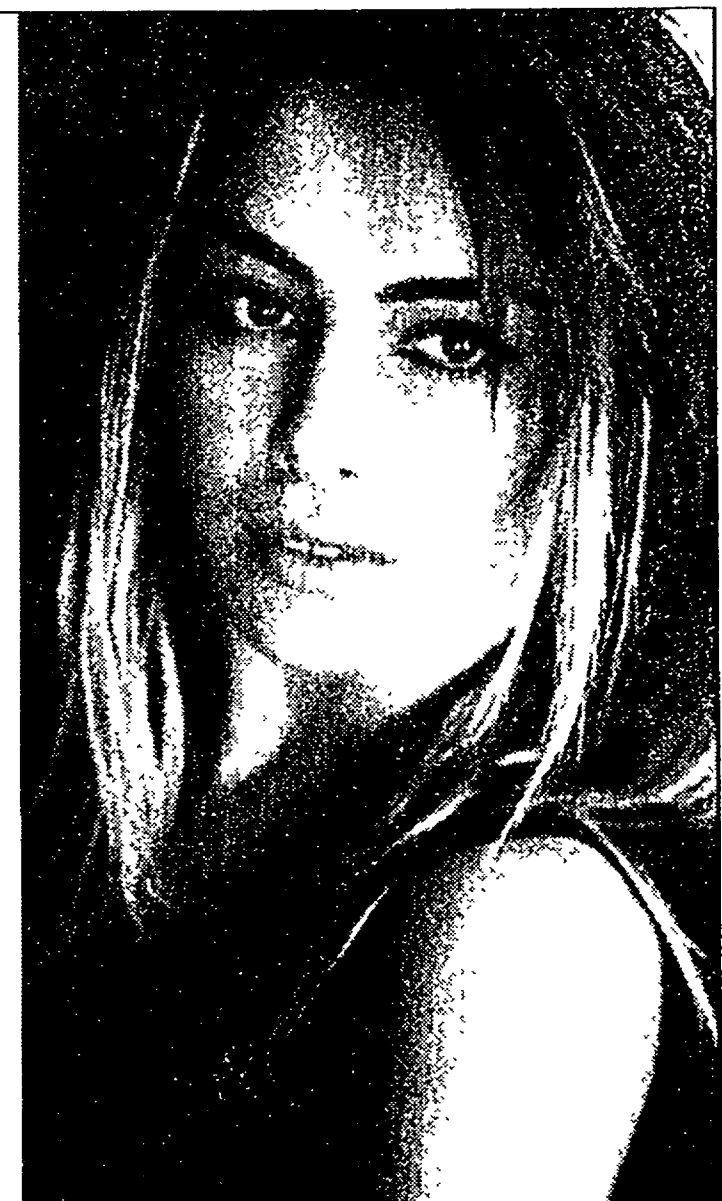
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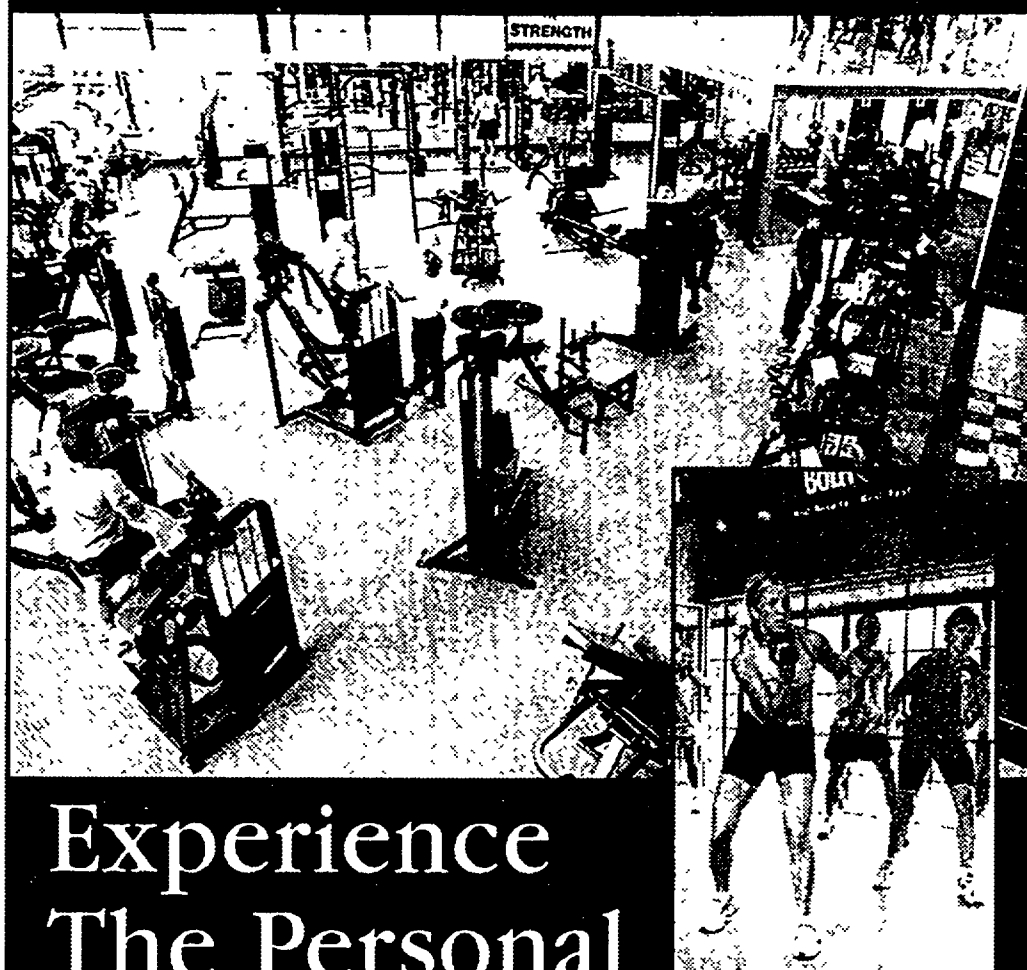
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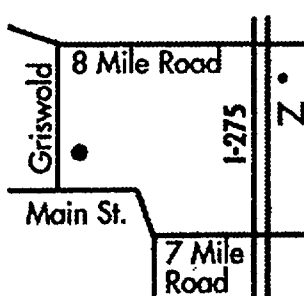
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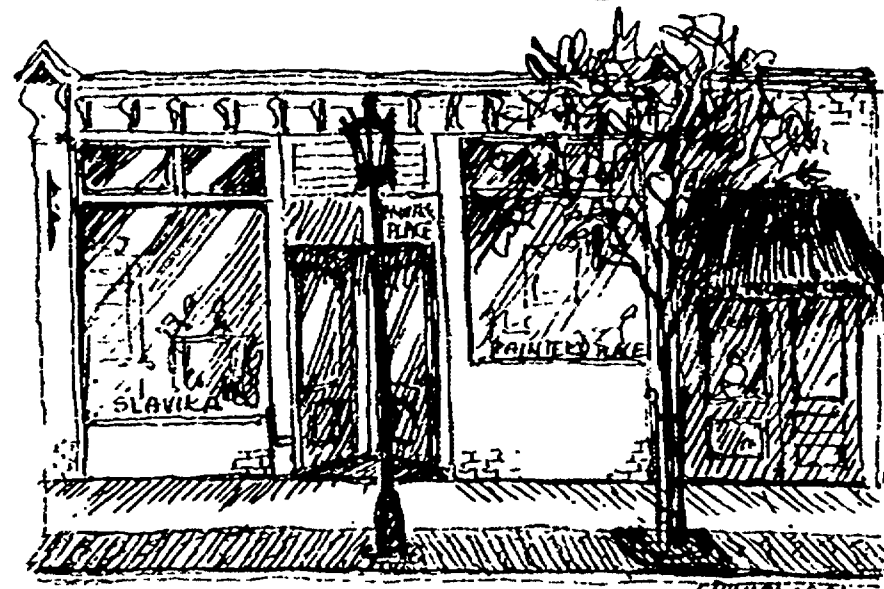
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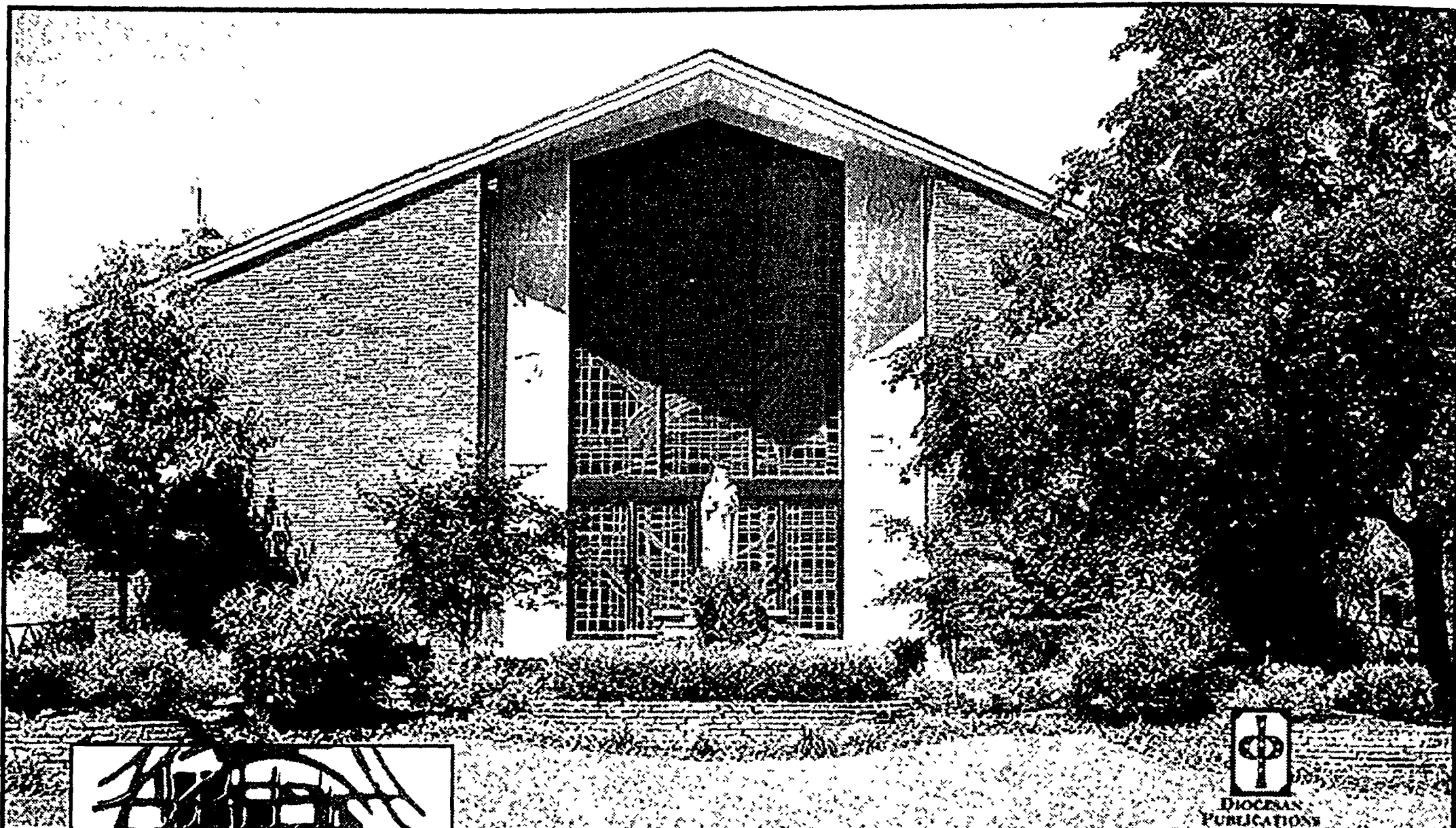
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Alice Sano, right, and Kathleen Holleran play the the Koto, a japanese musical instrument, during last week's Northville Country Garden Club Walk at Mill Race Village. This year's walk incorporated the theme of a japan-ese tea ceremony into its activities with many visitors donning kimonos.



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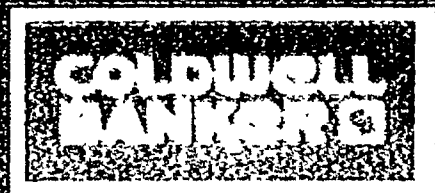
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Northville Township firefighters Hugh Jordan, left, and Phil Sutherland brought their version of “firehouse cooking” to a meeting of the Northville Women’s Club at the First Presbyterian Church. While dispensing tales of their roles as firemen, Jordan and Sutherland also talked about the challenges of feeding a fire station of hungry people and prepared their culinary masterpieces of turkey sausage casserole and stuffed green bell peppers.

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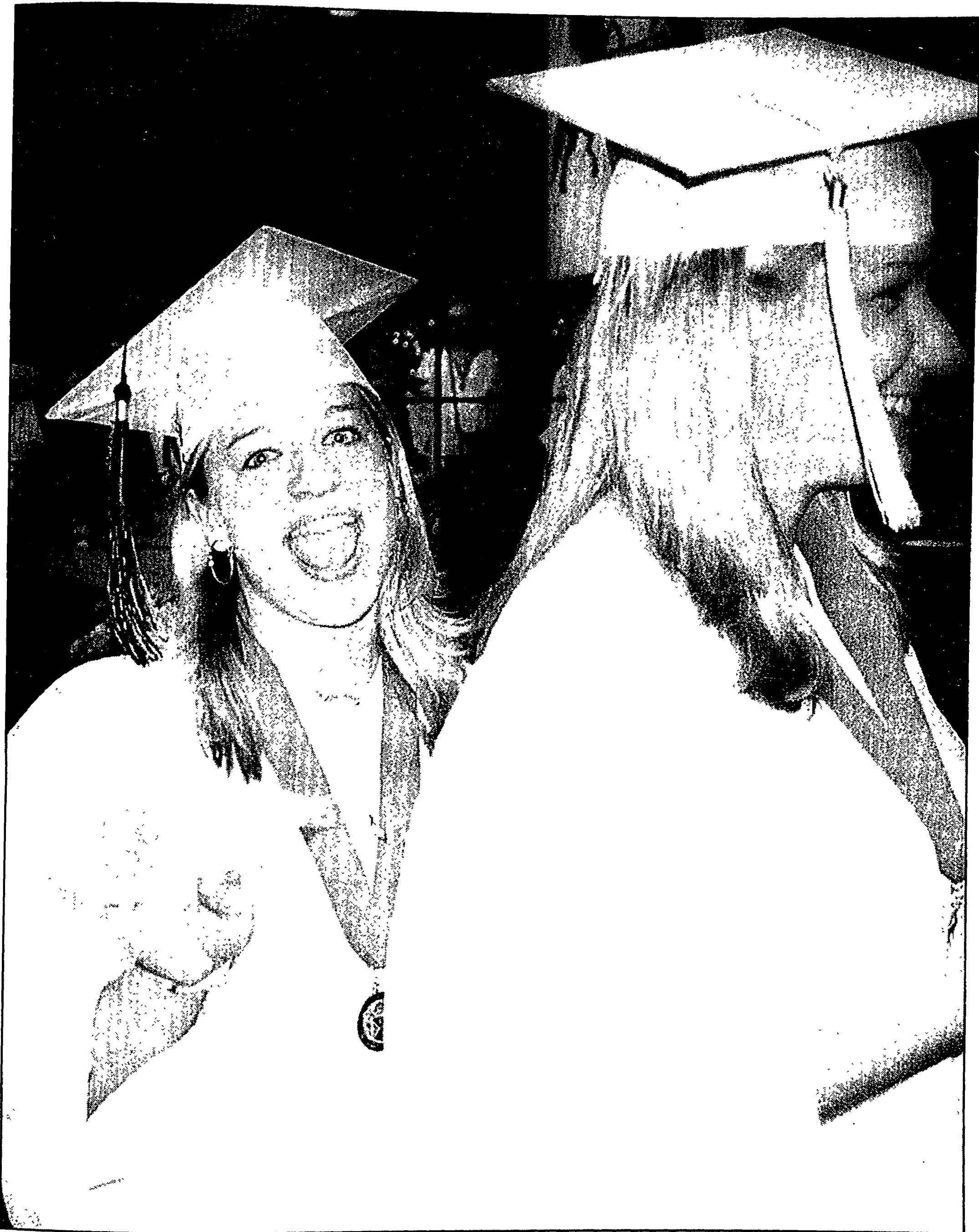
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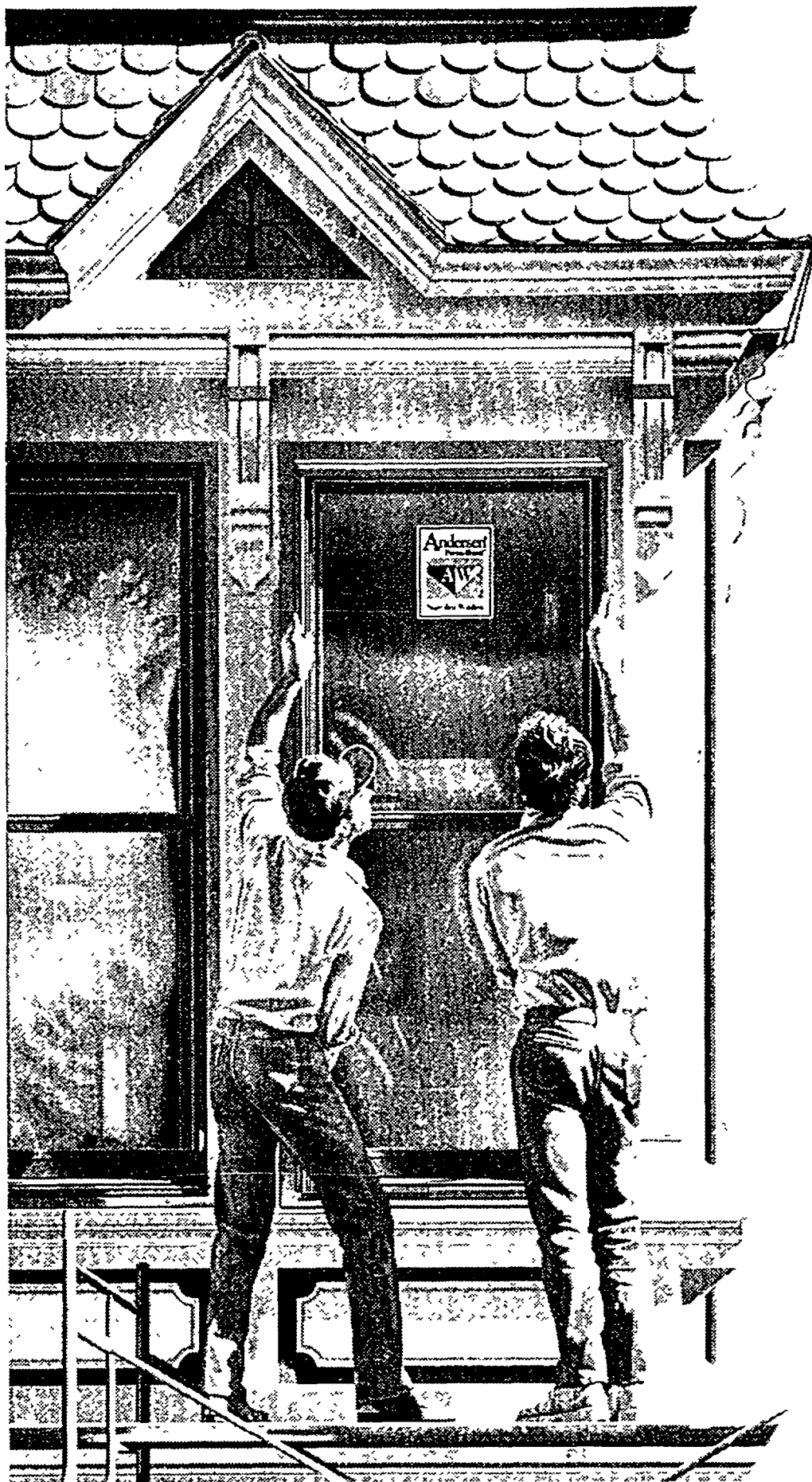
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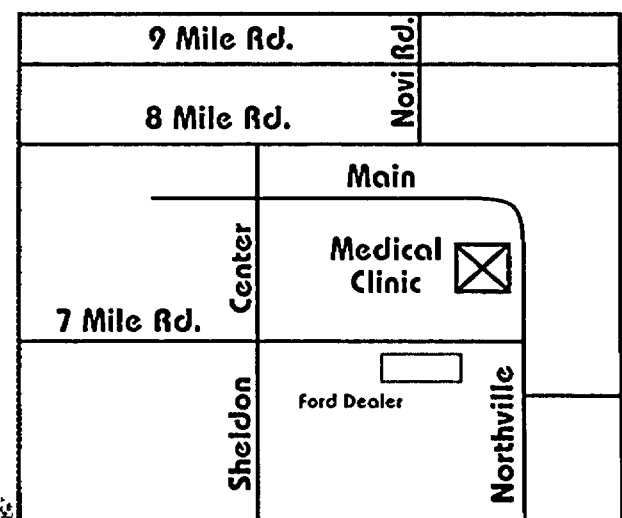
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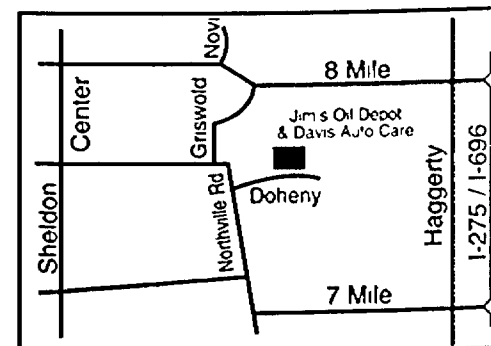
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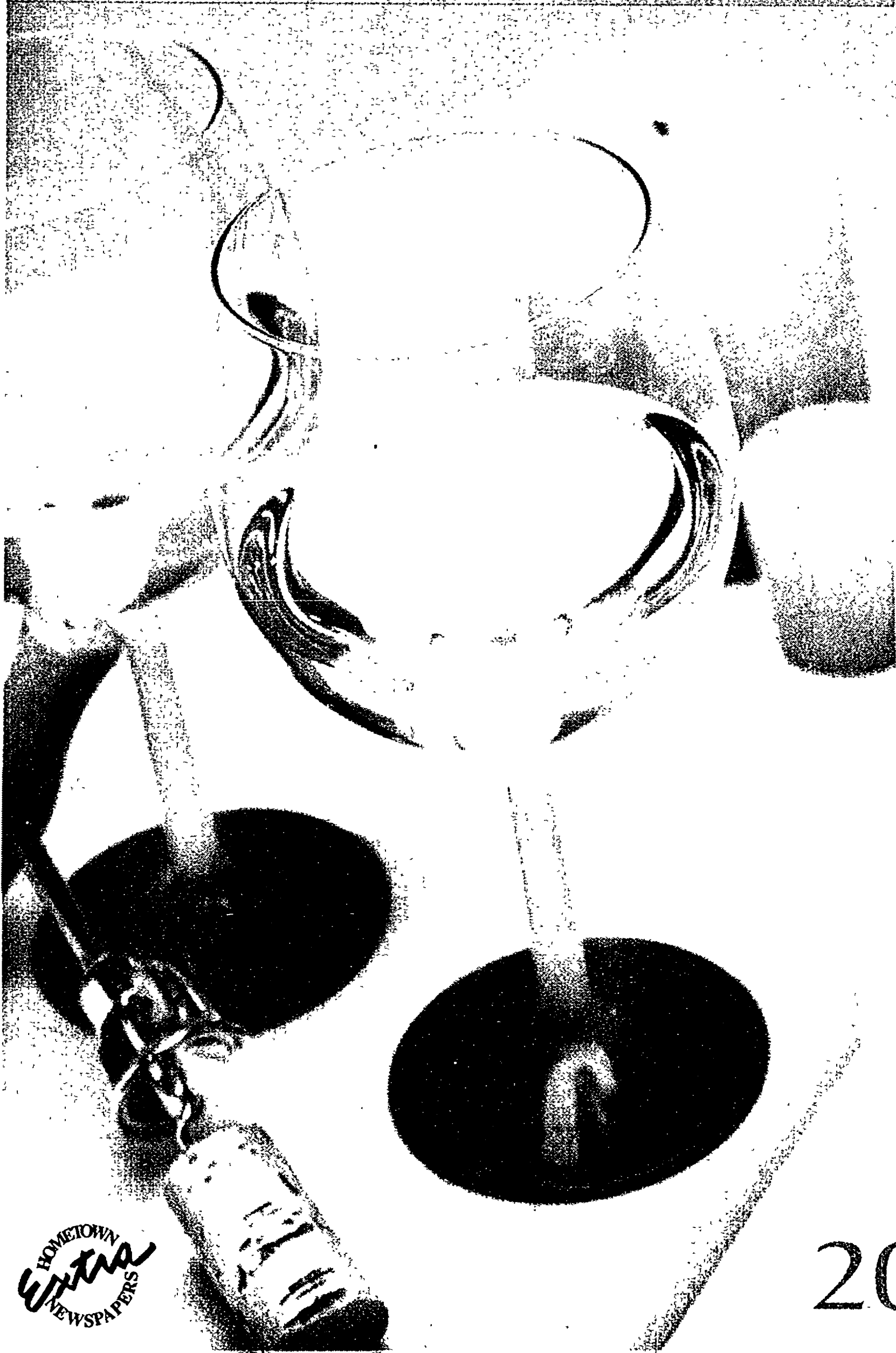
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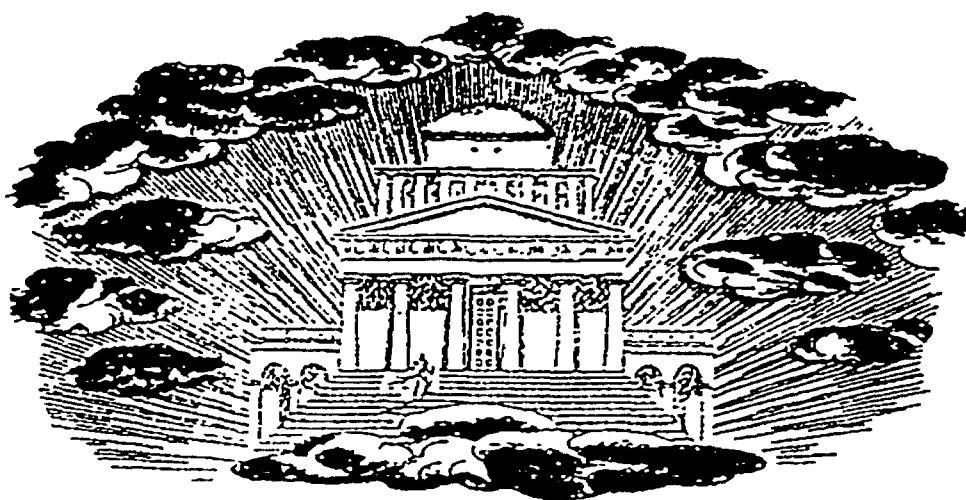
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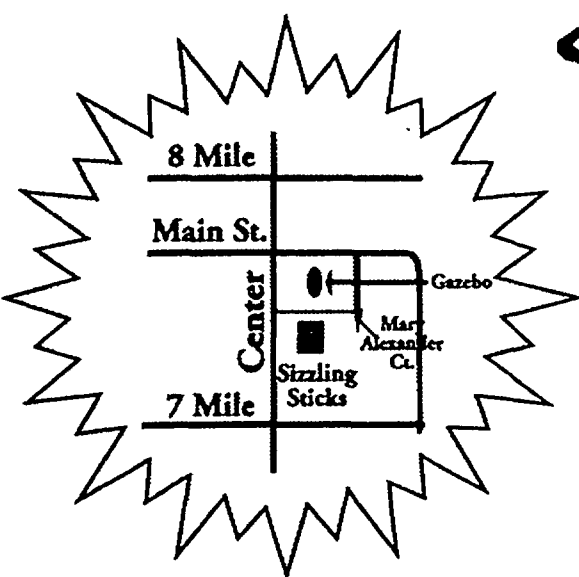
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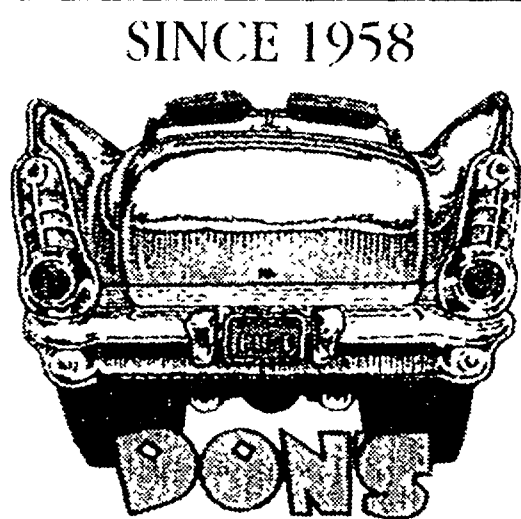
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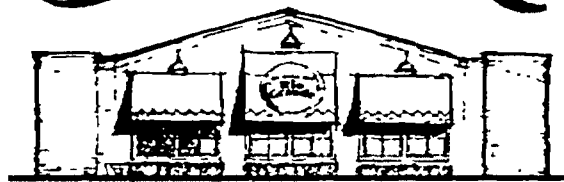
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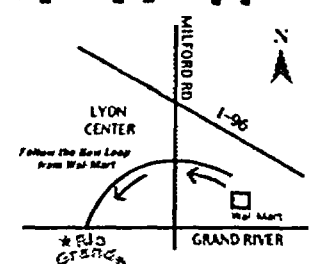
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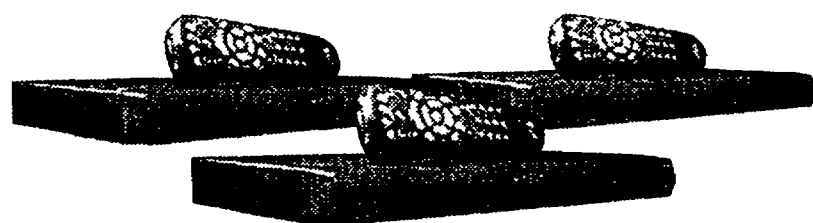
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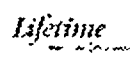
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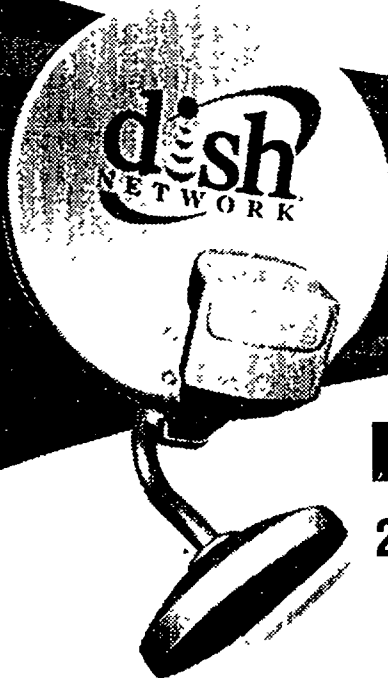


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146 Main Center Street
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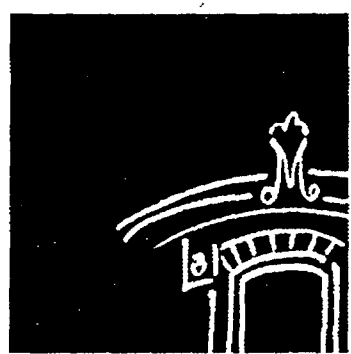
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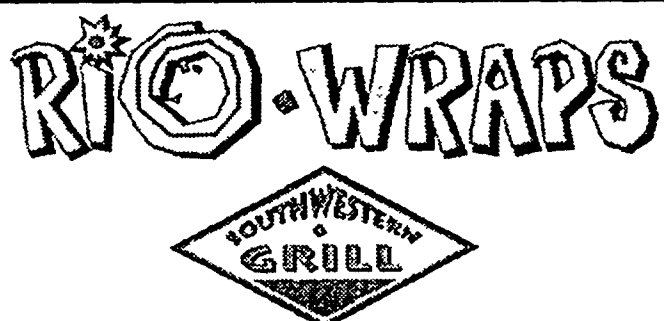


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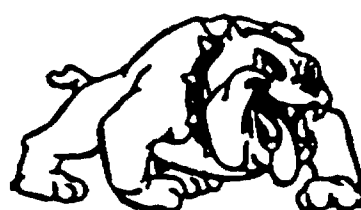
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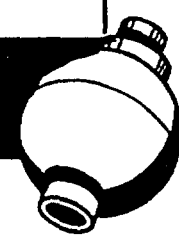
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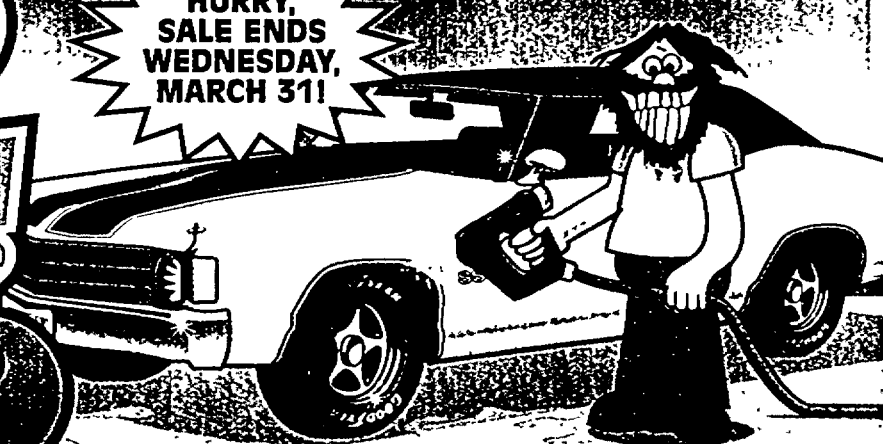
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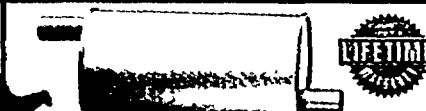
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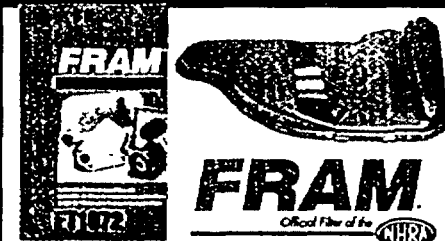
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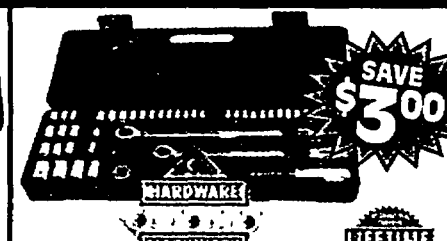
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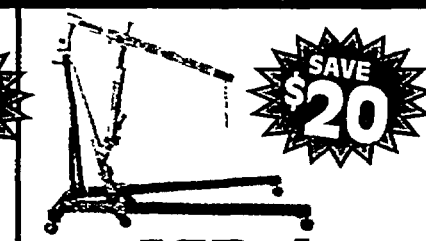
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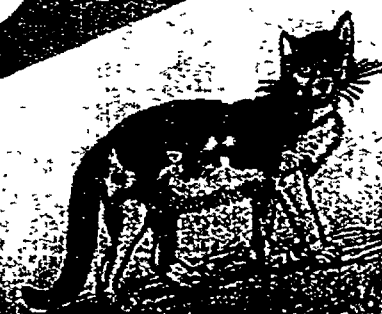


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Q A friend of mine just turned me on to a great song by Josh Turner titled *Long Black Train*. Can you please tell me more about this young man?

—Shirley W., Texas

Turner, 26, a native of Hannah, S.C., got the inspiration for the song after listening to the Hank Williams box set while a student at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. "As I was walking home, I noticed there was something unusually dark about that night," Turner says. "All of a sudden, I got this vision of a wide open space, out on the plains. There was a train running out in the middle of nowhere, and people were standing beside the tracks, just watching it go by." It occurred to him that the train was a metaphor for temptation, and people could decide whether or not to board it. Turner, who was heavily influenced by Johnny Cash, always knew he wanted to be a country singer. As a teen, he sang *Diggin' Up Bones* at a church benefit and was so convincing that many people thought he was lip-synching to a Randy Travis record. There was little doubt in his mind that after high school, he would move to Nashville and become a star. Turner, who is married, landed a record deal after MCA executives only heard two songs. When he's not singing, you can find him hunting in his deer stand.



Josh Turner's first country album has gone gold.

ing CBS. He left CBS in 1985, returning to WBBM-TV in Chicago as an anchor. That same year, he traveled to the far ends of the earth for the Peabody Award-winning documentary series *The New Explorers*. In 1990, he founded Kurtis Productions and began producing programs such as *Investigative Reports* and *Cold Case Files* for A&E, as well as anchoring *American Justice*. Kurtis, who grew up in Independence, Kan. (pop. 9,846), graduated from the University of Kansas and earned a law degree at Washburn University. He has two adult children and divides his time between Chicago, where he lives with his longtime partner Donna LaPietra, and his 10,000-acre ranch outside of Sedan, Kan. (pop. 1,342). Kurtis has worked closely with residents of Sedan to restore their historic downtown.

Q What can you tell me about Jane Wyman? Is she still living, and if so, where? Does she still have a fan club?

—Irene N., Arizona

Actress Jane Wyman, 90, is still with us, living in California. Born Sarah Jane Fuls in St. Joseph, Mo., she first attempted a film career as a child, but had no luck. Still, show business seemed to be her destiny. She broke into the business as a singer on radio and worked her way up to winning an Oscar for her performance in the 1948 movie *Johnny Belinda*. She was married three times, most famously to former President Ronald Reagan. They had two children, Maureen and Michael. Maureen died from cancer in 2001 at age 60. Wyman retired from acting after her TV series *Falcon Crest* went off the air. She's a talented painter, and until recently was involved in fund raising for the Arthritis Foundation. Known as a very private person, Wyman told a *Falcon Crest* fansite in 1998 that she would no longer be acting, and would avoid any kind of nostalgic looks at her long career. "That's not for me," she said. "I'm a today lady." ☆

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Q Would you tell me something about Bill Kurtis on *American Justice*? Did he ever work on another show or movie?

—Joan L., Indiana

Bill Kurtis, 63, has been on many shows during his successful 35-year career, including a stint as anchor of *CBS Morning News* and a contributor to *CBS Reports*. He began his television career in Kansas and worked in Chicago before join-

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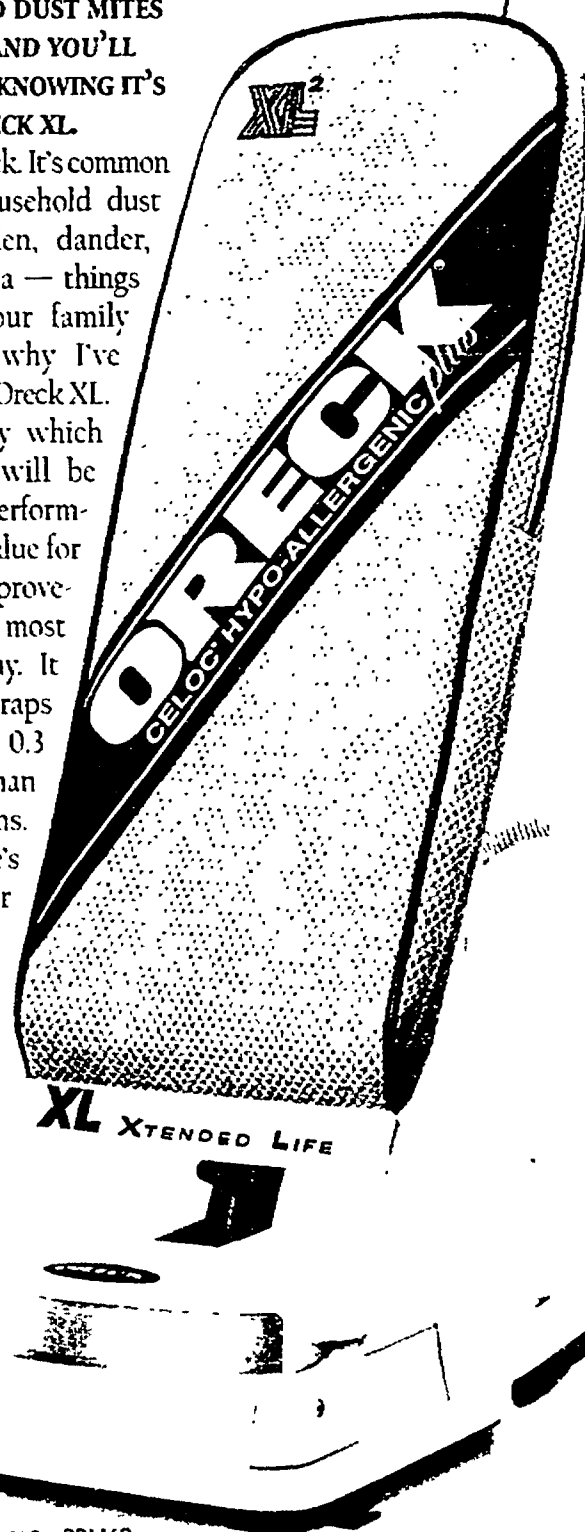
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A Gem in the Desert

by ROBERT HENRY
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Last October, Borrego Springs' former honorary mayor Robert Cassidy proudly handed over a toy stoplight to successor Robert Piva. Although it lacked the hoopla of a presidential changing of the guard, the multi-colored ornament stands a symbol of the California town's dedication to a way of life.

"It's the only stoplight in town," Cassidy says with a chuckle. "And it's the mayor's job to keep it that way."

"We don't have a stoplight or a mall, but we could go to a mall and stoplight if we have to," Piva jokes.

Of course, the lack of a stoplight has a lot to do with its location—smack dab in the middle of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, which, at 600,000 acres is the largest state park in the Lower 48 states. Residents have been known to jokingly describe their town as the state park's "doughnut hole."

This remote desert location isn't lost on its 2,789 residents.

"Everybody in Borrego Springs wants to be here," says 84-year-old Cassidy. "No one ends up in Borrego Springs by accident." To offer some perspective, the nearest supermarket or movie theater is a 90-minute drive away.



Robert Piva and Robert Cassidy carry on a town tradition, passing a toy stoplight between mayors.



Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, with its grand vistas, surrounds Borrego Springs, Calif.

"And if you don't like the desert," Cassidy says, "don't come to Borrego Springs."

"People who love the desert really love it here," adds longtime resident Kelley Jorgensen, "and people who don't usually leave."

As you might expect, for most of the year it's hot . . . really hot. The temperature usually tops 100 degrees every day for four months of the year, with summer temperatures frequently reaching 110. A typical year features just 7 inches of rain.

"You actually can fry an egg on the sidewalk," Jorgensen says. "But it's really small-town life at its best. No crime to speak of, everyone knows each other—and boy do the stars come out at night."

Another part of Borrego Springs' appeal lies in a vibrant arts community. The Performing Arts Center hosts a resident theater company, the Community Concert Association brings musical groups to town, a dance studio offers classes and concerts, and a dozen or so galleries display a vast variety of paintings and sculptures.

The town also sits amid breathtaking desert scenery that, in wet years, can draw 5,000 visitors on springtime weekends, when desert wildflowers bloom. The desert scenery is what first drew Piva to the area. "We had four kids and in 1961 we started taking them on trips to the desert," he recalls. "I love the vast openness of the desert."

There's also plenty of hiking to satisfy the most ardent trekker. The Pacific Crest Trail passes near town, as well as one of California's best equestrian trails.

The Borrego Valley had its first European visitors in 1772, but the town didn't really get started until the first successful well was dug in 1926. The discovery of a year-round water source prompted the establishment of a thriving citrus-growing industry. If you've ever had a grapefruit from Harry & David's Fruit of the Month Club, you've sampled the town's main export. In fact, citrus farming remains Borrego Springs' biggest industry, followed by tourism. Scenic landscapes and manicured golf courses make the town a popular destination for retirees.

New residents are often struck by Borrego Springs' civic-mindedness. Donations paid for the high school's new gymnasium, as well as a world-class skate park for skaters and skateboarders, and booster clubs continually fund civic projects.

Although there are plenty of vacant lots in town, Jorgensen says growth is limited because the town is surrounded by the park. And for residents, that's just fine.

"We like it here because it's so unique and serene," Piva concludes. "We have the openness and the small population. That's just how we like it." ☆

Robert Henry is a Los Angeles-based writer.



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On that fateful day, Director Vicki Myron unlocked the library in Spencer, Iowa, (pop. 11,317) and brewed a pot of coffee. She and a staff member heard a whimpering, tracked it to the book drop in a back room, and opened the lid. Huddled in a heap of hardbacks was a bedraggled yellow kitten.

"The pads of his little feet were frozen," Myron recalls. "We gave him a bath just to warm him up and he purred the whole time."

That was 1988 and the rest is a Cinderella story for Dewey Readmore Books, the orphaned feline who has lived happily among the books ever since.

"His story has a life of its own," Myron says while sifting through the cat's fan mail. "We have people drive hundreds of miles out of their way just to see Dewey. We had a Japanese public television crew come here."

Shortly after the kitten's rescue, city officials approved the library's cat-in-residence and a photo of the city's "new employee" sitting on the card catalog appeared in *The Daily Reporter* in Spencer. Residents were invited to help name the kitty and 394 cast ballots.

"We've never had such a turnout for a contest and there wasn't even a prize," Myron says with a laugh.

No one can pinpoint how or when Dewey catapulted from local glamour puss to Mr. January pinup in a national cat calendar. A mention from broadcaster Paul Harvey about the orphaned kitty that brightens a library helped. So did an article in *Postcard Collector* magazine featuring Dewey's four postcard poses for a library fund-raiser. His acting debut in *Puss in Books: Adventures of the Library Cat*, a video documentary, sealed his fame.

Library cats greet patrons in about 125 libraries across America. Most live and "work" in cozy, small-town libraries where they don't get lost in the stacks. Historically, library cats earned their keep doing rodent patrol, but modern library cats have more white-collar duties: to act charming and make the library a welcoming and homey place.



Above: Spencer (Iowa) Public Library Director Vicki Myron discovered Dewey Readmore Books in the library's book drop, at left. Below: Dewey ponders an afternoon catnap.

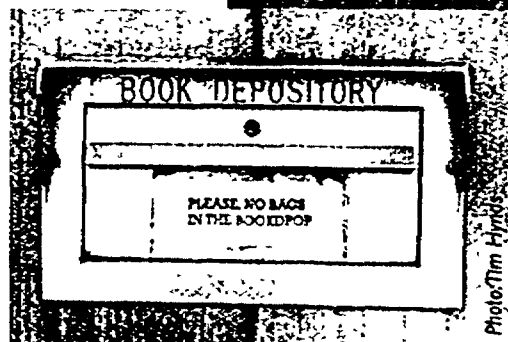
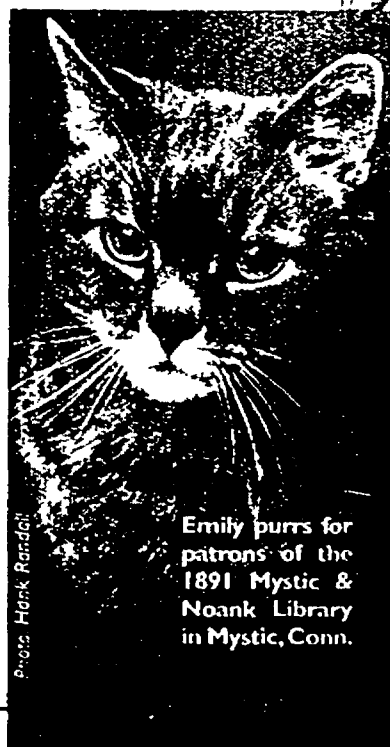


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Emily purrs for patrons of the 1891 Mystic & Noank Library in Mystic, Conn.

Photo: Hank Rendall

"Library cats just create a nice, warm atmosphere," says filmmaker Gary Roma, 37, producer of *Puss in Books* and owner of Iron Frog Productions in Boston. The stand-up comedian gives programs nationwide about library cats and maintains an online state-by-state directory of library cats, present and past. Many libraries belong to the Library Cat Society, founded in 1987 by Phyllis Lahti of Moorhead, Minn., (pop. 32,177) to encourage libraries to curl up with a good cat.

"The cats attract children to the library and the elderly who maybe can't have pets in their apartment," Roma says. "Books, libraries, and cats just go together."

Dewey, the golden boy, moseys over to a 10-by-13-inch envelope box and settles in with one paw draped over the side. Even when he catnaps in the staff room, Dewey attracts visitors. Drew Horst, 2 1/2, makes a beeline toward him while hand-in-hand with his father, Jim Horst.

"Every two weeks we come and get books and we get diverted to find Dewey the cat," Jim explains. "Drew likes to read animal books."

The toddler gets down on his hands and knees and snuggles his blond head against the cat's.

"Dewey, Dewey," he whispers.

Cats from coast-to-coast

"Not every cat could work in a library," notes Judy Whitt, director of the Azle Public Library in Azle, Texas, (pop. 9,600) "but this one is doing just fine. Molli loves people."

Stephanie Boren, a patron, has a favorite Molli story: "One day my son Michael sat down at the computer and Molli hopped on the table behind him and started massaging his neck," she recalls. "Everyone loves the library cat."

Molli is so popular, in fact, that she was catnapped near closing time one Saturday. Frantic staff members taped up "Molli Missing" posters. On Monday morning, a resident returned the overdue cat.

"She claimed to have found her, but then slipped and said the cat didn't really get along with her dog," Whitt says. No fines were collected. They were just happy to have Molli out of circulation and back on the job.

The Ocean Shores Library in Ocean Shores, Wash., (pop. 3,836) created its library cat position in 1999 after a survey revealed that 98 percent of the patrons favored a furry staff member.

Michelle Olson, library clerk, presented the results to the library's board of trustees. During the meeting, a member left to make a phone call, returned and announced that an applicant would be arriving within five minutes. The calico kitten had been dumped beside the road.

"It took less than a minute to know that she was the one," Olson says. "She let each person hold and pet her without complaint, purring all the while." They named the black, white, and peach-splotted kitten Trixie, in honor of Trixie Belden, the fictional girl detective in the children's mystery series.

Trixie has her own checkbook to pay for food and veterinary bills. As with all of these library cats, patrons "feed the kitty" donation can.

In Mystic, Conn., (pop. 4,001) Emily, the resident cat at the cozy 1891 Mystic & Noank Library, also has a name with a rich literary heritage. She's named after authors Emily Bronte and Emily Dickinson.

"People come in just to see Emily. She's pretty famous," says Diane Gillece, librarian assistant. "Everyone comments on her pretty green eyes."

The throwaway kitten joined the staff in 1989 and now has her own line of note cards and Christmas ornaments. She cheers readers by twirling with the new books on the revolving bookcase and sprawling flat on her back, paws straight up, at the end of an aisle. And she never passes up an elevator ride.

"She's getting a bit of a weight problem and we've been encouraging her to take the stairs," Gillece says.

Security patrol

Sometimes library cats mimic watchdogs—without the bark or bite. Such was the case with Page, the library cat at the Gladstone Public Library in Gladstone, Ore. (pop. 11,438).

"Between January and March, I bet I had half a dozen calls from the police that the security alarm had gone off," says Catherine Powers, library director. "I'd have to drag out of bed at 1 a.m. or 3 a.m. and check the building and reset the alarm."

Powers assumed that the alarm system was faulty because the motion sensor was set too high for 10-pound Page to trigger. A company employee checked out the system and offered the only logical explanation.



Page prowls the Gladstone (Ore.) Public Library.

Photo courtesy Gladstone Public Library

"He said, 'I think that cat is sliding down the banister.'"

Powers assured him that was ridiculous.

A few weeks later, Page strolled along the mezzanine stair railing, then just as pretty as you please, turned and slid down the banister.

"We just all started laughing," Powers says.

Meanwhile, back in Iowa, Myron says having a cat in the library promotes camaraderie among the staff as much as among the patrons.

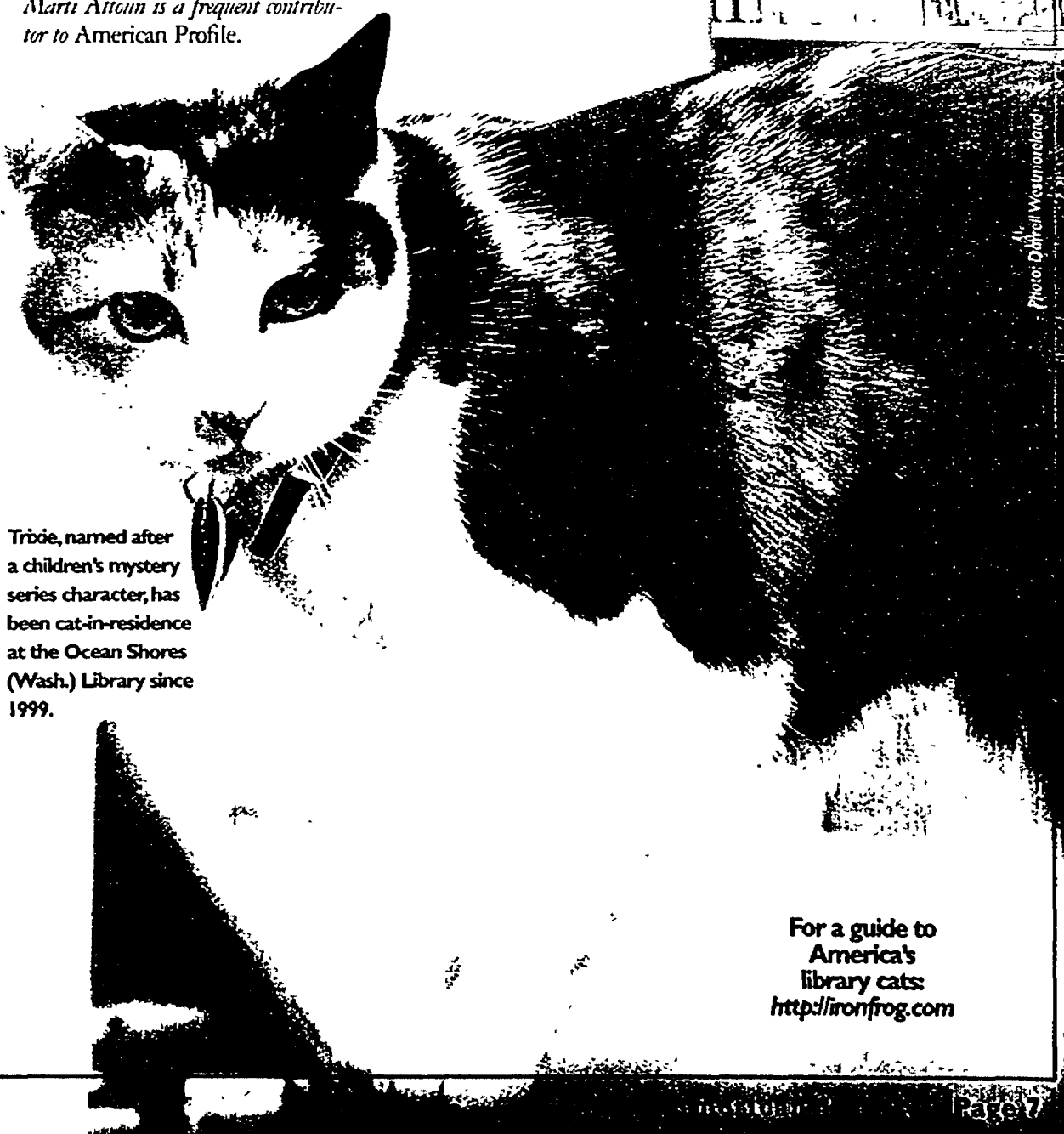
Her staff keeps a camera handy to capture Dewey's antics. Snapshots show Dewey riding atop the book cart, sacked out on a wall partition with one paw dangling over the clock, and standing at the front door waving a paw, which is how he greets Myron each morning.

Birthday-party pictures abound. Townspeople are always invited. Hundreds of patrons sign cards for Dewey. The celebrity cat's likeness adorns the Spencer library cards and a mosaic wall in the city's East Leach Park. He's the subject of two book chapters, which gives him his own Library of Congress listing.

"He definitely adds warmth and friendliness," says Mary Walk, children's librarian, as she strokes Dewey's head. He closes his eyes and purrs.

"People have connected with Dewey worldwide," Walk adds. "He's the most famous person in Spencer." ☆

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Trixie, named after a children's mystery series character, has been cat-in-residence at the Ocean Shores (Wash.) Library since 1999.

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Tidbits

Did You Know...

ILLINOIS—Lincoln Logs were invented in 1916 by John Lloyd Wright of Chicago, an architect and one of the five children of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

INDIANA—The city of Gary was laid out in 1906 by U.S. Steel, and was named after the company's board chairman, Elbert H. Gary.

IOWA—The Winnebago County Fair was judged "one of the best in the Midwest" in the May/June 2000 issue of *Home and Away*, the magazine of the American Automobile Association.

KANSAS—Hard red winter wheat, best for bread-making, was introduced to the state by Russian Mennonite farmers in 1874. Today, nearly one-fifth of all wheat grown in the United States is grown in Kansas.

MICHIGAN—The 1849 Michigan State Fair was the first state fair held in the United States. It once was held at various sites, but has been in Detroit since 1905.

MINNESOTA—The last big log drive in the state occurred in April 1937 on the Little Fork River, when International Paper Co. workers floated about 16 million board feet of white pine down from upstream lumber camps.

MISSOURI—Adolphus Bush partnered with Eberhard Anheuser in 1866 to create the brewing giant in St. Louis. The pair pioneered the use of refrigerated railroad cars, and introduced pasteurized bottled beer to the world.

NEBRASKA—A marker in Big Springs (pop. 495) designates the site of the first and greatest Union Pacific

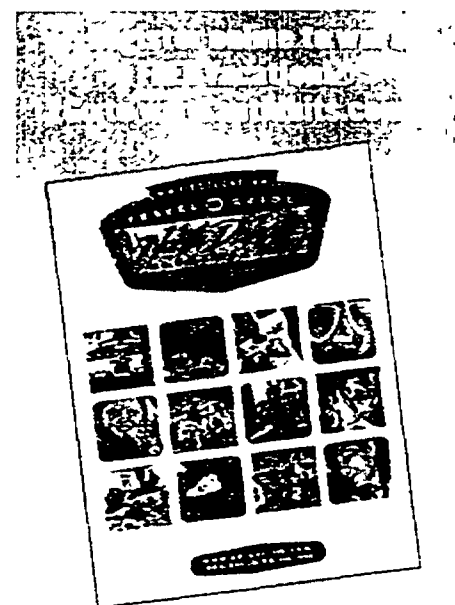
train robbery, when Sam Bass and five others robbed the train of more than \$60,000 in gold pieces and currency in 1877.

NORTH DAKOTA—The state has 63 national wildlife refuges, more than any other state. They cover about 290,000 acres.

OHIO—Of the roughly 80,000 farms dotting the state's landscape, about 4,800 are managed by women.

SOUTH DAKOTA—The Black Hills are the highest mountains east of the Rockies.

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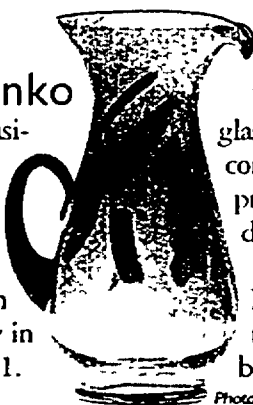
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When Richard Blenko began working for his family's business, Blenko Glass Co., back in 1976, he knew he wanted to preserve the history and spirit of glass-making that had been in his family since his great-grandfather, William John Blenko, founded the company in Milton, W.Va., (pop. 2,206) in 1921.



"I was seeing the demise of the handmade glass industry," recalls Richard, 50, now the company's president. "I thought that if I could preserve the history it would be an important direction in life."

Working with filmmaker Deborah Novak, who has directed several documentary films about Blenko glass, Richard has begun to realize his dream. Through numer-

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William Blenko Jr. and son Richard Blenko pose with one of the handcrafted pieces created at Blenko Glass Co. in Milton, W.Va.

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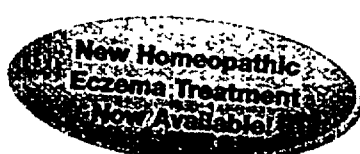
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William John Blenko, founder of Blenko Glass Co., brought his craft from England to America in 1893. After several failed businesses and a trip to England and back, he opened the current Blenko factory in Milton in 1921, and it has remained in the family ever since.

Thanks to the plentiful natural gas supply in the West Virginia hills, glass factories once dotted the landscape. Today, however, Blenko Glass Co. is one of only nine glass factories left in the state.

Company CEO William Blenko Jr.—Richard's father—grew up watching glassmakers blow molten glass into cherry wood molds, and he has always had a fascination with the process.

"It fascinated me; it still does," says Blenko, 82. "You see this liquid ball come out. It's fluid, and then you see it take shape in front of your eyes."

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Throughout its long history, Blenko Glass Co. has earned a reputation for producing unusual and valuable handmade and hand-blown glass in an array of rich colors—both architectural glass, such as that used in stained-glass windows, and decorative glass, such as vases and bowls. Blenko glass has found its way into some famous hands, including the Rockefeller family, Cary Grant, and Presidents Roosevelt, Eisenhower and Reagan. Its glass blocks can be found in places like the



Don Thornton precisely shapes 2,000-degree glass.

Rainbow Room in New York's Rockefeller Center, and its sheet glass is featured in a variety of well-known stained glass windows, including one in the Washington National Cathedral. At one time, Blenko also produced glass trophies for the Country Music Association.

Despite its national and international reputation, however, the heart of the Blenko Glass Co. remains its sense of family. Indeed, this sense of family applies not just to the Blenkos, but also to many of the workers, who themselves are part of a glassmaking tradition that stretches back several generations.

"A lot of the guys who work here, their dads worked here," says Don Lemley, who has worked for the company for 15 years and remembers as a child watching his grandfather blowing sheet glass for Blenko. "It's pretty much a family business." ☆

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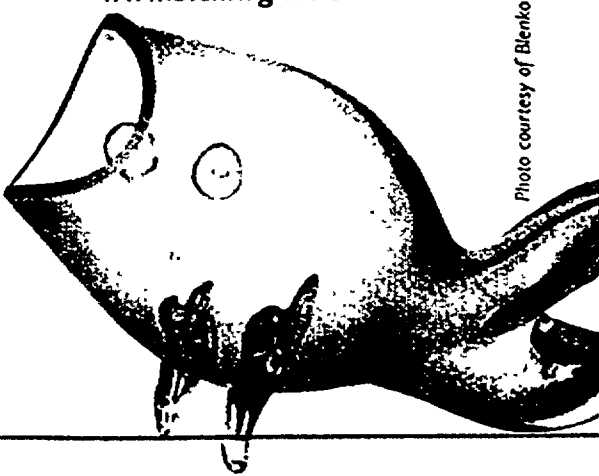
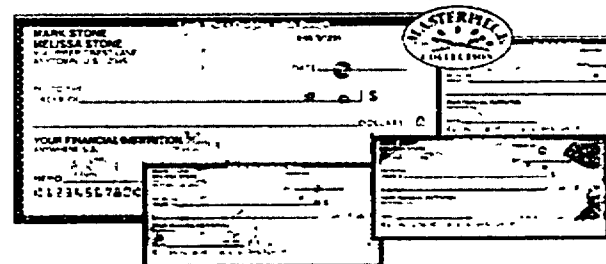


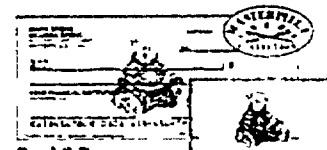
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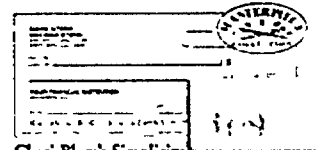
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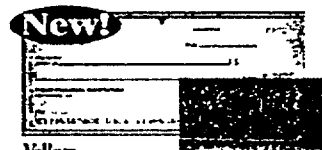
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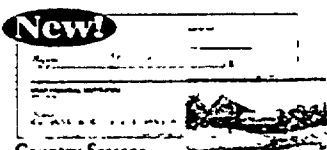
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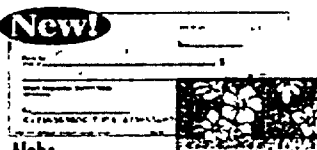
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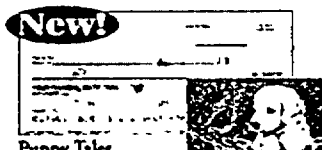
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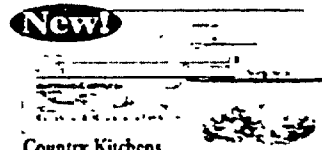
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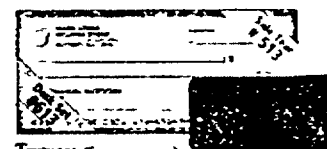
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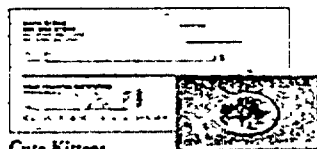
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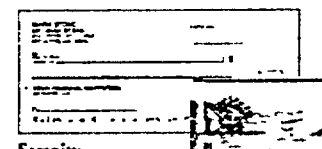
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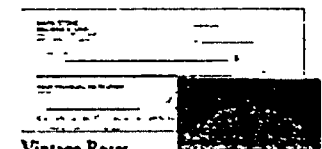
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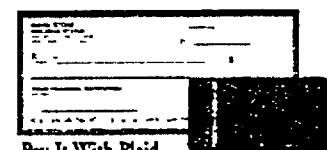
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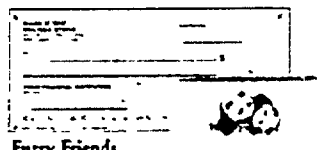
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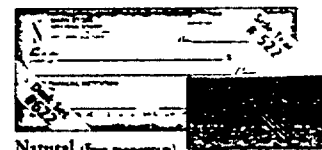
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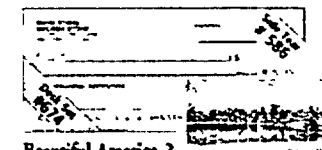
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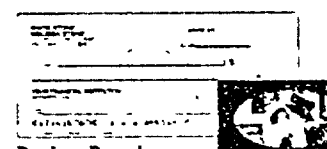
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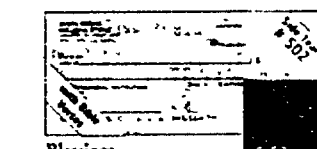
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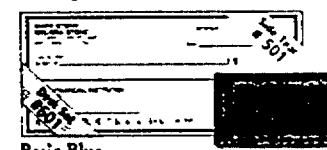
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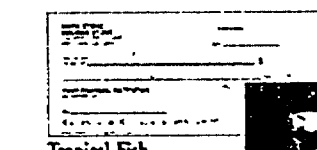
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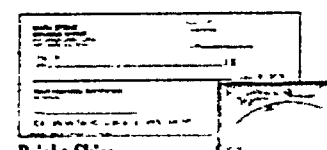
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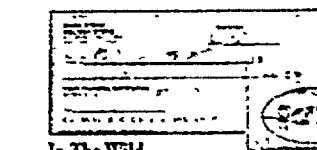
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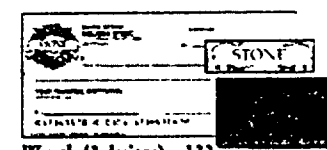
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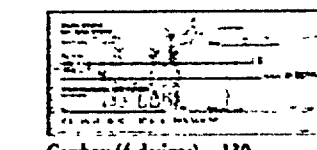
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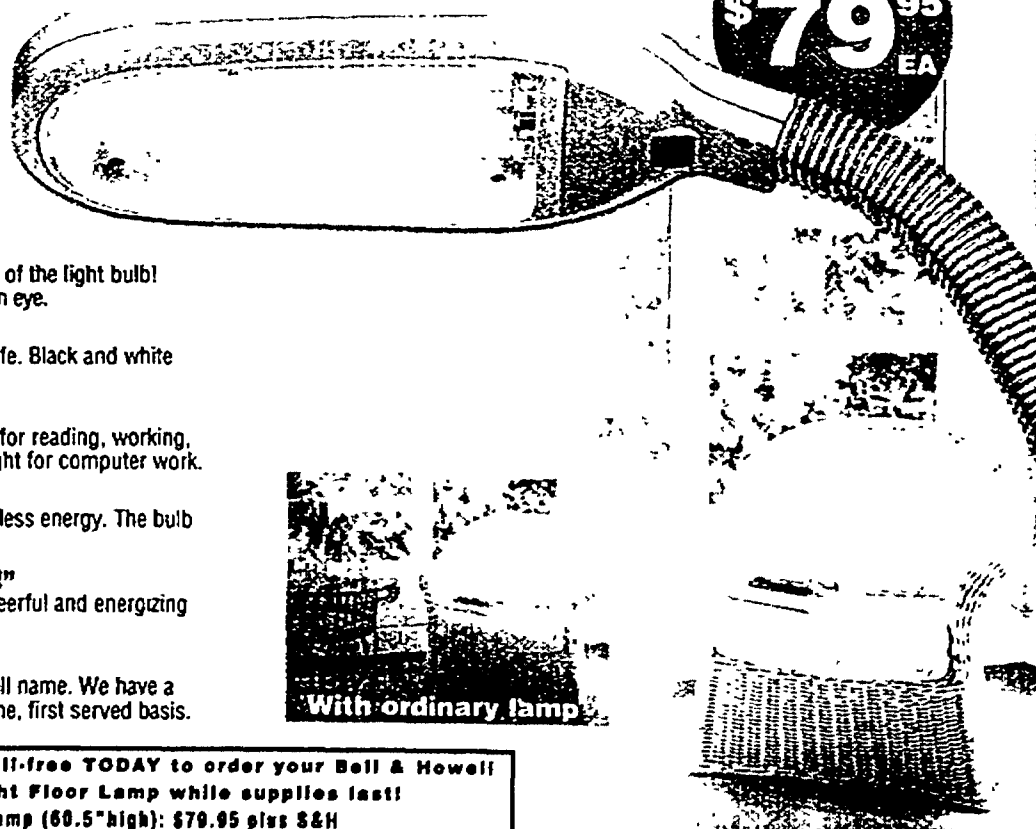
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RECIPE: Beef Pot Roast Italian



Photo: Adam Barnett
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Beef Pot Roast Italian

- 1 beef chuck pot roast (3-4 pounds)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 medium-size onions, sliced
- 1 beef bouillon cube
- 1 cup hot water

Cut beef into bite-size pieces and dredge in flour that has been seasoned with salt and pepper. Heat olive oil in a medium-size pot and brown the meat. Add onions and oregano. Dissolve bouillon cube in the hot water and pour half of the bouillon into the pot. Add the remainder as needed. Cover and simmer for 2 hours, or until tender. Serve over garlic-buttered noodles.

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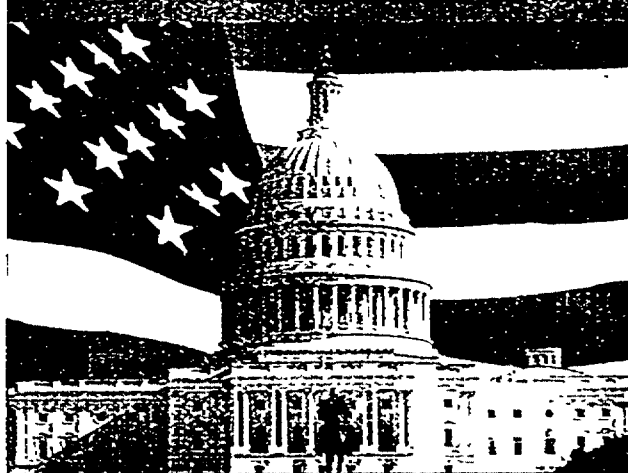
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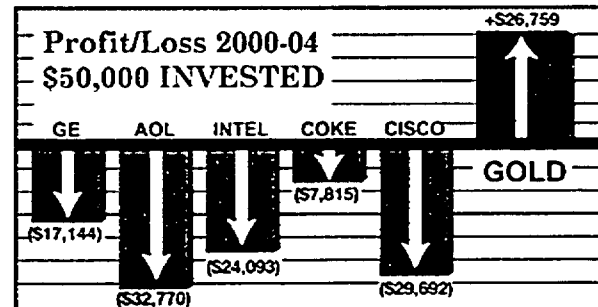
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