

## Newspaper rip-off

## Recycling profits vanish

By RON GARIBENSKI

Newspapers are getting recycled, but Farmington Hills isn't reaping all the profits.

Last March the city began a recycling program that made curb side collections of newspaper.

Since then somebody has been hauling away the city's newspaper before DFW workers have a chance to collect them.

"The purpose of the program was to get newspapers recycled," says Robert Shaw, DFW maintenance superintendent. "The papers are getting recycled, but not by the right people."

Recycled newspaper now brings 64¢ per ton, up from the 52¢ level of 1973. That's where the problem lies for the city—somebody is profiting off city residents.

"Right now people are calling and saying someone is not there stealing the city's newspaper from their curbs," Shaw says. "But these people aren't really stealing the newspaper; they are just cutting it away."

"BEFORE THEY can steal it, the city must have some kind of law that prohibits

stealing the newspaper," he explains. "There's not much we can do until the city passes a law. You know how these environmental people are, they get all excited when they see someone else getting rich."

It isn't as though the paper is being wasted, it's just that the city isn't deriving the income it expected from the program. In fact, it's getting less than 10 per cent of what it anticipated.

"In the two months that the department has been collecting newspapers, only about half of the trailer is full. That means we have only about 25 tons of newspaper."

That's not too good. In years past, when we collected newspaper, we brought in at least 40 tons per month.

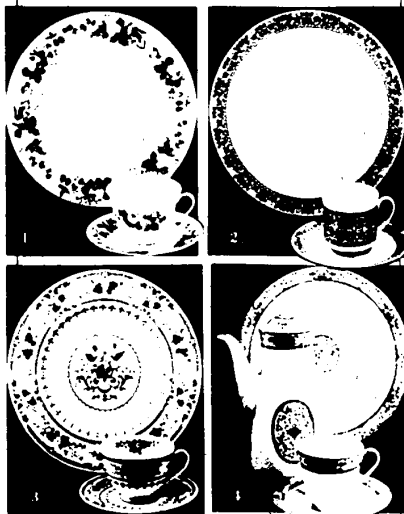
"And that was in a period when recycled newspaper prices were declining," he maintains.

"Once we get a ordinance in effect and a few of these people who are taking the paper get mailed, then our volume should increase."

The DFW recently presented a model ordinance to the city council that states if anyone—other than a contractor licensed by the city—is nabbed picking up anything

in a public right-of-way, they will be prosecuted.

"If this law goes into effect, at least we'll be getting a lot more newspaper instead of a lot more calls from residents saying someone is out there stealing our newspaper," Shaw says.

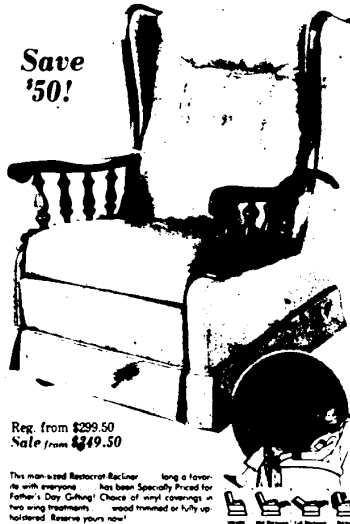
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The fee for the sessions is \$70 and a \$10 deposit is requested.

The sessions will discuss identifying work skills you possess, establishing career-life priorities, how to establish career goals and how to interview effectively for a job.

Students are required to attend at least five sessions. Group size will be limited to 20 people, chosen on a first-come basis. Any questions can be directed to Dr. Atlas at 877-4170.

Registration can be accomplished by sending the deposit to Behavioral Science Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 423, Pontiac 48053.

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