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By Sheila Phillips
Staff Writer

There is growing concern that Novl students tinkering with seeds exposed to six years of cosmic radiation by NASA could result in something out of "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes."

Orchard Hills Elementary School third-graders were to be among the 4 million students participating in a national science program sponsored by NASA involving the seeds. However, recent controversy over possible "toxic" risk has put that involvement in jeopardy.

National debate was sparked when The Los Angeles Times quoted an internal memo from a scientist working on the project as stating: "There is a remote possibility that radiation-caused mutations could cause the plants to produce toxic fruit."

National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials, however, maintain that tomatoes grown from the seeds pose virtually no threat.

"The seeds are not dangerous — they have been tested and they are not radioactive," said Jim Alston, head of the research department at Park Seed Co. of Greenwood, S.C., which donated the seeds to NASA.

"There is no reason to believe that fruit grown from the seeds are any more dangerous than regular earth-grown tomatoes," he said.

He explained that the Los Angeles Times took the quote out of context and blew it out of proportion.

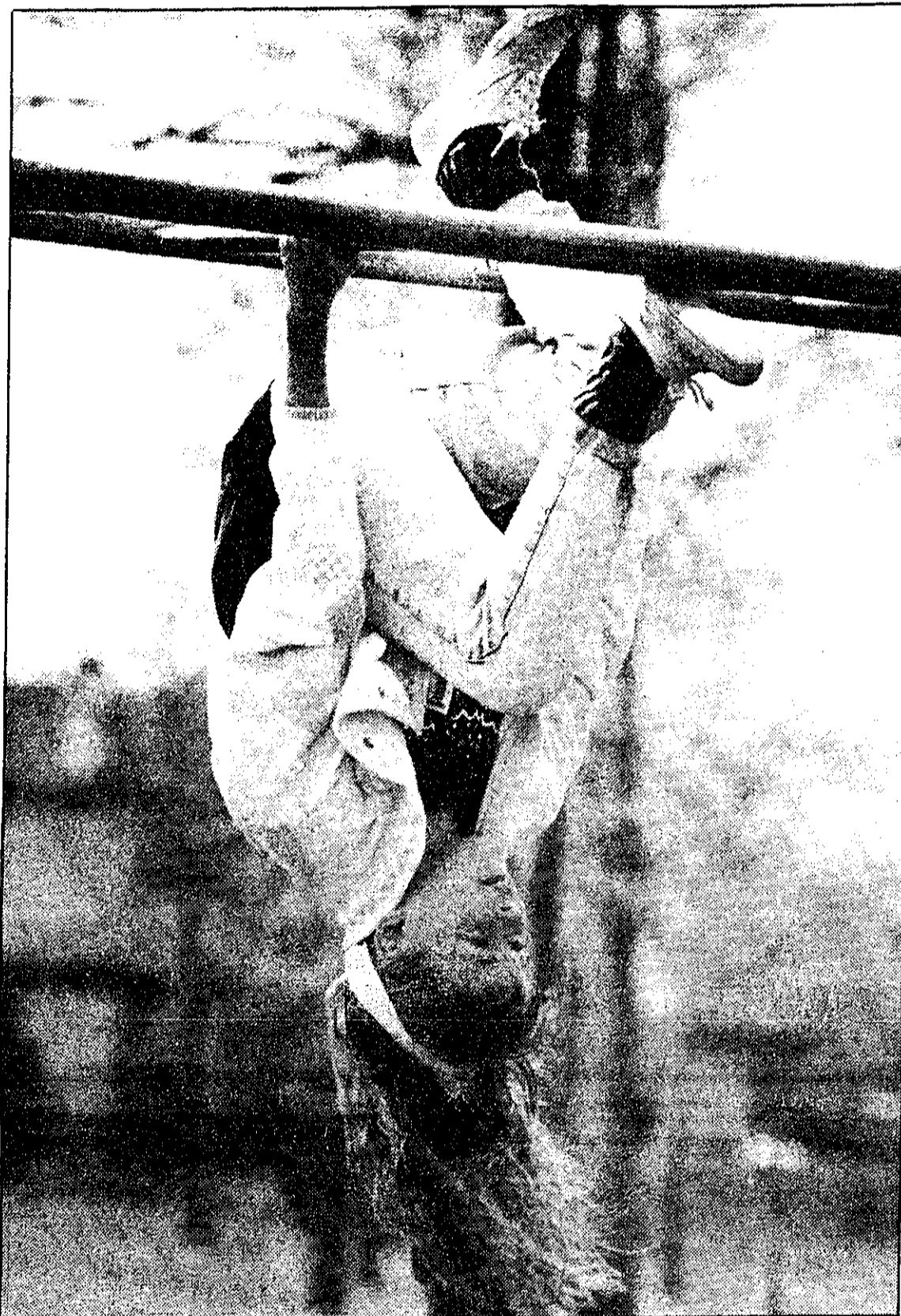
"The reporter wanted a blanket statement which said that there was absolutely no risk without a shadow of a doubt — but that is an impossible thing to say," the scientist said. "Yes, there is some risk, but there is risk with just about anything."

Despite NASA's assurance, Novl School officials are having second thoughts about the program.

"We (the school administration) will be discussing whether or not we should take precautions — and, if so, the nature of those precautions — at an administrative meeting scheduled for next Tuesday (April 24)," Novl School Superintendent Robert Piwko said.

"Any potential threat to the students is a serious matter and warrants discussion," he added. "It is premature to say what will be done at this point, but we may decide to take the program out of the school."

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Novl News/CHRIS BOYD

Spring break!

The weather was a little irregular, but that didn't stop Novl Community School District students from celebrating their spring break earlier this week. Among the revelers was

Melissa Frankish, a fourth-grader at Village Oaks Elementary School, who spent some time using the playground equipment near her home.

Field holds debris

By Jan Jeffres
Staff Writer

Oakland Community College student Scott Campbell was given the assignment to do an Earth Day project for his class "Man and Environment." Campbell chose toxic waste.

In mid-March, the free-lance photographer went on an expedition to a field across Ten Mile Road from Timberlane True Value Hardware store and took pictures of 50-gallon drums, what appears to be an oxygen mask and an abandoned truck

marked Weiss Pollution Control of Farmington.

The pictures led Novl Fire Marshal William Conn to launch an investigation of the site.

"They (the barrels) are mostly empty. One or two contain something in them. We don't know what," said Conn, who is awaiting a response to a letter sent last week to the owner of record of the property, Novl-Ten Associates, which is based in the Detroit Renaissance Center.

The Novl News found several full unmarked barrels at the main dump

site and a barrel marked "flammable liquid solvent" immersed in a pond nearby. It is not known what the contents of the barrels are. Additional material seen at the site included a pile of what appears to be metal shavings, storage tanks, vehicle batteries, several abandoned truck trailers, appliances, an old station wagon and a rotted 1960s vintage convertible.

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More pictures of the site/2A, 3A

Council gets answers for vote on plan

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

On March 14, the city council had more than a few questions about the Grand Plan.

According to a technical report released by the community development department, over 50 questions asked by the council members and residents have been researched. The opposition from residents to the plan for the Wixom/Napier/Twelve Mile Road area has been vigorous.

On April 11, the council heard the first batch of answers from city staff and consultants. A second informational meeting is scheduled for April 25, and the council is expected to decide then whether to rezone 300 acres in Section 18 to permit the development of an industrial park. Industries in the heart of the city would be relocated to the site to make way for a pedestrian-friendly downtown.

"We're really in the arena this time to look at the future of the City of Novl and what is easily the most significant plan. A lot of communities might want to undertake this venture if they had the opportunity and the economics," said City Manager Edward Kriewall.

"This plan is in the best interest of this community in the short run and in the long run."

According to a technical report from the city staff, developers including Trammell Crow, Minasian Construction, Kirko Realty and Duke Associates have already tendered offers to buy the land of the 19 relocation candidates. Seven of these relocatees have already taken an option to buy land in the proposed industrial park.

A 195,000-square-foot Meijer store is scheduled to be built at Wixom Road and Grand River Avenue, and the company has already

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entered into a purchase agreement with Milton Campbell, the owner of the 26 acres, said Meijer spokesperson Rick Morgan.

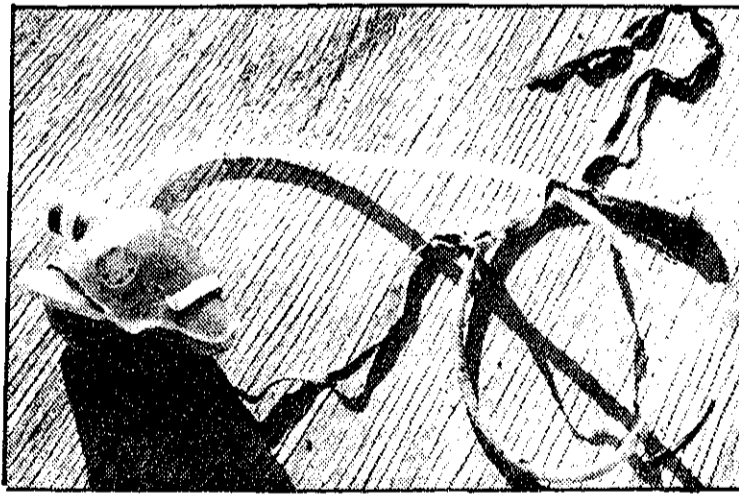
Here's a synopsis of what the city staff and consultants said:

City Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers: Rogers said that Novl is becoming a regional center for southeastern Michigan. "Unlike Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield and Grosse Pointe, Novl is not a bedroom suburb. It imports more of its labor force than it exports to other cities," he said.

Rogers said that two-thirds of the city's industrial zoning is already in use and that the 300-acre site proposed for a rezoning from residential-agricultural to industrial is already surrounded by industrial uses in Lyon Township and Wixom.

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More of the latest on Novl's Grand Plan/6A, 7A, 9A



Novl News/Scott A. Campbell

This mask was found below Ten Mile

Earth Day noted

The Novl News is marking Earth Day 1990 — this Sunday, April 22 — in two different ways.

Earth Day 1990 is an international event marking of the 20th anniversary of the first Earth Day, considered a major boost to the nation's environmental movement. Organizers hope this weekend's activities will become the largest environmental demonstration ever.

The first way the newspaper observes the day is a four-page special report in this week's paper. Titled "Taking Stock," the project steps back for an overview of the condition of our local environment.

The project, which begins on page 13A, includes reports on the status of our local wildlife, woods, wetlands, water, and air; a calendar of Earth Day events in the area; progress reports on local recycling programs, and information on how individuals can contribute to the effort; and more.

The second contribution is more direct: this week's edition of the

Novl News is being printed on recycled newsprint.

Sliger/Livingston Publications, which publishes the Novl News and five other weekly papers, is using the recycled paper to show the company's commitment to the goals of recycling in general and Earth Day 1990 in particular, said Richard Periberg, vice president and general manager.

Periberg explained that the company has contracts with three newsprint suppliers, one of which offers stock made of 51 percent recycled fiber. This week's papers are being printed entirely on that stock, he said.

Last year, about 14 percent of the company's total paper consumption used the recycled stock, Periberg said. This year's total will probably be about the same.

The company hopes to increase its use of recycled paper, Periberg said. But there are a couple of conditions limiting its use.

For one, the company operates



File Photo

Novl houses opossums and lots of other wildlife

under quotas from its three suppliers. "When we get beyond (the quotas), we are tending to favor recycled newsprint . . . whenever possible," Periberg said.

A larger limitation is the fact that demand for recycled newsprint far exceeds the supply across the nation.

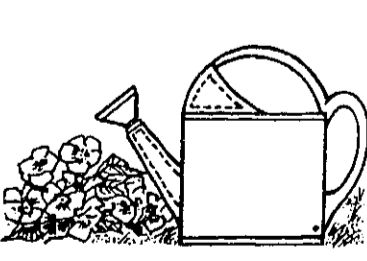
"Most of the recycled newsprint in the country, or North America, is being used by somebody," Periberg

said. "There's not a whole lot of room for us to move at this point."

"We're totally in support of using as much recycled newsprint as we can, and encouraging the increase in supply . . . We expect to be using more and more as time goes on."

Periberg expects that questions of price, quality and supply will be answered. "All of those seem to be reachable goals," he said.

— Bob Needham, editor



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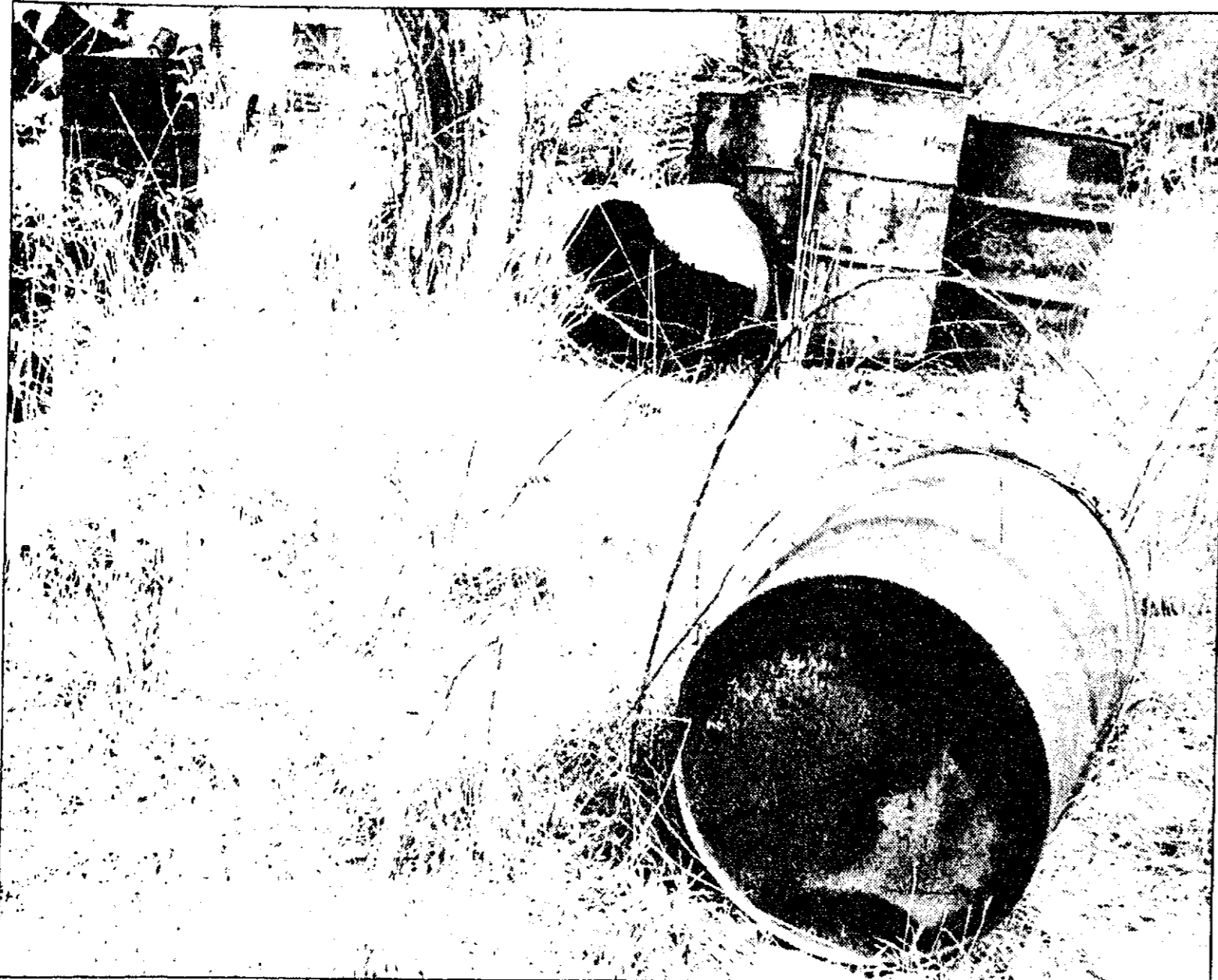
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These barrels are in a field southeast of Ten Mile and Novi Road

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

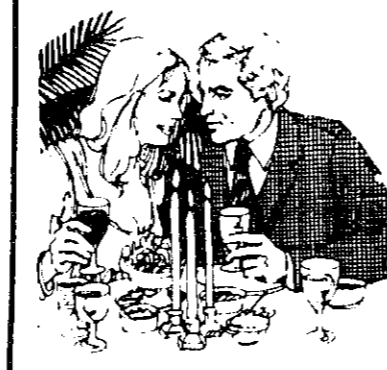
Field home to lots of trash

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Weiss Pollution Control has a Novi office located on Grand River, next door to its affiliate Weiss Construction Company. The company, which is also based in the Renaissance Center, did not respond to the Novi News by deadline time. However, a report to the city council on alternative sites selected for Novi's Grand Plan lists the 90 acres as belonging to Weiss. Conn said that he has already briefly gone over the site because a search warrant is not needed for an open field.

Campbell said he decided to search the site because he could see a truck when he drove past the field. "I was kind of surprised because you figure Novi wouldn't have a pollution control problem. What really surprised me was when I saw the Weiss Pollution Control truck," he said. "I didn't really go up and lap on the barrels to see if they were full. It was kind of scary. I didn't really want to sit there or climb around."

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The site off Ten Mile includes this wreckage

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Barrels are scattered around the area

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This truck was found abandoned in the field

Novi News/Scott A. Campbell

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Petition will bind council vote

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer
April 25 is the date the city council is scheduled to decide on the rezoning needed to place an industrial park in Sect. 18, but the vote they may cast that evening does not have to be the last one. However, if the question is raised again at any time in the future, the council will still be bound by a property owners' petition requiring a five-to-two vote of approval to alter

the 300 acres from predominantly rural-agricultural to industrial zoning. "It can be brought back the next day. A private developer could bring it back at any time," said Mayor Matthew Quinn during an April 11 special meeting on the industrial park. In both cases, the petition would be valid, Watson said. "It's the same rezoning request. It's the same procedure. Whenever it's acted on by council, it's going to require the five-to-two vote. Procedure-wise, you can't get around the thing,"

he explained. Twenty percent of the property owners of land 100 feet from the area targeted for rezoning are considered to have signed the petition. Two — Unipro Inc., which owns Old Dutch Farms mobile home community, and Richard Helfer, owner of a portion of Leisure Co-op Apartments in Watson — signed the petition. On Watson's advice, a letter of protest from Paragon Properties, owners of 75 acres within the area, is regarded as equivalent to a signature.

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Tiffany display

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Call all bluster, but no blast

A bomb threat at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church turned out to be a false alarm. Novi police were alerted by Southfield officers that a resident using a phone number previously used by the church's reverend received an anonymous call. According to the Southfield police, the caller stated, "Make sure no one is in the church tonight because a bomb is going to blow."

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Census skips some citizens

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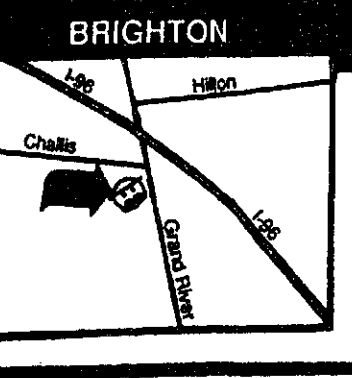
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TAKING STOCK: individual action

Many common wastes need special care

By LESLIE PEREIRA, staff writer
Have you ever changed your own oil, dumping out the old used stuff? Or thrown dead batteries into the garbage can? If the answer is yes, then you have contributed to the increasing hazardous waste problem.

Most people have the notion that hazardous waste is something only generated by nuclear facilities and chemical companies. However, household hazardous waste is a potentially larger threat to the environment and something over which everyone has some control.

One of the most common and serious environmental violations with a household hazard is the dumping of used motor oil.

Recycling Idea catches on in Novi

By JAN JEFFRES, staff writer

An estimated 3,468 trees were spared in the first nine months of the Novi Recycling Center.

The center opened for business on May 1, 1989. Superintendent of Public Works Bruce Jerome said that statistics he's estimated indicate that as of Feb. 1, 1990, the volume of newspapers dropped off at the center and reused by recyclers not only saved the trees but also, by reducing the need to make new paper, removed 12,240 pounds of pollutants from the air.

The 24-hour-per-day, seven-day-a-week drop-off recycling center is located at the back parking lot of the Novi Civic Center, 43175 West Ten Mile Road.

What a change a few months can bring. After a slow start, the Northville Township Recycling Center is handling so much recyclable material that officials are scrambling to find ways to maintain the 16155 Sheldon Road site.

"We can't keep up," said Township Manager Richard Henningsen. "We've had a lot bigger response than we anticipated."

Problems have been noted with plastic container storage bins, as well. "People should crush plastic milk cartons and other clear plastic bottles," he said. "That would save space and would prevent us from having to hire people to crush them."

pliances such as washing machines and dryers, as well as scrap metal, city \$489 for glass and \$637 newspaper and plastic.

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Photo by CHRIS BOYO

Recycling is one popular way to aid the environment

Composting is easy, effective

By LESLIE PEREIRA, staff writer

One person's trash is another one's treasure. Nowhere is that age-old cliché more true than when it comes to composting.

Composting is the process by which kitchen and yard wastes can be turned into nutrient-rich soil or fertilizer for use by the conscientious gardener, and it is a practice hailed by both gardeners and environmentalists alike.

Walter Holinsky, director of the township water and sewer department, noted the center's use in a quarterly report to the township Board of Trustees April 12.

Ruth Kraut, environmental education coordinator for the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor, which was founded 20 years ago in response to the first Earth Day — said the volume of calls to the center from people who want to learn how to put their money where their philosophy is, has recently increased.

can be composted except for fat, meat or bones," said Master Gardener Diane Hoaglund at a composting class in Novi recently.

Starting a composting heap is easy. The basic ingredients are grass clippings and weeds from the lawn, piles of dead, dried-out leaves with a sprinkling of some unwanted kitchen scraps.

Green grass clippings are an essential component of a healthy compost pile because they are rich in nitrogen. Most dedicated composters save their bags of lawn trimmings more fertile than the store-bought stuff.

Just when you thought it was safe to go shopping, the rules of the game are changing for those who want to be environmentally responsible.

Another important composting component is brown leaves. The carbon-rich leaves are needed to counteract and help break down the grass. If you include the glossy, wax-like leaves, they should be chopped up to facilitate breakdown.

The compost pile should always be moist. Rule of thumb is that the pile should be as moist as a damp sponge.

The Good Food Company has an organically grown produce section, which helps conserve soil and does not deplete minerals from the earth, he said.

"We'd like to turn Earth Day into a 365-day-a-year holiday. It should be on peoples' top-priority list. It's an important concept to us," said general manager Michael Williams.

Education problem. "Companies have found that people prefer packaging, but from an environmental point of view that's not good," she added.

When you do your environmentally sound shopping, it's best to take your purchases home in a reusable canvas, plastic or net shopping bag, she explained, adding that in countries such as France and Israel most people carry their own shopping bags to market.

Many companies have become increasingly sensitive to environmental issues. Meijer kicked off a program of "environmental commitment" in October 1989 to coordinate waste-reduction efforts throughout the corporation, including in-store signs to help shoppers make environmentally sound shopping decisions.

Jennifer White, public and consumer affairs coordinator for the Meijer corporation, said that the increasing awareness of their customers encouraged the company to adopt the environmental programs.

Eight Mile Road paving scheduled for 1991

Northville and Novi residents can look forward to a smoother ride on Eight Mile Road, though not for a year or two.

Wayne County Commission Vice Chairperson Susan Heintz, R-Northville, recently said that work on the road would begin within the year, and that repaving would start in 1991.

Heintz said that pressure from Northville city and township officials had been effective in getting the county to set a schedule for the paving project. City officials drafted a resolution several weeks ago urging that the county consider repaving Eight Mile a priority.

Under the schedule, the necessary road engineering studies will be performed in 1990. Eight Mile between Meadowbrook Road and Newburgh Road in Livonia will be paved in 1991.

and the stretch between Novi Road and Meadowbrook will be repaved in 1992. The road will be widened during the repaving process.

Novi man faces charges in hotel drug deal

The prosecution was expected to reveal further evidence yesterday afternoon against a Novi man facing a possible life sentence for drug charges, at a preliminary hearing in 20th District Court in Dearborn Heights.

Pending the prosecution's evidence, the case was expected to be bound over to either Wayne County Circuit Court or Wayne County Recorder's Court.

Siebert has been charged with delivery and conspiracy to deliver narcotics in connection with a one-kilo cocaine matter and I want counsel (privy) to all the information available," he said.

Both Siebert and Oakman were arrested on March 14 in connection with the delivery of cocaine to an undercover officer and the alleged purchase of 200 pounds of marijuana.

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John Engler speaks to dinner attendees at the Novi Hilton last week

Engler speaks in Novi

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
staff writer

Gubernatorial candidate John Engler, R-Mt. Pleasant, was in Novi on April 12 trying to secure the support of the health-care industry. The senator told members of the Hospital Patient Accounting Association and Patient Accounts Managers Association about his plan to upgrade health care funding policies at the groups' 31st annual trade show held at the Novi Hilton.

"I have always had a lot of support from the health-care industry because that is where Gov. (James) Blanchard and myself differ greatly," Engler said.

"I believe that the health-care industry is not getting a fair shake under current administration policies," he said. "Malpractice insurance is higher in Michigan than in

any other state.

"If the cost of malpractice insurance was at the national average, the Michigan hospital system would have an additional \$150 million per year — which could solve a lot of problems," he added.

Engler said that he would streamline the malpractice proceedings, expediting payment to victims and cutting down on court costs.

When asked if he advocated a special malpractice review board in lieu of conventional court cases to determine the outcome of related charges, the senator said, "That is one option that needs to be explored."

His prescription for the ailing health-care industry included beefing up Medicaid and Medicare payments to a level which meets health care providers' costs.

Engler is also an active proponent of property-tax reform — which he

feels will garner a lot of voter support.

"My supporters are in the homes of people across the state that feel they are paying too much property tax and those that feel that education is not getting the attention it deserves," he said prior to his speech.

Engler hopes to cut school property taxes by 20 percent over a three-year period by reducing the state equalized valuation of property from 50 percent of true market value to 40 percent.

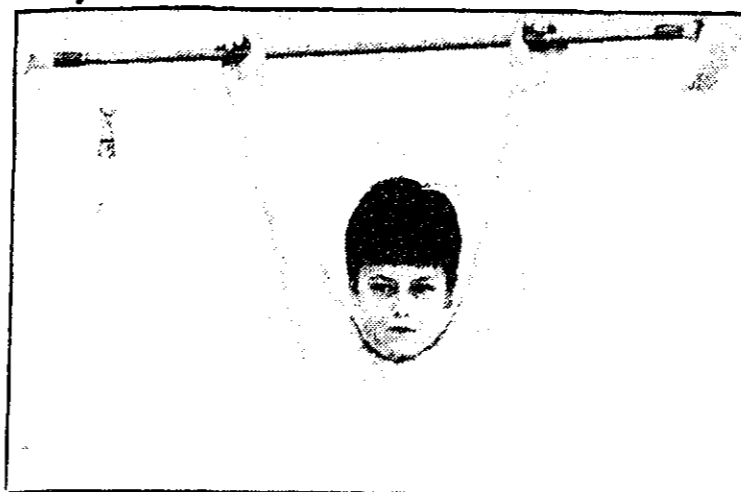
He reasoned that decreased taxes should entice more businesses to locate within the state to increase the tax base.

"The people of Michigan want new priorities, not new taxes," he said. "They want government to manage their tax dollars better, not raise their taxes higher."

"I feel that the state spends too much money running itself," he said.



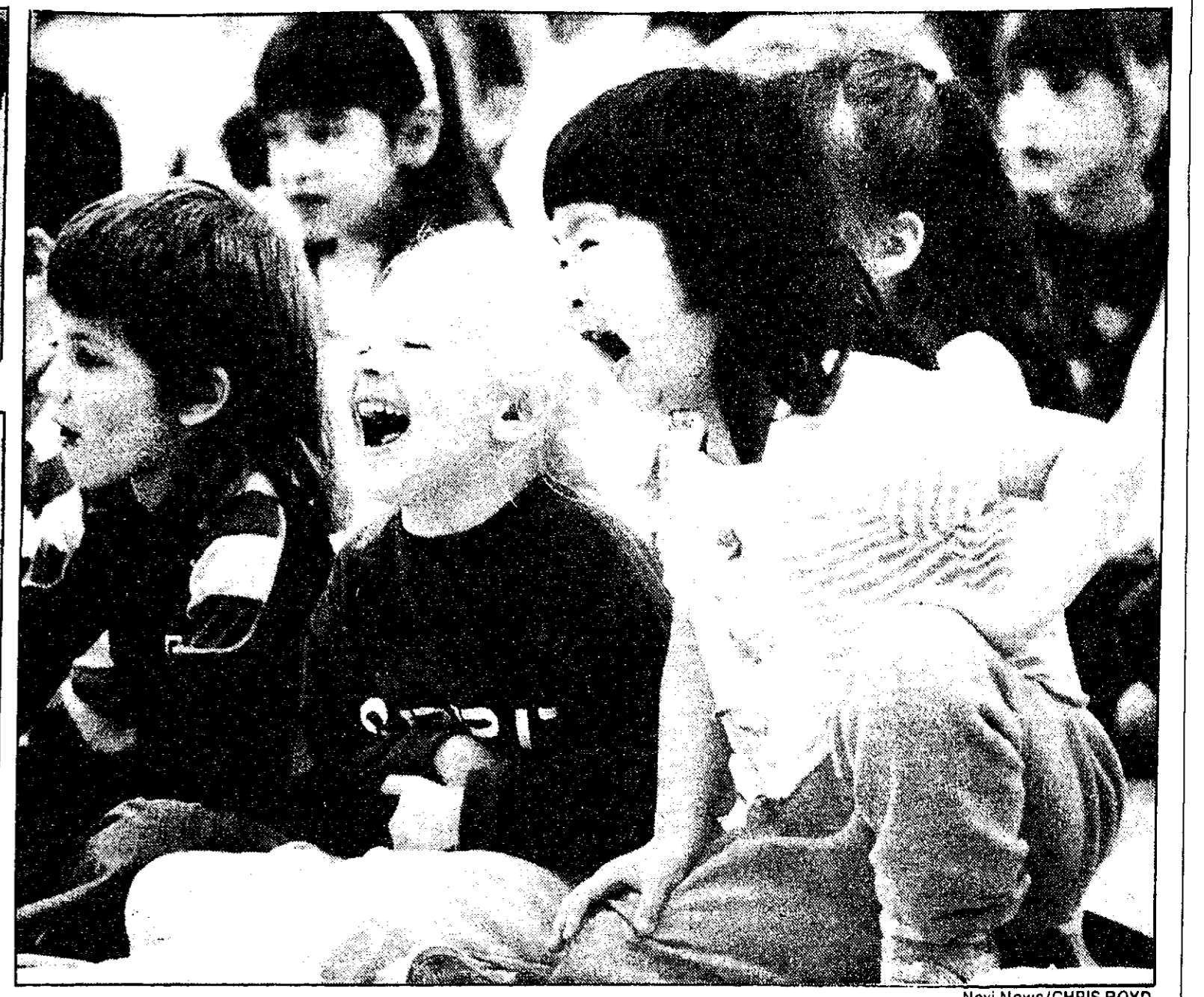
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Circus

Orchard Hills Elementary hosted a circus last Thursday, and the performers were students at the school. Top, clowns parade to begin the event. Above, strongman Mathew Duprey shows his form. At right, An appreciative audience enjoys the show.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Legg wins GOP spat

By Tim Richard
S.C. News Service

Former Northville Township resident Michael Legg lost the 1988 political battle. But his side won the war recently when the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled in favor of his Kemp-Robertson faction in the all-Republican race in the all-Republican war.

"It feels good," said Legg, an attorney now living in Farmington Hills, before 2nd District GOP chairperson and the man who would have chaired Michigan's delegation to the 1988 convention in New Orleans if his side had won in federal court in Detroit.

Was the Kemp-Robertson victory a matter of "justice delayed, justice denied"? Sean Cox, a Livonia attorney active in the case, didn't think so. "This case makes it (party government) more grassroots. It makes the precinct delegates more significant."

Legg agreed. He called the immediate political effect of the ruling "negligible" but said it "means a lot for all political parties. It reaffirms that parties are not subject to control by legislators."

In a 3-0 decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled Michigan's election law unconstitutional in requiring that Republican officeholders and nominees be automatic delegates to party conventions and have places on party executive boards.

Forces loyal to now-President George Bush were able to take control of the delegation with help from officeholders, mostly political veterans and predominantly Bush loyalists. Many insurgents were new to politics, having been recruited from conservative churches such as Lightroom Tabernacle by the Rev. Pat Robertson.

The Bush people won in Kent Circuit Court, the state Appeals Court and in U.S. District Judge George Woods court.

But appeals judges Nathaniel Jones of Cincinnati, Ralph Guy Jr. of Detroit and Albert Engel of Grand Rapids reversed Woods' dismissal of the conservatives case, declaring:

"We hold these portions of the election law significantly burden the right to freedom of association of the state party and its members."

"By compelling the state party to automatically place incumbent legislators and nominees to county offices as delegates, the election law infringes upon the right of political parties to choose a method for selection of their party nominees."

"By requiring the county executive committees to be made up of an equal number of elected delegates and legislators, the election law directly controls the internal structure of the political parties."

"Since Michigan has not demonstrated any compelling state interest for such a significant restriction of the freedom of association, we can conclude that the relevant parts of the election law are facially unconstitutional."

Winning plaintiffs were George Heitmanis, a Birmingham attorney, and Keith Murphy, a West Bloomfield attorney, both supporters of the U.S. Rep. Jack Kemp, and three other Kemp and Robertson delegates.

David McKeague, the Lansing attorney who represented Sen. Vern Ehlers and other legislators, could not be reached for comment.

The effect of the victory is open to question because in 1992 Michigan will use a closed presidential primary system — voters will have to register by party to cast ballots. In 1988, national convention delegates were chosen by conventions attended by precinct delegates and officeholders.

May 8 is the deadline for both Democratic and Republican candidates for precinct delegates to file nominating petitions with their county clerks.

Those elected in the Aug. 7 primary will attend county conventions to pick state convention delegates, who in turn will nominate candidates for lieutenant governor, state Supreme Court and other state offices.

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U-M forecasts healthy Oakland economy

Oakland County has pulled ahead of the rest of the state and has established its position as one of the strongest local economies not only in Michigan but in the entire United States," University of Michigan economists say.

The forecast was prepared for Oakland County's Economic Development Division by George A. Fulton, associate research scientist, and Donald R. Grimes, research associate at the U-M Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations (ILIR). They presented the forecast at the Pontiac Silverdome on April 4.

The forecast is based on regional economic models developed at ILIR and national economic forecasts assembled by the U-M's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics, according to Fulton and Grimes.

Private employment has grown "far more rapidly in Oakland County than in any other major local economy in the state," the U-M economists say.

"In fact, over the decade of the 1980s, 60 percent of the net job gain in the private sector in Michigan occurred in Oakland County," they say.

Oakland County suffered less from the decline in manufacturing employment that plagued the state in the early 1980s, and benefited from explosive growth in the private non-manufacturing sector, especially in higher-paying industries such as business and professional services, according to Fulton and Grimes.

County mulls center support

Oakland's Bedding Open Housing Center still has an outside chance of winning support from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners — an endorsement the center has sought, but been unable to get.

An amendment supporting the concept of fair and open housing in general — and the Open Housing Center specifically — was approved by the board's General Government Committee recently.

By a 4-3 vote, committee members approved the amendment that now goes to the entire Board of Commissioners at its April 26 meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Open Housing Center opened March 13 in Farmington Hills to promote integrated housing in Oakland County. It is funded by an \$80,000 grant from the City of Southfield and the Southfield Board of Education, but will solicit support from the private and public sectors in subsequent years, according to directors.

It is seeking an endorsement from the board of commissioners to help with that solicitation as well as a symbolic vote of confidence.

So far, however, commissioners have refused to endorse the center, sending it back to committee. Commissioner John Pappageorge, for example, voted against endorsing the Open Housing Center when it appeared before another committee, saying he wasn't sure what the endorsement would require, or how it might affect future board action.

Pappageorge, a Troy Republican, said he supports fair and open housing, but not an endorsement that would subsequently obligate the county for money or would preclude the board's endorsing other agencies that promote integrated housing.

Supporters of the Open Housing Center, like commissioner Lillian Jaffe Oaks, D-Southfield, insist endorsing the center would not necessarily obligate the board, or to its hands.

"(Endorsement) would put the board on record as supporting the Open Housing Center and work its doing to promote integrated housing," said Oaks.

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Drunken-driving display

The Northville High School members of Students Against Drunk Driving have found another way to bring home their mes-

sage about the dangers of drinking and driving. This graveyard display is set up at the Meijer store at Eight Mile and Hogarty.

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Truck spills fuel at library

About 100 to 150 gallons of diesel fuel were spilled in the drainage ditch in front of the Novi Public Library when road debris pierced a truck's saddle tank on April 6.

Fire protection officers were at the scene on Ten Mile Road within five minutes of the 1:40 p.m. call and soaked up the fuel with special absorbent material created for the purpose, said Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan.

The state's Department of Natural Resources' environmental response division also arrived at the site, said Fire Marshal William Conn.

"Everything went well," Conn said.

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Band reaps top honors

Under the direction of Craig Strain, a musician recognized in the field of jazz, the Novi High School Jazz band gave an outstanding performance at the MSBOA Jazz Festival held April 7 at Walled Lake Central High School.

The band performed "Cut N' Paste," "Round Midnight," and "Brass Machine" for three adjudicators to achieve this accomplishment. Following their prepared concert, they also participated in a sight-reading event for critique.

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Two file for race at OCC

Two active candidates with diverse backgrounds will vie for a four-year term on the Board of Trustees at Oakland Community College in the June 11 election.

Richard A. Blonde of Rochester Hills and Jay H. Shah of Twintac are running against each other to succeed Edward H. Pappas, an incumbent who is not seeking re-election.

"I said I would probably not seek re-election last September when I was appointed to the board," Pappas said last week, less than 24 hours after Monday's deadline for filing nominating petitions.

"It was a difficult decision because I am very committed to OCC. But I just have too many other obligations," he said.

Pappas, a lawyer with Dickerson, Wright in Bloomfield Hills, is active with the Oakland County Bar Association in addition to being chairman of the planning commission in the Village of Franklin, where he lives.

"I also want to spend more time with my family," said Pappas, who with his wife has two boys, ages 10 and 5.

Blonde and Shah each said he did not know Pappas would not seek re-election. Each filed nominating petitions with 50 to 200 signatures by the 4 p.m. deadline Monday.

Two incumbents also filed for re-election. Douglas H. Wakefield and Sandra L. Ritter each filed for six-year terms and will run unopposed in the June election.

There are seven members on the board of trustees which constitutes the policy-making body of OCC which has five campuses and 28,000 students.

Blonde, 34, is a 1973 graduate of Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills. He has been a student at OCC and said he is six classes short of obtaining three separate degrees at the school, one in business administration and two in data processing. He and his wife, Debbie, have two children.

Shah, 43, has an engineering degree from Shivaji University in Bombay, India; a masters degree in civil engineering from Wayne State University and another master's degree in business administration from the University of Detroit.

He is vice president of corporate development of Spalding, DeDecker & Associates Inc., Madison Heights. Shah is a member of the Oakland County Economic Development Commission and the Planning Commission of Waterford Township. He and his wife, Bharati, have two children.

Both candidates say their respective backgrounds have prepared them to serve on the OCC board.

Blonde said he knows OCC as a student and as a businessperson. "I can make contributions that will benefit students as well as taxpayers," he said.

Blonde ran for the board of trustees in 1988 and was one of 13 candidates competing for the four-year position eventually won by Edith Gonzales. He finished ninth.

Shah said several employees at his engineering company also attend OCC to supplement their professional careers. "I understand the philosophy of the school and the needs of students," he said.

Whoever wins the seat must be prepared to spend a considerable amount of time on OCC business, according to Pappas. "The board is scheduled to meet one night a month, but the job demands much more time," he said.

The biggest problem on the OCC horizon, Pappas said, is obtaining the funding needed to maintain quality programs.

"We hate to raise tuition," he said. "Maybe the answer is in more state funding. A tax hike is one possibility, but not a viable one."

Pappas has served on the OCC board on three separate occasions. He was elected to a four-year term in 1982, but did not seek re-election.

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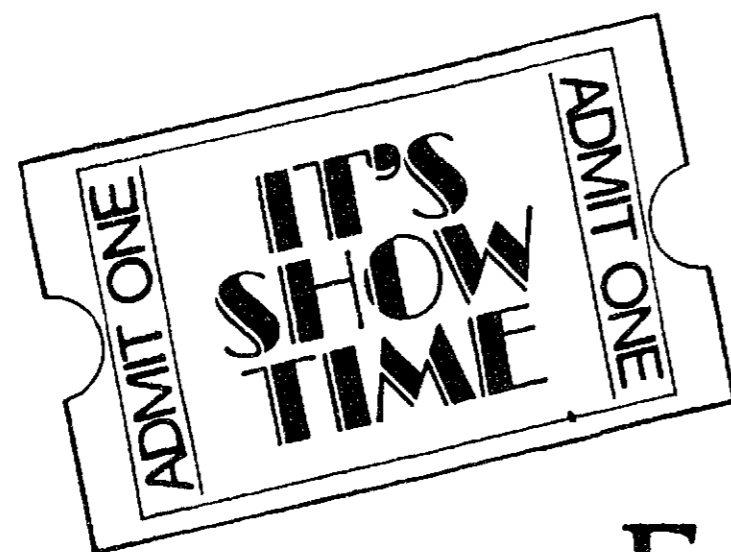
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Girl home safe after alleged kidnapping

By MIKE TYREE Staff Writer

Northville Township police are investigating allegations that gunmen who identified themselves as police officers abducted an infant from her father Sunday evening at an apartment complex on Seven Mile Road.

Captain Phillip Presnell said township police received a report at approximately 9:40 p.m. Sunday that three men in a beige van had abducted a 1-year-old Brittany Roberts from her father Christopher Roberts, 22, a Macomb Township resident.

Tuesday afternoon, police located the child, who is in hiding with her

mother in Shelby Township. Roberts reportedly was visiting his aunt at a condominium adjacent to Northridge Apartments when the alleged abduction occurred, police said.

The incident allegedly was sparked when Roberts' wife, Deborah, took the child from their Macomb Township home March 23.

According to Macomb Circuit Court records, Deborah Roberts filed for divorce March 30 and was awarded temporary custody of the child, a day after Christopher Roberts forcibly took Brittany from his wife during a meeting at the Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights.

Christopher Roberts reportedly lived at undisclosed locations with Brittany for two weeks and had spent the weekend at the Northville Township condominium of his aunt Anita Lisowski, who police said testified that she witnessed the alleged abduction.

According to Presnell, Christopher Roberts and Lisowski testified they were in a vehicle preparing to leave Lisowski's condominium when a van pulled up and blocked their driveway exit. Two men emerged from the van, waving handguns and identifying themselves as police officers, Presnell said.

The men allegedly pointed the guns at Roberts and Lisowski and demanded the child, Roberts said he handed Brittany to the men when they loaded and pointed the handguns at him.

"I would not give my kid up if there wasn't a gun stuck to my head," Roberts said Monday.

Roberts then said the men shouted to a third person in the van. He said they called the man "Doug" and Roberts said he recognized him as Doug Allor of Ulca, his father-in-law.

With Brittany allegedly in their possession, the three men drove away in the van, according to Roberts.

Presnell said Monday police were looking for "a relative of the natural mother" in connection with the alleged abduction.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Doug Allor had not been located by township police. The two alleged gunmen were also at large, Presnell said.

Numerous attempts to contact Allor at his Ulca home were unsuccessful as of Tuesday evening, but relatives of Deborah Roberts have been quoted as saying Christopher Roberts voluntarily gave Brittany back to the Allor family.

Despite the apparent struggle over custody of the child, Presnell said the incident could not be classified as a domestic dispute if the allegations against Allor and the two gunmen are true. He said potential charges against the occupants of the van could include kidnapping, commission of a felony with a handgun and assault.

In addition, Roberts and Lisowski could be charged with filing a false police report if the abduction did not take place, Presnell said.

Tuesday afternoon, Presnell said township police were actually determining if the incident actually did occur.

He attributed the emotionalism of the case to the nature of the incident. "These things get so volatile with a child involved," he said.

Father tells story

By Mike Tyree Staff Writer

Christopher Roberts told police Sunday evening that his 1-year-old daughter, Brittany, had been abducted at gunpoint from the Northville Township home of his aunt, Anita Lisowski. Roberts was interviewed at the site of the alleged kidnapping Monday afternoon.

Christopher Roberts, 22, wearily opened the door of his aunt's Northridge Villas condominium and told the reporter and photographer to come inside.

His mother and other family members were huddled around a portable television and one of them shrieked "Here it is! Here it is!" as their images flashed across the screen.

The broadcast captured the circus-like atmosphere which existed at the Northville Township hall that afternoon. It showed an angry Roberts slamming a car door and refusing reporters' requests for comment on the alleged at-gunpoint abduction of his 1-year-old daughter Brittany.

At his aunt's home, Roberts was asked to recount the events which led to the alleged kidnapping.

"At 9:30 Sunday night, my aunt answered the phone and somebody asked for Chris," he said. "I answered and they said 'Chris? The cops are coming after you; you better get out of here.' I was scared because I knew there was a warrant out for me from when we this estranged wife Deborah had an argument (March 29 at a Sterling Heights mall).

"I went in and got the baby, who was sleeping, and my aunt and I went out to get in the car, to drive away. We just started to back the car out when a van pulled up behind us and two men jumped out. They yelled 'Stop! Police! Police! Stop!' and I saw they had guns. I was on the passenger's side holding the baby and one jammed a magazine (an ammunition clip) in his gun and stuck the gun against my right eye.

"He said, 'Give me the baby or I'll blow your f--- head off.'

"I gave him the baby. I would not give my kid up if there wasn't a gun stuck to my head."

Roberts said that after he turned Brittany over to the gunman, the man called to another man who was crouched in the van.

"He called him Doug," Roberts said. "I looked around and saw it was my father-in-law (Doug Allor). I saw him clearly."

Roberts said Allor took the child and one of the gunmen told him, "I'll finish you off later."

Roberts talked about his stormy 2 1/2 year marriage to Deborah during the interview. He said she left him — with Brittany in tow — March 23.

"I started looking for her," he said, "and it turned out she was at her parents' (Shelby Township home). Her mother wouldn't let her speak to me. She then filed for divorce."

Roberts said he convinced Deborah to have breakfast with him the morning of March 29. Deborah brought Brittany along for the breakfast and the three eventually made their way to the Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights.

An argument ensued, and soon Brittany became the literal object of a slug-of-war between the parents, Roberts said.

"We were pulling her back and forth," he said of the child, whose birthday was celebrated April 13.

Roberts said he gained control of the baby and jumped in a van and drove away from his wife. He then "said low" for two weeks.

"I called her (Deborah). I called her night and day," he said. "Just to let her know the baby was okay."

Roberts said his wife then gave him a "deadline" to return the baby. "My deadline was Easter," he said. "She said if she didn't have her baby by then, she was going to look for the baby."

Deborah's family was able to locate Roberts at his aunt's Northville Township home via a telephone-company-installed tracing device, he said.

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Walled Lake schools have one board race

Walled Lake School Board appointee David Flammer will be the only incumbent facing opposition in the June 11 election.

Flammer, an Ameritech account executive from Commerce Township, will square off with James Fugit, an IBM marketing representative from Wixom, to fulfill the remaining two years of an unexpired four-year term.

The two-year term stems from the resignation of former board member Kathy Mizzzi, who quit the board late last year to accept a job in New York.

Flammer was appointed in January to Mizzzi's post, which, under state law, had to be placed on the June 11 school board ballot. Fugit,

who had not sought the board appointment, will be facing Flammer for the first time.

Fugit emerged as a last-minute candidate, beating last week's filing deadline for the school board race.

No opponents surfaced to challenge board incumbents G. William Knight and Joel Silberblatt, who are seeking four-year terms on the seven-member board.

Knight, a dentist from West Bloomfield, is seeking the first full term. He was appointed to the board in January 1989 to fill a vacancy and was elected last June to fulfill that unexpired term.

Silberblatt, a West Bloomfield resi-

dent and part-owner of a scrap iron and metals company, is unopposed for his second four-year term.

Board members elected June 11 will join holdovers Sammy Ruetenik, Esther Melniss, Cynthia Camplon and Marc Belsky.

Meanwhile, the only other ballot item will be a proposed Headlee Amendment override in which voters will be asked to let their school taxes increase faster than the inflation rate.

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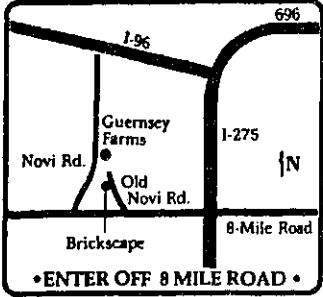
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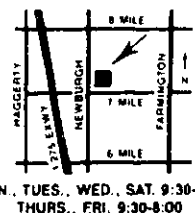


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By PHYLLIS STILLMAN

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Under manager Tom Sawyer, G Willikers is diversifying and, in effect, becoming two restaurants under one roof. It is an attempt to at least please more of the people more of the time.

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Opened in 1986, G Willikers had evolved into a standard American-style restaurant. Taking over as manager last year, Sawyer had Prime Time in mind from the start.

However, he knew that his staff had to be up to the challenge.

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G. Wiliker's Restaurant offers new dining options

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An undertaking like this always brings with it some risk, and Sawyer had his concerns. When arriving at G Wiliker's, now customers must choose between two separate dining rooms and menus.

"It's just as if this restaurant (Prime Time) were next door (from the dining room downstairs). They can have only what's here."

But Sawyer has had a problem. "People don't mind it. I put out the two menus and I give them a brief rundown on it and I sort of direct some people," he said.

The response to Prime Time has been quite good. "People have enjoyed it. Of course, I put myself on the back, what else would I say? But they really enjoy the product we've turned out up here. Plus, I think a lot of people like the improvements we've made downstairs," Sawyer said.

Prime Time was created in the hopes of luring in more families with children, who like a more casual setting, with more casual food.

"This (Prime Time) is very family

oriented. People want to bring their kids up here. We have the sand wiches up here and we don't downstairs anymore," he said.

Prime Time is not the only change Sawyer has in mind for G Wiliker's. "We're going to do a La Cantina menu, which is Mexican style. Just like this, I'm going to practice it and get it exactly right before I do it, because I don't want to do it and then turn people off with it."

Sawyer takes a real interest in the restaurant and its customers. "I'm a manager here, but I give it family-run care." He pays attention to details that can help keep the costs down, which in turn helps to keep the prices down.

"You've got to think like the public does. I try to give as much as I can without raising prices," he said.

Sawyer started out in the restaurant business by opening his own restaurant, with his wife, in Kalamazoo. At the time, however, neither of them knew much about the business.

The first day they were open, "One of our customers, just a kid, asked 'How can you offer this (a meat and

cheese tray with crackers) for just 95 cents?' We told him to just enjoy it. We're closing, after tomorrow because we don't know what we're doing." They later reopened the restaurant and made it into a success.

In addition to its regular trade, G Wiliker's is also available for groups and banquets. They can handle most special events like showers, wedding receptions and rehearsal dinners.

"We can do anything. There is no cuisine we can't do. When they want to book a banquet, I try to steer them. People don't want a lot of choices, but I give people variety. I usually make a recommendation and about 90 percent of the people take that," Sawyer said.

"I usually try to determine what budget they have. Most people are looking for a reasonable price. I try to direct them away from an open bar. An open bar is always more than they think it's going to be," Sawyer thinks his prices and ser-

vice compare well with other facilities in the area. "I want to do their business. I'm very competitive."

Prime Time is open from 5-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 12-9 p.m. on Sunday. G Wiliker's is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 12-9 p.m. on Sunday.



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The Livonia Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its fourth business trade show, "Expo 275 - Your West Suburban Product and Services Exposition." Produced by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, the show will be held in cooperation with the Belleville, Canton, Garden City, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne and Westland Chambers of Commerce.

The show will be held on May 15, 16, 17 at Roma Hall in Livonia, 2777 Schoolcraft Road (I-96 & Middlebelt). Over 120 exhibitors will be displaying their products and/or services.

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CHARLES N. (NICK) SIMKINS, an attorney with offices in Brighton and Northville, has been selected by the National Head Injury Foundation to act as its chair person of the Head Injury Information Exchange Group. This is an information service that will be established to assist attorneys throughout the United States in providing more effective representation and care for their head injured clients. Mr. Simkins has been an attorney specializing in personal injury cases for 15 years, with an emphasis on representing brain injured clients. He is a member of the Michigan Head Injury Alliance, National Head Injury Foundation, Michigan Trial Lawyer's Association and American Trial Lawyers Association.

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The event will include a career fair, a job fair, tours and presentations. This event provides an opportunity for individuals to tour the

campus, meet specialists in a variety of fields, and learn about available jobs.

At the Career Fair, individuals will learn about entry level jobs, higher education, career skills and salaries. They will be able to talk one-on-one with specialists in a variety of fields. Tours to the department of Child Care, Computer Aided Design, Computer Occupations, Culinary Arts, Electronics, Computer Service, Graphic Design, and Nursing will take place throughout the day.

At the Job Fair, employers from a variety of business will be available to hand out job applications, interview individuals, accept resumes. Employers will be looking for full, part-time, and summer employees. The Job Fair will give participants an opportunity to meet with employers directly, and to learn more about job opportunities in southeast Michigan. Companies represented at the job fair include: Crowley's, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Jacobson's, Marriott Hotel, McDonald's restaurant, Meijer, Inc., Mervyn's, Novi Hilton Hotel, Kelly Services, United Parcel Service, Winkelman Stores, Inc. and Ya Ya's Flame-Broiled Chicken.

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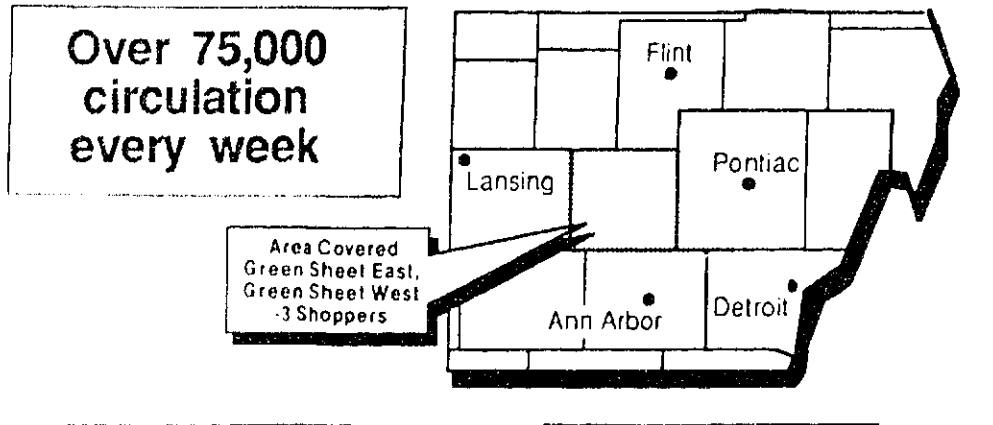
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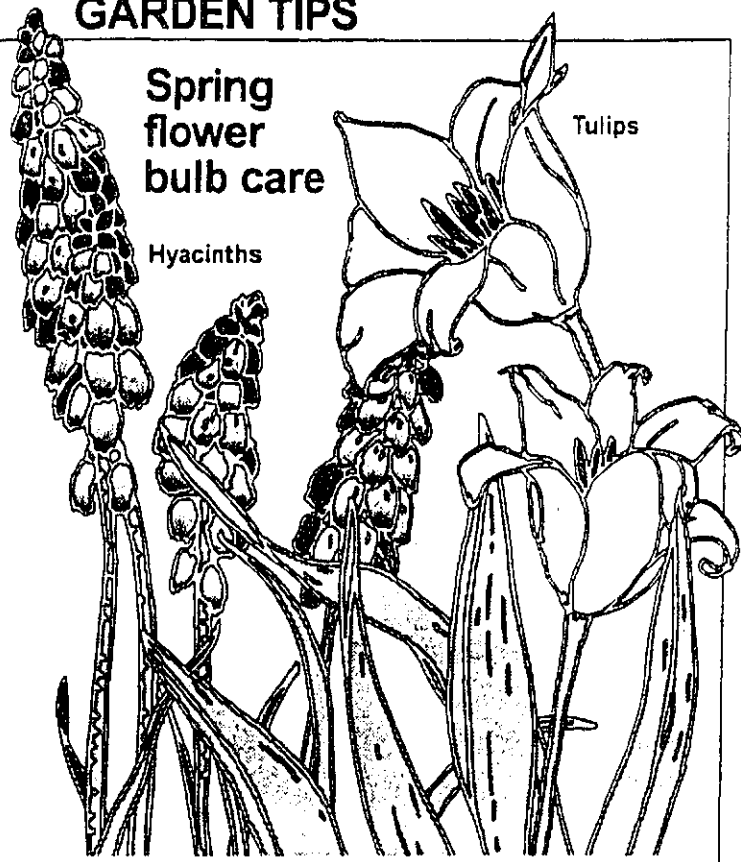
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GARDEN TIPS

Spring flower bulb care



- **Deadheading:** remove tulip, daffodil and hyacinth blooms by cutting off at base as soon as they begin to fade - prevents seed formation and ensures bulb strength.
- **Mulching:** Following bloom, rather than fertilizing, help bulbs rebuild with a shallow mulch layer of compost, old manure or dampened peat; adds richness and retains moisture in soil.
- **Foliage ripening:** Foliage must be left to fade and wither to rebuild bulb - do remove foliage once it has died down.
- **Lifting and storing:** Smaller bulbs may be left to naturalize unless you wish to change location or uncrowded plants; tulips, daffodils and hyacinths should be lifted and stored.

Copley News Service/Dan Clifford

Tips on caring for flower bulbs

Few plantings over the course of the year bring such sprightly loveliness and welcome color to our gardens as the flower bulbs that bloom in the spring.

So highly should you prize these special spring flowers that even as they bloom you should be thinking of how to ensure that they'll flower just as beautifully next year.

Here are a few simple steps to take in the routine care of my spring flower-bulb plantings.

Deadheading

Remove tulip, daffodil and hyacinth blooms by cutting or snapping them off at their base as soon as they begin to fade. This will prevent the formation of seed, a process that uses a good deal of the bulb's stored energy that is better spent building the bulb for good bloom again the following year.

It's important to leave the stem that, together with the foliage, helps the plant assimilate nutrients to replenish the bulb.

It is not necessary to remove the faded blooms on the smaller bulb flowers. Left alone, many of these will spread themselves around by means of seed.

Mulching

After deadheading, mulch rather than fertilize. According to the Netherlands Flowerbulb Information Centre, the time for fertilizing spring flower bulbs is in late summer, as es-

tablished plantings begin their yearly cycle with new root growth and in the fall prior to planting new flower bulbs.

The period following bloom is a crucial one in the life of a flower bulb. It's during the weeks after the flower fades that the bulbs need to rebuild themselves for another season of bloom the following year.

A shallow mulch layer of compost, old or processed manure or dampened peat mixed with any of these will help to add richness to and retain moisture in the soil for the general health of the bulb planting and for another round of really good growth and bloom.

Mulching the ground lightly in a bulb planting also prepares it for receiving annual flowers to follow the flower bulbs. Simply make shallow holes in between the bulb plants to receive annual transplants such as pansies, snapdragons, stock and calendulas. Wait until the soil has thoroughly warmed to set out warmth-lovers such as marigolds and zinnias, verbena, portulaca, celosia and geraniums.

Another quick way to start a fast follow-up wave of flowers over a flower bulb bed is to set nasturtium seeds of clarkia, alyssum or candytuft over the area, and then top the seed with

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HOST attracts interest

First-time buyers get chance to own home

By Robin Gaines

Despite initial criticisms and an obscure publicity campaign, the Home Ownership Savings Trust (HOST) program has attracted enough interest that the state is no longer accepting applications for participation in the program.

Since January, the state treasurer's office has received over 2,000 applications, said Lynn Rycus, public affairs assistant. "We don't know how many participants in the program we actually have until we start receiving payments," she said, "but the response has been fantastic."

Proposed by Gov. James J. Blanchard last year in his annual "State of the State" message, HOST will allow young people and young families a personalized down payment savings program for their first home.

With the program, first-time home buyers will be able to pre-select the value of the home they want and the amount of down payment they want to save for the home in a specified number of years. Once these figures are established, participants will then make monthly payments to the state. The state, in turn, will invest the money in state-backed bonds.

The bonds will have a variable interest rate guaranteed to equal or exceed the annual increase in Michigan home prices, and the interest income is tax-exempt. Plus, participants can withdraw their savings at any time for a down payment or other need without penalty.

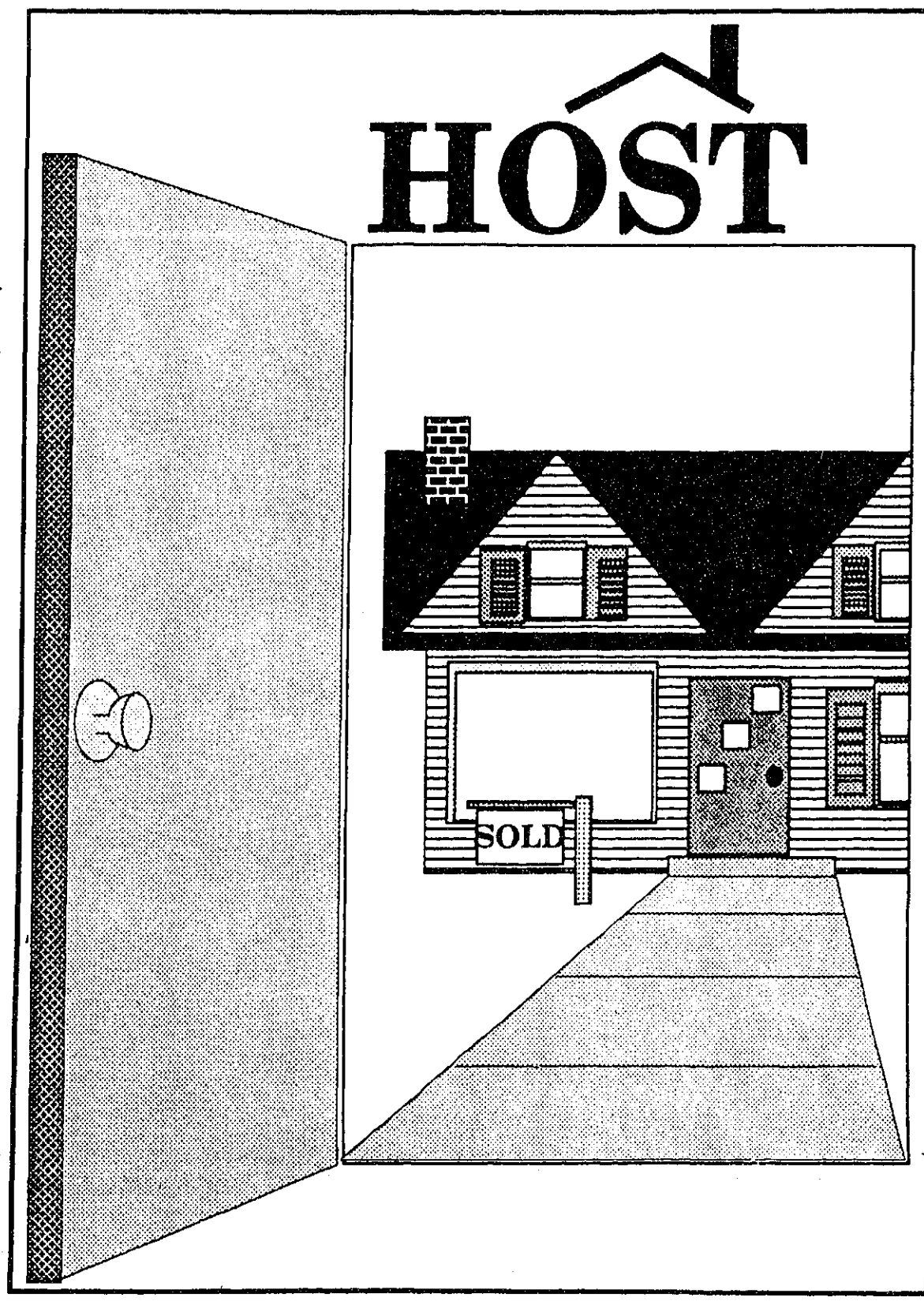
Sound too good to be true? Some critics think so.

One of the chief criticisms rallied against HOST when it was first introduced was that Michigan taxpayers will have to bail out the program if the treasury department's predictions about housing inflation and rates of return on bonds are incorrect.

According to literature distributed by the state, it is anticipating a 5-percent yearly increase in the cost of a home and an annual rate of return on the bonds of 7.5 percent. Some real estate experts say home prices will increase more than 5 percent per year, thus using up the \$40 million in bonds the state has set aside for the HOST program sooner than expected.

In 1988, Michigan voters approved the issuance of \$800 million in bonds for environmental cleanups and recreational purposes. A portion of these bonds, about 5 percent, are reserved for participants in the HOST program.

It's too early to tell just how successful the program will be, but one area real estate agent seems optimistic.



Critics charge taxpayers would have to bail out HOST if treasury department predictions on housing inflation and rates of return on bonds are incorrect

"The whole program is designed to help the first-time home buyer," said Gene Komarynski, owner of Bruce Roy Realty in Northville.

"The program gives you the incentive to save money, but it's important to remember you're not getting a home... you're getting a great savings program," he said.

Komarynski said he has had a few couples ask about the program, but added most people don't know it's available.

Two other real estate companies, Home Master Realty in Milford and Noling Real Estate in South Lyon, were not familiar with the specifics of HOST.

Doug Courtney, president of the Western Wayne/Oakland County Board of Realtors, said the program was too new to know if it would help

the state's housing markets.

"We support the concept of saving to buy a home," Courtney said, "but as far as individual programs are concerned, we haven't taken a position on it one way or another."

Because the HOST program is unique to Michigan, Treasurer Robert Bowman, an architect of HOST, has received several calls from other states interested in learning more about how it works, Rycus said.

The treasurer's office is currently compiling statistics from the 2,000-plus applications it has received to get a better idea of who the program should be targeted toward in the future, Rycus said. As far as she can tell, applicants are not concentrated in any one sector of the state.

After current applications are processed and payment schedules are begun, the treasurer's office will then decide when the next application process will begin, Rycus said.

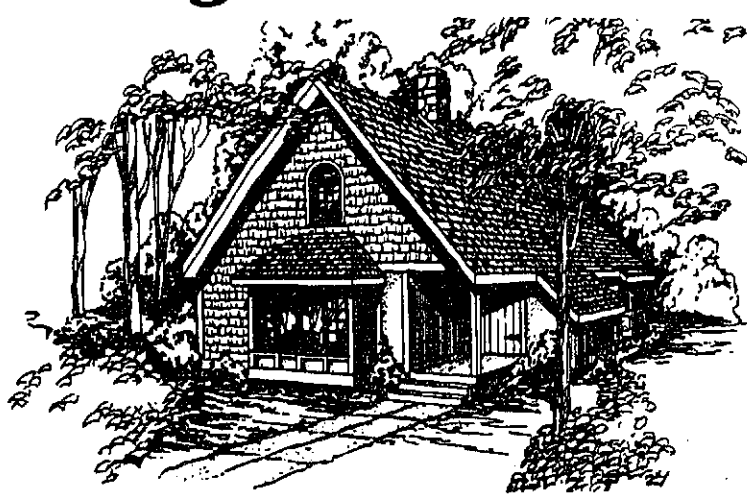
Modeled after the state's Michigan Education Trust (MET) program, HOST has been praised for bringing to attention the problem middle income young people have in saving for their first home.

"Our Constitution states that everyone should have a home," Komarynski said. "But the reality is only 14 percent of the population can afford an average-priced home."

"This is a good tax-exempt savings program for these people if the economy remains relatively stable," he said.

For more information on the HOST program, call the HOST hotline at 1-800-642-4178.

Around the House: Designs for Living



Cabin can be used year-round

By James McAlexander

While the cozy, compact Oxford was designed as a vacation cabin, it has the amenities necessary for year-round living.

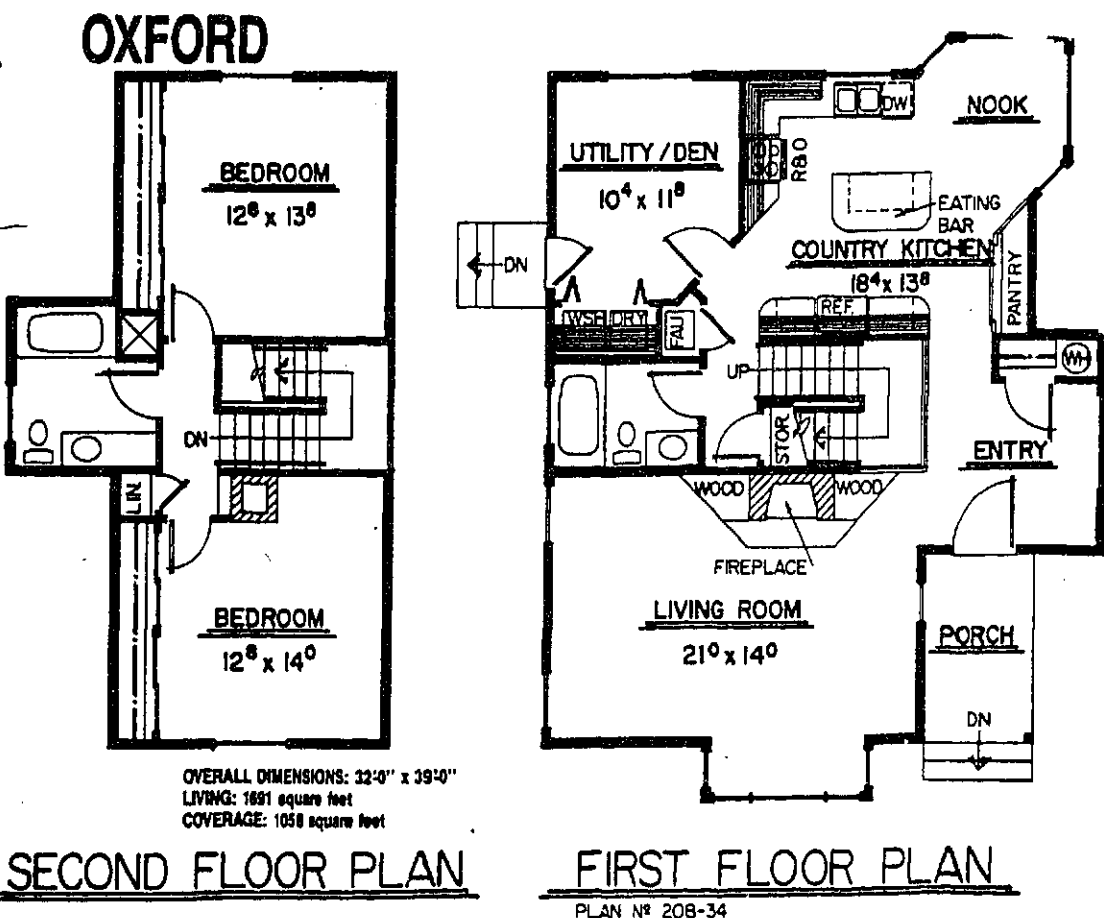
Friends, neighbors and family members will naturally gravitate to the large country kitchen, extended and brightened by a sunny breakfast nook. A built-in dishwasher, pantry and work island/eating bar provide modern touches of efficiency and convenience.

The utility/den could be anything—a conventional den, a bedroom, a home office, a studio for an artist, a sewing and crafts room, or it could just be left as a catch-all for storage and laundry, since the washer and dryer are tucked behind folding doors at one end.

The downstairs has its own full bath. Another serves the two identical bedrooms nestled under the peaked roof upstairs. The big bay window in the living room is a natural for a cushioned window seat, a great

spot for reading and daydreaming. The Oxford's covered porch opens into a unique entryway. The ceiling slopes down into an extended low-ceiling cranny. Plants would do well there, bathed in natural light from the low window.

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(Left) Pat Moylan of Northville holds her adopted infant Max, who is from Paraguay. With them is Chilean Johnny Lee and his adoptive mother Mary Eckert of Northville. (Above) Cathy Beal of Novi with her two adopted sons, Joseph Rajan from India and Daniel Roberto of Paraguay

The Foreign Adoption Option

Stories by
SHARON ROSE

When Patricia Moylan celebrated her 35th birthday, she took a long look at her life and knew something was missing.

She had a satisfying career as a pediatric neuropsychologist at Children's Hospital in Detroit that kept her days busy, but she hated returning to an empty home at night. Last November, she traveled to Paraguay for a cherubic, curly-haired toddler she named Max, and her life changed "completely."

"I needed something else to make my life complete," Moylan said. "I wanted to find a good man and have children. Since I couldn't seem to find anyone I wanted to marry," she chuckled, "I decided to go ahead and adopt a child."

As a single person, Moylan was faced with a seven to nine year adoption waiting list for a healthy infant in the United States. "I work in a children's hospital, so I know what it takes to care for a handicapped child," she explained, "and since I knew I'd have to support us too, I realized I couldn't do that."

Within one year of her initial contact with an agency specializing in inter-country adoptions, seven-month-old Max was sleeping in his Northville nursery. The year of waiting was filled with excitement, anxiety, elation, worry, baby showers and considerable expense. Pretty much what most expectant moms experience during the period of waiting for a child. Only Moylan had mountains of extra paperwork, extensive travel arrangements to make and maddening delays.

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One year ago, 9-year-old Johnny Lee didn't know how to ride a bike. He'd never played baseball or football, had never gone roller-skating or ice skating, and never owned any toys at all. He is a bright child, but couldn't read, and could barely count to twenty. Home was an orphanage in Santiago, Chile.

In July 1989, everything changed for Johnny. Mary Eckert and Bob Lee brought him home to live in Northville, and his world exploded with love, opportunity and challenge. It was wonderful, but also intimidating and not a little scary.

Adoption of older children is a special challenge for both parents and child. Eckert and Lee wanted to adopt but encountered restrictions because of their ages (over 40) and length of their marriage (at the time, only a year). Foreign adoption gave them a chance to find a child.

In November 1988, the couple saw a picture of Johnny and decided they wanted him.

"Nothing I've ever done compares to the paper trail of an adoption process in terms of complexity and frustration," Eckert said. "Available immediately" slowly turned into an eight-month wait.

They helped fill the time by preparing a picture album and writing a story to send Johnny that would prepare him for his new home, bedroom school and family. "He had it memorized when we picked him up," Eckert said. "He still has it and shows it to friends." The Chilean orphanage was so impressed with the idea, they requested a copy.

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Cathy Beal teaches second grade in Farmington. She's been a teacher for 21 years, but never had any children to love at home. A widow, she contemplated the lengthy waiting list and dubious attitude that most single adoptive parents encounter, and decided on foreign adoption. Today she's mother to 3-year-old Joseph Rajan from India and nine-month-old Daniel Roberto of Paraguay.

"I read a newspaper article about MASAP (Michigan Association of Single Adoptive Parents) and started networking," Beal explained. "I wanted to share my life with a child and I wanted an infant. A lot of local agencies really don't give singles much hope."

Both adoption procedures were relatively quick for Beal. She picked up Joseph at Metro Airport in 1986, when he was four months old, after a 13-month process. She saw a picture of Daniel in August 1989, and brought him home from Paraguay after a two-week visit in December. The second adoption was expedited since she'd already completed many of the requirements during the first adoption.

"There are a lot of ups and downs with foreign adoption, and you're often helpless to control the circumstances," Beal commented. "Sometimes foreign governments change their regulations midstream. You have to fill out a million forms in a hurry — then wait. It can be frustrating."

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International adoption can be solution

Every year, thousands of foreign-born youngsters find homes in the United States through adoption.

In 1987 alone, more than 10,000 children arrived with visas in hand. Increasing numbers of parents-to-be, discouraged by five- to seven-year waiting lists for healthy babies, are crossing the border to find a child to love.

There are several reasons why international adoptions are attractive. Many countries — particularly those with limited availability of birth control and no welfare system to provide for unwanted children — have more babies in need of homes than they can accommodate. Therefore, the wait for an infant can be as short as a year. Also, some foreign countries are willing to allow older couples and single parents to adopt — two groups traditionally pushed to the bottom of American lists.

More than 80 percent of all foreign adoptions are

from Asian and Latin American countries. The vast majority of these have come from Korea, a country which in the past made it relatively easy for American families to adopt. Most other countries of the world forbid the emigration of their orphans for social, religious or political reasons. Due to a rise in nationalism and increased emphasis on family planning, the flow of Korean infants has slowed to a trickle, and agencies specializing in inter-country adoptions forecast reduced emigration rates for 1990.

Still, for the parent in search of a child, careful investigation across the border may be worthwhile. Inter-country adoption is a complex and expensive process fraught with all the risks, postponements, worry and disappointment of a regular adoptive process. Despite the difficulties, many area families (see related stories) have found special joy in welcoming a foreign child into their

homes.

The first step in any adoptive process is to seriously examine one's motives to adopt. Talk to a trusted friend or a counselor to be sure you can handle the risks and realities of a child from a foreign country. There are interracial aspects which will affect a family for generations, public curiosity and attention which may be unwanted, and medical problems that are more common in under-developed nations.

Patricia Moylan, an adoptive mother from Northville, offered some advice. "Realize that you're not buying an exotic plant, you're adopting a person. And understand that the child will likely be the throw-away person of another country — not the king's son. He or she will come with problems and risks, like any kid."

"Be honest with yourself about what you will accept and won't accept in a child," Moylan continued. "Look at a realistic list of handicaps

and decide on your limits. Know what you can deal with and then be comfortable with your decision."

Next, investigate methods of adoption. Persons can attempt the process independently, or through an agency. In an independent adoption, an individual must contact a foreign embassy for information and legal referrals. Fluency in the native language will be helpful, since the parent would need to work with a foreign attorney and agency; be aware of both countries' legal adoptive procedures and arrange for necessary paperwork to be translated.

Several state-licensed Michigan agencies specialize in foreign adoption. Check with each to compare procedures, fees, policies, waiting lists, restrictions and the countries where they have a liaison agency. Contact adoption support groups for valuable voice-of-experience information. There are several that are

strong in Michigan and meet regularly, such as FOLK (Families of Latin Kids), FFC (Families for Children), and MASAP (Michigan Association of Single Adoptive Parents). Consult periodicals like OURS for articles on pertinent topics, addresses of support groups, networking opportunities, and pages of pictures of special children waiting for permanent homes.

While considering countries, familiarize yourself with their requirements. Some insist a parent travel and stay within the country for a period of weeks to complete legal adoption there. Others would prefer a parent not enter the country and would rather deal with an agency. Every country has its own agency and legal fee schedule — some of these fees subsidize foster care, medical and institutional (orphanage) care costs.

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Directory

"The Adoption Directory" is a new, comprehensive guide to agencies, state laws, support groups and professional services in domestic and international adoption.

A chapter on foreign adoption cites specific requirements of each country, and addresses of foreign agencies for those who wish to adopt directly.

The directory is published by Gale Research Inc., Book Tower, Detroit, MI 48277-0748, or phone 1-800-877-GALE. List price is \$55, or check with the library to see a copy.

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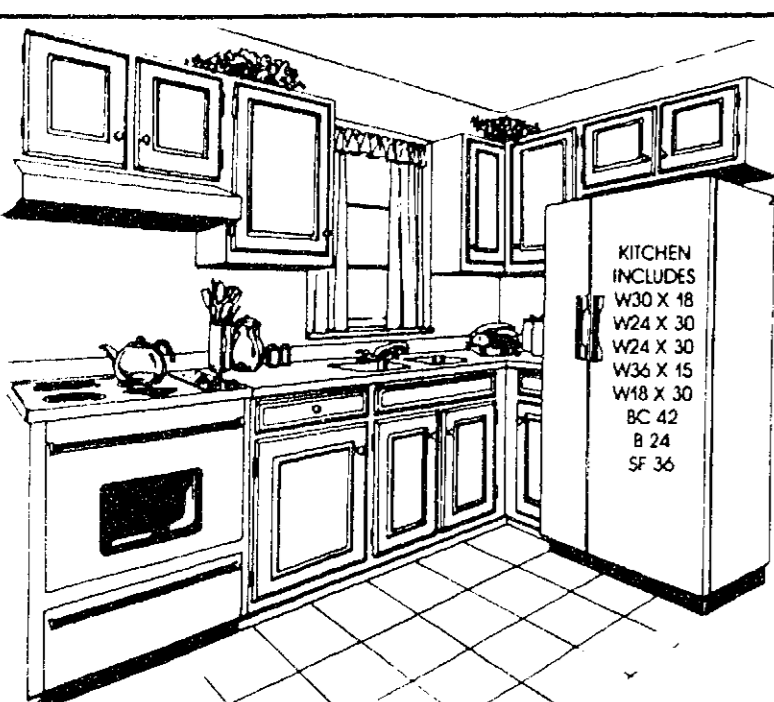


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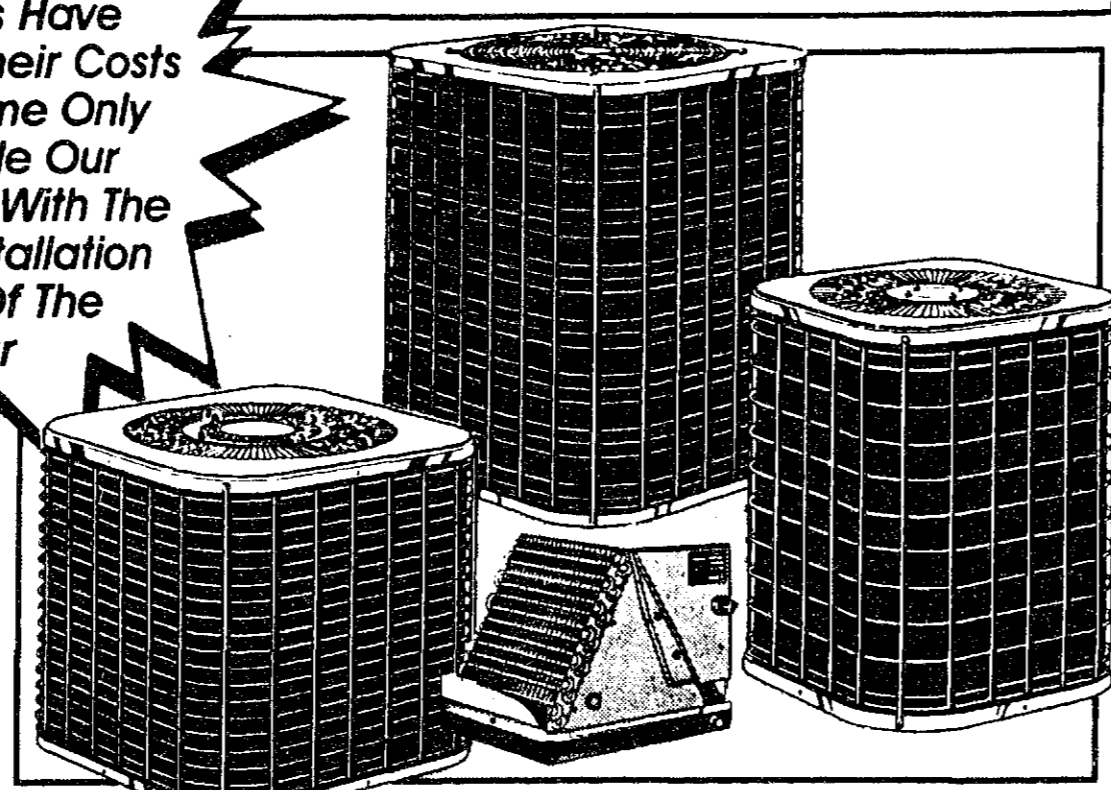
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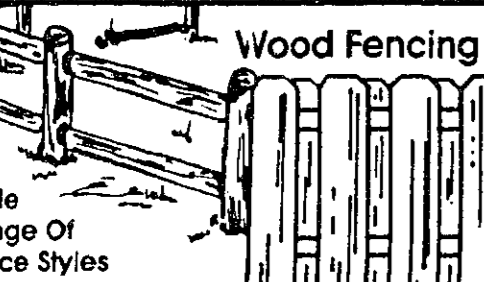


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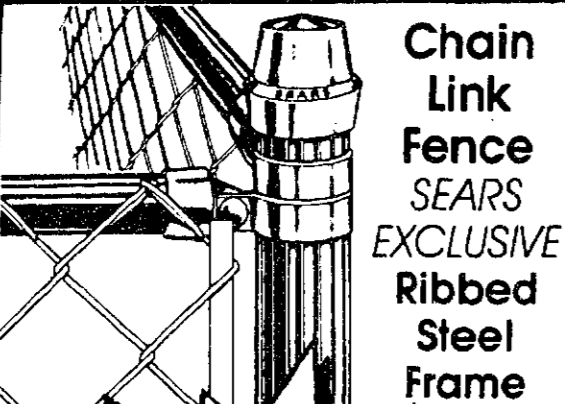
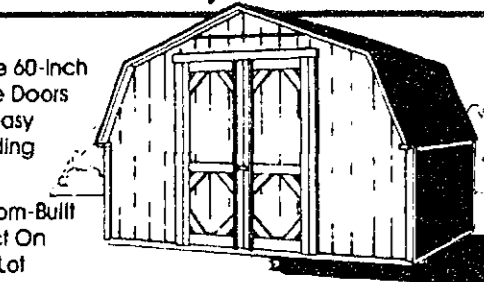
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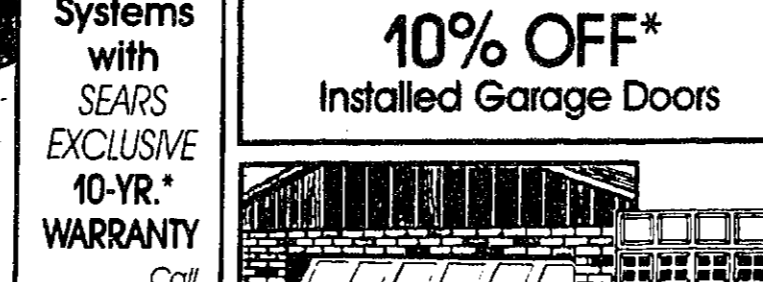


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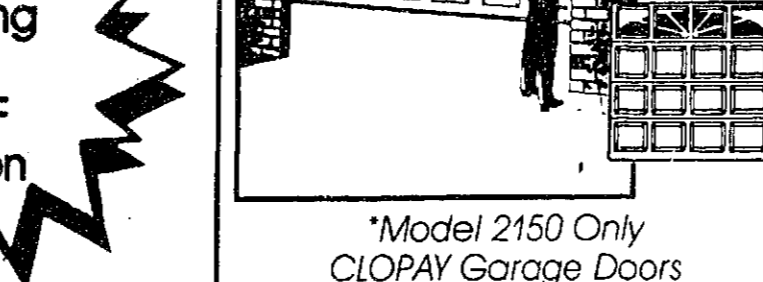


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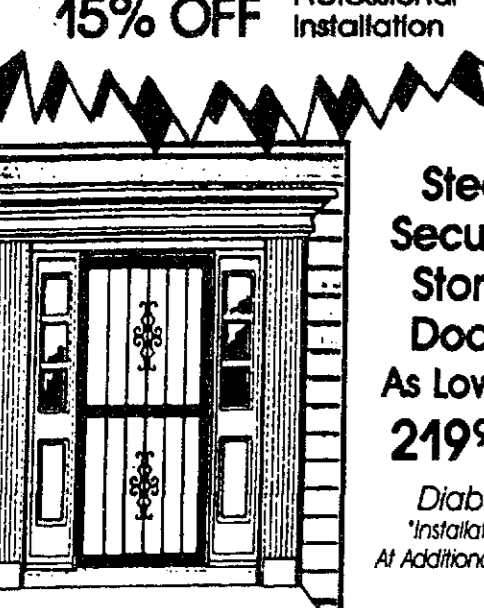


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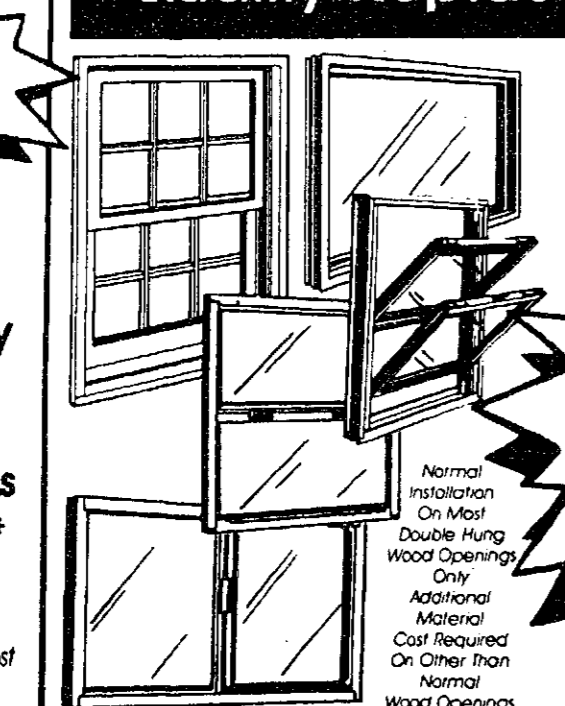


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