Canadian country singer Joan Kennedy to perform Friday:

LISA CARTWRIGHT **Features**

oan Kennedy, the Canadian singer whose song Dozen Roses was CissFm listeners' favourite for five days, will be performing Fair Markham October 3 at 8

Kennedy has released albums since she was discovered in 1983 at a National Talent Contest. While she has performed both large and venus, small Kennedy said it's not the size of the venue that

gives to the people. "It's not about how big or small (a venue) is, it is about" people who buy your music being able to see you. "The (Markham Fair) gives me the opportunity to really thank the people who have brought

matters, but the opportunity it-

A Dozen Red Roses to life," music into the show." said the singer/song writer in a telephone interview. "The Ontario market really opened it's arms to this."

In high school, Kennedy,



Joan Kennedy

country.

like most aspiring musicians, belonged to band who would practice and play after school.

'We would do a little big of everything. Linda Ronstadt ... and other popular female artists. We played dance music and other music people wanted to hear. We would (then) incorporate our own

Once discovered, Kennedy released I'm a big Girl Now as well as a Christmas album. But her big break came when she released Candle In The

Window. The album had six 10 sin-

Her newest album Red Dozen Roses is a retrospective album of all of her favourite cuts from her past albums including Working Daughter, a song wrote about her dad.

Kennedy has written some of her own songs, most of her music comes to her from publishing companys' choose songs they think she will like.

"It's a long process," said Kennedy who loves songs that reach her on a personal level.

album is like going to the library to find a good book - it's a long process, you have to go through a variety of books before you find the one you like, she said.

"It's a hard thing. (A song) really has to hit you. They don't come along that often and some have to grow on you."

ike the song she had in her possession for three years. At tions everywhere including from the time, it just didn't work for

Finding the perfect song for an Kennedy. Recently she pulled it out and realized how much she liked it.

"I just dusted it off and said 'wow, what a good song'."

And song writing is a lot like finding the perfect song, except that Kennedy has to create it herself.

Starting with a title, Kennedy creates the idea then tries to write around it. She said she gets inspira-

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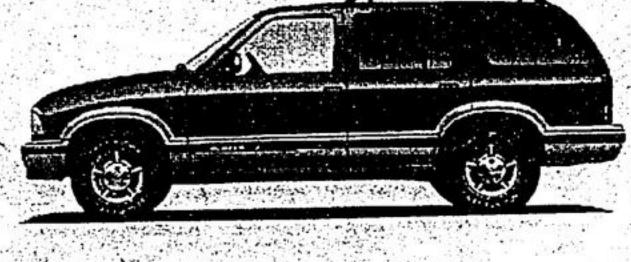
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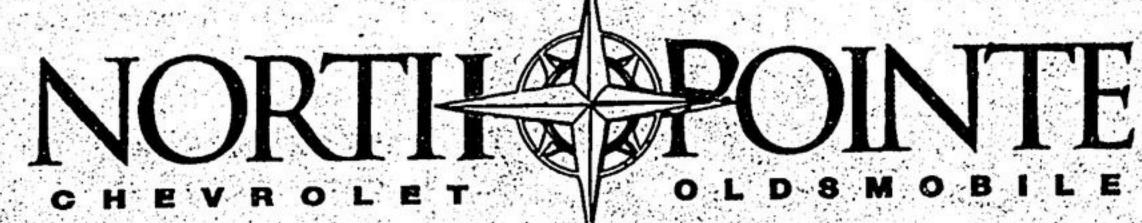


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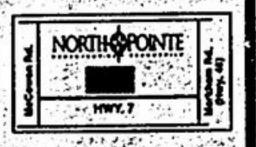




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