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A cooperative effort between area police agencies diffused what could have been a violent end to a standoff with a patient at Northville Psychiatric Hospital. Just the same, township detectives acknowledged that the situation could have been much worse. -Page 5A

Dole makes stop in Novi

Former presidential candidate Elizabeth visited Dole

Novi's Providence Hospital last week on a campaign stop for Gov. George W. Bush. --- Page 6A

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Karen Woodside's announcement this week of her resignation as township supervisor represents and chance for both her and Northville Township to get a fresh start - one we believe is overdue. - Page 14A

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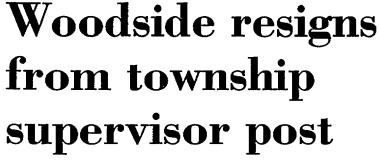
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An age-old craft hasn't gone out of style on Dunlap Street, where the Northville Clock Shop keep on tickin'. — Page 144

Sports

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T h e Northville vol-leyball team had another strong tournament performance last weekend, fin-



BY ANDREW DIETDERICH Staff Writer

The Northville Township board of trustees plans to pick a interim supervisor tonight after Karen Woodside's sudden resignation early this week.

The temporary supervisor will serve the remainder of Woodside's four-year term, which expires in November. Woodside announced her retirement Jan. 31 in the Detroit News, which is where her fellow board members first heard about it. The resignation isn't official until accepted by the board which is why a special meeting was called for tonight.

And although the resignation announcement was sudden, some board members said they weren't surprised.

"I've been noticing things for quite some time now," said Russ Fogg, township trustee. "She mentioned Saturday (Jan. 29) she might resign and somewhere between then and Sunday she made up her mind."

Woodside hasn't returned telephone calls to Northville Record since November. However, in her letter of resigna-

tion to the board Woodside wrote "it presently appears that full-time outside employment is not compatible with being the Northville

Township supervisor." Woodside is a Wayne County assistant prosecutor.

Read the resignation letter Karen Woodside sent to members of the board of trustees. See page 9A.

"I talked about it with her and she indicated it was too difficult for her to keep up her responsibilities with the county and do everything that needed to be done in the township," said Bill Selinsky, township board member. "She was responsible in trying to take care of her responsibilities but I thing it probably got to be too much."

Additionally, Fogg said Woodside had told him she was taking care of an aunt who was extremely ill and had fallen ill with pneumonia herself.

The demands of both jobs and condition of her family came gether at one time," Fogg said.

Also in her letter of resignation, Woodside said she first ran for the supervisor's position because she cared "deeply" about the township and highlighted the fact the 10 goals from her 1996 campaign had been accomplished.

Woodside also slammed "certain members of the board of trustees" as the reason "effective and efficient management of the town-

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Blue is definitely his color

Brandon Jacob Miller probably couldn't care less that he was Northville's first baby of 2000, but his parents, Dwayne and Roberta do. See the story on page 7A.

Three cited in underage **booze buy** police sting

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BY ANDREW DIETDERICH Staff Writer

Three Northville Township businesses face fines and/or liquor license suspensions after selling alcohol to a 16-year-old police decoy with no identification.

Bonfire Bistro and Brewery, 39550 Seven Mile Road, Rocky's of Northville, 41122 Seven Mile Road, and Farmer Jack. 17447 Haggerty Road, all sold alcohol to the minor.

The alcohol sales were part of a random Northville Township police alcohol sting headed up by Detective Paul Sumner and Detective Michael Wildt.

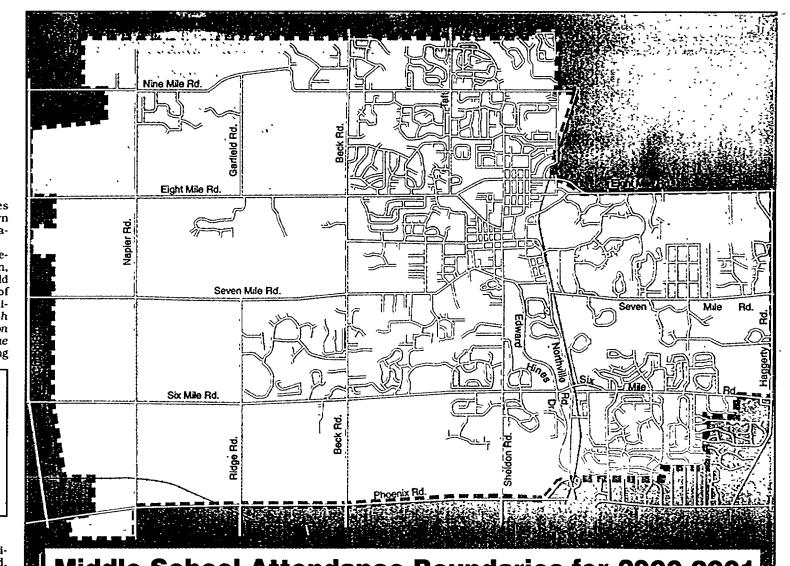
'Our goal is to have 100 percent compliance simply because Northville Township is a zero tolerance community," Sumner said.

A 16-year-old male was sent into the businesses in Northville Township that have and maintain liquor licenses. He was instructed to select an alcohol product and attempt to purchase it without the benefit of having proper identification.

In the bars and restaurants, he was instructed to sit at the bar and order a drink, again with no identification.

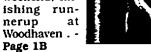
Eleven of the 14 businesses asked him for identification and refused to sell alcohol when he couldn't produce any. Businesses that failed will be referred to the Michigan Liquor Control Commis-

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HomeTown announces series of management changes

Several management changes ere announced for HomeTown Communications Network newspapers last week. Grace Perry, publisher of Home-Town's Oakland County division, announced Robert Jackson would be promoted from editor of Northville Record to managing editor of Record, Novi News, South Lyon Herald, Milford Times, Fenton Independent, Holly Herald and The Times, a new publication covering the commu-



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A special section . .





manager to advertising **Bob Jackson** director for

HomeTown's publications in Novi-Northville, South Lyon, Milford, Holly and Walled Lake.

The division will also be adding a circulation manager in the coming months.



Lisa Dranginis reporter Elliot

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Jaspin in forming the Missouri Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting, now named the National Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting.

From there, Jackson became a bureau reporter for the Arizona Republic, where he covered police and courtroom issues. Eventually, he was promoted to editor of the Glendale (Arizona) Star.

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Middle School Attendance Boundaries for 2000-2001

Former Cooke Middle School attendance boundaries

New Cooke Middle School attendance boundaries

Meads Mill Middle School attendance boundaries

SOURCE: Northville Public Schools

graphic by SCOTT PIPER

District re-aligns middle school boundaries

By MELANIE PLENDA Staff Writer

The third time was a charm for the Northville Public School District, as the school board recently approved a plan to change the existing middle school boundaries.

Effective this autumn, middle school boundartes for Meads Mill middle school and Hillside Middle School will be changed.

With the changes, students attending Winchester and Silver Springs elementaries will attend Meads Mill, while those attending Amerman. Moraine and Thornton Creek elementaries will go to Hillside.

Additionally, the new lines will take 52 stu-

dents from the eighth grade and 47 from the seventh grade at Meads Mill and place them in the Hillside boundary. However, those students can choose to remain at Meads with the open enrollment policy but must have their requests submitted by the end of February.

We want to make the students' transition as comfortable as possible," Meads Mill principal Sue Meyer said.

Meyer also said anyone wishing to finish his or her middle school career at Meads may do so, but parents will have to provide transportation for their children, school board trustee Jerry Rupley said.

The students who could be moved are locat-

ed in the southern part of the Amerman District, said school board treasurer Joan Wadsworth. This was determined by the fact most of the students lived within walking distance to Hillside.

The change purposely left Meads Mill with a smaller population than Hillside given its size as well as the growth occurring north of Seven Mile road and west of Beck Road. Meyer said if no one opts for open enrollment the current projections will be 723 students at Hillside and 569 at Meads.

Wadsworth said she had a student at Meads who would be affected by the change. Though

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Committed to Exercise Classes... Committed to Training... Committed to Kids' Programs... Committed to Service!



I have wanted to write this letter for quite some time. My husband Tim and I joined the Sports Club of Novi before the doors officially opened. We are in the club literally every single day and many days more than once a day. My son Colin is on the swim team and takes Taekwondo. My daughter Hannahtakes dance and gymnastics. The purpose of this letter is to tell you that with all of the time that we spend at the Sports Club, none of us have ever been disappointed. On the contrary, we absolutely love "our club"!... Every staff member is genuinely friendly and makes us feel like the Sports Club is truly our home away from home.

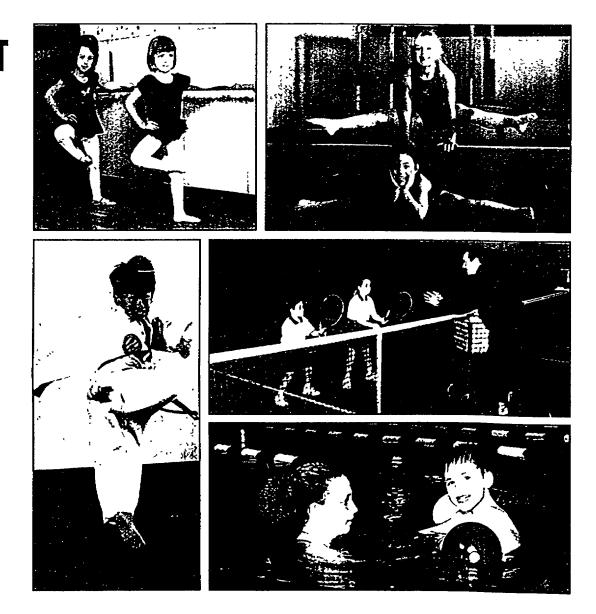
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By MIKE MALOTT HomeTown News Service

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aisles, curb cuts and ramps for the

handicapped won unanimous

approval last week from the state

sored by Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia,

is on a fast track for approval by the

tion, carrying a \$100 fine, to block

wheelchair access. It will also allow

police to tow vehicles from handi-

capped parking areas if necessary

to provide wheelchair users access

An access aisle is the yellow- or

blue-lined space next to a handi-

capped parking spot that allows

room for the operation of a

Chris Mageli, some of the worst

offenders can be other drivers who

have handicapped parking placards

themselves but don't realize the

purpose of the yellow- and blue-

for people who block or park in

There currently are no penalties

According to Dearborn resident

to and from their vehicles.

The bill will make it a civil infrac-

That puts House Bill 4995, spon-

House Transportation Committee.

State House

Northville School Briefs

HILLSIDE TOUR DELAYED

Due to extensive construction at the future Hillside Middle School and because high school students are in session, parents of seventh and eighth grade students will not be able to tour Hillside Middle School until August.

However. Cooke Middle School principal Jeffrey Radwanski and assistant principal Jim Cracraft will be conducting small group tours Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The tours will be for incoming sixth graders and the parents of students who will attend Hillside Middle School. The purpose of the tour is to introduce students and staff, as well as to allow students to become familiar with the layout of the new school, learn about the program at Hillside, and answer questions.

More information may be obtained and a reservation date can be reserved by calling by calling Barb Frudeau at (248) 344-8493. Tours will be conducted on the

following dates:

Feb. 5 and, 26; March 4, 11 and 18; April 1.8. and 15; and May 6

HALF-DAY ORIENTATION SLATED

and 13.

There will be a half-day orientation for seventh graders Aug. 23 from 12:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. with another orientation for eighth graders on Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to accompany their son or daughter.

During the orientation. Cooke (Hillside) administrators hope to meet parents and students. Students will have an opportunity at that time to turn in emergency cards, field trip cards, computer use forms, as well as other information sent home by the school. Students' pictures will be taken in the cafeteria. They will also be issued their class schedules, locker numbers and combinations.

The open enrollment deadline for next year is Feb. 29. Letters requesting a student be enrolled in a school other than the assigned school may be sent to Linda Pitcher, assistant superintendent for instructional services. Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48167.

Those who are exercising the open enrollment option must send a copy of the letter to both middle

school principals. Principal at , thinking, use of language and pre-Meads Mill Middle School Sue Meyer can be reached via mail at 16700 Franklin Rd., Northville Mich., 48167. Cooke Middle School Principal Jeffrey Radwanski may be reached via mail at 21200 Taft Rd., Northville, Mich. 48167.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS GIVEN STATE AWARD

Three Northville schools have been chosen for the Michigan Association of School Boards Education Excellence 2000 Awards.

Meads Mill Middle School was recognized for its Career Symposium/Interview Simulation. It was chosen for its use of technology. involving people in the community and connecting concepts with reallife experience.

Another mention went to Old Village School for its Picture Exchange Communication System. The system was designed for children with autism who are "non-speaking." The goal of PECS is to provide children with an effective and functional method of communication. The program teaches children to initiate a request by picking up a picture and delivering it to another person in order to receive a desired item.

The third program was Northville High School's Rat Olympics. In the program, Advanced Placement psychology students train domestic female rats to perform Olympic tricks such as the high jump, the hurdles and the "tri-rathon." Students progressively shape their rats' behaviors through various types of reinforcement schedules.

The three programs were chosen in the categories of school-to-work. serving Special Education Students and improving students achievement in math, science and writing.

AMERMAN STUDENT WINS **PB&J WRITING CONTEST**

Amerman Elementary School student Roger Zatkoff earned his school \$1,000 from the Smucker's and Jif "Talk of the Table" writing contest.

Zatkoff won for his short story describing an imaginary lunch he would like to have with a literary character. The fifth grader had lunch with Bilbo Baggins from J.R.R. Tolkiens' "The Hobbit."

Entrants were judged based on their creativity, clarity, quality of

sentation.

The Northville school board recognized Zatkoff at a recent board meeting with a certificate.

MORAINE, SILVER SPRINGS GRADUATE DARE STUDENTS

Moraine Elementary and Silver Springs' Elementary students dared to say no to drugs and this week graduated from the DARE program. Sponsored by the Northville Township Police Department, the students learned the dangers of drugs and alcohol. At their graduation, several students performed skits entitled "Ways to say No," and "Turn Around." Other students read their winning essays on their personal commitments to staying drug-free. Additionally, the Phymouth Whalers Hockey Team was on hand to show

their support. The following students earned their DARE certificates at the event: James Alandt, Will Blickle, Jamie Bradshaw, Evan Clough, Ashley Courtney, Micaela Dodson, Katrina Dresaj, Tricia Eichholtz, Kyle Howley. Ashley Jones. Michelle Jones. Justin Kemp, Laura Keys, Emily Kreichelt, Stacy Londos, Shawn Madish, Aleks Malec, Kelly Mantay, Katelin Moran, Ashley Mucha, Patrick Pelletier-Doyle, Rachel Picano, Mary Sprader, Evelyn Stilwell. Megan Sundberg. Jon Wagner. Amanda Walkiewicz, Dittrick Williams, Sarah Ambler, Christine Brant, Lauren Bishop, Amanda Brennan, Tony Calabrese, Steven Crute, Kristen Debear, Hans Dietrich, Julie Foycher, ChAd Grandell, Rachel Grezhk, Taber Harold, Brendan Kelleher, Cameron McNamara, Lindsay Presnau, Scott Rinnas, Christins Ruiz, Michael Sonk. Michael Stamboulian, Linndsay Thornburg. Samantha White and Ian Ginn- Boyar.

LEGISLATOR TAKES AIM AT **CYBERPORN**

Senate Majority floor leader Mike Rogers announced Jan. 13 he is introducing legislation to prevent the distribution of pornography to children at libraries, especially on the Internet.

Rogers, a former FBI agent, said his legislation will be introduced later this month to amend the Library Privacy Act to prevent distribution to children any material classified pornographic under library standards.

More information can be obtained on the Senate Majority web site at www.gop.senate.state.mi.us/.

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY WIN-NERS LAUDED BY VFW

Northville High School had three winners in the Veterans of Foreign Wars writing contest . The contest requires a three-five minute written speech recorded on tape. The theme for this years contest was "America's Role for the Next Century." Winning students received cash

prizes totaling \$225. additional;ly, the first place winner receives a certificate at a dinner honoring the students achievement.

The winners are as follows:

First place - Mike Donovan; sec-ond place - Emily Monforton; and third place — Jessica Webb.

High school student takes second in poster contest

NHS student Meghan Meckstroth won second prize in the 1999 "Winners Don't Do Drugs Because ... " poster contest.

More than 6,500 students enter this contest which grants a \$75 cash award from the Kmart Company.

NHS ARTISTS HAVE WORK ENTERED AT JURIED SHOW

Art students at Northville High School entered 125 individual pieces of work and 23 senior portfolios in the Scholastic Art Awards Competition during the first week of January.

The juried show selects winners from thousands of entries from three counties in the southeastern Michigan' area. All media are represented including such things as jewelry, ceramics, painting, drawing. sculpture, and photography.

The show will run from Feb. 6 through Feb. 20 at Summit Place mall on Telegraph Road and Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford.

The winners will be announced in March.

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HIGH SCHOOL ALL-NIGHT

PARTY TICKETS ON SALE

NHS Senior All Night Party tickets are on sale for \$45 until March 1. coordinators for the party are still looking for senior parent volunteers for the evening.

Ticket information can be obtained by calling Linda Temple at (248) 349-8328.

Volunteer information may be obtained by calling Lori Platts at (248) 349-1194 or Karen Marburger at (248) 347-4116.

REC DEPARTMENT SPON-SORS ACT WORKSHOP

Northville Parks and Recreation is sponsoring an ACT workshop March 13 and 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The class will prepare students by doing the following:showing the format and types

of questions on the test;

teaching strategies for dealing with each section of the test:

· giving mini-tests after each of the sections:

providing a review for each of the sections of the test, and;

• giving two complete practice

tests and answer keys. The workshop is for students taking the ACT during the remainder of the current school year. Those attending are encouraged to bring a calculator. A 337-page text is provided to each participant as part of the fee.

Registration is made in advance because enrollment is limited.

Interested students may inquire about fees and registration at Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 349-0203.

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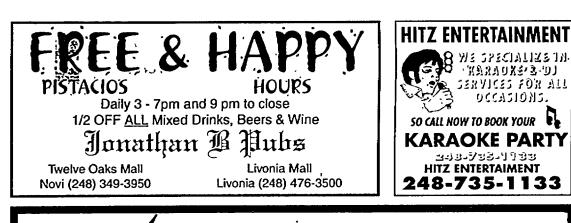
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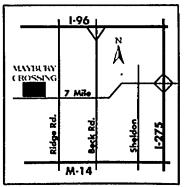




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Police Reports

EAGLES CLUB REFERRED TO LIQUOR COMMISSION FOR GAMBLING .

The Eagles Club, 113 S. Center St., will be referred to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for illegal gambling after-Super Bowl betting squares were found in the bar.

The incident happened Jan. 28 at 10:44 p.m.

According to a city of Northville police report. Officer Rich Rogowski was conducting a routine liquor inspection of the club when he discovered the betting. sheets on the bar. Nearby he found an envelope with money in it.

The manager of the club said the gambling was for members only.

The business will be referred to the LCC for illegal gambling.

NORTHVILLE MAN ARRESTED FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING IN TOWNSHIP

· A 22-year-old Northville man was arrested for drunken driving in the town-

ship. The incident happened Jan. 27 at 1:17 a.m.

According to a Northville Township police report, police followed the man northbound on Beck Road run through a red light at the intersection of Beck and Eight Mile Road. Police stopped the man and noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his vehicle.

He was given a series of sobriety tests he had difficulty with including a preliminary breath test of which he blew a .105. In Michigan. .10 is considered too intoxicated to drive.

The man was arrested and released pending the posting of bond and sobering.

MORE THAN \$5,000 IN EQUIPMENT STOLEN FROM WORK SITE

More than \$5,000 worth of construction equipment was stolen from Building Concepts and Development, 17391 Stonebrook

The incident happened between 1 p.m. Jan. 27 and 10:30 a.m. Jan. 28.

According to a Northville Township police report, the unknown person(s) appear to have entered the building under construction at the site through doors in the rear of the building held up only by two 12 Inch flues. Among items stolen from the garage area of the site were: a cement mixer valued at \$3,000; a scaffold and related items valued at more than \$2,000; three chainsaws worth \$1.000.

MAN ARRESTED AFTER COUPLE **FIGHTS OVER CABLE WIRE**

A 25-year-old Redford man was arrested after he allegedly threw he 28-year-old ex-girlfriend three times.

The incident happened Jan. 28 at 2:05 p.m.

According to a Northville Township police report, the man and woman were arguing about ownership of a cable wire as he was moving his things out of the apartment. She allegedly hit him and he allegedly threw her three times in "selfdefense.

The man was arrested for domestic assault, however because the fight was allegedly mutual the Wayne County prosecutor did not see fit to charge the man.

CARRIER FORGES SIGNATURE FOR PAINTING THAT GETS STOLEN

An expensive painting delivered to Knightsbridge Antiques in Northville Township was stolen from in front of the store Jan. 31.

The incident happened between 8:46 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

According to Northville Township police, the company Craters and Freighters attempted to deliver the painting from Paris at 8:46 a.m. However, the business was open yet so the delivery person forged a signature and left the painting at the front door. A worker in the neighboring dry cleaner saw the incident but ignored it.

The painting was by artist Frederick Author Bridgman and was an oil painting on linen.

NOVI MAN ASKS TO BE ARRESTED AND CITY POLICE COMPLY

A 35-year-old Novi man was arrested by city of Northville police after police witnessed the man acting in a disorderly manner at the Northville Downs.

The incident happened Jan. 28 at 9:53 p.m.

According to city of Northville police, the man was seen acting disorderly in the grandstand of the Northville Downs.

They asked him to calin down but he continued to pester customers including a woman and her son. Police then escort. ed the man to the police office at the Downs.

They asked for identification and the man refused to provide. He eventually identified himself and when asked for his date of birth said to police, "You figure it out since you know so much." Then he said, "Why don't you arrest me?"

He refused to answer any questions and processing. He was placed in the cell until sobering and posting of \$300 bond.



Hear L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County's executive, apply his hands-on experience with growth to Livingston County's current related issues advantages. And and learn how "Automation Alley" is turning southeast Michigan into a force to be reckoned with.

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TRAIXTRAM

Police, patient square off during hospital incident

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH

Three local law enforcement agencies worked together to subdue an escaped patient from Northville State Hospital who went on a rampage last week.

The man is being held in Wayne County Jail on \$100,000 bond after being charged with felonious assault of a police officer.

Detective Paul Sumner. Northville Township police department, said the 28-year-old male escapee was captured Jan. 27 after being subdued with retractable nightsticks. Sumner said police were forced to use the nightsticks after the male came swinging at officers with a weapon that later turned out to be a box cutter.

Sumner said the man could have been shot by police officers.

This was a fatal force situation because the officers could have been hurt when the suspect approached them, but the officers first tried to subdue the man without using fatal force," Sumner said.

According to Sumner, township police responded to the scene where the escapee was found to be kicking a state hospital van that was parked near the curb of Seven Mile Road in front of Wooly Bullys.

Responding police blocked off traffic to the area and tried to calm the man down in the middle of Seven Mile Road, Sumner said. However, after yelling at officers. the suspect ended up running toward them swinging the weapon and sliced open a leather coat one of the township officers was wear-

Police drew their guns on the man who shouted at them to shoot him. Instead, Sumner said, offi-

cers decided to use their retractable nightsticks and strike the man in areas they are trained to in order to subdue the man without killing him.

Officers were then able to handcuff and arrest the man.

The cooperation of township. city and hospital officials was what led to the capture of the 28-yearold male, Sumner said.

"Northville city police responded when we needed assistance in a professional manner," Sumner said. "And Northville State Hospital administration was extremely helpful in assisting us with obtaining information on the subject."

Township officers Martin Patyna and Charles Cole were on the scene along with city officers Glenn Stewart and Samantha Bowlin.

Sumner said further investigation revealed the hospital patient left when he obtained a pass to get a haircut in another area of the building.

"The pass just let him go to another area of the building." Sumner said. "It isn't clear yet how he managed to leave the building."

Geralyn Lasher, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Community Health, said the hospital is conducting an investigation to determine how the man was able to leave the building.

We'll be doing thorough investigation to see how the individual was able to leave the premises in order to ensure nothing similar happens in the future," she said. The escapee goes back to court Feb. 7.

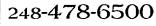
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville Township's Wooly Bullys restaurant has been sold by its current owners. The eatery is near the corner of Northville Road along Seven Mile Road.



DO THINGS

Change of owner slated for musicthemed tavern

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH Staff Writer

A Westland man confirmed early this week he will go before the Northville Township board of trustees Feb. 17 as the new owner of Wooly Bully's.

Ken Mehl said he is in the late stages of purchasing the novelty restaurant. However, he said he did not want to go into detail about what he intends to do with the restaurant.

"I'm not going to answer any questions until I go before the board of trustees on the 17th," Mehl said. "I don't want to go before the public until the board has had the chance to ask any questions they may have."

However, a township employee said Mehl, who owns Blarney Bay in Westland, plans to turn the restaurant into an Irish pub.

Wooly Bully's is a rock 'n' roll themed restaurant located near the intersection of Seven Mile Road and Northville Road in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center. Decorations range from the two huge guitars on the building's facade to signed records and guitars of rock n' roll music artists.

Mark Roman, owner of Wooly Bully's, said he hasn't sold the Northville Township Wooly Bully's

'I've had three different people come over in the last six months and make deals but I haven't accepted any of them," he said. "A lot of people have pipe dreams, but don't have the money."

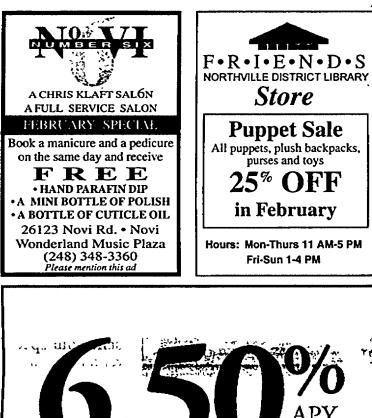
Further, Roman said he wasn't sure the offers were still standing. 'If there's a serious buyer out

there I'm not aware of it," he said. Roman said he would consider an offer for the restaurant. though.

"Everything is for sale for a price," he said.

Township police did confirm. however, a request to investigate Wooly Bully's and Blarney Bay has been received by them from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Such investigations are routine when businesses make requests to the commission to transfer their liquor license to another business.

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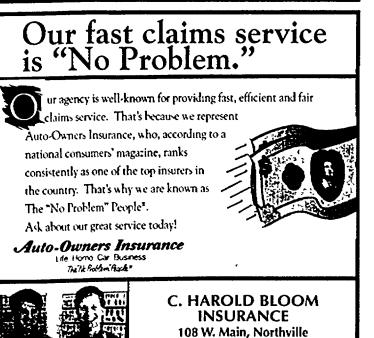
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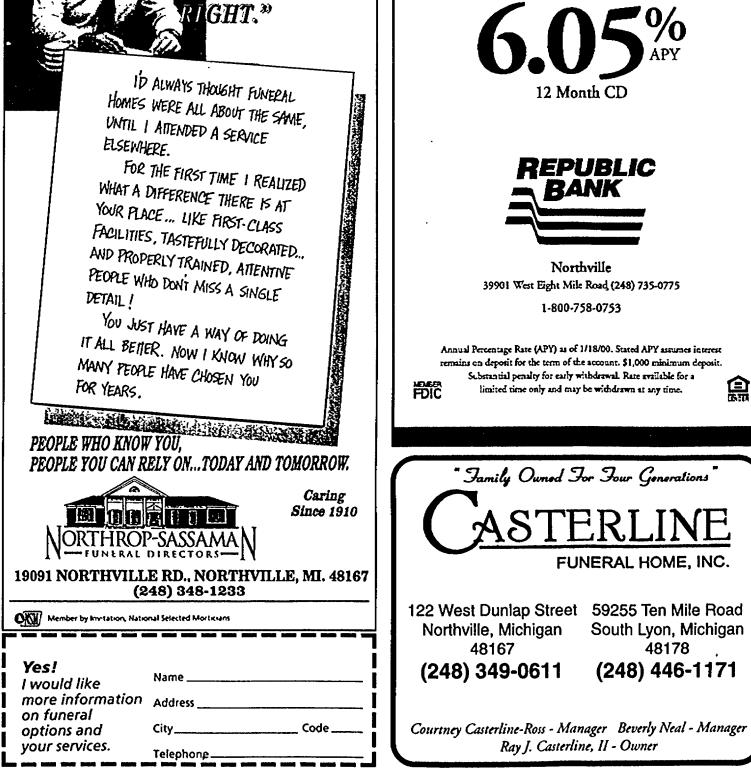


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Dole makes visit to Novi

BY KELLY COOLEY Staff Writer

Novi received a taste of presidential campaigning last week when Elizabeth Dole breezed through the Providence Medical Assarian Cancer Center.

Dole, who is touring the Midwest campaigning for George W. Bush, stopped in Grand Rapids, spoke briefly in Lansing and then stopped in Novi on Jan. 27. The former presidential exploratory candidate was accompanied by Candace Miller, Secretary of State; Lisa Posthumus, daughter of Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus; and Rep. Nancy Cassis R-Novi.

Cassis arranged the cancer center tour stop, which Dole said was a marvelous facility.

"I was really anxious to see a facility dedicated to saving lives and improving the quality of life for cancer patients. Since my husband battled prostate cancer, it's nice to see an outstanding center," Dole said.

All members of the tour promoted women's health care during the Michigan stops, which Cassis said became the perfect way to bring them to the Assarian Cancer Center to showcase the medical facility's benefits.

Dole toured the reflection area. x-ray rooms, patient rooms. She also stopped to color small signs saying encouraging things such as "Be Strong" and "Endure" with cancer patients and family members who were coloring while receiving counseling.

Danielle Collarbno colored with Dole while her mom, Karen, watched nearby. Karen Collarbno is a patient at Providence. While Danielle told Dole she was coloring well, Dole replied Danielle was a good artist.

Although rumors have placed Dole as a possible vice presidential candidate for Bush, she said it is too early to confirm.

"It's so early, he has to win first. When he does, (Bush) will have a large number of talented people to choose from. The party is blessed with an outstanding number of leaders." Dole said.



"My number one concern is to travel proactively in every state for Governor Bush," she said.

Dole also spoke highly of Bush's record for education. She said he promoted early reading programs, making sure children were literate by third grade.

"The New York Times' last spring, named Texas Public Schools as a model for every school system. Gov. Bush has a proven track record in Texas. His overall plan returns control to the states, giving them more flexibility, not in D.C.," Dole said. "Public Schools are seven percent funded by the federal government and regulated federally by 50 percent. He has measurable goals and asks for strict accountability."

accountability." Ruth Elrod of Novi brought her two daughters, Kristine and Katherine, and Kristine's friend Lauren Wilson, to get a glimpse of the campaigning professional.

"I am a big supporter of George W. Bush and Mrs. Dole. I wanted to expose my daughters to the political process and she is an impressive role model for my daughters," Elrod said. All three of the girls got their picture

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taken with Dole before she left.

Susan Cosenza works at Providence Medical Center and lives in Milford. She said it was a wonderful experience to bring Dole to Novi and offer the center exposure it deserves.

The visit brought supporters from as far as Ann Arbor to cheer on Dole and the Bush campaign.

Julie Marcal. Barb Lambert and Doug Tietz, all University of Michigan-Ann Arbor college republican members, brought the Students For George Bush support from the liberal town.

"Gov. Bush brings new opportunities to America in the new millennium," Tietz said.

Election 2000 allows Michiganders to vote in the GOP Primary on Feb. 22. The Republicans nominate their candidates at the Philadelphia. Penn. convention July 29-Aug. 4. while the Democrats name their candidates during the national convention in Los Angeles Aug. 14-17. The Reform Party names its picks for president during their convention in California or Minnesota Aug. 10-13.

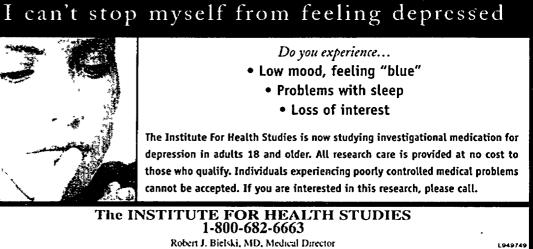


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During her visit to Providence Hospital, Elizabeth Dole, center, works with Karen Collareno, left, her daughter Danielle, 8 and breast cancer survivor Margaret Kustron on a sign that says "Endure."



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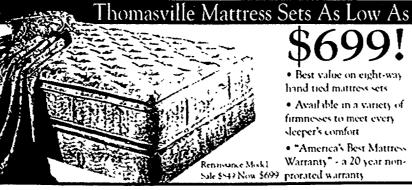
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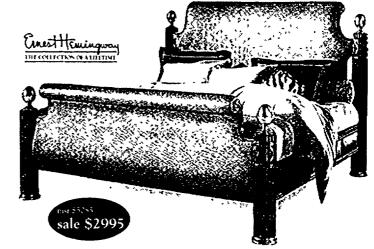
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Northville receives its first bundle of joy

By MELANIE PLENDA

The new year brought in more than a new millennium. It also brought in seven pounds and three ounces of love and joy.

Brandon Jacob Miller was the first bouncing baby brought into Northville on January 3, 2000 at 5:30 a.m. at Providence Hospital.

We weren't aiming for a millennium baby," proud papa Duane Miller said. "It was pure passion."

Brandon was born into a family of two spirited older brothers David, 7, and Nicholas, 5 his mother Roberta and father Duane.

On that day in history, he entered into an excited world on the brink of many new disoveries.

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breath. many around the world were breathing a sigh of relief over the death of the computer bug. As Brandon cried for the first time crowds cheered as Nebraska brought home the Fiesta Bowl'championship. The doctor told Duane Miller that day Brandon was his new son, as George W. Bush, son of the former president, lead in the early polls for the presidential election. And as Brandon peacefully clung to his mother for the first time at the hospital, war tore others apart in Chechnya.

But Brandon won't know any of that for a long time. We hope that he won't have to grow up in

the chaos that's going on around him in the

world now," Duane Miller said His parents said they have no specific happy boy and an accepting man.

plans for Brandon in his future except that it will be in Northville and they hope it's a happy one.

Duane Miller grew up on Northville and wanted his three sons to experience its small town charm.

"Northville's got a lot of good personalities in it." he said. "We lived in Livonia for five years and only knew our neighbors if we had to. But here we know all our neighbors, because they are just friendly and genuinely interested in getting to know you."

The Millers hope Brandon will like that about the city as well, and plan on sending him to the Northville schools like his brothers.

But mostly they want him to grow up a

"We hope he will be a well-rounded person and have a good sense of himself." Duane Miller said. "We want to teach him to accept people and to be a good person." Roberta Miller added she hopes to impart

the importance of good values, morals and a close family.

As for the immediate future his parents just hope for Brandon to sleep through the night and not be cranky.

"He doesn't cry a lot." Roberta Miller said. 'He's a pretty good baby all the way around. We just hope the best for all the boys.

Melanie Plenda may be reached via e-mail at mplenda@ht.homecomm.net



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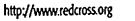
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Obituaries

JOYCE M. LIS

Javce M. Lis, 67, died Jan. 26 at her residence in Canton. She was born Nov. 7, 1932, in Tri-Mountain, Mich., to Armond and Lillian (Gagnon) Brunelle.

Mrs. Lis was self-employed and lived most of her life in the area.

She is survived by daughter, Carrie (Frank) Blevins of Canton: sister. Patricia (Hal) Bricker of Indiana; and two grandchildren. Lauren and Andrew.

Services were held on Saturday. Jan. 29 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. The Rev. James Kean of Our Lady of Victory Church officiated. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Southfield.

Memorials to Henry Ford Hospice, 260 Union St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170 would be appreciated by the family.

LAWRENCE H. BIDWELL

Lawrence H. Bidwell died Jan. 18 at his home in Northville. He was 75. Mr. Bidwell was born Jan. 13, 1925, in South Lyon to Ralph W. and Doris O. (Hopkins) Bidwell. A retired carpenter, Mr. Bidwell was a lifelong member of the

community. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Mr. Bidwell enjoyed his grandchildren and was an outdoor enthusiast.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Earl); sons, Dennis of Brighton. Jeff of Plymouth and Brian of Otsego; daughters. Deniece Strack of Clark Lake, Janice Batt of Howell, and Deanna Turbiak of Wixom: brothers, Ralph of Montana, Donald of South Carolina, Calvin of California, Gary of South Lyon, and Duane of New Hudson: sisters, Avis VanSickle of South Lyon, Ardith Kelly of California. Dorene VanOrsdale of South Carolina, and Ann Polan of South Lyon; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Bidwell was preceded in death by one sister, Lucy Fox.

Services were conducted on Jan. 21 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc., with the Rev. Kent Clise, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, officiating.

Mill Race

Thursday, Feb. 3 Archivists, Cady Inn, 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4 Cadet Girl Scouts, Church, 6

p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 Mill Creek Community Church Service, Church, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 Stone Gang, Grounds, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 Mill Creek Community Church Meeting, Church, 7:30 p.m.

With the North American International Auto Show over and minds whirling from the new concept cars, it is interesting to look back at some of the transportation methods used in the previous centuries. From the book "Northville, The First Hundred Years," we learn about stone boats. The stone boat was used extensively on all early farms in the area - for carrying stones worked up through the surface of the ground in spring; for hauling ashes to the "ash-hopper" or "leach barrel," where six bushes of ashes combined with 50 pounds of grease would produce one tub of soap; and for travel to town when ruts in the trail made transportation treacherous, if not impossible by wagon. There were all manner of stone boats 100 years ago, but perhaps the most popular were those made of three-inch thick oak planks, curved upwards at the front like a sled and held together either by pegs or wire. Generally, oxen were used to pull stone boats, rather than horses, because they were slower and steadier as they hauled the heavy farm loads from place to place.

Memorials to Henry Ford Hospice, 260 Union St., Plymouth. Mich. 48170 would be appreciated by the family.

WILLIAM J. PHILLIPS

William J. Phillips of Northville died Jan. 22 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He was 74. Mr. Phillips was born Aug. 11, 1925, in Detroit to Louis J. and Mary (Lenches) Phillips

Mr. Phillips moved to Northville in 1965. He was an engineer with General Dynamics. Mr. Phillips attended Denver University, and was an Army Air Force veteran and a licensed aircraft mechanic.

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He was a member and usher of Our Lady of Victory Church for 35 years. His memberships included Yankee Air Force and American Legion Post in Northville.

He is survived by his wife. Martha C. (Teschner), whom he married in April 1961: daughters. Kathleen (flance, Rich Pirrotta) of Miami, Fla., and Mary Phillips: sons, Jim (Michelle) and Thom (flance, Anna Babakova) of Bishkek, Kyrgystan; and Bruce; sister, Margaret (Ernie) Yacobell; and one granddaughter, Lauren Phillips, daughter of Jim and Michelle Phillips.

Services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at Our Lady of Victory Church, with the Rev. James Kean officiating. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville. Arrangements were made by

Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. Memorials to the American Heart Association. West Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley. MI 48072 or Masses to Our Lady of Victory Church, 770 N. Thayer,

Northville, Mich. 48167 would be appreciated by the family.

SHARON A. ANDREWS

Sharon Ann Andrews, 68, formerly of Plymouth and Northville, died Jan. 27 in Traverse City. She

was born Nov. 10, 1931, in Highland Park.

Mrs. Andrews was a homemaker and an interior designer. She used her expertise as a designer to decorate store windows in Plymouth one in particular, the former Hugh Jarvis Hallmark shop. During her residency in Plymouth, she was also active in community affairs, serving on the Plymouth Planning Commission and the Fall Festival Committee.

She lived in Plymouth for many years before moving to Pinckney and then, Florida. In Clearwater, Fla., she owned and operated a clothing shop. In addition, Mrs. Andrews was a licensed real estate

broker. When she left Florida, she returned to Northville, then on to Traverse City. She loved to play cribbage.

Mrs. Andrews is survived by daughter, Amy (Jim) Zabran of Holiday Park, Fla.; son, Mark (Lorelei) of Oak Park; sisters, Dona (Bob) Bentley of New Hampshire, Alice (Keith) Redman of West Virginia, formerly of Plymouth; and many special nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by

her parents, Larena and Vance Keeney. A memorial service was held on

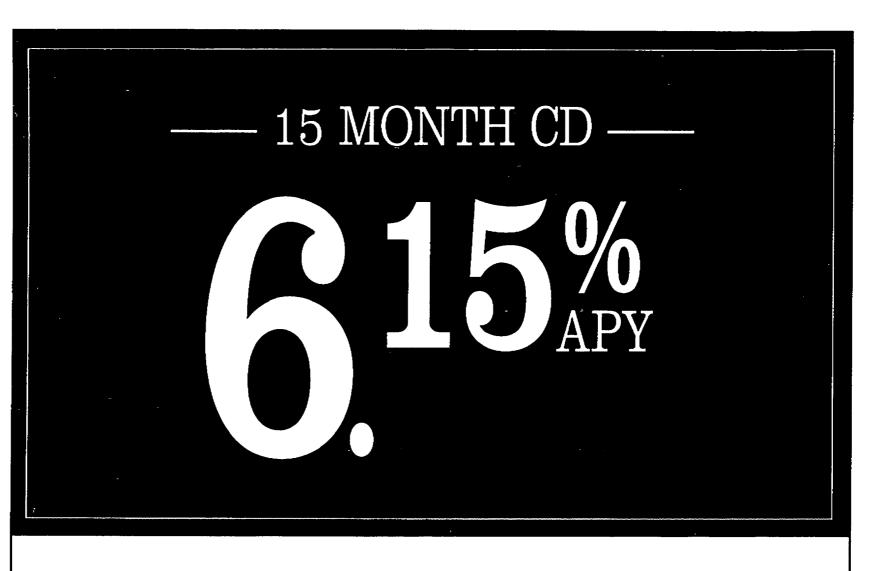
Tuesday, Feb. 1 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth, with Frank Riley officiating.

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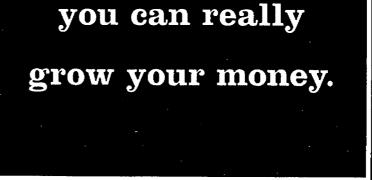
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WOODSIDE RESIGNS — THE RESIGNATION LETTER

ear members of the board of trustees: When I was elected

Northville Township supervisor, I was to have the benefit of a full-time manager. I have not had a full-time manager since June of 1997. By statute, I am fully responsible for the efficient administration of the township in the absence of a manager/superintendent. In June of 1997, the administration/management study committee was appointed to make a recommendation to the board of trustees if the township should have a manager or a fulltime supervisor. The study committee was not able to incorporate any input from me or my administration on the most recent manager under my administration due to a severance agreement prohibiting any such discussion. The recommendation of the committee to hire a CEO manager was made in May of 1999 and adopted by the board of trustees in December of 1999.

I ran for the supervisor's office because 1 care deeply about Northville Township. I fervently believe in public service. In fact, I ran even though the prior board lowered the supervisor's salary to \$17,000 from \$25,000 just prior to my election, because the salary was not my motivation. All 10 goals from my 1996 campaign and much more have been accomplished:

Working Together.

Professional leadership has moved the township forward in a productive manner.

Taxes.

Wise management of tax dollars, numerous grants sought and received, recent diversification of tax base.

Managed Growth.

Stringent protection of the township, woodlands, natural features through enforcement of ordinances and attraction of high quality developers.

Senior Citizens.

Continued senior services program, millage passed-eight years, keeping taxes at reasonable rate.

• Public Safety.

Safe community, millage passed for eight years of public safety service, low 3-minute average response times - police and fire, new ladder truck, additional police and fire personnel to be added under eight-year plan.

· Parks and Recreation.

Millage passed for eight years to continue P&R program, acquired in excess of 180 acres of land, innova-tive solutions for development, generous donations of land improvements, cell tower revenue (\$300,000 to light community park extending use of existing field, etc.).

Good Neighbors. Have developed strong cooperative relationships with border communities, county and state entities.

Schools and Youth. The D.A.R.E. (drugs and violence resistance program) finally received grant of \$40,000 and is now com-

community foundation to conduct the community events and serve the community.

(See attachment of 1996 goals.) The township is now in excellent condition. Northville Township has an exceptionally exhilarating future. We must continue to carefully manage growth adhering to the rigid standards our residents have put in place to ensure the protection of Northville Township. Likewise, we must be extremely wary of special interest groups with questionable motives. We are fiduciaries of Northville Township. We must always act as good stewards of the taxpayers' money and land.

It presently appears that full-time outside employment is not compatible with being the Northville Township supervisor. It truly has been my privilege to lead this township into the 21st century. I love the supervisors job, proudly representing and assisting the wonderful warm residents of our township. We are blessed with an exceptional township that has made incredible strides to become one of the finest townships in the Midwest. Due to increasing family commitments. I am no longer able to make the personal sacrifices required to continue in my election position as Northville Township supervisor at this time. I have every confidence that the staff will continue to see that the transition is smooth.

Recent increasing political interference from certain members of the board of trustees has made effective and efficient management of the township impossible, i.e. increasing staff salaries in excess of the top salaries in comparable and substantially larger municipalities when ignoring job performance and responsibilities only serves to ensure that a new manager will be unable to manage or motivate the existing staff. Decisions made by the board when I was ill with pneumonia and was unable to attend the last board meeting - such as setting a joint meeting with Northville schools at Rocky's Restaurant (and direction from closed session) - are not in the township's best interest. The voters in August would be wise to pay close attention to these actions, which in my opinion are not in the best interest of keeping taxes low. The township has a fine well-compensated staff and provides a pleasant working environment. Northville Township is an excellent place to live and work.

It is my hope that the board of trustees will expeditiously institute a national search for a township manager contemporaneously with instituting an ordinance. This ordinance should clearly depoliticize the manager's position, and the position should be an at-will position rather than by contract. An atwill position should diminish the fear that the manager would have to satisfy only four members of the

board of trustees, a critical failure of the past structure. Micromanagement from the board of trustees should be eliminated, and a policy that the township manager is the sole spokesperson for the township instituted. No staff member or politician should speak to the press on administrative matters without permission of the manager. similar to the policy in place in Sterling Heights, where the manager is the CEO. Similar to the Sterling Height's manager's position. the CEO must have exclusive hiring and firing control of exempt administration. The board of trustees should not weaken the manager's authority by requiring board of trustees approval of any manager's administrative decision. Clearly, the board of trustees must set policy. I appreciate the cooperation that I

have received from the board of trustees since 1996, and I sincerely appreciate the assistance that I have received with committees. Some of the committees are still in place and should continue to complete their tasks. We still have much eft to accomplish including:

· Building a new community center that our residents have told us that they want in the township.

· Developing master plans for public lands recently acquired. Continuing to seek grants for

park improvement and development. Hiring a manager. Working on goals and objectives for the upcoming year.

• Keeping planning, building standards and ordinances strong. Continue professionalism.

• New fire station.

· Explore dialog with the Beautification Commission for continued

improvements.

Annual holiday tree lighting.

Time capsule.

· Continue with eight-year public safety plan.

· Continue and expand dare program, drugs, alcohol and youth vioence programs.

· Work with both school boards to expand dialog, Northville schools, Plymouth-Canton schools.

· Continue dialog with neighboring communities.

· Foster dialog with neighbors in the community through Supervisor's 21st Century Roundtable.

· Explore more arts in Northville Township (i.e. music, sculpture, art exhibits, etc.).

 Wall of Fame to honor exemplary citizens and businesses.

 Seek veterans park name for the Climax forest.

· Continue to work with local businesses, expand tax base, keep millage rates low.

· Look for new space for senior activities.

· Work with the Parks and Recreation Commission to explore use of alternate facilities. (Be certain that the facilities can be used for the purposes offered. ADA compliant, knowing entire maintenance/operating cost history, renovation costs, length of time for proposed use, and anticipated return on investment i.e. Northville State Hospital facilities/gyms/pools/theater and old Northville High School, etc.).

• Continue capital improvement repairs and maintenance fund. • Maintain AA Bond Rating and

work to improve it. Seek the lowest cost-long term

option for sewage disposal and waste disposal.

· Continue to work with 35th District Court to keep costs low but provide maximum service - revenues are critical.

• The EDC needs to meet regularly, develop brochure, explore declaration of Brownfield in township as Grosse lle did, assist new 80-acre R&D park tenants as needed.

· Improve the level and quality of services provided to our residents.

I have attached a memo from Clerk Sue Hillebrand to my predecessor, found in our supervisor's file from 1992, that seems to provide an excellent summary of the supervisor's role. This role has become far more complex in the last eight years. I have attached a list of all of the positions that I have filled, and the meetings that I attend (or should attend) regularly. I am truly honored to have served Northville Township as supervisor since November of 1996, and wish you all the best.

Karen M. Woodside Supervisor

Marriage Made In Heaven.





HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTERS

munity-wide. Northville Youth and Family Forum is stronger than ever, after the township, schools and the community addressed serious drug and alcohol incidents. We need to work together on future planning for recreation, which we did with the community center/visioning project, which set forth recreational desires of township. Northville community residents. The township works with both Northville public schools and Plymouth-Canton schools. Unfortunate land shortage problems with Northville public schools and the new high school plan resulted in litigation. A Charter township supervisor is required by law to enforce the township ordinances, no matter how politically unpopular. The new Northville High school is being built and the township will provide a police-liaison for the school (and apply for grants, etc.).

Community Services.

I have worked diligently through the Michigan Townships Association to pursue legislation for townships to control roads, resolved the Edenderry Road connection litigation. worked with the county for road improvements (i.e. Six Mile paving Beck to Sheldon. Sheldon paving. Six Mile paving Beck to Ridge, Seven Mile Road paving and future needs, etc. Six Mile road bike path will go in Spring 2000. Recycling. trash, composting, WTUA sewer, watershed management (new Northville Hills PUD will help township manager watershed containment).

Community/Neighborhood Pride.

Reestablished supervisor's 21st Century Roundtable meetings with homeowners and community leaders four times a year, began annual all township boards and commissions meeting. Northville Township News, and calendar goes out to residents to inform residents of township services, news and events. Northville Township is now online on the Internet now to provide all information, meeting agendas. Celebrated the township centennial in 1998, with a year-long celebration. Township board established the

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Urban sprawl beginning to accelerate rapidly

By MIKE MALOTT HomeTown News Service mmalott@homecomm.net

Residents new and old will "urbanize" 1.4 to 2 million more acres of land in Michigan in the next 20 years — that's an amount equal to the total land that had been developed up to and through the 1970s.

There are a number of reasons for this acceleration of urban sprawl, according to Julie Stoneman, Lands Program Director for the Michigan Environmental Council. One is population growth. In the past, Michigan's population has largely remained unchanged. But, Stoneman said, the Michigan Society of Planning Officials is now projecting an 11.8 percent growth in

population for the state by the year 2020. On top of that, the number of residents per household is dropping, down from 3.5 persons per house-hold in 1960 to 2.8 in 1980. It will likely drop further, to 2.5 persons per house by 2020.

And each house is taking up more land. Older cities could put 5.5 houses on an acre. Development of the 60s typically put 3.8 homes on an acre, and in the 80s, the density was 2.6.

But over the next 20 years. Stoneman said, the fig-ure will likely drop to 1.3 homes per acre.

People like living on large lots. A study conducted by Public Sector Consultants showed that 49 percent

of residents would like to live on a large rural lot. Only 19 percent said they would like to live in an established neighborhood. Fifteen percent wanted to buy into a new subdivision.

Stoneman, along with Michigan Environmental Council President Lana Pollack and MEC Policy Specialist Conan Smith gave this prediction of future sprawl to editors of the HomeTown Communications Network - Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, Home-Town Newspapers, Mirror Newspapers and Community Newspapers — in a meeting Thursday, Jan. 13.

Pollack, a former state senator, said her organization is campaigning for changes in state policy that exacerbate and encourage sprawl. MEC is urging the state government to create a "vision" for land use statewide, incorporating goals and sound planning principles to end sprawl. MEC is asking the state to create a planning "toolbox" for communities to use in reaching those goals and create incentives for communities to avoid sprawl. MEC is also looking for the state to review its own investments, such as money for road projects, in light of its side impacts and whether it encourages sprawl. The state now does not consider side impacts before it determines where to spend road dollars. Stoneman explained.

Pollack argues that urban sprawl is not entirely market driven. Rather, there are a number of govern-

ment policies that contribute to it.

"People have no other choice" than buying the expensive homes on large lots that builders have concentrated on in recent years, she said. "If the options were available to them and they still did not buy, fine, you could say it was market driven. But right now, they don't have other options."

Among the policies that encourage sprawl are laws such as Michigan's land division act, which allows developers to divide large parcels into 10-acre lots or larger without have to plat their developments as a subdivision.

Another contributor is the vast number of local governments in Michigan, 83 counties and 1,800 municipalities - cities, township and villages - all of which are responsible for their own land use planning.

Stoneman said that rather than override local control of land use. MEC is advocating that the state adopt a "smart growth" plan, such as the one in use in Maryland. There, local communities decide on their own where their growth areas should be, and where they should attempt to preserve land. Then the state targets its financial assistance to encourage development, or redevelopment, inside those growth areas. But the state withholds assistance when developers seek to build in areas marked for preservation, she explained.

Smith argued that the lack of mass transit is one of the leading contributors to, as well as a result of, urban sprawl. He noted that while the state Constitution caps the money spent in Michigan on mass transit at 10 percent of the state transportation fund, the state is currently spending only about 8.3 percent on mass transit.

Smith said the Detroit area's heavy reliance on automobiles has a number of serious impacts for the region. For one, according the figures offered by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, commute times for the average driver have increased 30 percent, an average of 15 minutes, just in the last few years.

Additionally, some 30 percent of Detroit residents don't own cars. And the lack of mass transit makes it difficult for them to get to work, or to find employment in the first place.

They say the road to hell is paved with good intentions." Smith said. "The devil would say, "Use bituminous concrete." I'd say that if you built mass transit, you could get people there a lot faster."

The Michigan House of Representatives has created a Land Use Panel to study urban sprawl and recommend policies for addressing it. Chaired by Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester, the panel was named in the fall and is just beginning its work.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE **CITY OF NORTHVILLE** WAYNE/OAKLAND COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that a PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Locations

Pct. 1 --- Northville City Hall Pct. 2 — Amerman Elementary School 215 W. Main Street 847 N. Center Street The purpose of this election is to nominate candidates for the office of President

Electors who wish to vote the above stated election must have registered to vote no later than January 24, 2000. (2-3/10-00 NR 950582) DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, February 14, 2000 beginning at 7:30 p.m. for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Cable Access Committee, Community Clubs of Novi, Construction Board of Appeals, Economic Development Corporation, Housing & Community Development Committee, Historical Commission, Library Board, and Novi Building Authority.

If you are interested in serving on a City board of commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax. Please submit your application by Thursday, February 10, 2000 to allow time for scheduling appointments. (1-20/27 & 2-3/10-00 NR/NN 947581) TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS iđ.

4:00 P.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000 Regular meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m.

Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Karen Woodside. Agenda - adopted.

Minutes of regular meeting of December 20, 1999 - approved. Minutes of special meeting of January 6, 2000 - approved. Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$627,723 29 - approved. Operations & Maintenance Report for December 1999 - received and filed. Operations Manager's Report for January 2000 - received and filed WTUA Audit; FY ending 9/30/99 - approved.

OMI Annual Report - received and filed.

Amendment; Miss Dig Membership Agreement - approved.

Request For Bids; Alarm System maintenace and Monitoring - approval to advertise for bids.

A Public Accuracy Test for the February 22, 2000 Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at 2.00 p.m. at the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law. Candidates and other interested parties are invited to attend.

(2-3-00 NR 950584)

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION LAWN MAINTENANCE PROPOSALS

Northville Parks and Recreation will receive sealed proposals for a 1 year lawn maintenance contract for 8 properties in the City and Township of Northville, consisting of approximately 65 acres until March 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bid documents consisting of specifications and instruction forms may be

obtained from:

Northville Parks and Recreation office, 303 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

Phone number (248) 349-0203. Please send your sealed bid package to City of Northville, 215 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167, Attn. Clerks Office. Please mark your envelope Lawn Maintenance Proposal.

Northville Parks and Recreation reserves the right to be the sole judges of the bidders qualifications and may amend or reject any or all proposals that may be in the best interest of Northville Parks and Recreation.

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MATT WIKTOROWSKI, PARKS AND FACILITIES SUPERINTENDENT NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE --- CITY OF NOVI **REQUEST FOR BIDS** 1445 1111 **TREE PLANTING ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE & TESTING CONTRACT**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Elevator Maintenance & Testing Contract according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, February 15, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mae Rd , Novi, MI 48375-3024

WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY **REQUEST FOR BIDS**

ALARM SYSTEM MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting bids for alarm system

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-18.159

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 2000-18.159 — AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MICRO-BREWERY OR MICROBREWER" CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 201 OF ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO PERMIT THE PRODUCTION OF ALL TYPES OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON-PREMISES SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PRODUCTION VOLUME LIMITS.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, January 24,

2000. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m.

monitoring and maintenance services for its Middle Rouge and Lower Rouge facilities. This work includes maintaining a continuous surveillance of the properties via modem using the existing Honeywell equipment, annual cleaning and inspection of all system components, along with various reports as outlined in the bid documents.

Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the bid documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest Western Townships Utilities Authority 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187 (734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by February 22, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road.

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and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time. (2-3-00 NR/NN 950586)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI one trailer. Peripat : **REQUEST FOR BIDS** .. ~ STREET TREES

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Street Trees according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchas-

ing Director. A "mandatory" pre-bid meeting will be held Thursday, February 17, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers at the City of Novi Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd , Novi, MI 48375-3024.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, February 22, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd ,

Novi, MI 48375-3024 WTUA Business plan update - approval to continue negotiations with All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. All bids must be signed by a legalty authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED YCUA INVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Street Trees" BID *Elevator Maintenance & Testing Contract" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The regular meeting was adjourned at 4 55 p m. AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. Chairman The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award THOMAS J. YACK the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalithe contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informali ties or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the tes or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. interest of the City of Novi. interest of the City of Novi. Publish February 3 2000 CAROL J. KALINOVIK, CAROL J. KALINOVIK PURCHASING DIRECTOR PURCHASING DIRECTOR (2-3-00 NR, NN 950683) (248) 347-0446 (2-3-00 NR, NN 950682) (248) 347-0446 "HUNTERS' TROPHY CASE" For Information On How To Get Your Photograph In The Trophy Case Call HomeTown Classified at: Rod Paavo and "Prowler". 1-888-999-1288 a 420 lb. trophy Black Bear. (Size of photo depends on number of entries) Taken Oct. 11, 1999 in Onnela, Houghton County MI

Citing scheduling issues, Woodside resigns her position

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ship" has been impossible. For example, she said, the decision was made to increase staff salaries while "ignoring job performance and responsibilities" while she was sick with pneumonía.

However, Sue Hillebrand, township clerk, trustee and member of the executive committee, said the three member executive committee votes to make such changes.

"She told me that we could go ahead and make the decision." Hillebrand said. Hillebrand and treasurer Dick Henningsen sit on the executive committee with Woodside. Henningsen couldn't be reached for comment.

We all hold an equal vote on that committee," Hillebrand said. Woodside also urged the board to do a national search for a

manager and make it an at-will position rather than by contract. She also suggested that no staff member or politician speak to the press on administrative matters without permission of the manager.

Hillebrand said the resignation isn't official until it's accepted by the board of trustees. Once that is done, she said, the board has 45 days to decide on a replacement. If that isn't done, the governor may appoint someone to the position.

Hillebrand and Fogg both said they consider Mark Abbo, board trustee running for the position in November, as the best candidate. Board member Marv Gans and Selinsky said they didn't have a person in mind for the spot yet.

Abbo is traveling overseas and couldn't be reached for comment by press time.

District announces autumn realignment of middle schools

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she did not discuss whether her child would opt for the open enrollment. Wadsworth said she was pleased with the process accompanying this change.

What I am really pleased about is the programming will remain

think everyone worked hard to keep it that way when the plans a process where everyone were drawn up." she said. That was one

of the four criteria assistant superintendent Dave Bolitho, Meyer and Cooke (Hillside) principal Jeffrey

Radwanski had to follow when they drew the new boundary lines.

In late December, the school board administration subcommittee sat down with Bolitho, Meyer, and Radwanski to hammer about a list of guidelines based on past boundary change experience, as well as parents' letters and comments.

The board has developed a process where everyone that has a stake in the district can be involved," Bolitho said.

take into account future increases in enrollment for the next five years. According to Bolitho, that criteria will be met with the exception of the fifth year where the projected enrollment will put both schools will exceed capacity.

"We are going to be watching equal at both of the schools, and I this very closely over the next three years to

"The board has developed see if the actual numbers comthat has a stake in the district can be involved."

> Dave Bolitho Assistant superindent

> > every school in five years, he said. Bolitho said the last time the district was in the situation was in 1995, and then decided to build a new school. But Bolitho said it was too soon to make that call and that the situation will be monitored.

Another critical point was brought up by several parents requesting the elementary school children stay together when they move onto the middle school, which the current situation does

Area leaders react to announcement

Here's what some community tion." officials had to say about Karen Woodside's sudden departure:

SUE HILLEBRAND Northville

Township clerk "It's true that she had a tremendous workload, but I'm shocked she would step away from it. I'm also surprised

though that Sue Hillebrand she didn't push the

board to try and get a manager as soon as pos-

sible because of that tremendous amount of work that needs to be done. I think she was hoping the supervisor's

would **Marv Gans** become full-time."

MARV GANS Northville

Township trustee "It is shame that it had to happen. I wish she could have completed term because the board has

Russ Fogg

moved forward under her direc-



Northville Township trustee

"I've been noticing things for quite some time now. She mentioned Saturday (Jan. 29) she might resign and somewhere between then and Sunday she made up her mind. I was hoping she wouldn't.'

WILLIAM SELINSKY

Northville Township trustee "I was surprised and sad to hear about the resignation. She's been a great asset and very good leader and there's never been a doubt that she's always had the best interest of the township in mind."

LEONARD **REZMIERS**

Northville School District superintendent "I was surprised to say the least. Of course

we've had William Selinsky our differences of

opinion, but those have long since been put behind us. She certainly worked to' create a better Northville."

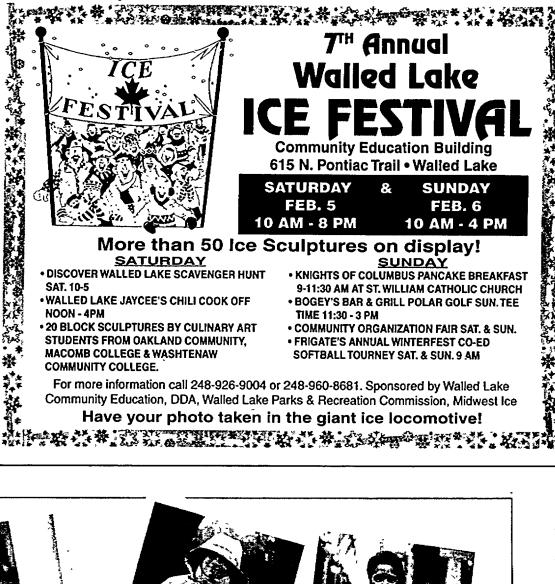
GARY WORD City Northville manager 'She done awful over there. There's always been a strong commitment on her part to

of an lot Leonard Rezmierski



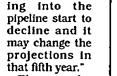
make the

township a better community and we've always had a good working relationship with her.



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The way the numbers look now, the district

will be over REQUEST FUR BUD capacity

position

From that meeting, the group decided on four main points the school administrators and Bolitho and to try and meet. They had to allow for sufficient enrollment at each middle school to offer comparable programming and equal educational opportunity.

According to Meyer and Radwanski, that meant enrollment had to be at least 500 pupils in each school. Further, they had to

allow. Finally, they had to make sure they maintained a reasonable bus schedule which was also met by the change.

"I feel it was a positive process and we certainly appreciated all of the suggestions," Bolitho said.

Melanie Plenda may be reached via e∙mail mplenda@ht.homecomm.net

Library Lines

LIBRARY HOURS

The Northville District Library is open Monday-Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m. Located at 212 W. Cady St. near city hall, with parking off Cady Street. For detailed information, call (248) 349-3020.

VALENTINE'S GUESSING CON-TEST

Kids of all ages can submit their best guess for how many candies they think it takes to fill a special jar for a chance to win one of three plush Valentine bears. The contest runs from Feb. 1 to Feb. 14 when the drawing will take place. More information available at the information desk.

Van GOGH: FACE TO FACE

Get ready for the upcoming exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts, with this slide show presentation of van Gogh's portraits by Dorothy Walker of the DIA. This free one-hour program will take place in the library's meeting room on Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. Register by calling the library.

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Join us on Monday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. for a lively discussion of the work Singing Away the Hunger: The Autobiography of an African Woman" by Mpho Nthunya. This group meets the second Monday of each month, and all are welcome.

WINTER STORYTIME

Any child age 4 or 5 or in kindergarten may join us for the Winter Storytime, featuring stories and a whole lot more. Choose from one of the two following six-week sessions: Mondays at 4 p.m., from Feb. 14 through March 20; or Tuesdays at 11 a.m., from Feb. 15 through March 21. Storytimes last 30 minutes. Call the library or stop at the information desk to register.

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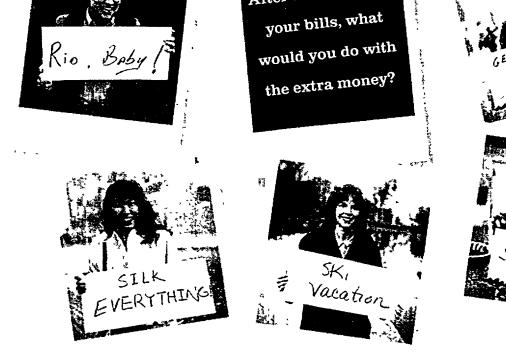
Boys and girls of all ages are invited to join us on Feb. 10 at 4:15 p.m. to make a fun craft for Valentine's Day. Any child under 4 should be accompanied by a caregiver. No need to register for this 45-minute program in the library's meeting room.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The library offers monthly "Book, Chat and Chow" meetings for students from third through fifth grade and from sixth through 12th grade. The junior group will meet on Feb. 23 at 4:15 p.m. to talk about "Fine White Dust," an award-winning book by Cynthia Rylant. The older students meet on Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. to talk about "Thwonk!" by Joan Bauer. Refreshments are served. Register at the information desk or call the library.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.



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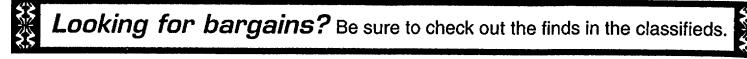


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Three fail, many more succeed in township alcohol buy sting

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sion where they face fines and/or license suspensions, Sumner said. "I don't believe and of the busi-

nesses that sold to the minor were done maliciously," he said. "I think they were just done in error."

At Bonfire, Sumner said, the decov went to the bar and ordered a Vienna Ale beer. The bartender asked him what year he graduated and the decoy said, *96."

The bartender then asked the decoy subject if he was a police officer or affiliated with the police because he was under the assumption if the decoy said no he would not be in trouble," Sumner said. "I messed up," the bartender

said. "I was up late and not functioning on all cylinders. I've been a bartender for nine years and seen it happen to others." The names of the offending parties was withheld because they don't face any charges from the events of the sting.

The bartender said "it didn't feel right" but he did it anyway. The manager couldn't comment on whether or not the bartender faced any disciplinary action.

At Rocky's, Sumner said, the decoy went to the bar where about

eight others were sitting and ordered a Bud Light. The bartender obtained the beer from a cooler. opened it and charged the decoy \$2.95. Once the decoy paid, police

wrote the business up. "It's unfortunate." said John Campbell, manager of Rocky's. "And it's embarrassing. We've never been in trouble in the past."

Campbell said the bartender was fired.

At Farmer Jack, Summer said, the decoy went to the wine aisle picked a bottle of wine and went to the line with the least amount of people. The cashier asked him for identification and when he couldn't produce it, she asked him what year he was born. He said *79" and she sold to him.

"She was suspended for 30 days under store policy," Wildt said.

Sumner said the purpose of the sting wasn't just to go out and bust a bunch of local businesses.

"The decoy operation brings awareness to local businesses and residents that the police and LCC do conduct decoy checks," he said.

Andrew Dietderich may be reached via e-mail adietderich&ht.homecomm.net.

WHO SOLD?

FAILED:

Bonfire Bistro and Brewery, 39550 Seven Mile Road Rocky's of Northville, 41122

Seven Mile Road Farmer, Jack, 17447 Haggerty PASSED: CVS Drugs, 16855 Haggerty

Road

Hiller's Market, 15455 Hag-.gerty Road Mr. Z's Party Store, 41106

Five Mile Road Cap N Cork, 40644 Five Mile Sheehan's On the Green, 39450 Five Road

Moose Loyal Order of Northville Lodge, 18418

Northville Road Deadwood Bar and Grill,

18730 Northville Road New Wing Hing, 43171

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17107 Haggerty Road

Ross to speak to Presbyterian Women

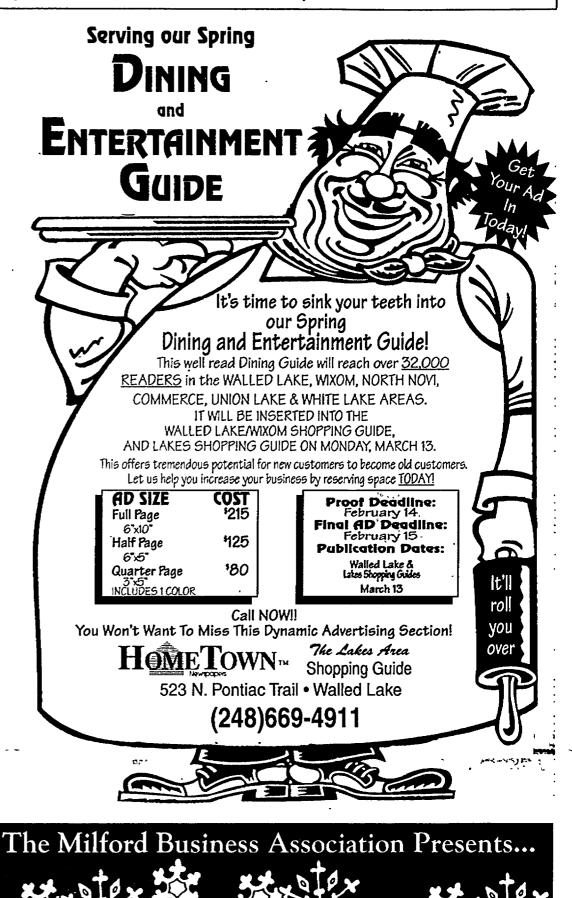
The Presbyterian Women's Association will host Peace Corps volunteer and Northville High alumnus Kristin Ross as its guest speaker on Feb. 9. She will speak on the latest socioeconomic conditions of the Latin American country.

Ross recently returned from a trip to Honduras where she

worked in several small communities. Her primary projects included developing environmental education programs in the local schools and helping to train teachers to integrate programs in the classroom. In addition, she is a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan and served an internship with the

Women's Advocacy Office in the Women's Ministries Program Area of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) in Louisville, Ky.

The Presbyterian Women meet at First Presbyterian Church of Northville on Feb. 9 at noon. For more information, call (248) 348-2861. All are welcome to attend.



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Changes abound in HomeTown

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Jackson trekked his way back to Michigan five years ago when he joined the Record as a reporter. Jackson won several awards as a reporter, two in 1998 for feature and editorial writing, and an honorable mention from the Michigan Press Association in 1997 for column writing.

Jackson was given the editor's position of the Milford Times in

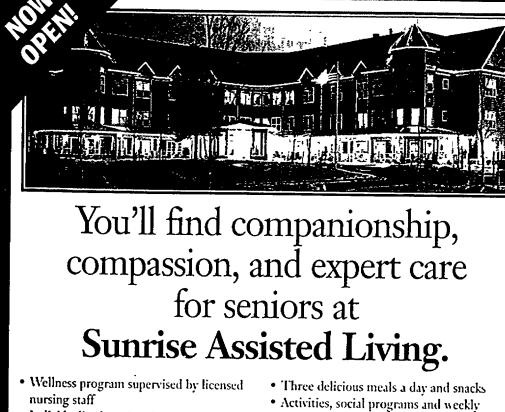
1998, but came back to Northville as editor shortly thereafter.

Novi-Northville copy editor Chris Davis was named as acting editor of Record until a permanent editor can be hired. Interviews for the position began this week.

For her part, Dranginis has been a veteran with HomeTown for the last 23 years. Her career began when she worked in the company's composition department typesetting advertisements. From there,

she moved to the Walled Lake office where she worked in advertising sales in 1978. She was promoted to advertising manager of South Lyon Herald in 1980, where she has built a highly successful career.

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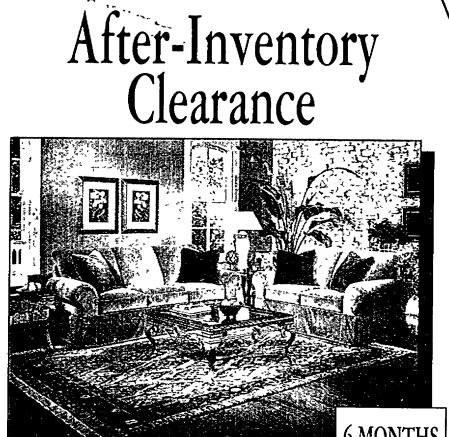
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OPINION

Woodside's resignation a benefit for all involved

a surprising manner, but from what we can gather, it wasn't necessarily a surprise.

We're referring, of course, to the resignation of Northville Township supervisor Karen Woodside. The Detroit News was apparently the first organization of any kind - this newspaper included - that was made aware of the departure of Ms. Woodside. For the record, we still haven't been able to reach the assistant Wayne County prosecutor since November, despite numerous phone calls at her workplace.

But ask those close to Ms. Woodside about what may have been going through her mind in the days leading up to her Sunday announcement, and they'll tell you that signs of weariness from her responsibilities were forcing her to make an assessment of her situation.

Perhaps our lack of success in Woodside made the right decision. Back It was a lot to ask somein 1996, we raised one to do. Finally, when the question of

whether a Wayne County prosecutor could work effectively as a supervisor — Ms. Woodside decided a position intrinsically linked to Wayne County itself. For the last two

he announcement came in Flynn and chose not to hire a replacement.

Instead Woodside took the reins herself and got involved in every decision put before the township on a daily basis. She called the shots for every department, rendering most of her management team impotent when it came to decision-making, and in the end, that style of management apparently took its toll.

Regardless of the reasoning, we think Woodside's decision will allow the township to continue pushing forward into the new century without the distraction of either a real or perceived conflict of interest of its leader, and provide Ms. Woodside with the time to do what she's done all along - be an attorney.

Her letter to the township's board of trustees, which is reprinted in this edition, outlines what Ms. Woodside has accomplished in her three years on the job. We wouldn't contacting her is an indication Ms. argue that she has been at the helm

during a period of unprecedented growth and development, and that in some cases, she worked to keep the the daily planner had no reins under control. more white space to offer, Like a stallion ready to run, so too was the progress the township enough was enough and was forced to deal with. At the same time, we - and many others in the commu-

question and downplayed the signifi- decisions, most notably the litigation

Gus the Cat: he touched our lives

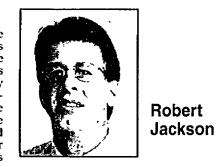
I'm going to miss Gus the cat. For four years now, the lovable feline has entertained me with his mischlevous tricks. Picked up by my wife Katherine as a stray. Gus managed to work his way into our lives. He brought us plenty of joy and happiness. He was goodnatured and playful, always at my side when I wandered through our home. He was always excited to see me when I'd come home from work, and no matter what type of mood I was in. Gus always brightened my day.

So you can imagine how hard it was for me to say goodbye. You see, we had to put Gus to sleep this week. Victimized by a sudden and vicious stroke last weekend, he was reduced to a lump of fur, unable to see or walk or even feed himself.

It tore at my heart to see him that way, and Katherine and I decided we weren't going to let him suffer. We wanted Gus to leave this world with some dignity.

Now, I have been through this before. 1 had to put my black lab Molly to sleep after her kidneys failed. I was crushed. It was like a family member had died, and I vowed I would never get attached to another animal ever again.

Then came Gus. At first I kept my distance. I would pet him occasionally, then I began picking him up. and the next thing I knew I was throwing cat toys



down the hall, watching him tear after them. He'd never bring it back to me, he'd just sit next to it and look at me, until I walked over, picked the toy up. and tossed it back down the hall.

Before I realized it, I was hooked on this cat. I enjoyed watching him try to keep his balance as he walked along the wrought iron railing near the stairs in our home. He never had good "cat" balance, and his "cat-like" reflexes we're a bit slower than most.

But it was hilarious to watch him try to jump from one piece of furniture to another, or catch him trying to stop on the kitchen tile and slide into the utility room.

And he was always in the mood to entertain. If you weren't watching him at all times he'd walk over and "head-butt" you in the leg. Then he'd sit at your feet and start meowing. And if none of that

worked, he'd jump into your lap and start boxing at your face with his front paws

He truly was a joy to be around.

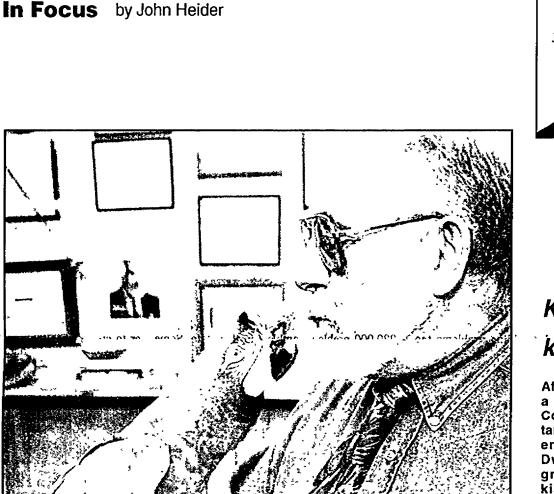
Now, some of you may think me a bit daft for having these feelings "for an ordinary house cat," but I can't help it. Gus managed to become part of the family. He was, to Katherine and I, more than just a cat. He gave us more than many "humans" ever could - an unspoken, unconditional love that was never questioned. He never complained when we weren't in the best of moods, his feelings for us never wavered when we were too tired to play "catch" late in the evening.

He never asked us for more than we could give -a far cry from the people that Katherine and I come in contact with most days - and he appreciated the time we spent together.

That's why it was so hard to say goodbye to him this week. There will never be another like him in my life, and I'm fortunate for the time I got to spend with hím.

Goodbye Gus, thanks for enriching my life old friend.

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Kissy kissy

After giving him "cracker," Cooke Elementary School science teacher Dwight Sieggreen gets a kiss from "Clint," а macaw-hybrid

weeks, letters to this office have both resurrected that nity - took exception to many of her

offered to step down.

cance of the relationship between the roles. This comes at a time when Ms. Woodside was approaching the end of her current term of office and could have opted to seek re-election. But the burden of responsibilities between her day job and the role of supervisor became exceedingly weighty. Ms. Woodside did her best to juggle both professional roles, in addition to the peripheral responsibilities attached to being a civic leader, not to mention a family and personal life on top of that.

It was a lot to ask someone to do. Finally, when the daily planner had no more white space to offer. Ms. Woodside decided that enough was enough, and offered to step down. That's usually what happens when an official micromanages, and the pressures of time, we believe, we're brought about by Woodside herself. In her lengthy letter to the township's board of trustees, Woodside complains that she never had the benefit of working with a full time manager. While that is true, we must remember that it was Wood-'side, and consequently the board. who fired township manager Dawn

between the township and the schools, which we believe caused a rift in this community that still exists

Furthermore, we're more than a little concerned about her suggestion that "no staff member or politician should speak to the press on administrative matters without permission of the manager, similar to the policy in place in Sterling Heights, where the manager is the CEO." We believe that an open dialogue between elected officials, public administrators and the press works to build a greater trust among all involved. Putting up barriers, we fear, would only leave more people in the dark on issues important to them.

We hope the remaining board members work swiftly to accept Ms. Woodside's resignation and fill her empty chair until the end of November. In addition, we believe the absence of a true incumbent come Election Day will open the field to new faces and fresh perspectives for leadership in Northville Township.

It's time for one and all to move onward and upward.

parrot that resides in his classroom.

A big week for Kriewall, Woodside

More random thoughts and observations on life...

· Barbara Bush paid a visit to Novi a few years back. Last week, it was Elizabeth Dole making a campaign pitstop for Texas governor George W. Bush. Maybe we should rename Novi something like "North Dallas."

• I wonder what's going through Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall's mind right about now.

• Speaking of which — I wonder what's going through Northville Township supervisor Karen Woodside's mind right about now.

The nominations are in and have been counted for the Novi News and Northville Record 2000 Restaurant Poll. We'll release the list of winners later this month, but I can tell you that the number of entries we received was enough to cause the ballots to spill out of an envelope I'd set aside for them. It's great to see our readers taking an interest in their community and in our contest. Thanks.

• Couldn't help but notice Barry Sanders in one of those Super Bowl commercials earlier this week. The guy



had no time for anyone in the Lions organization, but he had time to poke fun at his lightspeed exodus. Fah fah, Barry - your mural is coming off the Cadillac Building in Detroit this week...not that you probably care.

 Note to the HomeTown Newspapers Human Resources Office: if our health plan ever covers a caffeine patch (sort of like those nicotine patches smokers wear to quit), let me know. I'm on my third cup of coffee this morning. And this is after working out at the gym.

 It's amazing what some companies will do for in the hopes of a free write-

up. On my windowsill I have two of the wilder press kits sent to me from corporations who are hoping we'll find some interest in their new products. One is for a new kind of milk and the other - I swear I'm not making this up - is for an avant garde toilet paper. This makes me wonder: I sat next to the public relations students back in college. How did we end up doing such different things?

• If anyone has a price guide handy, I'd be curious to know what a John Rocker baseball card is going for now.

· Today as I'm writing is Groundhog Day. It's bright and sunny out, meaning that scrawny rodent saw his shadow, which means we're stuck with six more weeks of winter. If you live in Michigan, there's really no sense to the day, since the groundhog is effectively buried underneath a foot of snowand has no chance to see his shadow, anyway.

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School board fiasco isn't what it seems

It ain't necessarily so. Things seldom are what they appear. The things that you're liable to read in the Bible — they ain't necessarily so. In the aftermath of last week's failed search

for a CEO for the Detroit schools, you'd think State Treasurer Mark Murray is at the very best a racist puppet in Gov. John Engler's scheme to deny the citizens of Detroit their civil and political rights.

Here's a sample, attributed by the Detroit Free Press to Wayne County Commissioner Bernard Parker: "Mark Murray doesn't under-stand a community that fought for its rights. I feel like a slave; I feel like my master just told me what to do." (Wild applause.)

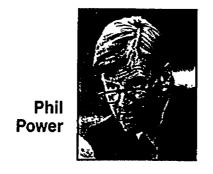
What all the fuss is about, of course, is Murray's vote against Dr. John Thompson to be the new school CEO. As Gov. Engler's representative (and, as such, given veto power over selection of the CEO by the legislation that created the appointed board), Murray thought Dr. Thompson's career showed no measurable improvement in academic performance. The votes were 5-1 for Thompson, so Thompson lost.

The whole episode is a perfect illustration that surface appearances in complex political events seldom provide much insight into what's really going on.

Before I get to that, however, I want to set the record clear about Mark Murray. I've known Mark. now 45, for years, just as I knew both his parents. He doesn't have a racist bone in his body. In fact, he's one of the most principled, moral people I know.

His distinguished career in public service included hitches with Govs. William Milliken (moderate Republican) and James Blanchard (moderate Democrat) before becoming State Treasurer and chief policy advisor to John Engler. Over the years, Murray has become one of the most respected people in Lansing, admired and liked by politicians and bureaucrats alike.

So how does somebody as smart and experienced as Mark Murray get involved in what



looks like a very embarrassing train wreck? In the first place, why didn't Murray signal to his colleagues on the board that he couldn't support Thompson before things got to the 5-1 vote/veto that exposed the board's disarray in public and set at risk any subsequent search? In a conversation last weekend, Murray told me he made it clear he didn't favor Thompson

from the start. He was prepared to let Thomp-son be on a short list of four candidates (all Black, incidentally) in hopes that the search firm would provide evidence that students in districts led by him improved their test scores. No such evidence was forthcoming, and so Murray voted against Thompson because "anyone coming to Detroit schools as CEO should show proven success in the core mission of the enterprise - to improve academic performance.

So what really happened?

First, the search firm engaged by the board, H.C. Smith, really screwed up. Asked to sug-gest "non traditional candidates" (i.e. people with business or military backgrounds but demonstrated leadership skills), they offered up educators only. Moreover, it turns out the firm's background checks on the candidates it did suggest were inadequate.

Second — and this is an informed guess on my part - it looks like the majority of the board decided to play an early game of chicken

to see if Murray would blink. He didn't. Now the board can get on with its work with a clearer understanding of whose spine is stiff.

The third factor has to do with Deputy Detroit Mayor and school board chair Freeman Hendrix. Hendrix is smart, energetic and ambitious. It's no secret that he's interested in taking Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer's place when the time comes. And the highly publicized events and complex racial politics surrounding the search for a new CEO for the Detroit schools are a perfect place for a smart, ambitious politician to do his stuff.

In a radio interview after the vote, Gov. Engler charged Hendrix with being too narrow-ly focused on trying to find an "African-American" CEO. Hendrix responded that the law giving the governor's representative veto power over the board majority was the equivalent of former Alabama Gov. George Wallace standing in the schoolhouse door. Score one for Hendrix in publicly standing up to Gov. Engler.

Last week the board in a relatively sane and productive meeting decided to conduct a new search, using a new search firm. "We're back on track." said Murray, who added that "I believe that being African American would give candidate a substantial advantage in being an effective CEO. I would expect that the final results would yield an African American leader for the Detroit schools."

So score two for Freeman Hendrix in setting the stage for a unanimous vote of the board he chairs to hire a (presumably) capable school CEO whose ethnicity is a plus with the voters in the city he hopes to lead.

It isn't what it looks like on the surface, but it's not bad for a couple of weeks' work.

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At last we see the dark side of gambling

So just what casualty rate are we willing to accept in our pursuit of a good time?

For economic development? For tax revenues

Those questions should have been brought into sharp focus last week when Solomon Bell, a police sergeant from Oak Park described by friends as a "recreational gambler." stepped back from a blackjack table after having lost an estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 in four hours and shot himself in the head right there on the "high roller floor" of the MotorCity Casino.

News of the incident may have been shocking, but it shouldn't have been surprising. We've known all along that as we expand gambling opportunities in the State of Michigan, we are going to expand gambling problems too. Study after study has tied compulsive gambling to a long list of social ills - increased bankruptcies, job losses, alcoholism, domestic violence, child abuse, poverty for the children of compulsive gamblers and so on.

Suicide is only the most extreme side effect of problem gambling. It is not, however, an unusual side effect. Studies put the suicide rates in cities that allow legalized gambling at four times the rate for those that don't, according to Charles Nunez, Jr., Director of Community Impact.

Bell just had the poor form to do it publicly. Most compulsive gamblers are kind enough to keep the carnage of their lives behind closed doors so that the rest of us don't have to be bothered. We can lay our wagers. The state can continue to expand legalized gambling without distraction.



Behaviors in Michigan." Even before the Detroit casinos opened, it estimated there were 220,000 problem gamblers in this state. Some 85,000 of them. the study concluded, were "probable pathological" — that is severely com-pulsive about their gambling. And the numbers are on the rise.

The study contained an interesting side note. For all that we heard in the last legislative session about the need to crack down on Internet gambling, the study found that less than 1 percent of Michigan residents - six tenths of a percent to be exact - have ever gambled over the Internet.

Compare that to the 75 percent who have bet on the lottery, 62 percent who have played in a casino, 45 percent who have played at charita-

from charitable games in 1995. The state's take from "Millionaire parties," bingo games and the like in 1998 was \$8 million.

Charitable gaming has been off in recent years. Fundraising groups report that the overall take from charitable games has dipped about \$20 million annually since 1992.

The problem is attributed to competition from other forms of gambling, like casinos and high stakes bingo jackpots available in Canada.

So in March, Michigan will again expand gambling. Through a law already passed by the legislature, the state will raise the limits on charitable gaming. In bingo, the limits come off the jackpot. Groups will be able to band together to create what the new law refers to as the "Michigan Progressive Jackpot." For each bingo event included, the jackpot continues to grow when no one hits the number. The prize cap at Millionaire parties will be raised from \$2,000 to \$15.000.

Last year, the federally-sponsored National Gambling Impact Study Commission called for a moratorium on new games, concluding that researchers still don't know the full extend of the social problems likely to be caused by our rapidly expanding gambling industry.

Michigan lawmakers aren't listening. Acting like compulsive gamblers themselves - and even with the beginning of a body count from the Detroit casinos — state legislators seem unable to stop themselves. They say: "Just one more game."

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Just a week before Bell took his life, The Evaluation Center at Western Michigan Univer-sity released its 1999 "Survey of Gambling

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ble events and the 30 percent who have bet on horses

But then, lawmakers have not figured out yet how to tax Internet gambling either. The state does get revenue from all those other forms of gambling — including charitable gaming. According to a House Legislative Analysis, the state netted \$6.7 million on fees and revenues

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Reader appreciates column on disabled child

To the editor:

It is with great pleasure (and tears) that I read your column in (the Jan. 27 edition of Record). I want to thank you for seeing the spark in our kids that others don't even care to look for or acknowledge.

I have a disabled little girl. She is almost 9 years old. She was wheelchair-bound for six years. has gross and fine motor issues, is speech and language impaired, and is also somewhat cognitively delayed. We are Novi residents but my daughter attends school in the Farmington district because they have a program there that best suits her needs.

Your article really touched my heart because it is very rare that people can overcome their own sense of squeamishness and look beyond the outer package of what I call a "broken kid." The broken kid doesn't fit the perfect picture. When they look or act differently than what's expected, you'd be surprised at the reactions and hostility you often encounter.

Our kids are often more loving and caring than "normal" ones. They have a more fundamental understanding of what's most important in life. Not money, cars, belongings, etc. It is they that know the importance of a smile, a gentle touch, and the love of those that care for them. It is a kind word that often means more than anything, patience when things take a little longer than it would for someone else, and just plain allowing them an opportunity.

Different perspectives on conflict of interest question

To the editor:

A Carol Graves questioned Karen Woodside's fitness for supervisor because of an alleged conflict of interest. I supported Mrs. Woodside's opponent, but after seeing her perform in office, I was very satisfied with her election and her accomplishments. Mrs. Woodside explained her position with the county to everyone's satisfaction. The board had been plagued with a few credibility gaps and a lot of female bickering. Those people are gone now but as a result. Mrs. Woodside never had the luxury of carte blanche in her dealings. She has been scrutinized by the board, remembering what happened previously. Her actions are what counts

regardless of any mud you want to sling, and with her the town-

ship has always come first. Rehashing this argument now leads me to believe that Mrs. Graves has another agenda or some personal ax to grind. It's too reminiscent of time and people long gone and best forgotten. Russ D. Fogg Northville Township trustee

To the editor:

With regard to the subject of incompatible offices - apparently Ms. Woodside believes the former attorney general Frank Kelley's opinions have "no legal substance or merit whatsoever, then or now."

Carol Graves

These kids will repay you tenfold. You will be their friend forever.

You'll never know how when a truly caring person comes along. how much that means. At least to me, and I'm sure my daughter. that person is burned into my heart's memory. It is often a heartbreaking struggle to be in the heat of something you never think you'll overcome, but when you do, that can also bring tears. You then wonder — why did I fret so much?

I am sure that your visit to that school that day will stay with you for a long time. I wish that more people would go to our special ed classrooms.

I often see pictures of various Novi elementary school kids engaged in various projects and activities. But what about the forgotten population of our kids that work so hard every moment of their lives? They too deserve to be recognized and brought to the

foreground.

The general population needs to know that they are out there too. These kids can't help the fact that they are the way they are and peo-ple shouldn't turn away and ignore them. They need to realize that they are someone's child. brother, sister or even friend. I always think I need to wear a sweatshirt that says, "But for the grace of God, there go I."

Thanks again for going to that school. Had it not been for your assignment, you may never have experienced that little girl's unconditional love. You may have never known.

Elizabeth Steuer Budesky

EDITOR'S NOTE: The aforementioned column was written by staff writer Melanie Plenda.

Record is weak, typo is comical

To the editor:

Since the Northville Record has become nothing more than a medium for advertisers, maybe all the grammatical errors and typos don't really matter. But once in awhile it's good for a laugh. A case in point is the report on road damage done by the water main break. 'I will be pushed down and compacted,' Gallogly said." Poor Jim.

Rosemary Hagge

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Jason J. Ashby Killed by a drunk driver on August 17, 1995 on Route 5 in Great Mills, Maryland.



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By MELANIE PLENDA Staff Writer

Angela Abbot may have taught her students in a world beyond the clouds, but the experience gave her insights into this one.

The Northville High School alumni, spent the summer of 1999 fulfilling herdream of living and teaching in a foreign country. Abbot earned a spot in a summer camp in Switzerland teaching English as a second language. After finishing her undergraduate degree in education in France. Abbot said she couldn't shake the unge to travel before she settled into a career.

"I didn't want to just travel somewhere," she said. "I wanted to live somewhere so I could learn about and really get a feel for the culture. And I didn't think I would get a chance to that once I started teaching."

ing." So Abbot gave herself the summer to explore the mountain-top village of Bensacon, Switzerland, she said. The town hovers 1,200 feet above sea level and provided Abbot with more than just beautiful scenery.

During her three-month stay in the village, Abbot said she soaked up much of the atmosphere and developed a great respect for the town inhabitants.

She said she was never concerned for her safety in the sleepy town. She even went so far as to hitchhike from Geneva into Besacon one day. Though she said she doesn't advocate such activity in general. Abbot said with the friendly openness of the townspeople, the slow pace, and low crime rate, she never gave it a second thought.

But it was the beauty of the surrounding countryside and natural occurrences that truly amazed her she said.

"It was amazing. We would walk out of our rooms and the clouds literally wrapped around us as before they snaked up the mountains. It was unlike anything I had ever seen." she said.

Abbot had another close encounter of the cloud kind when she and some of the other counselors took a hike and noticed something in the valley. Abbot said she saw a flash of light but nothing else. When she looked closer she said she realized she was staring down into a thunderstorm. They had climbed so high they were above the clouds in the valley.

However, if that amazed her it was her experience with the students that inspired her Abbot said. She said she was surprised to see how similar the children were to those in America.

Her students came from all parts of the globe including Hong Kong. Japan. Saudi Arabia and Spain. Though some of their customs varied. she said they shared many of the same thoughts and curiosities she did.

"Overall it was just fascinating to see how they related to each other." she said. "They talked about everyday things like dating and what they do for fun. And no matter how shy they were at first there wasn't a dry eye the last day when they were going home."

Abbot said they were especially anxious to ask her about America with the number one question being. 'Is it really as big as everyone says?'

The students' willingness to try and their openness to new experiences impressed Abbot the most, she said. Abbot discovered they enjoyed andrecognized the fact that being from a different country gave them a responsibility to share and teach what they knew to each other.

"They have so much to offer each other being from different cultures. But that they could transcend those cultures and come together was wonderful to see," Abbot said.

Since returning home Abbot has earned a position as a French teacher atFranklin high School in Livonia. Abbot said aside from being able to say she has seen the countryside her new students read about she has brought her students a sense of the world around them.

"I want to be able to help them develop a thirst for knowledge of the world around them," she said." Anytime you can show a student that there is a world outside themselves, to be involved in other cultures and to embrace those differences we can show them how small the world really is, and that is so important."

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Northville High School teacher Angela Abbot looks at photographs from her teaching experiences in Switzerland with a student. Abbot spent last summer in the alpine country.



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RECORD **OUR TOWN**



What began has a hobby half a century ago has blossomed into a successful Northville business that sells





Northville Clock and Watch Shop is the way you would expect it to be very hour when the clocks come to have the loudest beep, buzz and -

ig in the group. ould you expect? Perhaps not-so-obvious though is the maller scale representation of today's ety one can find within the house at example, there are faces that seem smile and those that don't. Some clocks, work while others won't. Some clocks could break the toughest man with their chaim. Others don't look so hot with a broken arm.

It's part of the reason the Anderson family goes to work every day. "Really it's all we know how to do," said

Andy Anderson, 36., 42. Andy and the rest of the family includ-ing his father Mel, 75, mother, Lois, 75, brother. Norman, 51, and Dan, 48, have all been trained to

"There were so many clocks in our house we used to build forts out of them."

Dan Anderson Northville Clock Shop

To make his money back, Dan said, his

father put the clock back together and made what he paid for it back and then some.

He was hooked. 'As time went by they started having more clocks than any other kind of antique," Dan said. "They built up the collection to between 200 and 300 clocks."

Dan said his father and mother then started setting up an antique clock display at antique shows as his father would spend nights and weekends fixing up the antiques.

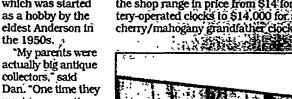
to be certified clock makers It's great, Andy said. Tway a new advertuine. The business has changed a over the years. For example, as the number of and clocks disappeared along with the for the clocks, Northville Watch

and Clock Shop had to change as well by changing its slock to new clocks Additionally the

repair aspect of the business became more important and . the company had to have more employees as business grew.

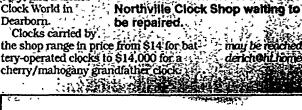
Today, the family has two other locations in addition to the Northville shop including Anderson's Clock World. Troy and Eurich's Clock World in

Dearborn. Clocks carried by



continue on the family business which was started

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A clock from a U.S. Navy ship

sits in the basement of the



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Andrew Die may be reached via e-mail at addet derich@hLhomeconm



the 1950s. y "My parents were actually big antique collectors, said Dan. One time they went to an auction where you bought the box for a certain price and got whatever was inside.



ck Shop's repairman Eugène Dellesrier takes a look at the Statistic clock that he's working on in the basement shop at Dellesrier's scen stany blocks in his 25 years as a separ-

There were so many clocks in our house we used to build forts out of them," Dan said.

One day Mel Andersón saw the perfect alace to open shop at 132 W. Dunlap St., hich at the time was the residence of the Sisenberger family. Mel approached Mr. Lisenberger and told him if he was ever interested in selling his house to contact him.

A few years later. in 1968, Litsenberger contacted Anderson and the rest is histo-TY.

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Howell resident Gery Foreman, left, checks out some of the well clo Howard Miller with the assistance of Northville Clock Shop emologie Anderson, on a recent Wednesdey afternoon.

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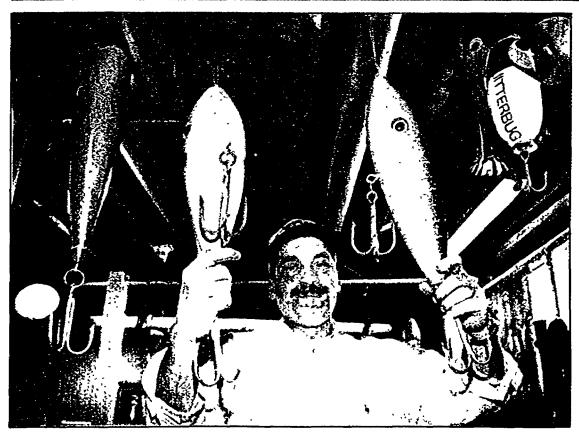


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Luke Altomare holds some of the oversized fishing lures he's created in his workshop over the last two years. He has about 50 in his collection now.

Hook, line and sinker

Love of fishing lures Novi man to make oversized jigs

By CHRIS C. DAVIS Copy Editor

known Luke Altomare.

drives my wife crazy."

fishing lures

stringy jigs.

better luck catching Jaws if they'd

That's because Altomare, a Novi

resident and car salesman at Bill

Brown Ford, is a craftsman in a

narrow, narrow field -- jumbosized

"I love fishing and always have." Altomare said. "I've also always

been a do-it-yourselfer for a long

time. It makes me happy, but it

In all honesty, the lures

Altomare makes aren't for actual

use. They're ornamental, and dec-

orate is exactly what they do to his

basement, which is filled with

about 50 of the beady-eyed.

Altomare got his start in the

craft about two years ago-while

vacationing in the Irish Hills.

While with his family to grab a bite

to cat, Altomare made his way into

"I love fishing and always

Maybe Roy Scheider and have." Richard Dreyfuss would have had

Luke Altomare Novi resident

a restaurant whose walls were covered with oversized lures.

'I saw what was in there and thought that I could do what they had done and do it better, Altomare said.

So try it he did. Back home in his workshop. Altomare ground away at a piece of pine stock with a wood lathe and found a way to mimic what he'd seen in the restaurant. A few coats of paint and lacquer later. Altomare had done what he'd set out to do.

Every part of the lures is handmade, save for the eyes on the lures, which Altomare said he needs to order from another company. The hooks are made of No. 4

gauge copper wire, which is sharp-ened and polished.

"They're pretty sharp." Altomare said. "You definitely want to watch your fingers when you're handling them."

Since he built his first, Altomare has added dozens more lures to his collection, many of which have already been sold to people who'd seen them. He said he's hoping to get more exposure for his craft at an upcoming arts and crafts show in Northville.

What I'm trying to do is keep a list of the ones that I'm selling on my own right now so I know which ones to bring to a show," Altomare said. "I'd like to market the most popular ones at the exhibit."

And that's not all. Altomare also said he's working on establishing a website to sell his craft to Netheads across the country and around the globe. The average asking price? Around \$200, Altomare said.

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Busy February in store for Holy Family church

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Scout Sunday will be celebrated on Feb. 6. All Boy and Cub Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to Mass that day. Fellow Scouts will sit in a designated area of the church.

Ecumenical Awareness Sunday was recently celebrated with Pastor Matthew McMahon from Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church giving two of the liturgies. In exchange, as part of the "Awareness" celebration. Rev. Budde and Deacon Steve Morello went to Spirit of Christ and delivered two services.

Feb. 13 is the date set for the informal discussion group that meets for fun and the love of movies. Discussion will be on the film "The Hurricane."

Other recent activities included: the third annual Super Bowl party sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council No. 11811 and held at the church. A huge TV screen provided viewing for all.

Feb. 18-20 are the dates sched-uled for the Holy Family Youth Ministry ski trip to Nubs Nob. north of Harbor Springs. High school students, who are members of Holy Family and their guests

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will partake. Space is limited to 20 youth. The group will return in the evening of Feb. 20.

The church will hold its third St. Valentine's Day dinner-dance on Saturday, Feb. 12; Mass at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6:30, with music provided by D.J. Kurt Lewis, and dancing until mid-night. Tickets at \$15 per person are available at the office.

During the evening, couples celebrating wedding anniversaries first, fifth, tenth, 25th, 40th and 50-plus years - will be recognized. Couples must register by Feb. 8.

@9ptsubhead:Novi Senior Center

The Novi Theater's senior variety series includes the performance of "Pizza with Porter," scheduled for April 14. Rehearsals will start Feb. 7, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you like to sing. dance and per-form, you are encouraged to come and bring a friend. If you are in need of a ride, call the senior center at (248) 347-0414 for transportation by the center's van. Come for lunch and stay for rehearsal

The senior program Book Discussion Group meets on the second Thursday of each month. however, starting this month the group will meet at the Novi Public Library meeting room, from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 10.

Meetings have been previously held at the center but due to increasing attendance, more space is available at the library's meeting room. Also extended will be the amount of time for discussion. This group is sponsored by the Novi Library and is directed by Pauline Drueschel.

Selected for discussion at the February meeting is "Slaves in the Family," by Edward Boll.

Each year the Book Club selects a country to read about and discuss. This year's selection was Israel, with books pertaining to that country: a nonfiction reading in March and a fictional selection in April. For more information, call the Novi Library at (248) 349-0720. A Valentine's Day luncheon will be held at noon on Feb. 14. Following lunch, a special version of "The Dating Game." complete

are available at the center for \$3.50 each. If you would like to be a contestant, contact the Novi Senior Center.

NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE

The 18th annual Bowl-a-Thon sponsored by NYA will be held on March 11, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Novi Bowl. There will be prices, food and drink provided for all participating.

Help is needed for bowlers or sponsoring a bowler. The money raised through this event will help Novi Youth Assistance finance the annual summer Youth Center. camp scholarships, recreational, educational scholarships, and drug and alcohol awareness programs, a preventative programming for families and youth.

Letters are being sent to churches, organizations and businesses to encourage teams to sign up. Three games will be bowled, with five members per team. Bowlers are asked to recruit pledges from friends. neighbors, relatives and fellow workers. You can either pledge money for every pin knocked down or recruits can pledge a flat amount. Bowlers

with prizes, will be held. Tickets must collect pledges and turn in by April 7. However, pledge sheets must be turned in to the Novi Bowl by March 11. For information, call the office at (248) 347-0410.

The NYA volunteers are once again looking for Novi youth to honor at the annual Novi Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award breakfast. Examples of never recognized "behind the scenes" service are: tutoring, hospital or nursing home service, ecology, school service projects, just to mention a few.

If you know of Novi youth who fit this description and are currently attending high school, contact the office at (248) 347-0414 for more detailed information.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Novi Community Education has prepared a booklet of ideas for parent/family involvement.

Several programs have been planned for mid-winter break. Activity camp for ages 4 to 6 starts Feb. 14 for four days; Funtastic Activities Camp for ages 6-12. available Feb. 14-17; a five-day Soccer Camp for ages 5 to 16, Feb. 14 to 18: an American Basketball Camp for grades 2 through 8. Feb. 14-17. Call the Community Education office, (248) 449-1206 or the Novi High School office. (248) 449-1531 to register.

Also offered will be Lego Inventors for grades K-2, Feb. 14-17: and for grades 3-6. Feb. 17-18. A special class for parents of children in grades 2 to 4 titled "Learn How to Learn" is intended to help parents aid their children in home-

work and preparing for a test. Boating Safety for ages 12 and up will be held Feb. 28 and March taught by the Oakland County Sheriff Department Marine Division.

A Baby Sitting Clinic for grades 5 through 8 is scheduled for Feb. 9. Instructing will be officers from both the Novi Police and Fire departments as well as Ms! Schneemann R.N. from Providence Hospital.

The Creative Pursuits section includes a St. Patrick's Day Wreath class for ages 1 through 4. Preregistration date is Feb. 11. Class meets on Feb. 29.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call (248) 624-0173.



Members of the Novi Theatre's Little People Players will be putting on several performances of "The Frog Prince" later this month. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

'Frog Prince' comes to Novi Theatres

THE CAST

Here are members of "The Frog Prince" cast from Novi and Northville: Nina Abboud Jillian Angelocci, Sarah Barton, Emily Barton, Stephanie Berent, Jim Brunner, Katie Check, Maggie Check, Megan Corwin, Leslie Davies, Bryan Glick, Ron Ketelhut, Dana Koenig, Jenna Krinšky, Jackson Landry, Max Landry, Caitlin Marshall, Chelsea Marshall, Kathleen McDonald, Elaine Mitra, Marissa Oates, Lauren Paquette, Sarah Pylar, Kevin Raftery, Stephanie Saad, Barrett Schwarzlose, Brett Schwarzlose, Mary Beth Shively, and Michael Symanski.

Novi Theatres Little People Players will present "The Frog Prince" on Feb. 4, 5 and 6 at the Novi Civic Center stage. The cast of 29 children from the Novi-Northville area will perform the tale under the direction of Mary Kay Davis. The Little People Players made their debut with the play more than three years ago. Four cast members are participating in the updated version.

The story opens with a slew of witches casting a spell on Prince Jonathon, played by Brett Schwarzlose, turning him into a frog. He remains a frog until some girl who loves him gives him a kiss. But who would kiss a frog? Princess Julietta, played by Sarah Barton, loves Prince Jonathon, but he has disappeared. And on her birthday, a nerdy Prince Mortimer. played by Max Landry, shows up at her castle to woo her into marriage.

Costumes for the show were designed by Julie Landry and set work by Roger Wilfong and Mary Kay Davis.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door and are available for purchase at the Novi Parks and Recreation office. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances at 3 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 347-0400.





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Engagements

Dr. and Mrs. R. Kraft Bell of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Richard, to Jessica Ann Lowry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Lowry of Charlotte, N.C.

The bride-elect Is a 1998 graduate of King College and is currently employed at Right Source, IBM Education and Training, North Carolina.

The groom-elect graduated from Northville High School in 1994. He is a 1998 graduate of Taylor University and is presently employed at J.S. Walker & Co. Inc. in North Carolina.

An April wedding is planned.

Lou and Donna Agoston of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, to Aaron Robert Racey, son of Robert and Sue Racey of Livonia.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Ladywood High School. She graduated in 1999 from Hillsdale College and is currently employed at Business News Publishing Co. in Troy.

The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of Stevenson High School,



Lowry-Bell

Livonia. He also graduated in '99 from Hillsdale College and is now employed at Deloitte & Touche in Detroit.

A July wedding is planned.



Agoston-Racey

Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Katle, to Lance Greane, son of Karen Greane of Westland and Bob Greane of Las Vegas.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate Mr. and Mrs. Jack McLean of of Northville High School and a

1997 graduate of Oakland University. She presently works as a salesperson. The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is employed by the H.H. Barnum Company. A June wedding is planned.

McLean-Greane

Religion

St. James Catholic Church of Novi will again be preparing and delivering food baskets this month. Items may be dropped off anytime the church is open. Items needed: sugar, cereal, oatmeal, beef stew, chili, mayo, ketchup, mustard, hot chocolate mix, canned carrots, jelly, spaghetti sauce, coffee, tea, oil, macaroni and cheese, and lunch snacks. Personal hygiene products include shampoo. soap. etc. Lists of items needed are available in the narthex. For more information, call (248) 347-7778.

Single Point Ministries for single parents meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville. A free meal is served at 6:15 p.m.; class at 7. Single parents also meet every Wednesday night in the SPM office, dinner arrangements can be made for this meeting, also. Free child care is always provided. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

Also at Ward - a workshop devoted to teaching people how to seek the best lifelong mate for themself will be held Feb. 12. It will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Parlor C317. Admission is \$20. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

The Church of the Holy the parlor (room C317/C319) at Family in Novi will be hosting Army. (313) 965-7760; or Vietnam

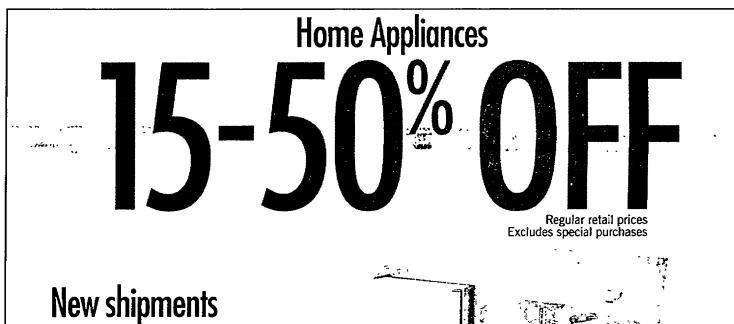
the Interfaith Rotating Shelter the week beginning Feb. 26. For the past three years, this has been a very rewarding experience for all who participated and provided hospitality to the guests. The function serves to provide shelter for everyone willing to contribute time, energy and hospitality to the homeless men and women who will be staying with us. For more information, call (248) 348-2583.

The Community Clothes Closet located at Holy Family Church will be closed indefinitely. For donated items, call one of the following for pick up: St. Vincent DePaul, (313) 567-1910: Purple Heart, (734) 728-4560; Salvation Veterans of America, (800) 775 8387.

These agencies have regularly scheduled pick-up dates depend ing on location.

New teddy bears are being sought by **First United** Methodist Church of Northville The bears are being collected by senior high youth at the church to be distributed to the elderly and those in hospitals.

Also at First United - the Men's Club is sponsoring a seminar with former Detroit Piston Joe Dumars on March 10. Tickets are \$15. Advance registration is required. For more information on either event, call (248) 349 1144.



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Anniversaries

John D. Gustaf, Sr. and Della Gustaf of Northville celebration their 58th wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows among family and friends at Our Lady of Victory.

The couple was married Jan. 28, 1942 in Birmingham. John Gustaf was born in Detroit

and worked for Noma Light Company as a manufacturer's representative.

Della Gustaf was also born in Detroit and worked as a receptionist at Digital Corporation. Both are retired.

The Gustafs are parents to John (Abby) Gustaf, Jr., of Northville: Diane (Robert) Simmons of Las Vegas; and Cynthia (Hollis) Gulbranson of Thornton, Colo.

They also have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



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Trusting a trust may not be so smart On Campus

Senior citizens beware! The Michigan Bar Association is warning the public to think twice about companies selling trusts as alternatives to wills

According to the bar association, a southeastern Michigan couple nearly wound up with a \$200,000 federal tax hability when their \$1.1 million estate was placed into a joint trust by one such company.

Like wills, trusts are legal vehicles used to leave assets to loved ones. Sometimes theyire used instead of wills so that the beneficiaries (usually relatives) can avoid going to court to get the assets. But there are many complicated legal reasons why a will might be a better choice for a particular individual. The decision to use a trust instead of a will is an important one that should not be made without expert advice.

"Trust kit companies" solicit by phone, mail, newspaper advertisement and door-to-door salesmen. They also hold seminars to "educate" people about planning their estates.

During a seminar the speaker may make disparaging remarks about attorneys and the pro-

Oversized fishing lures makes Novi resident a happy man

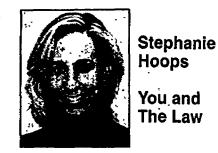
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Speaking of the Internet. Altomare said he did a bit of web-surfing himself to find if there were any other oversized lure-makers lurking in cyberspace. Altomare said he found just one other such craftsman operating in Texas, who Altomare has since communicated with periodically on the wares.

"I don't have too many people to bounce ideas off of for this hobby." he quipped.

Altomare can be reached at (248) 347-4340. or via e-mail at Luke@ic.net.

Chris C. Davis is the copy editor for the Novi News and Northville Record. He can be reached via email at cdavis@ht.homecomm.net.



fession in general. This dissuades the audience from seeking legal advice, which the company may not be qualified to give.

Seniors, wanting to help their relatives avoid long court battles are especially vulnerable to false statements about the cost and time associated with having to probate the deceasedis estate.

The state bar is monitoring trust kit companies to insure that the documents they sell are reviewed by an attorney and are correctly pre-

been making the ornamental fishing lures for the last two years.

pared. But the brochure put out by the bar, Donit Trust Trust Kits." warns:

Be aware that in a number of states, including Michigan, the Attorney Generalis office has brought lawsuits against trust kit companies. seeking fines and the cessation of business.

Investigations have shown that agents may fraudulently claim they are skilled in preparing documents, they may misrepresent legal practices, they may use high-pressure tactics to coerce people into purchasing kits, and often fail to resolve problems or disclose the drawbacks of trusts.

This brochure is available on-line at www.michbar.org. Further information is also available on the Legal Hotline for Older Michiganians at (800) 347-5297.

Stephanie Hoops is an attorney and member of the State Bar of Michigan, as well as a former Novi resident. She currently resides in Chicago and is enrolled in the graduate journalism program at Northwestern University. She can be reached via e-mail at Shoopsesq@aol.com.

William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills will be hosting a free visit day on Feb. 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for all interested students. Faculty and students will be on hand to answer questions about the school. The school is a fouryear. Christian liberal arts college.

For more information, call (800)

483-0707.

The University of Michigan-Dearborn announced the following local students had been named to U-M's school of management dean's list for the 1999 autumn semester: NORTHVILLE: Michelle Merski

and Matthew Zelman. NOVI: Karen Gates and Steven

Stocker. The school also announced it's autumn 1999 dean's list for the university's engineering and com-

puter science college: NORTHVILLE: Wang Xiaoyun, Peter Law, and David Wrosch.

Schoolcraft College announced the following Novi residents were named to the dean's list at Schoolcraft College for the autumn

1999 semester: David Abrams. Samia Bayyouk, Mariette Beltran, Renee Burchfield, Chrissina Burke, Hsi-Wen Chang, Catherine Chubb, Susannah Decker, Kristen Dowdy. Terry Doyle, Victoria Edwards, Jordan Elliott. Manami Endo. David Gabler. Jennifer Gibson, Terri Haffey, Benjamin Heikes, Michele Hunley, Blanca Irizarry-Morales. Erik Isele. Christopher Jackson, Victoria Kerr, Deborah Kornak, Xiaoling Liu, Annette Maggio, Heloisa Mattos. Sean McKenna, Susan Minear. Beena Nath. Marie Policelli, Deborah Rains, Eric Retzbach, Gity Salari, Andrew Szalony, Kristine Vasely, Jean Vincent. Ross Wagner, Amy Weaver. Mei-Chan Wu, and Nancy Wysocki.

University of Evansville student Tracie Vock of Northville was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement by earning at least a 3.5 grade point average for the 1999 fall semester. Vock is the daughter of Frederick and Karen Vock.

Pet Corner

Several animal-related groups , Southeastern Michigan have adoption opportunities in the Novi and Northville area. Here are the dates and locations for some of those organizations:

Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society Third Saturday of each month 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PetSmart (17677 Haggerty.

(248) 347-4337

Critter Connection

11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Volunteers For Action Some Saturdays and Sundays PetSmart (17677 Haggerty, (248) 626-8051

Animal Welfare Society of

Variety of times (248) 624-1100

In addition, the Pet-A-Pet group spends time bringing animals to nursing homes, hospice locations, and residences of physically and emotionally challenged children and adults. Volunteers are needed to help with the programs. Here's a rundown of where the group will be making stops soon. For infor-mation on volunteering, call (810) 229-5219.

Old Village Second Tuesday of each month 10 a.m.

Star Manor First Thursday of each month 2 p.m.

Wynwood of Northville Third Thursday of each month 10:30 a.m.



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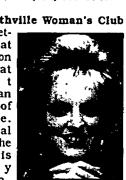
Tickets for the Northville High School Senior All-Night Party are on sale. Tickets are \$45, but will increase to \$50 effective March 1. Tickets may be purchased by sending a check or money order to Senior All-Night Party, c/o Linda Temple, 46023 North Valley. Northville, Mich. 48167. For more information, call (248) 348-0826 or (248) 348-8039.

The Parent Advisory Committee of the Northville school district is seeking volunteers for a new project spearheaded by the group to obtain major textbooks on audio tape for students having difficulty reading or interpreting conventional texts. The program is designed solely for high school students. Readers are needed to record the information on audio tape. For more informa-tion, call either (248) 347-1029 or (248) 348-1593.

Our Lady of Providence is seeking volunteers to adopt a garden bed. Donated beds of all sizes need weekly or biweekly care, provided at the convenience of the volunteer. OLP is a community for persons with disabilities. Help from individuals or groups during the growing months would be appreciated. An informational coffee will be held March 27 at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. at OLP. For more information, call (734) 459-6947.

The Northville Woman's Club

will be meeting again at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 at F i r s t Presbyterian Church of Northville. The special guest for the meeting is Shelley Thacker. a



Shelley Thacker romance author

whose works include "Falcon On The Wind," "A Stranger's Kiss," and "Timeless." Thacker has signed a contract to write two leadtitle historical romances for Dell Publishing. She and her husband now reside in Michigan. The Woman's Club meeting chairperson is Karen Poulos. For more information, call (248) 348-1325.

AARP is sponsoring free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for seniors, effective



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A few local members of the Gentlemen Songsters warm up recently. From left are Fran Durham, Robert Sage, Steve Sutherland and Don Block. They'll be performing on Feb. 18 and 19 at Livonia's Clarenceville Middle School.

Tuesdays, Feb. 1 through April 15. more information, call (734) 632from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady.

This service is by appointment only. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

The Novi Lions have a placed collection box at the Novi Library and Novi City Hall for old eye glasses, which are recycled. The club is also responsible for collecting used glasses from their region. which consists of 11 other Lion clubs and three Lioness clubs. Approximately 30,000 pair of glasses are currently in storage. waiting to go to Muncle, Ind., to be checked, sorted and shipped overseas to the less fortunate. The club also takes used hearing aids and gives them to the Troy Noon Club. For more information, call (248) 477-1397.

The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking applicants to help with the 2000 Census. Testing for applicants will take place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the U.S. Census Office, located at 38701 W. Seven Mile Road, Ste. 490. Testing begins at 10 a.m. For 0300.

'Voices in Time," a locallybased singing group will begin rehearsals for the spring and summer seasons in late February. The group has a limited number of openings in all voice parts. For more information, call (248) 449-6540.

Two new performances are taking stage at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall this month. For adults, a dinner theater performance entitled "At The Hop" will be the feature, while youth will see "The Mystery In Fable's Forest." Showtimes and prices on the shows vary. For more information, call (248) 349-0522.

The Roses-West Rose Society of Novi will meet on Thursday, Feb. 3, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. A social hour will follow the program.

Featured will be Jerry Carney, master gardener and American Rose Society judge, giving a pre-sentation on "How to Grow

Fabulous Roses Organically." If there are any questions, call Pat Hibbard at (248) 449-4626.

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The eighth annual Home Improvement Show will be held Feb. 3-6 at the Novi Expo Center. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 2-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Admission: adults, \$6.50; seniors, \$4.50; children 6-12, \$3.50; children under 6 admitted

The Northville Montessori Center will hold its annual open house on Feb. 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The facility, located at 15709 Haggerty Road, is a state-licensed private school offering an alternative in preschool and elementary educational programs. For more information, call (734) 420-0924.

Mothers' Club of Northville will present "Hand to the Future," a dinner dance with live and silent auctions, on Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m.; the cost will be \$50 per person with cash bar. The event will take place at The Italian American Club, 3900 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 348-3356.

"Oliver!" is coming to The Water

Tower Theater, which is located on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile.

Performances by the Plymouth Theater Guild will be held Feb. 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, March 3 and 4. Hours are 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays: 6 p.m. Sunday matinee.

Tickets are adults, \$12; students (18 and under). \$8. For groups of 15-29, \$10; 30-plus, \$9.

General seating for all shows. Tickets may be purchased at: Gardenviews, 202 W. Main St., Northville: Penniman Deli, 820 Penniman, Plymouth; and Evola Music Center, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. Tickets by mail: PTG-Tickets, P.O. Box 700451, Plymouth, Mich. 48170 or visit their Web page: www.causeway.com/ptg/ Tickets are exchangeable but not refundable.

The VIP opening night of the Outdoorama Sport and Travel Show will be held on Feb. 25, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. Admission is \$75 per person, which will include a chefhosted. Texas style barbecue and free parking. Proceeds will benefit Michigan United Conservation Clubs' education and conservation programs. The attire for the evening will be business/casual. The program for the evening is as follows:

VIP opening of exhibit floor, 3 to 7 p.m.; wildlife exhibits, 3 to 7 p.m.; refreshments and games begin, 5:30 p.m.; chef-hosted, Texas style bårbecue dinner, 7 p.m.; live auction, 8:45 p.m.; and grand prize drawing, 10 p.m.

For more information, call (800) 777-6720, ext. 496.

Members of the Barbershop Harmony Society's top-ranking quartets will headline in the Detroit-Oakland chapter's 61st annual Parade of Harmony on Feb. 18 and 19 at Clarenceville Middle School. The show begins at 8 p.m. Feb. 18 and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19. The chapter's 40-man chorus, the Gentleman Songsters, will present a selection of barbershop favorites. Appearing at the shows will be the 1999 International Quartet semifinalist Champions, as well as Harmonix, the 1998 Sweet Adolines second-place medalists. Tickets are \$13 and \$15. For more information, call (248)

559.7082.

Business

Darin Robert Morency was sworn in Nov. 12 as an attorney by Judge John E. MacDonald of the 35th District Court. His admission was sponsored by Judge Ronald W. Lowe.

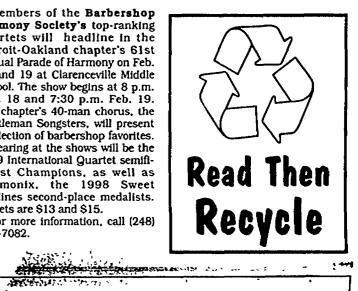
Morency is a 1992 graduate of Northville High School. He graduated in 1996 from Albion College and in May 1999, from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He is currently employed as assistant court administrator of the 24th District Court.

Morency is the son of Robert and Sharon Morency of Northville.

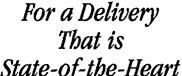
Real Estate One, Michigan's largest real estate firm, announced it has merged with ERA Rymal-Symes, a Southwest Oakland County-based real estate firm with offices in Novi and South Lyon.

This merger gives Real Estate One further coverage in the burgeoning residential real estate market in Southwest Oakland County. In 1999, the combined sales of ERA Rymal-Symes were \$110,000,000, with 48 sales associates and employees. Both the Novi and South Lyon offices will transition to operate under the Real Estate One name.

Business Network International will be holding two meetings of area branches in the coming week. The first is for the Novi chapter, and will meet at 7 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island, located at 21200 Haggerty Road on Feb. 8. The second is for the Northville chapter - also slated for Kerby's - and will meet at 7 a.m. on Feb. 10. For more information, call (810) 323-3800.



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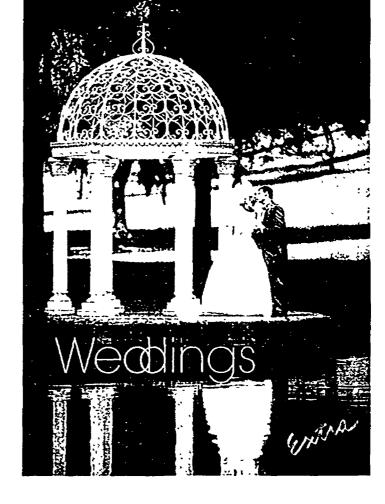
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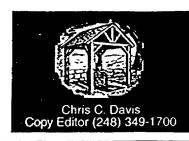
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Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady St. coordinates the following services and activities for seniors 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, please call (248) 349-4140.

SERVICES Newsletter

The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips and services. Copies are available at Northville City Hall. Northville Township Hall, Northville District Library, Northville Parks and Recreation Center and the Senior Center. You can also receive the newsletter by mail for an annual \$7 contribution.

• Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)

Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to check on your well being, or just to hear a friendly voice. This program is sponsor by Northville Township at no charge to the community through the use of their **Community Development Block** Grant funds. To register, contact the Telecare office at [248] 348-1312, from 9 a.m. to noon. Monday through Friday.

Nutrition

Hot, nutritious meals are provided Monday through Friday at Allen Terrace. A donation of \$1.50 is requested. Meals can be delivered to your home through the Meals on Wheels program. For more information on the Nutrition program. call (800) 851-1454. Allen Terrace is located at 401 High St.

• Focus Hope

Food distribution is the fourth Friday of every month, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m at the Senior Center.

Blood Pressure Screening

Come get your blood pressure checked by a nurse. There is no charge. Held at the Senior Center on the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors

Northville and Northville Township senior citizens age 65 and over are eligible to receive two months worth of prescriptions through the MEPPS program. Monthly income eligibility for a single person is \$1,030 (from all sources of income) and for a couple, is \$1,383 (from all sources of income). Total monthly prescription cost must be 10 percent of your monthly income For more

 Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target

and local banks.

Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hiller's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays).

Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Riders must make a reservation 24 hours in advance. Call the Senior Center.

· Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month

The senior bus heads out to Twelve Oaks Mall and the United Artist Theaters for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled vary each month. This month the bus will depart Feb. 14 and Feb. 28. Pick-up will begin from your home (11 a.m.) or the MAGS parking lot (11:30 a.m.). Once at the mall, you will be on your own to enjoy your afternoon. Cost is \$4. Please call to make reservations.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES • Card Playing

Join us for cards at the Senior Center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Senior Drop-in Volleyball

All levels are welcome. Held on Mondays. Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Center. (Verify days on monthly recreation calendar at the center.) Cost is \$1.

Body Workout Exercise Class This class meets every Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. at Allen Terrace. Cost is \$3 per class. No registration is necessary.

• Pot Luck Luncheons

No potluck in February. Senior Center closed due to holiday.

• Dinner Out at Various Restaurants

Come with us for a once-amonth trip to a local restaurant. On Thursday, Feb. 24 we will be going to La Fondue Restaurant in Royal Oak for good food with good friends. Cost for round trip transportation is \$4, payable to the bus driver. The bus will depart from the MAGS parking lot at 4:30 p.m. or pick you up at your home at 4 p.m. Please call for advanced reservations.

• First Friday Flicks

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH

• Sweetheart Tea

Join us at the Senior Center on Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. for our annual 'Sweetheart Tea." The "Backbeat Boys" will be there to entertain as you savor the scrumptious treats and enjoy the warm company of friends. Cost is \$6. This is a popular event. Registration is strongly recommended.

• Valentine's Party

Please join us on Feb. 14, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for entertainment, refreshments and door prizes. Jim Lauri is back and ready to soothe the soul with his mixed variety of everyone's favorite melodies. The party is free of charge and will be held at the Northville Parks and Recreation Center. Please call for reservations.

• Soaring Eagle Casino - Bobby Vinton Concert

Rybicki Tours is offering a trip to the Soaring Eagle Casino including a reserved ticket to see Bobby Vinton in concert. The event will include roundtrip motorcoach transportation, one night first class accommodations at the resort. casino incentive package, and lunch and shopping (on your own) in Frankenmuth. Tour dates are Feb. 16 and 17. Cost is \$159 per person, double occupancy. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

• MGM Grand Detroit Casino

Bianco Tour is offering a day trip to the MGM Grand Detroit Casino on Feb. 22. The event includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation and a buffet voucher for \$14.95. The Bianco bus will depart from the Plymouth Cultural Center at 10:15 a.m. and return at 5:45 p.m. Cost is \$18 for residents and \$19 for non-residents. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

• Turkeyville Dinner Theater

Please join us Feb. 26 for the **Bluegrass Gospel Musical Comedy** at Cornwell's. The senior bus will depart from the MAGS parking lot at 3 p.m. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and the play starts at 8 p.m. Cost is \$53 for residents and \$56 for non-residents. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

• "FOSSE" at the Fisher Theater

The 1999 Tony Award winner. FOSSE," is "pure exhilaration and terrifically entertaining." The cast dances and sings with an energy that threatens to raise the roof. On the senior hus will he leaving the MAGS parking lot at 4 pm. We will have dinner at Carl's Chop House in Detroit then off to the theater for a 7 p.m. performance. Call early to make reservations.

parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$20. Stop in to make reservations.

• Adult Internet Workshop

Interested in learning more about the Internet? Register for the Adult Internet Workshop to be held at Northville High School. The fiveweek program meets Saturday. from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. beginning March 18. This workshop is free of charge to Northville residents. Register by leaving a voice mail message to Donna Shannon at (248) 344-8420, ext. 682.

• Computer Training for Seniors

Norm Kotaski of Northville knows computers. Since his retirement, he has begun teaching computer basics to area seniors. He covers Microsoft Windows, word processing, Internet, e-mail and Excel spreadsheet. He teaches in the senior's home on their computer. If interested, please call the Senior Center.

SENIOR FITNESS • Senior Water Aerobics

This is a seven-week session with a cost of \$55. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. Session II runs March 1 through April 12. Class begins at 1 p.m. at the pool at Our Lady of Providence on Beck Road. Stop by the Senior Center and register today.

• Senior Walking Club

Join the Northville seniors at Laurel Park Place Mall every Monday. Wednesday and Friday mornings for a little exercise. We will be walking at the mall. Transportation is available from your home starting at 7 a.m. The cost is \$2, payable to the bus driver. Call the Senior Center to register.

• Senior Fitness Program at Water Wheel Health Club

Northville Senior Center in combination with Water Wheel Health Club are offering a senior fitness program. The program includes: setting up the starting date; two sessions per week, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; fitness evaluation, overall program design and instruction: exercise journal; and cardiovascular, stretching and strength training. The cost for the three-week program is \$69 and the six-week program is \$99. Call the Water Wheel Health Club at (248) 449-7634 to schedule your first session.

• Massage Therapy

Treat yourself to a well deserved half-hour or hour massage by a **b**ertified at the Center. Appointments are available at the following times: Thursday, Feb. 10, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and Thursday, Feb. 24, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. You must call ahead to make an appointment. The cost is \$15 for one-half hour and \$25 for one hour. To cancel an appointment. please call 24 hours in advance or you will be charged for the appointment. For your first massage appointment, please arrive 10 minutes early. Call the Senior Center today to register.





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• Tax Counseling Service

Volunteer tax counselors are available to prepare your state and local tax forms. Counselors have been trained by American Association of Retired Persons and the Michigan Treasury Department.

This service will be available at the Senior Center, every Tuesday beginning Feb. 1 through April 15, 9 a m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Most necessary forms are on hand. Appointments are scheduled at 90-minute intervals. When arranging your appointment. please ask what items you should bring with you. Although there is no charge for this service, donations to the senior program would be creatly appreciated.

TRANSPORTATION

the first Friday of every month at 1 p.m. to watch a movie with friends. You will be served complimentary refreshments. Cost for the movie is \$1. Please call to register.

 Detroit Symphony Orchestra Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS. Please call to register.

Coffee Concerts are \$27 per ticket. Available classical Coffee Concerts include: Great Schubert. March 3: Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, March 17; Strauss' Tone Poems, April 7; All Mozart, April 28; and Pines of Rome on June 9.

*Pop Concerts" are \$33 per ticket. Available Pop Concerts include: Sandy Duncan, Feb. 24; On the Air - Music of the Fabulous 1940s. April 13; and Pops Goes Hollywood. June 1.

• Leelanau Sands and Turtle Creek Casinos

Bianco Tour is offering a trip to the Leelanau Sands and Turtle Creek Casinos. The event includes round trip motorcoach transportation, one night accommodation at the Leelanau Sands Lodge, and \$100 in casino incentives. Tour dates are March 12-13. Cost is \$89 per person based on double occupancy. Stop by and register today.

• van Gogh Exhibit at D.I.A.

On March 28, we will be touring the van Gogh exhibit at the Detroit Institute of arts. The senior bus will be departing from the MAGS

Line Dancing

An introductory line dancing class will be offered at the Senior Center on Wednesday, Feb. 16. from 2-3 p.m. Cost is only \$4. Join instructor Marna Flanary of Denim & Lace for to learn. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

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Agent exchanges iron gut for post traumatic stress

In "Gun Shy." slated to open in theaters this weekend. Charlie (Liam Neeson), a legendary undercover DEA agent, has suddenly lost his nerves of steel.

Although he's been involved in more drug busis than he cares to remember. his instinct for danger. his cool composure and his iron guts - especially his guts - have finally failed him. The post traumatic stress of his latest wellplanned sting operation that went awry has shaken him to the core and he is now begging for retire-ment from his clandestine business.

However. Charlie is in too deep and has to fulfill one final complex covert obligation.

On the verge of a career-induced mental breakdown, and in complete fear of trigger-happy Mafia leader Fulvio Nesstra (Oliver Platt). Charlie seeks psychiatric help and finds himself relying on the support of an unstable therapy group. and nurse Judy (Sandra Bullock), just to get through his work, in Hollywood Pictures' dark comedy, Gun Shy."

About the story Written and directed by Eric Blakeney, the film is produced by Sandra Bullock: co-producer is Marc S. Fischer.

"I was tired of all those macho movie heroes, and I wanted to write something about a guy who has lost his nerve," says screenwriter Eric Blakeney in his directo-rial debut. 'I kept the idea simmering for five vears. My wile kept asking me, What-about your, chicken cop script?" And I kept saying, I don't know what it's about.' But it all clicked when we were in Australia and I realized that everybody is undercover, in the sense that none of us have the life we really want. I came home and finished the script within a month, and the movie was in production inside a year.

Charlie's character represents the regular guy who loathes his job and dreams of escaping to a more simple life.



Charlie (Liam Neeson, right) is an undercover DEA agent on the verge of a nervous breakdown generated by his fear of a final sting operation against trigger-happy Mafia leader Fulvio Nesstra (Oliver Platt), in "Gun Shy."

to Charlie's habit of carrying (Michael Mantell, who introduces around a picture of his retirement heaven, a place on the beach. Externally. Charlie is a James Bond type, but inside he is this vortex of turmoil and dissatisfaction. He just doesn't want this life any more," the director says.

"Heroes have always been stoic," says Liam Neeson. "Thankfully, men are starting to show themselves on screen as unprepared and willing to cry for help. We could do with a bit more of that, I think." Neeson adds. "Charlie has a reputation as a supercop, but now he's play acting that he's in control, because he is so scared. It's a black comedy and yet there is a moving story in there too."

Charlie seeks help

Charlie wants out, but his superiors have other ideas. It has taken months to set up this sting job. and Charlie must finish the assignment. He has no choice, even though fright plays malicious havoc with his nerves and afflicts him with embarrassing stomach problems.

him to a support group of neurotic yupples. The guys are dumbfounded when Charlie confesses the source of his deepest anxiety - he is terrified of having to go up against vicious mob hit man Fulvio Nesstra (Oliver Platt).

Hoping for some relief from his chronically aching gut. Charlie meets Judy Tipp (Sandra Bullock). an attractive nurse. It is, undoubtedly, one of the most unusual first meetings in cinema history.

"A person like Charlie, who is under constant pressure: is moreprofile to developing stress-related problems. smiles writer/director Blakeney. "So Judy has to give him a colonic. In spite of that, Charlie is drawn to her because of her

intuitive understanding. And as the most natural and centered person in the film, she senses in him a big wounded soul that she wants to repair."

Deep in the middle of nerve-jarring negotiations to cut a tense money-laundering deal with psy-chotic mobsters. a touchy Colombian drug cartel scion named Fidel Vaillar (Jose Zuniga), and Jason Cane (Andy Lauer). a frenetic young Wall Street broker, Charlie does his noble best to maintain his façade of unflappable calm and poise.

Meanwhile, everyone else's true self disconcertingly emerges: Fulvio, the man Charlie most dreads in the world, is demoralized by his life. For his part, the suave, cosmopolitan Fidel is tired of trying to

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win his father's approval and yearns for a new life with his secret lover, Estuvio (Michael DeLorenzo). The yupples in his support group all share Charlie's vision of a world without bosses. Even Jason, the stockbroker, is not what he

appears to be. But the stakes are high and everyone wants the money. Charlie has got to keep all the pieces together if he hopes to make it out alive one last time. That is, if he can ever retrieve his intestinal fortitude.

Sandra Bullock directs

As soon as I read the script I knew I wanted to make the movie." says actress and producer Sandra Bullock, who discovered the screenplay when she was in discussions with Blakeney about a book adaptation. The characters are so well defined. The story is wildly funny, but also incredibly polgnant. Writing like that comes along rarely, which is why we had the good fortune to get such a great cast.

'It's a very different part for Liam Neeson," Bullock continues. "No one has ever seen him do comedy like this before, and he's tremendous.

Sometimes it was hard for other actors to keep a straight face. Oliver Platt and Neeson were constantly cracking each other up.

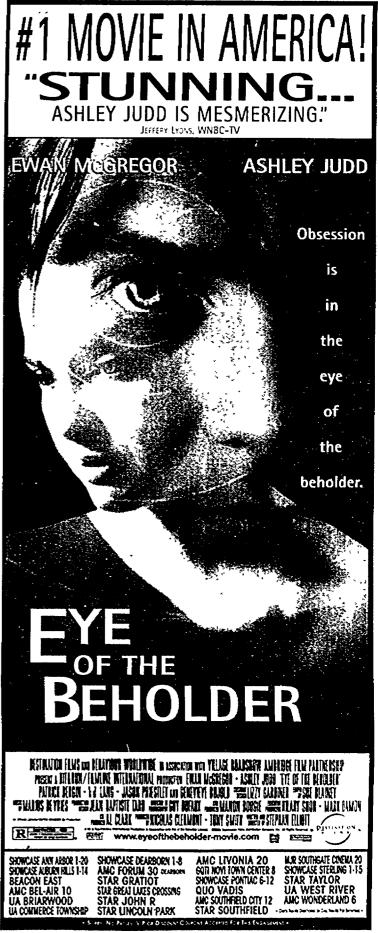
They had tremendous chemistry, which had the biggest effect on the tone of the movie." recalls Blakeney. "I never made it through an entire take without one or the other of them breaking up. Invariably there were eight to 10 takes of each of their scenes, that we pieced together afterwards.

Platt was not the only one. Recalls Mitch Pileggi, who plays the enigmatic DEA leader Dexter Helvenshaw: "I had a scene with Liam in an elevator, and in the course of the scene he did something so unpredictable and so unusual that I was biting my tongue to keep from laughing!"

Louis Giambalvo, who plays Charlie's veteran DEA boss, Lonny Ward, describes how Neeson projects a larger-than-life quality.

"Liam is a unique combination of a very masculine, very big and brazen style of character, with a heart and a sensitivity and a sensibility that you don't see too often these days." he says. "Plus, he has a wonderful sense of ensemble work because he comes from a the-atrical background. So when you're acting in a scene with Liam, there's a kind of give and take, a dimension of collaboration that he brings to it. It brings everyone's performance up a notch."

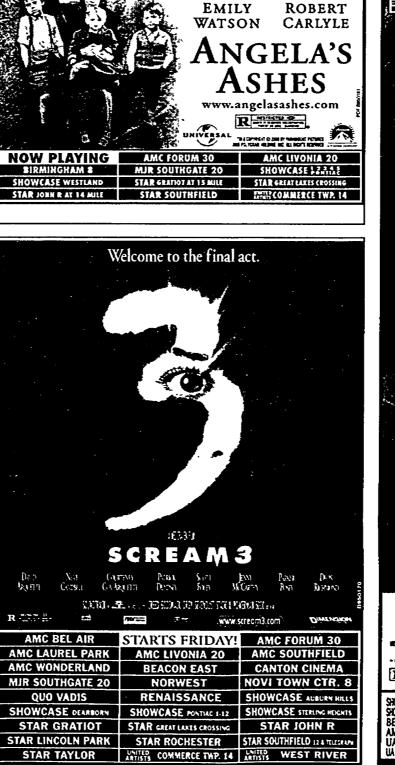
Everyone in the cast plays against type and turns out not to be what you assume they are.



"We all have an ocean view inside of us." explains Blakeney, referring a psychiatrist, Dr. Jeff Bleckner

He sneaks off to seek the help of





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Cagers drop a pair

Basketball

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Feeling the need to come from behind, that's exactly what the Northville basketball team decided it would do in each of its two basketball games last week.

Unfortunately, both comebacks ended in losses for the Mustangs. who fell to 5-5 overall and 2-3 in the Western Lakes.

Aaron Redden scored 17 points and pulled down six rebounds, but it was not enough as Northville dropped its second-straight WLAA game to Franklin 62-59 last Friday night.

The Stangs trailed by six at the half and by as many as 11 points early on in the third quarter. They erased that deficit and actually tied the game up with just over a minute to play.

They gave us a chance by missing a pair of free throws, but we just couldn't capitalize," Northville coach Scott Baldwin said.

Northville missed three free throw attempts in the last minute of the game, while Franklin hit two of their four tries.

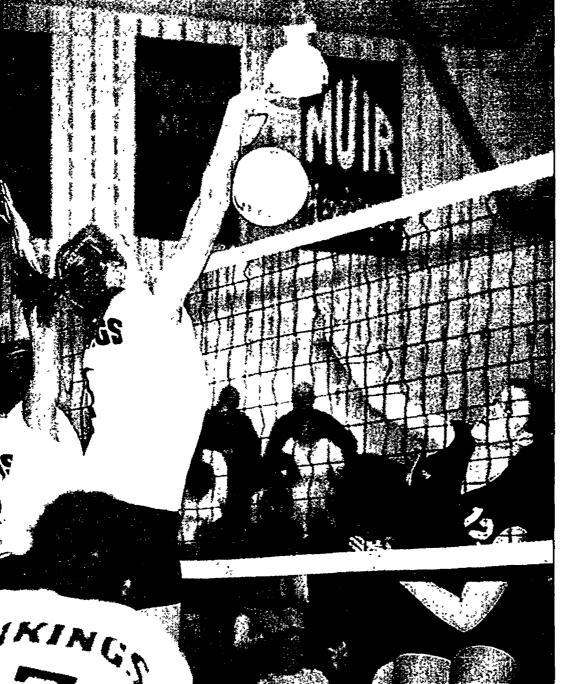
"We didn't come ready, mentally, to play," the coach said. "They just outplayed us in the post."

Tim Ferng scored 11 points and Travis Bliss added 10 points and dished out seven assists. Baldwin said despite the loss, he was pleased with the play of Joe Rohrhoff and Alex Haines off the bench. The Patriot's Joe Ruggiero led their team with 25 points. But he scored just seven points in the second half, while being covered by Rohrhoff. Brandon Langston made the most of his minutes off the bench, dishing out five assists in eight minutes.

Northville hit just two of seven attempts from the free throw line.

CENTRAL 75, N'VILLE 67 (OT) In a game where Northville did "come ready to play," the team just ran out of steam in the extra ses-

sion and fell to the Vikings.



in the Western Lakes. The Vikings handed Northville a 15-6, 15-10 loss last Tuesday.

Netters second at Woodhaven

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Tournaments have been the best friend of the Northville volleyball team this year. The team has won a couple, and fared very well in every one it has competed in.

Not much changed this past weekend, as the team beat every team it faced en route to a run-nerup finish at the Woodhaven Invitation.

Although Northville lost to the host team in the finals, the Mustangs did knock off Woodhaven in pool play. Both of the matches between Woodhaven and Northville went three games.

In the finals, Woodhaven won the first and last game of the match, taking the tille by the score of 16-14, 8-15, 15-5. Faligue started to affect Northville in the cham-pionship match as the team's serving fell apart.

They were good competition. and they just came out on top at the end," Northville coach Nikki McEvers said. "We missed some key serves. After 17 games on the day we were a little tired."

McEvers said she's not sure why her team misses so many serves, but that it has been a problem for them all season long.

Meredith Hasse led Northville with 13 kills in the match. Janel Hasse added 10 kills and a teamhigh seven blocks. Julie Bozyk had 12 digs and Jen Doktorcik added nine.

Northville found its way to the championship after finishing undefeated in pool play and topping Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in the semifinals 15-7, 15-10. Meredith Hasse had nine kills and Janel added six kills and served up three aces.

Volleyball

op Foley 15-5, 15-10; Dakota 15-12, 15-1; Hazel Park 15-8, 15-5; Woodhaven 14-16, 15-9, 15-12; and Gabriel Richard 15-8, 15-12.

For the tournament, Meredith Hasse had 60 kills, 21 blocks and 24 digs to lead the Stangs. Janel Hasse had 57 kills, 15 aces and 19 blocks. Beth Gillis had 14 kills, 11 blocks, 22 digs and five blocks. Bozyk had five aces and 31 digs and Doktorcik had 25 digs.

Despite the runnerup finish, Northville has played well at the tournaments it's competed in this season.

"Our team gels well together." McEvers explained. This weekend I saw a lot of teams bickering with each other. This team leaves things behind and moves on when it makes mistakes. They had fun, and when they're having fun they play well."

N'VILLE SPLITS WLAA MATCHES

A night after getting spanked by Walled Lake Central, the 'Stangs' came back to put a spanking on divisional rivals. Plymouth Canton last Wednesday night.

Northville defeated the Chiefs 15-2, 15-9 in a match that was decided fairly quickly. Meredith Hasse served up seven-straight points while her sister Janel added another five-point run in a very quick first game.

"After playing so poorly the night before (against Central), the girls said 'That's enough," McEvers said. "Canton just made more mistakes than us.

Meredith Hasse ended with seven kills and Janel added four.

In pool play, the team beat Bish-

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Gymnasts lose Carlson, top 2nd-ranked Hartland

By JASON SCHMITT

Northville/Novi received an early gift last week, switching ranks with Brighton even after losing to the Bulldogs in a meet the week before that.

A day later the team went out and beat the No. 2 team in the state, Hartland, by the score of 140.15-139.9. It was a close win, but one gymnastics coach Laura Moyers and her "I couldn't have been prouder of the girls for sticking with it," Moyers said. "We did not have a good beam competition, but the girls came back and finished strong on the floor exercise.

Gymnastics

Due to the large amount of swelling. Carlson's foot will be reexamined today to see the extent of her injury. Moyers said she thinks Carlson may be out for the year.

"I thought the team did an especially good job reboundfrom Lindsey's serious injury," the co

Aside from Fink, who tied for first place on the beam, Northville/Novi didn't have any other placers.

In the floor exercise, Samhat took first place with a 9.05 and Braine tied a Hartland competitor for second with a 9.0. Fink was third in the all-around competition with a 35.4. Samhat was second on the team with a 34.7 and Braine was third at 34.55.

The team's next competition will be at the Canton Invitaonal this weekend before traveling to Plymouth Salem on

Photo by JOHN HEIDER As Janel Hasse (12) and her Northville teammates found out, Central is still a dominant force

behind to have a chance, Northville trailed by eight points after three quarters. But the team exploded in the fourth. Redden hit a 25-foot three pointer, which banked in as time expired to send the game into overtime.

Comeback they did, but they also lost a key competitor in the process. Lindsey Carlson fell off the balance beam. landed in an awkward manner, and may have broken her foot, according to Movers.

"She was in a lot of pain and left the meet to have her Continued on 4 foot X-rayed." the coach said.

The Mustangs didn't necessarily have great all-around scores, but won all four events and took second in three of the four.

Monica Fink finished in a tie for first with Hartland's top gymnast, scoring a 9.05 on the vault. Carlson, competing before her injury, finished third with an 8.9. Andrea Ledbetter was third on the team with an 8.6.

Carlson finished first overall on the bars (9.1), and Megan Samhat was second at 9.0 and Katie Braine tied for third

Monday night.

"It will be a huge disappointment to lose Lindsey because she was really just starting to come around." Moyers said. "In the meantime, we have a lot of other talent on the team, and I'm looking forward for the rest of the team to step it up and pour it on strong. We still have a very strong team.

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Win over Western leaves no questions unanswered

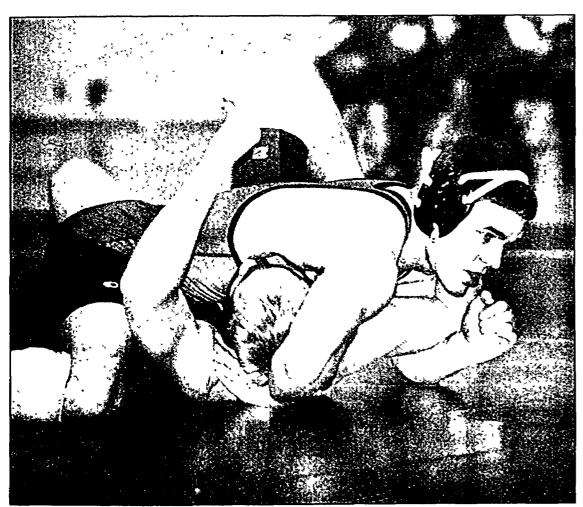


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Northville's Joe Rumbley (on top) has amassed a 21-5 record so far in 1999-2000. Those numbers were aided by his third-place finish at Portage Central this past weekend.

Northville asserts its dominance over rest of the WLAA, looking to win division today

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Many people felt that when the Northville wrestling program lost many of its stars to graduation a year ago, the team would plunder back into mediocrity.

But the Mustangs proved that not only does the team not belong among the peasants, but they do belong among the best in the state.

Northville put an end to a rumor that Walled Lake Western was the team to beat in the Western Lakes Activities Association, knocking off the Warriors 32-24 at Walled Lake Western last Thursday night.

The win moves Northville one victory away from another divisional championship, and asserts liself as the top team in the conference. Northville has won the last two Western Lakes' titles.

They were tough, but our kids stayed off their backs and everybody wrestled to the best of their abil-ity." Northville coach Bob Townsend said. "That team can definitely beat us when they're on and we're off. But we were on that night.

The Mustangs showed that through the first half of its lineup the team is going to be tough to beat. Ravi Saran opened things up by pinning Dan Drenokoski in just 32 seconds at 103 pounds. The win sent shockwaves throughout the lineup, which saw Northville win six of the night's first eight matches. Jason D'Anna topped Western's A.J. Lee 11-8 at

119 and Brian Ashby beat Justin Naeofoff 3-0 at 125. Reggie Torrence then picked up a major decision win over Adam Lesner, 19-6, at 130.

Chad Neumann squared off against a tough Nick Jasko, and won 5-4 in a close match. Dan Scappaticci then beat Geoff Zilan 9-3 at 145 to give his team a 22-7 lead.

After that it was a matter of getting a couple of wins and staying off its backs. John Rekoumis picked up one of the wins, 14-3 over Pat Clark at 171. Joe Rum-

Wrestling

bley then sealed the deal by pinning Walled Lake's Bob Thompson in just 1:06 at 189.

Townsend was quick to point out that not only was it the wins that helped Northville to the win, but it was also that a few of his kids that lost kept the team in it.

Jeremy Carter lost to Ryan Beach 18-6 at 112. but by staying off his back, he saved his team two points. Luke Pokorney, who has filled in on the varsity when needed, lost 4-0 at 135, again possibly saving his team some much needed points.

Townsend was also pleased with Josh Pettijohn. who fell 8-4 at 152, but wrestled tough in defeat.

What made the win even more impressive, Northville was without regular 125 pounder Matt byle and voided the heavyweight match.

(Walled Lake Western) were fully expecting to win that match," Townsend said. "But our kids went in there as the defending conference champions and wrestled well."

N'VILLE THIRD AT PORTAGE CENTRAL

Prepping themselves for the Western Lakes tournament (Feb. 12), the Mustangs finished third at the Portage Central Invitational this past weekend. The tournament featured an individual format, which Northville will see at the conference tournament.

Three Mustangs brought home individual titles. including Saran, Neumann and Torrence. Torrence defeated Grand Haven's John Cox 8-2 in the finals en route to earning the Most Outstanding Wrestler

Swim team knocks off consecutive WLAA foes

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

For some it was a chance to rest. For others, it was a chance to shine. But in the end, both of Northville's swim meets

last week ended up in lopsided victories for the team. The Mustangs clobbered the Farmington combined team 120.5 - 62.5 back on Jan. 25 before knocking off Churchill 116-67 last Thurs-

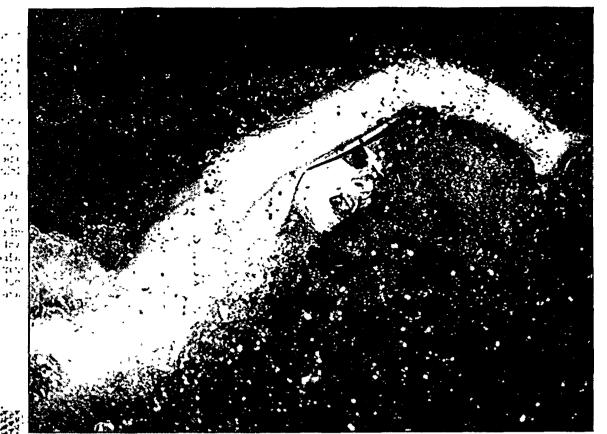


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville senior Kevin Stuart won the 200 free against Churchill and helped the 200 relay to a win.

Against the Chargers. "We were able to get our freshmen and sophomores ready to go," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said.

Many of Northville's regulars swam in the meet, but several of the younger swimmers were able to compete in actual competitive environments.

You don't get a chance to see your younger guys in the the lineup that much because your upperclassmen usually swim in every event," the coach said. "But it was nice to see where the younger guys are at. It's always a completely different atmosphere in a competitive environment."

Northville won 11 of 12 events, and swept the diving competition because there were no Chargers competing. Jason Albosta took first in the event.

The 200 medley relay team of Anthony Serge. Valerian Jone, David Whitbeck and Dan Myers swam away with a victory in the event.

Kevin Stuart was tops in the 200 freestyle and Jone was first in the 200 individual medley. John Moors was first in the 50 freestyle and Steve Yutzy was second in the 100 butterfly competition.

Anthony Serge finished first in the 500 freestyle before the 200 freestyle team of Stuart. Serge. Billy McIntosh and Mike Mueller took top honors in the their relay.

Scott Whitbeck won the 100 backstroke, while brother David kept pace by winning the 100 breaststroke. The two have comparable success thus far this season, accumulating the same number of overall meet points.

And finally, Joe Lunn, Moors, Mueller and Scott Whitbeck teamed up to win the 400 freestyle.

Bennetts said that along with his winners, he was also pleased with the performances of Brad McIntosh and Mike Handley. Handley helped his 200 medley team take third with his strong performance in the breast leg. McIntosh broke 30 seconds in the 50 freestyle for the first time this

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season, coming in at 29.02.

N'VILLE 120.5, FARMINGTON 62.5

On the scoreboard, there wasn't much of a difference from the Churchill meet. But Bennetts was quick to note that many of the races with the Farmington Unified team were very close. The Mustangs just happened to win 11 of the 12 events again.

Derek Ohlgren, Myers, David Whitbeck and Stuart finished first in the 200 medley relay. swimming to a season-best time of 1:49.08.

David Whitbeck also took home wins in the 200 freestyle, the 100 butterfly and was a part of the winning 400 freestyle relay team, which also included Moors. Serge and Stuart.

Scott Whitbeck won the 200 individual medley. the 100 breaststroke and was a part of the winning 200 free relay team.

Myers was first in the 50 free and Moors took top honors in the 100 freestyle. Serge was first in the 500 free, where Lunn took second at 5:28.

Albosta won the diving competition and Serge was second in the 100 backstroke.

Northville faces perhaps its stiffest competition in the Western Division when it takes on Canton tonight on the road. The team then has a week off before hosting its lone home meet of the year next Thursday against Franklin. The seniors will be honored on that night.

For all intents and purposes, the Canton meet will determine who wins the division." Bennetts said. "I know we've been looking forward to this meet and so have they."

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Put One in the Upper Deck of Monday Feb. 14 through Thurs-forthville, the indoor day, Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Northville. baseball/softball training center will soon be conducting its annual winter break camp. The camp will be conducted by former profes-sional baseball players. The camp For more information or to regisfr players ages 7-16 will be held

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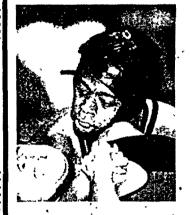
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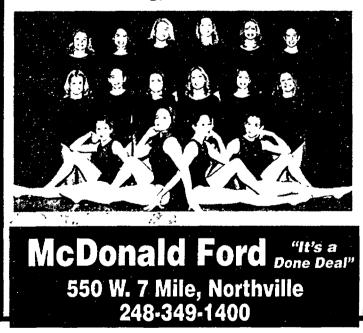
Reggie Torrence - Senio



It always seems like the best wrestlers take home the most outstanding wrestler-award at every tournament. But it's always for good reason. Torrence tore apart the competition this past weekend at Portage Central, taking home the championship at 135 pounds. For his work, he won the award, which was

given to just one wrestler in all of the 14 weight classes.

Northville/Novi gymnastics team



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Icer's play leads to first win over Stevenson

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

It was a wild ride for the Northville hockey team this past week. Unfortunately for the Mustangs the ride ended in defeat

But taking into account the fact that Monday's 2-1 loss was to the sixth-ranked team in the state, the team should feel no shame. Livonia Churchill came into the game leading both the division and conference standings, and was just a win away from surely wrapping up the divisional title.

"I'm real proud of the effort our guys gave," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said. "We played as well as we could possibly play, but this was the sixth-ranked team in the state."

Northville kept the game close by holding the highest scoring team in the league scoreless through the first two periods. The game stayed that way until Churchill scored on the power play with 12:27 left in the game. The goal was scored off a deflection and Northville netminder Josh Block had no chance to react.

"If you give a team like that a power-play opportunity, they're so skilled that they give themselves a lot of chances to score," O'Neill said. "It's tough to put them in a powerplay situation like that."

Churchill scored again with 2:51 remaining, forcing O'Neill to pull block with 2:05 left to play. Down 2-0, Northville capitalized almost immediately. Aaron Selwood's shot from the point hit the crossbar and trickled into the net, cutting Churchill's lead in half and giving the 'Stangs' one last shot.

Even with the extra attacker, Northville could not put the

puck in the net and fell short in one of its best efforts of the year.

"The kids we're disappointed, but we were absolutely not disappointed with our effort," the coach said. "We knew the longer we hung around, the better chance we had of winning."

N'VILLE 4, CENTRAL 2

After falling behind 1-0 early on in the first period,

"We knew the longer we hung around, the better chance we had of winning."

Brad O'Neill, Northville Hockey Coach

Northville turned up the heat and scored four unanswered goals in this conference matchup.

Scott Schueler scored the first of his two goals with just eight seconds left in the first to tie the game up at 1-1. Linemates Rob Ryan and Tim Hillebrand picked up assists on the play.

Northville then scored three goals in just under 2:30 to put the game out of reach. Schueler scored his second and Jason Engelland and Hillebrand followed with a goal each to put Northville up 4-1. Mike Stewart, Ryan and Scott Weyandt each had an assist in the run.

Ryan, who had injured himself in an off-ice incident the week before, was back and picked up a pair of assists in the game

"You can catch a team napping at the beginning of a period, and you can make it count," O'Neill said. "We have had some of those mental lapses carlier on this year. We were just able to catch Central in one."

N'VILLE 3, STEVENSON 1

It was the team's eighth win of the season, but the first ever over the Livonia powerhouse. Northville jumped out to a 2-0 lead after two periods, thanks to goals by Brandon Szatkowski and Engelland. Szatkowski's goal came off a tip with 7:20 remaining in the first period, and was assisted by Brett Cheaney and Stewart.

Engelland's goal came on a breakaway in which the Mustang forward outskated the Spartan defenseman to the puck and skated in alone for his third goal of the season. The goal proved to be the game winner.

Ryan added an unassisted empty netter with three seconds remaining.

"What it really came down to was hard work. We outworked them the entire game." O'Neill said. "The win was a tremendous confidence booster, as was the Churchill game. Beating teams you should beat is one thing, but beating a team of this caliber is something you shoot for."

Josh Block picked up his eighth win in goal for Northville. The Mustangs travel to Farmington tomorrow night and then are at Plymouth Salem Tuesday night.

Netters take 3rd at tourney

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Meredith also had four aces in her seven-point run. Against Walled Lake Central on

Jan. 25. Northville shot itself in the foot with eight service and 10 passing errors in a 6-15, 10-15 loss to the Vikings.

"I don't know how we couldn't pass in that match," McEvers said. "That's usually one of our strong points. Central had some good blockers, and our girls ecame a little timid."

Northville will compete in the Schoolcraft Invitational this weekend, with games being at the host college as well as at Northville High School. The Mustangs will be playing their pool-play matches at NHS. All of the tournament matches will be played at Schoolcraft. The tournament is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.



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Cagers record drops to 5-5

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"We just had an emotional letdown in the overtime," Baldwin explained. "Everybody in the whole place thought we were going to win that game, including us coaches, the players and our fans. We just missed too many free throws down the stretch."

Northville hit just 10 of 20 attempts for the game.

Redden led the team with 25 points, while Ferng added 18 points and Gregor added 11 points and pulled down eight boards.

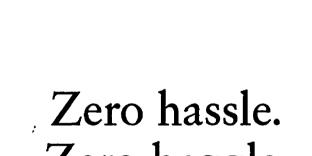
The Mustangs hosted Stevenson Tuesday (after The Northville Record's deadline) and play host to Walled Lake Western tomorrow at home.

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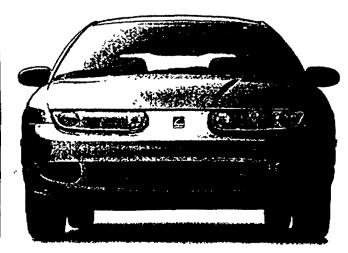


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Nominees and awardees will be recognized at a luncheon sponsored by Northern Trust Bank on March 29 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

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for several millenniums - far longer than scientific medicine - and as we head into the 21st century, their popularity is at an all-time high. It's estimated that herbal remedies are now a \$4 billion industry that is growing at the rate of 20 percent each year. However, this growth comes with an increasing concern on the part of doctors in the United States and around the world.

The problem is, with the proliferation of medicinal herbs in drug stores, grocery stores, health stores and over the Internet, there is no way to control what goes into these herbal preparations and no way of knowing how safe they are. Herbal remedies are not controlled by the Food and Drug Administration, which oversees the pharmaceutical industry.

"One of the major concerns with herbal remedies is patients don't always know if they're even getting the herb that's listed on the label of the bottle," says Steven Bolling professor of cardiac surgery in the University of Michigan Health System and co-director of the U-M Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research Center.

"Recent studies have looked at whether what the patient paid for was what they were getting and results showed that it ranges from 5 percent of what was listed on the label to 1,000 percent of the listed amount," Bolling said.

This, said Bolling, presents a real problem for patients and their doctors because of concern over drug-herb interaction.

"It's very hard right now for doctors to know

The use of medicinal herbs has been around or several millenniums – far longer than scienventional drugs that if one pill is good, that two might not be better, and five pills may be toxic

Take herbal supplements, but carefully

and kill you. The same may be true for herbals." The ready availability of herbal remedies means more and more patients are taking supplements, but often they're not telling their doctors what they're taking. Because of potentially harmful interactions, Bolling said it's imperative that patients tell their doctors about all herbal remedies they are taking.

Pregnant women are advised to be extra-cautious when taking herbs. "Remember that anything you eat or drink crosses through the placenta and affects the baby." said Sandra Lynne,

a certified nurse midwife with the U-M Health System. "As a general rule, herbs that we cook with are safe. Manufactured, prepared herbal teas are safe. Herbal remedies that you may find in the health food store could be unsafe because it's difficult to determine their actual strength."

There is a growing willingness on the part of doctors to prescribe herbal remedies, but much of the push still comes from patients. However, Western medicine is paying more and more attention to herbal remedies, and studies are underway at prominent medical centers all over the world to scientifically evaluate many of the estimated 1.500 herbal products available to the public.

Today's medicinal herb, such as ginseng, Echinacea. St. John's wort or Ginkgo biloba. could become tomorrow's approved medicine, Bolling said.

"One of the interesting things about herbal remedies is that, although they're unconven-tional at this point in time, if you look back 400 or 500 years, some of the mainstays of my cardiac surgical practice, in terms of standard medicines, used to be herbals," Bolling said." Aspirin — something that shows great benefit in preventing and fighting cardiac disease came from Willow bark. Five hundred years from now, the things we scoff at or think are unproven may be mainstays of therapy."

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Facts About Herbal Supplements

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clip: • It's estimated that there are more than the stocked in U.S. drug 1,500 herbal products stocked in U.S. drug stores, supermarkets, health stores and sold on the Internet.

· Medicinal herbs are not subject to regulation, making it difficult to determine the actual strength of a given product.

Health Notes

RUNNING FIT OFFERS CLASSES

Starting in January of 2000. Running 101, a series of classes for non or beginning runners interested in learning the "how to's" and the "how far's" as well as the skill of having fun while running will be offered at the Running Fit store in Novi and Ann Arbor. For more information, please call (248) 347-4949.

HEALTH RISK APPRAISAL

Do you know what your health risks are? Botsford's health risk appraisal includes blood pressure, total cholesterol and hdl readings. There is a \$50 fee and an appointment is required - in a cost of For registration and information, call (248) 477-6100.

INTERMEDIATE WATER AEROBICS

This is a 50-minute water exercise class for postnatal and postphysical therapy patients. There is a \$35 fee for the six-week course and registration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center at (248) 473-5600.

CHILD CLINIC

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an hmo or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

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Services include: Heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination: immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac. (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001: South Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067: West Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

HEALTHY SOLUTIONS SEMINARS weeks.

All seminars are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

STEPPING STONES

It's a divorce-recovery workshop for children and parents. It starts Nov. 4 and is offered by pre-registry only. It runs every Thursday for six weeks at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

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BREASTFEEDING BASICS

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding.

The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi.

For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

CIRCUIT TRAINING

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines

The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

MARTIAL ARTS FOR CHILDREN

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, add, or sensory integration dysfunction.

This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100.

To register. call 1-800-968-5595.

PANIC ATTACK AND AGORAPHOBIA SUPPORT GROUP

They have monthly meetings starting in September at both Northville and Livonia locations. It's a comfortable group support setting for induviduals experiencing panic attacks. The cost is \$5. For more information call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8100.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their fami-lies, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus on Living" provides an opportunity to discuss concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend.

For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

WEIGHT ON THE RUN

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation. followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes are available.

A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss " For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain the service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For more information call (248) 380-4225.

FOOD ALLERGY COUNSELING

Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a Botsford Hospital professional. The fee is \$30. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 477-6100.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatment and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free. Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050

Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The group for caregivers meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7-8:30 p.m., Botsford Continuing Health Center, 21450 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 477-7400.

CAREGIVERS PROGRAM

*Caring for Dementia Patients," a free program for individuals caring for adults with Alzheimer's disease or closed-head injuries, co-sponsored by Botsford's Geropsychiatric Services and the Detroit Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Topics covered include overview of dementia, managing difficult behaviors and coping skills for caregivers.

Held on Monday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Botsford General Hospital's Conference Room 2-East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For information and registration, call (248) 471-8723.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause.

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

FREE FOOT SCREENINGS

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320. weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

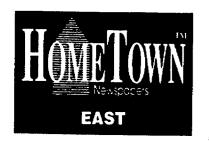
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9. We have an older home with interior walls of drywall. The walls are in need of repainting. They have numerous imperfections, but not deep gouges or holes. What is the best way to prepare these walls and what type of paint should we use to get the best results?

A. As with any paint job, proper preparation is the key. To get a smooth finish, remove any flaking or loose paint with a 6-inch putty knife. If you have any popped nails where the panels are fastened. don't remove the nails. Instead, drive a second nail directly beside it so that the new nail head secures the existing nail in place.

Dimple the drywall with a hammer and fill the dimples as well as any other indentations with drywall compound. Use a 6-inch drywall knife for application, feathering the compound out to blend with the surrounding surface. Tape and mend all cracks and open joints.

resurfacing with drywall compound. Use drywall patches, available at home centers, for any larger gouges or holes. Apply a thin coat of drywall compound to the area to be patched, set the patch and cover with another thin coat of compound feathering to blend with the surrounding area.

Once you have repaired these areas, you can lightly sand the patching compound for a smoother finish. Use 150-grade sand paper. Be sure and wear a face mask to protect yourself from breathing sand and dust residue. Before repainting, remove all outlet and switch covers, telephone and cable cover plates, etc.

If you want to assure a really smooth finish, apply a thin layer, or skim coat, of drywall compound across the entire wall (and ceiling if this is part of the project) using a 12-inch drywall knife. Let dry thoroughly. Lightly sand the surface to even out any imperfections. Use 150-grade sandpaper for this initial sanding. Touch up any surface blemishes that remain with compound. Let dry. Follow with a final light sanding.

Remove all sanding residue using a vacuum. Caulk any cracks around the windows and doors, at the top of the baseboard and along any ceiling moldings, using a paintable latex caulk.

If you have any staining on the walls or ceiling. Continued on 2



Woodruff Lake Shores in Brighton will offer top-notch condos in a lakefront setting.

By Buddy Moorehouse MANAGING EDITOR .

Condominium living in a lakefront setting? It can be yours at the new Woodruff Lake Shores development, now taking shape in Brighton.

Located just east of town off Grand River Avenue. Woodruff Lake Shores will feature upscale condos in a great location.

Here are the details for the development:

- Woodruff Lake Shores is located on Alan Drive. just off Grand Rive Avenue west of Pleasant Valley Road.
- The development is in the Brighton Area
- Schools district.
- · Construction is under way, and the first homes should be ready by this spring.
- The development offers both lakefront and lakeview condominiums, located near Woodruff Lake.
- Lakeview units will start at \$195,000 for a 1.442-square-foot unit (which includes an unfinished basement with daylight windows).
- Lakefront units will start at \$285,000 for a 2.200-square-foot unit which features a finished, walkout basement with second fireplace in the lower level. An attached garage will also be available.

Photo by BUDDY MOOREHOUSE

- The location is excellent, just minutes from downtown Brighton and with easy access to both 1-96 and U.S. 23.
- · Recreational opportunities also abound in the area. with Kensington Metropark and the Island Lake State Recreation Area nearby. • Homes in the development will be built by
- Brookfield Homes.
- Sandy Sharp of the Michigan Group is handling the marketing for Woodruff Lake Shores.

For information on Woodruff Lake Shores, call Sandy Sharp of the Michigan Group at (810) 227-4600, Ext. 237.





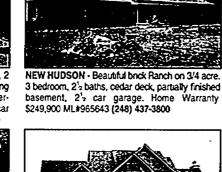
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SOUTH LYON - Beautiful 3 bedroom, 21/2 baths

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2C---February 3 2000---CREATIVE LIVING Helpful hints for the hopeful home buyer

By James M. Woodard COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Rising home prices require buyers to apply for higher mortgage loans. And that means tougher qualifications must be met to satisfy lenders.

This is creating a real problem for many families - particularly young families who want to own a home, requiring them to qualify for a larger mortgage loan. In many cases, it means they can't make that dreamhome purchase now. They must wait until they have a greater family income and more money available for a down payment.

However, some of those "marginal" buyers are determined to find a way to purchase and finance a home. And they will probably accomplish their goal. with knowledgeable guidance by professionals.

The primary reason for a lender to turn down a mortgage applicant is a weak credit history, it was determined in a recent survey. About a third of applicants apply-

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essential when you use latex paints - otherwise stains bleed through to the surface of the new

Be sure to use a primer after you apply a

sealer. Primers will help your paint adhere and

keep the sheen and color uniform. A primer is

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ing for a mortgage loan are denied based on their credit history. Although poor credit ratings are more pervasive among minorities, the results spanned across all racial and economic lines.

There are ways to break out of the bad-credit mold, but it usually involves professional help. Many mortgage lenders offer help and advice to prospective borrowers on how they can enhance their capability to qualify for a needed loan.

At least one major lender, Norwest Mortgage, now has a structured program in place specifically designed to help marginal borrowers. When such a borrower asks for help, they are assigned to a credit counselor who will work with the prospect for one to 12 months to correct their situation to the point where they can return to the housing market as a preapproved buyer without any strings attached.

The prospects are serviced by phone, mail, fax or e-mail. Multilingual services are also offered. "It's amazing what an education

the column.

Imperfect drywall needs attention

on spending and saving can do for debt-ridden consumers." said a spokesperson for Norwest. "If they are willing to make the full commitment, we are ready to provide the counsel necessary to help them clean up their credit and set them in a direction toward better financial health. In most cases, it really works."

If you need help, start by asking for special assistance and advice from a local mortgage lending firm in your area. Tell them you're seeking guidance for working out a plan that will boost your qualifications for obtaining a home loan. If

they don't offer such a service, make the request at another lender firm.

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final coat. Apply two finish coats of latex paint,

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Urban Development has raised its insurance limits on home mortgage loans. HUD will now insure loans for single-family homes ranging from \$121.296 in communities where housing costs are lower to a limit of \$219.849 in areas with higher housing costs. Last year, the limits ranged from \$115,200 to \$208,800.

These higher loan limits will help create more homeowners. more home construction, more jobs and more economic growth," said Andrew Cuomo, HUD secretary.

Q. Will the swing toward high-

tech systems eventually eliminate the need for personal human-to-human service in the real-estate brokerage business? A. As real-estate firms become

more high tech in their marketing methods, they also must remain very high touch if they are to satisfy consumer demands in the new century.

That's the conclusion of a recent study by the National Association of Realtors. Consumers expect much more of a real-estate agent today than in the past, NAR noted. They expect real-estate profes-

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sionals to use the latest technology to meet clients' needs. And they

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demand more information and a more efficient delivery system that is at the same time easy-to-use, interesting and personalized.

A study from Jupiter Communication indicates that 90 percent of consumers prefer human contact. What does this mean for realestate brokens?

The answer is that despite the technology boom on- and off-line, the real-estate industry must, and will, remain high touch. NAR concluded.

Send inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190.

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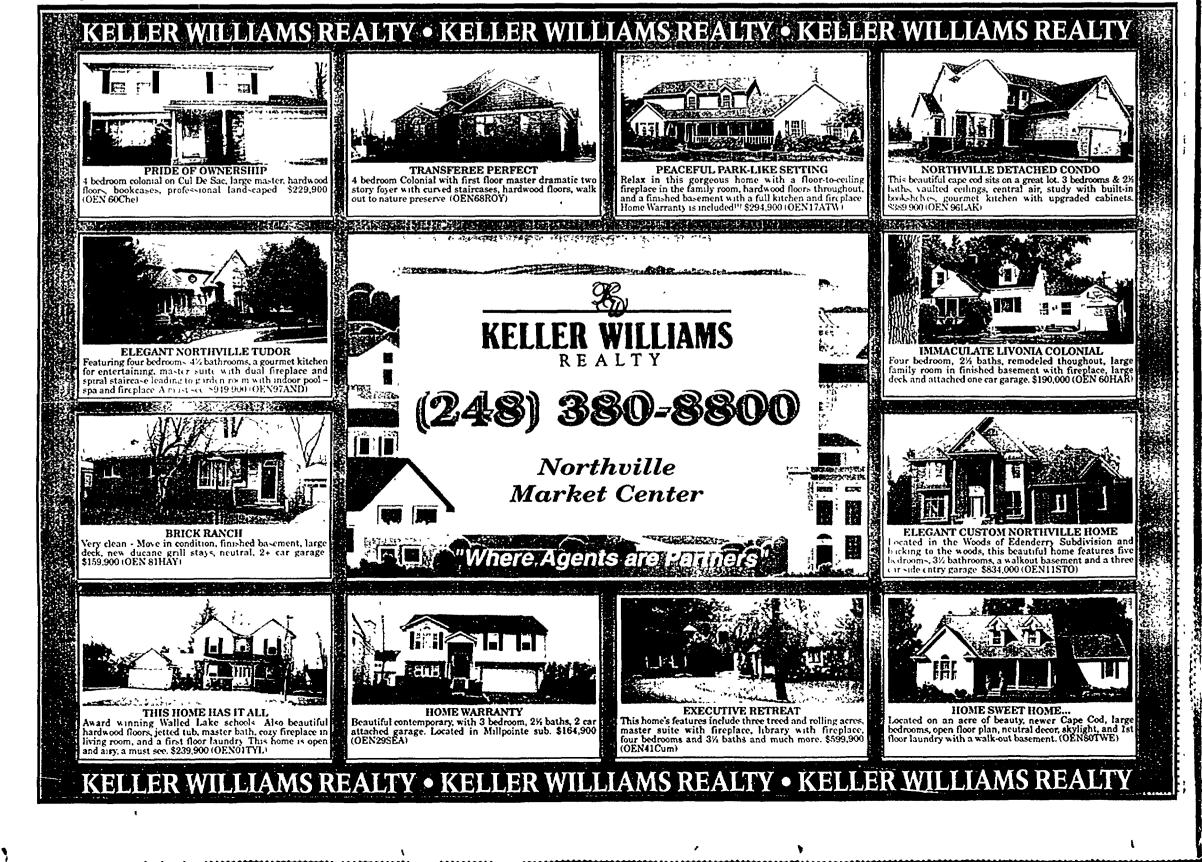
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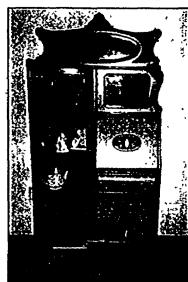


9. In the wake of rising home costs, when will HUD raise its mortgage loan limits? A. In a recent move to

in the U.S., the Department of Housing and



Side-by-side design varied for righties and lefties



By Anne McCollam COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

G. I have enclosed a picture of an antique desk. The only damage is at the two corners of the desk lid. Could you tell me what it might be

worth and how old it is? A. You have a Golden Oak bookcase-desk combination. It is also known as a side-byside. The applied carving, swell top drawer below the slant front lid, beveled mirrors and convex glass door are characteristics of this late 1800s period of design. Desks with the bookcase on the left were made for righthanded people. If the bookcase is on the right, it was intended for left-handed people. Your circa 1890 bookcase desk would probably be worth about \$1,500 to \$1,700. Q. I have a covered vegetable dish that was made by J.E. Wileman in Fenton, Staffordshire, England. The dish

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large tiered deck w/hot tub. Quality feeling in finished walk-out lower level which includes 3rd bedroom, addl. bath & FRM. Plus central air & 2 car garage. Wonderful value at \$218,000 Swartz Creek Schools.

baths, living room & family room w/doorwall to pabo, hardwood floors, partially finished bsmt. w/20x15 recreation room & 2 car garage. Plus, access to "Chain of Lakes"

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living room, formal dining, FRM w/lireplace, rec. room in bsmt. & 2 car garage. This well maintained home w/lenced yard has great views & privileges to Dollar Lake & is on the channel to Little Long Lake. \$154,900. Lake Fenton Schools

COUNTRY CHARMER! Peaceful 3 acre setting comes with this 1500 sq. ft. tri-level

home. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, living room has cathedral ceiling & skylights, kitchen

w/oak parquet floor, 3rd bdrm. is currently being used as a FRM w/wood burner. Plus,

NEWLY LISTED! Sharp 1.5 story home in nice neighborhood. 3 bedrooms, hardwood floor & cove ceiling in living room, dining area, full bsmt. & 20x28 garage, 15x30 above ground pool & extensive decking in fenced rear yard Numerous updates-call to see this today! \$127,700. Fenton Schools.

above ground pool & small barn. Some appliances stay! \$154,500. Hartland Schools

has handles and is decorated with a brown and white leaf design. On the bottom of the dish and below the Wileman mark is this diamond-

shaped mark. I would appreciate

any information you could provide on the significance of this mark and the value of my dish.

A. The British government between 1842 and 1883 used the diamond-shape mark. It shows the pattern of your dish was registered with the

British government on Dec. 23, 1882. Rd is an abbreviation for registered, IV refers to the type of material used, 23 is day. L represents the year. A the month, and 4 is the parcel number.

Your dish would probably be worth about \$125 to \$225.

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Q. I have a large cabinet/bar we purchased 15 years ago at a consignment center. Behind the two top doors is a wine rack above a bar area. Two doors at the lower portion open to reveal storage. We were told the cabinet was made of burled pine. A furniture manufacturer told us it looked like a piece by John Widdicomb.

Thanks for any information you can provide.

A. John Widdicomb was a furniture manufacturer in Grand Rapids, Mich., from the 1930s to the 1950s. Ralph Widdicomb designed furniture that was made by

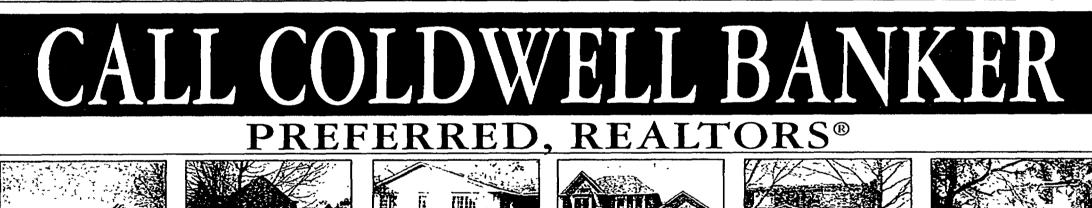
John Widdicomb. Stylistically, your cabinet/bar is similar to pieces designed by Ralph Widdicomb. In the 1950s, John Widdicomb also made some of the designs of well-known architect George Nakashima.

Ralph Widdicomb probably made your cabinet/bar. Similar pieces of his furniture are in the \$3,000 to \$5,000 range.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 490, Notre Dame, IN 46556. For a personal response, include picture(s), a detailed description, a stamped, self addressed envelope and \$10 per item (one item at a time).







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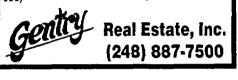
many upgrades. Has many upgrades New plumbing, electrical, interior walls, trim and sid-

ing New windows and carpet this year. The 28x50 garage/barn combo has electricity and

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phone.

Wixom Co-Op A 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch with full basement in "move-in" condition. Neutral decor, appliances included and immediate occupancy. A 50+ community. \$59,900 cash (R-





SOUTH LYON PEACE & TRANQUILITY Awesome brand new Cape Cod in premier section of Tanglewood Golf Community. Backs to preserve with many views o course, 3 fireplaces, grante in kitchen, 1st floor master. Truly a custom masterpiece. Immediate occupancy! \$559,900 (896ST)



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IMPECCABLE TROY COLONIAL Transferee perfect! New plush carpet throughout (96), central vac, 1st floor laundry, alarm, extra deep basement, sprinklers, central air (98), sidewalks in sub, wet bar in great room, skylight in kitchen and much more. \$274,900 (027CO)



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\$344,900



SHARP NOVI CAPE COD! Backing to woods deep in sub with sidewalks! Oak floor in kitchen & foyer, 1st floor master, great room with soaring ceiling, finished daylight basement, 2 ½ cai garage, 2 story loyer & quick occupancy (292MY) \$369,900



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WOW! CHELSEA PARK COLONIAL West Bloomfield home localed on cul-de sac backing to pond and wetlands. Soc bedrooms, 4 full and 2 half baths, walkout basement, 2 furnaces, whitebay cabinets in kitchen, 3 5 car garage, 1st floor laundry & more \$549,900 (835CH)



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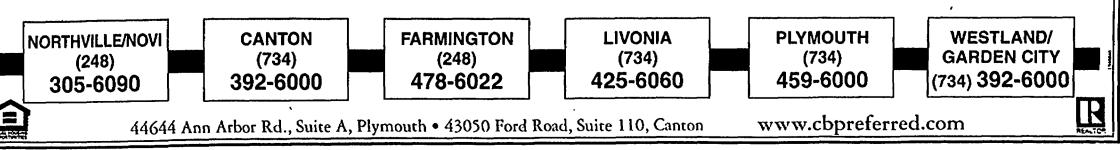
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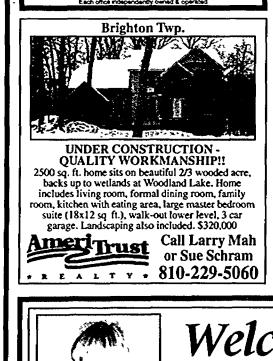
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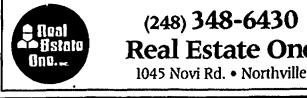
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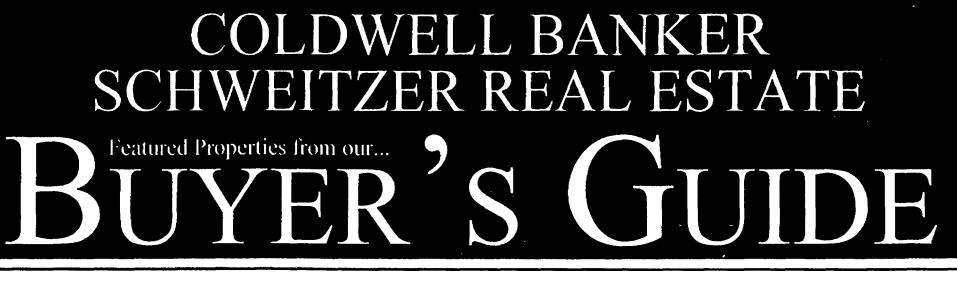






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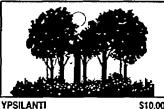
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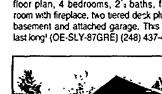
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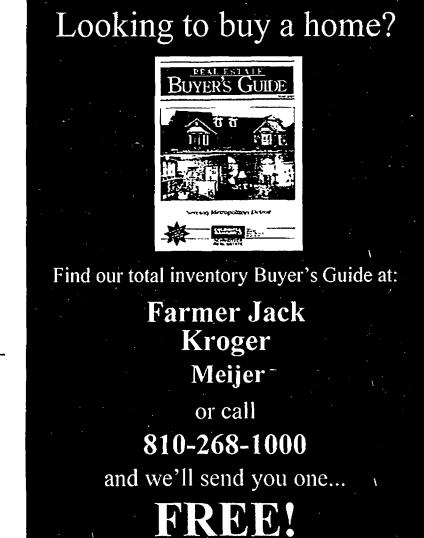


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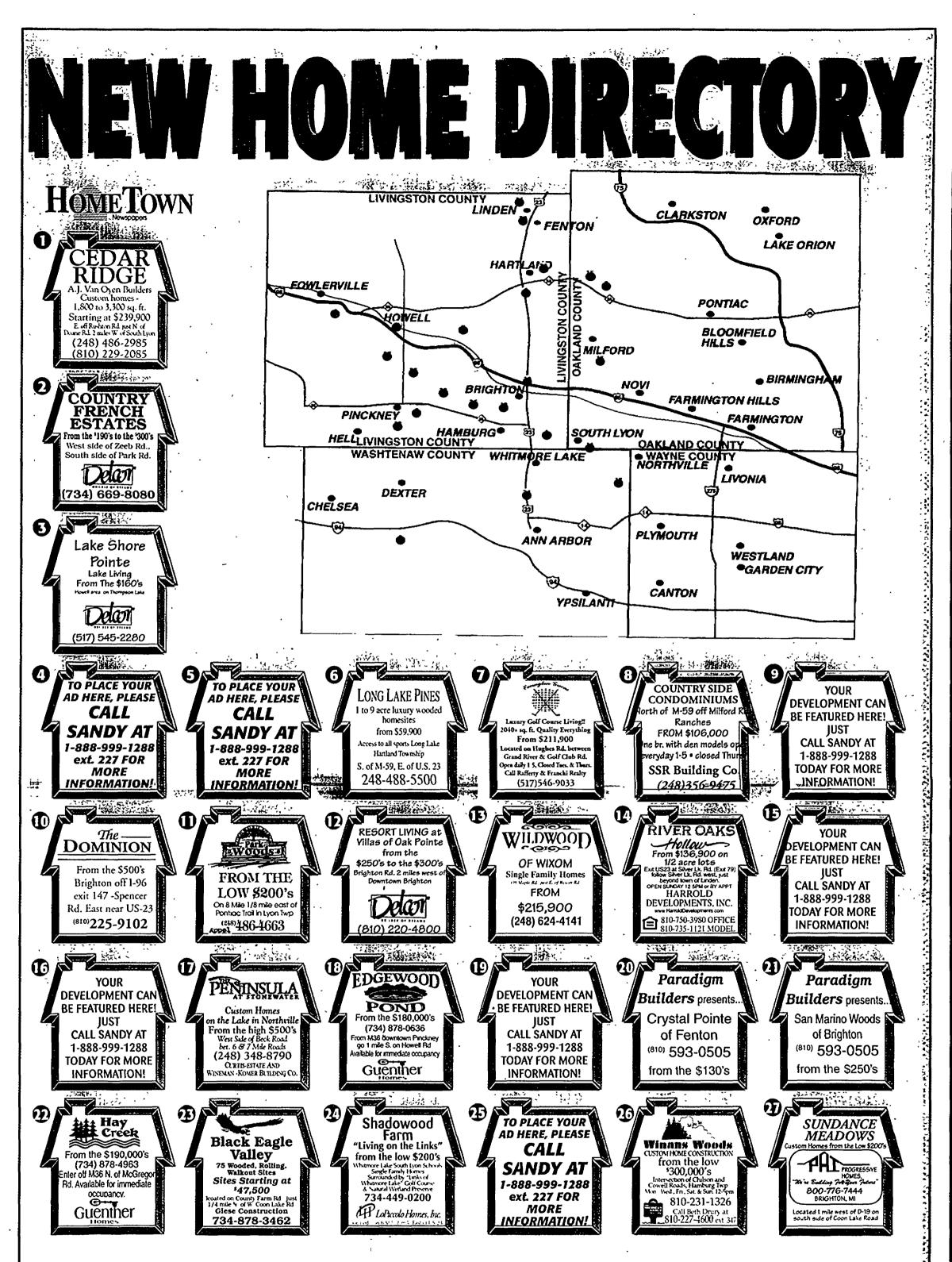
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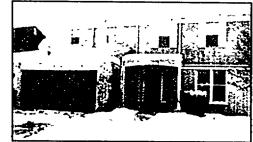
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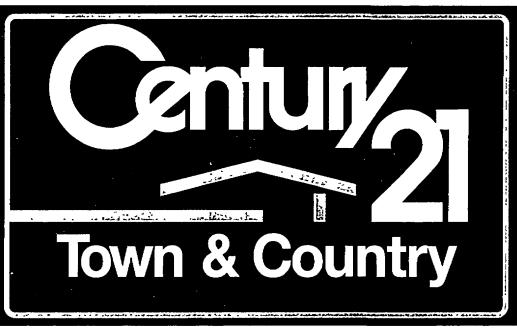
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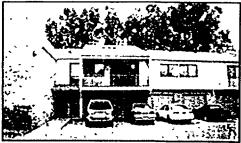
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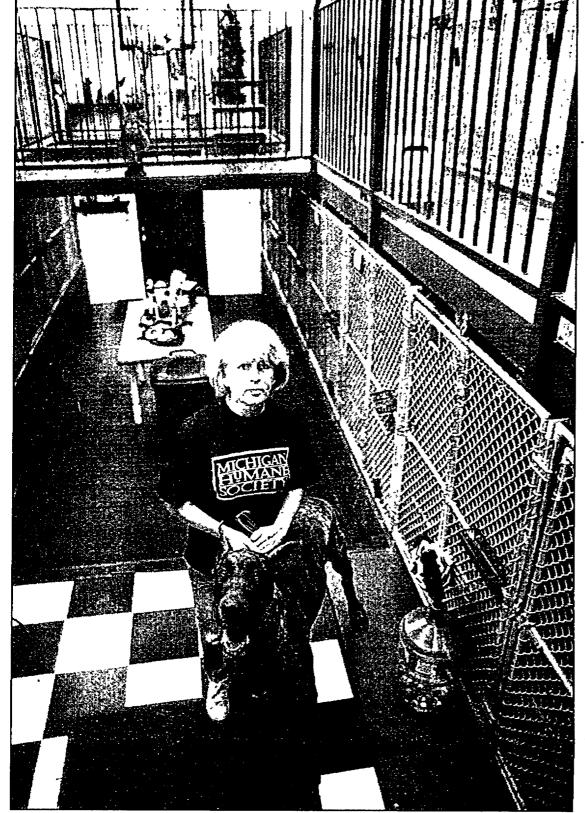


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Jeri Lynn Pease and friend enjoy the surroundings at the Animal House Kennel in Lyon Township.



The perfect place for a pet

South Lyon couple opens up new kennel for pet owners

By ANNETTE JAWORSKI Special Writer

There's plenty of vacation details that need tending without worrying over where to take the family pet. Jeri Lynn and David Pease of South Lyon know that it's hard to find warm and loving care for your four legged friend. That's the reason they started their new business, Animal House Kennel last November.

The couple is not surprised at the demand for their service. Having done their research they found only a few kennels in the Southeast Michigan area. In their first few months they've already seen a waiting list for boarders over the holiday and repeat customers.

A lot of thought went into the design of the facilities with 26 indoor state-of-the-art kennel spaces. The facilities are climate controlled and soundproofed. The kennels themselves are designed by a top manufacturer to be easily cleaned with no sharp ledges.

The squares are small enough so they can't put their nose through." points out Jeri Lynn Pease.

It's designed

Although it's designed for efficiency, the kennel is more like a family home.

"Our intent was a homey type atmosphere." David Pease said. That's our main goal."

The lobby is indeed warm and welcoming with its puppy paws wallpaper and puppy border. Another room looks like grandma's parlor with a coffee table, and a sofa ready for a kitten to cuddle on. Jeri Lynn also enjoys decorating for the holidays. Other

playing 24 hours a day and radiant floor heat, to keep tails wagging and kitty purring. An alarm system warns against fire.

The kennel also offers the services of groomer, Tammy Berry, if requested while the animal is being boarded.

More than anything, the Peases just have a ball with the animals. The animals are walked at least three times a day, as well as playing indoors. Some like to rough-

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Jeri Lynn Pease, Co-owner of Animal House Kennel

house, while some just like to be petted.

Jeri Lynn says they understand that it's often hard for owners to leave the family pet. For those with a "separation anxiety" she suggests that owners come by beforehand to allow them all to become familiar with the surroundings.

We've already had eight or 10 people that were first time boarders." David Pease is proud to say.

They're also proud to be members of the American Boarding Kennels Association and follow their guidelines. This year they

homey features include music hope to be certified. There are something like 250-300 requirements that need to be fulfilled, according to David Pease.

Our goal is to do everything better and better, and to get bet-ter at what we do." Jeri Lynn said.

One way they hope to improve in the future is to adopt a little technology. They're looking into a program called Cyber-Pet, and hope to install it someday in the future. This has a four camera system inside a kennel that allows pet owners to see their pet 24 hours a day. Owners can log on with a password and see their pet, as well as the comments by the kennel keeper as to how the day was spent.

Pet owners may bring their own food, if desired, or the animal will be served the appropriate lams or Eukanaba formula. They're also asked to leave their veterinarian numbers in case of emergency, or are given the option of having the kennel call local veterinary services.

The kennel requires for dogs and cats to be up-to-date on all vaccinations, rabies, distemper and parvo and bordetella.

The Peases are also involved with the Humane Society. They're currently fostering a Great Dane named Greta. She's lovable, but underweight. They're getting her healthy so she can go up for adoption through the Humane Society.

In addition to the kennel, the Peases also breed and show obsidian great Danes, fawn and brindle. They're located at 58955 Ten Mile South Lyon. Call (248) 486-1706 for more information.



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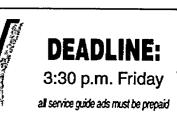


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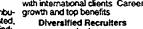
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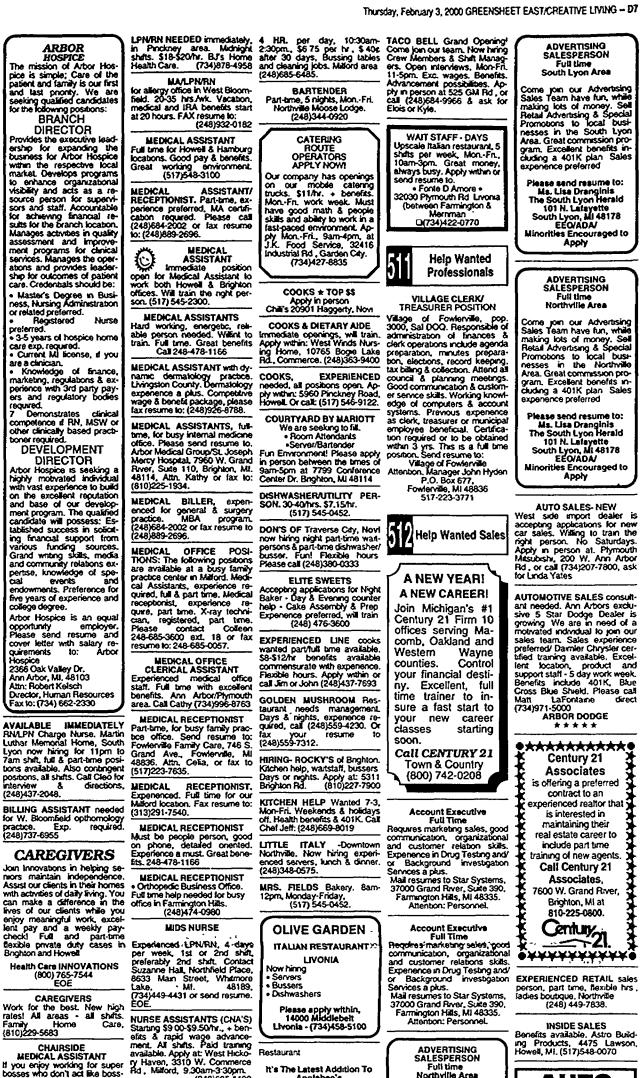
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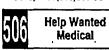
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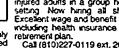


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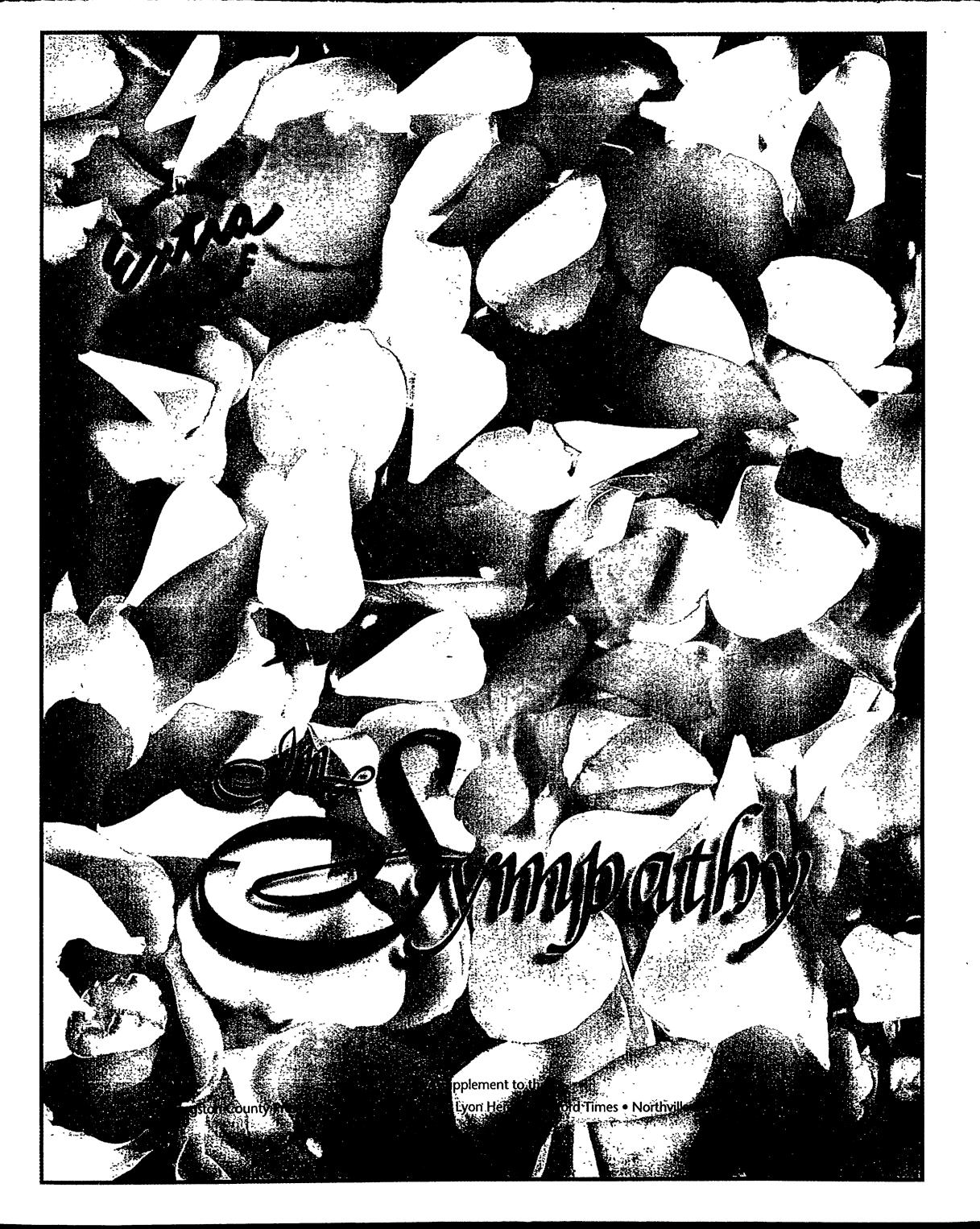
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Memoir writing: Be the hero of your own journey

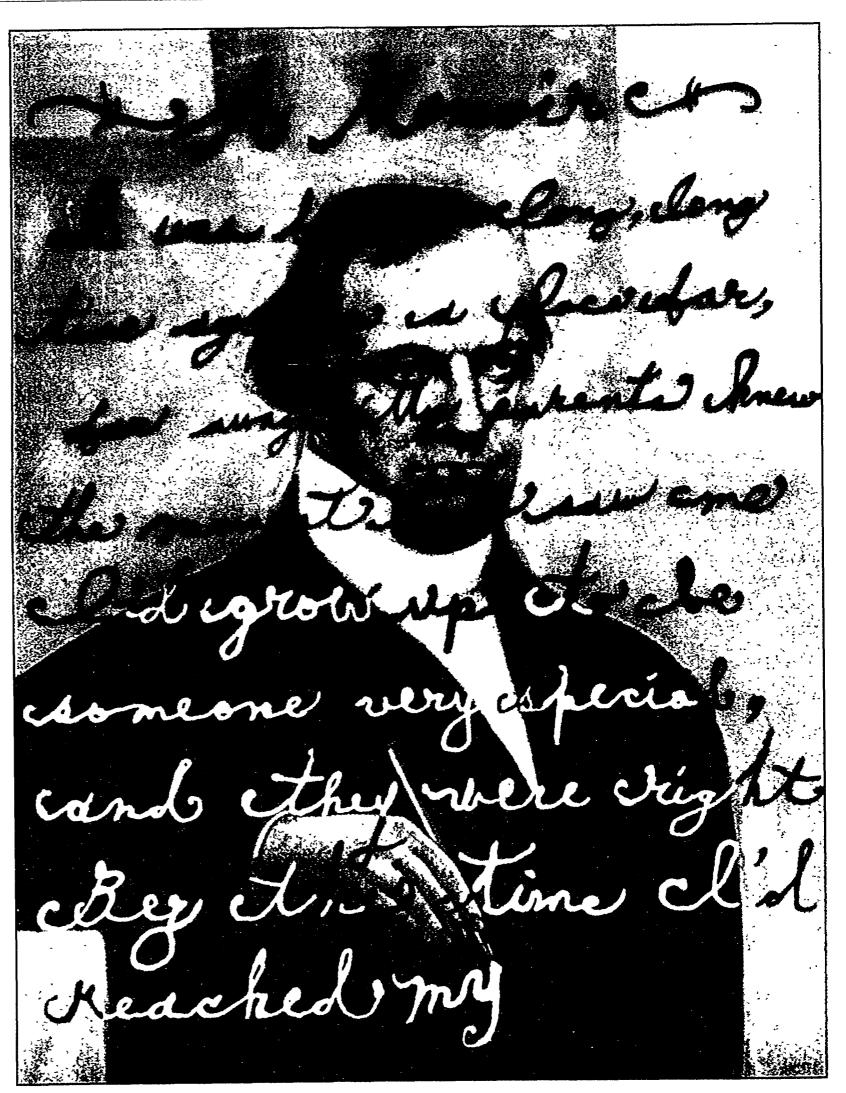
By Charlene Baldridge Copley News Service

Before the advent of written language, the first memoirist drew on cave walls to give the oral tradition permanency. He recounted his perilous journey to an unsafe world, his own heroism, his safe return. Although you likely didn't spear a mastodon to feed your tribe, you are indeed the hero of your own journey, and the longing to leave a permanent record of our lives is as undeniable as ever.

Memoir writing is therapeutic, revelatory, satisfying and communal at many levels. Retirement is a good time to get started. Sure beats boredom. Actor Karl Malden's heroic journey took him from the steel mills of Gary, Ind., to stardom. Titled "Where Do I Start?" his 1997 memoir, published by Simon & Schuster, was written with his daughter, Carla.

"If you ever have an opportunity to work with a daughter or a son on a book, do it," he said in a recent interview. "We laughed a lot and we cried some as we went through this together. I learned how wonderful she is."

You needn't be a famous actor or a writer, a conqueror or a captain of industry. Compelling memoirs are written and published by people from all walks of life. Some are self-published and others by major publishing houses. Some are intended only to be a legacy to one's heirs, and still others are written solely for the writer, perhaps as an act of making peace with oneself and one's choices. All are valid. All are rewarding. Random House defines memoir as "a record of one's life and experience." Memoirs are much more than that, however. I like to think of memoirs as collections of memory stories, created to edify, to entertain and to assure our immortality, if only in someone else's memories. Once on the page, our words become truthtellers. As Susan Griffin wrote, "Each time I write, each time the authentic



unrealized dreams. Eventually, through reading what was on the page, I stopped being a victim and became the heroine of my own journey. ed in Susan Wittig Albert's "Writing From

words break through, I am changed.

Whether we cast ourselves as heroes who overcome adversity or as victims of circumstance, we cannot help but learn that we are the creators of our own lives through the small choices we made along the way and continue to make. Reading our words makes it so.

Even though I had a career outside the home, midlife and the empty nest dealt me a double whammy, hitting me big time. Depressed, I began writing short reminiscences, trying to find the hopeful and romantic young woman I'd been. First, I blamed others for my "failure," and then I castigated myself for my

GETTING STARTED

Once you've made the decision to write a memoir, there are several other decisions to be made: How shall I acquire the skills to tell my story? Where and how can I get started? For whom is this story intended? And, once it is written, what do I do with it? Community centers, colleges and universities frequently offer classes in memoir writing. If classes are not for you, consider starting your own story circle, as suggestLife: Telling Your Soul's Story" (Jeremy P. Tarcher/Putnam).

You may consider yourself a better talker than a writer, especially if you're not used to keeping a journal (also an excellent place to begin). Meet with a good friend and swap stories. Capture your words with a tape recorder. If you can't type or don't own a personal computer, pay someone to transcribe your stories for you. Some who find it difficult to write tell their stories to a camcorder or, as Malden did, to the operator of a laptop

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Journal entries can easily become memoirs

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computer.

"I started writing the book myself," said Malden of his memoir. One day Carla stopped by and asked her father how it was coming. "Plugging away," he replied. The truth was that Malden never learned to type. He was writing longhand. Progress was excruciatingly slow. After reading what her father had written, Carla brought over her laptop computer and said, "Dad, just tell me the stories." The result is a warm, readable memoir that sounds just like the man.

What stories do you want to tell about your childhood? My favorites include ice skating on the school playground each winter; tobogganing on "suicide hill"; the acrid smell of burning leaves; learning to ride a mule named Jack in the Smoky Mountains; and the bi-weekly arrival of a metal box containing eggs from Aunt Iva's farm during World War II.

Need help? There are plenty of how-to books to guide you through the process.

Some are so practical you need only fill in the blanks. If you decide to begin by keeping a journal, there are many fine books on that topic, too. The secret is a blank book that fits in your pocket or purse. My personal favorite is an inexpensive bound sketch book found in art supply stores. It's 5 by 8 inches, has a black cover, and costs less than \$10. There's a whole shelf of these for my posterity, who may use them to better understand me if they wish. Meanwhile, the contents were the genesis of two unpublished memoirs, the first about that Illinois childhood and the second about surviving the deaths of my two sisters.

MAKE THIS LEGACY NOW

As she grew weaker, my eldest sister, Lynn, lamented: "It's been such a great life. How I wish I could tell my children how I loved them and it. Now there isn't time."

Growing older, however healthy, brings a sense of urgency. Take a look at your life, lived in fits and starts, and if you've the cave-man urge, apply that pen to paper. The truth of your words and the heroic efforts you made to remain stable in the midst of chaos will astonish you.

The act of writing and reading your own truth assists you in recognizing and coping with loss and regret, exorcises the demons of the past and allows you to lay them to rest.

Having shaped some sort of memoir from your recollections and ramblings, what next?-That's entirely up to you. You may self-publish your memoir, leave it on the shelf in the closet, or seek to sell it to a publisher. Although memoirs are quite popular currently, and one occasionally reads of grandmothers with million-dollar contracts, the reality is that finding an agent and a publisher is an arduous task. Most publishers do not look at unagented material and there are plenty of charlatans out there to separate you from your bucks. But, hey, you lived the life. You don't need me to tell you that. Perhaps you might just sell your book!

RESOURCES

"How to Write Your Own Life Story: The Classic Guide for the Nonprofessional Writer," by Lois Daniel (fourth edition, 1997, Chicago Review Press)."

"Your Life as Story," "Discovering the New Autobiography" and "Writing Memoir as Literature," by Tristine Rainer (Putnam Publishing Group, 1998).

"Writing the Memoir: From Truth to Art," by Judith Barrington (Eighth Mountain Press, 1996).

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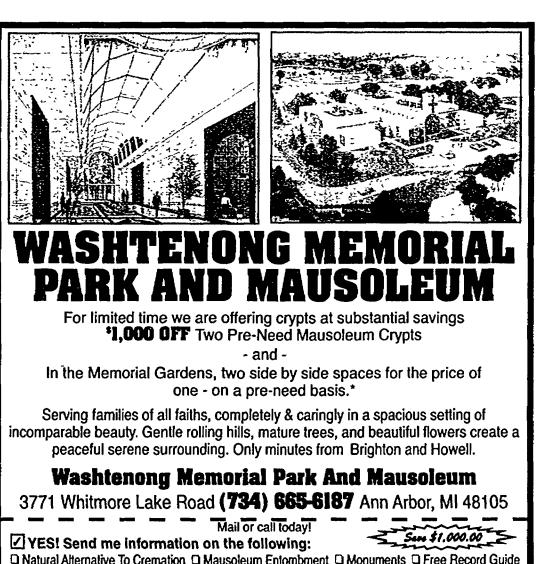
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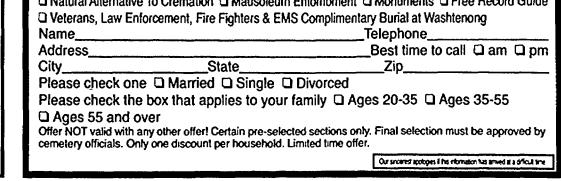


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People who have lost a spouse, friend or family member to death often need someone to listen as they work through their grief.

Love and Loss

Understanding these coping strategies can help in working through feelings of grief and loss

Elizabeth Scheibner Copley News Service

Even though death is a natural part of life, few of us are ever prepared for losing someone close to us, whether it's a spouse, friend or loved one. Intellectually, we may accept death, but the grief, pain and anger we experience are often much through when they have been told they have a terminal illness. People who are mourning the loss of a loved one often go through similar stages of grief, as outlined below:

Numbness, shock or denial. This phase can last anywhere from two weeks to two years, but primarily occurs during the first two-week period following a death. This phase allows the griever to keep functioning for a brief time until he or she is prepared to begin accepting the loss of a loved one and the accompanying pain. Yearning. This phase is most prevalent during the first four months of bereavement, and is often accompanied by anger and guilt. Often the mourner yearns for the loved one and searches for familiar sounds, smells or sights associated with the deceased.

al realizes the dead person will not return and is finally able to accept the permanence of the loss. Depression, weight loss or gain, lack of stamina and the inability to concentrate are common during this phase.

Reorganization or re-entry. This phase usually occurs near the end of the second year when the griever adapts to the loss and returns to normal functioning. Painful feelings gradually diminish, and the person is able to enjoy the things that were once important to him or her again. It is important to keep in mind that each person experiences grief in his or her own way. There is no good or bad, right or wrong way to mourn the loss of a loved one. Grief is a very much a painful but necessary process. People react to grief in different ways, physically and psychologically. It is not uncommon for mourners to experience poor appetite, nausea, weight loss,

shortness of breath, insomnia, stomach pain, headache or impotence.

Emotionally, a person may experience suicidal thoughts, confusion, depression, restlessness, intense loneliness, hallucinations, impaired judgment and low selfesteem. While some of these responses are considered appropriate during the early phase of a loss, if they continue for a prolonged period, it's important for the person to seek help. While death is difficult to accept at any age, older adults often experience extreme loneliness and isolation. As people grow older, friends die and they have fewer support systems. When a spouse dies, an older person may lose the will to live. Many people find it difficult to talk about the loss of their spouse, but refusal to discuss the deceased can lead to intense sadness, anger, isolation - even serious

and anger we experience are often much more intense than we anticipated. We may even wonder how we can go on living.

Although well-meaning friends may tell us that "Time heals all wounds," experts say that time by itself does not resolve grief. It is only by going through the process of grieving that we will be able to reconcile our loss.

Grieving is often described as a journey in which we must pass through several stages of emotions. Many years ago, Elizabeth Kubler-Ross wrote a book titled "On Death and Dying," in which she identified five stages that a dying person goes

Despair and disorganization. This is a very intense period in which the individu-

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Support groups helpful

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health problems. It is important for mourners to share feelings with someone. If mourners don't have friends or family to turn to, it's important that they find some outlet for expressing grief, whether through a therapist, grief counselor, bereavement group, pastor or other avenue of support.

There are many organizations and groups dedicated to helping people cope with the loss of a spouse or loved one.

The Grief Recovery Institute, (800) 445-4808, offers handbooks, outreach programs, community education and a tollfree help line for people who are trying to reconstruct their lives after a loss.

Many people wonder how long it will take them to recover from the loss of a loved one. There is no definitive answer. It depends on the attachment you had to the person who died and your own emotional state. Mourning may last for months, years or the rest of your life.

But gradually, over time, you will begin to accept your loss and take an interest in life again. Although there are no quick fixes, there are ways you can start to feel better.

STRATEGIES FOR COPING

Writing enables us to express our true feelings and is a good tool for venting emotions. You can keep a personal journal, write letters to family or friends or write letters you know you'll never mail.

Music is proved to promote muscle relaxation and relieve anxiety and depression. It can lift your spirits and bring back memories of happier times.

Make yourself laugh. When we smile and laugh our bodies release endorphins that make us feel better. Rent a favorite Three Stooges movie, watch reruns of "I Love Lucy" or read your favorite comics.

You may not feel like exercising, but being active will help you feel better physically and mentally. Take a brisk walk, tend to your garden or go fishing.

Do something nice for yourself. Treat yourself to a massage, a manicure or tickets to your favorite sporting event or theater production.

Practice random acts of kindness. Although it sounds trite, the quickest way to help ourselves is to help someone else. Even the smallest gesture - baking cookies for your neighbor or visiting a sick friend in the hospital - will make you feel better.



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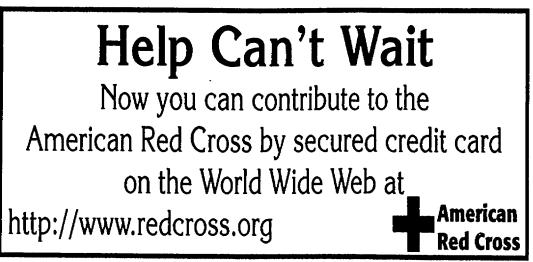
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Plan Ahead

By Leonard J. Hansen Copley News Service

Every American has an estate. Even for a middle-income person, an estate value can be more significant than one assumes.

At any level, the estate faces three certainties on death - taxes, courts and attorneys - unless the individual does effective estate planning.

No one wants to think about death; it can come at any age through accident or illness, and not only to older or retired people.

For the 70 percent of Americans who die without a will - just one of the estate planning steps - the probate court, acting under state law, determines who gets what and the process may take months or years. Federal and state tax agents will be the first to stake claims. A probate attorney takes his or her cut at a rate approved by the largess of state law. Dying intestate without a will - may be the cruelest legacy anyone can leave to family, friends and intended heirs.

The will is the individual's way to direct the distribution of assets, gifts and even memorabilia to designated people. Having a "self-proving" will (where the testator, witnesses and notary see all signatures) reduces challenges and effectively speeds the probate process.

"Even if a person uses a living trust and other steps to transfer property outside of probate, everyone should have a will to cover everything not designated within those documents," advises Denis Clifford, attorney and co-author of the best-selling book "Plan Your Estate," (Nolo Press). "Don't wait until you retire to start estate planning. Most people should begin by age 50 or 55; but I have recommended the process to young married couples for the care of their children," Clifford said.

An individual estate value of \$625,000 is protected from federal estate taxes, a threshold which is indexed for inflation starting in 1999. In 2006, the federal estate tax-free level rises to \$1 million. But, property transfer, either with or with-

out a will, may be a long process due to the cautionary pace of probate courts.

À personal estate may be considered small until detailing what is included: cash in the bank, securities and other investments, pension cash values, home equity, life insurance death benefits, sums payable from retire-

ment programs, automobiles, value of personal belongings and more. Even a middle-income person may have an estate where assets over the threshold would be hit by federal taxes at a staggering 37 percent to 50 percent.

"There are reasons to assure almost immediate transfer of assets on death; and many of the methods are tax free," stated Clifford. He listed as possibilities:

Living trust. Assets and income sources can be put into a living trust that transfers directly on death to the named beneficiaries, not through probate. While living, the individual still has control over the assets, derives and can use the income, and can change the named beneficiaries.

"Living trusts are not for everyone, and particularly not for those who can use other methods to transfer assets outside of probate," stated Clifford.

Pay-on-death designations. A beneficiary can be named, only on the death of the grantor, to become owner of a checking account and/or securities. While liv-

ing, the grantor owns and controls all of the "pay-ondeath" assets. **Community property.** The individual should know and understand community property laws in the state of residence.

"If you are married, special state property ownership laws may affect

your estate planning," advised Clifford. "If you want to give some property to others, itemize all property ownership."

Durable powers of attorney for health care, finances. Clifford recommends these instruments to assign an administrator in event of certifiable incapacitation (the professional opinion of two physicians). Establishing such documents enables immediate assignment of the administrator, and avoids protracted and costly legal guardianship cases. **Joint tenancy.** There are pluses and minuses to joint tenancy of property, according to Clifford.

Making estate plans early can

help save surviving loved ones

from lengthly probate process

"It may be better to transfer property through a living trust."

Gifts. Individuals with large estates who want to transfer assets to children and/or grandchildren may give \$10,000 per year (\$20,000 for a couple) free of gift tax. The funds may be deposited to an investment account, but the grantor cannot benefit from the income.

Life insurance. Purchasing a life insurance policy with an heir as beneficiary is also a possibility; and only the amount paid into the policy may be estate taxable.

Retirement benefits. An individual may name a beneficiary or beneficiary for retirement sums payable on death, a step that also avoids probate.

Individuals and couples with larger estates may consider more sophisticated planning and transfer programs, including generation-skipping trusts, AB trusts, charitable trusts and scores of other methods.

Once a person details all assets, estate planning can be accomplished. Simple planning may be accomplished by the individual working from a reference book or computer program; or the information on assets plus beneficiaries may be taken to an attorney who specializes in this field or to a certified financial planner.

Estate planning is not thinking about dying. Instead, it is a positive process that recognizes the assets created, and how to assure that the right people gain from them instead of tax collectors, attorneys, courts and ne'er-do-well relatives better disinherited.

You Must Remember This...

Family history is great gift to pass on to grandchildren and even great-grandchildren

Christine Huard Copley News Service

A family's history is both a timeless chain that links its past, present and

But historian Stephen Ambrose, director emeritus of the Eisenhower Center at the University of New Orleans, says everybody has a story to tell - and everyone has an audience eager to hear it. He's right. There may be no more valuable gift you could give your family than the family history. My grandmother was a bluegrass country girl born just after the turn of the century. She was never much for cooking and her sewing talents raised a few family eyebrows. But she sure could spin a yarn. When I was very small, a visit from Grandma Josie was definitely a special occasion for my brother Paul and me. It meant singing folk songs, like "Go Tell Aunt Rhody" and "Froggy Went A'Courtin," with lyrics we thought were

silly.

It meant Southern-fried chicken, the one and only dish anyone asked Grandma who attested to being kin to the Col. Sanders of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame - to cook. who, despite the misfortune of having had their heads recently separated from their necks, would still run circles around the farmyard.

How this shocked and delighted us - we were (and still are) city kids through and through. Far from finding this to be a gruesome story, we cackled with laughter as Grandma flapped her arms about like the pitiful poultry. Sometimes, the singing and the tales would go on a bit too long and the chicken - the one cooking in the pan, not the one in the story - would burn. Sure, that made us question her claim to the famous relation, but we never cared. We liked her chickens better than his any day. OK, so maybe I learned more about

Dying intestate without a will - may be the cruelest legacy anyone can leave to family, friends and intended heirs.

future, and a collective memory that gives it a place in time.

In the past, when multiple generations commonly lived together in one home, the family history was told and retold at the dinner table. Children, parents and grandparents knew where they came from and where they were going.

Today, it's not so simple to keep that oral history going. Where once we lived in neighborhoods and shared information by word of mouth, we now live in a global village that gives us news with the touch of a button or click of a mouse.

And it also meant stories.

Sometimes, Grandma would put on the chicken to cook in a big, cast-iron pan and then turn her attention to us kids. If I was the only one around at the time, I got to enjoy the full expanse of her tap. But if it was the two of us, Paul and me, she would put us each on a knee and tell us about her girlhood and farm life in Mammoth Cave, Ky. Chickens - the raising, tending and dis-

patching of them - played a big role on the farm. And one of Grandma's favorite stories to tell us was about the stubborn ones

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Technology helps preserve family memories

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fowl than family, but the larger lesson is this: Something as simple as telling a story, passing along a recipe or even sharing a favorite book with your family helps to create a legacy.

And keeping your legacy alive may be easier than ever if you take advantage of the various technologies that allow you to keep in touch, renew and preserve old photos and documents or even research your family history on-line.

Times may have changed much since the days of sitting around the family dinner table, but that doesn't mean family history should be set aside. Here are some new ways to keep up a tradition that will never grow old.

GET CONNECTED

You live in Seattle; your granddaughter's off to college in Boston. Time to get connected.

E-mail may be one of the reasons older Americans are getting acquainted with computer technology for the first time.

"The grandkids keep insisting on it," says Stan Follis, 65, a retired video producer who teaches classes on computer basics to senior citizens. "They want to communicate by e-mail."

It's simple, too. Internet accounts are available through a number of providers. Just dial up through a computer, write a message and click the mouse to mail your message. In a matter of minutes you can pass on a story, ask how school is going, send along that recipe for the carrot bread your granddaughter loves so much and remind her how much you miss her.

"It's so easy to keep in touch," says Follis. "That's the really neat thing about it."

GET THE PICTURE

Picture-perfect memories are one thing, but keeping your pictures perfect - so you're not left only with memories - is another. Digital images are a good alternative or addition to standard film processing when it comes to preserving quality.

You could use a digital camera, which stores pictures on a chip in the camera. Instead of having a roll of film developed, you are able to download digitized images directly to a computer. But if you're not ready to part with your point-and-shoot, there are other options.

Photofinishing outlets, like drugstores

and supermarkets, can develop a 35 mm roll of 24 exposure film and put the images on a single floppy diskette for a pretty reasonable fee.

For better resolution, have your photos put on a CD-ROM disk. Kodak offers two formats: PhotoCD stores up to 100 images using the JPEG format, which is recognized by most photo editing programs, and FlashPix CD, which uses a less-common file format to store up to 400 highresolution images.

What to do with older photos that have deteriorated and need to be restored? Not a problem. Have them scanned. Scanners turn photographs into computerized information that can be stored on a diskette.

Copy stores, like Kinko's, offer this service, as do photo labs. Your digital image can now be retouched and preserved for the enjoyment of future generations. Have a professional repair or enhance an image, or do it yourself in your own digital darkroom with photo editing software like "Adobe PhotoDeluxe" by Adobe Systems Inc., or "Kai's Photo Soap" by MetaTools Inc.

This is also a good idea for preserving family documents such as marriage certificates and birth records.

RESEARCH YOUR ROOTS

The amount of information available on the Internet for researching your ancestry is enormous.

Using Yahoo! - just one of several search engines that help you navigate the Net - I was given 80 sites - and hundreds of links - to explore by simply typing in the word genealogy and clicking on the search button.

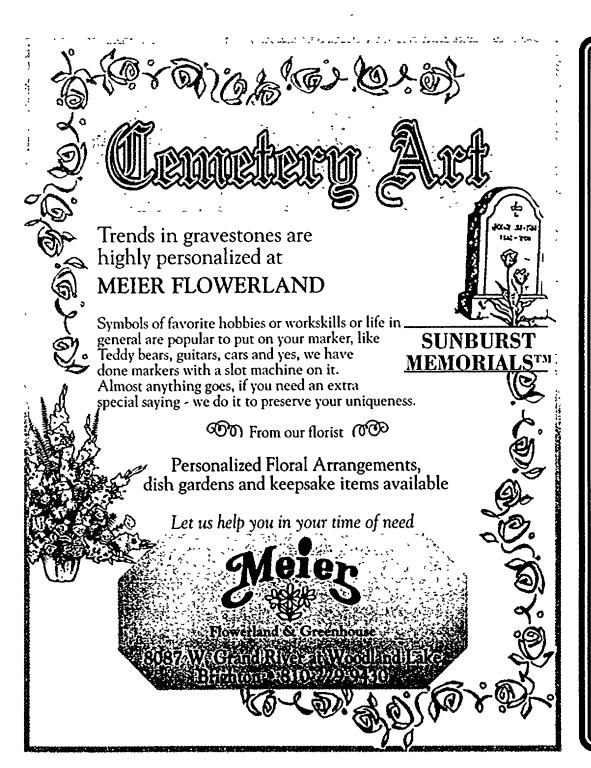
To help you find your roots on-line there's information on regional and international resources, beginner's guides, lineage and surname search services and genealogy magazines and organizations.

And that's just for starters.

Want to know if your forefathers made there way to America on the Mayflower? Check out the Mayflower Genealogy and History site offering a ship's passenger list, historic documents and information on the Pilgrims' lives and times.

Follis urges senior citizens to get involved with computer technology, whether it's to keep in touch with family or even promote a hobby.

"Almost anything you can think of doing, there's a program out there that can help you do it," says Follis.





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Knowledge helps ease decisions in time of grief

Our first encounter with the death of a loved one leaves an impression forever. It is seldom convenient, never pleasant and usually traumatic even when expected. We may experience the entire gamut of emotions: love, anger, grief, regret, guilt, resentment, hate, even envy. It is not a good time to make decisions but sometimes they must be made, and made quickly.

We are faced with many options, some of which can be costly. You will receive information on all these options and their costs from the funeral home before you make funeral arrangements. However, during time of grief, you may not be able to absorb the information you receive and may be confused over what is "the right thing to do."

The Michigan Funeral Directors Association has prepared this information in the hope that the trauma and pain will be diminished somewhat through knowledge.

WHEN DEATH OCCURS

· Share your grief with a relative, a close friend, a neighbor, your clergy or even a stranger. Grief is a natural force. It is okay to cry but it is not a requirement. Crying is a release of emotions which

some need and others do not. It is neither a measure of love nor lack of it.

• Funerals provide a time and place to face the loss of a loved one. They serve as a statement that the loved one has died and your life is now changed. Without this time, it is easy to deny both the death and the grief that follows. Funerals provide an opportunity for both family and friends to say good-bye.

· Children are people too and excluding children who wish to attend a funeral only adds to the confusion they already feel. Instead, prepare them beforehand by discussing what they will see. Allow time for their questions and answer them honestly and briefly. After the funeral, information available from your funeral director can help in correcting any misconceptions they may have.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

• Death at home: Sudden or unexpected death at home or other private residence when a physician is not present should be reported to the local law enforcement authority immediately. Do not disturb the body. When the police arrive, they will notify the proper authori-

ties for removal of the body. Let the police know your preference of funeral home. Depending on the circumstances of death, it may be required that the remains be first transported to and/or released by the County Medical Examiner.

When death at home is anticipated, normally the patient is under Hospice care. When the death occurs, you should contact Hospice. Hospice will often facilitate many of the procedures listed above, including contact with the funeral home of your choice.

• Embalming is required by state law if the remains are not cremated or buried within 48 hours of death, or if the deceased had certain communicable diseases. Embalming will impede but will not prevent the natural decomposition of a body. The 48-hour period is measured like a clock which starts ticking immediately at the time of death. There is no exception under current law from embalming requirements for refrigeration, nor is a funeral home required to have refrigeration available. Further, most funeral homes will require and have the right to require that embalming take place when there is a public visitation, and you will be required to pay for that embalming. You do not have

to pay for embalming that is not required by either the funeral home or state law and that you have not authorized.

· Autopsies are performed, pursuant to state law, at the discretion of the County Medical Examiner when death occurs from any cause without a physician present or under suspicious circumstances. No family member may prohibit an autopsy by the County authority and no permission from the family is required. Any person with reasonable cause to believe that a death was not natural or accidental must report their suspicions to the local law enforcement authority and may request an autopsy by the Medical Examiner. Nextof-kin may grant or deny this privilege to the hospital where the death occurred.

• Cremations may take place legally only after permission has been received from the County Medical Examiner to ensure that no criminal action is concealed by the destruction of physical evidence. Embalming is required if the cremation does not take place within 48 hours of death or if the deceased had certain communicable diseases. The funeral home and crematory will require express written authorization for cremation from the nextof-kin.

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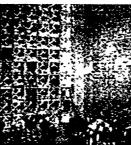
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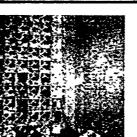
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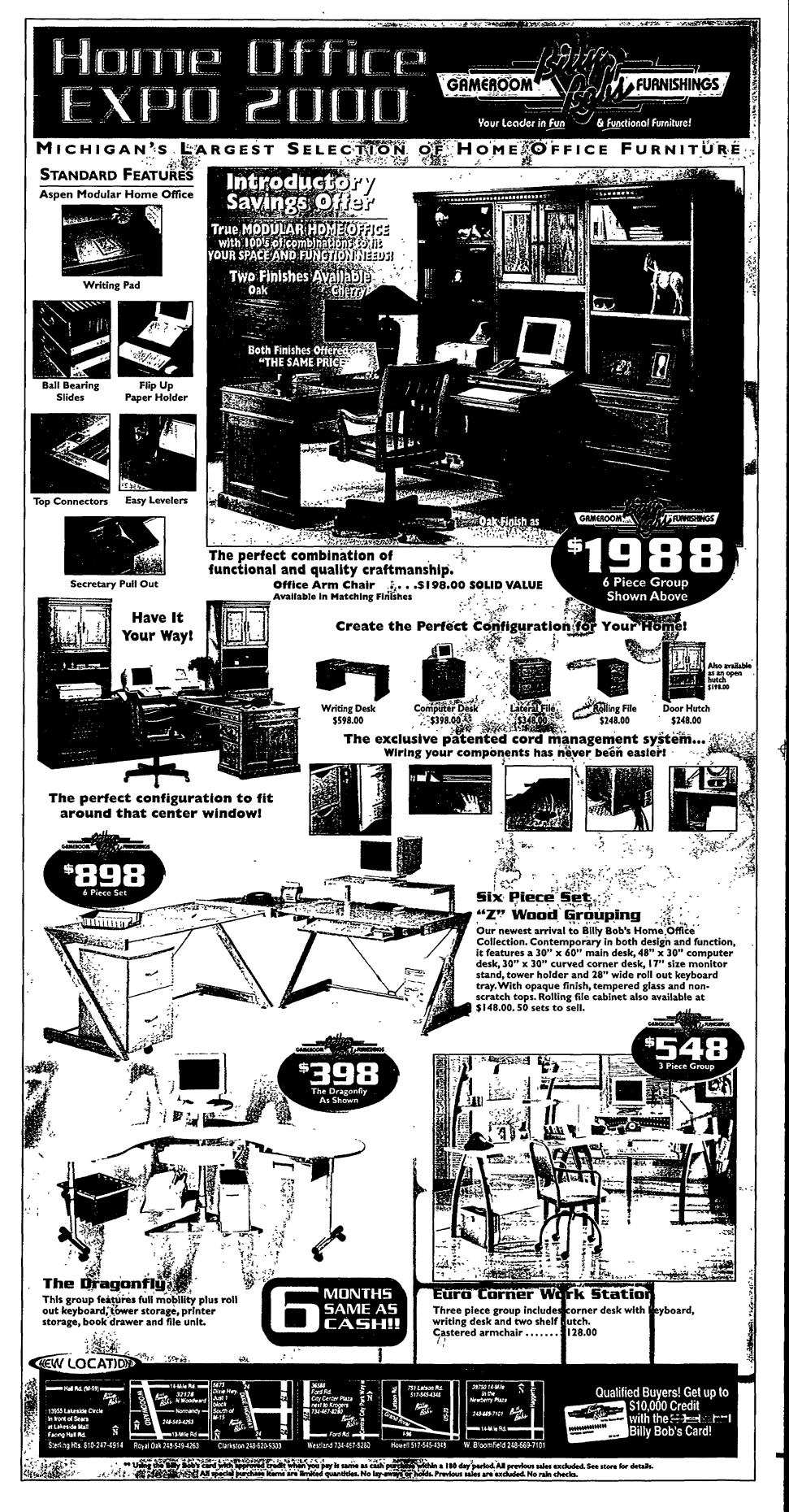
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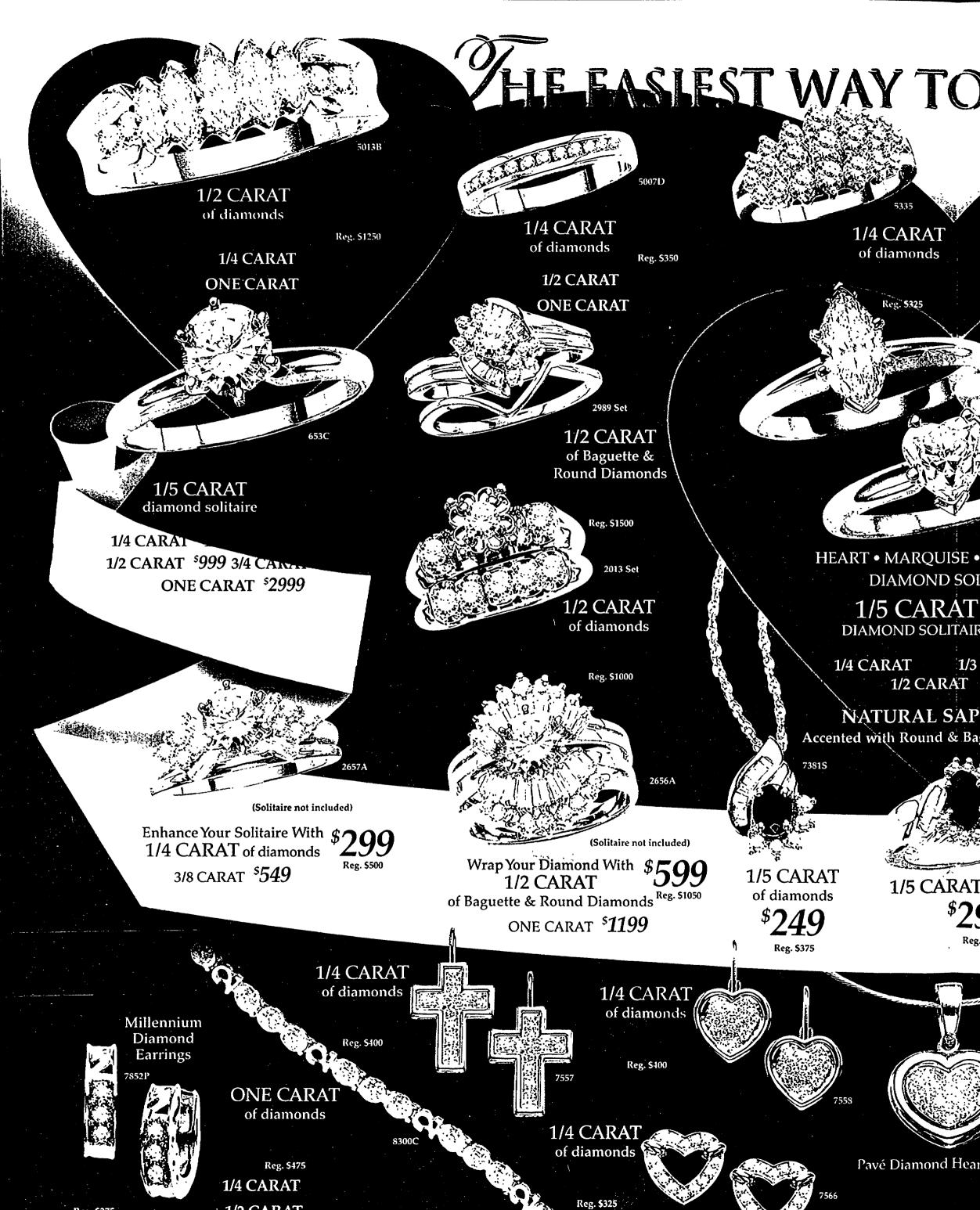
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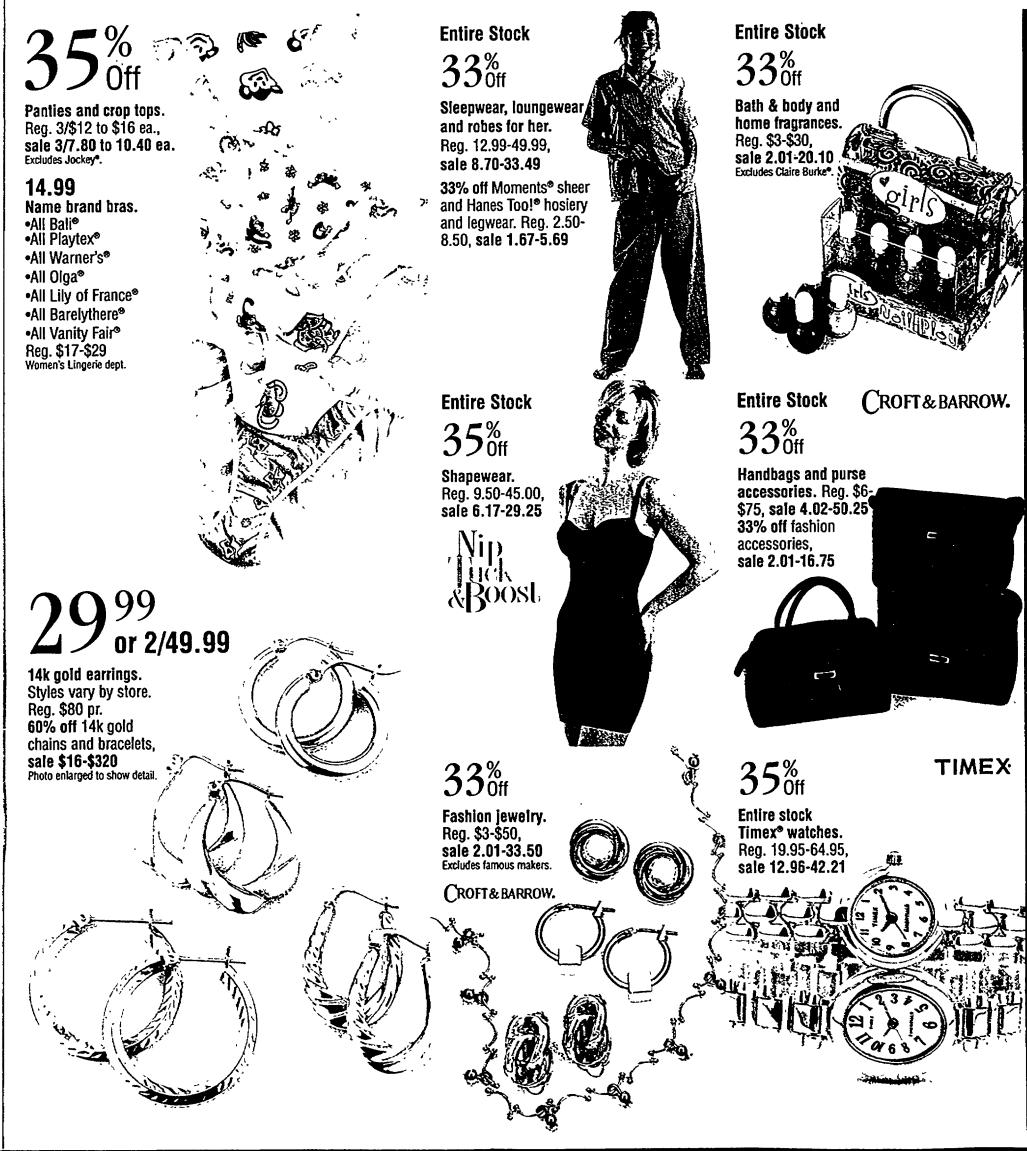
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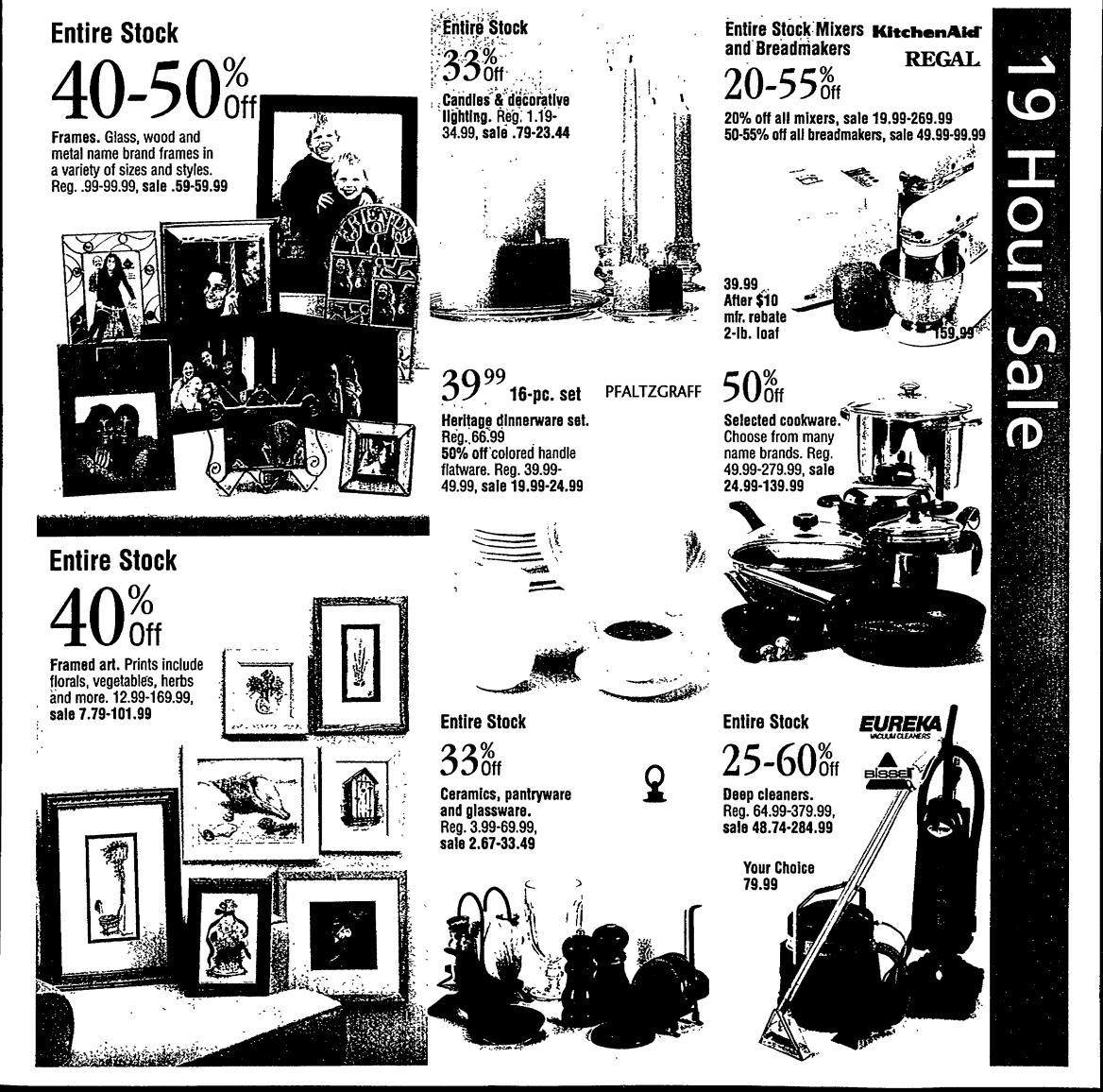
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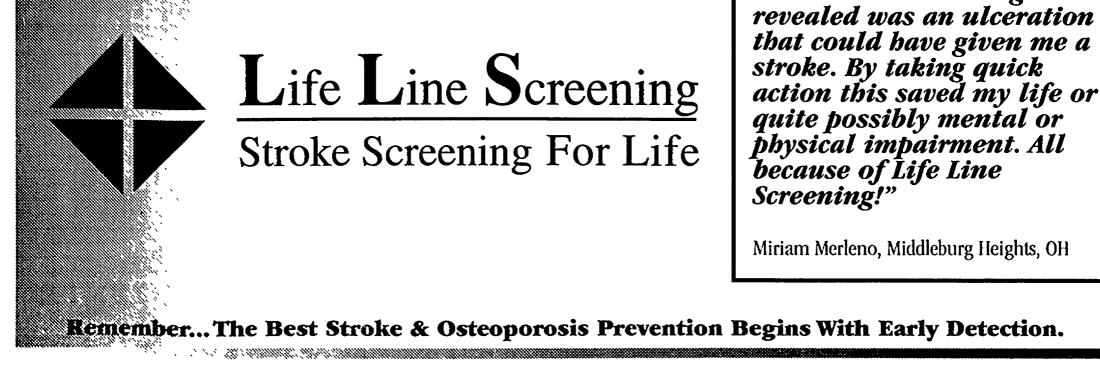
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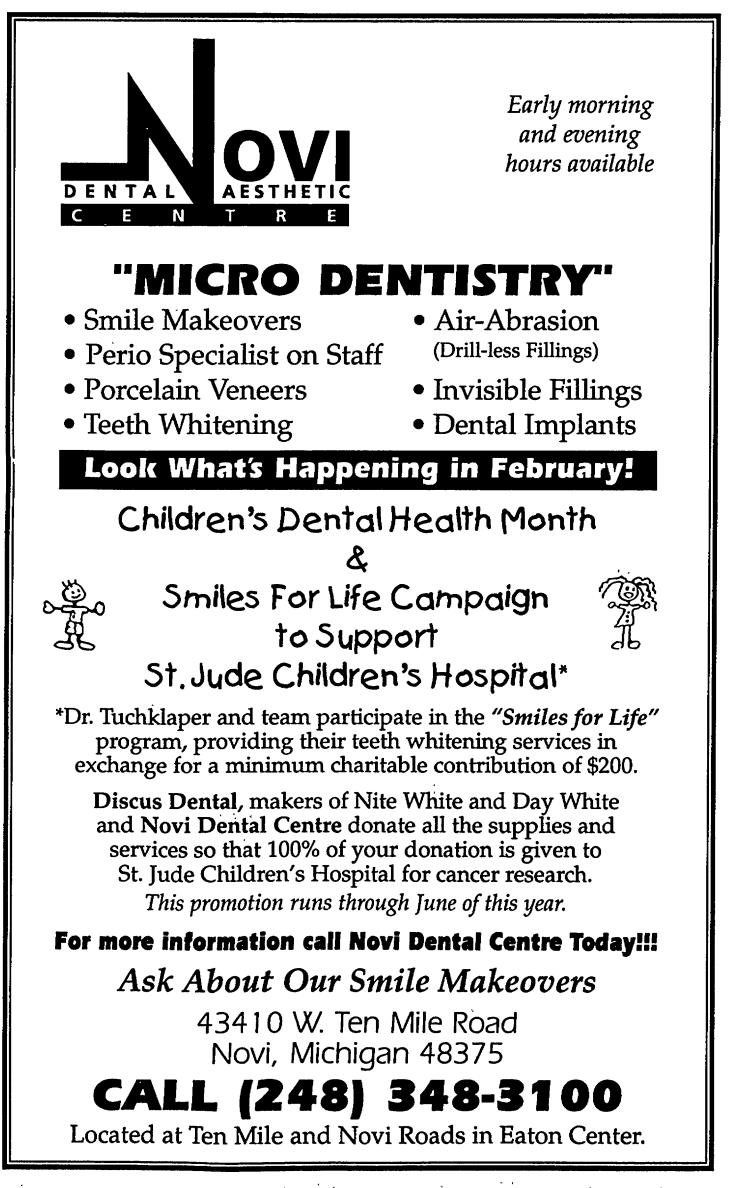
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