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Game over: Taylor to retire at

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

2002-2003 school year.

He's calling it a career. After serving for 30 years in the

academic world, Northville High

School athletic director Larry Taylor

will be retiring at the end of the

Northville Public Schools. Prior to

Taylor has spent 18 years in

end of 2002-2003 academic year

der of the year.

One month later, state marshal still hasn't determined fire's cause

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

The incident happened a month ago and there are still no official answers regarding the deadly fire at the Maybury State Park living farm.

Arson, he said, is not likely. "The actual scene examination

Maybury pushes onward

has been completed and has been for some time. The scene was turned back to the DNR for their disposal," said Burn. "That is why the debris has been cleared [from the site.]

But the actual cause of the deadly fire is still yet to be deter

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Foundation: donated money in safe keeping in bank account

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

Donations continue to come in for the Northville Community Foundation's Maybury Farm Endowment Fund and Foundation director Shari Peters said she is keeping tabs on where the money is coming from, as well as what the donations are for.

According to Peters, more than \$7,500 was collected by press time by the state certified, 501(c)(3) organization. The group's goal, said Peters, is to raise \$1 million dollars to help rebuild the barn, replenish the animals, and fund the basic upkeep of the farm.

"We're far short of the million dollars, and that is what we absolutely need," said Peters. "Although we have received a fair

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Judge: **DOUBLE PLAY** Student failed to vield in accident By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

that, he was employed in Roseville "I won't schools for a dozen years. have to Taylor said he and worry if the his wife --- a scoreboard retired school-— is going to teacher now plan to spend win- WORK..." ters in Florida. The Larry Taylor couple plan Athletic director to remain in Michigan the remain-

ire" he said "I've



Stopping short of assigning blame, 35th District Court judge Michael Gerou nonetheless Monday determined that Northville High School student Kim Peters failed to yield at a stop sign near the NHS entrance in October, All fines and costs associated with the violation were sus-

pended. Peters was not present at the hearing.

The accident - which involved Peters' vehicle and a commercial pickup truck traveling eastbound on Six Mile Road --- seriously injured Peters and her passenger. According to police reports, the collision between Peters' Ford Contour and a Ford F250 driven by Pulte Home Sciences field supervisor Matthew Davis occurred when Peters attempted to make a left-hand turn out of the nter parking lot of High School onto eastbound Six Mile. At that point, Peters and her passenger were struck broadside by the pickup, which had been traveling westbound on Six Mile. The accident ejected Peters from her vehicle. Both Peters and Davis were issued violations as a result of the accident. Many witnesses took the stand during the formal hearing for both prosecutor James Tamm, and Peters' attorney, Charles Simkins, under order of subpoena. Davis, who had also been subpoenaed, took the stand as a witness for the prosecution. Although a written statement made by Davis on the day of the accident stated that his last known speed prior to impact was 40 to 45 mph, he testified that he had actually only been traveling up to 42 mph, in the 30 mph school zone. According to Davis' account, he had been traveling at the rate of traffic and said there was "virtually no time" to avoid Peters' vehicle when it "shot out in front of [him]. It was not until Simkins crossexamined Davis that it was revealed Davis' ticket had been dismissed that very morning by another judge. It was just stunning today to find out the [Davis'] ticket was dismissed in exchange for his testimony in this case. It is just

John Burn, specialist sergeant with the state police fire marshall's division, said the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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been doing this 30 years. I'd like to go to a little bit warmer weather. I'd like to be someplace where it's 80 [degrees] instead of 2. After 30 years, it's time to do something a little different."

Taylor said his professional colleagues have made his years in Northville a memorable and gratifying occasion.

"It's been great," he said. "It's been a tremendous experience, really enjoyable particularly working with the teachers, coaches and other administrators. I couldn't ask for

Former hockey

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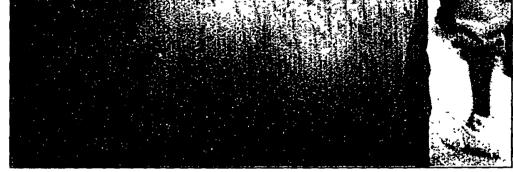
AP at Hillside **By Jennifer Norris** This spring, Brad O'Neill will be

stepping into the position of interim assistant principal at Hillside Middle School.

O'Neill, a physical education teacher, will temporarily leave his classroom duties as he substitutes for current assistant principal, Laura Kelly, during her maternity leave.

"I'm really excited," said O'Neill, who explained his new duties will likely begin in April or May.

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Northville High School athletic director Larry Taylor will be retiring fromt he school district in June.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Brad O'Neill, here talking to some students at a recess, will be taking over as assistant principal at Hillside Middle School this spring.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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Little pest, big problem: infected trees to cost city \$43K

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

City officials are not shying away from the little tree-killing parasite known as the emerald ash borer. Instead, they are taking action to remove the affected trees and replace them in order to help preserve the tradition of Northville's tree-lined streets.

The effects of the emerald ash borer was a costly one that is still being felt by the city, striking about 100 trees along publicrights-of way. Stuart Leve, Inc. will take on the project of removing and replacing the city's trees, after the council approved the contract to be awarded at their March 3.

meeting.

The project is expected to cost approximately \$43,000.

"For every tree we remove, we are proposing to plant a tree. Obviously, they will not be big trees, they will be little ones to meet the city's financial constraints," city public works director Jim Gallogly.

Replacement trees will be placed next to the old tree's location due to the ash tree roots that will remain in the ground upon removal of the tree stumps.

The city plans to purchase a variety of 21/2 replacement trees. According to Gallogly, .

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Township may set speed limits

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

Northville Township may soon have more of a say in how fast motorists drive the township's roads if a new bill is approved by the state Senate.

Currently, only the county road commissions and the Department of State Police decide the speed limits on county roads in any given township. Cities already posses the ability to set their own speed limits under the current law.

Senate Bill 123, which Senator Bruce Patterson recently testified before the Transportation Committee on behalf of, will allow township boards and the director of the Department of State Police to work together in the decision making process.

"This bill opens the door for townships to have a voice in setting speed limits," said Patterson, R-Canton, in a press release. "As the state Senator for eight townships and eight cities. I promised to equally rep-resent my constituents. With this bill. I am doing just that."

If passed, the bill will not alter city power to set their own speed limits. The bill will merely enable townships to gain more local control by granting township officials a say in the same process.

"The township board will support Senator Patterson's issues due to their extreme concern over local control for townships, " said township manager Chip Snider. "Currently, speed

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limits are established by the Wayne County Road Commission, and this township has had the luxury of a strong relationship wherein they often utilize our input when making decisions for determining speeds."

Chief of Police John Werth echoed Snider's support.

"I support [Patterson] in this bill," he said. "Anytime that we can add more input in the speeds on our roadways, I think it is very important.

The bill will be sent to the Senate floor for a vote. It was co-sponsored by a bi-partisan group of 12 legislatures and is supported by the Michigan Townships Association and the County Road Association of Michigan. A neutral position was taken by the Michigan Department of State Police.

Patterson is the Chairman of the Technology and Energy committee. Vice Chairman of the Health Policy and the Resources Natural and Environmental Affairs committees, and a member of the Judiciary committee. He was recently appointed by Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema to serve on the Legislative Council. As Senator of the 7th District,

Patterson's constituency includes Northville Township and the city of Northville.

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Can't drive 55? | Township promotes 2 police officers

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

Growth and positive directions were what newly promoted Lieutenant Michael Panagiotides and Sergeant Greg Rhodes focused on when asked how they felt about their new positions with the township police department.

Both men were promoted to their new positions on March 3 Panagiotides, 48, was hired as a

patrol officer on June 5, 1975, and received a promotion to sergeant in June of 1991. He attended classes in criminal justice at Eastern Michigan University. He also attended police staff and command school through Northwestern University.

As of June, Panagiotides will

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have 25 years with the department and could retire at that time if he chose to do so. But with so much to look forward

to, he said he sees no reason to cut his career short. "Because of the promotion and the positive direction of this

department. feel that could Sgt. Greg be an asset the Rhodes department and

be part of the [Chief of Police John Werth's] management team," he said. "I may extend my career another five years and help the

Forty-year-old Rhodes was hired by the department on Feb. 18, 1989 after having graduated from Michigan

State University and the Oakland Police Academy. Rhodes is currently working towards a master's degree in Lt. Michael interdisciplinary technolo- Panagiotides gies at EMU.

"I am very happy to receive the promotion after 14 years and I look forward to a new challenge and a new direction for my

am very happy to be a part of it, and I look forward to serving the community from my new position.

Police chief John Werth said he is confident both men will thrive in their new leadership roles.

"I am looking forward to working with both my new lieutenant and my new sergeant. They have valuable years of experience to add to the command staff," said Wenh. "And I believe they will help make the police department more efficient with the leadership qualities that they posses."

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Northville's got taste at Business Showcase

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Get ready. Northville. You're about to experience all the town has to offer.

Local businesses are preparing for the annual showdown geared to launch their names and their products into the community.

The Taste of Northville Business Showcase is returning for its 14th year and organizers couldn't be happier.

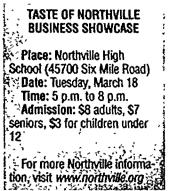
"It is exciting." said Laurie Marrs, director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "We have more businesses than we've ever had."

Marrs also said a record number of restaurants will be participating in this year's event. "That's a good sign," she said. "I

think it's going to be the biggest one we've ever had. You're going see a lot of neat ideas."

The highly interactive function will feature 120 exhibitors from retail, service and professional businesses in the Northville community. In addition, restaurants and caterers will bring samples from their menus. Free raffles, promotional prizes, and giveaways are also planned.

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"It's a totally fun-filled event,"

said Marrs. The Business Showcase will take place at Northville High School March 18 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Admission per person is S8 for adults, S7 for senior citizens and S3 for children under age 12. Marrs said exhibitors are not

Marrs said exhibitors are not allowed to sell anything, but rather promote their service or products to the community. The result, she said, is a win-win situation that boosts businesses' popularity and attracts future customers.

"It's a captive audience of about 2,000 people," she said. "Where else can 2,000 people go through your business in three hours? The

[exhibitors] all go out of their way." Whether area residents are in search of tasty foods, free giveaways or want to try their luck in a raffle, this year's showcase has something for everyone.

"We welcome families," said Marrs. "We guarantee you won't leave there hungry."

New this year, Marrs said a dining area will be set up to accommodate patrons.

Participants will be also be given a ballot and asked to vote for the best restaurant and best business display.

The 2003 Taste of Northville Business Showcase will feature a "Space" theme. After some brainstorming, chamber marketing director, Janet Bloom, thought of implementing a space motif.

Marrs thanked the Northville school district for the use of the high school building for the event. Free tours of the high school will be available.

For more information, visit www.northville.org

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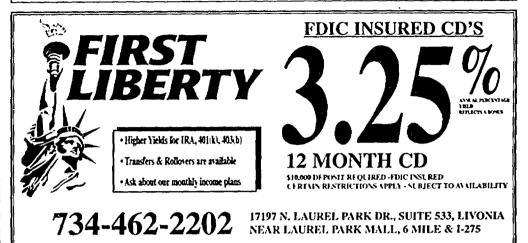
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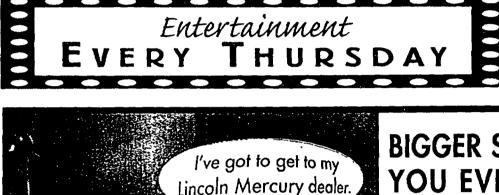
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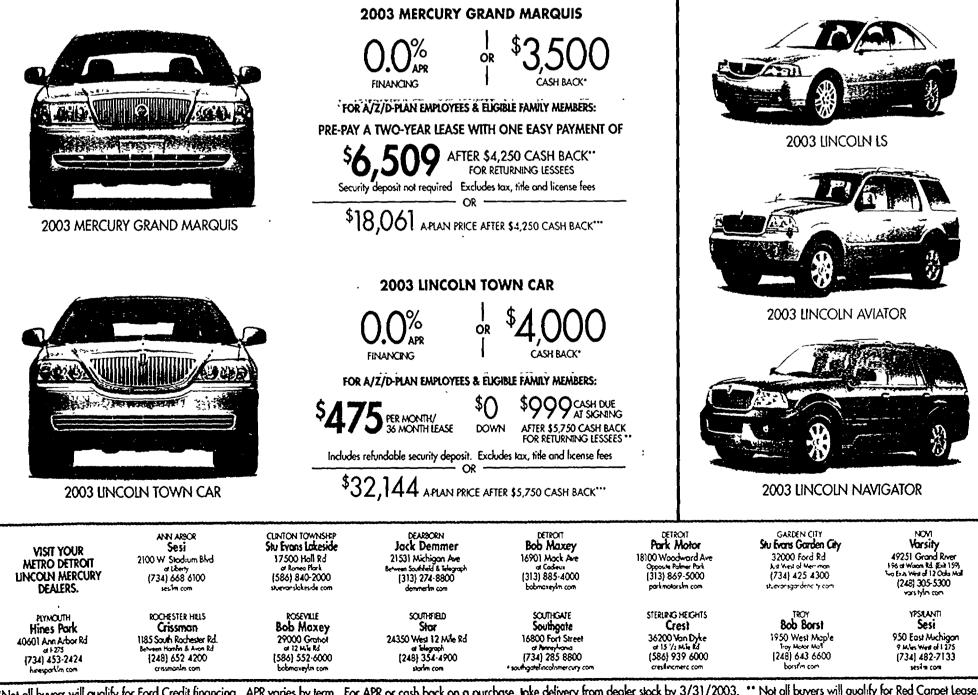


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Former Chippewa does Meads Mill proud



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Meads Mill Middle School teacher Steve MacDonald talks to some of his eighth graders who are working on a video project Monday morning.

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Meads Mill Middle School teacher Steve McDonald can now add another accomplishment to his list of accolades.

McDonald, an eighth grade social studies instructor, was named the "Feature Teacher" in the Northville Record's contest recognizing excellence in Northville educators.

A devoted veteran to the education arena, McDonald has spent his entire teaching career in Northville and has taught for 29 years.

"I was here when this building opened up," he said.

McDonald, who teaches U.S. history at Meads Mill, understands the value of making les-



sons come alive. Among his strategies to enhance students' learning, McDonald organizes a Civil War re-enactment, allowing students to experience a soldier's strife. In addition, students become involved in a Colonial Days simulation, trading their modern day clothing for 19th century attire.

McDonald attended Central

Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in industrial arts, history and speech. He later received a master's degree in secondary education from Eastern Michigan University.

McDonald said he considered entering the field of business or teaching. Ultimately, the classroom captured his attention. "It was a good decision." he

said. "I've enjoyed it. I like being around kids, but I really wanted to do a lot of coaching."

McDonald is currently coaching eighth grade girls' volleyball. He has also coached varsity level volleyball. In addition, he has served as a coach for varsity and middle school level football.

A lifelong career of teaching has _ jnorris@ht homecomm net.

left a long list of accomplishments for McDonald, but perhaps his greatest triumphs, he said, are to see struggling students finally grasp and comprehend their lessons. Or maybe it's to see former students enter the teaching field themselves.

Students tell me, 'I went into teaching because of you," McDonald said.

Or maybe the best reward of teaching is something else entirely. "Being around kids, they keep you young," he said. "They have

some great ideas.' 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

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To nominate a local teacher you believe deserves recognition for their academic abilities, nominations can be e-mailed to cdavis@ht.homecomm.net or inorris@ht.homecommunet. Submissions may also be faxed to (248) 349-9832 or

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The staff of the Record will make each selection. The winning teacher will be featured in the Record on the second Thursday of the month.

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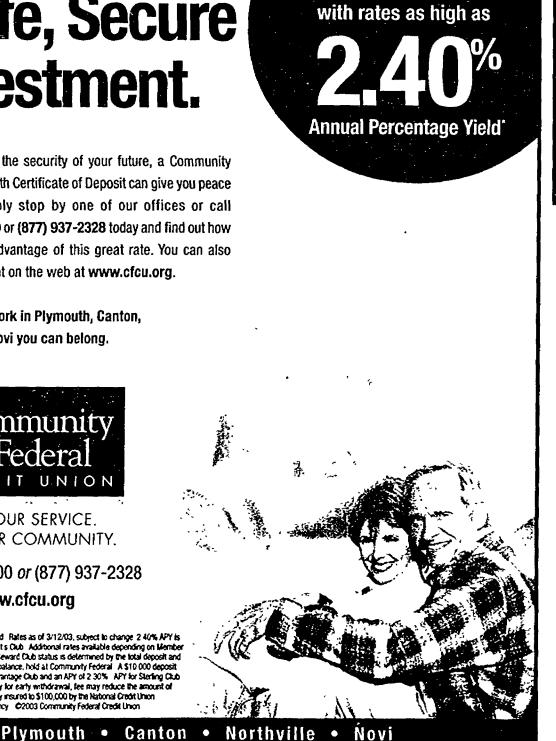
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Polacco whirls through Northville elementaries



Author Patricia Polacco addresses Silver Springs Elementary students last week.

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Michigan author Patricia Polacco toured five schools in Northville last week sharing a message of respect, motivation and literacy.

"She is delightful," said Diane Vanston, a learning consultant at Silver Springs Elementary. "She's been very personable. She's an excellent story teller."

Shelly Bush, Junior Enrichment Series coordinator at Silver Springs Elementary, organized the effort to have Polacco present at multiple area schools.

In preparation for Polacco's visit to Silver Springs, Bush said the students participated in several welcome projects.

"The [students] made a big book for her," said Bush. "Each class did a page of the book." A collection of letters from school staff, PTA members and students was presented to Polacco.

During her visit to Northville last week, the author also traveled Elementary, to Moraine Winchester Elementary, Our Lady of Victory and Thornton Creek Elementary.

Bush said Polacco's work has been well-received by the stu-

"Let me tell you, [my grandmother] was better than anything I ever saw on a screen."

dents.

"I think the kids just love her books," she said. "All of her books just have really great messages. Her whole life story is really inspirational." "I think it's a great opportunity

for them to meet someone of her callber. She didn't start writing books until the age of 41."

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Patricia Polacco

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Polacco captured students' atten-

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to be," Polacco told the group of

assembled students. "Every sin-

You can be anything you wish

Polacco, a Union City resident, proceeded to remind students of their potential and their abilities to help others.

Polacco said some of her greatest inspiration is rooted in her family's history.

"I come from a family of storytellers," she said.

Instead of watching television,

Polacco listened to her relatives. "We watched my grandma," she said. "Let me tell you, she was better than anything I ever saw on a screen."

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Double whammy: city increases late fees for parking tickets

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

Persons working in the city of Northville will soon have more incentive to pay parking violations on time with the recent city council approval to raise the cost of late fees.

Based on the three-step fine schedule for parking violations, the fine schedule allows for those paid within seven days not to be assessed late fees. Those paid after seven days and before 30 days are increased as they are increased once more if payment is not received within 30 days.

"All but one of the increases are just for late fees," said chief of police Jim Petres, referring to the increase from \$20 to \$25 for parking next to a fire hydrant.

"Hopefully, it will be an incentive S15. If paid after 30 days, the fine to pay on time and if they don't, it will help us recover some of the cost associated with mailing out late notices and all of the extra work that the city clerks have to do.

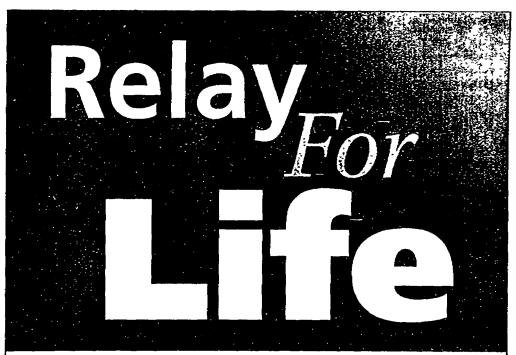
Once in effect, the modified fees, penalties, and fines schedule will raise all late payments, starting at the seven day period. All parking violations are included in the modified payment schedule. including violations for loading zones, handicapped, and no parking in between signs.

Parking in a long-term orange dot spot with a visible parking permit may also become a bit more important as the late fee for parking over the legal limit in a designated short-term parking spot will increase from \$10 to will jump from \$30 to \$40.

"I think for most people it will not matter much, there are seven days to pay it to begin with without any increase in the fine," Petres said. "Again, hopefully it will be one more reason to pay on time and not put it off."

Information of the increased fines will also be printed on the new tickets that have been ordered, and the violators' copies will state the new fees. According to council communications, the new fee schedule is set to go into effect with the printing and issuance of new parking violation notices.

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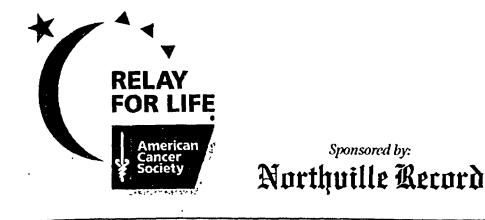
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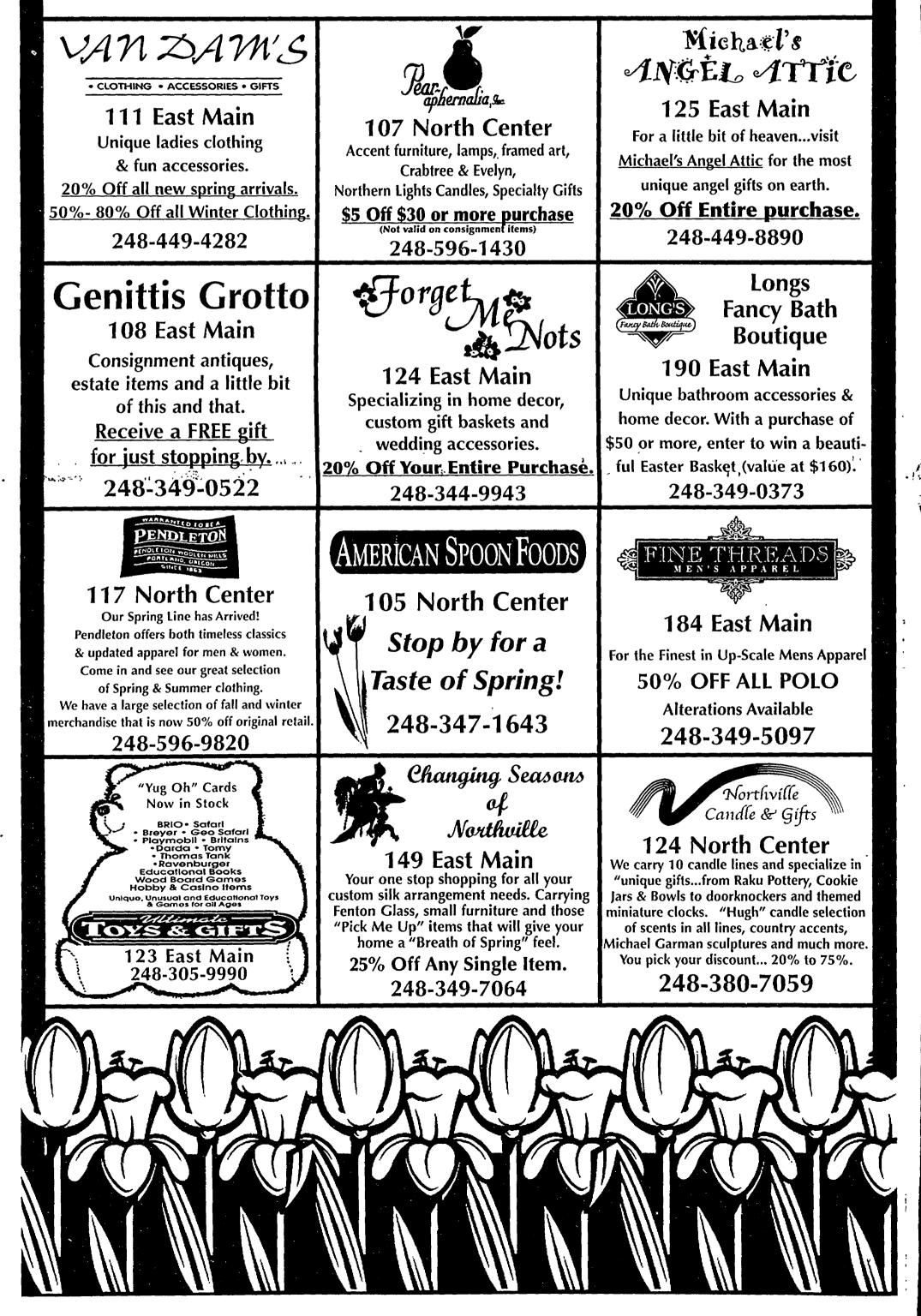


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Northville Parks and Recreation boys' spring recreational basketball league sign-up

DATE: Ongoing through March 21 LOCATION: Northville Parks and Recreation (303 W. Main Street) TIME: Call for info DETAILS: Leagues will be arranged for boys in grades 8 and 9, as well as those in grades 10, 11 and 12. Each league will participate in an eight-game schedule April 5 -May 31. Costs are \$80 for residents, \$83 for school district residents, and \$87 for non-residents.

A \$10 late fee will be assessed for all registrations after March 21. PHONE: (248) 349-0203 ext. 1405

Northville Arts Commission Lecture Series --- Frederic Remington DATE: March 13 LOCATION: Hillside Middle School (775 N. Center Street) TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Lectures are \$10 or \$5 for students PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Northville Youth Assistance mentor training

DATE: Begins March 13 (runs for five consecutive Thursday evenings) LOCATION: Call for information TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. **DETAILS:** Volunteers will receive 15 hours of professional training in the mentoring of young people. Caring and concerned adults are sought. PHONE: (248) 344-1618

Northville Chamber of Commerce TGIF DATE: March 14

LOCATION: Northville Chamber of Commerce office (195 S. Main Street)

News Briefs

TOOTSIE ROLL FUND DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus received council approval to solicit for their annual Tootsie Roll fund drive to be held the weekend of April 11-13. Proceeds from the drive benefit mentally handicapped. Members of the organization will stand in front of community businesses with canisters and identifying aprons during the designated weekend to collect for the benefit.

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TIME: 8 a.m. **DETAILS:** Reservations are required for the event. PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Northville Parks & Recreation **Kids Rockin' Night Out** DATE: March 14 LOCATION: Hillside Middle School gym (700 W. Eight Mile Road) TIME: 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. (no admittance after 7:10 p.m.) DETAILS: A variety of indoor activities --- including kickboxing, badminton, aerobics and dance instruction --- will take place. Nutritious snacks will also be offered. Athletic shoes must be worn. Tickets are \$6 per student and must be purchased in advance. PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

Sarah Ann Cochrane Northville-**Plymouth Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** meeting DATE: March 17 LOCATION: Call for info TIME: Noon DETAILS: The theme of the meeting is "Online Research Suggestions & Aids." All DAR members and potential members are welcome. PHONE: (734) 455-5525

Taste of Northville Business Showcase DATE: March 18 LOCATION: Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road) TIME: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

DETAILS: Chamber businesses ---including many restaurants --- will be offering information about their goods and services under one roof. Call the chamber office for ticket information or to reserve a display table. PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Maybury Park Trail Riders general meeting DATE: March 18 LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street) TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: The group will discuss the future of Maybury State Park's farm and outline its agenda for the coming year. PHONE: (248) 349-2687

COMING UP •

Northville Woman's Club pot luck luncheon / annual meeting DATE: March 21 LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street) TIME: 12:30 p.m. **DETAILS:** Those attending are

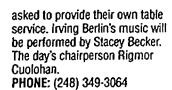
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Maple sugaring outdoor program

DATE: March 22 and 29 LOCATION: Cass Benton Park (Six Mile / Northville roads) TIME: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. DETAILS: The program ---designed for persons ages 4 and older --- will teach how sap is collected and processed into maple sugar and syrup. The onehour sessions are held outdoors and cost \$3 per person. The outdoor program is not suitable for baby strollers. PHÓNE:: (734) 261-1990

Divorce recovery workshop DATE: March 27 - May 15 LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street) TIME: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **DETAILS:** Various aspects of

divorce --- including emotional ramifications, legal matters, and spiritual issues --- will be discussed, with specialists in a variety of areas serving as keynote speakers. A \$35 cost covers a text which will be used in the program. The program meets every Thursday, except for April 17. Registration is required. PHONE: (248) 349-0911

Northville Chamber of **Commerce Morning Mixer** DATE: March 26 LOCATION: American Spoon (105 N. Center Street) TIME: 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. DETAILS: Call for info PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Northville Chamber of **Commerce board of directors** meeting DATE: March 27 LOCATION: Northville Chamber of Commerce (195 S. Main Street) TIME: 7:30 a.m. DETAILS: Call for info PHONE: (248) 349-7640

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IN SERVICE

Aron J. Pertner has been commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala, Pertner is the son of Fred Pertner of Northville and Carol J. Beehler of Fife Lake.

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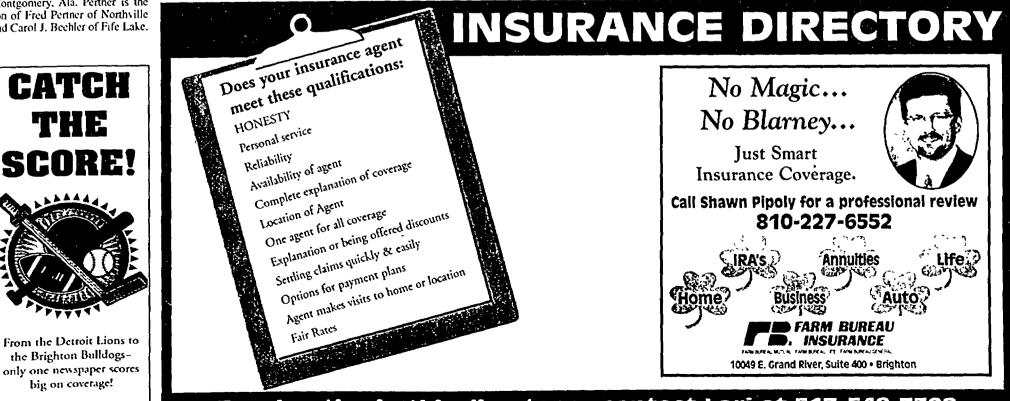
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For the fourth year in a row, nominations are being sought to honor these everyday heroes. The HomeTown Heroes Award will honor volunteers in six categories: DIRECT

SERVICE **VOLUNTEER (AGES 19-64):** A person who has provided outstanding services on behalf of a local non-profit organization. SENIOR (AGES 65 AND

OVER): A person who has provided outstanding contributions in either service or leadership.

YOUTH (AGES 18 AND YOUNGER): A person who has provided outstanding service or leadership. NON-PROFIT

GOVERNANCE: A volunteer who has significantly impacted a non-profit organization as a member of the board of directors.

FAITH-BASED **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY: A** champion who has made a significant difference in community outreach of a faith-based organization.

BUSINESS CHAMPION: A business together with its employees that has engaged in community volunteer activities.

Nominees and award-winners will be recognized at the fourth annual HomeTown Heroes Luncheon on June 4 at the Marriott at Centerpoint in Pontiac. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Nominate your hero by completing an application and on a separate sheet, in 200 words or less, tell why you have nominated this individual, group or business. Describe the nominee's major accomplishments, commitment. self-motivation, problem-solving skills, and measurable impact upon the community. Entries must be typewritten and the 200-word limit will be enforced. Do not staple pages. Include a photo (no larger than 5" x 7") of the nominated person or group, or for Business Champion nominees, include a photo of persons participating in the volunteer activity.

To get an application you can visit United Way of Oakland County's web site at www.unitedwayoakland.org or by calling (248) 874-1633. Entries must be received by Wednesday. April 16, 2003.

Other partners in the collaboration of the HomeTown Heroes Recognition program include Junior League of Birmingham. Inc., Hadassah and Assistance League of Southeastern League of Southeastern Michigan. The purpose of the program is to honor outstanding volunteers who have given selflessly of themselves to support non-profit organizations in

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Oakland County. United Way Volunteer Center of Oakland promotes volunteerism by facilitating and supporting volunteer opportunities to improve the quality of life within the community. The Center provides recruitment and placement of volunteers along with training to non-profits in volunteer and board management.

The Volunteer Center is a partnership between United Way of Oakland County and United Way Community Services. For more information about the Volunteer Center of Oakland, call (248) 874-1621.

Builders named for **Rural Hill** expansion

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

Recent approval to award professional services contracts for the development and expansion of the Rural Hills Cemetery have brought the long-standing project that much closer to reality.

Contracts were awarded to:

The Johnson Hill-Land Ethics Studio for landscape design McNeely and Lincoln

Associates, Inc. for engineering • Mr. William Lawrence for tree

management Total fees for professional services come to approximately \$61,000. According to Northville city council communications, the estimated cost of construction for what has been deemed "Phase One" of the project comes to approximately \$250,000.

Plans to expand and develop the city-owned cemetery have been in the works for several years in order to provide adequate burial services to the ever-growing community. The expansion will require the development of the city-owned land located south of the existing cemetery.

As the 5.8 acre expansion site was annexed to the city by the township in May of 2002, city officials are honoring the standards, setbacks, building density and height limits established by the township's cemetery ordinance. Burial facilities will also be designed to comply with the existing standards.

"The approval of the hiring of the professional services that we asked the council to approve was an important step in the first phase of build out of the remaining six acres of Rural Hills cemetery," said city manager Gary Word. "We hope to expand the amount of grave sites at the cemetery while preserving the historical character of that location.

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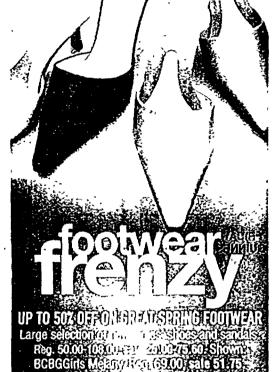
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FRIENDS USED BOOK SALE

Choose from a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction for all ages, at this semi-annual Used Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library. In addition to books, there will be videos, audiobooks, puzzles, CDs and computer games. The sale will be at the library on March 14 from 3 to 7 p.m., March 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and March 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. A special preview sale on March 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. will be open to members only, with membershipsavailable at the door. On March 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Friends will be collecting donations for the sale at the Library's Loading Dock door near Wing Street.

JUNIOR BOOKS, CHAT & CHOW

Kids in the fourth grade and up are invited to this fun monthly book discussion group, with treats provided. At the next meeting on March 26, we will talk about "Night Hoops" by Carl Decker. The program runs from 4:15 to 5 p.m. Sign up and pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk.

FANTASY BASEBALL

Registration is now underway for the 13th season of Fantasy Baseball at the library. "General Managers" of any age choose Major League players who they feel will perform well during the coming season. To learn more about how the program works, and to register online, go to the website at www.northville.lib.mi.us/events/b

aseball. Registration forms are also available at the library. The

ag deadline for signing up is March 31.

MARCH IS READING MONTH

Kids, preschool age through sixth graders, get hooked on books during "Reading Month." Beginning March 1, pick up your "I'm Hooked on Books" reading log at the Information Desk. When your reading log is full, you've earned the prize of a paperback book. This activity takes place through March 31.

STORYTIME FOR 4s, 5s, &KINDERGARTENERS

Children who are 4 and 5 years old, or in Kindergarten, and comfortable attending without a caregiver present are invited to join this special six week series of half-hour storytimes. Each program features stories and creative activities, so children should be able to use scissors, glue, etc. Please select from one of the following three sessions: Mondays at 4 p.m., from April 14 through May 19; Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. or 2 p.m., from April 15 through May 20. Registration begins March 25 by phone or in person.

EARLY BASEBALL IN MICHIGAN AND NORTHVILLE

Peter Morris, author of "Baseball Fever: Early Baseball in Michigan," will present an overview of early baseball in the context of the mid-nineteenth century America, on March 19 at 7 p.m Librarian Al Smitley will also offer details on baseball in Victorian age Northville; and Wayne Titus will share plans to organize a "vintage" baseball team, which would compete using the rules of the 1860's.

JANET MACUNOVICH OFFERS GARDENING ADVICE

Join us on March 24 at 7 p.m., to hear *Detroit News* columnist Janet Macunovich talk about preparing your garden for spring. The master gardener will also discuss cottage gardens at this free program. Please register in advance.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library board of trustees will be March 27 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month.



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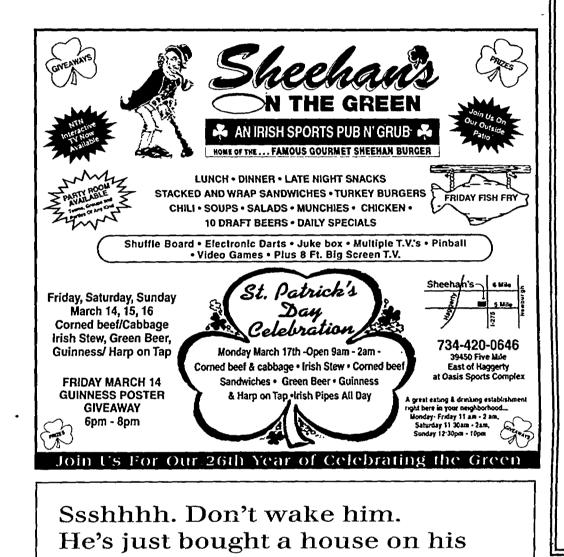
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O'Neill laces up for interim job at Hillside

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Once he begins serving as assistant principal, O'Neill will hold the interim position for the remainder of the school year and slightly beyond

"I will be required to be at school working in that position after school is out for the students," he said According to a news release.

Kelly will return to her duties in August.

O'Neill said he was looking forward to the new challenge and responsibilities.

"Being able to work in the capacity as an assistant principal at Hillside is exciting to me because of the excellent staff and students we have here," he said.

O'Neill has served Northville Public Schools for the past 10 years. During that time, he has worked in the classroom and on the field. He has coached middle school football, track and varsity hockey

He is also currently pursuing a

"I pretty much know every kid in the building. That's beneficial for me, making this transition."

Hillside Middle School

second master's degree at Michigan State University in school administration and supervision.

O'Neill said he was approached by the current school principal ---Jim Cracraft --- to consider taking the position.

"He asked me if I was interested in filling in for Laura Kelly," said O'Neill. "I do realize it is a huge responsibility and she does a terrif-

(High School Seniors Already Discounted)

ic job in the building. I thought about it and came back with a confident yes. I was excited about the opportunity."

A familiarity with Hillside students, he said, will be advantageous.

"I pretty much know every kid in the building," he said. "That's beneficial for me, making this transition.

O'Neill said he feels privileged to work in a building with a high Brad O'Neill caliber of staff and students.

"It's going to be a wonderful opportunity for me," he said "I've been very fortunate to be in a great environment here. It's going to be a very good experience."

O'Neill said a replacement teacher will be hired to teach the physical education classes.

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Final buzzer: Northville AD to retire at school year's end

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anything better. It's a great place to work. I think what you miss most are the people you work with. I'll miss that. It's good to move on and do some different things."

But perhaps a few aspects of his job won't be quite as hard to leave behind. "I won't have to worry if the

scoreboard is going to work or thavel the sprinklers come on in the middle of a game," he said. In the estimated two decades Taylor has worked for Northville

schools, one of his most memorable

"Seeing the new building come together was a real highlight," he said. "It's wonderful to take visitors

moments, he said, was being

involved in the design and construc-

tion of Northville High School.

from other schools and show them our facility. Everybody's in awe. It's come together really well. We're really proud of the job we did."

While in Northville, Taylor has taught physical education at the elementary, middle school and high school level. In addition, Taylor has served as a basketball coach and became an athletic director eight years ago.

Taylor's years of service will conclude in late June.

"I'm not even counting the days," he said.

But despite relocating part-time to his southwest Florida condominium, Taylor said he plans to attend future school games.

"I'll still be at a lot of the athletic events," he said. "I'll just be a spectator instead of an administrator."

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Cause of Maybury disaster yet undetermined

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mined. A full 30 days have passed since the barn was burned to the ground, but Burn said it is not unusual for an investigation of this nature to

"drag on for some time."

We are still waiting for some results and some other things that we are looking at," he said. "Once we have those details, then hopefully we be able to issue a statement as to what

we believe happened out there." Northville Township firefighters received the call on Feb. 12 at approximately 9:45 p.m. and arrived at the Eight Mile and Beck location to find the barn in flames. Fire

departments from the cities of fire, township firefighters made the Northville and Novi assisted in the firefighting effort.

With no water supply on the scene, and not enough water brought in by the tanker truck to fight the barn

executive decision to use the water supply to save the surrounding buildings.

Fifty animals died as a result of the fire.

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Judge rules on NHS accident Foundation seeks \$1M for barn

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another example of the attitude that the police and prosecution have in our community towards speeders in a school zone, Simkins said after the proceedings. "We found out today that the police, the prosecution, and now the judicial system seem to think it is okay to speed and for the students to take their chances."

Township prosecutor James Tamm defended the dismissal of Davis' ticket by saying that no deal had been made in exchange for testimony and emphasized the fact that Davis had already been subpoenaed to appear.

"Unlike [Simkins], we don't have a pecuniary interest in the outcome of these cases," said Tamm. "While 1 am certain it

would be better for his civil lawsuit --- which was filed less than 11 days after the accident - if we would have continued against [Davis], our conclusion was that it was not appropriate to proceed to trial on that matter."

Tamm added that while the prosecution was sympathetic towards Peters and her family, the evidence proved that Peters was an inexperienced driver who "pulled out in front of a truck" and caused the collision.

But actual fault regarding the accident was not something that the court would assign. Although Gerou did state he believed there was "comparable evidence" that Davis had, in fact, been speeding. it was Peters who failed to acknowledge the stop sign at the end of the high school driveway.

The decision was based only on the evidence that Peter's failed to vield at the stop sign.

That obligated her to yield to all vehicles approaching on the roadway before entering that roadway," Gerou stated while issuing the court's decision. "In Michigan, unlike some other states, even if one car forfeits their right of way because they are driving at an unlawful speed, it does not automatically shift the right-of-way to the other driver." Simkins said he would be

appealing the decision to Wayne County Circuit Court.

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amount of donations, we still need a considerable amount. Our next step is to contact our corporate friends.

But for now, Peters said the envelopes containing five, \$10, and \$20 donations - from individuals from Northville to Grosse Pointe Woods to Clinton township - are "touching."

There's no rhyme or reason to where the donations come from," said Peters. "Everyone wants to help. The fire sure did touch the

For more information on the Voices of Maybury, another Maybury support group, see page 15A.

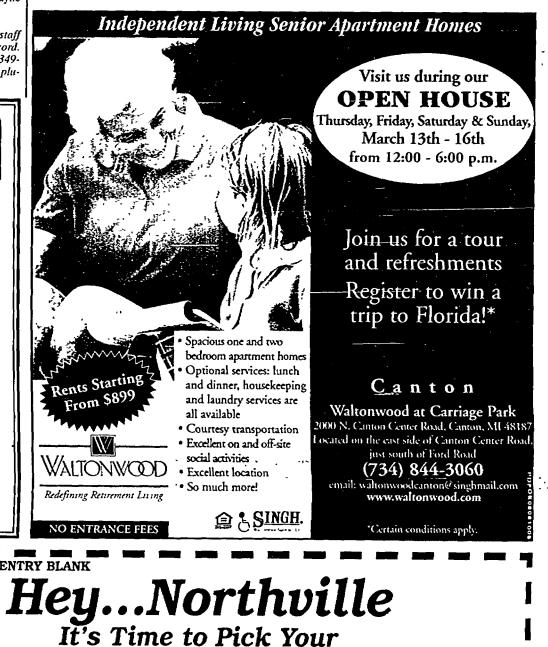
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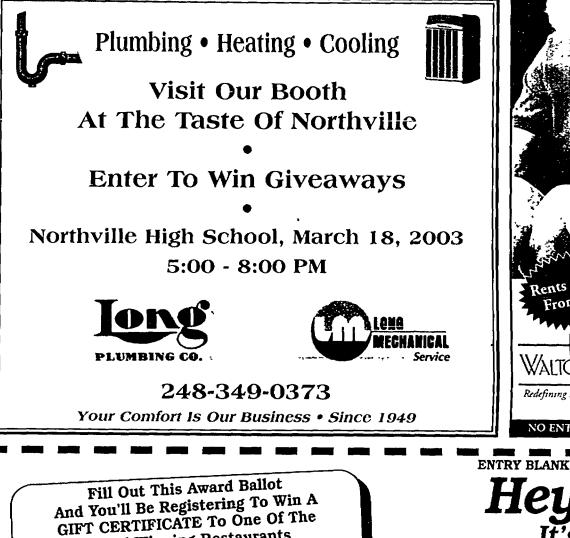
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"Very accurate records are being kept on every dollar received," said Peters. "We have crossed every "T" and dotted every "I" and kept incredibly accurate books so as to avoid any intimation of fund mismanagement."

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City seeks frugal way to repair roads, streets

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

With the goal of safer streets in mind, city officials are mulling over various options for necessary improvements while trying to work within the constraints of an already strained budget.

According to director of public works Jim Gallogly, he asked for and received direction for capital improvements spanning the next two years.

As discussed at the March 3 council meeting, multiple projects are being discussed, including that of the reconstruction of Taft Road.

"Complete reconstruction of Taft Road is about a million-dollar project and council is not quite sure how to do that at this point," Gallogly said, referring to options to do a boulevard treatment of the road of to resurface. "We are all concerned about the increase in traffic on Taft, particularly with plans that Novi has to relocate the Novi Expo Center to the (north] end of Taft Road [in the city of Novi]. With that, we do expect some increase in traffic."

Due to the cost of the project, council directed Gallogly to re-

STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CRITERIA

• Streets classified as "poor" were given high priority and addressed early in the program

• Gravel streets were considered "poor" and given high priority and addressed early in the program

 Major streets, which carry a much higher volume of traffic, have greater liability exposure and greater economic impact over that of local streets. They were therefore given priority over local streets.

• Streets classified as "very good" were given high priority and addressed early in the program. (Statistics show that for every dollar spent on prompt repairs to new roadways, a community saves \$6 on street reconstruction costs.)

- Information provided in Council Communications

review it before having it approved through the budget process. For the time being, spot repairs will be made for maintenance purposes.

Gallolgy was also asked to report back to council with estimates for a complete reconstruction of South Lexington Boulevard from Eight Mile to Potomac. Improvements will continue to be made in the sidewalk improvement program and a small crack sealing program will begin in order to help increase the life of the roads after cracks in the asphalt occur.

"It's always fun to plan street improvements," said Gallogly, "It's frustrating that you can't do more because there are so may needs, but you do feel good about planning quality improvements for your neighborhood."

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City's web traffic skyrockets

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

Northville has gone virtual, and the results have been surprisingly impressive.

When city officials decided to jump onto the Internet bandwagon in July, hopes were high that residents would take advantage of the city's site. But no one in the city expected that visits to the site would be so numerous.

"I think we are very pleased with the monthly increase in the number of visits because we are really making a concentrated effort to add new features to make the web site more interesting to visit," said assistant city manager and finance director Nicolette Bateson. "And when you look at our population of about 6,500 compared to the approximately 22,000 visits we had in January [2003], it shows us that the residents are responding."

"It has exceeded our expectations and that sentiment is also shared by the people at municipal web services who also have been pleasantly surprised by the number of visits that our site has received based on our population."

But Bateson said that the city is still trying to make the site an even better resource for their residents with features such as tax and assessing look-up that was added in December. Sometime this month, residents will also have the opportunity to purchase used city equipment when the "garage sale" feature is added.

Also available to residents are city council agendas, which are posted once they are made available by the city manager's office. The department of public works newsletter is also posted on the web site at the same time that it is mailed out.

Each department is represented on the website and is responsible for maintaining and updating their respective link. Bateson said an "excellent effort" was being put forth by all involved.

According to Bateson, the Parks and Recreation department portion of the website is one of the top five most frequently visited links.

"The Parks and Rec department really has done an excellent job in updating their section of the web site including posting league standings as they occur and I believed that fact has saved a significant amount in postage costs as they are usually mailed out."

Bateson if any further information is needed to visit her online at *ci northville.mi us.*

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Village is an 11-acre collection of 19th century buildings along the Mill Pond operated by the Northville Historical Society. The Village is open dawn to dusk seven days a week and is located on the west side of Griswold north of Main Street in downtown Northville. The office, located at the Cady Inn, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Archives are open on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. The 1st Sunday in June through the 3rd Sunday in October the buildings are open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with docents (hosts/hostesses) in each to share the history of that building. For detailed information about special programs or renting the facilities call the office at (248) 348-1845.

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March 19	7 p m -9 p m	Mill Creek Community Church Praver Service	Church
March 20	9 a m -1 p m 7.30 p m -9 30 p m	Archives Open to the Public Northville Historical Society	Cady Inn
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The Children's Christmas Workshop is collecting old wooden handles from brooms, shovels, rakes, etc. If you have any you would like to donate please drop them off in the Mill Race office, Monday through Friday from 9 a m.-1 p m. or call (248) 348-1845 t make other arrangements.

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Voices of youth converge at NYA conference

By Jennifer Norris STAFE WRITER

Northville High School was the gathering point for a Northville Community Dialogue seminar in late February. Geared to open communication lines between teens and community leaders, the event attracted approximately 90 individuals.

The event was organized and sponsored by Northville Youth Assistance with the support of Northville schools, Northville city and the township.

"I thought it was a huge success because the kids really felt the adults were listening to them and responding to them," said Mary

Ellen King, Northville Youth Assistance director. "We just felt it was a necessary venue to listen to what kids are talking about. We've never done this in Northville. They've done this in Birmingham and Royal Oak. It's a way of bringing more assets to the teens."

The event consisted of eight different dialogue topics including youth and business, valuing youth, family life, school, social issues and youth and community.

Numerous students were trained to serve as facilitators and lead the discussion groups.

King said such an event provided a communication outlet for local

representatives and teenagers. So many positives came out of this," she said. "Youth Assistance is really committed to following through on the action plans and taking a leadership role in this whole project."

Event committee co-chairs included King, Cathy Ponder, Judy Prain and Pat Sala.

Ponder said she was pleased with the program's outcome.

"It went very well," she said. "We were very happy with it." Ponder added that the purpose of the function was to involve the

youths in Northville and build working relationships between teens and community leaders. We felt that this was success-

ful," she said.

Event organizers plan to host the

event annually

The teens felt they wanted to do this every year," said Ponder "We all are open to the changes that could be made to make it more successful in the years to come." We feel this first event will

build awareness on what the community dialogue is and increase participation from community members in the future."

Representatives from the city and township of Northville, board of education, local churches, police and fire officials, Northville Parks ii + Recreation, the Northville District Library, Northville Youth Assistance and the Northville Chamber of Commerce participated in the community dialogue.

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look beautiful or you can look after your skin.

Ponder said.

Adding to the program's success. Ponder said, were the teenagers who trained to be facilitators that day and attended the seminar.

They were so enthusiastic," she said. They did a great job. We were just impressed they rose to the occasion. We hope good things come out of this."

Ayesha Siddique, a senior at Northville High School, was one of several students who served as a facilitator at the community dialogue session.

"I think our group discussion went really well," said Siddique. "It was a really productive discussion. The group we had jumped

straight into the action plan." Siddique said her group discussed the apparent lack of entertainment options for teens in

Northville. "There's not a lot of teen-friend-ly stores," she said. "There aren't too many places to hang out."

Siddique said continuing to host such community dialogues in the future would be beneficial.

"It was a really good experi-ence," she said "I really enjoyed

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Students fight domestic violence



Meads Mill students offered their help to victims of domestic violence.

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Seventh grade students at Meads Mill Middle School have mastered the meaning of "giving back" and helping others.

The students engaged in a "Kids to Kids" service project, in which school supplies and backpacks were purchased and delivered to First Step, a shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence.

The students raised more than \$300 by holding a bake sale. The

Northville Township Meijer store matched that amount, enabling students and staff members to purchase \$600 worth of school supplies and backpacks for kids in crisis.

"We started thinking about ways we could make a difference and help those students in need," said Shelley Woodrich, a Meads Mill. teacher. "The kids went above and beyond."

The supplies were delivered to First Step Feb. 28. Teacher team members involved in the project Woodrich. included Norm

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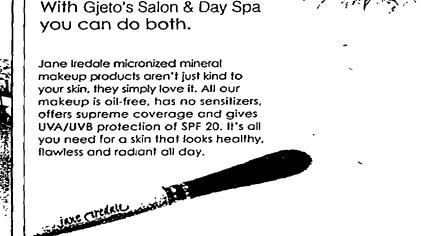
The kids were really satisfied to know that they were helping other children who were struggling," said Woodrich. "It gets the kids rooted in their communities and making a difference. Their enthusiasm made an impression on all of our teachers.

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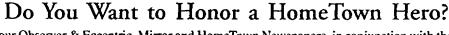
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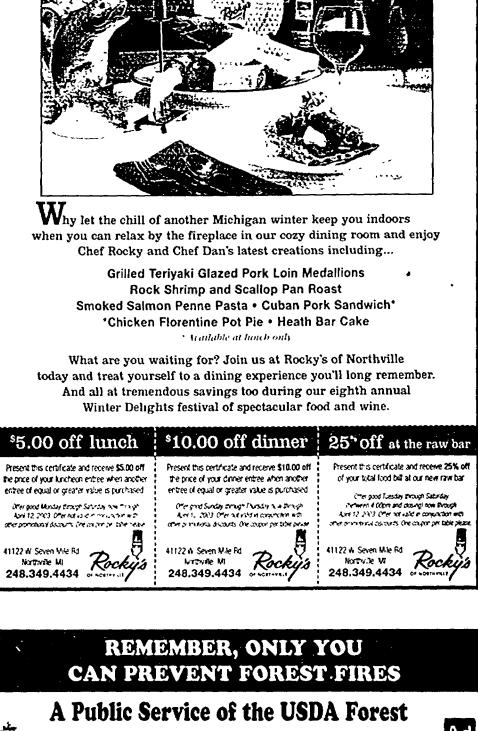
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More questions than answers

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A tragic incident that seemed to galvanize the Northville community has morphed into a series of questions, the number of which grows with each passing day. Here are some of the more pressing ones we believe need to be answered.

and we will seek answers to:

QUESTION No. 1: Why the delay in determining a cause of the fire at Northville commu-Maybury State Park?

"We are still into a series of waiting for some results and some other number of which things that we are looking at," said John Burn of the state police fire marshal division.

"Once we have those details, then hopefully we be able to issue a statement as to what we believe happened out there."

The Maybury barn burned to the ground a full 30 days ago, and to this point, the only thing we know is that investigators don't believe arson was the cause of the blaze that took the lives of 50 animals. Residents are understandably growing tired of waiting.

QUESTION No. 2: What happens if the necessary donat-

ed monies don't come in? Rebuilding the barn is no small task. Rough estimates show that it would require a donation of about \$45 for every resident of Northville and Northville Township to acquire the \$1.5 million necessary.

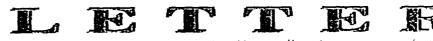
To date, about \$7,500 has A tragic incident been raised by the Northville Community Foundation. As the state comes to terms with a suffocating nity has morphed budget crisis, it seems highly unlikely that much --- if any --- state aid will come to bolster grows with each the coffers. If the cost falls short, then what?

> **QUESTION No. 3:** Does the state want to rebuild Maybury? Governor Jennifer Granholm herself a Northville Township resident --- hasn't minced words in describing the state's financial tarpit. While Maybury has an ally in State Rep. John Stewart, we wonder if he'll be able to rally enough support in Lansing to make a rebuilding effort possible in the first place. If the interest isn't there, all the money in the world won't make any difference.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kevin and Kevin Jr. Smith relax Wednesday afternoon following some sledding on Amerman Elementary's hill. The Northville and Novi area received more than six inches of snow Tuesday night.



Maybury farm meeting spawned more questions

We were in attendance at the meeting for citizens concerned about the status of the Maybury Farm on March 8. We came away from that meeting with many unanswered questions about the status and future of the farm and wish to express to the community to please become active participants in this

We need to question the intentions of the Norinville Community Foundation. It sp volumes, when no one was present from the Foundation to speak at the meeting. From our understanding, the Department of Natural Resources is looking into a partnership with the Foundation to manage the farm. In our opinion, this would be a mistake. Privatization is for profit. We need to reestablish the access to our farm as it has been for years, while maintaining the integrity of the unlimited programs it has to offer as well. The concerned citizens in attendance felt the need to form a group of our own -Voices for Maybury Farm. Our intentions are not to parallel the actions of other groups. Friends of Maybury State Park is an organization that assists in promotion and preservation of the entire park, whereas Voices for Maybury Farm has the distinct concern for the Living Farm. Again, we are personally not in positions of higher authority or decision-making. We are simply concerned Northville residents, and more importantly parents of two small children who frequented the farm. We urge you to get involved. Your voice can make a difference. Please continue to contact your local state Representative and the DNR. The DNR contact: COOLKL@michigan.gov or (517) 373-2329.

you disappointed about the amount of space dedicated to reporting this lawsuit (your words)? Do you think because these are luxurious homes the residents are getting special treatment? You have made it a question of money, not of printed space -- whining, well healed, McMansion excess.

You evidently failed to notice that the Record is a hometown newspaper. Subscribers want to read about events at the schools, township, city, county. They want to read about successes and problems. They have the Detroit News/Free Press to give them "unbiased" reports on the possible upcoming war, depressed economy and 2000 bliow hee lenoi Remarkably, the News found the lawsuit newsworthy because it got above-the-fold coverage in the [Detroit News] Metro section last week. Aren't you concerned about this suit? You should be. It should have your undivided attention. You are a Northville resident. Your elected officials are going to be involved, thus so are you. Monies that could be otherwise spent on safety and security and parks must be diverted to this lawsuit. Fairchild Development made a contract with the Township. It received density concessions worth thousands in return for green space. The developer reneged. The developer contracted with the county and reneged again. Are you upset yet? The integrity of the township is at stake. There is much land to be developed in Northville. If one developer is allowed to successfully by-pass its commitments, the Township will have difficulty in future negotiations. Fairchild is presently involved in construction in another suburb. Putting the article front and center will alert prospective investors to steer clear. So you see, Mr. K., it's costing you and me. I doubt that you would tolerate a contractor ripping you off. I doubt that you would delay restitution until after the war or until the economy improves. Neither should the McMansions.



Charge for cards covers senior amenities

I have lived in the village of Northville and now the city of Northville all of my life. As a matter of fact I live in the home that I was born in back in 1930. I play cards and attend other activities held at the Northville Senior Center on Cady Street. Normally we play pinochle on Mondays and Thursdays. However, one of our regular players suggested that we try another type of pinochle and made the arrangements to try that game on a Wednesday. That is the day that Marlynn Murphy and her two friends came. They were informed that there is a charge of \$1 to play cards. They refused to pay so others in attendance offered to pay the fee for them if they could not afford the \$1 charge. For the fee that we pay the Northville Senior Center provides us with cards to play, coffee, tea. popcorn, plates and napkins. The center also prints up our tally sheets along with many other miscellaneous items. I cannot say what Novi, Livonia or Redford charge the seniors as I enjoy going to the Northville Senior Center and playing cards with others who attend and enjoy themselves. We all are looking forward to the day that we will have a much larger building so that more people can attend the many activities that are provided for the seniors. If a person is not happy with the current rules I would think that they would attend the board meetings and voice their objections and make sound recommendations for change to the board. To criticize the individual who paid their fee is in my opinion very rude. Rules are rules and until they are changed one should comply. I and the other seniors who take advantage of the many activities being offered at the Northville Senior Center hope that soon we will be in a much larger building with more parking so that each activity will be able to have its own room so that more seniors who like to be active can attend.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Ms. Murphy's letter, printed in the Record on March 6, questioned the need for seniors to be charged a fee for card-playing at the Northville Senior Center.

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Be careful before you cut...

Last week, Gov. Jennifer Granholm delivered the most painful budget message heard in Michigan in many, many years.

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She proposed balancing the estimated \$1.7 billion budget deficit for the fiscal year that begins in October by cutting \$937 million in state spending and proposing around \$400 million each in new revenues (increasing the tax on diesel fuel, for example) and accounting

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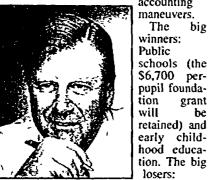
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nity colleges (a 6.5 percent cut), graduating high school seniors (\$2,500 college merit scholarships for those who did well on the MEAP test will be cut to \$500) and state employees (\$250 million in negotiated wage and benefit increases were zeroed out of the budget).

Legislative and media reaction was generally admiring. Granholm did the run-up to her budget message in a spectacularly effective series of show-and-tell performances around the state. And her overall tough approach — "The days of spending beyond our means are over", she said in an unusual personal appearance before the House and Senate appropriations committees -- won praise from Democrats and Republicans alike.

Upon reflection, three things stand out. First, Granholm may wind up carving entirely new ground for a Democratic politician.

Her predecessor, Republican John Engler, had an entirely different style aggressively blunt and determinedly noninclusive. And during the last years in office, Engler tried to do an impossible balancing act, simultaneously cutting taxes, increasing spending and finding all kinds of accounting gimmicks to balance the budget.

Granholm wants to "build a government that is lean, not mean." She says that at times of budget crisis a government cannot be or do everything for everybody and that tough-minded decisions must be made about spending priorities. For a Democrat to be a budget hawk is a new approach. Perhaps Granholm's is dictated by the strin-gency of the times, but I wouldn't be sur-

prised if it really works. Second, nobody should assume this budget is going to solve all our problems. It's based on lots of assumptions -- attitudes of state employee unions, saving money by diverting some prisoners to less expensive drug treatment plans, closing loopholes like transfer taxes on property sales - that may not pan out. The economy could fall into full-blown recession. The inevitable legislative and lobbying arm twisting has yet to take place. Moreover, the fact is that the state faces

something like a \$1 billion "structural budget deficit" that will dominate budget discussions for years to come. As the widely respected Citizen's Research Council pointed out in a report issued last year, the combination of tax cuts over the past decade and relatively high expectations for state services have resulted in budgets that yet to take place, but it surely will

Third, Granholm is coming awfully close to inflicting real, long-term damage to one of Michigan's greatest long-term competitive advances — our high quality state universities and the research and development efforts they support. Support for higher education has now been cut by something like 10 percent over the past two budget years. This is the biggest cut since the recession in the early 1980s.

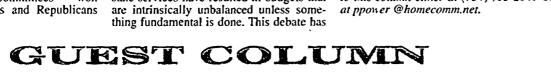
To her credit, Granholm said the higher education cuts were the most painful part of her budget. But she also said quite clearly that, "Higher education is not as critical as making sure a child is ready to go to college in the first place."

The fact remains that massive budget cuts for universities can do an awful lot of damage in a very short time, damage that takes many years to repair. Students and families will inevitably get hit with big tuition increases, not to mention the loss of \$2,500 college scholarships. Universities will have to cut courses, increase class sizes, reduce library and computer facilities and do all the things that save money but likely cut quality.

What keeps Michigan distinctive and fuels our economy and the prosperity of our citizens is the aggregate excellence of our investments in human and intellectual capital.

Gov. Granholm and the Legislature need to be especially thoughtful about the longterm consequences as they come to closure on this part of the budget.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or



Mr. Rogers was a neighbor to all

Two weeks ago someone I did consider my neighbor died. Mr. Rogers came into our home when our children were one and three. He remained an infrequent but always comforting visitor up until he died. In some ways, as a pastor and a pastoral psychothera-

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themselves and love their neighbors. As a Presbyterian minister, he can taken both Hebrew Scripture and Christian Scripture and put it out there for all kids. Love yourself because you are special and give the gift of that love to your neighbor. Is that just make believe or can it happen? The trips on the trolley from his living room to the Land of Make Believe makes me think that Mr. Rogers thought that that kind of love was possible.

He helped parents to get a handle on how they could help kids with their feeling good about themselves. Kids mimic their parents, he always said. So, take responsibility to give your kids the kind of life that you want for them. That is hard work. That means we may have to think a little more about what we do or what we say. But that is how Mr. Rogers started his TV ministry, as it really was. He once, as a young man, saw a kids show where kids were throwing pies at each other and doing a lot of slapstick. He was

offended that kids could be treated with

you treat yourself with love and respect and give those gifts to those whom you love. But Mr. Rogers went one step further. To him the neighborhood had no geographic

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Mr. Rogers even your prayers and gave me some your public actions and behaviors he would like you to share those gifts of respect and love for all your neighbors, regardless their

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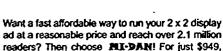
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Mr. Rogers always told kids that they were special. Each one of you, he would say, not because of what you are on the outside, but who you are on the inside. The circumstances in which you grow up have nothing to do with whom you are inside. So, when a viewer reflected on being with Mr. Rogers he said that when he has been physically and sexually abused he retreated to a closet. There, in that closet, was a TV. In that closet how much it meant to see Mr. Rogers on TV telling him that you are special, because it is who you are on the inside that counts. Mr. Rogers told kids that they should love

such disrespect, though pretty mild by today's standards. So, he set about his "Call" to show kids and kids of all ages a place where respect was the way people treated each other. For respect not only helps one to feel loved, but also helps one to feel special, and valued for just who they

Mr. Rogers gave me some simple words and explanations for life and the way people grow and change, which I find myself sharing with the people who I see professionally. I hope that you may find these ideas a support to you in your own specialness as

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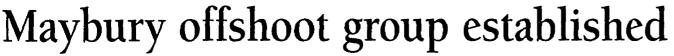
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By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

Maybury State Park has plenty of "Friends," and the Northville Foundation's Community Maybury Farm Endowment Fund is garnering support for the rebuild and upkeep of the barn destroyed in a fire last month.

And now, there's also a 'Voice" for those who think they have not yet been heard.

Novi resident Susan Smith is the new president for the fledgling organization now known as the Voices for Maybury Farm. The group formed during the March 8 meeting of the Friends of Maybury held at the Northville District Library.

This organization represents a positive enthusiastic effort towards rebuilding and maintaining the farm we all knew and loved," Smith said.

"We are absolutely not in conflict with the Friends of Maybury or the Northville Community Foundation," said Smith. "We hope all three entities are working towards the common goal of restoring Maybury as a living historical farm.'

According to a statement written by Susan Greenlee, secretary for the Voices group, up to 70 people "walked out" of the Friends meeting after president

"This organization represents a positive enthusiastic effort towards rebuilding and maintaining the farm we all knew and loved."

Susan Smith Voices of Maybury

Ed Pierce announced that he did not feel it appropriate for his group to involve themselves with fundraising efforts for Maybury.

Pierce could not be reached for comment by press time ,but Friends vice-president George McCarthy echoed Smith's sentiment that no conflict exists between the groups.

"The Friends have supported ongoing programs at the park and will continue to do that," said McCarthy. "The immediate need for the barn and farm restoration is being spearheaded by the

Northville Community Foundation and to the degree that the Voices for Maybury can contribute also.

But McCarthy said that the "walk out" would be more accurately described as an "adjournment" for the new group to organize themselves for fundraising activities for the farm and the bam.

"We all have the same objectives," said McCarthy. "We really see eye-to-eye."

Voices members also expressed "misgivings" about working with the Northville Community Foundation, said Greenlee in the statement describing the meeting. Foundation director Shari Peters was not present at the meeting, though she had been invited to attend, the statement said.

But Smith clarified that any and all concerns were due to a lack of information on the Foundation's future plans regarding the farm.

There are a lot of different groups that wanted to come together under one umbrella," said Smith. "We don't have much information on the Community Foundation's project yet. We are looking forward to hearing from them and having some input in the future plans of the farm."

Smith said that Voices mem-

bers are concerned that without community input, the character of the farm may change.

"People love the farm as it was. People are concerned that the farm, when rebuilt, may no longer represent what it used to as a fully working historical farm open at all times to any in the Detroit-area community," she said. "We want to make sure that the input and desires of the community at large are taken into account even before plans are finalized for the rebuild of the farm."

Peters said that discussions with the state concerning the future of the farm are ongoing and no plans have yet been finalized. She also said that volunteers are welcome to donate their time in the foundation's efforts.

"We have been taking down names, addresses, and phone numbers and we have guaranteed each person that we will be contacting them in the not-too-distant future to assist with the project in every capacity," she said.

As for the Voices for Maybury Farm, Peters declined further comment."

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POLICE REPORTS

CITY OF NORTHVILLE:

MISSING EARRINGS: A Northville woman contacted police on Feb. 16 to report a pair of missing quarter-carat diamond earrings worth over \$600. The woman stated that she had placed the earrings on a small porcelain jewelry tray on Feb. 12 in the bedroom of ber apartment complex and left for a meeting, door unlocked. She did not notice the earrings missing until Feb. 15. There are no suspects or witnesses. The woman was instructed to continue searching for the earrings and contact police if they were located.

LARCENY: A snow blower valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a Northville home on Feb. 23. There are no suspects or witnesses.

NO LICENSE: A 19-year-old Northville resident was arrested for driving without a license after officers pulled him over on Feb. 16 at approximately 1:45 a.m. The officer was on patrol when he observed a vehicle driving with only its parking lights on. A traffic stop was initiated, during which the driver stated he had a license but it had been stolen with his wallet in Dallas. The officer ran the driver's information through the police computers to discover that the driver's license had been suspended in Plymouth. The driver was placed under arrest and is scheduled to appear in court on Feb. 27.

DRIVING WHILE DRUNK: Northville police arrested an 18year-old resident for driving while under the influence on Feb. 16 at approximately 4:30 a m.

While under patrol, the officer noticed a vehicle on the west side of Center Street - in the Randolph Street area - facing southbound at a diagonal in a driveway. The suspect vehicle's four-way flashers were on and individuals were standing next to

it. The owner stated to police that he had run out of gas on the way home and his friend had come to help. While the driver was speaking, the officer detected a moderate odor of intoxicants and that the driver had glassy and watery eyes.

When asked, the driver first stated that he had not consumed any alcohol but later admitted to drinking "a beer or two." He was placed under arrest after PBT results of 0.08 percent were obtained and transported to the police station where he admitted to drinking "less than 10" beers at a friend's house.

He is scheduled to appear in court on Feb. 27.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP:

SHOPLIFTING: Officers were dispatched to the Haggerty Road Northville Township Meijer on March 2 at approximately 4 p.m., on a report of retail fraud. Upon arrival, officers spoke with loss prevention, who notified Township police that two 22-year-old Westland residents had been observed taking items off of the store shelves of the automotive department and concealing them in their clothing. One subject had been observed placing a portable CD player in one pocket and a small radio in the other. The second subject had been observed placing a black duffel bag down the back of his coat and several other items in his coat pockets and waistline of his pants.

The subjects were observed leaving the store before being approached by loss prevention, who escorted them back to the loss prevention office. Once in the office, the subjects returned all stolen items, totaling approximately \$150. They were arrested upon police arrival and issued violations for larceny in a building. Both subjects are scheduled to appear in 35th District Court on March 20

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

A large bug infestation hit St. Paul's Lutheran School last week. But they weren't the kind of critters that make most people squirm.

In honor of Lutheran schools week, St. Paul's hosted their annual VIP Day - a day set aside for family members to attend school with the students. Inside the gymnasium, students and their relatives handcrafted bugs from foam, colored sand, puzzle pieces, fabric and assorted craft items.

St. Paul's principal Carol Ritt said the family craft session was followed by musical and artistic performances by the students.

Craft materials were provided and brought in by Sharon Ten Hoopen of Arts & Scraps in Detroit. The adults have just as much fun as the kids," said Ten Hoopen,

adding that no two "bugs" turn out alike. "They're like snowflakes," she

said. Arts & Scraps, a non-profit

organization, recycles industrial scraps into creative material and provides educational programming. The VIP day activities at St.

Paul's Lutheran school allowed family members and students to interact and share in the academic environment.

What I'm hoping they take away is the joy of creative sharing with their VIP which could be a grandparent, an aunt or uncle," Ritt said. "It could be a friend of the family. Even morns and dads are here. The beauty of the Christian school is the emphasis on family and God's love for that family."

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Students in grades K-7 participat-ed in the VIP activities Mar. 7. Fourth grader Kristin Tarp was

St. Paul's students celebrate VIP Day

joined by her father, Terry Tarp, in making their bug, named Fluttery. Kristin grinned broadly as she

worked alongside her father and explained the day's purpose. Today is a day when parents can

have fun with their kids and hang out," she said.

Following the bug construction process, students performed for their visitors, showcasing various songs, dance and musical abilities. A luncheon for participants was also provided.

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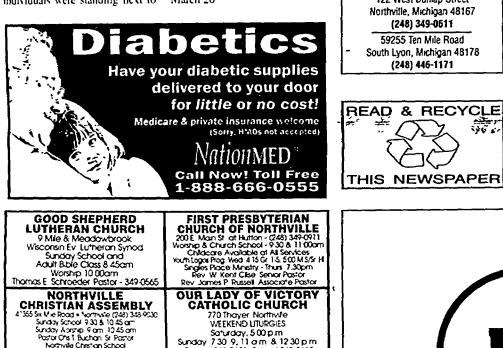


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First grader Faith McCall creates a handcrafted bug with her aunt, Nicole Andrews, at St. Paul's Lutheran School.







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MONEY MATTERS

How to beat rising gas prices

"We understand your frustration with rising gas prices, but we are not responsible for the price increases. Please do not take your frustrations out on the customer service staff. Thank you." I spied this

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dent involving an irate customer earlier

in the week prompted the posting of the sign.

We only make a 4-cent profit on every gallon of gas we sell," she said.

Michigan consumers are indeed feeling a pain in the pump despite a 5-cent drop in gas prices in late February. On the last day of the month, the statewide average for gas was \$1.70, according to AAA Michigan. Metro Detroiters saw a 4.4-cent drop in their prices. The average price for one gallon of self-serve regular unleaded was about \$1.67.

In California, gas prices have soared above \$2 a gallon. The national average is about \$1.67 a gallon, up 54 cents from one year ago.

Responding to fears of price gauging and price fixing, State Attomey General Mike Cox issued a consumer alert earlier that attempts to answer consumers' questions about rising gas prices and the role the of the Michigan Attorney General's Office in investigating pricing issues.

Here are some tips from AAA Michigan to make your buck go farther.

1. Keep tires properly inflated. Under-inflated tires can not only wear out tire tread and lead to blowouts, they can cut fuel economy by a half percent per pound of pressure below recommended levels.

- 2. Keep your car tuned. An engine in poor working condition can gobble 50 percent more gas. Change your oil and oil filters regularly.

3. Consult your owner's manual for the grade of gas your automobile requires. Unless the manual specifically says to purchase mid-grade or premium gasoline, stick with the regular low octane fuel. You'll save upwards of 16 cents per gallon, which doesn't sound like much, but over a year's time you could save hun-

dreds of dollars.

By Elizabeth Heer SPECIAL WRITER

Richard Miller of Miller Media Vision is an award-winning freelance videographer, editor, satellite and camera operator. If you're looking for a professional still or video photographer who doesn't cost an arm and a leg, just give Miller a call. Even better, he will come to you, whenever and wherever.

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Miller captures life on your terms. He shoots portraits for children, families, high school seniors, and businesses - even pets. Special occasions include weddings, anniversaries, parties, corporate events, business meetings, sports, and sporting events. Kids in sports often like to have trading cards with their likeness, and Miller can oblige. For portraits, he can include special effects.

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Miller recognizes the stress involved with photographing weddings or family portraits, and he's willing to accommodate.

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Photo by Sam Black From portraits of children, families, high school seniors, businesses or pets to special occasion shots of weddings, anniversaries, parties or sports, Richard Miller's Miller Media Vision can do it all.

including an Emmy for segment editing, and first place awards from the Associated Press and United Press International for spot news photography and sports photography. His video work includes training films, commercials, video news releases, and national sports coverage.

Miller is also experienced in operating a multi-analog digital satellite truck and has familiarity in operating several satellite systems. As a satellite technician, he has covered the NFL Detroit Lions, the last three Stanley Cup playoffs. NCAA tournaments, the Professional Bowling

Association, the 2000 elections, and hurricanes in Florida. Miller Media Vision is also fully equipped to send one or two-man crews on the road or locally for videographing jobs.

Miller would like to lend his expertise to benefit area high school students and give them real world professional production experience not offered in school that could lead to a career. He has developed a plan to video high school football games for broadcast on cable television.

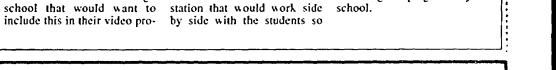
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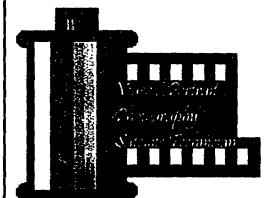
gram, and I am looking for sponsors to fund it. It wouldn't cost the schools anything," Miller said.

With access to a production truck equipped with four broadcast-quality cameras, replay machines and all the necessary equipment, Miller would set up and supervise the program. He would provide three paid professionals to work alongside students. Each game would use a crew of 12 students to film, do audio work, and works as announcers. "I have a professional announcer from a Detroit radio station that would work side they wouldn't be left on their own," he explained.

Miller is looking for business sponsors who would like to produce the school project. "It would be a good deal because they would gain commercial time," he said. "They would get four or five mentions on every game. Each game would air twice a week, so they would be reaching 250,000 homes."

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To nominate a teacher, send the teacher's full name, school address and school phone number along with a statement of no more than 200 words indicating why this instructor deserves to be our Feature Teacher.

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN **OPEN HOUSE**

St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville will be hosting an open house for families interested in preschool through Grade 8. The open house is Thursday, March 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. St. Paul's is located at 201 Elm Street in downtown Northville (behind Hiller's Market).

Please contact the school office for more information 248-349-3146.

ST. PAUL'S AUCTION

St. Paul's Luthern School in Northville has planned their annual auction. The event is slated to take place March 22 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The silent and live auction begins at 5:30 p.m. A "Western" theme is being used and "Bar-B-Que Fixins" will be on the menu.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the school office at (248) 349-3146

KIDS NIGHT OUT MAR, 14

"Kids Rocking Night Out" is a collaborative project organized by the Northville Parks and Recreation, Hillside Middle School and the Water Wheel Health Club, All Northville middle school

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students from Hillside and Meads Mill are invited to attend this health focused event on March 14 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Activities will include rock climbing, volkytrall, dance lessons, aerobics, kick boxing, healthy stacks and a DJ.

Admission is \$6 through Parks and Recreation and registration is limited due to space available.

For more information, call (248) 349-0203 ext. 1411.

MEADS' KNOWLEDGE MAS-TER

The sixth grade Knowledge Master Open team at Meads Mill Middle School placed second out of 27 Michigan teams and 16th of 363 middle schools around the world. The students and their coach, Robert Stover, were honored at a board of education meeting

The sixth grade KMO school team members include: Shuowen Chen, Adrienne Cohen, Brad Coleman, Danielle Collareno, Spenser Conrad, Allison Elias, Kara Folas, Ryan Frisbic, Chelsea Glenn, Liz Gregory, Valerie Juan, Elizabeth Keenan, Tim Kelly, Casie Kowalski, Eric Makinen, Morgan McGuirk, Katie Mindick, Janet Skrbina, Andrea Taverna, David Uberti and Amanda Webster.

HILLSIDE KNOWLEDGE MASTER

The sixth grade Hillside Middle School Knowledge Masters Open team placed 10th out of 27 Michigan teams and 123rd out of 363 teams worldwide. Team members included: Cameron Buniette, Jenna Dehne, Adam Edson, Chris Flynn, Molly Flynn, Ryan Gerblick, Mark Jackson, Patrick Kelley, Kelley Logan, Nathan Love, Colin Maresh, Andy Parks, Griffin Pines, Johanna Poterala, Matt Renneker, Matthew Sims, John Syverson and Sarah Trumbore.

FULBRIGHT MEMORIAL FUND

The Northville Public Schools will be participating in an international exchange program with Japan this year which is funded by the Fulbright Memorial Fund. Nine Japanese educators will visit Northville from March 23-30. Twenty-five cohort groups from Japan will visit schools across the United States. Three of these schools are in Northville, Our visitors from Japan will visit Hillside Middle School, Amerman Elementary and Northville High School, Hillside teacher Rick Vander Wer along with NHS teacher Nancy Smith and American teacher Bruce Ricketts will travel to Japan for 6 weeks this summer as part of this project. The Northville team will be developing projects involving curriculum development and technology to share between the - Continued from 1 two countries

ALL NIGHT PARTY

Tickets to Northville High School's 2003 Senior All Night Party are on sale through the end of March at a price of \$65. Send checks payable to Linda Temple, 46023 Northvalley, Northville, Mich. 48167. Please write the student's first and last name on the memo line. A 2003 Senior Party drop box has been placed in the Northville High School office for those persons wishing to deliver payments in person.

Ticket prices for this night of events for graduating seniors will increase to \$75 beginning April 1. For more information, call (248) 349-6294.

ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Paul's Lutheran School is now accepting applications for its preschool program for Fall 2003. There are moming and afternoon sessions for 3-year-old and 4-year-old preschoolers.

St. Paul's is located at 201 Elm Street in downtown Northville. Please call the school office for more information (248) 349-3146.

HILLSIDE REFLECTIONS CONIEST

The following students entered submissions in the Reflections Contest. Their submissions are now on the way to Lansing for the state judging.

Literature

First place: Mara Weber Second place: Shruti Agrawal Third place: Sarah Gutman Fourth place: Emma Wise

Third place: Michael Stamboulian

JIM FAY PRESENTS

On Monday, March 24, internationally acclaimed parenting expert Jim Fay will give two free workshops for parents.

At 4:30 p.m. at Northville High School, Fay will discuss the "Principles of Love and Logic' a philosophy of parenting which encourages parents to set firm limits in a loving way. At 7:30 p.m., Fay will discuss "Children of Affluence." Parents and grandporents are urged to attend.

City fights back against bug, spends big for new trees

property owners affected by the removal/tree planting program will be notified by mail as to what to expect concerning the timing of the work. They will also be given an option to have the have a larger tree planted, if they agree to pay the extra cost.

Three-and-a-half and five-inch trees will also be made available to residents with affected ash trees located on public-rights-of-way as long as the residents cover any cost over and above the cost of the two-and-a-half-inch trees.

Gallolgy said the program would only cover trees that are on

public rights of way. Residents interested in replacing trees on private property, he said, would need to contact the city's department of public works at (248) 449-9930 for more information. It is expected that the tree

removal program will begin in March and be completed by April. Planting of replacement trees will begin immediately and should be completed by June.

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In just his second year, Schumacher almost brings Northville cagers a District crown

By Michael Zerkich and Sam Eggleston HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

It may sound like too much like a sports cliche but Novi coach Pat Schulter hit the nail on the proverbial head in one quote after the game.

"No one deserved the loss," Schluter said following the close contest. In a defensive struggle that had to be seen to be believed

had to be seen to be believed Novi edged Northville for the District Championship 33-31 in overtime.

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tice. This was in-your-face basketball.

The match up was Godzilla versus King Kong in the movies or Ali versus Frazier in boxing.

Novi the highly ranked opponent favorite versus cross-town rival underdog Northville.

No one gave and inch. And, as a fan said in the hallway leaving the gym, "That was some basketball game."

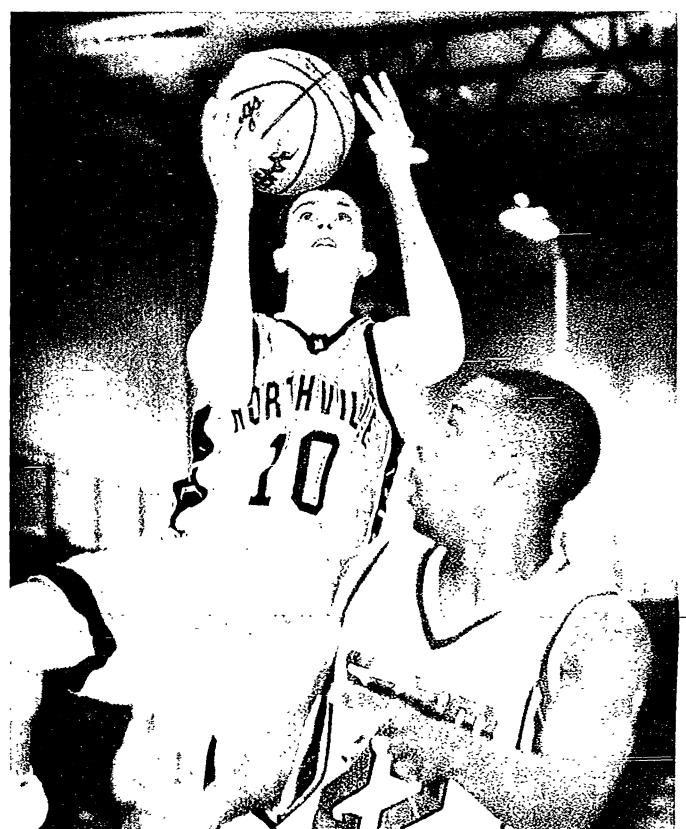
Northville came out with a game plan to beat the mighty giant and it almost worked. Coach Darrel Schumacher outlined his chess-like match-up.

"We knew we were up against a great team tonight," he said. "In order to win we felt that we wanted to play hard, out-defend, keep the score close and try to win it at the buzzer.

"The key for us to was to dominate the tempo by denying opportunities both down low and contest every shot. I thought we did all of that tonight and it went down to the final shot just as we wanted it to. Sometimes it's the bounce of the ball that determines the winner."

The Mustangs were well aware that they had to strike while their iron was hot, or risk falling to Novi for a second time this season.

"My team played as hard as it could," Schumacher said. "When you play against a great team like Novi you have to play every



Let the players decide it

Let's just start off with this: I'm 200-percent against anyone blaming a loss on a referee or complain-

ing about the job they did during the game.

They are out there calling these games for pennies compared to what their time is actually



is actually worth, and they do it because they

love the games and want to add to the experience for the players, the coaches and the fans.

Yeah, they make mistakes. So do I, so do you and so does every other human on this planet. To err is human as the old saying goes. I support referees and their decisions completely, as should everyone who goes to high school sporting events.

Now, let's slide all of that to the back of the table for a moment and let me clarify — in no way am I tearing on officials or what they do in a game, I'm simply making some observations.

Recently, at the Frozen Four semi-finals game between Davison and our Novi Wildcats hockey team, there was a bit of a strange occurrence. You see, one of the officials on the ice probably shouldn't have been there.

Without naming names, a particular official that was making calls during the game is an assistant coach with the Lakeland Eagles. As many of you know, Lakeland is in Novi's conference and though the two teams probably have no ill feelings towards one another, it's the idea of familiarity that should be the issue.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association should have been aware of this when they were scribbling down which officials team would work what game.

The idea of the possibilities is what should be looked at. Say Lakeland did have a grudge against Novi. Heck, the Wildcats escaped from the regional while Lakeland had to go stay home, right? Now, who would be the wiser if the official decided to make a few questionable calls that ended up costing the 'Cats the game?

Let's look at the other side of the coin. What if the official really liked the 'Cats and wanted to see a Kensington Valley Conference team go to the state finals? All it would have taken was a few calls in Novi's favor and maybe a penalty shot would have come from it. The hockey team could have then easily skated off with the win.

When all is said and done, it should be the kids who decide a game of this magnitude. The MHSAA and the officials should know better than to put themselves in this situation. For all I know, the official in question raised his hand right away and said that he had a conflict of interest in that particular game. What would it have taken to switch it around from there? Not much. If indeed he chose not to step up and point the problem out to the MHSAA, then he should have. The players deserve a level playing field for this kind of game. For an official to be on the ice, court or field and have such a level of familiarity is not right. They should be 100-per-cent unbiased. Their job is to not care which team wins, and worry only about making sure both squads play a clean game. I truly hope the MHSAA rectifies this situation in future tournaments. I'd hate to see a quality team go home because an official really liked their opponents, or really hated them for that matter. It wouldn't be hard to sniff out such conflicts. A brief look at their resume should let the MHSAA know if there is a conflict. I have faith that the MHSAA just overlooked this matter, and that next year there will be a much more careful process in selecting those who officiate the different tournaments - no matter what the sport is.

second on the clock perfectly. Unfortunately, we had a lapse late in the game when we were ahead and couldn't finish them off. I wish them well the rest of the way. It was a great game."

The first quarter set the tone for the entire game. Each team drove to their basket only to have lay-ups blocked. Northville senior guard Adam Konst and Novi senior guard Chris Lewis each had 5 points. The quarter ended with a Novi leading 8-7.

Northville was right on the coach's game plan to keep the game tight and put themselves in the lead during the second quarter. Konst hit two 3-pointers and with 5:00 left pulled to a 15-10 lead. A minute later Novi answered with three baskets by three different players to retake the lead at 16-15. Northville jun-10r guard Tim Singleton closed out the scoring by making a layup and was fouled with 2:13 in the half. After making the free throw the half ended with Northville on top 18-16.

Northville led throughout the third quarter and out-scored the Wildcats by a 10-8 score. With a four point lead going into the fourth quarter 28-24, the Mustangs seemed to be headed towards a victory with such a low scoring game.

In the fourth quarter it was Novi's turn to dial up to some super defense of its own. Not that they didn't play great defense before but now it was do-or-die with the entire season swinging in the final 8 minutes of the quarter.

It was in the fourth quarter that there was a total of eight shots for both teams combined. Each team had 4 shots apiece, with Novi getting both of their buckets from junior forward Mike Hart. Northville missed on all four their attempts, including two dunks that were heavily contested down low in the paint. Northville fans wanted fouls but



Northville juniorMark Sorenson goes up for two against Salem High School last week at South Lyon High School.

the referees saw no infractions. Thus, the quarter and regulation game time ended in a 28 tie.

Now for a four minute overtime. Konst got fouled while shooting and came away with one free throw made to show for it. With 2:20 left in the game a break away lay-up by senior Novi guard Chase Chandler put Novi on top by a slim 30 to 29 score.

Perhaps the shot of the night — the white-knuckle, every-onein-the-gym-watching, bombfrom-thirty-something-feet-floatthrough-the-net shot — was delivered by Novi guard Lewis with 20 seconds left. The score board now read 0:28 with a 33-29 Wildcat lead.

But wait. There was no quit in those Mustangs, either. Down they came for a quick shot for a great bucket by Northville's Scott McNeish. Now the score was 33-31 Novi and 0:20 left on the clock.

Northville wisely fouled quickly Novi's usually deadeye senior guard Matt Emmenecker. However, his free throw missed and now it was one last chance for Northville to send the game to a second overtime, to win it with a three, or to go home for the year. And the clock read 0:17.

The crowd roared, the players stood and the intensity meter of the players was off the scale. Northville passed, passed again and passed once more to elude the incredibly tight Novi defense

"No one deserved the loss."

Pat Schluter Novi Basketball Coach

for an open look. With the clock down to 1.7 seconds an open player, on far right corner of the court received the ball and was open. Senior Northville guard McNeish launched it, it looked good for three points and it hit the back rim, hit the opposite rim, hit the backboard and hit the rim to --- fall off for no basket. Like Shuchmacher said,

"Sometimes it the bounce of the ball."

In a game were there were no losers — Northville lost.

Novi coach Pat Schulter stood there with only respect for all the players on both squads.

"Credit Northville," Schluter said. "Our offense struggled to get off shots and we never really did find a rhythm. If anything, the thing that saved us, was a team defense that was awesome.

"I have a lot of respect for the Northville coach. Credit our seniors. Credit Chris Lewis on his three point basket. The entire game was a testimony for hard work from both teams."

Speaking of Chris Lewis, his words echoed his coach and probably every other player on the court that night. "My shot felt good when it left

my hands and I knew it was going in," he said. "However, my shot wasn't why we won. We won because of our team defense. Every guy on our team deserves the credit not just me." The scoring stats showed

Northville's Konst with 11, McNeish eight, Mark Sorenson four, Singleton and Marcus Davis with three and Roger Garfield with two.

Novi was led by a game high from Lewis with 12, Emmenecker eight, Mike Hart six, Chandler four and Brad Simpson three.

Under defense the statistics should read "all." Every one who played just inscribed their name in another chapter of the Northville/Novi rivalry with another clean, hard hitting and incredibly entertaining game.

Northville 48, Salem 39

The Northville Mustangs knew they had what it takes to get to the finals game of the District tournament, and they proved it when they topped the Plymouth Salem Rocks 48-39 in the semi-finals.

The Mustangs knew going into the contest that one of the hardest things to accomplish in sports is beating a team three times in a single season — well, they did just that.

"We didn't deserve to win it," Salem coach Bob Brodie said after the loss, "Not when you shoot like that, when you turn it over like that."

Salem's Dave Hoskins, who is committed to Central Michigan University, what the player that kept the Rocks in it for so long, scoring all of Salem's nine firstquarter points and 18-of-Salem's-25 first-half points. Hoskins finished the game with 27 points, which added up to nearly 70-percent of Salem's offense.

Photo by John Heider

"All we were worried about tonight was Hoskins," Schumacher said.

Although the Mustangs weren't able to stop Hoskins and his pointscoring ability, they were able to win the game on the backs of some offensive producers of their own. Senior Scott McNeish poured in 18 points to lead the Mustangs while Mark Sorenson, a junior added nine. Sophomore Marcus Davis added eight points in the winning effort.

"You can't let (McNeish) have clean looks," Schumacher said. "He'll burn you."

With just four and a half minutes remaining in the game, the Rocks were able to tie the contest, but the Mustangs forced three consecutive turnovers. With just under two minutes left, the Northville cagers sealed the deal with a block against Hoskins under the basket.

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Girls' season ends on a high note, win

By Michael Zerkich SPECIAL WRITER

At the beginning of this season the Northville girls' hockey team wanted to survive the schools tough schedule and show improvement. What they got was a playoff team. And the 300 fans that saw it witnessed history.

Last Tuesday, in their first playoff game ever, Northville scored the biggest win in the brief history of the team by winning in sudden death in three overtime periods by the score of 3-2.

Underdogs? The odds were infinity to one that this team could win against an established power house from the University of Liggett. But then again, what are the odds when you are dealing with heart?

The entire game lasted six periods and almost three hours of play.

The Lady Knights were the same foe that the Mustangs had lost to twice earlier in the third period during the season.

Northville got off to a great start with an impressive pass from senior defenseman · Amanda LaRiche sending sophomore Amy Cauzillo on one of her patented end-to-end rushes. Cauzilto skated around two defensemen and shot the puck into the pads of goalie Stephanie Mcilroy. Unfortunately for Mcilroy, left winger Mustang Meredith Ponder swiped the rebound passed her lower glove side just 2:30 into the game. Cauzillo and LaRiche got the assists on the goal.

Just two minutes and twenty

LOOKING FOR PLAYERS

The Northville girls' hockey team will be participating in a spring program and are looking for girls interested in joining the team from the Northville High School and Middle Schools (7th and 8th graders are welcome).

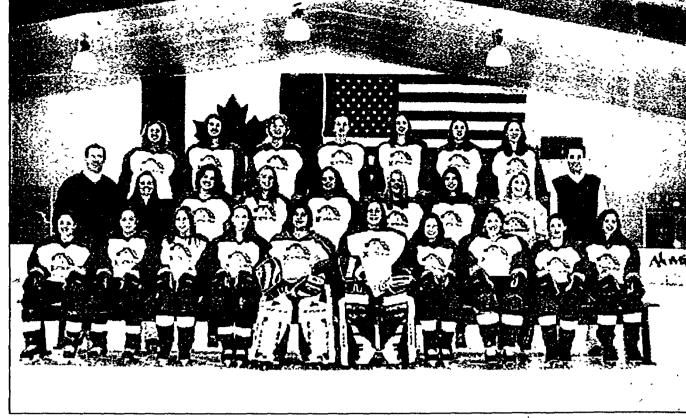
Those interested should call either Terry Cauzillo at (248) 349-9757 or Bill Holden at (313) 665-1755.

seconds later the Lady Knights got their revenge when Julie Borushko scored on a scramble in front of junior goalie Danielle

Bigi. Well into the second period, with Northville controlling most of the play in the period, Kimmy Dickinson from Liggett received a nice pass from Borushko with just 3:15 left in the period. Lady Hawks now lead 2-1.

However, Liggett must not have heard of the "Comeback Kids." For, as in several games in the regular season, when the Mustangs are cornered they found ways to kick the gates open and run off with the win.

In this case, the kick came from a crafty call from Northville coach Bill Holden. With less than a minute remaining in the period Holden, despite both teams playing at full-strength, put in his power play line. With time ticking down junior left wing Stephanic Papich found sophomore center Catilyn Crawford open in the slot. Not shooting, Crawford opted for a quick pass



The Northville girls' hockey team wanted to have a squad that could contend this season — what they got was a squad that could win playoff games.

to Cauzillo who caught the top right corner of the goal with just 0:43 left in the period. Both Papich and Craw ford were credited with assists.

Credit both goalies, Bigi and Mcilroy, for keeping the score knotted at two throughout the third period. Both made one great save after another with Bigi doing her usual best of trapping all the rebounds with her glove. Defensemen Heather Barent. Nicole Ozog, Amanda Jones, Samantha Gumina, Crawford and Marie McIntyre did an excellent job of keeping the puck out of their defensive zone.

Enter overtime.

The first overtime didn't see either team take the offense and weretentative.

However, the second overtime Leggitt goalie.

was another story. Bigi perhaps made the play of the game late in that stanza. With both Mustang defensemen caught up ice the Lady Knights sent a three-on-zero wall of blitz to the waiting Northville goalie. There was a shot — and then the puck glanced high of the top part of Bigi's stick into the corner of the boards to the standing cheers of all those rooting for the Mustangs.

Not to let Bigi's save-of-thegame go to waste Northville forwards went on a blitz of their own in the 3rd overtime. Allie Spencer, Jenny Forker, Kelsey Gunn-Boyar, Katie Hietala, Bridget Hughes, Emily Doran, Jessica Palushaj, Danielle Warner and Rachel Rueter all sent waves of shots and passes around the

SPORTS SHORTS

Umpire Clinic

Northville's Umpires Association (NUA) is currently looking for people (at least 14 years of age) inter-ested in becoming umpires. Umpiring allows individuals to stay involved with the game, practice leadership skills and earn some great money as well.

Scheduling is very flexible. NUA will be holding its annual Umpire Clinic at Northville Township Hall/Henningsen Park on May 3 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and May 4 from noon-4 p.m. Clinic attendance is mandatory.

Questions should be directed to Bob Boshoven, Umpire Director, at (248) 347-5915.

Looking for a few good golf teams

The Lady Knights took a sword to the helmet with three minutes to go when freshman left winger Meredith Ponder sent a pass to senior right wing Lindsay Miglio who put her shot on the sprawling Mcilroy. Mcilroy couldn't control the rebound and Crawford finished off with a tip between the legs of the fallen goalie. Call it a Knight to remember Northville by with the final score 3-2. Mustang coach Holden was

ecstatic after the game.

"In the locker room and on the bench there was never a lack of confidence or panic on any part of the players," he said. "It was a nice win, but regardless of the outcome it was by far and away our best game of the season. This league is all about player improvement and the development of every person on this team has been tremendous. Beyond their physical play improving remarkably over the year the character of these girls is outstanding and they are a credit to every parent who raised them."

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Although with another game to go the team's motto of "skate hard, have fun and look good" had Holden pointing already to next season.

"Also, this win is a nice way to say to the other teams in the league, that we are a team to be reckoned with in the future," Holden said.

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Whalers win division Time to start gearing up for playoffs

The Plymouth Whaters continued to gear up for the play-offs with a 3-2 win over the visiting Saginaw Spirit. The win clinched the Whalers their fifth straight West Division title and guaranteed them at least a first or second seed in the upcoming playoffs. But it was an individual accomplishment which stole the show in front of a sold out crowd at Compuware Sports Arena.

the Whalers record books when of Saginaw goalie Tyson he tied the Whalers franchise Kellerman at 9:13. Both teams the Whalers record books when record for goals in a season traded goals in the second as with his 60th of the season at LaRose notched his 60th goal



Chad LaRose put himself in perfect shot over the shoulder

But the Whalers answered with a goal from Chris Thorburn at 7:56. Chad LaRove and Karl Stewart assisted.

The second period belonged to the Whalers as they increased their lead to 3-1 over the Sting. Plymouth used its power play to take the lead at 10:41. James Wisniewski scored the goal off a pass from John Mitchell. Sarnia had a prime chance to tie the game up in the final minutes with a 5on-3 man advantage, but the Whalers killed off the penalty.

back to defend their title and the rest of

the league will be trying to take it away. If you're looking for an opportunity to play in a league that is friendly, fun and competitive, but not cut-throat ---this is your chance. The league is looking for a few good two-man teams to fill out the roster.

For more information, or to sign up, call Furnio Omura at (248) 347-4418, or Terry Barr at (313) 538-5379.

Youth Basketball Clinic

The Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Clinic will be held at the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville. This special family event for boys and girls will be held Saturday, March 8, for grades 1-3 and Saturday, March 15, for grades 4-6.

The time of the clinic is from 12:30-3 p.m. Each child will receive two free courtside. There will be refreshments for all and parents should make sure to bring their carneras.

The cost of the camp is \$15 and space is limited. For more information, or to sign up, call Ward Church at (248) 374-5937.

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4:50 of the second period. LaRose tied Sean Haggerty who scored 60 goals during the 1995-1996 season.

Plymouth still has three games remaining on the schedule.

Plymouth dominated early as they jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first period. Karl Stewart gave his team a 1-0 lead when he banged in a rebound off a LaRose shot at 4:53. David Liffiton also assisted on the goal.

The Whalers used its only power play chance of the period to increase its lead to 2-0 when Sean Thompson wristed a of the season at 4:50 of the second. The Spirit finally got on the scoreboard with a shorthanded goal from Geoff Platt at 18:54 in the second.

Saginaw cut the lead to 3-2 in the third when Platt scored his second goal of the game with a power play tally at 10.03. But the Whalers, led by goalie Jeff Weber shut the door the rest of the way for the win.

Plymouth 3, Sarnia 2

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Plymouth fell behind early when Sarnia's John Hecimovic scored the power play just over three-minutes into the game.

Plymouth's Jimmy Gagnon followed with the game-winning goal with two-seconds left in the period. LaRose earned his second assist of the night.

The Sung closed the gap in the third with a goal from Michael Haley at 13:18, but Plymouth goalie Paul Drew shut the door for the rest of the way to give Plymouth the win.

The Northville Golf League will begin its 55th season of play April 15 at the Links of Novi golf course with the start time slated at 3:18 p.m. League play continues for approximately 20 weeks and is followed by a season-ending outing.

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Marvel's newest film worth the dare

By Sam Eggleston ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

When I was a kid and I picked up a comic every chance I could when we drove into town. I always wished they'd make movies based on the characters.

I was pretty lucky too. I stumbled across movies of "The Punisher" and "Captain America," and I even eagerly awaited the release of 'The Fantastic Four" which was rumored to be so bad the studio buried it in a vault somewhere. Now that I look back on the movies I watched then and the movies that are coming out today, I can definitely say I am very happy that they waited. The effects and the overall movies are just about a million times better than those older ones.

Almost everyone who is a "Daredevil" fan has gone and watched the movie already, as a real fan would never be able to stay away. In fact, Ben Affleck, who plays Daredevil and his alter-ego Matt Murdock, was a major fan growing up too.

For those who aren't fans and have picked up some of the larger papers and read their reviews, I have to say this is a movie that isn't quite must-see, but it still passes off as better than expected and much

ELEKTRA LIVES

The hidden clues to the biggest mystery in the blockbusterfilm "Daredevil" have been revealed: Elektra lives!

With audiences clamoring for more of the female warrior, Twentieth Century Fox and Regency Enterprises today announced that, in addition to a "Daredevil" sequel, they are moving forward with a new event film based on the Elektra character.

The new "Elektra" story will be set after the events depicted in "Daredevil". Jennifer Gamer will reprise the role she brought to life in that film, and script development will begin immediately.

better than those reviewers seemed to think.

You see, Matt Murdock had a rough childhood. Before he hit his teen years, a horrible accident took away his sight via some nasty chemicals being spilled on him. Of course, through practice and training, he was soon up and at it again. tapping his way through the streets of Hell's Kitchen and getting his schoolwork done thanks to the marvelous invention known as brail.

One day his body adjusted to being blind, the chemicals that caused him to become so reacting with his other four senses and amplifying them beyond human comprehension. Suddenly, the slightest noise in a room almost painted a picture for him, giving him a sonar-like sense that actually almost doubled as sight for him.

He trained his body, learning all the amazing things he could do, and literally became a boy with no fear. Then his boxer father, Jack, was killed in the streets after refusing to throw a fight - and from that day forth Matt vowed justice for all those who could not defend themselves.

Fast-forward to present-day Hell's Kitchen. Crime is pretty crazy still, though there's a lurking presence in the shadows that keeps most of it at bay. It often happens that if a criminal was guilty of something, and managed to get off thanks to a corrupt legal system, a much swift and brutal justice was set forth by the man only known as Daredevil.

As with every story, there comes a twist. For "Daredevil," the plot turn is in the form of a beautiful young woman named Elektra, played by the talented Jennifer Garner, as well as a crazy Irish chap known as Bullseye, played by Collin Farrel. It seems that Elektra was trained in the arts by a new sensei every year, helping her hone her incredible martial arts skills in order to protect herself. And our friendly neighborhood madman, Bullseye, just happens to have been hired by a crime boss known as the Kingpin to kill both Elektra and her father.

The big twist in the story, however, is Daredevil's love for Elektra. A love so great that it ends up putting him in a position where it looks as though he just killed Elektra's father right in front of her eyes. Now the fun begins.

"Daredevil" isn't quite the movie that "X-Men" and "Spiderman" were, but it still rings true for those fans who love the comics. Look close and you'll even see Stan "The Man" Lee and Frank Miller, the artist who changed Daredevil's costume and inked Elektra for the first time, making cameos.

If you like the comics, then you'll like the movie. If you like superhero movies, then you'll like "Daredevil." If you like the idea that justice is indeed blind, and the guilty will be treated with the swiftness and wraith they deserve, then you'll enjoy what this film has to offer.



SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this weekend is kids' action-comedy "Agent Cody Banks" starring Frankie Muniz as typical teen Cody Banks, he loves to skateboard, hates math, and feels like a complete idiot around girls. But Cody's got a secret - he's actually part of a secret teen CIA program. Cody's training is put to the test when he's sent to pose as a prep school student and befriend fellow teen Natalie Connors (Hilary Duff) in order to gain access to her father, a scientist unknowingly working for an evil organization. Agent Cody Banks" is a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer release and rated PG for action violence, mild language and some sensual content.

Horror-thriller "Willard" is the story of social misfit, Willard (Crispin Glover) who is constantly humiliated in front of co-workers and squeezed out of the family business by his boss (R. Lee Ermey). His only friends are Cathryn (Laura Harring), new to the office, and a couple of rats he raises at home, Ben and Socrates (and their increasing number of friends). But when one of the rats

is killed at work, Willard unleashes his rage - and his army of rats on his tormentors. "Willard" is a New Line Cinema release and rated PG-13 for terror/violence, some sexual content and language.

Suspense-thriller "The Hunted" follows Tommy Lee Jones as an FBI deep-woods tracker who captures an assassin (Benicio Del Toro) who makes a sport of killing deer hunters. When the killer escapes in the city, he must team up with another agent (Connie Nielsen) to hunt down this thrill killer before he starts to hunt them. "The Hunted" is a Paramount Pictures refease and rated R for strong bloody vio-Ience and some language.

Next week

Sports comedy "Bend It Like Beckham" (PG-13), wacky com-edy "Boat Trip" (R), horrorthriller "Dreamcatcher" (PG-13), animated "Piglet's Big Movie" (G) and comcdy "View from the Top" (PG-13).

For more information, please log on to the Movie Insider at www.themovieinsider.com.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Think citrus for a winter pick-me-up. Although citrus fruits are available all year long. I seldom think of them in the warmer months when Michigan produces its bounties of cherries,

blueberries, plums. peaches and strawberries. Citrus is invaluable in cooking and nutrition. These fruits

are low calo- Mary Brady rie, flavorful

and chock full of vitamins. I would venture to guess that 99 percent of the population likes citrus.

The first seedlings were planted over 2,000 years ago and since that time have been cross-bred to provide the superior fruit we have available to us today. In addition to the common citrus obtainable in the produce section, I have seen kumquats and blood oranges in local markets. Citrus, with their aromatic acidity, are used in soups, salads, meat, fish and egg dishes, sauces and desserts. The possibilities are endless.

Citrus fruits are covered with

and then transform into the bright orange and yellow we are used to. Almost all citrus on the market have been treated with wax to prevent moisture loss. If the peel is be to eaten, scrub the fruit under hot water to remove this wax. All citrus should feel heavy with juice, be firm yet resilient, free of blemished skin, and have a uniform color. Nutritionally, citrus offers

one gram of protein and no fat or cholesterol per piece of fruit. There is little or no sodium and a good amount of fiber. Citrus is generally sour if under ripe and dry and spongy if old. The shelf life of citrus is long but not forever. With the exception of the lime, all fruit may be stored at room temperature for one week and refrigerated up to a month. Ideally, limes are good for one week under refrigeration. To freeze for later use, peel and remove pith. Fruit is good for one year in the freezer.

Oranges are available year around with the peak season being winter and spring. The lemon peaks in the summer, grapefruit in autumn and early summer and the lime year around. The most versatile member of the citrus family is the lemon. A good lemon is heavy for its size and has a

GRAPEFRUIT MELODY

2 small peaches, peeled and thinly sliced

- 2 grapefruit, peeled and sectioned
- 3/4 cup low-fat yogurt
- 3/4 cup fresh raspberries or sliced strawberries
- Orange flavored liquor or champagne (optional)
- Mint leaves

Mix fruit. Add liquor or champagne, if desired. Arrange fruit decoratively. Dollop with yogurt. Garnish with mint leaf.

Recipe provided by chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro.

the fruit is first rolled on a hard surface with the palm of your hand.

Lemons have varied uses in cooking. A squeeze of lemon juice enlivens fish, chicken and vegetables. It is also a useful substitute for salt in restricted diets, prevents discoloration of fruit and vegetable flesh and often takes the place of vinegar in salad dressings and marinades. One lemon has only 20 calories and provides 3-4 teaspoons of juice.

Limes are used in the same ways as the lemon. While vacationing in Mexico years ago. I fell in love with a squirt of fresh lime on my papaya. Substitute limes for lemon with cold seafood for a nice treat. A

categories - the valencia, the naval orange and the blood orange. One medium orange will produce one-third to onehalf cup of juice and furnish 50 calories. One of the larger citrus is grapefruit. Use grapefruit as a substitute for orange in a spinach salad or perk up your everyday tossed salad with a few pink sections.

Grapefruit is a great diet food as it provides only 32 calories per piece. They can be squeezed as oranges for their juice and yield one-half to three-fourths cup.

Fresh citrus adds pizzazz to nearly any food. The following recipe marries fresh fruit with citrus for a delightful combination.



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Oscar Contest!

First Place - 52 pairs of passes Second Place - 52 single passes Third Place - 26 single passes Random drawing held for other pairs of passes

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a thick rind that is mostly white pith. The thin outer layer, or zest, is colored and contains the citrus oils, or flavors and the largest concentration of vitamins. Very few varieties of citrus actually turn color on the tree. They remain a light green until treated with ethylene gas

fresh, noticeable smell. The lemons available in the market are "acid" or "common" lemons. They have few seeds and are valued for their juice (think skinned) or for their peel. (thicker, pebbly skin). The juice is more easily extracted if

lime yields 2-3 tsp. of juice and provides 30 calories.

A Sunday morning treat at our house is fresh-squeezed orange juice. For special oceasions, a splash of champagne makes an elegant, light aperitif. Sweet oranges

can be separated in to three

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wild'Stang Rachel Deneau performs on the beam during last Saturday's regional gymnastics competition at Plymouth High School.

Wild'Stangs take seventh at state finals

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

In a year that looked to be one of rebuilding and teaching, the Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team managed to make it into much,

much more. A second-place finish in the conterence and a Regional championship were added to with a seventh-place finish in the state of Michigan March 7 as the combined Northville-Novi squad strutted their stuff in front of some of the most critical judges in the game Collecting 140.05 points, the Wild 'Stangs made their mark on one of the toughest finals that they have had the pleasure of visiting. Rochester Adams continued their hot streak, winning the state title with a final tally of 149.225. Grand Ledge was second with 148.975 and the Tri-Farmington squad took third with 144.225. That's where things got close. Portage took fourth with a 141.850, Brighton was fifth with 140.725 and Troy Athens was sixth with 140.725. Livonia finished eighth on the day and Hartland was ninth, Holland 10th, Canton 11th and Troy finished out the top teams in 12th.

Though the girls didn't have the point totals to bring home the state title this year, they gained valuable experience and had a great show-

Competing in Division I was stellar gymnasts Sara Wilchowski. Her performance notched her an 8.75 on the bars, a 9.2 in the floor exercise and an impressive 9.275

on the vault, an 8.8 with her floor routine and an applause-gathering 9.0 on the beam.

Mills' performance on the beam during the Individual Finals made her the fourth-best performer in the state in that event for Division II. Her final score for the beam was an 8.9.

Northville swimmers have great finals meet

Lunn and the gang put together best finish since '94

mming and diving finals March 7-8.

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats headed to Eastern Michigan University to compete in the MHSAA swim finals with just one hope in mind - qualifying for the second day of competition.

Both squads did more than that, not only qualifying for the second day but making their mark while they were there as well.

The Novi Wildcats tankers had the most impressive day, taking 19th out of 43 teams while tankers Ian Robertson, Jack Tyler, Dan Bassett, Scot Rettmann and the 400 and 200 freestyle relay teams competed and placed.

The Northville Mustangs had a good showing of their own finishing 23rd in the state and finding stellar swimmer Joe Lunn earning notice as did diver Jason Albosta.

"We scored 21 points," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "It was the highest point total (at the finals) since 1994."

Lunn, who was easily one of the best swimmers in the Western Lakes Activities Association this year, took eighth in the 200 freestyle event with an impressive time of 1:46.40 - which earned him All-State honors. . His 500 freestyle relay time of 4:50.32 was good enough for 13th as well.

The Mustangs looked to the stellar diving of Albosta once again to lead the way in that event. His 325.55 points were good for 11th in the state.

Northville's 200 freestyle

Always a Konstant force

ping up my game any way I can," he said. "I'd like to

become a lot quicker, because

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

If you're one of those basketball fans that just can't get enough of a good shooting guard, you won't have to fret over the graduation of senior Adam Konst.

You see, a quick road trip to Ohio and you'll be able to watch Konst in all his scoring glory next year too, as he'll be taking to the hardwood for Defiance College next season as a Yellow Jacket. "I've been looking at

Defiance for a long time," Konst said.

"I visited the school and I

the game is faster at the college level. I'd like to improve my shooting and just improve any way that I can." To help in that venture, Konst is looking to play both spring and summer basketball

before packing his bags for his higher education. One of the brighter aspects of attending Defiance is the fact that it's not too far from Northville, and many of his relatives live in that area.

"I'm going to see (my parents) down there quite a bit," Konst said.

around town in his black Mustang convertable, even on really chilly days.

"It gets very cold," he said with a laugh. "It has leather seats and it just gets awful sometimes. I'm not complaining though."

When Spring Break rolls around, Konst and his gang of friends are planning on heading to Panama City with an unidentified group of girls.

He's not concerned about getting a tuxedo for the prom, nor does he look back and wish he would have done anything differently.

He just wants to enjoy the remainder of his senior year and keep up the friendsh has forged over the years. .

lities while forging a bright future for the underclassmen, they capp ed it off with good performances when it really counted. Athl

Athlete	School	Event	Time	Place
Ian Robertson	Novi	200 IM	1:57.42	4th
Joe Lunn	Northville	500 free	4:50.32	8th
Jack Tyler	Novi	100 fly	0:53.49	10th
Ian Robertson	Novi	100 fly	0:53.70	12th
Joe Lunn	Northville	200 free	1:46.40	13th
Dan Bassett	Novi	Diving	340.20	9th
Jason Albosta	Northville	Diving	325.55	11th
Scott Retimann	Novi	Diving	325.00	12th

NOT BAD AT ALL!

Both Northville and Novi had nice showings in the MHSAA swi

In a year that found both squads swimming to the best of their abi

The Novi Wildcats also took 17th in the 400 free relay and 18th in the 200 free relay. Northville took 21st with their 200 free relay team and 22nd with their 400 free team.

ior took 10th place in the 100

butterfly with a time of 53.49 ---

just .05 seconds behind the

Bassett and Rettmann were

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Bassett was able to take home a

Rettmann took 12th with 325.0

Novi also showed it's spunk in

the relays as Robertson, Tyler, Taehwan Yoo and Nick Wright

collected a 17th-place finish in

the 400 freestyle relay. The com-

bination of Robertson, Tyler,

Dan Thelen and Chris Pieprzak

took 18th-place in the 200 freestyle in a fine showing.

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Collecting

points.

relay team of Lunn, Mike Yutzy, Brad Farris and Tyler Carter took 21st place in a time of 1:31.63.

The 'Stangs also had a nice showing from their 400 free relay team. The squad consisted of Lunn, Farris and brothers Billy and Brad McIntosh and finished 22nd in a time of 3:23.15.

"It was nice to go out on a good note with these seniors," Bennetts said. "All year they've done a great job, and I was happy to end it like this."

The Wildcats had a great performance from Robertson, who took fourth in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 1:57.42 - a mark that qualified him for the All-State team. He also collected a 12th-place tie in the 100 butterfly with a time of 53.70

Tyler was no slouch in his per-

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on the beam - which seems to have proven to be her specialty this season. Wilchowski's performance on the beam and on the bars during the Individual Finals earned her eighth-place finishes in the state for both events with a 9.15 on the beam and a 9.35 on the bars.

In Division II, Marcie Fink collected an 8.0 on the bars and an 8.6 on the vault while Sarah Ilkhani-Pour notched an 8.5 on the bars, an 9.6 on the beam and an 865 with her floor routine.

The Wild 'Stangs benefited from an excellent performance by Rachel Deneau, who collected an 8.9 on the beam as well as in the floor exercise. Jessica Glancy also notched an 8.9. hers coming on the vault which proved to be a team-high score in the event.

Across the board, Rebecca Mills, a sophomore this season, really stepped up and gave it her all. She collected an 8 45 on the bars, an 8.6

made it this far without being a solid team, and that showed with their support of one another throughout the meet. Jennifer Mehl's 7.95 on the bars was greeted with an enthusiastic cheer from the group, as was Amanda Crawford's 8.525. The urging and the support from the team also encouraged the members of the group as they competed. Trish Brownfield collected an 8.775 on the beam while Janna Ramsey notched an 8.75.

Come next season, the Wild 'Stangs will be just as strong, if not stronger, than they were this year. Such a thought bodes well for the squad, as they have proven each and every time they hit the floor to compete that you can't keep a good gymnastics team down. Under the guidance of coach Lindsay Schultz, the Wild 'Stangs look to be a stronger contender for the state title in the 2003-04 season.

ked liked the whole set up down there."

Not to mention the coaching staff of a team that took second in their conference in the 2001-02 season.

'I like coaches down there too," Konst said. "And I'll get to study what I'd like to go into, which is marketing. Both the coaches and the education just clicked very well for me."

Though Konst isn't sure if he'll be donning the jersey as a point guard or shooting guard, he just wants to be a part of the team.

"I am looking to contribute any way I can," he noted.

Though he was a scoring maching at Northville High School, Konst is well aware that he'll have to improve his game to make that kind of impact at the next level.

"I'm just going to keep step-

ing down for all of my home games. Most of my family is right around in that area, which will give me a lot of support from them too."

When he isn't practicing his jumper or busy with his education at Northville, Konst can be found hanging out with friends like Roger Garfield, Matt Watza, Jeff Varley, Dave Oljace, Tim Higgins, Brian Trost and Brandon Falk playing HALO on the Microsoft Xbox. And when his stomach

growls, there's really only one food that Konst will be on the hunt for.

"I just eat pizza all of the time," he said. "I come home and eat a slice or I'll go our and grab some pizza. There's a pizza place right across the street from Defiance's campus. I'm smiling big."

"I want to keep it going and keep continue making good relationships with people as I get ready to go on to college," the senior said.

And to those players that have come through the ranks watching Konst play the game he loves, he just has one thing to say.

"I have no regrets," he said. "There are so many rewards for playing this game. Even when the ball doesn't bounce your way, there will always be good times to look back on."

And for Konst, the good times have just begun.

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Mustang cagers say good-bye to seniors, but have bright future

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

It was a year of streaks.

The Northville High School boys' basketball teams started the 2002-03 season off with a bang, collecting win after win as they went on an undefeated run that made it look like they were in the hunt for the conference title and then they stumbled.

"We had a tough stretch in the middle of the season," senior guard Adam Konst said. "There was a four game losing streak that hurt us a little bit, but we managed to take it back up for the end of the season.

With such a dedicated crew of players - especially the seniors it was a given that the Mustangs wouldn't stay down for long. Instead of letting the four losses stretch into six or maybe even eight, they pulled their team back together and fought their

way to the District Tournament title game where they eventually fell 33-31 in overtime to the Novi Wildcats.

"It always stinks to end the season against Novi," senior forward Roger Garfield said. "It was a fun season though, and I have no regrets.

Though they didn't climb to the top and claim their place as kings of the conference or the District, the Mustangs did get one thing accomplished — they lit the fire for next year.

When asked if the team was going to be contenders next year, senior shooter Scott McNeish seemed to think so.

"Definitely," he said. "Just for some examples, Brett Asher just doesn't miss. Then, you have Marcus Davis who is going to be a super star. Tim Downing is an outstanding defender and Tim Singleton shoots the lights out.

"They are going to do very well.

They should contend for the conference if not more next year."

And they even helped the seniors out a little bit, too.

"They made our practices work," senior Jeff Varley said. "The seniors had a little bit of a lazy attitude that carried over from last year, but they pushed us. They all have a lot of heart and will be right back up there next year.

The underclassmen may be looking to be contenders for next year, but where would they be if it weren't for the seniors who showed them the rights and wrongs of team play this year? Konst, McNeish, Garfield, Varley and Chris Jacobs will be lost to graduation, and everything they passed down came from grueling experiences.

We would lose games because we lost the team concept," Garfield said. "We would have individuals trying to score and to take it all on their shoulders. When that happens, you can't win."

But the team was able to overcome that and play as a team again to earn victories as the season came to a close --- something the underclassmen were able to take note of.

"I think they did," Garfield said. "I think they realized that when we were playing our best with good ball movement and working hard as a team on both ends of the court, we were able to win."

The Mustangs will be back again next year, and there will be more leaders that step up to lead them to both wins and losses. No matter what the final outcome is, it's the experiences that count, the friendships that sports build and the memories that will be remembered.

"It was great to play with this group of seniors," Konst said. "Most of us have been playing together since sixth grade. We

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played well together."

With coach Darrel Schumacher just having finished up his second season, Varley said that things are going well.

"It's only his second year and we already had a chance to win the District," he said. "It takes a couple of years for a coach to get his whole system working. It's obvious that (Schumacher's) doing something right."

And the underclassmen and those looking to play basketball in the coming years should never forget what the sport has to offer.

"It was a great four years," Garfield said. "I'm thankful for the opportunity to play basketball, but I'm sad it's over. Basketball has given me the chance to make friends, to compete and to win. I hope this team carries on that tradition."

And if the chance ever comes to play the game -- don't go out there thinking you can do it, go

out there and know you can do it. Take McNeish for example. When he went out and decided that he could score instead of hoping he would, he raised his average to 14.5 points per game.

"Give it everything you've got in every game," McNeish said. "In a matter of seconds it can be over before you know it."

And even if and when you get that shot, make sure you enjoy it. "Just have fun with it," Varley

said. "There's nothing like the memories of high school sports. and basketball especially. You're right close with the fans and it's a very personable game. There's nothing like the crowd going off when you hit a big shot.

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Discounted plants often die

By Jeff Rugg COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: Hopefully you can help me with my houseplant problem. Recently I bought some indoor palms --- discount specials - and have them in various places in my home and patio. However, they seem to be yellowing fast and I don't know what to do to keep them green. Any advice?

A: Sure, stop buying discount store specials. When plants come from the grower's greenhouse or outdoor growing facility they are typically in terrific shape. If you happen into the store on that day or maybe even that next week, you can get a good plant at an acceptable price. After plants have been in most stores for more than a week, their quality goes down rapidly. Their price remains the same for several weeks, until they are finally put on a clearance sale.

A few stores have a knowledgeable staff that can care for plants. These people may or may not get around to doing the work to care for the plants --- it does not seem to be a high priority in most discount stores where I have been. Fewer of these stores have the greenhouse, lighting or watering facilities to properly take care of these plants.

If you know about plants, you can find occasional bargains in these stores. Sometimes, there are even unusual plants that are not easily found elsewhere and at a good price, too.

Unfortunately, many plants will look fine for several weeks after they have been mistreated. They may have been chilled or overheated while in shipment, they may have been overwatered or underwatered and they rarely have enough light. Occasionally, they may be infested with spider mites or mealy bugs, which are hard to get rid of once you bring them home.

The problem is, you don't know the history of how they were treated before you took the plants home. So, the next step is to try to diagnose your plants' problems. Most houseplant problems will cause the death of a leaf. During the dying process, the leaf will turn yellow. It is completely normal for a plant to lose yellow leaves. But, if the whole plant is yellowing and continuing to turn yellow, the plant might be dying from mistreatment with no way to stop

GARDEN TIP Houseplant habits

The Houseplants with fuzzy leaves (African violets; glodnias; cape) primrose) develop water marks on their leaves if they are misted. Dust them with a soft brush, Glossy-leaved plants love to have a monthly second or system

sponging or syringing. Most houseplants need light soil with good drainage, and plants in plastic pots need less water than those in clay pots Avoid hot or cold drafts and keep night temperatures cool, if possible. Use a well-balanced fadilizer. fertilizer.

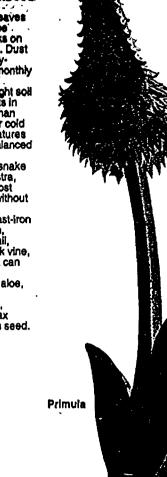
Ivies, bromeliads, ferns, snake plants, philodendrons, aspidistra, large-leaved begonias and most tropical plants will grow well without

Iropical plants will grow well without much sun. Spider plant, grape ivy, cast-iron plant, dracaena, philodendron, piggyback plant, ferns, ponytail, snake plant, jade plant, lipstick vine, wandering Jew and wax plant can thrive without much attention. Primulas, African violets, aloe, cachiasa, cinararia, fuchsias.

cactuses, cineraria, fuchsias, geraniums, gerbera, gioxinias, impatiens, kalanchoes and wax begonias will grow easily from seed.

At home, you need to give plants proper care, too. Palms can take hot conditions, but don't put them next to the hot dry air from central heating vents. They don't like cold drafts, being overwatered or underwatered and they are susceptible to spider mites.

The only thing you can do is to give it the care a plant like yours should have and hope for the best. Do not give it more water or less water, more fertilizer or less, etc., because what seems like tender loving care might push it over the edge. You need to let the plant stabilize in your lighting, temperature



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and watering conditions. If it makes it, great. If it doesn't, you did what you could. The only other thing you need to do is to check for insects and treat them if you find any.

If you are new to houseplants, buy your next ones at a nursery or greenhouse that sells plants all year. They will help you pick the proper plants for your growing conditions and they may have a warranty for replacing plants that have problems.

I received this e-mail about a previous column:

Q: I believe you did the woman and child a disservice with your information on the amaryllis. I am no master gardener, in fact I am a full-time high school teacher with no time for anything - that's why amaryllis are so easy. I got one several years ago from the grocery store. It had bugs --- (fruit flies) from either mold or rot (too much water). I cut off the offending area, stuck it in potting soil in a terra cotta pot and it grew leaves that summer.

I read a garden column that said when the leaves fade in the fall. Lay it on its side, still in the pot, in a dark, cold but non-freezing area: up north, a basement, down south, a garage. The rescued plant has lived for four to five years now with larger, more beautiful flowers each spring. I fertilize once a year with an easy-to-use, time-release like Osmocote. My neighbors grow amaryllis in the ground and they bloom each year. I keep mine in pots because it's so easy and the flowers are spectacular. (Use a tomato tower for the leaves if they're really long).

I should tell you that I went to the local home-garden supply two years ago and bought up their leftovers (the ones that tried to bloom in the boxes and were never planted). I stuck them in plastic planter boxes and ignored them like I did the first one. They all bloomed with at least two stems apiece last spring. Nothing could be less demanding.

A: In general I agree with you. Bulbs of many kinds, especially amaryllis can be very easy to grow. I went back and reread my original answer and I realize that I did not spend enough time on the amaryllis portion of the question. It may have sounded a little too hard to keep an amaryllis, but they can be rather undemanding plants.

I like the information you gave, except for the following point. It isn't necessary to lay the pots on their side each fall. There wasn't some bulb-tipping fairy in the origi-nal amaryllis habitat that went around tipping the bulbs over in the fall and then setting them back upright each spring. Someone may have thought that it would delay the new growth from a bulb if it was tipped over, but I think all it will do is force the new growth to begin growing crooked.

Acres of dandelions present a problem

Q: I have four acres of lawn and three acres of dandelions. What can I do with these weeds and was fall my only chance of eliminating them?

A: You can use any of the broadleaf weed killers in the spring, too. Look for a granular product that says, "kills dandelions." The label will also list a host of other broadleaf weeds

that will also be killed. This is a large amount of land to cover. You're not going to get away cheap. Remember that these products don't kill

seeds. If you have had



a forest of yellow flowers each season, there is at least a bezillion seeds waiting for the opportunity to sprout. Broadleaf weed killers will work when the plants are actively growing. If we experience another drought, no weed killer is going to be successful. I'm assuming that you are not irrigating four acres. The reason that all weed killers work better in the fall is simple. There are more weeds to murder. The perennial weeds will be growing, along with the summer annuals. The winter annuals will be just coming up. But again, it's going to take juicy plants to make this work. Make sure that you have a good spreader. The whirly-bird ones with the spinning disk do a good job of spreading the product. Drop spreaders, especially the old ones, are not terribly even in the way they release products. If the weed killers leave big blanks in the turfgrass area, weed seeds will volunteer to fill in the holes. Consider doing some reseeding in the fall with grass seed.

Q: Can I reuse some of my old plastic and clay pots for houseplants? My aunt said that I could spread diseases to my plants and it wasn't healthy.

A: Is your aunt selling pots? Reuse, recycle, goes for pots too. If you don't have diseased plants in the pots to begin with, there isn't a whole lot of opportunity for some disease to look for a pot to sit on. That kind of stupid behavior makes you extinct. You will do better with clean pots, though. If you have mineral buildup from fertilizers or minerals in water, this needs to be removed. Scrub the pots in the sink. Use dishwashing detergent and a scrub brush on plastic pots. If you put soap on clay pots they will suck it up and be bubbly when they get wet again. Use clean water and the scrub brush. Be careful about putting plastic pots in the dishwasher. You could turn them in to melty blobs. If you have a desire to sanitize the pots, it's easy. Use nine parts water to one part bleach and dip the clean pots. Let them dry and they are ready to go. Big tip: it is easier to get pots clean right after you remove the plant. When the stuff dries, it can be tough. Clean them up and store them. When the repotting urge strikes, you're ready for action.

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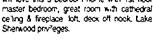
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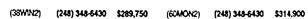
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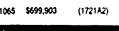
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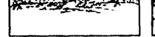
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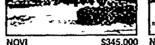
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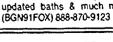
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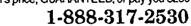
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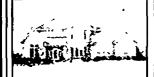
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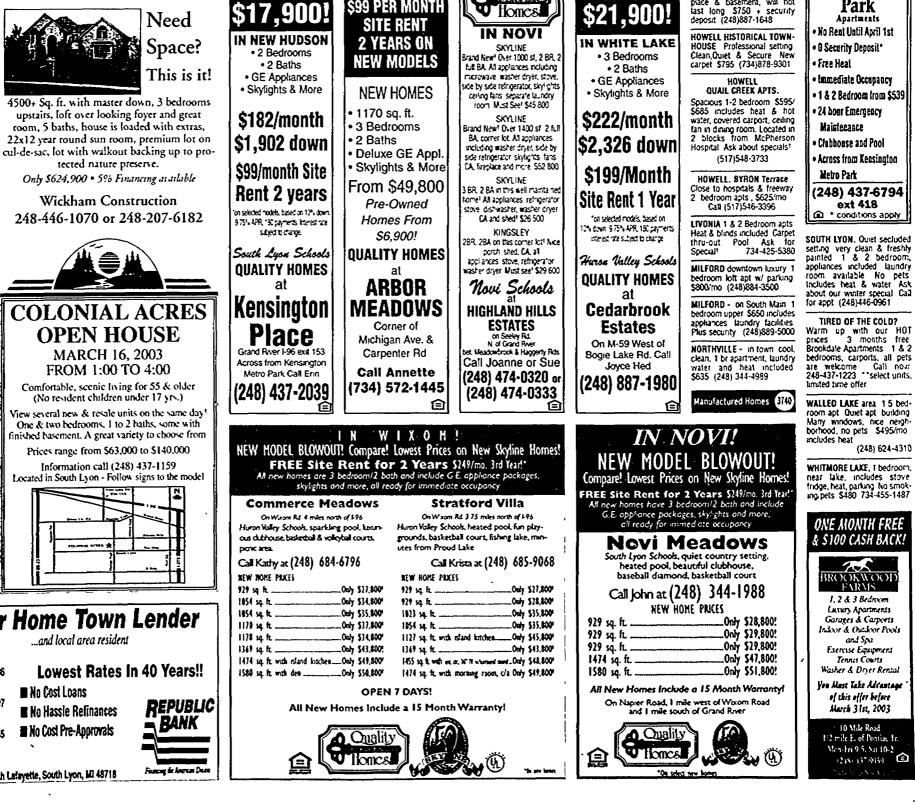


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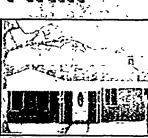
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DETROIT - Great home for investment.

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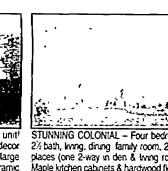
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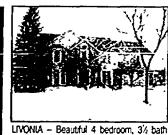


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WESTLAND - Immaculate! Three bedroom brick Ranch with many updates!

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FARMINGTON HILLS - Regal rural REDFORD - Great starter under 95K. Ranch. Lovely 3 bedroom, 3 bath brick Updates, updates & more. Newer'updated Ranch with oversized 2 car attached garage, sitting on almost '2 acre + baseroof, shingles, furnace, windows, hot water heater, driveway, walk, paint, carpet and more. Just turn the key and move in \$94,900 (51NOR) 734-455-5600 ment & new roof in 2000 Built by a master carpenter, country kitchen with dark oak cabinets & loads of counter space.











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PLYMOUTH - Enborng Ranch Condo Two bedroom, 2 bath Condo with bright, airy sky light in kitchen, vauited ceilings, newer carpet, throughout, newly painted, kitchen with newer sink, counter & cabinets, gas fire-place in great room, finished basement and rage Great location in complex. \$172,900 (71POI) COLLEEN WEBER



LIVONIA - Custom built home Large 4 bedroom, 3'2 bath Colonial with 2 story great room, cherry floors, antiqued cabinets with granite & huge island in kitchen, unbelievable master suite with an awesome closet, extra deep basement and a 3 car attached garage \$599,900 (49VAN) 734-455-5600

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NORTHVILLE - Fantastic upper level Condo¹ Three bedroom, 2.2 bath with tranquility overlooking stream. Neutral decor. kitchen updated 2001 with cabinets, floor and appliances Living room with fireplace, finished walk-out with family room, lav & Berber carpet Opens to pato Two car garage \$212 000 (66WAS) 734-455-5600



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NORTHVILLE - Walk to downtown from this 3 bedroom, 1/2 bath Ranch located on a tree-lined street. Pro-finished basement with gas fireplace. Some hardwood, bay in dining area, brick & paver pabo. Newer roof. siding, driveway, porch, windows, central air, refrigerator, stove & dishwash-er stay \$224,900 (13ELY) 248-349-5600



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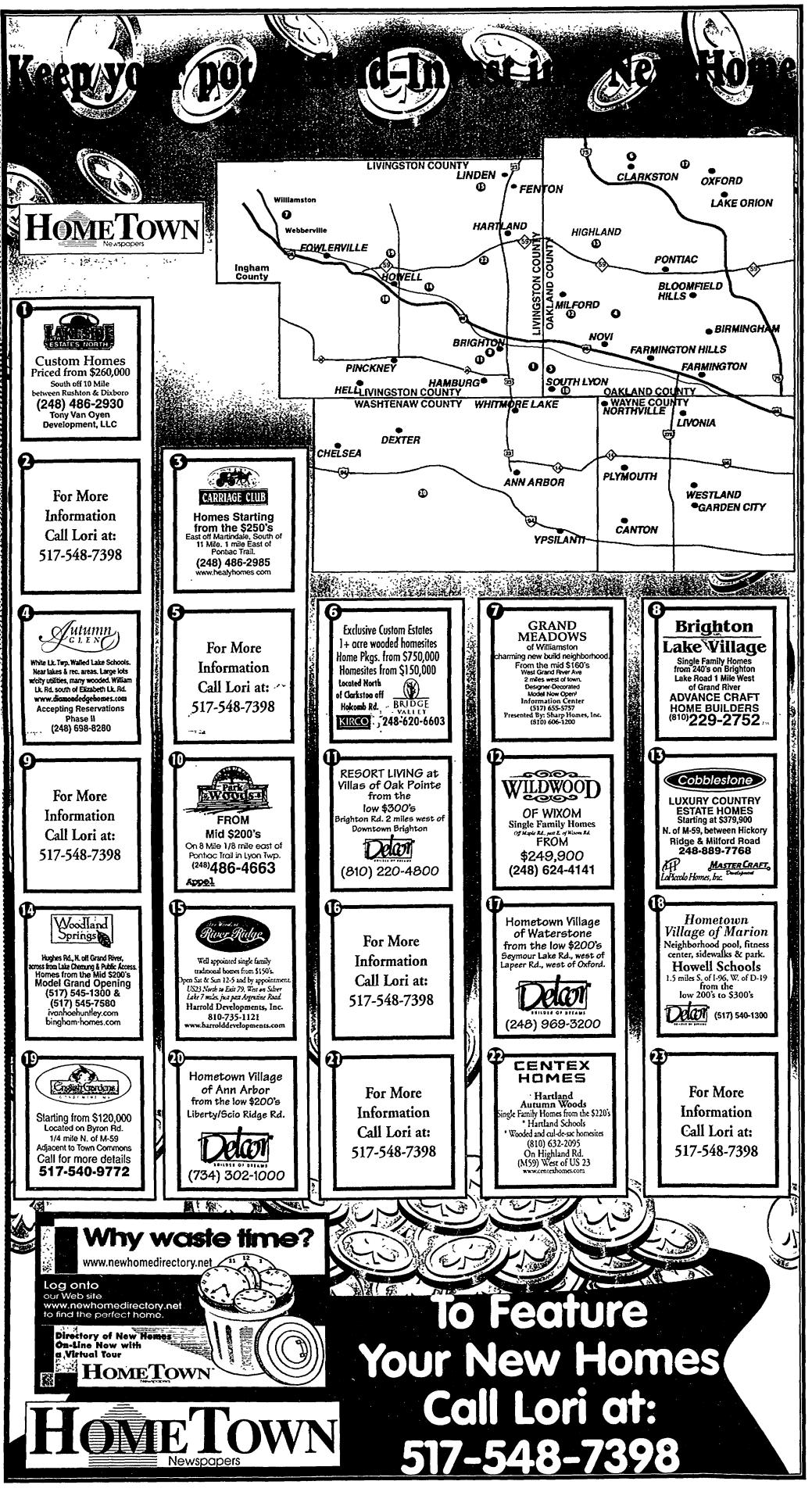


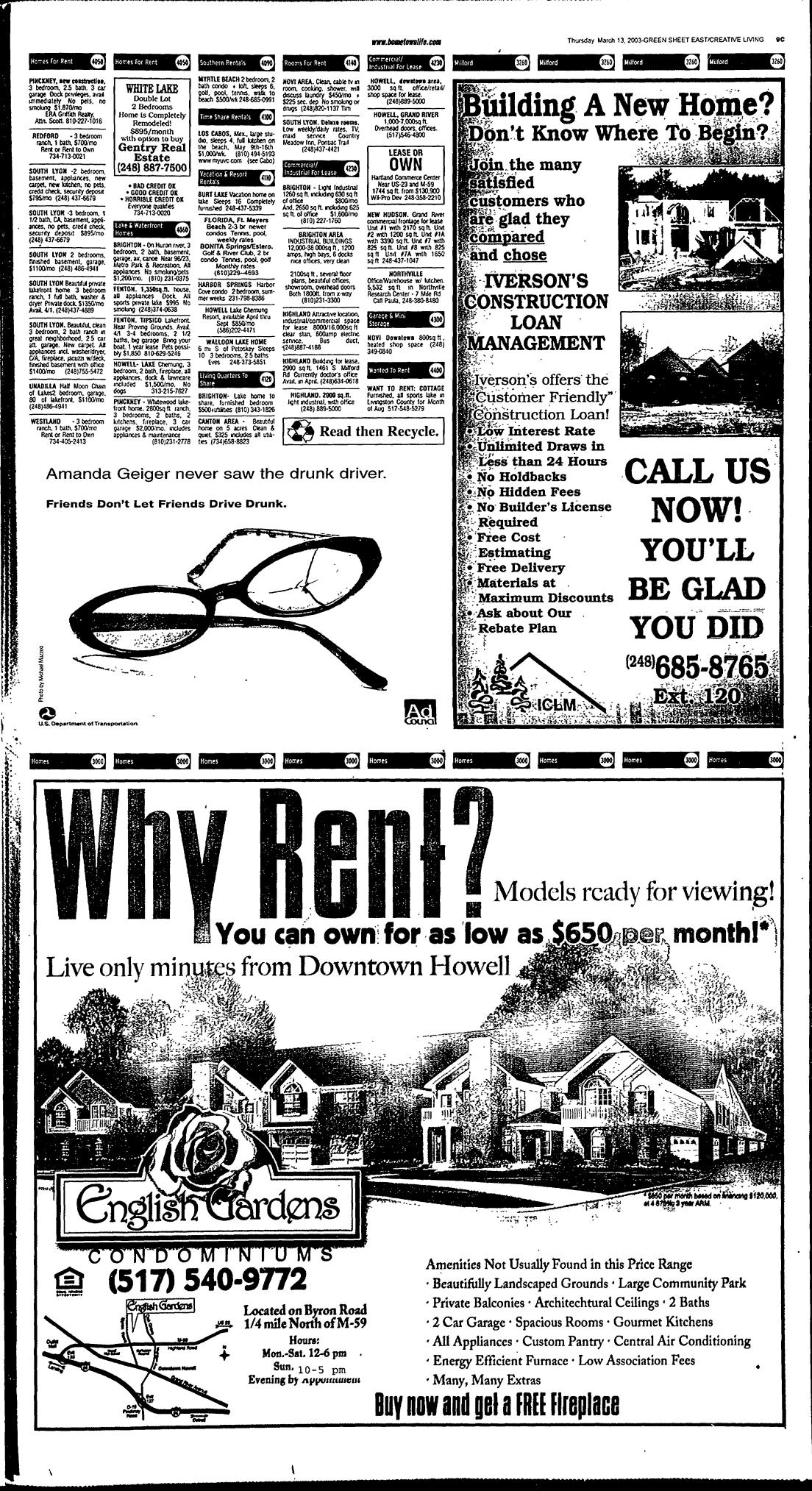
NORTHVILLE - Perfect - peaceful vate Sharp 3 bedroom, 3'2 bath waterfront condo Marble loyer, granite counters, 2 fireplaces & many built-ins. Finished walkout lower level with office & wet bar. Dining room has French door to deck. Spiral stairs to lower level & deck. Much more 99.000 (64BLU) 248-349-5600



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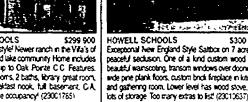


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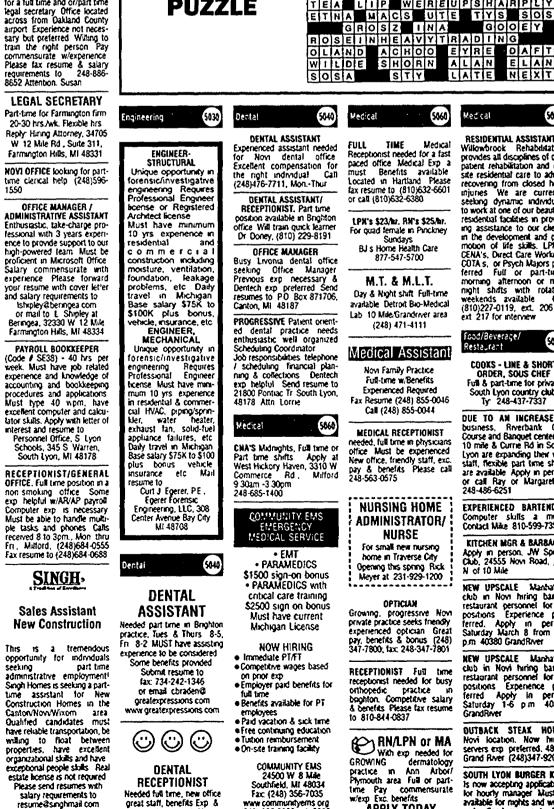
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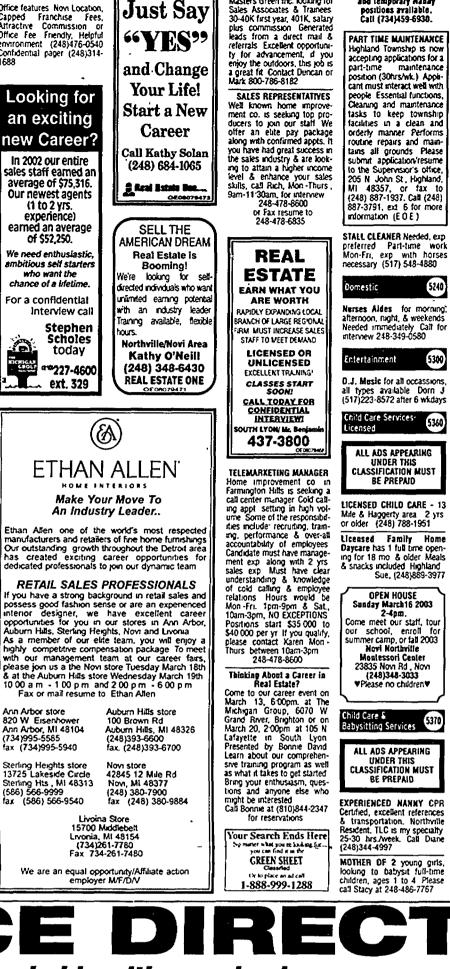


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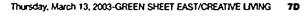
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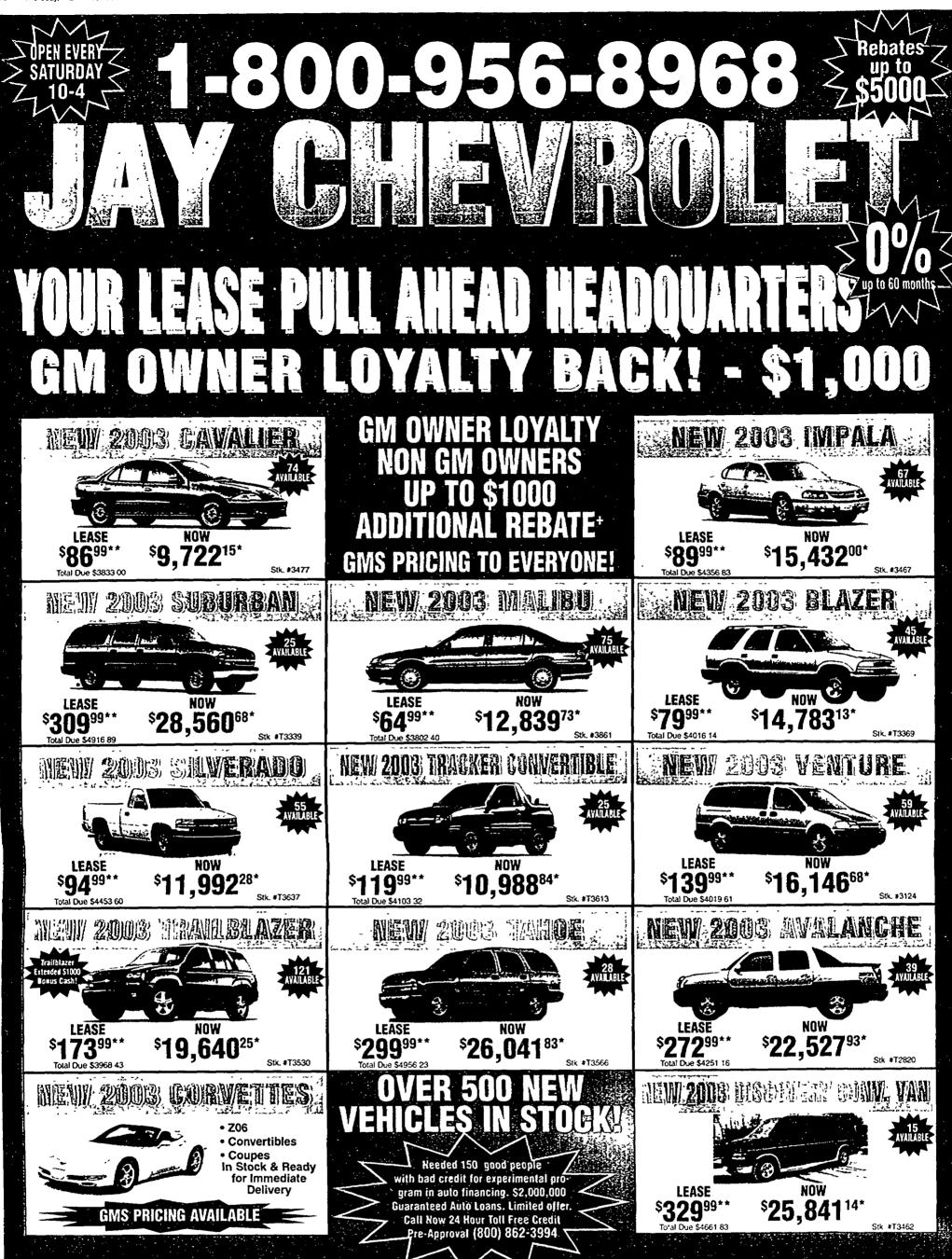


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Women choosing to have children later in life might need help conceiving

By Jake Grove SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

> hen Dr. Paul Miller sees a patient for the first time, he rarely has to ask them what they want. The answer is quite clear. They want a

Miller is a reproductive endochronologist at the Greenville (S.C.) Center for Women's Medicine. His job: To help women who have had trouble conceiving or may have high-risk pregnancies, to get

pregnant and carry the child to term with as few problems as possible. While some of his patients are young couples just starting their families, a growing number have decided later in life to start or continue their families.

Recent studies in the Journal of the American Medical Association have stated that healthy women can conceive through donated eggs into their 50s. In fact, the possibilities of becoming pregnant in such a way is just as high at age 55 as it is at 35.

"The number of 'late maternal age' pregnancies here in the last 10 years has increased significantly," said Miller. "And they are doing it for a whole variety of reasons.

Most think it has to do with greater opportunities for women. According

Expecting?

Here are some Web sites that any parents-to-be should check out, whether the baby is their first or fifth:

ww.doulanetwork.com: A doula is "a trained labor support person who provides emotional and physical support to a laboring woman." Provides links to other pregnancy, birth and doula resources

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to Dr. Mandy Herring, OB-GYN at Anderson (S.C.) GYN-OB, women having children in their mid-40s and early 50s is typically a result of professional women putting a family on hold in order to establish their careers and a steady lifestyle for their soonto-be family.

"At any given time we have at least two or three women in their 40s who are pregnant with us," Herring said. "Women are deciding to delay childbearing because they have a lot more options than ever before.

Those options come in the form of technology. In recent years, the medical field has made huge strides in conception technology that makes it easier to get pregnant during the midlife years. Those advancements

necessity," Castro'Lichtenstein. "Once I walk through

that door and get my two towels, my locker and my robe, I'm in my own space." Her sentiments

echoed those of a number of day-spa regulars - including an increasing number

Silvia Flores/The (Riverside, Calif.) Press-Enterprise Laura Moses, 15, receives an exam of her face by esthetician Rachel Sanborn before a New York Express Facial at International Skin and Body Care in Redlands, Calif.

Healing hands

Stress-busting spas are doing big business

By Debra Melani SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Pink candles cast a soft glow throughout the warm room as Shannon Miller's fingers worked their magic on her client, who seemed to sink into the cushioned massage table.

"Oh, that feels so good," Geneva Castro'Lichtenstein crooned as Miller slowly kneaded her back and soothed her shoulders. Mellow music and the sweet scent of oil filled the air.

A steam bath followed Castro'Lichtenstein's massage, and a reviving facial or soothing pedicure were other options at Denver's Oxford Spa Salon and Club that day. A regular spa-goer, Castro'Lichtenstein represents a growing number of people keeping the spa industry alive despite widespread economic

woes. "I've cut back on

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> Reflexology: Based on a system of points in the hands and feet thought to correspond, or "reflex," to all areas of the body

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Leche League is a worldwide breast-feeding support group. There are articles and information on breast-feeding. and a bulletin board with a form to e-mail questions.

www.cappa.net/empowerment.asp: The Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association offers parents more than 30 birthing and breast-feeding links.

> - ELIZABETH **KEMPER/SACRAMENTO BEE**

'Many just want to have a family

But there are risks. Just because the

technology is there doesn't mean it should be used. Herring said the increased risk of genetic abnormalities such as Down's Syndrome will sometimes keep wannabe mothers from getting pregnant too late in life. There's also a higher rate of miscarriage the older a mother is. And some simply no longer have the biological capability to sustain a child to term.

Basically, a woman trying to get pregnant at 40 has half the chance of actually conceiving as someone in their 20s. But that doesn't mean they won't keep

uying. "If they are healthy — and they have to be optimally healthy — there is no reason they couldn't get pregnant for the first or the fifth time," said Herring. "It just varies for certain women."

and past successes have put women at ease with the process and faith in reproductive technology is at an all-time high.

Add to that a higher divorce rate where new couples want to start families together later in life, and it's no wonder the number of families having children late has skyrocketed.

with their new partner," Miller said. "A great number of my patients must take this route to fulfill something with their new husband."

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A sudden death poses unique challenge to survivors

By Karen Paurus MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

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Losing someone unexpectedly, as with a car or plane crash, violent crime or terrorism, can overwhelm people with feelings of shock and denial, experts say.

"It's like this didn't happen, it couldn't happen, can't be happening," said Ralph Rickgam, a retired instructor of educational psychology at the University of Minnesota.

These feelings differ from those associated with a terminal illness, for which there has been time to say goodbye. The suddenness robs one's sense of control and safety. Survivors, say grief coun-selors, may ask, "Why? Why me, why them, why did this happen?"

In addition, people dealing with a traumatic death, compared with a death from cancer or old age, for example, may feel isolated and stigmatized.

Dealing with trauma also means that

grief, an essential step in healing, is often put on hold, said Tom Ellis, executive director of the Center for Grief in St. Paul, Minn.

Jennifer Doyle knows intimately the challenges of dealing with a traumatic death. On Dec. 7, 1994, her husband. Richard J. Doyle, of North Branch. Minn., was shot and killed while working at a convenience store. He was 25 and the father of two young boys.

Jennifer remembers several people coming to the door the night of his death, including Rick's father, police, their pastor and a coroner. "They never said that he was dead, and it didn't hit me until the coroner introduced himself," she said. "It didn't sink in. Even though all these people were coming to the door, it just wasn't real."

The hardest part was explaining to her sons that their father wasn't coming home

"When they would hear people pull

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up around suppertime, they would run and go check to see if it was their father," Doyle said. There were times, too, that she would hear a car door close outside and think, "He's home."

It took a week, maybe two, before his death finally sank in.

The boys understood that two bad men had taken away their father. But the anguish didn't end there. "It's affected them, it's affected me, it's affected our families, it's affected their friends,' Doyle said. Some of the boys' friends have had counseling to help them with the grieving process.

Doyle said her boys have felt the loss of their father more as time goes on. Although they have positive male role models in their lives, "it's not the same," she said. "You see the days when the boys are having a hard time and they need a father, and the anger comes back."

Doyle has learned that people grieve in many ways and at many speeds. "I tell

Dealing with a sudden, traumatic death -- compared with dealing with grief associated with a terminal illness, for example - poses its own special challenges for survivors.

Traumatic death:

- No time to prepare
- Grief is delayed
- · Usually no past experience to draw from
- Intense emotional impact
- Feelings of isolation Terminal illness:
- May include some preparation
- Grieving process usually begins immediately
- May be able to draw from previous experiences
- · Emotional impact may not be as intense
- Social supports in place

oi men who consider their treatments preventive health care and mental rehabilitation.

In response, the industry has boomed, doubling in revenues from 1999 to 2001. "I work hard, and I play hard," said Stephen Gartside, 37, of Evergreen, Colo., who has sought out masseuses for 10 years. "I use massage like I use vitamin C.

It's prevention."

Massages are the

most popular treat-

ment, especially with

men, said Heather

(painfully initiated muscles) Also known as myotherapy or neuromuscular therapy SOURCE UNIVERSITY OF

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Johnson, assistant manager of the Oxford Club and Spa. "I think it's because people are becoming so well-educated on what the benefits of massage are," she said, referring to effects ranging from enhancing flexibility and easing pain to lowering blood pressure and reducing anxiety.

"I think massage helps to work the muscles in a different way," said Gartside, a client of Whispering Pines Day Spa in Evergreen.

A massage after a long workout or a marathon also seems to shorten his recovery time, putting him back on the running trail sooner, he said.

Gartside would like to take more than his average of two to three massages a month, but the cost is a drawback, he said. An average half-hour massage runs \$30 to \$40, while a day at a spa could exceed \$500.

Still, Gartside would have to be in dire financial straits before he'd cut out his massages completely. he said. Like new running shoes or his wife's healthclub fees, his treatments are a financial priority in a fitness-focused lifestyle, he said.

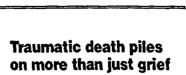
The need to maintain their sanity keeps other spa regulars from giving treatments the budget ax.

Men are often wary on their first visits, said the Oxford's Johnson. "They have that deer-in-the-headlights look." But they frequently become regular customers.

"The lights are low, the music's playing and you just kind of check out," Churbuck said. When he emerges from his spa experience, the stress of the day has melted away, he said. "It's like a whole new world.

While women go for the massage, too, they're more apt than men to choose facials, manicures and pedicures, which promote skin health. Statice client Bekki Ash, 27, generally opts for facials.

"I think, when you leave, the results stay with





As the world turns, so does Web's soap-opera store

By Leigh Grogan SACRAMENTO BEE

Last September, Nikki Newman became Mrs. Victor Newman — again. It was the couple's third marriage (to

each other; it was her ninth overall). Of course, their grown children were present, as were the usual assortment of friends - even former spouses. That's because, on a soap opera wedding, the

uninvited are always welcome. Nikki (Melody Thomas Scott) and Victor (Eric Braeden) are two of the most enduring — and endearing — characters on the CBS daytime drama "The Young and the Restless," which debuted in 1973.

Nikki and Victor met in 1981. She was a stripper; he was building an empire. The couple first tied the knot in 1984, in a big, bodacious affair. Their second marriage, in 1998, was a little more subdued. That's because she was on her deathbed. (She recovered.) For the third televised affair in September, it was all elegance and style. The bride wore a Badgley Mischka gown — with her hair up — and a simple yet elegant pearl necklace and matching earrings. The real world will never know what

it's like to be married to Victor Newman. Most of us won't own a Badgley Mischka gown. But for \$150, anyone can own Nikki's wedding jew-elry. And that's marked down from the regular price of \$245.

For three years, soap fans have been crowding into SoapCity Store at www.soapcity.com to own a little slice of daytime drama. It's simple: Shoppers go to the Web site, click on the store and peruse merchandise from their favorite show(s).

Are you passionate about NBC's "Passions"? Then sip from the same "martimmy" glasses Timmy once used to whip up his colorful --- and potent -concoctions.

Diane Kelly is director of e-commerce for SoapCity, which is part of Sony Pictures Digital. On the phone, she explains her role as the Web site's "store" buyer.

"What the soap fan will find at SoapCity Store is merchandise you can't get anywhere else," she says. "I work primarily with the producers of 'The Young and the Restless' and 'Days



By David Wichner ARIZONA DAILY STAR

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Parents can reload the cards as needed through their bank or credit card accounts and track their kids' spending online or by phone. Parents are encouraged to use the card experience to teach money management.

The Visa Buxx Web site offers a financial-skills quiz and moneymanagement lessons; the Citi Cash site features a budgeting tool, a

dictionary, quiz and tips. Rhonda Bentz, public affairs director for Visa USA, says most parents sign up for the Buxx card as a safe alternative to giving cash while giving them the opportunity to teach their kids money skills.

We actively encourage parents to sit down with their teens and talk about their purchases," Bentz says. "Teens like it because it gives them some level of inde-

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A business professor says the prepaid teen cards may be billed as educational tools, but they're also a way for credit card companies to target a huge, untapped market.

Americans ages 12 to 19 spent an estimated \$172 billion in 2001, or an average of \$104 per week, according to Teenage Research Unlimited, a market research firm based in Northbrook, Ill.

"It's a very creative way to develop (credit card) name recognition at an early age," says Melinda Burke, director of the University of Arizona's Southwest Retail Center for Education and Research.

A financial-education advocate says they can teach valuable lessons on credit and spending with some misgivings. "If you're already seeing good, responsible behavior, then I think they can benefit from a Visa Buxx card and the educational aspect of it," says Don Blandin, president of the American Savings Education Council, a non-profit agency based in Washington, D.C.

On the downside, Blandin and other educators say, such cards used without close parental supervision send the wrong message about using plastic instead of cash.

"In effect, it teaches kids how to use plastic, and not to recognize that plastic really represents cash, and that's a bad thing," says John Morton, vice president of the National Council on Economic Education, a non-profit group pushing for more personal-finance education in schools.

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"It's exposing them, and the message on the card is to spend," says Paul Richard, executive director of the Institute of **Consumer Financial Education in** San Diego.

Bentz says such criticism ignores the fact that the Buxx card isn't a credit card — it's a "par-ent-controlled reloadable payment card" with built-in limits.

"We think that Buxx goes a long way toward establishing some good habits in the use of plastic," she says. "There's no way a kid can go into debt with a Buxx card.

Issuers say they're committed to financial education.

The cards won't give you a free education, however.

Buxx cards carry enrollment fees varying from \$10 to \$15, plus fees of \$1 to \$3 every time money is loaded, depending on the issuer. The Citi Cash card carries an annual fee of \$25 but no transaction fees if used with a Citibank

Lay your cards on the table

By Jake Grove SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

CREDIT CARDS, CREDIT REPORTS, CREDIT HISTORY GOOD CREDIT BAD CREDIT NO CREDIT.

From "Crazy" Al's Used Cars to the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, what-ever your credit is can make the difference between ever owning a home or being in debt for the rest of your life. It can be referenced when applying for a job or getting life insurance for your family.

According to Anthony Clinkscales, president of Consumer Credit Services in Anderson and Greenwood, S.C., it's important to know your score where your credit is concerned.

"Everyone should get their credit report four times a year," Clinkscales says. "Seeing your credit report yourself doesn't hurt anything at all and you should know more about your credit report than anyone else."

However, reading the report can be more difficult. A credit report only shows all "revolving interest" accounts you have had or currently have. That means any credit cards, home mongage loans, car loans, student loans and maybe some merchant cards will show up on your account.

Payment of bills, rent and insurance doesn't show up on your credit report unless those in charge of receiving those payments decide to send the information to the credit bureau. This only happens in cases of extreme non-pay-ment when collection agencies are involved.

The score on the credit report --- ranging from 300 to 850 --- keeps track of three major areas: past payment history, outstanding balances and one's financial stability.

Payment history may be the most important. Clinkscales says that a couple of 30-day late payments in a long history are typically not significant. It's when accounts become 60, 90 and 120 days late that creditors are less likely to approve you.

Outstanding balances are also heavily considered. The more balances you carry, the worse for your credit report. They also look at how much of your available credit you're using. So, even if you've nearly maxed out two cards but they're the only two cards you have, you might have a lower score on your credit report than someone with seven cards with lower balances on each.

Finally, the stability of your financial situation is also gauged. That's based on how long you've had the same accounts, the credit you have and how many credit applications that have been made,

Clinkscales says every time you apply for a credit card or every time a car dealership pulls your credit report to tell you if you have the right credit for their nearest deal, those inquiries are going against your credit.

So, if you switch credit cards time after time, looking for the best interest rates, every time you apply for one, the credit bureau is contacted and your credit report gets bigger.

He suggests a limit to how often that happens. "I would have to say that in a given time period — say, a month — you should have

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of Our Lives' (two properties of Sony Pictures Television). I also team with the Web site producers for the other soaps."

Kelly says she spends most of her time searching for products that are story-oriented. In other words, merchandise that has a direct tie to what's going on in a particular soap's story line.

Kelly says most of the merchandise sold at SoapCity Store is licensed, including one manufacturer who picked up the rights to the jewelry.

Shopping at SoapCity Store is easy because it's organized by the soap operas' titles. Several separate departments are set up for specialty shopping, including accessories, clothing, jewelry and items less than \$10. There's also a variety of soap opera books from Barnes & Noble, which handles its orders directly. For catalog shoppers, a store catalog is in the works.

Not every soap has a show room. For example, there's nothing for sale from ABC's "Port Charles." But fans of "All My Children" can own Erica Kane's book "Having It All" or the soap's "Official Trivia Book." "Days of Our Lives" has quite a few items for sale, including a replica of the sterling silver, heart-shape necklace Bo Brady gave his wife, Hope, for Valentine's Day. It's \$19.99.

SoapCity Store's ability to offer oneof-a-kind merchandise is limited only by the soap writers' imaginations.

As for our newlyweds on "Y&R," as recently as Christmas Nikki and Victor were squabbling over daughter Victoria's ne'er-do-well boyfriend, Diego. If a divorce and inevitable fourth marriage ensue, a whole new wave of shopping options will appear.

To learn more

There are several options for purchasing merchandise from the SoapCity Store:

- Order online at www.soapcity.com
- Order by phone between 4 a m. and 11 p m. PST at (800) 996-2323
- Print and fax an order to (800) 582-8000
- Print and mail an order to The SoapCity Store, P.O. Box 629000, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

1. Parents sign up and a card is issued in the user's name, carrying identification and account information on a magnetic strip.

2. Parents add or "load" money into the account by phone or via the Internet, transferring money from credit card or bank accounts.

3. Teens use the card wherever Visa (Buox) or MasterCard (Citi Cash) is accepted.

4. Teens or parents can check purchases and account balances online or by phone. 5. Parents may reload the card as needed online or by phone.

Other card caveats:

Automated-teller machine withdrawals are allowed upon parental authorization of the personal identification number, but daily withdrawals are limited and fees may apoly.

Both Visa and Citibank will cancel lost or stolen cards and replace them without liability if reported promptly; Visa charges \$5 for card replacement, : Citibank charges \$10. But unlike a traditional credit card, the money on a prepaid card may be long gone before it's discovered missing.

III Some other fees may apply. All issuers charge bounced-check fees if transfers are drawn on insufficient funds. Some Buxx issuers charge 50 cents per call after two phone calls to customer-service lines.

Information from card accounts could be used for marketing, so it's a good idea to check privacy policies carefully and opt out of any use of your information with which you're not comfortable. • • • •

your credit pulled by a creditor just once," Clinkscales says.

That's why you should pull your credit report for yourself every three months. That way, whenever a car dealership wants to pull your account, you can bring them a recent report.

The other reason you should check your report often is errors by the credit bureaus. Sometimes clerical errors, inaccuracies and other mistakes could keep you from loans, insurance or job opportunities that you are otherwise entitled to.

Also, you could the victim of identity theft where frauds are getting cash advances or credit cards in your name. You might not real-

At one company, full benefits are key to maintaining loyalty

By Deborah Caulfield Rybak MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Imagine a company where employees are considered family rather than overhead.

The workers' medical and dental coverage is paid for 100 percent and the company matches their 401(k) contributions dollar for dollar up to the maximum allowed. There's a summer picnic and a holiday party.

And at the end of the year, there's a profit-sharing payout and a performance bonus, plus gifts and other incentives for safety on the job.

Fable? Backdrop for a made-for-TV movie? Fevered Homer Simpson dream? No. This is Tiller Corp., a privately held, 250-employee road construction

business in Maple Grove, Minn. Tiller president Gary Sauer said his management philosophy is simple: "I realized at an early age that the best way to get the most out of people is to respect them and take care of them. Then they'll take care of you, too."

Recent surveys reported by the Herman Group management consultants in North Carolina indicate that 30 to 40 percent of U.S. employees report hating their jobs. The Monster.com employment Web site reports that figure to be as high as 72 percent.

Among the reasons workers are so



Photo by Mark Zerby/Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune Left to right: Steven Sauer, CFO, Chad Sauer, VP Operations, cer Gary Sauer, President, Gaylen Ghylin, Executive VP, Lloyd Armstrong, Safety Officer, Dan Miller, MIS Hardware Technician in the bucket of one of the company's front end loader.

unhappy is a belief that they aren't valued by management. That belief leads to frequent job turnover. Only 22 percent of surveyed workers planned to stay with their current employer.

It's doubtful any of those respondents came from Tiller.

"Our average employee tenure is about 13 years," said Tiller chief financial offiSteven Sauer. 'The only turnover we have is the turnover we want."

Tiller's management isn't exercising any bragging rights, though. Not by a long shot. "We are a privately held company and try to keep a lot of that stuff to ourselves," Gary Sauer said of Tiller, which grosses about \$100 million a year operating sand, gravel and asphalt plants, with a bit of real estate development on the side. At Tiller, he said, "Our objective is to have them as part of the family. To keep

them, train them and take care of them. There's no question about that."

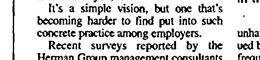
Tiller has been at the forefront of almost every employee benefit introduced in the past two decades. When the government gave the nod to 401(k)s, Sauer said, "We jumped in with both feet?

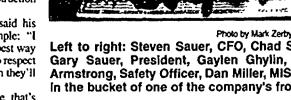
More recently, the company paid to bring in a financial consultant to help employees figure out the proper asset allocations within their portfolios to help them cope with the sliding stock market.

That kind of largesse can be costly --a fact Sauer and executive vice president Gaylen Ghylin acknowledge with shrugs. "We've been fortunate enough to make a profit every year," Sauer said. "But if next year we didn't, we wouldn't change things for the employees."

That goes for downsizing as well. "If we wanted to be hard-core operators, we could let go 5 to 8 percent of our workforce and just crack the whip harder," Sauer said. "But we don't want to do that, and we haven't had to."

Health care providers often balk when they see what the company is paying for health coverage. But, Sauer said, "We've literally gone years without a worker losing a day to an injury. Maybe someone will have an accident and not be able to do their job, but they can do something else if they want. It keeps them part of the team and keeps up their self-







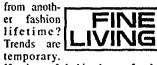




Closet case

So you've decided to clean out your closet. Where do you begin? Pikke Allen, a costume designer and vintage shopper/collector, suggests that you begin by asking a few simple questions about each piece of clothing:

• Is it from a forgotten trend? In other words, is this dress or coat



If an item of clothing is out of style, let it go. Another one will come after it.

• Does it match my current lifestyle? Business suits still in your closet if you are now a stay-athome mom are probably not going to work in your current lifestyle.

• Does it match three items? Does the item match three other things in the closet? If not, let it go and hold on to more versatile pieces of clothing.

• Does it fit? Is this piece still the right size? Choose between losing the weight or losing the garment.

• Does it have accessories? Are you still searching for a pair of shoes to wear with a particular article of clothing? If you won't wear it with shoes you already own, it's probably time to give it up.

• After answering these questions about each piece of clothing, decide whether to keep it or give it away. Donate clothes you no longer need to charity. Now, the best part: getting rid of older clothes creates space in your closet for new things!

After cleaning your closet, it's time to organize. Allen offers these tips:

• Arrange by color: Think of your closet as your own personal filing cabinet. File your tops and bottoms by color. That way, when you're getting dressed in the morning, it's easy to put an outfit together.

 Put accessories on shelves: Of the many ways to organize accessories, Allen prefers keeping them visible by putting them on shelves. It makes it easier to see and choose the perfect accessory for your outfit. • Separate seasonal clothes: Put your seasonal outerwear in a separate area of your closet so it doesn't clutter the rest of your wardrobe. • Area or bag for alterations & cleaning: Set aside an area that is just for alterations, repair and cleaning, Better yet, put a small tote bag in your closet so when time comes to go to the cleaner or tailor, you're ready to roll.



An assortment of old hand tools, some used for clockmaking, surround a 4-pound brass mallet on the workbench of Arthur L. Yager, 86, of Fresno, Calif.

there's no tool like an **OLD TOOD**

Veteran carpenter still gets mileage from his collection of antiques

By Kathy Barberich THE FRESNO BEE

In Art Yager's thinking, there's no tool like an old tool. And he should know. He's 86, and he's been enthralled with tools since he was a boy helping his father, a carpenter.

Like other collectors of tools, he enjoys the history, the feel and the design of old implements. Even though he recently has downsized his collection to a couple of hundred pieces, there are drawers and walls company going after his father died in the early '50s and later went to work for another builder until his retirement at age 65.

Like fellow members of the San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association. Yager became a serious tool collector after retiring. Until recently, he scoured yard sales, auctions, antique stores and sales and flea markets to find the tools that had lost favor with their owners. Association members meet monthly to talk about tools, woodworking and to see each other's workshops. fingers or ruin a piece of wood. When you take a finely tuned hand plane and run it down the length of a board and the shavings come off, it is a great feeling " Tool aficionados know a lot about the

old implements, but say there's still more to learn and see.

Douglas likes going to workshops conducted periodically in the San Francisco area by James Kernov, head

Handforged in a blacksmith shop, this utility tool called a "nipper"



A continuing series of tips and information

Work in dry soil

Never work the soil if it is too wet, that could change the structure of the soil Always use this test before digging: Grab a handful of soil and squeeze it to try to form a ball. The ball should not hold its shape. If it stays together in a modball, then the soil is too wet to be worked Try again after is has had time to dry

Organic fertilizer

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The best way to improve a garden bed is to amend the soil with organic matter — compost, leaves and grass. Adding organic matter improves the drainage and aeration of the soil

Prune for healthy plants

Pruning is important for the overall health and vitality of shrubs and trees. Trim dead branches from bushes each spring by using an anvil pruner to trim away brown branches.

Shape unruly shrubs

Backyard bushes can quickly get out of control. Use a shearer to shape them to your own personal taste.

Sample sizes

Some paint manufacturers make sample sizes that you can buy and try out before investing in gallons of paint. filled with antique saws, planes and hammers. It's hard to part with them and, besides, he still uses some in his shop.

"I was 10 years old when my dad said my mother wanted a plant stand for a fern to set on the front porch." explains Yager, of Fresno, Calif. "He asked me to build it."

With a hacksaw and some cast-off wood, he fashioned a three-legged stand. "It wouldn't win any prizes in a woodworking contest, but Mom liked it," he says with a smile. "I guess Dad did, too. He took us all out for ice cream."

Earning his parents' approval for something he fashioned with his hands and a simple tool whetted the young man's appetite for carpentry.

He tagged along on jobs with his father. At 14, he got his first pair of white carpenter's overalls. In the loops, he hung his first hamnier and a wooden four-fold box ruler (a forerunner of the retractable tape measure).

Work, tools and materials were scarce during the Depression, so after graduating from high school in 1935, Yager assisted his father when there was enough work for both of them and worked for a local builder when there wasn't.

Yager bought his first saw, made in Sweden, in 1938. After it was ruined by a saw shop, though, he got rid of it. It hurt him to see it that way.

"Tools are part of who I am," he says reflectively. "They were the first means I had of making a living. A good carpenter respects his tools."

After World War II, when people started building houses again, Yager and his father formed Yager & Yager. Art Yager kept the Retiree Ben Douglas of Clovis, Calif., president of the woodworkers association, not only respects his tools, he feels a certain amount of reverence for them.

"I am captivated by wood and tools," he says. "Working with hand tools is a quiet time, a time of reflection It's just you and the tool and the wood.

"Power tools are wonderful, too But they are noisy, and you are tense when you use them because you don't want to cut off any of the fine woodworking program at College of the Redwoods in Fort Bragg, Calif. Kernov and his students sell furniture they make at school and Kernov has written books on woodworking

Yager enjoys antiqle shows that feature old. He also belongs to the mittion I Early is probably around 125 years old. The curvature of the handle on the left side is not due to crudity in its making; it was purposely made to fit more comfortably and effectively in the user's right or left hand.

American Industries Association so he can receive the organization's publications about old tools.

Ed Miney of Fresno, a retired woodshop teacher, has his own mini-museum.

A 24-by 24-foot room above his garage and an enclosed patio are filled with display cabinets that house his 2,200 hand tools. Someone offered Mincy \$18,000 for a set of bronze Stanley planes, but he didn't take it. Some of the tools are so beautiful, I just love looking at them," he says.

The implements are cataloged and Mincy keeps up on their value by reading trade pubheations. Not all of his tools are behind glass. He has a workshop full of his everyday tools.

"Oh, sure, I still use tools," says Mincy, 75, "I'm always building or fixing something."

He also travels the country if he sees an ad for a tool that he wants. He has flown to places on the East Coast, as well as France, to buy tools.

"Everyone likes to see his collection," says Douglas of Mincy's tools.



Surrounded by old tools he still uses, Arthur L. Yager, 86, uses an old English saw, at least 100 years old, to cut a board in the workshop of his Fresno, Calif., home.

In smaller homes, a little space can mean a lot in terms of comfort

By Betsy Lehndorff SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

If home doesn't seem a comforting place, perhaps it's time to think small. Those rooms might be a bit too large.

Intimate rooms are more likely to invite close conversations with friends and family, says Denver interior designer Andrea Lawrence Wood.

"So many houses have large volumes of space, especially in the public areas hike the entry, living room and dining room," she says, "When that happens, you feel overexposed, vulnerable to the outside. You don't feel sheltered." Her design instincts are backed up by Denver psychotherapist Michael Pass.

"Those of us who value small spaces are bucking the domanant cultural value that largeness equals status and wealth a better home is the big home, a better car is the big car." Pass says.

Although Pass is 6 feet 3 inches tall, he shares tight quarters with his wife, Susan Pass, who also is a therapist.

"When you are in close proximity, there is an invitation to connect, and for me there is a delight in that," Pass says. "You are with someone you love and value and can reach out to with such ease,

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whether it is a small kitchen space, the study or the bedroom for that matter"

Aware of the need for these connections, Wood uses several tricks to make rooms more embracing. Her own townhome in the mountains is a good example. She carved a romantic dining area into the home.

"It really was just a corner and did not have a specific function," she says.

Using a variety of texture. Wood made the space seem smaller by running 200-year-old, hand- hewn Montana beams across the 9-foot-high ceiling and down the walls. Then the lowered the

lighting fixtures. Instead of a bulb glaring overhead, she placed two decorative brass sconces on the wall beams at mid-level, suspended a bronze chandelier from the ceiling and put silver candles on the table. "You want your eye to corne down to

something like a person, a chair or a lamp at human level," she says She also covered the wall with a bold-

ly patterned fabric of reds, greens and yellows. The banquette table was made out of an old door. Custom moldings were nailed onto shelves, now filled with books, family photos and objects.

As a finishing touch, Wood placed a - u

self-portrait of a modern American Indian chief on the wall above the table.

Although the intimate maleover cost \$6,000. Wood says the same sheltering effect can be achieved for much less. Rough-sawn beams may be used instead of antique material. In place of fabric, walls may be painted a rich color, then stenctled with patterns. Inexpensive light fixtures also are readily available.

"I think a successful space is when your first impression of it is overall pleasing," she says. "Then, as you spend more time in the space, you begin to discover the small details."



By Food Network

If you want green bread, green beer and green mashed potatoes - well, don't go to Ireland. But if you want organic food that tastes of its origins, Ireland is your place.

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HomeTown

In recent years, Irish cuisine has undergone a sea change, and once-overcooked veggies and under-flavored dishes are being updated by new young cooks.

Modern Irish cuisine stays true to its roots with ingredients such as salmon, potatoes, and green curly kale, but nowadays these fresh flavors are displayed in bright and innovative ways, complemented by cheeses and farm-raised meats and poultry.

This year, host your own St. Patrick's Day celebration with Irish recipes, from traditional lamb stews and soda breads to an Irish smoothie for dessert.

ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLE STEW

(Serves 6-8) 4 tablespoons olive oil 3 pounds lamb shoulder, cut into 1-1/2 inch pieces Salt Freshiy ground black pepper 2 cups leeks, sliced 1/2 cup flour 4 ounces unsalted butter 1 cup Guinness stout 3 cups beef stock 1 cup tomatoes, peeled, seeded and diced 1/2 pound parsnips, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces 1/2 pound carrots, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces 1 pound russet polatoes, peeled and cut Into 2-inch pieces 4 cloves garlic, cut in half 3 sprigs of fresh rosemary, plus 1 tablespoon chopped 1 cup peas, shelled 1 cup leeks, sliced thinly Oil for frying Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. In a heavy-bottomed pot, heat 2 tablespoons

of olive oil. When the oil is hot, add the lamb and brown evenly. Remove the lamb from the pot and set aside.

SWEET POTATO & WILD MUSHROOM STEW

- (Serves 6-8) Olive oil
- 3 pounds lamb shoulder, cut into 2-inch oleces
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 tablespoons garlic, minced
- Salt Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup flour
- 4 ounces unsalted butter
- 1 cup red wine
- 3 cups veal stock
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 cups wild mushrooms, sliced 1 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and cut

IRISH SODA BREAD

- (Yield: 1 loaf) 2 cups all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons baking powder 1 teaspoon baking soda

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons cold vegetable
- shortening
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup buttermilk

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt and mix well. Cut the butter and shortening into small pieces and add to the flour mixture. Using your fingers, work the cold butter and shortening into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse crumbs.

A tool to tame unruly garlic

By Laura Thomas SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Finding a strong, simple and effective gar-lic press has been a bit of a life's quest for me. And then along came Chef'n, a Seattle company with a few such tools that inspired me to reconsider my position as a culinary Luddite.

Its updated Garlie Machine (\$13) is a tube with a long screw pushing a plastic press that slides nicely flush along the sides to successfully push through 85 to 90 percent of the clove.

One of its new features is a cutter that swings across the surface of the tube's bottom, cutting off all the clinging bits. No additional scraping needed. A lid snaps over the bottom to keep any extra garlic stored in the tube fresh — a nice time-saving idea.

The presser piece can be removed for washing and to allow you to dig out that last bit of garlic pulp. Not a bad little device.

Chef'n then pulled an even better one with the Garlic Peeler (\$12), an alternative to all that annoying cutting and peeling of the thin, papery skin around the clove.

A two-handled set of claws, one forming a basket, work together to break off the skin and pop out a denuded garlic clove in one quick squeeze. One warning: Chef'n says you can put several cloves into the basket. I say put in only one if you want it to slide through quickly and come out relatively undamaged.

Peel two or three cloves and store them in the machine to save yourself a few days of washing garlicky fingers. Keep the peeler hanging nearby.

Chopping herbs is also tiresome if you aren't a pro with a sharp chef's knife. I partially succumbed to the delights of the Rev'n Chef (\$25), an herb processor with two blades that operates like those first- generation salad spinners.

The plastic container splits in half for blade insertion and receiving the contents. You pull several times on the zip cord to chop the ingredients. Keep pulling: It takes more pulls the more you put in. It chops neatly, without flattening the leaves or turning them into juice.

You do have to open it up, scoop out the ingredients and pick around to get it all.

The Rev'n Chef also emulsifies liquids such as salad dressings, eggs and, perhaps, the personal margarita.



Add the leeks and saute until soft. Add the butter and melt. Add the flour to make a roux. Turn the heat down to low. and cook the roux until it is brown. about 15 minutes.

Whisk in the stout and stock. Add the tomatoes and the reserve lamb and bring to a simmer and cover. Simmer, covered, for 1-1/2 hours.

While the lamb mixture is simmering, combine the parsnips, carrots, potatoes and garlic in a large bowl. Toss with remaining olive oil, salt and pepper and rosemary sprigs. Place the vegetables in a roasting pan and place in a 400-degree oven. Roast for 45 minutes, stirring every 20 minutes, until vegetables are tender. Remove the vegetables from the oven and discard the rosemary sprigs.

Add the roasted vegetables and the peas to the lamb mixture. Cook for 10 minutes. Add the chopped rosemary, Season with salt and pepper. Add the thinly sliced leeks to a pot of heated oil and fry for 3 minutes, or until crisp. Remove the leeks from the oil and drain on paper towels. Season the leeks with salt. Garnish the stew with the fried leeks.

into 2-inch pieces 1/2 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces 2 tablespoon fresh thyme 1/2 cup pumpkin seeds, toasted

In a large, heavy bottomed pot, heat oil. Add the lamb and saute until browned on all sides, about 5 minutes. Remove lamb to a plate.

Add the onion and saute until soft. Add the garlic and saute for 2 more minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Add the butter and melt.

Add the flour to make a roux. Lower the heat and cook the roux until it is brown, about 15 minutes. Whisk in the wine and stock and raise the heat to medium high.

Add the reserved lamb. Add the mustard. Bring to a boil and reduce the heat to low. Cook over low heat for about 30 minutes, or until liquid is slightly reduced and thick.

In a separate saute pan, saute the mushrooms until wilted. Add the mushrooms to the stew. Add the potatoes and simmer another 30 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. Add the thyme, Season with salt and pepper. Garnish with toasted pumpkin seeds.

Add the egg and the buttermilk and mix into the flour mixture until it is incorporated. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and knead gently until the dough forms a smooth ball. Place loaf on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Place the loaf in the oven and bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until golden brown.

IRISH MOCHA SMOOTHIE

(Yield: I shake) 1 tray of frozen coffee cubes 3 scoops frozen coffee yogurt 3 tablespoons chocolate syrup 1/4 cup Bailey's Irish Cream 1/2 cup milk

In a blender, process six coffee cubes, frozen yogurt, chocolate syrup, Bailey's Irish Cream and milk until smooth. Serve in a tall glass.



Photos courtesy of Chefin Chef'n, based in Seattle, has created two new products to help garlic lovers in the kitchen. One is the Garlic Peeler (shown above), and also the Garlic Machine, Both items are available at site,

What makes a serving, anyway?

By Gwen Schoen SACRAMENTO BEE

According to the Food Guide Pyramid, the average person on a daily 2,200-calorie diet needs nine servings from the bread and grain group, four servings of vegetables, three servings of fruit, two to three servings of dairy products and 6 ounces from the meat and protein group. That's fine, but how do you know what a serv-

ing size is?

If you're eating a packaged food item, the nutrition label will tell you how much is considered a serving.

Consumers and federal agencies have two different concepts of portion size, says Karen Brokken, a dietitian with Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Sacramento, Calif.

"What you might think is one serving (like microwave popcorn) is actually two or more."

When you're packing your lunch or eating out, judging serving size can be tricky,

Here are some visual examples of serving sizes from the National Center for Nutrition and the American Dictetic Association:

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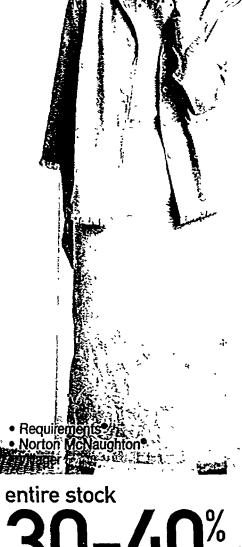
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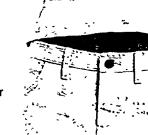
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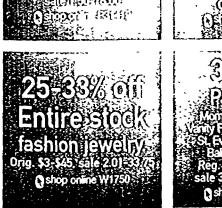




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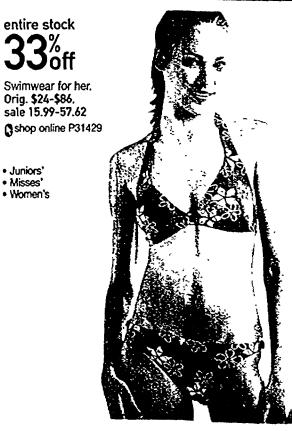
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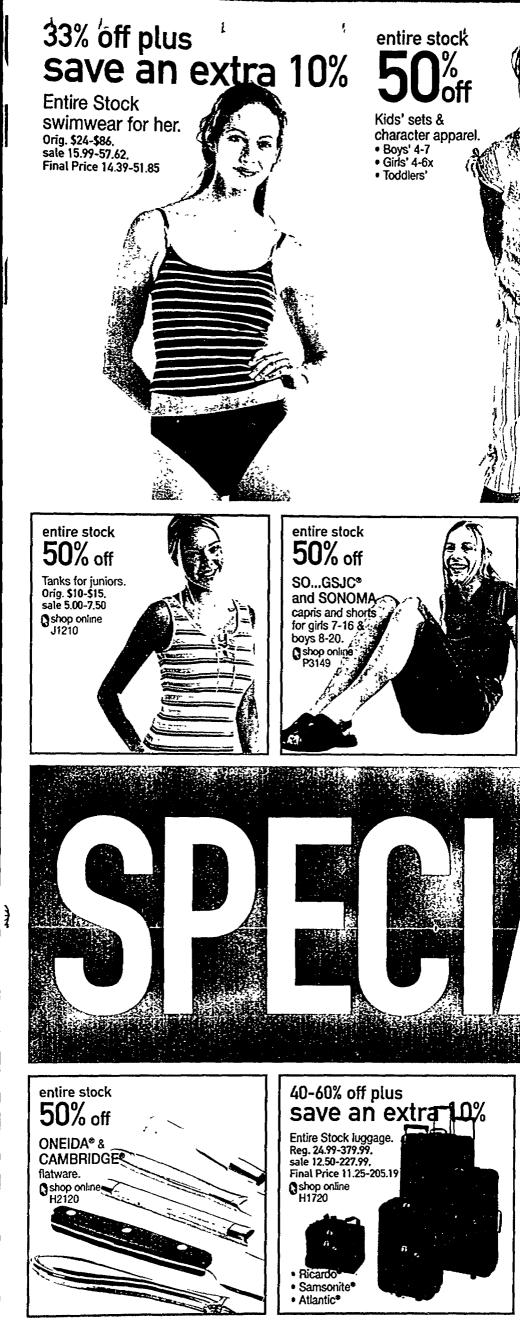


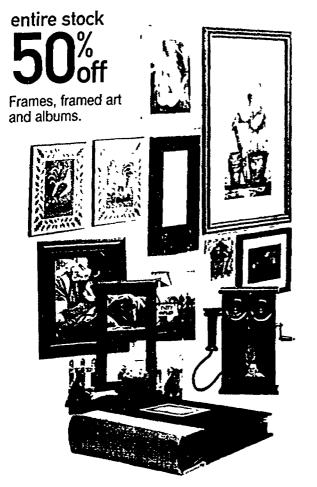


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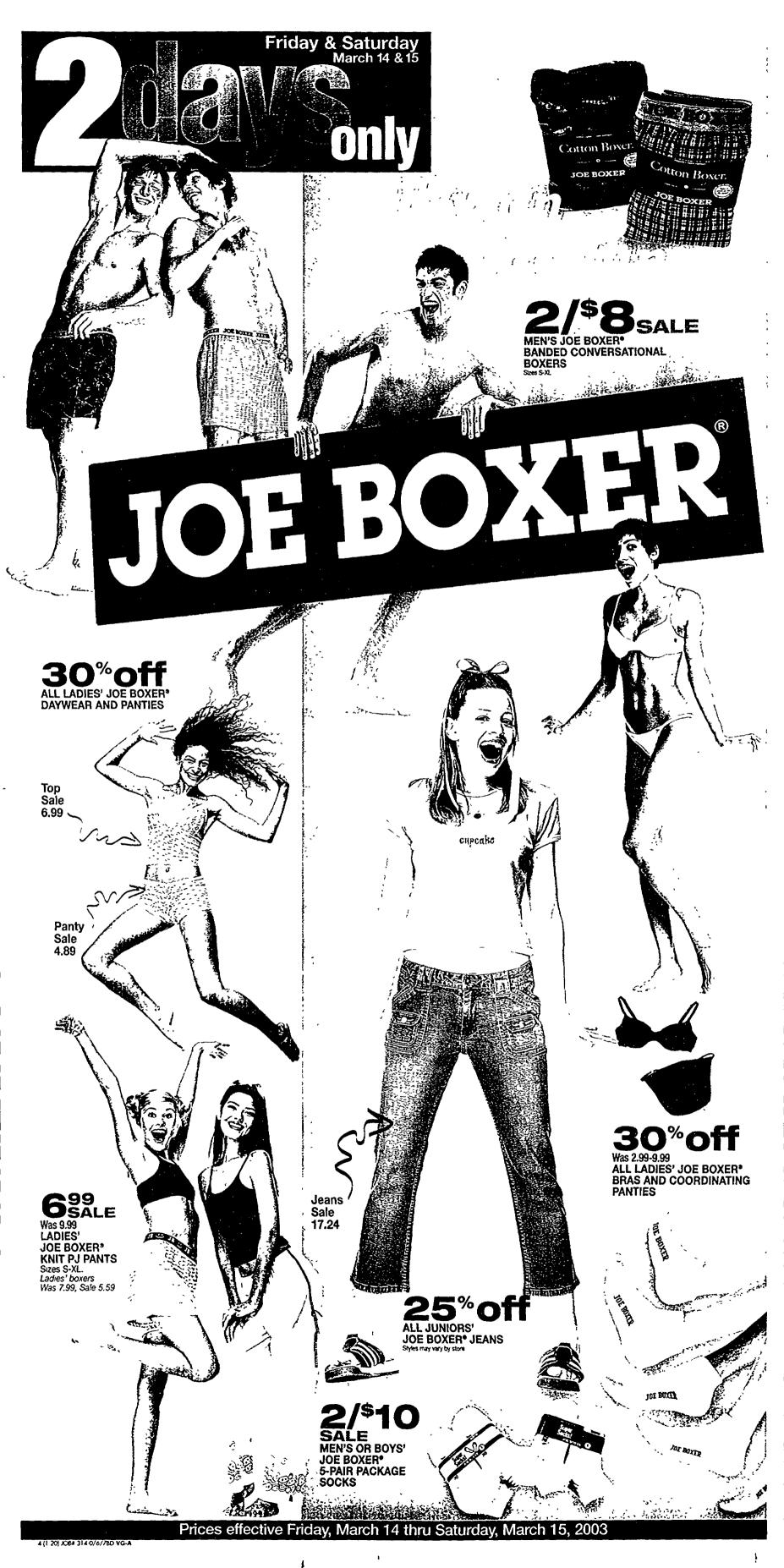
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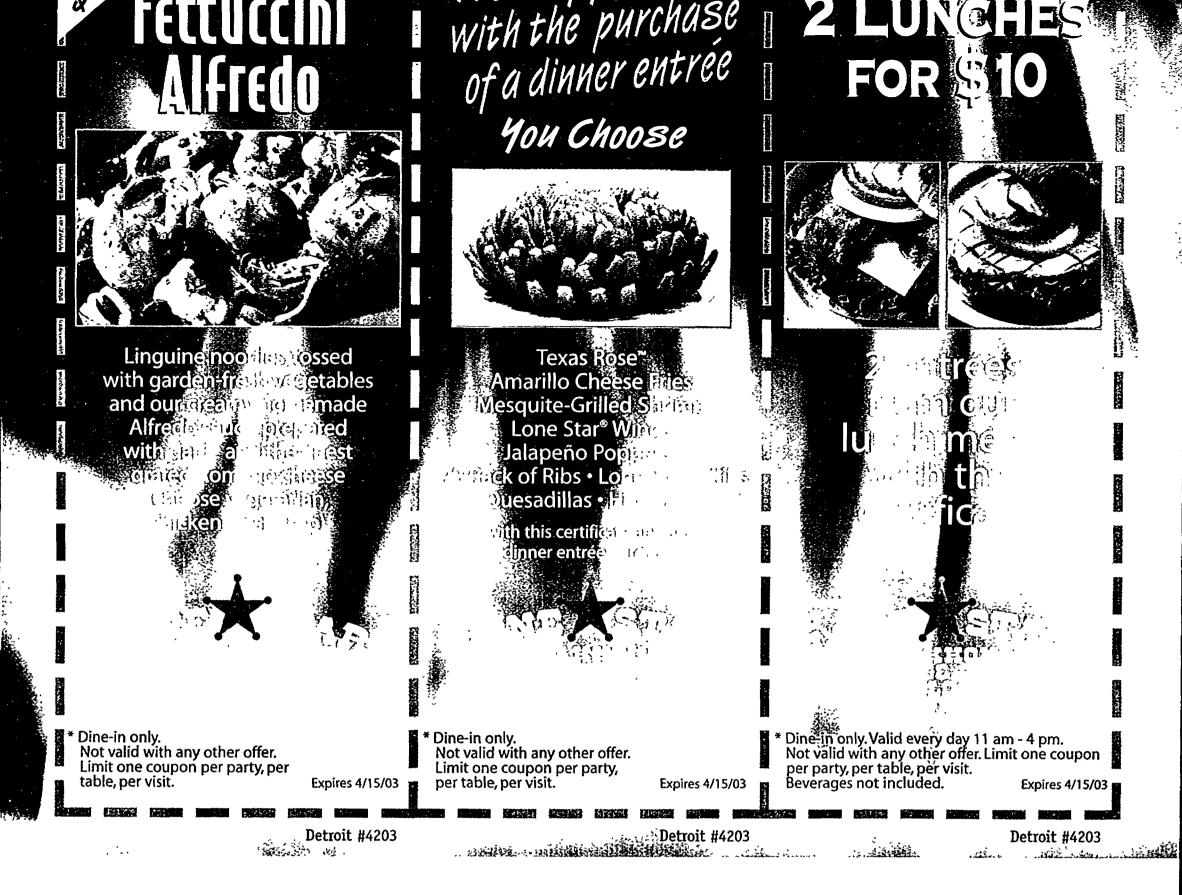
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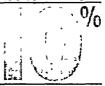
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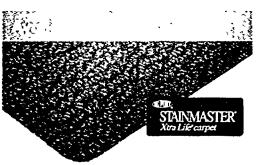


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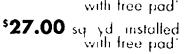


Ballinger Texture

Create a cozy atmosphere with this 46 oz face weight texture carpet Comes with a Zyear stain and soil warranty and a 10 year wear warranty This special order carpet is installed with pad

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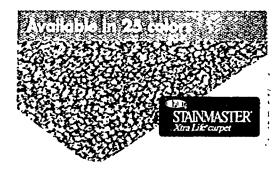
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Unify room elements with this 46 oz face weight carpet. Comes with a 7 year stain and soil warranty and a 10 year wear warranty. This special order carpet is installed with pad

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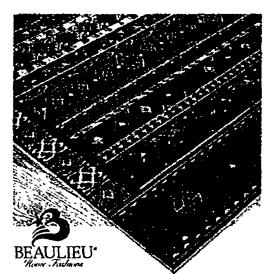
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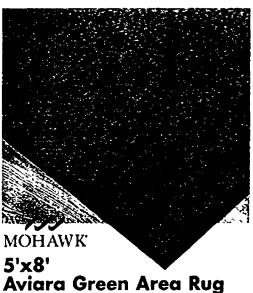
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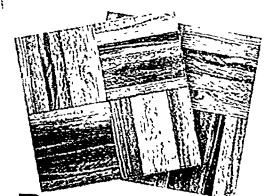
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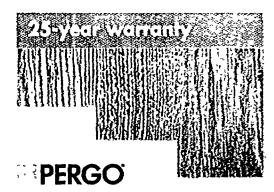
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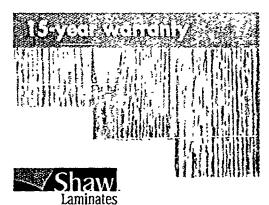
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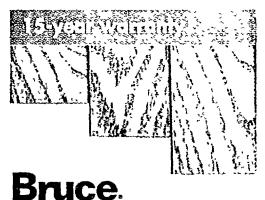


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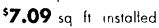
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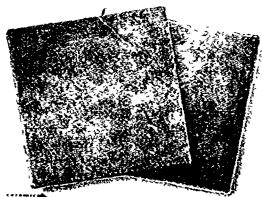
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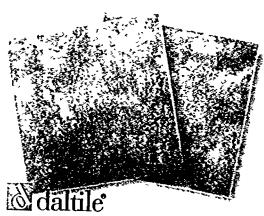


12"x12" **Explorer Voyager**

These Marazzi ceramic liles have a textured surface with scalloped edges. Enhance your floors with this rustic look.

(418502) (418503) ***1.97** sq. ft.

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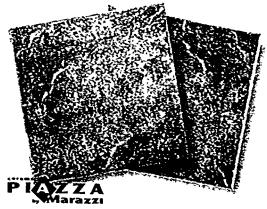


12"x12" Mendocino Gold/Brown Rich in color, texture and style, this ceramic tile resembles lightly

weathered stone.

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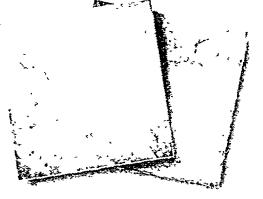


12"x12" Antica Spagna

A semi-matte glaze is applied to ceramic tile for durability and easy maintenance. The unique variations give it a natural slate look. Available in two shades with coordinating trims and decos.

(456159) (456167) ***1.96** sq. ft.

\$7.56 sq. ft. installed



12"x12" Duomo Gray The earth-tone shadings and texture of

12"x12"

Terra Antica

Have fun with this porcelain tile. It's

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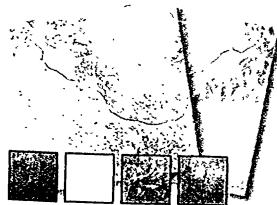
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this ceramic tile add a pleasing background to any room. Ceramic tile is easy to maintain and highly durable.

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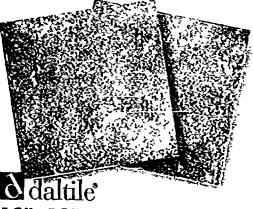
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12"x12" Cantino Golden

The lightly distressed surface gives this ceramic tile a unique appearance, while the neutral coloring evokes comfort and elegance.

(733178) (733195) ***1.69** sq ft

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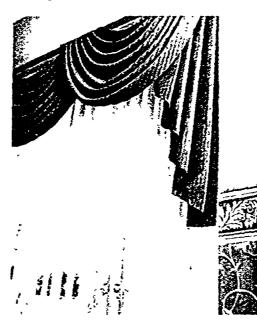
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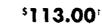
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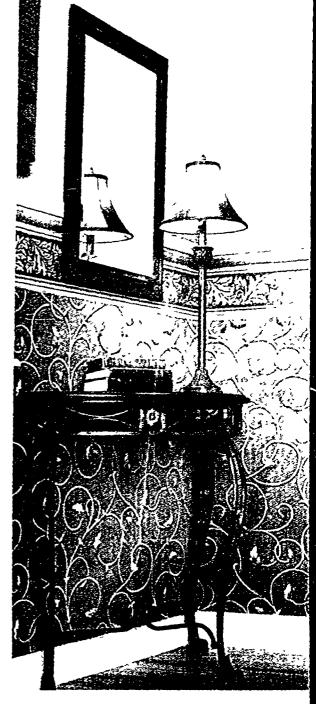
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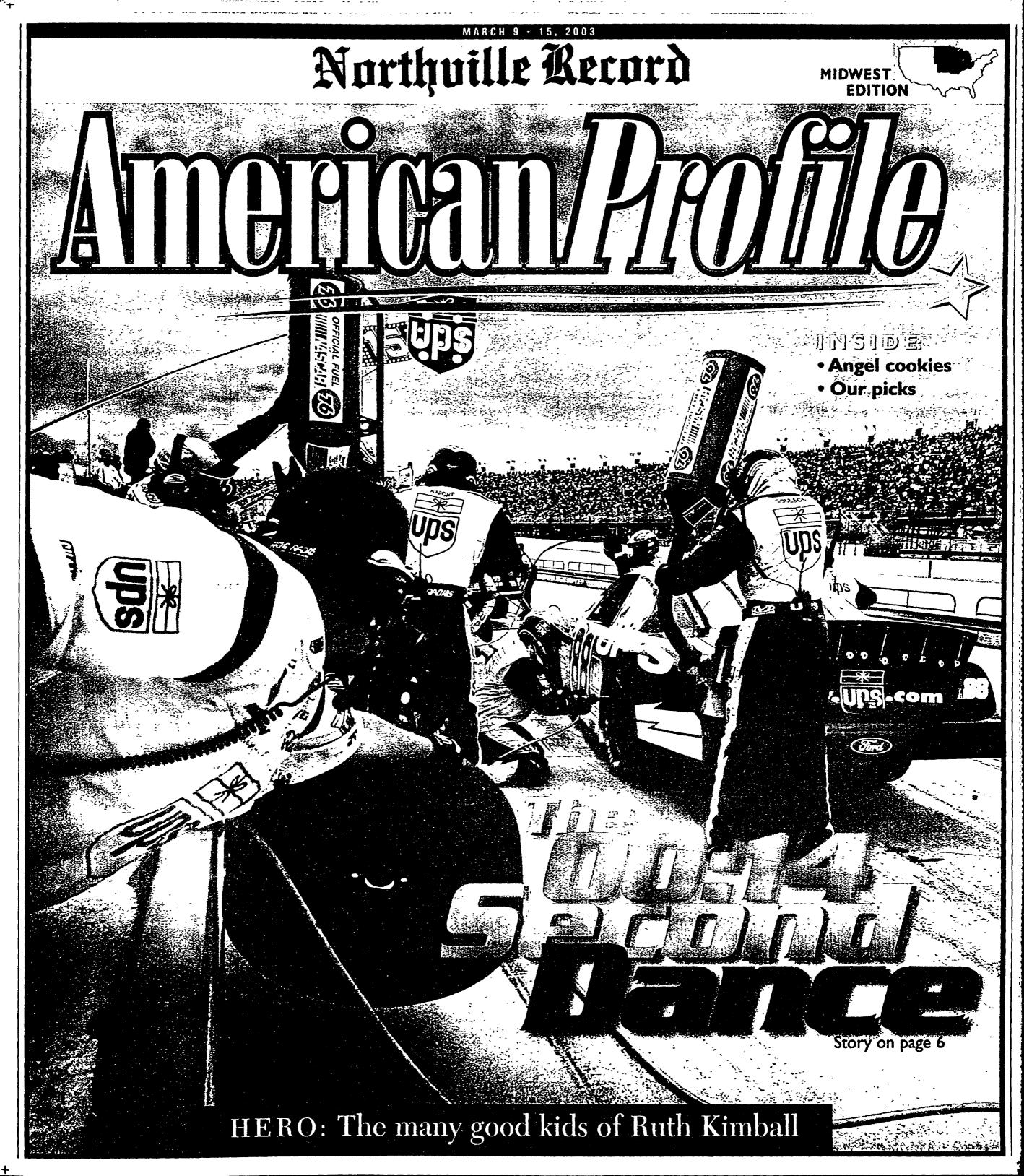
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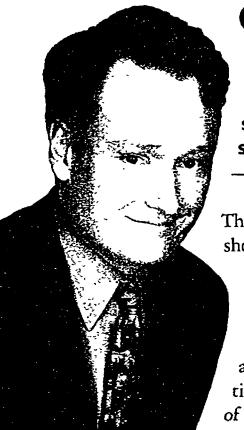
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Can you give me some current information on singer Anne Murray? Is she still performing and touring? How old is she? -Margie S., Louisiana

Songbird Anne Murray released Country Croonin', a double-CD set with 31 country songs, including such classics as I Fall to Pieces and The Tennessee Waltz, in 2002. She also sings a duet of Let It Be Me with country star Vince Gill. "The musicians loved doing it, and I was born to sing these songs," Murray says. The singer, 57, will be touring the United States throughout the year. The four-time Grammy and three-time Country Music Association award winner was inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame on Sept. 9. Murray grew up in the small coal-mining town of Springhill, Nova Scotia, and now lives in Toronto. She has two children, William, 26, and Dawn, 23. Murray recorded a duet with her daughter, a singer and songwriter, on her 1999 inspirational album, What A Wonderful World.



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I've noticed that **O'Brien** Conan has been wearing a wedding ring. I thought he was single. Is he married? If so, when and to whom? -Maxine D., Ohio

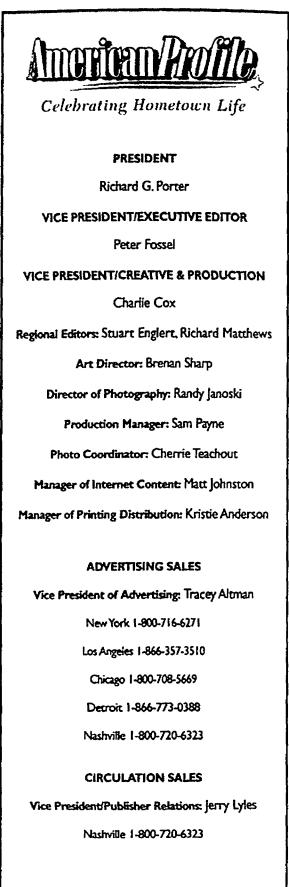
The 39-year-old late night talk show host is indeed a married man. He married Liza Powel, an advertising executive Jan. 12, 2002, in her hometown of Seattle. The two met when she appeared in a skit about advertising on his show in the spring of 2000. They talked on the phone a few times before getting together for an actual date. O'Brien recalled seeing Powel arrive in an interview with The New York Observer. "It's very hard to explain, but I just knew." A Brookline, Mass., native whose career in comedy includes writing stints with Saturday Night Live and The Simpsons, O'Brien took over David Letterman's old time slot on NBC in 1993 and has succeeded in the competitive late-night market.



Toronto's Anne Murray will be touring the country all year.

I saw a movie called Hear My Song starring Ned Beatty. Did he actually perform the songs? -Fred W., Nevada

Sorry to spoil the illusion, but no. The wonderful voice that appears to be coming from Ned Beatty's mouth is actually that of Vernon Midgley, a respected operatic tenor from England. Bearry is greatly talented as an actor and may even be able to carry a tune. Although Hear My Song is fiction, Beatty played a real singer, Josef Locke, so the voice had to be of operatic quality. The director of the film wanted Locke to play himself, but to get investors to finance the movie he needed a known actor for the part. The filmmakers felt that Locke's voice, though still strong, didn't fit Beatty's face, so they didn't have him provide the vocals. The quality of his past records wasn't suitable for the film either, so Midgley was brought in. Locke died in October 1999 but was pleased to be involved with the film that used



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Planting 4-H Roots

Ruth Kimball has helped hundreds of youngsters sink roots into life. Teacher, farmer, adviser, friend—her own roots, for that matter, are deeply planted in the 100-year foundations laid by 4-H.

Formally inducted into the newly opened 4-H Hall of Fame in Washington in April 2002 on the organization's 100th birthday, Kimball is one of the original 50 inductees and the first from New Hamp-

shire. No one in her hometown of Epsom (pop. 4,021) would disagree. She earned it.

In 1942, with a degree in elementary education, Kimball married and settled onto the family farm, but the

urge to teach was strong in her. A 4-H member in her childhood, she became a leader of the local 4-H Victory Workers Club, nurturing the seeds of young lives with knowledge, caring, and dedication. From the original group of 12 during World War II, the club now has a membership of 66, with 12 "Cloverbuds" (youngsters aged 5 to 8).

"There are so many good kids," she says of her reasons for staying the course in 4-H. For more than 60



In her 60 years with 4-H, Ruth Kimball has been an inspiration-and a friend-to hundreds of youngsters.

to zoology. Where she couldn't run a program herself, she found someone who could.

In addition to numerous county awards, her charges have won more than 50 state prizes, five have gone on to win national awards, and one reached the pinnacle of 4-H achievement—the Presidential Service Award. She's been instrumental in the intangible goals of the Life Skills programs, where 4-H places much of its emphasis.

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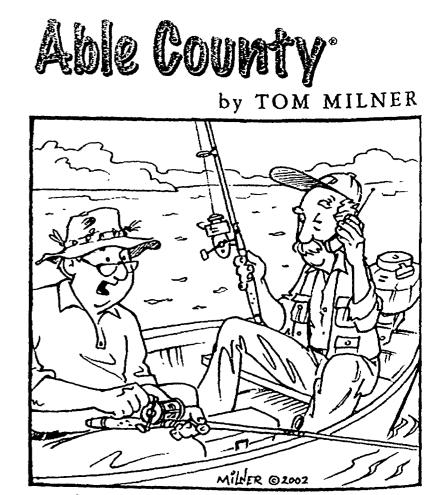
"She provides the atmosphere for helping kids to learn, the cog that makes things happen" Cheever says, "and she teaches values that are very dear."

"I don't know how she ever did it," says Lurene Reio, 35, of her 10-year 4-H membership and association with Kimball. Now a licensed pharmacist, Reio was the winner of many county awards and recalls with fondness how, without Kimball, she wouldn't have won the state award. A knee injury shortly before her departure put her on crutches and unable to travel. Kimball showed up in her van, loaded Reio, family, friends, crutches, and demonstration materials, and off they went to win the prize in Concord. "I would love to be half the leader Ruth is," says Reio, now a 4-H leader herself. "I didn't really know what I was looking for, but I found a lor," says Melissa Currier of her decision at age 8 to join Kimball's club. Describing herself as shy and retiring, the senior at Keene State Collegea double-major in Early Childhood Development and Communications-credits Kimball with pulling her out of a self-imposed shell and giving her confidence she never knew she had.

the state award in forestry, and when his brother Gerald needed a cow for his animal husbandry project, Kimball provided one of her own. Gilman's daughters are now in her club, and when Kimball calls on him for projects, he says, "I jump right back in without a question."

That these stories can be repeated 800-fold became evident when the 21 professional state 4-H staffers met to nominate the Hall of Fame inductee from New Hampshire. Each brought the name of their candidate. When Cheever put Kimball's name on the table, the meeting was over. It was unanimous. \checkmark

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years, this farm wife has helped work the land, now a farm of 300 acres with 137 head of cattle and 60 sheep. A mother of six, grandmother of 17, greatgrandmother of 18, with an extended family of more than 800 4-H participants, she's affected many lives. "I just think so much of the program. It does so much good for so many kids," she says.

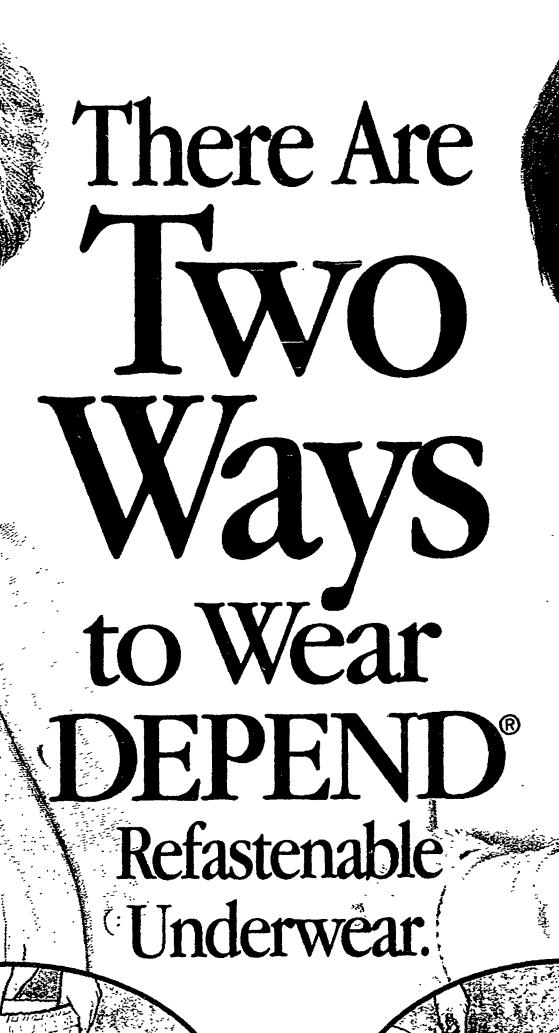
Kimball is not accustomed, however, to beating her own drum. Others do it for her.

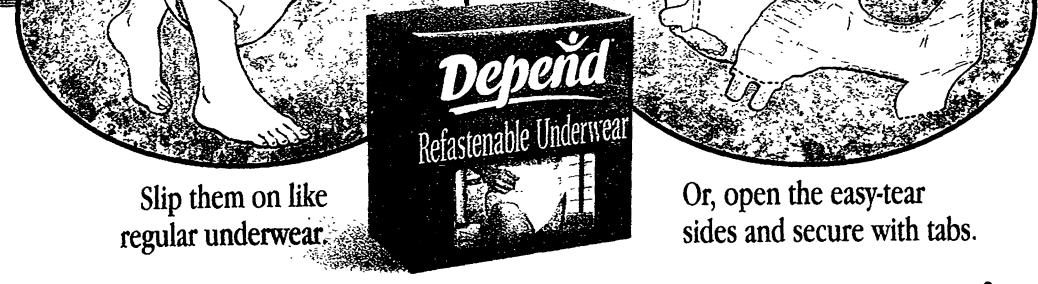
"You ask her to do something, and her answer is always 'I'll be glad to," says Debbie Cheever, who wrote Kimball's inductee nomination. Like 4-H and the young people she's influenced, Kimball has grown from the days of "cows and cooking" to embrace many 4-H projects, from animal husbandry

George Gilman, 46, remembers how Kimball gave him a sense of community and sharing that carried him to 11 years as a volunteer fireman and captain of the Rescue Squad. She helped him win

"Now our wives can get to us even out here! Cell phones will be the end of civilization as we know it; mark my words."

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yellow caution flag signaled trouble on Florida's Homestead-Miami Speedway, so NASCAR drivers wheeled their cars into the pit area during the resulting lull in the 400-mile race.

Acclaimed driver Dale Jarrett hung in second place when his seven-man pit crew jumped over the waist-high barrier wall. They changed tires, added

gas, and adjusted the car's aerodynamics—all in 13.7 blistering seconds.

When Jarrett's number 88 flew back onto the track, he owned first place.

In NASCAR, a pit crew's performance often means the difference between a checkered flag and finishing in the middle of the pack. Jarrett's crew, one of the best, is typical of the people who battle to win or lose on pit road (often called pit row).

"You've got 14 seconds or less on each stop, and you've got to get it right," says Jeff Knight, who carries and positions the 72-pound rear tires. "It seems we've got forever out there, and we don't even feel rushed because it's what we drill on."

But for Knight and the others, it's more than just

similar, more of a premium has been placed on beating the other teams off pit road."

Athletes in their own way

The UPS-sponsored team calls Charlotte, N.C., home, and racing isn't the primary job for most members of the seven-man crew. Instead, they work jobs such as firefighter, salesman, or truck driver. Pay for a

> season on NASCAR pit crew ranges from \$35,000 to \$60,000, depending largely on the bonus points won by the team, says Penny Copen, spokeswoman for UPS racing.

During the week, Darren Jolly, 37, drives a truck for UPS. On race day, he slings 68 pounds of rubber and metal around a racecar as the front tire changer.

Jolly grew up playing baseball, but eventually he realized that wouldn't carry him as

far as he hoped so he turned to NASCAR. "This was a chance to do something competitive that was still a professional sport," he says.

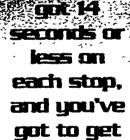
He and his team members train professionally, practicing three days a week for about two hours each. Sessions involve workouts, video review of past performances, and practice of the choreographed dance around the car. "A whole lot is going on in 14 seconds," Jolly says. "But if everyone worries about his own job first, there's plenty of time."

Robert Yates Racing, which owns the car, pays mechanics and others to build engines, fabricate parts, or tweak suspensions for the cars Jarrett races, leaving the pit crew to focus on specific tasks.

Pulling it all together falls to Phillip Horton, a certified athletic trainer and the pit crew coach. He's a former assistant trainer for the Milwaukee Bucs professional basketball team, and he applies lessons from other sports to the pit crews. "Winning is winning and the way to go about that does not change," he says. "They have to perform fundamentally sound and make no mistakes."

But the crew needed to teach him the fundamentals of the sport first. He learned each of the roles, from tire carrier to gas man. Then he translated the skills to other sports.

For example, Horton describes the tire carriers as linebackers. They pack the strength needed to muscle the heavy wheels around the track and the fearlessness to leap in front of racecars braking hard to stop.



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competition. They know thousands of fans envy their jobs. They enjoy their role as part of NASCAR's elite and, maybe most importantly, they know they're often the difference between winning and losing.

"If you're not having fun at it, you don't need to be doing it," says Knight, 37.

Driver Dale Jarrett and the rest of his team, whose car is sponsored by United Parcel Service, appreciate the effort. "A lot of times, races are won by the team that gets off pit road the best, and last year was a good example of that," Jarrett says. "Usually whoever was leading with 20 laps to go won the race. The way these cars are now, being so

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Hi-fives abound as Dale Jarrett's crew celebrates a perfect pit stop.



A tire changer, who must quickly work a drill to remove and then replace the lugs securing wheels to the car, needs a golfer's finesse, says Horton, who devised drills specific to each task. Crew members arrive at the track on race morning and are a visible, integral part of the operation. Jarrett says he works to bolster that feeling.

"It's not like our crew gets there on Sunday, and that's the only time they're around," he says. "But, from the driver standpoint, it sometimes becomes our role to be a cheerleader, congratulating the guys on a good pit stop, and encouraging them when they have one that isn't so good."

The pit crew's teamwork and timing can mean the difference between a win and a loss.

'Like a world in itself'

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Race day typically starts with a 3:30 a.m. wakeup call followed by a flight about an hour later on a jet service that transports crews for many teams from Charlotte. They travel to places such as Michigan, Las Vegas, and Homestead, Fla., where the season ends with the Pennzoil 400.

Four hours before the start of a race, John Bryan perks up as the crew members ready the tires and equipment from their spot on pit road. He serves as parts manager for Robert Yates Racing and is

one of two pit crew members who works /



He needs only to look into the stands for a reminder of the thousands of people dreaming of taking his job. "It's a deal where you look at all of the fans who could pretty much do my job but they just don't happen to ... live in Charlotte, the racing capital of the world," he says.

NASCAR fans touring pit road and the garage areas at the track snap photos of Bryan and others in their uniforms with the colors and logos of UPS. A few onlookers ask for autographs, one handing over a toy UPS truck for a signature. In the pits, the crews are part of the spectacle that is NASCAR and fans treat the teams with respect and curiosity.

When the driver... comes into the pit in third place but leaves in first, that's what we train for." -Rick Coulson

and bang a little bit and the cars still keep going," he says.

He knows thousands of fans feel the same way about the sport and his job.

"My dad was with me one time, and I signed autographs for three hours," he says. "He said, 'I never thought I'd see

the day when my son would sign autographs.""

In the end, though, winning matters most, and crew members know they make a difference. Crews from the various teams carefully watch each other, competing in a race within a race to post the shortest pit times.

"I don't think I could do anything else if it's not as fast-paced as racing," says Bryan, the team's jack man. He's 32 and hopes to keep up the hectic pace for four or five more years, when he might consider slowing down enough to begin a family.

For now, the challenge of the pits makes the travel and long hours worthwhile. "It's like a world in itself," Bryan says. "You start out as good buddies, and then you turn around, and they're not just buddies. They're close friends."

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Jason Sheets, 26, understands. "Ever since I was a kid, I dreamed of being a rear tire changer on pit road," he says.

His father, Don, raced on short tracks in Indiana from 1978 to 1982, and Sheets followed years later. He started working on cars for the Indy Racing League but his thoughts often turned to NASCAR. "To me, it's more exciting because you can bump "You follow what pit crews are getting it done, and you know when you're getting respect on pit road," says Rick Coulson, who serves as the catch can man, collecting excess fuel if it overflows.

"When the driver is running in the top 10 and he comes into the pit in third place but leaves in first, that's what we train for," Coulson says. "When the driver comes on the radio and says, 'great job,' or he moves up the leader board, that's why we do it." $\stackrel{\sim}{\rightarrow}$

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by MARGARET DORNAUS Photos by Larry Nichols

A Big-Top TOWN

Each November, Hugo, Okla., awakens to the sound of trumpeting pachyderms and prancing stallions, and even the occasional roar of a liger (a cross between a lion and a tiger) or two. As the wintering site of 20 circuses over the last 60 years, the town of 5,536 hosts about 300 part-time circus performers—not counting the four-legged kind—until the traveling shows hit the road again in mid-March.



Hugo's 300 part-time circus performers treat the town to a show before leaving each spring.

for public exhibitions each Sunday during the troupe's off-season stay in the town. The Miller family—Obert, his two sons, Kelly and D.R., and their wives—decided to take Hugo up on its proposition. With that move, a big-top town was born.

Today, Hugo boasts four hometown circuses: Kelly-Miller; Carson & Barnes; an acrobatic troupe called Circus Chimera; and Culpepper & Merriweath-

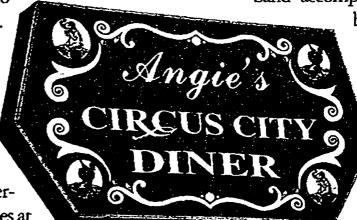
> er, the newest in a long parade of circuses to call southern Oklahoma home. Trey Key, Culpepper & Merriweather's new owner, however, is no stranger to Hugo. He worked as a clown for the Kelly-Miller Circus for a year, then learned the business working in the circus's office before he

made the flying leap to managing his own big top.

Key knew as a child that his future was the circus. But his mother insisted he finish college, so Key dutifully graduated with a philosophy degree from Brown University before learning the ropes at Out Kirk Road, the Carson & Barnes headquarters consists of offices, animal barns, a trailer park, and the appropriately named Dun Rovin' homestead occupied by the circus' current owners, Geary and Barbara (Miller) Byrd. Their daughter (D.R. Miller's granddaughter), Kristin Byrd Parra, recently settled in here for the winter after a season on the road with her husband and new son.

"The circus is a great big traveling family," Parra says. And Hugo? "There's no people like Hugo people," she adds.

Parra's grandfather came home for the last time in 1999. His funeral, postponed to coincide with the circus season's ending, was a big-top extravaganza even the likes of Hugo had never seen. A 10-piece brass



band accompanied an antique circus bandwagon drawn by four Percheron horses in a procession that wound its way to Mount Olivet Cemetery's Showman's Rest—land reserved for Hugo's circus folk. Here, amid elaborate



Year-round residents greet the return of these center-ring celebrities with a "Welcome Home, Circus" breakfast at Hugo High School. The circuses repay that hospitality by providing an elephantdriven Santa for the town's annual Christmas parade. Come March, residents get first crack at seeing their hometown stars shine before Hugo's big-top performers strike their tents and head cross-country for another season of shows.

Hugo's tradition as a circus community began in 1942, when a town official enticed the Kelly-Miller Bros. Circus across state lines from Mena, Ark., with an offer of free land, electricity, and water in exchange Ringling Brothers Clown School. His post-graduate, on-the-job training led him to Hugo.

"Hugo's the only place I know of that you can put an elephant down as collateral on a small business loan," Key remarks over lunch at Angie's Circus City Diner.

Angie Cooke, a Hugo native, decorates her diner's walls with circus posters and souvenirs in homage to her long-standing love affair with the big top. "My dad was a big circus fan," Cooke says. "If there was a circus within 60 miles of here and he missed it" She says that you can't live in Hugo without loving the circus. "It's just part of your life."



headstones and epitaphs, Circus City lives on through legends. "We have had the good life but the season ended," one tombstone reads.

Unintentionally, the saying carries another reminder that, in Hugo, the season's ending is Circus City's beginning.

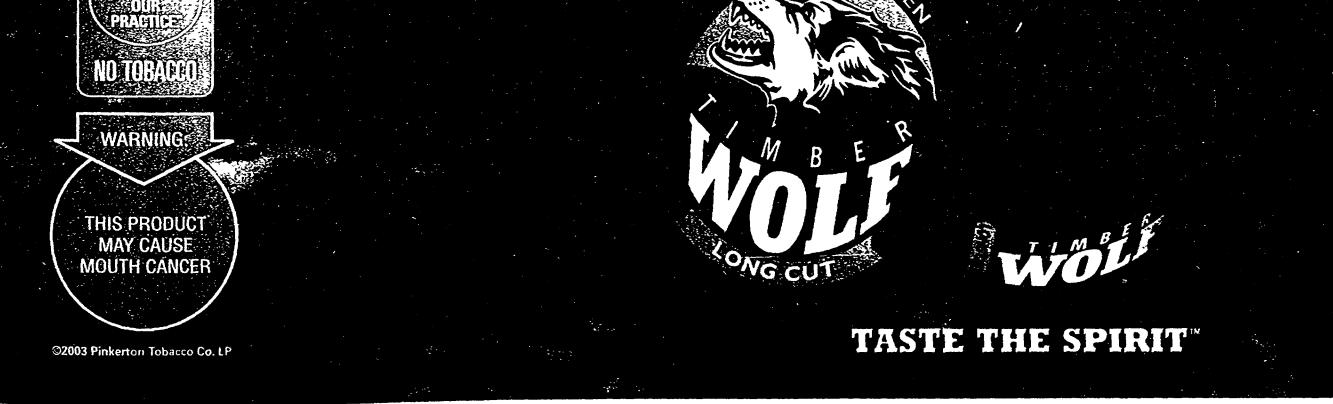
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ferent," the book, with its comic illustrations, reads. "Some are young; others are very old. Some are very strict; others are easygoing." And, "At some grandparents' houses, we can't touch anything. At others, there are secret play spots."

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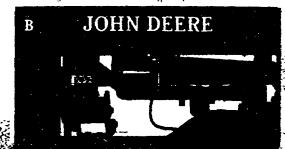
ing family rides in the country, sharing laughter with friends, and cuddling with a parent. This poem, first published in 1978 as part of an anthology, is a gentle reminder, told through a child's eyes, that love can be found anywhere. "Renee comes out to play and brings her doll without a dress.

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INDIANA

Midwest Reptile Show-Indianapolis, March 23. Take the family to see snakes, turtles, and lizards---and buy, sell, or trade reptilian creatures-during this event at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. (317) 861-5550.

IOWA

Winter Concert-Ottumwa, March 23. The Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra, featuring artist-in-residence and violinist Giora Schmidt, will perform works by Sergei Prokifiev and Antonin Dvorak at Ottumwa High School. (319) 385-6352.

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Wurstfest-Hermann, March 22-23. Celebrate the art of German sausage-making with competitions and demonstrations, freshly grilled bratwurst, and the Wiener Dog Derby at the city park and Stone Hill Winery pavilion. (800) 932-8687.

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Kearney Blowout-Kearney, March 22-23: One hundred sixty girls and boys basketball teams from grade schools in Nebraska and surrounding states will compete during this tournament at gymnasiums around town. (308) 237-4012.

NORTH DAKOTA

Freedom Riders Motorcycle Classic----Bismarck, March 22-23. In its 23rd year, this event features a motorcycle display, bike and motorcycle apparel vendors; door prizes, and children's games at Best Westem Ramkota Hotel. (701) 663-8991. the Amiltherself

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Bluebird Nesting Box Workshop-Lucas, March 22 and 29. Learn how to attract bluebirds to your back yard and construct a bird nesting box during these workshops from 9 a.m. to noon at Malabar Farm State Park. (419) 892-2784.

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Curt Carter Memorial Gun Show-Watertown, March 22-23 Named after the outdoorsman who started the show 34 years ago, this event features firearms and taxidermy exhibits at the Codington County Extension Complex. (605) 793-2347.

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INDIANA—Open since 1902, the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend is the state's oldest zoo.

IOWA—E.F. Lindquist, a native of Gowrie pop. 1,038) and University of Iowa professor, created standardized tests, including the American College Testing Program (ACT) in 1959 for college-bound students and the optical scanner to score them.

KANSAS—The pronunciation of Arkansas River depends on where it's flowing. Inside the state, it's Ar-Kansas, but outside, it's Ar-kan-saw.

MICHIGAN—The state's only known cave, Bear Cave in Buchanan (pop. 4,681), appeared in the 1903 silent movie, The Great Train Robbery.

MINNESOTA-Built in 1896, the Edna G. Tugboat pulled ore boats along the shores of Lake Superior until her retirement in 1981 to Agate Bay in Two Harbors (pop. 3,613).

MISSOURI-When Ray Ettinger of Independence stopped knitting his scarf in October 2000, it measured a world-record 3,523 feet long and weighed 75 pounds.

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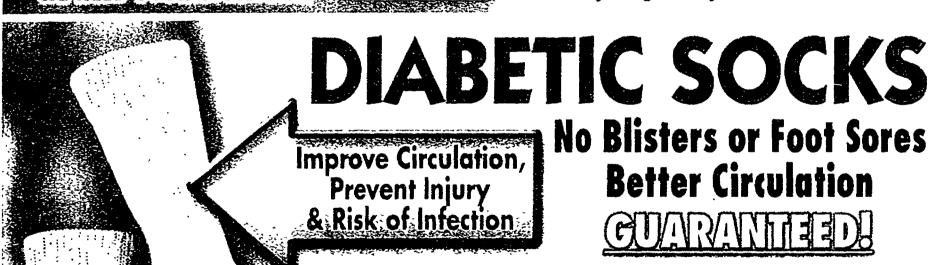
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SOUTH DAKOTA-Judith Meierhenry, 58, of Sioux Falls became the first woman and 76th state Supreme Court justice last November.

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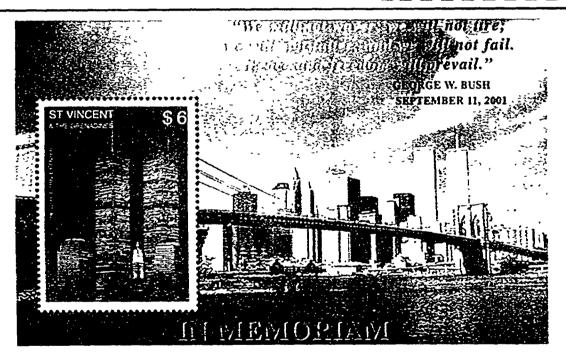
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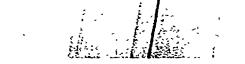
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