

## Riding high



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Name calling: Eagle Elementary School kindergarten Drew VanMeter sits on the back of a horse, Samson, with West Bloomfield Sgt. Mike Madigan holding the reins. The student, who came up with the name Glitter for a younger horse, is first runner-up in the police department's Name the Horse contest.

## Student tutoring project a 'success'

An experimental community service project through Harrison High School's language department is being labeled a success after one school year.

French teacher Pierrette Simpson began the program in the fall, encouraging students in French III, IV and V classes to tutor younger students in language during their free time as a community service project.

"This project has been successful beyond what I could have imagined," she said.

Students participating in the program were pleased with what they could offer, and what they gained personally from the experience. "Teaching French at our class was full of fun and surprises," said Edie Szymanski, who, team taught French for Carol Greening's class at Gill Elementary. "It's amazing how

much elementary students love to learn and how they grasp every piece of information with enthusiasm."

Greening said the Harrison students were "wonderful role models" for the younger children.

Teacher Virginia Beardsley of Larkshire Elementary said the lessons made "learning fun for kids" and said the project offers "a very positive attitude concerning taking a foreign language in high school." Students Tracey Tackett and Lori Schram taught there.

Students used various teaching techniques for basic French and included teaching numbers, colors and greetings. The students also have expanded their service to the district's Community Education Department through "Project French," which allows Harrison students to teach after-school enrichment classes in language.

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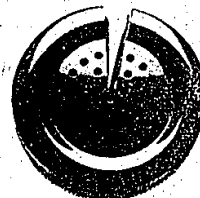
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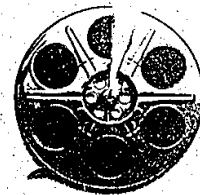
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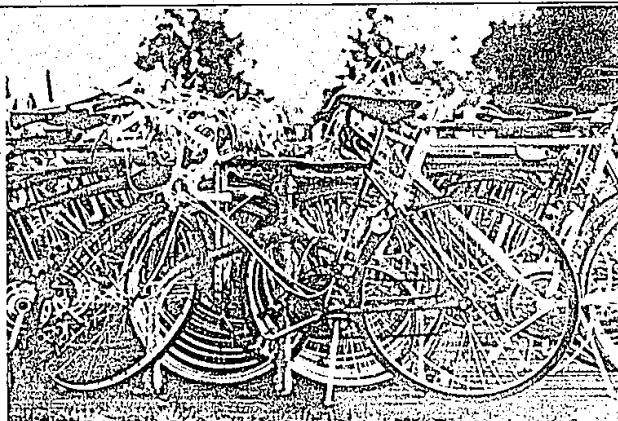
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