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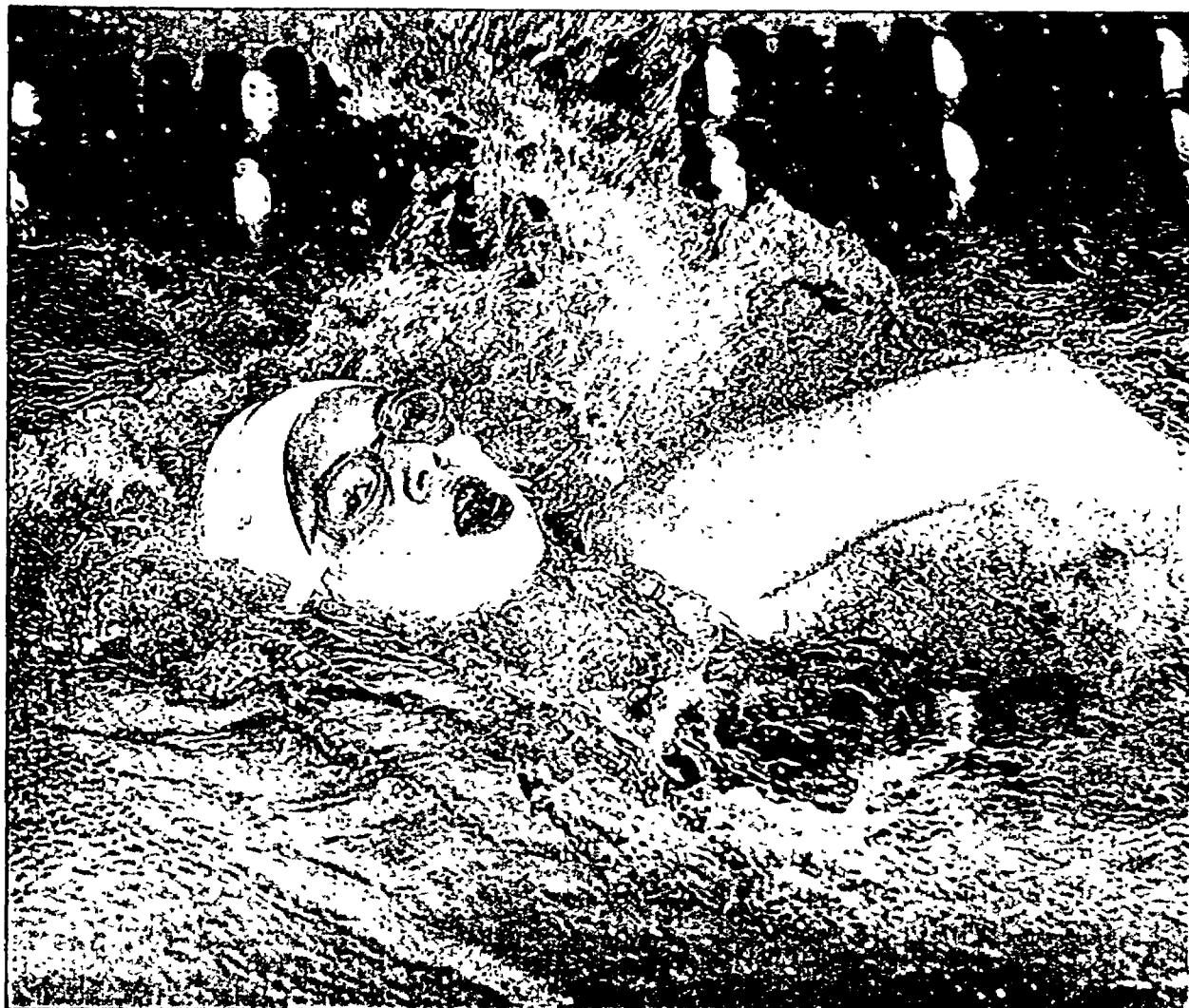
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Sixth grader Kayla Cannon was one of several Meads Mill Middle School students who competed against district rival Hillside last Friday during a dual meet held at Northville High School.

'Mid'-stream

■ Meads Mill, Hillside middle school swimmers soak in local rivalry

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

It's the matchup Brian Gotberg looks forward to each year. Meads Mill Middle School versus Hillside Middle School. In any sport.

"Whatever it is, it is always a big deal when Meads Mill plays Hillside," Gotberg said. "It's about bragging rights."

The Meads Mill eighth grader plays basketball and football and considers himself somewhat

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Brian Gotberg
Student, Meads Mill Middle School

of an expert on what he calls middle school rivalry. "It gets really loud," he said. "A lot more than any other game."

Gotberg cheered on class-

mates during the annual swim meet held Friday afternoon at Northville High School.

Members of the high school swim team helped out with the event, adding to the inter-district

camaraderie.

Gotberg said he likes it when high school students attend middle school competitions.

"It makes it seem more important when high school kids come," he said.

Meads Mill parent and swim team mother, Kathleen Keady, thought having all the kids together is a great idea, drawing needed attention to the sport.

"The boys and girls swim

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Postal carrier: 'I'm very sorry'

■ Northville postal worker faces federal mail theft charges

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Chuck Hack said he's sorry. The former Northville letter carrier was arrested Dec. 8 on charges of U.S. mail theft and now faces a Jan. 26 preliminary exam in U.S. District Court in Detroit.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

"I made a big mistake," Hack said. "I'm very remorseful."

"You can tell all my customers and my co-workers I'm very sorry."

Hack, a Taylor resident, is accused of stealing gift cards from mail intended for customers along his Northville route.

For six years, Hack, 40, worked a full-time swing shift at the Wing Street facility, filling in for five of 41 local carriers during their time off.

Now he is working the day shift at the Taylor Ram's Horn restaurant, awaiting his court date.

Northville Postmaster Tony Hubbard said he fielded a couple of calls about missing mail between September and November.

Hubbard said the discrepancies reported to the local branch and the Detroit-based U.S. Postal Inspection Service triggered the investigation last month. Postal officials set up a sting operation, allegedly catching Hack opening envelopes to steal cash and gift cards inside.

"It's an unfortunate incident," Hubbard said. "The system worked the way it should have. Discrepancies were reported. Authorities were alerted. And they conducted an investigation."

Hubbard said his 85-employee staff was concerned about the incident.

"There's going to be cases where sour apples come in," he

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Bond would help schools hold serve

■ District-wide improvements include Hillside tennis courts

Third of an ongoing series previewing the Feb. 28 public school bond election, totaling \$70.7 million.

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Jim Cracraft envisions Hillside students serving up match point.

The image the middle school principal grasps, however, requires functional tennis courts at the Center Street campus, an item covered by the Northville Public Schools

bond election next month.

"We don't have access to those courts, or only a portion of the courts that have been temporarily renovated," Cracraft said of the dilapidated facility the school has now.

"And the courts have deteriorated to such a state we can not even use them for our physical education classes."

On Feb. 28, community members will be asked to vote on two bond proposals:

- \$25.24 million to acquire land and construct a seventh elementary school; and
- \$45.43 million for changes to the district stadium, construction of a 20,494-square-foot

transportation facility, a \$17.3 million athletic field house, technology upgrades and improvements to all district buildings.

Cracraft's \$187,000 tennis and basketball courts are part of the \$45.43 million bond request.

"With replacing them, not only would it be a benefit to our physical education curriculum, it would also allow us a place for students to participate in recreation during a lunch program and would also be a benefit to the community as being another tennis court recreation area open to the city," he said.

Other tennis courts in the community listed

"I see a direct benefit to Northville and Novi kids by renovating the area."

Jim Cracraft
Principal, Hillside Middle School

by Northville Parks and Recreation include Northville High School and Fish Hatchery Park.

Northville Public Schools Assistant Superintendent For Administrative Services

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Move your ballots

■ Township approves precinct consolidation

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Joe Sattler doesn't want to spend another election night alone.

As 9th Precinct chair for more than two presidential elections, Sattler wants to see more people at

the polls marking ballots.

The 65-year-old Northville Township resident said it's about time community precincts, with only a handful of voters, were combined.

"It gets a little boring sitting there from morning to night when you don't have many voters," Sattler said.

About 2,600 registered voters were affected by consolidating 18 precincts into 15.

The goal: to save money and allow room for growth in the com-

munity.

"Initially, by cutting back and eliminating three precincts, which had only a few hundred voters, we



Northville Township Precinct Changes

FACTS:
• 18,523 registered voters as of Dec. 31, 2005.
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CHANGES:
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SOURCE: Northville Township

are saving about \$30,000 in equipment over a three year period."

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Mission: possible

■ Local missionary reaches out to Katrina victims

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Lauren Gunn-Boyar climbed through branches, looping a rope around a tree to be felled.

She kept an eye on the kids. And she helped sift through debris.

Small tasks have had a large impact on the young missionary's life.

Now the Northville High School graduate, with her mom Judy Gunn's help, wants to share her knowledge about the devastation Hurricane Katrina wrought.

When Gunn saw the haunting photo images her daughter brought home, the social worker came up with the fund-raising idea.

"It impressed me so deeply, I thought let's put them on a card," Gunn said. "Let's let people see what the conditions really are."

Proceeds from sales of Gunn-Boyar's portraits will go to the Mississippi people still in desperate need.

A hint of progress

The destruction was overwhelming.

"At first I felt 'Am I making a dent?'" Gunn-Boyar said.

Whether they tarped a roof, gutted a room or cut down a tree, contact with the storm victims helped convince her.

"Their spirits were so uplifted," she said. "People were in awe that people would drive that far and give their time, for nothing."

"The people down there felt loved when you gave anything."

Tuscan owner Will Hundley agreed to sell from his coffee counter the \$5 cards Gunn-Boyar and her mom created. He said he likes to support his close-knit crew of past and current employees.

"We always try to help out organizations trying to raise money, especially when it's for a good cause," Hundley said. "There's still a long way to go. It's just to remind people they still need help."

When Gunn-Boyar traveled to Mississippi two days after Christmas, she saw devastation.



Want to help?

Contact: Orchard Grove Community Church, 850 Ladd Road Building C, Walled Lake, MI 48390. Or call Lauren Gunn-Boyar at (313) 407-7474.

news reports in her Northville home couldn't convey. She said friends and neighbors who generously responded after the hurricane hit in August would scarcely believe the conditions still.

"I was shocked," she said. "I don't think any pictures I had seen in the newspaper portrayed it. It was like a war zone. A third world country."

"I was just in awe of the need that was still there four months later."

Gunn-Boyar said she hopes the card sales will generate revenue to send south, and also awareness of the ongoing plight.

"We in America spend money so frivolously. Their need is so desperate."

In perspective

Two months ago, Gunn-Boyar, 24, was serving specialty coffee at the Tuscan Café downtown.

Pursuing her passions for travel and helping others, she had traveled to India and Russia. Then she accepted a full-time position as director of student missions for Orchard Grove Community Church in Walled Lake.

"I know she's a missionary at heart," Gunn said. "You would rather have your daughter teaching middle school in Livonia, but I've accepted that is what her passion is."

"I see that her heart drives her," Gunn-Boyar, who soon will begin nursing studies, will combine faith and healing ministries as her calling. The contrast of her work experiences drives her to share her new perspective.

One person impatiently demands



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville resident Judy Gunn is teaming up with daughter, Lauren Gunn-Boyar, to produce greeting cards with images of Hurricane Katrina devastation taken by Lauren during her recent missionary trip to the Gulf Coast. The pair hope to raise money with the card sales to benefit those still rebuilding their lives.

a just-so latte. Another person cries with gratitude that a lost certificate is recovered.

"Every day after the flood, this woman Rebecca has been back searching for any trinket she could find," Gunn-Boyar said. "I was just praying I would find one thing. I found her certificate for her master's in social work and gave it to her."

The pictures

Katrina's wake has been hard to forget.

Homes torn from their foundations, vehicles crushed by the structures that housed them, boats ripped from the water to rest near sidewalks.

"There was just destruction and stillness," she said.

Gunn-Boyar talked to a woman whose mom drowned in the storm's

rising flood waters. She was haunted by her decision not to evacuate as advised. Her mom's body was lodged under a fence for two weeks before they recovered her.

"We stood in a circle and said we're going to pray for you," she said.

The 14-member church team heard many stories about people lost in red tape between federal emergency agencies and insurance companies.

"I came back on fire from Mississippi," she said. "The insurance companies are not acting justly in many cases."

"People have paid their monthly check for years and many insurance companies are bailing."

"There's house after house just sitting there. There's people, in their minds, they just can't move on. Their houses can't move on."

In April, Gunn-Boyar will again drive all night, pay \$300 to sleep on

the same air mattress in a church that survived the storm.

While in Mississippi, Gunn-Boyar said the strangest sight was a woman jogging along the beach with headphones on.

"There was the stillness, like

after a war. There was still not a sign of life. Let alone normal life."

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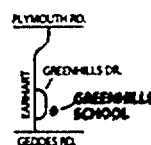
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Hillside Middle School principal Jim Cracraft surveys the school's tennis courts.

BOND: tennis courts among proposed repairs

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David Bolitho said three tennis courts are proposed for Hillside Middle School. The tennis facilities will be accompanied by a basketball court, he said.

Bolitho said all Hillside courts will be available for community use outside of school use hours.

"I see a direct benefit to Northville and Novi kids by renovating the area," Cracraft said.

According to bond documents, Hillside is scheduled for \$2.5 million in repairs.

All district schools will be remodeled if the \$45.43 million bond is approved. Both bonds sought by the district total \$70.7 million.

Northville Public Schools Director of Business and Finance John Street said the owner of a \$400,000 home would pay an additional \$180 per year, if the bond proposal passes.

"And the courts have deteriorated to such a state we can not even use them for our physical education classes."

Jim Cracraft
Principal, Hillside Middle School

A different take

In Ferndale, city manager Tom Barwin said his community recently went forward with refurbishing district tennis courts for school and community use with positive results.

"The benefits are, of course, we could resume competition for the school locally here for tennis and overall the community had a beautiful new facility at which to play tennis during the spring, summer and fall season," he said.

Barwin said eight tennis courts at Ferndale High

School were rebuilt nearly three years ago at a cost of \$240,000.

"The city applied for a grant which covered half, then the city and school district split the remaining half," Barwin said. "We were compelled to help because we had replaced a lot of our tennis courts in our city with roller blade, hockey rinks."

Barwin said tennis courts add value to a city by offering more opportunities for recreation and exercise.

District officials say school repairs needed soon

Voters will decide Feb. 28

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

David Bolitho makes it his business to know what district schools need. And when.

So naturally he was the chosen one to manage a list of remodels scheduled for all school buildings outlined in the district's bond election next month. Bolitho's reaction was predictable: No problem.

He said the projects outlined in the Feb. 28 bond documents are needed. And needed now.

"We're living now from bond issue to bond issue," Bolitho said. "The state really has impacted our operations."

Voters will ultimately decide if two bond proposals totaling \$70.7 million pass.

The Northville Public Schools \$45.43 million bond covers changes to the district stadium, construction of a transportation facility, athletic field house, technology upgrades and improvements to all district buildings.

Improvements for all district buildings near \$9.9 million and include projects ranging from a basketball court to ductwork.

The price tag includes technology upgrades.

According to bond documents, Meads Mill Middle School is scheduled for \$1.1 million in remodels.

Nearly \$100,000 of Meads Mill improvements will go

"It is one of those things pay me now or pay me later."

David Bolitho
Assistant Superintendent, Northville
Public Schools

toward replacing the school's gymnasium bleachers.

Original chalkboards at the school will be replaced with markerboards, along with a new stage sound system, curtain and rigging.

Exterior and classroom communicating doors will be replaced, if approved, along with new window treatments.

According to bond documents, new window treatments, casework and markerboards made the list for most of the district's schools.

Officials said white magnetic markerboards will replace originally installed chalkboards at the older schools, including vintage styles at Winchester and Amerman dating back to the 1950s.

"They are very tired," Bolitho said.

Bolitho said Hillside Middle School duct board must also be replaced.

"First of all, it is not acceptable by code for schools," he said.

Bolitho said it allows for

Proposed elementary school remodels

Amerman: \$1,261,054.

New bulletin boards, gymnasium walls, crash mats, bike racks and stage curtain and rigging make the list for Amerman Elementary School.

Moraine: \$1,133,208.

Replacement of existing gypsum board walls makes the bond list. The existing partition walls will not support wall-mounted cabinets for proposed teacher storage.

Ridge Wood: \$345,899.

School officials said completing the Ridge Wood playground is a need for the Six Mile Road elementary school.

Officials said when Ridge Wood was constructed, the entire playground did not go in because the district could not afford completion.

Silver Springs: \$1,316,871.

Replacing existing plumbing fixtures, ceiling tile and Gypsum board walls is on the list for Silver Springs Elementary School.

New asphalt sidewalks and an additional fire hydrant required by Northville Township are also on the list.

very little heat in the education areas.

"It is one of those things pay me now or pay me later," he said.

Broken doors also make the Hillside list.

"Every day the custodian has to go around and shoulder it to make sure the door can be opened," Bolitho said.

On tap for Moraine, Silver Springs and Winchester elementary schools: replacement of the front doors with a lighter material so kindergartners can open and close as they enter and exit the building.

School officials said the suggested front doors will be similar to Ridge Wood Elementary School.

Moraine Elementary School will also receive new parking lot lighting.

"The existing light has been hit with a snow plow and parents hit it all the time," Bolitho said. "Right now it is leaning."

Voters will also see a \$25.24 million bond on the ballot to acquire land and construct a seventh elementary school.

Northville Public Schools Director of Business and Finance John Street said the owner of a \$400,000 home would pay an additional \$180 per year, if both bond proposals pass.

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Thornton Creek: \$795,963.

The school built in 1993 will get new stage lighting and sound systems; stage/gym moveable partitions; and stage ceiling tiles along with new main office work stations.

Resurfacing the deteriorated areas of the parking lot are also on the list.

And the path that goes to nowhere? Not any longer.

If voters approve the 2006 \$45.43 million bond, the bike path will be extended to the southwest easement, offering access to the neighboring subdivision.

Winchester: \$1,452,710.

Replacement of ceiling tiles, media center circulation desk and new plumbing make the list for Winchester Elementary School.

Bolitho said a key element and needed aspect of the Winchester proposal is an iron fence at the playground area. A proposed measure aimed at securing the school's children.

Winchester will also receive a new front walk and expanded curb drop-off area and fire hydrant per Northville Township.

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Dean and Sandy Selle of South Lyon, formerly of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Grace Selle to Christian A. Wilts, son of Jean and Gary Wilts of South Lyon.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology. She is currently employed at EPA, Ann Arbor, as the Wellness and Fitness Director.

The groom-elect is a 1990 graduate of Romeo High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science. He is currently employed at The Industrial Athlete, Hamtramck, as the Regional Fitness Director.

A September 2006 wedding is planned.



Glan-Campeau

David and Kathleen Gian of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Gian to Joshua Ryan Campeau, son of Cliff and Connie Campeau of Maidstone, Ontario.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School. She graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 2003 with a bachelor of arts degree in English, American history and a teaching certificate. She is currently employed as an English literature and journalism teacher at Berkley High School. She is also the yearbook and newspaper advisor at Berkley High School.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Belle River District High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Windsor with a degree in Electrical Engineering and Math. He is currently employed at FEV Test Systems as a Controls Engineer.

A June 2006 wedding is planned.

New plan expected for Seven Mile Road property

By March, officials expect new proposal for former hospital site

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ron Childers wants to know what the future holds for the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property.

After spending 10 years driving past the site on his way to work in Plymouth, the 49-year-old Northville Township resident said he'll be in the front row when plans for the 414-acre along Seven Mile Road finally come in front of the board of trustees.

"That property is the biggest eyesore in this community," Childers said. "Broken windows, overgrown grass and rundown buildings are what people visiting this township see."

"That property is the biggest eyesore in this community."

Ron Childers
Resident, Northville Township

Childers' wish may be granted as township officials expect to see plans from Bloomfield Hills-developer Real Estate Interest Group, Inc. and Southfield-based Schostak Brothers as early as March or April.

"The developers are currently putting their plans together and will be meeting with our planning consultants in the next couple of weeks," said township clerk Sue Hillebrand. "The more details and ideas we can give them, the better idea they have of what the community wants."

Hillebrand, along with members of the Seven Mile property subcommittee, including township supervisor Mark Abbo and trustee Marjorie Banner, met with Real Estate Interest Group, Inc. and Schostak Brothers last week to discuss plans.

Property future

"We're not exactly sure what they will come to our planning consultants with yet," Hillebrand said. "After talking about concepts, we do know plans are going to be very different than the previous Belmont Park idea."

"Belmont Park plan was too dense. There wasn't enough open space, and there was not enough preservation of natural woodlands and features."

Hillebrand said the subcommittee has had several meetings in the past few months with Real Estate Interest Group, Inc. and Schostak Brothers.

"We've talked about woodlands, pathways and a school," she said.

Abbo said a much anticipated elementary school site has not been ruled out.

"Nothing has been set in stone, but they have specified they will provide an elementary school and areas for open space," Hillebrand said.

Abbo said there has been plenty of discussion, but nothing he felt needed to be voted on yet.

"Everything is moving in the right direction," Abbo said. "We haven't seen specifics or details, but whenever we're communicating, that's a good thing."

Developers from Real Estate Interest Group, Inc. and Schostak Brothers declined to comment on property plans.

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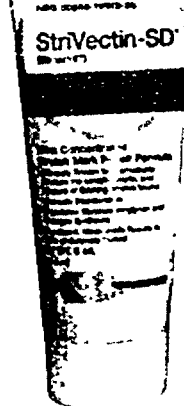
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POLICE BRIEFS

Weekend break-in

A 25-year-old woman reported to Northville police someone broke into her upper flat in the 100 block of Rayson Street this weekend.

Someone entered through the unlocked door late Saturday night or early Sunday morning when the occupant was gone, according to police reports. The lower flat is unoccupied.

The woman told police electronic equipment and a liquor bottle in the freezer were taken. Officers are waiting for a complete list of items missing.

Officers dusted for prints and talked to neighbors, the report said.

Gnome crash

A Cold Spring Drive resident called Northville police about 11 p.m. Friday after hearing a loud crash in his back yard.

The 44-year-old man showed officers a broken \$20 ceramic gnome moved from its usual place on the patio ledge, the report said. When the man heard the crash from this upstairs bedroom, he checked for intruders, but saw none. The case is closed.

Two too many

A 21-year-old Northville woman is expected in 35th District Court today on charges of drunk driving and refusing a Breathalyzer test.

Northville police arrested the driver of a white Oldsmobile about 2:30 a.m. Jan. 11 after watching her drift in her Griswold Street lane, according to reports. The

woman told police she drank two beers.

Officers arrested the driver after she failed six times to comply with the Breathalyzer test. Her passengers were given a ride home and she was transported to the Northville Township police station.

At the station, her Breathalyzer test showed a .18 blood alcohol content, the report said. She was jailed and later posted bond.

Domestic violence

A 31-year-old Northville Township woman called police after her husband allegedly shoved her. According to reports, the woman said they were arguing about a telephone number her husband had for several months. Police photographed red marks on the woman's shoulders. Her husband denied pushing her, according to police. Police arrested the man for domestic violence. The Wayne County Prosecutors office denied a warrant to charge the man. The case is closed.

Missing person

A 36-year-old Northville Township woman called police after she believed her husband was missing. According to reports, the woman said her family had just moved to the area and her husband was under a lot of stress. She said she had not spoken with her husband in several hours and it wasn't like him not to contact her. Police informed area departments about the missing person. He was located later that day at a hotel in Warren. The case is closed.

Unpleasant surprise

A 27-year-old Northville Township woman called police after she found dog feces in a plastic bag in her mailbox. According to reports, a letter reading, "the phantom of the skeleton key will hunt you down," accompanied the bag. Police said the letter appeared to be written by a minor. Police have no suspects, and the case is closed.

Missing bag

A 41-year-old Redford Township woman called police after she noticed a Target shopping bag and money missing from her car in front of Chicago Uno Grill on Haggerty Road. According to reports, the woman had not locked her car. Police have no witnesses, and the case is closed.

Unlocked cars

A 23-year-old Northville woman called police after finding her boyfriend's truck broken into in front of her home off of Six Mile Road. According to police, an Alpine radio and compact disc player were stolen. Police spoke with a female witness who noticed an unknown suspect going from car to car checking door handles. The witness told police the suspect fled into the woods when spotted. The case is closed.

Shoplifting

A 37-year-old South Lyon woman was arrested for stealing groceries from Hiller's Market on Haggerty Road. Loss prevention

officials told police they watched the woman fill several bags with merchandise and attempt to exit the store without paying. The woman told police she would pay for the groceries. She was cited for larceny and given a Jan. 24 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Verbal abuse

A 49-year-old Northville Township woman called police after her son began verbally abusing her and shoving her. According to reports, the 15-year-old boy was upset he couldn't find the keys to his father's car. The woman told police her son threw juice at her, smashed the glass and threw a lamp. The boy was taken to the police department and picked up by his father. The case is closed.

Busted

Police arrested a 42-year-old River Rouge man after he allegedly tried to steal a television from Meijer on Haggerty Road. According to loss prevention officials, the man placed the television in his cart and walked past cashiers without offering payment. Once arrested, the man began complaining of stomach pains. Police found the man's vitals to be normal. He was cited for larceny and obstructing police. He was given a Jan. 24 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH LUCILE FAIRCHILD

Lucile died Jan. 1 at Huron Valley Hospital. She was 81. Mrs. Fairchild was born November 15, 1924 in Savannah, Georgia to the late Everett Stewart Peterson and Bessie Lee Rustin. She was a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution through the Quakertown Chapter of Farmington, MI, where she served as Regent 1981-1983, held various chapter chairmanships, and served as State Chairman NSDAR Centennial Jubilee 1983-1984. She transferred to Three Flags Chapter of Lathrup Village in 1996, where she served as insignia chairman 1997-2005, and Chapter Librarian 2002-2005. Mrs. Fairchild was the beloved wife of the late Don P. Fairchild, Sr. Dear mother of Cheri (Zack) MacLean, Vicki (Dennis) Wojdyla, and Don P. (Anne) Fairchild, Jr. Loving grandmother of Stewart, Tiffany, Christina and Andrew MacLean, Paul and Charles Wojdyla, and Jason and Breanne Fairchild. The funeral service was held Jan. 5 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt officiated the service. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West of Garden City. Funeral arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.

OBITUARY POLICY

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*Deadline for obituaries is Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for publication in Thursday's newspaper.

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*Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

ARREST: Northville postal worker faces federal charges

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said. "It's put a dark cloud over their work experience."

"They'll follow through with their job of delivering the mail timely and efficiently."

Fred VanDePutte, postal inspec-

tor in the Detroit office, said mail theft is a rare occurrence among the 700,000 U.S.P.S. workers nationwide.

"The percentage of people who get in trouble for this kind of thing is less than one-tenth of 1 percent," he said. "We want to maintain the

public's trust.

"That's why our reason for reacting quickly and aggressively."

VanDePutte said he was not aware of similar incidents in Northville.

Roy Bloxson, a 28-year postal carrier, said he never heard of any-

thing like this in Northville either.

"You know the guy, he's a nice guy," he said. "You're shocked to hear someone tries to get away with something like that."

"It shocked everybody. The post office is very strict on policy."

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or via e-mail at mjohnston@gannett.com.

District will host public bond meetings

Northville Public Schools is hosting two community Town Hall Meetings, offering voters an opportunity to learn more about the district's bond proposals totalling \$70.7 million.

Board of education members and school officials will share detailed information about both proposals at the meetings as well as answer questions and address concerns.

The dates, times and locations for the Town Hall Meetings are:

• 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 at Hillside Middle School, 775 N. Center St.

• 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 at Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road

An in-depth look at the proposal is also available on the district's Web site by visiting www.northville.k12.mi.us.

By clicking on the "Bond 2006 Election Information" icon, voters may view explanation of bond projects, virtual tours, cost data and frequently asked questions.

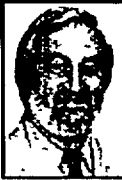
OFFICE HOURS

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox will hold office hours 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 South Main Street, Plymouth. Cox will meet with constituents in the library's Waldorf Room.

"This will be a great opportunity to interact with local residents and share information about county projects and programs and also find out what issues are important to them," Commissioner Cox said.

Commissioner Cox represents the City of Northville, Northville Township, Livonia, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

For more information, contact Carrie Ryckman in Commissioner's Office, (313) 224-0946.



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BALLOTS: some voters face precinct changes

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said township clerk Sue Hillebrand. "We're also going to save \$2,400 per election for staffing costs."

Hillebrand said her plan went before fellow board members last month and it was a unanimous decision to consolidate the precincts.

"We had several precincts with only 600 voters," she said. "The state allows communities to have no more than 2,999 voters assigned to a precinct."

"Our philosophy was to keep precincts at about 1,000, but we haven't been able to keep them there due to new construction."

She said by combining precincts, she would be able to meet her planned 1,000 voters per precinct.

"This allows room for future growth in Northville Township," Hillebrand said. "At the rate we were going, with 18 assigned precincts, I was running out of schools."

Dollars saved

"By saving on equipment and staff, my budget will lower," she said, "and I'll be able to do more for the community."

Northville township had 18,523 registered voters as of Dec. 31.

"If I went strictly by the state formula, I could consolidate down to seven precincts," Hillebrand said. "That could save even more money, but from a geographical standpoint, it would be difficult."

Hillebrand said one of her main objectives is to concentrate on voter turnout.

"Long lines definitely discourage voters from coming to the polls," she said. "We don't want that."

Hillebrand said her goal is to save the residents tax dollars.

"How can I run this office, meet the citizens needs and do it in the most efficient economical way I can?"

Sue Hillebrand
Clerk, Northville Township

Finding your number

- Precinct 14 will be combined with precinct 9 at Silver Springs Elementary School.
- Precinct 10 will be combined with precinct 6 at Winchester Elementary School.
- Precinct 16 will be combined with precinct 12 at Meads Mill Middle School
- Precinct 17 will be changed to precinct 14, while precinct 18 will be changed to precinct 10 at Ridge Wood Elementary School.

"Money for elections is already slotted in the township's budget," she said. "My vision here is everything I do, affects my pocket book too."

"How can I run this office, meet the citizens needs and do it in the most efficient economical way I can?"

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or at tmishler@gannett.com

TOWNSHIP BRIEFS

Township meeting

The board of trustees will meet 7:30 p.m. tonight at township hall.

Meeting

The Johnson Creek Protection group will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 23 at township hall.

Registering to vote

Residents have until Jan. 30 to register for the Northville School District election Feb. 28.

Stonefly hunt

Friends of the Rouge are looking for volunteers for the annual Winter Stonefly Search. The search will take place 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Rouge River. Stoneflies are aquatic insects used for detecting clean water. No prior experience is necessary. For more information, contact the Friends of the Rouge Public Involvement Program at (313) 792-9621.

Polar Bear Plunge

The Kiwanis Polar Bear Plunge will take place noon, Jan. 28 during the Northville Chamber of Commerce Fire and Ice Festival. Pre-plunge activities will include a pre-costume parade from the Water Wheel Health Club to the plunge site at 11:45 a.m. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and a post-plunge party will follow. For more information, contact John Miller at (248) 596-9193.

Taxes

Winter tax bills for 2005 were mailed out Dec. 1 and payment is due by 4:30 p.m. Feb. 14. Beginning Feb. 15 the township will be adding a 3 percent penalty until Feb. 28.

Beginning March 1, all delinquent real property must be paid to Wayne County.

To contribute an item for consideration in this column, e-mail tmishler@gannett.com.



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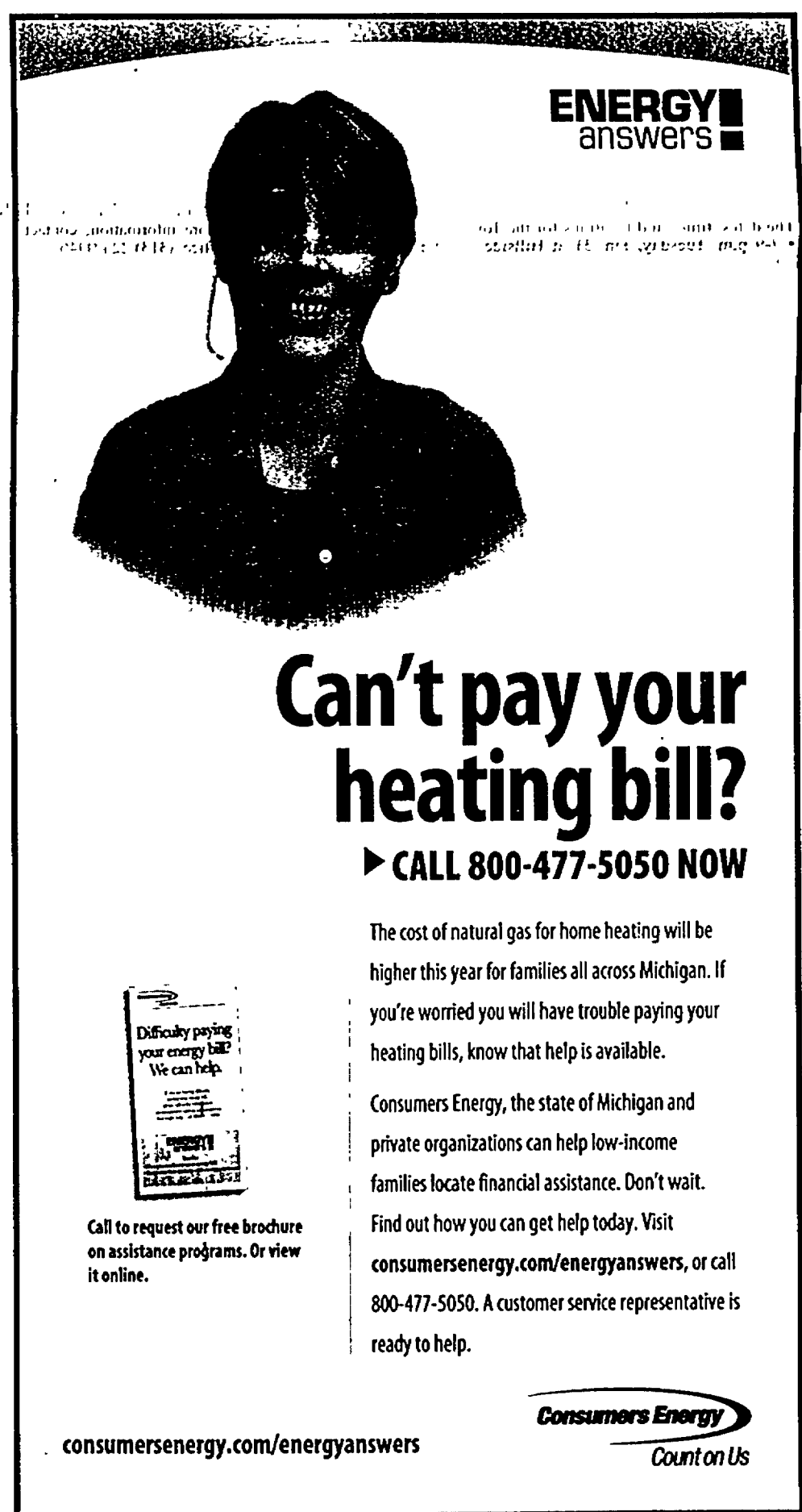
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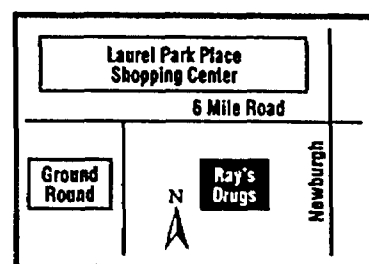
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Heat up: ready, set, bake

Fathers and sons team up for annual cake bake

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Adam Kwiecinski slipped a chunk of chocolate in his mouth when his dad wasn't looking.

The 10-year-old said he was just making sure the bumpers for his pool table tasted good before he glued them down.

Kwiecinski and his dad, Rob, of Northville Township, used the chocolate bumpers to construct their own sugary version of a pool table for Pack 903's annual Cub Scout Fella's Cake Bake, held Monday.

"It's fun baking, but I don't think I'd want to do it for a job," said the fifth grader from Winchester Elementary School. "It's fun getting to spend time with my dad like this."

More than 40 Cub Scouts from Pack 903 participated in this year's cake bake, and both Rob and Adam agreed all they wanted to do is place in the top 10.

"We've participated for the past four years," said Rob, 42. "It's phe-

"Instead of having the kids judge each others cakes, we've actually invited real judges to choose the top 10."

Rob Kwiecinski
Resident, Northville Township

nomenal to see what ideas people will come up with."

The event, a men's only cake baking contest, was judged by Winchester Principal Pat Messing and two secret judges.

"Instead of having the kids judge each others cakes," Rob said, "we've actually invited real judges to choose the top 10."

Cakes are scored base on five categories, including most realistic, most creative, most silly, most yummy and best Cub Scout theme. "We ended up taking second for

Cake bake winners

Most Silly:

First: Noah Vaitkevicius
Second: Daniel Brown

Most Creative:

First: Hayden Holshouser
Second: Adam Kwiecinski

the most creative," Rob said.

Ready to bake

Adam said his idea started off as a poker table, but slowly turned into a pool table.

"It sounded like a good idea and would be fun to make," he said.

With Hostess Ho Hos as the bumpers, a mixture of chocolate and vanilla cake mix as the table and colored fondant as the felt, pool balls, cue sticks and rack, Rob said their cake would be a master piece when completed.

"We've made some cakes that fell apart in the past," he said. "As long as it makes it through judging, that's all that matters."

This year, each Cub Scout was

Most Yummy Looking:

First: Brad VanHulle
Second: Mark Castellano

Most Realistic:

First: Chris Nicastro
Second: Daniel Nicastro

Best Cub Scout Theme

First: Noah Huggins
Second: Tyler Osterhoff

asked to donate no more than \$2 as a contest entry fee, with proceeds going toward Northville Township's Civic Concern on Seven Mile Road.

"I thought this was a good idea because it will help people on the streets," Adam said.

Although he's going to miss baking cakes with his dad next year, Adam said he was excited to move on to the Boy Scouts in the 6th grade.

"I really like the trips and

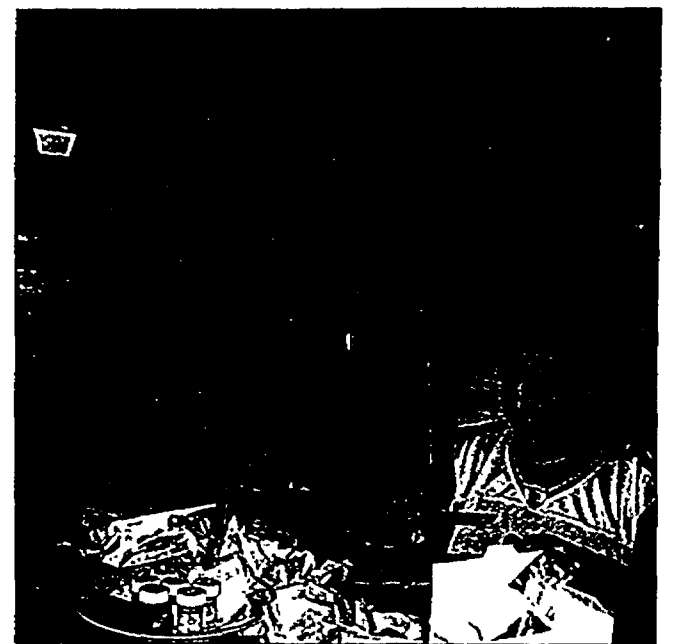


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Rob Kwiecinski helps his son, Adam, create a pool table cake for the annual "Fella's Cake Bake."

events," he said. "We also do a lot for the community and it's nice being able to help out."

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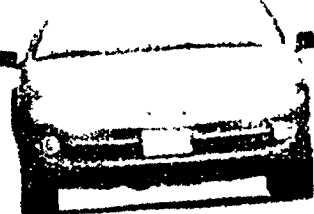
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Northville High School student Alandra Greenlee, in white, volunteered last Friday to keep time at the dual meet between Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools.

SWIM: Meads, Hillside face off at dual meet

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teams were conference winners this year," Keady said. "We have some really good swimmers right now and we want to keep feeding the interest."

Silver Springs Elementary School students Steven Collareno, Hank Blickey and Drew Kanya practiced rivalry spirit while having a good time at the swim meet. The trio of friends will go to Meads Mill next year.

"They're close teams and maybe close friends and

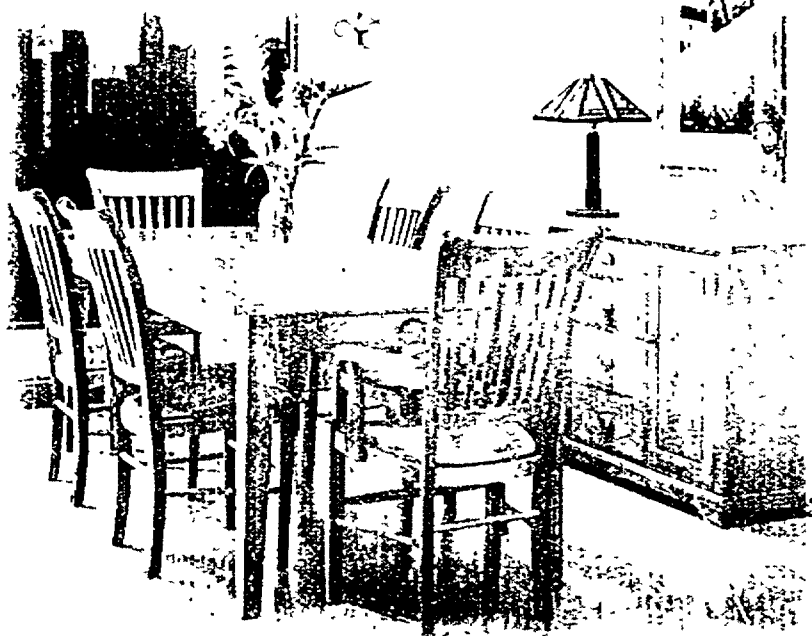
are having a lot of fun," Blickey said.

The boys said they have interest in swimming in the future.

This year, Gotberg lost his chance to brag. Assistant swim coach of Hillside & Meads Mill middle schools, Jennifer Lawson, said the final score was Hillside 115 to Meads 65.

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CLASS NOTES

Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24 at Silver Springs Elementary School, 19801 Silver Springs Dr. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Sock Hop

Amerman Elementary School is hosting its 50th Anniversary Sock Hop 6-9 p.m. Saturday in the gym. The school is located at 847 N. Center St. The Sock Hop will feature live oldies music by the Shawn Riley Band, raffles, contests, refreshments and fun. Admission is 50 cents and 50's attire is encouraged. For information, call Jennifer Prescott, (248) 349-2027.

Open Mic Nite

Performer Nathan Hrivnak will be the featured performer at The Art House 7 p.m. Saturday. The Art House is located at 215 Cady Street. Five open mic spots are still available on a first-to-sign-up basis beginning at 6:16 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Base Line Folk Society. For more information, call (248) 449-9950.

Internet Safety Seminar

St. Paul's Lutheran School, 201 Elm St., will be hosting a free seminar, "Eluding Internet Predators" presented by Kristen Miklusak. The seminar is 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26. For more information, call (248) 349-3146.

Scholarships

Co-op Services Credit Union seeks scholarship applicants among graduating seniors who will attend a college or technical school. Six scholarships, each honoring one of the credit union's pioneers, will be awarded in amounts of \$500 for one year and up to \$4,000 for four years. The deadline for submitting an application is Friday, Feb. 3. Scholarship applications and requirements are available at www.cscu.org or any branch location. Applicants must be Co-op Services Credit Union members.

Rings

Herff Jones Company will be at Northville High School, during seminar, Monday, Jan. 30, to discuss the student class ring ordering process. Information packets and order forms will be distributed. An informational parent meeting will be 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2. Orders will be taken Wednesday, Feb. 1-Friday, Feb. 3 in the cafeteria.

Early Childhood Openings

Kids' Creative Corner at Thornton Creek Elementary and Main Street locations has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds; Parent/Child at Main Street has openings for 1- and 2-year-olds; and Child Care at Main Street and Thornton Creek Elementary has openings for 2-5 year olds. For more information, call (248) 344-8465.

Senior All Night Party

The Northville High School senior class post-graduation, all-night party will take place 10 p.m.-4 a.m. Saturday, June 3 at the school, 45700 Six Mile Road.

• Tickets are \$70 each. Make your check payable to Northville Senior Class Party and include student's name and T-shirt size. Mail to Susan Margle, 21936 York Mills Circle, Novi, MI 48374 or place in the Senior All Night Party box in the school office.

• Donations of merchandise, services and/or cash are needed from local businesses and individuals and are tax deductible. The names of donors will be displayed at the party and published in the Northville Record. Contact Carol Grimmer, (248) 380-7244 or Linda Daul, (248) 349-9394.

• Volunteers are needed to work on decorations. Contact Chairwoman Vessa Fefopoulos at 248-347-4389 or e-mail her at Fefop@comcast.net. Drop-in 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at Northville Plaza, Seven Mile Road in the old Rite Aid location.

Graduation

The Northville High School Class of 2006 commencement ceremony will take place 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at Computare Sports Arena in Plymouth.

Books

The Early Childhood Center has something special for families of newborn children to welcome them into the learning community of Northville Public Schools. Contact the ECC Office at (248) 344-8465.

St. Paul's

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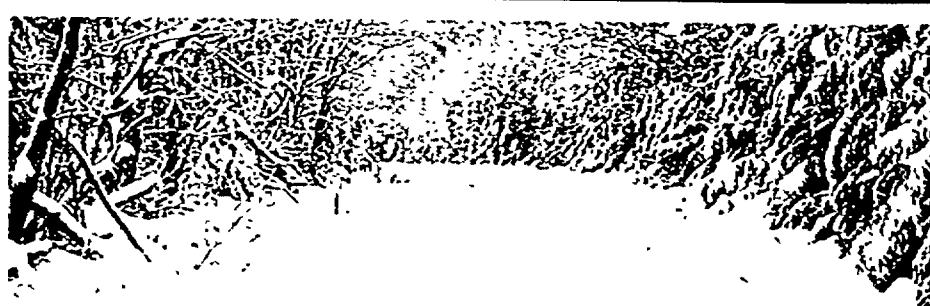
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Welcome to the 'WC'

■ High school writing center strives to make classmates stars

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Welcome to the smash hit: The WC.

Its location may not be Orange County, Calif. but the Northville High School writing center has just as much appeal.

The drop-in tutoring locale, doorways down from the cafeteria, is open for business during lunch time.

The idea: Visit the center for a 15-minute writing session, then nosh. Or nosh and then visit the center.

"I have to come at least once, or I'll get points off my grade," said student Emily Reichard.

The freshman visited the center for the first time last week, looking for help with a school paper.

"They helped me think of different words for my to-be verbs," Reichard said. "It helped my paper sound a lot better."

Returning to the center is something Reichard said will happen, only next time at her own urging. She said a sense of relief comes with getting a leg up.

Student tutor Laura DeFer

■ Debunking the myth

Here's one common WC Myth: tutors will do students' work for them. No way, said Kelly Lockman, Northville High School writing center tutor.

"We don't even hold a pen," she said.

The nine high school students running the walk-in writing center this semester make suggestions and teach classmates how they can become better writers. They don't think for the students or complete their assignments.

"The kids think we'll fix their papers, but we teach," said student tutor Laura DeFer.

Tutors said they can help students of any skill level and encourage them to visit. No appointment is needed.

"It's a nice friendly place," they said. "We'll make you a star."

"I think it is really worth while for them. It will help them through all their papers from now on."

Kelly Lockman

Student, Northville High School

said eliminating "to be" verbs is a popular request with the mostly ninth- and tenth- grade clientele.

Other popular requests include comma usage and content, she said.

"I think it is really worthwhile for them," said student tutor Kelly Lockman. "It will help them through all their papers from now on."

Lockman and eight other high school seniors were chosen out of about 30 applicants to run the center this semester.

Northville High School English teacher Rachel Besco said writing center tutors are

cream-of-the-crop seniors.

"These are our elite students," Besco said. "They are very independent thinkers. They are very driven."

DeFer said it is a common misconception center tutors have it made.

"It is not an easy class," she said.

Along with working in the writing center, tutors must complete an intensive final writing project, six reflection logs, two essays and receive three teaching technique evaluations while advising fellow classmates.

Tutors are also responsible for choosing a writing center theme

each semester and publicity.

Besco said the hard work pays off, and writing center benefits overflow from student tutors and participants to the English Department.

"It has been a really great resource for us," she said. "We see a big difference."

Serving as one of the center's supervisors, Besco said many of the department teachers encourage students to try it at least once.

She said with an increasing number of students and limited teachers, the center is an opportunity for one-on-one attention.

And at a time when state and

Tips for tackling essays and papers

- Begin by brainstorming topics, collecting information, taking notes and asking questions.
- Keep notes and sources organized while gathering information.
- When developing a topic, look for patterns and relationships.
- Try discussing ideas with classmates or teachers.
- Develop an outline to help stay on track while writing, identifying main points and conclusions.
- If a first topic or conclusion doesn't hold water, be open to changing it.
- Keep your audience in mind when writing.
- Get acquainted with the vocabulary of the paper subject.
- When done, take a break before proofreading.
- While proofreading, ask yourself: Is the writing clear? Did I avoid repetition?
- Other critical questions: Are all of my requirements fulfilled? Have I used proper grammar and spelling?
- Leave enough time to show a first paper draft to others.
- Read More. Reading influences writing and is a great way to conquer writers' block.
- Write More. This advice never gets old: practice makes perfect.

Source: www.collegeboard.com

national test scores show writing is a lacking discipline, one 15-minute session may offer progress toward the greater goal of improving the skill.

Besco said one ultimate goal of the center is to design a handbook used by the entire Northville High School English Department, centralizing a common method of teaching. Another step toward boosting writing skills through clarity and consistency of teaching methods.

Student tutor Jessica Reuter

said the work and responsibility is cumbersome, but worth the effort.

"I came freshman year, and I looked up to the tutors," she said. "Now I like to teach them."

"I'm really going to miss it. It is such a small group of girls and we really bonded."

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Safe surfing: Northville program discusses online child safety

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Bryan Peterson isn't afraid of strangers stopping and asking if he'd like a piece of candy.

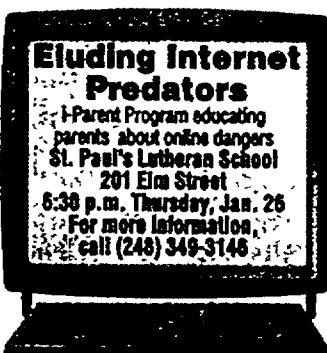
The Silver Springs Elementary School student is afraid of those on the end of an Internet cable.

"My brother plays on the computer and the men are bad," Peterson said during a stranger danger assembly at the school. "The other people on the computer are really bad."

Monitoring computer use, and the Internet connections made, is a large concern with Northville parents.

During a December Northville High School parent forum, Internet Safety was a recurring topic.

Enough so, Northville High School PTSA member Mary Jo Ring is working on scheduling a parent forum solely on the topic this Spring.



Ring said she is still working on securing a speaker for the May event.

But parents may learn more on the topic next week when St. Paul's Lutheran School in downtown Northville hosts "Eluding Internet Predators," an i-Parent Program educating parents about the dangers lurking online.

"Our hope in hosting this Internet safety event is to give guidance to parents in our community in protecting their children when they are using the Internet," said Carl Hall, St. Paul Lutheran School principal.

Kristen Mikulasak will be presenting the program from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26 in the school gymnasium located behind Hiller's Market.

Mikulasak is part of a national awareness campaign coordinated by i-SAFE, a non-profit, government-funded, Internet safety foundation teaching children how to

surf the Web safely.

"As wonderful as the Internet can be, it comes with many unforeseen dangers to the average user," Mikulasak said.

According to a recent survey conducted by i-SAFE, 40 percent of children do not discuss Internet safety with their parents. And the same number say if their parents knew where they were online or who they chatted with, the "would have concerns."

Organizers of the St. Paul's Lutheran School event said child safety, Internet basics, protection of intellectual property rights, piracy issues, hackers and identity theft will be covered at the workshop.

"This opportunity is free to the public and strongly encouraged for any member of the community who is interested in keeping their child safe on the Internet," Mikulasak said.

"This is considered a parent education night, but is open to any care-giver, grandparent or an adult who would like to be informed of the dangers and etiquette you must know to be a responsible cyber citizen."

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"As wonderful as the Internet can be, it comes with many unforeseen dangers to the average user."

Kristen Mikulasak
Speaker, i-SAFE

Internet sex

1 in 5 children younger than 17 have been propositioned for sex online, and 1 in 33 have received an aggressive solicitation to meet their "cyber friend" somewhere in person.

Source: i-SAFE America

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Kiwanis host first-ever Polar Bear Plunge fund-raiser

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Thelma Kubitsky will go in as a mermaid.

On Jan. 28, the Kiwanis Club member and another 20 volunteers will brave icy-cold Rouge River water as part of the inaugural Polar Bear Plunge.

"It's a little nerve-racking," Kubitsky said. "I'm always cold as it is."

"But some of our special bowlers will be there to cheer us on. That's worth it. It's for a good cause."

The early bird and evening Northville Kiwanis clubs are hosting the bone-chilling event to raise money for their local and regional charities, said organizer John Miller, who still is deciding on a costume for his big splash.

For a \$50 entry fee, there still is room for more plungers, Miller said. He and his wife Michelle, have collected pledges and sponsors to help cash in for the cause.

Brave hearts

Miller has taken neck-high wintertime plunges into the Detroit River to raise money for Toys for Tots. So, he knows what he's in for. He said he's up to the shallower dip behind the Water Wheel Health Club.

"It's a shock," Miller said. "It motivates you to move quickly to get out."

"The biggest thing is the fear. People have to get over the fear."

Kiwanis members will have arms outstretched, ready to pull people up from the pond, Miller said. Covered with a blanket, they'll be able to dash into the

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club for a warm-up shower.

"The idea is not to freeze people," Miller said. "The idea is to raise money for Kiwanis."

Cabin fever

The Polar Bear Plunge coincides with the Northville Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Fire and Ice festival, which includes a chili cook-off, salsa competition, ice carving demonstrations and sculptures sponsored by local merchants throughout downtown.

Miller said this is a perfect time to introduce an event that will bring people outdoors to shake mid-winter doldrums.

Local business owner John Genitti will emcee the event, Miller said.

The costume parade preceding the plunge is part of the fun, he said. Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson, Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo and Water Wheel Health Club owner Chris Klebba will act as costume judges.

Northville Fire Department rescue personnel will be on-site, he said.

Reason for freezin'

"As a first-year event, Miller set a \$5,000 fund-raising goal, hoping for 100 participants. So far, about 20 have registered, although individual pledges and corporate sponsors have helped the cash flow.

All proceeds will go to the two



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville Kiwanis and Rotary members will be challenging each other by plunging into the frigid waters behind the Water Wheel, rear, during the upcoming "Fire and Ice" Festival. From left: John Miller, Marlene Kunz, Thelma Kubitsky, L.T. Sylvestre (as a polar bear), Michelle Miller, Norm Kubitsky, Don Jones and Krls Wilson.

Kiwanis' club's local charities, Miller said. No money will go to national administrative overhead.

In addition to recreational league special bowlers, the clubs assist Northville Civic Concern, Salvation Army and Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Their activities include manning the red kettles, shopping for holi-

day meals and bowling twice monthly.

Post-plunge

Following the cold dips and hot showers, participants, spectators and sponsors will attend a party in the Main Street Water Wheel Health Club.

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The Board of Trustees will meet on the third Thursday of the month for the 2006 calendar year. All meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise posted, and will take place at the Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road (SW corner of Six Mile & Sheldon Roads). The public is welcome and invited to attend all regular monthly meetings listed below:

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March 16	April 20
May 18	June 15
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The following is a summary of ballot propositions on the ballot:
I. Northville Public Schools Bond proposition \$25,235,000 for a new elementary school; educational technology improvements; land acquisition; playground and site development.
II. Northville Public Schools Bond proposition \$45,430,000 for remodeling existing buildings; a field house addition; a new transportation facility; school buses and technology improvements; and developing and improving playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities and sites.

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 502 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, 248-349-3400.
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 - At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State during normal business hours.

Online
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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk
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Note: Persons who register to vote by mail are required to vote the first time in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City of Novi or are at least 60 years of age or are physically unable to attend the polls.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS,
CITY CLERK

(1-19-06 NN, NR 262362)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FY 2006-2007 PROJECTS

On Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville conducted a public hearing and at their regularly scheduled meeting on this date, approved the following projects for FY 2006-2007 CDBG Funds, with the estimate that \$103,000 will be awarded:

\$32,400 Public Services

These funds will be used for on-going Senior Citizen programs, such as, but not limited to: transportation services, tele-care, newsletter and program coordinator.

\$10,300 Comprehensive Planning

The Comprehensive Planning issues to be addressed are sub-area master plans for parks, ordinance revision and other planning issues.

\$50,000 ADA Accessible Bus for Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens Center is in need of a new ADA accessible bus for their transportation needs. This bus would replace one that was purchased in 1993 and has rising maintenance costs.

\$10,300 Administration

The final Statement has been prepared and is available to the public at the Northville Township Civic Center, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168-9670

SUE A. HILLEBRAND
CLERK

(1-19-06 NR 262667)

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of the Northville Public School District, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, to vote on the following:

I. Northville Public Schools Bond proposition \$25,235,000 for a new elementary school; educational technology improvements; land acquisition; playground and site development.

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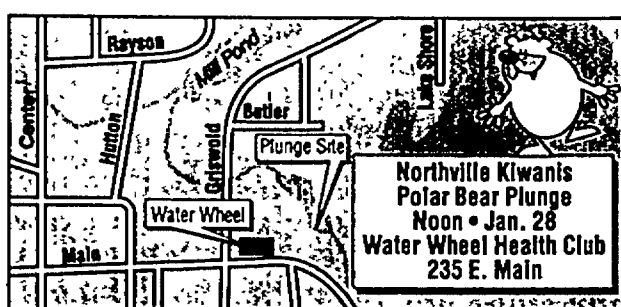
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THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006, IS MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or county or township clerk's office. The Northville township office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

This Notice is given by order of the Election Coordinator,
(1-19-06 NR 262110) SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK



Local restaurants are providing refreshments. Judges will announce the costume contest winner.

Miller said he hopes people will attend the event to cheer on the brave contestants.

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the start of a new Northville tradition."

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Shared service: shared cost

Tuesday night the Northville City Council voted to explore the possibility of a shared service millage. Northville Township has been funding parks and recreation, senior services and youth assistance programs this way for many years. In fact, expiration of the township millage at the year's end prompted the timing of the city's discussion.

Residents of the two communities would pay for the same services the same way.

Before the discussion gets sidetracked by finger pointing at park cost overruns, the pay-to-play principle and population comparisons, it is important to look at the content of the proposal. Increasingly strained municipal budgets and a desire for a stable funding source are at the

root of establishing a dedicated funding mechanism. By putting a millage to a public vote, residents would say whether these services are valued.

While active programs can produce per-participant revenues, passive park opportunities, like bike paths and walking trails, cannot. Equally important to note, the senior and youth assistance programs depend on tax dollars to exist. They're less-expensive, less-visible aspects of the city and township's joint offerings a millage also would impact.

So, if you participate in a focus group or the telephone survey local officials set in motion with their vote, keep in mind all the shared services at stake: Mentors for teens, a place to play pinocle and a path to run.

What's your dream?



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Roosevelt Johnson speaks to a Meads Mill Middle School assembly about the life and lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "Everything you think in your mind and believe in your heart, you can make happen in your life".

Northville's future worth talking about

Chip Snider would like to keep Northville off the cover of Newsweek.

Not that a little national ink, the mother's milk of national politics, would be bad. But the township manager knows what happens next: the secret gets out.

And all you can do from there is fail to live up to everyone's expectations.

Snider's dad still has the Newsweek cover his son privately dreads, the one touting a non-descript western Wayne County community as "the nation's No. 1 community headed for the future."

The community was Livonia, circa 1960. Back then, the future was bright in the next great place to live, where slices of the American dream were served efficiently in equal portions of green neighborhoods, reliable public services and financial stability.

Then the secret got out and Livonia, like it or not, was forced to grow up. Infrastructure began infrastructure. Population shifts pointed west, gathered speed. Everyone jumped aboard.

Now Livonia is built out. Infrastructure has aged. Roads are cramped. And the once-prized Newsweek cover is a yellow, earmarked memory stuffed into someone's basement drawer.

Snider is hoping Northville can learn a lesson from that. He knows no community can insulate itself from time. But he thinks Northville's future is most secure when caring people talk candidly about available opportunities, even if those doing the talking openly disagree.

Snider knows a tax base so heavily reliant on residential growth will wither one day when the building boom subsides. And it will.

He believes efficiencies can be realized by combining certain public services, such as the public safety dispatch agreement forged last year with the City of Northville. Public water is a con-

cern, mostly because it's delivered by an outside entity.

And lest anyone forget, 414 acres along Seven Mile Road, the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital, could be Northville's last bridge between its past and its future. Will it be developed into a densely populated residential community which puts further strain on an already bursting-at-the-seams school district?

Or will it be developed into a commercial-retail center that turns downtown into a cliché?

Snider knows everyone has an ox to gore.

"I think all these things should be discussed," he said, referring to a Jan. 26 Quad Meeting where township, city, public school and Northville Chamber of Commerce officials will talk openly about Northville's future. Residents are welcome.

It's not the first time a meeting like this has been held. The last one was two years ago, Snider said. Since then, about 85 percent of the goals taken from that meeting have been implemented by the township. Others, like township pathways, remain part of a long-term strategic plan.

The main goal is to keep interested parties talking, get everyone on the same planning page and turn words and good intentions into action. There's little choice, because the clock never stops ticking.

Northville's build-out is eight-10 years away. "This affects everybody," Snider said. "I would like to find out how members of the community feel about working with others on a regional basis."

He's talking about sharing the sandbox — the good and the bad — in order to ensure Northville's strongest possible future. For some, that will require concession; others will have to step up, and may be pay more.

But talking is one thing. Getting things done

■ Quad Meeting

What: Roundtable discussion moderated by township supervisor Mark Abbo
Represented: Northville Township, City of Northville, Northville Chamber of Commerce and Northville Public Schools
Goal: Talk openly about Northville's future, potential partnerships, regional planning opportunities, diversifying Northville's tax base, promoting and attracting new business.

When: Thursday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m.

Where: Community Room, Northville Township Hall

Public: Welcome

requires political resolve from elected officials who care less about preening for the camera and more about making well-informed decisions.

"Why are we so worried about barriers?" Snider said, leaving open the door to partnerships with the city, as well as nearby Livonia and Plymouth. "We've got to a better job of breaking down barriers between our communities."

Snider knows it takes much more than historical charm to ensure a community's best options. It takes savvy and tact, planning and acumen.

And it takes a community willing to stand up and put self-interest aside, because when corporate wolves come knocking, with their own vision of what Northville should become, they seldom ask nicely. And on the rare occasion they ask twice, it's typically while standing before a circuit court judge.

"We can't afford to get stale here," Snider said. "This is an opportunity for the community to talk to their community leaders about the future."

And it's yet another opportunity for Northville to learn some tough lessons from the past.

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David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

City: Time to get in the front row

There's a lot going on in the City of Northville right now. If you want to be at the center of the decision-making, check out the following meetings:

• Jan. 23: City Council discusses goals and objectives, 7 p.m., council chambers.

• Jan. 25: Joint planning session regarding the city's strategic plan attended by representatives of the city council, merchant association, library board, parks and recreation department, chamber of commerce, and planning and historic dis-

trict commissions, 6 p.m., council chambers.

• Jan. 26: Beal Street Bridge informational meeting, 7 p.m., council chambers.

• Feb. 22 (tentative date): Public forum for discussion of the downtown strategic plan, including parking needs. Date and location to be determined.

With weighty decisions ahead for city residents on next year's budget, a shared services millage proposal and downtown's plan for the future, well-informed means well-prepared.

Township: Dispatch decisions await

Northville Township has not been ruled out, but the city of Plymouth wants to look at all options before deciding whether to come on board with township dispatch. Although the decision was to be made by Dec. 31, Plymouth decided to extend its contract with Plymouth Township until

2007. Northville Township has nothing to lose as it already has a joint dispatch unit with the city of Northville. But what's one more community? It seems Northville will just sit back and wait, but will it do this with every community that wants to share dispatch services?

Schools: Petition deadline Feb. 7

The time is now for district residents wanting to produce change with Northville Public Schools. The deadline to run for one of two available seats on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7. Interested candidates must file petitions at the Northville

Township clerk's office or pay a \$100 filing fee in lieu of collecting signatures. The seats of board president Karen Paciorek and vice president Kenneth Roth expire this year. The Northville Public Schools school board election will take place Tuesday, May 2.

School concerns

I am so dismayed at the recent bond proposals by our school board. I always thought that the safety of children was the top priority. However, with the proposal of a new elementary on the border of a landfill I realize that safety may be the least of their concern.

The proposed site is on Six Mile and Napier. Across the street stands a growing landfill. I'm sure the reader must recognize that, but does the school board? Landfills are unpleasant to look at but that's not my concern, nor is the odor they generate. It is the toxins they leach and pollute the air and soil with as chemical decomposition occurs. It is a known fact.

Much research has been done in regards to their danger. Need I mention Love Canal, of 1978? How about Cooper Elementary in Westland of 1991? Extremely high levels of lead, mercury, cadmium and PCB's were found there. It forced the federal government to investigate Michigan's environmental standards. Needless to say these schools were closed.

Ask the group CHECK, (Concern for the Health and Environment of our Community's kids) about building a school near a landfill. "It should never happen." It makes me question the close proximity of Ridgewood which is less than a mile away, but a school right next to the landfill is pure stupidity. What a legal fiasco we will have in 10-15 years over the inevitable lawsuits from the illnesses that will occur.

I proposed the question to Mr. Boltho, asst. superintendent, if the administration was going to do research on the safety of this site. His response to me was that it was not planned. Just a simple Google search will give the answer and it cost the taxpayer nothing. I think this demonstrates the apathy towards safety.

The taxpayer needs to make this administration responsible for our children's safety. If we truly "need" another elementary school, then we should use another location. I think a great short-term remedy is to remove the Early Childhood Development Centers from our Elementary Schools. Give the space back to the much needed K-5 program. Ridgewood has an entire wing that could be acquired. Perhaps an addition to a pre-existing school or using Cooke would be another more suitable avenue to house our children.

We must put our children's welfare first. We cannot pass this bond. It puts our children in harms way.

Carol Grimmer
Northville

Pension increase?

I read with interest your Jan. 12 front-page article on Mrs. Yezback and her request for an increase in her City of Northville pension income.

As the article states, Mrs. Yezback feels "entitled" to the

increase. She thinks the taxpayers should provide her with:

• A lifetime of "total financial peace of mind."

• An increase in her pension payments so that she can "dote on her grandchildren," since this is the reason she decided to retire.

• Financial assistance to relieve her state of constant worry about fuel prices, food, electricity, "everything."

• A higher level of financial security than she and her husband currently have with their two pensions, health insurance plans, government provided Medicare insurance when they reach a certain age, their nice home in Northville (she doesn't mention worrying about the mortgage payment, so I assume the house is paid for), their "investments," vacation plans, and their "matching" flat screen computer screens.

• A period of time, beginning before age 60 and continuing presumably until death, when she can be "calm."

Perhaps as a result of this article, her husband might even receive an offer of the "right" part-time job, which he then "might take."

I read the article again, this time with less curiosity and more dismay.

Sharon Byrd
Northville

Maybury reopening?

Is Northville not worthy enough

for a real community celebration, inviting everyone interested to the true grand re-opening of the restored Maybury Farm? The city's 50th Anniversary celebration was certainly well publicized and well attended. I think Maybury's re-opening should be equally well publicized. Wouldn't it be a great spring event for our community?

Erika Gans
Northville

Thank you!

On behalf of the Northville Mothers' Club Life Member Group, I would like to thank all the members of the community who supported our successful Annual Holiday Open House held on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Northville Senior Community Center. Once again we will be awarding the proceeds to Northville High School seniors in the form of Grants-in-Aid for college tuition. In 2004, we awarded four \$1,000 scholarships/grants and in 2005, we awarded five \$1,000 grants.

The Northville community has been very generous with donations. In particular, I wish to extend my thanks to Carol Koster, Beth Peterson and Barb Anderson of the Petal Place for their time and creativity in decorating five beautiful trees on display; Peggy Robison of Preferences for donating the tree ornaments and ribbons; David McKnight of Emerald City Designs

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COMMENTARY

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Who pays most when money, greed pass for democracy?

There are three things to say about the Jack Abramoff corruption case that is convulsing Washington

... First, despite all the various near-bribery and influence peddling scandals that infest our political system, this one isn't small beer. "People down here are scared stiff and running for the hills," one congressional staffer told me. Other sources say as many as 60 representatives and scores of staffers could ultimately be involved.

Abramoff has now pleaded guilty to fraud, tax evasion and conspiracy, and the word is that he is singing like a canary. If the extent of this is as

great as feared, this could become the biggest scandal to engulf the Congress in more than a generation.

That's not surprising, given how powerful and pervasive the system has become. The originator was now-deposed (and privately hugely despised) House Majority Leader, Tom DeLay, R-Tex.

He originated the "K Street Project," a system in which lobbying firms (whose offices are largely located on Washington's K Street) were told they had to "pay to play," i.e. contribute to Republican causes and hire ex-Republican staffers in order to get access to lawmakers to make sure legislation was written their way.

Evidently, day-to-day tactics featured a close link between DeLay's work to round up votes in the House with lobbyist Abramoff's access to money and perks. When DeLay found he needed to grease the pitch for a tough vote, he'd call Abramoff and — lo and behold! — the target member would score a Super Bowl ticket or a trip to Vegas.

Second, although the Michigan Legislature certainly is second to none in vicious partisanship and demonstrated ineffectuality, today's atmosphere in Lansing is not as corrupt as in Washington ... not quite.

A now-legendary story around Lansing has it that a certain former Speaker of the House once shouted across the room at a lobbyist, "Hey! I got your bill passed! Now where's

my money?"

He may have been only kidding, but jaws dropped at the embarrassingly explicit — and public — linkage between dough and law. Do not delude yourself that ethical standards prevailing in Lansing are more saintly than in Washington. Lansing's a much smaller town and

therefore there's less money at stake.

Moreover, Michigan's governor has a line-item veto over appropriation items; if lobbyists can't sneak expensive "earmarks" — legislatively required appropriation items, i.e. "pork" — into bills, a big motivation for corrupt pay-to-play has disappeared.

But aggressive lobbying and the equally aggressive and reciprocal pursuit of campaign contributions by Michigan legislators keep raising real questions about the integrity of the entire process.

"Fund raising has become a 24/7 exercise," one Lansing lobbyist told me, "and both the politicians and the lobbyists find it's a real pain."

Part of the problem is the inevitable dynamic of a term-limited legislature, where newly-elected lawmakers start raising money to run for higher (or some other) office just as soon as they're sworn in.

So it's no surprise that as of last October, according to the Michigan Campaign Finance Network in Lansing, the state's top 150 political action committees had already raised a third more money for this year's elections than at the same time before the 2004 vote.

Third, Michigan's seemingly tight bribery statute reveals a fuzzy area between bribery (a criminal offense, requiring explicit agreement that money is being paid in exchange for a vote or an action) and mere influence peddling, mostly via campaign contributions. Much of the time, special interest groups contribute to legislators who are predisposed to agree with them. That's OK.

But sometimes, a "contribution" — plus a wink, a nod and a vote comes awfully close to something criminal.

That's why a paragraph from The New York Times on I'affair Abramoff raised so many eyebrows in Lansing: "There's a lot of talk coming out of various quarters that the Justice Department is going to pursue a different definition of bribery, meaning that if somebody were to give a gift or a campaign contribution in the same time period as a member took an official action, that in and of itself would constitute bribery. That sure scares the bejesus out of people."

Most people out of whom the bejesus is being scared won't have heard of the famous 18th century Scottish philosopher, David Hume. Too bad. In a classic piece of analysis about what it really means to say that some thing "causes" another, Hume argued that the key issue was something he called "constant conjunction."

That is, if A is always and everywhere followed by B, it's conclusive to assert that A caused B. If a campaign contribution always and everywhere is followed by a specific vote ... well, the contribution caused the vote. And that's bribery, in Hume's analysis.

Alas, most insiders I talked with said they thought neither the Justice Department nor the Michigan Attorney General's office would move in Hume's direction. And virtually everybody thinks that as long as elections are as expensive as they have become, there is no way scandals like Abramoff's won't keep cropping up from time to time.

One possible reform is to outlaw fund raising during legislative sessions. Fine, but what about post-dated checks? Another is to require daily public reporting of lobbying contacts and campaign contributions. That way, although we might well be corrupted, at least we'd know about it right away.

A better system is to have public financing for elections, the way most industrial democracies in Europe do it. Of course, who in Lansing would want to vote for public funds in the public interest ... if that shuts down their local and parochial money tree?

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnr.net.

Historically speaking!

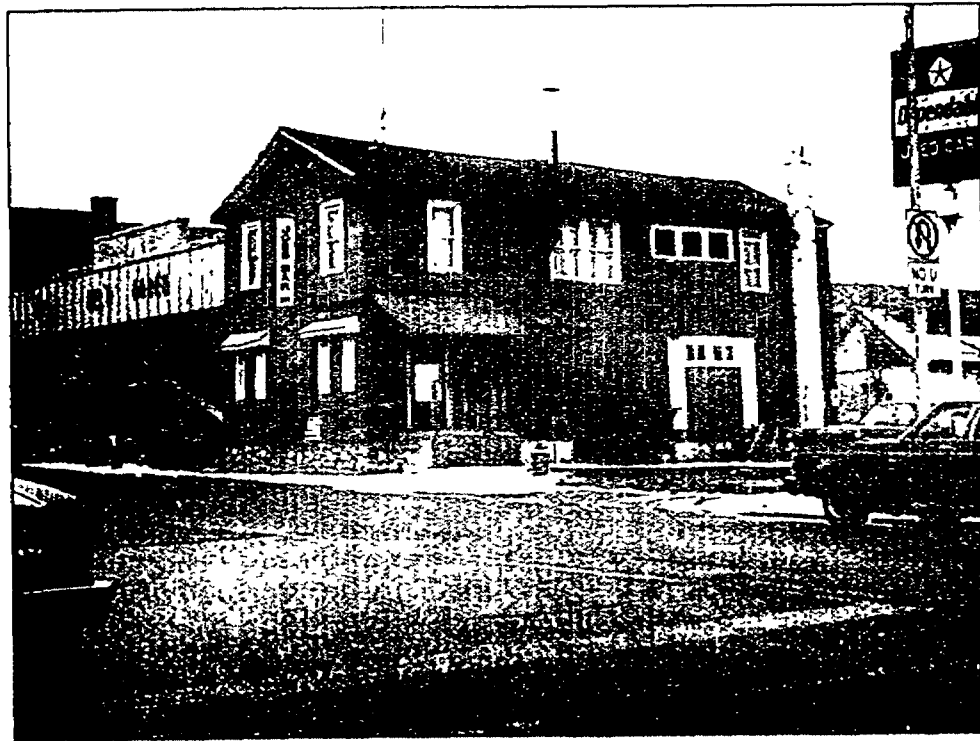


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Little Joe's Bar on E. Main Street and Hutton, 1980, now the site of Poole's.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONT'D)

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for the linen donation; David Bolitho of Northville Public Schools for lending us the coat racks; Mary Kay Pryce and the NHS Choir Carolers for the entertainment; Harold and Pat Wright for the floral arrangements and Kathi Jerome and Pat Stringer for decorating a tree using the Jerome Santa collectibles.

I would like to recognize Jim Nield, Traci Sincock, Josie Conder and the building attendants for their assistance at the Northville Senior Community Center. Special thanks are extended to Jim Roth of Good Time Party Store and Jeff Crawford Catering for their help and expertise in making this an enjoyable event.

Furthermore, I wish to thank the entire Life Member Group for supporting the fund-raiser and helping

in varying capacities. Sincere thanks to Marge Longridge, president, and Bonnie St. Thomas, my co-chair, as they have been invaluable with countless hours invested in planning and organizing another very worthwhile benefit for some very deserving Northville High School recipients.

Margaret Surdu
Chairperson 2005, Holiday Open House

Of 'Great' concern

Thank you for your thoughtful column on protecting our greatest resource — the Great Lakes. I agree wholeheartedly.

What scares me the most, however, is the greatest pollution threat

that no one is paying any attention to — the toxic waste well in Romulus. The well will be storing some of the worst toxic waste from Canada, Michigan and neighboring states in a well only about five miles as the crow flies from Lake Erie. What are our legislators and regulators thinking?

According to a recent television special (either on Discovery or Nat'l Geographic) the entire State of Michigan is sitting one giant aquifer, the second largest in the world. Allowing that well is too big a risk to the region, the country and the future. Anything you can do as a respected member of the media to help get the word out against this insanity to the public and regulators, would be appreciated. Thanks.

D. M. Mack
Northville

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Deconstructing Medicare Part D

Medicare Part D help found in different areas

By Alyson Iott
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Linda Robinson has scouted the Internet, stayed on hold for helpline and sifted through piles of mail. After hours of work, she's found her family still has questions about Medicare Part D.

Like many of those researching Medicare's new prescription drug coverage, Linda is a caregiver under 65. She is helping her father Norman Robinson, 78, and brother Scott Robinson, 41, figure out what Part D means for them.

The Robinsons, who live in South Lyon, are one of the millions of American families trying to decide what to do about Medicare's new prescription drug coverage before the May 15 enrollment deadline.

Linda described researching Part D as "daunting" and "mind-boggling."

"I don't know how you'd research it if you didn't know how to do it," she said.

Jumping through hoops

One major problem, Linda said, is most seniors don't have Internet access. Many of those that do are not comfortable researching online, especially on large Web sites such as Medicare.gov, the official government site for Medicare patients.

"That site is outrageous for seniors to deal with," Linda said.

A February 2004 survey from Pew Internet and American Life found 22 percent of Americans 65 or older had Internet access. Twenty-two percent is about 8 million people. There are about 42 million people currently enrolled in Medicare, most of them seniors.

Linda also pointed out that for some people, simply signing up could pose a problem.

"There's lots of folks who are Medicare recipients not just because they're old, they're mentally handicapped (or) maybe disabled and can't get on the phone," she said.

Her brother Scott, who has Down syndrome, was enrolled in a PDP by the Macomb-Oakland Regional Center (MORC). Linda said that MORC's involvement was "entirely able to choose PDPs for people."

Medicaid recipients are automatically signed up for prescription drug plans (PDPs) so their coverage does not end Jan. 1, when Medicare takes over drug costs from Medicaid.

Like all Medicaid recipients, the Robinsons can switch their PDPs at any time without penalty. The trick is to find a plan that covers all of their medications. This is especially difficult for Norman, who has between 17 and 20 prescriptions.

"I just wish that they'd just leave it all alone and leave it the way it was," Norman said. "I was happy. I don't want to get in some trouble and go in the hospital and have them say, well, that's not covered now. ... I don't think they know



The Robinson family of South Lyon are one of many families struggling to find a drug plan that will cover all of their medications. From left are Scott, Linda and Norman Robinson.

what's covered."

For additional help, Norman contacted the Veterans Administration and sought help from his pharmacist at Farmer Jack.

Helpful answers

Linda's advice for seniors is to gather all their prescriptions together and make a list of their medications, including out-of-pocket cost and dosage, before seeking help.

Many Oakland County pharmacies are offering handouts, seminars and individual assistance for Medicare patients.

The staff at Sav-Mor Pharmacy in Milford offers help to seniors trying to navigate the Medicare.gov site.

Sav-Mor pharmacist Cheryl O'Brien said while she and her pharmacy staff cannot recommend or endorse a particular drug plan, they will be happy to help seniors find information about the plans online.

"They're more than welcome to come in, and we will actually help them by going online for them and pulling up the plans that would be best for them ... based on the medications they take," O'Brien said.

Many senior centers offer seminars, speakers and sometimes individual help. At the South Lyon Center for Active Adults, financial advisor and center member Bill Burkhardt offers free consultation

on finding a prescription drug plan. Burkhardt represents Humana, an insurance company that offers nine drug plans.

An important piece of advice he gives to seniors is to save the letter they receive from their insurance companies telling them they have creditable coverage. Creditable coverage means that Medicare has decided the prescription drug plan offered by an insurance company is "as good as or better than" the Medicare Part D standard plan.

If the plan is not considered creditable, Burkhardt said, seniors should still talk to their benefits representative about options. They may be able to sign up for a Medicare drug plan while retaining their current coverage.

Burkhardt is taking appointments for the following times at the Center for Active Adults: 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 12; 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 16; 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 27; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 3; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 16; and 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 27.

If seniors run into trouble with their plans, Burkhardt said, they can call him at (810) 225-7294 and he will try and help them work through it. There is no fee.

Gail Bowman, receptionist for the center, was one of many seniors Burkhardt assisted in finding a plan.

"He really helped me, but every case is different," Bowman said.

Even if seniors have not found a plan after meeting with Burkhardt,

Before researching or enrolling in a prescription drug plan, make a list of your prescriptions, including dose and out-of-pocket cost. Make a note of what pharmacies you use, and make sure they participate in Part D. Keep your red, white and blue Medicare card handy, too — you may need your claim number.

she said, "They still know more than they did when they walked through that door."

One of the most convenient features of the new program, Bowman said, is she can choose a pharmacy near her house.

On the downside, there are so many choices to make.

"There are so many programs. The number of plans — that is overwhelming," she said.

Bowman advised seniors to consider their sources of advice, whether it's someone affiliated with an insurance company or a pharmacist, and to make their own decisions based on the best information available.

Green Oak resident Rita Killewald, 82, went to the South Lyon Center for Active Adults to meet with Burkhardt. He helped her and her husband, Larry, sign up for prescription drug plans.

Couple takes the plunge

"I think the best thing to do is talk to someone that knows all there is to know about this plan," Killewald said. "You know, it's very difficult to make a choice yourself, and maybe after the first year we'll all be a little wiser and know what to look for and change if necessary."

She said with each plan's \$250 deductible, plus what she and Larry pay for Blue Cross and medication, their medical expenses were still "quite staggering."

Like many couples enrolling in Medicare Part D, the Killewalds are on different prescription drug

plans.

"Hopefully we will get some benefit from this plan, but I'm not too optimistic," Killewald said. "I'm just going to wait and see."

Joanne McMillan, 64, of South Lyon said that she did not find the Medicare helpline to be very helpful.

"You really need to sit down with somebody and ask questions, because I think everyone's case is a little bit different," McMillan said.

Of the Part D program, she said: "I'm just hoping that it's going to be something good for all the seniors ... because you really need something at this age. You don't think you're going to need something, and then you get old and find out you do."

Also at the center on Feb. 1 at 1 p.m., there is a Changes in Medicare seminar that includes information on Part D, Medicare Advantage and changes in deductibles.

The center is located in the same building as South Lyon High School.

Highland offers answers

The Highland Senior Center in Highland Township also offers assistance and help online. Seniors can sign up for training sessions to be held on the Highland Station House computers every Tuesday from Jan. 17 through May 15, assuming there is continued interest.

Director Barbara Rollin and several members of the Senior Advisory Board attended two four-hour training programs run by the Michigan Medicare & Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP). One covered the basics of Medicare Part D, and the other explained the Medicare.gov Web site and drug plan comparison tools.

"It's just a matter of plunging into it and doing the best we can, because nobody really understands it and it's very complicated," Rollin said.

The senior center does not recommend any particular drug plan.

MMAP representatives will be at the center 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 13, answering questions and helping people sign up for Medicare Part D.

Rollin advised seniors: "Don't just jump and get a plan you've gotten in the mail or (from) someone calling you or whatever. Make sure your medicines are covered under it."

She believes that legislation currently in Congress to extend the deadline will pass.

"My message is 'Don't panic,'" she said. "I really feel that they're going to do something. ... I don't see how they're going to get everyone to sign up by May. That's nearly impossible."

In South Lyon, pharmacist Ed Pascua said that the most difficult part about Medicare Part D is there is not a standard answer for people wondering whether they should join.

"We try to help people by giving them an idea of what their drug costs are so they can decide yea or nay," Pascua said.

Changes at the pharmacy

Pascua, who owns the South Lyon Pharmacy, said Medicare Part D will bring a lot of changes for pharmacists as well as customers.

"Up until this point we've had nothing to do with Medicare, because there was never any prescription coverage other than very limited stuff for people with certain conditions," he said. "So we have never dealt with Medicare in a big way, like hospitals or doctors."

Pharmacies can choose whether or not to join the Part D network. Pascua advised seniors to check the list of pharmacies in a drug plan's network before signing up.

Changes in Medicaid will bring new challenges as well. Right now, Pascua said, handling Medicaid prescriptions is simple because the guidelines and formulary are the same for each patient. Through experience, pharmacists know which prescription drugs are covered by Medicaid.

"I think starting in January, we're not going to know (which drugs are covered), because it's going to depend on which plan they're in," he said.

How do prescriptions affect enrollment decision?

Medicare Part D makes allowances for different situations. Your income, employee or retirement health coverage, enrollment in Medicaid and your participation in other Medicare programs can all make a difference in what Part D has to offer you. Whether the new plan is right for you is an individual choice, based on your unique situation.

If you find yourself in one of the situations outlined below, you may consider these guidelines when making your enrollment decisions.

• Medigap

Medigap is a supplement policy that helps cover prescription drug costs. Part D is considered insurance, not a supplement policy, meaning that it offers better protection against high drug costs (\$5,100 or more a year). Unlike Medigap, most of Part D's prescription costs are paid for through the Medicare program, and will not run out if there are high drug costs.

Medigap plans provide prescription drug coverage to less than 10 percent of Medicare recipients. As of 2006, Medigap will not issue new policies that include drug coverage.

Compare drug coverage, premiums and co-payments to determine which is the better value for you.

People who are in Medigap now and choose to enroll in Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D later are subject to the late-enrollment penalty.

If you have Medigap with prescription drug coverage, you must choose either to enroll in Part D or to continue with Medigap's drug coverage. If you enroll in Part D, simply tell your insurer, and they will remove the drug portion of your Medigap coverage.

• Medicaid

For people belonging to both programs who receive their prescription drug coverage through Medicaid, the Medicare Part D program has no premiums, no deductibles and no gaps, and prescription costs are very little or, in some cases, nothing. For example, Medicaid recipients who live in nursing homes will pay no prescription costs.

• Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO or PPO)

You should have received an October mailing telling you what prescription drugs your plan will

cover and what the cost will be. You can choose to switch to another Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare Health Plan. Finally, you can join the original Medicare program and join a stand-alone Medicare PDP through Part D.

• Insurance Through Your/Your Spouse's Employer or Union

More than 11 million people currently get their drug coverage through an employer-sponsored plan.

As a way to encourage employers to continue offering coverage, Medicare will provide tax-free subsidies equal to 28 percent of costs between \$250 and \$5,000 in drug expenses per retiree to employers providing "creditable coverage," or coverage that is on average at least as good as the standard Medicare drug benefit.

Generally speaking, if you have creditable drug coverage through your company, there is no need for you to enroll in Part D now. Through a provision made by MMS, if you belong to a health plan with drug coverage that Medicare has designated creditable, then you can stay in that plan and switch to Medicare Part D whenever you want without penalty.

The reason for this is so that people who already have what Medicare considers to be a good drug coverage plan aren't penalized if they decide to switch over to a Medicare plan later if they change their mind or if their coverage changes (for example, through job loss or a change in their plan's formulary).

Employers should already have sent a letter to Medicare-eligible employees explaining how they will work with Medicare on the prescription-drug benefits program, whether or not Medicare has rated their health plan as creditable and what decisions you will have to make as a result. For more information, contact your company's benefits representative.

• There are many other forms of coverage, either stand-alone or in combination. To determine what's best for your unique situation, you will most likely need to access some kind of Medicare, Part D resource, whether online, over the phone or in your community. Check out the list of resources and contact information on these pages.



Financial advisor Bill Burkhardt answers a question from Medicare customer Judy Ray about Medicare Plan D.

Q & A: What you need to know about Medicare Part D

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What is Medicare Part D? What are Medicare A, B and C, and what happened to them?

Medicare Part D is a form of insurance that provides prescription drug coverage. Prescription drug plans, or PDPs, cover part of Medicare patients' prescription drug costs. They are offered by private insurance companies.

Parts A (hospital coverage), B (coverage for doctor's services) and C (coverage and enrollment in Medicare HMOs) are still in effect and are not replaced by Part D. You can belong to other Medicare programs without belonging to Part D. Enrollment in Part D is optional.

Where did Medicare Part D come from, and who pays for it?

Medicare Part D was introduced through the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, known as the Medicare Modernization Act or MMA.

The coverage is partially subsidized by the federal government, meaning that private insurance companies can offer reduced-price coverage with its PDPs.

What's the coverage?

There is a standard plan designed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and there are hundreds of different plans designed by private insurers. Michigan has about 40 stand-alone plans available through 18 insurance companies.

Standard coverage for 2006 includes a \$250 deductible. That means that you will pay \$250 for your prescriptions before insurance begins paying anything. After that, you will pay 25 percent of the next \$2,000 in drug expenses, a total of \$500.

After you've paid that \$750, there is a gap in coverage known as a "doughnut hole." While you're in the doughnut hole, you receive no insurance for prescription drugs. The doughnut hole takes effect between \$2,250 (after your \$2,000 of coverage plus your \$250 deductible) and \$5,100. That means that if your yearly prescription expenses totaled \$5,100, you would pay \$3,600 of that amount under the standard plan.

However, once your expenses pass the \$5,100 mark, your insurer will cover 95 percent of your remaining drug costs for the year. This is known as "catastrophic coverage."

If you anticipate having drug costs of \$5,100 or more during the year, you might wish to join a private plan that "fills in" part of the doughnut hole. For a higher premium, these plans offer some coverage of the gap between \$2,251 and \$5,100.

A plan that offers "doughnut hole" coverage may cover both brand and generic or only generic drugs.

People who belong to both Medicaid and Medicare, called "dual eligibles," have no premiums, deductibles or doughnut holes.

Who can enroll in Part D?

If you are a current Medicare or Medicaid patient, or if you turn 65 this January or February, you can sign up for a prescription drug plan. You cannot be denied coverage for health reasons.

What kinds of coverage can I get in Part D?

You can either join a PDP, which is a stand-alone drug plan, while keeping your Medicare Part A and/or B coverage (or retaining any medical-only insurance supplemental policy), or you can combine a drug plan with medical coverage as part of a Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug plan (MA-PD).

What is creditable coverage?

Having "creditable coverage" means that your current or former employer's prescription drug insurance plan is considered as good as or better than the standard plan for Medicare Part D.

If you belong to a plan that is creditable coverage, you can stay in that plan and switch to a Medicare Part D plan whenever you want without penalty, as long as you make the switch within 63 days of leaving your old plan.

What if one or more of my prescription drugs is not covered by the plan I choose?

All of the Medicare drug plans, including those offered by private insurers, must cover every type of drug included in Medicare's standard requirements for prescription drug coverage. The list of drugs a plan offers is called a formulary.

If you plan to enroll, you should make a list of your prescriptions first, including dose,



Janet Rich, left, and pharmacist Cheryl O'Brien discuss drug plan options.

dosage form and out-of-pocket cost. Then, join a plan that covers all or most of those prescriptions. If the plan does not cover your exact prescriptions, it is required to cover them for a transitional length of time, while you and your doctor find an alternative medication that is covered by the plan.

You may request an exception, meaning the plan will cover your current drug, if your doctor says you need to take that particular drug and should not switch to another one. If the plan refuses your request, you can appeal its decision.

How does Medicare determine which types of drugs must be covered under PDPs?

The categories and classes of drugs are determined by which drugs are most commonly prescribed to people in Medicare. Every plan's formulary must include at least two drugs, generic or brand, in each category and class.

Why are the plans run by private agencies and not exclusively through Medicare or the government?

Private plans are able to negotiate price discounts and rebates with drug companies. The MMA prohibits Medicare from negotiating drug prices.

How do I find out which plan will cover the prescription drugs I'm taking?

The Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder, located at www.medicare.gov, will give you several prescription plan options once you put your Medicare claim number, your name and a list of your medications into it.

You can also call the Medicare helpline at 1-800-MEDICARE and ask a representative to enter your prescriptions into the Drug Finder for you. He or she will then mail you a printout of the results.

If Medicaid now covers my prescription drugs, will Medicaid still pay for drugs not covered by Medicare prescription drug coverage?

Check with the Michigan Medicaid program to see if it will cover a drug that Medicare Part D will not. If the Medicaid program covers that kind of drug for people who are on Medicaid and do not have Medicare, then it must still cover it for you.

What if the plan's list of covered drugs (formulary), or the price of a covered drug, changes during the year?

This can happen, but the program is required to notify you at least 60 days before removing a drug you use from its formulary, or changing its cost.

What drugs are not covered by the Medicare PDPs?

Drugs for anorexia, weight loss or weight gain, fertility, cosmetic purposes or hair growth, cold symptom relief and prescription vitamins and minerals (except prenatal vitamins and fluoride preparations), over-the-counter drugs and the anti-anxiety drugs barbiturates and benzodiazepines are not covered, by law, under Medicare Part D.

What does it mean when a drug requires prior authorization?

Prior authorization usually applies to expensive drugs that are often misused or excessively used. Your doctor has to have the prescription authorized, usually

If you live out-of-state for part of the year, consider whether to enroll in a national plan or a regional plan. If you choose a regional plan, make sure you'll be able to get your prescriptions at pharmacies in both states.

by your insurer, as appropriate for your condition.

What is a tiered drug?

For plans with tiered drugs, the co-payment that you have to make for a given drug depends upon what tier that drug is in. Drugs can be on different tiers in different plans, so be sure and compare co-pays among plans when you are choosing a PDP.

What are the enrollment deadlines, and when does coverage begin?

May 15 is the deadline to sign up without a late-enrollment penalty. Coverage begins Jan. 1 for people who have enrolled by that date and for Medicaid patients, who were automatically enrolled in November (with coverage beginning Jan. 1).

People without Medicaid who qualify for financial assistance ("extra help") will be automatically enrolled May 15 with coverage beginning June 1.

Call the SSA if you want to request an application for extra help.

What is the penalty if I enroll after May 15?

A higher premium, to continue indefinitely. The premium increases 1 percent every month after the deadline. For example, people enrolling in October would pay a 5 percent higher premium than they would have had they enrolled by May 15.

What legislation currently before Congress might change the enrollment deadline?

Congressmen Michael G. Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.) and Bob Brady (D-Pa.) are co-sponsoring the Protecting Medicare Beneficiaries' Informed Choice Act of 2005. The bill, introduced Nov. 21, would extend the standard annual enrollment period and delay the late-enrollment penalty for two years.

Are plans randomly assigned to people who are automatically enrolled?

Not exactly, according to CMS. Auto-enrollment takes into account where the person gets Part A and Part B benefits. In addition, plans chosen for dual eligible auto-enrollment must have a premium equal to or less than the low-income premium subsidy amount. If there is more than one plan available with the required low premium, dual eligibles may be randomly assigned to one of these qualifying plans.

How much are premiums, and how do I pay?

For the standard plan, premiums are expected to range from \$2 to about \$40 a month, with an average of \$32.20. Plans offering more generous coverage typically cost \$50-80 a month, and may cost more.

You may have your premium taken from your Social Security check (like the Medicare Part B premium), pay it directly to the insurer or have it taken directly from a bank account.

Should I enroll in a national or regional plan?

If you live out-of-state for part of the year, or do a lot of traveling, you should sign up for a national plan. Alternately, you can look at plans with approved pharmacies near both your places of residence and call your insurer to make sure you can fill your Part D-covered prescriptions in both states.

Who needs to enroll?

Dual eligibles will be automatically enrolled in a drug insurance plan if they do not sign up for one by the Jan. 1 deadline. After Jan. 1, Medicaid will not pay for any drugs that would be covered under a Medicare program.

PACE recipients will be enrolled through their PACE plan. Non-Medicaid patients who qualify for extra help will also be automatically enrolled.

All other patients, including those in the EPIC program, must enroll in order to be covered.

I've chosen a prescription drug plan. How do I sign up?

There are a few different ways to enroll once you've chosen a plan.

- Send in an application by mail. First, contact the company and request an application to fill out. Once you've completed the form, mail or fax it back to the company. You can also call the SSA to request a form.

- Sign up on the drug plan provider's Web site. Not all Web sites will be able to enroll you, but some will. Visit the site for more information.

- Sign up on the Medicare Web site at www.medicare.gov. Tools to help you find and compare drug plans are also available on the site.

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and ask a cus-

RESOURCES

Luckily, seniors who have questions or need help have a lot of options, both online and off. Try these contact numbers and Web site addresses for more information on Medicare Part D.

■ State and federal agencies:

- Michigan's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP): Michigan/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP)

MMAP offer free at-home or over-the-phone consultation by volunteer counselors. Through MMAP, you can ask questions about Medicare Part D, enroll in a plan or appeal coverage denials.

Visit MMAP online at www.mymmap.org, e-mail info@mymmap.org or call 1-800-803-7174.

- Medicaid: Visit the Michigan program online at

<http://michigan.fhsc.com>. The site includes a list of preferred drugs, including those that require prior authorization.

To find out if you are eligible or to enroll for the first time, call the Medicaid Recipient Information hotline at (800) 362-1504.

Medicaid is state-administered, and eligibility varies from state to state.

- Area Agency on Aging 1-B: Information and assistance for seniors and caregivers. Located in Southfield and covers Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties.

Office phone is (248) 357-2255; toll-free, (800) 852-7795. Address is 29100 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400. Online at <http://www.aaa1b.com>; e-mail is l&a@aaa1b.com.

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: Visit the CMS Web site at www.cms.hhs.gov for more information on Part D or other parts of Medicare and Medicaid. Toll-free: 877-267-2323. TTY toll-free: 866-226-1819.

- Medicare.gov and Medicare Helpline: Medicare.gov is the most up-to-date and comprehensive resource on Part D. You may compare stand-alone prescription drug plans using the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder, e-mail questions and enroll in a plan at www.medicare.gov.

For questions about Medicare Part D, you may call 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227). Telephone Typewriter (TTY) users call 877-486-2048.

- Social Security Administration: Call (800) 772-1213 or visit www.ssa.gov for more information, to request an application to enroll in a program or to apply for extra help with your prescriptions. TTY users call (800) 325-0778. Have your Social Security number ready.

You can also write or visit your local Social Security branch. For ZIP code 48178 (South Lyon area): Social Security, 23580 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. For ZIP code 48381 (Milford area): Social Security, 1280 Pontiac Road, Pontiac, MI 48340.

■ Online information about Medicare Part D, including answers to frequently asked questions:

- www.medicarerights.org: The Medicare Rights Center (MRC) is an independent source of information and services. Site includes an article on how to use and understand the Drug Plan Finder on Medicare.gov.

- www.aarp.org

- www.benefitscheckup.org: The BenefitsCheckupRx site is run by the Council for the Aging and the Department of Health and Human Services. Medicare and dual-eligibility patients can enroll in prescription drug plans through the site, which can also help people without Medicare learn how to save money on prescription drugs.

- www.kff.org: The Kaiser Family Foundation Web site. Includes numerous studies on Medicare and Medicaid, as well as Medicare Q&A, a weekly column answering readers' questions on Medicare Part D.

The Kaiser Family Foundation is a non-profit, private operating foundation focusing on health care.

To learn more about how to use a computer or search online: www.seniornet.org: Includes a self-paced basic tutorial, mouse exercises and answers to technology questions.

- www.internet-starter-guide.com

When using the Medicare.gov Plan Finder, be sure to compare your list of prescriptions to those covered by the plan. Double-check the quoted coverage prices (such as premiums and doughnut-hole coverage) with the insurer.

customer service representative for help with your drug coverage plan.

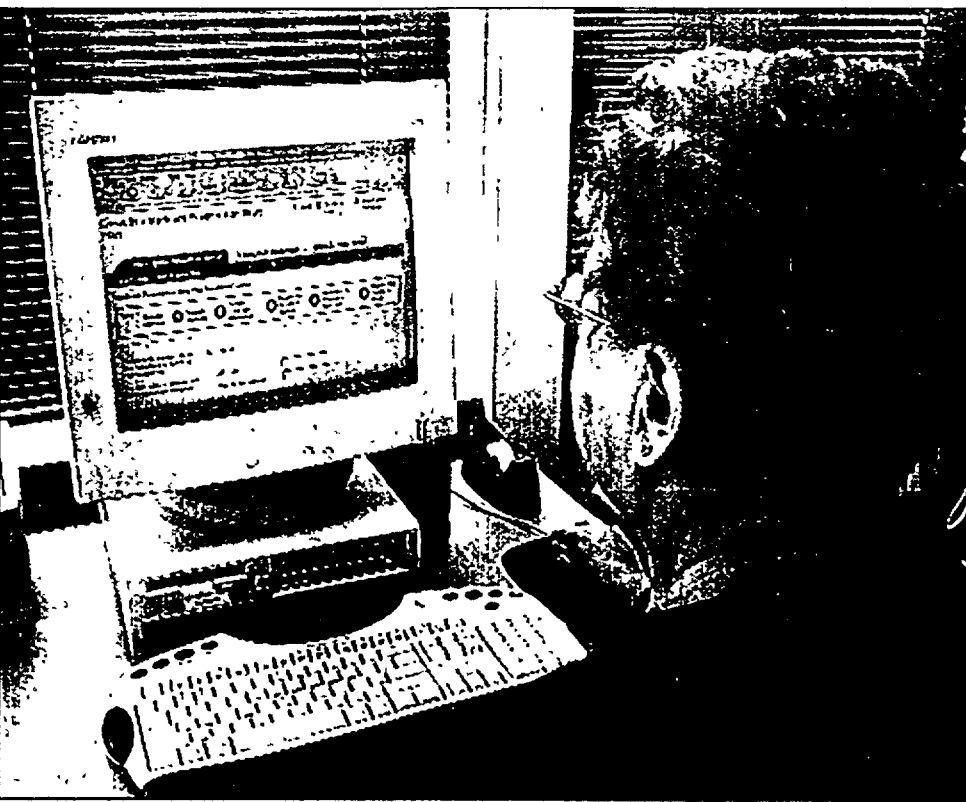
When can I switch plans?

All Medicare PDP customers can choose to switch plans from Nov. 15-Dec. 31 of every year. You can also switch plans if you move or enter a nursing home. Dual eligibles, or people with both Medicare and Medicaid, can switch plans at any time.

What's the total estimated cost of the Medicare Part D program?

According to the Department of Health and Human Services' February 2005 estimate, the net federal cost of the project will be \$37.4 billion in 2006 and \$72.4 billion from 2006 to 2015. Premiums paid by beneficiaries, monthly state contributions (called "clawback") and general revenues will also help cover the cost.

For more information, visit the Henry Kaiser Family Foundation Web site at www.kff.org



Senior Gail Bowman searches for Medicare information online.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Grief Support Groups

DATE/LOCATION: Tuesday, Library, 212 W. Cady St.; Wednesday, Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 331 Center St.
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Groups run through March 7 and are open to the community. There is no fee. Advance registration is required.
CONTACT: Sandy Van Koeveing, (248) 348-4980

Art Exhibit

DATE: Through January
TIME: 5-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Studio 427, 122 W. Main St.
DETAILS: Paintings by Stephanie Sarris will be on display.
CONTACT: (248) 449-6501

Northville Women's Club

DATE: Friday
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St.
DETAILS: The speaker will be Nathan Mersereau, Certified Financial Planner and President of Oakland Wealth Management. There is no fee for this meeting.
CONTACT: Karen Olson, Northville Women's Club, (248) 347-4299

Fire and Ice Festival

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 28
TIME: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: This wintertime event will include a chili cook-off, salsa competition, entertainment, ice carving demonstrations and sculpture displays and a polar bear plunge. It is sponsored by Meijers, Northville Chamber of Commerce, Northville Downtown District Association, Street Marketing, WYCD, WDVD and Graphic Visions.
CONTACT: Chamber of Commerce office, (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org

Blood Drive

DATE: Sunday, Feb. 5
TIME: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road
DETAILS: Walk-ins or appointments are welcome.
CONTACT: Janet, (248) 349-6592

Open Mic Night

DATE: Third Saturday of every month through May
TIME: 6:15 p.m., sign-up; 7 p.m., performance
LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: Northville Arts Commission hosts this event for acoustic, folk and traditional musi-

cians. The cost is \$5 at the door. Performers are free.
CONTACT: (248) 449-9950

Friends of Maybury

DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Library, 212 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: This is the annual meeting, including election of officers and activity planning. Open to the public.

Art Walk

DATE: First Friday of every month
TIME: 5-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: Art galleries, arts and crafts stores and restaurants will be open; art demonstrations and exhibits available in shops.
CONTACT: Tom James, Northville Camera and Digital Imaging, (248) 349-0105

Marquis Theater

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

"Pinnocchio"

DATE: Saturday and Sunday through January
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$7.50, no children under 3 years old.
CONTACT: Call (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com

Lunch/Dinner Theater

DATES: Friday and Saturday
DETAILS: The theme is "Super Bowl Scramble." Tickets are \$45 per person and includes meal and show.

Maybury Park/Farm Programs

LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road between Beck and Napier roads.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390

Library Lines

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall; parking off Cady Street
CONTACT: For information about programs, services or to request or renew library materials, (248) 349-3020
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m., Sunday

Detroit Institute of the Arts

DATE/TIME: 1 p.m. Monday or 7 p.m. Jan. 30
DETAILS: Speakers present

highlights of the current exhibit, "Claude and Rodin: A Fateful Encounter" at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020

Crafts Class

DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 4 p.m.
DETAILS: All ages are welcome to make a hanging beaded star. Children ages 5 and under should attend with a caregiver. No registration required.

Arctic Travels

DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Pam Flowers, award winning dog sledder, tells about her travels and expedition across the Arctic in the Fifth Thule Expedition. Registration required.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3020

Little Me Storytime

DATE: Friday
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Babies to 2-year-olds, along with their parents or caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun and simple stories. No registration is required. Older children are also welcome to attend.

Tot Storytime

TIME/DATE: 10:15 a.m., Monday through Feb. 27; 10:15 and 11:30 a.m., Wednesday through March 1; 10:15 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 26-March 2
DETAILS: This storytime is for 2-and 3-year-olds with a parent or caregiver. Additional children may not attend.

CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020.

Stories for Children

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6-March 13; 10:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7-March 14
DETAILS: Sessions are designed for children who are 4, 5, or in kindergarten and comfortable attending without a caregiver present.

CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020

Kids Club

DATE: Today, Librarians Choice; Thursday, Feb. 16, Amazing Balloons.
TIME: 4:30-5:15 p.m.
DETAILS: This is an after-school program for first, second and third grade students featuring stories, games and crafts.
CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020.

Junior Books, Chat and Chow

DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 4:15 p.m.
DETAILS: This program is for

'Super' fund-raising event coming to Novi

Super Bowl tickets, NFL memorabilia up for grabs Sunday

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It's a chance for adults to make their wish come true, all while helping make a child's wish a reality, too.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan and the NFL Alumni of Detroit have partnered up to host a Big Game Party Sunday at the Manhattan Club and Wise Guys Comedy Club located at 40390 Grand River Avenue in Novi starting at 4 p.m.

"The Super Bowl is a very expensive event, and so are some of these private events we have tickets to," said organizer Milan Stevanovich. "It's a hope and a wish of a lot of people to attend these things. In turn, we're going to help some kids in the same situation. Instead of the Super Bowl, it might be their last chance to go see Disney World."

The cost of the event, which a portion of the proceeds will be donated from, is \$40 per person or \$70 per couple, which includes a gourmet tailgate buffet, an open bar from 5-7 p.m., a national comedy act and live and silent auctions. Some of the items for auction include signed helmets and even a case of wine donated by Igor Larionov and signed by members of the Detroit Red Wings professional hockey team.

fourth and fifth graders. It will include snacks and discussing the book "Chasing Vermer" by Blue Balliett.

CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020

Teen movies

DATE: Monday, Jan. 30
TIME: 4 p.m.
DETAILS: Middle and High School students are invited to watch Disney's "Snow Dogs." Refreshments will be served.

Adult Book Discussion

DATE: Monday, Feb. 13
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: "Lucy" by Jamaica Kincaid, will be discussed.

Ireland Presentation

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 15
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Tour guide, Kathy Thornton will present slides of castles, towns and historic sites of Ireland. The program is free but space is limited.
CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020

Friends Store

DETAILS: The Friends Store, located inside the library, offers a variety of gifts for all ages. All proceeds benefit the library.

Book Donations

DETAILS: Used books and materials are needed by the Friends of the Library. The library adds to

There will also be plenty of Super Bowl legends such as Eddie Murray, Lomas Brown, Sherman Lewis, Tom Nowatzke and Mike Lodish. In total, around 30 players are expected to be in attendance.

But the star of the party never played in a Super Bowl. In fact, they weren't even around the last time the Super Bowl was played: two Super Bowl tickets at the club level are the star attraction, plus \$500 spending money for the winner of the night's raffle. Tickets are \$100 each and limited to just 200.

"The total odds are 1-in-200," said Stevanovich. "There's one I've seen that has the odds of winning at 3,000-to-1. Most charities have odds of about 500-to-1."

"Ours is straight by the book. Just 200 tickets. And these are club level tickets, not way up in the bleachers some where."

So far, Stevanovich said the sales for the tickets are lower than he'd like, though tickets to the event itself have sold well.

The fund-raising event isn't just being held in Novi, it's featuring one of Novi's own as the event's emcee with Bernie Fratto, a resident and one of the voices of 97.1 FM Talk Radio.

"The road to the Super Bowl starts Sunday in Novi," Stevanovich said. "We're going to watch the games and find out who is going to play it and we're going to send somebody from the audience as well."

For tickets, please call (248) 919-3216.

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the collection and donates the rest to the Friends for sale, with proceeds benefiting the library. Donations are tax deductible. If you need assistance unloading books from your car, call (248) 349-3020 in advance to make arrangements.

Library Board of Trustee Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of every month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Public is welcome.

Church Events

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.

Single Place Ministry

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 16
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
DETAILS: This includes a series of "Divorce Recovery" and "Living Beyond Divorce" workshops.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

Grief Workshops

DATE: Monday, beginning Feb. 6
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: This free eight week workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each ses-

sion will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation.

CONTACT: Ward Presbyterian Church, (248) 374-5966

Single Adults

DATE: Sunday
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

College Age

DATE: Sunday
TIME: 10:20 a.m.
CONTACT: Mark Tarpinian, (248) 347-3525

First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

Healing Service

DATE: First Monday of every month
TIME: 4 p.m.
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144

Grief Support Group

DATE: Fourth Monday of every month
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide. No registration is necessary.
CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net

Senior Events

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Ford decision keeps residents guessing



Potential closure spurs grim outlook

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

John Wallbank is on edge about possibly losing his job at the Ford Wixom Assembly plant.

Ford Motor Company officials hold the fate of more than 1,500 Ford workers from the Wixom plant, include some Northville residents, in their hands as the clock ticks down to the automaker's expected announcement for restructuring on Jan. 23.

Wallbank said feelings are mutual around the plant, which opened in 1957, as the decision to close from Ford officials moves closer.

"The people at the very top of the Ford ladder have made some very bad decisions over the past six or seven years," said the 58-year-old Ford employee. "They have jeopardized the value of this company and morale at the plant is on edge."

"People are anxious but will continue to do their best until the day comes they can no longer work."

Wallbank said he came to the plant 17 years ago to work on the production line.

"I graduated from college and went to Ford because I thought there was a lot of opportunities there," he said. "When there were

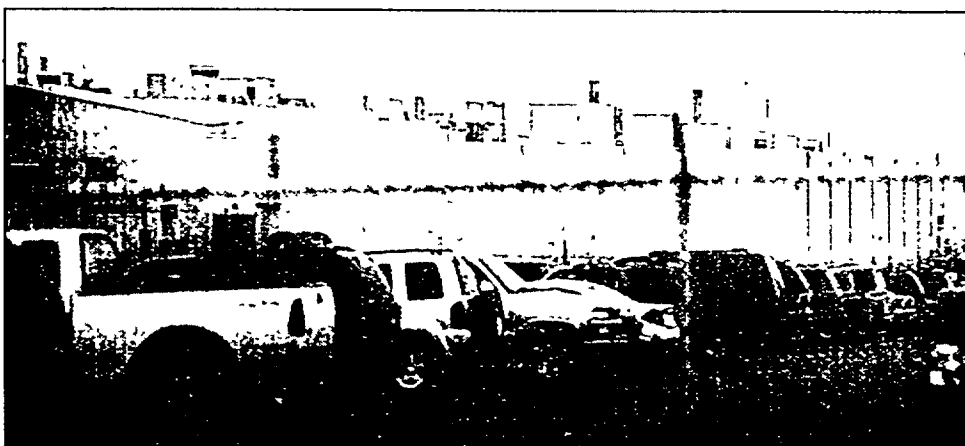


PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

A decision is expected Monday regarding the fate of the Ford Assembly Plant in Wixom, whose employees include Northville residents

layoffs in the past, we knew we would be coming back. Our labor contracts are not set up for a shrinking company."

Anxiety builds

Mike Caulford said his reaction to the plant's possible closure is scary.

"There is nothing we can do about it," said Caulford, employee for 14 years. "Everyone thinks they are safe and secure under contract. I'm not so sure that will happen this time."

Both Caulford and Wallbank agreed expecting the worst is not good for the company either.

"The company doesn't want to lose its labor," Wallbank said. "But I think people are more concerned about their future health benefits

and pensions than actually losing their jobs."

"Anxiety around the plant lies solely on what form the future will take, not whether or not there will be a future with Ford Motor Company."

Oakland County Commissioner and plant employee Jeff Potter said the possible closure has nothing to do with the quality of the workforce.

"In the past, I remember there being as many as 5,000 people working there," Potter said. "(Oakland County) is very concerned about job and talent loss. We're concerned about making the county and state competitive and viable for any expansion."

Potter, who works in the chassis department, said most of the employees currently working at the

plant are of high seniority and have some protection if permanent layoffs come up.

"We know realistically the domestic auto sector is facing challenges," he said. "Personally, I don't want to think about what's going to happen Jan. 23."

"I don't want to spread concern or fear because we just don't know what's going to happen. It's been a real see-saw, something I've never seen before."

Customer loss

Area businesses are also feeling the pinch from a possible closure.

"We're 100 percent dependent on the Ford plant," said Madhav Kunwar, manager of Dunkin'

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Change a must for Ford's survival, says auto industry expert

By Cal Stone
NOVI NEWS EDITOR

David Cole doesn't know exactly what Ford has planned when it makes its major restructuring announcement Monday, but the chairman of the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor is certain of one thing: "It will be significant and very necessary. They have to make very substantial changes as a matter of survival. It will not be another day at the office."

Of concern locally is the fate of the Wixom Assembly Plant, which is currently running on one shift to produce the Lincoln LS and Town Car. The plant also assembles the low-volume, limited-run GT sports car.

"Ford is operating at 75 percent across its whole portfolio of plants," said Cole, "and you can't be successful unless you're at 100 percent capacity. They've probably got to take out four assembly plants and some component operations."

In addition to the Wixom facility, Cole noted other older plants operating at low capacity in St. Paul, St. Louis and Atlanta as "potentially vulnerable."

A number of factors come into consideration - age of the facilities, age of the products, value of the land and the difficulty of moving the workforce from one

facility to another.

"When GM closed the Willow Run plant, it was in competition with their plant in Arlington, Texas," said Cole. "Willow Run closed because they could move those employees. They couldn't do that in Texas. You have to look at the cost factor of absorbing buyouts or moving employees."

There are approximately 1,600 jobs at the Wixom plant, and every one of those is "worth four times the average job in our economy," according to Cole. And, using an economic multiplier, the plant positions account for nine more jobs in the community and at suppliers.

The impact of a plant closing on those suppliers varies, said Cole. Smaller ones who may have an exclusive relationship with the plant will have a tougher time than suppliers who have a wider customer base.

"But any way you look at it, it's going to be difficult," said Cole.

He was at Ford's headquarters in Dearborn Friday to critique their situation, and could not comment on specific details. However, he also chatted a couple of weeks ago with Mark Fields, Ford executive vice president, and noted that his mantra at Mazda was "Change or die."

"They have no absolutely no choice but to do substantial change," said Cole. "The industry is learning a lot, and their knowledge of what to do is much better than a few years ago."

"But, anyway you look at it, it's serious."

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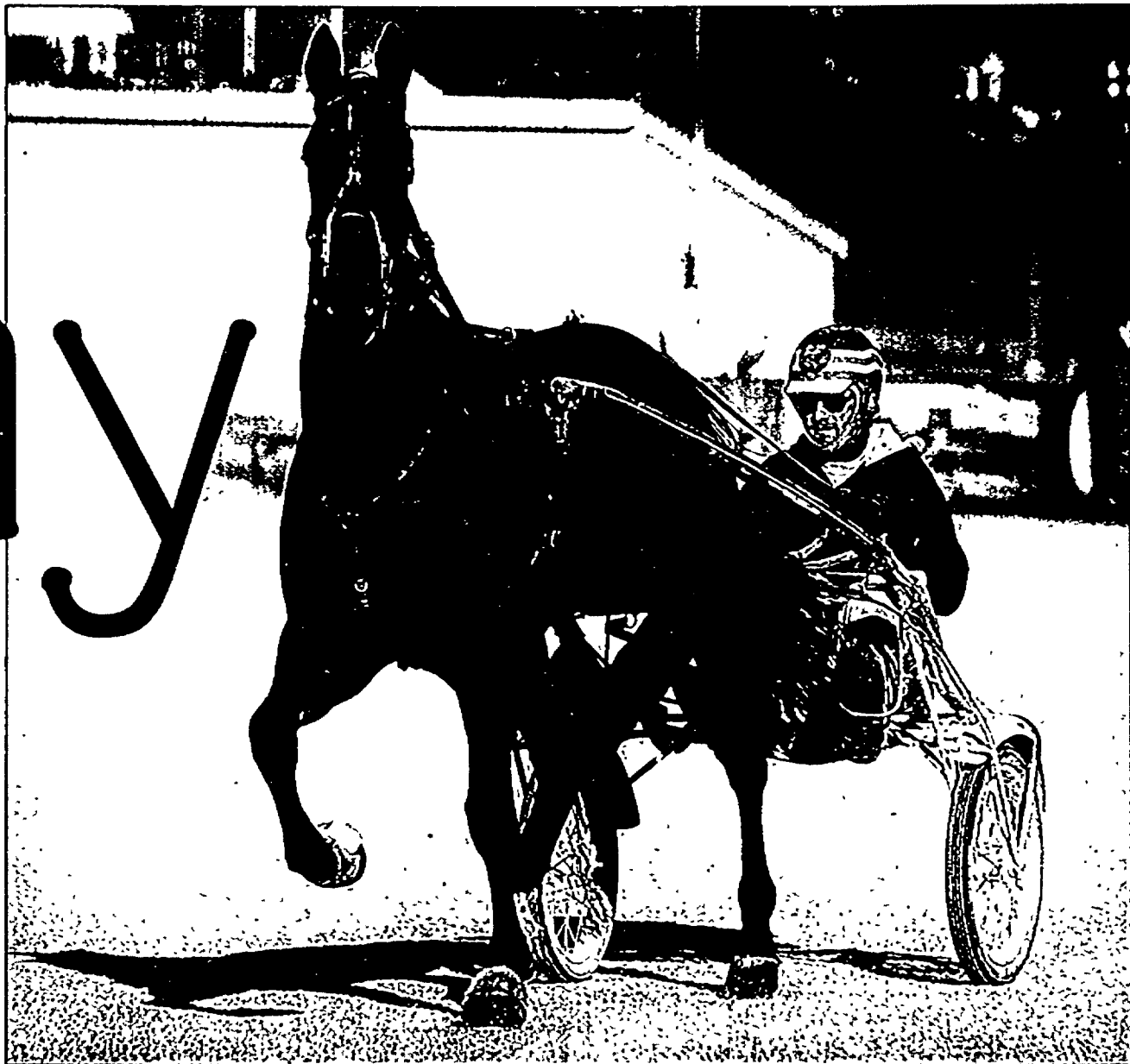
COMMUNITY FOCUS

Horse Play

Northville Downs Live Racing Schedule

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□ Race Days
SOURCE: www.michigan.gov



Trainer Tom Noble puts "Easy Roller" through his practice paces at Northville Downs.

— PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD —

Local woman gambles on horse-racing passion

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Stephanie Flynn was young, she sketched horses in motion.

These days, the 46-year-old spends her winter weekends shouting encouragement to her horse and rider as they round the Northville Downs track in the heat of a race.

Her December purchase of "Easy Roller" was a childhood dream come true.

As a girl, she escaped through reading Walter Farley's "Black Stallion" book series. During the past six weeks, her black gelding has taken her from the dirt floor of Barn M to the owner's paddock to harness racing winner's circle.

Own your own

How does a professional services consultant get involved in Northville's oldest gaming enterprise?

Flynn made her \$5,000 purchase after talking with trainers, drivers and owners at the Eagle's Club, just up the street from Northville Downs. Next step: purchasing a license to allow her team to compete.

"My family's always been a big gaming group," Flynn said. "The more I got involved in it, the more I got interested in it."

"Owners, it seems, either just love it or do it to make money. I'm somewhere in between."

Her trainer Tom Noble, who works for several owners, handles Easy Roller's care and performance. He and the race-day driver typically earn a percentage of purse winnings, \$3,000-10,000.

Sometimes the night is a bust, earning them little else than a tall tale and a beer mug full of regret.

Hay there

Not all owners take the hands-on interest Flynn does. To her, rolling open the huge stable door, strolling past the stalls and exchanging banter with the horse-men is part of the fun.

Flynn, who casually lets Easy Roller nibble an apple from her hand, has looked to her trainer for cues to handle him.

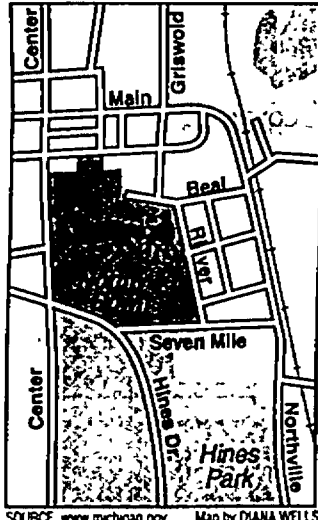
"I'm learning every day," she said. "I still don't know what I'm doing."

"You don't have to be involved. I like to be involved."

Early on, barn hands scoffed at Flynn's apparent attempts to turn her race horse into a gift horse. She bought him an engraved halter. Their warning: This horse is not a pet.

"That's what's hard for me to fathom. They are like pets, gentle

Northville Downs



SOURCE: www.michigan.gov Map by DIANA WELLS

horse, she said Northville Downs was filled with local Red Hat club members. They bet on her horse and rooted for him.

"They liked that Easy Roller had a woman owner," she said.

Watching your own horse circle the Downs' half-mile track is a surreal experience, said the 10-year Northville resident.

"I'm like a nervous wreck," she said. "I pace. I'm sick to my stomach. I can't eat. I want him to do well."

The bills

Before Easy Roller, Flynn said, she was formerly a craps player, traveling to Las Vegas several times per year. Racing once a week altered that lifestyle, she said.

"Every day's a gamble with a horse," she said. "As long as he doesn't fall over dead, I'll get my money back."

and playful." But Flynn said she knows her horse is an athlete.

"He acts differently once he gets the gear on," she said. "They



Stephanie Flynn greets her six-year-old horse "Easy Roller" in the stables of Northville Downs.

know it's time to perform."

The thrills

Easy Roller has been on a winning streak since Flynn purchased him six weeks ago. During his first four races he placed "in the money" every night, she said, earning a first, second or third place.

"I call it beginner's luck, of course," she said. "Everyone says quit while you're ahead."

"He's paid for himself already. I've been very lucky. I know. I know it's not going to last."

During the city's 50th anniversary celebration, Flynn said she learned how Northville's history was entwined with the track's.

"It's all about this is my hometown."

The first night Flynn raced her

In the clubhouse, Flynn knows how to wager when she steps up to the window. In the barns, track veterans have welcomed the rookie.

"I'm just thrilled at how nice everyone is," she said. "It's a very inviting circle of people."

"Anyone can get into it. I'm proof."

At age 6, Easy Roller is probably half way through his race life, Flynn said. But Flynn is just getting started. Her plans: Northville Downs in the winter, Hazel Park in the summer.

"I don't know what that means, if it's one horse or three," she said. "I'm in it for good."

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In the Northville Downs stables, victory is always one breath away.

"I pace. I'm sick to my stomach. I can't eat. I want him to do well."

Stephanie Flynn
Owner, "Easy Roller"

Northville heats up, cools down — then hits the road?

He's still at it; 203 laptops last year. Northville's most famous dentist, Dr. Jim Payne, is still accepting donated computers, reworking them and sending them to those in need. Recently, he received another thank you note from Iraq: "We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and support you have displayed that will allow young Marines the opportunity to correspond with their families back in the states. Your selfless efforts are making a difference for your Marines and are contributing in the war against terrorism."



City of Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson stopped by a recent Northville Public Schools meeting, congratulating members of the board of education for a job well done. Johnson, a former school board member, expressed appreciation to the seven-member body as a part of School Board Recognition month. Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo also expressed accolades to president, Dr. Karen Paciorek; vice president, Kenneth Roth; secretary, Dr. Marilyn Price; treasurer, Joan Wadsworth; trustee, Judy Handley; trustee, Judith Wollack; and trustee, Libby Smith. Northville school board members offer the community 38.5 years of combined service.

Where's that salsa or chili recipe you like to brag about? The competition's heating up for the inaugural Fire and Ice Festival Saturday, Jan. 28. So far, 30 restaurants and residents have anted up the entry fee in hopes of

taking home awards for best, people's choice or best-named awards. Visitors will be able to taste a \$1 sample or a \$2 bowl. The celebrity panel includes: Blaine from WDVD's morning show, WYCD Morning Show producer Grunwald, WYCD news director Bob Schuman, Pink editor Wensdy White, senior vice president of sales for the Tigers Duane McLean and Observer and Eccentric Newspapers general manager Peter Neill.

Want to cool down after the chili? On Jan. 28 downtown Northville will be a stage for 20-something ice sculptures in front of local businesses, including a dragon at Main and Center. The Kiwanis will host its Polar Bear Plunge at noon. Also, a troupe of performers will be doing amazing tricks with fire. Don't miss the chance to say: I was there!

Word is Sue Taylor and Ken

Nalgus, of the Northville Arts Commission, have been putting in a lot of volunteer hours for the sake of the community. That's what their receipt of the Claude Ely Award was all about last month.

Speaking of laboring for the city ... at the same ceremony, employees with extended tenure were honored. For five years: Justin Chmielewski, Josie Conder, Peter Davis, Dennis Smith and Bill Trail; 10 years: Jim Allen, Matt Clemence, Jim Gallogly, Debbie Luterek and Rick Starling, and 20 years: Gary Cash, Traci Sincoc and Dave Stojan.

Also honored that night: former councilman Jerry Mittman. Mayor Chris Johnson presented an award to Mittman for the time and commitment he has made to the city for his roles on the council and numerous boards and commissions. Later that night and again two weeks later, Mittman's volunteerism came under fire by council audience members. After listening to cries for a written appointment process, the council majority appointed the volunteer to fill vacancies on the planning commission and senior advisory

council. Thanks, Jerry!

Who was that gentle reader? Why it was Harriet Welland, the original resident of Northville's Alterra Winwood Assisted Living, sharing "T was the Night Before Christmas." More than 200 staff, residents and their family members gathered last month for a holiday gala fund-raiser to collect gifts for victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"Good coffee day" is Starbucks' excuse for giving away a free tall brewed coffee to interested patrons from 6 a.m.-4 p.m. today only.

Does Northville High School long for the Western Lakes Activities Association? Rumors persist the WLAA could be seeing Northville head to the Kensington Valley Conference, the league which hosts, among others, the Novi Wildcats. Other potential WLAA defections include Walled Lake Schools: Northern, Western and Central.

The meter's running on \$5 tickets for overstaying three-hour city parking lots downtown. The Northville Downtown Development Authority on

Tuesday endorsed walloping offenders with steeper fines, after one "freebee" warning. Pending city council approval, parking repeatedly in the lot over the limit will face fines for each subsequent offense: \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$75.

Speaking of parking ... when members of the Downtown Steering Committee reconvene in early February, parking needs will be among their discussion topics. They also will review results of the Jan. 25 joint planning session when three representatives from several city bodies will discuss the working draft of the strategic plan. A follow-up to the November public workshop will be held in late February, when residents will be able to air their parking views.

Speaking of meetings ... on Monday the city council will be reviewing its goals and objectives for the coming year. Constructive suggestions? Take them to city hall, 7 p.m.

Do you know how many children benefit from the two-week basketball camp Coach Scott Baldwin is leading at the high school this Saturday and last? All several hundred of them is a

guess. He's microphoning into their young heads hustle, good sportsmanship and teamwork. The added bonus: high school basketball players volunteering as role models and mentors.

A divorced school teacher is about to give up on dating altogether ... You gotta see the movie! "Must Love Dogs" is the Friday Flick at the Northville Senior Community Center 1 p.m. tomorrow. One dollar per person.

Northville High School freshman Nathan Hrivnak will have to hustle home from one gig to get to another. After performing with the state honor's choir at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids Saturday afternoon, the 14-year-old will be the featured performer in the Baseline Folk Society's open mic night at the Art House. Hrivnak, who will play acoustic guitar, also plays tenor saxophone and is teaching himself to play the piano. A member of three soccer teams, Hrivnak also scores honor-roll grades. His mom, Diane, said Nathan keeps her and his dad, Rick, hopping with all his commitments. She said his tight schedule has taught him discipline and time management.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FEBRUARY 28, 2006 ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland counties, notice is hereby given that Monday, January 30, 2006 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the election to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 to vote on the following:

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- I. Northville Public Schools Bond proposition \$25,235,000 for a new elementary school; education technology improvements; land acquisition; playground and site development.
- II. Northville Public Schools Bond proposition \$45,430,000 for remodeling existing buildings; a field house addition; a new transportation facility; school buses and technology improvements; and developing and improving playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities and sites.

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 (248) 349-3400.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

The City Clerk's office is located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of registering to vote. You may also register to vote at any Secretary of State branch office or County Clerk's office during their normal business hours.

Electors may also register to vote by mail by completing a Michigan Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding the application to the City of Northville City Clerk at the above address by the close of registration deadline. Mail-in voter registration applications are available at the City Clerk's office, or by contacting the Elections Clerk at 248-349-1300 Ext. 1962, or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us. Please note that a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City of Northville, are at least 60 years of age, are overseas voters, or are handicapped. (1-19-06 NR 261817)

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE INVITATION TO BID NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY PARK PARKING LOT PAVING

Sealed proposals for Northville Community Park Parking Lot Paving in the Charter Township of Northville, Michigan will be received at the office of Ms. Sue Hillebrand, Township Clerk, Charter Township of Northville, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 until 10:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, February 21, 2006, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work generally involves: Parking lot sub-base preparation and bituminous paving.

Bid documents will be available for examination at the following locations:

1. M.C. Smith Associates and Architectural Group, Inc.
529 Greenwood Avenue, S.E.
East Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506
2. Township of Northville
Office of the Township Clerk
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, Michigan 48168
3. F.W. Dodge Corporation
2922 Fuller Avenue, N.E., #118
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505
4. Builder's Exchange
4461 Cascade Road
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546
5. F.W. Dodge Corporation
25330 Telegraph Road, Suite 350
Southfield, Michigan 48034
6. Construction Association of Michigan
43636 Woodward Avenue
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302
7. Reed Construction Data
40000 Grand River Avenue, Suite 404
Novi, Michigan 48375

Bid documents will also be available for distribution only at M.C. Smith Associates and Architectural Group, Inc., 529 Greenwood Avenue S.E., East Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. A non-refundable charge of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) will be required for each bid set picked up at M.C. Smith Associates and Architectural Group, Inc. An additional non-refundable charge of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) will be charged for bid sets requiring shipping and handling or a charge of \$20.00 will be charged for bid sets requiring overnight shipping.

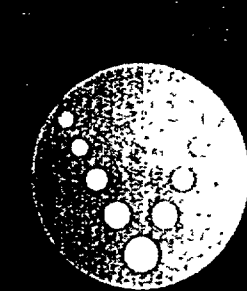
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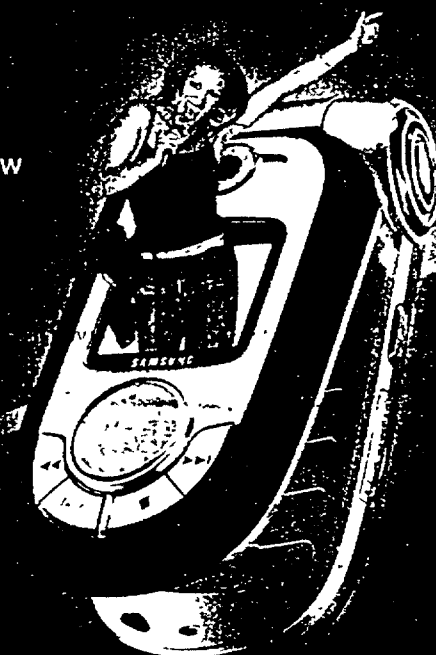


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Senior Events

Thursday, Jan. 19
9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly
9:30 a.m.: 2006 North American International Car Show
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Tai Chi
By appointment: Massage
Friday, Jan. 20
9:30 a.m.: Focus Hope/Liquid Nutrition
10 a.m.: Strength Training
11:30 a.m.: Computer II
1 p.m.: Movie: Must Love Dogs
By appointment: Massage
Monday, Jan. 23
10 a.m.: Line Dancing
10 a.m.: Oxytize I
10:30 a.m.: Aging to Perfection
11 a.m.: Oxytize II
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Computer I
Tuesday, Jan. 24
11:30 a.m.: Deep Dish Pizza Day
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Computers I
Wednesday, Jan. 25
10 a.m.: Oxytize Level I
11 a.m.: Oxytize Level II
noon: Bridge
1 p.m.: Computer II
By appointment: Foot

Reflexology

Board Games

DATE: Tuesday, ongoing
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Ongoing Card Games

Bridge

TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 p.m., Wednesday

Pinochle (double deck)

TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m., Monday and Thursday

Pinochle (single deck)

TIME/DAY: 12:30-3:30 p.m., Friday

Euchre

TIME/DAY: noon, Friday
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Healthy Walking

DATE: Monday through Friday
TIME: 8-10 a.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center gym, 303 W. Main St.

Computer Courses

TIME/DAY: 1-3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, Beginning Computers I: 1-3 p.m., Wednesday and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Friday, Intermediate Computers II
LOCATION: Library, 212 W. Cady St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Thursday, Jan. 19: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:30 p.m.; Northville Historical Society Annual Potluck and Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 20: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 22: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.; Venture Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 23: Rug Hookers, 10 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 4:15 p.m.; Lions Club, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 4 p.m.; Cub

Scouts, 6 p.m.; Northville Democratic Club, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:45 p.m.
*Grounds closed to public

Looking for You

Meals-on-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing
TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers needed
CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace, (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday or Judy LaManna, (248) 348-1761

Volunteers Wanted

DETAILS: There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available for all age groups. Assignments include, Northville Senior Community Center front desk, special assistance and special park projects. Northville High School volunteer hours and scout badge projects are welcome.
CONTACT: recreation@ci.northville.mi.us

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northville-camera@sbcglobal.net, Ken Naigus of the arts commission at kdn@comcast.net or Northville Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

Arts Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

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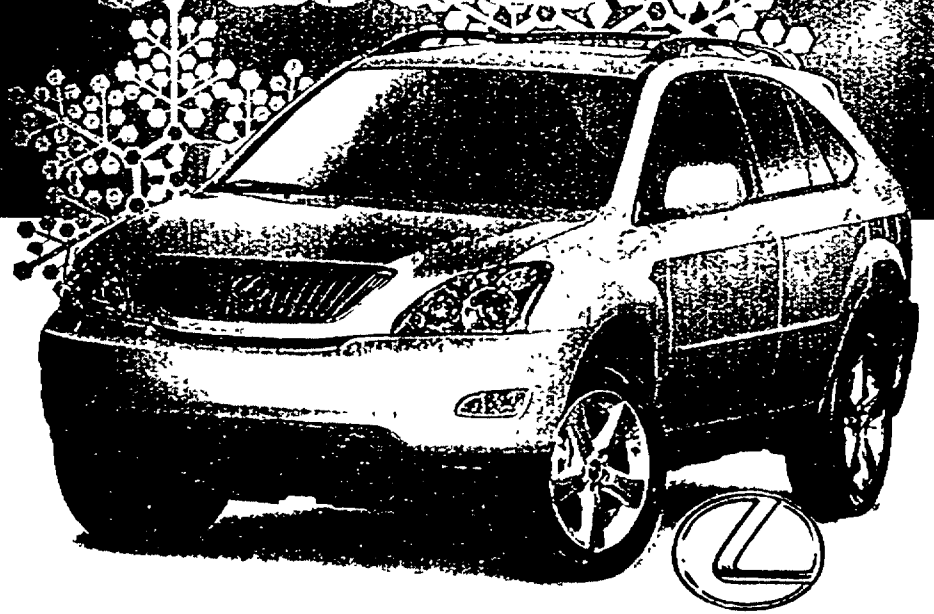
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FORD: local workers nervous about Monday decision

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Donuts on Wixom Road. "We were actually built in this location because of the plant, and without it, I'm not sure we will be able to survive."

Kunwar said he hopes if the plant does close, a new program quickly takes its place.

"We're not going to close our doors," he said, "but most of our business is from the workers and the high school students."

"We're just going to see how business handles without the plant. We'll try and survive because that's all we can do."

Kurtis Shiraz said when the plant was running three shifts as it was five years ago, he would need several other employees working with him at the Marathon Gas Station on Wixom Road across from the facility.

"I don't need any help now that there is only one shift running," he said. "If the plant closes, we're not going to run out of business, but it won't be good either."

Other businesses in the Novi and Wixom areas affected by the possible closure had mixed feelings about the motor company's upcoming decision.

"We're definitely going to lose customers," said Eric Lyons, manager of Zax Autowash. "But in any business, it's very difficult to say which area the customers came from."

Lyons said he wasn't sure of the impact the closure would have on business because everyone needs their vehicles washed.

"I can't say that we'll even notice it in our numbers," Lyons said.

Potter said there is a sizable amount of traffic coming off the plant, and he feels a closure would create a pinch on the local economy.

"This plant is very important to the cities of Wixom and Novi and surrounding communities," he said. "There's a benefit for some of the other suburban areas as well, and this is something we all have to pull together on and hope for the best."

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By: Mike Riley

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Beautification Commission

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B

Housing Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: Youth Assistance office, 775 N. Center St.

CONTACT: (248) 349-1300

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Parks and Recreation

Kiddie Sports and Games

DETAILS: Registration for Kiddie Sports and Games, Sports Starters and Sports Sampler for Preschoolers is going on now. These classes are an introduction to sports and games and include teaching effort, cooperation and teamwork.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Ski and Snowboard Club

DETAILS: Registration has begun for middle school and high school students. Membership includes motor coach transportation to local ski areas on Friday

evenings and select Saturday evenings, group lift tickets, rental equipment discounts and lessons at Mt. Brighton Ski Area. Registration is \$155 for all Northville residents; \$160 for school district residents in the City of Novi; and \$165 for non-residents.

CONTACT: Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203

Junior Ski and Snowboard Club

DETAILS: This club is for fourth and fifth grade students and includes two afternoon trips to Mt. Brighton. Registration is \$56 for one trip and \$100 for two trips; additional fees apply for non-residents. Motorcoach transportation is provided.

CONTACT: Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203, extension #1408

Drop In Cheerleading

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, 4-5 p.m., sixth grade and up; 5-6 p.m., first-

fifth grade

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: This drop-in program promotes fitness, dance routines, stretching, jumps and cheers. The fee is \$6 per person per day.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Open Basketball

DATE: Every Tuesday

TIME: 7-10 p.m.

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per person.

Open Badminton

DATE: Every Tuesday and Friday

TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road.

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$7 per night, including bird fee.

Table Tennis

TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m., Monday

and noon-4 p.m., Saturday

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: Eight tables are available. All skill levels welcome. Cost is \$4 per day.

Regional

"Our Town" Auditions

DATE: Tuesday and Wednesday

TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VisTaTach Center, Haggerty Road, Livonia

DETAILS: Auditions are open to community members and students. "Our Town" will be presented March 24, 25, 31 and April 1 in a dinner theater setting. It will also be presented April 7 and 8 as a theater performance only.

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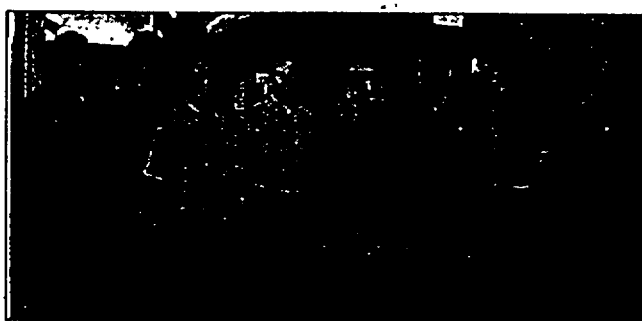
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Scoreboard

The Northville Mustangs basketball team is still undefeated. Find out who they played and what the score was in this week's edition of scoreboard.
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Ready to lead

Northville's volleyball team has a big goal in mind: repeating as division champions. Leading the way are three talented seniors, Marina Ungaretti, Kristen Engstrom and Morgan Daul.
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CHASING THE SCHOLARSHIP DREAMS

■ Some student-athletes get the coveted college offer; others keep trying

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

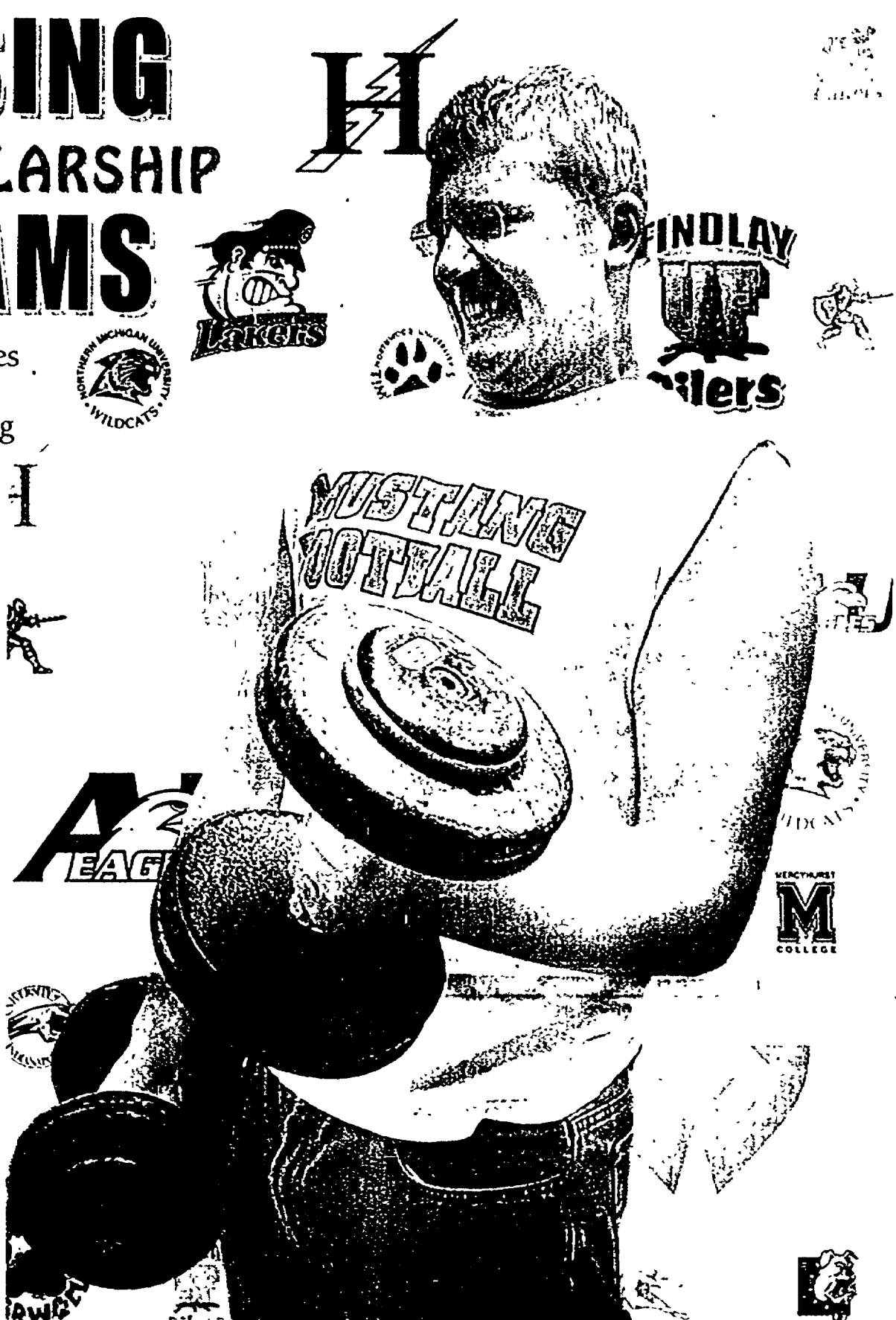
It's a wish. A hope. A dream. Just imagine, a scholarship to pay for a college education just for playing sports. Lots of kids pray for them. Few get them. According to Jack Renkens, of Recruiting Realities in Scottsdale, Ariz., only 0.8 percent of high school student-athletes receive a fully-funded Division I scholarship — fewer than one out of 100. "It's not easy," said Northville basketball coach Darrel Schumacher, also a former head football coach. "As a coach, it's hard to tell parents why their son or daughter isn't getting a scholarship. It's not my job to be able to say they're a scholarship athlete. If it was up to me, everyone of these kids would get one." But it's not up to a high school coach. It's not even up to the athlete who pushes themselves to the limit every day. It's up to the college coaching staffs. All a student-athlete can do is their best and hope it gets them enough attention.

On scholarship

Matt Williams took a deep breath as he sat down with his friends and family to sign his national letter of intent to play baseball at Duke University last year. He could hardly believe it wasn't a dream. The 2005 Northville graduate had worked his entire life for the moment he was living. Pen in hand, he scribbled his name on the official document. Williams has since moved to Durham, N.C., gone through a semester of school with a 3.95 grade-point average and had a strong showing during fall baseball. He hopes to earn playing time this spring. It's a whole new world for Williams, who attends Duke on a 75-percent athletic scholarship.

He's not complaining though. It's better than trying to decide on a college. As a highly-recruited catcher, Williams found letters streaming in from colleges he had never even heard of. The phone rang constantly. Students and teachers at school asked him where he was going to play. "It was extremely stressful at times," Williams said. "People are constantly contacting you and you're trying not to tell anyone 'no' because you want to keep your options open. It's probably the biggest decision of your life at that point." It wasn't just which school to attend that had Williams worrying. He didn't want to upset anyone by picking the wrong institution. In the end, he said the stress was worth it, though he wouldn't want to go through it again. Williams has found there are plenty of perks to being a scholarship athlete. He has access to a student-athletes center with free tutors and resources. He has his own academic advisor and now and then he even gets a little leeway on assignments because professors know he has to be away for sports. But it's not just academically rewarding. This spring, Williams will get his baseball equipment and the university will provide sports apparel for him to wear.

"It's really nice," he said. "All I have



Mustang Evan Duey lifts weights in the school's conditioning room. Duey has a scholarship offer from Findlay in Ohio, but is keeping his options open as he visits other Division II colleges.

to do is keep performing, improving and working hard."

Though Williams went to Duke in the best shape of his life, he said he wasn't quite ready for the workouts they had planned for him.

"It's a completely different level," he said. "I was in pretty decent shape when I came down here, or so I thought. The workout actually kicked all of our butts. It was definitely another level of conditioning."

Not to mention the amount of time he has to give the program. He leaves his dorm at 7 a.m. and doesn't get back until around 8 p.m. due to school and baseball.

In spring, a 56-game schedule will keep him even busier.

Verbally committed

Sometimes, the dice just roll perfect-

ly. Novi junior Stephanie Crawford is all smiles when she talks about winning last year's girls soccer state championship with her fellow Wildcats. It was one of the greatest moments of her life. And then it got better.

On a visit to the University of Michigan, where he brother Michael attends, Crawford was offered a full-ride scholarship to play soccer for the Wolverines.

Following a quick conversation with her parents, Crawford was verbally committed to U-M. But that doesn't mean it's going to be any easier on the soccer pitch.

"You have to keep working hard even though you have a scholarship," she said. "I can't just drop down or the Michigan coaches will think I'm not pulling my weight."

"They pulled all of our weight to get

me to their school and I'm going to do well in return."

One state championship down, the possibility of a couple more ahead of her.

"I was actually just talking about that in school," she said. "There's a boy on the (Novi) soccer team and I always tease him about how we won states. He said 'At least you get three rings.' Hopefully, we can."

Getting a full-ride as a sophomore was a big step for Crawford, who said she still has work to do. It's one thing to be committed and it's another to be ready for the next level.

"I've got to keep pushing myself and working as hard as I can," she said. "I want to be better than I am now when I get to college."

Not Interested

Megan Miller just wants to have fun. The standout senior volleyball player, who plays middle blocker for the Novi Wildcats, isn't interested in letting other people decide what she should do and when she should do it.

That's one of the reasons she's not pursuing a collegiate career. "I've talked to some colleges," she said. "A Division I school in South Carolina and another school in Virginia.

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Mustangs, Spartans set pool records

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Rich Bennetts was proud of his Mustangs following last Thursday's meet against Stevenson.

The swimming and diving coach knew it was going to be a big meet. It was hyped up and touted as one of the biggest dual meets this season.

The Mustangs and the Spartans didn't disappoint as Northville swam to a 104-82 decision.

"If you enjoy the sport of swimming, it was a fun night to be at the pool," said Bennetts.

"Unofficially, going over every result, it's the fastest dual meet in the state so far."

The Mustangs and the Spartans broke nine pool records out of 12 events, in front of a packed house numbering about 300.

Students sat on the stairs and in front of the glass partition dividing fans from the pool.

"We definitely broke the attendance record for the pool," Bennetts said. "We had a good time, crammed in a bunch of people and kids from both teams really rose to the occasion."

The event started off with the 200 medley relay, which gave fans a good idea of the competition they were going to see throughout the night. Northville's team of Brad Farris, Weston Laabs, Will Blicke and Brody Blicke took first place in 1:39.96 to set the pool record. Stevenson was right behind them in 1:40.16.

"It was pretty exciting," Bennetts said. "Those times are season bests for both teams."

Both times were state-cut qualifying times.

In the 200 individual medley, the Mustangs once again turned in an outstanding performance. Chris Keady hit the water and finished in 1:55.57, breaking the varsity record set in 1991 by Eric Newton (1:56.24). Stevenson's Travis Hatt finished second in 2:00. Both swimmers earned state cuts.

Another pool record was set in the 50 freestyle, this time by a Spartan as Matt Massman swam to first in 21.71 seconds with Brody Blicke in second in 22.34 for his season best and a state finals qualifying time.

At the diving break, the Mustangs took second and third place with Will Fankell earning the former with 155.25 points. Stevenson's Steve Smith was first with 159.80.

In the 100 butterfly, the Mustangs finished second to Steve Brustly's 53.81 second swim with Will Blicke touching up in 54.70 to earn a state cut.

But it was the 100 freestyle that had the fans on their feet. Northville's two top swimmers in the event, Farris and Keady, matched up with Stevenson's Hatt, considered their top tanker overall.

"It was probably the most entertaining event," Bennetts said. "We figured they'd put Hatt in it and they did, so that's why we put Keady and Farris in it."

The finish was as close as they get with fans quickly

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By the numbers	14	138.75	34.85	9.35	34.65	8.8	34.2
Total members on this year's Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team.	Score the Wild 'Stangs earned in a loss against Canton last week.	All-Around score tallied by senior Sarah Ilkhani-Pour, 9.15 came from the bars.	Captain Rachel Deneau's score with her floor routine against Canton.	Julie Foucher's all-around score for Novi-Northville, with a 9.05 on bars.	Novi senior Emma Platt's score on the vault, her specialty event.	The all-around score awarded to Jackie Gazette by the judges last week.	

Cagers remain undefeated

The Northville Mustangs basketball team doesn't plan on slowing down.

With six big wins behind them, the squad entered the Western Lakes Activities Association portion of their schedule last week and tipped off with some impressive results. The Mustangs opened a struggling Livonia Churchill team, 70-53.

Northville set the pace early, jumping to a 25-7 lead over the Chargers by the end of the first quarter. Livonia made some adjustments in the second quarter, closing the gap to 41-24 by the end of the first half of play.

The Mustangs didn't quit in the second half, following the lead of junior guard Alvin Storrs, who poured in 19 to increase his average to over 16 points per contest. Storrs scored six straight points in the opening minutes of the third quarter to get the Northville offensive machine rolling. By the start of the fourth, the Mustangs were subbing in all of their players with 11 of the 13 scoring in the game.

Senior Doug Hasse added a season-high 14 points while Andrew Manor added 11. Chris Lorente added six points while Nick Kaldis added five and 6-foot-6-inch sophomore Dan Kirkpatrick added four points. Senior Campy Smith and junior Bret Spencer had three while Brad Birdsall and Steve Clark had two. Sophomore Mike Rogers added one in the final seconds.

Churchill was led by Joel Hall, who scored 25 points with 18 coming from beyond the three-point arc.

Northville is now 7-0 on the season, 1-0 in WLA play. Churchill fell to 0-7.

Gymnasts drop close contest

The Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team couldn't get by the strong Canton competition last week and fell, 141.85-138.75.

The Mustangs improved their overall score from the week prior, but couldn't get enough points from the judges to edge their conference foes.

Leading the way for the Wild 'Stangs was Sarah Ilkhani-Pour, who scored 34.85 points overall with a strong showing on the bars with a 9.15. Not far behind was Julie Foucher, scoring 34.65 overall while earning a 9.05 with her floor exercise.

Jackie Gazette scored a 34.2 overall.

On individual events, Rachel Deneau scored a 9.35 with her floor routine while Emma Platt had a strong 8.8 score on the vault.

The Northville-Novi gymnastics team will face Brighton today at 7 p.m. at Northville High School. They will compete in the Farmington Invitational Saturday.

Wrestlers take seventh

In every meet there are bright moments. In the South Lyon Invitational tournament, the bright spot was the wrestling of Joe Gholami, who wrestles at 125 pounds. Gholami had some big moments, the biggest being his first-place finish over Kyle Liddel of Milford.

Taking thirds in the tournament were Brian Bagian (130) and Jon Junca (135). Northville also had a fourth-place finish from Tim Resnick (215).

Northville placed seventh of 11 teams

U14 Michigan Wolves: 2005 Super Y National Champions

The U14 Michigan Wolves soccer team completed the 2005 Super Y North American Finals in Tampa, FL, Nov. 18-22 as National Champions. The Wolves' 15-0-0 overall 2005 season was capped off in fantastic fashion in Florida with five consecutive shutouts at the finals to finish as the only



team with a perfect record that also did not include any draws. They went 10-0-0 in the regular season, swept the Great Lakes Division, and downed the Washington Crossfire, 1-0, in the semifinals to reach the championship match in Florida. In the final, they continued their dominating ways, downing the California SCC Breakers by a stunning 6-0 score.

Representing the Northville area is Doug Beason, 8th grade student at Hillside Middle School, and Nick Scabassi and Nick Tacconelli, both 9th grade students at Northville High School.

Swimmers make splash, set pool records

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looking to the scoreboard to see who won. Farris touched first, breaking the pool record with a 48.20 second finish while Hatt finished in 48.24. Keady was third, finishing in 48.27 seconds. All three earned state cuts.

"When those three guys hit the wall, nobody knew who won," Bennetts said. "I think that's the event that broke Stevenson's spirit because after that we kind of distanced ourselves a little."

"They were maybe a little frustrated that they had their best kid in the event and didn't come away with the win. It's just a testament of how well Keady and Farris can match up with anybody."

The Mustangs came back in the next event, the 500 freestyle, and swept the places with Brody Bickle setting the pool record in the 500 free with a 4:52.29 and Chris Culklin in second in 4:58.61. Both

earned state finals cuts. In third place was Jon Bardsley, finishing in 5:06.28.

Stevenson came back in the 200 freestyle relay, finishing first with a pool-record time of 1:29.82 while Northville finished in 1:11.67 for a state finals cut.

Northville wasn't done though, taking first in the 100 backstroke with Farris setting the pool record in 54.07 seconds and Brody Bickle in second in 54.45 to earn state cuts for both. In the 100 breast stroke, Stevenson's David Gosdzinski was first for a pool record in 1:01.71 while Laabs earned second and a state cut in 1:03.08.

The final event of the night found Northville winning the 400 freestyle relay with a pool record and state finals qualifying time of 3:18.55. Keady, Culklin, Will Bickle and Farris swam the event.

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Depth helps Mustangs win

In year's past, the Northville Mustangs boys swimming team couldn't match up with the overwhelming because of Stevenson's size.

The top-tier swimmers would do fine against one another, but Northville's lack of depth kept them from taking the fourth and fifth places.

That's changed now, with Northville boasting a deep enough team to get those spots.

"Some of the second-tier guys really stepped up," said Bennetts. "They were getting fifth, but that's a point."

"In close meets, that one extra point in every event definitely helps."



Submitted Photo
Churchill senior Marcellus Howell (#21) has nowhere to go as he is boxed in by Northville's 6-foot-6-inch sophomore Dan Kirkpatrick (#5) and 6-7 sophomore Mike Rogers (#32). Mustang junior Andrew Manor (#10), a 6-1 forward, closes the trap.

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Mustang volleyball tri-captains Kristen Engstrom, Morgan Daul and Marina Ungaretti want to lead their team to another division title.

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Mustangs' captains ready to lead

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Marina Ungaretti was on the team when it meant nothing. Now she, Morgan Daul and Kristen Engstrom are captains when it means everything. "I was a sophomore when I made varsity," said Ungaretti, a 5-foot-8-inch defensive specialist. "It was horrible. Last year was such a big change, for the better for sure, and now we want to defend our title." The Western Division title. Two years ago it was unreachable. Last year it was the first in school history. The Mustangs are under the guidance of second-year coach Steve Anderson and they're ready to defend their division title. It's a goal all three captains believe is attainable. "I think we can do it," said Daul, a 5-foot-9-inch outside and middle hitter. "I think we can do that and more. With the way the team has changed in the past year, I think we have the ability and the skill to make it happen. If we keep working the way we are and we keep the right attitude, I think we've got it." All three Northville captains were team leaders last year, but Anderson said he expects something more from them this

season. "For Northville volleyball, a captain of the team is the emotional leader of the team and the team representative," he said. "The position is more about character and leadership than it is of dominating skills." It's a role the three senior captains take to heart. Engstrom said she looks for ways to promote the players' belief in one another. Even when things are going bad, Engstrom isn't one to raise her voice. That's just not her style. "As a leader you've got to always be positive," said the 5-foot-10-inch outside hitter. "You're a captain, a leader and a role model. The younger players look up to the seniors and the captains and it's our job to lead them the best we can."

Digs, kills and aces

The Mustangs are currently 3-2-2 with both losses coming against the same team in an early-season tournament. But it's not about the wins and losses

for the Northville spikers. Anderson said he and his captains are responsible for promoting a different way of thinking. The goal of each game is to earn the respect of their opponents and to continue to gain knowledge of the sport. "Sometimes winning and respect go hand-in-hand, but when it is all said and done, sports are not about wins and losses," he said. "They're about playing hard and displaying character regardless of the outcome. The captains of this year's team represent character and have earned the respect of their peers and coaching staff." This year the Mustangs are young, too. Two sophomore setters start on the team. But other aspects of the team outweigh their youth. The team is experienced and tall. Anderson noted it's the tallest team he's ever coached, including the collegiate level. The biggest Mustangs strength, he said, is its ability to work together, something that tore at the unity of the squad last season.

"We're one team, and we need to keep it that way."

Morgan Daul
Northville Senior Volleyball Captain

"On last year's team there was almost a barrier between the older kids and the younger kids, split right down the middle," Daul said. "We learned a lot from that and because of it we always try to keep the team together. "We're one team, and we need to keep it that way." Ungaretti said team unity makes it easier to sort out problems and smooth things out. She said they're quick to come together and were even quicker to become friends. "It's extremely easy," she said. "Everyone gets along with everyone." "It's about more than just winning for me. I like getting to know all the girls and letting them get to know me. I like making sure everyone is having fun." But winning helps. A single banner hangs for the Northville volleyball team signaling their lone division victory. Engstrom said she hopes the team can get it some company, too. "It's so lonely looking," she said. "I want us to do well and I want us to win. There's only one flag up there now, but I want to show more for this team."

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Wild 'Stangs gymnast leaps own hurdles

Emma Platt takes injuries, pain in stride

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Emma Platt came off the parallel bars with a front-flip dismount and prepared to land

For a split instant the then-freshman gymnast lost her bearing. Up or down? A split second later she landed, head first, on the mat. "At first I thought I was paralyzed," said Platt, who is now a senior. "My coach ran over and told me not to move." She did as she was told, staying perfectly still as her coach checked to make sure she was OK. He waited a few more minutes and then asked her to see if

she could get up slowly. She did and iced the injury. Her emotions ranged from scared to angry. "I said I was quitting and I was done," Platt said. "I told them I wasn't going back. Two days later, I was back in the gym." Platt never really overcame that moment. She still practices on the bars, but she doesn't always compete on them and she never attempts the same

routine that send her crashing to the ground three years ago. Instead, she focuses on the vault and floor events. The Novi-Northville Wild 'Stangs' gymnastics captain didn't let the accident stop her from performing and the squad is better because of it. In 2004 and 2005, Platt qualified for the individual state finals on the vault. She also helped lead her team to a sixth- and seventh-place finish in

those years, respectively. "Emma is a very focused, very calm competitor," said coach Erin McWatt. "She's not easily rattled. No matter what the outcome in competition, she's a very positive person."

Painful performance

For Platt, every performance and every practice is enough to bring tears to her eyes. Shin splints and a very banged-up ankle keep her from being 100 percent at any given competition, but she doesn't let it slow her down. She wraps the ailing ankle in tape and bites her lip when it comes to the burning pain in her shins. "I do the least amount of tumbling I can," Platt said. "It hurts really bad at times." Each and every performance by Platt is a gritty one, which is one of the reasons she makes an outstanding captain, said McWatt. Her leadership and her skill make her an invaluable part of the program. "I've coached her for this being our third year together and during that time she's definitely had her fair share of injuries," McWatt said. "She's plagued by pain in her shins daily, but she doesn't let that stop her from doing what she loves."

During practice, McWatt said, Platt knows how far to push herself in order to stay at the top of her form in her events while avoiding additional aggravation to her shins and ankles. "She knows that this team needs her to stay healthy because we'd love for her to compete all around as much as possible for us this year," she said. "She's very smart about the way she practices and competes. She's very unselfish and extremely team oriented."

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Wild 'Stangs' tri-captain Emma Platt leaps above the gymnasium floor.

SPORTS SHORTS

Pistons basketball clinic

Ward Church, in Northville, will be hosting a Pistons Basketball Camp for players in kindergarten-fifth grade Jan. 28. The clinic will run from noon-4 p.m. and will be conducted by coach Steve Moreland of the Detroit Pistons and Shock. The cost is \$15 per child and participants receive a "Pistons Basketball" t-shirt. For more information, or to register, call Ward Church at (248) 374-5932.

Volleyball clinic

The Club Extreme volleyball team will host a middle school volleyball tournament Jan. 22 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Farmington Hills Mercy High School. For more information, a flier or registration forms, please contact Peter Lau at (248) 219-8639.

Coach wanted

Northville High School is currently in need of a girls junior varsity soccer head coach for the upcoming spring 2006 season. Interested candidates should contact Bryan Masi, Northville Athletic Director at (248) 344-8414.

Adult hockey

Sign-up now for the winter session of the Breakfast Club Adult Hockey Series. Registration is underway for the Breakfast Club presented by Labatt-Suburban Hockey's weekly morning skills and conditioning series for adult hockey players of all ability levels. The 10-week session will run through March 16. The Breakfast Club will take place at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills on Tuesday and Wednesday; Suburban Ice-Macomb on Tuesday; Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena and Dearborn Ice Skating Center on Thursday. Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills will also be the site of the Advanced Breakfast Club program on Thursday. The goals of the program are to improve players' overall knowledge of the game, teach new drills, increase enjoyment of the game, build confidence, conditioning and develop skating and puck skills in a competitive and fun environment. Coaches include former professional and collegiate players with vast coaching and playing experience. All youth hockey coaches receive 50 percent off tuition to the Breakfast Club. New this year is a special offer from RBK Hockey — all registered players may purchase an RBK 5K Modano pattern hockey stick for just \$75 (retail is \$150). In addition, players who refers a new player to the Breakfast Club will receive \$50 off their tuition. This is a popular program and there is limited enrollment. For more information on the Breakfast Club or any other Suburban Hockey program, contact (248) 478-1600 or www.suburbanhockey.com.

Baseball/Softball meeting

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association will hold a travel baseball meeting Monday at 7 p.m., in the media center of Scranton Middle School located at 8415 Maltby Road (west of Rickett and south of Lee) in Brighton. This meeting is for the 2006 season and is for any new or returning U12-U18 teams. For more information, contact Jeff David at (586) 206-7646 or jeff.david@kvbsa.com or visit www.KVBSA.com.

Novi Heat fund-raising event

The U13 Novi Heat baseball team will be holding a fund-raising event at Gennitti's Hold In The Wall restaurant Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. The team over the past two seasons were USSSA World Series consolation finalists as well as last year's run to Puerto Rico, which included being Michigan District champions, Ohio Regional champions and a berth to the World Series in San Juan. The team also played in the Cooperstown Dream Park tournament. The cost is \$50 per ticket, which includes dinner and wine with dinner. A cash bar is also available. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Pete Talbot at (248) 349-5688 or (734) 905-4578.

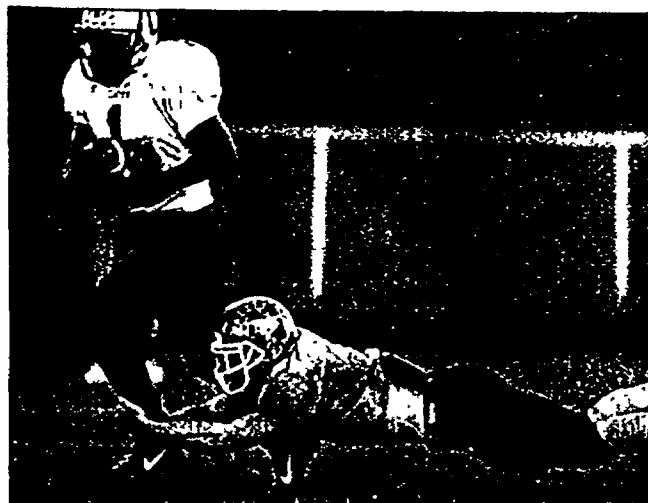


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Chris McGuire, right, is hoping to tackle a collegiate football scholarship.

Show me the money

■ Standouts vie for athletic scholarships to help defray college costs

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But I've kind of opted not to play."

She'd rather focus on earning a college degree.

She's not playing in Amateur Athletic Union competition this year and she's not letting herself be wooed by any college coaches.

"This is my senior year and you only live this year once," Miller said. "I want to have fun."

The idea of playing college sports was intriguing when she

was younger, but as Miller realized the true commitment and time dedicated at that level she changed her mind.

At that level, she said, it's not so much about fun as it is winning, losing and being immersed in the sport.

"The thing about college volleyball is they basically own you," she said. "You don't have much life outside of school and volleyball. I want to have fun in college and I want to have the college life most people live."

Miller said she's still planning



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Novi's Stephanie Crawford will go from playing soccer for the Novi Wildcats to the University of Michigan Wolverines. She verbally committed to a full ride as a sophomore last spring.

on playing, but at the club or intramural level.

Still trying

Chris McGuire loves football. But, so far, love hasn't earned him any scholarships.

The Northville senior was a standout player, earning All-Area status as a captain who led the team on offense, defense and special teams, even setting two school records.

He squatted 325 when he was at the top of his game, hitting 225 now as he recovers from a dinged-up knee. On the bench, he hits about 225, though in-season was pushing 30 more pounds.

So far he's talked to a slew of colleges, with Saginaw Valley State, Northwood and Adrian leading the pack as some of his first choices.

"I really want to play," McGuire said. "I'd love to get a scholarship and I'd love to keep playing."

It's not a dilemma Evan Duey faces. The senior Northville standout lineman has his scholarship in hand. At just about six-and-a-half feet tall and weighing in at 268 pounds, Duey impressed coaches with his physical play, quick feet and ability both on the field and in the weight room.

Duey has at least one offer from the University of Findlay, most likely more to come. The decision the All-Area selection has to make is which one to take?

"It's crazy," he said. "I've done more college applications than I can even count because of all the letters. It's fun, but it's stressful, too."

Duey has trips planned to Hillsdale, Northwood, Grand Valley and Northern Michigan in the coming weeks. There, he'll show off his 265-pound power clean, a 475-pound squat and a 4.9-second 40-yard dash.

Neither athlete will likely earn a Division I scholarship, though Duey is still in talks with Central Michigan University. But neither one cares. They want to play because they enjoy playing, not because the money and the fame.

"I'm willing to go play at Adrian, which is Division III and doesn't have any scholarships," said McGuire. "I want to play, so I'll play for free and hope I can get some academic scholarships."

With most Division I schools already having their scholarship money committed, Duey said

Words of advice

Matt Williams said any athlete who wants to play at the collegiate level has to be dedicated to their sport, even if the recruiting letters aren't coming in.

"Just work hard and pursue it," he said. "Just because a certain college hasn't contacted them, it doesn't mean they don't have the potential to go there."

"The only reason Duke even noticed me was because the coach came to recruit another player and saw how hard I worked and liked the way I played. You never know when you're going to get noticed, so you just have to keep working your hardest, always."

Division II schools are just as attractive.

Besides, every school interested in him is in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference.

"It's by far the best (Division II) conference in the nation," he said. "They have the national champs in Grand Valley, the number two team in the nation in Saginaw Valley and the fourth-ranked team in the nation in Northwood."

"I can't complain about that."

What's it worth?

The value of a college scholarship is weighed by the student-

athlete receiving it. Some adore them and others simply don't want them.

"It's an amazing opportunity," said Williams. "It's a lot of work, but it's worth it."

But what about those who don't have one, the ones who are still trying to be noticed?

"They just have to get their name out there," said Schumacher. "The more they do that, the better the chance a college coach is going to take a look at them. That's their best chance."

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Novi's middle blocker Megan Miller goes up to stop a spike. Despite Division I college interest, Miller has opted not to play at the next level.

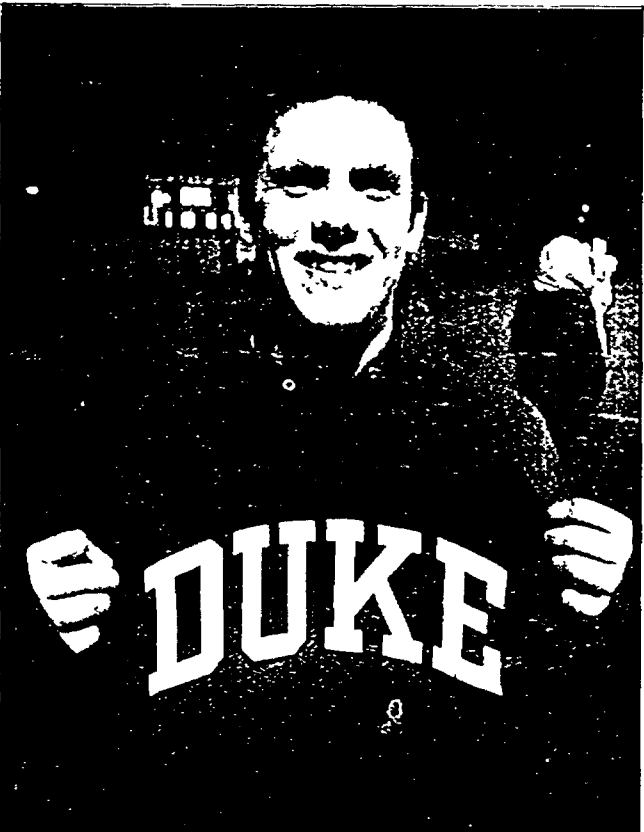


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Matt Williams, a 2005 Northville graduate, will take to the baseball diamond as a Blue Devil this spring on an athletic scholarship.

PARKS AND RECREATION

New Residents

DETAILS: Northville Parks and Recreation invites new Northville residents to visit its parks and community centers to learn about activities and facilities.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203 or www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Kiddle Sports and Games

DETAILS: Registration for the next session of Kiddle Sports and Games, Sports Starters and Sports Sampler for Preschoolers is going on now. These classes are an introduction to sports and games and include teaching effort, cooperation and teamwork.

CONTACT: (248)349-0203

Lap Swimming

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

CONTACT: For times and information, call (248) 349-0203

Open Badminton

DATE: Tuesday and Friday

TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road.

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$7 per night, including bird fee.

Table Tennis

TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m., Monday and noon-4 p.m., Saturday

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: Eight tables are available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$4 per day.

Open Basketball

TIME/DAY: 7-10 p.m., Tuesday

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

CONTACT: (248) 449-9947

Ski and Snowboard Club

DETAILS: Registration has begun for middle school and high school students. Membership includes motor coach transportation to local ski areas on Friday evenings and select Saturday evenings, group lift tickets, rental equipment discounts and lessons at Mt. Brighton Ski Area. Registration is \$155 for all Northville residents; \$160 for school district residents in the City of Novi; and \$165 for non-residents.

CONTACT: Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203

Junior Ski and Snowboard Club

DETAILS: This club is for fourth and fifth grade students and includes two afternoon trips to Mt. Brighton. Registration is \$56 for one trip and \$100 for two trips; additional fees apply for non-residents. Motorcoach transportation is provided.

CONTACT: Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203, extension #1408

Drop In Cheerleading

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, 4-5 p.m., sixth grade and up; 5-6 p.m., fifth grade

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: This drop-in program promotes fitness, dance routines, stretching, jumps and cheers. The fee is \$6 per person per day.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Northville

Boys Basketball

Varsity	Home	John Glenn	7 p.m.
1/20	Away	W.L. Western	7 p.m.
1/24	Home	Stevenson	7 p.m.
JV	Home	John Glenn	5:30 p.m.
1/20	Away	W.L. Western	5:30 p.m.
1/24	Home	Stevenson	5:30 p.m.
Freshmen	Away	John Glenn	3:45 p.m.
1/20	Home	W.L. Western	3:45 p.m.
1/24	Away	Stevenson	3:45 p.m.

Volleyball

Varsity	Away	Waterford Kettering	8:30 a.m.
1/21	Home	W.L. Northern	7 p.m.
1/23	Away	Stevenson	7 p.m.
JV	Away	South Lyon	9 a.m.
1/21	Home	W.L. Northern	5:30 p.m.
1/23	Away	Stevenson	5:30 p.m.
Freshmen	Away	W.L. Central	9 a.m.
1/21	Home	W.L. Northern	5:30 p.m.
1/23	Away	Stevenson	5:30 p.m.



Swimming

1/19	Home	Wayne	7 p.m.
1/26	Away	Plymouth	7 p.m.

Gymnastics

1/19	Home	Brighton	7 p.m.
1/21	Away	Farmington	TBA
1/26	Home	Salem	7 p.m.

Cheerleading

1/25	Away	W.L. Central	7 p.m.
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Wrestling

1/21	Away	Regional	8:30 a.m.
1/19	Home	Franklin	6:30 p.m.
1/26	Home	Canton	6:30 p.m.

Girls Hockey

Varsity			
1/18	Home	GP Liggett	4:10 p.m.
1/21	Home	Plymouth Canton Unified	1:10
p.m.			
1/27	Home	Grosse Pointe South	8 p.m.
JV			
1/20	Home	Bloomfield	4:40 p.m.

Hockey

Varsity			
1/20	Away	Canton	8 p.m.
1/25	Away	Saline	6:30 p.m.
1/27	Home	Plymouth	6 p.m.
JV			
1/22	Away	Utica Eisenhower	8:30

Bowling

1/19	Away	U-D Jesuit	4 p.m.
1/23	Away	North Farmington	4 p.m.
1/25	Away	U-D Jesuit	4 p.m.

IN THE KITCHEN

Baby Blends

A BOLD AND SASSY SALAD GENERATION ARRIVES IN STYLE

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Say "baby," and you think: New. Fresh. Young. Full of promise. The same goes for baby greens and vegetables, which deliver a full package of robust flavors in a tender, tiny form.

Sophisticated American palates left pale iceberg and ho-hum lettuces behind with the discovery of blends like the vivacious greens in Spring Mix — a chorus of color and taste. Now, the salad experts at Fresh Express have delivered a brand-spanking new collection of tender whole leaf "Baby Blends," salads featuring early-harvest versions of favorite lettuces and greens — a nice fit for our endless appetite for snazzy, fresh flavors, optimum nutrition and, of course, the ultimate in ready-to-eat convenience.

According to Fresh Express vice president, Jeff Lemmon, the "birth" of Baby Blends brings an exciting new generation of salad varieties — all with distinct flavor personalities and contrasting tastes, textures and colors. These artfully designed blends have been specially crafted to offer perfectly balanced and innovative taste sensations. With flavors from bold and bright to sassy and sensational, this first-ever line of all-baby greens heralds a whole new era in salad eating.

An array of flavors from peppery, tangy and assertive to sweet, mellow and subtle makes for a mingling of harmonious tastes. Richly flavorful baby spinach leaves, spicy wild arugula, colorful red-vein baby spinach, peppery tatsoi, crisp baby romaine, buttery baby tango, tart young radicchio and mellow baby oak and leaf lettuce are all harvested when they're tender, bursting with flavor and loaded with nutritional benefits. And more news: joining these "babies" in their first U.S. debut is the new taste of sweet, and tender baby Salanova — a European specialty butter lettuce.

What's not to love about these new flavor blends? They're ready to enjoy right out of the bag, offering ultimate convenience with no mess or waste.

WHY BABY?

Baby lettuces and greens are carefully harvested when they're at the peak of taste, tenderness and color. Because they are gently picked when young, flavors and colors are both lively and intense instead of becoming more muted as the plants mature.

Nutrition experts remind us to eat several servings of colorful produce daily, and these baby blends fit that direction perfectly, offering super nutrition, including vitamins A, C, B and K, lutein, folic acid, iron and other important minerals.

To match the sparkling flavors of these whole leaf baby blends, discerning consumers are choosing quality bottled dressings or making their own, pairing different types of vinegar or citrus juices with a variety of oils and other savory additions for a whole new wave of salad creation.

HANDLED WITH LOVING CARE

TLC handling of the young greens — beginning right at harvest — makes the difference. Each tender leaf in the new lineup is gently but thoroughly washed and dried, and carefully packaged in a unique keep-crisp bag, so these Baby Blends are tops in quality, radiantly fresh and ready to go.

For the latest arrivals in convenient salads, recipes and flavorful ideas, visit the Fresh Express web site at www.freshexpress.com.



THE NEW ARRIVALS: *Baby Blends pair perfectly with well-balanced dressings*

Dressing Tips

WHO TOSSED THE SALAD?

- Greens must be dry so dressing will stick
- Use a bowl at least twice the size of the amount of greens
- Whisk dressing (or shake in a covered jar). Drizzle greens, tossing gently; adding a bit at a time. Serve immediately.

OIL MEETS VINEGAR

Make vinaigrette up to a day before using. Serve creamy vinaigrettes immediately. Classic vinaigrettes call for one part vinegar (acid) to 3 parts oil, adjusting for personal taste and added flavor accents.

- In a small bowl whisk together acid (citrus juice or vinegar) salt and other seasonings (sugar, mustard, shallot, onion, black or red pepper, herbs). Slowly add oil, whisking to blend. Salt to taste.
- OR, in a jar with a tight-fitting lid, shake together acid, salt and other seasonings; remove lid, add oil, tighten lid and shake vigorously.

JUST THE FAT FACTS, MA'AM

Olive oil lets you enjoy the benefits of mono-unsaturated fats without fat phobia. A recent study in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition reported absorption of important nutrients, including carotenoids from salads, was significantly increased by using a full-fat dressing.

FRESH EXPRESS BABY BLENDS SALADS

PAIRING NOTES

THE ESSENTIAL VINAIGRETTES

Sweet Baby Greens: A tender mix of *Baby Blends* like crunchy baby romaine, mellow baby leaf, ruby baby oak, sweet baby tango and the mellow taste of newly-introduced baby butter Salanova.

Sweet and tender, with a contrasting crunch, this baby blend balances well with a classic vinaigrette of white wine vinegar and a pinch of sugar. Add crumbled blue cheese or toasted walnuts.

White Wine Vinaigrette
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
2 teaspoons minced shallot
6 tablespoons olive oil

Baby Spicy Spinach: Wild and wonderful, featuring flavorful baby spinach, peppery arugula, colorful red-vein spinach and pleasingly tart tatsoi.

The touch of spicy greens in this salad pairs well with assertive flavorful dressings. Try a vinaigrette with soy and sesame oil.

Sesame Vinaigrette
1/4 cup sesame oil
1/4 cup olive oil
3 tablespoons lime juice
2 tablespoons rice vinegar
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon cayenne

Baby Spinach: No wonder America's consumption of this tender green has skyrocketed: It's delicate and flavorful, a deep emerald green, and is considered a "super food," loaded with essential vitamins, minerals and lutein. Classic as a salad, or add to sandwiches, soups and pasta.

Flavorful spinach melds with a bold nut oil, such as walnut, or a classic vinaigrette with mustard. Savory bacon complements spinach's rich flavor, so crumble and add some to this salad.

Walnut Oil Vinaigrette
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 cup walnut oil

Baby Spinach and Spring Mix: A 50/50 blend of baby spinach leaves and tender spring mix

A combination of these two all-time favorites makes a perfectly balanced salad. Dress with a classic vinaigrette made with red wine vinegar. Add toasted pecans and chopped chives as accents.

Red Wine Vinaigrette
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
2 teaspoons minced shallot
6 tablespoons olive oil

Baby Spring Mix: This gold standard of baby lettuce blends balances crisp baby romaine, flavorful baby spinach, sweet baby tango and a sprinkling of zesty young radicchio.

The radicchio in this blend calls for a creamy dressing to meet and mate its assertiveness. Accent with crumbled feta or goat cheese and toasted croutons.

Creamy Vinaigrette
(add cream with oil)
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 small shallot, minced
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons heavy cream

Baby Veggie Spring Mix: Baby Spring Mix combined with garden fresh veggies including sweet carrots, sweet crunchy pea pods and small broccoli florets for variety, crunch and extra nutrition.

This hearty mixture of baby greens contrasted with crispy veggies pairs well with the fresh flavors of a lemon-herb vinaigrette or your favorite creamy vinaigrette. Make it a whole meal by topping with grilled chicken or shrimp.

Lemon-Herb Vinaigrette
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
6 tablespoons olive oil



Raise a Glass to Flavor!

*Entertain at home
with food and
wine pairings*

FAMILY FEATURES
EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

When you want to kick your casual entertaining up a notch, try a new way to pair food and wine. Prepare dishes with varying flavors such as tart, spicy, savory or zesty herb.

The bold and full-flavored dishes offered here provide an excellent palette with which to combine the intriguing tastes of gourmet sausage with the sheer elegance of wine.

Serve your guests different varieties of wines, from Chardonnay and Viognier to Syrah and Merlot. Serve small helpings of each dish on each guest's plate. Take a sip of the wine first, then tell the others what you taste. Then sample the first dish followed by that same wine and compare notes. Do the wine and food taste better alone or together?

Then do it all again with the next variety of wines. You'll soon find a great match — and have a memorable evening!

For more delicious gourmet sausage recipes, perfect for entertaining, visit www.emerilsgourmetmeats.com.

Kicked Up Mediterranean Orzo Salad

Serves: 12 to 15 generous portions

- 1 pound orzo pasta
- 1 (12.8-ounce) package Emeril's Sun-Dried Tomato Gourmet Smoked Sausage (4 links), cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 (10-ounce) jar sun-dried tomatoes in herbed oil, drained (oil reserved) and sliced
- 1 (12-ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
- 1/2 large red onion, finely diced
- 1 (6-ounce) can sliced black olives, drained
- 1/2 pound feta cheese, drained and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 bunch Italian parsley, washed, dried and chopped
- 1 heaping tablespoon Italian seasoning
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 to 2 tablespoons dried red pepper flakes (optional)

Cook orzo al dente, drain and rinse in cold water; drain well and set aside.

In large bowl place sausage, sun-dried tomatoes, artichokes, onion, olives and feta. Add cooled orzo to mixture and pour in reserved oil from sun-dried tomatoes. Add olive oil. Mix gently. Fold in parsley. Add Italian seasoning and salt and pepper to taste. Add red pepper flakes. Serve well chilled.

Stuffed Mushrooms

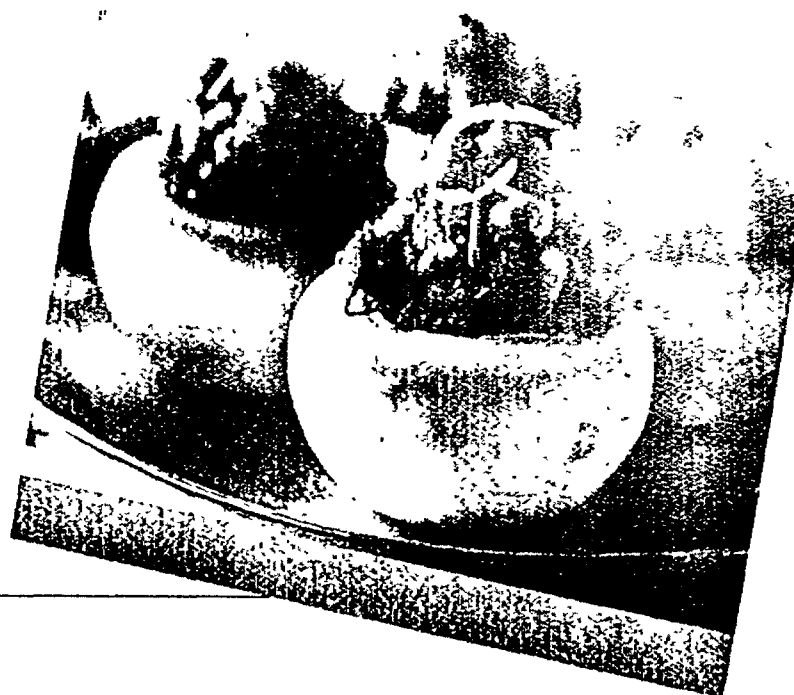
Serves: 4

- 1 (12.8-ounce) package Emeril's Kicked Up Gourmet Smoked Sausage (4 links)
- 12 stuffing-size portobello mushrooms or approximately 15 button mushrooms
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup Smoking Loon Syrah, divided

Preheat oven to 325°F. Cook sausage in skillet and crumble with fork until evenly browned. Drain and set aside.

To prepare mushroom cups, remove and chop stems; set aside.

In medium bowl, mix chopped mushroom stems, cream cheese and bread crumbs. Stir in sausage and 1/4 cup wine. Spoon mixture into mushroom cups. Transfer to large baking dish and cover with the remaining wine. Bake 25 to 30 minutes, or until lightly browned.



Finding a Great Match

Bend the rules a bit. You don't always have to pair a white wine with fish or chicken, red wine with meat. Sometimes opposite flavors attract. In other instances, similar flavors complement each other best. Let your palate be the judge. Start off by pairing the following:

- Savory and sweet flavors, as in Chicken & Apple Gourmet Smoked Sausage, with a Viognier, an exotic wine with layers of ripe honeydew, vanilla and vanilla custard
- Tart and tangy flavors, as in Sun-Dried Tomato Gourmet Smoked Sausage, with a Pinot Noir, a wine with balanced flavors of fruit and soft tannins
- Herb flavors, as in Chicken Pesto Gourmet Smoked Sausage, with a deep and rich Merlot
- Bacon, garlic, and red wine flavors, as in Old Fashioned French Style Gourmet Smoked Sausage, with a blackberry-like Cabernet Sauvignon
- Spicy flavors, as in Emeril's Kicked Up Gourmet Smoked Sausage, with a similarly spicy Syrah
- Hot and spicy flavors, as in the Habanero & Green Chile Gourmet Smoked Sausage, with a crisp, fruity Chardonnay

For more information on wines of character from Smoking Loon, visit www.donandsons.com. Don Sebastiani & Sons, maker of Smoking Loon wines, was voted the American Winery of the Year for 2005 in the Wine Enthusiast Magazine's Star Awards.

Stuffed Seaside Shrimp

Serves: 8-10 appetizer portions

- 1 1/2 pounds (16 to 20) shrimp
- 1 (12.8-ounce) package Emeril's Habanero & Green Chili Gourmet Smoked Sausage (4 links)
- 1/2 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon Emeril's Bam! Seasoning
- 1 1/2 cups minced fresh or canned pineapple
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onion
- 1/4 cup small diced red onion
- 1/4 cup small diced red pepper or pimentos
- 1/2 teaspoon grated fresh or powdered ginger
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- Rice mix (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Boil shrimp 3 to 5 minutes. Rinse, peel, devein and split shrimp (butterfly). Cook sausage to package directions (reserve liquid). Place sausage in food processor and grind.

In bowl, combine bread crumbs, seasoning and sausage. Place 1 tablespoon sausage mixture on each butterflied shrimp. In small saucepan, add pineapple, reserved cooking liquid, green onion, red onion, red pepper and ginger. Bring ingredients to boil and add cornstarch/cold water and mix to thicken. Place each shrimp on baking pan, drizzle 1 teaspoon sauce over each individual shrimp and bake 3 to 5 minutes.

For additional flavor after baking, drizzle remaining sauce over shrimp and serve over favorite rice mix.

How well do the newest diet books measure up?

By Nanci Hellmich
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

For those of us who resolve to lose weight this year, there is always a lineup of new diet books.

USA TODAY's Nanci Hellmich enlists experts to help assess a sampling of these books with help from two registered dietitians who work with overweight patients. Several books offer practical programs with tasty-sounding recipes. But others seem gimmicky.

Meet the experts

- Dawn Jackson Blatner, Northwestern Memorial Wellness Institute in Chicago
- Keith Ayoub, Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York

■ "How the Rich Get Thin: Park Avenue's Top Diet Doctor Reveals the Secrets to Losing Weight and Feeling Great"

By Jana Klauer, St. Martin's Press, \$22.95

There's an assumption here that everyone is fascinated by the Park Avenue lifestyle and that we can all learn from its pearls of wisdom.

There's a history of Park Avenue, a quiz to see whether you have a Park Avenue mind-set and lots of Manhattan name-dropping.

The program includes protein, vegetables and dairy products but cuts way back on grains for weeks.

Ayoub's take: "A soccer mom in Peoria won't give a hoot about all the restaurants on the Upper East Side where you can special order your fish. Please. And all that talk about the glorious architecture on Park Avenue is pretentious hokum. When you are rich you have a whole host of tricks up your sleeve for looking good. What Dr. Klauer doesn't mention is that Park Avenue is also the epicenter of plastic surgery, and the wealthy can also afford to nip it, tuck it and liposuction it."

■ "Weight Watchers Family Power: 5 Simple Rules for a Healthy Weight Home"

By Karen Miller-Kovach, Wiley, \$22.95

This practical book could be helpful to parents of overweight children. It outlines five

simple rules: Focus on wholesome, nutritious foods; include treats; aim to keep non-homework screen time (TV, computer, videos) to two hours or less a day; and try to be active an hour or more a day. The rules apply to everyone at home. Parents into the text are comments from women who have attended the Weight Watchers Family Power pilot program, a series of eight sessions in which parents discuss eating and exercise habits.

Ayoub's take: "I love the idea of getting healthy as a family. Parents need to eat healthy because kids don't have better diets than their parents."

Blatner's take: "This is a realistic plan in which you learn from other families' experiences. You find out how small changes can help form healthy habits."

■ "The Supermarket Diet"

By Janis Jibrin, Hearst Books, \$19.95

This no-nonsense book from Good Housekeeping offers three different plans for losing weight: Boot camp, two weeks of consuming 1,200 calories a day; Keep on Losin', a 1,500-calorie-a-day plan that can be followed for months; and Stay Slim Maintenance, which is 1,800 calories a day. Meal plans are spelled out with recipes from the magazine. There also are grocery lists and a walking program.

Ayoub's take: "You can open this sensible book to about any page and get some practical advice."

"For instance, she suggests keeping a single serving of your favorite treat in your house. The label-reading advice is consumer-oriented."

Blatner's take: "I tell all my weight-loss clients that they are only as healthy as their last trip to the grocery store. You have to rely on environmental control; you can't rely on willpower. And this book helps you make your environment healthy."

■ "The Sonoma Diet"

By Connie Gutteresen, Meredith Books, \$24.95

After the incredible success of "The

South Beach Diet," it's not surprising that there's another diet book named after a glamorous locale, this time after California wine country. The book has a strict but healthy eating plan and user-friendly recipes from Gutteresen, who has a doctorate in nutrition and works with the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone.

Ayoub's take: "There's not a lot new in this book. It takes sound, standard nutrition advice and tries to dress it up by naming it after a beautiful area of the country. The plan is a Mediterranean-type diet with leaner cuts of meat, olive oil, vegetables and fruits and smaller portions. The amount of fat is limited, and some of the servings are really small."

Blatner's take: "It offers some realistic strategies, including how to handle cravings and how to dine out. The food plan is balanced, and the recipes seem doable."

■ "The Flavor Point Diet"

By David Katz, Rodale, \$24.95

Katz, a medical doctor who is director of the Yale Prevention Research Center, takes several small studies and uses them to make a case that the more flavors you taste, the more you eat.

"Flavor variety stimulates the appetite center of the brain while flavor repetition soothes it," he writes in the book. "You can eat a variety of flavors over time, but eating too many flavors at any one time puts your brain's appetite center into overdrive. ... To safely and permanently lose weight without being hungry, you need only organize the flavors in your meals and snacks."

Katz outlines a plan that incorporates the same flavor in every meal for themed days such as chili day, mushroom day, onion day or bell pepper day.

This silly concept will leave a sour taste in the mouths of nutritionists and dieters.

Blatner's take: "There is some validity to trying to limit the variety at your meals; however, there is much more to weight loss than this 'sensory-specific satiety' that he preaches. The book is gimmicky, although it has some wholesome recipes."

Beware: Fad diets ahead

■ It's time to make sense of healthy living

Magazines line grocery aisles claiming "lose 10 pounds this month!" AOL tells its subscribers via e-mail that it's time to lose your spare tire. NBC last week rolled out a special edition of The Biggest Loser, and weight loss tips have been on most every channel since the day after Christmas. Yes it's that familiar time of year following the holidays called the "diet season," the time of year when more than 76 million Americans set their sights on losing 30-50 pounds or more, as soon as possible. Americans spend more than \$33 billion a year on diet books, foods, programs, etc.

Well, you may have heard about it in the news. The company that marketed the widespread "low carb" fad diet recently declared bankruptcy. We in the industry have gone ahead and officially announced that another diet trend has come and gone.

So what will you and the other 75,999,000 Americans do this year to really make some lasting positive weight changes?

Before you jump on to some unrealistic plan or program or send in for that magic pill consider the sobering news ... after decades of dieting, about two thirds of the American population still remain overweight, some 30 percent are obese, and more than half of them are diet-

ing. The patterns from the ongoing National Weight Control Registry should help you adopt some winning steps. This source tracks people who have lost 30 pounds or more and maintained the loss for at least a year. There are some 5000 people in the registry, most eat a lower calorie diet, record their food intake, and move or exercise at least an hour a day or more.

Here's the bottom line: try to eat as healthy as you can; but at the end of the day, when it comes to weight loss, it doesn't matter what you eat or when you eat it. What does matter is

the difference between the calories you take in and the calories you burn. The best way to control this is through reducing traditional meal and snack sizes and eating small meals throughout the day. And, if you eat a little more in a day than you should have, that's OK. Just be sure to move a little more that day. When I say move I am talking about anything that burns at least three calories a minute and the list is endless, from walking the dog to cleaning house to shoveling snow.

If you happen to move less one day, just be sure to eat less that day. Don't make it a fad; make it a lifestyle. It is that simple!

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Chris Klebba

Exercise restraint: Follow gym code of behavior

By Billy Cox
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

If working out in social settings was as simple as minding your own business and burning calories, we wouldn't have eerily realistic yarns about Homer Simpson's fishnet Speedos. And we wouldn't have workout critics such as Karen Sutherland writing things like this at female.com.au:

"Don't glare at naked people (in the changing room), no matter how ugly, deformed or unnaturally fit their bodies are. And whatever you do, don't strut around naked yourself. There are places specifically designed for that kind of behavior."

In an ideal world, we wouldn't have stories like the one that moved out of England recently, where a guy with a preference for tank tops was banned from a health club because members considered him too hairy.

But the reality is, a gym is its own little village with particular standards and rules, some unwritten, that have as much to do with getting along with people as it does with exercise regimen. Thus, before those of you planning on indulging New Year's resolutions about sweating off all that 2005-induced fat by wandering into a gym for the

first time, here are a few pointers on etiquette from a survey of gym owners and managers on Florida's Space Coast.

Don't hog the machines

"That's the number one complaint we get," Kathy Buttker says. Usually, it happens when members finish their reps and wind up chatting idly with passing acquaintances. Either that, or they're taking a breather and they're afraid of letting someone else slide in because they'll probably have to readjust their settings.

"When you're finished, if someone's standing there waiting, you're supposed to get up and let them in," Buttker says. "If you're the one doing the waiting, a good way to clue them in is ask, 'Would you mind if I work with you?'"

Risa Stewart says the most efficient workout is one that's rigorous and expeditious. If the machine you want is filled, don't make a pest of yourself by hovering. Find an alternative until the one you want is free.

"It's important to compromise," Stewart says. "We like to keep people moving."

Adds Tony Hopkins: "Sometimes, people

get caught up in conversations or whatever and aren't even aware they're blocking traffic."

Muscles first, jawbones second

No getting around it: Some people come to the gym to socialize. Which is fine, so long as the conversational needs are mutual.

"Nothing against senior citizens, but they tend to have more time on their hands and their schedules aren't as tight as people who've got to work," Stewart says. "You might be curious about the tumors they want to tell you about, but you're probably in a hurry, too. You're there to work out, but you also want to be tactful."

Buttker's solution: Wear headphones if you're not in a garrulous mood. "Putting on headphones indicates you want to move fast," Buttker says. "They say: We'll chat later."

Hopkins says studies indicate a communal environment at health clubs results in higher membership retention. That's why his gym is adding a juice bar — to create a designated chat area.

"It's good to have a place to talk," he says.



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- Look around your home for water leaks and cut off the source of the leak as soon as possible. Check plumbing fixtures, roof gutters and air conditioners regularly, as well as appliances like refrigerators, dishwashers and washer and dryers.

- Be aware of potential signs of future water leaks, like moisture on your windows and damp, musty smells.
- Open windows and use fans for good ventilation in your home, particularly humid areas such as the laundry room, kitchen and bathrooms.

- When you go on vacation, turn off the water source to your home and set the thermostat above 50 degrees if it's cold outside. This can help prevent undetected water damage from leaky appliances or pipes.

- Mold can also settle on the decaying leaves of houseplants, so plants should be pruned regularly.

"Your home's humidity level is key in keeping mold at bay," said Allstate Agent Louis Kirby. "Set your humidistat between 35 percent to 40 percent during the winter months. If your windows begin to develop water condensation, lower your humidity level."

Louis Kirby also suggests the following tips:

- If you must use a room humidifier or vaporizer, keep it clean and change the water often, to avoid contamination by mold and bacteria.

- If there is mold, clean the area as quickly as possible to prevent mold from spreading.

- If you're ever unsure if a water leak may be occurring or see gray or black water leaks, call a professional to take a look.

For more information on this and other safety topics, contact Allstate Agent Louis Kirby, located at 49357 Pontiac Trail, Suite 103 in Wixom. Louis can be reached at 248-669-0755.

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Expert staff from Hal's Auto Clinic in Farmington Hills are on duty to perform reliable automotive repair on vehicles of all kinds.

Hal's Auto Clinic celebrates 20 years

Customers say reliability, customer service get car repair off to a solid start

By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

As a boy, Hal Collins fixed lawn mowers and built go-carts. When he was in high school, friends and neighbors brought cars to him for repairs. So when he opened Hal's Auto Clinic at age 23, he already had plenty of customers lined up. With only two bays and one hoist, Hal was always busy.

As his reputation spread, and more customers kept coming, Hal was able to move to a bigger garage, just down the road. It's now been almost 20 years since Hal's Auto Clinic has been at the Hathaway location, which is just north of Grand River Avenue and Ten Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Hal is celebrating 20 years in business, but he's not taking an eye off his work to do it. He recently added onto the shop, for a total of 15 bays. He's in every day, managing the business and fixing the cars.

Hal has four other master technicians who have as much as experienced as he does. But he still works on the cars himself. Hal keeps his own two bays filled with cars, and keeps his hands dirty. He's happiest when he's working on a car.

"I just love it," Hal said. Last year Hal started up a two year, 24,000 mile warranty for parts and labor. He's one of the only garages in the state to

offer it.

But Hal hardly bat an eye when service manager Bill Austin came to him with the idea. He knew that his work would stand up to the test.

"People rarely come back with a problem," Hal explained. "We do good work so it's easy to offer a warranty like that."

The work is good, because the technicians are highly trained with decades of experience under their belts. Each one is a Michigan Master Mechanic and has also earned additional certification of Automotive Service Excellence.

Each technician completes 20 hours of ongoing training each year and stays updated on electronic and computer skills needed to diagnose and fix newer cars. The facility is constantly updated with new electronics, software and tools.

Hal's Auto Clinic repairs nearly all types of cars, SUVs and light trucks, including most imports. Appointments are suggested, except for emergency repairs.

It's hard on people to be without a car. Those who have suffered through a stretched-out repair job know the anguish of being left to wonder when the vehicle will be ready.

Hal's Auto Clinic can usually repair a vehicle the same day or next day. Since each technician has several bays, cars can go through the diagnostic and repair process more quickly – without a long back-up. To help those who are without a car, a complimentary shuttle service can take home and pick-up customers.

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Hal's Auto Clinic always

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"It makes a big difference when you go to a family owned facility. I am here everyday making sure things get done right and the customers are happy with the work."

Hal Collins
Owner, Hal's Auto Clinic



Hal's Auto Clinic owner Hal Collins, right, consults with employee Bill Austin while performing diagnostic work on a car at Hal's Farmington Hills location.

offers a free safety inspection. Hal feels it his responsibility to insure the safety of all customers and vehicles leaving his shop. Technicians may suggest maintenance needs like new brake pads, but occasionally notice more serious concerns.

"Most of the time the customer will want the inspection, but sometimes people are in a hurry and don't want it to slow things down," said Hal. "We

just ask, we don't force it on people."

And if a customer isn't completely satisfied, Hal will contact them and work to rectify the situation. Each repair comes with a comment card, so that Hal can make sure each and every customer is satisfied.

"It makes a big difference

when you go to a family owned facility," said Hal, who lives just down the road with his wife and two daughters. "I am here everyday making sure things get done right and the customers are happy with the work."

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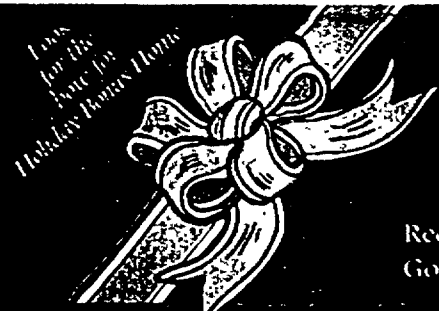
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 HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS. Parcel B-Susan Drive. North of M-59, East of Tippecanoe Lake Road. Wooded 5 acre parcel w/great location close to M-59 & Dunham Hills Golf Course. Horses welcome. Call for more details. \$117,000

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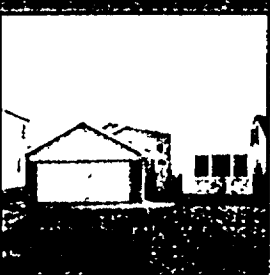
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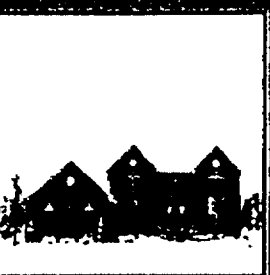
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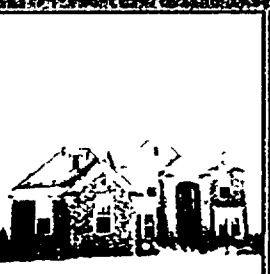
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NOVI \$300,000
Brick Ranch W/updates, Galore, Vaulted LR W/Frpk, French Drs To Pab. DR, Kt, W/Snack Bar, Vaulted FR W/frpk, 1st Flr Mstr Ste W/dnwall, Dual Wics, Mstrbath, Finished LL W/office, New Furnace! MLS# 26004369 248-347-3050



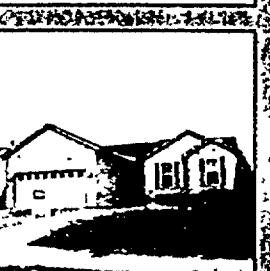
NOVI \$245,000
Ext. painted, remodeled kitchen, new roof, new carpet throughout, remodeled main bath, painted, new ceramic tile in foyer, upgraded lighting new vinyl windows w/low E glass, newer c/a, common pool w/cubhouse lake. MLS# 25163355 248-347-3050



OAKLAND \$252,000
3 Br, 2 1/2 Ba Sharp Cape Cod Highceilings, Skylights, Gas Log Fp, Marble Surround Mirrorwall, Bay Windows, White Ktn, DR, 1st Flr Mstr Ste W/Sep Tub & Shwr & W/C Appls Incl Deck, 1st Flr Laundry. MLS# 25152332 248-347-3050



OCEOLA \$390,000
3 splits possible on this 9.7 acres very private yard. Natural fireplace in eating area and master home has been remodeled inside and is gorgeous. Large pool in back w/terrace decking. Seller must sell. MLS# 26005272 248-437-4500



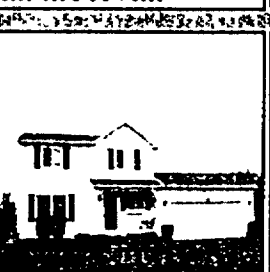
OCEOLA \$199,900
Perfect inside and out! 3 bdrm ranch w/open fl plan all appl included. Pro fin basement w/rig office. Spacious kitchen w/large pantry eating area w/dnwall to deck. Cathedral ceilings and skylights in great rm w/p. MLS# 25182339 248-437-4500



REDFORD \$144,800
Three bedroom brick ranch in great neighborhood. 2.5 car garage, fenced backyard. Walking distance to schools and parks. Excellent starter home. MLS# 25154943 248-437-4500



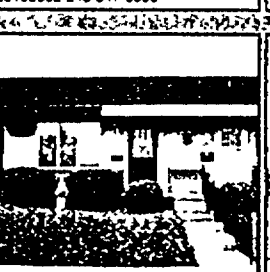
SOUTH LYON \$329,000
Upgrades Thru-out! 2 Story Foyer, Formal Living Rm, Dining Rm W/trey Ceiling, Gourmet Kitchen W/hardwood Flrs, 42" Cabinets, Eat-in Nook, Vaulted Mstr Ste W/walk-out, Bath w/garden, Tub, Daylight Bsmt, 3 Car Side Entry Garage. MLS# 26004950 248-347-3050



SOUTH LYON \$239,900
Great price, great neighborhood! Wonderful Colonial that is move in condition. 3 br 3 ba full fin shed basement, attached garage. New roof and HWHT. Vaulted ceiling in fam yrm. Spacious kitchen w/cabinets. MLS# 26001002 248-437-4500



SOUTH LYON \$87,500
Ground Flr Condo, Freshly Painted, New Ceramic Tile Kt & Bath Flr, Tile Backsplash, Appliances W/new Top Of Line Washer/dryer Private Entry, Dnwall To Pab. Carport. Close To Clubhouse, Pools & Tennis Courts. MLS# 25166355 248-347-3050



SOUTH LYON \$50,900
Move in condition adult co-op. Enjoy large sunroom, neutral decor, finished LL and 1/2 bath. Appliances stay including washer/dryer. Assoc dues include water and heat and maintenance. Freshly painted and new carpet. MLS# 25159665 248-437-4500



VAN BUREN \$340,000
3.5 car side entry garage. Ceramic tile in 2-story foyer, c/a 1st flr laundry, upgraded dimensional roof, full unfinished, CAT 5 wiring, sidewalks in the subdivision great rm w/vaulted ceiling w/bridge above. MLS# 26005967 248-347-3050



WALLED LAKE \$139,900
Features 2 bedrooms, new Pergo flooring, freshly painted interior, newer carpet, all new light fixtures, plenty of storage in the garage and additional attic space, and new window treatments. Appls included. MLS# 26002307 248-347-3050



WATERFORD \$188,900
Launch your boat in the morning and enjoy the lake access, community beach and park all day! 1492 square feet with garage and fenced yard! New carpet, paint. MLS# 25113341 248-437-4500



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$799,000
This fabulous Pulte, Pennfield Model, boasts over 150K in premium upgrades, high end landscaping, custom upgrades, no open fl plan. 5th bdrm could be used as library, private wooded lot. MLS# 25172406 248-347-3050



WIXOM \$205,000
Great Open Flr Plan, Great Rm W/vaulted Ceilings, Eat-in Kitchen W/all Appliances, Mstr Ste W/dual Closets & Entrance To Main Bath, Parl. Finished Bsmt, Huge Deck Overlooking Private Yard. MLS# 25169599 248-347-3050



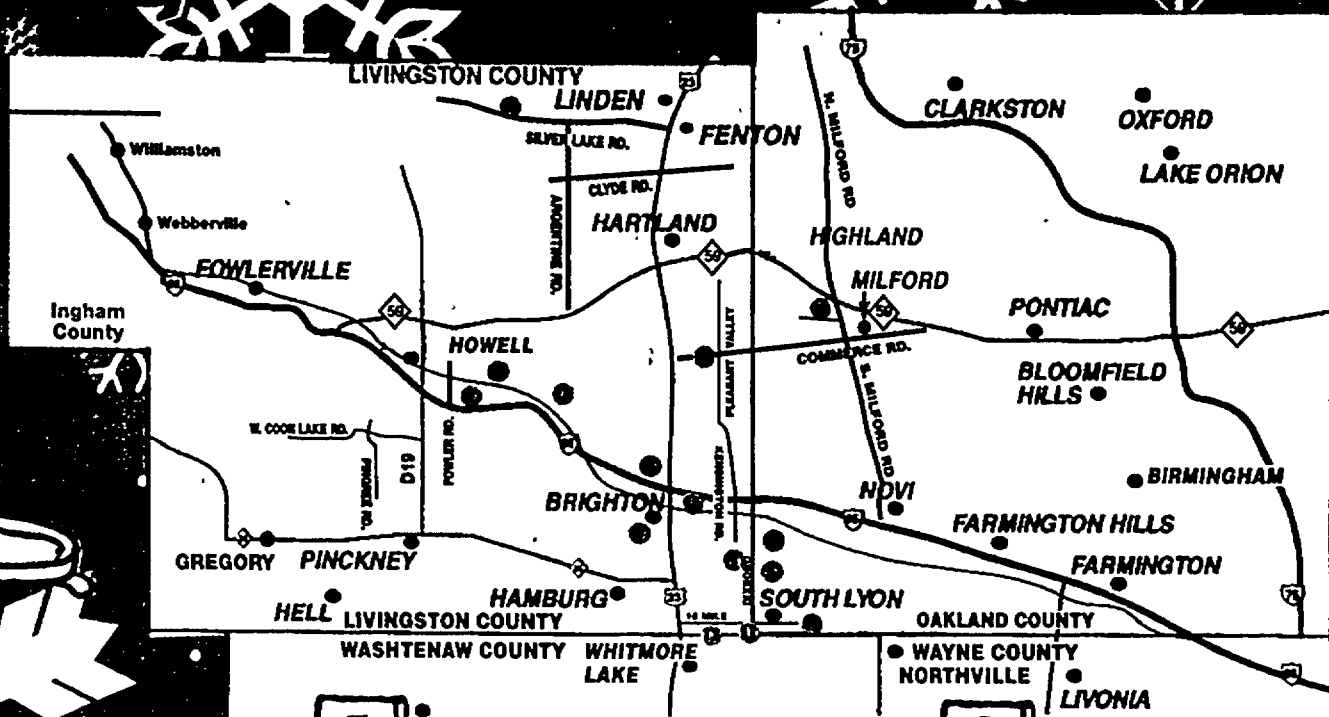
WOLVERINE LAKE \$169,000
Newer Kt, Cabs, Cntrs, Appls, snack Area & Fridge. Newer Main BA Cabs, Dual Sinks, Tile Flr, Newer Carpeting & Freshly Painted. Newer Windows (except Thebay Area), Newer Furnace, Hwh, Water Softner & Drs. MLS# 26002340 248-347-3050

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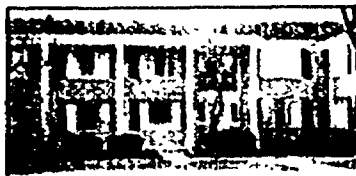
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furnished w quality Ethan Allen. All newer appliances.
(T18GRA) 248-349-5600 \$99,900



WARREN Cute, Clean & Affordable
This cute clean 2 BR condo on LL features AC, easy
access to parking common bsmt, lots of storage
bea, full hwd flrs, newer windows & doorwall 1105.
Why pay rent when you could own for less. Location.
(T54LUN) 248-349-5600 \$59,900



REDFORD Welcome Home
Maintenance free brick ranch offers 3 spacious
bedrooms & 1.5 baths. Updates include newer
windows, roof & furn, newer kitchen, wonderful sunroom
to enjoy your private wooded ravine lot. Fin basement.
(T50ROS) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



GARDEN CITY Great Updated Bungalow
2 bedroom home offers newer 2 car garage and
driveway beautiful updated kitchen, bath, furnace, A/C,
roof, laminated hardwood floor, carpet, entry doors,
siding trim, plumbing deck and much more.
(T19JAM) 734-455-5600 \$129,900



CANTON Original Owners
Large 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached
garage, partially finished basement w/2nd kitchen, large
FR w/wood burning stove & cathedral ceiling bay
window in LR, covered patio & home warranty.
(T54FOR) 734-455-5600 \$235,500



CANTON Crowning Glory Of Fox Run
4 BR, 2.5 BA cape cod featuring crown moldings, new
decor, custom window trim, lg kit & brkfst rm w/wood
flrs, ceramic baths, mstr ste w bow window & elegant
mstr BA w jet tub. GR & brkfst rm w w/way tipic.
(T21RED) 248-349-5600 \$429,900



LIVONIA Great Location
Updated 2-story home w/FF mstr ste. Full baths on
main flr & full bath up. Wdrk T/O inc 6 panel drs. Pella
windows & drwl. Updated kit w all appls inc washer &
dryer. Fin bsmt, 3 car gar. All on approx 1 acre.
(T14MAY) 248-349-5600 \$339,000



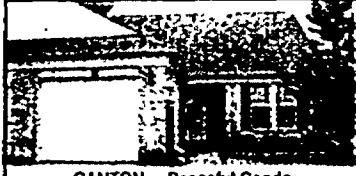
NORTHVILLE Waterfront Beauty!
Spring Hill Lake Estate! Finest value in Stonewater!
Premium lot! Costly lighting, neutral decor, lake views!
Lovely hardwood floors, Wdrk w/brkfst rm, glamour BA
w jetted tub! Custom landscaping, deck & pavers!
(T15CLA) 248-349-5600 \$739,900



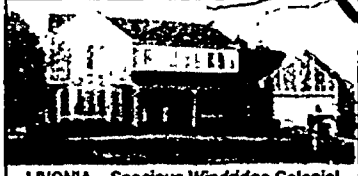
BELLEVILLE Awesome BI-Level
With water view offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths w/open
floor plan, oak kitchen w/walnut ceilings and master
suite, 2 car attached garage + playscape and much
more.
(T35VIC) 734-455-5600 \$175,000



VAN BUREN Outstanding Condo
2 bedroom, 2 bath upper unit ranch w/WC in master
bedroom, great room w/walnut ceiling, large oak
kitchen w/snack bar, doorwall to deck and appliances.
(T33WIL) 734-455-5600 \$127,500



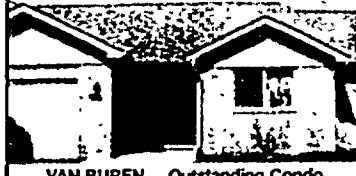
CANTON Peaceful Condo
Spacious 1.5 story brick end unit w/ lg LL MBR custom
interior paint, hwd flrs in LR kitchen lg wood deck
open basement with shelving for storage prep for
bath. LG upper 2nd BR or kit. FFL 1 car art gar.
(T67HUN) 248-349-5600 \$148,900



LIVONIA Spacious Windridge Colonial
Best location in sub. 4 BR, 3 BA col on country style
setting to woods & creek. Curb appeal w/ lg sun rm
w/doors to gazebo & deck. Lg kit w/walnut area w/plank
board ceiling. Formal DR & LR, lib or office. Needs TLC.
(T29STA) 248-349-5600 \$459,900



PLYMOUTH Walk To Downtown
Desirable Pinewood Village condo. Newer Barber carpet
and freshly painted. Nice oak kitchen cabinets. Why
rent? Neutral decor. All appliances stay. Occupancy is
negotiable.
(T14PIN) 248-349-5600 \$119,900



VAN BUREN Outstanding Condo
2 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch condo w/attached garage,
2 story entry w/ceramic flr to living room, mstr ste
w/walnut ceiling, bath & WIC, large oak kitchen, 1st floor
laundry, doorwall to newer deck & attached garage.
(T32WHE) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Elegance At Its Best
Sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/ lg deck & 2 car
garage on approx 3/4 acre wooded lot. 1st floor laundry,
fireplace in GR, professionally finished basement, new
closet organizer in master bedroom + home warranty.
(T11BRI) 734-455-5600 \$267,900



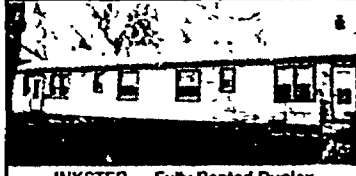
GENOA TWP Great Location
Sharp newer 2 bedroom, 1 bath 2-story condo.
Spacious open floor plan, bay window in great room
upgraded appliances neutral decor attached garage
near shopping centers and access to expressways.
(T41ABB) 248-349-5600 \$171,000



COMMERCE Stop The Car And See!
Exceptional 3 bedroom, 3 bath cape cod condo with
soaring ceilings, ceramic floors, skylights, open great
room floor plan, formal dining. Meticulously
maintained. Full basement and much more.
(T22WIN) 248-349-5600 \$247,900



WYANDOTTE Historic Home
Lovely 3 bedroom colonial on double lot with so much
character. Many updates including Pergo floors, plus
some hardwood. New roof in 2002. Landscaping. Close
to water, parks and historic downtown. A steal deal.
(T31SEC) 248-349-5600 \$138,000



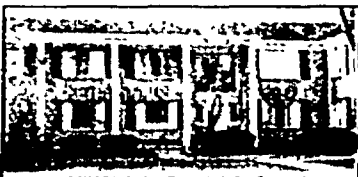
INKSTER Fully Rented Duplex
2 bedroom, 1 bath with great income. Tenants occupied
for 5 & 1 years. Updates include roof, furnace, HWH,
carpet, part remodeled kitchen & steel doors. New
construction in area. Great investment.
(T27MAN) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



PLYMOUTH Major Renovation
And add ons in 2005 offering updated kitchen
w/granite & hardwood floors, FR w/fireplace, 2.5 car
garage large laundry rm & on double lot walking
distance to downtown. 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths.
(T17MCK) 734-455-5600 \$379,900



NORTHVILLE Great Blend Of Quality
4 BR, 2.5 BA cape w/WO bsmt. New const. FF mstr ste
inclu hls & lg walk-in closets, BA w/jetted tub &
oversized stall shower. GR w/2 sty windows & 1 pc
upper BRs inc Jack & Jill BA + 1 add'l BR, 3 car gar.
(T46MER) 248-349-5600 \$750,000



FARMINGTON Brookdale Complex
Upper unit 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Loads of updates.
Move right in. Clubhouse with pool. Walking distance to
downtown. Fee includes water and heat.
(T31GRA) 248-349-5600 \$52,900



COMMERCE Mystic Forest
Fabulous model now for sale. Two-story foyer,
Anderson windows, granite, hardwood floors, walk-out
baths. Terraced rear yard, 3 car garage. Best of
everything. Don't wait, won't last.
(T56DAR) 248-349-5600 \$489,900



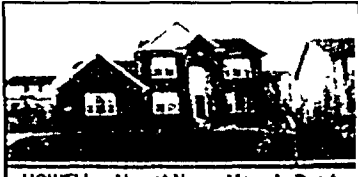
INKSTER Value In The Land
Prime property on Michigan Ave. currently rented as a 1
bedroom, 1 bath home w/2 car gar for \$400 mo. Zoned
for office, retail, strip mall, convenience store, located in
New Town Ctr Dist w/condos & poss lg lic per city.
(T57MCK) 734-455-5600 \$175,000



BRIGHTON Absolutely A 10+
This 2 bedroom, 3.5 bath end unit condo shows like a
model w/spacious GR w/walnut, extra wide stairway to
lower level family room w/daylight windows + all sports
lake privileges, attached garage & more. Built in 2002.
(T61WOO) 734-455-5600 \$207,515



FARMINGTON HILLS Split Level
Fenced dbl lot, 4 BR, 2 full BA home. Updates T/O.
near hwd parkway flring to LR, kit & DR. Kit w/light
oak cabs w/ stor & all appls. LL FR w built-in bookcases.
Mstr BR w double closets, 3 season Florida rm.
(T66REN) 248-349-5600 \$180,000



HOWELL Almost New - Move In Ready
2-story colonial with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of ex
features. Hwd flrs, 9' base raised stone patio, family
room w/cust fric mantle, 3 car side entry garage, open
staircase. 2-story entry MBR w custom shelves.
(T92FOU) 248-349-5600 \$302,900



NOVI Well Maintained Condo
Upper carriage unit is very neutral and updated. All
major appliances stay. Very clean private entry and
attached garage.
(T29ROC) 734-455-5600 \$114,900



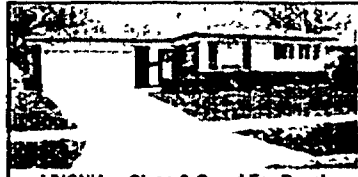
SUPERIOR TWP Surround Yourself With Nature
Sitting on approx 14 acres. This 2001 cape cod offers 3
bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master w/WC & garden tub.
Dining room w/view from deck, also 2.5 car attached
garage, huge extra deep walk-out lower level & more.
(T44HAR) 734-455-5600 \$479,500



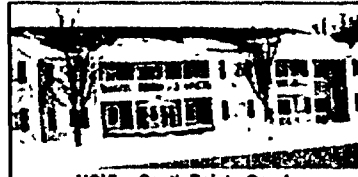
ROMULUS This Could Be Yours
Updated vinyl windows, roof, family room carpet &
paint, C/A & newer storm doors. Doorwall off kitchen.
finished basement all offered in this 3 bedroom, 1.5
bath in-level + 1 year home warranty.
(T26FOR) 734-455-5600 \$124,899



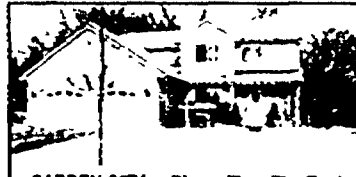
GARDEN CITY A Star Is Born
Pristine 3 BR brick ranch w/hwd flr T/O 2 BA,
remodeled kitchen & bath newer windows, freshly
painted T/O. On private corner lot w/ great neighborhood.
oversized 2.5 car garage. Landscaping w/brick pavers.
(T61HUB) 248-349-5600 \$164,900



LIVONIA Clean & Cared For Ranch
Castle Gardens sub. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile
Anderson windows & 6 panel doors T/O. Closet
garage, 1.5 in 2 bedroom closets & refinished basement.
Engaged chnl to paver patio. 2 car attached garage.
(T35SHX) 248-349-5600 \$205,000



NOVI South Pointe Condo
Adult comm 50+ offers 2 BR, 2 BA, updated Across
Walled Lake w/private beach & gazebo. Ground level
entertaining & screened lobby. Community room for
entertaining & planned activities. All appliances.
(T27SOU) 734-455-5600 \$124,900



GARDEN CITY Bigger Than The Rest
This lg 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial presents 2 car
attached garage, basement, GR w/fric, cantilevered
upper deck off mstr ste, lg w/quality cabs, lower deck
w hot tub w privacy enclosure + beautiful front yard.
(T70BRO) 734-455-5600 \$239,900



WESTLAND Terrific Home!
This 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home features attached
garage, basement, hardwood floors in living room &
bedrooms, family room w/natural fireplace, awesome 2
tiered deck + updated oak kitchen, bath & windows.
(T40RED) 734-455-5600 \$164,900



FLAT ROCK Well Built
2 BR brick ranch on almost 2 acres. FFL newer
windows & crptg, hwd flrs in MBR & under all
carpeting. Lg country kit w/newer cabs, sink, faucet &
all appls. W/O LL w/wet bar, 2nd garage 1 yr warr.
(T60WIL) 248-349-5600 \$195,900



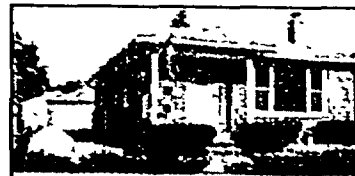
FARMINGTON HILLS Contemporary Cape Cod
Awesome 4 BR, 2.2 BA home. GR w/natural & soaring
ceiling, island kitchen w/appls, formal DR, lg, heated 3-
season rm. FF master suite, prof fin bsmt w/lr room &
guest rm. Great backyard & 2 car att garage.
(T64STE) 248-349-5600 \$115,000



REDFORD Wonderful Updated Home
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car garage,
finished basement, newer windows, furnace & C/A.
Large kitchen with oak cabinets, beautiful hardwood
floors, all sitting on a dead-end street.
(T32SAR) 734-455-5600 \$145,000



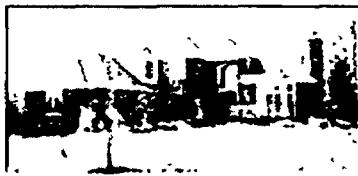
LIVONIA A Sparkling Gem!
Charming 3 bedroom, 3 bath ranch with 2 car attached
garage, partially finished LL, family room w/gas
fireplace, all appls, large lot w/mature trees and endless
updates. Wonderful landscaping w/great curb appeal.
(T92BOB) 734-455-5600 \$240,000



REDFORD Pride Of Ownership
Beautifully decorated 3 bedroom, 2 full bath all brick
ranch with lots of updates: kitchen, bath, windows,
roof, tile off & newer deck. All this + 2.5 car garage,
finished basement, most appliances & a HPP.
(T56LUC) 734-455-5600 \$152,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Ultimate Senior Living
With health care options. Beautiful and neutral w/ 2 BR 2
BA ranch w/FFL & attached garage. Fresh paint.
Superior condition. Great location. Monthly fee includes
use of town commons bldg, pool, theatre, DR & more.
(T72MUL) 248-349-5600 \$193,900



COMMERCE TWP Model Home Can Be Yours
Now for sale in Mystic Forest. 2-story foyer, lots of
ceramic hardwoods and 2 fireplaces. Huge daylight
basement oversized 3 car garage, sprinkler, deck,
landscaping and much, much more.
(T87PHI) 248-349-5600 \$489,900



DEARBORN HGTS Sprawling Ranch
On double lot, approx 1500 sq ft, 3 bedrooms home
w/24x32 2 story garage, updated windows, siding,
furnace, C/A & kit. Jacuzzi tub in bath. Tric in living
room, large kitchen, FFL. Walk to all schools (district 7).
(T06HAR) 734-455-5600 \$139,700



INKSTER Priced To Sell
Daring 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch with partially
finished basement with bar, garage and updated
kitchen, bath, windows, roof, basement block windows
and entry doors. A real find.
(T85AVO) 734-455-5600 \$85,000



WESTLAND Great Location
For this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo w/lyons schools!
Close to shopping & dining. Neutral decor LR w/natural
fireplace to DR. Doorwall to private deck, kitchen, appls
washer & dryer inc. 2 WC, basement & attached garage.
(T83PRI) 734-455-5600 \$137,500



NORTHVILLE Unbelievable Condo
Ground level entry condo. Interior looks like new with all
neutral decor! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 lavs, living room
w/fireplace, dining room. Awesome new kitchen in 05
w/DR & all appls. FFL rec rm, garage w/C.A. deck.
(T74YOR) 248-349-5600 \$168,900



WATERFORD Bring Your Boat
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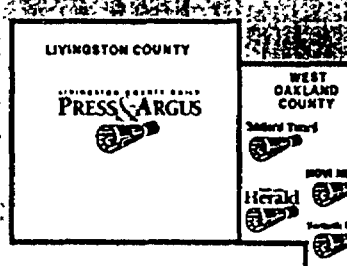
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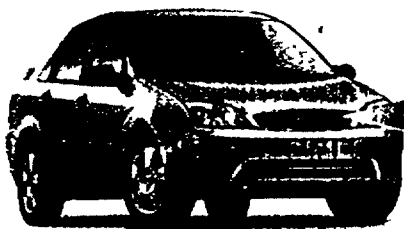
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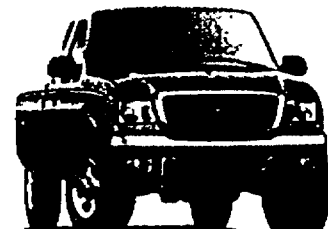


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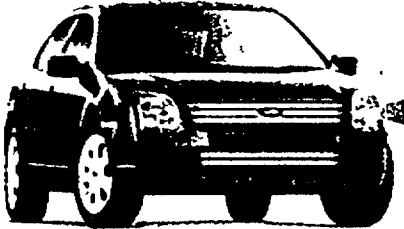


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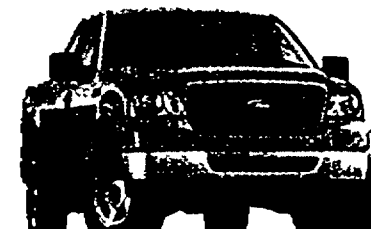


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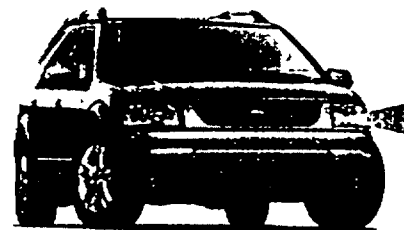


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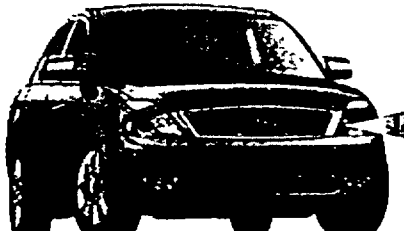


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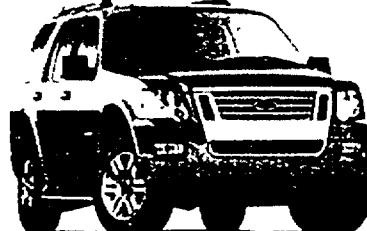


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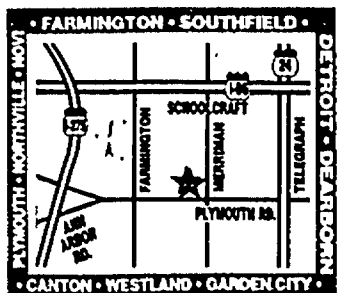
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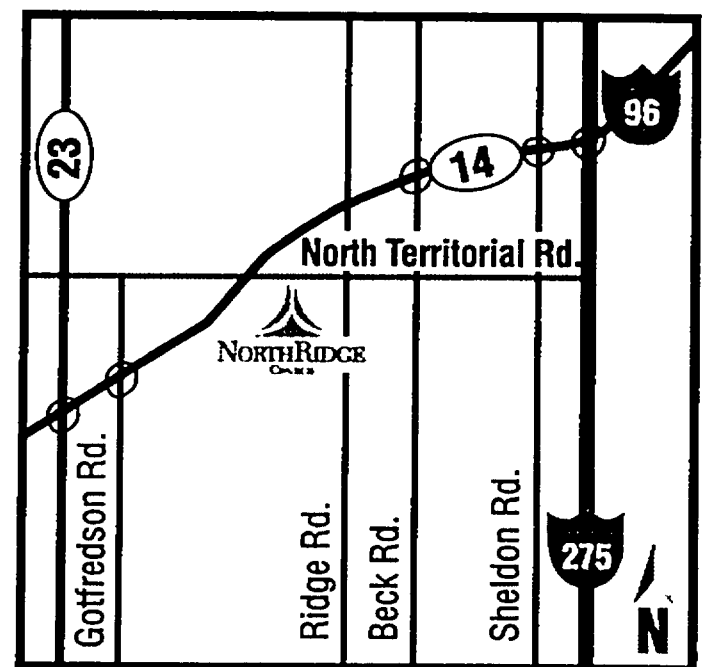


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HOW DID THE ART OF ICE CARVING START?

As the story goes, once upon a time a czarina in Russia was enamored with a local man who was in love with a woman from his village. As was the custom of the day the man went to the czarina to get her permission to wed the woman he loved. The czarina was not pleased by the request, and decided to show her displeasure by agreeing to let the couple wed

only if they would spend their wedding night in a castle made of ice. She was sure this would cool their passion for each other, and/or ruin their wedding night. Much to her surprise love won out and the couple agreed to her condition. The czarina had her army cut blocks of ice from Lake Bicall, and build a house of ice complete with furnishings including tables, chairs and a bed for the newly-weds. The couple were married, spent their wedding night in the house of ice, and lived happily ever after. However, word spread about the strange house of ice, and eventually people from all over Russia and Europe visited the site to gaze at the first ice castle. It was so popular it was recreated as a tourist attraction for many years to come.

HOW DID THE ART OF ICE CARVING SPREAD?

Hearing about the unusual use of ice from countrymen who had traveled to Russia to see the famous ice castle, a French chef developed the idea of carving serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the



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Festival provides its share of magic moments

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Elise Goudreau walked through Kellogg Park last year with her boyfriend, Adam Burton, enjoying the ice sculptures much like they did on their first date at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular four years ago.

She seemed surprised when she turned to see her mother, Tricia Bayer, and other family members coming up the opposite sidewalk.

And she was stunned when she turned back and Burton was on one knee in front of a heart-shaped sculpture which encased a couple of red roses and included the inscription, "Elise, Will You Marry Me?"

Even the television news crew and the two newspaper photographers didn't set off any bells.

"I'm totally speechless," she said after agreeing to marry Burton. "I had no clue. When I saw my mom, all I thought was, 'Oh, my mom's here.'"



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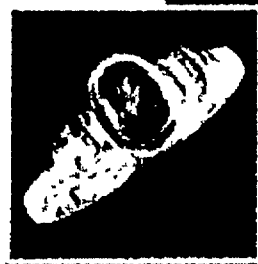
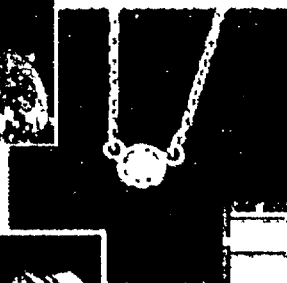
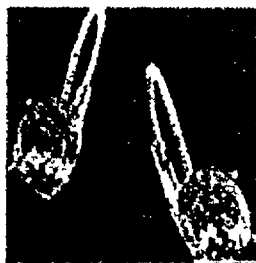
Adam Burton used the 2005 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular to propose to his girlfriend, Elise Goudreau.

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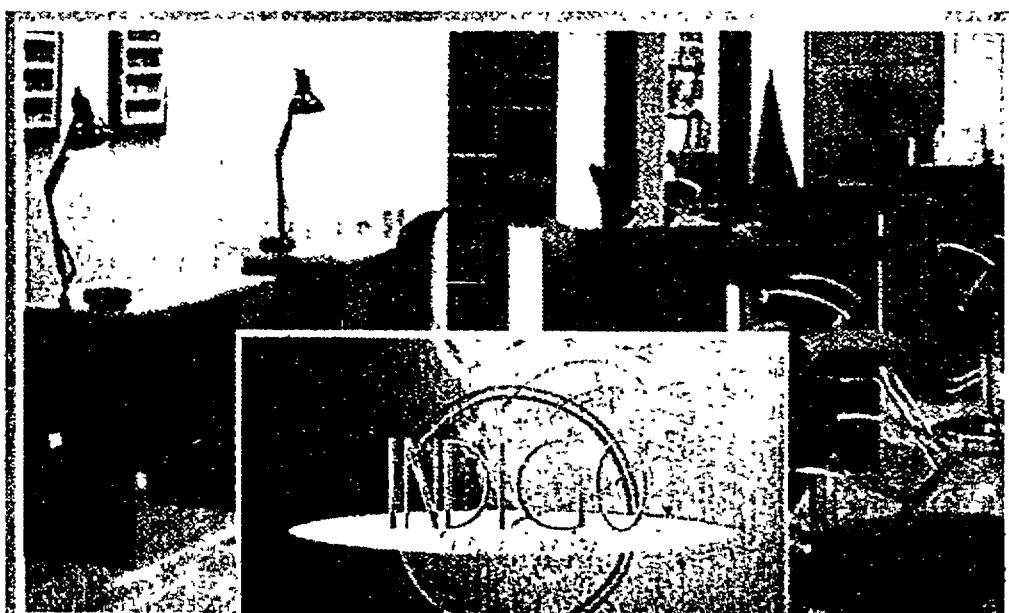
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Festival a showcase for art of sculpting

French chefs began the art of ice sculpting more than 200 years ago. The first art sculptures were basic designs used as functional food holders to keep food cold during service time for elaborate buffets.

Russians learned the art from French chefs at the turn of the eighteenth century.

The first well-documented ice palace was built as a setting for a monstrous joke. On the frozen river, Neva, in the winter of 1739-40, a shivering bride and groom spent their wedding night in a building of ice. The palace was designed by an architect commissioned by the Empress Ann Ivanova.

The Empress built the palace to express her jealousy over an old lover who had run off with a peasant girl. This was her way of punishing the couple by making them spend their honeymoon night in an ice castle. The palace was complete with ice cannons that actually fired and a bedroom with a vanity, dresser with mirror, table, chairs and a canopy bed all made from ice.

The Japanese chefs picked up the art of ice sculpting from the French chefs in the last 30 years. Until recently, the Japanese have been considered the masters of the art form. In Japan, ice sculpting is a full time profession, the sculptors carve wood in the summer and ice in the winter.

In America, ice sculpting is a relatively young art form helping to revive the dying craft as part of



The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular draws thousands of fans young and old to Kellogg Park.

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In the last 24 years, the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular has been the main reason for this art form being rediscovered in Michigan.

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A 12-inch electric chain saw is used to rough out the shape of the sculpture. If too much ice is removed, more can be added by grafting additional ice on with water. Fine detail is then added, using up to 10 steel-bladed chisels. The finest details are carved with an electric die grinder.

The steam iron comes into play when scratches must be taken out of flat surfaces.

Many of an ice carver's tools can only be bought from Japanese companies, and chisels can cost up to \$500 apiece. It's not unusual for a professional ice carver to have \$10,000 invested in his tools and equipment. There are so many power tools and lights in use when the carvers swing into action that a dozen small generators and three commercial generators are needed to provide power and light.



Sculptors working in the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular use a variety of tools to craft their works of art.

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Burton's proposal was old-fashioned in more ways than one. Not only did he get down on one knee to propose, he asked Goudreau's family beforehand for permission to propose. Burton went over to talk to Goudreau's family and hatched the plan.

"He came over and asked if it was OK," said Bayer, a Wayne resident. "It was hard to keep the secret for those few days. We think (Burton) is wonderful."

Burton admitted to having some nerves, particularly when family members were a little slow arriving, but said his only real concern was that everything go well.

"I wasn't really nervous, it was more I was just hoping everything was going to go right, that I wouldn't trip or anything," the prospective

groom said. "I wanted it to go smoothly, which it did."

The proposal capped three years of dating. Burton brought Goudreau to the ice festival Jan. 18, 2002, on the couple's first date. The couple has returned to Plymouth on the anniversary of that first date every year.

Last year was no different — until the proposal, an idea which began cooking in Burton's mind a year before.

"We go there every year, and I got the idea when we went there last year," Burton said. "When it was coming up again this year, I thought it would be a good time to do it."

He successfully caught his bride-to-be off-guard.

"I (was) completely stunned," Goudreau said. "He seemed a little nervous when we left the house, but I had no idea this was coming."

In case anyone's wondering, she said "yes." It's the magic of the ice festival.

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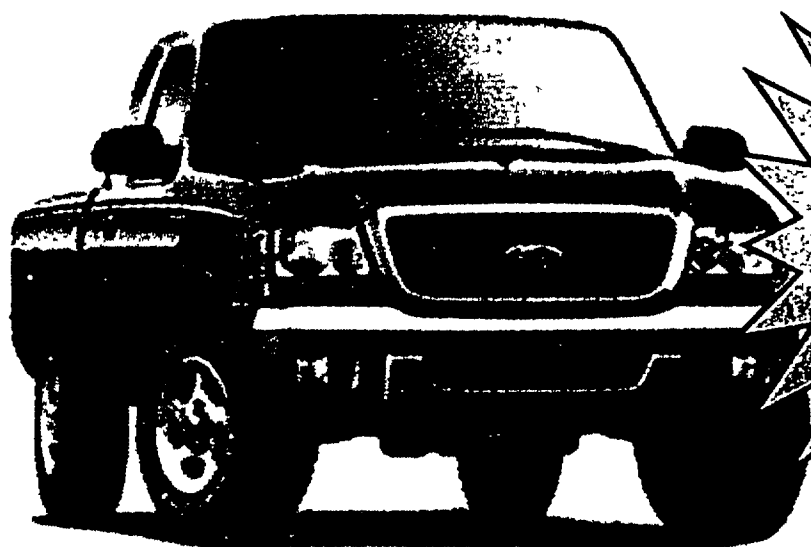
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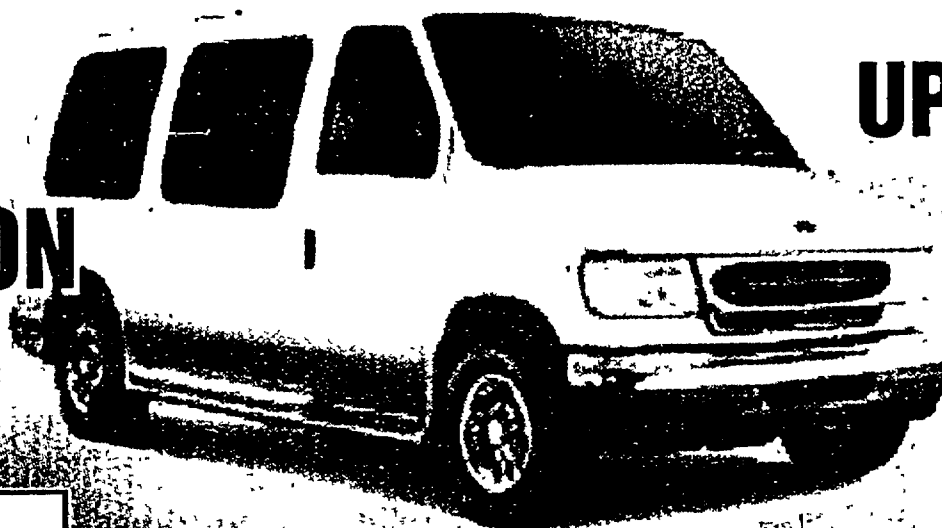
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Canton resident Ted Wakar, one of the most popular sculptors at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, studied culinary arts at Schoolcraft College, where he obtained an associates degree in culinary arts.

Canton ice carver loves to 'show off'

BY LUANNE BERK
CORRESPONDENT

Ted Wakar considers himself the local "show-off" of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Wakar, a Canton resident and a regular carver at the annual festival, appreciates having the event near his home.

"It's my home court," Wakar said. "I find a certain comfort level as a competitor with it being close by. The other thing about Plymouth is I get to show off for family and friends. Even as much as 10 years ago, the family would stand around and listen to spectators. They are almost like 'groupies' who like to watch because we each have our own individual style."

Wakar has even talked to other

sculptors (of wood or metal) who come to the festival to gain inspiration for their own work.

"That personal excitement is a big factor that motivates us as carvers," said Wakar, who pointed out carvers don't do the show for the money. "I make about three times as much doing work for a wedding reception or a hotel event as I do at these [events]."

Wakar grew up in Westland and has lived in Canton for more than 15 years. When he started carving ice, he was one of just a few in the area. Like many in the profession, he studied culinary arts at Schoolcraft College, where he obtained an associates degree in culinary arts, along with the certification as an Executive Chef, which comes from a combination

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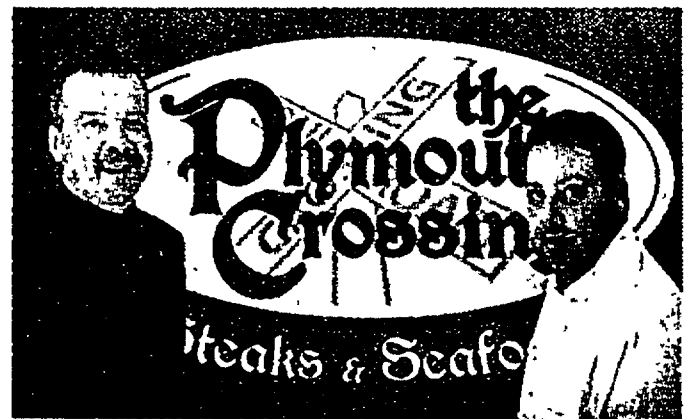
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His experience includes working as a chef in the Ford Motor Company World Headquarters executive penthouse for 15 years, at a time when Ford had their own food service, and included their own staff of chefs.

ICY ADDICTION

Now, Wakar considers ice carving an "addiction," as do many other carvers. The carvers talk amongst



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
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themselves — there is a great sense of camaraderie in the profession.

Originally, it was considered "carving", but in the last 10 years, after adapting and pulling in other tools that other artisans use, it's considered "sculpting," and the ice "sculptors" feel they can hold their own with other sculptors out there.

"Give us a little bit of time and a little bit of ice and we can do just about anything," said Wakar, who said he also likes to work with wood sometimes, just for fun.

He enjoys making walking sticks and staffs out of wood. However, Wakar said making a profit from wood

carving would be very difficult because it takes him about 10 hours to make something significant out of wood.

So, he sticks to the ice sculpting and, with his connections as a chef, rarely has trouble finding work.

"There are more chefs in the market than ice sculptors," Wakar said.

FESTIVAL EVOLUTION

Wakar has won the competition in Plymouth a couple of times individually, and as part of a team. This year features an amateur competition which will include a number of culinary colleges, including Schoolcraft, as well as some local high schools.

Wakar has seen the festival go through some evolutions.

"I've been doing this a long time," he said. "It's nice to see the art form fostered. I grew up as a carver

there [Schoolcraft College], and it's nice to see others grow up there.

(Fellow sculptor) Tajana (Raukar) was also a Schoolcraft student. Because Schoolcraft is supported by all these local communities, they work together."

Ted also participates in professional competitions in Frankenmuth and Milford.

He said he "likes competing in the team competitions because you get more time, more ice, and the camaraderie of working together."

Wakar also appreciates the international competitions because, "It's wonderful to take my family to international locations." For example, he competed at the Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

The ice sculpting competition there was part of the arts and culture Olympic

event — not an actual Olympic event - but nevertheless a real competition for ice carvers.

But for Wakar, the interaction with the spectators is still the best part of the show.

"Last year, I carved a big John Deere tractor," Wakar said.

"I had lots of people who were in their 60s who told me, 'My dad used to have one of those,' and they would go on to tell their personal story. Many of the spectators have some kind of connection to the sculpture, and I get to talk about my kids, which was actually why I did the tractor in the first place, for my 6-year-old. It is the coolest job in town."

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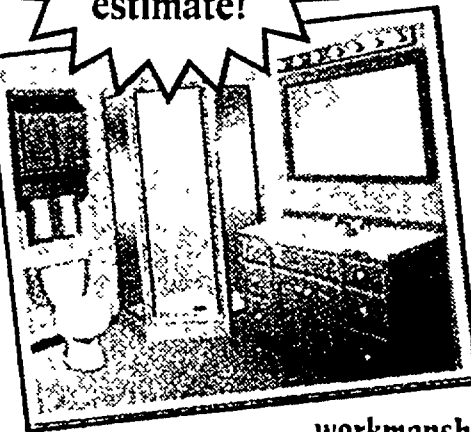
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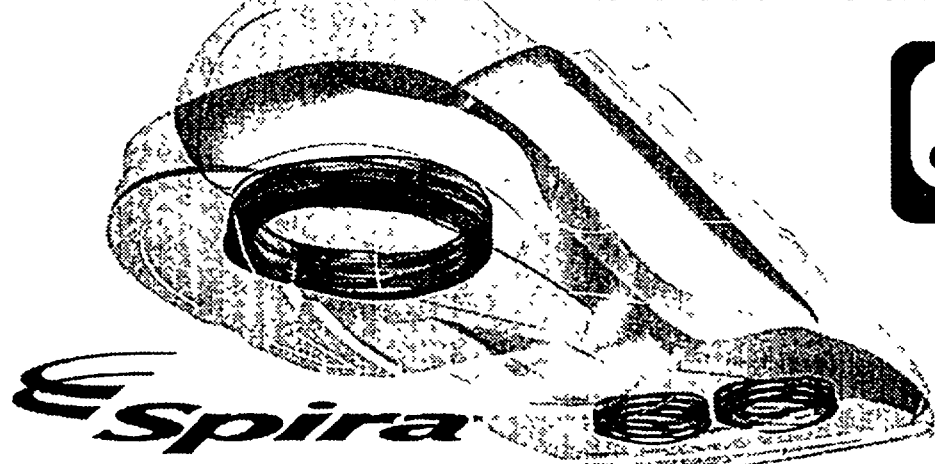
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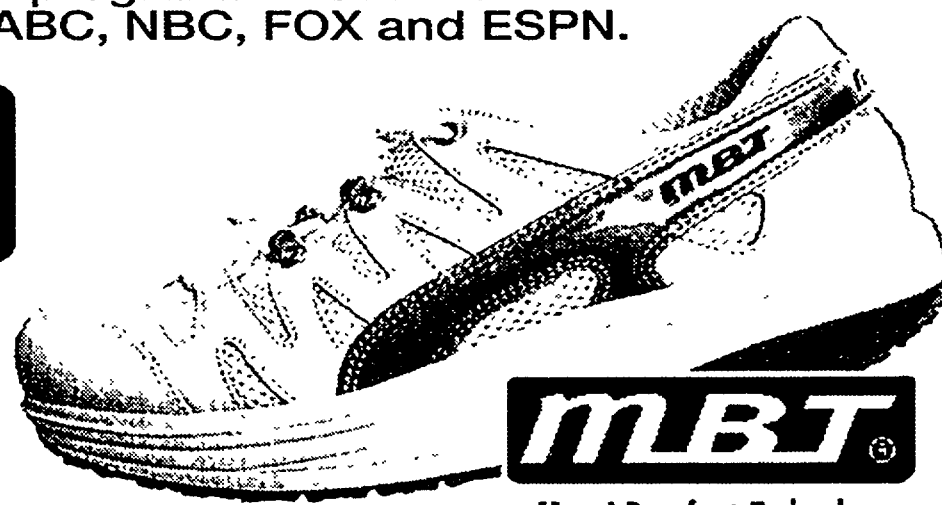
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table of the king. This idea may have been a necessity, because at the time, spoiled food or illness from a dinner could cost the chef his head in a guillotine. The French carried the art with them to the Orient, and today the Japanese are the finest and most prolific carvers in the world.

WHO CARVES THE ICE STATUES?

The professional chef carvers, amateur carvers and student carvers all compete in the team and individual carving competitions. Thousands of dollars in prizes and scholarships are awarded annually at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular. The event is sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation, and ranks equally with their annual national championship competition.

WHO PRESENTS THE EVENT?

The Plymouth Ice Spectacular is owned and operated by the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Incorporated, a non-profit (501(c)(3) corporation, administered by a volunteer Board of Directors.

WHO FUNDS THE EVENT?

The event is funded by donations, corporate sponsorships and various fund-raisers. All the money collected goes to the presentation of the event.

HOW MUCH DOES THE EVENT COST?

In excess of \$200,000 in hard dollars, and services are needed each year to maintain the high caliber of the event.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE EVENT?

The entire business community of Plymouth benefits from the presentation of the Ice Spectacular. This event has become the single busiest retail and restaurant week of the year. Many businesses in the community rely heavily on the business it generates to make ends meet in the two to

three slow months that follow the holiday season. The event also creates numerous jobs for young people in the community, and most importantly garners an estimated \$750,000 annually in local, regional, national, and international publicity for the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and all the surrounding communities in Western Wayne County.

Most importantly the culinary art students at the metropolitan area community colleges and trade high schools who need to acquire ice carving skills to enhance their education, greatly benefit from the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. They have an opportunity to carve in one of the most prestigious events in the country, and the money that is donated to their club is used to purchase blocks of ice for them to practice on and the expensive tools necessary to do the job correctly. Lastly, the students who compete in

the competitions benefit from the experience and the instruction that is given to them by the educators and professional carvers before, during, and after each event.


HOW CAN I HELP?

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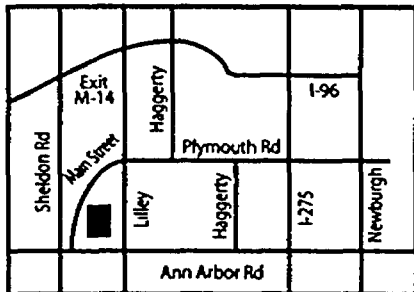


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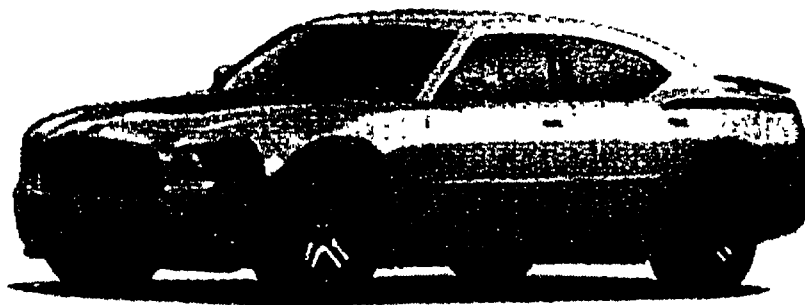


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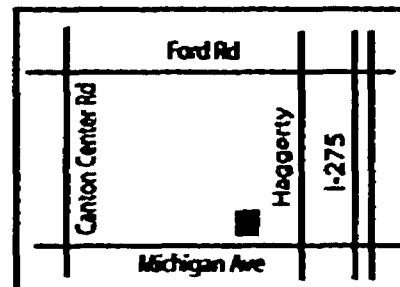
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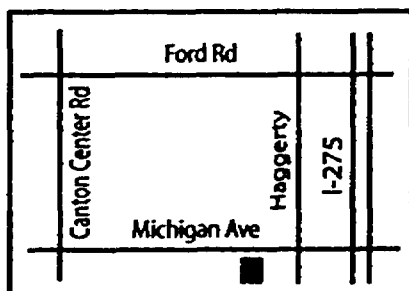


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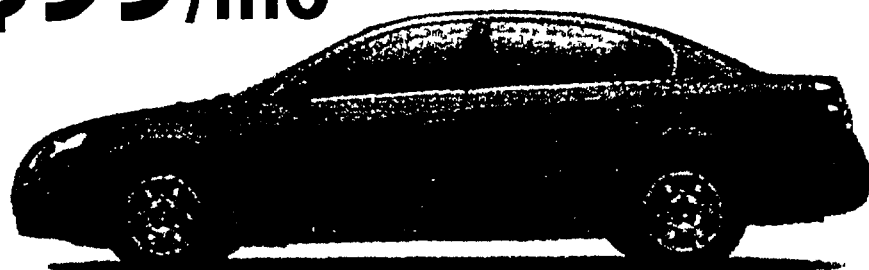


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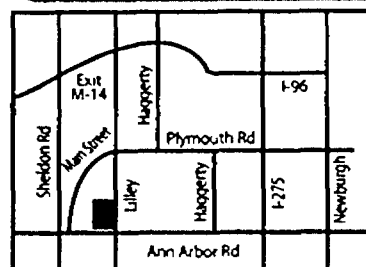
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Wednesday, Jan. 18

■ Macomb Community College begins stacking ice for their large display on Main Street.

■ World Champions, Plymouth Ice Spectacular Champions, and other Professional carvers carve major displays in Kellogg Park

Thursday, Jan. 19

■ Oakland Community College ice carving club begins stacking ice for their large display on Main Street.

■ Macomb Community College continues work on their large display on Main Street

■ World Champions, Plymouth Ice Spectacular Champions, and other Professional carvers carve major displays in Kellogg Park

Friday, Jan. 20

■ Pedestal sculptures displayed in Kellogg Park and at participating businesses.

■ Oakland Community College ice carving club continues working to completion on their large display on Main Street.

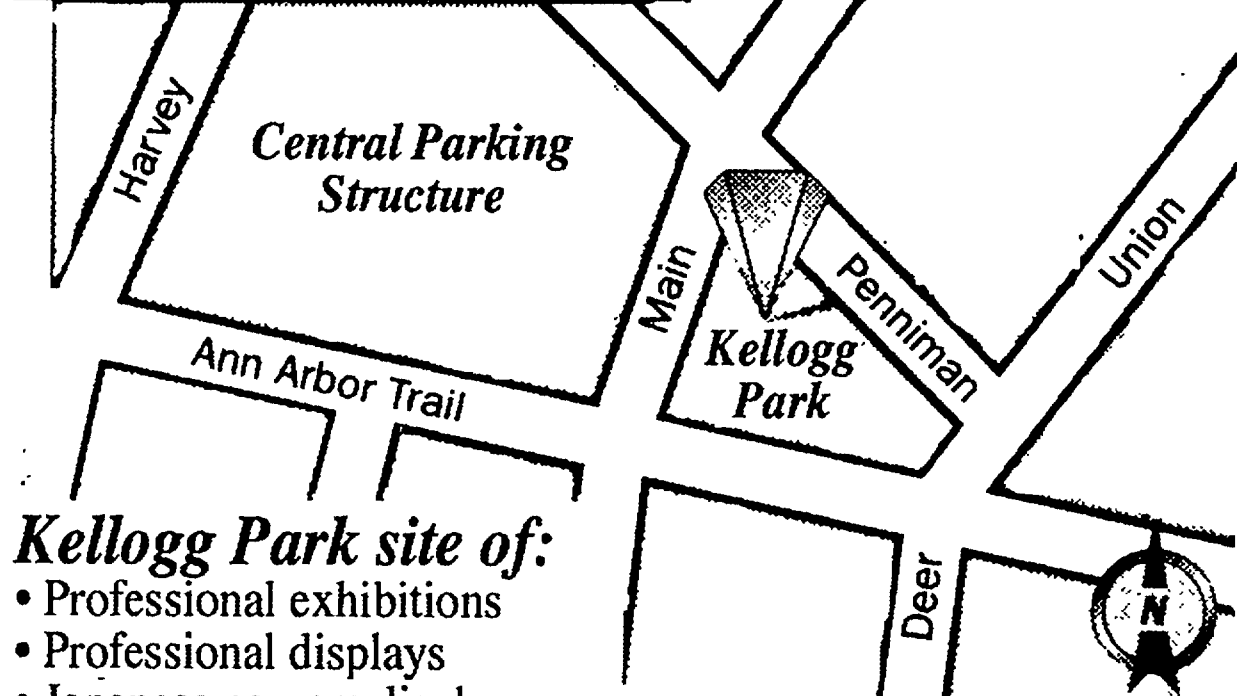
■ Macomb Community College continues work to completion on their large display on Main Street

■ Light Show begins at dusk

Saturday, Jan. 21

■ High School Individual Competition, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Kellogg Park, one block of ice, four hours to carve

■ College Individual Competition, noon-4 p.m., Kellogg Park, one block



Kellogg Park site of:

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Sunday, Jan. 22

■ College Team Competition, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park

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■ Championship Professional carver exhibition, 1-4 p.m.

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Champion as cool as the ice she carves

BY LUANNE BERK
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If you met Tajana Raukar on the street, you could easily see her as a wife, a trained chef, a businesswoman, even a contributing citizen of the Plymouth community. And, as soon as you had a conversation with her, her thick accent might lead you to guess that she is also from Croatia.

But if someone asked you to guess what kind of tools she uses in her business, I doubt you'd come up with the following list, more akin to a medieval battleground than a 21st century business: Hacksaws, chainsaws, ice picks, die grinders, blow torches, sanding machines and steam irons.

In the modern world, you might assume that she is either a serial killer or a tree trimmer. And her profession is quite unique, definitely requiring imagination combined with skill, but, ironically — with a cold twist.

Raukar spends most of her time either in the cold elements of the Michigan outdoors or in the confines of a very large,



Plymouth resident Tajana Raukar is one of the favorites for spectators attending the annual ice festival.

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Raukar is a sculptor, using a simple element quite plentiful at times in Michigan this time of year: She works

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Her tools become tools of precision and artistic expression as she transports ideas from her imagination into the crystal clear blocks until they draw a symphony of "oohs!" and "aahs!" from an audience of as many as 500,000 in the downtown Plymouth area. This sparkling, crystal "joy" fills the entire community during one specific week in January — this year, Jan. 20-22 — at The Plymouth International Ice Spectacular.

Tajana Raukar enjoys bringing ice to "life" — her favorite sculptures are animals. When you enter the Raukar's "Ice Dreams" studio, you are immediately drawn to the dramatic photo of the enormous tiger Raukar carved in a competition in

Alaska. It was so large that several people who sat on its back for the photo were dwarfed by its size!

According to Tajana, in the Fairbanks, Alaska competition, they use larger blocks of ice since they have a plentiful supply — they take it right out of a lake nearby! And the possibilities are unbelievable with such large chunks to work with, Raukar said.

A few other animals Raukar has created from ice include parrots, horses, Longhorn cattle, Clydesdale horses, and unicorns. When Tajana arrives on the scene, other carvers know they are in for a treat, and in the case of competitions, a tough competitor. She has won many world championships with the help of her husband, Paul, who handles much of the logistics, and behind the scenes work.

This is not a hobby for the Raukar's. Paul and Tajana have made their dream into a business, located in Plymouth, which offers beautiful carv-



World champion ice carver Tajana Raukar cuts into her work during a carving session at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular.

ings for major events such as weddings, conferences, business meetings and other social gatherings. She and her husband also do carvings for many restaurants and in the Detroit area, along with other festivals in the area.

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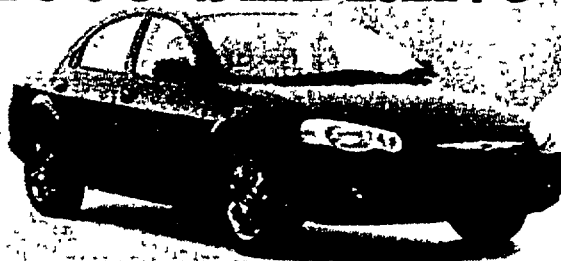


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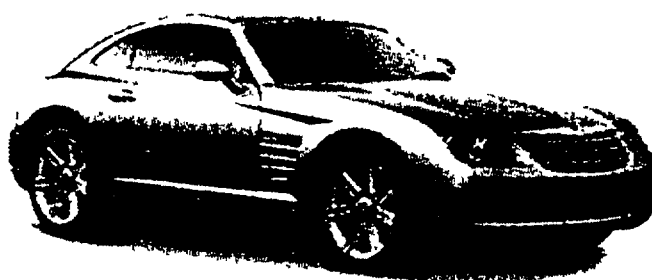
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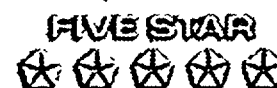
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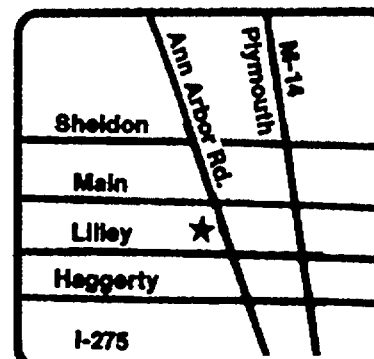
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Ice festival a boon to local businesses

BY LUANNE BERK
CORRESPONDENT

The downtown Plymouth businesses look forward to the Ice Spectacular with great anticipation every year. With annual crowds of over 500,000, the event is an advertiser's dream, giving businesses an opportunity to showcase their specialty

shops, restaurants, along with the local charm that Plymouth is known for.

"The Plymouth Ice Spectacular is economic development

at its very best!" said Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "The event brings people from all over Canada, Ohio, even nationwide, and the carvers come from all over the world. Whether they are buying magazines, gasoline or coffee, the biggest comment we get from visitors is, 'This is the best-kept secret, a friendly, clean, town, close to Detroit, with all the advantages and opportunities nearby, and a small town flavor.' It is the great American town!"

Whether visitors ultimately decide to move their businesses or families to Plymouth, or just shop in the short time they're here, the community is showcased in a spectacular way.

"Our community is one of the favorites of the ice carvers even though there are many around the country," Toney said. "The Spectacular has

been here for years and years, and it is the grandfather and king of them all."

According to Mike Watts of Watts-Up, Inc., who coordinates the event, a study done at the Cherry Festival in Traverse City showed the longer people stay in town for an event like this, the greater the benefit to the town.



Bill and Michele Johnson of White Lake, along with their 8-year-old daughter Alyssa, were among the thousands who took a look at the ice sculptures during the 2005 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

"For example, if you could get a cup of hot chocolate for the kids, a pastry, lunch, and other activities, then people would stick around,"

Watts said. "And, once families with kids see these ice sculptures, they almost always come back again next year, and maybe even bring some friends."

Toney testifies to the success of the event for local businesses. "People who have only been here for the ice festival will call the chamber months later and say, 'I was here for the ice festival back in January and I was in a wonderful little store, it has a red door...,'" Toney said. "And the chamber will help them locate it. Then they come back and do some major shopping. It has been incredibly successful."

The festival has come a long way. Now many downtown businesses make their projected revenue for weeks or months, in just one week. Local restaurants are often so swamped during this time that one pub owner literally ran out of beer last year.



Taylor Smith of Warren (left) and Jacob Okray of Eastpointe took a break from the festivities at last year's Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Stores selling items such as art pieces or clothing find their business picks up during this time, but the real returns for them occur later in the year. In some cases, the ice festival merely serves as a marketing tool for future purchases. Many shoppers see stores that carry items they appreciate, and will make a point to return at a later date, such as Christmas, to make their purchases.

Steve Prokes, owner of the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company on Penniman in downtown Plymouth, said the festival is "either the biggest or the second biggest" retail week of the

year for his business. His shop is very close to the festivities and consistently sponsors a company logo along with a sculpture (this year they sponsored in cooperation with the Coffee Express company).

Their selection of desserts, sandwiches, pastries, coffee, tea and hot chocolate is popular with families who need a warm-up break from the winter elements — and it's open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"The festival here is a huge family experience, even though it's cold," Prokes said. "Kids of all ages love it! They have so many ice sculptures, it's amazing."



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with training nearby at Schoolcraft College, the Raukars began their carving with vegetables, but were quickly enamored with the carving of ice from the first time they gave it a try. They especially like the Plymouth Ice Spectacular because it is in their hometown of Plymouth which is also where their business is located. It is much like having a sports competition with "home-field advantage"—you maintain a level of comfort in your own "home field". And the Raukar's love the downtown Plymouth setting.

"The people are so nice," said Raukar, who also said she appreciates how close all the events are to one another. "It is easy to go from one event to another, to find a place to eat, stop in and visit other sculp-

tors, and enjoy the overall experience because of the arrangement of the downtown area."

Raukar is only one of many ice carvers who gather in Plymouth every year with great anticipation.

"I try to make ice carving from my heart, express the feelings from my heart to your eyes," said Raukar, acknowledging she enjoys the reaction of the crowd. "Many times the public relates to the carvings that I have made. Last year I carved parrots, and a big Clydesdale with a plow. I also did a Longhorn cow."

Raukar works with blocks of ice weighing 300 pounds each, which are strategically stacked and "melted" or "frozen" together with water in order to create a larger mound of ice to carve. She usually makes one big sculpture with about 20 blocks and does live demonstrations while the crowd stands in amazement.

Raukar feels "it is different

carving in front of stores" when compared to competitions because she enjoys the interaction with the crowds.

"I have to think ahead in case it is warm, you have to be prepared," she said. She especially likes creating the larger designs in the gathering area where the sculptures are more spectacular. "The bigger the better!" is her philosophy.

She and Paul have won the world championship six times — against as many as 35–50 other teams. They also competed at the Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2002, where they finished in fourth place.

During competition, the teams divide the work up between the two teammates — sometimes one does the organizing, the planning, the lifting, thus helping to keep the peace — while the other does the carving. Sometimes both members of the team carve. But as Tajana points out, "It's very hard to find two carvers on the same level, of

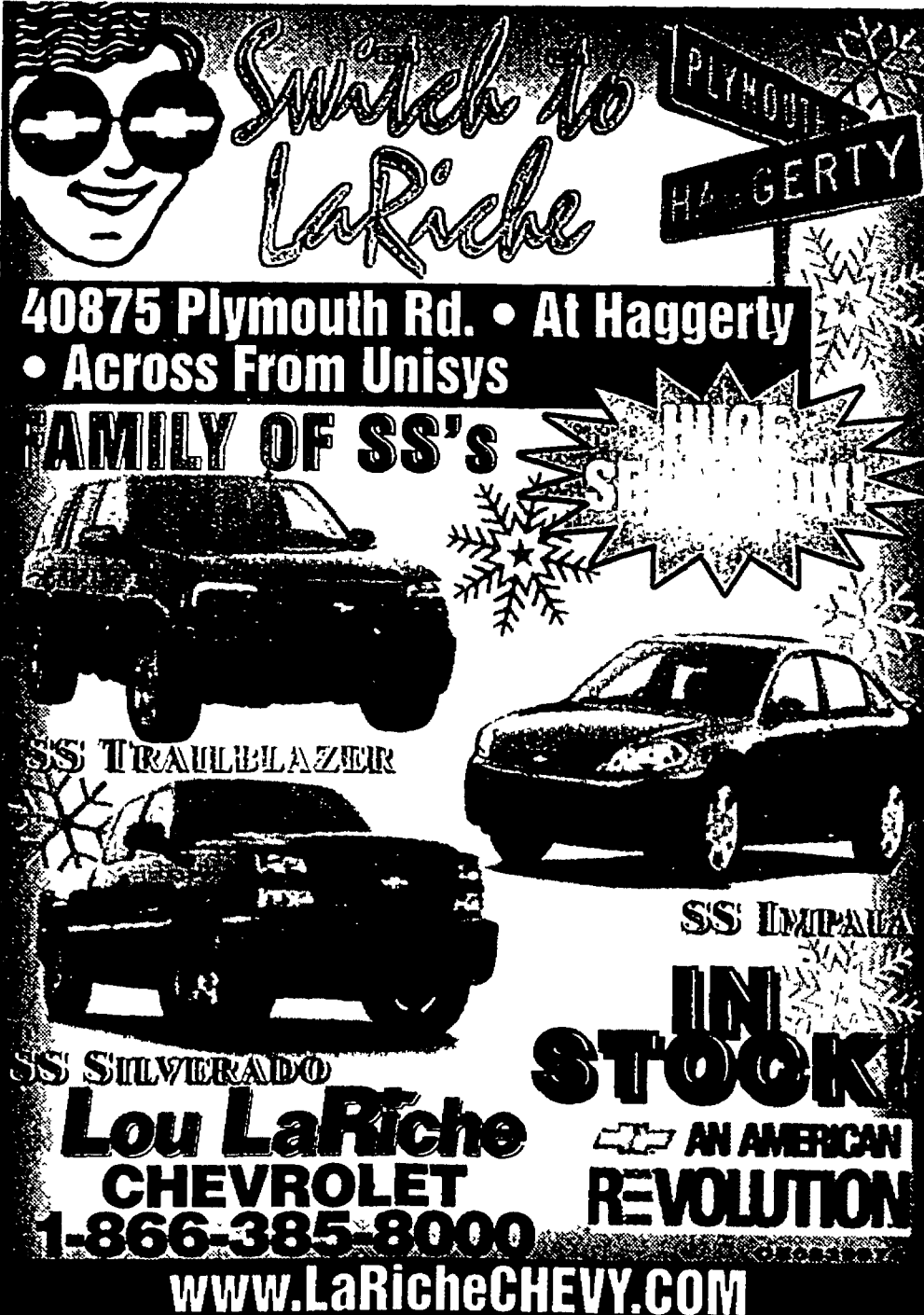
the same thinking, that complement on another," Raukar pointed out.

Tajana and Paul agree the most difficult part of the ice carving process is watching it melt away. Of course, that largely depends on the weather.

"In Alaska, the blocks are five times bigger, and the temperature is so cold you don't have to worry it will melt," Raukar said. "Here the weather is so unpredictable. The ice here is man-made, it is smaller and the dimensions are different."

Sometimes Tajana will spend most of a day preparing, imagining, designing and carving, only to watch it melt away by the end of the day. But that is part of the excitement of her line of work. She is challenged to make her work great in the short time that it lasts.

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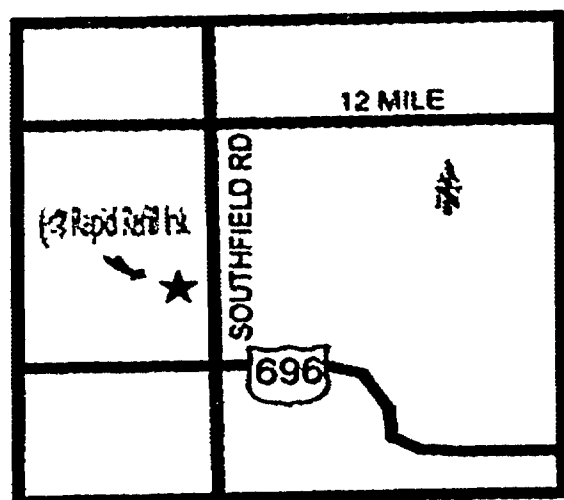
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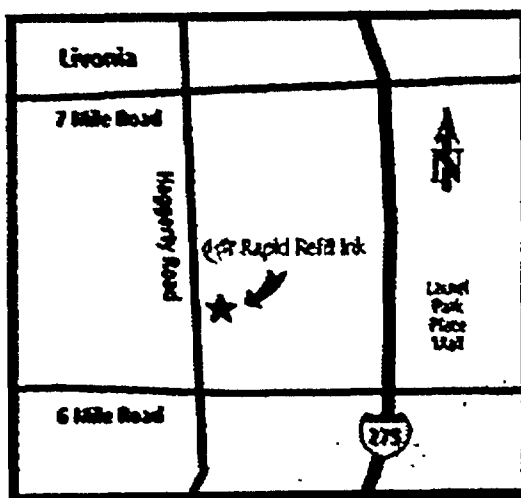
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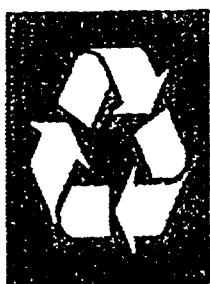
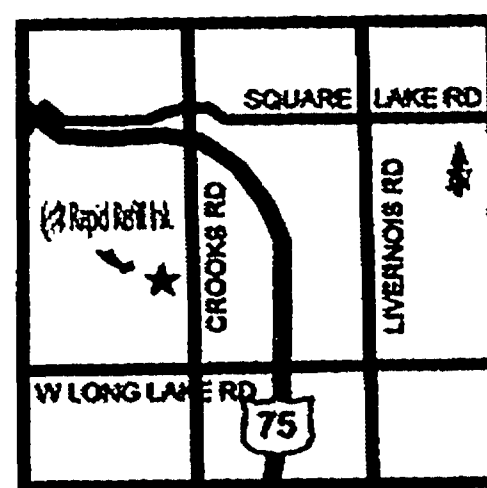
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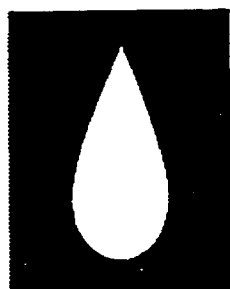


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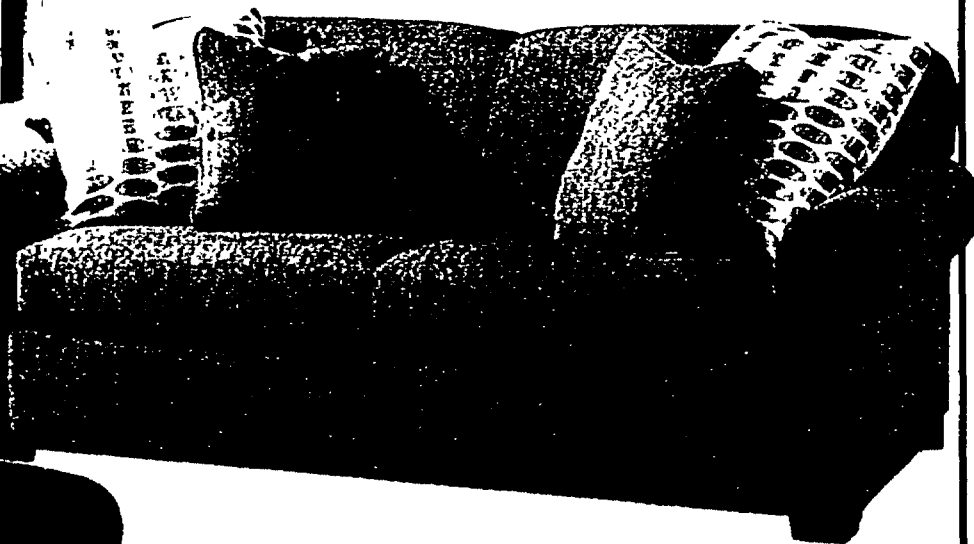
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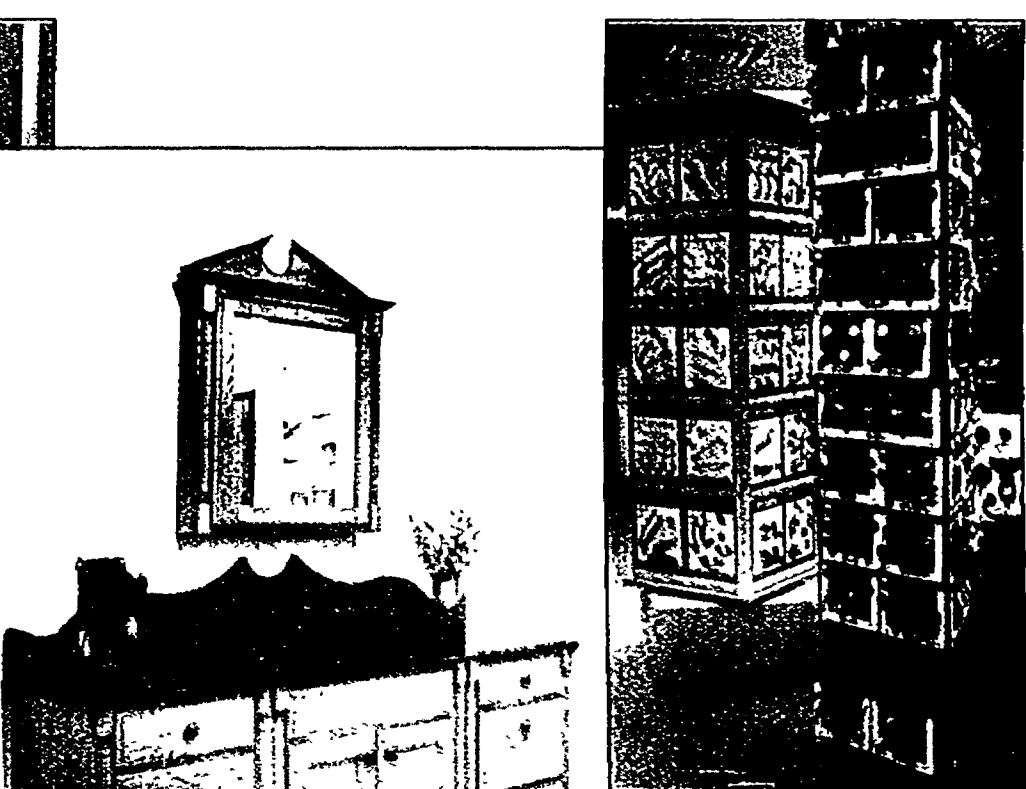
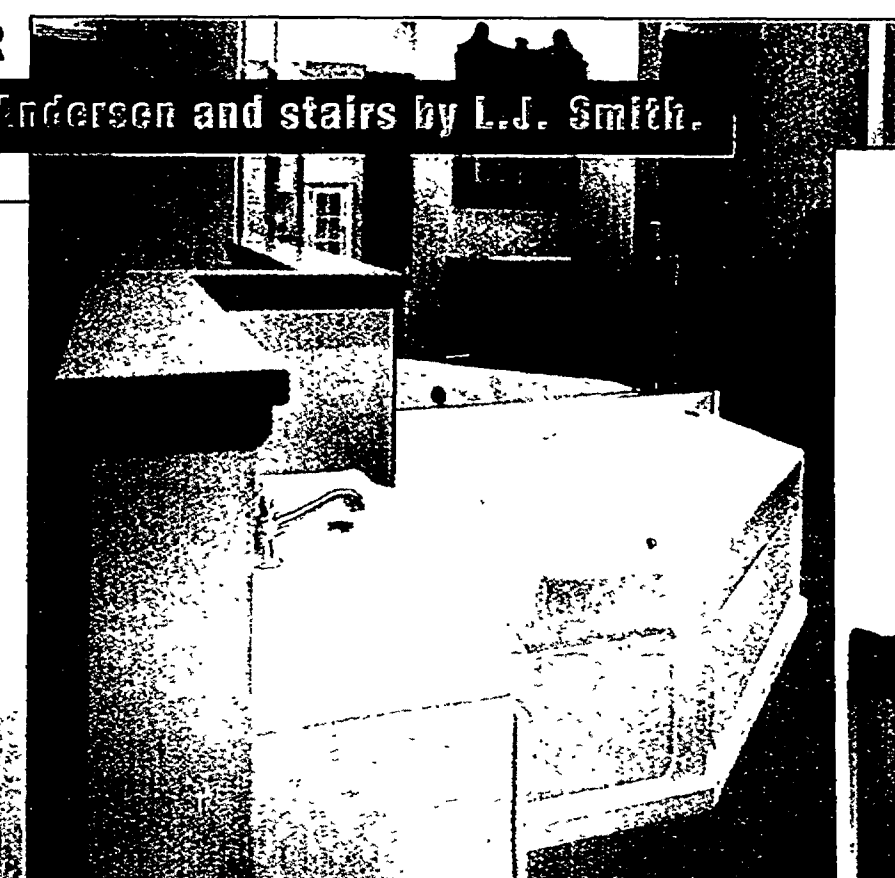
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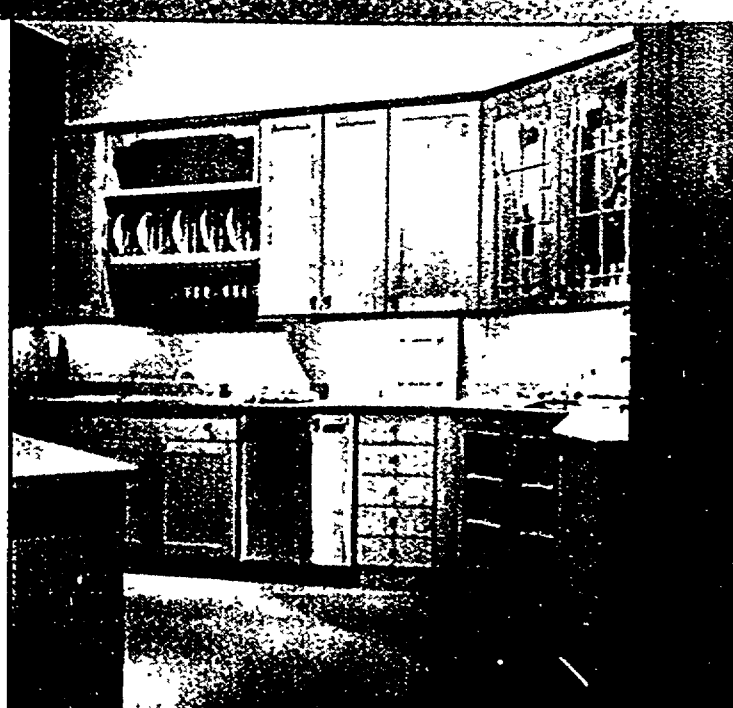


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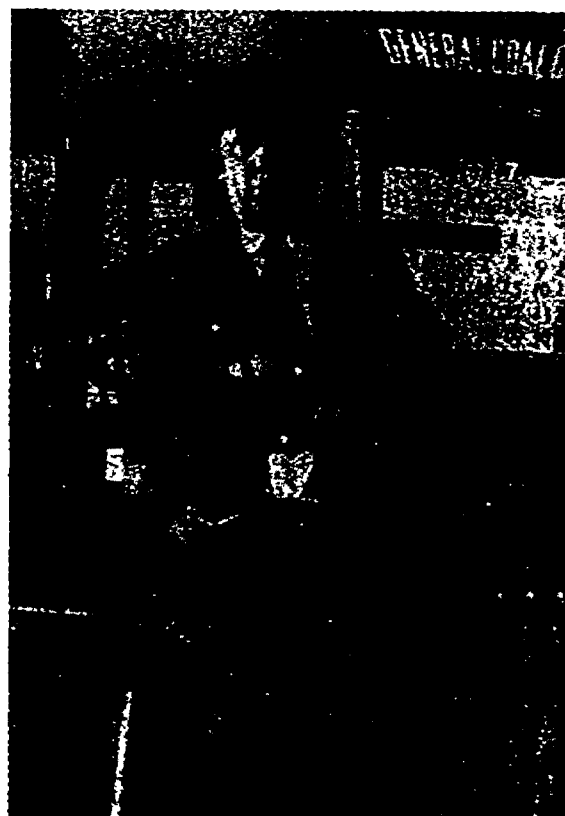
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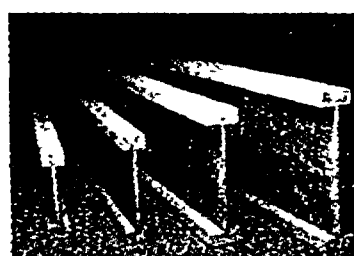
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- **More builder-friendly** - 2½ inch nailing flange rather than 1½" flange makes nailing the subfloor easy.
- **Mechanicals can be cut in** to the floor system rather than suspended below it.
- **Stronger** - will span further and reduce deflection, vibration and floor squeaks.
- **Codes and standards** - Meets the latest revisions of all applicable codes and standards.



Jager Super I products are guaranteed to be free from defects in workmanship and materials and will carry the loads specified provided they are used under normal service conditions and in accordance with the instructions and specifications as referenced in our literature.



JAGER SUPER I JOIST SPAN CHART

**40 P.S.F. LIVE LOAD & 10 P.S.F. DEAD LOAD
GLUED, NAILED SUBFLOOR L-360 DEFLECTION**

JAGER JSI 20	DEPTH (INCHES)	O/C SPACING			
		12"	16"	19.2"	24"
	9 1/4"	18'9"	17'3"	16'1"	14'5"
	11 1/4"	24'2"	21'7"	19'8"	17'7"

JAGER JSI 20 PRICING

	DEPTH (INCHES)	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
JAGER JSI 20	9 1/4"	\$16.60	\$19.96	\$23.29	\$26.59	\$30.98	\$37.60

DEPTH (INCHES)	20'	22'	24'	26'	28'	30'	32'	34'	36'	38'	40'
11 1/4"	\$37.60	\$41.36	\$45.12	\$48.88	\$52.64	\$56.40	\$60.16	\$63.92	\$67.68	\$71.44	\$75.20

construction lumber

	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
2x4	PRE-CUT FULL 8' \$2.48 FULL 8' \$2.66	\$3.49	\$3.98	\$4.79	\$5.65	\$6.89	\$7.59
2x6	PRE-CUT FULL 8' \$3.88 FULL 8' \$4.18	\$5.29	\$6.29	\$6.98	\$8.58	\$9.98	\$11.39
2x8		\$5.78	\$6.79	\$8.58	\$9.79	\$11.49	\$13.98
2x10		\$6.96	\$8.89	\$11.89	\$13.59	\$14.69	\$17.59
2x12		\$8.49	\$12.49	\$14.89	\$17.29	\$20.59	\$23.89

ALSO PRE-CUTS FOR 9' CEILINGS: 2x4's - \$3.08 2x6's - \$4.79

SPK	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
		\$2.79	\$3.49	\$4.29	\$4.89		

AND — NOW IN STOCK: LVL BEAMS —

9 1/4", 11 1/4", 11 7/8", 14", 16"

PER LINEAL FOOT	1 1/4"x9 1/4"	1 1/4"x11 1/4"	1 1/4"x11 7/8"	1 1/4"x14"	1 1/4"x16"
	\$4.35	\$5.41	\$5.47	\$6.64	\$7.97
22'		24'		SPF EXTRA-LONGS	
2x6	\$19.59	2x6	\$20.97	26'	
2x8	\$19.96	2x8	\$24.79		
2x10	\$27.79	2x10	\$30.96	2x10	\$40.89
2x12	\$32.89	2x12	\$35.89	2x12	\$51.89

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IS THIS SOME SPECIAL KIND OF PLACE — OR WHAT!**

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FREE KITCHEN & BATH CLINIC — Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Kitchen & Bath Design Center

New Home or Remodeling... start with us.

The Kitchen & Bath design center at Chelsea Lumber Company is sure to have all the right ingredients — from concept to completion and all the steps in-between. We've become one of the largest kitchen centers in Michigan and can offer you the finest cabinetry, counter tops and fixtures.

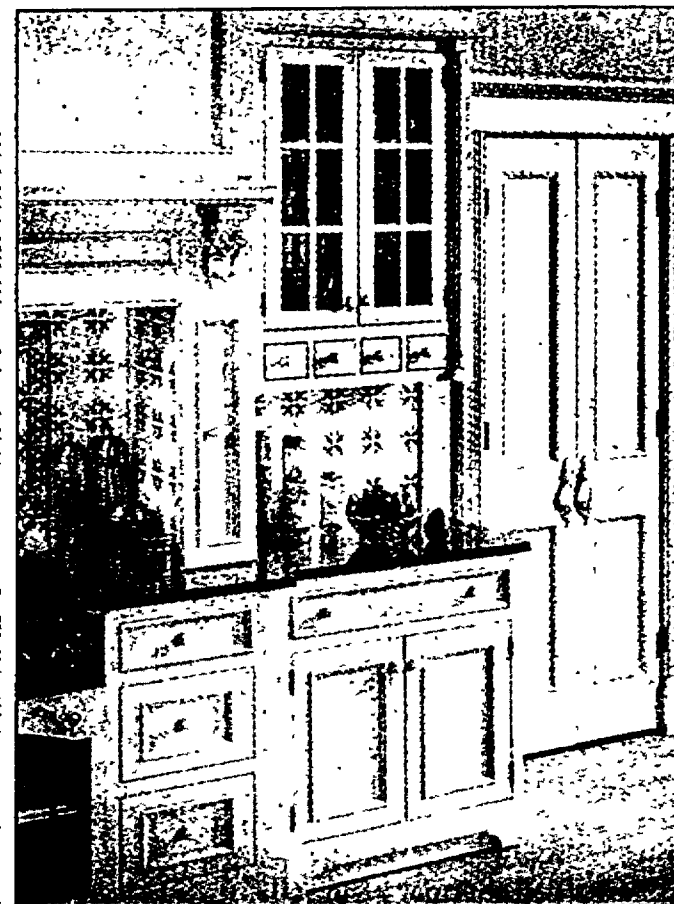
We are truly a kitchen and bath specialty house.

- 9 Experienced, creative staff.
- All of the best name brands.
- Over 3,600 sq. ft. showroom.
- Over 30 exciting and diverse displays.
- Computerized, 3-dimensional designs.
- Complete service from start to finish, including installation.
- Learn more about our design staff and many of the quality products at www.chelsealumber.com

Service, Design Quality

Chelsea Lumber Company is unique. We are small-town friendly, with big city capabilities. We believe we have the finest designers in the state. They will take whatever time you want until you're satisfied. People who know us come back time and time again because they know we are absolutely the best value. And, we have everything else you expect from a first class lumber company. If you're remodeling or building new, we have what you want. *Come on in and see for yourself.*

Free Everpure Drinking Water System with any kitchen purchase over \$3,000
\$299 value Offer expires February 28th, 2006



We can now supply interior doors to match the colors of cabinetry.



At Chelsea Lumber, we combine the best designers available with a tremendous selection of high quality cabinetry and accessories to design your kitchen and bath. Your ideas and personal taste will completely influence the final outcome of your project.



Back Left: Elizabeth Ahrens, Jeanene Stoll, Bart Bauer, Rick Tarantowski, Lisa Hartman.
Front Left: Becky Chamberlin, Mamie Wallace, Jennifer Mann, Pam Kiel.

WOODHARBOR
Cabinets & Cabinetry

Wood-Mode
FINE CUSTOM CABINETRY

Merillat

Decor

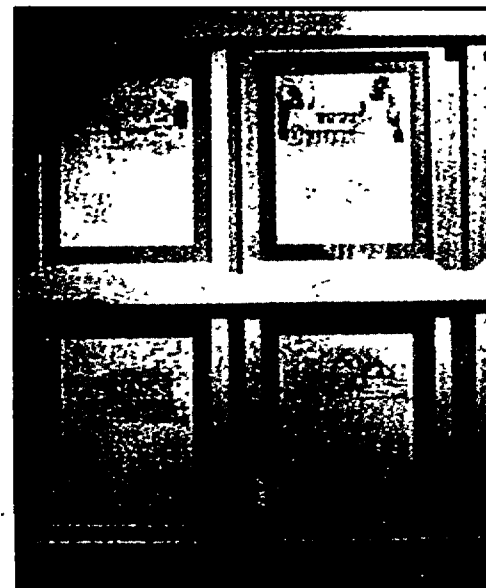
Quality products start with quality manufacturers...

In addition to all the great name brand cabinets above, we have Corian, solid natural stone granite and marble, custom laminate, and Marbelite cultured marbled counter tops. In Tubs and Showers, we carry Manhattan, Jacuzzi, Aqua Glass, Zimmer Marble and Kohler.

CHELSEA LUMBER COMPANY NOW HAS 40 PRE-PRICED EXCITING FLOOR PLANS

*Our Design Library Lounge has hundreds of plans for you to select from.
Relax in our comfortable lounge while you view hundreds of home designs.*

*Come
see
for
yourself*



The Arbor - \$46,760
1,605 Sq. Ft.



The Bellamy - \$50,745
1,660 Sq. Ft.



The Seville - \$58,000
1,735 Sq. Ft.



The Carlton - \$47,035
1,800 Sq. Ft.



THESE ARE SAMPLES OF A
FEW HOME DESIGNS FROM
OUR NEW DESIGN LIBRARY.
40 GREAT PRE-PRICED PACKAGES
FROM CHELSEA LUMBER.

OUR EXTENSIVE PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- All Rough-in Framing Lumber Including Basement Beams
- 2x4 Walls with R-13 Insulation (Garage Walls Also!) • Pre-Built Trusses Where Possible • 25-Year Shingles • Vinyl Siding
- Aluminum Overhangs • Insulated Steel Prehung Doors
- Andersen® Permashield Windows • Insulated RP Steel Garage Doors • Drywall • All Stair Parts • Interior Primed 6-Panel Doors • Primed Interior Trim • Fireplace (Not All Packages)
- Closet Materials • Kitchen & Bath Cabinets • All Countertops

The Pottersville - \$60,220
1,984 Sq. Ft.



The Granite - \$47,325
1,561 Sq. Ft.



The Thurston - \$58,835
2,316 Sq. Ft.



The "Build A Dream" People Now Have A Design Consultant Who Will Design to Your Specifications.




CHELSEA
LUMBER IS—

board headquarters

cedar

—The finest cedar 2X4'S & 2X6'S in Michigan! We know lumber and this is it for quality — and for value. One more reason Chelsea Lumber keeps on growing.

		8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
SPECIALLY SELECTED DECK- GRADE CEDAR	2x4	\$6.89	\$7.98	\$10.89	—	\$14.98	—	—
	2x6	\$12.89	\$15.89	\$19.59	\$21.89	\$25.96	\$28.89	\$30.89
	4x4	\$19.89	\$27.89	\$32.59	—	—	—	—
	5/4x6	\$8.59	\$10.89	\$12.98	\$14.89	\$17.89	\$20.89	\$23.89

ROUGH-SAWED BOARDS KILN-DRIED CEDAR		2x2'S AND RAIL SPINDLES		CEDAR LATTICE PANELS DECORATIVE-FUNCTIONAL		CEDAR PANELING-SIDING	
1X3	49¢ LIN. FT.	CEDAR 42" TAPERED-END SPINDLES  \$2.10	 4'x8' 4'x8' \$20.95 \$32.95 REGULAR HEAVY DUTY	1x6 V-EDGE CEDAR Rough sawed face, sound knots, smooth back	 \$1.11 LIN. FT.		
1X4	46¢ LIN. FT.			1x4 V-EDGE CEDAR Smooth face, Ruff back, clear		 \$1.19 LIN. FT.	
1X6	89¢ LIN. FT.	CLEAR PREMIUM CEDAR					
1X8	\$1.29 LIN. FT.	2x2x8' \$4.98					
1X10	\$1.69 LIN. FT.						
1X12	\$2.09 LIN. FT.						

SMOOTH-FACE CEDAR BEVEL SIDINGS		
1/2x4	.68	LIN. FT.
1/2x6	.96	LIN. FT.
1/2x8	1.29	LIN. FT.

1x8 CHANNEL SIDING CEDAR, RUFF-SAWED, KILN DRIED	
	\$1.59 LIN. FT.

KILN DRIED, RUSTIC THICK-BUTT CEDAR BEVEL SIDING		
1x6	83¢ LIN. FT.	1x8 \$1.14 LIN. FT.

A & BTR CLEAR KILN-DRIED CEDAR		
1X4	\$1.29	LIN. FT.
1X6	\$2.39	LIN. FT.
1X8	\$3.39	LIN. FT.
1X10	\$4.69	LIN. FT.
1X12	\$5.98	LIN. FT.

boards for all uses

Price per Linear ft.	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"
Clear Poplar - 1/2"	—	—	97¢	\$1.39	\$2.07	—	—
Clear Poplar - 1"	52¢	76¢	96¢	\$1.50	\$1.88	\$2.82	\$3.49
Clear Poplar - 5/4"	—	—	\$1.47	\$2.23	\$3.07	\$3.98	\$4.98
Clear White Pine - 1"	79¢	89¢	79¢	\$1.47	\$1.89	\$2.34	\$3.29
1&2 Premium Pine - 1"	22¢	32¢	37¢	59¢	78¢	89¢	\$1.38
Utility Pine - 1"	—	—	21¢	32¢	44¢	—	—
Rufsawn White Wood - 1"	16 1/2" (12 only)	—	29¢	52¢	69¢	79¢	\$1.05
Clear Oak - 1"	84¢	\$1.15	\$1.50	\$2.39	\$3.26	\$4.69	\$5.64
Price Per Piece	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'		
Furring Strips - 1"x2"	89¢	—	—	—	—		
Furring Strips - 1"x3"	\$1.29	\$1.69	\$2.18	—	\$2.89		

COMPARE OUR "FREE-DELIVERY" DEAL:

SIZE OF YOUR CASH ORDER	MILES TO JOBSITE				
	UP TO 20 MILES	20 TO 45 MILES	45 TO 60 MILES	60 TO 75 MILES	75 TO 90 MILES
Under \$1000	\$30	\$45	\$55	\$65	\$75
\$1000 to \$1500	\$20	\$30	\$45	\$55	\$65
\$1500 to \$2000	-0-	-0-	\$30	\$45	\$55
\$2000 to \$2500	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$30	\$45
\$2500 to \$3000	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$30
Over \$3000	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

specialty trim boards



Azek is a solid white cellular PVC... perfect for trim, fascia and soffits. It is reversible, smooth one side and woodgrain on the other. It has the look, feel and sound of clear premium lumber and can be milled, moulded, shaped, and thermo-formed to any millwork profile.

1x4x18 AZEK TRIM BOARD	\$21.50	5/4x4x18 AZEK TRIM BOARD	\$27.25
1x6x18 AZEK TRIM BOARD	\$33.50	5/4x6x18 AZEK TRIM BOARD	\$43.50
1x8x18 AZEK TRIM BOARD	\$44.50	5/4x6x6x10 AZEK CORN'R BOARD	\$57.25
1x12x18 AZEK TRIM BOARD	\$69.25	1/2x6x18 AZEK BEAD BOARD	\$29.50

primed trim boards

1x4 PRIMED RUFSAWN SPRUCE	45¢ L/FT.	1x6x8 PRIMED PINE	\$8.50 EA.
1x6 PRIMED RUFSAWN SPRUCE	69¢ L/FT.	1x6x16 PRIMED PINE	\$17.05 EA.
1x8 PRIMED RUFSAWN SPRUCE	89¢ L/FT.	1x8x8 PRIMED PINE	\$10.55 EA.
1x10 PRIMED RUFSAWN SPRUCE	\$1.18 L/FT.	1x8x16 PRIMED PINE	\$21.05 EA.
1x2x8 PRIMED PINE	\$3.15 EA.	1x10x8 PRIMED PINE	\$15.00 EA.
1x2x16 PRIMED PINE	\$6.25 EA.	1x10x16 PRIMED PINE	\$29.99 EA.
1x4x8 PRIMED PINE	\$5.40 EA.	1x12x8 PRIMED PINE	\$19.73 EA.
1x4x16 PRIMED PINE	\$10.80 EA.	1x12x16 PRIMED PINE	\$39.45 EA.

All Primed Rufsawn boards priced per lineal foot.



ABTCO Specialty Trim Boards.

Trim Boards have a true cedar profile carefully molded into one side and the reverse side is smooth. Since it's free from natural flaws and knots, there's no splitting or checking, which means there is no waste. And that saves you money.

10 year limited warranty. Reversible. Primed faces and edges. Available in 16' lengths only.

	Actual Size	Each		Actual Size	Each
1x4x16'	3/4" x 3-1/2"	\$7.69	5/4x4x18'	1" x 3-1/2"	\$10.89
1x6x16'	3/4" x 5-1/2"	\$10.59	5/4x6x18'	1" x 5-1/2"	\$16.79
1x8x16'	3/4" x 7-1/4"	\$14.79	5/4x8x18'	1" x 7-1/4"	\$22.59
1x12x16'	3/4" x 11-1/4"	\$22.98	5/4x12x18'	1" x 11-1/4"	\$33.79

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plywood

A GIANT WAREHOUSE FULL
(PRICES ARE FOR 150 SHEETS)

PLUS ORIENTED STRAND BOARDS

1/2" CDX ROOFING/SHEATHING

3-PLY
PINE

\$13.89

5-PLY
FIR

\$19.89

TONGUE & GROOVE
SINGLE APPLICATION
FLOORING

3/4" STURDI-FLOOR PINE	\$27.69
3/4" ADVANTECH ORIENTED STRAND BD.	\$30.97
3/4" ORIENTED STRAND BOARD	\$22.89
3/4" PREMIUM STURDI-FLOOR SPRUCE	\$29.96

ORIENTED STRAND BOARD	7/16"	1/2"	3/4"	1/4"
	\$12.98	\$14.98	\$22.89	\$11.98
			3/8"	\$12.59
			5/8"	\$18.98

GREAT NEW MULTI-PURPOSE 4x8 PANELS

HARDWOOD PLYWOODS

5.2mm OAK	5.2mm BIRCH	3/4" OAK ONE PIECE FACES, VENEER CORE	3/4" BIRCH VENEER CORE
\$21.59	\$21.95	\$59.89	\$59.95

**SANDED PLYWOOD
GOOD 1-SIDE WITH EXTERIOR GLUE**

1/4" \$21.69	1/2" \$28.89	3/8" (11/32)	\$14.69
3/8" \$22.97	3/4" \$37.89	1/2" (15/32)	\$13.89

**SANDED PLYWOOD
GOOD 2-SIDE WITH EXTERIOR GLUE**

1/2" \$38.96	3/4" \$48.96	5/8" (19/32)	\$20.89
		3/4" (23/32)	\$24.98

**PRESSURE
TREATED**

GOOD ONE-SIDE	SHEATHING GRADE
1/2" \$29.89	3/4" \$40.89
	3/4" \$36.89

garages

**Erected Packages
to get the job done.**

MATERIALS PACKAGE:

- Plans
- All materials including steel-clad walk-in door with Schlage lock
- 16x7 paneled steel overhead door
- Additional 9 x 7 overhead door included with the Cord.
- 12" overhang 4 sides (Hudson has 6" on eaves only)

ERECTED PACKAGE:

- Construction by dependable craftsmen backed by Chelsea Lumber

★ **THE PACKARD**
24 X 24

★ **THE CORD**
32 X 24

★ **THE HUDSON**
22 X 22

★ **THE REGAL**
28 X 24

TYPE OF SIDING	VERTICAL GROOVE SmartPanel® (TEXT 1-11)	VINYL WHITE DOUBLE 4.5"	ADD FOR SLAB ON LEVEL SITE SLAB BY US -- AS PART OF ERECTED PKG. ONLY
MATERIALS ONLY	\$4255	\$4295	
ERECTED ON YOUR SLAB	\$8315	\$8985	\$5075
MATERIALS ONLY	\$5250	\$5280	
ERECTED ON YOUR SLAB	\$10,775	\$11,650	\$6760
MATERIALS ONLY	\$3725	\$3830	
ERECTED ON YOUR SLAB	\$7455	\$8190	\$4265
MATERIALS ONLY	\$4580	\$4725	
ERECTED ON YOUR SLAB	\$9270	\$10,155	\$5920

OTHER PRE-FIGURED-PACKAGE SIZES: 16'X22' & 30'X22' (or we'll custom figure any size).

*SLAB (FLOOR) INCLUDES: A 4" slab rimmed with expansion joint, fiberglass reinforced concrete, a 42" deep footing, two rows of block, a 24" apron at garage doors, and a 3x3" apron at service doors. 4" of sand is included for the base. Certain soil conditions may require additional reinforcement of slab and/or footing at extra cost. Important Note: Erected prices are based on a pre leveled site free of vegetation.

landscape timbers

The landscape timbers are pressure-treated to point of refusal.

3"x4"x8' Rounded-Edge	\$3.98
4"x6"x8' Rough Sawn Red Pine	\$4.95
6"x8"x8' Rough Sawn Red Pine	\$19.69
5"x5"x8' (full 5"x5") Rough Sawn Red Pine	\$12.89

Railroad Ties

#1 Railroad Ties	\$9.69
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fibercement siding

This siding takes its graining from real wood panels

• Realistic woodgrains	7 1/2"x12' CertainTeed Fibercement Siding	\$5.96 Ea.
• Won't rot, split, crack, or burn	8 1/2"x12' James Hardie Fibercement Siding	\$6.98 Ea.
• 50-year warranty	12"x12' Vented Soffit	\$15.89 Ea.
• Cuts nails & paints like wood	16"x12' Vented Soffit	\$19.89 Ea.
• No affect by insects, UV rays	12"x12' Non-vented Soffit	\$10.97- Ea.
• Outlasts wood		

CHELSEA LUMBER WOOD BASEMENTS

• Kiln Dried • Grade Stamped • Foundation Stamped

Come to our FREE CLINIC Jan. 24th at 7:00 p.m.

2x6 PRECUTS #1	\$7.69	2x8 PRECUTS #2	\$10.79	1x12x16	\$21.96
2x6x8	\$6.69	2x8x8	\$9.89	1/2" CCX PLY	\$24.89
2x6x16	\$14.69	2x8x10	\$11.59	5/8" CCX PLY	\$29.89
2x4x16	\$11.59	2x8x16	\$19.89	3/4" CCX PLY	\$38.89
2x10x16	\$28.89	2x12x16	\$39.69	3/4" T&G PLY	\$42.96

WINDOWS DOORS ENTRANCES STAIR PARTS MOULDINGS

Chelsea Lumber has added 3,500 sq. ft., displaying the world's leading manufacturers of windows and doors. You really should come in and check us out.

WINDOWS	ENTRANCES	STAIR PARTS	INTERIOR DOORS
Andersen, JELD-WEN	JELD-WEN LWP. MOULDINGS - Primed, White Pine, Oak	L.J. Smith EXTERIOR DOORS Door Craft (Steel), Therma-Tru	Woodharbor, Craftmaster, Oak and Birch Flush, Elite Molded Colonial

POLE BARNS:

CLINIC!

Wed., Jan. 25th 7 PM

Equestrian Barns

(Give your horse a home)



THE STABLE



MATERIALS PACKAGES		ERECTED PACKAGES	
STEEL ROOF	SHINGLE ROOF	STEEL ROOF	SHINGLE ROOF

THE OAKWOOD 24'x32' 8 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 7 FT. DOOR	\$4280	\$4340	\$6970	\$7420
THE ARROYO 24'x32' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$4575	\$4635	\$7230	\$8040
THE MESA 24'x40' 8 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 7 FT. DOOR	\$4960	\$4975	\$7900	\$8840
THE CORRAL 30'x40' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 14 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$5940	\$6280	\$9300	\$10,755
THE MESQUITE 30'x40' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS 14 FT. x 11 FT. DOOR	\$6400	\$6720	\$9785	\$11,270
THE FRONTIER 30'x48' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$6620	\$7065	\$10,550	\$12,315
THE ASPEN 30'x48' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 11 FT. DOOR	\$7105	\$7545	\$11,085	\$12,850
THE ROUND-UP 36'x56' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 11 FT. DOOR	\$9560	\$10,590	\$14,165	\$16,485
THE OSAGE 40'x64' 14 FT. HIGH WALLS 14 FT. x 13 FT. DOOR	\$10,740	\$13,285	\$17,385	\$21,740

We now offer 3 barns designed in the spirit of horsemanship. You can choose from our personal 2-stall barn, *The Double Furlong*, our 4-stall barn, *The Stable*, or our 6-stall barn, *The Triple Furlong*. Each has its own unique characteristics with everything to meet your stable requirements conveniently located on one level. All have a shingled roof with a 12" eave overhang and your choice of quality FABRAL steel siding or T-11 SmartPanel siding. We can prepare a material estimate for you with all the many options available or, if you choose, build any barn to your specifications with the same quality construction which has long been the Chelsea Lumber Company tradition.

BARN SIZE	NUMBER OF STALLS	MATERIALS ONLY SIDING OPTIONS	
		STEEL	T-11
24'x38' 10' (INCLUDES 8' OPEN END) THE DOUBLE FURLONG	2	\$6480	\$7045
30'x40' 10' - WITH 8'x16' LEAN TO THE STABLE	4	\$11,980	\$12,565
32'x60' 10' THE TRIPLE FURLONG	6	\$11,980	\$12,710

*STALL MATERIAL NOT INCLUDED, PRICES ARE FOR BASIC SHELLS ONLY, ASK YOUR SALESPERSON FOR PRICING ON STALL MATERIALS.



GAMBREL-ROOF BARNS

STEEL OR T-11 SmartPanel SIDING - SHINGLE ROOFS ONLY
(INCLUDES 12" EAVE OVERHANG)

	MATERIALS PACKAGES		ERECTED PACKAGES	
	STEEL SIDING	T-11 SDG.	STEEL SIDING	T-11 SDG.
THE WESTERN 24'x32' 8 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 7 FT. DOOR	\$8760	\$9085	\$14,670	\$15,080
THE PRAIRIE 30'x40' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$11,220	\$11,895	\$18,660	\$19,470

THE ARENA 60'x120' WITH 14' WALLS
CALL US FOR PRICES AND MORE DETAILS

310 POLE BARNS SOLD IN 2005!

FREE ESTIMATES
FOR ANY SIZE BARN.
WE MEET YOUR NEEDS!

AT CHELSEA LUMBER THESE SPECS ARE STANDARD!

- 60 Retention Pressure-Treated Timbers
- Top Grade 2x4 Girts, Purlins and Headers
- Fabral 29 Ga. Steel with the New Super Alurite 30 Paint System - in White, Red, Hickory Moss, Lt. Stone and Gray
- 3 Course Skirt
- Covered Sliding Door Track
- Trusses 48" O.C. for Steel Roofs
- Trusses 24" O.C. for Shingled Roofs
- 3 Ft. Pre-Hung Steel Entry Door w/Lock
- Trim Metal for Doors, Eaves & Gables
- Stay Rollers, Bumpers and Pulls
- Redi Mixed Cement for Post Holes
- Felt and Oriented Strand Board under Shingle Roof
- Prices may be affected by local building code requirements.

ONE FOOT OVERHANG AT EAVES:

- Add \$4.25 Per Running Foot to Materials Packages
- Add \$7.25 Per Running Foot to Erected Packages

ALL
BARNs

PERMITS BY OWNER

treated-lumber Best Buy in Michigan!

#1 GRADE SOUTHERN PINE

FEWER & SMALLER KNOTS ★ IT'S SIMPLY THE BEST ★ COMPARE!

	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
2x4	\$3.89	\$4.97	\$5.98	\$7.19	\$9.69	GRAY SHADED AREAS ARE #1 GRADE S. PINE	
2x6	\$4.89	\$6.59	\$8.29	\$9.89	\$11.97		
2x8	\$6.59	\$8.97	\$10.89	\$12.89	\$15.89	\$18.69	\$19.97
2x10	\$9.39	\$12.49	\$15.89	\$18.69	\$21.69	\$24.89	\$28.89
2x12	\$12.97	\$15.69	\$19.69	\$21.59	\$25.59	\$33.89	\$39.89
4x4	\$7.89	\$9.89	\$11.97	\$13.89	\$17.97	4x4, 4x6, 6x6 and 2x8 T&G are treated for ground contact	
4x6	\$11.89	\$13.89	\$17.89	\$21.69	\$24.79	\$32.89	\$37.89
6x6	\$18.89	\$22.79	\$27.89	\$31.98	\$39.89	\$53.89	\$60.97
2x6 T&G	\$6.89	\$7.89	\$9.89	\$11.89	\$13.39	\$16.89	\$18.89

#1 grade
Southern Pine
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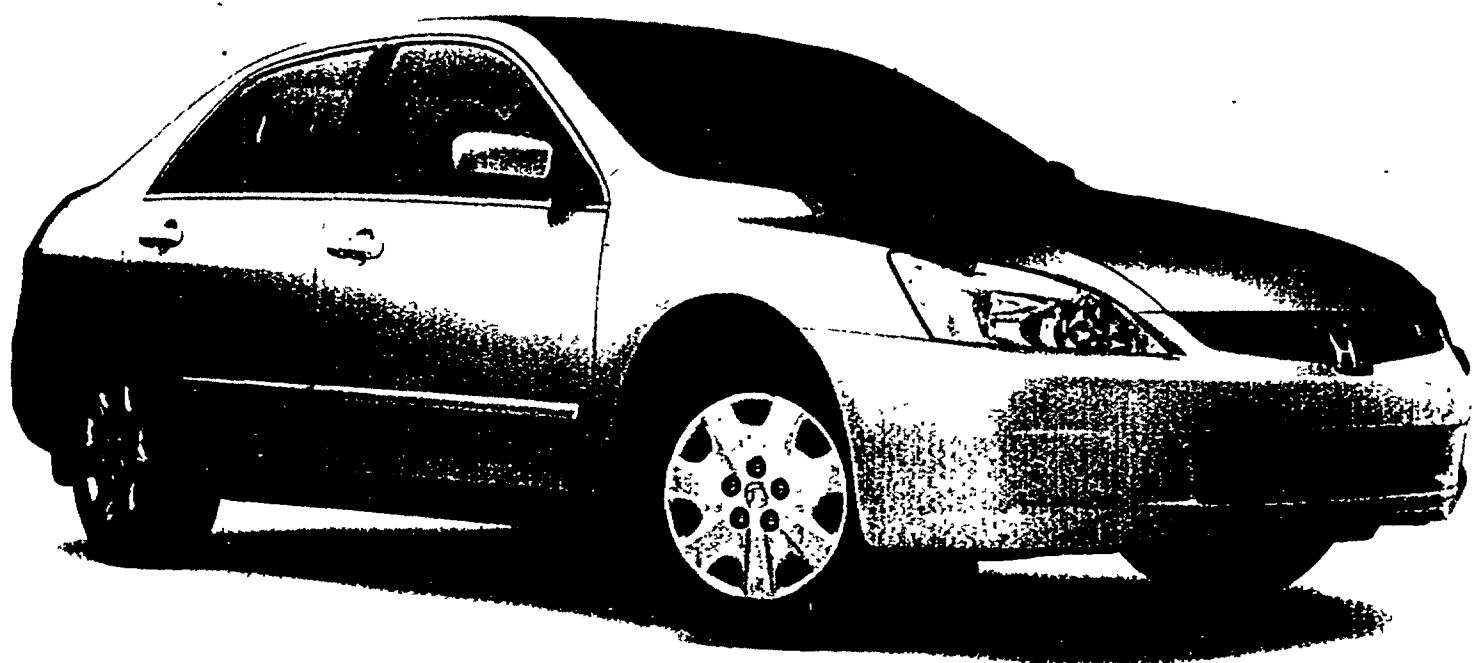
Our 2x4's thru 2x12's are
#1 grade...others sell
#2 grade for about the
same price as we sell #1.

Don't accept any #2 grade...the difference
is obvious in appearance and buildability.

2x2's		8' - \$2.89		10' - \$3.59			
LAMINATED POSTS BUILT TO STAY STRAIGHTER .60 CCA TREATED				22'	24'	26'	28'
				\$83.69	\$91.89	\$104.89	\$114.89
Treated Boards	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
QUALITY DECKING 5/4x6	\$4.69	\$5.59	\$6.89	\$7.59	\$9.98	\$13.96	\$15.89
1x4 SELECT GRADE	\$2.89	\$3.59	\$4.39	—	\$5.89	—	—
1x6 SELECT GRADE	\$3.98	\$4.98	\$6.59	—	\$9.59	—	—
1x8 SELECT GRADE	—	—	\$9.89	—	\$12.96	—	—

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from Warner's®, Barelythere®,
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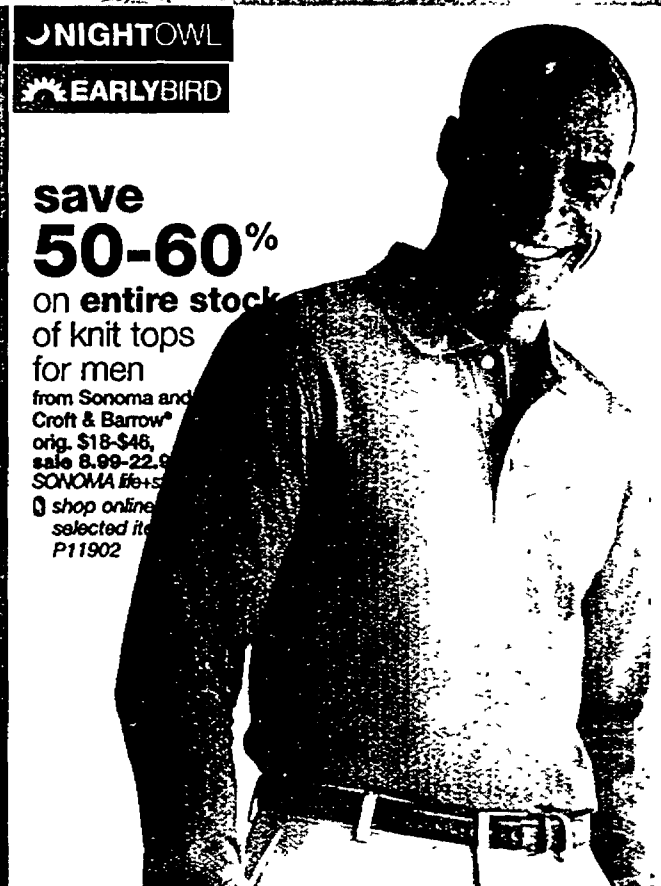
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**save
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**on entire stock
of knit tops
for men**

from Sonoma and
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sale 8.99-22.99
SONOMA 16+5
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19.99 Final price
Black & Decker® 6-cup
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reg. 49.99, sale 23.52



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KitchenAid® heavy
duty Stand Mixer.
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save an extra 15%**
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**on entire stock of
dress & casual shoes
for men, women,
kids and
juniors**



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79.99 pr. Final price
1/4 ct. T.W. round or
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solitaire earrings. 14k gold.
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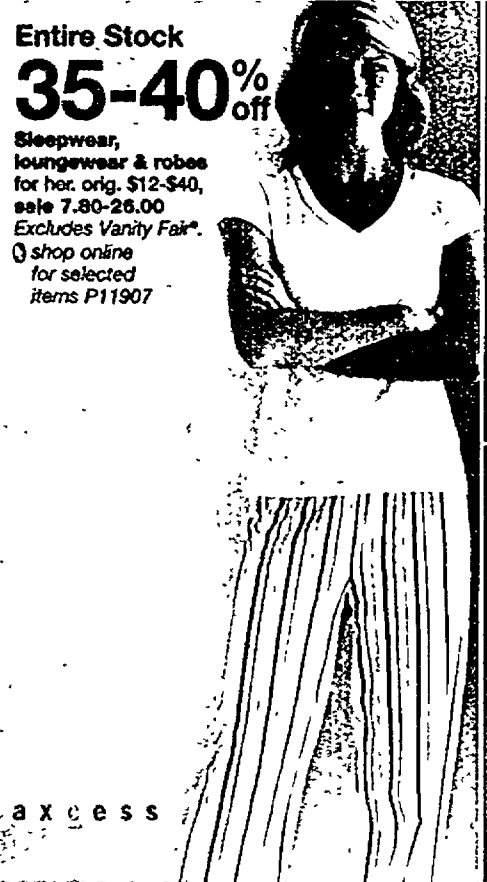

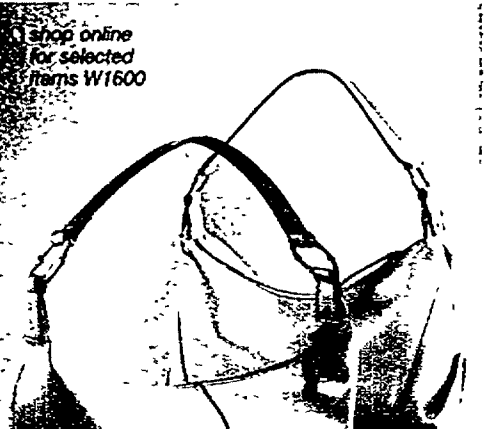
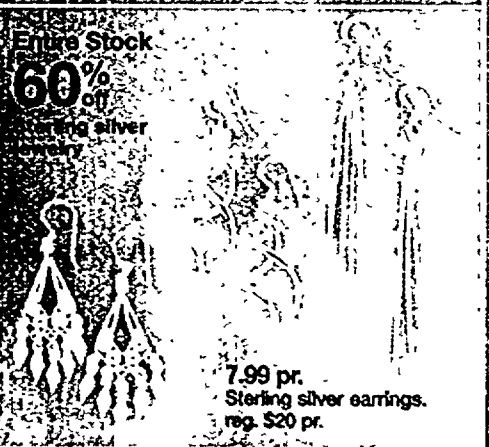
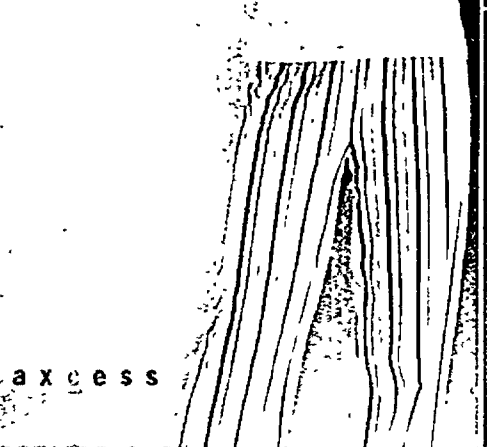


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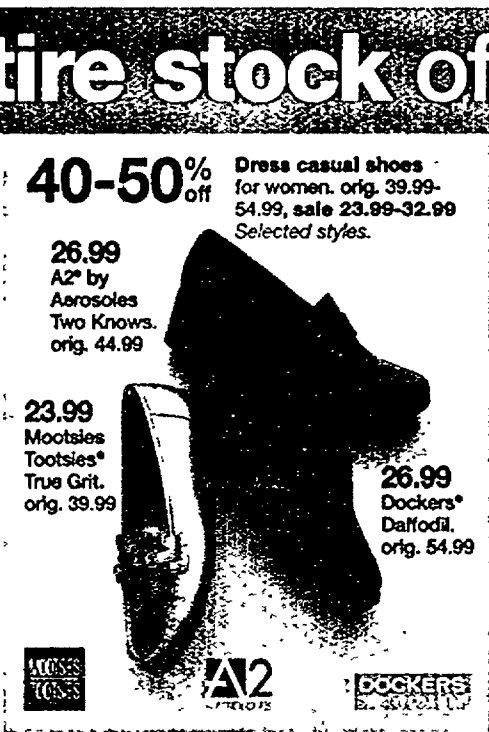


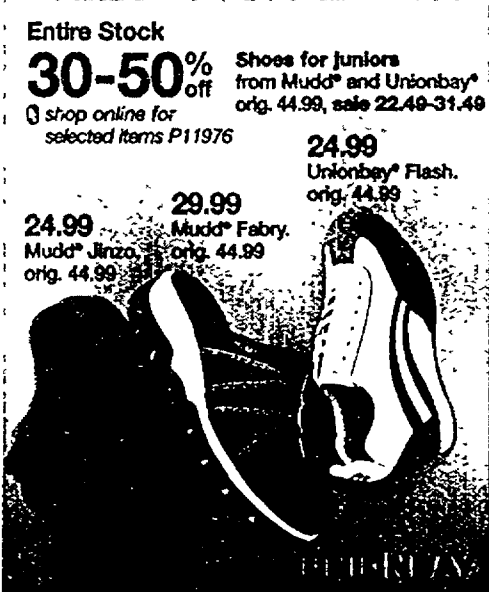
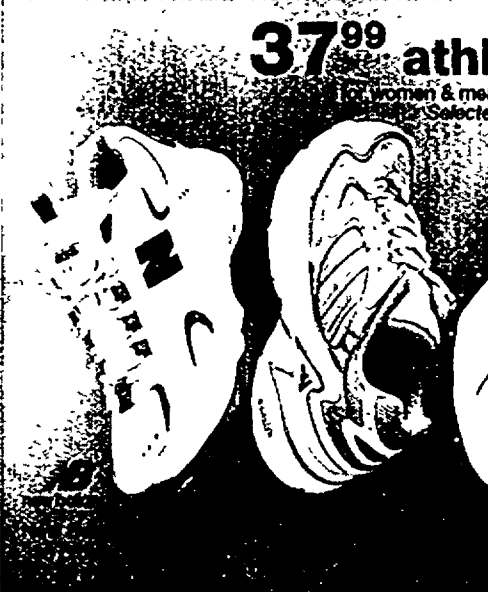


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 <p>40-50% off Dress casual shoes for men, orig. \$39.99-\$49.99, sale \$23.99-\$32.99. Selected styles.</p>	 <p>Entire Stock 30-50% off Shoes for juniors from Mudd and Unionbay, orig. \$44.99, sale \$22.49-\$31.49. Shop online for selected items P11976</p>	 <p>37.99 athletic shoes for men & women, reg. \$49.99-\$59.99 pr., sale \$29.99 pr. Selected styles.</p>

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Lounge pants & jeans for men from Sonoma and Croft & Barrow
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Casual pants for men from Natural Issue, Sonoma and Arrow Essentials
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Hugoboss Twist Bone & Luster Gabardine dress pants for men.

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40-50% off
Long-sleeved fashion tops for girls 7-16.

50-60% off all
Russell Athletic, Reebok & Nike Gear fleece tops, long-sleeved tees & pants
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sweaters and knit
& woven tops
from Croft & Barrow,
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for misses, petites and women.
orig. \$12-\$48, sale \$8-\$24
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sleepwear,
loungewear and
robes for her
orig. \$12-\$40, sale \$8-\$20
Excludes Candie's® & Vanity Fair®.

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SO... apparel
for juniors.
orig. \$10-\$40, sale \$4-\$20
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19.99
dress pants
from Braggi®, Croft & Barrow®
and Axiat™ Essentials
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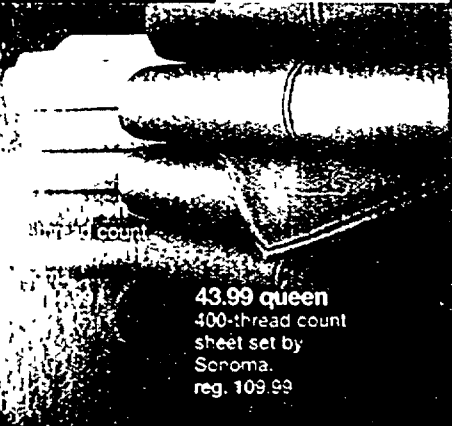
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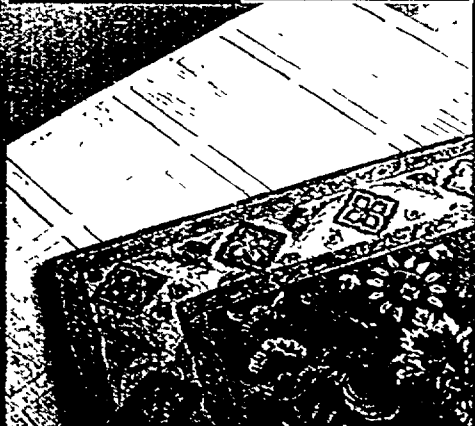
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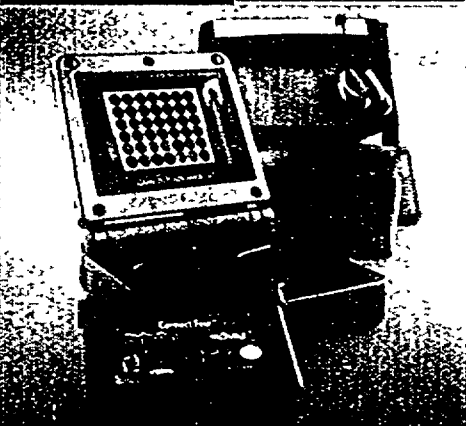
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100% wool
area rugs
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89.99
Gameboy gift set
Includes game, accessory pack,
carrying case, headphones,
SP link and 2 game cases.
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of floor care
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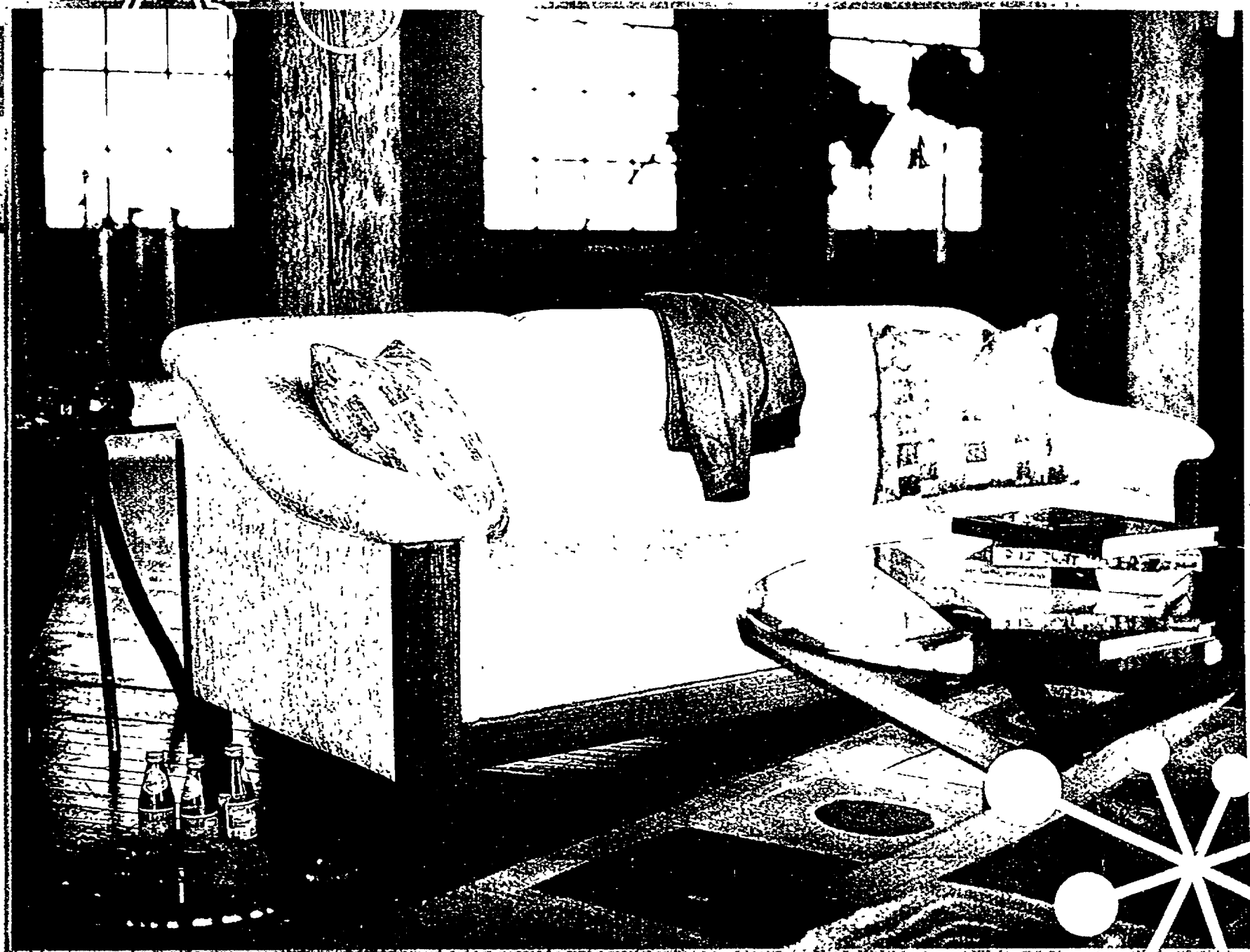
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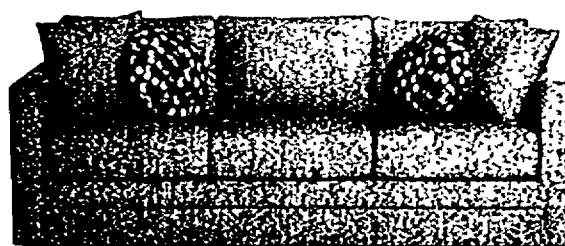
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HELEN SOFA This simple yet stylish design features an elegant teak-trim making this comfortable sofa a treasure for any home. Made in Canada, Starting at **\$1529**. Create the perfect look for your home with our wide selection of beautiful fabrics and microfibers.



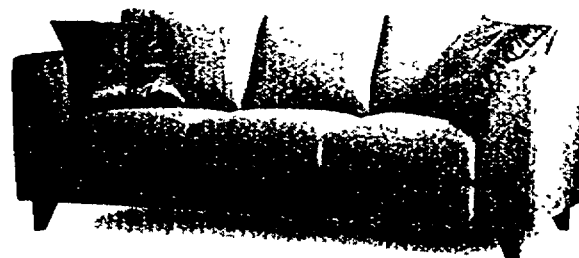
JUST ADD COMPANY The two-piece Jake sectional encourages interaction making entertaining effortless, **\$1799**.
Not exactly as shown—available with left or right chaise and contrast stitching



A DESIGN CLASSIC Like your favorite tweed jacket, the "Classic" goes with just about everything **\$999**.
Special order item in 29 fabric choices Contrast piping extra



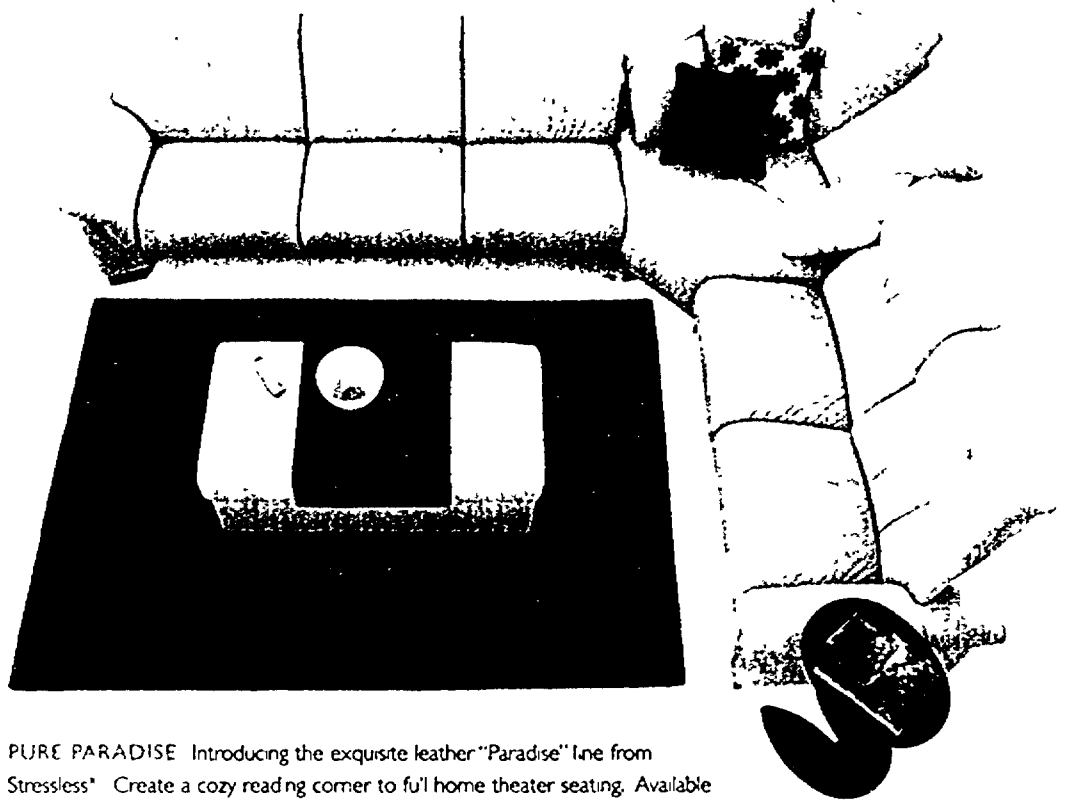
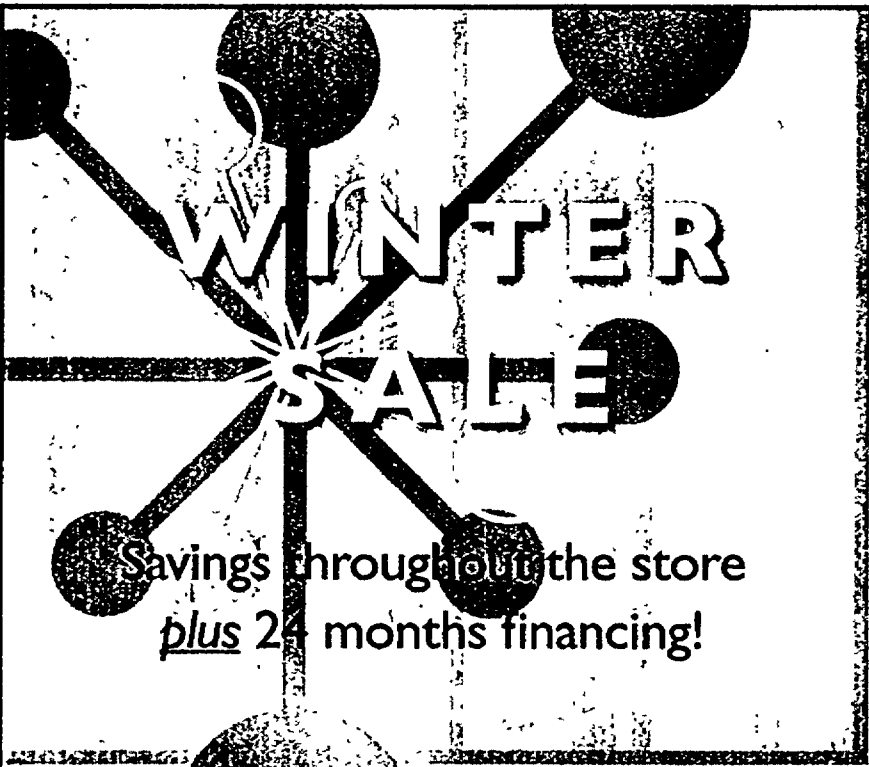
A HOUSE OF DENMARK EXCLUSIVE!
You may have a hard time deciding—with a choice of 40 leather colors or as a sofa bed in black microfiber. Sofa, Special **\$899**. Special order item



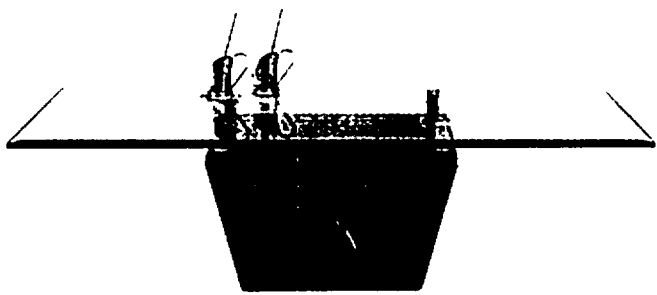
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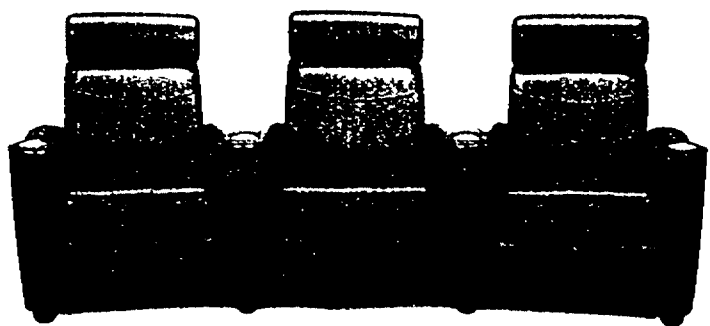




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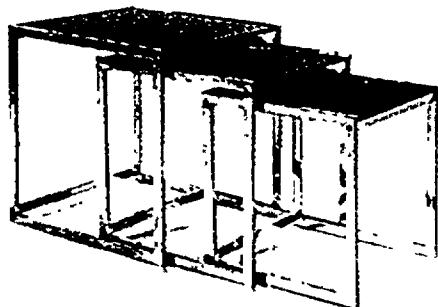
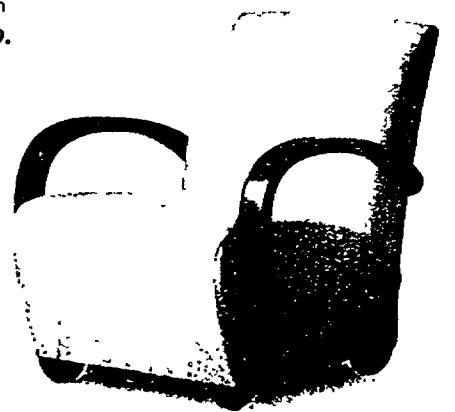
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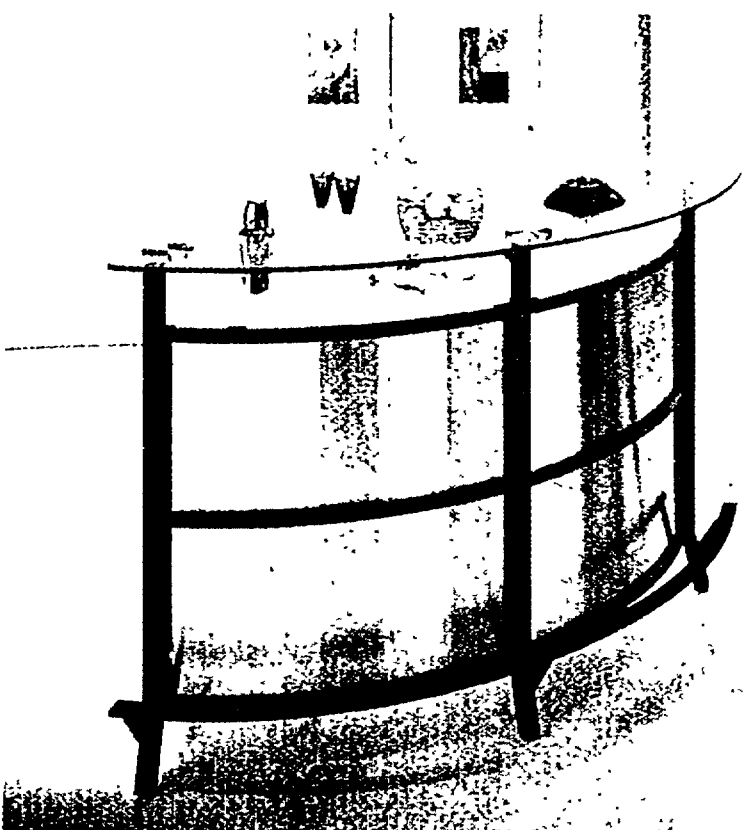
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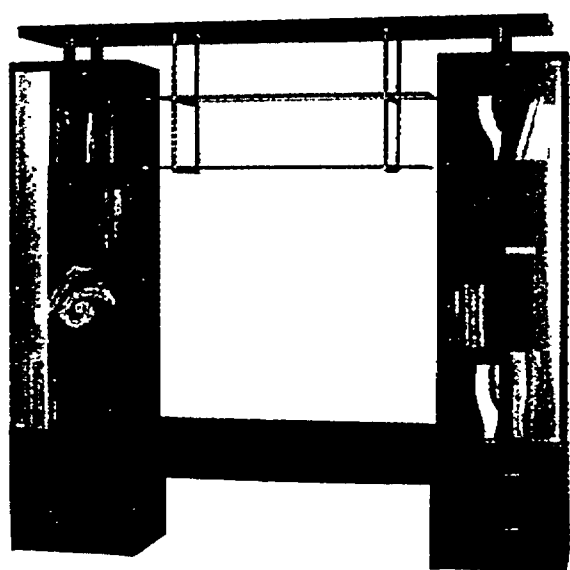
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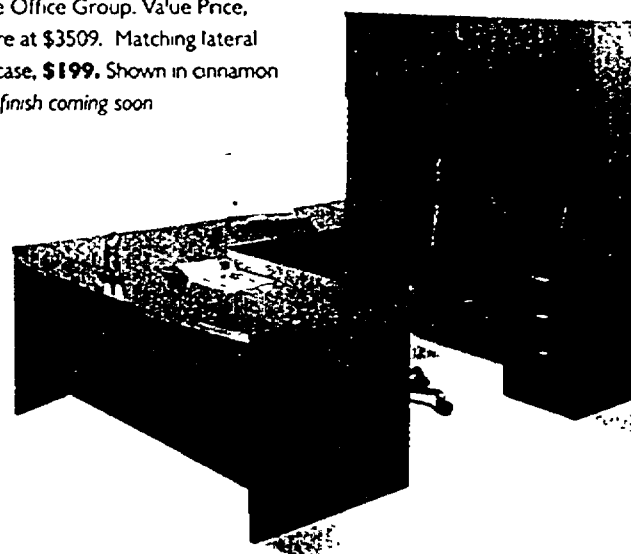


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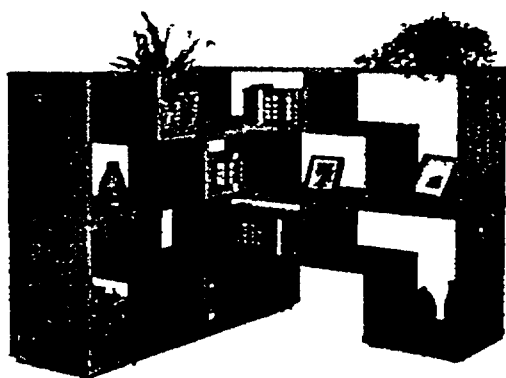
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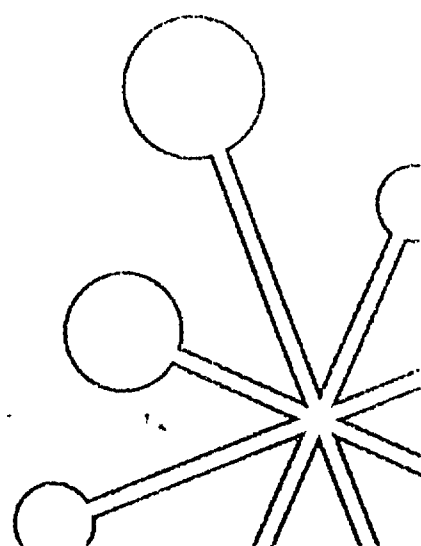
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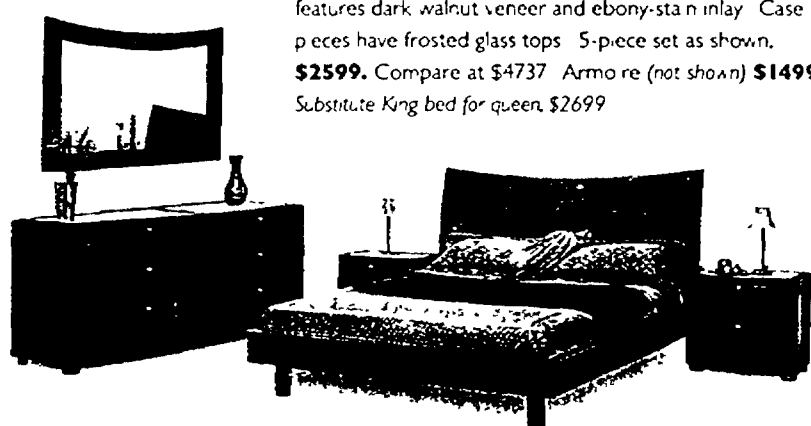




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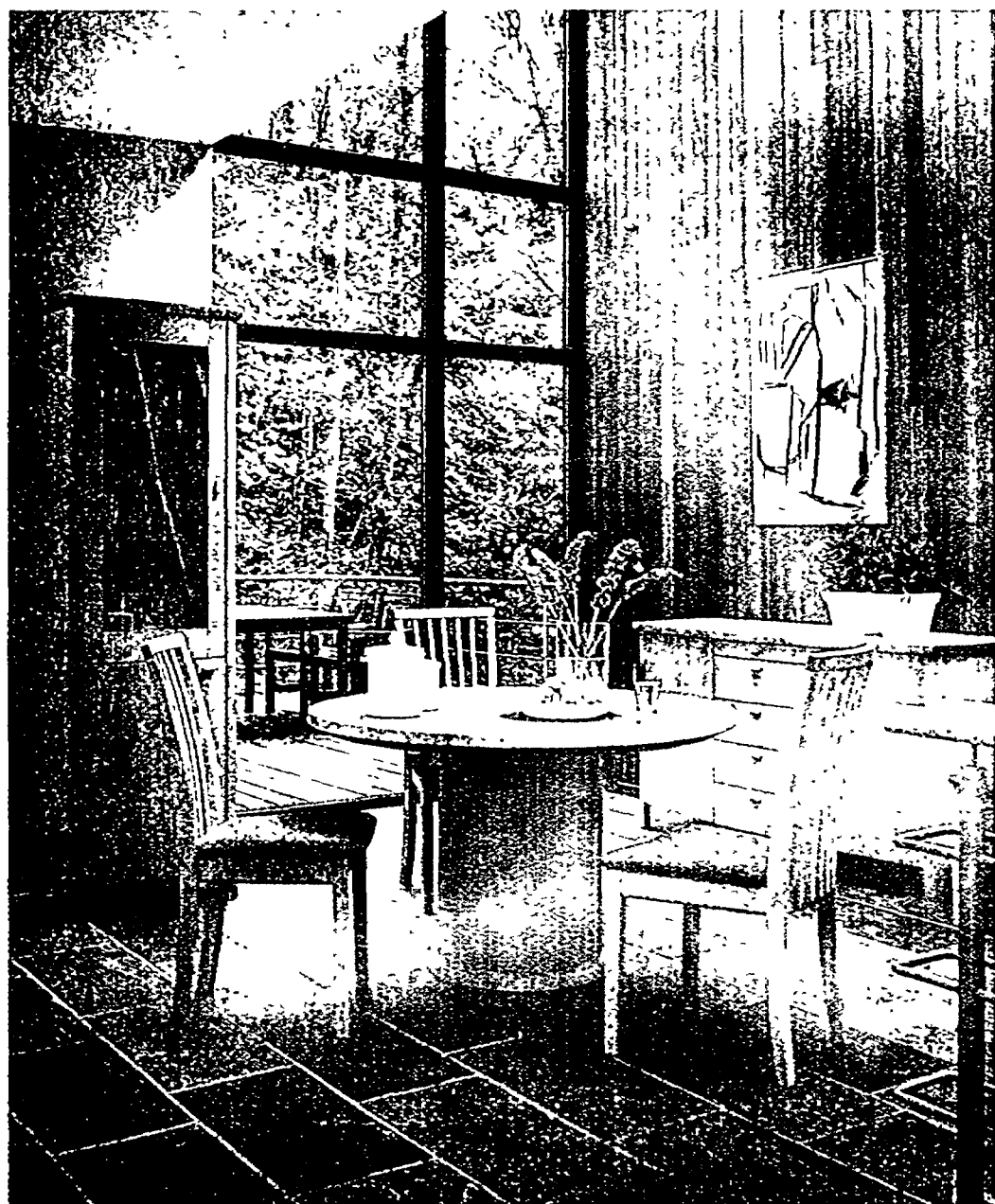
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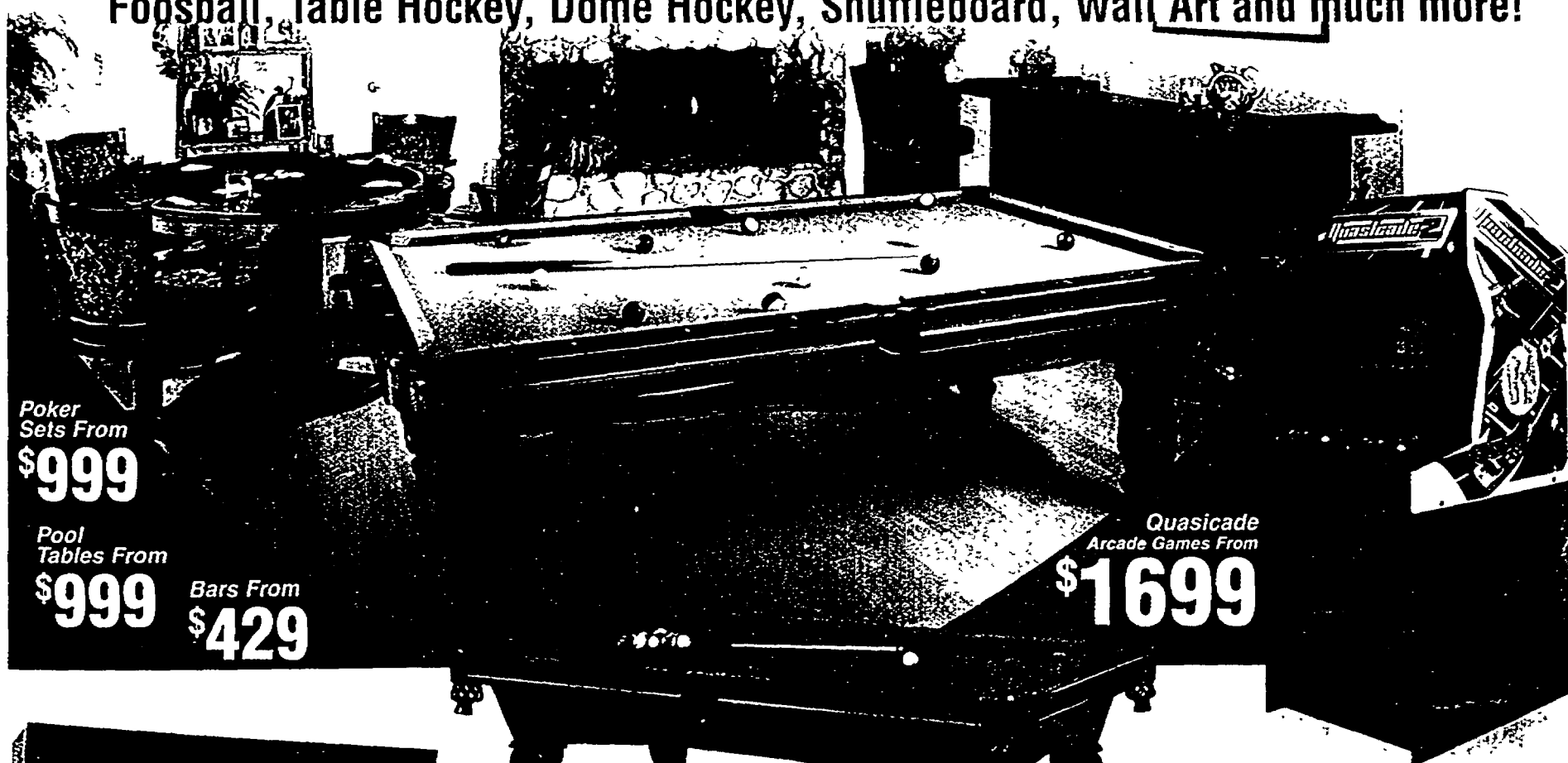
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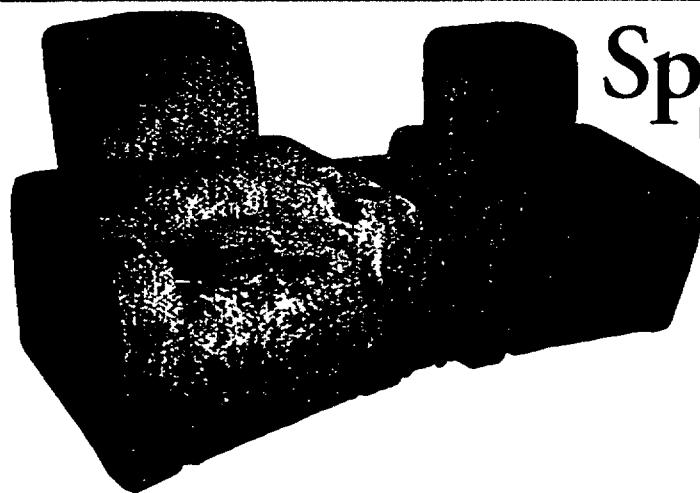
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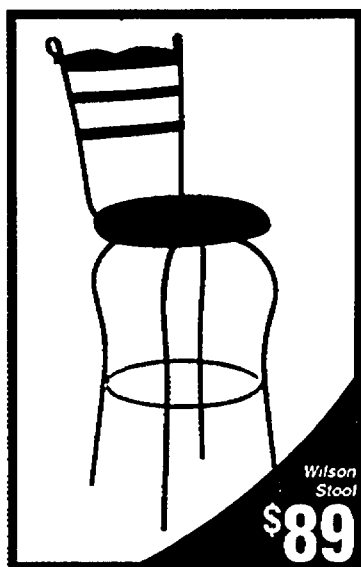
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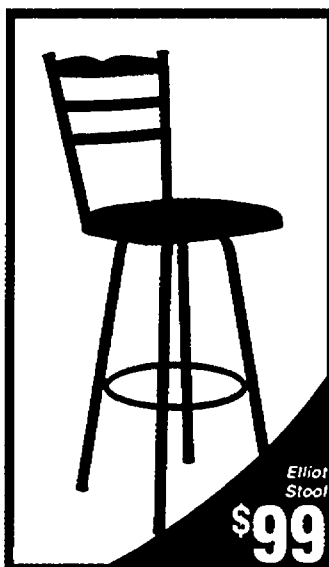
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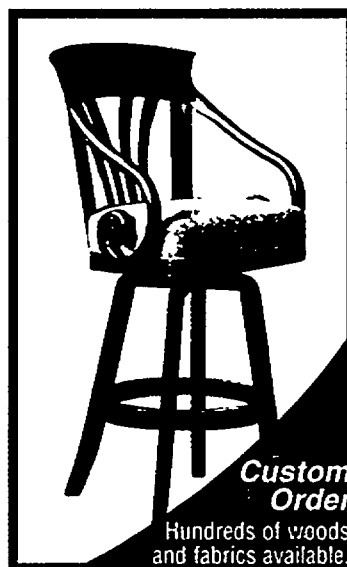
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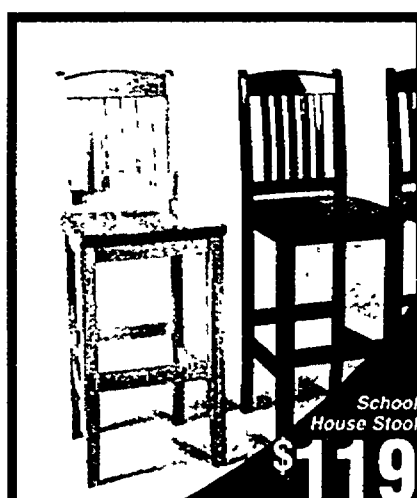


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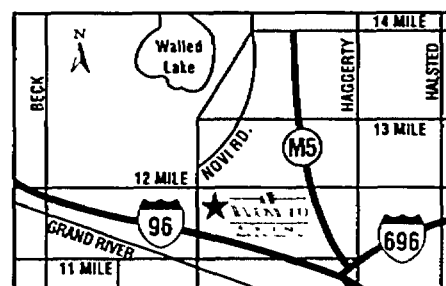


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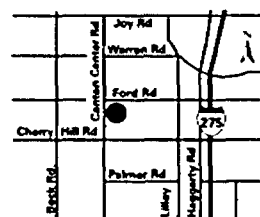
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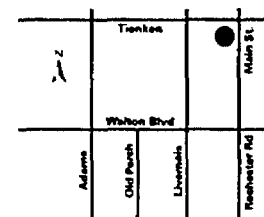
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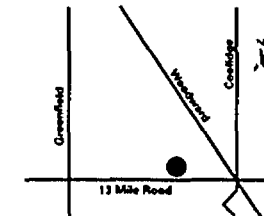
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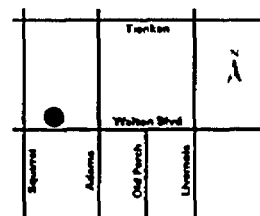
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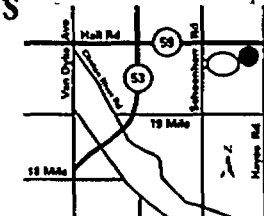
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American Profile



Inside the Miss America Pageant

What you see on TV isn't all there is—by a long shot!

On Saturday, Jan. 21, at 8 p.m. ET, the cameras will roll on one of television's most enduring events—the annual Miss America Pageant, the fourth longest-running live event in TV history. At the end of the two-hour telecast on the CMT network, the coveted crown will be placed atop a new head, and a beaming, beautiful new Miss America will walk the runway.

To television viewers, the pageant's two hours provide an entertaining, fascinating, cliff-hanging look at the process by which a new Miss America is determined. But what you'll see on TV is only the final, tip-of-the-iceberg part of a much lengthier, much more involved odyssey of competition that eventually will bring 52 young women in front of the audience at the Aladdin Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

"People see us as just an onstage competition, but they really don't understand everything that went into those women being there," says Rick Brinkley, the pageant's national judging consultant. "It's the Super Bowl, the Kentucky Derby and the Olympic Games all rolled up into two hours. And the reality is, a lot of these women have spent three, four or five years competing at the local and state level to get there. It is the culmination of a lot of dreams, a lot of hard work and a lot of dedication."

Indeed, each of the 52 women who come onstage at the beginning of the telecast Saturday night will have competed in—and won—a series of local and state competitions sanctioned by the Miss America organization and creating the ramp-up framework for the national televised pageant. At the completion of each of those events, winners not only will have received the right to move up to the next level—they also will have been awarded sizeable amounts of scholarship money, a major ingredient of the Miss America competition that is often overlooked by those who see it as simply a "beauty contest."

"We're not ashamed that beauty is an element of the process," says Brinkley. "But we don't ever want it to be defined as a 'beauty pageant,' because there's so much more depth to it than that."

The Miss American organization "was not created with the sole goal for little girls to grow up to be Miss America," explains Brinkley. "Especially in the past decade, it's been about

supplying and rewarding women with scholarship money to help them become whatever they want to become. Being Miss America is really just a side benefit."

Once the winners of all 52 competitions have been decided and the scholarship monies handed out, the contestants will ultimately head to Las Vegas for the televised pageant. But even at the finish line, there's much more to the process than what will be seen on television. Prior to the Saturday night telecast, all 52 women will have been through four grueling days of closed, pre-telecast competition in front of the judges in the categories of Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit, Evening Wear, Talent and Interview. From these events, all held in the handful of countdown days before a single contestant steps onstage at the Aladdin, each woman will receive a composite score that will carry forward to Saturday night.

"It's the Super Bowl, the Kentucky Derby and the Olympic Games all rolled up into two hours."

On Saturday evening, all 52 contestants will be introduced to the audience. Then the field will be quickly narrowed as the judges announce the Top 10 candidates, based on the rankings of their carryover composite scores. Forty-two women will return backstage, but the chosen 10 will then proceed to the night's Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit and Evening Gown events. The field will then be narrowed once again, to the Top 5 candidates, who will each display her singing, dancing or other entertainment gifts in the final category of competition, Talent.

From there, the seven judges will tally up once again, the results will be compiled—and "there she is," the new Miss America.

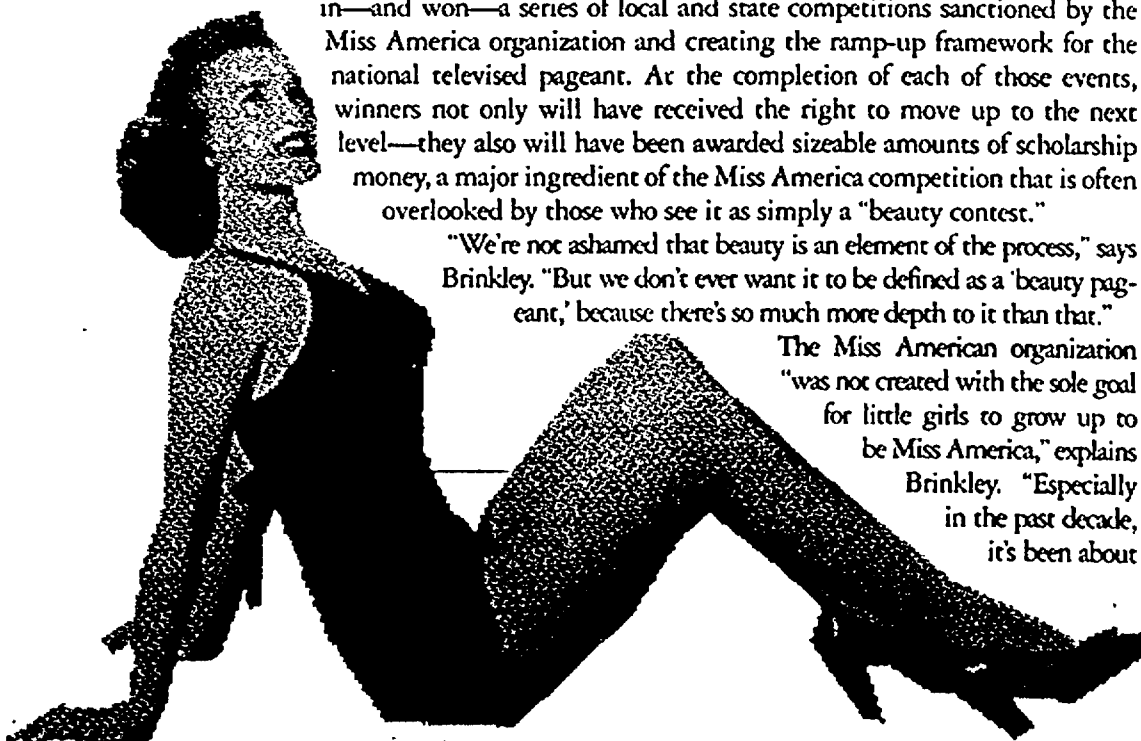
Just as the road to the Miss America Pageant stretches back much further for all the contestants than what you see on TV, it also stretches ahead further still for the special one who is selected to wear the crown.

The new Miss America will begin her duties immediately after the ceremony. "She's going to spend the next 365 days traveling around the country, speaking, performing her talent, motivating others, working with youth," says Brinkley. "She gets a week off at Christmas, but other than that, she's in a different hotel room every night, in a different city, for 365 days. She never goes home from the moment the crown goes on her head. There's no apartment for her to live in; she lives on the road from here on out."

But despite the hard work required to get there—and the relentless, year-round pace for the winner—the prospect of being crowned Miss America remains a dream of thousands of talented, beautiful, ambitious, intelligent and highly motivated young women every year. It's been that way since the pageant began back in 1921.

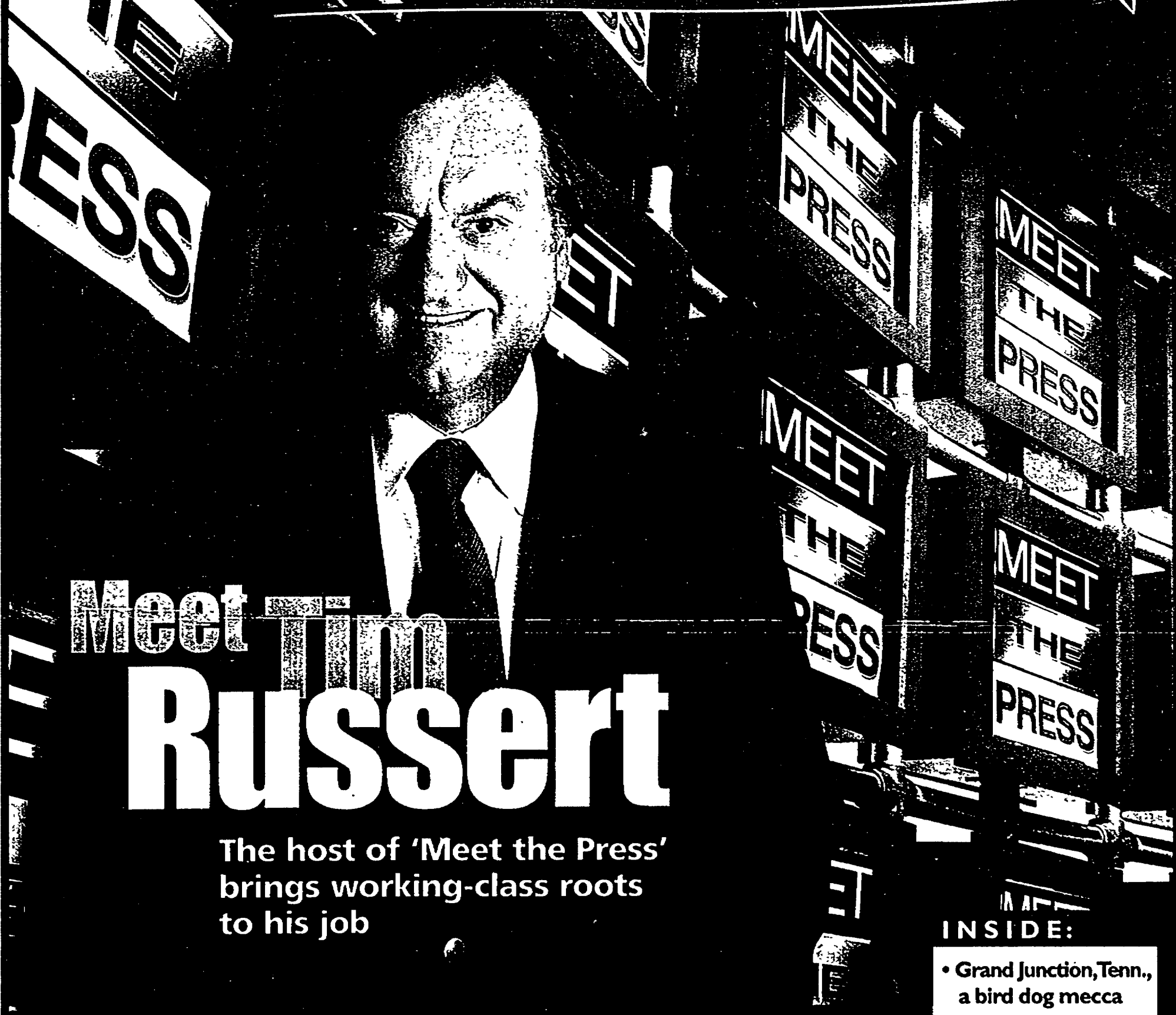
"There are so few American traditions left," says Brinkley. "We're proud to be one of them, and proud to be what we are."

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American Profile



Meet Tim Russert

The host of 'Meet the Press' brings working-class roots to his job

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Ask American Profile

QHow is Elizabeth Edwards' fight against breast cancer? It was so sad when it happened, and we never hear anything about her now.

—Martin R., Franklin, Pa.

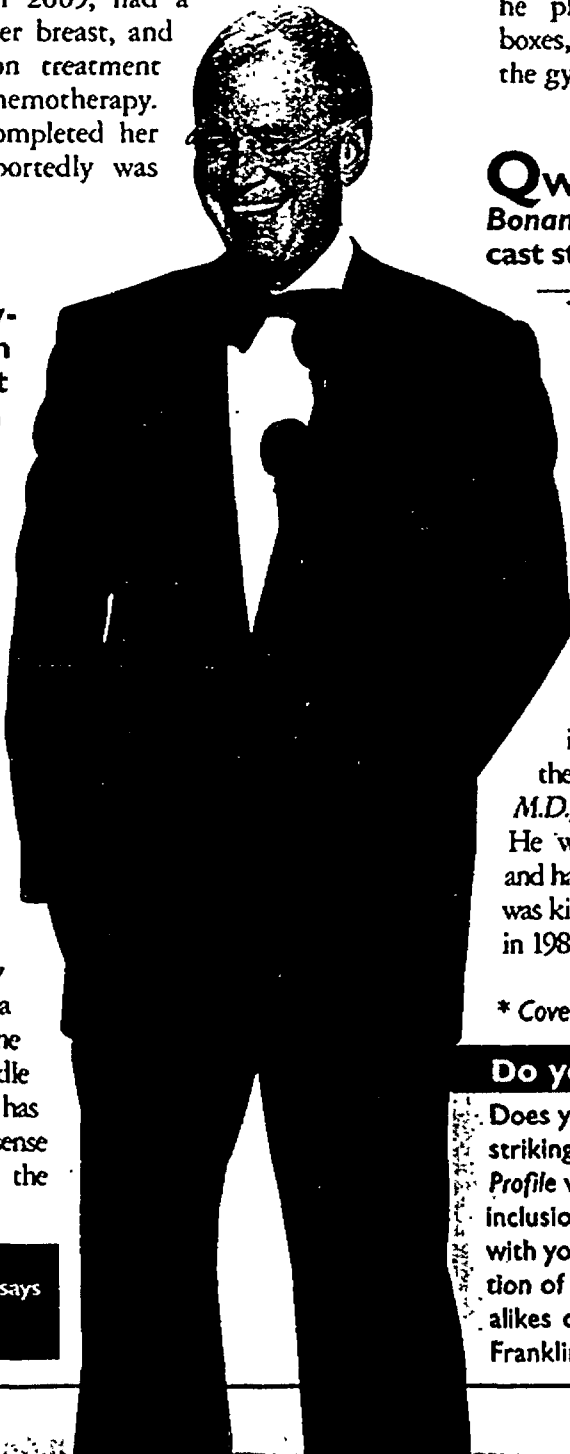
On Nov. 3, 2004, the day U.S. Sen. John Kerry conceded defeat in the presidential race, Elizabeth Edwards, wife of Kerry's vice-presidential running mate, John Edwards, announced that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent a 16-week period of chemotherapy and in March 2005, had a lump removed from her breast, and then received radiation treatment followed by more chemotherapy. Last June, Edwards completed her chemotherapy and reportedly was doing very well.

QIs the grey-haired lady from Indianapolis that David Letterman often talks to really his mom?

—Gail McMillen, Portageville, Mo.

Yes, that is indeed Letterman's mom, Dorothy Menger, who makes her annual Thanksgiving night appearance from her Indiana kitchen, as well as other televised tidbits throughout the year. She's a Presbyterian church secretary who remarried after Letterman's father, Harry Joe Letterman, died of a heart attack in 1973. She says that David, the middle child between two sisters, has always had a wonderful sense of humor, following in the footsteps of his father.

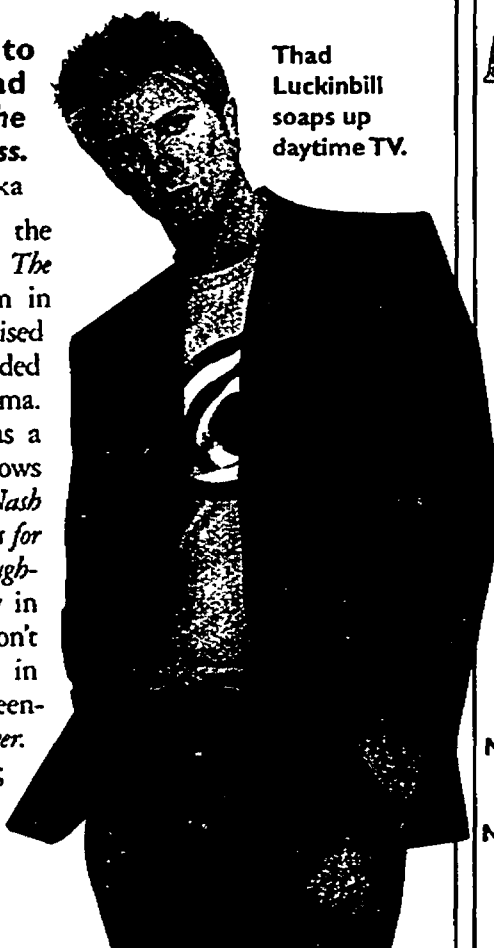
David Letterman's mom says he's always been funny.



QWe would like to know about Thad Luckinbill on *The Young and the Restless*.

—Leoma Sisel, Nebraska

Luckinbill, who joined the cast of *The Young and the Restless* as J.T. Hellstrom in 2000, was born and raised in Enid, Okla., and attended the University of Oklahoma. He also has appeared as a guest star on the TV shows *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Nash Bridges* and *8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter*. He played a cowboy in Madonna's video for "Don't Tell Me" and appeared in last year's short-lived teen-comedy movie *Sleepover*. Luckinbill is single; when he's not working, he plays basketball, boxes, surfs and goes to the gym.



Thad Luckinbill soaps up daytime TV.

QWhatever became of Pernell Roberts from *Bonanza*? Is he the only member of the original cast still living?

—Jack Arnold Lee, Estes Park, Colo.

The only surviving *Bonanza* cast member, Roberts was a singer, butcher and forest ranger before becoming an award-winning Broadway actor and finally a TV star in his breakthrough role as Adam Cartwright on *Bonanza*. After leaving the show, he recorded an album of folk songs and starred as Rhett Butler in a musical version of *Gone With the Wind* before returning to television in 1979 in the title role of *Trapper John M.D.*, which aired until 1986. He was married three times and had one son, Jonathan, who was killed in a motorcycle crash in 1989. He is now retired. ☆

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Bird Dog Junction

Andy Daugherty climbs off his horse to retrieve his bird dog, which is standing like a statue—body motionless, tail erect—after sniffing out a second covey of bobwhite quail on the Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, Tenn. (pop. 301).

"All right," says Daugherty, 50, a dog trainer and handler from Grovespring, Mo., pulling his dog Cypress Gunpowder from among the briars and brambles. Daugherty blows his whistle. "Go on," he says, signaling the dog back on to the 11.5-mile course that winds across the 18,643-acre plantation.

Before the afternoon is over, the dog finds six more coveys and runs more than 20 miles, zigzagging through woods and fields during the 106th National Field Trial Championship last February.

For bird dog enthusiasts, the national championship is the crown jewel and the Ames Plantation is the center of the universe for their sport, which pits the nation's best pointers and English setters against one another in a century-old competition of canine endurance, style and hunting ability.

"This is the Super Bowl for bird dogs," says Jim White of Bowling Green, Ky., one of three judges who selected Cypress Gunpowder—owned by David Nutt of Jackson, Miss., and Larry Mitchell of Franklin, Tenn.—as last year's national champion from a field of 32 dogs that qualified to participate.



Photo: David Mudd
Nick Thompson prepares to release one of 32 canine contestants during the National Field Trial Championship last year.

During the two-week competition, two dogs at a time are released and their handlers, riding on horseback, attempt to guide the dogs along a designated course, finding as many birds as possible in three hours. When a dog finds a covey of quail, its handler dismounts, walks toward the dog and flushes the birds. When the birds fly, the handler fires a blank shot into the air. The trained dog must demonstrate its maturity by standing in place until the handler orders it to continue along the course.

An entourage of judges, plantation officials and hundreds of spectators follows the dogs and their handlers on horseback. The riders watch as the handlers communicate with their dogs through a continuous barrage of vocal commands and whistles.

"Every dog here can win," says Larry Huffman, 44, a dog trainer, handler and scout from nearby Michigan City, Miss. "It's just the one that gets the breaks."

When the competition concludes, one dog is crowned national champion, an honor bestowed annually since the first National Field Trial Championship in West Point, Miss., in 1896. The championship was moved to the Grand Junction area in 1900, and the event found a permanent home on

the Ames Plantation in 1915.

Named for the intersection of the Memphis & Charleston and Mississippi Central railroads, Grand Junction long has been associated with railways and bird dogs. Before the era of interstate highways and jet airplanes, trains transported dog owners, handlers and



Photo: David Mudd

A bronze statue greets visitors at the entrance to the National Bird Dog Museum in Grand Junction, Tenn.



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Ames Manor House, the plantation's 1847 centerpiece



Photo: Courtesy of Ames Plantation
Andy Daugherty (left) and Larry Huffman pose with Cypress Gunpowder, last year's national champion.

spectators to the national championship.

Trains still rumble through town, but nowadays bird dog devotees arrive by car or truck. Many stop to visit the National Bird Dog Museum, which honors more than 40 pointing, flushing and retrieving breeds and houses the Field Trial Hall of Fame and Wildlife Heritage Center.

Officials say Grand Junction was the natural location for the museum because the Ames Plantation is only a few miles away, it's not far from waterfowl hunting along the Mississippi River flyway, and the area has a long-standing tradition of hosting quail hunting competitions.

"The first recorded field trial was in the Memphis, Tenn., area in 1874," says Garette Lockee, 82, of nearby LaGrange, Tenn., a founding member of the Bird Dog Foundation, which opened the museum in 1991.

Garette and Wilson Dunn, owner of a local sporting goods store, donated 4.5 acres of land for the museum in 1988 and Dunn's original display of field trial memorabilia was the nucleus of the museum's present-day collection of paintings, photographs, trophies and bird hunting accessories, now displayed in a 25,000-square-foot complex.

The exhibits provide a glimpse into a tradition that has made Grand Junction the place where bird dog devotees gather each February to watch the nation's top dogs pursue bobwhite quail—and the national championship—just as they've done for more than a century. ★

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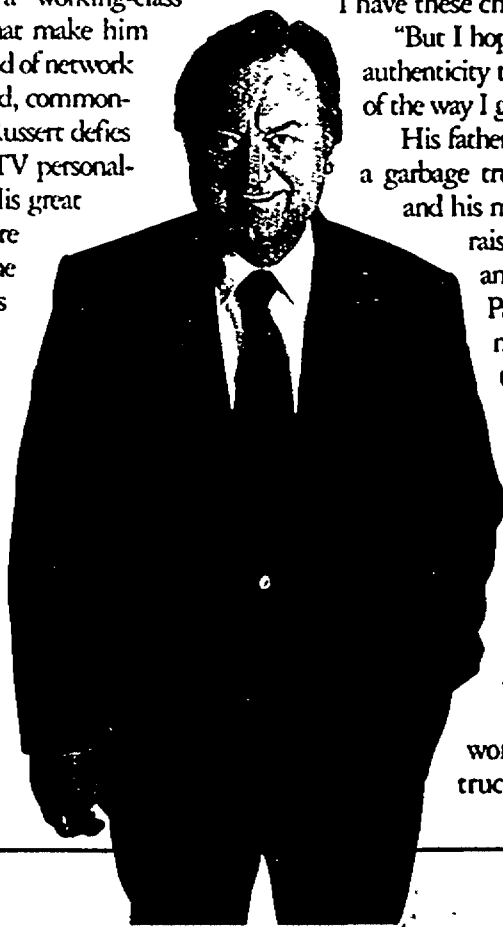
Tim Russert has been dubbed the quintessential Washington, D.C., insider for his impressive network of sources and thorough, behind-the-scenes understanding of the complexities of the nation's capital. As the NBC News Washington Bureau Chief, moderator and managing editor of TV's *Meet the Press*, and a political analyst for *Today* and *NBC Nightly News*, he's widely respected by viewers and fellow journalists for his no-nonsense, cut-to-the-chase interviews with presidents, Supreme Court justices, senators and other international policymakers.

"I so admire Tim's ability to weave his way through the political minefield of Washington," says Russert's colleague Brian Williams, anchor of *NBC Nightly News*. "While on the air, he betrays no alliances and never violates a trust. He is as adept at political analysis as anyone in Washington. And he may know more of the players than any single media figure in the nation's capital."

But it's Russert's roots in a working-class neighborhood in Buffalo, N.Y., that make him stand out in the ultra-polished world of network television. With his straightforward, common-sense approach, the plain-spoken Russert defies the stereotype of smooth-talking TV personalities with perfectly coiffed hair. "His great gift is that he's never forgotten where he's from," Williams says. "Quite the contrary: He wears his Buffalo roots like a badge of honor, and well he should."

No "high-falutin' talk"

Instead of using state-of-the-art computer graphics to explain the 2000 presidential election, Russert simply grabbed a marker and wrote on a white board—"Florida, Florida, Florida"—to predict which state would decide the election. Although Russert, 55, is now one of the highest-paid



By BEVERLY KEEL
Contributing Editor

journalists in America, reportedly earning more than \$5 million a year, he remains acutely aware of the concerns of the common man and cuts through the Washington spin with direct, basic questions.

"To this day, my dad will say, 'Speak to me in words I can understand,'" says Russert, who also hosts the *Tim Russert Show* on CNBC. "Don't get caught up in the high-falutin' Washington talk. People want to know what's important to them and why it is important, whether it's a hurricane or Social Security or taxes or a war."

When Russert became moderator of *Meet the Press* in 1991, he began studying TV news icons such as Tom Brokaw and David Brinkley. "Then I realized I just have to be myself," he says. "I don't look like I'm a television anchor. They all have those rugged jaws and I have these cheeks."

"But I hope I can bring a level of credibility and authenticity that I am who I am. I am an extension of the way I grew up."

His father, Tim, a World War II veteran, drove a garbage truck and usually worked another job, and his mother, Betty, was a homemaker. They raised Timmy (as he was known then) and his sisters, Betty Ann, Kathleen and Patricia, in a close-knit Irish-Catholic neighborhood where parents sat on their porches, left their doors unlocked and didn't hesitate to discipline their neighbors' children.

"It was just a way of life and a way of looking at life: that people are essentially good and to whom much is given, much is expected," Russert says. "If you are blessed with a little more than someone else, don't be afraid to share."

He spent his teenage summers working on garbage and newspaper trucks, driving taxis and making pizzas.



Tim Russert, left, with son Luke and dad "Big Russ" (2001)
That upbringing, he says, taught him "a way of life, a set of values, a grounding."

"When I talk about Social Security, I think about my mom and dad," he says. "When I talk about taxes, I think about my mom and dad and people in our neighborhood and my three sisters and their families. I think about a sense of right and wrong—you can look at things and say, 'That just doesn't feel right'—and a sense of accountability. I remember making mistakes and being held accountable, and that's terribly important for a journalist to understand."

"But our job really is that of a watchdog and trying to hold our government accountable to its people," Russert says. "It's easy for government officials to



Russert, right, at his first communion (1957)

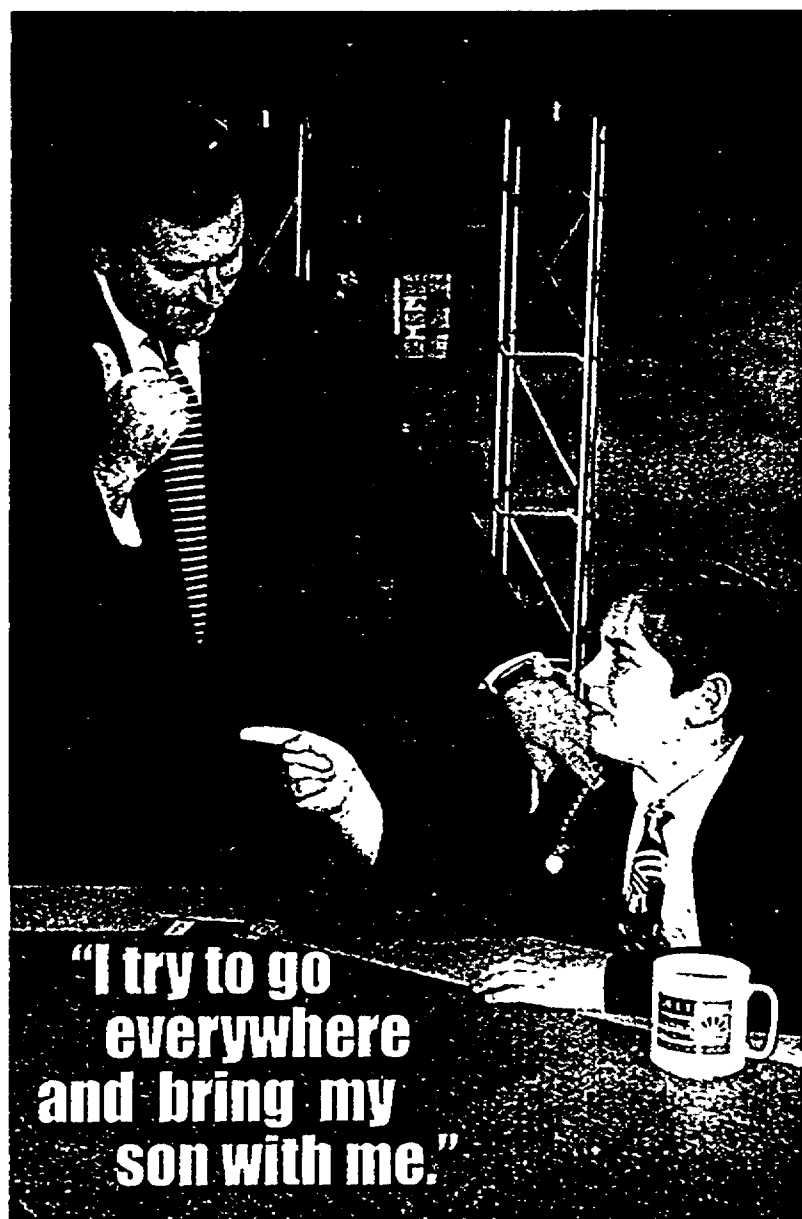


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"I try to go everywhere and bring my son with me."

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Russert and son Luke clowned on the *Meet the Press* set in 1997.

develop a sense of entitlement, and the one thing you learn in Buffalo growing up is that you are never, ever entitled. There is not a day that goes by that I don't say to my son, 'You are always, always loved, but you are never, never entitled.'"

Paternal values

Indeed, Russert's father, whom he affectionately calls Big Russ, retired with 200 unused sick days and taught his son the value of hard work and education. Russert and his siblings did their homework around the kitchen table as the sweet aromas of his mother's cooking drifted from the oven. "We couldn't trade our pencil for a fork until all the homework was done," he says. Both parents signed his report cards.

However, it certainly wasn't all work and no play for the father and son, who caught the International League's Buffalo Bisons playing baseball whenever possible. It was during one of the outings, a 1963 exhibition game between the International League All-Stars and the New York Yankees, that Big Russ taught his 13-year-old a lesson that he never forgot.

"My dad bought tickets way up in the nosebleeds," he says. "I went down the aisle and tried desperately to get autographs. This one baseball player, Joe Pepitone, pushed me aside and I was crushed. I came back to my seat very dejected and my dad said, 'What happened?' I explained it to him and he said, 'Don't ever forget that. It takes as much time to be nice to someone as it does to be a jerk.' It has stayed with me my entire life."

The first in his family to attend college, Russert accepted a partial scholarship from John Carroll University in Cleveland, where he received a bachelor's degree in political science, and then earned a law degree from Cleveland State University before passing the bar exam in 1976. After working in Buffalo, N.Y., as an aide to the late New York Sen. Daniel



Russert worked as an aide for New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Patrick Moynihan, he eventually relocated to Washington to handle Moynihan's media relations. He returned to New York to work as an adviser for Gov. Mario Cuomo, and joined NBC in 1984 as an assistant to the network's president.

Believing Russert had potential to head a news organization, his new boss at NBC groomed him for the role, assigning him to the network's Washington bureau in 1989. The next year, Russert was asked to serve as a panelist on *Meet the Press*, where his shoot-straight comments made him a candidate for the program's moderator when that position came open with Garrick Utley's departure in 1991. When the job was offered, Russert accepted.

Although he works seven days a week—attending church on Saturdays since his Sunday mornings are booked with *Meet the Press*—Russert makes it a priority to spend time with his family. Wife Maureen Orth, whom he married in 1983, is a correspondent for *Vanity Fair* magazine, and their son, Luke, 20, is a sophomore at Boston College.

"Through the course of it, I have never missed one of my son's football, baseball or soccer games," he says. "If he had a 3 o'clock game, I would carry my cell phone, go to it and come back. Everyone understood what

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"My relationship with my son is much different than the relationship my father had with me," says

Russert, who admits he was "shattered" when his son left for college. "One, he is an only child. Secondly, I had the time and opportunity to be much more involved in his life and school and sports. My dad, because he was working so hard, couldn't bring me to a lot of places. I probably overcompensate for that. I try to go everywhere and bring my son with me."

Russert says he feels blessed to have enjoyed a career that's allowed him to meet the pope, interview presidents and learn so much about so many subjects. "My dad's favorite expression is, 'What a country!'" Russert says. "I look back to see the house I was born in and my dad quit school in tenth grade. The fact that the son of a truck driver and garbage man is now the moderator of *Meet the Press*, that's everything you want to know about who we are as a people, society and a country. It's not very complicated to know me. What you see is who I am. I am just someone who grew up in an extremely traditional lower middle-class upbringing and celebrates the uniqueness of this country every day.

"It can't happen anywhere else," he says, then pauses. "It doesn't happen anywhere else." ☆

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Donna Weaver sits huddled over a table in a windowless cubicle at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. With an artist's eye, she painstakingly brings an Oregon landscape to life on a dinner plate-size disk covered with a smooth surface of wax.

"Trying to sculpt within 60,000ths of an inch is a challenge," says Weaver, whose tools include crochet hooks and sewing needles pounded flat. "So you use whatever tools work."

When Weaver finishes the sculpture weeks later, her creation becomes the template for Oregon's 2005 commemorative state quarter, joining her previous designs on the reverse sides of quarters for Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio and Tennessee.

Weaver, who earned a degree in fine arts from the Art Academy of Cincinnati in 1965, joined the U.S. Mint in July 2000. Previously, she lived in Vevay, Ind. (pop.

1,735), and spent 14 years sculpting designs for Kenner Toys. But a job at the U.S. Mint—which she found while searching an online job bank—was too good to pass up.

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After each sculpture is completed, molds are created, producing a final model that is mounted on a machine that scales down the image and engraves it onto a steel blank. Eventually, this engraving is struck onto coins.

To date, Weaver has designed more than two dozen coins and medals, including the artwork for the First Flight Centennial \$10 gold coin. Among her most collectible designs is the reverse side of the 2001 American Buffalo Commemorative Silver dollar, adapted from the original artwork of the Buffalo nickel, minted

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ILLINOIS—In 1980, Doris Christopher of suburban Chicago began selling kitchen tools to women at home cooking demonstrations. The company she started in her basement, The Pampered Chef, grew into a corporation with thousands of kitchen consultants.

INDIANA—Several packs of red foxes and gray wolves and a small herd of bison interact on 75 acres at Wolf Park near Battle Ground (pop. 1,323). The nonprofit research and educational park opened in 1972.

IOWA—Built in 1915, Slayton Farms Round Barn at Iowa Falls (pop. 5,193) is a surviving hollow clay tile dairy barn, a design that was distinctive to the region and coincided with the state's leadership in clay tile manufacturing. The barn was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.

KANSAS—The 1906 four-story brick warehouse for Keen Kutter hardware in Wichita was transformed in 1999 into the Hotel at Old Town with 115 rooms. The warehouse originally had nine bays, 80,000 square feet of space and, in its heyday, was among the world's largest warehouses.

MICHIGAN—A 38-acre mushroom, discovered in 1988 in Crystal Falls (pop. 1,791), inspired the town's annual Humongous Fungus Festival, during which a 10-square-foot mushroom pizza is served to attendees. The honored fungus lives mostly underground.

MINNESOTA—The largest collection of secondhand theological classic books in the world can be found at Loom Theological Booksellers and Loom Antiquarian Booksellers in Stillwater (pop. 15,143). The stores' shelves contain 350,000 volumes.

MISSOURI—Harriet Mendenhall Snider of Savannah (pop. 4,762) designed the 49-star flag, used for one year in 1959 after Alaska became a state. Snider entered the design in a newspaper contest and won. In 1960 another star was added for Hawaii.

NEBRASKA—Built in 1900, the Dowse sod house near Cornstock (pop. 110) is a surviving example of homes built by pioneers on the treeless prairie. The sod was cut into brick-size pieces, stacked up for the walls and topped by wooden two-by-fours, which served as framework for the roof. The grass roots system held the sod together.

NORTH DAKOTA—Grand Forks (pop. 49,321) residents ate a whopping 4,518 pounds of french fries in a single serving last September and set a record during the town's annual Potato Bowl U.S.A., a tribute to the region's potato growers.

OHIO—The state's longest natural sand beach stretches for a mile at Headlands Beach State Park along Lake Erie in Mentor (pop. 50,278). Near the beach are Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve, which features rare and unusual plants, and Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve, home to diverse wildlife.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Marvin Miller, who is deaf, is building a town for deaf people and hearing people who use sign language near Salem (pop. 1,371). The town, Laurent, is named after Laurent Clerc, who co-founded the nation's first school for deaf people in 1817.

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from STELLA T. THOMPSON

Georgia Cornbread Cake

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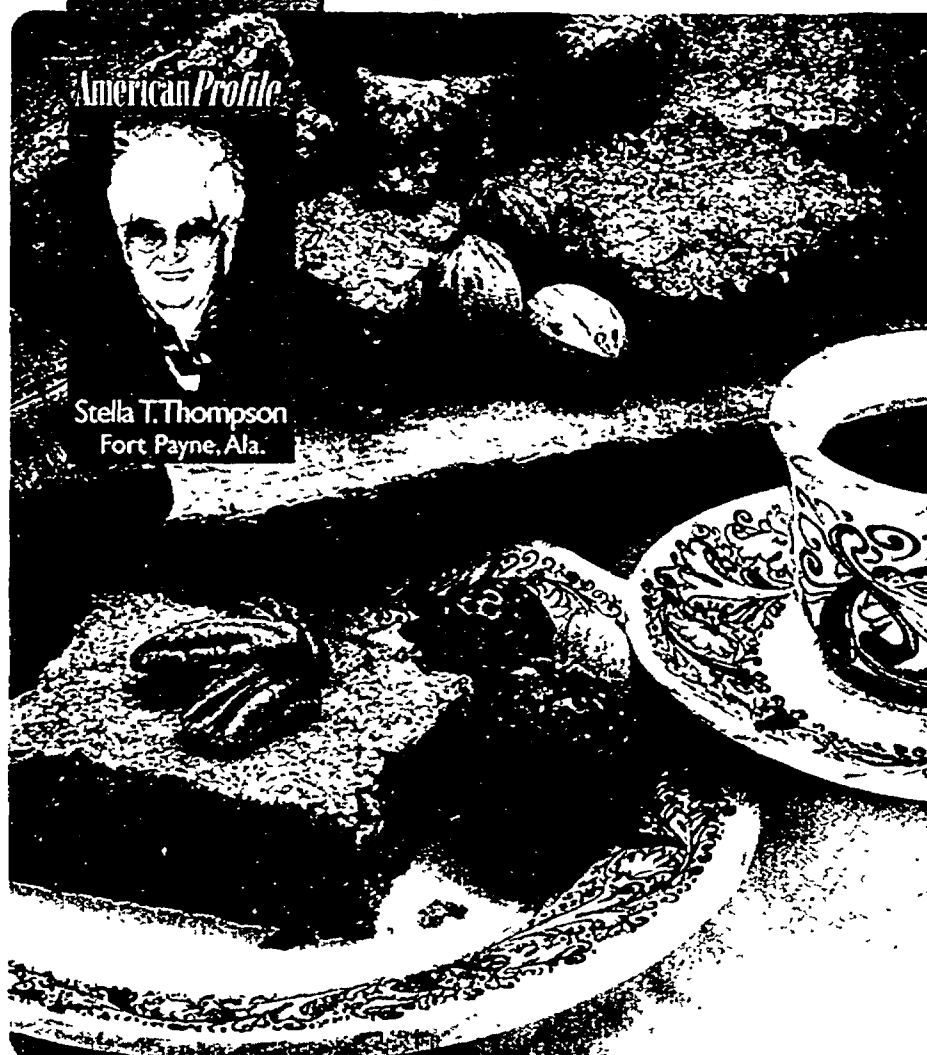
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RECIPE

Georgia Cornbread Cake



Stella T. Thompson
Fort Payne, Ala.

Georgia Cornbread Cake

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 and 1/2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups pecans, chopped very fine

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease and flour a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Stir together sugar, brown sugar, eggs and oil in a medium bowl until smooth. Stir in flour and vanilla. Add pecans and stir until evenly mixed. Spoon into prepared pan and bake for 30 to 35 minutes.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen: Serve with a dollop of whipped cream on top. This cake is perfect for potluck suppers or to pack in lunchboxes.

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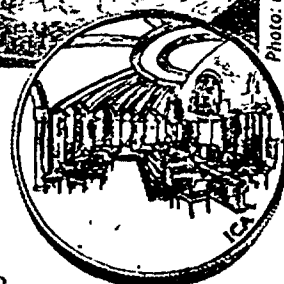
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Weaver sculpts the old Supreme Court building for the John Marshall silver dollar.



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between 1913 and 1938.

"Many collectors appreciated the Buffalo Silver dollar. It rekindled in the hearts of a lot of collectors a time when they could get a Buffalo nickel," says Anthony C. LaVerghetta, a buyer for Main Line Coin & Stamp Inc. in Ardmore, Pa. (pop. 12,616). "And everything I've seen from her [Weaver] demonstrates that she's not just doing a job. The detail she puts into her designs shows love and dedication to the art."

Weaver realizes that even the coins and medals she has a hand in creating may not last forever, but taking part in creating a little piece of monetary history has its rewards.

"Most of what I created as a toy sculptor ended up in a landfill or under a bed," says Weaver, whose initials are hidden within each of her coin designs. "My work at the Mint is something durable and lasting." ☆

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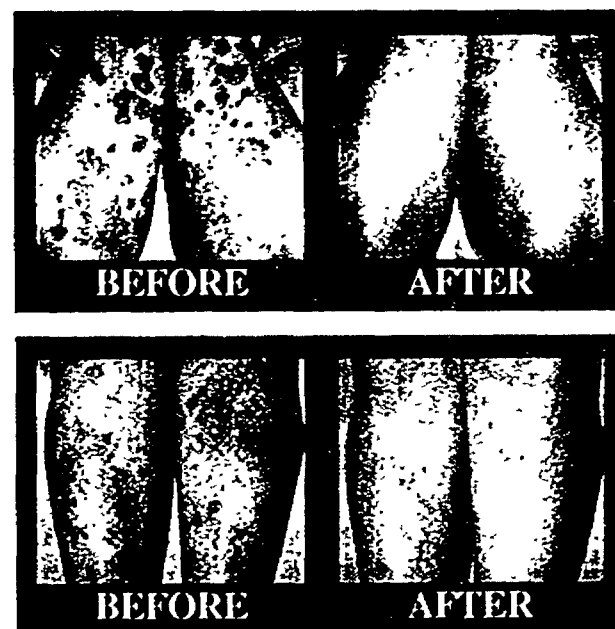
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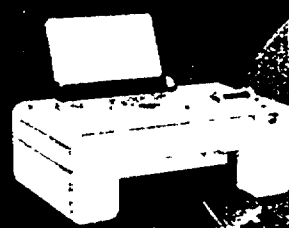
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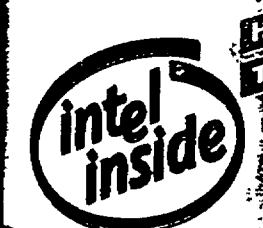
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Judging Miss America

When the Top 10 candidates are announced on stage at the Miss America Pageant, they will then be scrutinized by the judging panel and graded in two categories, Evening Wear and Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit. Later, the Top 5 candidates will each present her expertise in the Talent category. The judges' scores will then determine the new Miss America.

What are the judges looking for in those three important areas? Here's the inside scoop.

"We look at Miss America as being a job," says Rick Brinkley, the pageant's national judging consultant, noting that the woman who will wear the crown faces a full year of travel, public appearances and lobbying on behalf of her chosen cause, or platform. "The phases of competition are ways for the judges to look at every aspect of what Miss America is going to do once the crown goes on her head."

LIFESTYLE & FITNESS IN SWIMSUIT

Walking on stage in high heels and a swimsuit, in front of a live audience and TV cameras streaming the scene to millions of viewers coast-to-coast—it's certainly not a "natural" thing to do. But that's exactly the point: to see how well the candidates hold up under such an out-of-the-ordinary circumstance. "What it reveals to us is her confidence level," says Brinkley. "We're not looking for the thinnest contestant or the best body in the world. But the judges want to know, can she hold up in a situation in which she's

not entirely comfortable?" Judges are also looking for a candidate's sense of contemporary, appropriate style; a strong first impression; if she looks natural, dynamic and beautiful; and if she has a "personally interesting, marketable presence."

EVENING WEAR

"We're looking for a charismatic, dynamic personality who can actually grab an audience's attention by walking onto the stage without saying a word," says Brinkley. "Whoever Miss America turns out to be, she's got to be able to take control of a room by just walking into it. We're looking for beauty and grace and poise and all those other words that we use to describe it, but the judges are really assessing if she can take control just by walking out there."

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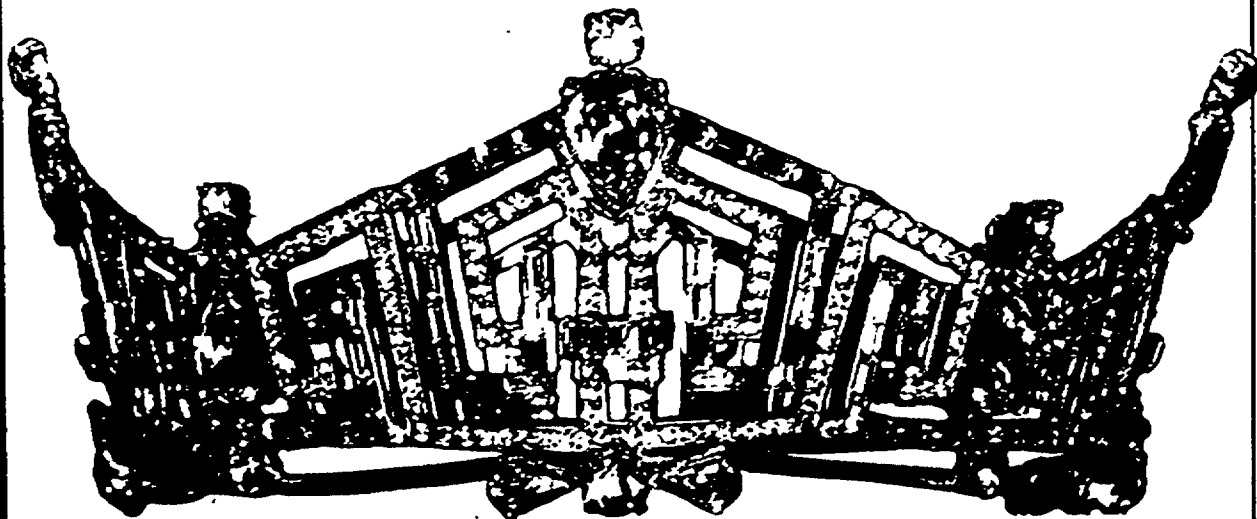
"When she's performing her talent, whatever it is, is she going to entertain audiences?" asks Brinkley. "Is she going to represent the Miss America organization well?" Judges evaluate each candidate's technical skill level, quality of performance, interpretative ability, stage presence, the overall entertainment value of her presentation, and how each candidate's talent distinguishes her from the other finalists.

Use the sample ballot (right) to follow along with the Top 10 contestants and see if your choices match those of the judges!

You Be the Judge

As each of the Top 10 finalists are announced, write her name in the spaces provided. Then score each finalist, on a scale of 6 (low) to 10 (high) in the three categories.

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