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Northville High School's spring musical, "Bye-Bye, Birdie," will be taking stage next month. We've got a quick look at the production NHS's student actors are putting together. — Page 2A

Correction

Voting precinct information contained in last week's Discover Northville Guide was incorrect. District 12 residents vote at Meads Mill Middle School, not Silver Springs Elementary.

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For Christian faiths, this week marks the end of the season of Lent, which is marked by Easter Sunday. We've compiled a list of worship schedules at area churches for your convenience. — Page 3A

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Car careens into auto dealership

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

A large window at Northville's McDonald Ford dealership was broken after a car drove through it Monday morning.

According to Northville city fire chief Jim Allen, the car was driven by an elderly Plymouth couple that was returning to the dealership.

"It was a brand new car," said Allen, adding that the car still had some protective tape on the bumpers. "They were pulling it

back into the dealership to park it. It lunged forward over the parking block, the sidewalk and into the plate glass window."

Allen said the car was driven by an 80-year-old man who was accompanied by his 79-year-old wife.

"They were test driving the car and bringing it back to the dealership," said Allen. "It lunged forward into the showroom."

David Rekuc, vice-president chief operating officer at McDonald Ford, said the man's foot "stuck on the accelerator instead of the brake. He jumped the parking block and

landed in the window."

There was no injuries due to the accident, however Allen said the woman was taken by ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital for observation as a precaution.

"She was having a little bit of pain," said Allen. "The main thing is nobody was hurt."

According to Allen, the accident shattered a plate glass window in the showroom, which resulted in minor damage to a car housed inside the showroom.

"It was really two cars [that were] damaged," said Allen.

Rekuc said, "We're very fortunate nobody was hurt. The man was OK. The woman in the car had a pre-existing heart condition, so they decided to transport her to be on the safe side. Nobody was hurt. Cars are replaceable, repairable. Lives aren't."

The glass window will be replaced by Laird's Glass Company of Plymouth.

John Piotrowski, a manager of Laird's Glass, estimated that the glass would cost approximately \$1,000 to replace and take

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A Special Northville Record Project

By Lon Huhman
STAFF WRITER

The walls of Northville resident and historian Bruce Turnbull's home are covered with old photographs and memorabilia of his long life in Northville.

One can sit for hours just listening to him tell stories, especially the ones telling of life in downtown Northville during the Great Depression.

However, after speaking with Turnbull, one begins to realize that he has more to offer than just a historical view of the downtown.

Turnbull's lifetime of experience of residing in Northville gives him a perspective that enables him to be able to seriously regard not only the downtown's past, but also its present and future.

"Downtown Northville has always been a vibrant as well as very industrious city," Turnbull said looking back at his over eight decades of witnessing the course of the downtown.

The basis for the vibrancy, he said, was the fact that there were "so many good stores." Turnbull remembers a time when there was a hardware, shoe shop and practical clothing store along Main Street. He said because the Northville area in the early to mid-1900s was generally a farming area, the downtown catered to the type of clientele that would need such retail outlets.

"The farmers would work all week and then come into town on Saturday night to get what they needed and at that time there were no malls or big outlet stores. Back then we had two choices — go to Detroit or shop local," he said. "The downtown shops could supply all the needs, so both the businesses and residents benefited."

Turnbull said one surprising fact about the early years of the

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The changing faces of NORTHVILLE



Bruce Turnbull, local historian, has seen Northville rise from a sleepy little town to a larger city with a viable downtown community.

photo by JOHN HEIDER

Esper latest to join race for judge

By Chris C. Davis
EDITOR

Once a police officer, then an assistant in the Wayne County prosecutor's office, and now an attorney in private practice, Northville Township resident David Esper believes he's lived the experiences to make him the best candidate for a bench seat in 35th District Court.

"In my mind, it's a natural progression," Esper said. "The Northville area is my home. This is my community, and I feel very comfortable in it."

Born in Dearborn in 1949, Esper worked for the Lansing police department for a year before taking a new job with Wayne County prosecutor. Esper said he began his prosecutorial duties in the office's appellate division, but switched to trial court duties six months later.

"Appellate work is more legal theory, drafting research and writing," Esper said. "It was good experience, but it was the trial work that really gave me the experience I feel will be helpful as a judge."

After his trial court responsibilities, Esper became involved with a special organized crime unit in the prosecutor's office, in which he was responsible for the investigation and prosecution of major felony cases.

35th District is one of the busiest courts in the state. Until last fall, the caseload was handled by incumbent judges Ron Lowe and John Macdonald. That changed when the state announced the creation of a third judgeship at the court. But whether or not the additional position would have been created, Esper said he still would have had an interest in seeking a spot on the bench.

"I'm prepared to take on the workload," Esper said, acknowledging the large number of cases

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Students exposed to watery scuba world

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Water was sloshing and teeth were chattering at Northville High School's pool Thursday afternoon as students from Meads Mill Middle School participated in a scuba diving class, sponsored by Rec Diving.

"From our standpoint, we are trying to give them exposure to the sport of scuba diving," said Jim Richards, a certified diving instructor and owner of Rec Diving Blue Chip Travel in Royal Oak. "Our goal, first and foremost, is to let the kids have fun. It's a fun way to experience another environment, the underwater world."

An environment, he said, which is unlike any other.

"It's much different," he said. "There's no phones, no beepers, no hustle and bustle. It's just very peaceful and tranquil."

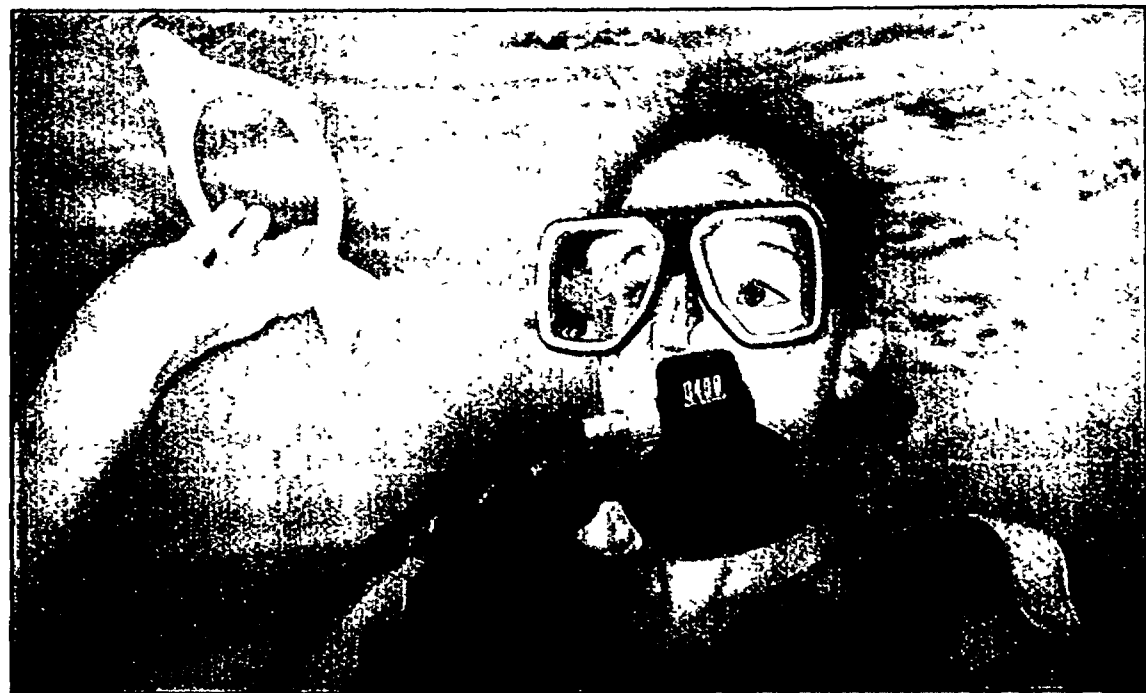
Doug Reid, an eighth grade student at Meads Mill, was among the participants ready to leap into the pool donning the necessary scuba gear.

"It's just like a really cool sensation being able to breathe underwater," said Reid. "It's natural not to be able to breathe underwater and when you do, that's what makes it cool."

Richards said he hopes students gain a better understanding and appreciation for aquatic conditions and its preservation.

"The underwater world is a

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Meads Mill student Kristen Hogan plays underwater at Northville High School's pool during her class SCUBA session last Thursday.

photo by JOHN HEIDER

Bye-Bye, Birdie

The Spring 2002 Northville High School Musical



Rose Alvarez (Northville High student Kati Pryce) gets a friendly lift across a table from a group of non-plussed Bye-bye, Birdie cast members during a Friday afternoon rehearsal.



Bye-bye, Birdie director Jay Hillard motions for enthusiasm from her actors during a Friday afternoon dress-rehearsal.

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

The stage at Northville High School will soon be coming alive with the sights and sounds of the 2002 spring musical, "Bye Bye, Birdie."

"Bye Bye, Birdie" is slated to take place April 18-20 at 7 p.m. in the Northville High School auditorium.

Play director Jay Hillard said students auditioned for roles in late January and have been busy rehearsing since the beginning of February.

On Friday afternoon, Hillard rehearsed and drilled the cast of costumed students as they prepared for their upcoming

show—a show students said will be one to remember.

NHS senior Deirdre Schwiring said, "It's kind of sad because we're all seniors, so it's our last musical. We're putting all we have into it to make it the best one yet."

Schwiring also said the cast has been steadily preparing for their upcoming performances.

"I think it's good so far," she said. "We haven't really run through the whole show. We've just done different scenes to learn our lines. We have a lot of things together so far."

Ross Doolin, a NHS senior, shared a similar opinion. "Bye Bye, Birdie" will be the fourth musical he has participated in

"Just seeing everyone in costume puts it together that much more," he said. "It's really a light-hearted musical."

Other cast members said audiences can expect more than a few laughs and plenty of entertainment.

"The cast is totally committed to it," said senior Beth Duey, who has been involved in two prior school musicals. "Anybody can come. There's something for everybody. Everybody has someone they can relate to."

"It's going to be an amazing show. There's so much going on in the show, that for a high school to put it on, it's difficult. The crew is putting together these fabulous sets. It's going to be outstanding."

Duey said she plans to major in drama at

the University of Michigan.

NHS senior Kati Pryce said, "It's been coming along really well. If you want to come see a show [and] be entertained, this is it. This is where you want to come."

Pryce said she has been in all four school musicals and plans to continue acting. She also said she has dreams of appearing on Broadway someday.

"This is only a starting point for where I want my career to be," said Pryce. "Since this is my last year, I just want to make it spectacular and the best I've ever done. I've been preparing a lot."

Hillard said the cast and crew are busily preparing for opening night.

"We'll be ready," said Hillard. "No prob-

lem."

Hillard also encouraged the community to attend the musical production of "Bye Bye, Birdie."

"It's an uplifting show," said Hillard. "I think they'll really be missing something if they don't come to the show."

Tickets may be reserved as of April 8, by contacting the high school main office at (248) 344-8420. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults.

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Northvill High's cast of "Bye-Bye, Birdie" rehearse and musical number last week onstage.



Assistant student director Crystal Berry and Eric Bowdich paint some advertising signs for their upcoming production of Bye-Bye, Birdie April 18, 19, and 20.

"Bye-Bye, Birdie" Cast List

Jessica Agoston
Geoff Calkins
Tony Castro
Liz Catalano
Diane Cavicchioli
Beth Cohen
Katie Corwell
Jason Cozza
Bill Crawford
Laura Cunningham
Melvin Dalere
Nick Detrych
Carrie Dobson
Ashleigh Doinidis
Ross Doolin
Beth Duey
Jennie Ecclestone

Amy Frazier
Kathy Garfield
Crystal Gale
Carmen Gillespie
Jim Holden
Steve Houren
Jenny Houslander
Megan Houslander
Michael Howell
Keith Hudolin
Jennifer Karoub
Kevin Kay
Alexis Kheir
Lauren Martinez
Matt McClish
Lindsay Moore
Colin Myers

David Pizzimenti
Nikki Probst
Kati Pryce
Brandon Roberts
Matt Roberts
Megan Roney
Michael Schmidt
Deirdre Schwiring
Leo Svoboda
Matt Tanski
Wes Todd
Katelyn Turnbull
Adam Van Valkenburgh
Drew Voytal
Blair Wagner
Gina Willis

photos
by John
Heider

SHOW INFORMATION

DATES: April 18-20

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: Northville High School auditorium.

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Conrad Birdie (student Jason Cozza) is surrounded by enthusiastic supporters including Kim MacAfee (Lindsay Moore), left, during rehearsal for "Bye-Bye, Birdie."

Thornton Creek students relive history in museum

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Prominent historical figures were walking the halls of Thornton Creek Elementary Tuesday.

Fifth grade teacher Suzie Aheimer said students in fifth grade presented a Living History Museum for their families, friends and students in lower grades in the school cafeteria.

"The students have been researching historical figures, which is a joint project between social studies and writing," said Aheimer. "The students selected one character. Most of the historical people are from the Revolutionary War era."

Within the museum, visitors watched as students transformed themselves to reflect and recreate the lives of famous individuals such as John Hancock and Benjamin Franklin.

"All the fifth grade is participating," said Aheimer.

But dressing in historic costume was just a small part of the overall project.

Aheimer said as part of the

"What I hope they gain is a better understanding of how men and women contributed during the Revolutionary War period."

*Suzie Aheimer
Fifth grade teacher*

social studies component, students were required to create a journal with three first-person entries.

"They had to find three significant facts about that person," she said.

In addition, the students had to create a timeline detailing important dates of their historical person's life and include a photo. Each student also had to prepare a 2-3 minute speech to present at

the Living History Museum.

Furthermore, the project incorporated writing components for the students as well.

Aheimer said students were taken through the steps of writing a research paper on their historical figure—which included learning the principles behind note-taking, outlining and preparing a bibliography.

"It's a significant part of their grade," she said.

Aheimer described the Living History Museum as the culminating activity for what students have been researching in social studies.

"What I hope they gain is a better understanding of how men and women contributed during the Revolutionary War period," she said.

She also said students designed programs for the event and advertised the event by creating flyers.

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Holy Week Worship Schedule

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

217 N. Wing Street
(248) 348-1020
Good Friday: 7 p.m. worship
Easter Sunday: 11 a.m. worship

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

21260 Haggerty
(248) 348-7600
Good Friday: No formal service; open for private worship and prayer
Easter Sunday: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:50 a.m. worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

200 E. Main
(248) 349-0911
Maundy Thursday: 7:30 p.m. worship
Good Friday: 7 p.m. worship (held at First United Methodist Church of Northville)
Easter Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

41335 Six Mile Road
(248) 348-9030
Good Friday: 12:30 p.m., 7 p.m. worship
Easter Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. worship

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(248) 615-7050
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Easter Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. worship

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

770 Thayer
(248) 349-3610
Maundy Thursday: 7:30 p.m. worship
Good Friday: Noon (Stations of the Cross); 1 p.m. (Liturgy of the Lord's Passion)

Saturday Vigil: 8 p.m.
Easter Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Mass

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

201 Elm Street
(248) 349-3140
Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m. worship
Good Friday: 1 p.m., 7 p.m. worship
Easter Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. worship

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

40000 Six Mile Road
(248) 374-7400
Maundy Thursday: 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday: Open worship between noon and 3 p.m.
Easter Sunday:
• Traditional: 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m.
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Births



Josephine Grace Aulicino

Josephine Grace Aulicino was born Feb. 1 at Providence Hospital in Southfield to Tracy and Michael Aulicino of Northville. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

Josephine is the sister to Natalie. She is the granddaughter of James and Kathy Mitchell of Farmington Hills and Ralph and Sandy Aulicino of Livonia. She is the great-granddaughter of Leslie Boe of Boyne City.



Hughston Timothy Smith

Hughston Timothy Smith was born Nov. 10 at Arrowhead Hospital in Glendale, Ariz., to Katrina (Heckemeyer) Smith and 1st Lt. Timothy J. Smith, both graduates of Northville High School. Hughston weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 inches at birth.

Hughston is the brother of Jackson. He is the grandson of Anthony and Phyllis Heckemeyer of Northville, Dr. Bradley Smith of Concord and Linda Moore of Fountain Hills, Ariz. He is the great-grandson of Hannah Jane Yackle of Pigeon, Joseph and Jacqueline Heckemeyer of Chattanooga, Tenn., Mildred Fulks of Knoxville, Md., and Ruth McLachlan of Spring Arbor.

Tim Smith is an F-16 fighter pilot. Hughston was born while the family was en route from San Antonio to Alaska. Hughston's parents are currently stationed at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska.

Anniversaries



Hicks 60th

Fred and Laura Hicks of Northville celebrated their 60th anniversary on March 25 with a family dinner.

The Hicks' were married March 25, 1942 in Northville. Mr. Hicks is a retired postal employee. Mrs. Hicks is a homemaker.

The Hicks' are parents to Pat (Fred) Fitch of Almont and Fred (Francine) Hicks of Sandusky. They have five grandchildren.

On Campus

Northville resident Garrett Carter was named to the dean's list at Loyola University Chicago school of law for the fall 2001 semester.

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Krueger-Bodker

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The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School and a 2001 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by H.W. Bennett & Associates. The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Northville Lumber Company.

A May wedding is planned.



Britton-Pickard

Dick and Gini Britton of Oxford (formerly of Northville) announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Christopher Pickard, son of John and Sandy Pickard of McCordsville, Ind.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School and is currently attending Purdue University. The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Purdue and is employed at Visteon. He resides in Northville.

An August wedding is planned.



Farquhar-Kiewicz

Dr. and Mrs. John G. Weg of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Weg Farquhar of Northville to Vincent C. Kiewicz of Westmount, Quebec.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Michigan and currently serves as the director of program services at ALS of Michigan. The groom-elect holds an MBA from Columbia University and is vice-president of financial markets for National Bank of Canada. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Butkiewicz of Greenwich, Conn.

A July 13 wedding is planned.

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Community Events

• THIS WEEK •

WHAT: Secretary of State mobile branch office visit
DATE: March 28
LOCATION: Northville Senior Center (215 W. Cady)
TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Driver licenses, personal ID cards, license plate tabs and various other driving-related licensures will be available for processing. The seminar is open to the public and no registration is necessary.
PHONE: (248) 349-4140

WHAT: Guy Louis and "The Chautauqua Express" show
DATE: March 28
LOCATION: Northville Community Center (303 W. Main Street)
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The show, designed for children and adults, combines music audience interaction, magic and dance. Tickets are \$5 for children. Adults are free.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203

WHAT: Easter Eggstravaganza
DATE: March 30
LOCATION: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene (21260 Haggerty Road)
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
DETAILS: More than 3,000 Easter eggs will be hidden for children to hunt for with children their own age. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available, as will a retelling of the Christian Easter story.
PHONE: (248) 348-7600

WHAT: "Jack and the Beanstalk"
DATE: Various dates, now through April 20
LOCATION: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main)
TIME: 2:30 p.m. each show
DETAILS: The show welcomes school classes, birthday parties and groups, but children under three are not admitted. Tickets to all shows are \$7.50.
PHONE: (248) 349-8110

• LOOKING AHEAD •

WHAT: Friends of Maybury State Park organizational meeting
DATE: April 4
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Discussion will be held to determine if there is interest in maintaining the organization and possible park projects.
PHONE: (248) 349-3858

WHAT: Nutrition lecture
DATE: April 11
LOCATION: Main Street Family Chiropractic Center (109 W. Main)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Registered nurse Chris Doyle will discuss the fundamentals of making the right food choices. Registration is required.
PHONE: (248) 735-9800

WHAT: Kindermusik classes
DATE: April 12 (runs for multiple weeks)
LOCATION: Northville Center for Music & Arts (145 N. Center)
TIME: Call for details
DETAILS: Classes are offered for children of all ages, from newborns through 4 years old. Children and their caregivers will interact or learn about music in an age-appropriate manner. A \$20 deposit is due the first day of class. Other fees will apply.
PHONE: (734) 464-1412

WHAT: Marathon training / participation opportunity
DATE: April 13
LOCATION: Running Fit (17783 Haggerty)
TIME: 9 a.m.
DETAILS: Runners, walkers, cyclists, skaters and triathletes will have the chance to train and participate in events around the country. Registration is requested.
PHONE: (800) 456-5413

WHAT: Northville Genealogical Society meeting
DATE: April 14
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady)
TIME: 2:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. meet-

ing for newcomers to family research)
DETAILS: The meeting will feature Plymouth genealogist Kathy Patlewski, who will address the complexities of locating women in a family history.
PHONE: (734) 878-0361

WHAT: Arthritis Foundation Walk
DATE: April 14
LOCATION: Northville (call for specific start location)
TIME: Call for info
DETAIL: The walk benefits persons afflicted with arthritis.
PHONE: (734) 354-1856

WHAT: Grief support workshop for adults
DATE: Begins April 18 (runs for seven consecutive Thursday evenings)
LOCATION: New Hope Center for Grief Support (113 E. Dunlap)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The workshop will allow adults to discuss and deal with normal grief responses following the death of a loved one. The sessions are free, but registration is required.
PHONE: (248) 348-0115

WHAT: Northville Parks & Recreation used sports equipment sale
DATE: April 20
LOCATION: Northville Recreation Center (303 W. Main)
TIME: 9 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: Items for sale may be dropped off from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 19. The Department will sell the equipment for the prices the seller requests, but will retail 25 percent of the cost. Unsold items must be picked up between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on April 20. Unclaimed merchandise will be discarded.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203

WHAT: Northville Historical Society progressive dinner
DATE: April 20
LOCATION: Call for details
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: A simple but elegant meal will be eaten in stages, beginning at Bellagio, a showcase home. Tickets are \$50 for members and \$55

for non-members, which includes a membership in the Society.
PHONE: (248) 349-5435

WHAT: Arianna String Quartet performance
DATE: April 21
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: A performance by younger-aged musicians will feature a string program of composers Schubert, Mozart and Beethoven.
PHONE: (248) 349-0911

WHAT: Lecture on American abstract writer Gertrude Stein
DATE: April 25
LOCATION: Hillside Middle School
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: The discussion will be lead by Michael Farrell. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for students and will be available at the door.
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

WHAT: Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation dinner auction
DATE: April 27
LOCATION: Laurel Manor (39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia)
TIME: 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Proceeds from the event benefit development of Northville and Northville Township parks and rec facilities. Tickets are \$60. The Friends' are a registered 501(c)(3) organization.
PHONE: (248) 348-7866

WHAT: Northville Senior Center "Senior" Prom
DATE: April 24
LOCATION: Hillside Middle School (775 N. Center)
TIME: 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Senior citizens will be given a meal prepared by students from Hillside and then have the chance to dance to music played by the Northville High School jazz band. There is no charge.
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Library Lines

LIBRARY HOURS

The Northville District Library is open Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. The library will be closed Sun. March 31 for Easter. Located at 212 W. Cady St., near City Hall, with parking off Cady St. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call 349-3020.

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Registration begins March 26, in person or by calling 349-3026. Choose one of the following six week sessions: Mondays at 4 p.m., April 15 through May 20; Tuesdays at 11 a.m., April 16 through May 21. Sorry, younger or older children or non-registered children may not attend, though all children may attend the Evening Family Storytime monthly programs.

DROP-IN SPRING BREAK FUN!
 Looking for something fun to do during spring school break? Children of all ages are invited to make a fun craft at the library on April 4 at 2 p.m. There is no registration for this hour-long program, but children 4 and younger should

attend with a caregiver!

EVENING DROP-IN STORYTIME FOR FAMILIES!

Wear your pajamas and join us for stories on April 10 at 7 p.m. This 30 minute program is designed for preschool children and older with parents or caregivers. Evening storytimes are offered each month, and there is no registration required.

WILD AND CRAZY JUGGLER ENTERTAINS FOR LIBRARY WEEK

Wow! Great! Totally cool! That's what people are saying about the hilarious and daring juggling antics of Tim Salisbury. Join us on April 16 from 4:15 to 5 p.m. for this special program to celebrate National Library Week, open to children of all ages. No registration is required.

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BETWEEN THE LINES

Join this lively evening book discussion group that meets every second Monday at 7 p.m. On April 8, we will be discussing the non-fiction work *The Outsider: a Journey into my father's struggle with madness* by Nathaniel Lachenmeyer.

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GOOD FRIDAY - March 29, 2002
 Community "Tenebrae" Service
 7:00 p.m. - "Lift High The Cross"
 Rev. James Russell

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 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29
 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31
 7:30 am - Sunrise Service
 8:45 am - Breakfast
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All three business leaders also agreed that events such as Art in the Sun, the summer concert series and the Victorian Festival — which bring residents and visitors downtown — were great additions to the business climate. Ward said the events can help expose visitors to the downtown shops and restaurants. Marrs said new developments such as the renovation of Ford Field and the ongoing use of the Community Center on Main also aid to an increase in foot traffic throughout the downtown.

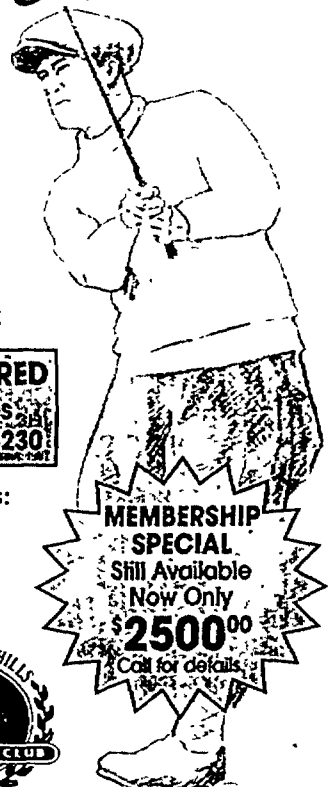
"Sixty percent of merchandise sales occur after 5 p.m. and on weekends," Ward said in reference to a business sales study. "Some independent business owners open up

"We could become more diverse," Ward said of the variety of downtown businesses.

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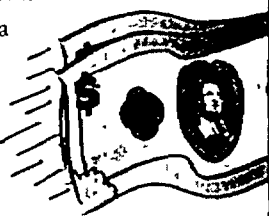
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A Special Northville Record Project

Turnbull remembers a simpler Northville era

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downtown were the amount of operating factories. There were factories manufacturing B.B. guns, boat parts and furniture. In addition, at one time Ford Motor Company constructed airplanes and then hauled them out to Northville's airport at Six Mile and Beck roads.

One thing Turnbull believes has always helped draw people to the downtown — even to today — were the promotional events. During the Depression, the economic situation was poor for many people, but instead of closing down some downtown businesses got creative. He said one promotional event at that time was a special give-away

promotion in which a business would give a numbered ticket to a customer after he or she bought an item. Then, on a certain night, the ticket holders would come back downtown to see if the number on their tickets matched a give-away item in the window of the business.

"I won a rocking chair this way when I was young," he said. "It was great to see people walking downtown seeing if their tickets matched."

He believes that type of downtown promotional attractions go on today with such events as the Victorian Festival and Fourth of July celebration. But he said he thinks the businesses should work harder to attract.

"We can come up with more

events, but I'm not worried. We have many creative residents and business owners," he said.

Three other downtown issues he believes that need to be addressed are available parking, practical working hours and the type of businesses in the downtown. He said back in the 1930s the stores would stay open until 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings when most people can get out and shop.

"For the downtown to remain viable, there must be the right merchandise at the right price," he said. "One way is to get a better assortment of stores that fit the needs of the residents. And readily available parking will also equal prosperity."

Northville just misses out on special Main Street program

By Chris C. Davis
EDITOR

When it comes to making a downtown work, there's no such thing as a "right" formula. What is important, an expert in downtown development said, is that a community play off its strengths.

And — here's the big thing — work to have a variety of commercial, residential and retail establishments in a downtown.

That's what Oakland County Main Street redevelopment principal planner Bob Donohue said. The northernmost portion of Northville is part of Oakland County, albeit not the downtown portion. Just the same, Oakland County is the only county in Michigan participating in the Main Street redevelopment program, which provides expert advice and analyses to select communities in Oakland County on downtown revitalization or maintenance.

Northville has made a good go of keeping its downtown alive and well, Donohue said, but it's had to do so without the assistance of Main Street program.

"If Northville wants to do much of anything to analyze its downtown,

it has to pay top dollar for it," Donohue said. "Downtown Northville has an outstanding collection of Victorian buildings, and it's got a fantastic base to work off of. I know [DDA director Lori Ward] would probably love to take advantage of the Main Street program."

Oakland County may be alone in terms of its involvement with the Main Street program, but it's hardly a solo operation on the national scene. Michigan is only one of five states in the union not participating in the Main Street program on a state-wide basis. Michigan participated in a state-wide version of the Main Street program from 1983 through 1985, but eventually dropped out.

Donohue said several southeastern Michigan communities have expressed at least mild interest in learning more about Oakland's program. Wayne County officials, Donohue said, have not.

The Main Street program allows for three Oakland County communities each year to apply for up to \$100,000 in technical assistance on assessing a downtown's organizational structure, design, promotion and business mix. The cities of

Rochester, Royal Oak and Walled Lake garnered Main Street assistance in the first year of the program, while Ferndale, Holly and Lake Orion got the help last year.

Main Street program directors examine a community's commitment to act as the key factor in determining which cities to assist. Donohue said. Were Northville eligible to participate in the Main Street program, it would rank high among communities vying for the support, Donohue said.

"I think a community like Northville would almost be a shoe-in for Main Street project approval," Donohue said. "In Northville's case, the focus would be on enhancing what's already in the town."

A community doing well wouldn't seem, on the surface, to need technical assistance for downtown development. But Donohue said even downtowns like

Northville's can benefit from the analysis the likes of which the Main Street program provides. But in the event a community can't take advantage of the Main Street

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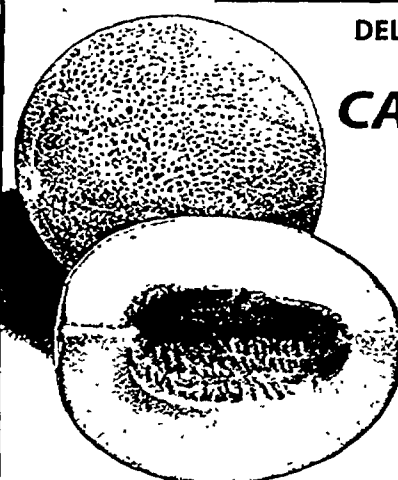
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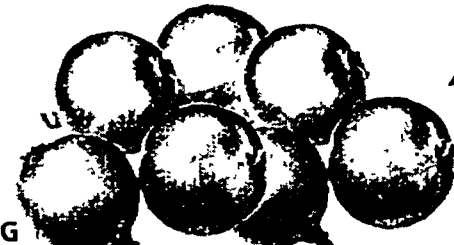
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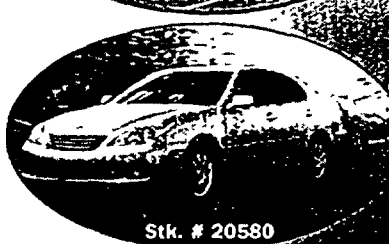
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School / city success linked at hip

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville Public School officials described the interaction between the school district and Northville's downtown as an important relationship in which both entities can thrive.

Northville schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said, "I believe the success that Northville is enjoying — and will continue to enjoy — is rooted around its willingness and commitment to maintain effective communication and good partnerships between all the stakeholders."

Partnerships, which he said constitute a vital link between Northville schools and the community:

"We are a significant player in the community on the economic side," said Rezmierski. "My opinion on the success of Northville has been the effective communication and partnership building."

He said the Taste of Northville event is a prime illustration of an effective alliance.

"That's a great example of us partnering with the Chamber to showcase the businesses in the community," said Rezmierski,



who added that selected students were available to provide tours of the new high school building.

"We believe we have to be good neighbors," he said. "That is a full time job for us. We drive as much business to our businesses as we can humanly possibly do."

Northville Board of Education president Martha Nield further described the district's involvement with the community.

"We've got six programs that do use the downtown directly for events," she said.

For example, she said the downtown is used for lessons in economics, job skills or when students tour Mill Race Village or visit the Farmer's Market.

In addition, she said students attend the Victorian festival, participate in parades and classes attend plays at marquis.

Nield said it is common for schools to form connections with

those around them.

"No school operates just like its own little island," she said. "They're constantly reaching out to the community. We have a need to reach out farther than just our boundaries. I think it's all a big partnership. A strong community is strong in all areas. You can't afford to let any area slip or be less than spectacular."

Forming a high-performance school district also benefits the community in other ways, Nield said.

"I think that one of the biggest investments people make is their home," she said. "In order for that investment to be high quality there has to be good schools that go along with the real estate. I think by having a good pre (Kindergarten)-12 program, we benefit the entire community."

Nield said Northville has many perks, however there are some

elements that could hinder the town's future success.

"I think one of the things that makes the town so special is the arts commission and all the work they do," she said. "The biggest threat is we keep growing, but we need to maintain that small-town feel. That saying hello to your neighbor. That's one thing we have to guard. We know the bigger high school is more impersonal and Dennis Colligan is working on ways to make the school smaller. Seminar is one of those ways."

Nield said she moved to Northville in the early 70s and has personally seen the downtown transform into its current state.

"We really were attracted by the group of buildings downtown," said Nield. "It's lost some of its rural feel and to be honest we used to have to drive to Farmington for almost everything. Now, I hardly ever have to leave Northville for anything. We've increased the level of merchandise available within our borders."

Jennifer Norris is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 107 or by e-mail at jnorris@ht.homecomm.net.

Main Street program lacking in Michigan

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program, Donohue said it's imperative input is obtained from a variety of backgrounds, businesses, residents and community leaders. What doesn't help, Donohue said, is when the brunt of the burden of such work is borne by a downtown development association director.

"A grass-roots market analysis that involves talking to people on a variety of levels is crucial," Donohue said. "The perception often is that if a DDA director was hired to do the job, that person can handle the job. It really needs to be spread out across many different backgrounds. Each committee established should have citizens, business owners and many others involved. It shouldn't just be the DDA."

Still, Donohue said he believed states and communities able to take advantage of Main Street expertise were had the advantage over other such communities in

that Main Street assistants provided a more objective point of view. Such towns, Donohue said "don't get the outside look."

Most important, Donohue said, was understanding that Main Street programs don't begin and end with capital improvements. The four points were equal and interrelated, Donohue said.

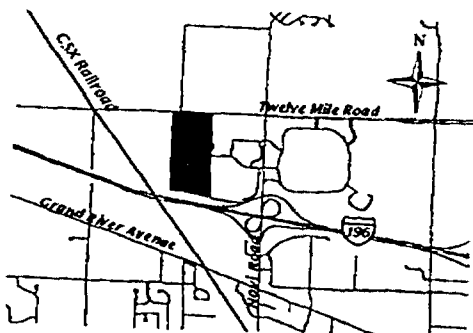
Donohue said there was no set formula for creating a sustainable and long-living downtown, but strongly emphasized the need for both the correct placement of businesses in a downtown, and also the need to have many different types of businesses available.

"In Northville, you could probably put just about any kind of specialty retail business in the downtown," Donohue said. "It seems to be doing very well."

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville Record. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 114, or at ccdavis@ht.homecomm.net.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, **YAN'S SKATE PARK SP01-56**, located in the Fountain Walk development west of Novi Road on the south side of Twelve Mile Road for **RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT**.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 3, 2002.

(3-28-02 NR/NN 1101677) NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LODIA RICHARDS, SECRETARY

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Date: March 21, 2002
Time: 7:30 PM Regular Meeting
Place: 41600 West Six Mile Road
Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Abbo at 7:30 p.m.
Roll Call: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Shirley Klokenga, Bran Werner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas: Motion to approve the consent agenda and the regular agenda adding items 2E & 5A-1 approved: 7-0
- Appointments, Petitions, Resolutions & Announcements:
 - Presentation by Chris Ponder of \$1,250.00 to Northville Youth Assistance for summer camp scholarships.
 - Presentation by the Fire Department to James Shecker for his heroic efforts in rescuing the residents of a house fire in the Township of Northville on February 15, 2002.
 - Reappointment of Kent Anderson to the Planning Commission approved: 7-0
 - Appointment of Richard Brown to the Parks & Recreation Commission approved: 7-0
 - Resolution to the DNR regarding Goose Relocation & Goose Nest Destruction in Blue Heron Pointe approved: 7-0

3. Public Hearings: None

- Brief Public Comments and Questions: Residents of the Ravines subdivision presented the Township of Northville with a list of concerns pertaining to the Developer of their subdivision.

5. New Business:

- Fairchild Development Issue Direction given to attorney to oppose transfer approved: 7-0
- Sewer Use Ordinance (YCUA) Delegation Agreement approved: 7-0
- Election Inspector Wage Increase approved: 7-0
- Make A Wish Foundation Annual Flower Sale approved: 7-0
- Purchase of Laser Speed Measurement Device in the amount of \$9,429.90 approved: 7-0
- Northville Technology Park Sanitary Sewer Easement & Bills of Sale approved: 7-0
- Woodlands South Condominium & Subdivision Bike Path Maintenance Agreements approved: 7-0
- Woodlands South Condominiums Water Main & Sanitary Easements approved: 7-0
- Haggerty Road Pathway Change Order #1 & 2nd Payment in the amount of \$18,209.79 approved: 7-0
- Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association Interlocal Agreement approved: 7-0
- Dump Truck Purchase for Department of Public Services in the amount of \$80,064.99 approved: 7-0
- Community Park Parking Lot Improvements Change Order #2 & Payment #6 in the amount of \$23,877.00 approved: 7-0
- Comcast change of control to Comcast/AT&T approved: 7-0
- Authorization to file Notice of Intent to issue Bonds for WTUA approved: 7-0
- Pickup Truck purchase for Department of Public Services in the amount of \$25,645.00 approved: 7-0

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinances:

- Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance Introduction 1st & 2nd Read & Adoption approved: 7-0
- 1st & 2nd Reading of Ordinance 94 Zoning Ordinance approved: 7-0

8. Bills Payable:

- Bills Payable in the amount of \$698,382.91 approved: 7-0

- Board Communications: Monthly reports from: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marv Gans, Shirley Klokenga, Brad Werner, Chip Snider

- Any Other Business that may properly be brought before the Board of Trustees: None

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

MARK ABBO, SUPERVISOR
SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

(3-28-02 NR 1101356)

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE OFFICE CLOSING

The following Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2002. The Department of Public Safety and the Fire Department will remain open.

Township Civic Center 41600 Six Mile Road
Township Financial Center 41600 Six Mile Road
Township Public Services Water & Sewer 16225 Beck Road
The offices will reopen on Monday, April 1, 2002 at 8:00 a.m.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK,
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
(3-28-02 NR 1100835)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

Date: April 2, 2002
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Northville Township Hall
41600 West Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48167

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Northville has rescheduled a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an HPUD Concept Plan to allow additional commercial development consistent with the HPUD Ordinance.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The text for the proposed addition are available for review in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

LISA ANDERSON, CHAIR,
PLANNING COMMISSION
(3-28-02 NR 1100932)

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS ORDINANCE

This ordinance was approved for adoption at the March 21, 2002 Board of Trustees regular meeting. This ordinance will become effective upon publication.

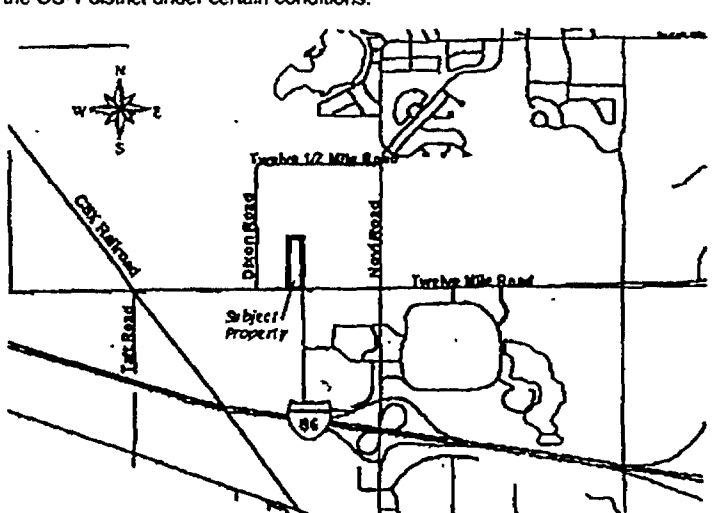
The Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance is being adopted for the regulation and licensing of sexually oriented businesses. The ordinance classifies sexually oriented businesses, provides for a license requirement as well as for the expiration, revocation, suspension and transfer of licenses. The ordinance provides for fees and inspections. The ordinance provides detailed definitions. The ordinance provides for the location of sexually oriented businesses and provides regulations pertaining to exhibition of sexually explicit videos, films or live entertainment in viewing rooms. The ordinance provides additional regulations for adult motels, escort agencies, nude modeling studios and public nudity. The ordinance creates a prohibition against children in a sexually oriented business, regulates hours of operation of sexually oriented businesses and provides for exemptions. The ordinance specifies penalties and provides for repeal of conflicting ordinances.

A true and complete copy of the approved ordinance may be inspected at the five (5) following locations and copies are available through the Clerk's Office: Northville Township Public Services Building, 16225 Beck Road, Northville; Northville Township Financial Building, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville; Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville; Northville Township Fire Station, 48515 Seven Mile Road, Northville; Northville Parks and Recreation Office, 700 W. Baseline Road, Northville.

(3-28-02 NR 1101485) SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing at their Regular Council meeting on **MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002, at 7:30 P.M.** in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, to consider entering into a Consent Judgment with Carlton Properties, L.L.C. that would result in change of use of the following described property to allow uses in the OS-1 district under certain conditions.



Parcel No. 50-22-10-400-033
Property located on the north side of Twelve Mile between Novi Road and Dixon Road, in the Special Assessment district #155 project.
If you have any comments regarding this matter, they may be presented in writing or during the Audience Participation section of the Agenda.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS
CITY CLERK
248-347-0456
(3-28-02 NR/NN 1101161)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE 94, ZONING ORDINANCE

Amendment to Ordinance 94, Zoning Ordinance
This amendment was approved for adoption at the March 21, 2002 Board of Trustees regular meeting. This amendment will become effective upon publication.

A true and complete copy of the approved amendments may be inspected at the five (5) following locations and copies are available through the Clerk's Office: Northville Township Public Services Building, 16225 Beck Road, Northville; Northville Township Financial Building, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville; Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville; Northville Township Fire Station, 48515 Seven Mile Road, Northville; Northville Parks and Recreation Building, 303 West Main, Northville.

(3-28-02 NR 1101488) SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION AND NORTHVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INVITATION TO BID 40X64-14' POLE BARN

Northville Parks and Recreation, and City Police Department will receive sealed bids for the materials and labor of a 40x64-14' pole barn until Thursday, April 18, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. local time, at which time the proposals will be opened and read aloud.

Bid documents consisting of specifications and instruction forms may be obtained from:

Northville Parks and Recreation, 700 W. Baseline Rd., Northville, MI. 48167. (248) 349-0203.

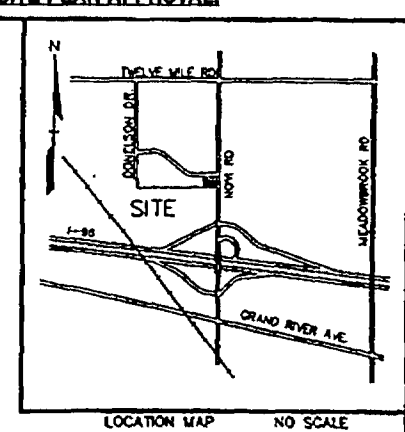
Please send your sealed bid package to **City of Northville, Attn: City Clerk: Dianne Massa, 215 W. Main St. Northville, MI 48167**. Please mark your envelope **Pole Barn Bid**.

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NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
(3-28-02 NRx 1101700)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, **CARRABBA'S RESTAURANT SP02-06**, located between Donelson Drive and Novi Road in the West Oaks Shopping Center for **RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL**.

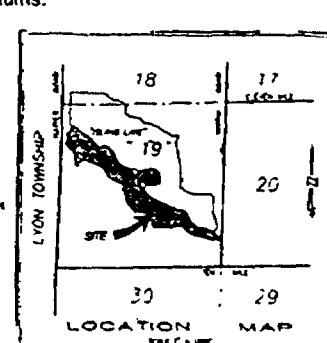


All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 3, 2002.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LODIA RICHARDS, SECRETARY
(3-28-02 NR/NN 1101676)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, **ISLAND LAKE OF NOVI (PHASES 4A & 5A ONLY)** located east of Wixom Road between Eleven Mile and Ten Mile Road, to consider a **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL, WETLAND PERMIT APPROVAL AND WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVAL**. The applicant is proposing a residential subdivision including single family homes and detached condominiums.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 3, 2002.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
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Vic's left you ham-less? Think Brighton for Easter meal

By Christopher Nagy
LIVINGSTON COUNTY DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Taorello's Marketplace in Brighton is hamming it up just in time for Easter.

Starting Friday, the gourmet grocer began taking Easter orders for Detroit's famed HoneyBaked Hams. Taorello's recently became the only authorized distributor in Livingston County, saving residents a trip to the closest current distributors in East Lansing and Ann Arbor.

"We're very excited about it and we hope the people in Livingston County will be excited about it."

too," said John Taormina, co-owner of Taorello's Marketplace.

The HoneyBaked Ham Company was founded in Detroit in 1957 and has since been recognized and sought across the country as well as in Mexico for the company's unique curing and cooking procedure of bone-in hams and other products.

Prior to this year, Vic's Market in Novi was the closest distributor for HoneyBaked, but with the recent closing of Vic's, Taorello's has stepped in to fill the void.

"When we started the Taorello's, we approached HoneyBaked Ham to see about bringing a distributor

to Brighton, but they really wanted to see how well Taorello's did in the area," Taormina said.

Several years later, with business steadily growing, HoneyBaked realized it was time to come to Livingston County, he added.

To start, Taorello's is only taking orders for Easter and Mother's Day. If the holidays prove successful, Taormina said there's a chance that the Brighton business could include a year-round franchise seller for HoneyBaked Ham products. Currently, there are several hams for purchase in the store, but

Taormina encouraged customers to place advance orders to ensure availability.

"We're recommending pre-orders to make sure things run as

smoothly as possible for our customers," he said.

Taorello's Marketplace is expecting at least 300 to 400 orders between now and Easter.

"We're guessing that might be on the light side," Taormina said. Orders for Easter purchases will be taken up to two days before the March 31 holiday.

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Northville School Briefs

KHRIS NEDAM: SERVICE AWARD FINALIST

State Rep. John Stewart announced a Northville resident is a finalist for the ninth annual Governor's Service Awards.

Each year, the Governor's Service Awards honor the outstanding efforts of Michigan residents and organizations dedicated to volunteering in their communities. This year approximately 200 individuals, businesses and organizations were nominated by their peers. Nominations were made in 14 categories.

Khris Nedam is a finalist in the service-learning educator category.

Nedam is a third grade teacher at Amerman Elementary in Northville. She served in Afghanistan for four years during the early 1990s with the International Assistance Mission, participating in medical and educational programs. In 1998, her students began to coordinate the Afghan School project through a variety of service-learning activities and fundraising projects. They raised \$30,000 to build a school and clinic in Afghanistan.

The Governor's Service Awards Dinner takes place April 29 in Lansing.

QUEEN OF THE SILENT SCREAM

The 2002 Hillside Middle School play will be presented April 23 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.

The play, entitled "Queen of the Silent Scream" is about Larry Stark of the Los Angeles police department, who takes on a clever adversary while investigating the untimely demise of Norma Starr, the "Queen of the Silent Scream."

This year's play stars the following students:

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SCHULTE PRESENTS AT WMU CONFERENCE

David Schulte, a Northville resident and a 1998 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, will be presenting a project at the 30th Conference on

Senior Engineering Design Projects at Western Michigan University on April 16.

Among the projects that will be presented include a height measurement device for racecar applications, a localized differential GPS system for the visually impaired and the design of a new office environment.

The conference, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. will be held at the Bernhard Center on the WMU campus. It is open to the public free of charge and is sponsored by WMU's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.



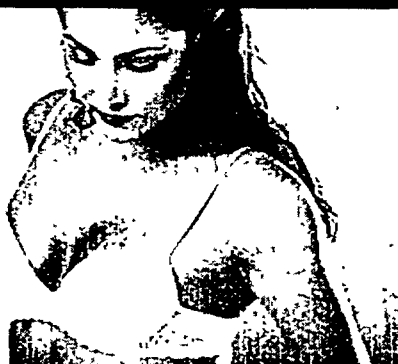
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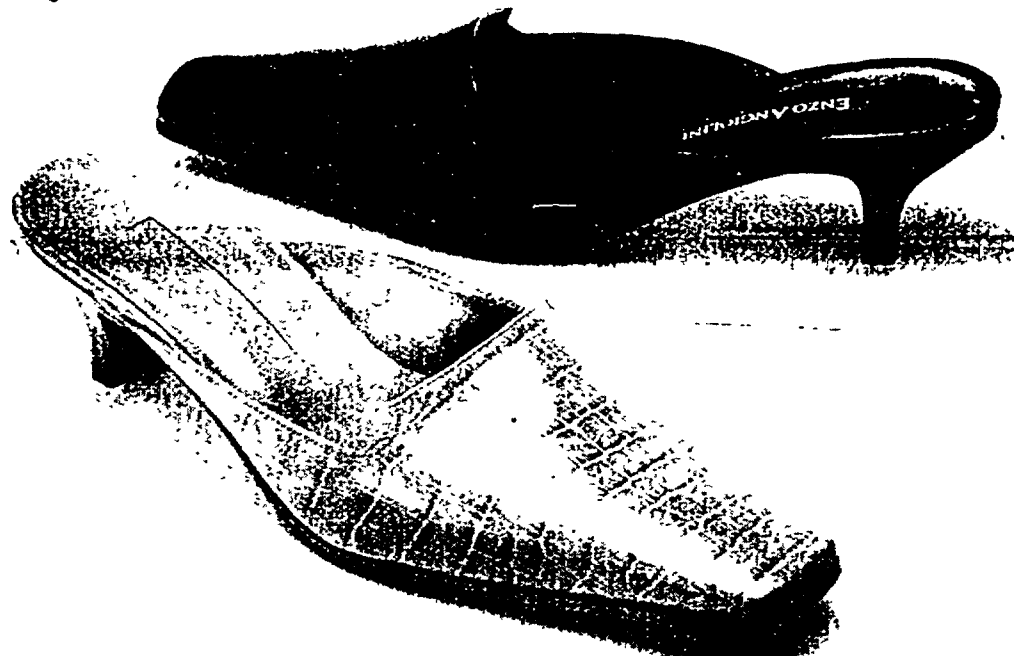


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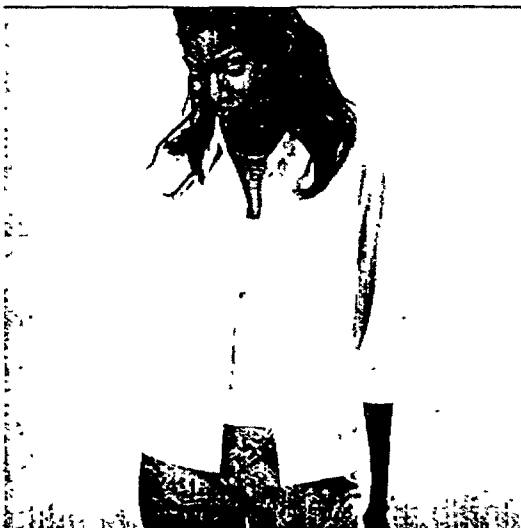
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Downtown viability: we've all got a stake

Over the last two months, our staff spoke with Northville entrepreneurs, residents, school officials, business leaders and public think tanks seeking to find the answer to a fairly simply question: what does downtown Northville need to do to remain viable?

We believed the question needed to be asked, as so many other smaller community downtown areas had gradually folded up. We also believed asking the question now — while things in downtown Northville seem to be going so well — is better than asking the question when signs of a decline seem imminent. Proactive thinking, we believed, was the key to ensuring Northville's success over the next 50 years and beyond.

The answers, in many cases, were as varied as the backgrounds of the people we asked. Some suggested staying the course and keeping an independent mindset in Northville's business operations was the way to go. Others believed Northville needs an infusion of newer businesses geared. Others said corporate chain establishments would establish an even stronger central business district.

Exactly what Northville's viability in the future will be, no one can really say. However, we've come up with a few suggestions we think can help better position Northville to move ahead in the 21st century:

- Make certain various community business agencies — the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Development Authority, the North

Central Business Administration, etc. — communicate with one another on a regular basis. They should look for areas in which they're fighting the same battle, and should attempt to streamline their operations in areas where duplicity may be taking place.

- Pressure the state of Michigan to join 45 other states in the Union to take advantage of the Main Street redevelopment programs. How — or why — Michigan doesn't take advantage of a program which has the potential to be helpful to the ninth-largest state in the U.S. is beyond us.

- Keep an open mind about future developments. The Northville of today looks strikingly different than the Northville of 50 years ago. We'd bet there aren't too many people who are sorry for the changes, either. To create the Northville in which we're now living, chances had to be taken on some new projects and businesses coming to town. The risks taken in the past need to be the same ones taken in the future.

- Don't think for a moment that simply because Northville is Northville that that will be enough to bring businesses to town. Western Wayne and Oakland counties are rife with opportunities for businesses shopping around for a place to call home. Like it or not active recruitment and salesmanship is the name of the game.

We've all got a stake in downtown Northville's future.

We should know. We're part of it, too.



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Patrons step inside McDonald Ford a few hours after a car accidentally drove through the dealership's display window fronting Seven Mile. No one was injured in the accident.

LETTERS

Friends of Library give thanks for book sale

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Carol Poenisch
Used Book Sale Committee Chair
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Liberal, conservative letter-writers never met

I first knew of Mr. Galli's passing when I read the letters from Northville residents who wrote of their friendship and respect. Mr. Galli, a liberal, and I, a conservative, had some interesting battles, waged in words and ideas on the pages of the Northville Record. I'm sure that the two of us had something in common. Each of us wanted what is best for our country and our people; we shared a love and respect

for our flag and country.

The letters from Northville residents expressing fondness and respect for the man were poignant and impressive. They believed that Northville was a better place because of Mr. Galli's presence. I understand the city's loss.

We never met. We might very well have been good friends.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Don't believe the hype on Granholm campaign

Recently, Novi was graced with the second appearance of attorney general Jennifer Granholm who addressed metro-Detroit educators. The open forum was sponsored by the Novi Education Association, a division of the Michigan Education Association; the powerful teachers' union.

Don't let Granholm's pretty face, golden tongue, and rhetoric fool you. In the recent past, both of her school-age daughters attended a local private school in Plymouth. As the run for governor drew near, she moved one from the private school and placed her in the local Plymouth public school. One foot in each camp? If she thinks public education is so superior, why aren't all her kids in government schools? Did she tell this to her MEA/NEA pals? Talk about sacrificing your kids for your career.

Of course, this is no different than her "pro-choice" rhetoric. She is beholden to the pro-abortion Democrats as demonstrated by the recent endorsement from the infamous "Emily's List." Check out www.rtl.org/granholmgarble. "Garble" is a good way to describe Granholm — she seeks to distort and confuse. She likes

the euphemism of "pro-choice" Oh, yes, she is personally opposed, she wouldn't kill her baby, but you are free to do so if you wish. What a mom and what a leader.

Next time, have your reporter ask Granholm about her so-called avid support of public schools, while her own daughters have attended (and one of whom may still be at the Plymouth private school) a private school. Maybe this is more of the "pro-choice" verbal gymnastics game we have already seen.

Rosemarie Zwiller Denton
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While it doesn't really look or feel very much like spring, it is. As you start your spring cleaning, we would like you to keep Mill Race Village in mind. At our annual Fourth of July festivities, we are planning to hold our auction. If you come across items you would be willing to donate to the Northville Historical Society for the auction, we will be happy to accept them. If you have any questions, call the office at (248) 348-1845 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Let's meet the candidates for gub

With the August primary election just four months off, now's a pretty good time to take a look at what's happened so far in the race for the governorship.

Politically attuned readers with long memories will recall this contest is the first in a decade without a sitting governor on the ballot. Congressman Jim Blanchard was first elected Governor in 1982, winning again in 1986. Gov. John Engler won an upset victory over Blanchard in 1990 and went on to win two more elections before being term limited out of office this year.



Phil Power

In notable lock step, the institutional Republican Party has anointed Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus as Engler's designated successor, notwithstanding the fact that his campaign has so far obtained so little traction that he's far behind both Blanchard and Attorney General Jennifer Granholm in head-to-head polls and only runs even with U.S. Rep. David Bonior.

Posthumus is a nice guy and, as Engler's understudy, he certainly knows his way around Lansing. But he pales in the shadow of his giant patron without so far having had much success in carving out any singularity of appeal. Several months ago he spoke for a couple of hours with a group of editors from these newspapers; most were unimpressed, some were bored.

Running against Posthumus in the primary is John H. ("Joe") Schwarz, also a

term limited state Senator from Battle Creek. Schwarz's problem is hardly singularity of appeal. A straight-talking, full-blown moderate in a party that has moved steadily to the right ever since the days of Bill Milliken, Schwarz's strategy is to keep hanging around until even dyed-in-the-wool GOP functionaries realize that Posthumus has no chance of beating any of the possible Democratic nominees.

Most of the sound and fury has been confined to the Democratic primary, where Blanchard, Bonior and Granholm are so far running far ahead of State Sen. Alma Smith, who is able, experienced and so far has not succeeded in attracting the attention of a jaded Lansing press corps.

With high name ID stemming from his years as Governor (especially among Democratic women in Detroit, who make up a big bloc among primary voters), Blanchard jumped into the race with a big lead in the early polls. But Granholm has used her office to get her name into the headlines and raised a ton of money, notably with the help of Emily's List, a national organization that contributes to woman candidates.

Most Democratic insiders have been torn between their loyalty to Blanchard (who befriended many and appointed some while Governor) and their conviction that Granholm would be by far the stronger candidate in November. (Even Blanchard is worried about what Republican attack ads on TV would do with his decision to raise the state income tax during a budget crisis in his first term.)

A couple of polls last month put Granholm ahead of Blanchard, but a new one published last week in Inside Michigan Politics put the two essentially neck and neck.

The same poll put Bonior far behind,

but neither Blanchard nor Granholm should dismiss the former minority whip in Congress. Bonior is smart, tough and a good campaigner. Whether he can find a way to break out of his limited base in Macomb County and his embrace by the UAW leadership remains to be seen.

Over the past month, I've been reading with steadily growing admiration two biographies of former President Theodore Roosevelt by Edmund Morris, *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt* and *Theodore Rex*. Roosevelt was an extraordinary figure in American politics: smart, very widely read, with an amazingly varied background for a politician — rancher, hunter, soldier, ornithologist, conservationist. Most important, to me at least, was his ability to cut to the heart of problems and respond with far-reaching and creative solutions that broke the molds of conventional thinking.

If these are the standards by which the current crop of candidates should be rated, provisional evidence in the campaign so far suggests Granholm and Schwarz deserve close attention.

Undeniably charismatic, Granholm has so far on the campaign trail been relatively opaque in her approach to public policy. But those who know her well say that she's like Teddy Roosevelt in her ability to get quickly to the heart of a problem and to find unconventional solutions. Schwarz, on the other hand, reminds me of T.R. in his courage and straight talk to a party rigidly locked in an ideological straight jacket.

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Diesel debate will add fuel to the fire

A fuel tax increase — proposed to pay for repairs to Michigan roads — is likely to be a contentious issue in Lansing later this year. It will pit motorists against truck drivers over who should be paying for those improvements.

Drivers of passenger cars are already paying 19 cents per gallon in gasoline taxes, increased as recently as 1997. By contrast, diesel fuel taxes are just 15 cents per gallon for diesel fuel, plus trucks get a 6 cent discount.



Mike Malott

Motorists already have trouble understanding why they're paying more in taxes than the owners of those big, heavy motor carriers whose vehicles put more wear and tear on the roads. Their anger will surely only increase if Michigan lawmakers take up suggestions that the gasoline tax should be hiked further still, especially if diesel fuel taxes aren't brought to a comparable level at the same time.

Truck drivers, on the other hand, argue it is a little hard to compare the two taxes. For one, trucks don't get the kind of mileage that passenger cars do, so even though their rate may be lower, they are actually paying more in taxes per mile already.

Perhaps more importantly, they'll just have to pass their costs along, eventually to the

consumer, if their fuel taxes are increased.

But if the issue of who should pay more for road upkeep, motorists or trucks, gets too much attention in this debate, it will make it easy for lawmakers to overlook, or ignore, an equally important issue — where the money goes.

In that debate, it will be the residents of southeast Michigan and their communities who will be pitted against just about everybody else in the state. If past experience is any indicator, southeastern Michigan suburbanites aren't likely to fare well in this contest.

Already pending before the House Transportation Committee is a four-bill package, House Bills 5733-36, sponsored by Reps. Judson Gilbert, Keith Stallworth, Doug Hart and Larry Julian, to increase diesel taxes to 19 cents per gallon.

As good a deal as that may sound for motorists, it's a bad deal for southeast Michigan communities.

The package would toss out the standard formula for distribution of road funds. Instead, 85 percent of the money would go to a new Commercial Highway Fund. The remaining 15 percent goes to local communities, and analysts in Lansing put the best possible spin on that: "The department has elected not to compete with local road agencies for critical bridge program funds — it is effectively a 100 percent local program."

Sounds good, but the folks at the Michigan Municipal League have put a calculator to the proposal and the results are startling. Under this proposal, municipalities would get but a small fraction of what they would normally receive. For instance, in Oakland County, instead of the \$28,731 Birmingham

would receive if the new revenue were distributed by the usual formula, the package would give that city only \$2,229. Instead of the usual \$122,011, Farmington Hills would get only \$9,469. Novi's typical share of \$51,564 would be only \$4,001.

In Livingston, Howell would get only \$931 instead of \$11,997. Brighton would be in line for only \$698, not \$9,000.

In Wayne, Livonia would get \$11,852 instead of \$152,718. Plymouth would receive only \$988, not \$12,733. Westland would get \$8,696 instead of \$112,048.

Much has been said in recent days of reversing the trend of treating Oakland County as a "donor county." Livingston County these days falls into that same category, and has since 1997. But if the new formula is used, their status as donors to rest of the state would be badly exacerbated.

Many policy makers and candidates for political office like to take the approach that the state should fix up the roads it has before building any more. But in southeast Michigan, it is congestion that is much of the problem. In the past 15 years, traffic has increased by 33 percent, by a full third. But only 3 percent more road miles have been added.

That means more cars in the same space, more congestion, more time in traffic jams for motorists and longer commute times.

It is southeast Michigan that is hit the hardest.

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Everyone's head is a different universe

If there's one thing I've learned from being in the newspaper business, it's that you never can tell what's going to push someone's buttons.

Case in point: five weeks ago, I wrote a column which jokingly (big, big adverb here, folks) took a shot at a proposal to make the mastodon the state fossil of Michigan. For three weeks, the column got El Zippo in terms of response. Truthfully, I wasn't expecting anything, either. The column was a silly example of my sarcastic self having a



Chris C. Davis

little fun with one of the hundreds of publicity announcements that make their way to my desk. I found it funny, just like I'm sure others ridicule this paper from time to time and get their laughs. (Hey — it happens. That's okay. Life's too short to be up tight all the time.)

Others apparently didn't share my brand of humor, though. Two letters came crashing into my e-mail account last week. They were writing about the mastodon and my appar-

ent lack of respect for the bill. Their letters appeared in it. They've been cleaned up a bit here and there, but 99.8 percent of what you're reading is in the writers' own words.

In case you're wondering, I'm not backing down from what I said before — that the bill is, in my opinion, symptomatic of the kinds of things you see coming down the pipe in an election year.

But the point of this column isn't to try to get back at those who took exception to what I said. They've got their opinion and I've got mine. That's fair. That's fine. I said my peace, and now they've said theirs. We're Even-Steven.

No, in this case, I wasn't so much concerned about what I wrote than what it is that elicited a response. I've written columns on topics from A to Z. And I don't mind saying that in a lot of those columns, the manner in which I express myself has been pointed and blunt — to say nothing of the subject matter, which can also be heady stuff sure to ruffle a few feathers on its own.

I never in my wildest dreams thought I'd be getting responses to columns about mastodons, though.

Late start at high school? Yes. Large-scale entertainment venues in Northville Township? You betcha.

Sex ed? Hoo, boy — better order up a larger mailbox if you're going to write on that one.

But mastodons? Those enormous tusk-

mammals who got their second shot at life via Gary Larson and "The Far Side"? No, I couldn't see that happening.

I couldn't have been more wrong. I'd hit a nerve with some folks, and they weren't pleased. That's their right, and I'll never deny my detractor the chance to chime in with their own 2 cents, either.

There's a moral to this story, and it relates to an old saying I understand is fairly common in Spanish-speaking parts of the world. It goes something like this: "Everyone's head is a different universe."

I found the mastodon issue funny. I still do. Others didn't, and they also didn't like the fact I found humor in something over which they'd labored extensively.

There's another saying which I've learned the value of, too: "Want to avoid offending people? Say nothing, do nothing...be nothing."

Opinions make the world a colorful place. My detractors have theirs, and I'm going to give them a chance to show a little bit of themselves each week and to add to the giant colorwheel that is public sentiment.

Just be warned: you never can tell what's going to push someone's buttons. That's a lesson I had to learn.

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Car careens through dealership's window

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about a week for the work to be completed. He said the glass measures approximately 8 by 10 feet and weighs about 275 pounds. "It'll take four guys to do it," said Piotrowski. "It's a big piece of

glass."

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By Annette Jaworski
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Dr. David Salah believes his patients deserve both an attractive and a healthy smile. Their name, Progressive Dental Group, reflects their commitment to offering the latest in treatment options. Of course, their primary goal is a healthy smile for their clientele, free of cavities and gum disease. One way they ensure the best of care is to employ state of the art equipment throughout the office.

One of those innovative devices is called the intraoral camera, which allows them to project the patient's mouth on the screen. It's a great educational tool, he points out.

"It gives the patients the ability to see what the staff sees. It's helpful to explain treatment options and reasons," said Salah.

Or, the screen can be great entertainment for patients of any age to enjoy a DVD or their favorite cable TV program.

One of the many details they pay attention to is their water supply. Progressive Dental uses their own internal water system, which is sterile and supplied by Absopure, taking extra precautions for the source to be pure.

In addition to the state of the art equipment, Salah wanted an attractive, but warm and welcoming environment for his staff and patients. For this, he relied on his wife, Angel, who he credits for doing a wonderful job of putting things together in their Novi office, where they've been since January 2001.

"I take a lot of pride in it. It's a reflection of the work we do," said Salah.

Progressive Dental Group offers a full range of procedures including minor implant restorations, partial and full dentures, crowns, bridges and most root canal procedures. They treat any age group, including children.

Salah recognizes that today so many people want more. Some aren't quite happy with the shape or size of their teeth, and who wouldn't want a whiter smile. Today's technology actually gives them the ability to change the shape, color or length of teeth. This



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Dentist Dr. David Salah trains the laser light of the Zoom! tooth-whitening system on his assistant Kimberly Skarjune. The laser system whitens teeth in one two-hour appointment.

is an area of interest and expertise for Salah, who has taken many hands-on courses in the area of cosmetic dentistry to stay abreast of the latest procedures.

He is particularly enthusiastic about the latest trend called the "Zoom" whitening system. They're

only the seventh office in Michigan to offer it. The procedure uses a laser like light, and in about one hour teeth can go from six to eight shades lighter. This is all done in-office, in a quiet, relaxing atmosphere.

"In most cases, it eliminates the need for home whiteners," he said. "The results have really been phenomenal. As time goes on it will become the more commonly accepted way to whiten teeth."

Other options for a more attractive smile include porcelain veneers and bonding. When a patient comes in for a consultation, they first determine the patient's desires, concerns and expectations. Expected outcomes, limitations, cost and time requirements are discussed beforehand, so they're completely aware of what is involved. Working on models eliminates a lot of the guesswork. This way the doctor and patients have a good idea of the results before the procedure is even started. Before and after photos keep track of their progress. It's also a source of accomplishment for Salah, who takes great pride in his patient's satisfaction.

Salah is equally as proud of his staff, which he considers the best

in the business in experience, knowledge and capabilities. Many of them have been with him since he opened his practice and have decades of combined experience.

"They're instrumental in making the office run as smoothly as possible," he said.

Progressive Dental Group patients are part of an unofficial referral club, where they can be rewarded for recommending new customers. It might be a dinner at local eateries, or gift certificates to local businesses and entertainment as a way to show their appreciation.

Salah is a member of the American Dental Association, Oakland County Dental Association and a member of the Oakland Oral Implant Surgery Study Club, which meets once a month.

He and his staff are continually taking education sources to keep up with the latest advances in the dental field. He and Angel, have been residents of Novi for the past five years and proud parents of two children, Alexander, 5 and Adriana, 2.

No Experience Necessary

Bracketology works well in the office

By Tim Kissman
SBAM DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

March is the only time of the year when the word bracketology is acceptable. For those who don't have the March Madness dictionary handy, bracketology is the science of filling out the NCAA tournament sheets.

Trying to pick the winner of 63 games is tricky and involves some mathematics, algebra, color coordinating and the ability to read through endless tip sheets while spending countless hours on the couch watching contest after contest. Some guys make a living during those three months of the tournament, providing advice to anyone who will listen to obscure logarithms and whimsical equations guaranteed to predict the office pool winner.

That all being said, anyone caught using the word bracketology outside of March might be laughed at and questioned as some sort of loony. Leave it to sports writers to make up their own language. I mean, c'mon, bracketology? Let's just call it what it is — luck.

At first I was appalled when this word became widespread, and for a minute on the couch, while digging for my remote without spilling the bowl of ultra-spicy cheese squares on my lap, I wanted to shut the world out and crawl back inside my Oxford dictionary, which does a great job, by the way, of leveling out my coffee table.

Then the caffeine wore off and I began to think. And the more I

thought about it during those boring commercials between first and second round NCAA basketball tournament games, the more I realized how effective the word bracketology actually is. Breaking it down to its Latin-esque meaning (I'm no scholar here) but I think it means picking randomly, based on uneducated, obscure guessing.

That describes my entire life! I do that all the time in the office and at home. No matter how many times I organize my Handspring Visor, or prioritize my To-Do-List, I still pick and choose what to do. Should I finish the report and actually finish ahead of a deadline like my organizer says, or should I go get a Diet Coke and peppermint patty? Bracketology proves the caffeine and chocolate would advance. They're seeded higher in my pleasure zone. I pick them and they always march to the next round, facing stricter deadlines, tighter schedules and more important people.

Why last year I picked my entire 64 to-do-list items perfectly. Taking a nap beat out edit a proposal in a landslide, 140-33, win. I was never so excited. I wanted to hold a parade, but I didn't wake up until it was time to go to bed for the night. Needless to say I missed editing the proposal.

So now another year is upon us, and I'm facing a tough bracket to fill out. I have "eat a long lunch" versus "listen to my favorite CD." On a normal day I'd eat the long lunch, but ever since that bowl of spicy cheese squares, I'm trying to cut down on foods that keep me up all night.

CD wins in an upset.

Bracketology. Get it?

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Tim Kissman

Business in Brief

Mantooth named President at Continental Aluminum

Mark Mantooth has joined Continental Aluminum as the president.

Mantooth served as general manager at IMCO Recycling of Ohio Inc. in Uhrichsville. During his nine-year stay at IMCO, Mantooth also held the position of plant manager. Prior to working for IMCO, Mantooth was with Aluminum Company of America in Alcoa, Tenn., for six years in various engineering capacities.

Mantooth pursued postgradu-

ate studies in electrical engineering control systems at the University of Tennessee College of Engineering.

He has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Tennessee Technological University.

Davila promoted to sergeant by National Guard

Northville resident David Davila, a member of HHID 746 Maintenance Battalion was promoted to the rank of sergeant by Major Kurt Kehoe and Command Sergeant Major Robert Phelps. Davila has been a member of the Michigan Army National Guard since Dec. 24, 1996. In his civilian life, Davila is currently pursuing a degree in accounting at Schoolcraft College.



Mark Mantooth



Dr. David Salah examines some dental x-rays in his Novi office.

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Softball wants strong start with young team

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

After losing some key players to last year's team, the Northville softball team is looking to come out strong with some young talent.

The Mustangs will be led by senior captain Ashley Nicely and junior captain Lauren Karney. Besides Nicely, Samantha Cooke is the only other senior on the team.

The non-seniors that round out the rest of the line-up will be 10 juniors and two sophomores.

Northville lost three strong senior pitchers to graduation, but feel they have some young talent emerging that could possibly take over the mound.

Softball Preview

"Originally I was a little concerned when I was losing three senior pitchers," Northville coach Kelly DeWitt said.

However, at tryouts her concern changed when she noticed two younger players that could be very strong assets to the team.

"I was pleasantly surprised at

tryouts by Candra Nabozny and Carrie Banner," DeWitt said. Banner is one of two sophomores that made the team.

"They're looking pretty strong," DeWitt said of Banner and Nabozny.

Coming off of last year's season, Northville will be really trying to improve their game from the offensive side.

"Offense is what we lacked," DeWitt said.

According to DeWitt, the team will be focusing a lot on hitting and slap bunting.

"I'm hoping our strength will be

hitting," she said.

Northville has been pretty successful in the field in past years and hopes to continue that trend. Karney is coming back to the team as a senior second baseman who played in all of the games last year.

"We don't get caught in the field with a lot of errors," DeWitt said.

Among the juniors coming up to varsity from the JV level is Amy Prentiss, who will add versatility to the team and can also play catcher for the Mustangs.

"I can utilize her in a lot of different ways," DeWitt said.

Besides the aforementioned players, Lindsay Tomasak, Emily Wooderson, Kim Larson, Allison Long, Jamie Geist, Kim Hayes, Alexis Mimikosand Stephanie Jones will all be a part of the 2002 Northville Mustang Softball team.

The Mustangs will open their season April 9 against South Lyon after spring break. The team has hopes of doing well in their division and conference but will face some tough opponents.

Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western are always strong," DeWitt said.

The team also has revenge on their minds against Livonia Churchill after losing in 15 innings to that team last year.

The Mustangs have a lot of young talent that they hope to utilize. Two seniors will add experience, the large core of 10 juniors will add another dimension, and the two sophomores hope to add strength and talent to the team.

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Soccer needs to look to one goal at a time

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville girls soccer team is going to have to look at getting one goal under their belts before trying to climb to the next.

Mustang soccer coach Ron Meteyer said that his team, though they may be looking into the future, needs to focus on the games at hand before they explore pipe-dreams like the state playoffs.

"I hear some of the girls talk about regionals and the other tournaments and how far they want to go this year," Meteyer said. "I just know we have to look at each team as we come up to them. Make little goals and reach them before going to the next step on the ladder."

Girls Soccer Preview

The Mustangs will have plenty of talent to reach the little goals — and possibly beyond this season. Returning seniors for the team include seniors Lindsey Dunmead, Larisa Fill, Maggie Ossola, Kelly Anderson, Cassandra Earel, Lindsay Kozub, Nicole Oshanski and Jenna Slack.

"All of the seniors have something to add to this team and to this season," Meteyer said. "Lindsay was an all-state selection last season. Larisa Fill was our leading scorer last season and a member of the all-state team."

Meteyer also noted that Ossola is a dedicated player with a lot of speed, athleticism and heart.

"She is one of our top players," he said. "Maggie is very, very quick and very valuable."

Anderson is returning to the defense this season. Her athletic ability and her speed make her

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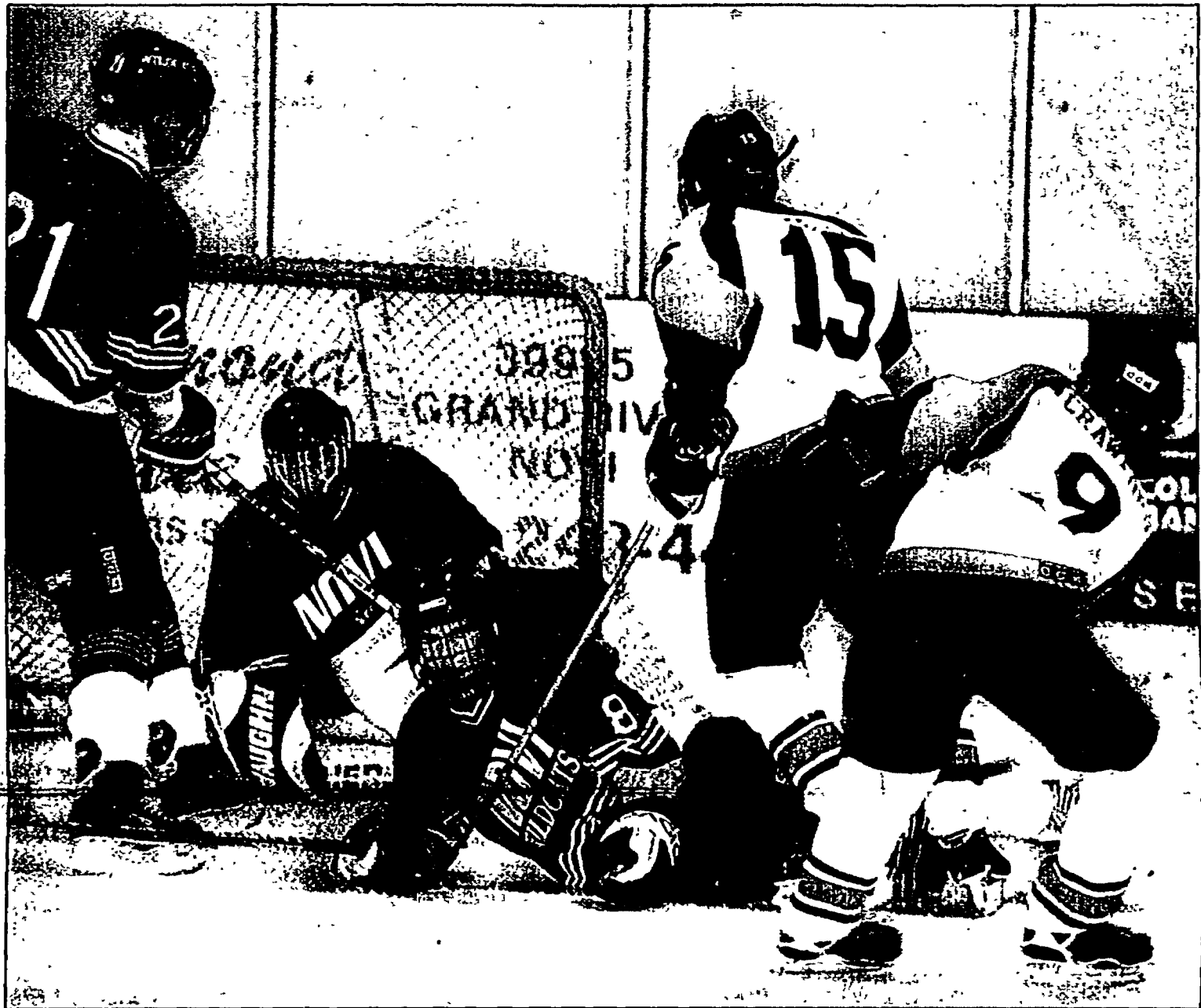


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The Wildcat netminder gets some help covering up the puck from teammates Ryan Schoenbach, left, and Jordan Collins. Mustangs Troy Engelland and Jeff Crawford, right, try to score a goal. Troy's brother, Jason, and "Hat-Trick" Tim Hillebrand were selected to this year's All-Area hockey team.

All-Area hockey team selected Hillebrand, Engelland named to squad

By Sam Eggleston,
Steve Bell and
Tran Longmoore
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

This was a great year for area hockey, and nothing proves that more than the players that we have chosen for the 2002 HomeTown East's All-Area Hockey team. These are the players that best represent the talent, dedication and determination of this area's high school hockey teams:

FIRST TEAM

Robby Overfield
Senior
Forward
Novi Wildcats

With 36 goals, senior Wildcat Robby Overfield not only led the number two team in the state, but also one of the toughest conferences in the state — the Kensington Valley Conference. On his way to this scoring title, Overfield collected 31 assists as well in his 27 games. Overfield was named to the All-State First Team this year.

Dan Morrison
Sophomore
Goalie
Novi Wildcats

Dan Morrison. The name alone means brick wall in Novi right now. The beginning of the season found Morrison sharing much of his time in goal with fellow top-notch goalie Trent Sisson. But, as the year wore on, Morrison made it his home right in front of the net. Morrison was faced with 361 shots this season and stopped all but 41 one of them for an 88.64 save per-

Tim Hillebrand and Jason Engelland notched themselves spots on the HomeTown East's All-Area Hockey Team this season. Two of the top Mustangs find themselves on the same list as the top players from Walled Lake Central, Milford, Lakeland, Novi and South Lyon.

centage. The sophomore goalie allowed 2.65 goals per game in the 16 games that he guarded the net this season.

Brian Francis
Senior
Forward
WLC Vikings

A steady player who led his struggling team in points this season, senior Brian Francis was part of a rebuilding year. Although he will be graduating this year, his efforts will be remembered as the team continues to progress. Francis collected 12 goals and 16 assists and spent 48 minutes in the penalty box. Selected to honorable mention All-WLAA team, Francis was picked as a member of

the All-State Academic Team with his 3.77 grade point average.

Tim Hillebrand
Senior
Center
Northville Mustangs

An amazing offensive player, Tim Hillebrand became known by the Northville fans as "Hat Trick Hillebrand." The aggressive scorer became the first Mustang in the short history of the program to be named All-State First Team while collecting 25 goals and 37 assists. Hillebrand was also named to the All-Conference Western Lakes Activities Association First Team.

Adam Haberman
Senior
Winger
Novi Wildcats

The Novi Wildcats knew they were a third period team this season. One of the things they were going to need was a player who could lead them with as much energy in the third period as in the first period. Adam Haberman was that player. The Wildcat senior proved his worth hit after hit while collecting 29 goals and 29 assists. Haberman, who is a team captain with the Wildcats, was named to the All-State First Team team this year.

Alex Wright
Junior
Defenseman
Lakeland

When Lakeland was successful this year, it was due to a disciplined, suffocating style of defense. Alex Wright is the stalwart of a strong defensive corp. He was the guy Coach Sawchuk turned to when the game was on

the line. He protected slim leads in the waning minutes. He blocked shots and cleared the crease on the penalty kill. Offensively, he was unspectacular but productive. Coach Sawchuk often employed Wright's accurate point shot on the powerplay. Wright finished the season with three goals and eight points. He led all Lakeland defenders with a plus/minus of 6.

SECOND TEAM

Kyle Francis
Sophomore
Defenseman
WLC Vikings

Though the Vikings had a tough season this year, one of the signs of the future was defenseman Kyle Francis. Francis, who played 26 games this season, collected seven goals and 11 assists while notching 65 minutes in the penalty box. Francis was named to the All-Lakes Division Defense Team this season.

Adam Griffin
Sophomore
Forward
WLC Vikings

An all around player, Griffin made his presence known on both the defensive and offensive ends of the rink. Collecting 16 goals and nine assists in 26 games for the WLC Vikings, Griffin only spent six minutes in the penalty box — making his two-year varsity penalty minute total a whopping eight minutes. Griffin was honorable mention for the All-WLAA Team.

Jason Engelland

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Spring has sprung for 'Stang athletics

Well, it is that time again — it's time to start the spring sports season.

This, I have to say, is one of my favorite seasons of the year. Athletes in baseball, softball, track and field and rugby, among other sports, are beginning to dig down and pull up their dedication and their determination to be one of the last teams standing come the end of the season.

For seniors, this will be the last chance many will get to participate in organized athletics. For the underclassmen, this



Sam Eggleston

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GAME OF THE WEEK



Northville Mustangs

SPRING SPORTS

Saran, Doyle named as All-Area grapplers

By Sam Eggleston
and Steve Bell
SPORTS WRITERS

Talk about talented. This season's Player of the Year, Josh Churella of Novi, hasn't experienced a loss in two years while snatching up two state crowns in the process. Not only Churella, but the rest of the 2002 HomeTown East's All-Area Wrestling Team has plenty of talent to go around.

Wrestler of the Year

Josh Churella 125 pounds
Novi junior
There was little more that

could be said about Churella this season except "champion." A tough competitor with a willingness to improve and succeed, Churella showed that a mix of incredible talent and outstanding determination is exactly what the doctor ordered when it comes to a winning formula. The Novi junior has stayed undefeated for two seasons and continued that streak through the state championships for the second season in a row. Look for this wrestler to make it three in a row — just like his brother, Ryan, and his dad, Mark — come next season.

Craig Hearn 103 pounds

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One step at a time for 'Stangs

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an asset to the Mustang soccer squad.

"Kelly is often overlooked," Meteyer said. "She is very, very competitive and defends very well."

Meteyer noted that Earel is also a top-notch returning player for the Mustangs.

"Cassie is a good player," he said. "She has a lot of heart and is a very tough player."

Kozub, according to the Mustang helmetsman, is a player who will be switching from forward to midfield and has the ability to make a lot of plays for the Mustang squad. Meteyer also noted Oshanski and Slack have a lot to offer the Mustangs as well.

"Nicole will probably see some time in defense," he said. "Jenna Slack is a talented athlete. She plays volleyball as well as soccer and played defense in the past. She will probably be moved to midfield this season."

Other than top-returning seniors — Dunmead already has a full-ride to college for her abilities — the Mustangs will also look to the talent of their juniors (which will be outlined in April 11's edition of the Northville Record in our Spring Sports section).

The Mustangs are hoping to be one of the more competitive

teams this season, but Meteyer also recognized that there would be plenty of competition to contend with this year.

"Canton and Churchill are going to be tough in our division," he said. "I think it will come down to those two teams and it is not just the title."

And it is not just the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association that will bring a lot of competition this year.

"Stevenson and Salem are going to be very, very tough this season," Meteyer said. "Both teams are pretty well balanced and will be playing to win this year."

Meteyer noted that even with all of the talk of the talent on his team this year, they have to be humble.

"We can't be looking at the future," he said. "We have to look at one team at a time. Right now my goal for this team is to win the division, then we will go from there. And before we get to winning the division, we have to look at each and every team on our schedule and play each one before looking to the next."

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Spring sports are so much fun

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could mark the beginning of a very, very bright athletic career.

With spring comes the birth of new life as well as the birth of many new and enthusiastic sports teams.

For all of the sports teams I covered this school year, save one or two, this has proven to be a very trying athletic year. Some fought just to earn wins while others fought to stay alive in some of the toughest playoffs around. Some found individual champions while others found teams getting so close to a title they could taste it.

So far, this year has proven to be one of great triumphs, such as that for the players named to our All-State teams, as well as a year of great loss,

One of the nice things about Spring sports is the way that they are all played outside. No more indoor lights, no more stale air and a whole lot of grass. This may prove to be one heck of a sports season for the Northville Mustangs.

such as some of our players missing much of their seasons

due to injury. Spring offers a chance to repeat the success and not the defeats.

For athletes who play multiple sports, as many of them do, this season will mark another chapter in their quest for division, conference and state titles. This will give them a chance to rebound from that injury or that tough season and to build the memories they want and deserve. For those who have had great fall and winter seasons, this will provide a chance to build on that and continue with such success.

Yes, I definitely love spring. Maybe it is the smell of flowers and blooming foliage, or perhaps it is because I, too, get to start anew. I really couldn't tell you why I have always enjoyed spring; I can just tell you that I always have.

For those coaches and athletes who will be participating in this spring season, I, along with everyone else at our HomeTown newspapers, wish you the best of luck. For those who will be in attendance at these games, I wish you the best of viewing. For the seniors who are looking at this season as their last, I just want to say that there will be plenty of opportunity to play games in the future — just not with these teammates, these coaches and these high schools.

Good luck everyone. I hope you enjoy this spring season as much as I plan on enjoying it.

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Youth Baseball/Softball Registration

Northville Baseball/Softball Association House leagues are still accepting registration at the Northville Parks and Recreation Hillside office. Sign up now, before the leagues fill up.

The leagues are looking for boys and girls ages four and up. League games will be starting in May.

For more information or any questions, contact Karen Hayes at (248) 305-5944.

Boys Spring Recreational Basketball Leagues Forming

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department is accepting player registrations for its spring 2002 Boys Youth Basketball Programs (eighth and ninth grade boys in one league, 10th through 12th grade boys in another).

Registration will be processed through March 22nd or until the leagues fill (a 10 dollar late fee will be assessed for all registrations after March 22).

Each league will participate in an eight game schedule, April 13-June 1. The team practices

will begin April 8 for two hours per week through May 30.

Adult coaches are needed for these youth basketball programs. If interested or for more information, contact Dave DeMattos at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405.

Catholic Youth Organization Football Meeting

The Our Lady of Good Counsel football program is holding an organizational and informational meeting. All boys, grades third through eighth for the 2002-03 school year, and their parents should attend.

The meeting will be held Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at the Our Lady of Good Counsel gym located at 1062 Church Street in Plymouth. Boys who are members of the following parishes are eligible to play at OLCG: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas A'Beckett, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James, St. John Neumann, St. Kenneth and Holy Family of Novi.

If interested or have any questions, please contact Mike Girsks at home, (734) 454-0847, or at work (734) 427-6270.

Next Level Athletes

The Northville Record sports department is looking for submissions for the new section, Next Level Athletes.

Eligible athletes include collegiate, semi-pro, professional and minor league players (please email first if other levels).

Please email submissions to seggleston@ht.homecomm.net or mail them to The Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI. 48167. Please include name, year and college as well as the sport and position the athlete plays.

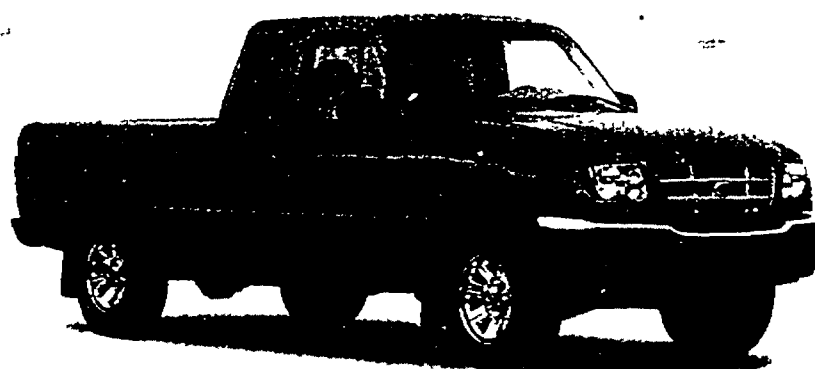
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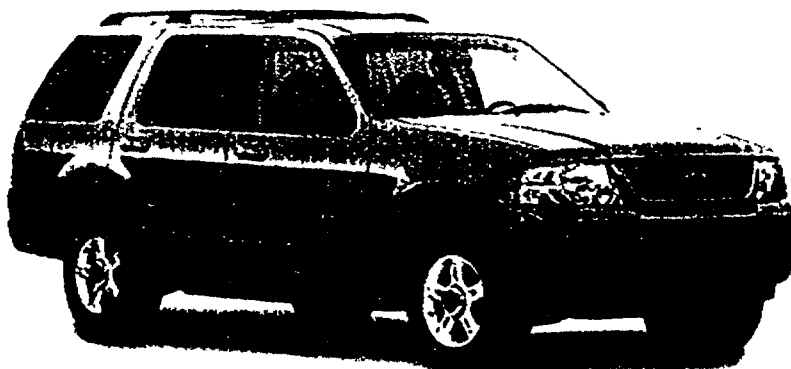
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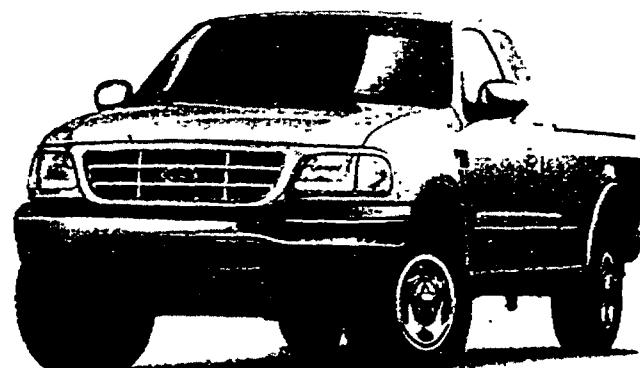
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Saran named to team at 119 — he's just that good

Novi pretty much sweeps the rest of the weight — except for Doyle's

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Novi senior
Hearn, who took fourth in state individuals this season, is the definition of unstoppable. This guy just never quit. He went into matches looking to be the best competitor he possibly could be. Did he win every match? No, but he sure gave his opponents a run for their money every time. A player that had the respect of his coaches and his teammates. Hearn was never blown out of any match and always looked to do whatever he could to be a positive mark on a top-shelf Novi squad.

Matt Thome 112 pounds
Millford junior
Despite the ubiquitous shoulder brace, Thome's results throughout the season were more like those of a healthy man. He was the runner-up at the Oakland County Meet and finished third at 112 pounds at the

KVC Championship. Thome was the lone Redskin to advance to the regional level where he unfortunately had to forfeit in the state-qualifying match after dislocating his shoulder. Thome finished the season with a 37-6 record.

Ravi Saran 119 pounds
Northville senior
A tough competitor with great leverage ability, Saran used his speed and death-grip to punish his opponents throughout the entire season. Saran came into the state individual tournament as one of the underdogs and walked out with a second place notch in his belt. This wrestler not only led team on mat, but also off of it. Northville wrestling coach Joel Smith considers Saran a true leader and a top-shelf competitor. This wrestler, who took second in the state in 112-pound division, which is his real weight class, grappled in the 119s and came away with win

after win after win. Not only that, he gave Northville something to stride for next season.

Matt Doyle 130 pounds
Northville senior
There is much that can be said about a competitor like Doyle. Doyle, who was one of Northville's team captains, didn't quite make it as far as he would have liked in the post-season individual tournaments, but he sure ended his season in style. A grueling match was all that was between him and the regional tournament and Doyle had one of his toughest matches ever. A single — just one — point was what decided that Doyle would not be heading to the tourney as his opponent earned a single point in a 1-0 decision by getting an escape in the match.

Jake Williamson 135 pounds
South Lyon junior

David Edwards 140 pounds

South Lyon senior
Moving up a weight class every year, for Edwards the results have been largely the same as he's been one of the area's best the last three seasons. In 2002 Edwards won his second-straight KVC championship and made his second-straight appearance at the state finals.

J. R. Muldoon 145 pounds
Novi senior
A third place wrestler in his weight class for the state of Michigan, Muldoon used his speed and ability to think on the go to stun many opponents this season. A scrapper with a lot of heart, Muldoon didn't let his fans nor his opponents down — he gave them a great match every time. Being a senior this season, there is no doubt Muldoon came into this season looking to give it his all and left in third-place while making sure to have left everything on the mat.

Vince Slovan 171 pounds
Novi senior
Vince Slovan, a steady force for the Novi Wildcats this season, showed that his dedication and talent in the sport of wrestling combined with his competitive nature was all that it took to make a name for himself this season. The 171-pound Slovan entered the state individual wrestling tournament and came away with a second place finish in his weight class.

Scott Kortlandt 189 pounds
Novi senior
Scott Kortlandt knows what it takes to succeed. A top-shelf football player, wrestler and baseball player, Kortlandt has within him one of the greatest competitive spirits at Novi. This senior just doesn't give up and, while having an impressive grade point average and intellect, doesn't know the meaning of fail. One of the many Novi players plagued with injuries this sea-

son, Kortlandt didn't allow something like that hinder his season. His performance throughout the regular schedule and beyond marked his spot on the All-Area team.

Josh Buck 215 pounds
Novi senior
Feather weight? No. Lightweight? No. Heavyweight? Not quite. Josh Buck, a senior athlete with the Novi Wildcats, proved his worth with his heart and dedication. He is respected by his coaches, his teammates and his opponents while being a positive and impressive point-scorer for the Wildcats this season.

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Northville's Queen of the Soccer field

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

This photo, from last season, shows Lindsey Dunmead preparing to notch yet another goal for her career — this time against the Bulldogs of Brighton. Can Dunmead continue her success on the soccer field? Come back to these sports pages each week to find out.



Tim Moore competes in Ireland

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Tim Moore made his mark on his conference, region, state and nation this year, and he has finally had the chance to make his mark on the world.

Moore, a Novi High School senior, had been undefeated until his recent run against the best cross country runners on Earth. The Wildcat harrier took to the challenge with a lot of dedication and determination but came up short as he captured a still-impressive 54th place with a time of 25 minutes, 47 seconds.

Moore, who competed in a field of 126 runners in Dublin, Ireland, just could not keep up with the hectic pace of the Kenyans and the Ethiopians, who took nine of the top 10 finishes in the race.

Kenya's world team took the gold

for the event while Ethiopia notched a second-place team finish and Uganda took third.

Novi's top harrier, as well as the state of Michigan's and the United States', won two U.S. national titles as well as a state title this season. Moore signed his intentions of running for the University of Notre Dame during his freshman year.

The Novi harrier had some of the best competition anywhere to run against when he took on the likes of Ethiopia's Gebre-egziabher Gebremariam, who took first in 23:18, and Kenya's Abel Cheruiyot, who was second with 23:19. Uganda's Boniface Kiprop was third in 23:38.

Gebreariam won the world title at the Leopardstown racecourse Sunday with just one shoe — which he lost at the beginning of the race. Gebremariam said that it took him a few kilometers to get used to the sensation of running with just one shoe — but it must not have changed the outcome of the race by much. Gebremariam's full name translates to Servant of God, Servant of Mary.

The Ethiopian harrier became the first runner from the southern province of Tigray to win a title on the global stage since 1980.

Kiprop won Uganda's first-ever individual world cross country medal with his third place, bronze medal-winning finish. Kiprop and the second-place finisher, Cheruiyot, both come from the same Kelenjin tribe that inhabits the Rift Valley.

Despite representing different countries in the World Championship run, the pair live only a few miles apart and are separated only by a border established in colonial times.

The nearest U.S. finisher to Moore was Yong-Sung Leal, who took 41st with 25:30, while William Nelson lead the Americans with a 33rd-place finish in a time of 25:18.

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Senior Forward Northville Mustangs

Jason Engelland, one of the leaders for the Northville Mustangs this season, collected 10 goals and 22 assists on his way to being named All-State Honorable Mention. Engelland, who was one of the Mustangs captains, was named to the All-Western Division in the WIAA as well.

Mike Kalil Senior Winger Lakeland

Kalil doesn't deke out defenders. He bowls through them. He doesn't stickhandle through traffic. He goes to the net and bangs home rebounds. Kalil was the one big guy on an otherwise small team, so he took a lot of abuse from bigger teams. In return, Kalil delivered more hits than Matt Drudge. Kalil scored five goals and added seven assists. But stats don't measure the impact Kalil makes on the ice.

Tom Riley

Senior Center Milford

One of just two seniors to complete the season on this year's struggling Milford team, Tom Riley was one of the few bright spots. Riley led Milford with seven goals and 16 points and played in every situation for Milford. Not the fastest of skaters and lacking a sniper's shot, Riley worked hard in the corners and went hard to the net to create scoring opportunities for a team which was outscored by a 2-1 margin over the season.

Collin Lindsay Sophomore Center Lakeland

When Lindsay touched the puck, good things happened. Lindsay led the Eagles in goals (12), assists (12), points (24) and plus/minus (18).

The smooth skating, rocket-firing center was Lakeland's one true offensive threat. Lindsay's great speed enables him to rush from end to end. He could stickhandle in a phone booth. He's got a cannon for a slapshot and he's got baby-soft hands around the net.

'Cats baseball looking good for '02

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi Wildcat baseball team hopes to pick up right where they left off last year, bringing back 14 seniors and coming off two consecutive KVC championships and district championships.

"They've all improved over the year," Novi head coach Rick Green said about the seniors work in the off-season.

Three juniors and one sophomore round out the rest of the roster. This year's head captain will be Mike Crawford, who will be the team's number two or three pitcher and play second base. The assistant captains on the team will be Matt Gorman, Jake Ray and Trey Simpson.

"I need to improve on my hitting. I had a problem with striking out last year," said Gorman, who will be playing center field.

Simpson will be catching for Novi. Last year he hit six home runs and knocked in 35 RBI's. Ray will play right field and back up Simpson behind the plate.

On the mound the Wildcats number one pitcher will be Brandon Davis. Last year he went 7-2 with an earned run

average of 0.79.

"He was key for us winning districts," Green said.

Dan Treharne will also be a crucial part of the Wildcats' pitching core. According to Green, Treharne looks like he has improved from last year.

"A big key will be how well Dan Treharne does for us this year," Green said.

The lone sophomore on the team, Mike Hart, will attempt to add some depth to Novi's pitching.

"I really liked his poise and intelligence," Green said. "He's a very mature sophomore and knows what he's doing on the mound."

Another of the few non-senior players that will be a big part of the team is Evan Rodriguez.

"He adds more strength," Green said about Rodriguez's presence.

The Wildcats will not rely on an extremely fast, overpowering pitching staff, yet on a quick, sure defense. According to Green, Novi's strength will be their defense and speed.

"We just throw strikes and play solid defense," he said.

On the flipside, the aspect of their game that the Wildcats will

need to work on the most will be their hitting.

"We need to work on being able to hit a top-notch pitcher," Green said. "We need to take pitchers deep into the count."

Besides the physical aspects of the game, Novi will also need to concentrate on the mental part of the game. Since Novi has 14 seniors, not letting the distractions of the final high school year bog the team down will be very important.

"We need to focus this year; there will be a lot of obstacles in the way," Green said.

According to Green, the team must be sure that events such as prom, senior skip day and senior parties don't get in the way of baseball.

"We just need to stay away from senioritis," he said.

The team will have opened up the season yesterday against Walled Lake Western for their first game of the year. After that the team looks to continue their success and bring home another KVC and district title.

"It's a good possibility," Green said of the team's chances.

Standing in the way of a KVC championship will be Novi's co-champion from last year,

Milford.

"I think it's between us and Milford," Green said.

Like Novi, Milford also has a good number of players returning from the previous year's squad.

"They have the same situation that we do with most of their juniors coming back as seniors," Gorman said.

Novi will also face tough competition from Howell, which Green says will be the "sleeper" this year.

Novi will also face tough competition from Canton who may be in their district. Looking deeper into the playoffs, Lake Orion will also be a challenge for Novi. Ultimately, Novi hopes their seniors will carry the team deep into the playoffs.

"We need to be focused on personal goals and team goals, team goals coming first," Green said. "My ultimate goal is to make it to the state championship."

Brian Doyle is an intern for the Northville Record, Novi News and the Lake Area Times. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Fundukian honored

John Fundukian, who has made major contributions to the interscholastic athletic community as a coach, administrator and game official, received the 2002 Charles E. Forsythe Award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association during halftime of the Class A boys' basketball final Saturday in East Lansing.

Fundukian retired as Novi Community Schools' athletic director in 2001, ending a 37-year career of service to educational athletics. He started as a teacher and coach and athletic director at Highland Park from 1964-71; which was followed by a stint at Walled Lake Community Schools from 1971-88, where he served as a teacher, a coach in two sports and eventually as district-wide athletic director his last four years. From 1988 until his retirement Fundukian was the athletic director at Novi.

As the Novi athletic director Fundukian presided over a period of unprecedented growth in the school district. The athletic program at Novi grew to a total of 54 teams at the varsity and subvarsity level in the high school and 19 teams at the middle school level. Fundukian eventually oversaw a program which had over 1,700 participants annually.

Fundukian also directed the upgrading of the athletic venue at Novi, which included the construction of a field house for basketball and track, soccer/lacrosse stadiums and renovations of many other facilities. Novi hosted over 250 MHSAA tournament events during Fundukian's tenure at the school.

On the statewide level Fundukian has been a speaker at numerous sportsmanship conferences; was on the original committee to develop

the MHSAA's Program of Athletic Coaches Education, where he has also served as a speaker; and made numerous presentations at Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association conferences. While working with MIAAA, he served on the committee to develop the publication, "Effective Elements of Athletic Administration;" and chaired a committee on the topic of Educational Athletics for that group. The MIAAA honored Fundukian as a Regional Athletic Director of the Year, and he has also received a State Award of Merit from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Fundukian is also a past president of the Oakland County Athletic Directors Association. As a track coach he was honored by the Detroit News as its Coach of the Year in 1970.

Fundukian's contributions to interscholastic athletics also include 25 years as a registered official. He is primarily a basketball, track and volleyball official, but he has also officiated cross country and swimming and diving meets and worked the MHSAA finals in cross country and track.

"There's a term in sports called 'the total package,' used to describe one so versatile and so strong in so many different areas," MHSAA executive director Jack Roberts said. "John Fundukian is the total package. He has successfully served high school sports in so many different ways, providing young people with quality experiences from his visible and behind the scenes work. John Fundukian is an excellent selection for the MHSAA's highest honor, the Forsythe Award."



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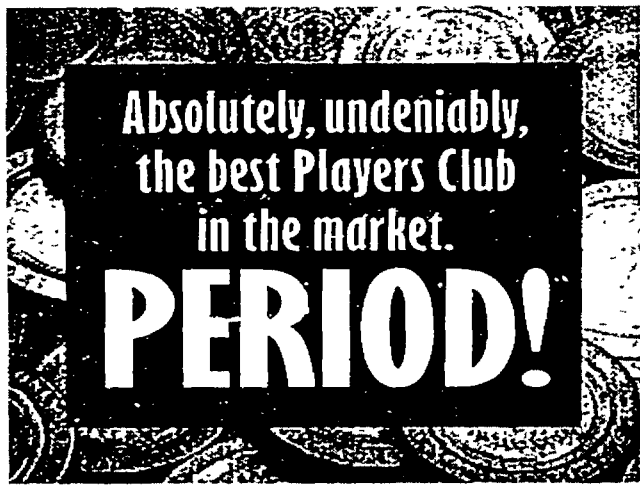


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By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

For the past 11 of 12 years, Walled Lake Central's softball team has been on top of their division. This year they hope to do the same. "We will be in the hunt," Walled Lake Central head coach Gordon Glennie said.

The team this year is led by junior captains Brittany Coram and Sara Stone along with senior captain Allison Summerhill. Summerhill is one of only three seniors on the team, and this will be her fourth year on the team. Coram will return to her starting position behind the plate, and Stone will be a returning starter also.

"They were selected on past performance and leadership abilities," Glennie said.

All three of those players have been on the varsity team since they were freshmen. The team's 14-member roster is made up of three seniors, eight juniors and three sophomores.

Last year, Walled Lake Central managed to go 25-8. Many of the players on that team were lost to graduation, including one very strong pitcher.

"Probably the hardest one to replace will be the pitcher," Glennie said.

However, two juniors that are currently on the varsity squad will try and step up, into that role. Tiffany Jorgensen and Renee Ritz both are pitchers that are on the varsity squad for the first time.

The team's strength this year will be their play in the field.

"We have very good defense," Glennie said.

According to Glennie, another key to the team's success this year will be to work hard. The team will also have to come together with unfamiliar teammates. Only six of the 14 players on the team are returning players.

"We must gel together as a unit," Glennie said.

The team had one of the most successful runs last year not only in their record, but in the team's dynamics.

"Last year's team was the closest I've ever had," said Glennie, who doesn't feel it will be a problem this year. "Once they become cohesive they're going to be fine."

The team opened up their season March 27 against Novi, after the Novi News went to press.

"Novi's always very competitive," Glennie said.

Inside their own conference, the Vikings will face tough competition, especially from North Farmington. The team has three main goals.

"Our first goal is to win our divi-

sion," Glennie said.

The team wants to continue their streak and win their 12th division title in 13 years. Their second goal is to win their conference.

"Goal number three is to win our district and go from there into the playoffs," Glennie said.

More important than those goals, the team has a commitment to academics which they want to uphold.

"Our team has been all-state academic for the last nine years," Glennie said.

The team hopes to extend that to 10 straight years. Glennie feels that the team's performance in the classroom is more important than anything that they could do on the field.

"Academics are key, more so than the athletics part of it," he said.

Glennie recognizes that during their high school experience what they take away from their education will be more important than the skills acquired in the game.

"You can be the very best athlete," he said, "and if you don't have an education you're going nowhere."

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Western wants something to show for team's talent

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western Warriors softball team isn't afraid of the elements or what Mother Nature may bring during a practice, and they are definitely not afraid of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Warriors, led by coach Ron Ripicky, will be looking to come into this season — which was meant to start Monday, but was postponed — being competitive in their league.

"Last year we did really well in our tournaments," Ripicky said. "We did well in all of the tournaments we played in and beat some of the teams that went to Battle Creek (for the state tournament). We just couldn't step up to play the teams in our league."

Ripicky noted that this season, he and the Warriors are going to be looking to change that.

"I had the girls go around and find the newest (softball) league trophy in the school," he said. "At least two of the girls were not

even born the last time we won the league title. We are hoping to be very competitive in the Western Lakes this season."

The Warriors may be able to do just that. Having graduated only three of his players — a center fielder, a second baseman and a designated hitter — Ripicky is confident his team will be able to overcome the losses.

"We have some players who will be able to fill those positions," he noted. "I am confident, on the defensive end, they will be able to play the positions just fine. The question is, how well are they going to be able to hit? I guess, after everything I have said, it all comes down to experience."

Experience is something the Warriors have plenty of. With players like Lauren Talbot and Kristen Burgess returning this season, the Walled Lake softball team has five seniors coming back this season and four of those have starting experience.

As for the league and the division, Ripicky thinks

Churchill, North, Farmington, Canton, Walled Lake Central and Northville are going to be the teams to watch out for.

"Those are probably the best teams in the league," he said. "There are not a whole lot of surprises because a lot of the teams are really good. Central graduates a ton of players every year and he still manages to be good over there."

The Warriors may have a lot of experience and some players that have started since they were freshman, but there is just one small problem.

"We don't have anything to show for it," Ripicky said. "There is nothing at the school to show how good these girls are. Our goal is to make it in the league this year and I think we have the horses to do it. This isn't just a pipe-dream."

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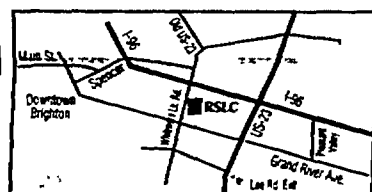
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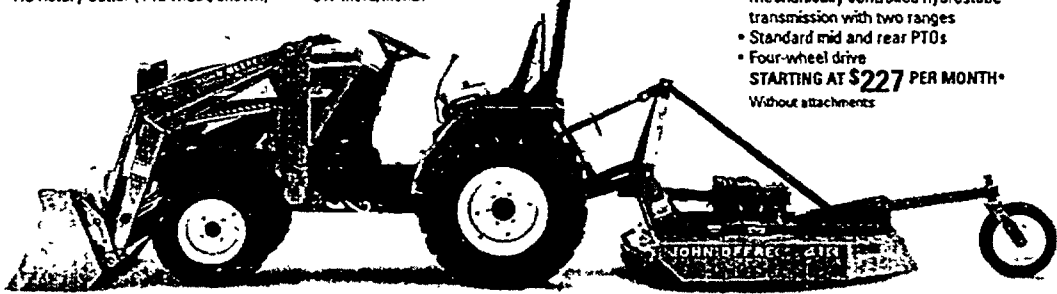
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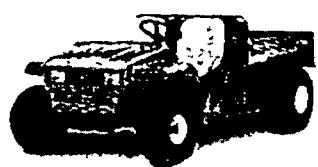
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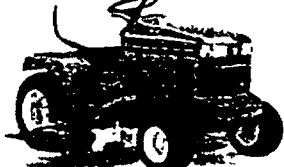
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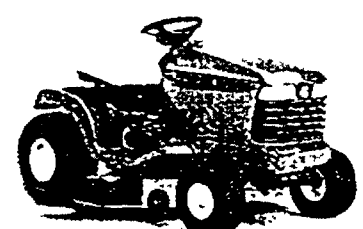
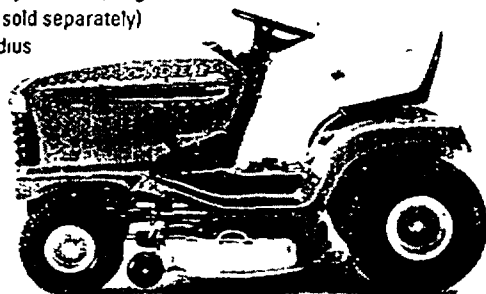
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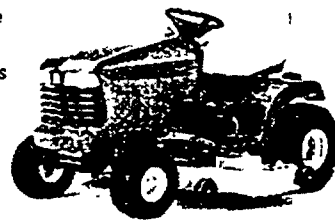
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Lauren Temple makes All-Area volleyball

By Sam Eggleston
and Steve Bell
SPORTS WRITERS

It is never easy to pick an All-Area team out of a group of schools with so much talent — but it has to be done. After weighing the options, the *Northville Record*, *Novi News*, *South Lyon Herald* and the *Milford Times* present this year's HomeTown East's All-Area Volleyball Team:

FIRST TEAM

Carmen Simkins
Senior
Setter
Novi Wildcats

Carmen Simkins played a massive role for the Wildcats this season. Not only did she collect 1,424 set attempts, but also 513 set assists, 71 service aces and an 89-percent serving percentage. Simkins helped lead her team to a second-place finish in the Kensington Valley Conference and just one game away from winning the district tournament. Novi coach Julie Fisette said that Simkins would be missed on a Novi program she greatly helped this season.

Katie Rademacher
Junior
Setter
WLC Vikings

The Walled Lake Central Vikings were one of the top teams in the area this season and went on to win their district before falling in

the first round of the regional this season. Junior Katie Rademacher was a huge part of the success. Rademacher was the only area player named to the All-Western Lakes Activities Association First Team.

Lauren Temple
Junior
Northville Mustangs

Lauren Temple made quite a name for herself this season, collecting an All-Western division selection for her hard work. Though the Mustangs had a tough season, Temple is a glimpse of where the future of this team is — in good hands.

Danielle Bongero
Senior
WLW Warriors

This proved to be a tough rebuilding season for the Walled Lake Western Warriors under the careful and patient guidance of coach Fritz Tallian. Senior Danielle Bongero was a big part of the success the Warriors managed to muster as she led the squad with 134 kills and a 95.5 service percentage. The 5-foot-6 senior collected 144 service points and was named to the All-Western squad in the WLAA.

Erica May
senior
outside hitter
Milford

May makes her third appearance on the all-area team, and it's well-earned. After past experi-

ences, teams tried to play away from her. When that happened, her teammates took advantage of the opportunities and Milford had its most successful season ever. And if that approach didn't work, well, May made them pay.

The senior led the Redskins in kills with 327 on a hitting percentage of .402. Her 111 blocks — 49 solo — were the most on the team. And it wasn't just at the net that May got the job done. She served for a team-high 54 aces and led Milford with 468 digs.

Jessica Petkus
sophomore
setter
Milford

Milford's KVC championship all started with Petkus. She broke all her school's single-season records, and has two more years to better them yet. She had 818 assists on 2,297 sets, an average of 9.74 assists per game. Petkus' service percentage of .957 was the best on the team, and she had 33 aces.

Leah Kastamo
senior
outside hitter
South Lyon

"I think most coaches would agree she was the number one outside hitter in the league," South Lyon coach Rich Lamb said of Leah Kastamo.

She had one of the most prolific seasons in school history, finishing the year with 397 kills, just 12 off Kellie Kern's school record. She

likely would have broken that record had she not missed a tournament.

Kastamo proved a versatile player.

"We also played her at middle hitter and on the right side, so teams couldn't key on her," Lamb said. "She's just one of those kids who finds a way to put the ball down. A lot of times she'd start with some big hits and get teams on their heels, then hit some nice easy shots."

"Leah was our emotional leader as well. When she had a good day we won."

SECOND TEAM

Angie Schmitt
Junior
Middle Blocker
Novi Wildcats

Junior Angie Schmitt is one of the players on the second-place KVC Wildcat team that shows how competitive this squad will be next season. Schmitt collected 133 kills and 65 blocks on her way to being one of the top players on the Novi team this season. The junior spiker collected 32 aces and an 84-percent serving percentage.

Kelsey Cross
Junior
Amy Rathsburg
Senior
WLC Vikings

These two players collected numerous points with the Walled Lake Central Vikings on their way to winning their district tourna-

ment before bowing out in the first round of the regional tourney. Both players are very competitive, and with one graduating this season, it frees up more room for the other to shine. Watch next season for Cross to be one of the top players in the WLAA, where both players were named to the All-Lakes team.

Whitney Fuelling
sophomore
outside hitter
Milford

Her coach often spoke of her potential, which is a scary thought for opponents given the novice's production this season. Fuelling used her wingspan and quick ups to make 202 kills and 24 solo blocks (47 total). She also had 20 service aces, 269 digs and the team's highest passing percentage — .788.

Kelly Eastwood
junior
outside hitter
Milford

Though maybe not as versatile as some of her teammates up front, Eastwood proved to be one of the biggest hitters in the league — the kind of player who could change the momentum of a match with one swing. She was second on the team with 255 kills and a hitting percentage of .330.

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UP NEXT FOR ALL-AREA

HomeTown East will be presenting the All-Area Boys Basketball team next week featuring players from Novi, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Central, Northville, South Lyon, Lakeland and Milford.

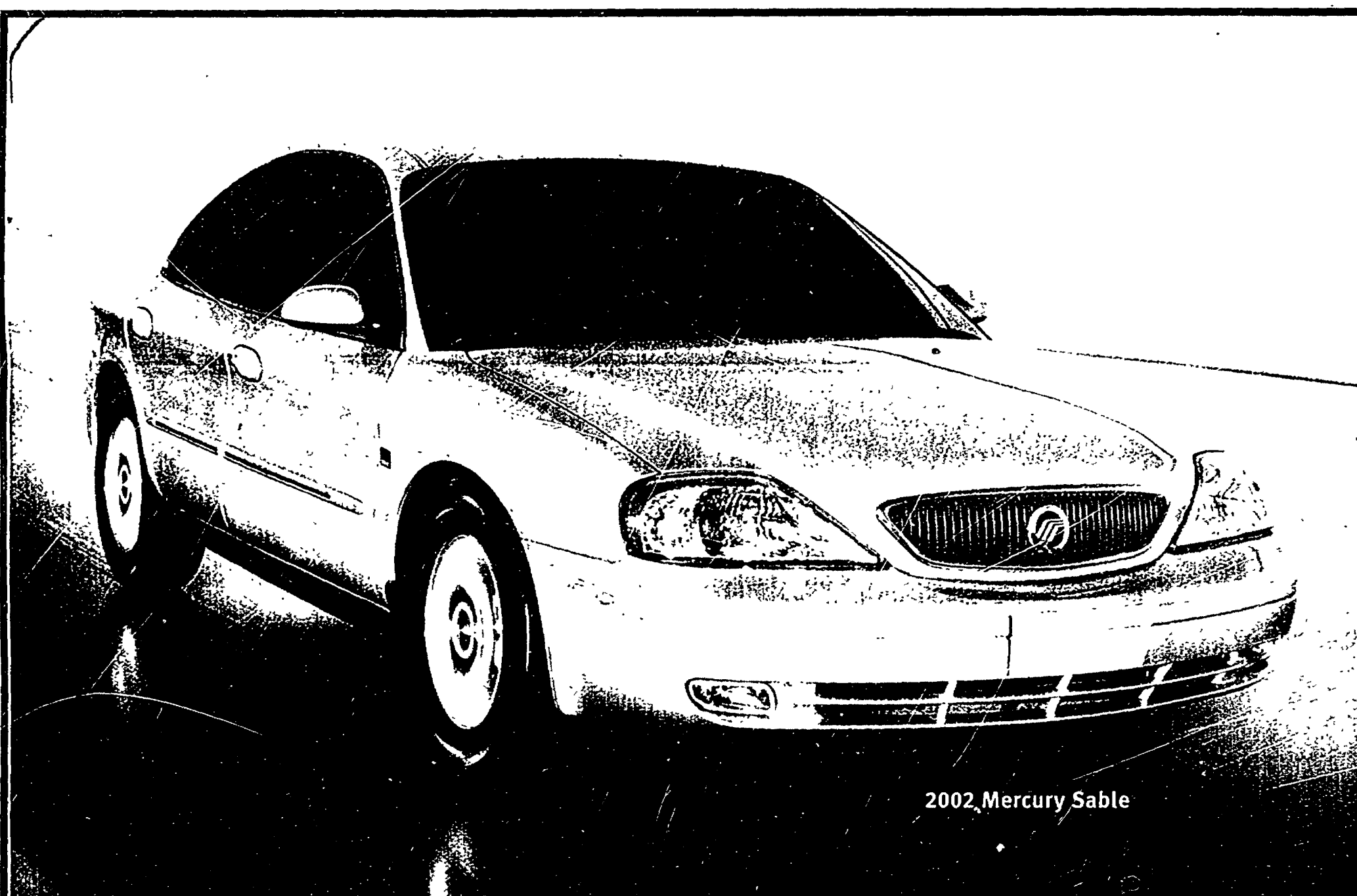
■ Will David Zeitlin and his amazing abilities at the point find him on the team?

■ Thom Knapp and his seven-foot frame — are they good enough?

■ Is there room enough for a sophomore like Brandon Cassise of the Walled Lake Central Vikings?

■ What does the All-Area team hold for players from the KVC? Who was the best of the best? Find out, in next week's sports section to see who is who out of the area's top basketball players.

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Clear the clutter

Simplify home or office using ancient principles of feng shui

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

Spring is a perfect time for a fresh start — it's the ideal time to clear out and reorganize, according to feng shui consultant Janelle Rafferty.

Eliminating clutter is the first step to getting organized and creating an environment harmonious with feng shui, Rafferty said.

"People don't realize the first step is to clear the clutter so you can start with a clean slate," she said. "When you symbolically clean out your space it helps you clear out your mind."

When the home and office are in chaos, the mind is too. The home should be a place for people to relax and renew their energy — a place that protects body and spirit, Rafferty said.

Sometimes people don't even notice our own clutter; it becomes part of the landscape, she said.

Instead of holding onto items that are no longer useful, Rafferty believes people should surround themselves with only those things they love.

According to Rafferty, clutter falls into several categories.

WHAT IS FENG SHUI?

■ Feng shui, which means wind and water, is the practice of creating balanced living and work environments through a blend of architecture, interior design and mathematics. The five elements of earth, air, water, wind and fire also come into play.

■ This ancient Chinese art has been around for centuries, but only in the past few years has it gained popularity in the west.

About 90 percent of people keep things that fall into the "just in case" category, she estimated. Holding onto old clothes just in case you lose weight or storing old textbooks just in case you need to look something up will cause clutter to accumulate.

"What we're doing when we're holding on to those things is we're not trusting that the future will provide for us," she said.

The cost of holding onto and storing extra clutter is estimated to be a whopping 47 percent of a mortgage, she pointed out.

The next category of clutter includes things that are untidy or disorganized, like a messy medicine cabinet. This also includes items without a

home. Find it a home, or throw it out, she advises.

Another problem is cramming too many things in a space that's too small. It's an automatic invitation for chaos, Rafferty said.

Buying a bigger home or renting storage space is not the answer — it's time to downsize. Ask yourself: Do you really need six pairs of sneakers?

Clutter also includes anything unfinished, like sewing projects or scrapbooks, Rafferty said. It's no wonder people feel discouraged and overwhelmed every time they see a project they invested money in and never got around to finishing.

Things that have connections to people, events or places of the past — like a



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momento of a failed marriage — sometimes have negative connotations and need to be removed, Rafferty said.

"Those items can drain you mentally, emotionally or physically, leaving you to feel stuck in the past," she said.

Clutter can reflect what is happening in a person's life. It can eventually become the source of the problem itself, according to Rafferty.

The more clutter a home has, the more stagnant ener-

gy it attracts to itself, having a snowball effect, she said.

Rafferty said most people find that by sorting out clutter, they begin to sort out their lives.

Once they've pared down, they start feeling better.

Keeping mentally and physically organized will actually free up a person's time and energy so they can accomplish more, Rafferty said.

For example, to keep her own life streamlined, Rafferty

says she spends about 15 minutes preparing for work the night before.

By being prepared and keeping things where she knows she can find them, she's found time to meditate and have a cup of tea when she wakes up so she can start the day refreshed. Instead of being "shocked into her day,"

Rafferty plans to offer feng shui seminars in the future. Call (248) 437-1287 for more information.

Janelle Rafferty, a feng shui consultant, gave this office a makeover.

(Above) Prior to the room redo, the office was cold and sterile. Rafferty made use of the desk drawers to store items from the top of the desk (below), clearing clutter and providing more room to actually work. She added a new, more comfortable chair, outdoor-inspired artwork and real and silk plants. Fragrant flowers like the gardenia simulate the sense of smell. To bring in more ambience, Rafferty added two desk lamps for extra warmth. "She has seen an increase in her productivity, sales and actually enjoys spending time in her office now," Rafferty said.

CLEARING CLUTTER

■ Walk through your home room-by-room and make a list of all the clutter you see. Tackle the smallest mess first, working up to the biggest.

■ Never move or throw out someone else's clutter — it's personal and confidential.

■ Use the "touch it once" theory to prevent clutter from building up. Mail, paperwork or dirty dishes work well with this approach.

■ Be careful below — basements shouldn't be a dumping ground. Once your home is decluttered, make sure the mess is really gone by taking it to the dumpster or donating it.

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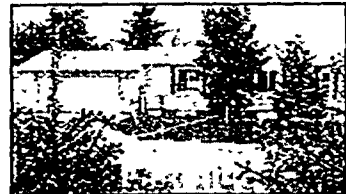
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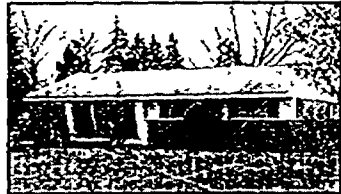
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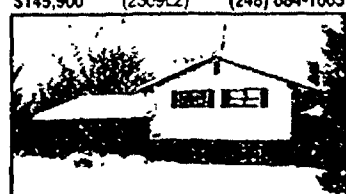
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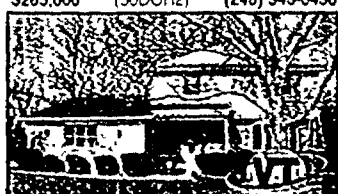
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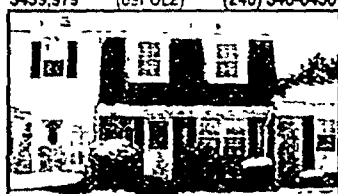
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Real Estate briefs

Livingston County Home Show coming

Just in time for the spring fix-up and construction season, the 2002 Livingston County Home Show comes to the Howell High School Fieldhouse.

The 39th annual Home Show will be Friday-Sunday, April 12-14 at the Howell High School Fieldhouse.

The heart of the show is the large exhibit area featuring 200 booths with the latest in home improvement, remodeling, decor and landscaping, offering one-stop shopping for home building and remodeling, decorating and interior design, landscaping, decking, plumbing, heating and cooling, kitchens, closets, garages and more.

The show has more than home improvement possibilities to tantalize visitors.

The very popular Taste of Livingston County on Saturday will tempt guests with samples from some of the finest restaurants, caterers and delis in the area.

The Livingston County Golf Show on Sunday features displays by area golf courses, special course packages and discounts, golf clinics and the latest in golf equipment.

A Fine Art Show will showcase the work of area artists and will run in conjunction with the Home Show throughout the weekend.

The Home Show is sponsored by the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus, WHMI 93.5, G-Graphics and Comcast.

The Home Show will be open 5-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and free for children and students. Parking is free.

Parade of Homes runs through April 21

The 12th annual Parade of Homes, a scattered site open house of new model homes is on now. Model homes include condominiums and single family homes priced from \$120,000-\$3,300,000.

A Parade of Homes plan book containing renderings of 99 participating homes, features and location maps for all homes is available at Standard Federal bank offices and at the model homes. The information is also available online at www.builders.org.

The Parade of Homes will run through April 21 to give people time to see the models. Building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories before the show opens. Judging will be based on the design, architecture, special features of the home and value for the price.

Home Depot offers free clinics

The Home Depot offers free how-to clinics every week for do-it-yourselfers. During March, five topics will be explored. Ceramic tile will be the topic at 7 p.m. every Tuesday of the month.

How to install laminate flooring will be discussed at 7 p.m. each Thursday.

Lawn Care will be the topic at 11 a.m. each Saturday.

Ceiling fans will be discussed at noon each Saturday.

Or, learn how to build a deck at 11 a.m. each Sunday.

Clinics last approximately 30-45 minutes and are taught by experienced Home Depot associates who cover step-by-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects. For more information on the clinics, contact your local Home Depot.

Take baby steps when adding for child

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. As much as I hate to face it, our new baby is going to have to live in a closet! It's the only possible space left unless we double him/her up with our 3-year-old, which we don't want to do — in the worst way. What we are planning is to install sliding doors to close off the window end of the walk-in closet a previous owner built in an alcove off the master bedroom. My mother-in-law was aghast when I mentioned our plan, but I convinced her we can make it nice for the baby. My nervous question to you: How?

A. By thinking small ... at least, in the beginning. Your Little Darling won't need much in the way of actual furniture: a crib and a changing table should about do it. Oh, and a comfortable chair for adult visitors and care-givers, plus a rug for nap-time quiet, and a wall sconce or standing lamp to read bedtime stories by a few months down the pike. Otherwise, furnish your mini-nursery with color and pattern.

Psychologists favor the brights — the better to stimulate Baby's eyes, brain and emotional development, they say. But many parents are partial to pastels, so here's a photo that shows how soft colors can sweeten small spaces without cloying.

The interplay of petite patterns does the trick. There are four altogether, from the "Growing up With Waverly" collection, blended gently though the use of mutual colors. Two wallpaper patterns, divided by a high-hung border, enliven the tiny

wall space and emphasize the small window. And don't miss the just-for-fun mixture of fabrics on the down-sealed chair, a quiet riot of checks and florals.

It may not be large in size, but I think your next-born would find such a little room hugely charming. Ditto for the mother-in-law.

Bamboo floors

Q. A while back you wrote something about floors made of bamboo. I was interested — we are redoing our enclosed sun porch and I'd love an island theme — but my husband is pooh-pooing the idea. He says bamboo is just big grass and couldn't wear as well as tiles or hardwood on the floor.

A. Your husband is half-right — technically, bamboo is indeed a grass, but hardly your garden variety. According to one major manufacturer (Smith & Fong Co., San Francisco), the process from plant to home turns bamboo into flooring that offers the same durability as the hardwoods we Westerners are used to.

That is, bamboo tests out as hard as red oak, reports the National Wood Floor Association, and is resistant to both abrasion and staining.

Bamboo boosters also point out that the flooring can be sanded and refinished, just like other woods, can be installed (glued, nailed, or floated) just like other woods, and is stable underfoot.

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Think small when planning a room for baby.

Restore wood kitchen cabinets in a flash

Assuming that it is real wood, not a laminate or something less than real wood, and if the areas that are worn are relatively small, it is very possible you can spot refinish with success.

It would be best to begin this project by cleaning dirt and surface grime from all of the cabinets with a recommended commercial wood cleaner such as the type used on wood flooring or fine furniture. Remove the doors and hardware from panels you are going to work on. When working on small areas, don't try to blend it by sanding an enlarged area around it. You'll just wind up with a bigger area where you need to match the old and new stains and finishes.

It would be best to use bronze wool to remove the remaining finish coating in the areas that show wear, unless there is enough of the finish coat remaining that it requires light sanding for removal. Once the bare wood has been exposed, you will need to stain the area to match the surrounding surface. There are excellent felt-tip furniture touch-up markers on the market today that may do the job. But if the area is very large you will be better off using a regular wood stain.

Choosing the right color can be tricky: try out various colors on a piece of scrap wood of the same type as your cabinets. Another method is to sand and test stain pigments on

an area inside the door that won't show. Finding a stain to match the existing surface generally requires mixing different color stains.

Buy two or three cans of stain that are close to the color of your cabinets and start experimenting. Check for a match while the stain is still wet, because this will be close to the color of the stain once you apply the top coat of polyurethane. If the color isn't quite right, alter it by mixing in lighter or darker stain. Mix only oil-based with oil-based and latex (water-based) with latex. Try to stay with a product that has the same base as the existing finish.

Once you have the color match

right, try for a polyurethane match. It helps if you know what type of urethane was used originally as each type may give subtle differences in appearance. And note whether your current cabinets have a gloss, satin or matte finish. Try a little of several different finishes on your color-matched scrap piece and see which matches the best. Typically you will need to apply two or three thin coats to build up the repaired surface to match the surrounding area. Feather the new finish coats into the old finish to prevent lap marks. You may want to complete the job by applying a commercial finish restorer.

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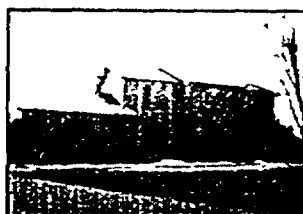
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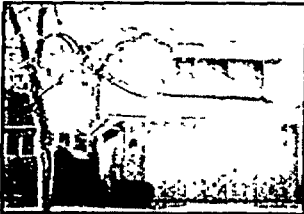
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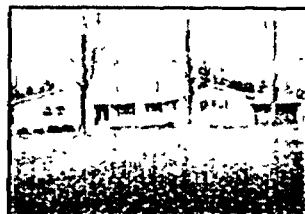
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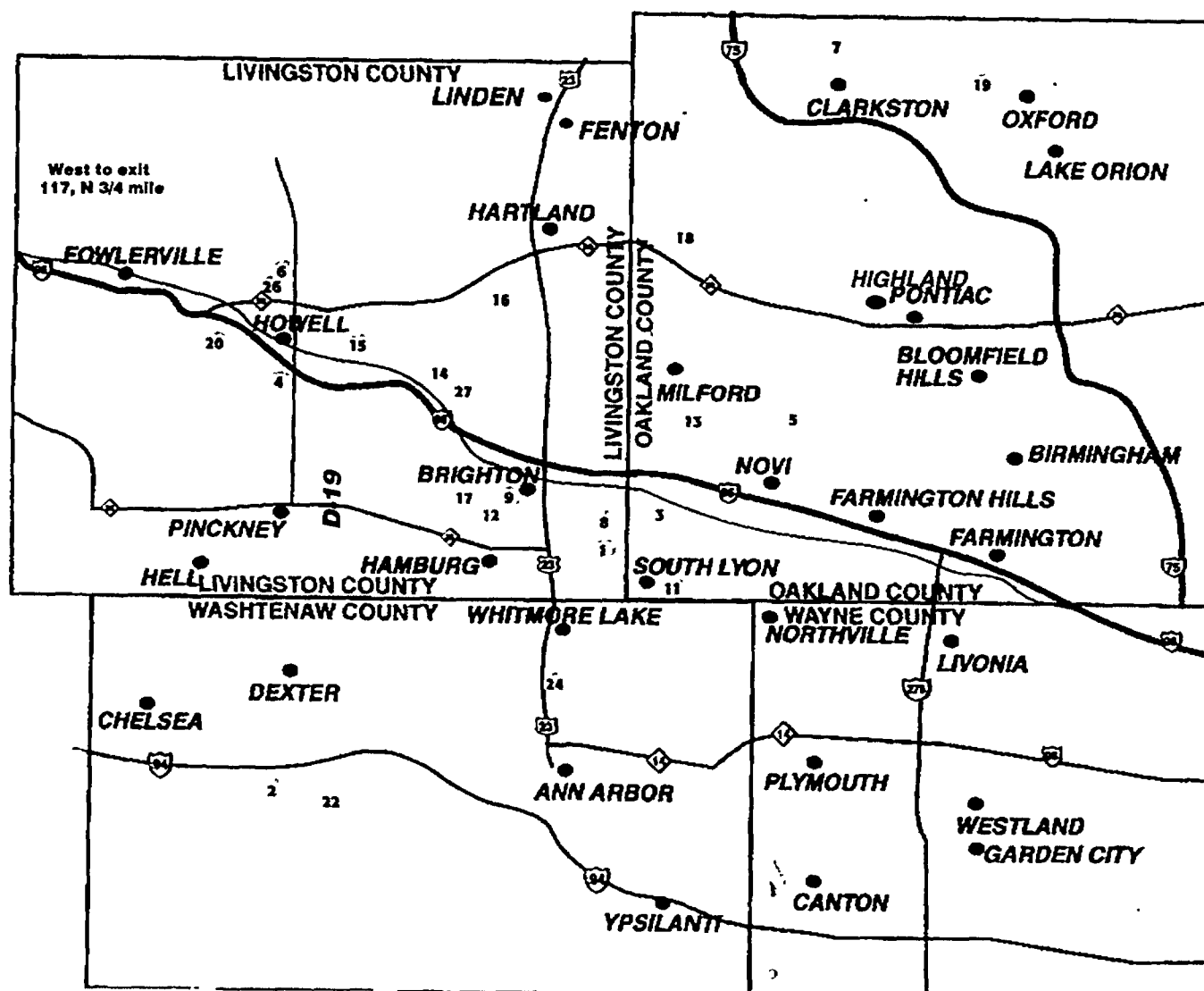
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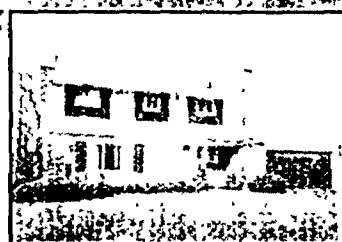
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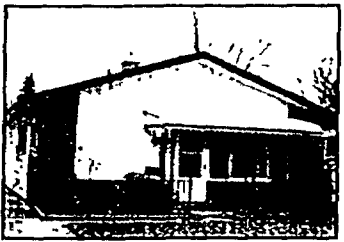
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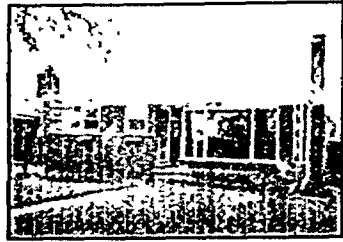
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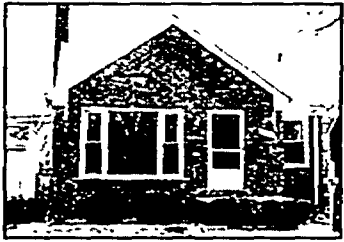
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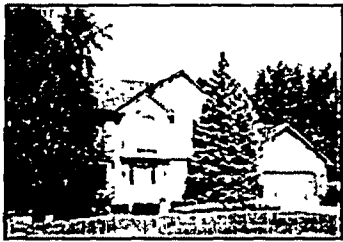
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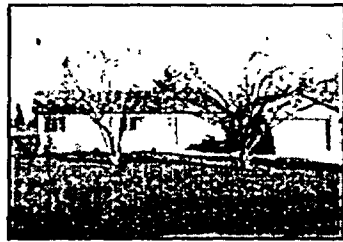
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NORTHVILLE - Lakes of Northville. 4BR, 2.5BA Colonial w/bsmt. Backs to woods. Northville Schools. Newer A/C, humid., sump, patio, landscaping. Total remodeled MBA. All new interior wood doors, refin. hwd. floors. 2 car att. garage. \$310,000 (28WAT) 248-349-5600



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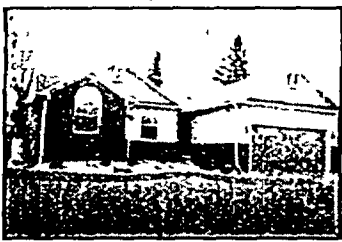
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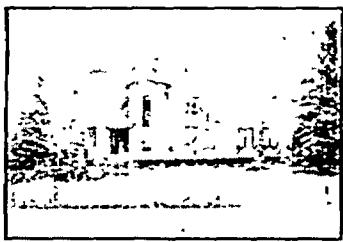
FARMINGTON HILLS - Just take a look! 3BR, 2.5BA brick & wood Colonial w/2C att. garage on sub commons lot (park). Part. fin. bsmt. Updated roof, furnace, C/A, humidifier & newer water tank. Newer windows. \$257,900 (43LAK) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Move in condition! 3BR, 1.5BA brick Ranch. LR w/refin. hwd. flrs. Kitchen w/oak cabs., sink, counter, pantry & appliances. Kitchen opens to DR w/nat. fpl. Siding being redone by 4-15-02. \$197,500 (60ORA) 734-455-5600



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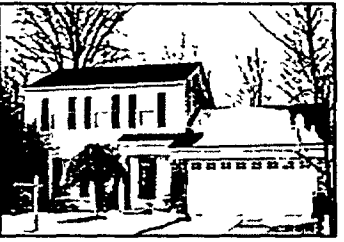
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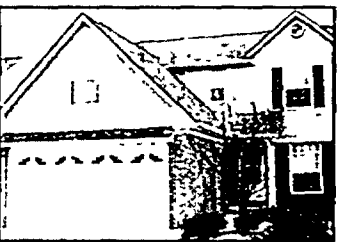
NOVI - Contemporary Condo. Bright & sunny 2BR, 2.5BA w/MBR BA & private deck. Formal DR, eat-in kitchen, FR w/FP (gas). Neutral T/O. Ceramic tile in foyer, kitchen & baths. Bsmt. part. fin. Garage, new roof (10-01). Private patio off FR & private deck. \$177,900 (60COU) 248-349-5600



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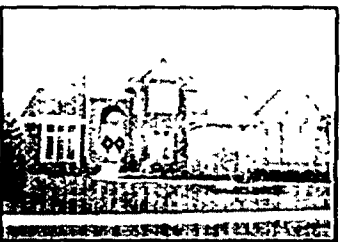
WESTLAND - Former model! 3BR, 2.5BA Colonial (possible 4th BR). Very clean w/neutral decor. Livonia Schools & great location! Upgraded windows & nice deck. Appliances included! Finished basement. \$225,000 (79MEG) 734-455-5600



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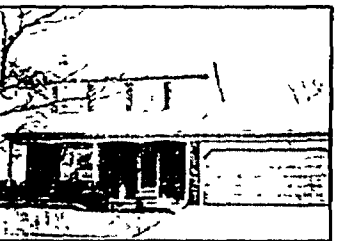
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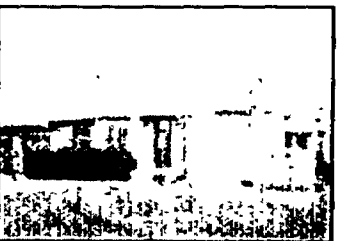
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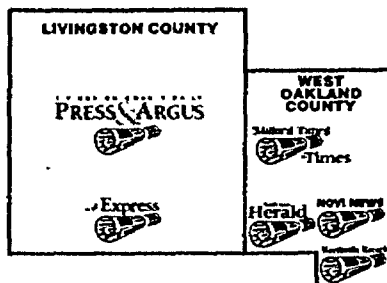
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ing to be "discovered."

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A surprise mes-
sage from someone in your past could lead to a
long-awaited reunion with a once-close friend.
Also, look for a workplace problem to be resolved
in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your self-confi-
dence is rising, and that should be a significant
factor in helping you adjust to a new social situa-
tion, as well as adjusting to a series of changes
in the workplace.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Turnabout
could be lots of fun when someone who previ-
ously accepted your tender, loving care without
question now suggests that he or she wants to
start taking care of you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Put the lessons
you learned from past disappointments to work
in planning your future. The way ahead opens to
opportunities "purrfectly" suited to the adven-
turous Lion.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a
good time to renew contacts with family mem-
bers and/or old friends who somehow slipped off
your personal viewing screen in recent years.
Travel is also favored.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Most
problems surrounding that recent personal situa-
tion have been resolved, and that means you

should move on to other things that are impor-
tant to you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Spend
this weekend recharging your physical and spiri-
tual energies. When you return to your worka-
day world, you'll be ready to take on that new
project.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Be careful how you advise a troubled friend.
Even your wise counsel could be misunderstood.
Better to suggest that he or she seek profession-
al help.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Family problems once again dominate and, once
again, everyone seeks your guidance in these
matters. Later, you can indulge in some much-
needed relaxation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some
mixed signals create confusion in the workplace.
Best advice: Ask for explanations before you
attempt to deal with any of these matters on
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2002 TAURUS SE

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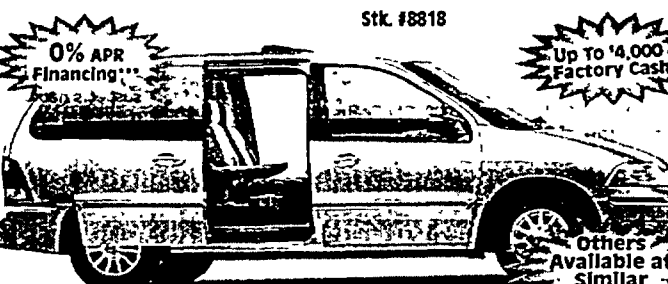
PLAN	36 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	36 Mo. Lease
A	\$187*	\$217*
Z		
A	M.S.R.P. \$20,070	SAVE
Z	PURCHASE \$15,790**	\$4,280
	NO ADDITIONAL DESTINATION CHARGE = \$625 VALUE	



2002 TAURUS SES

• 3.0 L V6 engine, auto trans, power windows/locks, air conditioning, CD player, alloy wheels, remote keyless entry, no charge power moon roof

PLAN	36 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	36 Mo. Lease
A	\$197*	\$227*
Z		
A	M.S.R.P. \$21,200	SAVE
Z	PURCHASE \$16,773**	\$4,427
	NO ADDITIONAL DESTINATION CHARGE = \$625 VALUE	



2002 WINDSTAR SE

• 3.8 L V6 engine, auto trans, pwr windows/locks, remote keyless entry, air conditioning, CD player, dual rear doors, electronics group, privacy glass, luggage rack, five star crash rating

PLAN	36 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	36 Mo. Lease
A	\$231*	\$274*
Z		
A	M.S.R.P. \$29,765	SAVE
Z	PURCHASE \$23,507**	\$6,258
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4.0 L V6 engine, 5 speed automatic transmission, pwr windows/locks, air conditioning, sliding rear window, flareside box, dual media audio system, 4 wheel ABS, 4.10 L/S rear axle

PLAN	36 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	36 Mo. Lease
A	\$184*	\$230*
Z		
A	M.S.R.P. \$24,475	SAVE
Z	PURCHASE \$18,294**	\$6,181
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• 4.2 L V6 Engine, auto transmission, XLT trim, pwr windows/locks, air conditioning, CD player, sliding rear window, trailer tow, LS axle

PLAN	24 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	24 Mo. Lease
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Z		
A	M.S.R.P. \$26,615	SAVE
Z	PURCHASE \$19,353**	\$7,262
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PLAN	36 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	36 Mo. Lease
A	\$229*	\$297*
Z		
A	M.S.R.P. \$31,610	SAVE
Z	PURCHASE \$23,612**	\$7,998
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2002 EXPLORER SPORT 4X2

4.0 L engine, auto trans, air conditioning, pwr windows/locks, remote keyless entry, premium sport group, comfort group, pwr driver seat, pwr mirrors

PLAN	36 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	36 Mo. Lease
A	\$247*	\$292*
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A	M.S.R.P. \$25,440	SAVE
Z	PURCHASE \$19,703**	\$5,737
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4.0 L V6 engine, auto trans, air conditioning, pwr windows/locks, CD player, remote keyless entry, premium sport group, side step bars, aluminum wheels

PLAN	36 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	36 Mo. Lease
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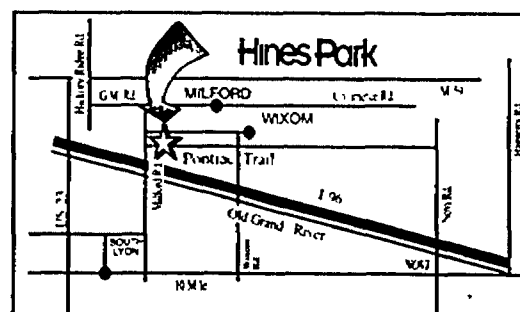
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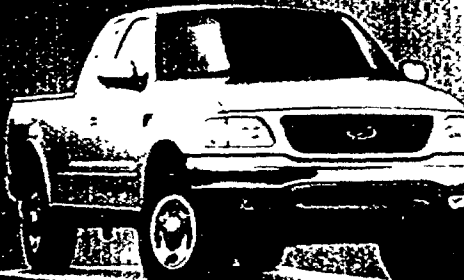
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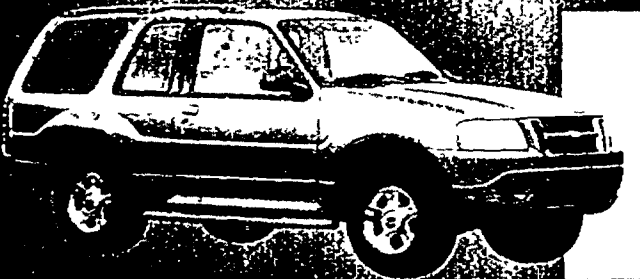
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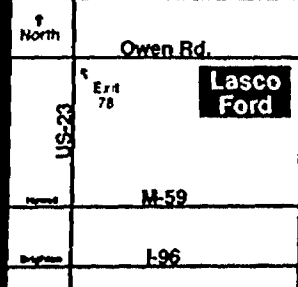
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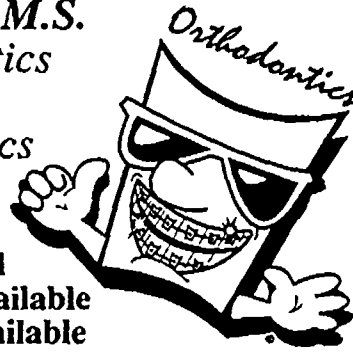
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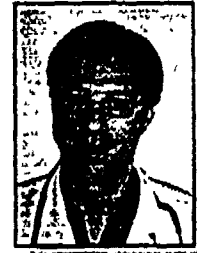
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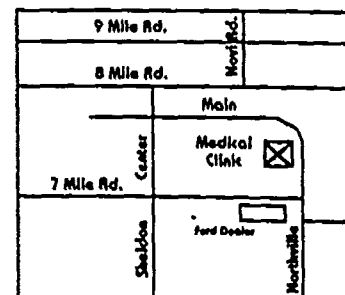
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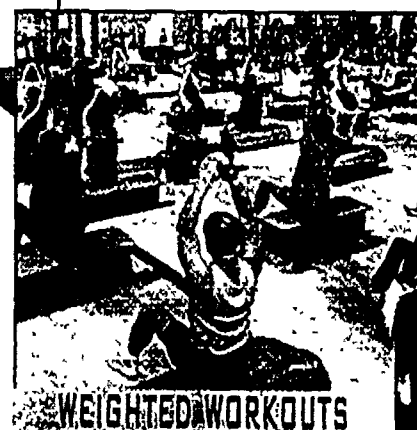
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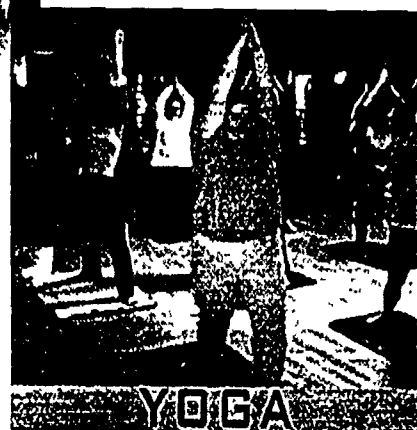
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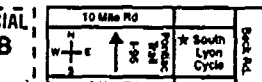
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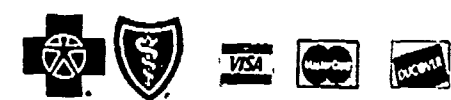
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Dying to be thin

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The staff with St. Francis' Eating Disorders Program includes dietitians, registered nurses, occupational therapists, psychotherapists, psychologists, a psychiatrist and an intern. The program provides comprehensive services for individuals with anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and other eating disorders.

In the two weeks before Chloe began intensive therapy, she continued to lose weight. When she began full-day therapy, Chloe weighed just 93 3/4 pounds, according to Fix-Griffin.

Being a "guy," Dan admits when he was first confronted with the news his daughter had an eating disorder, he became defensive with his wife.

"I said, 'How do you know?' But I realized something was wrong. Her legs were like this," he said, putting his index finger and thumb together to make a circle the size of half dollar. "If she had lost five or six more pounds, she could have been fatal. When she was at her worst, she could hardly walk.

"I never knew anyone with an eating disorder — never even heard of anyone except Karen Carpenter," Dan said, referring to the 1970s pop music star who died in 1983 at the age of 32. Carpenter died of heart failure caused by anorexia nervosa, a disease the singer and songwriter struggled with for years.

"I had no concept of what 'eating disorder' meant," said Dan.

Talking about it now brings tears to Mary's eyes.

"She had this shallow look dead eyes. No expression on her face," Mary recalls. "When her friend called, she said, 'I think it's gone too far. I think she's gotten out of hand with her dieting.' I just felt something was wrong."

For Chloe, "I was in denial." She was more than prepared at 104 pounds to adjust her goal to 95 pounds, and from there, she says it would have been 85 pounds.

"That was my goal, 85 pounds. My think-

ing was so messed up. I would have gotten to 85, then it would have been 75," Chloe said. "I met my first goal (the first 10 pounds), but it wasn't good enough. I just thought if I could do it gradually, I could lose whatever weight I wanted."

"The goal just becomes the most important thing to these girls," Fix-Griffin explained. "Most girls her age don't even need to be thinking of dieting."

There are some normal developmental changes teen-agers need to be aware of, she said.

— From age 10 to 17, boys have an average weight increase of 70 pounds, accounting for 51 percent of their adult weight.

— During that same age span, girls have an average weight gain of 53 pounds, accounting for 42 percent of their adult weight.

— After adolescence, girls have almost twice as much body fat as boys.

— Girls with normal physical activity need 2,200 to 2,400 calories a day. If they're athletic, the daily energy intake should be increased.

— Boys need 2,700 to 3,000 calories a day.

At 110 pounds, a girl who eats 500 calories less than what her body needs can stop growing even if her protein intake is adequate, Fix-Griffin said.

"You really recognize the importance of education. Most of these kids don't know the reality of development," she said. "A teen-age girl's body fat nearly doubles during puberty. That's supposed to happen so hormones can begin working. But if no one ever tells them that, if they're not educated about these developmental changes, then they just think they're getting fat."

"For girls who diet while their body is developing during its growth period, they can delay the onset of puberty," Fix-Griffin said. This can lead to long-lasting bone deficiency, a decline in stature, arrest of breast development and a cease in menstruation.

"Some of them don't care. Some don't want breasts or periods. They're basically rejecting what it is to be female," she said.

At age 13, Chloe is not the youngest patient Fix-Griffin has seen through St.

Francis' Eating Disorders Program.

"The youngest we've seen is 9 and 10. Unfortunately, that's pretty common. I think if things keep going the way they are (in society), we're going to see them younger," she said.

And not every situation is the same. Most people with an eating disorder are at a weight that is considered normal range for them, Fix-Griffin said. "It's a common misnomer."

Chloe, however, "had a pretty rapid loss. That isn't really typical. It happens, but usually it just doesn't quite go that fast," Fix-Griffin said. "I think that's why it was so hard for (her parents) to know what to do... They were just sort of shocked."

During her treatment, Chloe attended the program at St. Francis from 7:15 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. It was there she realized the severity of her problem.

"During treatment you talked about what you're going through. I realized I had a problem and needed to work on it," she said.

She was started on a 1,200-calories-a-day eating schedule. It was "normal foods" like scrambled eggs, cereal, 2 percent milk, yogurt, and bagel or muffin with butter or margarine and juice for breakfast.

"It was like really overwhelming at first — that first breakfast was hard," Chloe said. "I felt guilty for eating, and I felt guilty for not eating. My parents were sending me here, and I was supposed to be getting better." When she was released from all-day treatment, Chloe was eating between 2,500 and 3,200 calories a day.

Four weeks of intensive all-day treatment, with three scheduled meals and snacks, family meals, and therapy sessions and family counseling resulted in a weight gain that has Chloe at about 105 pounds today. She's not told her weight when weighed during therapy sessions every two weeks or so.

She struggles with the "what if it happens again," as do her parents.

But Chloe's prognosis is good.

"A lot of times when they're younger, their prognosis is better," Fix-Griffin said. "My sense is she did better through the treatment than expected. It was hard for her

to eat at the beginning, but once she regulated her eating, she held to it."

It's an eating schedule Chloe sticks to at home. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and healthy snacks. In addition, she continues to see Fix-Griffin every two weeks or so.

"I think I have it pretty much under control now," she said. "I keep myself busy and don't worry about fat, calories and the scale." (There is no longer one in the house.)

Her mother just remembers what her oldest child looked like before receiving professional help.

"It scared me to death; it still does," Mary said. "I just remember what she looked like — she looked like a walking dead person, a concentration camp survivor." And Mary continues to struggle with understanding how and why all this happened.

"Here I was her mother and I couldn't get her to eat. But they (therapists) did, and I'm thankful for that," she said. "(Eating disorders) are something a lot of people don't understand. I had a family member say to me, 'Just sit her at the table and don't let her up until she eats.' It's not that simple."

Media images don't help, she says. "You pick up any of these magazines girls her age read and it's 'cool' to be a size 0," she said. "When you're young, you don't think about the future and what your actions today may mean later."

Fix-Griffin said the real struggle has just begun.

"She will continue to need structured eating. Six months to a year after treatment is when they have their greatest chance of relapse," she said. "Their body image doesn't improve a bit for quite a while. That's the last thing to change. Until their self is repaired more, their body image isn't going to be very good."

"She's probably still concerned. She's afraid she might lose control," Fix-Griffin said.

That's exactly why, Chloe admits, she needs the structure of three meals and snacks a day.

"I never thought this would happen to me," Chloe said. "Now, I'm like, 'How can you not eat?' You have to eat."

shape as an indicator about the person's value or personality. Phrases like "fat slob," "pig out," and "thunder thighs" should be discouraged.

6. Help your child develop interests and skills that have nothing to do with appearance.

7. Teach your child the dangers of trying to alter body shape through dieting; the value of moderate exercise for health; and the importance of eating a variety of nutritious foods. Avoid dichotomizing foods into "good/safe/low-fat" vs. "bad/dangerous/fattening."

8. Encourage your child to be active. And do not put your child on a diet or exercise routine unless verified and approved by a doctor.

9. Limit TV time, and watch with them to discuss images of females presented. Do the same with fashion magazines.

10. Make family meals relaxed and friendly. Refrain from commenting on a child's eating, resolving family conflicts at the table, and using food as either punishment or reward.

5. Encourage your child to ignore body

Take Heart

Staying healthy despite the odds against you

By Tony Cappasso

Copley News Service

If you are male, you are at greater risk of a heart attack. That's a fact, researchers say.

Your family history also may increase your risk of heart attack, especially if fathers or grandfathers had heart attacks relatively early in life.

You can't pick new parents and you can't fight genetics. But you can change other risk factors that can lead to heart attack. Here's how:

— **Change your diet.** Focus on lean meats and lots of fresh fruits and vegetables. Cut back on high-fat foods such as butter.

— **Know your numbers.** You should know your cholesterol numbers. The American Heart Association says total cholesterol should be below 200 milligrams per deciliter of blood. You also should know the levels of low-density lipoprotein or LDL (that's the bad cholesterol that ends up on the inside of your heart arteries) and high-density lipoprotein or HDL, which helps rid your body of the bad stuff. A desirable HDL level is 35 milligrams per deciliter of blood or higher.

— **Exercise.** That doesn't mean the kind of gut-busting physical training you need for the Marine Corps. It means regular exercise that you can integrate into every day that gets your pulse in the training range and keeps it there for 20 to 40 minutes.

Recent research shows that even an hour a day walking at a normal pace can have a heart-protective effect. In one study, for example, volunteers who walked as little as one hour per week, even at a gentle pace, had about half the heart attack risk of people who did no exercising. Federal guidelines recommend at least 30 minutes of brisk walking each day as a minimum for lowering heart attack risk.

For more on this, go to the Web site of

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and select the physical activity and health summary page at <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/sgr/summ.htm>.

— **If you smoke, quit.** Cigarette smoking is one of the major villains in heart disease, experts say. A recent study showed that patients who smoked shortly before they had a heart attack had larger clots blocking their heart arteries than did those who hadn't smoked.

The results come from the same researchers who last year showed that eating a large, heavy meal raises the risk of a heart attack during the next two hours. Dr. Murray A. Mittleman, director of cardiovascular epidemiology at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston, told the San Antonio Express-News evidence is growing that cigarettes can trigger heart attacks as well.

"So now we know not only that smoking chronically increases your risk, but this seems to show that there is also an abrupt short-term risk with each cigarette smoked," said Mittleman, who headed the study.

"That's an important implication for people who are thinking about quitting. What this implies is that if you quit smoking, there should be a health benefit in the very short term," he said.

Lipoproteins carry cholesterol through body

By Tony Cappasso

Copley News Service

Cholesterol is a waxy substance produced by the liver and also found in animal products such as meat, poultry, dairy products and eggs. The body uses cholesterol to make some components of cells, such as cell membranes and to produce certain substances such as some hormones.

Since cholesterol won't dissolve in blood, it is transported around the body by special molecules called "lipoproteins." Low-density lipoprotein, or LDL, is associated with higher risk of heart attack and is thought to cause cholesterol to be deposited on the walls of arteries as "plaque." When a plaque becomes large

enough in a heart artery it can lead to a heart attack.

"High-density lipoprotein" or HDL, is associated with a lowered risk of heart attack. Scientists believe that's because it carries cholesterol back to the liver where it is broken down and eliminated from the body.

There is another kind of lipoprotein that doctors have labeled Lipoprotein A. It seems to be implicated in heart disease that develops very early in life.

Cholesterol guidelines released last week by the National Cholesterol Education Program set new lower levels of LDL and total cholesterol and new higher levels of HDL to help prevent heart disease.



Research shows that men are more likely candidates for heart attacks than women, but there are plenty of ways to reduce your risk. If you smoke, quit. Cigarette smoking is one of the major villains in heart disease, experts say.

10 ways parents can help prevent eating disorders

By Lisa Coon
Copley News Service

"We in America have got so far out of the way of womanhood that has any vigor or opulence of physical proportion, that when we see a woman made as a woman ought to be, she strikes us as a monster."

It's possible the above statement was made just last week, since we, as a society, have become so infatuated with the idea of the perfect body and our collective strive to be thin. So infatuated that anyone — man or woman, girl or boy, actually — with a proportioned body with curves and roundness is looked upon differently.

In actuality, the statement was made in 1830 by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Sadly, something said 170 years ago is just as relevant today when it comes to weight and body image.

Today, an estimated 8 million Americans — at least 1 million are teen-agers — suffer from an eating disorder.

According to experts, there are behavior-related signs parents can look for that may

signal their child is struggling with an eating disorders.

"If you notice them weighing themselves a lot, you should be concerned," said Lisa Fix-Griffin, a psychotherapist and certified eating disorder specialist with OSF Saint Francis Medical Center's Eating Disorders Program. "People don't really need scales. If they have scales, they should get rid of them because they're worthless."

Parents also should be aware if a child suddenly decides to become a vegetarian.

"It can be a really high risk at any age, depending on their reasoning," she said. "What they do is take meat out of their diet, but they don't adapt their diet by adding back the missing proteins and such."

Other signs may include a swing in moods, making excuses not to eat with the family and talking about feeling guilty when they eat something.

"It's like we're making food a moral issue associated with guilt," Fix-Griffin said.

According to the National Eating Disorders Organization, here are 10 things a par-

ent can do to help prevent eating disorders in their children:

1. Avoid conveying an attitude about yourself or your child that proclaims you'd like them more if they lost weight, ate less, wore a smaller size or ate only "good" foods.

2. Educate yourself and your child about the genetic basis of differences in body shapes and weight, in addition to discussing the ugliness of prejudice. Make certain your child understands weight gain is normal and a necessary part of development during puberty.

3. Practice taking people, especially females, seriously for what they say, feel and do and not for how they look.

4. Scrutinize your child's school for posters, books, contests, etc., which endorse the cultural ideal of thinness. Look also to make sure the school includes images of successful females in the curriculum, otherwise girls are left with media definitions of thinness as a primary means of female success.

5. Encourage your child to ignore body

Getting to the 'Core' of the matter

By Heather McNamara

MPT, NSCA-CPT

Want to ride your bike or work in the garden but dread the muscle and back pain you feel afterward? Dying to stick that landing on your wakeboard, or improve your 5k time? How about keeping up with the kids on the slopes this winter? Maybe you just want to climb a flight of stairs or carry in the groceries without getting winded. All these activities can become easier with improved core strength.

What is core strength? Put simply it is the strength of torso, or "core" muscles. Core muscles consist of much

more than just abdominal muscles, and muscles around our shoulder blades and neck. In addition, muscles along the spine are also part of the "core." Improved strength in these areas will improve fitness by improving posture, balance, and respiration.

Exercise to improve core strength has been used by therapists for decades to improve function. Similarly, trainers and coaches know the benefits of improving core strength of elite athletes, they work with. Sprinters, basketball players, and ballerinas alike all need more than just strong arms and legs to be successful and remain injury free. The same core strengthening principles

used to improve function and obtain elite levels of athletic performance can benefit all of us trying to remain fit and active.

So how do we strengthen our all-important core muscles? Abdominal exercises such as crunches and sit-ups (done correctly) are a good start. However, doing endless crunches at the end of a workout is not enough. Sit-ups and crunches target muscles in the front of the torso. Muscles along the back, which are key for good posture and spinal support, require additional exercises. Deeper torso muscles do not come into play with basic abdominal work. Exercises using balance control

and changing the position of movement during exercise will bring more trunk muscles into play. Adding exercise balls and plyometrics (exercises that simulate functional movement) into a total workout plan are two effective ways to achieve more core muscle involvement. Exercise techniques involving Yoga and Pilates movements can also be effective in strengthening core muscles. Personal trainers and other qualified fitness professionals can design exercise programs using these principles to develop core strength.

So add some "core training" into your weekly workout and start feeling stronger and performing better today.



Different kinds of exercise can be used to combat different health problems. Walking regularly can help prevent heart disease, while a more vigorous exercise, like biking, can help improve your mood.

Which workout is best?

Tailor your routine to match your fitness goal

By Allison Ashton
Copley News Service

Any exercise is fine as long as you're moving, right? That's true if you just want to maintain basic fitness. But if you have a goal in mind, whether it's to prevent heart disease or burn more calories, all exercise is not created equal. Instead of just working out, you can work smart with an exercise regimen that helps achieve your goals more efficiently.

Here are a half-dozen workouts, based on the latest fitness research, to help with six common exercise goals:

PREVENT HEART DISEASE

Regular aerobic exercise should be part of any regimen, but that doesn't mean you have to work hard all the time. Kuopio Research Institute of Exercise Medicine and the University of Kuopio in Finland report that low-intensity exercise can lower men's risk of developing heart disease by reducing levels of C-reactive protein (CRP), which is associated with the condition.

"Regular, low-intensity physical exercise, such as walking four to five times a week, reduced blood level of CRP and improved the function of cells lining blood vessels," says Rainer Raurama, M.D. "This was especially true in men who are genetically susceptible to cardiovascular disease."

Researchers followed 138 men for five years. One group was assigned to exercise, while the others had the choice of whether or not to work out. Men in the exercise group

had a 16 percent reduction in CRP, compared to a paltry 2 percent reduction among the other men. Exercise was even better for men who carried a gene that made them particularly vulnerable to heart disease. Those who worked out had a 49 percent reduction in CRP.

"In practical terms, the exercise level corresponded to brisk walking," says Raurama. "Our recommendation was to exercise four to five times a week for 30 to 60 minutes. In some societies, this might not even be considered a moderate level of exercise."

IMPROVE YOUR MOOD

If you don't want to exercise to improve physical health, consider what it can do for your mood. Regular exercise can be an effective antidote for depression. Studies at Duke University Medical Center have found just 30 minutes of brisk exercise three times a week can be just as effective as drug therapy in relieving the symptoms of major depression — even in the long term. After 10 months, 8 percent of patients assigned to an exercise group had their symptoms return, compared to 38 percent in a drug-only group and 31 percent in an exercise-plus-drug group.

Exercise created a positive cycle for patients — the more they worked out, the better they felt. For each 50-minute workout session, there was a corresponding 50 percent reduction in the risk of relapse.

A study from Northern Arizona University found short bouts of exercise can buoy anyone's mood. Cheryl J. Hansen worked

with female college students, who exercised once a week for four weeks. The students pedaled on a stationary bike for 10, 20 or 30 minutes at a moderate pace. Ten minutes of pedaling was all that was needed to improve overall mood, increase vigor and banish fatigue. In fact, pedaling longer didn't offer additional mood benefits.

BURN CALORIES

Regular moderate to vigorous aerobic exercise is a good start if you want to burn calories. Add resistance training, and you'll do even better. Pumping iron burns calories for up to two hours after the workout, according to a study from Johns Hopkins and Arizona State University. Researchers say adding weight training to a workout program could be especially helpful for women.

"Women who want to lose weight typically do aerobic exercises to raise their heart rate, thinking that's how they can burn the most calories," says lead author Carol A. Binzen, M.D., C.P.T. "To get the maximum benefit, women need a combination of cardiovascular workouts and resistance training. Resistance training could have a more lasting effect on metabolism than aerobic exercise. It burns fat and increases muscle mass."

While cardiovascular exercise, such as running or aerobics, burns more calories during the workout, it increases the body's metabolism for less than an hour afterward. Resistance training, however, elevates metabolism for up to two hours after the workout is over.

Women enjoy an added bonus: Weight-

bearing exercise, including resistance training, helps build and maintain bone mass. That can help ward off osteoporosis in the golden years.

Women who participated in the study did three sets of 10 repetitions of chest press, shoulder press, leg extension, leg press, seated row, latissimus dorsi pull-down, biceps curl, triceps extension and abdominal crunches. Weight training can be done two to three times a week, with at least a day off in between workouts.

KEEP POUNDS OFF

As any yo-yo dieter can tell you: losing weight is easy, keeping it off is difficult. That's because metabolic changes occur after dieting. The good news is, low-intensity exercise can keep your metabolism up and help keep the pounds off.

Study at Maastricht University in the Netherlands focused on obese men participating in a 10-week diet program. One group followed the diet only, while another participated in low-intensity exercise four times a week during the program and for two weeks afterward. Exercise sessions consisted of cycling, walking or water running at 40 percent of maximum aerobic capacity.

Both groups lost the same amount of weight. But two weeks after completing the diet, men in the diet-only group had metabolic rate that was lower than before they started to diet. The metabolism of men who exercised experienced no post-diet dip in metabolism.

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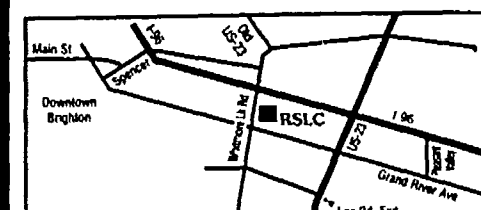
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Dying to be thin

Teen-ager's 'diet' became dangerous eating disorder

By Lisa Coon
Copley News Service

Dan and Mary, a Peoria, Ill., couple who asked that their real names not be used for this story, never dreamed their 14-year-old daughter would become a statistic.

The family, including two younger sons, took a vacation out East over the July 4th weekend. When they returned, Chloe (also not her real name), then 13 and weighing 125 pounds at 5-foot-3, told her parents she wanted to lose about 10 pounds before school began. Her parents weren't concerned. Their daughter is intelligent, pretty and always had been a "normal" eater. Little did they know, however, that she soon would become one of an estimated 8 million Americans battling an eating disorder and within six weeks be near death.

Chloe began exercising more, cutting out snacks, eating more vegetables and concentrating on eating low-fat and fat-free food items.

She sat at the supper table with everyone else.

Within a couple of weeks, the 10 pounds Chloe wanted to lose were gone.

But things spiraled out of control quickly from that point.

The low-fat diet turned into no fat of any kind. She would sit at the supper table slowly eating a couple of grapes and drinking water, her mother said.

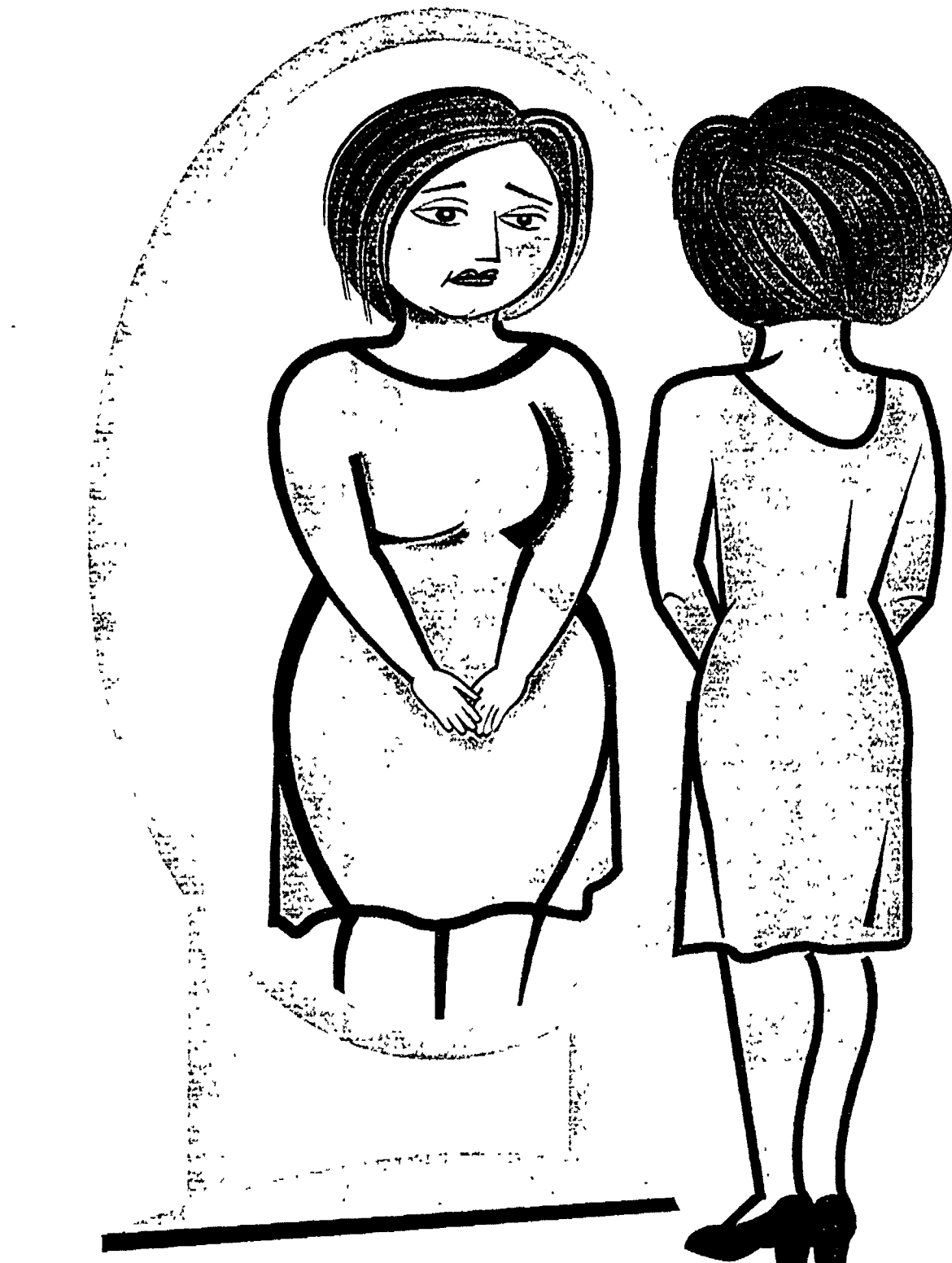
"I don't know what happened, but it got ahold of her, and she went from 125 pounds to about 90 pounds," Dan said of his daughter. And this all happened in a matter of six weeks. But even then, Chloe was doing her best to hide her behavior, which included vomiting after eating. She wore baggy clothes to hide her frail frame, and stayed in her room a lot to avoid her parents.

"I got to the point I wouldn't eat anything that had fat in it at all," Chloe said. Her "diet" consisted of rice cakes and some fruit — less than 100 calories a day. Some days, breakfast would be a half cup of puffed rice with fat-free milk, no lunch and fat-free yogurt for dinner. For normal development, girls age 10 to 17 need 2,200 to 2,400 calories a day, according to Chloe's therapist, Lisa Fix-Griffin, a psychotherapist and a certified eating disorder specialist with OSF Saint Francis Medical Center's Eating Disorders Program.

But Chloe wasn't concerned about normal development last fall. She kept setting goals — five more pounds to lose — and once she met that goal, she would set a lower goal for herself. She was constantly weighing herself — she says a couple of times a day, her parents say it was more like a couple of times an hour.

"My friends and girls my age are always talking about how they've gained weight and saying, 'Oh, I look fat,'" Chloe said. "I thought, 'Well, they think they're fat, and I'm doing something about it.'"

It was one of those friends, however, that Dan and Mary believe may have saved Chloe from starving herself to death. Just six weeks after Chloe innocently said she wanted to lose 10 pounds, a friend told her, "I



Some 8 million Americans battle with eating disorders. When dieting spirals out of control, sufferers need quick help before they starve themselves to death.

don't think this is just a diet anymore, it's turning into an eating disorder," Chloe said. The friend also went to Mary.

Mary, who says she and Chloe always had a close relationship, said she felt something more was going on with her daughter. She was suspicious enough to stand outside the door of the bathroom to find out if her daughter was vomiting up what little food she was taking in. When Mary told Dan what Chloe's friend had said, he said "it was

like a slap in the face."

"This thing is right in front of you, and you just don't see it," Dan said. "It happened so fast."

The quickness and severity of the disease is something Mary and Dan want other parents to educate themselves about. They hope they share that knowledge with their own children.

In just six weeks, Chloe had lost 21 pounds, and was down to 104 by early

September. Within a couple of days of being told by Chloe's friend that their daughter might have an eating disorder, Dan and Mary had Chloe at the doctor and seeing a therapist.

It would be a few more weeks, however, before she was admitted into full-day therapy at St. Francis' Eating Disorders Program.

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Which workout is best

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BATTLE BOREDOM

Variety is the spice of a lasting exercise program, say researchers at the University of Florida in Gainesville. "It gets monotonous if you're doing the same thing over and over," says Christopher Janelle, an assistant professor in UF's department of exercise and sport sciences.

"If you vary the routine, there's a significant increase in enjoyment that leads to greater adherence."

Janelle proved this when he divided 114 volunteers into three groups. One group varied their exercise; another followed the same

exercise for each workout; and the third had no set schedule or regimen. By the end of the eight-week study, 52 participants had dropped out and one was disqualified.

"There were significantly fewer individuals in the variable group that dropped out. We also learned from their answers that they enjoyed it significantly more," Janelle says.

It's easy to inject variety into your schedule, he adds. "If you work out at home, you can go for a run one day, do aerobics in the house another day and do something else the third day. You can even try to vary who you work out with, or whether or not your workout alone. And if you choose to go to a gym, there's so much to do that you can pick whatever you want that day."

MAXIMIZE TIME

Too little time is a common excuse for skipping exercise. If you just want to maintain basic cardiovascular fitness, consider the general recommendation to accumulate 30 minutes of moderate activity daily. That doesn't mean you have to do it all at once. Studies have shown several 10-minute bouts of exercise throughout the day is enough to stay in minimal shape.

But if you want to improve your fitness, take a cue from elite athletes and incorporate interval training into your schedule. Essentially, all that means is varying the intensity of effort during the workout. Instead of jogging for 30 minutes at a steady pace, alternate bursts of higher-intensity running with recovery jogs. Just about any aerobic work-

out lends itself to interval training. It can be done during a neighborhood walk, a swim or on any type of cardiovascular equipment at the gym.

Interval workouts not only maximize limited time, but they can help exercisers burst through a fitness plateau.

"The IT program can benefit almost any healthy person, from beginners to world-class endurance athletes. In fact, most athletes you see participating in the Olympics or other major events use some form of interval training in their own workout programs," says Joseph Nitti, M.D., co-author of "The Interval Training Program: Build Muscle and Burn Fat With Anaerobic Exercise" (Hunter House). "That's not bad company to be in."

Do you exercise hard enough?

By Alison Ashton
Copley News Service

If you're new to exercise, chances are you don't work hard enough. Just 46 percent of Americans exercise regularly and intensely enough to benefit their hearts.

Part of the problem could be that sedentary people think they work out harder than they really do. Researchers from the University of Florida's College of Medicine recruited sedentary adults who had been exercising moderately for less than an hour a week. Participants kept activity logs to record their exercise and wore heart-rate monitors to measure how hard they really worked.

In the activity logs, 47 percent of volunteers claimed they'd participated in moderate activity for at least 10 minutes, but the heart-rate monitors revealed that only 15 percent had achieved a moderate level of effort. Of the 11 percent who reported exercising vigorously, fewer than 2 percent actually had.



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Do dietary supplements live up to their many claims?

By Allison Ashton
Copy News Service

Nearly one-third of Americans uses dietary supplements. Half of all physically active people do. But do the pills, powders, sports bars and energy drinks contain what their labels promise?

There's a good chance they don't. The dietary supplement industry is unregulated, which makes it difficult for consumers to know if the vitamin and herbal supplements they pop are pure or even potent enough to deliver health benefits.

POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS

Supplements may be natural, but that doesn't automatically make them safe. Some supplements may even have serious interactions with prescription and over-the-counter drugs. That makes it important to discuss use of vitamin and herbal supplements with your doctor.

For example, according to a University of Washington study, common antioxidant supplements, including vitamins C and E, beta carotene and selenium, may nullify the benefits of the cholesterol-lowering drugs niacin and simvastatin. And another study found garlic, which is used to boost immunity, interferes with the HIV drug saquinavir.

"In the presence of garlic supplements, blood concentrations of saquinavir decreased by about 50 percent among our study participants," says Judith Falloon, M.D., of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "We saw a definite, prolonged interaction."

Common herbal supplements can pose problems for surgical patients.

"While most of these substances appear to be safe for healthy people, for surgical patients they can affect sedation, pain control, bleeding, heart function, metabolism,

immunity and recovery in ways that we are just beginning to understand," says Chun-Su Yuan, M.D., Ph.D., associate director of the Tang Center for Herbal Medicine Research at the University of Chicago.

Echinacea, a supplement commonly used during cold and flu season, can impair healing after surgery. Garlic, ginkgo and ginseng may increase the risk of excessive bleeding. Kava and valerian can magnify the sedative effects of anesthesia. The American Society of Anesthesiologists recommends halting herb use two weeks before surgery.

SPORTS BAR

Physicians also are concerned about the use of nutritional supplements among athletes looking for a competitive edge and eager to avoid banned substances. As early as high school, athletes start popping pills and guzzling sports drinks. Many products contain potentially dangerous, even deadly, ingredients.

Despite warnings from the Food and Drug Administration, the amphetaminelike stimulant ephedra is still found in sports supplements. Listed as ephedra, ephedrine, ma-



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huang and similar names, it can cause heart palpitations, seizures, psychosis and death. Other supplements that concern doctors include androstenedione, which can cause heart disease and testicular cancer in men, and creatine, which has been linked to cramping, dehydration, high blood pressure, incontinence, and impaired liver and kidney function.

Exaggerated claims make it difficult for consumers to make informed decisions. The American College of Sports Medicine recently issued guidelines to help consumers evaluate supplement information they find on the Web. These same guidelines can help consumers evaluate claims they see in TV infomercials, hear on radio and read in mag-

azines or newspapers:

- Is the site trying to educate consumers or sell a product?
- Is information supported by research and clinical trials or anecdotes and testimonials?
- Do references name peer-reviewed journals?
- Who owns or sponsors the site?
- Who wrote the information?
- Is the information current and updated regularly? Where can you go for reliable information about dietary supplements? A good place to start is the National Institutes of Health Office of Dietary Supplements Web site at <http://dietary-supplements.info.nih.gov>.

Avoiding hidden food allergens

If you're one of 7 million Americans who have food allergies, you probably scrutinize labels closely. As well you should, because one-quarter of all food manufacturers do not list ingredients that cause potentially fatal allergic reactions, according to the Food and Drug Administration. Many products include raw ingredients — nuts, milk, eggs and soy, to name a few common allergens — that don't appear on the ingredient list.

"Peanuts are the No. 1 cause of severe or fatal allergic reactions in children and adults in the United States. Trace amounts of peanut can trigger an allergic reaction and some people even react to allergens in cooking fumes.

Even when food allergens are listed in the ingredients, they often

masquerade under different names. People with milk allergies should avoid foods that include whey protein and casein among their ingredients. Allergic to eggs? Pass on foods that contain albumin; foods made with unspecified proteins, binders or emulsifiers may also contain eggs. If baked goods look shiny, chances are they were dressed up with an egg wash.

Potential cross contamination is another concern. Even if chocolate and other kinds of candy don't contain nuts, the baker probably used the same utensils to mix ingredients. People who are allergic to seafood should avoid french fries — they may have been fried in the same oil used to fry fish. Cross contamination of all kinds is common at salad bars.

Say so long to stress and get your life back

By Tony Cappasso
Copy News Service

Much has been written about stress. Pop psychology tells us that we're all victims of high-powered work lives, two-couple families where both parents work and have little time for themselves, each other or their children.

Maybe so, says psychologist Michael Campion, but who says we can't do anything to change that?

"The great thing about being human is that we have choices," says Campion, who works with Campion, Barrow and Associates in Illinois.

Campion says his perspective comes from 30 years as a practicing psychologist and from certain principles he has learned as a

Christian.

Says Campion: "In this busy world, one possibility is to slow down."

Easily said, but how does one do it?

Says Campion: "You've got to take a look at your values and decide what in your life is most important. Once you know that, he says, you can make some choices.

"We're all issued 168 hours per week.

Everyone gets that much time; nobody gets more. The task, then, is to decide how to use them," he asserts.

"You can't make or save time," he adds.

"The only issue is how you use it."

First, he advises, make a plan. Having a plan for your time gives you a feeling that you are more in control of your life, he says.

"Stress is when you are not in control."

Part of planning, of course, is the recogni-

tion that sometimes life pitches you a curve. Plan A has to be flexible enough for you to take into account the possibility of random events. In short, you also need a plan B.

"You have to be flexible," he says.

Next, prioritize.

Assign priorities to the four big areas of life: "Family, work, community and self," he says.

In his work with clients, Campion advises putting self last. That doesn't mean being a doormat or a rug for everyone else to step all over, he emphasizes.

"There is a lot of joy in meeting commitments," he says. "Joy also comes from making others happy."

Once you've assigned priorities to your obligations, your plan should meet your obligations to yourself, he says.

"Schedule at least 30 minutes a day for quiet time. It could be praying, meditating, whatever," he says.

Next, assign at least three times a week for exercise, a sort of self-maintenance. Then, work in at least one day per week for rest, recreation and family, he adds.

That should still leave you time for a 55-hour work week, Campion says.

"Just do the math," he says. "The time is there."

One thing that is totally counterproductive is sitting around worrying, Campion says. Taking action is much more important.

"If you defer decisions, you get yourself into a situation where you feel trapped, perhaps the biggest stress generator of all.

"I have great respect for human beings and our power to make choices," Campion says.

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Soul Food

Nourishing your spirit
also benefits your body

By Alison Ashton
Copley News Service

Why bother with spiritual matters? Because tending to your spirit pays health dividends that are as important as regular exercise and a decent diet.

"I would say that spiritual experience is a biological response," says Deepak Chopra, M.D., author of "The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success" (New World Library). "Our nervous system is hard-wired for it, but people have this idea that to be spiritual you have to give up everything that is enjoyable, that you have to behave in a very moderate, self-righteous way, that it's hard, that it's not for everyone."

Ignoring your spiritual side can have ramifications for yourself and the people in your life, says Richard Eyre, author of "Spiritual Serendipity: Cultivating the Art of the Unexpected" (Simon & Schuster). "By shortchanging your spirit you're short-changing the people you love. Every day becomes an unpleasant race where you just drag yourself across the finish line."

Research into the link between spirituality and physical health shows Chopra and Eyre are right.

A Duke University Medical Center study finds that African-Americans who incorporate prayer, religion and God into their lives have lower blood pressure than their less-religious peers. Another survey of 42 studies involving nearly 126,000 people found regular attendance at religious services — including church, synagogue, mosque or a Buddhist monastery — led to a longer life.

"The odds of survival for people who scored higher on measures of public and private religious involvement were 29 percent higher than those people who scored lower on such measures," says psychologist Michael E. McCullough, Ph.D., of the National Institute of Healthcare Research.

How does spiritual life improve physical health? Part of the credit goes to the social network of a religious community. Belonging to one seems to encourage healthy habits — people who worship regularly tend to smoke and drink less than the general population.

"Our analyses indicate that attenders did

not all start off with such good behaviors," says William J. Strawbridge, Ph.D., of the Human Population Laboratory in Berkeley, Calif. Strawbridge was the lead author of the 30-year study of religious attendance and health. "To some extent, their good behaviors occurred in conjunction with their attendance. Individuals who regularly attended religious services were more likely to become more physically active, quit smoking, become less depressed, increase social relationships, and initiate and maintain stable marriages."

Some people may simply be complying with religious strictures against smoking or drinking. Others benefit from the supportive social network of a religious organization, which helps stave off depression.

In some cases the very practice of religion is good for physical health. A study in the British Medical Journal reports reciting the Ave Maria or yoga mantras regulates breathing, which has a favorable effect on the heart's rhythm.

Even if organized religion isn't for you,



Research shows that those who tend to their souls tend to be healthier. A Duke University Medical Center study found that African-Americans who incorporate prayer, religion and God into their lives have lower blood pressure than their less-religious peers.

more private forms a spirituality also have been found beneficial. Meditation and other relaxation techniques ease stress in burned-out executives, as well as patients with chronic illness and psychiatric disorders. Those who practice meditation find it reduces stress and tension, increases mental clarity and boosts overall well-being.

"Mindfulness meditation helps in facing all aspects of life, however painful, with increasing degrees of equanimity, wisdom and compassion," says Diane K. Reibel, Ph.D., of the Center for Integrative Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Spiritual strategies

By Alison Ashton
Copley News Service

Cultivating your spirituality can be remarkably simple.

"People can develop personal spiritual practices that take as little as five minutes a day," says Rabbi Wayne Dosick, author of "When Life Hurts: A Book of Hope" (Harper San Francisco).

Here are seven ways to nourish your spirit:

— **Make a commitment to spirituality.** A too-busy life is no excuse for putting spirituality on the back burner, says Jo Campe, pastor of Central Park Ministries in Minneapolis.

"The issue is priority and what we do with the time we have. Taking time for the self is as important as taking time for personal hygiene. It sets up priorities and structures to life rather than allowing others to control your boundaries."

— **Take 10.** Call it prayer, meditation or just quiet reflection — time alone is good for the soul. Carving out 10 minutes at the end of a busy day is the ideal way to recharge your spiritual battery.

"During that 10 minutes, sit outside if the weather permits, or in your car with the radio off, and work on breathing deeply and focusing on a gentle spirit to give you power before you hit the hurricane waiting at home," says Campe. "Name the spirit anything you want — just make sure it is not your spirit."

— **Stop to smell the roses.** Between long days at work and busy

evenings at home, it's easy to overlook the importance of staying in touch with nature. But few things beat the quiet restoration of spending time outdoors. It's a simple way to get outside yourself.

— **Accept things as they are.** Life throws a lot of events that aren't on a to-do list. Deepak Chopra's advice: "When things don't seem to go my way, I'll let go of my idea of how they should be, trusting that at this moment I may not be seeing the big picture." Cultivating what he calls the "wisdom of uncertainty" helps you shrug off minor irritations with grace.

— **Observe yourself.** "The thing I've found most useful in my life, personally, is the ability to witness my own behavior," says Chopra. "You watch very nonjudgmentally as you react to people, circumstances and events."

— **Keep a spiritual diary.** Spiritual moments happen all the time, says Richard Eyre, and people need to train themselves to appreciate them. He recommends using the same calendar that rules your life as a tool to nourish spirituality. Take a moment to jot down everyday miracles. "The whole process is readjusting your mind so that when something comes along, you appreciate it."

— **Give thanks.** Even if you don't follow a formal religion, take a moment to consider all the things for which you can be grateful — whether it's healthy kids, a decent job or an obedient dog.

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Dr. Kathy Duncan

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What's up doc?

Regular checkups help keep you in good order

By Tony Cappasso
Copley News Service

Seeing your doctor periodically is a good idea. And those regular checkups become especially important the older you get, says Mayo Clinic assistant professor of internal medicine Dr. Philip Hagen.

Here are his recommendations:

— For everyone, between ages 18-40. Get a blood pressure check every couple of years, he advises. As long as it's within normal boundaries, that should be often enough, he says.

Get blood cholesterol checked every three years. Again, assuming it's normal (less than 200 milligrams per deciliter of blood total cholesterol), that should be often enough.

Low-density lipoprotein (the so-called "bad cholesterol" that ends up accumulating on the insides of arteries) should be less than 130 milligrams per deciliter, he says.

High-density lipoprotein or HDL (which helps package and eliminate the bad stuff) should be about 50 milligrams in men and about 60 milligrams in women, Hagen says.

As a general rule, a ratio of 1:2 (HDL to LDL) is preferable.

— For men and women.

Depending on when they become sexually active, women should have a Pap smear once a year for three successive years, Hagen says. The Pap smear checks for

changes in cells in the uterus that are suspicious for cancer.

"If they are all negative for three years in a row, women between 18-40 should get a Pap smear every three years after that," he says.

For women and men, the onset of sexual activity also should produce a talk with the doctor about sexual health and preventing sexually transmitted diseases.

"That's based on behaviors," Hagen says. "How often you need to see the doctor and for what revolving around sexual activity should be highly individualized," he says.

During these early adult years, women should learn and practice regular breast self-examination. Men should learn testicular self-exam, Hagen says.

What about more intensive screening for things such as heart disease?

Again, says Hagen, how intensive — and expensive — the screening is depends on how much you are willing to spend and how high your risk factors are.

Right now, there are not any technologies for screening for heart disease that are better than the traditional risk predictors, namely cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes and lifestyle habits such as cigarette smoking and being a couch potato, Hagen asserts.

"One technology that is waiting in the wings to be proven effective as an early detector of heart disease is the electron beam

scanning that detects calcium buildup in heart arteries," Hagen says.

Calcium, Hagen points out, builds up along with fatty cholesterol deposits and appears to be a good predictor of eventual symptomatic heart disease.

As for some other widely touted tests such as ultrasound screening to detect thickening of the arterial wall, Hagen says they look promising but haven't been around long enough to prove their predictive power.

Past age 40, the curve starts to rise in chronic illnesses, Hagen says. That calls for somewhat more vigilance. "After age 40, a person ought to see a doctor at least once every two years to three years," Hagen recommends.

Age 40 is when eyesight changes start to occur and become noticeable. Hearing, too, may begin to diminish, especially in those who work in jobs with high-exposure to loud noise, so add hearing and vision checks to the mix.

After age 50, for women, annual mammograms to detect breast cancer are really important, Hagen says. As for getting these tests in the decade between ages 40 and 50, the jury still is out on whether this catches



cancer early enough to be life-saving. "We're just not sure about that," he says.

In both men and women, screening for colorectal cancer becomes increasingly important. Testing stool for blood and having a visual exam of the entire colon are recommended, Hagen said. "Getting tested every

three years to five years is enough unless a person is at increased risk for colon cancer. People with positive family history for colon cancer or those who have a certain kind of growth called a polyp should be tested more frequently," he says.

For women who are entering menopause, bone density testing once at the start of menopause is probably useful in that it will give you and your doctor information on whether you need medication to prevent bone fractures as you age, Hagen says.

"Early information is that the newer osteoporosis drugs may be preferable to estrogen replacement therapy in preventing bone loss, but that isn't certain yet," Hagen says.

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A Step in the Right Direction

Taking aim at childhood obesity

By Pat Steln
Copley News Service

As they spend more and more time in such sedentary activities as using computers, watching television and playing video games, and rely on fast or snack foods for nourishment, American children are getting fatter and fatter.

"Obesity in American children is a growing problem that has been confirmed by many studies," said Dr. Christine Wood, a San Diego-based pediatrician and author of "How to Get Kids to Eat Great and Love It."

Wood, who also conducts "Kids Eat Great" classes through the Scripps Hospital Parent Connection program in San Diego, reports that obesity in children increased by 30 percent in the last decade.

"According to a recent study, 25 percent of American children are overweight," Wood said.

She attributes the alarming trend to a combination of increasingly sedentary lifestyles and poor food choices.

"As a culture, we drive everywhere. Most kids don't even walk to school anymore. Kids come home from school and sit in front of the computer or TV set. They're not getting enough exercise and they're not eating properly," she said.

The health risks of obesity in children can hardly be overestimated, according to Wood and other experts. Research reveals that overweight children are a greater risk for heart attacks as young adults. Diabetes, certain types of cancer and even asthma have

also been attributed to childhood obesity in some studies, not to mention low self-esteem.

"Childhood obesity is not merely a cosmetic problem," Wood said. "Studies show there has been a dramatic increase in Type II or adult-onset diabetes in children, teenagers and young adults and overweight children more likely to have high blood pressure."

The American Heart Association reports that overweight children are twice as likely to have elevated cholesterol, which can lead to cardiovascular problems in adulthood.

A study of overweight children and cardiovascular risk factors conducted by a research team at Tulane University that surveyed overweight children and adolescents in Bogalusa, La., indicated that overweight children have two or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease and are 12.6 times more likely to have elevated fasting insulin levels — a warning flag for diabetes.

Needless to say, studies reveal that overweight children are likely to grow up to be overweight adults — with all the health risks that obesity implies.

"It's up to parents to see that their children eat properly," Wood said.

But getting children to eat a healthy diet may be easier said than done, considering that some 12,000 processed and fast foods are introduced annually and these, she says, "are marketed to kids" through television commercials, give-aways at fast food chains and other advertising gimmicks. School lunch programs that feature fast foods and

vending machines filled with junk foods on school campuses exacerbate the problem, according to Tommy Thompson, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

United States Surgeon General David Satcher has called for major steps by schools, communities, industry and families to fight fat in children (and adults). Satcher wants schools to provide daily physical education classes for every grade — something that has been gradually disappearing, particularly for older students. (Studies reveal that only six percent of schools require physical education for high school seniors.)

He also wants to see schools provide more healthful food options in lunch programs and to enforce federal rules restricting students' access to junk foods in vending machines. USDA rules say school lunches should contain no more than 30 percent fat — which is nearly twice what the American Heart Association recommends — but surveys show that the national average in school lunches is 34 percent fat and studies also indicate that they are deficient in vitamin content.

Satcher also urges communities to create safe playgrounds, walking trails and sidewalks where children and adults can get needed exercise.

But Wood and other experts say a healthy lifestyle that will prevent obesity in children and its attendant health risks begins at home. She advises parents to help their children avoid obesity by modeling healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle, which includes regular exercise.

"Parents think that because their children are enrolled in sports programs, they're getting enough exercise, but that's often not the case. Sometimes they spend half their time at soccer practice sitting around. They need to be up and running around and getting sweaty for at least 30 minutes a day," says Wood, who advocates regular family walks, bike rides, hikes and active games as an entertaining way for the whole family to get needed exercise.

As for eating healthy food, she says "it's difficult with little ones because you don't want eating to become a battle ground." As a pediatrician, Wood is particularly concerned because so many parents allow young children to substitute juice for eating whole, fresh foods because, she says, "juices are basically empty calories — mostly sugar."

But here again, she suggests that when parents model healthy eating habits, it's easier to get children to follow suit.

With older children, she says "education counts." She suggests getting older children involved in meal planning, shopping and even helping to cook family meals.

Portion control is another important issue. The trend toward super-sizing in restaurants has caused children and adults alike to lose sight of what constitutes an appropriate portion. Registered dietitians like Alisa Minear of Scripps Hospital in San Diego indicates that an appropriate portion of meat, fish or poultry at dinner is about the size of a deck of cards. Yet, many restaurants serve 16-ounce steaks that will barely fit onto a dinner plate.

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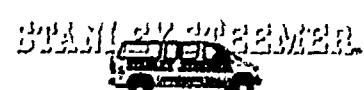
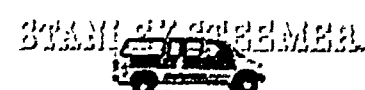
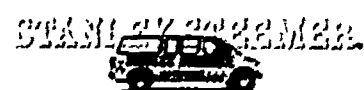
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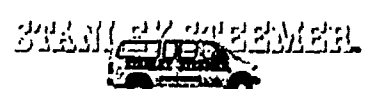
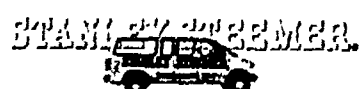
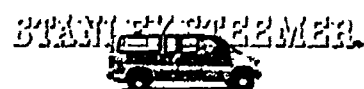


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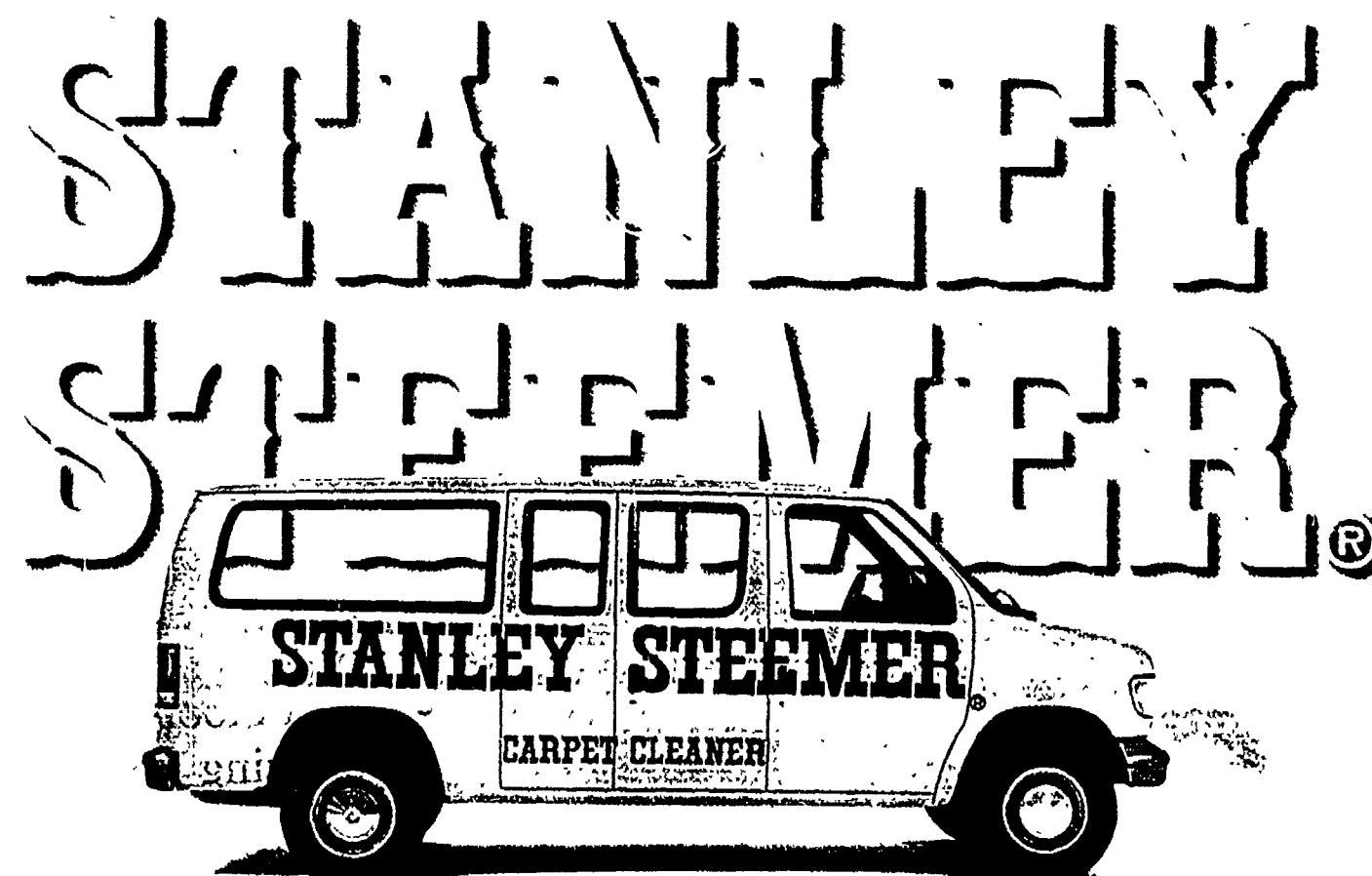
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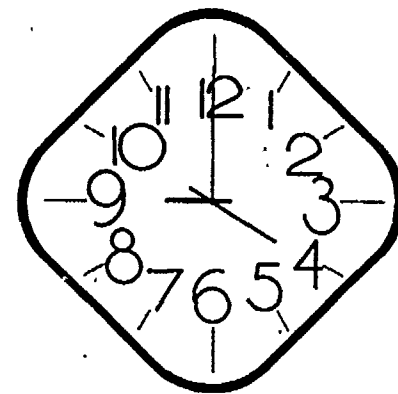
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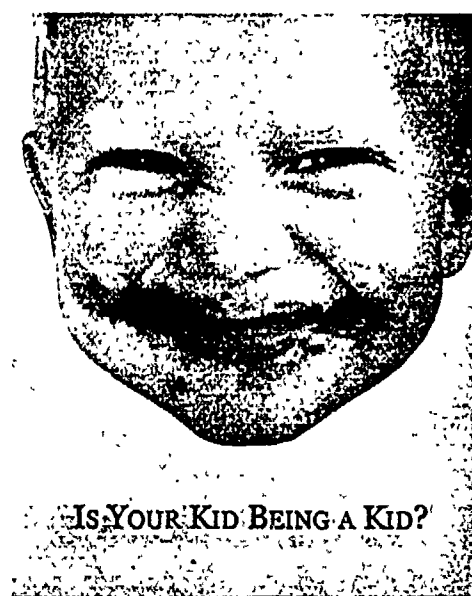
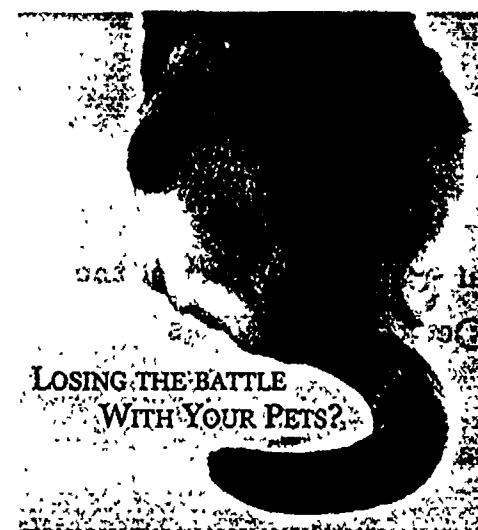
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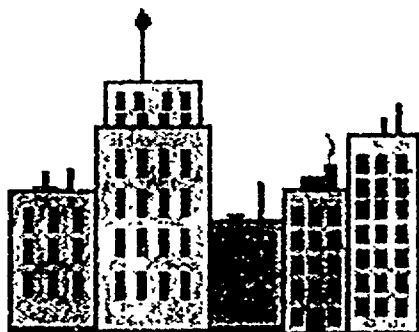
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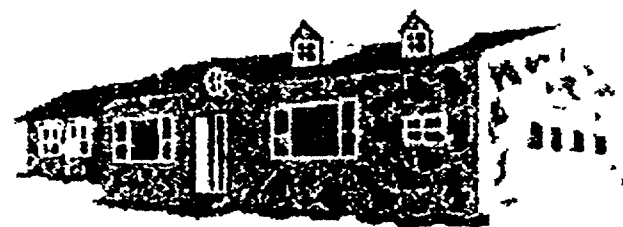
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