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Retiring Northville Building Official Rick Starling stops by the desk of coworker Shari Allen on a recent Tuesday morning. Starling was employed by the city for 13 years.

Northville building official ends career

■ Party slated Nov. 25 at Genitti's

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Although he didn't plan to retire at age 53, Rick Starling, the city of Northville's building official, will step down from his position today.

The city of Plymouth building official will fill in during the interim until the city can outline a newly structured building department.

Due to a host of medical problems over the last few years, Starling decided he needs to continue the healing process.

Since December 2006, he's had two back surgeries, two shoulder surgeries, one foot surgery and brain surgery to remove a tumor.

With more back surgeries possibly scheduled for the future, he decided it was time to call it a day after 13 years with the city.

A native and current resident of the White Lake/Commerce Township area, Starling and his wife, Mary, have three children.

"One's grown up, one's in college, and one's still in high school," he said.

Starling had no symptoms with the brain tumor.

"I literally fell over one day in my home and woke up in the hospital three days later not knowing how I got there," he said. "I

had a seizure from the tumor pressing on the brain."

The incident took place during the Novi 50's Festival. "The last thing I remember is my daughter wanting me to take her to Twelve Oaks Mall, and I said no because of the traffic," he said.

He suffered some short-term memory loss following the brain surgery, but that has since returned. He said the successful brain surgery has changed his outlook on life.

"Every day is a gift in many ways," he said.

HIRED BY GARY WORD

A graduate of Walled Lake Central, Starling worked in skilled trades and was a building inspector in Oak Park and Taylor before being hired by former Northville City Manager Gary Word.

"I've always enjoyed working with people," Starling said. "Even working code enforcement and writing people tickets, I've never run across anyone who has been disrespectful. Most people are pretty reasonable. It's been a good run."

Starling has seen the downtown area grow and change a lot in more than a decade, especially in the last five years. Northville

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★ RICK STARLING, Northville's building official

has been more fortunate than some communities, with such benefits as the Downtown Development Authority Business Assistant Program grants available to help property owners refurbish facades.

He disagrees with the often-stated notion that yesterday's building techniques and materials were superior to today's.

"I think today's technology is better," he said. "I think you see many buildings today being built above code (requirements). When people say, 'They don't build things like they used to,' we should be glad. You don't see the true craftsmanship we saw 100 years ago, but we don't have the luxury to have a guy doing wood-work for five days. It's the time factor."

Starling is still undergoing physical therapy at Northville Physical Rehabilitation, and with two daughters still at home, plus himself and his wife, he may see some kitchen duty in the future.

"I can cook," he said.

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Edenderry paving vote set tonight

■ Majority saying 'yes' to \$13K assessment

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Although the naysayers are still quite vocal, it looks like the Northville Township Board of Trustees will have to approve a Special Assessment District for a \$1-million paving project in the Edenderry Hills subdivision tonight.

A public hearing was already held last month on the project, in which homeowners will have to pay about \$13,250 each for road replacement in the subdivision south of Seven Mile Road between Sheldon and Beck roads.

"The last I heard, there was still sufficient support for it," said Sue Hillebrand, trustee, on Tuesday.

More than 50 percent of the property owners have to support the Special Assessment District before township trustees can give their approval. Currently, about three-fourths of the residents in the subdivision have given their support.

"We are bound by state law to abide by the wishes of the majority," Hillebrand said. "I don't particularly care for the state law, but it is the law."

Hillebrand noted that not one penny of township taxes is allocated or used for roads because the township does not own its roads.

"Road repairs are paid for by Wayne County with gasoline tax revenue, and the county has said, 'We didn't build this road (Edenderry). We've maintained it, but we are under no obligation to reconstruct it.'"

Hillebrand calls Special Assessment Districts, like the one that will most

likely be supported in Edenderry Hills, "the wave of the future."

"The board has informally talked about a road millage," she said. "But, the majority of our residents live in new subdivisions," and don't want to pay to replace roads in older subdivisions.

Several years ago, the township wanted a quarter of a mill to spray gravel roads for dust, and that millage barely passed. That money is now spent.

"I don't think a road millage will pass in the township," Hillebrand said. One mill would yield about \$1.3 million a year.

She sympathizes with those who say they don't have the money to pay for road replacement, but, in a democracy majority rules.

"I know the economic situation is difficult here, and they're talking about the same sort of thing (a special assessment for roads) in my subdivision," Hillebrand said.

"I hope very much that the township trustees approve the Edenderry SAD," said Jim Nield, who lives in the subdivision. "It was made very clear that Wayne County does not pay for road replacements, and they (county road officials) haven't even done a good job patching our streets. There is no alternative that we have found other than an SAD."

"I'm confident that with gas prices falling that the bids next spring will come in under our estimate and that the township will support a 15-year payment schedule."

Nield said he's hopeful that the current 6 percent interest rate currently stated for the 15-year payment schedule might also be reduced if the project goes forward.

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Recent audit shows city's in decent shape despite times

■ Challenges still ahead

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville received a clean audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30 from local consulting firm Plante & Moran, signifying that members of the city administration are keeping a close watch over the city's finances.

"The city was able to make a modest contribution to its general fund balance this year, which will help us deal with uncertainty and decreases (in the taxable value) that we're likely to see," said Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director. The majority of city funding depends on

BUDGET AWARD

The city of Northville received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fiscal year beginning July 1 from the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the third consecutive year the city has received the honor.

property taxes, which represents about 73 percent of revenue, with state shared revenue being the next major source. Revenues stayed fairly consistent last fiscal year at around \$6.5-6.6 million.

"That is not necessarily considered to be

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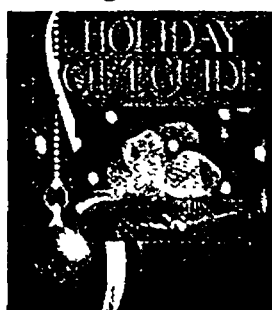
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a stable source of revenue," she added, with state shared revenue expected to increase by only 1 percent.

On a more positive note, the city's long-term debt decreased by \$450,000 or 21 percent, which improves its overall financial pic-

ture. "That's consistent with our long-term goal to reduce debt," Bateson said.

The firm also found no weaknesses in the city's financial system. The year-end review compared to budget represented a variance of less than 1 percent.

"We were on target," Bateson said. The city's water-loss percentage was also favorable for a city of Northville's age at less than 10 percent, compared to 1992, when the

city had a 42 percent loss. This is due to close monitoring of leaks.

Allen Terrace Senior Apartments' revenues exceeded expenditures, and the police department, representing 36 percent of the total budget, was also about \$72,000 or 3 percent under budget due to careful monitoring of expenditures.

"I would be pleased with your results, but not complacent," said Chris Jones from Plante & Moran. "These are lean years," said Beth Bialy from the firm. "State revenue sharing has been down."

Councilwoman Nancy Darga asked about the 18 percent that went to administrative costs.

"The pie chart doesn't show that we are very thrifty when it comes to administrative costs," Bateson said. "There are more than just bodies represented in this percentage."

Long-term invested funds, managed by Ambassador Capital Management, represented a yield to maturity of 3.66 percent as of June 30.

Greg Prost of Ambassador said Lehman Brothers' recent bankruptcy shook the financial world, as did the financial instability of such companies as AIG and UBS.

"If the General Motors Co./Chrysler merger takes place, that may help the economy in Southeast Michigan," Prost said.

This week, Metro Detroiters are waiting with great interest to see if the government provides some big dollars for the auto industry.

"At least the city (Northville) did not suffer any loss this last fiscal year," Prost said. "In this day and age, everyone's taking what they can grab."

Ambassador is managing about \$700,000 worth of investment earnings for the city as of June 30.

"We have a lot of challenges ahead of us," Bateson said. "You have a group of people here who are looking out for the city's best interests."

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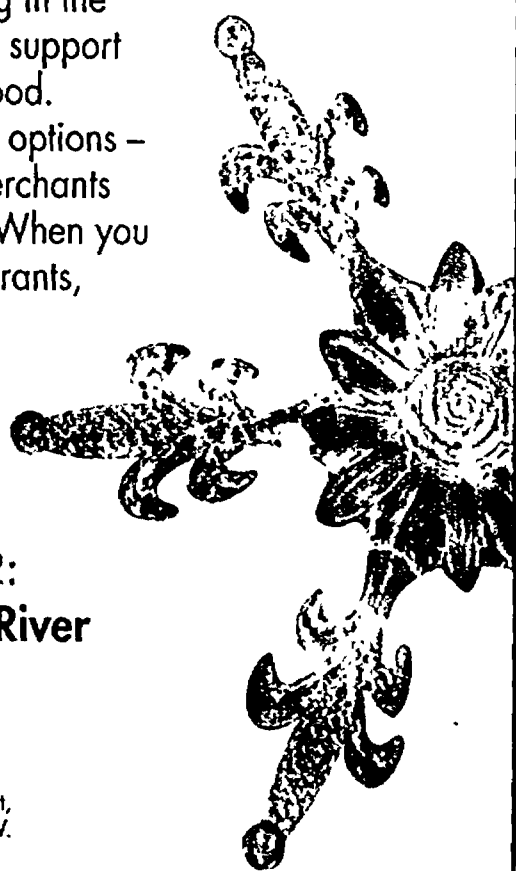
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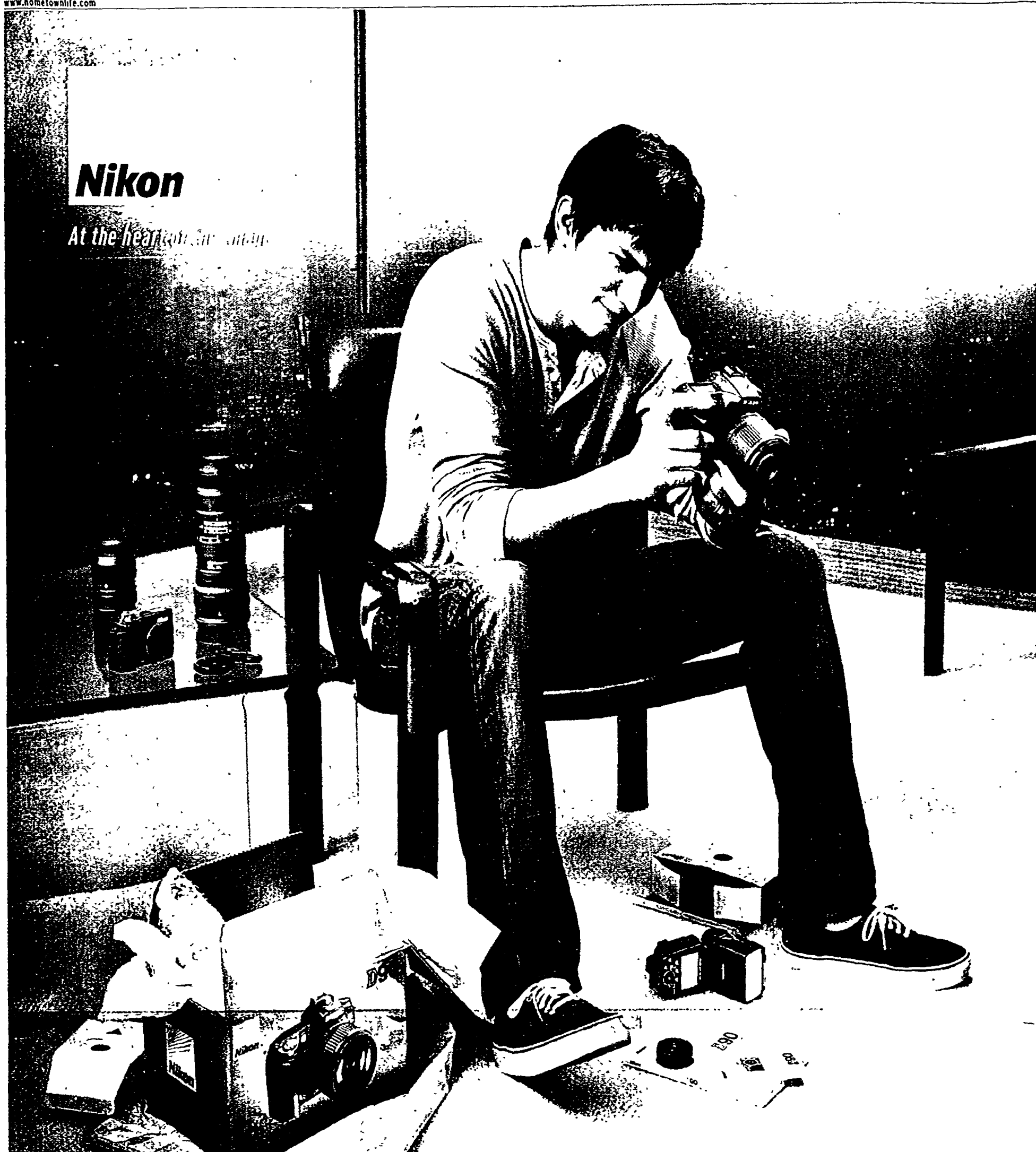
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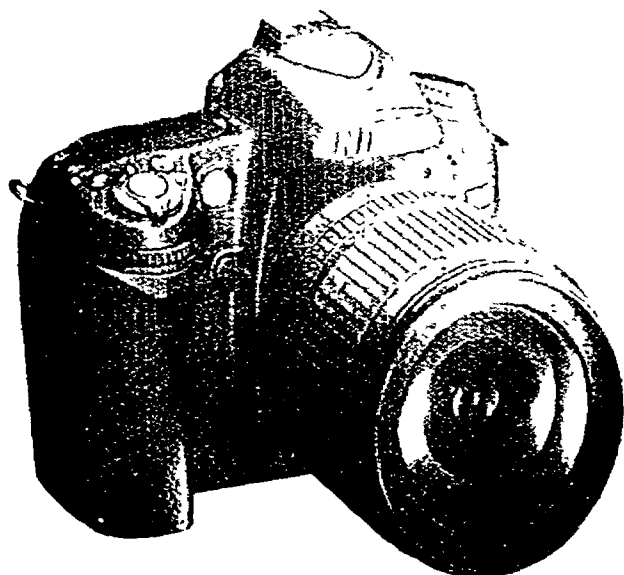
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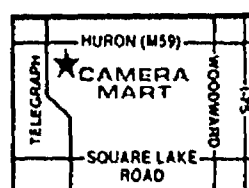
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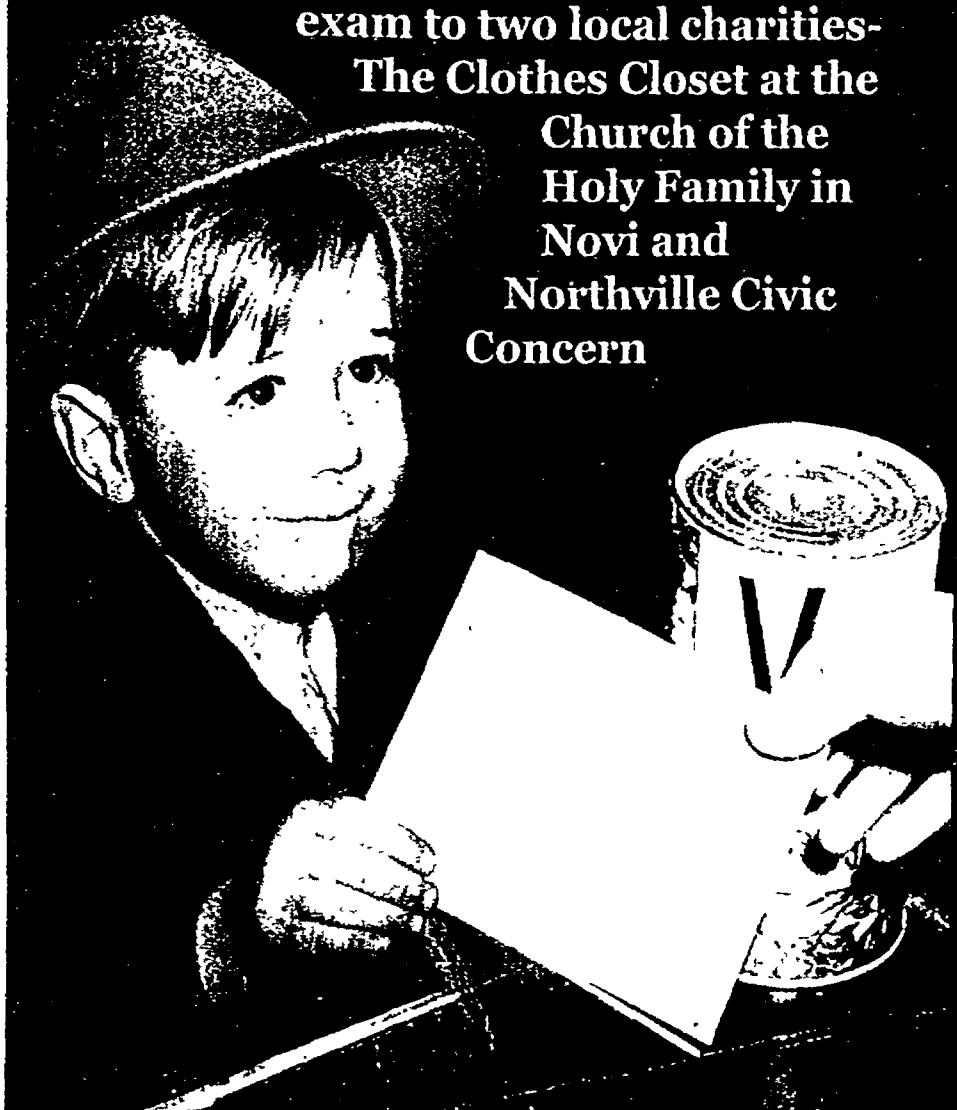
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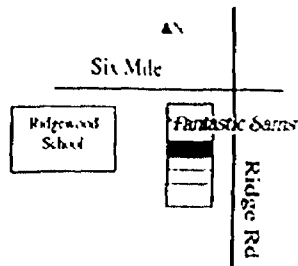
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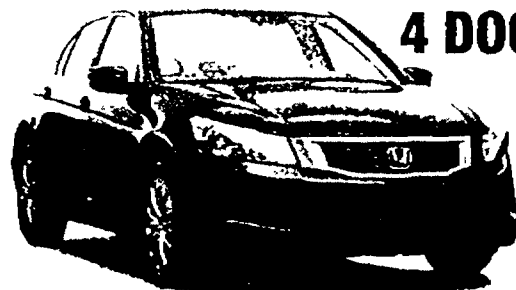
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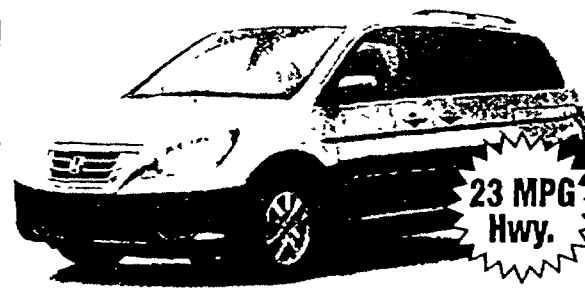
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From Northville to Afghanistan

■ Amerman students help educate children in a foreign land

BY NATHAN MEMOIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Khris Nedam isn't afraid of a challenge, and neither are her students at Amerman Elementary.

Their on-going project is making sure students in the village of Wonkhai Valley, Afghanistan, have a school to attend.

Kids4AfghanKids is the name of the non-profit group Nedam helped start and organize in 1998. By 2001, enough money had been raised to open a six-room school there.

Aside from teaching in Northville, Nedam has also taught in Turkey, France and Afghanistan.

And now her third grade students are gaining experience in public speaking as they go to fund-raising events speaking to women's groups, various orga-

other interested parties wishing to watch the group's power point presentation and video.

Older class grades and neighboring schools, local churches, The Northville Rotary Club, and even a group of Nedam's former students now attending Harvard, have joined the effort of the third grade class with fund raising activities of their own. More than \$100,000 has been raised to fund the project. Even the local PTA has approved an official committee to help with this project.

"The Afghan villagers are able to build these facilities with materials they purchase in their area, and of course that helps their local economy from what we donate," Nedam said.

Two schools, with a third nearing completion, an orphanage, health clinic, deep well for safe drinking water,

and storage depot have all been financed from fund raising events. The buildings are built with brick and mortar, but because of strong winds there, have to be covered over with cement.

Nedam, a Northville high school graduate and resident, said a friend she made while working in Afghanistan, Seraj Wardak, came to her class in 1998 giving the class a presentation of what life is like for families and children in Afghanistan.

That presentation so moved students and staff they wanted to find a way to help the Afghan children. Nedam says the long-term plan is to provide kids there with an education, and perhaps one day actually have a community college too.

Right from the beginning of the project, Wonkhai villagers agreed to donate enough land for the project and build a school in a safe zone if enough money could be raised to fund the project.

"There hadn't been a school in that area for 20 years, Nedam said. "The kids never had health care, and if they came to the school they could spread diseases. We decided to fund a health clinic, too."

When the school first opened, about 150 children were expected the first day. Instead, 450 showed up. Now 1,200 students attend.

Up to that time, only boys were allowed to attend school. But Nedam said they wanted to make sure the girls also would receive an education.

"The government agreed, but only if they were kept separate from the boys," she said. "So the girls went to school later in the afternoon. Some months later when we built the second school each group could attend the full day."

The curriculum is comprised of general subjects including reading, writing, math, socials



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The building shown below is the new high school being built in Wonkhai Valley, Afghanistan. When the school first opened, about 150 children were expected the first day. Instead, 450 showed up. Now 1,200 students attend. Up to that time, only boys were allowed to attend school. Now, girls attend class in one building, boys another.



studies, and history. Classes range from first grade to sixth grade. The planned high school will provide for higher grades.

"Teachers for the classes there are all from the general area, and are interviewed and selected by university professors in Kabul," Nedam said.

"What hits home for our students is the discrepancies, the differences between what we have, and what they don't have."

The challenges of keeping the program going, is raising the monthly budget of \$3,000. Nedam said that numerous groups outside the school are committed to the project and help with fund raising events.

Confronting the Afghanistan natives is the on-going civil war between freedom fighters and Russia, who invaded the country in 1979.

The battle to win back their country has left many villages in ruins, and families without hope.

"I went there in 2002, and talked with as many families as I could who had students. There were no schools for their children, no health care, it was very depressing," Nedam said.

"After 9-11 happened here, they all thought we would hate them. Bin Laden used Afghanistan to train terrorists, but our children see through that issue and are more than willing to help kids over there get an education."

Afghan school sessions

run from March through November. The Afghan winters are very cold and many of the students don't even have shoes and the terrain is very rugged and dangerous too, Nedam pointed out.

Illiteracy among females has been very high there, according to Nedam. But many mothers are now able to attend school with their daughters.

Books though are in short supply. One for every five students, Nedam said. But UNICEF has been helping the project there and providing what they can with books and other supplies.

According to Nedam, Afghan children continue to face extreme poverty, malnutrition, disease, and in outlying areas there are land mines.

"An Afghan proverb says, 'drop by drop you make a river'. That's what we've adopted as our focus. Helping one step at a time," Nedam said.

For more information contact www.kids4afghankids.com.

OBITUARIES



JAMES E. WOLFE

Age 59, a resident of Northville since 1978. Passed away November 12, 2008. Beloved husband and best friend to Elaine for 39 years. Devoted father to Scott (Kim) and Todd. Loving grandfather to Ben and Emily. Also loved and missed by his faithful companion, Kizzy. He was blessed with many friends and family. Worked in the food service industry for over 30 years. He was selfless in his acts of kindness. Gathering to honor Jim on Thursday, November 20 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Memorial at 7:00pm. Northville Community Senior Center, 303 West Main Street, Northville. Memorials to the American Stroke Association. Please consider registering at gifttoflife-michigan.org

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 TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
 LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads)
 DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards
 CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016
Single Place Ministries
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time, 7:45 p.m. opening
 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday
 DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles, \$5 per person. Check website for details singleplace.org

Oak Pointe Church
 LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services
 TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
Bellevue Life Ministries
 TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
 DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective
 CONTACT: For more information or to register call

(248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Charmed Infused
 TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
 DETAILS: Studying the book "Surmising a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage"
 CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church

First United Methodist of Northville
 A Stephen Ministry church
 LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or fumnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Coffee hour at 11 a.m.
Healing Service
 TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Radical Joy
 TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month
 DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation. Cost is \$25 per four-week session. Sign up for the entire year for only \$60. Dinner is served and child care is available on request
Lopes Youth Club
 TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday through May
 DETAILS: For children in grades 4-12. Every week this four-part program includes Bible study, dinner

choir/worship and activities. Registration begins Aug. 24 between the Sunday morning services
Forty-Five and Holding
 TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday
 DETAILS: Community event for singles aged 45 and holding. Holiday Light Parade followed by refreshments at Gentili's. Free tickets in church office

Novi United Methodist
 LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
 TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
 TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month
 LOCATION: In front of the church
 DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace
Thanksgiving Eve Service
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 23
 DETAILS: Please bring canned foods to support the Novi Community Food Bank
Banquet of the Greens, First Sunday of Advent
 TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Nov. 30
Advent Service
 TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Dec. 7
Children's Christmas Musical "Two Nights Before Christmas"
 TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Dec. 14
 DETAILS: Children present the story about a grumpy

janitor who learns the meaning of Christmas from the toys in the store
Blue Christmas Service
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15
 DETAILS: For those who struggle through the holidays or have experienced loss
Christmas Cantata "One Small Child"
 TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21
 DETAILS: Followed by caroling and luncheon. Open to all
Christmas Eve Service
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24

Word Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional, 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services
Service for the Deaf
 DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WROT AM 560, The WMUZ World Station
Single Point Ministries
 DETAILS: For single adults 35 years and older. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information
 CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

Church of the Holy Family
 LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
 TIME/DATE: 7:30, 9:10, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday
 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English) 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
 Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
 TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
 DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required

Belmont First Church of the Nazarene
 LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship, 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments, 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship, 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program

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 Saturdays after 8 a.m. Mass and also by appointment

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 Jun-Aug - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.
 Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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 Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

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 Religious Education 349-2559
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 Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
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 10:30 a.m. - Morning Service
 Rev. Kenneth Warren-586-531-2021

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POLICE REPORT

Northville Twp.

Driving without license

A man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 12:50 p.m. Sept. 10 at Oak Forest Drive and White Fir Court. An officer pulled the man over when he heard the loud revving of a motorcycle behind him on northbound Sheldon Road and saw the cycle traveling at a high rate of speed, estimating the man was going 60 in a 45 mph zone.

Another man was arrested for the same offense at 9:48 p.m. Sept. 10 at Haggerty and Six Mile roads. This offender was found on patrol when an officer was running license plates looking for stolen vehicles.

Another was arrested for the same offense at 2:45 a.m. Sept. 11 at Six Mile and Haggerty roads when an officer saw the man throw something on the ground at a stoplight at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads. The officer asked another officer to check out the contents of the item, which turned out to be a napkin filled with pickles and ketchup. Police then saw the man get into the left turn lane at Six Mile Road and turn eastbound onto Six Mile from southbound Haggerty without slowing or stopping.

Another man was arrested for the same offense at 3:01 p.m. Sept. 11 at Seven Mile Road and Gerald Avenue. This driver was stopped because he had an ornament hanging from his rear-view mirror.

A woman was arrested for the same offense at 11:16 p.m. Sept. 11 at Haggerty Road and Danielle Drive. She was pulled over because her license plate was expired.

Drug possession

A man was arrested for possession of marijuana and driving on a suspended driver's license at 6:27 a.m. Sept. 11 at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

The man was stopped because the light was out on his license plate. Police found what was thought to be parts of two different marijuana cigarettes in the center console compartment upon a search of the vehicle.

Intoxicated driving

A man was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol at 1:37 a.m. Sept. 12 at Rockcrest Circle and Springwater Drive. The man was stopped because the light was out on his license plate.

The officer noticed the odor of intoxicants on the man, who said he had consumed three or four drinks earlier in the evening. When asked what kind it was, he said Labatt Blue and that he did feel "buzzed."

Retail fraud at Kohl's

A man was arrested for shoplifting at 12:28 p.m. Sept. 11 at Kohl's Department Store on Haggerty Road.

The man placed a couple of items in a shopping cart, walked through a cashier lane, spoke to the cashier but did not offer to pay for the items and left the store. Stolen items included a \$349.99 Bissell steam cleaner and flannel sheets valued at \$74.99.

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Larceny from auto

A man who lives on Park Place Drive reported to police that someone took the wheel covers off of his H3 Hummer between 7 and 10:30 p.m. Oct. 17 by Hillside Middle School at 775 N. Center St. The vehicle was parked on the driveway to the school facing west about halfway up the drive. He was parked there for a Northville High School football game. Only the two wheel covers on the right side were taken. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time. Value of the wheel covers was estimated at \$120.

Injury accident

An injury traffic accident occurred on Eight Mile Road just west of Center Street when a Northville man's vehicle rear ended a Novi woman's vehicle at the stoplight at 11:54 a.m. on Nov. 4. The Novi woman had

stopped on the roadway for vehicles in front of her when the driver struck her vehicle. The woman had two passengers in the vehicle with her. Injured subjects refused transport to a hospital.

Stolen bicycle

Police were dispatched to the Northville Police Station on Nov. 7 about a stolen bicycle.

The Northville woman said she had her husband had purchased a bicycle for her son and that he was playing on the playset at Ford Field when the bicycle, that left unattended and unsecured, was taken between 5 and 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 5. The bike was valued at \$238.50.

There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

Larceny from building

Police were asked to talk a resident of the MainCentre Apartments about a theft that occurred between 7 p.m. Nov. 10 and 7 a.m. Nov. 11 at 150 S. Center St.

The resident reported that a handmade Scottish-clad doll in a clear Plexiglas case was stolen from a shelf located just outside his apartment doorway. The doll had been there for about 10 years. The doll, that had been made by his deceased son's former girlfriend, was valued at \$300.

Malicious destruction

A resident of Coldspring Drive made a malicious destruction of property report about some vandalism that occurred at 6:50 p.m. on Nov. 12.

The man told police that he and his wife heard a loud noise outside their home. When he went outside, he saw that their mailbox, along with two of his neighbors' mailboxes had been knocked off the post and that there was a large, broken pumpkin lying next to the mailboxes. All three mailboxes were mounted on the same wooden post. Value of the three wooden mailboxes was estimated at \$600.

There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Compiled by Pam Fleming/staff writer

Something to cheer about at the University of Michigan

Because people stood up, people with disabilities can sit down.

It is always nice to have a place to sit -- and thanks to advocates for persons with disabilities there are more seats for people with disabilities at the University of Michigan's "Big House."



Tom Watkins

disabilities at the U-M goes back decades.

Prior to the recent major renovation of U-M stadium, there were only 88 out of 107,000 seats that accommodated someone in a wheelchair -- and they were lousy seats in the end zone. U of M signed a consent agreement to more than double the "handicapped" seating to 188 after a lawsuit was filed by the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Many of those are better seats closer to the roar of the action.

The improvements are not over. There are plans in the works to add an additional 145 wheelchair seats to the stadium by the kickoff of the 2010 season.

That will bring the wheelchair capacity to 329 seats. The university also made modifications to address other mobility issues within the stadium.

COMMENTARY

1-800-CALL-SAM

When the Paralyzed Veterans of America needed an advocate to force the university "to do the right thing" and add adequate seating during the planned renovation of the stadium, they dialed 1-800-CALL-SAM. They got a tireless advocate of equal rights, Richard Bernstein, to take their case. As they say, the rest is history!

Bernstein, a member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors, has taken on many individuals and institutions that discriminate against people.

"It took a lot of work by many people to make this a reality," said Bernstein. "Board of Governor members Kathy White and Larry Dietrich deserve a great deal of credit for championing the rights of persons with disabilities. This fight was more than simply access to a football game -- it was about rights of person with disabilities -- everywhere! In the end, the university did the right thing and all citizens are now benefiting."

The word is getting out that people with disabilities can access the "Big House" and do not have to suffer the indignities that a lack of accommodations for someone in a wheelchair often brings. Bernstein has a history of eliminating indignities but even he and his powerful family law firm, Bernstein and Bernstein, cannot address the indignities the U-M has suffered on the stadium Astroturf this year.

More and more of us, due to a disability at birth, accident or brought about due to the aging process, are in need of the rights of the Americans with Disability Act.

Jim Dehem, the president and CEO of Community Living Services (www.comlivserv.com), a nonprofit organization that serves more than 2,000 people in Michigan with disabilities, said this about this victory: "When we discriminate against one group of people, we are denying everyone. This issue was more than a seat at a football game, it was about following the law and the very principles this great country was founded on."

For me, a "Sparty" and a TAB (Temporarily Able Body) who only needs a seat at U-M once every other year when Michigan State plays the maize and blue, this change benefited my friends who -- for some unknown reason -- are rabid U of M football fans a chance to sit and cheer for their beloved team.

The wheelchair accessible seats at U-M are a victory for fans of the law, fairness and decency. We all owe the Paralyzed Veterans of America and lawyer and advocate Richard Bernstein a debt of gratitude for fighting this fight on behalf of all Americans.

Thank you for standing up, so everyone has the right to sit down!

Tom Watkins served the state of Michigan as superintendent of schools, 2001-05 and Mental Health director, 1986-90. He can be reached at tdw@comlivserv.com

New Hope

Mim Nordstrom, left, of Plymouth and Pauline Bozyk of Commerce Township at last year's "New Hope for the New Year" fund-raiser at one of the Tustany Reserve model homes in Novi. This year's event benefiting the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville will take place on Friday, Dec. 5, at Toll Brothers' Island Lake subdivision in Novi. Cost is \$40 by Dec. 1 and \$45 after Dec. 1 or at the door, \$30 of which is tax deductible.



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Bill and Doris Campbell, outside their Northville home, are one of two local couples who recently donated \$100,000 to the University of Michigan-Dearborn for scholarships. The Campbells, who both graduated from U of M-Dearborn, donated the money for the Rebecca Ann Campbell Memorial Scholarship, in memory of their daughter, who passed away June 12, 2007, at age 40 of cancer. Terry and Debbie McElroy of Northville also donated \$100,000 to the school.

Northville residents benefit U-M-Dearborn

■ \$200,000 contributed for scholarships

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville has two couples who are making a difference in students' lives today.

Terry and Debbie McElroy and Bill and Doris Campbell each recently donated \$100,000 to the University of Michigan-Dearborn for scholarships.

Terry McElroy is a 1976 Graduate of Management graduate who made a campaign gift of \$100,000 to help create an Endowed Collegiate Professorship in Accounting. He has regularly supported the school, particularly the accounting department. He is a long-term volunteer and was a member of the Chancellor's Campaign Council for the school's recent capital campaign. Terry is senior vice president, treasurer and chief financial officer of AAA of Michigan.

A native of Detroit, he grew up in Livonia, moving to Northville about five years ago.

He attended U-M-Dearborn because, "I just had a desire to stick close to home. The classroom settings were small, which allowed you to connect with the professors. And, even though the enrollment has grown, the school hasn't lost that dimension."

McElroy also appreciates students' diverse cul-

tural backgrounds on the Dearborn campus.

He is a member of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition in Detroit, a group of business, government and labor representatives who work to ensure the quality of life in Southeast Michigan. He has also been a member of a United Way subcommittee and the U-M-Dearborn Dean's Advisory Council.

THE CAMPBELLS

The Campbells donated their \$100,000 scholarship gift in memory of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Campbell, who graduated from the U-M-Dearborn School of Management and died June 12, 2007, at age 40 from cancer. She left a daughter, Amber, whose father died before she was born.

The Campbells recently met one of the two students who received assistance from their memorial scholarship fund.

"She was amazing," Doris said. "She's one of five children from India and is carrying a 3.4 average."

The Campbells both graduated from the School of Management, formerly the College of Engineering and Computer Science. Bill graduated in 1962 (the first graduating class) and earned a master of science degree in engi-

neering in 1967. Doris waited until their children were older to attend college, graduating in 1987.

Bill grew up in Saginaw, and Doris is a native of Switzerland. They met when they worked at Vickers, Inc., a hydraulic equipment company in Troy. They had three daughters and adopted a Korean boy.

"He was 8 when he came to us," Doris said.

Their oldest daughter, Theresa Koldensky of Hartland, cares for their granddaughter, Amber, and owns the Merle Norman store at West Oaks Mall in Novi. Their daughter Dale Campbell is an engineer who also graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and lives in Atlanta. Their son, Jason, lives in Livonia and works for Livonia Public Schools. Bill's brother, Robert, is also a U-M-Dearborn graduate.

The Campbells also said they preferred U-M-Dearborn's smaller campus to the larger Ann Arbor campus. And, they believe their gift is a wonderful way to keep their daughter Rebecca's memory alive.

"She was so respected and loved at work," Doris said. "We decided to commemorate her life instead of her death."

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Stevenson rules!

Four 1986 grads win judicial, supervisor elections

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Ninomiya

Economou
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Plakas



McConnell

The upcoming session of "judge school" for those newly elected to the bench will be a small-scale reunion for three graduates of the Stevenson High School Class of 1986.

Jim Plakas, Mark McConnell and Chris Ninomiya were each elected to district judge posts on Tuesday. Another former classmate, Michele Economou Ureite, was elected Tuesday as West Bloomfield Township supervisor.

Plakas, of Northville, won the race for the 35th District Court, which covers Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton. McConnell, of Westland, will preside over the 18th District Court.

The two have been friends since their days at Holmes Junior High in Livonia, co-workers for the past 13 years and even commiserated through their first-year contracts class at the University of Detroit Law School.

"We ended up every single day for the first year," Plakas said.

Like McConnell, Ninomiya, the Dickinson County prosecutor, had no competition for the judgeship of 95-B District Court, in the Upper Peninsula community of Iron Mountain.

The next step for the three men who grew up in Livonia is a training session this Friday.

"Everything's come full circle," said Plakas, who plans to carpool there with McConnell.

McConnell and Ninomiya, who were on the tennis team at Stevenson, later ended up taking the bar exam together.

During law school, Ninomiya served an internship a few counties away from where he now resides and "fell in love with the U.P." He moved there after graduating from Wayne State University Law School and worked as a prosecutor, later

being elected to two terms as chief prosecutor. His office handles about 1,400 criminal cases per year.

When the district decided to retire this year, Ninomiya ran unopposed for his seat.

None of the new judges described themselves as at the top of their class in high school.

"I was probably '75 percent nerd and 25 percent jock' to use the '80s parlance," Ninomiya said.

McConnell, who aspired to be a lawyer from the time he was 13, said his grade point average was about 2.9. "I knew after high school my grades were going to have to get significantly better," he said. "I worked very hard in college and law school and got good grades," he said.

Plakas, who graduated, enjoyed his social studies class and was on student government for two years in high school. "I was no different from a lot of other high school students. I was interested in girlfriends and hanging out with friends," he said. "I know that I got a wonderful education. ... but I didn't peak in high school."

But it wasn't until college that he decided he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and become an attorney.

When his father's law firm, Angelo A. Plakas and Associates, had an opening, Plakas recommended bringing in McConnell for an interview. The two have worked together as assistant city attorneys for Westland, as well as handling criminal defense, civil litigation other cases that Plakas said gave them the depth of experience necessary to become a judge.

In addition to the three judges, another Stevenson Class of '86 graduate, Michele Economou Ureite, won her race for West Bloomfield Township supervisor.

McConnell and Economou Ureite ran cross-country

together. Twenty years later at a reunion party, they discovered they were both planning to run for public office.

She described herself in high school as "two-dimensional." "I studied and ran," she said.

She was the Brieske Award winner, given to an outstanding student athlete and participated in the Global Education program. Like Plakas, she studied political science at Central Michigan University.

Economou Ureite worked as a business systems consultant. After starting her family, she switched gears and decided to put her master's degree in public administration to work. She defeated the incumbent supervisor in the August primary, and went on to win the general election in the township she's lived in for six years.

Although they've moved on since high school, the Stevenson graduates are still finding connections to Livonia Public Schools. Economou Ureite married a high school acquaintance in 2001.

Going door to door throughout his campaign, Plakas, whose wife teaches at Buchanan Elementary, found himself on the porch of his former French teacher and old drafting instructor. A former assistant principal supported his campaign.

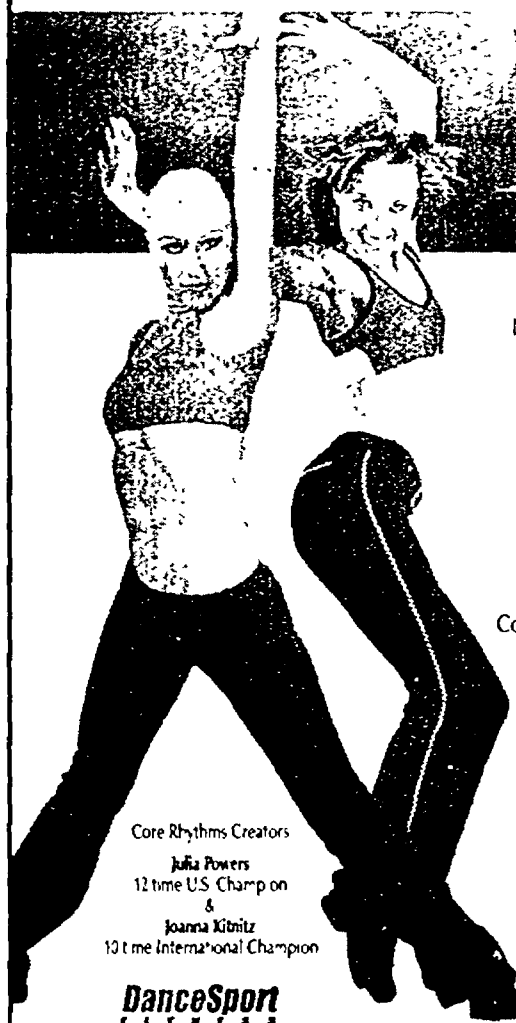
"I think it speaks well for our alma mater to have four of us from our graduating class to be elected to such high offices on the same day," McConnell said.

Ninomiya added, "What I remember most (about high school) are the great friendships that we had over the years ... That includes Mark and Jim," he said.

As for any incriminating high school stories, Ninomiya joked, "much of that information is classified and cannot be released."

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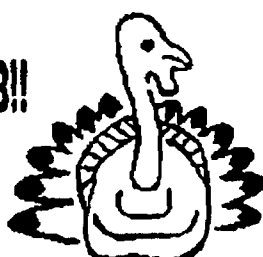
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All floats will be lighted, and walkers are permitted to hand out candy and/or fliers.

Online payments to begin in
Northville Township

Beginning Dec. 1 Northville Township will begin to accept online bill payments for taxes and utilities through either a credit card or electronic check.

Those who use a credit card will be charged a 3 percent convenience fee that will be added to each transaction. The electronic check fee is \$3 for payments under \$10,000 and \$15 for payments over \$10,000. This fee will also be added to each transaction.

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Library gift store to offer
discount to Friends

Members of the Friends of the Library will receive a special 25 percent discount on all regularly priced merchandise at the Friends Gift Store on Friday, Nov. 14 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Saturday, Nov. 15 (10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and Sunday, Nov. 16 (1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

This semi-annual event would be a great time to purchase those unusual items and 2009 calendars for those on your holiday giving list. Clearance items and books from the Northville Historical Society are excluded.

The gift store, which is open daily, is on the first level of the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.

If you are not a member of the Friends, you can join at the gift store.

Tipping Point Theatre
classes start this week

Due to the popularity of its fall children's classes, Northville Tipping Point Theatre will offer additional classes starting this week.

The classes are: Intro to Acting, grades one to five: An introduction to performing and developing public speaking skills. Students will explore theatre basics, including stage presence, vocal projection, articulation and learning to work as an ensemble. Session I: Nov. 22-Dec. 20, 9:30-11 a.m.; Session II: Nov. 22-Dec. 20, 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; \$75.

Theatre PLAY! ages 10-12: An exploration of theatre and its fundamentals through inventive theatre games and imaginative play. Students will be encouraged to create scenes and characters, explore emotions and work with props to discover new ways of expressing themselves. Session will end with a "sharing" for friends and family; Feb. 7-Mar. 14, 10:30 a.m.-noon; \$150.

Plans are also under way for additional sessions of children's acting classes for the winter and intensive theatre camps for elementary, middle and high school students in the summer.

For more information, call (248) 347-0003.

Fund-raising book fair and
holiday book drive at Barnes
& Noble

The Tipping Point Theatre will have a fund-raising book fair at the Northville Barnes & Noble from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the store at Haggerty and Six Mile roads.

Just present a voucher when making your purchases, and the theater will receive a portion of the sale. The theater will also present a theatrical storytime at 2 p.m. that day. A voucher can be downloaded on the theater's Web site at www.tippingpointtheatre.org.

Barnes & Noble stores across the country invite customers to share the joy of reading with the launch of its annual Holiday Book Drive, taking place through Jan. 1. The Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive provides an opportunity for customers to donate books to children in need through locally designated non-profit organizations.

Many Holiday Book Drive recipients are schools, libraries, literacy organizations, family social service agencies and homeless centers. This year, Barnes & Noble located at 17111 Haggerty in Northville Township will be collecting books for the Head Start programs of Yawfish Family Services and the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

Say goodbye to holiday weight gain

With the holidays now here, visions of cookies, cakes and sugar plums bring great cheer. However, you might not be so excited when you realize it will take one and a half hours climbing stairs, three and a half hours cleaning the house, or two and a half hours riding your bike to burn off one 6-ounce slice of cheesecake. Thinking in these terms is one of the many strategies Curves members identify as useful in resisting excessive holiday temptation.

"The holidays, in so many ways, are about families gathering together to enjoy a feast of seasonal favorites, which can lead to overeating and weight gain. It's important to balance your desire to eat everything in sight with your desire to lose weight or get in shape," said Leslie Rosaen, owner of Curves of Northville, located at 42965 Seven Mile Road.

Recently the women's fitness giant polled its all-female membership for a snapshot of how women approach health and fitness during the holidays. As it turned out, 99 percent of Curves members who responded stated that they have a defined strategy to maintain weight during the holidays - a tactic that actually helps them stick to their goals.

Everyone is motivated by something different, so take a cue from successful Curves members, and choose a strategy that motivates you. Rosaen offers Northville residents a few key tips in preventing holiday

weight gain.

H: Have a healthy pre-party snack. It is always a great idea to fill up on fiber-rich foods such as apples, raw vegetables or a slice of whole grain bread with peanut butter. Fiber adds bulk to your diet and keeps you fuller longer. This translates into more will power in the face of the buffet.

E: Exercise. Seventy-five percent of the Curves members polled stated that they exercised the same amount if not more over the holidays. This is the key to weight management, because most holiday weight-gain can be prevented by sticking to your normal exercise routine. Quite simply, if you eat more calories than you burn, you will gain weight. So if you stop exercising and eat more over the holidays, you have put yourself in a prime position to pack on a few (or more) pounds.

A: All things in moderation. For 37 percent of Curves members it was cookies, and for another 22 percent, fudge - whatever your favorite holiday treat is, don't deprive yourself completely. This is a special time of year, and you should enjoy the heartwarming qualities of your favorite things - in moderation. Food for thought: Choose your one favorite goody ahead of time and eat it in a reasonable portion.

L: Leftovers shouldn't stay over. Cookies left sitting on your countertop will relentlessly call your name all week long. If you

have a party, send the leftovers home with guests. Or, take them to the office to share with colleagues.

T: Time not eating should be cherished. Play cards, watch a classic holiday movie, tell stories by the fire, build a snowman, pick up a good book and relive memories with loved ones. These are the moments you treasure after the holidays are over.

H: Hydrate. Drink water. If you are feeling the temptation to indulge, have a glass of water first. This can sometimes be enough to turn off your hunger pangs. Remember, water is always your best bet. Mixed drinks, punches, ciders and nogs are typically loaded with calories, so if you just can't stay out of the punchbowl, have a glass of water in between each drink. And remember, drinking alcohol will decrease your ability to keep a clear head at the buffet.

There are plenty of other things to worry about during the holidays than food and weight gain. Curves members - the same ones who planned strategically for holiday health - largely identified holiday finances (46 percent) as more stressful than holiday temptations (25 percent). Learn from their success, and plot your holiday plate for peace of mind.

For more information on Curves of Northville, please contact Leslie Rosaen at 248-344-4466

SPOTLIGHT ON:

YOUR DENTAL HEALTH

Presented by
Andrea S. Vivian, D.D.S.

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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Diversity at DTE Energy

Southfield resident Nikki Moss (left) and Krishna Chava of Northville recently participated in a celebration of diversity at DTE Energy headquarters in Detroit. The event featured food and music from a variety of cultures, as well as a presentation by company employees representing countries around the world through language and traditional costumes. As part of the program, Moss, a DTE Energy human resources consultant, spoke in Zulu. Chava, a project manager in the company's information technology organization, spoke in Nepali. Her native tongue is Telugu, a language spoken in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.

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**City of Northville
Notice of Public Hearing
Wayne & Oakland Counties
Community Development
Block Grant PY2009**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain public input on the proposed uses of PY2009 Wayne & Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Funds. The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or submit written comments.

Total Estimated Allocation - Wayne County	\$50,000
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

TIME/DATE: Noon Today
LOCATION: Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: Join us for a home-cooked turkey dinner with all the fixings. Entertainment by Jim Lauri, flag ceremony with color guard and door prizes. Cost is \$12. Must pre-register.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Evening of Hope Fund-raiser

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. Tonight
LOCATION: Gentili's Hole-in-the-Wall
DETAILS: Fund-raiser for Sarah Simkins who has been completely debilitated by a stroke. Tickets are \$50 pre-sale by calling (248) 474-7077 or \$55 at the door. Includes great food, cash bar, silent auction and 50/50 raffle.
CONTACT: sarahsimkins.com or events@emer-aldcitydesigns.com

15th Annual Family Turkey Shoot for Ages 8-13

TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Tonight
LOCATION: Hillside Gym, 775 N. Center Street, back entrance
DETAILS: Kids and adults. Pair up, bring your own ball and give us your best free throws. Points awarded for each basket made, run shot and miss. Groups determined by child's age: 8-9, 10-11 & 12-13 years old. Prizes awarded to top three teams in each age group. Cost is a donation of canned food or other non-perishable goods for Northville Civic Concern. Register and drop off donations at the Parks and Rec. Office by Nov. 19, or from 6:15-7 p.m. on day of event at the Hillside main gym. Gym opens at 6:30 p.m. for warm-up.
CONTACT: Lisa Christensen, (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1405 for registration or visit northvilleparksandrec.org

Holiday Lighted Parade

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: Parade full of lights, sparkle, music and Santa. Free hot chocolate and treats.
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640

JHS Pom-pom Variety Show

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Northville High School Auditorium
DETAILS: Enjoy the many talented performers from Northville schools, including Pom-pom team, TrebleMakers, BackBeat, NHS dance team, local band "The Houdini Flip", routine by boys soccer team, Northville Youth Cheer and more. Bring a donation for Civic Concern; two or more donations to be included in raffle. Tickets are general admission and are \$5 in advance or \$6 at door. Purchase tickets at the high school during lunch or in the lobby on Nov. 21 from 3-5 p.m.
CONTACT: Susan at (248) 349-7725

Northville Democrats Celebration Party

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: 39771 Golfview Dr.
DETAILS: Party replaces the November meeting. Bring a dish to pass or your favorite drink. RSVP to scraig27@comcast.net or call (248) 465-1995

The "Northville Pole"

DATE: Nov. 23-Dec. 21
LOCATION: Northville Square, 133 W. Main, corner of S. Wing St.
DETAILS: Northville Square will be transformed into a winter wonderland. Story readings, art displays, a Santa collection, and more. Daily event happenings will be posted.

Santa Visits the Northville Pole

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 11 and 18
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12 and 19
TIME/DATE: Noon to 2 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20
TIME/DATE: Sunday Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21



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Sweet!

Chocolatier Kathy Sugiyama, left, offers samples of her sweet creations to a lunch-time crowd at the Northville Senior Community Center on Nov. 3. Sugiyama offered a hands-on presentation in how chocolates are made and talked about proper melting methods and how to assemble such creations as holiday-themed chocolate houses.

LOCATION: Northville Square at (248) 347-3900, Miss Harriet's Dance Studio at (248) 349-1111 or Solid Grounds Coffee House at (248) 348-9737

Breakfast with Santa

TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 at NOMI
TIME/DATE: 9-12 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at Dino's.
DETAILS: Cost is \$12.50 for adults and \$6.40 for children ages 3-13. Children under age 2 are free. Reservations required. To reserve Nov. 23 at NOMI call (248) 449-3200. To reserve Dec. 7 at Dino's call (248) 437-5993

Christmas Walk

TIME/DATE: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: Shops open, fresh Greens Market and free horse-drawn wagon ride with Santa.
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640

Mill Race Christmas Walk

TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Village open with free admission to historic buildings, decorated for the holidays. Carolers, musicians, demonstrations and more. Refreshments available.
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

What's Going On? Investment Seminar

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2
LOCATION: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: Join Nicholas Hopwood, CFP and get answers for tough questions about investing and the stock market. Please register by calling (248) 349-4140. No cost.

Troop 755 Boy Scout Power Adventure

TIME/DATE: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2
LOCATION: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: Join Troop 755 for an evening of patriotism, adventure, comedy, music and dinner. Learn about our recent high adventure trip to Alaska and hear our band during dinner. Cost is \$3 per person. RSVP by Nov. 25 at the Senior Center.
CONTACT: (248) 348-5275

Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan Holiday Concert

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan, and outstanding a capella ensemble, perform a highly varied musical repertoire from sacred to secular, from

Renaissance to romance, from classical to contemporary. Eight members of the Vocal Arts Ensemble will perform in Renaissance costumes. The program is free, but reservations are urged due to limited seating. Call the Library at (248) 349-3020.

Medicare Changes for 2009

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3
LOCATION: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: Receive a Medicare Plan Review with a Certified MAP Counselor, review your Medicare Prescription Plan, receive a personal Benefits Check Up and more. Bring your Medicare card and list of all medications. Annual Medicare enrollment is Nov. 15-Dec. 31.

All A-Glow Illumination for Education

DATE: 6:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5
LOCATION: Old Church Square, Center and Dunlap streets
DETAILS: Help the Northville Mothers' Club raise funds to enhance the lives of Northville school children. From now until Dec. 31, purchase tree lights (Diamond \$100; Ruby \$50; Emerald \$25; Sapphire \$10; and Pearl \$5) as a symbol to honor or memorialize someone important in your life. Donate by Dec. 1 for the names being honored or remembered to be listed in the square and the Northville Record. Make checks payable to "Mother's Club of Northville" and send to Patti Curtis, 20238 Woodbend Dr., Northville, 48167. Include honoree/memorial information, donor's name, address and phone number. Refreshments served at lighting.
CONTACT: (248) 449-5105

New Hope for the New Year

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5
LOCATION: Island Lake of Novi, 50641 Drakes Bay Dr., Novi
DETAILS: Evening of elegance to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support. Musical entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and beverage reception, raffles and more. Cost is \$40 per person in advance, \$45 at door. RSVP by Dec. 1. Make check payable to New Hope Center for Grief Support and mail to them at 113 E. Dunlap, Northville 48167. Donations also being collect for KID Program.
CONTACT: For information call (248) 348-0115 or visit newhopecenter.net



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Spreading Smiles

One of the students in Mrs. Heron's second grade class from Silver Springs Elementary started a Spreading Smiles Club. When the class heard about it, they all wanted to help. So, during the month of October they collected food for Northville Civic Concern. Next month they plan to make decorations for a local Nursing Home.

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SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center

LOCATION: 303 W. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Thursday

8 a.m.: Walking Club
 9 a.m.: TOPS: Massage by appt
 10:30 a.m.: Yoga
 11 a.m.: Cribbage
 12:30 p.m.: Walking Club, Thanksgiving Luncheon
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
Friday
 8 a.m.: Walking Club
 11 a.m.: Poker
 12:30 a.m.: Walking Club
 12:30 p.m.: Walking Club
 1 p.m.: Movie "Dan in Real Life"
 4:30 p.m.: Holiday Lighted Parade

Monday

8 a.m.: Walking Club
 9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg
 10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance, Oxyrise
 11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
 6:30 p.m.: Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group
 7:15 p.m.: Tai Chi

Tuesday

8 a.m.: Walking Club
 10:30 a.m.: Yoga
 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
Wednesday
 8 a.m.: Walking Club
 9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt

W. Main St. Oxyrise

11 a.m.: Strength Training
 12:30 a.m.: Walking Club
 1 p.m.: Bridge, Walking Club
 7 p.m.: Cribbage
 7 p.m.: Bridge

Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Volleyball

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: All levels of play welcome, bring your friends. \$1.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

Adult 50+ Fun Co-ed Volleyball

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation, \$1 per session, all skill levels welcome.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Basketball

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday
LOCATION: Senior Community Center
DETAILS: All levels of play welcome, bring your friends. \$1.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

Health Walking

DATE: Monday-Friday
TIME: 8-10 a.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
Planes Class
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. each Tuesday
Cost:
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of

each month

DETAILS: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register: \$1 per person.

MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools

Board of Education
DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month (Dec. 9)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Winchester Elementary School

City of Northville

City Council
DATE: First and third Monday of the month (Dec. 8)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
Residents Development Authority Meeting
DATE: Third Tuesday of each month (Dec. 16)
TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: City Hall Meeting Room A on lower level, 215 W. Main St.
CONTACT: downtownnorthville.com
Planning Commission
DATE: First and third Tuesday of month (Dec. 9)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall

Neighborhood Commission
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month (Dec. 3)
LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.
Historic District Commission
DATE: Third Wednesday of month (Dec. 10)
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall

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OUR VIEWS

Legislature should act on smoking ban

In political circles, the time between the November general election and the day the new state Legislature is seated in January is unflatteringly known as the lame-duck session.

This span of time is fraught with danger for residents and taxpayers because, for many legislators, there are no more restraints on what they can do. Those on the way out after losing the election have nothing more to lose in whatever action they take, and often much to gain for their post-elected office careers.

Some legislators say that valuable work is accomplished in lame-duck sessions and, indeed, some serious issues, such as budgets, are hammered out under the pressure of the dwindling days of a legislative session.

There is one significant issue the Legislature should address before it calls it a year: Approve a ban on smoking in public places.

Once again, partisan politics has overshadowed good governance when it comes to this issue. Democrats and Republicans seem to both favor dragging Michigan into the 21st century regarding this public health issue — and make no mistake, it is a public health issue — but they can't agree on what businesses, if any, should be exempt from the smoking ban.

For once, our political leaders need to turn their backs on the special interests who line campaign coffers and address the issue head on. If it can work in California and Canada and Great Britain without bankrupting the restaurant/bar/casino industry, then it can work here as well.

It's time to end the debate and approve the smoking ban.

Be grateful — and have a happy Thanksgiving

"Happy Thanksgiving."

We'll hear this greeting a lot in the next week, but how can we have a "happy" Thanksgiving when the economy is in such sad shape?

So many people have lost their jobs, their homes, their retirement savings.

The national unemployment is 6.5 percent, the highest since March 1994. In Michigan, it's 8.7 percent.

A record 1.2 million homes were in foreclosure during the second quarter of 2008, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. According to some estimates, another 2 million families could lose their homes to foreclosure in the next two years.

In October, the Dow Jones Industrial Average suffered its worst week of losses ever.

The Big 3 is seeking a government bailout, and leading economists say the likelihood of a prolonged U.S. recession has increased significantly as economic conditions continue to deteriorate.

Yet, happiness doesn't come from material possessions. They make it easier to live, but they don't bring lasting and genuine joy.

True happiness comes from being content with what we have — no matter how meager our possessions or how trying our circumstances.

Consider the Pilgrims, who celebrated the first Thanksgiving in the autumn of 1621. The English colonists arrived in the New World in the winter, making it very difficult for them to find food and build shelter. Most of them died the first few months in their new home, having already been weakened by their two-month voyage on the Mayflower. There were no emergency rooms or hospitals, flu shots, penicillin or even aspirin, let alone health insurance.

Those who lived had to learn how to grow crops, and hunt and fish in their new environment in order to survive. There were no fast-food stores or grocery stores — not to mention modern farming machinery, government subsidies, food banks or Food Stamps.

The Pilgrims endured more hardships and had far, far less in material possessions than the average American today; yet they gave thanks in celebration for what little they had.

Put the happy in your Thanksgiving this year by being grateful for your many blessings.



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Girls for Gleaners

Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 770 stand with the food they purchased Nov. 9 for Gleaners Food Bank in Detroit. The girls, fourth graders at Amerman, Ridge Wood and Silver Springs elementary schools in Northville, clipped coupons and recycled 1308 bottles and cans to fund the food purchase. Pictured are (from left) Noreen Khan, Emily Peck, Lauren Beiser, Carly Bins, Halley Kissel, Samantha Cantie, Tanea Otis-Albert and Ashley Vassallo. Kneeling is Kela Bournay.

LETTERS TO THE NORTHVILLE RECORD EDITOR

More questions on Edenderry road project

My letter to the editor in last week's issue of the Northville Record elicited a direct response from one of the members of the Edenderry subdivision road repairs committee.

I was urged to recall that Shadbrook was not part of the estimated annual SAD payment. If that was the case, why was I given a document (dated July 22, 2008) with a principal amount of \$13,250 as the preliminary figure for "EDENDERRY HILLS/SHADBROOK PAVING SAD" (that was the heading on the document)?

Also, with the option of paying over 15 years (calculating the annual interest of 6 percent), the projected cost per family is \$19,605.

I may be misunderstanding this simplistic document, but am I to understand that since Shadbrook pulled out of the road repair option last month, the petition is null and void? I am confident that Northville Township trustees will help clarify this issue.

Another troubling concern I have is the efficacy of changing my "yes" vote to a "no" vote regarding the street fix petition. Having missed the last meeting due to work constraints, I believe that the board of trustees gave Edenderry residents the option to change their vote and a few withdrew their prior support of the petition.

The committee did not provide any written notification of this new development to those who were not at the meeting. When I accidentally found out just over a week ago, I requested township officials and the Edenderry committee in writing about my intent to rescind my "yes" vote. However, I truly feel that my request may be to no avail since, according to the committee's understanding, when the township asked the audience if anyone would want to take their name off, "that was just a serve and names will not come off."

I was further informed that basically "this petition is a ballot or vote... the Streetfix Committee was given a letter from the Township in August that clearly stated that if residents sign the petition they cannot take their name off."

I do not understand what a "serve" is in this context. Based on my understanding of the information provided to me, it seems that "serve" could mean giving us the option to change our vote as a matter of procedure. If that is the case, is it worth my taking time off from work to express my opinion at the township meeting on 20 November? Once again, I am looking to the trustees for clear answers.

To reiterate my point from an earlier letter to the editor, I had mixed feelings even as I signed in favor of this petition last summer. One of the main reasons I relented is that when a kind, friendly neighbor, whom you've known

for years, repeatedly visits you, it is hard to say "no" — especially when you are told that the majority of residents are in favor of the petition. I consider that a form of peer pressure, a neighborly obligation.

If the majority of residents are in favor of investing almost \$20,000 in road repairs without any fear of voicing dissenting opinion or demanding straightforward answers, the rest of us will contribute to the cost at least knowing that the integrity of the democratic process was upheld.

Whether this road repair project materializes or not, I truly hope we all continue to stay good neighbors — respecting differing views without anticipating any cold shoulder treatment in the long run.

Dr. Ganga Vadhavkar
Edenderry resident

Real sex ed

Seventeen-year-old Grace comes to her doctor for birth control (p. A16, 11/6/08), but the specialist's major point of discussion in the article is HPV. If a young woman has already been exposed to any of the HPV strains in the vaccine, the vaccine will be useless for those strains. Are doctors testing for this, or at least informing their patients about this dilemma before vaccinating? Do doctors tell their patients about the risk to the baby if the young woman happens to be pregnant when vaccinated, and do they make sure their patients are not pregnant before EACH DOSE of the vaccine? Are doctors telling their patients about the rare yet severe complications (autoimmune problems, death) that have been reported? Are doctors telling their patients that the vaccine has not been proven to reduce the risk of actual cancer, and is not likely to reduce cancer deaths in countries like ours where PAP smears have already done so?

Back to Grace, shouldn't her doctor encourage her to do what is truly best for her health, and at least make a significant attempt to explain the risks of the choice she has made? If she uses the pill, will she forget about the barrier methods? If she has more than two or three sexual partners before settling down with a lifelong partner, she is risking not only HPV and cervical cancer, but Herpes, and many other infections that have led to our epidemic of infertility, not to mention HIV. Herpes, HPV and others can cause major problems for any child that she might bear in the future. Rarely do such young women hear about the increased rates of depression and suicide associated with teen sexual activity, either from their health care providers or their "comprehensive" or "abstinence-based" sex ed. (I don't believe they'll hear about it in Northville's required course).

Last but not least, why doesn't someone tell Grace that if the boy really loved her, with a real love that desires

only the best for her and her future, he wouldn't be so eager to expose her to all these risks?

Nancy Couch Nowak, M.D.
Northville

What happened to liberty?

I read this newspaper and watch the news, and it's all about how we can't have liberty. Liberty is somehow bad and needs to be restricted. We can't allow people to go to any school they want. We can't allow people to use substances they might abuse. We can't allow people to communicate without surveillance. We can't allow people to use their wealth any old way they feel like. We need some higher authority to control us, to pass judgment and restrict us. Our lives are not our own. We belong to the whole, to the group, to society, to the "common good."

In the words attributed to Ben Franklin, we have a republic "if we can keep it." Well, America started down that path to fascism long ago. As with all roads to ruin, it was paved with good intentions, but on this road the basic principles of America — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — got hijacked by the alliance of the special interests and the do-gooders being lead by the con-men (i.e., politicians). Our Constitution was supposed to limit government and secure our liberty, but many seem to think of Constitutional limits as trivial, a novelty from the past. Today government infiltrates into every aspect of our lives, from our restaurant menu to our toilet flush.

Now, we are in a crisis of massive proportions. Recession, unemployment, massive debt, out of control spending, and war. We're told that these problems require strong, immediate action, but all the actions result in further restrictions of liberty. Why? Because the failure of centralized power always demands even more centralized power.

Liberty is the key principle of America. Without liberty, the pursuit of happiness is futile. Without liberty, life becomes slavery. America is in the process of proving the saying that democracies always destroy themselves.

Keith Trombley
Canton

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Forget politics; let's get our financial house in order

The circumstances were dire: Michigan was facing a government shutdown in the wee hours of Oct. 1, 2007.

So at the last moment, with the state facing disaster and after much wailing and gnashing of teeth on all sides, the Legislature adopted a "balanced budget" that temporarily resolved the state's budget crisis for a couple fiscal years. Some taxes were raised, some modest spending cuts were made and a few minor cosmetic changes were imposed on public employee health care benefits.

But if you think our real problems were solved, think again.

For despite all the thrashing and moaning, nothing much was done to resolve the underlying structural budget deficit. We call it "structural," because the whole process is virtually guaranteed to turn out in the red, since the deficit is baked into the state's current level of spending and tax income. And every year, it gets a little worse.

The respected and non-partisan Citizens' Research Council estimates this structural deficit in the state's General Fund will grow to \$9.6 billion by Fiscal Year 2017 — now just eight years away.

That projected deficit is somewhat larger than this year's entire General Fund total of \$9.3 billion!

And bear in mind that the reality will be even worse. None of this takes into account the effects of the Wall Street meltdown — or the revenue shortfalls sure to follow the coming national recession.

Plainly, it's high time we put our financial house in order.



Phil Power

program to restore Michigan's financial health over the next decade.

To think merely in terms of balancing the budget for the next year or two — the way Lansing has operated for generations — simply won't do any longer. We're going to have to adopt a program for the coming decade and have the strength to stick to it through ups and downs, thick and thin, Republican and Democratic control.

So what kind of program should we adopt?

With the deepening recession, it's obvious that no one can make a case for a tax increase, either economically or politically.

So we're going to have to look at making spending cuts. And the best place to start is the Department of Corrections, and teacher and state employee health care and retirement benefits.

Turning first to corrections, the undisputed facts are these:

1) Michigan's prison population is larger than average for the Great Lakes states. 2) We keep prisoners in the slam longer than do our neighboring states. 3) We spend more money per inmate than other Great Lakes states do. 4) Our crime rate is just about the same as that in our

neighboring states.

The bottom line: We're spending a lot on putting criminals in jail but we don't have much to show for it. We're not getting much for our money.

Time to change that: Let's first set an overall financial objective of cutting spending on prisons to the average of what our neighbors do. To do that, we're going to have to attack the big "cost drivers" in our prison system.

Here's how to start: 1) Change our sentencing policies to reduce the number of prisoners and their average length of stay. 2) Change prison operations to reduce costs, which should include privatizing some parts of the system (food service, for example) and might involve responsibly privatizing some prisons altogether.

With respect to teacher retirement costs, it's become clear in recent years that pensions are eating up much of the funding increases for schools. Over the past five years, for example, 42 percent of increases in state appropriations for schools have gone to pay for increased costs of school retirees and beneficiaries.

To get savings of any size over the next decade, we're going to have to tackle the two biggest cost areas.

And there is no great mystery about what we need to do: 1) Change the eligibility rules and benefit programs for newly hired teachers, then 2) Convert retirement plans from their present expensive, old-style defined-benefit model to a defined-contribution system like 401(k) plans in the private sector.

Granted, this latter change won't be an easy sell — especially now. The

recent collapse of the stock market has converted most 401(k)s into 201(k)s, and probably the last thing anyone wants to hear is that their pension will depend on Wall Street.

Turning to state employee benefits — Michigan workers now get a health care package that costs more per employee than the national average. And Michigan government employees pay a smaller share of their health insurance premiums than the national average for both private and public sector employees.

So our financial objective should be to reduce this generous benefit package and increase insurance co-pays to something close to the national average.

According to a study recently completed by Public Sector Consultants for Detroit Renaissance, just these steps together would reduce state spending by around \$800 million per year — just about the size of our present annual structural deficit.

There are likely many other areas where big savings can be achieved, if we look carefully at the structure, cost and workings of state government. Let me be clear: I am not proposing a detailed program to balance our budget for the next fiscal year or two.

Instead, I'm proposing a long-term general menu for fiscal responsibility, with the power to determine the individual recipes left up to the legislature and the executive branch.

Yet there is something important that can be done right now: The legislature and the governor should publicly announce and speedily agree on a long-term plan to set our financial

house in order and cure our structural deficit.

To show they are serious about this, all sides should pledge to reduce annual state spending by no less than \$1 billion per year.

And — crucially important — together they should commit to making a down payment on this program during the "Lame Duck" session of the legislature that starts after the November election.

The down payment doesn't have to be enormous; \$50 million would be a good start in getting to \$1 billion. But it would be symbolically important. We need to demonstrate that our state government and political parties are prepared to chuck political orthodoxy and work together to get our financial house in order.

Starting right now. Otherwise, nobody — not Wall Street, not the bond rating firms, not anybody — will have any confidence in our ability to manage our own financial affairs. And Michigan will career from budget crisis to budget crisis, while we fall farther behind in doing what we need to lay the foundation for our future prosperity.

Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regent Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics, and a former chairman of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy. He is also the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a centrist think-and-do tank which publishes the Michigan Scorecard. The opinions expressed here are Power's own and do not represent the official views of The Center. He welcomes your comments at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

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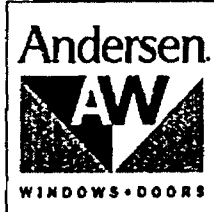
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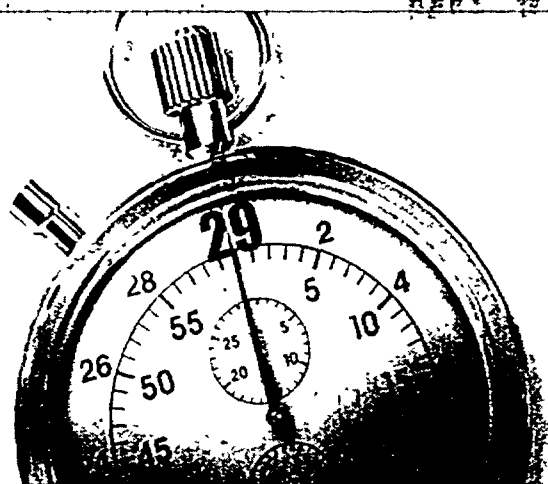
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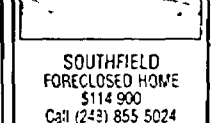
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BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

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Susan Poster and her son Terry work on creating some fruit desserts at Rock Financial Showplace's Epoch Catering. On Thanksgiving Day, Rock Financial and Epoch will host a Thanksgiving Day buffet which will benefit the Forgotten Harvest Food Bank charity.

emergency food providers in the Detroit area. The individuals and families served are as diverse as the community's residents — young and old, from all races and faiths.

The Thanksgiving tradition began in 1621 as a way for our forefathers to honor and share their bountiful harvest each November. Establishing a new tradition in sharing abundance in 2008, Epoch Catering and the Diamond Banquet Center will donate 10 percent of gross revenue from this third Thanksgiving Day Buffet to Forgotten Harvest.

The banquet center will have dining tables and couches for those who want to watch the Detroit Lions game on a 6-foot by 6-foot screen.

"The Thanksgiving Day Buffet is essentially an early Thanksgiving dinner for most who join us," said Mary Jane Scott, director of sales. "In just

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THANKSGIVING DAY BUFFET

Epoch Catering's event is slated from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 27, at Rock Financial Showplace's Diamond Banquet Center, 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

Cost is \$24.95 for adults; \$19.95 for seniors (age 55 and older), \$12.95 for children under age 12; with children age 4 and under admitted free.

Prices include tax and gratuity. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are recommended. Coffee, tea, milk and soft drinks will be available throughout the event, with a cash bar offered after noon. Parking is free. For reservations, call (248) 348-5600.



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BUFFET

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a few years it has evolved to become a big extended-family gathering. People come to eat and end up hanging out to watch the game. It's a fun alternative to a restaurant for those not planning to cook that day.

Award-winning chef and Northville native Terry Poster will be the creative force behind the buffet that will feature turkey-, ham- and beef-carving stations and traditional side dishes. Epoch Catering is a division of Epoch Restaurant Corporation, nationally renowned for its restaurants Forte in Birmingham and Tribute in Farmington Hills and as the exclusive caterer at Rock Financial Showplace

CHEF HAILS FROM NORTHVILLE

Poster, now of Livonia, grew up in Northville, graduating from Northville High School. He has worked in the restaurant industry since he was 12, attending Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Program.

His grandmother and grandfather, Ruth and the late Dick Crawford, owned Crawford's Restaurant in Northville in the space now occupied by Riffle's Homestyle Restaurant on East Main Street.

He began as a dishwasher, was a bus boy, then moved on to do prep work. After high school, he ran the restaurant's morning shift.

"After they sold the restaurant in the early 1990s, I started working with the Epoch Restaurant Group," he said. Epoch used to own the Sheraton Hotel off Novi Road, now the Crowne Plaza

Hotel, as well as Novi's former Too Chez Restaurant. Poster worked at Too Chez and Tribute, moving to the catering division about eight years ago.

OMELETS, SALADS AND MORE

The Thanksgiving buffet will include an omelet station, salad station, elaborate cheese and fruit display, plus regular and sugar-free desserts.

Terry's mother, Susan Poster, also works for Epoch. Her specialty is pastry, and she also worked at Crawford's.

"I like the creativity and flexibility aspects of the field," he said. "I can put my own twist on things. There are no rules. I prefer doing entree dishes."

Susan, who also lives in Livonia but lived in Northville for years, has been involved in the food industry 35 years.

"My heart's still in

Northville," she said.

She started as a cook at Star Manor Nursing Home in Northville in high school. She next worked as a dishwasher and then as a prep cook at Northville Charlie's Restaurant, now Rocky's on Seven Mile Road. She also worked at the Cozy Cafe in Farmington, where she learned how to make pies. When the owners opened a Cozy Cafe in Plymouth, she was there for several years.

She was employed at Emma's Restaurant in Plymouth, where Cafe Bon Homme used to be, and at the Northville Gourmet on Eight Mile Road.

Her brother, Jeff, and his wife, Ania, now own Crawford's Kitchen in Plymouth.

"I also enjoy the creativity of being a pastry chef and the chocolate," she said. "I never get tired of chocolate."

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Friday, December 5 WRC Luncheon Series "The Parade Company"

Renee Gonyeau offers a behind-the-scenes look at The Parade Company, the non-profit organization dedicated to creating the best family events in metro Detroit, including the annual America's Thanksgiving Day parade, held in Detroit since 1924.

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Friday, December 12 Bach Piano Honors Recital

7:00 p.m.

Presentation Room inside the VisTaTech Center

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Friday, December 12 Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble Winter Concert

7:30 p.m.

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Sunday, December 14

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OPENINGS

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Dean Bach of Dino's Restaurant and Lounge in Ferndale, has teamed up with Phil Martinez and Adam Mason to bring a variation of his 'upscale but not uptight' restaurant concept to Downtown Northville. A soft opening was held on October 13 in the Northville Square building.

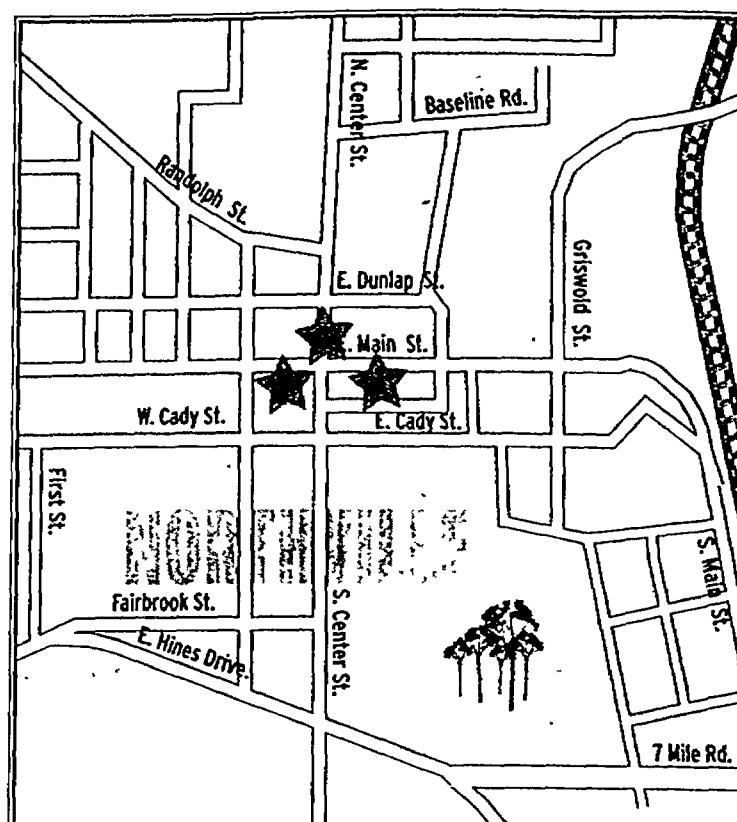
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For the holiday season, downtown Northville shops have extended hours to 8 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Guitar Clinic/Concert - Nov. 21**
Richard Gilewitz will present a free guitar clinic and concert 8 p.m. on the Main Street level of Northville Square (133 W. Main). Music product giveaways and more. Please contact Broughton Music for details at (248) 374-5596.
- **First Friday Art Walk - Dec. 5**
Parents, drop the kids off at the Community Senior Center (303 W. Main) on December 5th for the First Friday Holiday Fun Night - a fun-filled evening play date featuring crafts, games and snacks courtesy of the Parks and Recreation Department. The event takes place from 6:30-9 p.m. Pre-registration for the First Friday Holiday Fun Night is highly recommended as space is limited. On-site registration will be available on a limited basis. Admission is \$6 (first child) and \$5 (additional children). This event is recommended for children ages 3 & older. Downtown Northville will be all aglow during the December First Friday Art Walk as the town's annual Candlelight Walk adorns the streets with candles. Art lovers - as always - will enjoy an evening filled with art exhibits.



IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Who ya gonna call? Bark Busters

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The Zbiks' challenge is to train the owners to be strong leaders and show their dogs what is appropriate.

"We teach owners to talk 'dog,'" said Maril, "and it's so cool to see a dog say, 'Finally, now I get what they want!' We have so many stories of how teaching someone to be a leader has empowered them, changed their lives with their dog. I love that Bark Busters doesn't use artificial methods, or get physical with the dogs in any way."

Maril answered a few questions for the Record:

Q. How did you choose this particular franchise?

A. After we completed a detailed questionnaire, Jeff Shafritz of Franchise gave us three suggestions. Bark Busters Home Dog Training was an absolutely perfect fit from the beginning based on our interests. We purchased our second Bark Busters franchise - the Dog Safety Program - because we use these methods every day to keep ourselves safe from aggressive dogs we are training. It works so well to keep Bark Busters safe, we are now able to bring this same training to businesses to teach meter readers, home service workers, cable installers, etc. - anyone who goes into homes - how to avoid dog bites.



Maril and Bob Zbik, owners of the Bark Busters franchise serving Greater Detroit, with Sherman and Chloe.

Q. What made you pick this area?

We grew up in the metro Detroit area and now live in Northville. We have no interest in leaving - it's home and we love it here!

A. What is your background?

First and foremost, I've always felt that life without dogs and cats and horses is just empty. My business background is that of a software program manager for many years. I have always dreamed of owning my own business and enjoyed teaching. Bob was in sales in the commercial photo industry. Our skills have blended well as a business team.

Q. Describe your business philosophy.

A. We pour our heart and soul into each and every training we do. Every dog, every owner, every situation is different so our job is different every day. Finding the key to each combination is an interesting challenge. Meeting that challenge is very fulfilling. Bark Busters offers Life-of-the-Dog Support; our clients can call us back at any time if they need more help.

Q. Tell us about an interesting

experience at work.

A. We train in our clients homes - that's where most problems occur with dogs and so that's where we start. When we go to a home we never know what kind of environment we'll be met with. One day this summer, a new client met me at her door - she was covered head to toe in gauze to protect her from infection. She lives with a genetic disease that makes her skin raw and blister. She had just gotten a puppy and it was jumping on her, scratching and nipping her. She couldn't keep the puppy if it was going to cause her injury. Within our first lesson she was able to teach her puppy to stop biting and jumping. I was so happy for her! It is not at all uncommon to walk into a house and be almost knocked over by jumping, barking dogs - some aggressive, some just rude! It is such a pleasure to walk out at the end of that lesson with quiet, calm dogs and smiling faces. This can be such a feel-good job!

For more information on Bark Busters, call the Zbiks at (248) 219-3781.

CHAMBER CHAT

The holidays are fast approaching, and they can't come soon enough, as far as we are concerned. We look forward to celebrating the season with family and friends and being thankful for what we do have, as opposed to what we may/may not have.

The holiday season is a critical time for our small business community, and the Northville Chamber would like to remind you that when you decide to make that holiday purchase, first check out your "neighborhood" community business. We're all in this together and we strongly believe that we will get through this, better than ever...and with the knowledge that community does matter.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

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O'Connor

Kathy O'Connor, who is an 11-year breast cancer survivor. This support group offers a place for breast cancer survivors to gather together to share their experiences, learn coping techniques, find emotional support through the strength and understanding of others, and help each other to get on with their lives.

For more information call 734-655-1100. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. For additional information about St. Mary Mercy, or our Cancer Program, please visit www.stmarymercy.org.

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BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

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Hockey and gymnastics got the early start Oct. 27 and will soon begin.

Girls basketball practice and cheer started Nov. 10 to get things started. Boys basketball and wrestling practice began Monday.

Some new faces could be seen as both players and coaches for Northville sports.

Todd Gudith takes over the girls basketball program. Head coach Pete Wright stepped down after last season.

"The first practice is always exciting. It's a fresh start, every team is even," Gudith said. "We want to set a tone with the first practice with how things are going to be run."

Gudith understands there is going to be an adjustment period with his style and the new players.

"Being a new head coach you have new ideas and ways you want to do things," he said. "You have to make sure your staff and players understand the direction and mind set you want the program to take."

Todd Sander moved up from JV to head coach of the varsity team. He inherits a team that will have many new faces after graduating more than half of last year's team.

"It was exciting to finally be in the gym. We've been organizing, planning and discussing for such a long time, that it felt good to now be coaching," Sander said. "I am fortunate to have such a solid staff from top to bottom."

With that said, Sander also has to endure the tryout and dreaded cutting process to begin his era.

"Though it's always nice to get back in the gym working with the players, tryouts are extremely difficult on the players and coaches," he said. "They are competitive every season, and this year is no different."

Jeff Balagna enters his third year as the main man of the wrestling program, but there's still nothing like the first practice for the coach.

"Even though this is my third season as the head coach, I still get excited and nervous for the first day," Balagna said. "I always love to see what new faces show up and how the hard work from the offseason has paid off."

"Wrestling is unique in the sense that we don't have tryouts, so we can get started on day one teaching moves and technique."

Hockey will be the first team to get its season going with a trip to the Metro Invite 8 p.m. Friday and 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Novi Ice Arena.

Wrestling will have its first match Dec. 3 with a quad at Rochester.

Girls basketball starts on the road Dec. 5 at Walled Lake Northern. The boys begin a week later at home against the same opponent.

Bowling begins practices today, and boys swimming gets underway with its first practice Nov. 24.

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Mustang Shannon Lohman gets some laps in during a practice.

Weber leads Northville swimmers to state

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Mustang swim and dive team is heading to the state meet armed with eight swimmers.

Jessica Weber will swim her final meet for Northville, and head coach Brian McNeff thinks it could be her best.

She will compete in the 100 and 200 freestyle for individual events. She will also be part of the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay.

"One of our goals was for her to be a state champ, and she's in position to do that," McNeff said. "Both the 100 and 200 I think she's going to do really well. She's going to be a top-five seed going in. That's about what I thought she would be."

"I think this will be a meet she'll remember for the rest of her life."

Two others will swim in four events — Becca Myers and Faith Miller.

Myers specializes in the freestyle and will be in the 50 and 100 individually and on the 200 and 400 relays.

Miller will compete in the 100 free and 100 butterfly. She will also be part of the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

McNeff has been more than pleased with the emergence of Myers and Miller throughout the year.

"I never would've imagined that they would improve this much," McNeff said. "If they do well, they could score."

Shannon Lowman will be in three events — the 100 butterfly, 100 backstroke and 200 medley relay.

Lohman earned her qualifying time in the butterfly early in the season, but picked up her backstroke at the last chance meet in only her second time swimming the event.

Rachel Brown will be part of the



Northville's Becca Myers is one of eight Northville swimmers headed to state.

200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay.

Competing in one relay are Kelly Burford (200 medley), Sam Curry (200 free) and Leah Erlandson (400 free).

Taking a strong core along with several girls that will pick up valuable experience gives McNeff a couple of perspectives on the meet.

"Top 10 is a realistic expectation."

The 200 free and 200 medley both have a chance of being All-State," McNeff said. "We only have two seniors. I think next year, they'll see what it takes to get into the top five."

Every time you go to a state meet you get better at it and know what it takes to get back there."

After two weeks of practice since the regional meet, McNeff and the rest of the state swimmers are more

than ready to see just how good they really are.

"I'm excited," he said. "I think we're going to do pretty well there. I think we're going to have a good showing."

The state meet begins Friday at Eastern Michigan University. Those that make the cut come back Saturday for the finals.

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The Mustang hockey team goes through an afternoon practice.

Returnees have Mustang hockey thinking big

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Northville hockey head coach Clint Robert is excited to be entering a new chapter with the KLAA.

The move puts his Mustangs into a league battle with powerhouse Stevenson and rival Novi.

"I'm looking forward to it. I love our schedule," Robert said. "I think we

have a real competitive schedule, and we did that by design."

The Mustangs are returning from a huge season that included a 22-4-1 record, a league title and a loss in the regionals to eventual state co-champion Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Coincidentally, the Mustangs have been eliminated by the state champ the past six years.

The Mustangs bring plenty of fire-

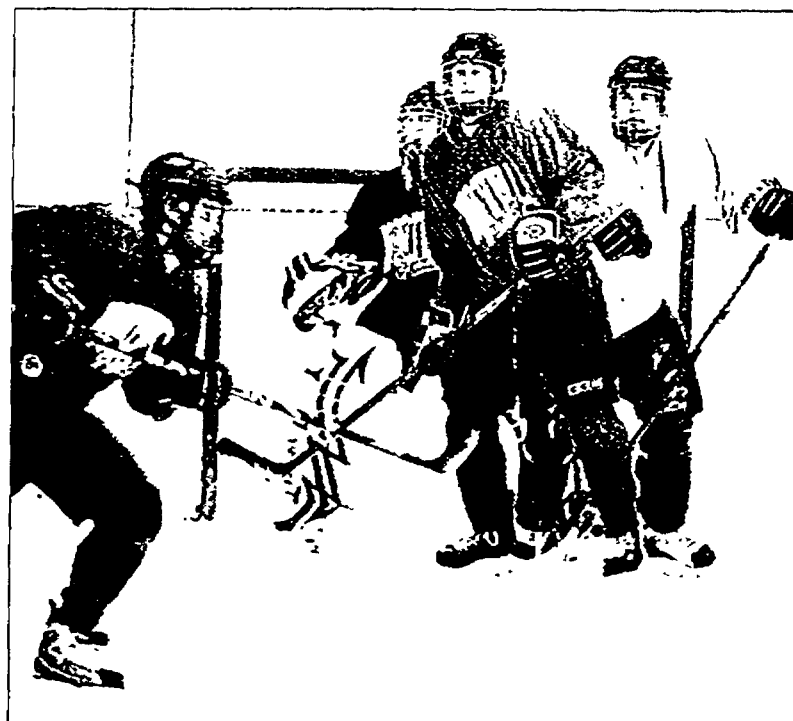


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The Mustangs practice at the Novi Ice Arena.

power back from last year's team. Alex Brevin and Alec Arthur return as two-thirds of the top scoring line.

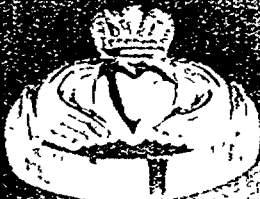
Drew Lamoureux returns for his second year as a forward after switch-

ing over from defense.

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Barney's book 'The Supernatural' is a top pick

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM
STAFF WRITER

Sitting in Northville's As The Page Turns book store, preparing to greet fans and sign copies of his book, "The Supernatural," former Detroit Lions All-Pro cornerback Lem Barney looks his interviewer in the eye and says, earnestly, "I think I could still play today."

If not for some grey hair and a few wrinkles – and the knowledge that Barney is 63 years old – at first glance it would be possible to believe him, as he remains in great physical shape and a competitive fire still burns in his eyes.

Of course, Barney was joking. He quickly added that if he suited up and another player tried to hit him, he'd have to defend himself with some type

of weapon.

In reality, while Barney is still best known as a Hall of Fame player, he's not consumed by football. It took a while for the spirit of the game to leave him, but he's never been the type of athlete who's lost after retirement.

Barney documented his athletic and personal journey in his book, published in 2006.

The book is about "my ups, my downs, my ins, my outs. My turnarounds, my U-turns and all," Barney says. "It's a book that I would recommend to anybody who wants to know about what life is all about. Athletics is the basis of it but Christianity is the overriding theme."

Barney, who resides with his wife, Jacqui, in Commerce Township, works as a director



Former Detroit Lion Lem Barney's book, 'The Supernatural,' is about his life on and off the football field.

of Physicians Relations and Recruitment with Sinai-Grace DMC Medical Centers. He's



Barney was recently selected to the Lions' 75th anniversary all-star team.

also an ordained minister and Associate Pastor at Hope United Methodist Church in Southfield.

The message of Barney's book, he says, is "whatever you want to do, whatever you want to be, you can do it, regardless of where you're from, your ethnicity, your background, your demographics, how much you've got in the bank, how much you wish you could put in the bank. Whatever you want to do, you can do it because of your God-given skills and talents."

"Football was a way of life for me for about 21 years, from middle school, high school and college and 11 years with the Lions. But that's something that's really passed me by. Sort of like two ships passing in the night. I rarely watch football now, believe it or not. It took about 18 years for the drug or the vaccine or the serum to deplete my body ... now there's other things in life – reaching and teaching and preaching to people is my mantra now."

Barney says he never regretted his decision to retire from the NFL in 1978. Nevertheless, certain football reflexes remained for a while. It took several years for Barney to get to the point where "I wouldn't bop my wife on the shoulder or

grab her leg at night when I'm asleep (like I'm) trying to tackle somebody. I did black college (television) commentary for BET for 20 years after I retired and I felt one day in the booth that I could do the game, after doing it 18 years, without having any emotions for it. So I could feel the game leaving me, as well as I'd left the game."

Asked about the Lions, who were then 0-7, Barney acknowledged "they're having a tough season right now ... I'm still in prayer for them. It's something that has to take shape. It's not going to be the owner, Mr. Ford, who's a tremendously great owner. It's not going to be the new general manager, it's not going to be the coaches. It's the players that win the games. So (until) the players are able to really get to the mind-set that, 'It's us that win and lose,' it's going to still be a struggle. But I think they can turn it around."

Barney was honored at the Lions' Nov. 9 game as a part of the Lions' 75th anniversary all-star team. Other honorees included the two players who've worn his number 20 after Barney's retirement, running backs Billy Sims and Barry Sanders. Barney's stellar career as a cornerback (56 interceptions for 1077 yards) and kick returner (1312 yards on punt returns, 1274 yards on kickoff returns), his seven Pro Bowl selections and 11 touchdowns – and, of course, his selection to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1992 – could easily have convinced the Lions to retire his number. But Barney is pleased with his number's continuing success.

"It's neat to be able to watch these guys (Sims and Sanders) play in 20," Barney says. "And I tell people all the time the reason Billy and Barry did as well as they did in jersey number 20 is because there were a lot of leftover prayers in that jersey."

An important part of Barney's life today is his com-

munity work, which includes leading his church's Open Door Prison Ministry.

"I've gone over to various prisons and jails across the country, spreading the word or God with inmates," Barney explains. "And I head up the men's ministry. We do some things in the Southfield area every spring for women who are widowed, or divorcees that have children. We do what's called an 'Extreme Makeover' for houses that need painting, fixtures. There are a lot of people in Southfield that still have fuse boxes and we'll have circuit breakers put in, and do a lot of painting and things of that nature, refurbish the yards. ... It's an enjoyable trek to be able to help someone who is in need."

Barney is also excited about a possible future project alongside another Detroit sports legend, former Pistons star Dave Bing, as Barney hopes to work for Bing's election as mayor of Detroit.

"He's a wonderful brother and I think he's going to be a great mayor for the city of Detroit, a great guy of integrity," says Barney, who's known Bing for 41 years.

In the meantime, look for Barney to continue working, serving the community and enjoying life with his positive attitude.

"I have a lot of loves and I love life," he says. "I get up every morning and I have what I call daily disciplines. I pray first, I read second. Read the Word – 33 years as an ordained minister. I really love the Word and after I read the Word I work out. ... I work out at least an hour every day at home. Those are loves that I have and those are things that I think are going to keep me around for a long time."

Barney's book, "The Supernatural," is available online at www.immortalinvestments.com or www.lembarney.com, or by phoning 1-800-475-2066.

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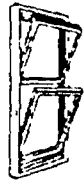
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Captains Wes Gates and Matt Kreager return to man the defense. Seth Perry is also a returning defenseman.

Goalkeeper Teddy Keranen returns as the last line of defense.

"I think this team has a real good commit to moving the puck and moving without the puck," Robert said. "Special teams — penalty kill and power play — have been

extremely strong. The guys have been very creative on the power play."

Others expected to fill vacancies or take on a bigger role include Matt Dembicki, Alex Belanger and Derrick Raymond. They will be paired together to form a line.

"Their line is going to be real key," Robert said. "They play a more aggressive style."

Robert knows it will be hard for his team to improve on last year's record because of the much-improved strength of schedule, but the goals haven't backed down a bit.

The Mustangs will shoot for the division, conference and association crown before attempting the ultimate goal.

"Most guys are looking at this season as, if we don't get a shot at winning the state championship, it will be disappointment," Robert said.

"Only one team can win the state championship. It's not going to be easy."

Northville lost some strong players from last year's team, but the success has carried over into tough off-season work.

"From the off-season on, you

saw this is a group that's saying we're not going to be out-worked or out-hustled," Robert said. "That's real important. I really like the make-up of this team."

"We're a pretty good team."

One game in particular is notable on this year's schedule. The Mustangs have a Dec. 5 rematch of the opening round of the playoffs in which the Mustangs won 5-4 in double overtime to eliminate the Catholic Central Shamrocks.

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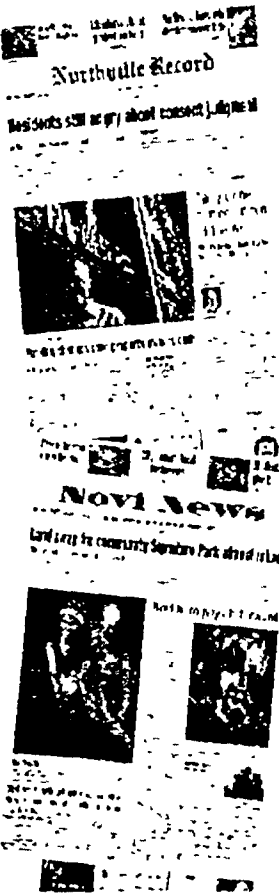
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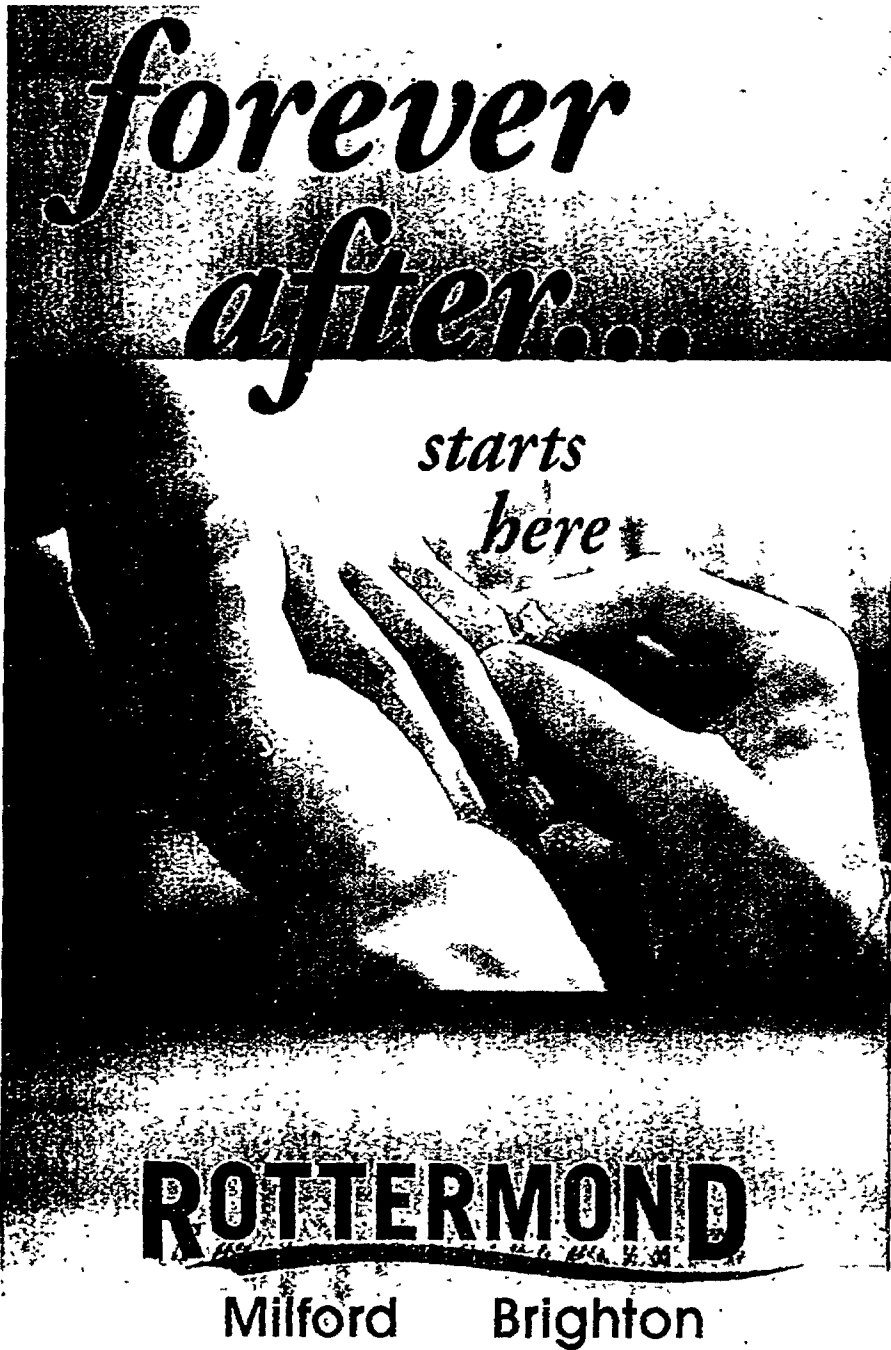
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All of your jewelry purchases are kept on record, so that future gift-giving is as special as the event itself.

Reminder cards for important occasions, the "Wish List" and personal shopping assistance by trained and helpful staff builds a relationship of trust and friendship that can only be found at a jewelry store in the heart of its community.

The entire community benefits from these relationships, as bonds are formed between families, groups and organizations — all working together to improve the quality of life in the Huron Valley area and Brighton.

That's why Rottermond

Jewelers is pleased to support the efforts of many local groups, from Community Sharing to local sports teams, Habitat for Humanity and dozens more.

"It's an honor and pleasure to do business here in Huron Valley and Brighton," said Cindi Rottermond. "We are pleased to give back to our community in any way we can."

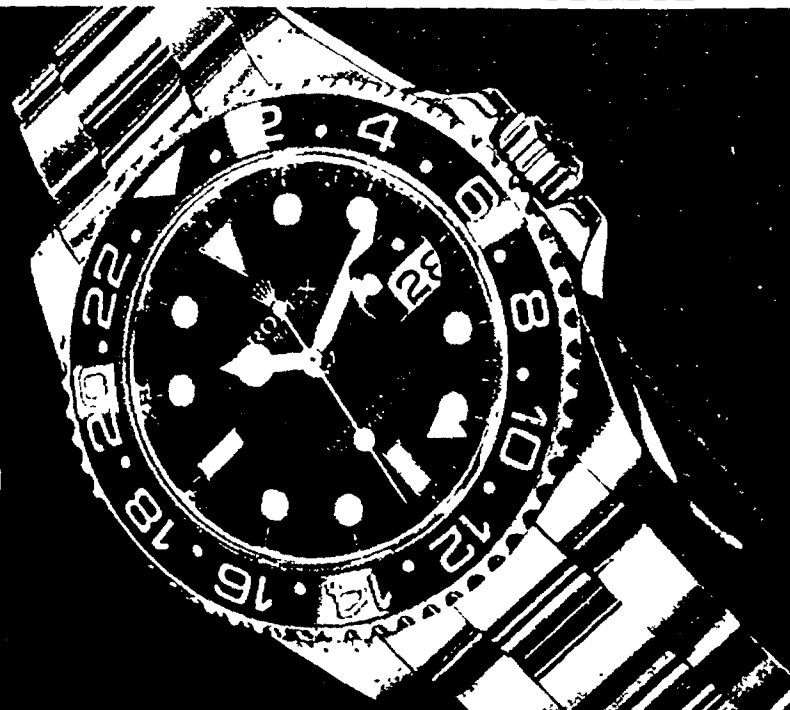
Rottermond Jewelers in Milford is the company's flagship location, celebrating its 24th anniversary in business offering fine jewelry and gifts while fostering positive relationships between this local business and its proud community.

Located at 351 N. Main St. in downtown Milford, Rottermond Jewelers can be reached by calling (248) 685-1150.

In Brighton, the new store is located at 102 E. Main at Grand River Avenue and can be reached by calling (810) 220-0015.



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Od Change. Nov Motive,
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forecasts, cash flow mgmt,
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returns. Please send resumes
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required.

BUYER - SENIOR BUYER
Tier 1 automotive driveline
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or OEM (preferably in driveline
or chassis). Salary
commensurate with exp.
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full & part time exp pre-K
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Construction Manager
Custom homebuilder seeks
exp residential construction
Mngr. Must be self-starter
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COUNTER HELP WANTED
Part time evenings. Must
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Engineer with 5 plus years
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robvella@hazenpp.com

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Enjoy helping others. Assist
persons we serve with daily
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Join the team
Assist persons we serve in
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Must be certified and
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career. Hands on paid train-
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SEASONAL TAX
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For local CPA firm. Accounting
financial statement prep 11/20
& 10/65. Two years of CPA firm
experience required. Flex. b/e
full or part-time schedule.
Fax resume and salary
requirements to
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PREPARERS
Needed for busy CPA firm.
Full or part-time. Two years
experience required. Complex
returns. Competitive compen-
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may be required.
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INSURANCE CUSTOMER
SERVICE REP
Must be exp. or have college
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w/benefits. Commerce Tap
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shifts with rotating weekends
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DELIVERY/SALES
\$775-\$1050
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Casual Dress, Co. Vehicle.
Cash Daily Sales Req.
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If you are a self-starter who
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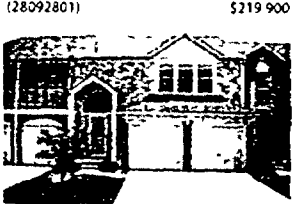
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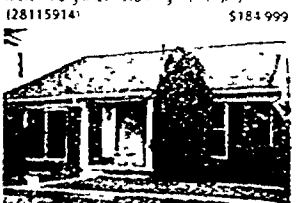
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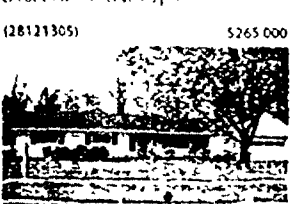
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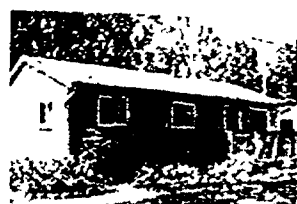
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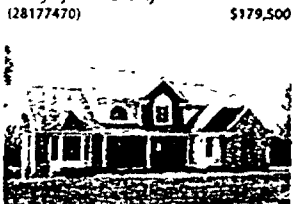
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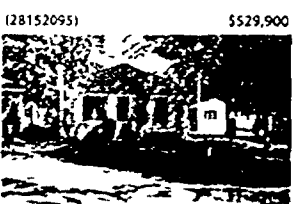
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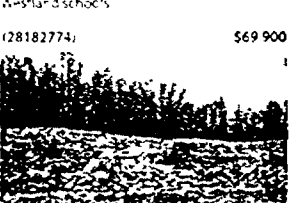
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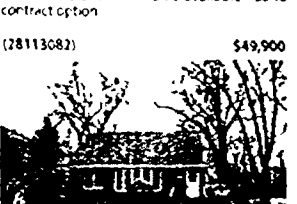
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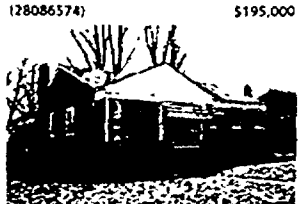
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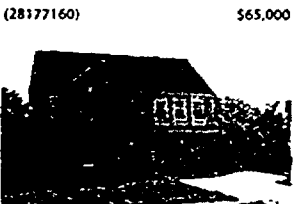
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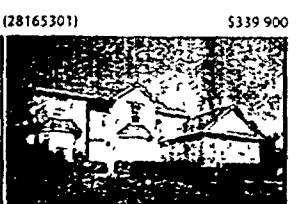
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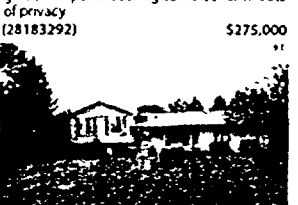
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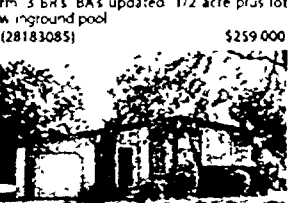
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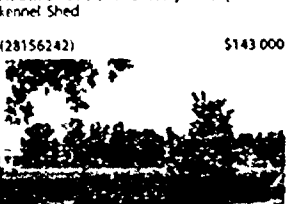
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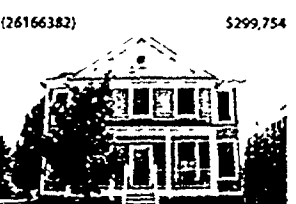
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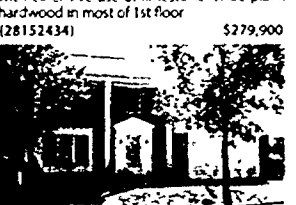
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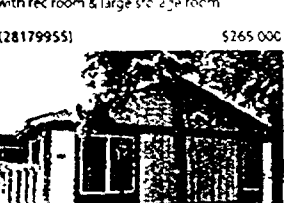
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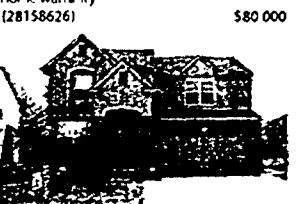
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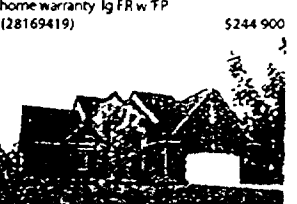
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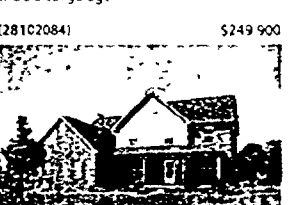
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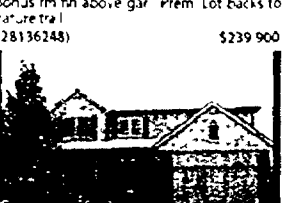
Romulus 734-591-9200
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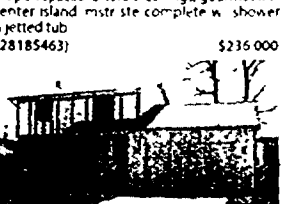
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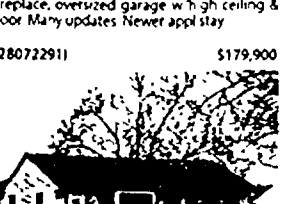
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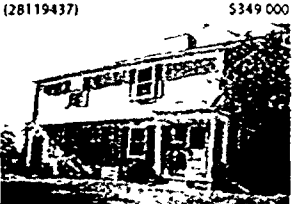
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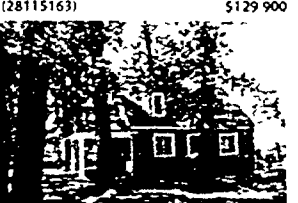
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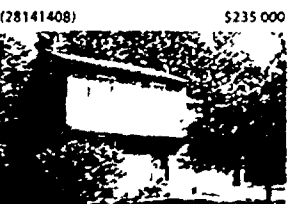
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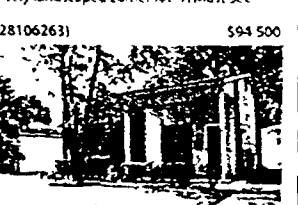
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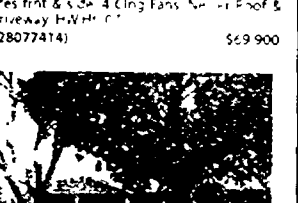
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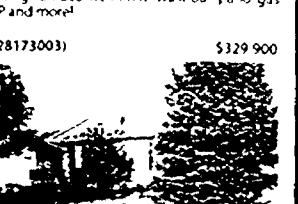
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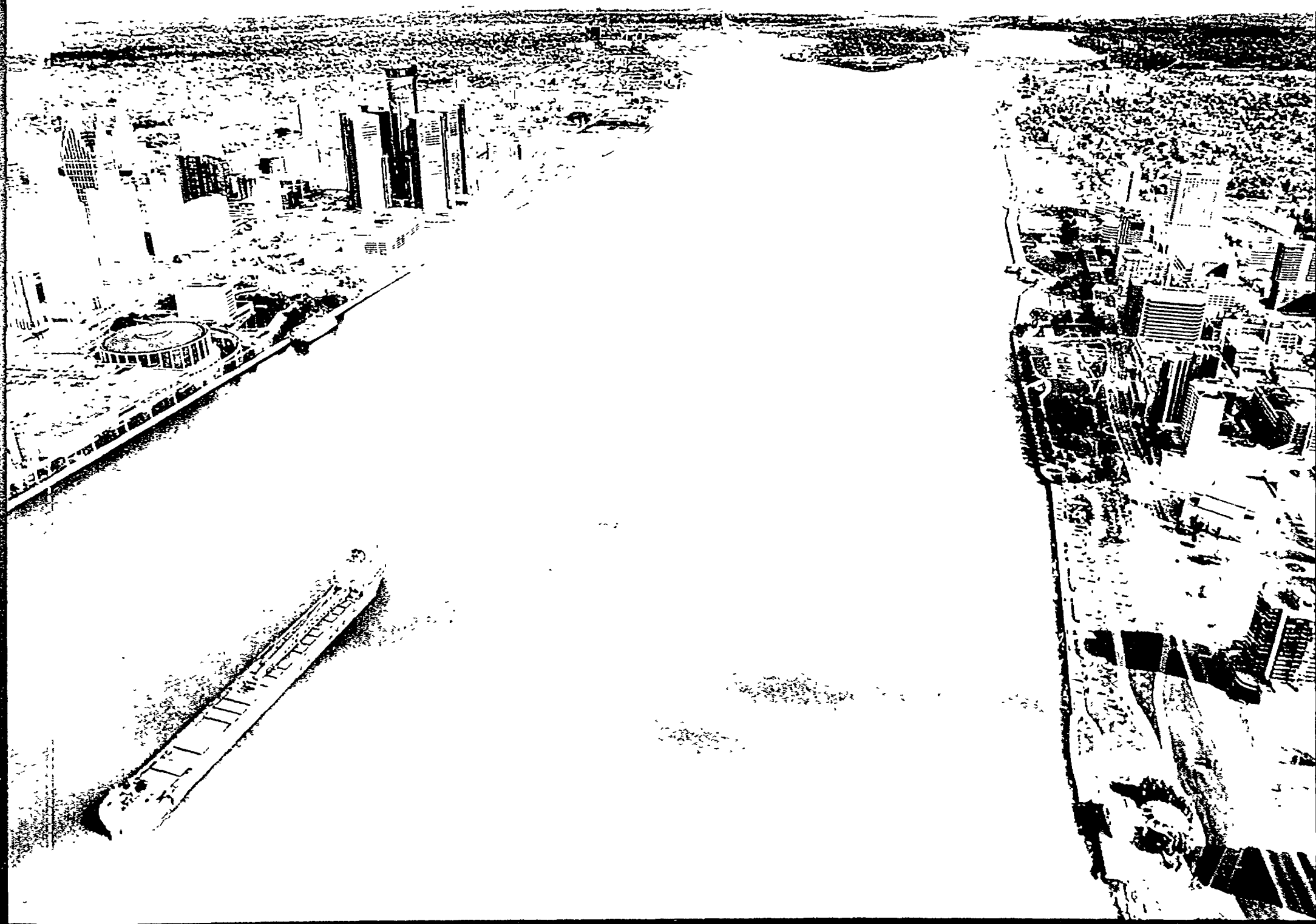


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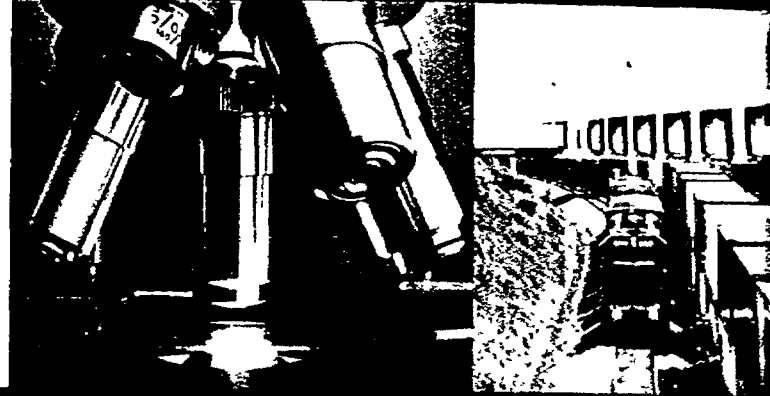




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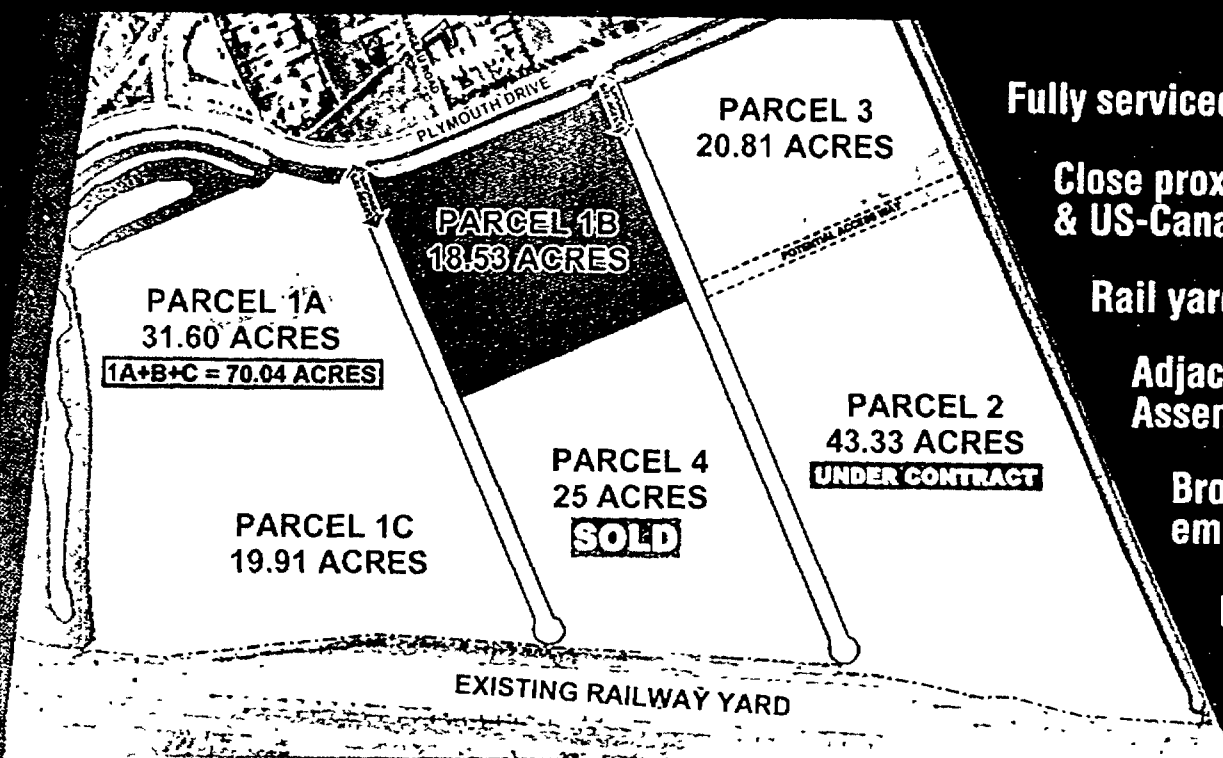
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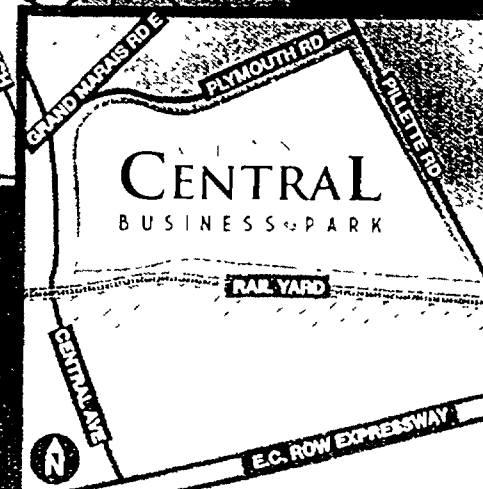
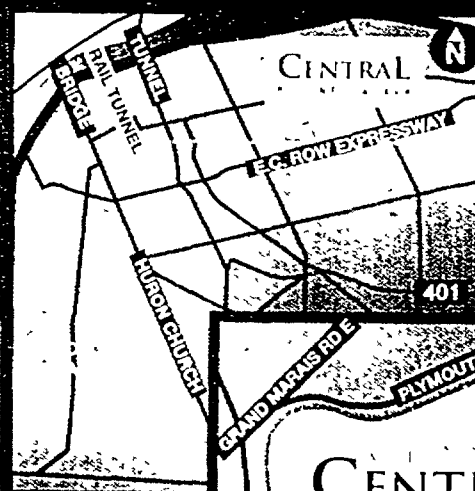
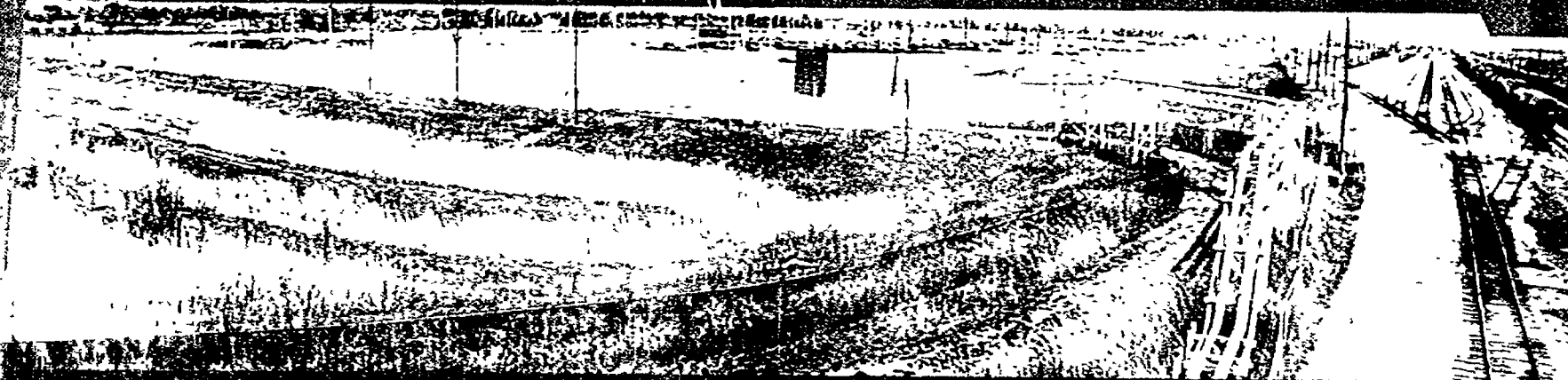
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What's the first place that comes to mind when you think about locations for North American investment or development? Or for a personal relocation or retirement destination?

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Their conclusion: the first place you should consider in the "small city/region" category is Windsor-Essex. Our rankings were so impressive they named us Overall Winner in the North American Small Cities of the Future category.

The criteria upon which they based their decision reveal interesting facts about our region and its

evolving role in North America's manufacturing sector. Indeed, our entire economic profile is undergoing a substantial shift, one that presents exceptional opportunities for investors and developers.

As impressive as that is, there is much more to our story. In these pages, we present a broad picture of our region, in all its variety, with hopes that you'll keep us in mind if you find yourself shopping around for a promising new location. After all, shouldn't North America's first-place winner occupy first place on your shortlist?





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The story of Windsor-Essex is a great example – a story of change, excitement, pride and, most especially, of opportunity. It's a story that needed to be brought to a wider audience.

That's why The Windsor Star undertook the production of the magazine you now hold in your hands. We wanted to share some of the special attributes that make our region uniquely appealing among North American cities – a best-of-both-worlds combination of major metropolis and

smaller-city lifestyle that you will read about in the articles ahead.

We want to thank the Windsor-Essex Development Commission for its extraordinary involvement and the United Communities Credit Union which, through its funding of projects such as this, is indeed a huge credit to our community. We also thank our Canwest partners across Canada who helped us bring this publication to your door.

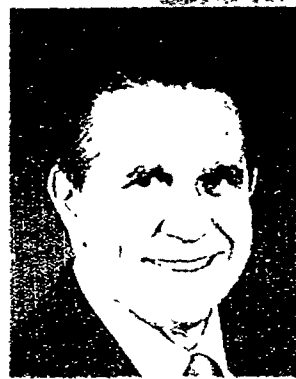
We hope you enjoy reading about our dynamic region and we invite you to learn more by visiting windsorstar.com and clicking on the Believe W.E. Connection. You can also call 519-255-6841 or e-mail us at Windsor-Essex@thestar.canwest.com



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An aerial, high-angle photograph of the Detroit skyline at night. The city lights are visible, with several prominent skyscrapers standing out against the dark sky. The Detroit River is visible in the foreground, with some boats and lights reflecting on its surface. The overall tone is dark and atmospheric.

Nights on the Town

By Tim Keith

From an entertainment standpoint, mid-sized Windsor revs with big-city fun. In fact, Windsor may enjoy more entertainment options than any other Canadian city. It sits closer to downtown Detroit than does any American suburb.

Just across the Detroit River from the Motor City, Windsorites benefit from a perfect blend: living in a safe and vibrant Canadian city, with all the hoopla a big American city has to offer just 10 minutes away.

Caesars Windsor, newly expanded to the tune of \$439 million, provides upscale gaming. It also offers an ongoing host of big-name concerts from Jessica Simpson to Chris Rock. It's perfect for couples and conventions alike.

The Windsor Symphony Orchestra, the Art Gallery of Windsor, the St. Clair Centre for the Arts, the University Players and a smorgasbord of cultural delights – dance, theatre, art – enrich the city.

The downtown area's many bars and restaurants often overflow on weekends — in part because of American neighbours partying Windsor-style.

And Windsor never met a festival it didn't like, from blues and multiculturalism to food and buskers. Something special happens downtown almost every summer weekend.

But part of Windsor's story will always be Detroit — and the 5.7 million people the surrounding area supports in the U.S. and Canada.

Motown has long been a city of rhythm. The city's nightlife has thrived on music since the 1940s,

and helped develop such musical genres as jazz, Motown, punk rock and techno.

The Detroit Theatre District is the second largest theatre district in the United States, with prestigious venues like the Detroit Opera House and the Fox Theater. Significant music events include the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival, the Detroit Electronic Music Festival and the Motor City Music Conference.

Lots of other cultural options abound, thanks to the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Historical Museum, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the Detroit Science Center and the Detroit Zoo.

Three casinos, popular restaurant districts such as Greektown and Mexican Town, and hip clubs and eateries of all types round out the urban entertainment experience across the river — where culture isn't simply something you find in a museum. In the D, it's an attitude.

The international flair of the region defined by the auto industry shines through on both sides of the river like a polished Cadillac. Indeed, the "two-nation destination" concept which Windsor and Detroit have forged to such success for major sporting events also holds true for culture and entertainment.

The Windsor metropolitan area may have a population of 350,000, and a homey mid-sized city feel, but the Canadian Motor City wines and dines like a world-class metropolis.

Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines.



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Good Sports: It's Always "Game On" in Windsor-Essex

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indsor-Essex sports fans enjoy the best of two worlds. The local action is varied and stimulating – with junior teams that never fail to deliver excitement.

Take hockey, for example. The Windsor Spitfires – the local OHL team – started the season in the number-one position and is on pace to take it all the way to the Memorial Cup – a tremendously exciting turn of events from a team that was struggling just a few years ago. The momentum should build when the team moves into a state-of-the-art home this year – the 6,500 seat WFCU Centre.

As exciting as that is, there's much more. Just a few minutes away across the border in downtown Detroit, fans can watch one of the NHL's great teams, the Red Wings.

It's that combination of local and regional sports – a spectrum that includes almost every major "flavour" of competitive play, including basketball, football, baseball, soccer, bicycle racing, lacrosse,

golf, track and field, angling, bowling, horse racing, power boating, sailing and many more – with professional major league action, that make this area a veritable sports mecca.

Area fans even have the privilege of watching their "local" heroes win big. The Detroit Red Wings and the Detroit Pistons both brought home their respective trophies in recent years, the Red Wings most recently last June – their third Stanley Cup in a decade.

This depth of excitement is matched by an extraordinary breadth of competitive entertainment. Every summer, for example, brings the shrill scream of Indy Cars to Detroit's Belle Isle, as the world's top drivers compete in the Detroit Grand Prix.

The action shifts offshore to the nearby Detroit River, near Belle Isle, during the annual running of the popular hydroplane races.

This year brought us faster vehicles still, this time over the Detroit River, as the Red Bull Air Races added Windsor/Detroit to their event roster – one of just two stops in North America. Some 750,000 spectators lined the shores of the Detroit River to watch custom-built race planes banking and turning through a course marked by giant inflated pylons.

This summer, the University of Windsor hosted the Canadian Olympic Trials at their premier track and field facility, which features Canada's most advanced and "fastest" running track. The event was a return engagement of sorts; the Canadian Track & Field Finals had been hosted here the previous year.

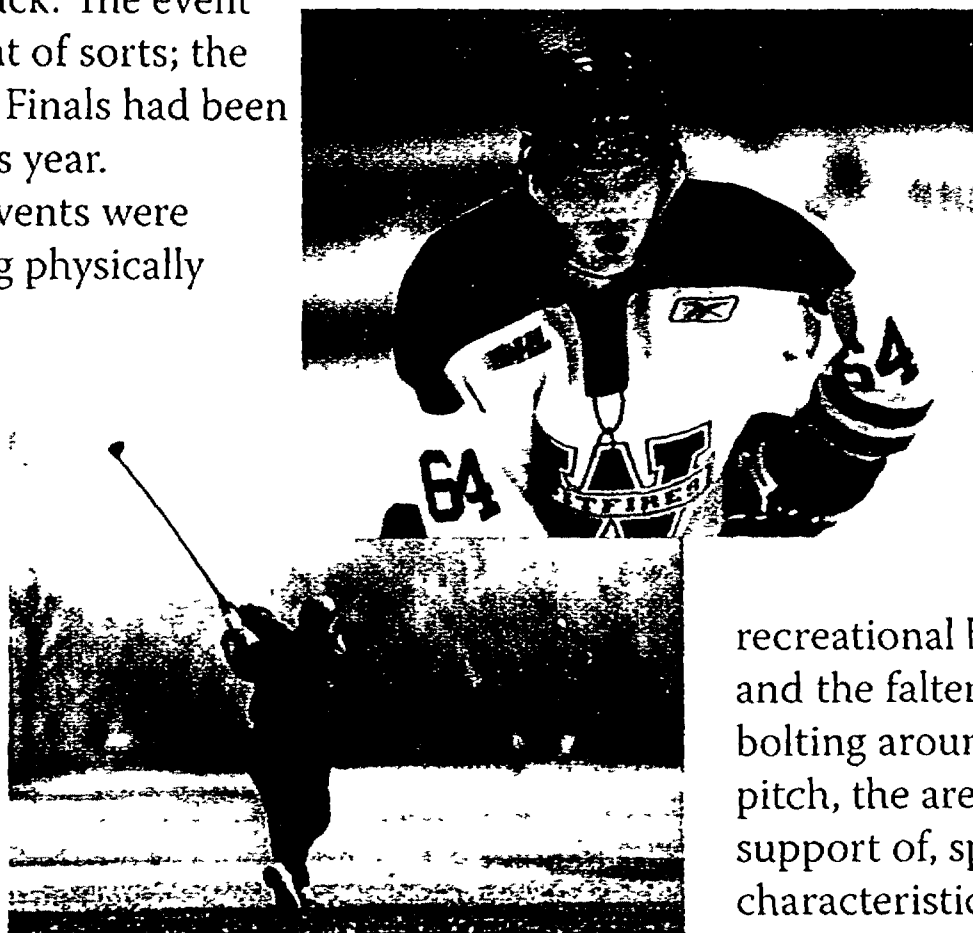
Concurrent to both events were championships featuring physically disabled athletes – a tradition that has been supported for decades through the locally inspired Windsor Classic Indoor Games for the Physically Disabled, an annual event that draws competitors from all over North America.

Golfers are rewarded by a longer season than almost anywhere else in Canada (some courses are open all year long) and by a number of

opportunities to watch their favourite professionals. The Buick Open is held in suburban Detroit every year, while other major events such as the Ryder Cup occasionally also find their way to the area.

Everywhere you look, on land or water, on our fields and in our stadiums, there's a year-round fever of activity in which competitors test their skill and drive, and a contingent of fans offering their encouragement.

From the highest levels of professional sport to adult recreational baseball, hockey, cricket, rugby and the faltering footwork of youngsters bolting around a Saturday morning soccer pitch, the area's commitment to, and support of, sport remains one of its defining characteristics. If you love sports and competition, you'll find that the Windsor-Essex area is always game for a good time.



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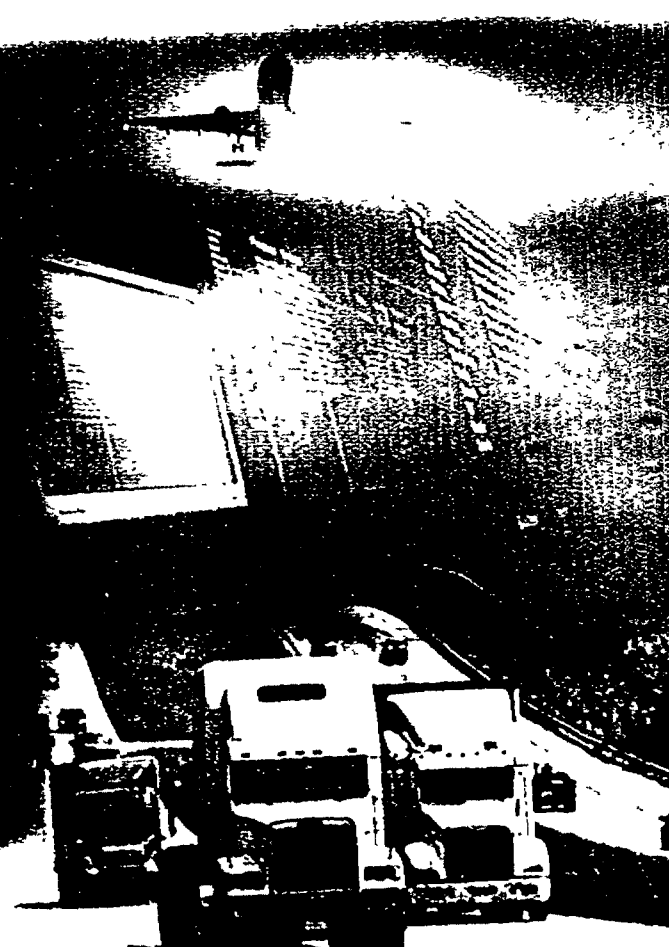
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Credit Unions : A More Personalized Approach to Personal & Business Financing

Amidst the turmoil and uncertainty of today's financial marketplace, credit unions serve as safe harbours for consumer saving. In Canada, more than five million residents and business owners are 'shareholders' in credit union co-operatives. Over the past five years the credit union system experienced a 46 per cent growth in assets (\$34.5 billion), a trend that continued in the second quarter of 2008 as system assets, savings/deposits and loans all experienced solid gains.

Why are Canadians turning to credit unions like United Communities, located in our Windsor-Essex region? According to the 2008 Synovate Customer Service Index based upon 35,000 responses, credit unions ranked ahead of all banks and other financial institutions in the following categories:

- Overall Customer Service Excellence
- They Value My Business
- Financial Planning and Advice
- Branch Service Excellence

Credit unions also tied for first in the following categories:

- Recommend to Friends and Family
- Telephone Banking Excellence

Above and beyond their financial stability, David Phillips, President and CEO of Credit Union Central of Canada, explained that Canadians like dealing with organizations that reflect their values. "The co-operative principles that credit unions adhere to lead us to focus on meeting peoples' needs and serving the communities where we live."

RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE

Social Responsibility is core to the roots and daily operations of Canadian credit unions like United Communities in Windsor-Essex, that are committed to supporting the health and well-being of their members and local communities. In a country where the average corporate charitable contributions and donations in total hover around one per cent of profits, many credit unions set higher targets which they consistently meet or exceed.

In 2007, United Communities Credit Union gave back close to 25% of their profits to the communities they serve.

United Communities' financial and human support includes community projects, healthcare, education, and economic development and it leads the way through green initiatives, comprehensive staff volunteer programs, and in developing youth leadership.

Taking a lead role in recognizing the serious economic challenges facing the Essex County region, its innovative approach to a solution resulted in a rare and unique financial private-public partnership between the credit union, The Windsor-Essex Development Commission, the City of Windsor, the County of Essex and the Windsor Star. The result? Significant funds provided the region to position itself for success in the global marketplace.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Credit unions, open to everyone, are far larger, more connected and more numerous than most people think.

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Owned and controlled by their members, credit unions don't just provide flexibility in how you access your accounts. They're also places where you can build long-term relationships with expert, approachable people who are dedicated to getting to know you. To find a credit union near you, visit www.cucentral.ca.

SERVICES FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Credit unions provide the right business account packages no matter what size or type of business you have. For example, in the Windsor-Essex region, United Communities finances everything from factories to home-based consulting firms and production agriculture to food processing. It has the resources, the expertise, the flexibility and the personal approach you need to grow and succeed, whether your business is small, large or planning to be large.

All decisions are made locally, and United Communities can finance business loans and lines of credit up to \$9.8 million.


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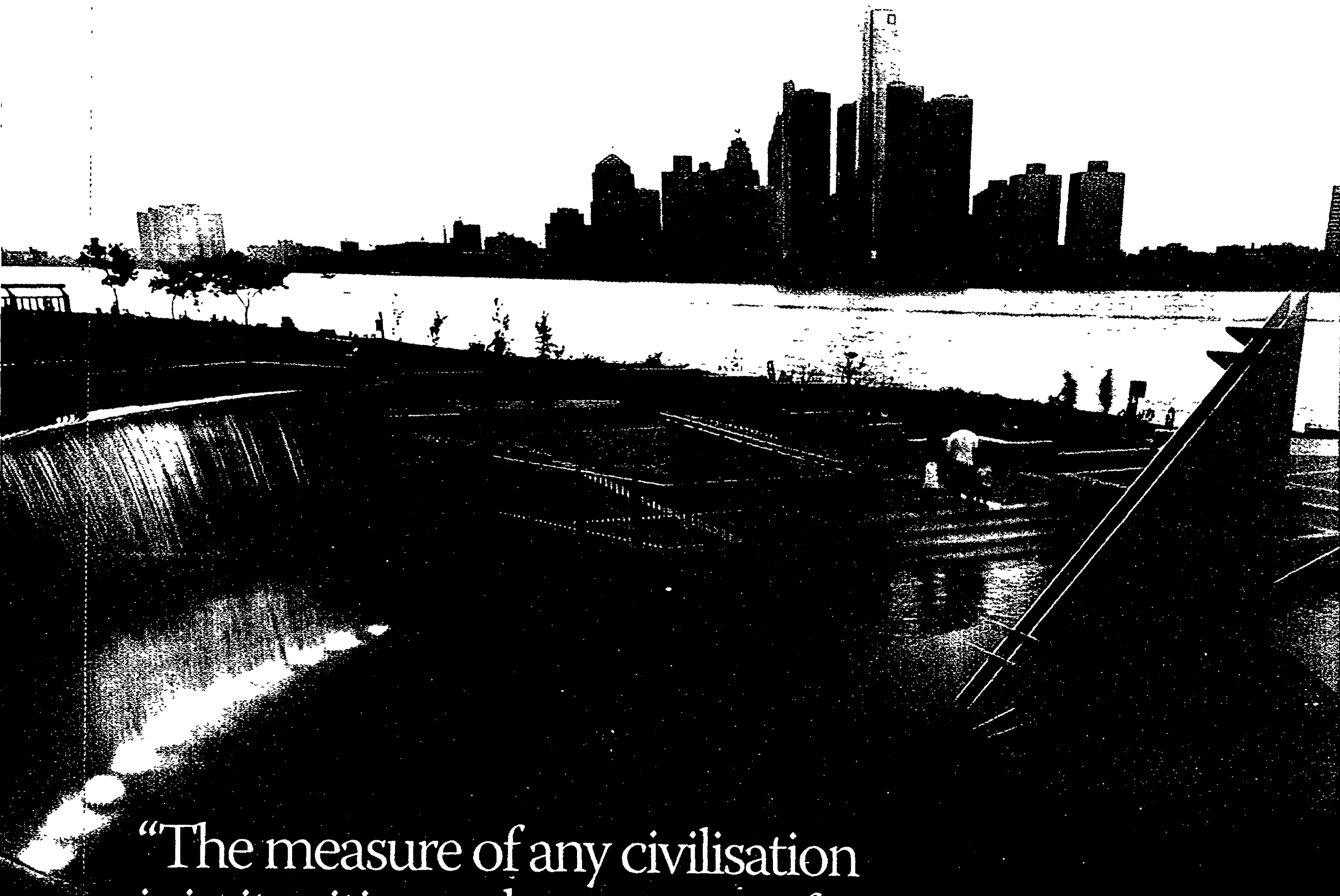
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“The measure of any civilisation is in its cities and a measure of a city’s greatness is to be found in the quality of its public spaces, its parks and its squares.”

— *John Ruskin*

*The Bert Weeks Fountain
on Windsor’s riverfront, with
Detroit in the background.*

I'm Eddie Francis,
and I invite you
to learn more
about one of the
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North America –
the City of Windsor.

Many cities claim to be the best of the best. While all cities sing their own praises, and we do that too, Windsor is fortunate because *others* say we live in a great city as well. The respected Financial Times of London recently named Windsor, Ontario the number one small city for business investment in North America, and Money Sense magazine recently ranked Windsor among the top fifteen per cent of communities in Canada for quality of life.

Nestled along the banks of the historic Detroit River in the heart of the Great Lakes, we are in a region that is home to 5.5 million people. Our community has a rich history and a bright future. We are known for our multicultural diversity and a healthy environment where citizens share a strong sense of belonging and a collective pride of place. Our great quality of life is reflected in our beautiful and safe neighbourhoods, vibrant cultural districts, over 3,000 acres of open green space, and unprecedented access to exceptional health care and education.



Windsor Mayor Eddie Francis

▲ Green Parks, Lakes and Rivers

Our riverfront park is spectacular and offers miles of shoreline waterfront property for park, festival and residential use; and the panoramic view of Detroit – our neighbour to the north – is dramatic. Our renowned riverfront park encourages biking, walking, jogging and roller-blading, and provides a setting for quiet moments of reflection in Canada's largest outdoor sculpture park. Through the summer months, residents and visitors alike enjoy a variety of festivals and events that occur at the Festival Plaza, the highlight of which is our international fireworks display - the largest in North America.

Windsor's 215 parks are a source of pride – offering some 3,000 acres of formal gardens, green spaces, and walking and cycling trails. In our city, we have North America's last remaining stands of Carolinian forest, as well as the only cactus plants that are native to Canada. Windsor is a uniquely "green" city that offers a wonderful outdoor experience.



"...Windsor's focal point must be its stunning waterfront parks. Creative landscaping, historical monuments, fishing alcoves, children's playgrounds -- all elements of a shoreline district with superb views of downtown Detroit, Belle Isle, and the endless stream of recreational and commercial vessels navigating the river."

- Luxury Travel Guide, 2008

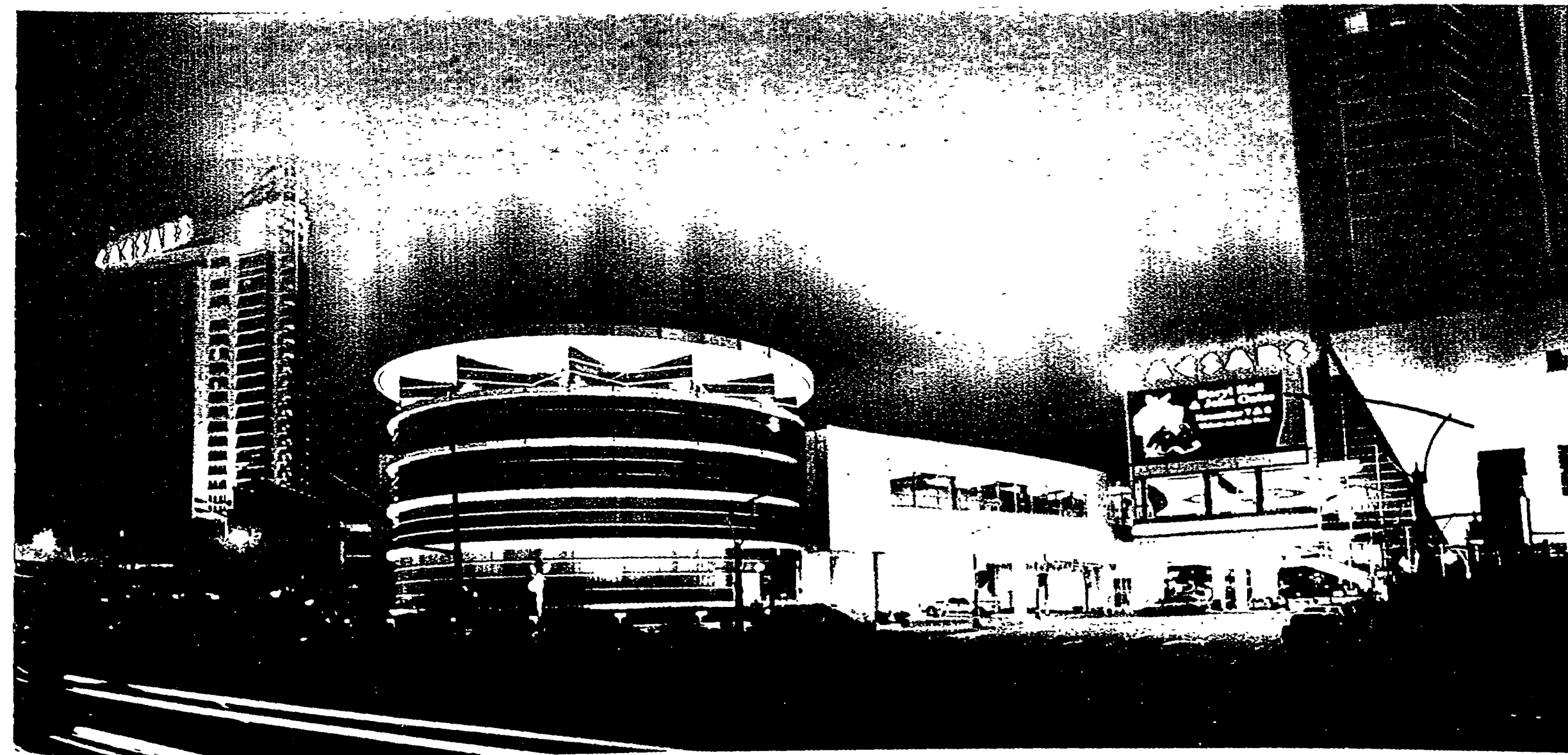
Above: picturesque riverfront gardens in downtown Windsor. Opposite: Canada's largest casino resort, Caesars Windsor.

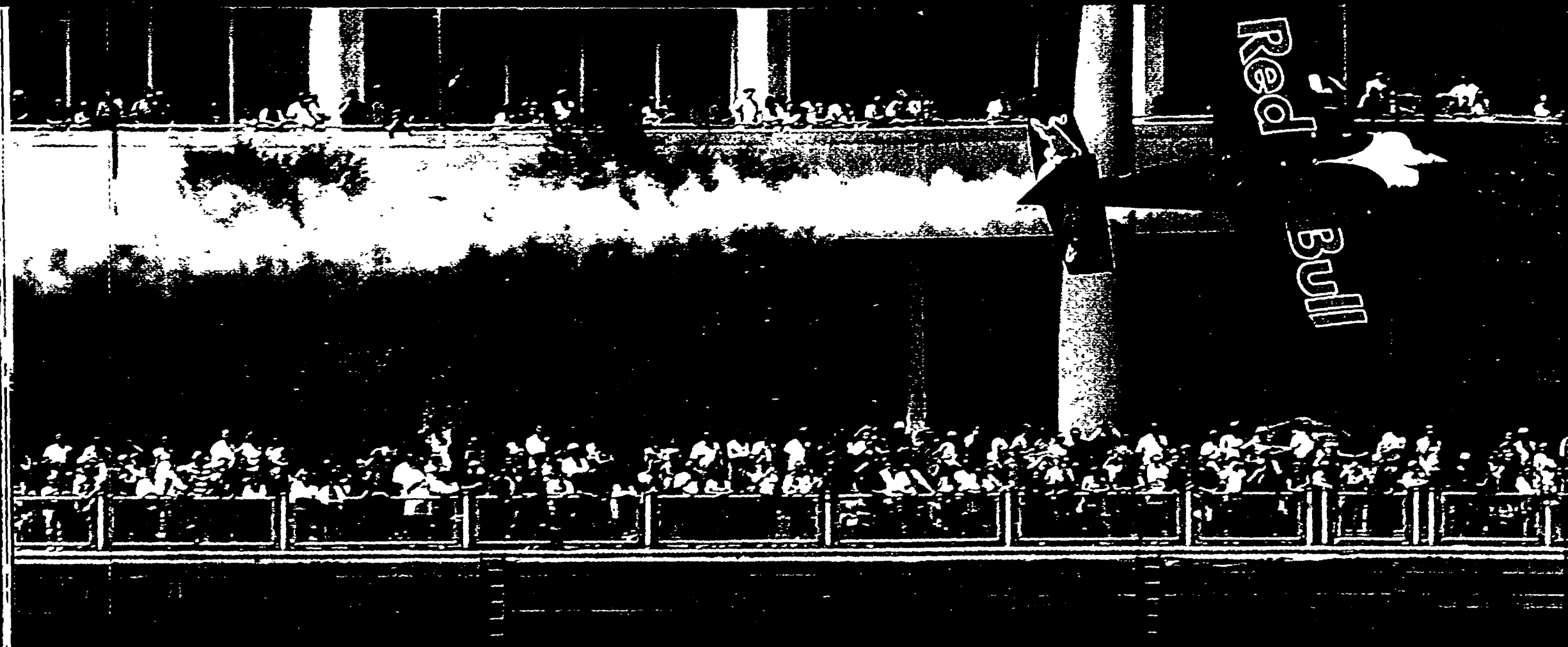
Windsor is a city on the water - with Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River, and Lake Erie offering scenic views and opportunities for sport anglers, sailors and power boaters. And our southern location offers a warmer climate. In Windsor, we still enjoy four distinct, beautiful seasons; we just add a little more emphasis to the warmer ones. That's a big boost for golfers, boaters, gardeners (who enjoy much longer seasons) and for seniors who've grown weary of dealing with heavy snowfalls.

▲ High Quality of Life

Windsor is a city of opportunity with a low cost of living. Few Canadian cities, if any, can make a high-standard of living as affordable as we do in Windsor. The arts thrive throughout Windsor at

a number of our galleries both large and small, all evidence of a strong artistic community. Key among these is the acclaimed Art Gallery of Windsor. The award-winning Windsor Symphony Orchestra performs a variety of classical masterpieces from Bach to Brahms and beyond. Top-notch theatre and concert events are offered all year round at the new 5,000-seat Caesars Windsor Coliseum, the St. Clair Centre for the Arts, and the University of Windsor, where the University Players showcase the talents of our prestigious dramatic arts program. Windsor's Community Museum chronicles our colourful history, while the Canadian Club Brand Heritage Centre and Willistead Manor stand as lasting reminders of the legacy of distilling magnate Hiram Walker.





Excitement! – The Red Bull Air Races and the Detroit Indy Grand Prix. Opposite: the annual Carrousel of Nations festival.

▲ Two Nation Destination

Our city is truly an international, cosmopolitan community with a rich cultural heritage and metropolitan appeal. The enduring friendship that binds Canada and the United States is reflected in the close ties between Windsor and Detroit and our surrounding regions. Windsor is the only Canadian City to have easy access to NBA, WNBA, NHL, NFL and MLB teams – all within a ten to thirty minute drive.

Thousands cross the border daily to enjoy professional sports teams like the world champion Detroit Pistons, Women's NBA champion Detroit Shock and the Stanley Cup winning Detroit Red Wings. For baseball enthusiasts and football fans, the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions are also within a ten-minute drive of downtown Windsor. The Detroit Indy Grand Prix is run close by on Belle Isle and we have recently begun hosting the phenomenal Red Bull Air Races over the Detroit River. Windsor-Detroit recently hosted NFL Super Bowl XL, Wrestlemania23, the Major League Baseball All-Star game and will host the NCAA Final Four in 2009.

The University of Windsor's top-level track facilities have hosted the Canadian Track and Field Finals and the Canadian Olympic Trials during the last two years. For local sports entertainment, we have the Windsor Spitfires – perennial favourites in the Ontario Hockey League.

Golf enthusiasts can choose from 26 courses across the region, including the Donald Ross designed, city-owned Roseland Golf & Curling Club or Windsor's newest public course, Ambassador Golf Club. Designed by award-winning architect



“A balanced blend of style and substance, Windsor and its surrounding communities offer a safe and visitor-friendly environment.”

– *Luxury Travel Guide, 2008*

Thomas McBroom, it was named one of the top-five new courses by Ontario Golf Magazine.

The Annual Detroit Free Press/Flagstar Marathon offers runners a unique experience. The historic 26.2-mile course crosses the U.S.-Canadian border twice. The spectacular run over the Ambassador Bridge into Canada loops around Windsor's waterfront heading towards the entrance to Canada's only underwater international tunnel linking Windsor and Detroit.

But the Windsor-Detroit experience goes well beyond sports. We also host local and international festivals and events celebrating everything from food, culture, national pride and international friendship, to music, film, local wines and more.

Rotary International chose our city to host the 2008 Rotary International Peace Summit, which attracted delegates from around the world.

Unique neighbourhoods and shopping districts present residents and visitors alike with a mosaic of culinary and retail experiences. Our large malls and quaint boutiques scattered throughout the city, as well as restaurants reflecting virtually every major culinary tradition, make for a memorable experience. From our famous Via Italia (Erie Street), to our historic Walkerville, Ford City and



Olde Sandwich districts, to the Wyandotte Street corridor, the Olde Riverside Town Centre, Ottawa Street, Pillette Village to our Downtown core, there is something for everyone. And, just a few minutes away by bridge or tunnel, Detroit favourites like Mexicantown and Greektown are readily available.



The Ambassador Bridge spanning the Detroit River links this renowned industrial centre (Detroit) to a true gem of Canadian majesty - Windsor, Ontario.”
— *Luxury Travel Guide, 2008*

▲ Skilled Workforce, Welcoming People

Windsor is proud of our highly skilled workforce. We are highly educated: 55 per cent of us have pursued a post-secondary education; we are adaptable; we are highly trained, and we offer incentives for businesses who wish to hire our workers. Our market isn't just Southern Ontario and Michigan. Our market is the world. We are experts in manufacturing, and the story of our city is told within the walls of our manufacturing plants. Our automotive manufacturers and our workforce can compete with the best in the world, and win. And in regards to innovation in our community; we are second to none in the world. When it comes to manufacturing skills and knowledge, we are the best.

Windsor is known for its multiculturalism. We're Canada's most diversified community on a per-capita basis. Windsor city services are available in 151 languages to callers and to in-person visitors at City Hall and its satellite offices. Newcomers to our city are greeted not only by a community and civic administration that, as a whole, embraces diversity, but also by a broad selection of ethno-cultural groups ready to support their transition to Canadian living. They find familiar voices and places of worship that celebrate their faith.

Our diversity and welcoming culture is a function of our proud and important history. You see, Windsor was the final stop of the Underground Railroad for people escaping slavery. Then, as now, Windsor was eager to welcome its newcomers and to help them establish a new life in our community. Many slave-descended families proudly continue to call Windsor home.

▲ Health Sciences and Post-Secondary Education

Lifestyle is greatly influenced by the availability of education and health care. We have both areas well covered, with a major composite university and a thriving community college. Windsor is also a regional centre of excellence in cancer and trauma care and a national leader in ophthalmological surgery and renal dialysis. With the addition of a recently operationalized medical school at the University of Windsor, the pace of health care development and research is bound to accelerate.

▲ A Strong Foundation for the Future

Research, technology and manufacturing in the Windsor area have grown into a \$30 billion industry

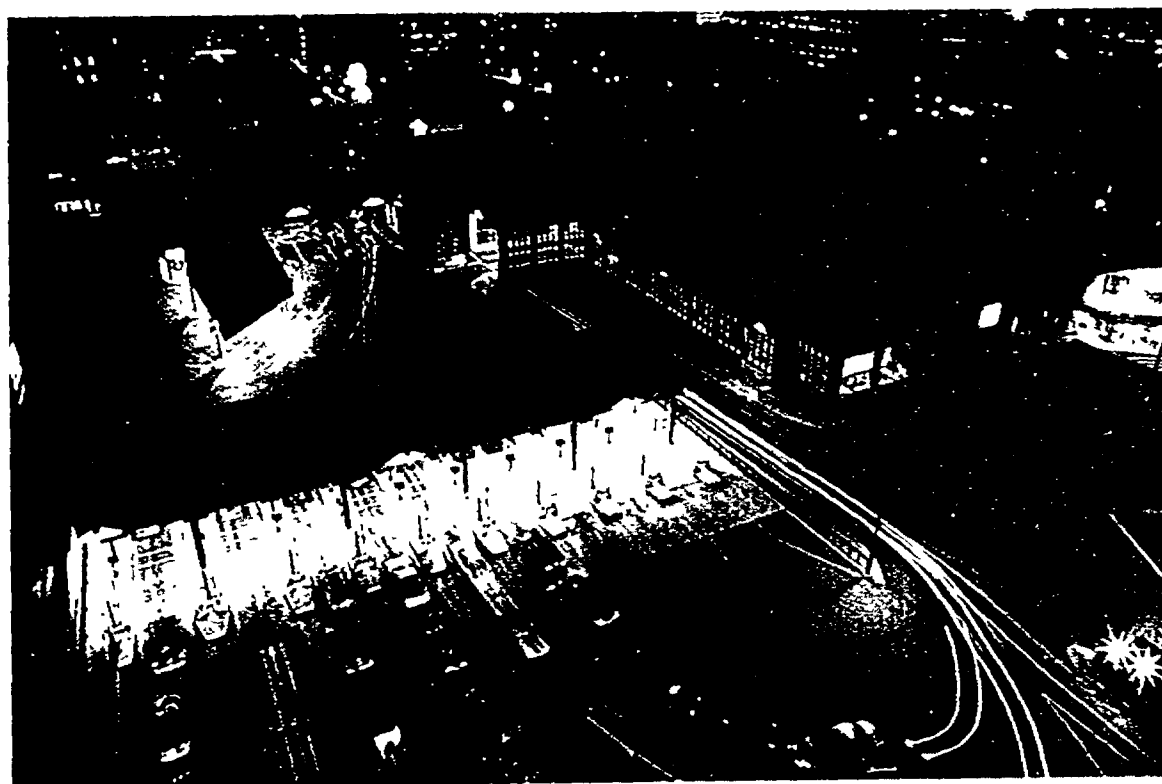
in our community and region. We have a proud history in automotive manufacturing and design, and are we are looking to the future in cutting-edge automotive research and development.

We also focus on environmental technology and R&D in emissions control, monitoring and measurement, and waste recycling. At the University of Windsor, there are several advanced manufacturing research facilities. Our region's agri-business industry is built upon the longest growing season in Canada. With 1,500 acres of vegetable and flower greenhouses, it makes up 14% of the region's GDP, exporting \$1.3 billion annually.

▲ Canada's Most Important Gateway: The World's Opportunity

As Canada's gateway to the NAFTA Trade Corridor, we provide unparalleled exposure and easy access to major air, rail and highway links on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border. This makes our city significantly desirable for commercial access to Canadian and North American markets. As

a result, we are home an extensive number of corporations whose products are available throughout the North American market.



*The entrance to the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel,
North America's only international tunnel.*

Over \$150 billion in overland trade passes through the Windsor Gateway's four crossing points: North America's busiest international commercial crossing, the Ambassador Bridge; the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel; Canadian Pacific Railway Tunnel; and the Detroit-Windsor Truck Ferry. Our city is a transportation hub for rail, truck, air, and deepwater shipping. We are home to 50 trucking companies, five air cargo carriers and 16 major docking facilities on the Great Lakes.

▲ A Bright Future for a Proud City

Windsor has all the advantages of a major North American metropolitan centre - access to the arts, culture, sports, entertainment, and a high standard of living. Yet we have very few of the problems that

major cities face. We have a very low crime rate, little traffic congestion, quick commute times, and a strong sense of community.

Moreover, we are an international city with great economic prospects and a highly skilled workforce that is eager to work. We have top educational institutions and

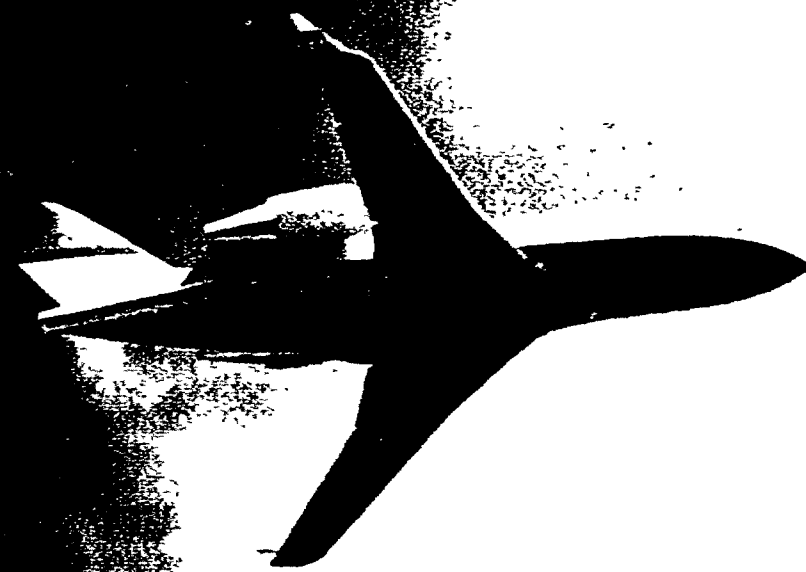
hospitals, and a breathtaking waterfront as the centrepiece of our parks system. We look forward to welcoming you to our home.

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ook up to the skies above Windsor on any given day and you'll see white wisps of vapour trails criss-crossing and disappearing in all directions.

With a newly rebranded regional airport, the city sits in the hub of an international network of air, land, sea

and railway transportation systems that includes Detroit, London and Toronto.

Windsor lies within 800 kilometres of 100 million people and the largest North American industrial markets. It sits beside a CN intermodal facility, CPR and CSX (potential intermodal facility), two major Canadian and U.S. highways (I-75 and Hwy 401), the future rail-and-truck Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor, the St. Lawrence Seaway and VIA Rail's Quebec City-Windsor Corridor.

Recognizing its enviable location in the busy hub, Windsor is also responding to changes in the travel industry. The former Windsor International Airport, recently rebranded Your Quick Gateway (or YQG), is undergoing a much-needed makeover and renovation. It follows the "aerotropolis" concept of aviation, based on University of North Carolina researcher John D. Kasarda's theories of the role of aviation in shaping 21st century urban growth.

"This concept shows how to use airports as economic engines and how to create entire cities

around an airport, making the airport a conduit for economic activity," says YQG general manager Federica Nazzani.

Windsor's runways can accommodate any size aircraft. Canada Customs services and bonded warehousing are available 24 hours a day. YQG's aviation fees, handling charges, fuel costs and leasing rates are among the lowest in Canada, with no noise restrictions or abatement procedures.

YQG participates in the international air cargo transshipment program, which allows air cargo to move through the airport to third countries. The Canadian Transportation Agency can authorize any foreign air carrier to use YQG to trans-ship international air cargo, even if these rights are not provided in Canada's bilateral air-transport agreements.

Among the new features at the recently expanded

YQG terminal is a children's area with a makeshift airplane cockpit. The area is custom-designed to allow kids to pretend they are pilots and to look out onto a runway.

Air travel options in the region also include Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. Only 45 minutes away, it is the 12th busiest in the U.S. with an average

36 million passengers crossing its gates each year en route to more than 160 non-stop destinations around the globe. Coleman A. Young International Airport, the former Detroit City Airport, is only 15 minutes from Windsor. It serves as a gateway to destinations throughout North America.



*The comfortable business lounge
at YQG (Windsor International Airport)*

Hot Properties: Opportunities in Industrial and Commercial Real Estate

By John Humphrey

Busy real-estate developer Tony Rosati is high on Windsor's potential for industry. "The industrial market has been slow, but there are some new energies and options coming along, such as logistics and warehousing," says Rosati, co-owner of the Rosati Group.

"With the new border crossing coming, the market for industrial properties will definitely be on the rise."

There are reasons galore to invest in the industrial real estate market in Windsor and Essex County, Rosati adds.

"The overall cost of industrial development here is very low compared to other municipalities not only in Canada, but across North America."

Factors Rosati says companies would be well-advised to consider:

- Windsor has no development charge for industrial new facilities, compared to fees as high as \$7.64 per square ft in Barrie, Ont.
- land cost is substantially lower than in other parts of Ontario, and
- ongoing utilities costs, like water and electricity, are lower than in other Ontario cities.

Also, the region is located on the North American Super Corridor with excellent international accessibility to water ports, rail and other transportation links, and its federal/provincial corporate tax rate is lower than many of the surrounding states. Rosati also points to the region's

available skilled labour force and 5.5 million-plus people within an hour's drive of Windsor and Essex County.

The Rosati Group is currently pushing an ambitious project known as Grand Central Park, turning a former Chrysler van plant into an industrial park.

"It is a 160-acre development in the heart of Windsor. The key feature is its transportation assets and easy access to main highways," he says. Rosati plans to sever the property into seven parcels ranging from about 18 acres to 45 acres.

Chrysler has already signed on to use 25 acres for storage of minivans and other vehicles. Rosati says other anticipated uses for smaller parcels of land within the proposed development are logistics, light assembly, research and development and warehousing.

Industrial land isn't the only draw to outside investors. A prominent Windsor developer has been busy pitching power brokers in Toronto and London, Ontario on Windsor as a low-cost location for white-collar operations.

Joe Mikhail, who runs Mikhail Holdings with brother Lou, says typical expenses for an office in Toronto, including taxes and upkeep, run about \$50 per square foot or about \$1 million per year.

"Now if that very same operation was here in Windsor, the rent, carrier costs and taxes equate to about \$350,000 per year. That is a savings of \$650,000 per year to maintain an office here just based on the overhead of rent, taxes and utilities."

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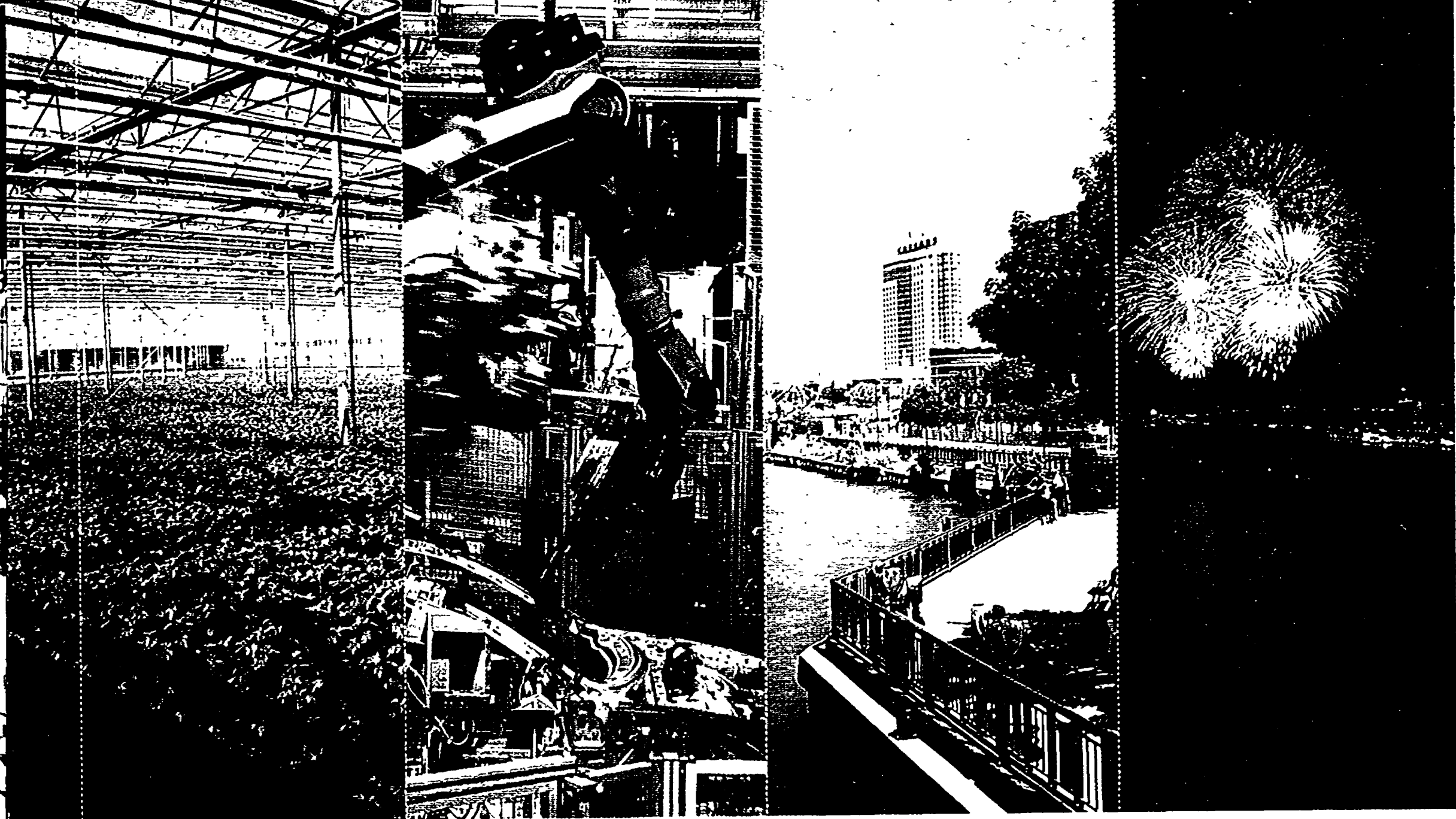
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Windsor-Essex: Tops in North America

“It came as a pleasant surprise, even for some of the area’s most ardent and vocal promoters,” says Mike Burton as we drive through the automotive capital of Canada. Burton is Vice President of the region’s Development

Commission and heads up the organization’s marketing and communications.

“Many people knew that the Windsor-Essex region is one of Canada’s best areas for investment and development, but it often takes an outsider’s recognition to really make people notice,” Burton adds.

In fact, the region was recently named the top small city in all of North America – by no less than the prestigious Financial Times of London’s Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) magazine.



Mike Burton

“The award, and the international recognition that goes with it, came at a good time,” says Burton. Indeed, it galvanized a region wrestling with shifting market tides and fortunes, economic realignment and an evolving sense of itself. In the process, it inspired a certain amount of pride in the community.



Remo Mancini

"For many outsiders, it also inspired a re-assessment of the region's strengths. Those strengths are many," says Remo Mancini, Chairman of the Board of the WindsorEssex Development Commission. "In naming us #1 in North America, the FDi Award team looked at a variety of strategically

important factors. We scored among North America's top five in several categories, in addition to being voted best overall. That's impressive by anyone's standards."

The areas in which the region scored top-five standings were: most business-friendly city, best development and investment promotion, best human resources, best quality of life, best infrastructure, and best economic potential. "Those are all critically important factors," Mancini points out, "to any investor evaluating a region for its development potential."

But as important as those factors are, they are

relatively general in scope. As Burton and I cross the city along E.C. Row Expressway, he points toward the Detroit skyline beyond. "There are many other region-specific factors that make us even more appealing – our proximity to the US market, for instance." I ask him to elaborate and he reels off a list that covers everything from the cosmopolitan lifestyle afforded by our border location and investment factors such as our access to water, a great shipping port, and international transportation routes both rail and road. Logistically we are absolutely in the best position to serve both the US and Canadian markets. Furthermore we have a skilled workforce second to none – on a global basis.

We're driving by the airport, which reminds him of a revealing anecdote. "A friend of mine is a local pilot," he explains. "He tells me that, ten years ago, the area's agriculture was almost entirely field crops. Now, he tells me, there are vineyards everywhere. Enough that you really notice the change, even from thousands of feet up." Indeed several new wineries have joined the long-standing local producers, bringing the local count to 13 with an investment in the millions of dollars. "The winemaking potential of

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Advancing automotive knowledge in Windsor-Essex



The automobile affects all aspects of Canadian society, from economics and business to the way people spend their leisure time. As Canada's largest industry, the automotive industry directly or indirectly employs one in seven Canadians. Historically, it has also been the single largest source of export earnings. The automobile is one of the most pervasive technologies of the 20th century – a technology that continues to shape society in the 21st century.

AUTO21, a Network of Centres of Excellence, is enhancing Canada's position as a leader in automotive research and development. Partnering the public and private sectors, AUTO21 currently supports more than 300 researchers across Canada working on 54 auto-related projects in a variety of areas. Since 2001, AUTO21 research has generated more than 90 auto-related patents that are improving the safety, energy consumption and performance of vehicles.

AUTO21 is proud to call the University of Windsor home.

Key industries

Leaders in advanced manufacturing, R&D, information technology and agricultural production.



MANUFACTURING

The people, the knowledge, the research and the infrastructure – all combine to make Windsor-Essex a pre-eminent North American powerhouse for manufacturing and a centre of excellence for the machine, tool, die and mold (MTDM) sector. The high level of skills and knowledge have for decades contributed to the region's international leadership in automotive engineering and manufacturing.



AEROSPACE

The aerospace industry has enjoyed a long presence in the area, with firms drawing on the local workforce's expertise in manufacturing aircraft components to the high standards demanded by the industry. One local manufacturer, Valiant Machine & Tool Inc. was recently recognized as a "Supplier of the Year" to The Boeing Company. Other aerospace companies can leverage these highly productive skill sets.



LIFE SCIENCES

This sector continues to build on the area's existing knowledge base in the manufacturing of precision medical and laparoscopic devices and in production of pharmaceutical tablets and soft gel capsules. Researchers are investigating non-intrusive medical/diagnostic imaging systems for application in many areas including the detection of cancer, heart disease, tumours and dental diseases.



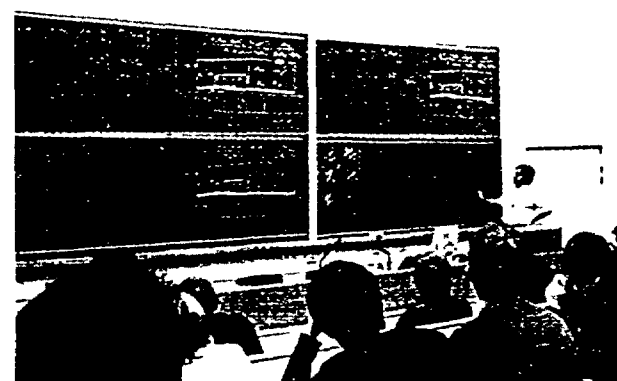
BUSINESS PROCESSING OPERATIONS

Several key factors combine to make the region ideal for contact centres, back-office operations and other information-based businesses: our exceptionally low cost of living, housing and business space costs; the availability of an educated, productive and flexible workforce; and a variety of employee-friendly lifestyle advantages.



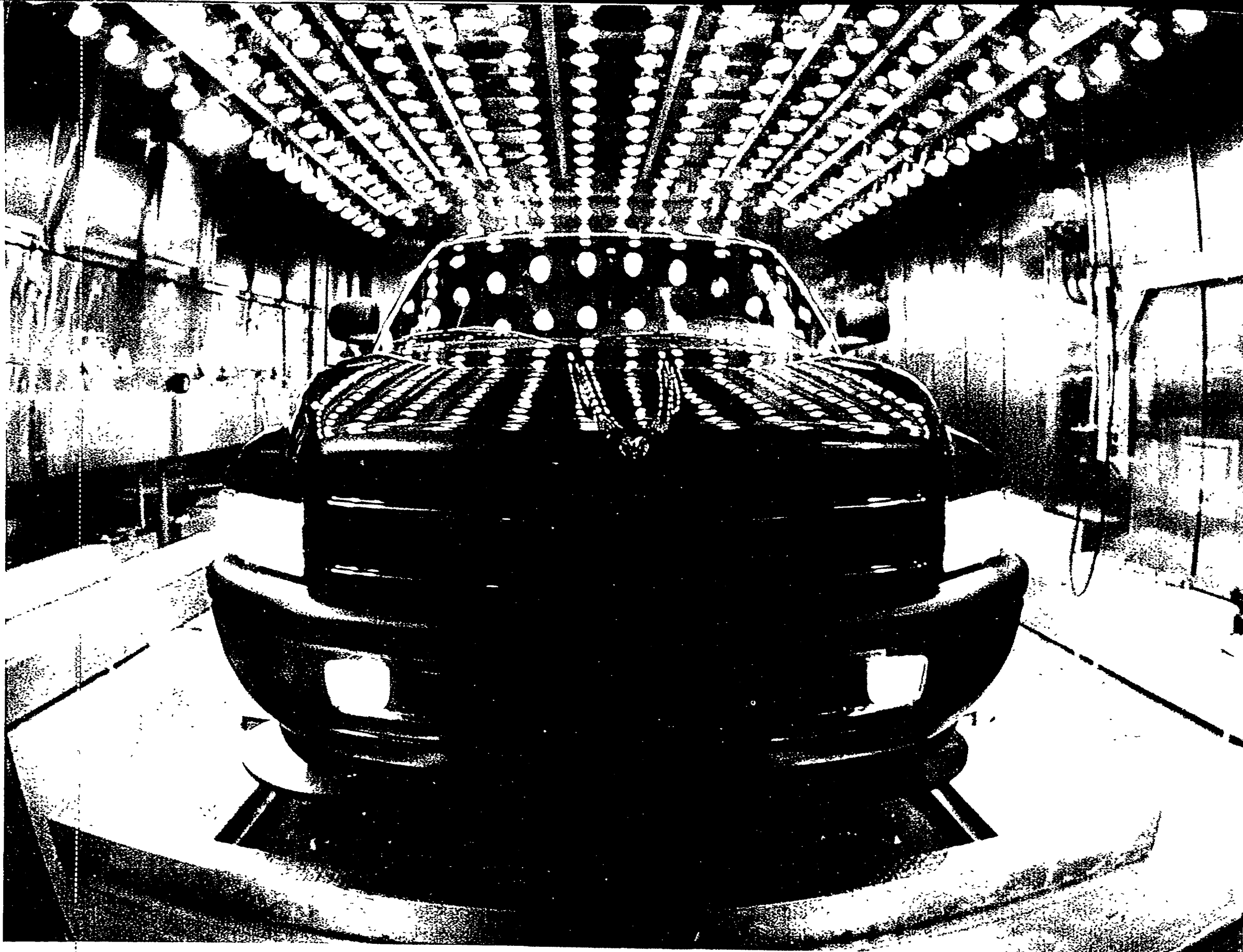
AGRI-BUSINESS

Our extensive greenhouse operations — over 1500 acres under glass — coupled with our easy access to major North American markets, make the area a world leader and an excellent location for food processing and logistics. The area is an increasingly important player in the making of top quality wines, particularly in the production of acclaimed ice wines.



EDUCATION/R&D

The region is home to two highly recognized post-secondary institutions — the University of Windsor and St. Clair College. We're one of Canada's top-20 centres for research, with world-leading programs in automotive engineering. The focus of our intellectual activity, however, extends into other disciplines at the vanguard of a broad spectrum of academic achievement.



the area is only now being realized," Burton adds, "and will likely continue to grow."

As we drive along we pass, on either side of the expressway, tidy industrial complexes where many of the region's key businesses turn out their high-tech products. Most are automotive related, but the scope of design and production has broadened considerably in recent years. Even so, there are vacancies and room for diversified development. Land is available and inexpensive.

"Look around us," Burton says. "It's all here, it's remarkably affordable, and we're connected to North America and the world in a way that should, by rights, put us at the very top of any developer's A list." Getting on those A lists is something he and his co-workers are working on very aggressively. By way of confirmation, he adds that inquiries have been up since the announcement of the award.

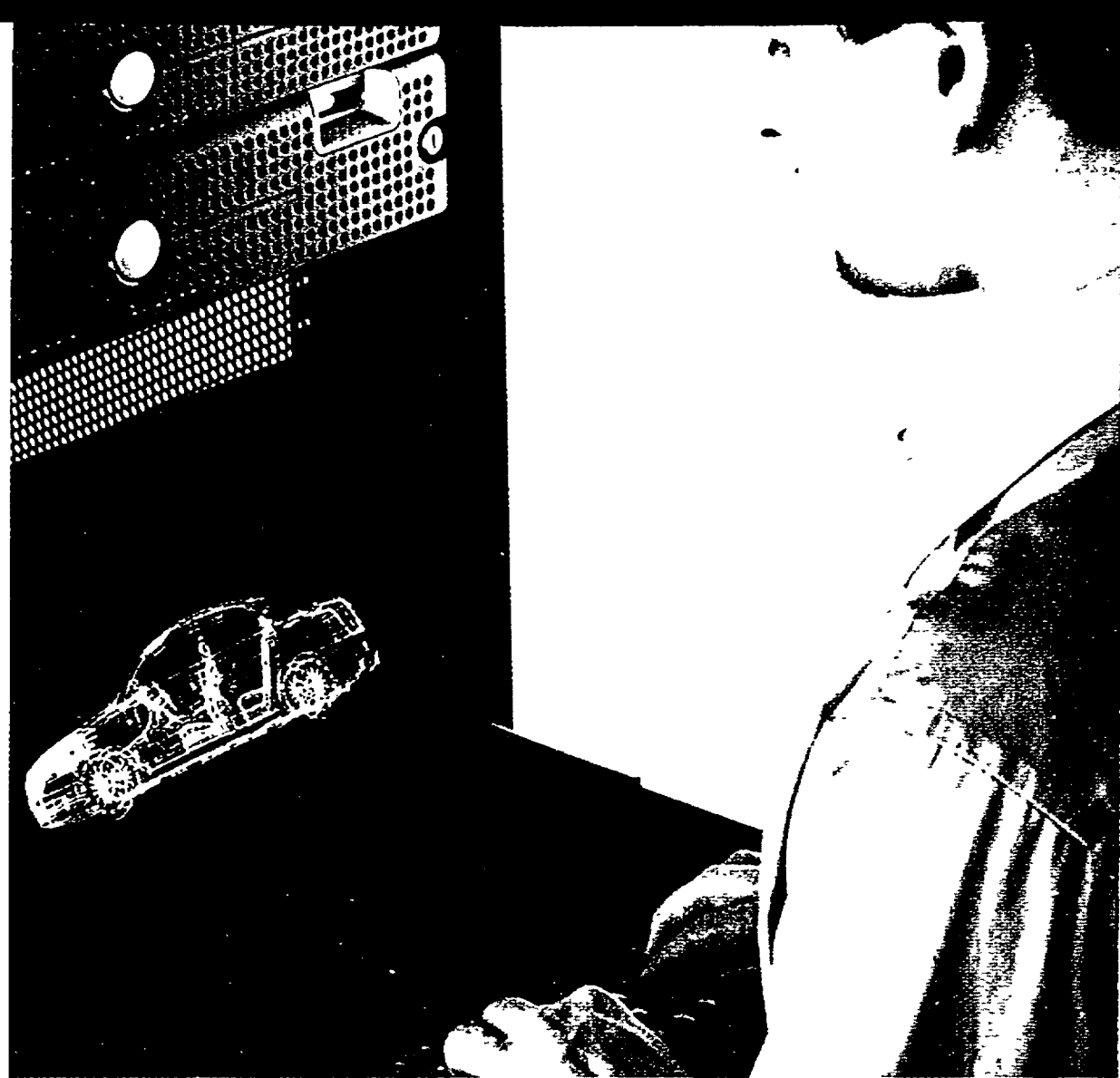
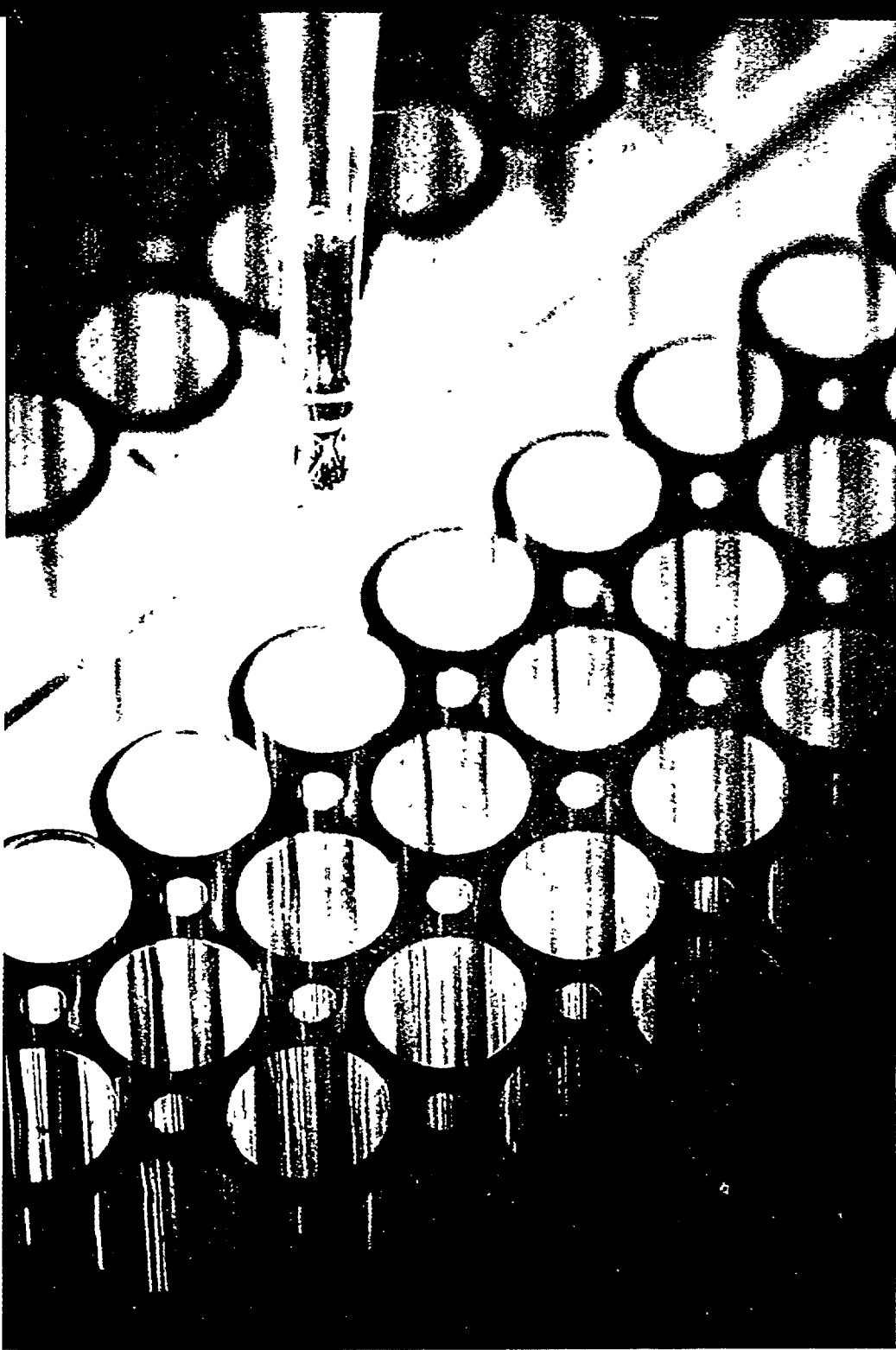
THE TOP IS ALSO THE CENTRE

North America's top small city/region is also its centre. Located on the Canada/U.S. border in Canada's deep south, Windsor-Essex sits within an easy day-drive reach of roughly half of the North American population – an economically robust market of over 125 million people. Connecting to this market and to the world beyond is easy, no matter how you choose to get there.

The area is served by three international airports – two in the nearby U.S., including a globally connected

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hub facility and Windsor's own full-service international airport, which can accommodate the world's largest cargo carriers in virtually any weather on a year-round basis. Several regional and local airports are also available to serve the needs of specialized and corporate travelers.

The area offers deep-water ports with ocean access via the St. Lawrence Seaway. The port is an important shipping centre, with extensive warehousing and stevedoring services. Port Windsor statistics indicate that the annual cargo of approximately 1,500 ships exceeds three million tonnes.

On land, the NAFTA superhighway, which runs through the heart of the region, seamlessly connects tourists and commercial carriers to U.S. and Mexican markets. The area's rail networks connect the region to the rest of Canada and, through an international rail tunnel beneath the Detroit River, to North and South America.

Back on the road, Burton and I have turned off the expressway and into the University of Windsor/Chrysler Canada Automotive Research

The low cost of doing business in Windsor-Essex

Windsor-Essex Region has in place a solid infrastructure to support growth and development. Utilities are highly affordable and communication is reliable. We're also one of North America's leading transportation hubs.

10-Year Average Annual Location-Sensitive Costs *Manufacturing Industry Average (\$000s USD)*

Location	Labour	Transport	Utilities
Windsor-Essex	5,434	637	471
Toronto	5,623	522	500
Chicago	6,336	663	500
Detroit	6,567	706	477

Centre. It's one of the most sophisticated auto research facilities in North America. That's fitting, given auto manufacturing's historic and ongoing importance to the regional economy. The facility itself is one of the many reasons why the region has evolved into the "Intellectual Capital of Canada's Automotive Industry."

The Centre was established in 1995 with a start-up investment of \$30 million from Chrysler Canada and Canada's three levels of government. Today, the Centre is the country's largest dedicated Automotive R&D facility.

Expansion, driven by an additional Chrysler Canada investment of \$500 million, includes: new state-of-the-art facilities and equipment for power train and chassis component design; automotive safety research; automotive coatings and paint materials and application methods; vehicle recycling research; fuel economy and emissions testing; road test simulation and vehicle lighting systems.

This and other activity has put Windsor-Essex among Canada's top 20 centres for research, a standing which is expected to grow in the coming years as diversification efforts push our economy ever deeper into value-added and intelligence-

related industries involving pure and applied research.

The Institute of Diagnostic Imaging Research is growing with an increase of private and public sector funding. Established at the University of Windsor's Physics department, the Institute

will grow to 100 employees in the near future. Further R&D facilities from the private sector will be announced in the very near future, all part of an exciting diversification into the R&D sector.

After a quick tour, we head south, into Essex County for a tour. We'll be looking at state-of-the-art agricultural technology, expansive greenhouses and micro-manufacturers in niche markets such as specialty sports equipment and the sites of many new alternate energy projects both wind and solar.

Afterwards, Burton has promised a tasting tour of his favourite local wineries. I'll enjoy that after a stimulating and informative day of exploring the area's riches and assets. It

will be fitting to raise a glass to Windsor-Essex and to the number-one standing it has earned the region in FDI Magazine's definitive review. Windsor-Essex clearly earned the distinction; it has what it takes to be number one in North America.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AND INCENTIVES

Companies investing in Windsor-Essex have access to a number of government support programs, particularly for wage and training support. The federal and provincial governments have several programs to support research, development and commercialization in innovative industries and to attract new investments and jobs in areas that offer potential for Ontario.

Support funding amounts depend upon the program and application. The Development Commission is available to assist you in planning your application.

Services for Small Businesses

The Windsor-Essex region's proximity to an international market makes it an attractive location for small business, particularly in retail, commercial and industrial development. The region also offers the small business owner a variety of city and town locations where they can enjoy the advantages of the city or a more relaxed small-town atmosphere, all within a half hour from an international border and one of North America's great cities. For entrepreneurs who are looking to establish or grow their ventures, there are a variety of governmental and non-governmental organizations readily available to lend a hand.

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The Windsor/Detroit Border Crossing: A Vital Trade Link

By Tim Fairhurst

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hey cross back and forth in an endless line, day and night, linking two countries like a constant handshake.

But the army of 10,000 trucks rolling daily over the Ambassador Bridge and through the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel do more than carry

cargo between Canada and the United States. They power the two countries' economies.

In 2007, the total U.S. trade with Canada was \$565 billion. About \$158 billion, or 28 per cent, passed between the United States and Canada at the Windsor-Detroit border, marking the busiest international crossing in North America.

Goods flow across the Detroit River at four points in the Windsor area: the Ambassador Bridge, the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, the Michigan Central Rail Tunnel and the Detroit-Windsor Truck Ferry.

For close to 80 years the Ambassador Bridge has loomed as a signature landmark and vital trade link. Construction started on the Ambassador Bridge in 1927 and was completed in 1929. At the time, it was the longest suspension bridge in the world

stretching 2.2 kilometres over the Detroit River and rising 152 feet above the surface.

OnFreight Logistics, a trucking company that moves everything from food products and alcohol to auto parts and raw materials, primarily uses the Ambassador Bridge.

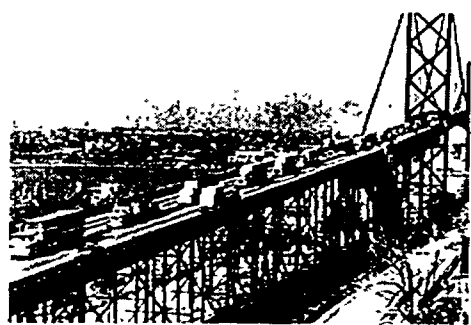
"Eighty per cent of our business is cross-border shipping," says Steve Ondejko, president of OnFreight Logistics. "For us, it is a crucial link to the United States and has an obvious time advantage to using the crossing in Sarnia, Ont."

The Detroit/Windsor Tunnel lies just upriver in the shadow of the bridge but is no less important as a border crossing point. Connecting the hearts of Detroit and Windsor, the tunnel serves as an essential connection for both moving goods and people — and thus promoting tourism.

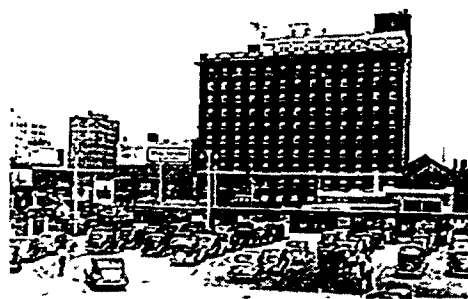
The tunnel lies 75 feet below the surface of the Detroit River and stretches just under a mile. Construction of the tunnel was completed in 1930 and was the world's first underwater international tunnel.

Owned and operated as a joint venture between the two cities, the Detroit/Windsor Tunnel handles almost nine million vehicles per year.

GETTING ACROSS: A QUICK CHRONOLOGY:



Ambassador Bridge
– completed in 1929



Detroit-Windsor Tunnel
– completed in 1930



Detroit-Windsor Truck
Ferry – operating more
than 100 years



Michigan Central
Railway Tunnel
– opened in 1910

In some instances, however, the Detroit Windsor Tunnel or Ambassador Bridge are simply not options. Lesser travelled border possibilities are the Detroit Windsor Truck Ferry and Michigan Central Railway Tunnel.

The Detroit-Windsor Truck Ferry has been in operation for more than 100 years transporting trucks, heavy equipment and hazardous goods across the Detroit River with a direct drive-on/drive-off service for most carriers.

Both United States and Canadian Customs have offices on each side for immediate clearance of people and cargo. Regularly scheduled crossings take only about 20 minutes and are an attractive alternative for many companies shipping hazardous materials.

The Michigan Central Railway Tunnel is another option. Constructed by the Detroit River Tunnel Company and opened in 1910, the railway tunnel features two tracks and can accommodate double-stacked, low-cube containers. Today, the Canadian Pacific Railway transports everything from automotive parts to consumer goods.

As one the busiest trade routes in the world, the Windsor-Detroit border supports an estimated 150,000 jobs in the region and serves as a link that facilitates a wide variety

of industries across the country. And the border is only getting better.

On the Detroit side, major construction of access roads and a new customs plaza at the Ambassador Bridge will increase capacity for the existing span.

The Ontario government plans to spend \$1.6 billion to build a new truck route to the new bridge. When complete, the new border crossing will move the region into the 21st century as an even larger player in international shipping and commerce. And that ongoing Canadian-American handshake will no doubt only intensify.



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By working together towards environmental improvement, the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) and the Essex Region Conservation Foundation, along with the Windsor-Essex community are enhancing the quality of life in the area for generations to come, to achieve:

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Forty years ago, most immigrants were Caucasian, coming from Italy, Greece and other parts of Europe. Since 1991, the vast majority of immigrants are visible minorities arriving here from China, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Lebanon and the Philippines. In 2001, 22 per cent of the city's inhabitants were born outside Canada, which is the fourth-largest percentage of foreign-born residents of all cities in Canada.

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he new face of Windsor is increasingly the familiar face of the United Nations. As one of Canada's most diverse communities, Windsor not only makes this region a more richly cultural place to live, but can also be a boon

to economic investment. Michael Burton, vice-president of the Windsor-Essex Development Commission (WEDC), says the diverse community helps attract investment.

"In particular, if the individual considering the investment comes from an ethnic group that is well-represented here, it helps to make them feel more at home," Burton said.

"For instance, we are close to Dearborn, which is home to the largest Muslim population outside the Middle East, and we have our own strong Muslim community, which would all be very attractive to a Muslim investor."

With its culturally diverse population, proximity to the U.S. and research talent, Windsor could duplicate Vancouver's success in attracting high-tech giants like Microsoft.

In 2005, Microsoft announced it would open a new office in Vancouver to develop software programs and draw new talent from Canada, the U.S. and abroad. The company said it chose a Canadian location in part because Canada's immigration policies aren't as restrictive as those in the United States.

By 2016 experts predict Canada will have to rely on immigrants to refresh the country's labour pool. By 2017, almost a quarter of Windsor's residents

will be visible minorities.

"Rich diversity makes Windsor an attractive option to many people," says Kathleen Thomas, Multicultural Council of Windsor & Essex County executive director.

"Windsor is a cosmopolitan city," Thomas says. "Diversity itself often draws people to the city and helps to make immigrants feel right at home. "This area has the warmest weather, is well known for great hospitality, offers accessibility to the U.S., which means expanding job opportunities in health care and education.

"We have lower housing costs and a safe place to raise children. These are all attractive qualities to

draw newcomers to make their new life here."

The City of Windsor even has a diversity and accessibility officer to ensure newcomers have access to services.

Within nine years, 23 per cent of Windsor-area residents will be Chinese, South Asian, Arab, black or Filipino, while only 20 per cent of Canada on average is expected to be as diverse.

While the visible-minority population is expected to more



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than double to 96,600 by 2017, the Windsor metropolitan area is projected to top 415,900 residents, a 24 per cent increase from 2001.

Immigrants settle in Windsor because of word-of-mouth, family ties, manufacturing-based employment, and the city's proximity to ethnic populations in Michigan.

As Windsor's people change, so does its look. One only has to visit Erie Street (Little Italy) or Wyandotte Street East, bubbling with Middle Eastern influence, or Wyandotte Street West with its rich Asian culture, to see how immigration has contributed to dynamic neighbourhoods.

Jeff Burrows: And the beat goes on

By Kim Pallozzi

Teff Burrows, the drumming heartbeat behind former Canadian rock band The Tea Party, rounds out a media

Rolling Stones, Lou Reed, AC/DC, the Nine Inch Nails and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Now dancing to the beat of many different drums, Burrows remains a percussionist as well as a

Left: Jeff Burrows, former Tea Party drummer, is shown behind a drum kit at the CKUE FM studios in Windsor where he is a Rock 95.1 DJ. (Windsor Star file photo) Below: In 2006, Burrows jammed with Alex Lifeson (left) and Geddy Lee of Rush for the soundtrack of the 2006 Trailer Park Boys: The Movie.

The Art Decay with former band member Stuart Chatwood.

The Art Decay is "dark and new wave with a rock feel to it," he says. "It's kind of like an angry Cure. It's very melodramatic."

Burrows's other role as the mid-day radio host for Blackburn Radio's CKUE-FM The Rock also keeps him pumped.

"It's a really cool opportunity to tell a story or two while being an on-air personality and taking advantage of that public forum to promote as many charitable organizations as I can," he says. "It's great because it allows you to put your best foot forward and try to better your community, or at least be a part of it."

Involved with numerous charities across the region, his list of commitments reads like a volunteer-convention itinerary. From

Transition to Betterness (or T2B) is an organization that provides comfortable environments for children who have fallen victim to cancer and Motorcycle Ride for Dad helps raise money and awareness for prostate cancer.

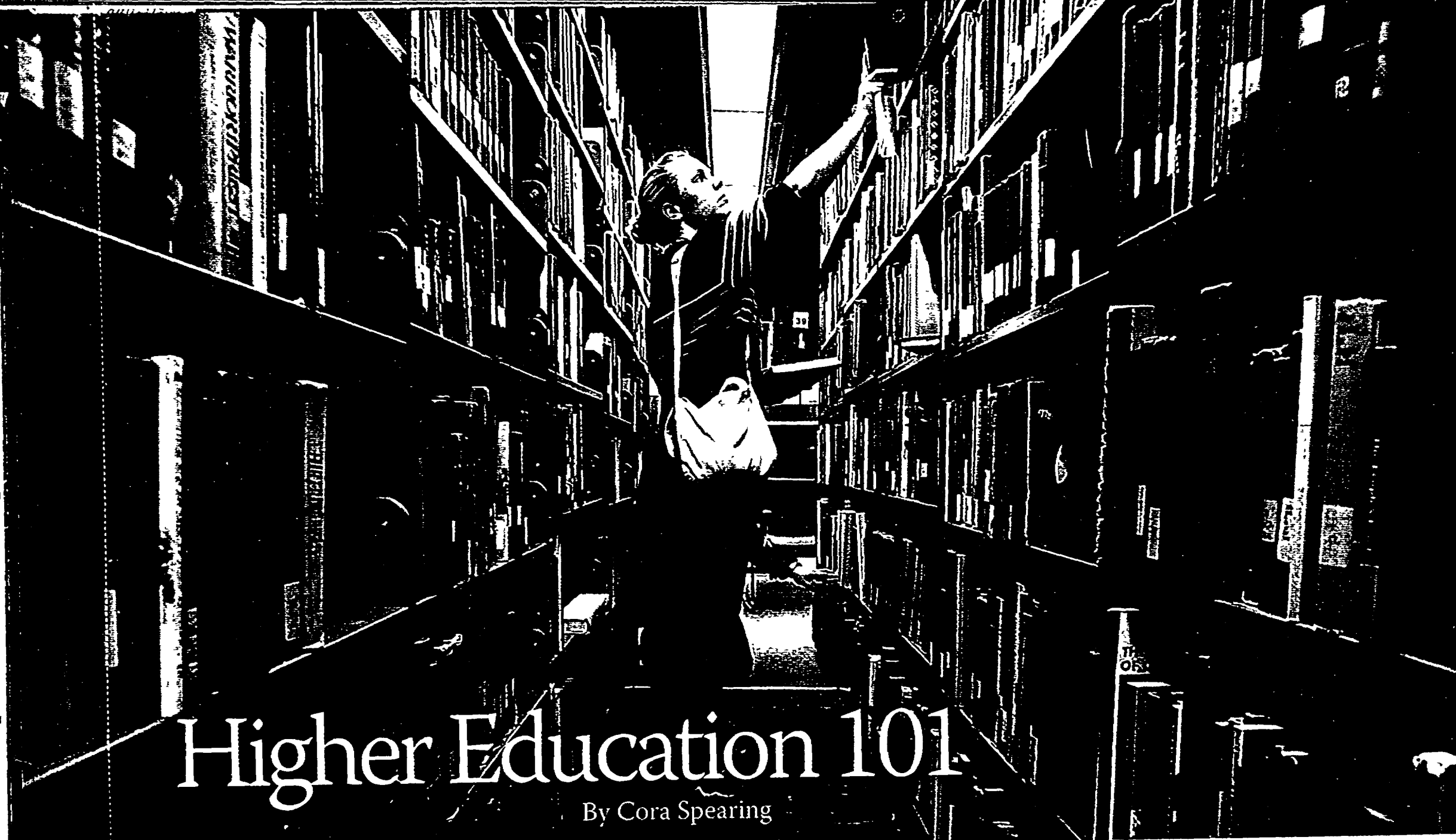
"I'm really cognizant of where the money goes and that's why I got involved with T2B and Motorcycle Ride for Dad. Everything is 100 per cent local," he says. "I'm a simple man and I like to see simple results. If you're able to turn a drab hospital room into something livable for a four-year-old who's dying of cancer, then that works for me."

As for his thoughts on Windsor-Essex, he calls the region "a bit of a hidden treasure." The wineries, mild climate, "thriving" scene, easy accessibility and the friendly people all play a factor in his appreciation of the region. Aside from the region, Burrows enjoys being close to his family.

"I love to travel and see new things, but there's nothing better than coming home," he says. "There's also

In 2006... he worked with Rush's Geddy Lee and Alex Lifeson on Sonny Curtis' "I Fought the Law" for the Trailer Park Boys: The Movie soundtrack





Higher Education 101

By Cora Spearing

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igher education is a growth industry in Windsor. The University of Windsor and St. Clair College are both undergoing major transformations — in look and programming.

A new medical school opened this fall at the University of Windsor, in conjunction with the University of Western Ontario, while the biggest project in the school's history has been approved: a \$110-million Centre for Engineering Innovation.

The St. Clair Centre for the Arts, a new downtown Windsor campus, recently opened overlooking the banks of the Detroit River, providing a cosmopolitan view and flavour for programs such as art, music, drama, journalism, and culinary arts. Plus, the school has launched a \$23-million capital campaign to build state-of-art physical training facilities in Windsor and Chatham.

Ontario finance minister Dwight Duncan has already said he wants another blockbuster development: a collaboration between the University of Windsor and St. Clair College on a health-sciences training centre that would likely

cost between \$30 and \$50 million.

"If these great institutions work together, we can do a lot more," Duncan told the Windsor Star in September after the grand opening of the university's medical school. "It makes it easier for the province to get involved."

But the schools are growing more than physically. They're also growing academically. Today's technological environment means many jobs now require some level of specialized skills — so Canadian colleges and universities are offering a more hands-on approach to education. The practical shift works particularly well in Windsor, where educational institutions already have a longstanding relationship with industry.

"The college's mandate is to be involved with industry in training people for the kinds of things they require," St. Clair College spokeswoman Ann Hetherington said. "Our Program Advisory Committee is made up of business owners and community leaders who work with us to promote training and help identify the needs of industry."

She said college course curricula are developed with careful consideration of on-the-job requirements so that students "hit the ground running" upon their introduction into the workforce.

Melissa Scheele, 19, in her second year of the Music Theatre Performance program at St. Clair College's downtown Windsor campus, hails from Chicago but believes in Windsor for advanced studies.

"The riverfront campus is beautiful and the weather is good for much of the year. The city itself is very safe and the people here are so friendly," Scheele said. "All of that aside, the curriculum is very demanding but gets the best out of the students."

Talent scouts and casting directors from nearby Toronto and Stratford playhouses and production companies recruit actors and actresses, stage and lighting technicians and support staff.

Besides a higher profile with the arts, many St. Clair College programs have been modified to accommodate the growing need for mature students.

Enter the "Fast Track" concept. Compressed-time diplomas allow mature students more opportunity to gain accreditation. Law and Security, CAD/CAM, Power Engineering Technology and Web Development programs are all offered with compressed formats – and capacity enrolment.

The University of Windsor also offers flexible courses for working professionals, such as the "weekend MBA" program, with classes on alternating Friday nights and Saturdays for 22 months.

Students earn their MBA in less than two years, all the while keeping their day job.

Meanwhile, the University of Windsor's proximity to the United States has helped create the first joint Canadian/American law degree program. Working with the University of Detroit Mercy just across the border, the program produces graduates who can practice law in both Canada and the United States.

Joe Vernon graduated from the University of Windsor's Law program in

2005 and is currently a commercial litigator with Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone in Detroit.

"Being able to practice in two countries is a great benefit to clients, who really value the ability to have seamless representation in more than one jurisdiction," Vernon said. "From a student's perspective, having two degrees makes you more marketable to the bigger firms who are constantly expanding into new markets."

Another venture that has met with great success is the University of Windsor's association with the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry based at London's University of Western Ontario. The University of Windsor campus offers a complete undergraduate medical program that began in September.

The Windsor program will be delivered at the Medical Education Building at the University of Windsor, at Windsor Regional Hospital, Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital and elsewhere.

The demands of today's increasingly niche-minded workforce are growing. So too are the educational options in Windsor-Essex.

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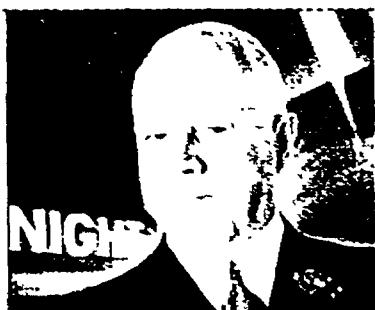
"Windsor has faced up to the weight of American culture and survived. We've shown that it can be done."

- *Former Prime Minister Paul Martin Jr.*
Source: *Interview with The Windsor Star*



"The teachers I had in Windsor moulded me. If it wasn't for them ... I don't know if I would have ended up where I am today."

- *Former Windsor resident Mike Lazaridis, founder and co-CEO of Research in Motion and originator of the BlackBerry.* Source: *The Windsor Star, 2003*



"I loved Windsor. I had such a grand time."

- *Hockey Night in Canada commentator and national icon Don Cherry on his 1951-52 stint with the Windsor Spitfires.*
Source: *The Windsor Star, 2002*



"I lived (in Leamington) for four years, so I'm kind of a native son there. It was really one of the happiest times of my life. The fishing in Lake Erie was wonderful."

- *Geneticist and environmentalist David Suzuki.*
Source: *The Windsor Star, 2007*



"I'll be back, I promised myself. Windsor is on my map."

- *Writer and broadcaster Noah Richler, author of This is My Country, What's Yours? A Literary Atlas of Canada.* Source: *The Globe and Mail, 2006*



"I remember many are-you-all-right kind of eyes watching over me."

- *the late June Callwood, journalist, feminist and social activist, on growing up in Belle River, a community east of Windsor, during a speech at the University of Windsor.* Source: *The Windsor Star, 1990*

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Allow us to introduce ourselves. Essex County is located in the south west corner of Ontario, neighbouring Windsor, and Detroit, a short river crossing away.

At the same latitude as northern California, Barcelona, Spain and Rome, Italy, we are blessed with a unique climate having the mildest winters and the longest growing season in the country. As a result, Essex County has become one of Canada's most important agricultural areas, supporting the largest concentration of greenhouse vegetable production in North America. Ideal climatic conditions have also fostered a burgeoning wine industry, and award winning wines now identify Essex County as one of the premier wine producing areas in Ontario.

Essex County's strategic position on the U.S. border has played a key role in its success. Detroit's International Airport, a 45 minute drive from Windsor, and Windsor Airport provide timely access to and from all parts of the globe. With access to the air, water, rail and road links so vital to manufacturing, this area has grown to be the industrial heartland of Canada, a world leader in automotive research and innovation. With the highest concentration of tool and die industries in Canada, a highly skilled work force, and the leadership of some of Canada's most savvy entrepreneurs, Windsor-Essex is poised to play a pivotal role in the changing economy.

Enhancing the area's attraction for new investors is a substantial commitment by local government to establish broadband

connectivity across the County.

Essex-Windsor intends to retain its

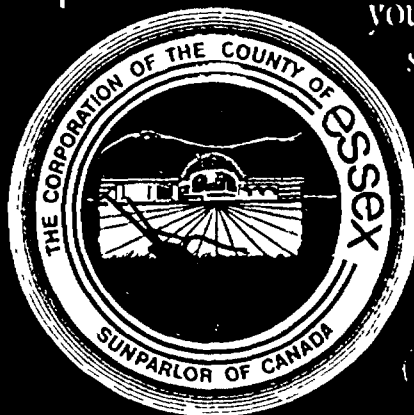
reputation as an industrial powerhouse by providing for a technology based economy.

Proximity to the U.S. has also been an important factor for tourism.

Lucrative Michigan, Ohio and Indiana markets are within a day's drive of the border. Essex County's trolley tours, parks, and wineries, Windsor's recently expanded casino, Art Gallery and Symphony Orchestra - all work in concert to make this a year-round destination.

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Nino Ricci: A Life in Letters

By Kim Pallozzi

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ike the everyman heroes in his richly realized stories, Nino Ricci had an unlikely beginning for his chosen career.

The acclaimed Toronto-based novelist began life as the son of Italian immigrant farmers in Leamington, Ont., a quiet farming community on the shores of Lake Erie.

His parents knew the value of family and hard work — but, at first, did not quite understand how lifting a pen instead of hay qualified as employment. Still, they allowed their son his literary diversions

between regular duties of agricultural life.

“We had a greenhouse farm, so there was work all year,” Ricci recalls of weekends and summers.

“School was kind of a respite in that regard.”

His academic interest paid off, since Ricci now stands as one of Canada’s most celebrated novelists, with a career that spans more than 15 years.

He just released his newest work of fiction, *The Origin of Species*, which hit bookstores nationwide on Sept. 30 and was short-listed for the prestigious Giller Prize on October 7.

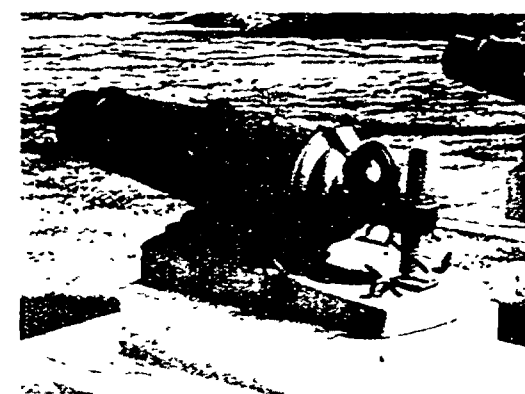
Ricci laughs that he feels “shell shocked” after the flurry of activity surrounding the book’s release, despite that it isn’t such a new experience for him.

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Where you belong

Cashing Out and Trading Up

By John Humphrey

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hill Young knows how to make the most of retirement: sell your home and pick up one just as nice for half the price.

His trick — unload your big-city suburban home and move to the Windsor area, Canada's southernmost tip, where the summer sun and

real-estate deals are equally hot.

Phill and Fran, his wife of 42 years, sold their Mayfair Shoes outlets in Edmonton and headed to Canada's sun parlour to be closer to their son, who moved to the area years ago to attend the University of Windsor. After obtaining his MBA here, Chris Young settled down, got married and started his own family. His parents packed up and settled in Lakeshore, a growing community in Windsor-Essex.

"The inherent advantages in coming here, obviously, are the weather, the affordability of property and the closeness to Detroit and all of its activities," says Phill. The Youngs sold their 2,600-square-foot house in the Edmonton area and purchased a 2,400 square foot home in Lakeshore for approximately half the price.

"The general rule of thumb is that the price of real estate in Windsor-Essex will cost you about half of what it does in the Edmonton area," says Phill. The couple lived in St. Albert, north of Edmonton, a community similar to Lakeshore.

"Both are great places to live. Both are very community-minded towns," says Phill, who was born and raised in Winnipeg and also lived in Toronto before moving to St. Albert 32 years ago.

Phil Dorner, president of the Windsor-Essex County Real Estate Board, says the average price of a home in Windsor is \$165,000. Compared to homes selling for more than \$300,000 in Toronto and \$500,000 in Calgary and Vancouver, Dorner says, "We are one of the most affordable places to live in. We have enjoyed that distinction for quite a while."

Phill Young says Windsor and Essex County are Canada's best-kept secrets when it comes to quality of life. He also thinks towns like nearby Leamington have great potential as retirement communities.

"People can sell their million-dollar homes in Toronto when they retire," Young says. "And then they can move down here and buy the same size house for about \$300,000 and live off their savings."

REAL ESTATE PRICE COMPARISON: Similar properties in two communities


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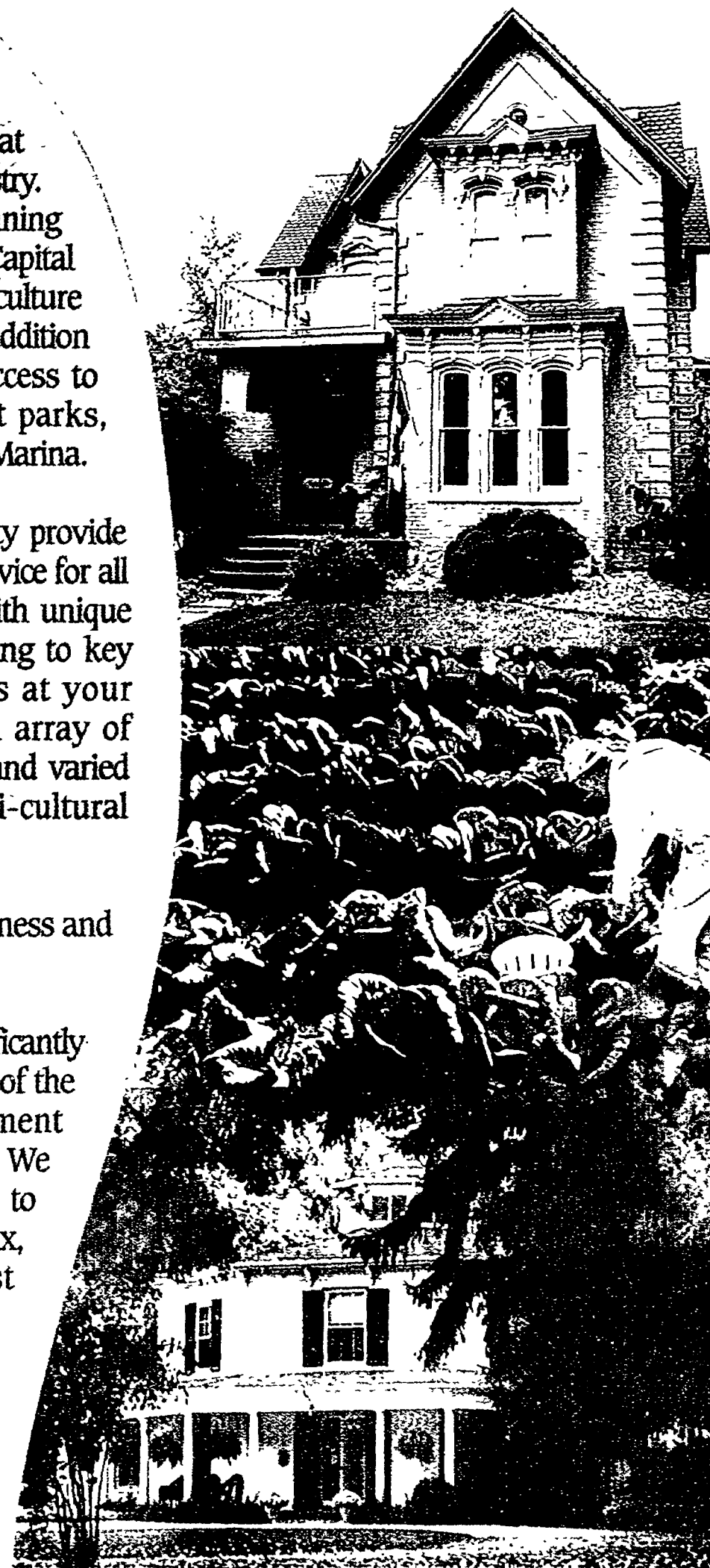
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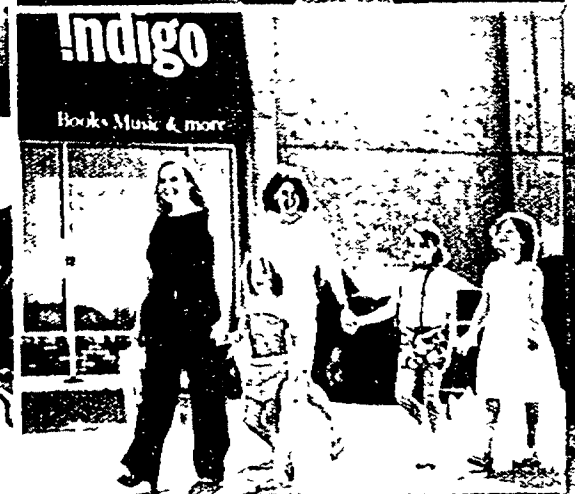
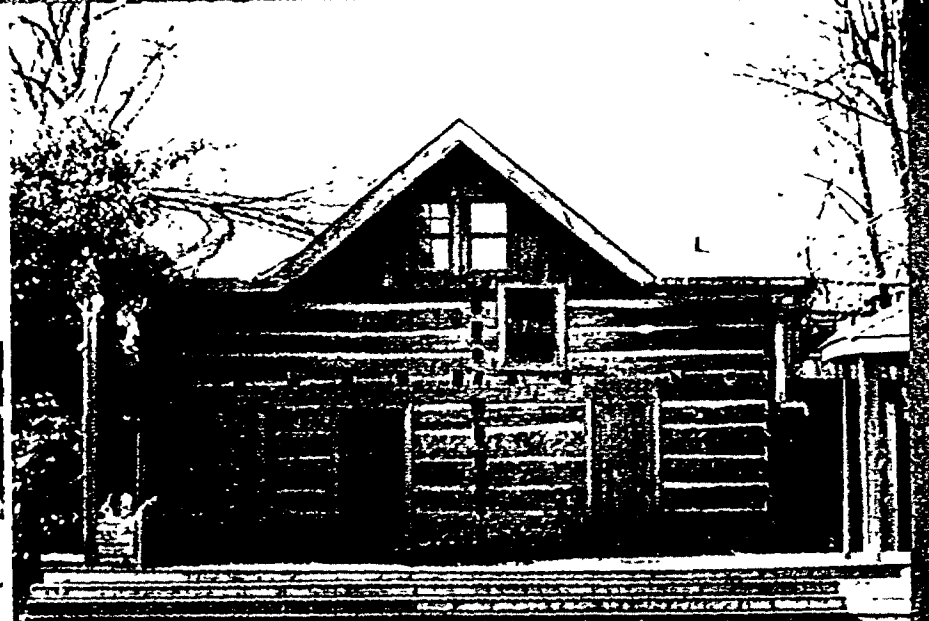
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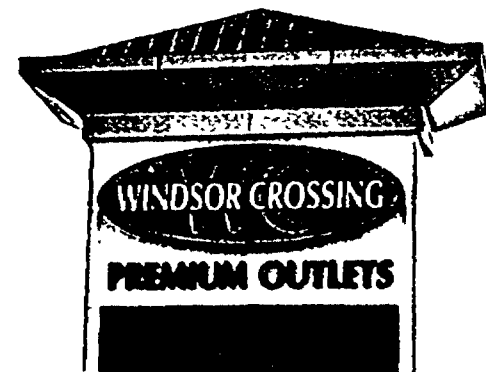
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Grapes of Worth:

The Wineries of Essex County

By C. E. Whipp

Just a few minutes drive from Windsor, an industry that is considered a gem hides in plain sight. Lush vineyards slope gently to Lake Erie glistening to the horizon.

Further inland, the rows of vines fan out between farm fields and woodlots of the Essex County heartland. With hope and heart and pride in every bottle, winemakers here craft stunning wines, coaxing the best from their skills and soils. More than 1,200 acres straddle Essex County at the same latitude as

Europe's finest wine regions, producing rich, ripe, full-bodied wines, reds and whites, icewines and fruit wines, and an apple icewine, too. There are 12 area wineries, family businesses and large corporate enterprises such as Colio Estate Wines and Pelee Island Winery, both ranking among Ontario's top five wineries by volume.

Striking chalet-style buildings rise up from the landscape. And passionate winemakers reach across the tasting bars, pouring glasses full of home-grown taste and pride.

Welcome to a version of Napa Valley North,

Canada's most southern wine regions, designated Lake Erie North Shore and Pelee Island.

"It's a terrific area," Konrad Ejrich says.

An acclaimed wine writer who's written an authoritative guide to Ontario wines, he's visited Essex County's wineries and swirled and sipped the vintages. Both wine regions offer potential, Ejrich believes, adding the winemakers bring passion and skill to the effort, producing red wines especially with ripeness, freshness and fullness.

The warm climate offers a long growing season and the wines taste ripe and full-bodied. "The wineries can grow varieties that ripen late," says Ejrich. Their vintages continue to compete on the world's stage, winning critical acclaim and international awards and recognition.

One out of every two bottles of Ontario VQA wines sold in Ontario LCBO stores are from Essex County. VQA refers to the province's regulated wine standard,

Vintners Quality Alliance. With one of the best, longest and warmest grape-growing climates in the country, the region here is especially known for cabernets, Merlots, and Shiraz.

Wines include icewines and fruit wines, as well as Baco Noirs and Pinot Noirs and whites such as Chardonnays, Rieslings and Sauvignon Blancs. Area wineries employ, by one industry estimate, more than 400 people.

The economic impact continues to grow. Colio counts upward of 100,000 visitors each year. Pelee's winery in Kingsville and its island visitor centre receive 150,000 visitors a year from all corners of the world. All of the area wineries remain an integral element of this region's tourism industry, ranking among the top five main attractions used to help promote the region. Tourism has become so important, wineries increasingly invest in services and facilities to accommodate visitors. A fall festival toasts the area wineries, celebrating local vintages.



In four short years, the Shores of Erie International Wine Festival in Amherstburg has grown to rank among Ontario's top 100 community festivals, attracting thousands.

Together, Pelee and Colio have combined annual sales of more than \$20 million, and they've quietly helped create an industry that rivals other area agri-businesses. Ontario grape growers count more than 17 million vines on 15,000 acres in eastern, southern and southwestern Ontario.

The organization Grape Growers of Ontario considers viticulture well established in the designated wine regions with focus on growing

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County and across the province reaches farther, creating jobs and opportunities in such diverse segments as manufacturing, tourism and education.

Ontario's grape-growing organization maintains that for the first time in 30 years grapes have become the most valuable fruit in Ontario in terms of farm-gate value.

In recent months, Essex County winemakers again proved their skills. Ten area wineries took home 20 medals from Canada's prestigious and oldest wine competition. Based in Windsor, the 28th annual All Canadian Wine Championships attracted 152 wineries from across the country. Three dozen judges scored 1,045 entries.

The area's wine industry has come full circle: Winemaking in Essex County dates back to the 1860s, when Canada's first commercial operation began on Pelee Island, with vineyards overlooking Lake Erie.



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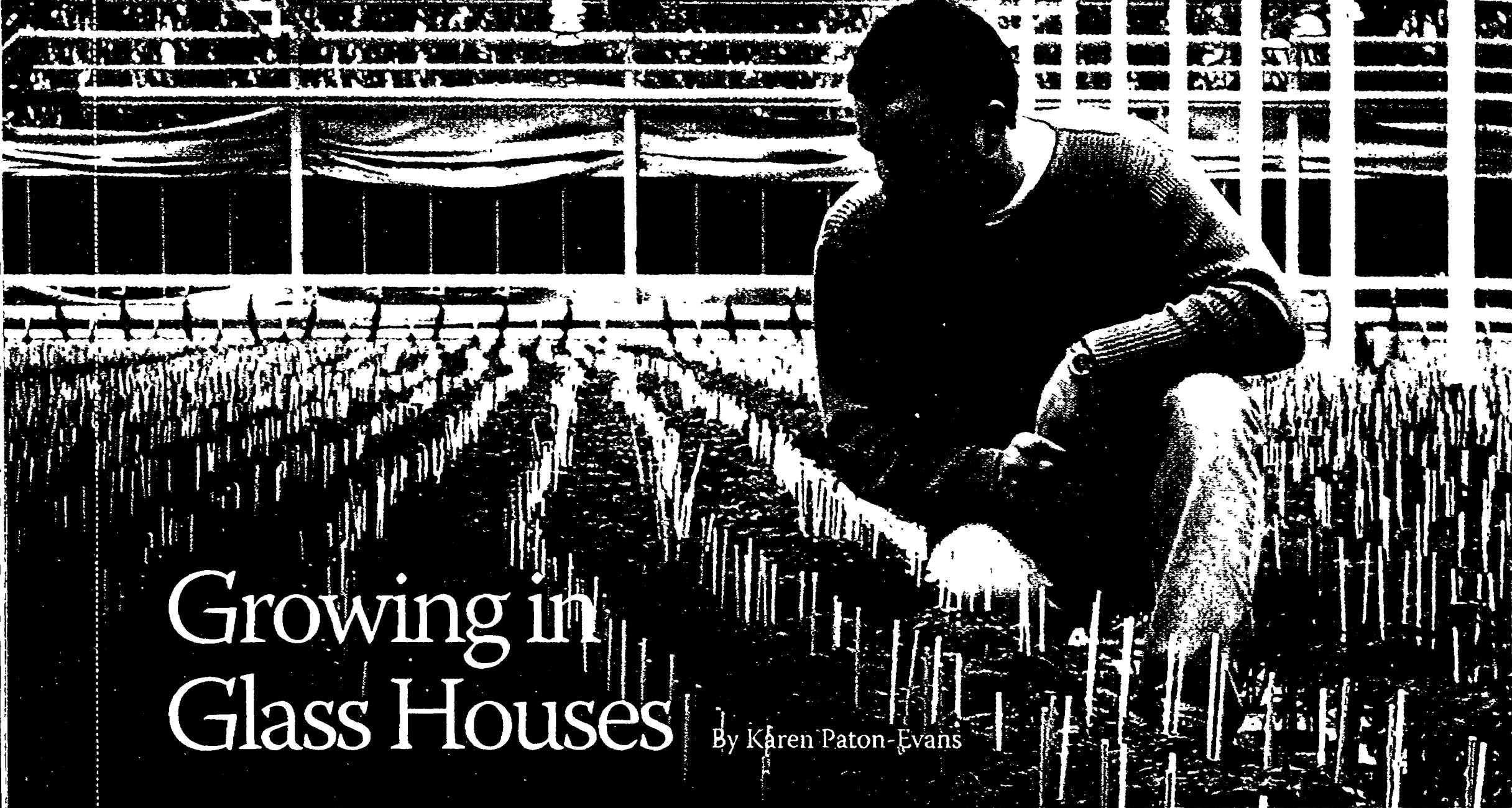
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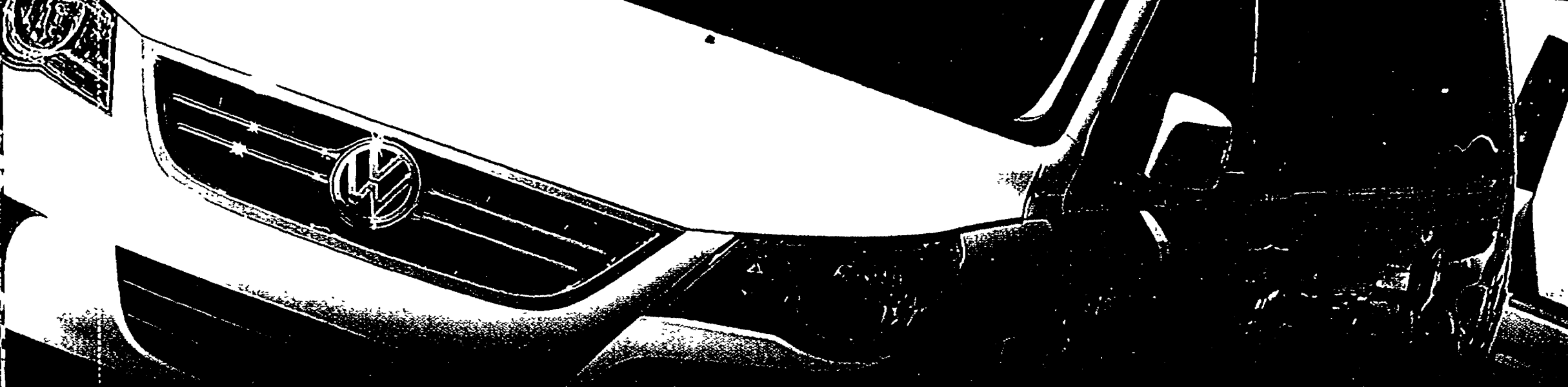
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Das ist gut: Windsor-Essex's German Connection

By Susan Lewis and
Anna Cabrera Cristofaro

Windsor-Essex industry has a distinctly German accent. Twelve German-based companies operate in the area. Volkswagen,

for instance, views Windsor as wunderbar, having awarded Chrysler Canada the contract to produce the new Routan minivan at the Windsor Assembly Plant.

"That is a testament to the quality our workforce delivers," says Michael Burton, vice president of the Windsor-Essex Development Commission (WEDC).

"We are attractive to German investors because not only are we the automotive capital of Canada but Germany has a very global perspective and we are a big chunk of that. As well, the strength of the Euro makes investment here smart."

Earlier this year, the WEDC held a reception for German investors to thank them for investing in Windsor-Essex. Representatives from eight German companies attended, including several who flew in from head offices in Germany. They included: BASF, W.E.T. Automotive, HBPO, Dieffenbacher, MPO Design & Development, Joest Abrasives, IGB Automotive and Kautex.

This year, Dieffenbacher, a German press-making company that came to the Windsor area 25 years ago, announced its intention to invest \$8 million to expand its Windsor plant. "Windsor is at the heart of (Dieffenbacher North America Inc.'s) customer base and close to everyone we currently

supply," general manager Heiko Heitlinger said at the announcement. "Locating here was a strategic decision that our company has not regretted."

Robert Seke, managing director for Joest Abrasives North America, says that the company was enthusiastic about the opportunity to open in Windsor. "Joest Abrasives is a (much) diversified company. We service several different markets – drywall, flooring, automotive. Certainly it helps that Windsor is at the heart of the automotive industry."

Seke adds that the workforce in Windsor has been stellar and that the company, although fairly new to Windsor, is "not going anywhere -- we're staying here. The newer German companies like Joest are coming to fully understand the success process here in North America... it's not overnight. It's in tough times that the cream rises to the top."

Burton remains enthusiastic about the area's potential for additional investment. "We have a lot to offer and a track record of success for German companies," he says. "They understand and appreciate our work ethic and our commitment to quality," all of which is very much worth leveraging in the battle for foreign investment.

In November, Remo Mancini and Tracy Pringle of the WEDC traveled to Germany on a trade mission, meeting with potential and current investors to stress the receptivity for future investment in Windsor-Essex. "Our region is well-known for the high quality and workmanship of our skilled and talented workforce," continues Burton, "– all of which are attributes people tend to associate with German production."

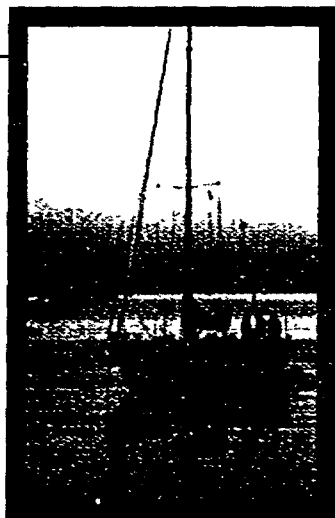
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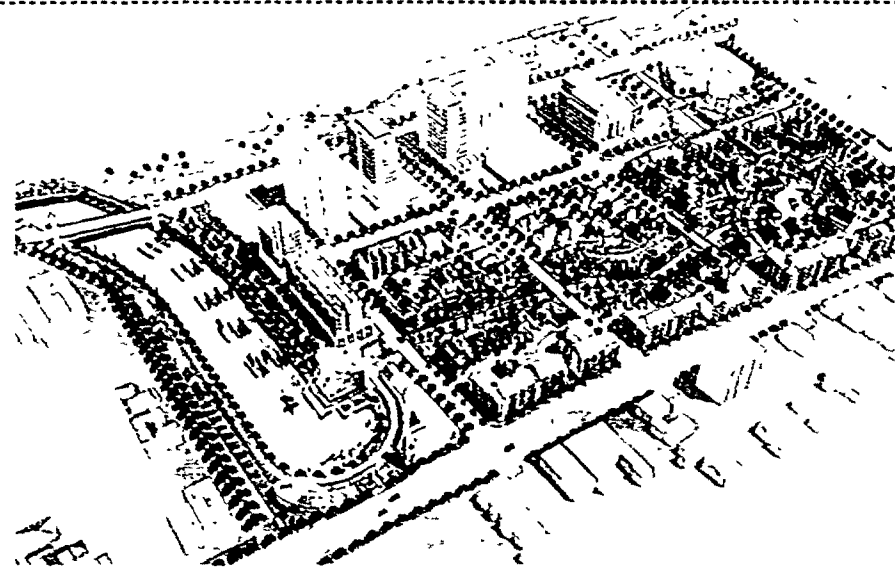
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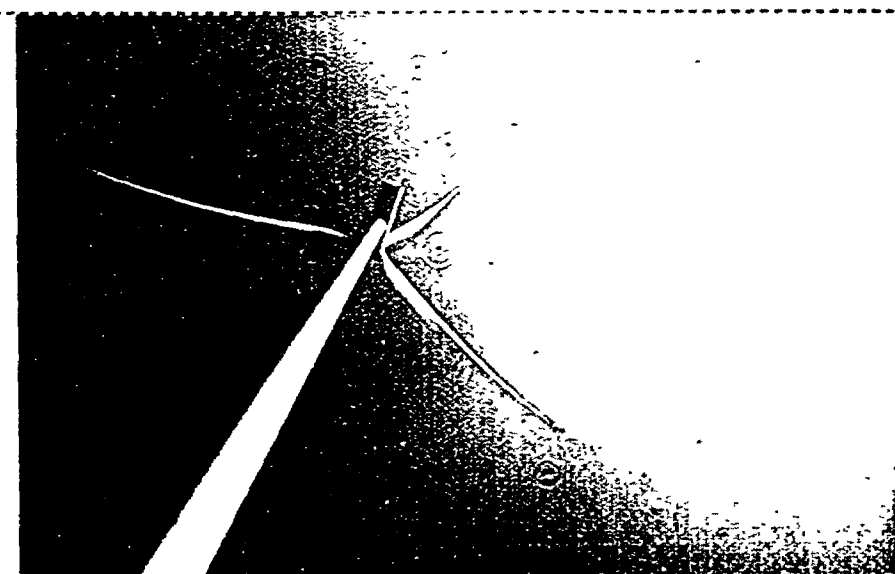
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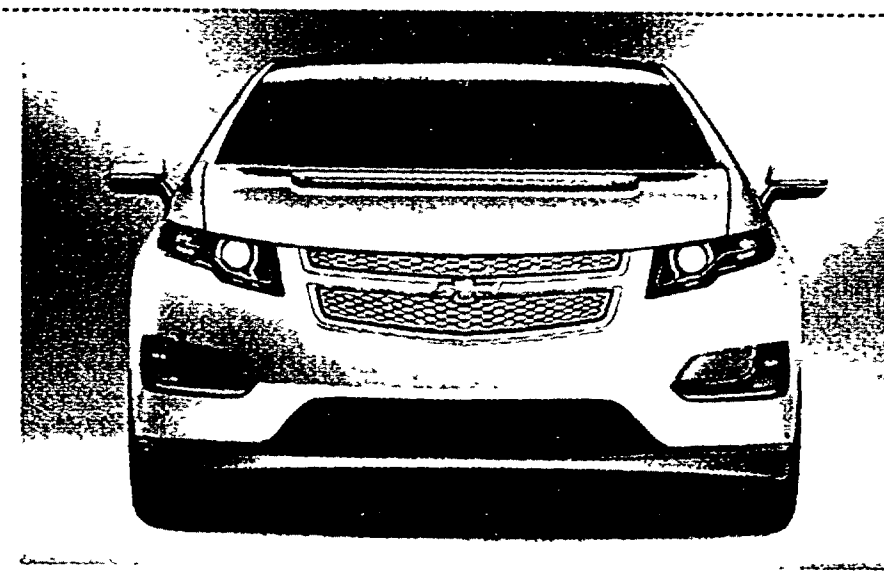
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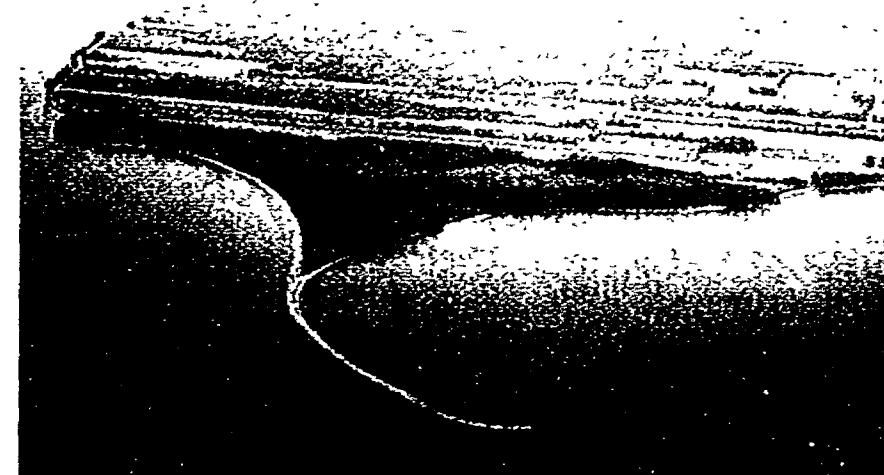
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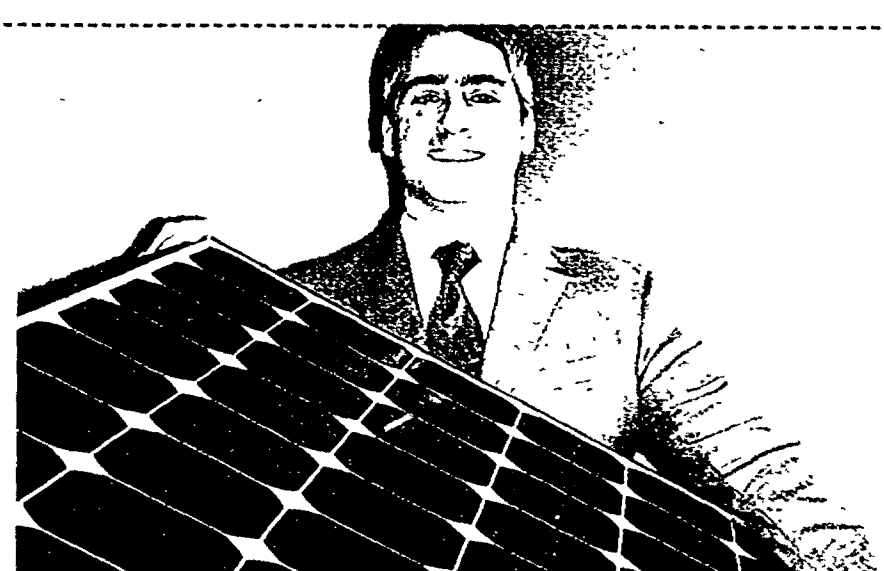
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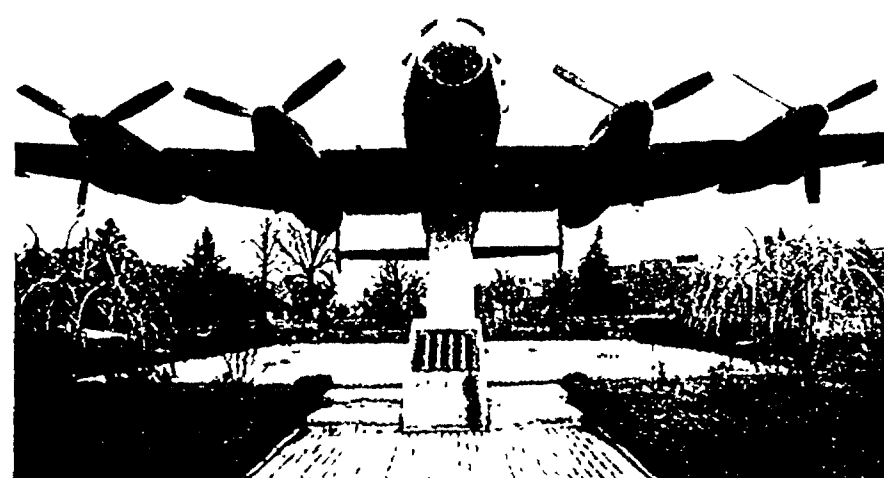
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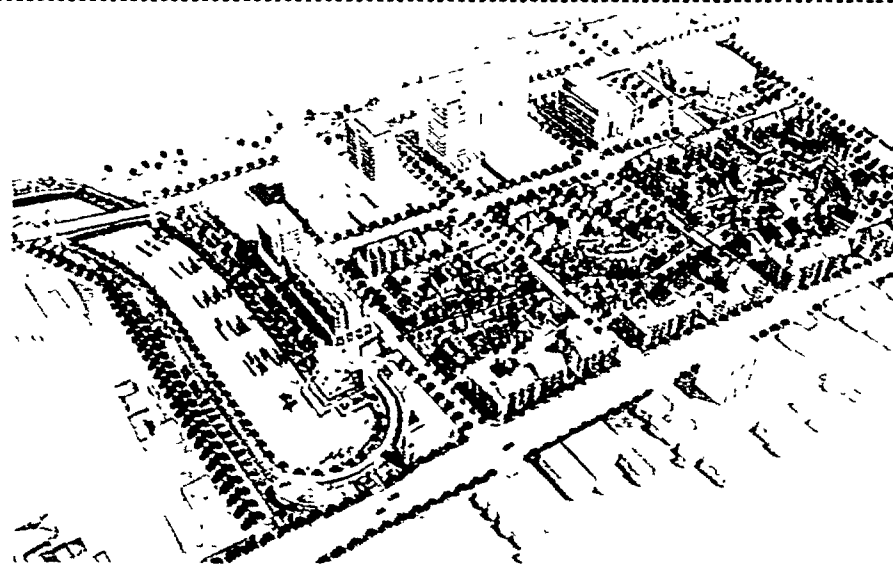
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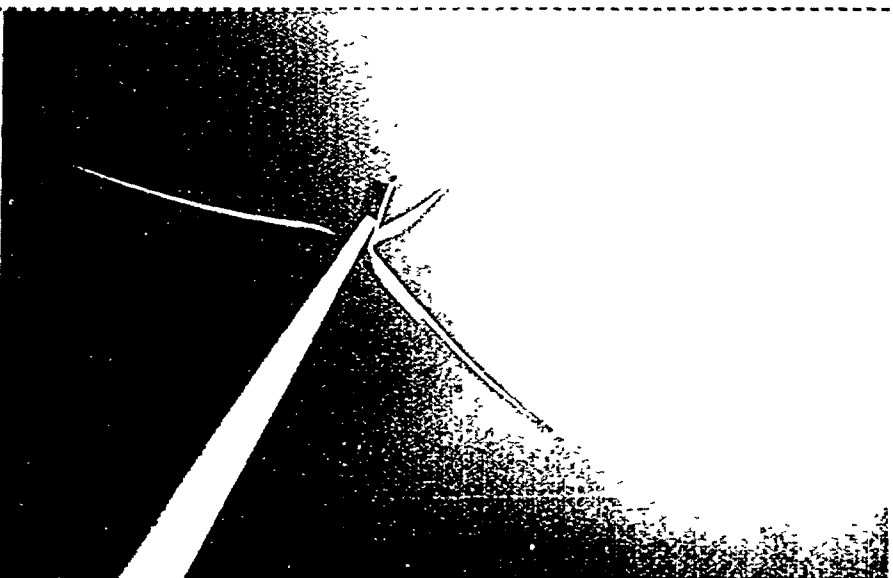
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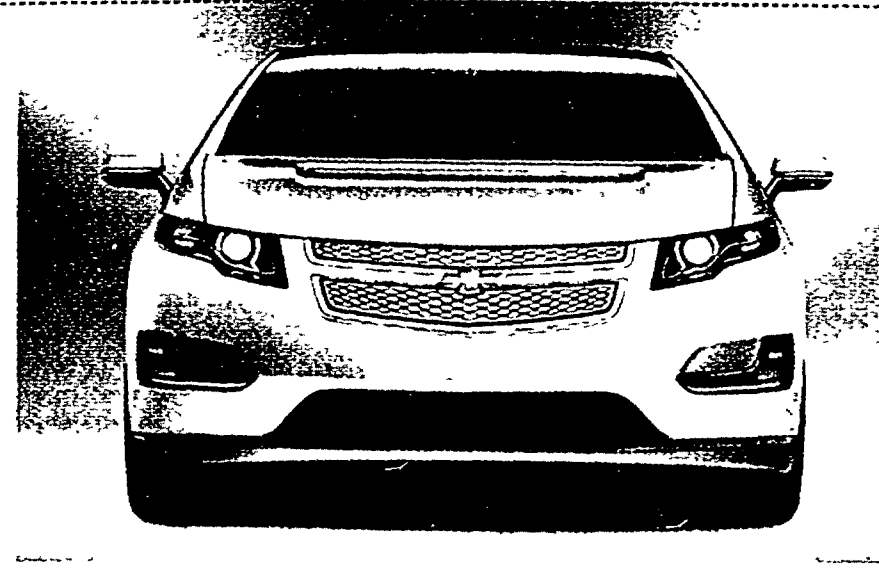
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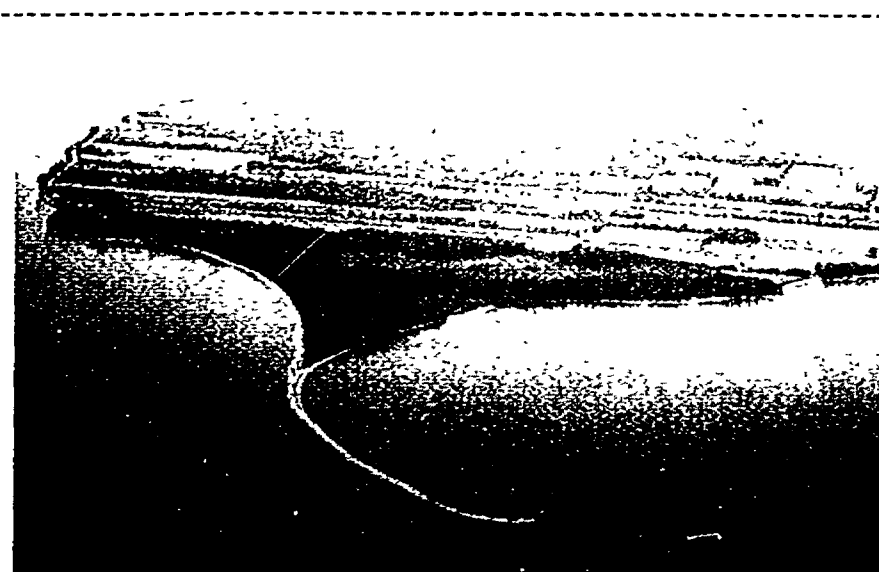
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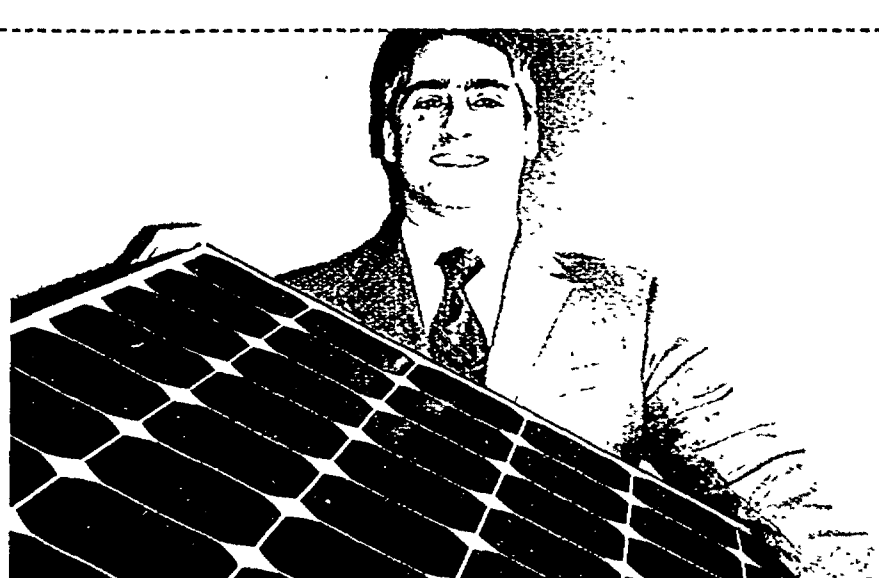
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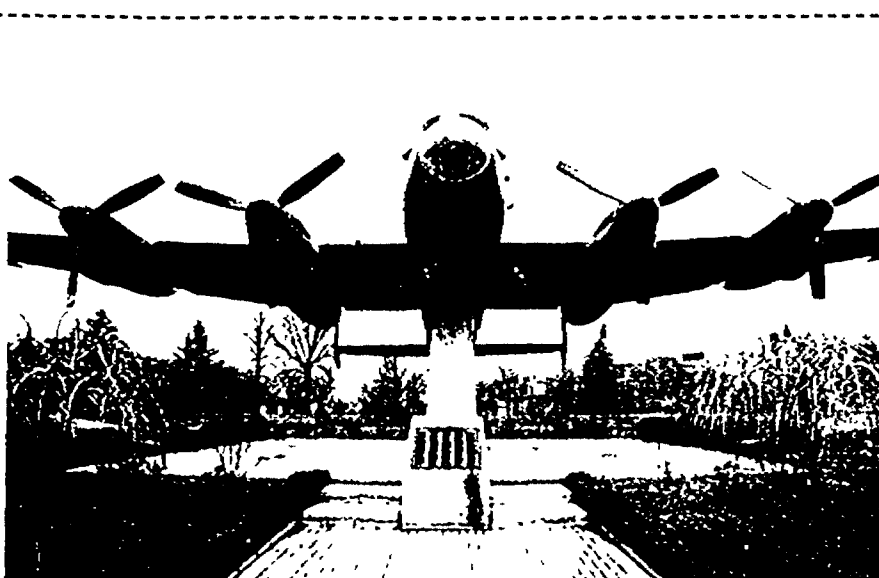
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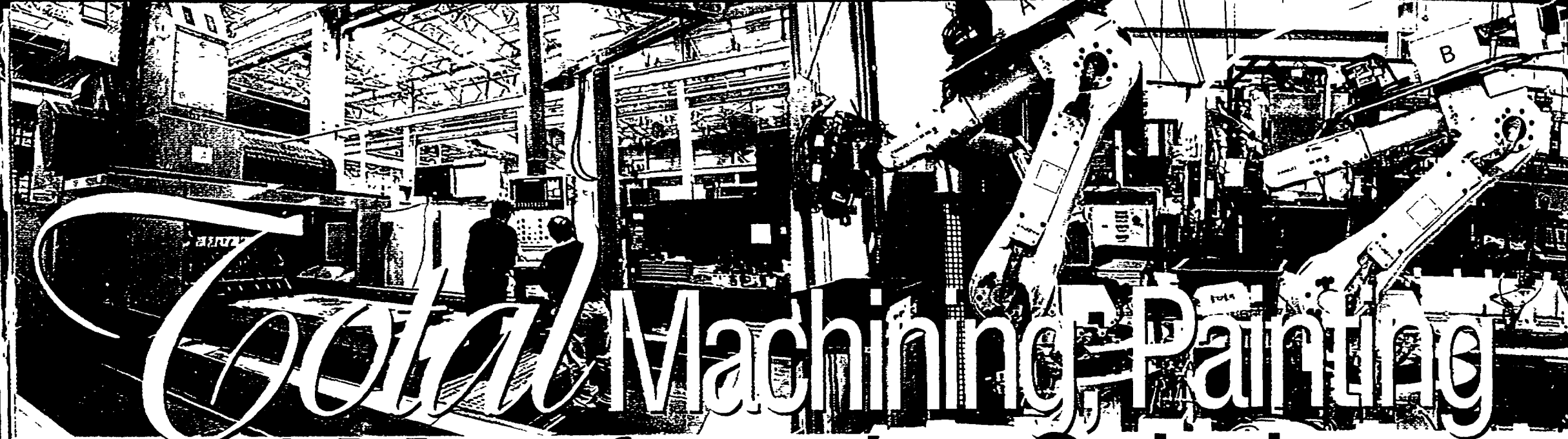
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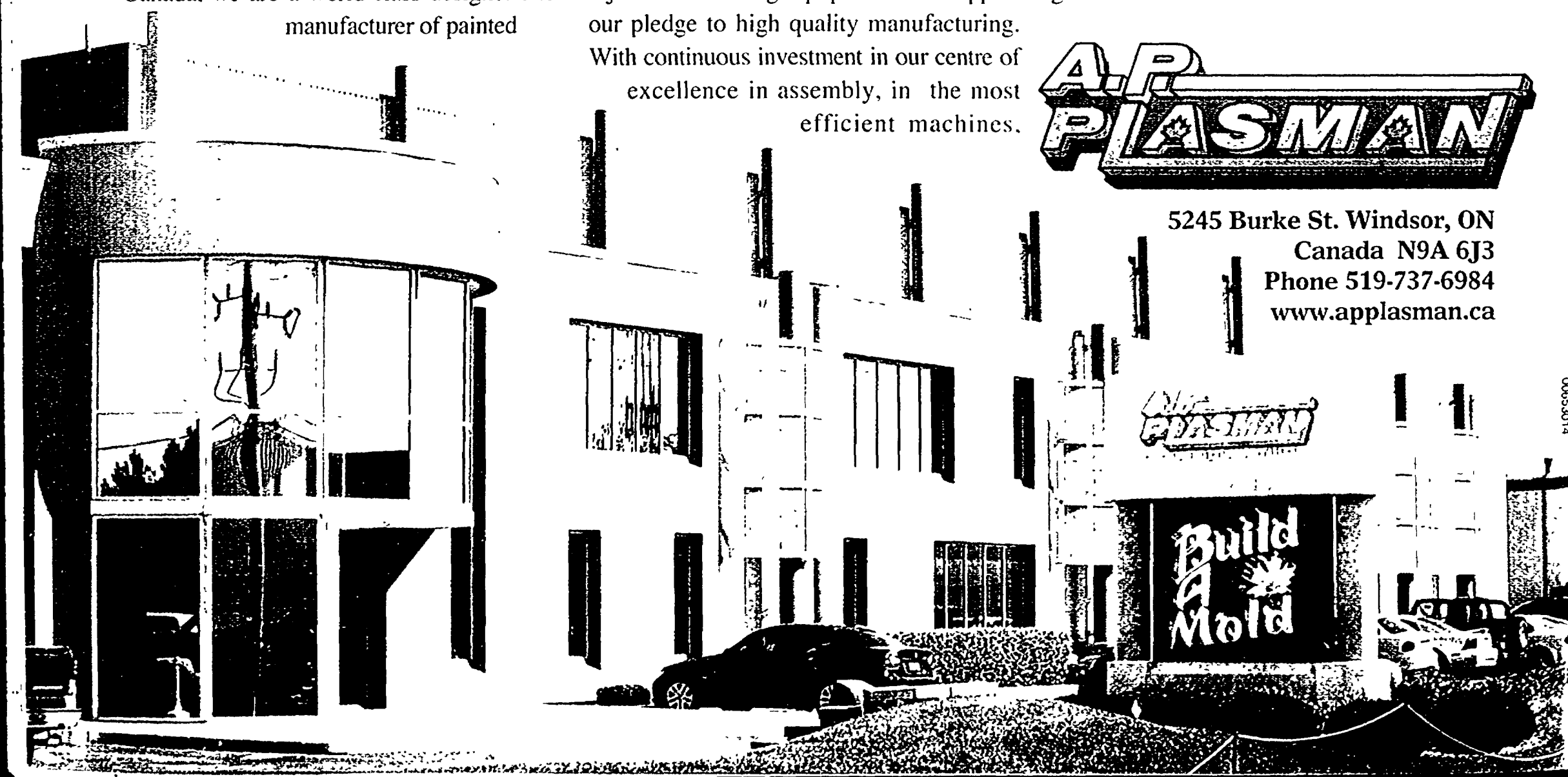
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