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Northville Township breaks ground on its Civic Center, fire station

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

nseasonable cold and the unexpected April snows did not stop Northville Township officials and staff from gathering at Millennium Park to celebrate the official groundbreaking

of the new township hall and "I really fire headquarters consider **Tuesday** evening. "This is this an out-

a wonderward sign ful day for Northville of the Township,' said police chief John maturity of Northville Werth. "It's heen a Township." long time coming.'

The Mark Abbo project. Northville Township which supervisor began with team

building meeting on Dec. 14, 2000, is finally becoming reality and supervisor Mark Abbo said he couldn't be more proud of what he referred to as a "red letter" day. "I really consider this an out-

ward sign of the maturity of Northville Township. We have.



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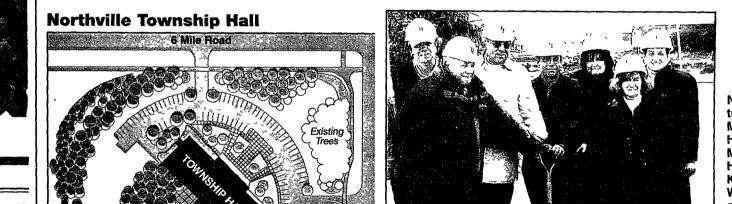


photo by JOHN HEIDER **Northville Township** trustees Brad Werner (left), Marv Gans, Richard Henningsen, supervisor Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Shirley Klokkenga and Brad Werner smile for the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Northville

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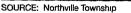


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Township hall and fire station.

Comben's mantra: 'All kids can learn'

By Jennifer Norris STAFE WRITER

Arlette Comben received some unexpected news on her birthday last Friday.

Comben, a first grade teacher at Amerman Elementary, has been selected as April's "Feature Teacher" in a new Northville Record contest recognizing excellence in Northville educators.

Comben was nominated for the award by Kim Elanges, a Northville parent, and her daughter. Stephanie, who is currently enrolled in Comben's class.

A mixture of amazement and incredulity spread across Comben's face when informed of her recent accolade.

"It's overwhelming and what a compliment from my parents," she said. "I'm surprised [and] flattered. I'm honored. I love what I do and I love the kids. The kids are number one."

The news of her award was a



nice birthday gift, she said.

After describing her classroom as a community, Comben pointed out the importance of being involved with students' families and detailed her personal mission to educate children.

"My philosophy is all kids can learn," she said. "I'll dress up. I'll bring anything into the classroom to help them learn. I love kids. That's the bottom line for me. Sometimes I think I'm a big kid." Steve Anderson, principal of

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photo by JENNIFER NORRIS Arlette Comben is the Record's Feature Teacher for the month of April.

Injured NHS student appeals

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

An attorney for a Northville High School student ruled responsible for an October traffic accident announced the case would be appealed to Wayne County Circuit Court.

Immediately following the formal hearing held in Judge Michael Gerou's 35th District court room in early March regarding Northville High School student Kim Peters, attorney Nick Simkins announced he would be taking the case to a higher authority.

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Ravines residents take case to county

Township subdivision seeks \$760,000 in restitution

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

The next step in the legal battle between the Ravines of Northville and Fairchild Development was taken with the recent filing of a lawsuit against Fairchild, Wayne County, and Fairchild owners Rizzo and Henderson.

The complaint, which specifically asks for a jury trial in the matter, was filed in Wayne County Circuit Court on April 2

As stated in court documents, Ravines residents are seeking a minimum of \$760,000 in monetary damages against Fairchild, Rizzo, and / or Henderson to compensate for various road repairs, landscaping items, and the installation of deceleration and bypass lanes that were never completed by the development company.

Also covered in the damages being sought is reimbursement of the \$100,000 in legal fees the residents paid out-of-pocket to defend themselves against Fairchild in previous lawsuit. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert J. Columbo threw out the suit, which had sought four acres of land from the homeowners or adequate compensation of \$25,000, in February.

Chuck Nichols, attorney and president of the Ravines of Northville homeowners' association, said that he hoped an agreement could be reached and the litigation dropped.

The new attorney in this case has indicated on the behalf of [Rizzo and Henderson] that his clients want to satisfy all of the homeowners' needs and requests

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"The new attorney in this case has indicated on the behalf of [Fairchild **Development own**ers] that his clients want to satisy all of the homeowners' needs..."

Chuck Nichols president, Ravines of Northville

I'm cautiously optimistic," said Nichols. "I really hope that they do it without having to litigate this further.'

William Schaefer, the attorney to whom Nichols was referring, did not return numerous phone calls to his office

But Nichols did indicate that if an agreement could be reached with the developer named in the complaint, all litigation including legal action against Wayne County — would be dropped.

As stated in the complaint, Ravines residents are seeking a permanent easement from the county for the storm water basin that Fairchild had placed in the immediately-adjacent Hines Park to allow for more lots in the subdivision

Also being sought is a writ of mandamus which would compel the county to "repair said streets so as to meet specifications", including the construction of the deceleration and bypass lanes.

"Wayne County has an obligation to make sure our streets our safe with a bypass lane and a deceleration lane, whether Rizzo and Henderson does it or not," said Nichols.

Lamont Buffington, attorney for Wayne County, stated that he is representing the county in the matter but was not authorized to speak to the media. Instead, Buffington deferred comment to Hugh Macdonald, director of special projects for the department of public services.

"We are working with Fairchild on their task of fulfilling their permit requirements and we fully expect them to do so in fashion," timely said Macdonald, who added that he had not yet been provided with a copy of the complaint as of April 7. "We will execute the appropriate easements to the detention basin as soon as somebody in authority executes the appropriate maintenance agreement for that site.' But for the time being, the

Ravines residents will wait to see if an agreement can be reached or if they will proceed with legal action

"The objective is to get these things done, not about being punitive or causing hard feelings," said Nichols. "We just want the work done. That is our goal.'

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Residents of the Ravines of Northville are taking their case for road improvements to Wayne County Circuit Court.

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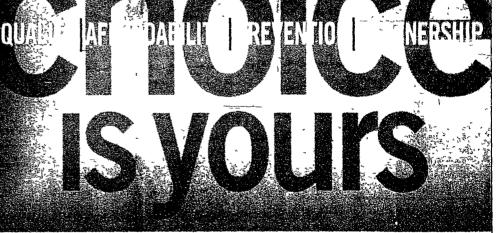
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Northville to pick up pace at Shoppin' Jubilee

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Any merchants interested in contributing their time and or ideas, along with anyone interested in volunteering for the Northville Shoppin' Jubilee is asked to contact Toni Genitti at (248) 249-0522.

By Pauline Lupercio STAFE WOITED

Toni Genitti is looking for ideas.

She's also looking for interested crafters, volunteers, and antique buffs who might be interested in participating in the Northville Shoppin' Jubilee.

Although the event is not scheduled to take place until August, Genitti is on a mission to ensure the event is not only a success for merchants who participate, but also an enjoyable experience for the residents who choose to attend the festivities.

"We'd like to make this a community event...for a good, old-fashioned summertime event."

Toni Genitti Northville Shoppin' Jubilee chairperson

"Right now we are looking for anyone interested in participating," said the Northville business owner, who will be chairing the event with the assistance of David McKnight of Emerald City Designs in Farmington Hills.

Genitti added that a 10-person committee is involved in organizing the event. The Shoppin' Jubilee is scheduled to take place on Aug. 1 and 2. Activities during the first day of the event will be limited to a sidewalk sale to be

held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to Genitti, According the Shoppin' Jubilee will be replacing the Downtown Northville Bargain Bazaar that had been held in past years.

The second day will include all entertainment, merchant sales, antique cars, and booths featuring various crafters. Also scheduled is an antique market and a "trash-totreasure" flea market.

'We are just in the initial planning stages and would appreciate phone calls if anyone has any ideas," said Genitti. "We'd like to make this a community event and get every type of charity or nonprofit involved for a good, oldfashioned, summer time event." McKnight, owner of Emerald

city design, said he is looking forward to the event and working with the Northville Business Association.

"We are looking to make this an event that people will enjoy and bring in revenue for the local merchants as well as an opportunity for residents to enjoy time with the their friends and family," said McKnight.

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Ladies of history come alive at Meads

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Meads Mill Middle School students were greeted by a number of women April 2 who shook the social and cultural norms of their day during the 1800s

The historical figures were brought to life by Sandra Hansen, a Holland (Mich.) resident and educational performer.

Hansen portrayed such women as Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Sydney Savory Buckman.

Donning 11 layers of clothing, Hansen used a combination of acting, props and quick outfit changes to teach her audience about the early women's movement. During her presentation, Hansen peeled off layers of garments to depict the women who helped shape history.

Teaching students about the early struggles and victories of women serves as a source of inspiration and elation for Hansen.

"I love what I do," she said. "I fell m love with women's history."

Hansen has been performing her one woman plays since 1989 when she started with one costume and presented Amelia Bloomer's tale to her son's third grade class. Since that time, her work has ballooned to include five plays, workshops and performances across the country.

Hansen graduated from Hope College in 1991 with a Women's Studies major and two years of acting

"I like being on stage," she said. "I'm really an extrovert. It's fun also to do something you really feel is important. I feel what I'm doing is valuable. It's

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worth it to me to be doing something that makes the world a better place."

But recreating the lives of women who fought for greater freedoms is not an easy task, Hansen said.

"It's a lot of work," she said. "I love all the work I do. This is good for me because it uses all my skills. Every day is different for me."

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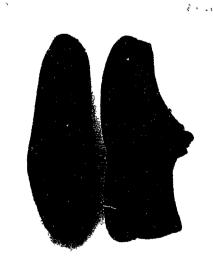
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Amerman students hoof it for diabetes

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

More than \$6,000 was raised as

result of the Amerman Elementary School Walk for Diabetes fundraiser last week. Christine Hilmer, a parent volunteer for the event, said as of

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April 3, \$6,300 had been collected. American Diabetes Association helping with the registration that

day and handing out medals. We gave every child that walked or donated a medal from the school. The kids did really well."

Hilmer said as a result of the event, the ADA is slated to contribute towards physical education equipment for the school.

Prior to the walk, Hilmer said students were shown an educational video about diabetes, so walkers could better understand the pur-

pose of their mission. Hilmer said 106 students participated in the event, which led them

outdoors on an established route. "It was a great day," she said. "It

was warm. It went really well."

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To further encourage students, Hilmer said the class that donates the greatest amount will receive a pizza party.

Hilmer said she hopes the Amerman Walk for Diabetes will become an annual event.

"We had a good time," she said. "We had a lot of help from parents. It just goes to show how tight the Amerman community is?

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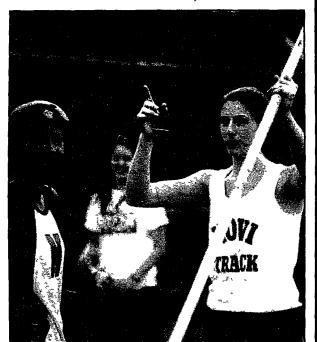
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Amerman Elementary School students Matt Trumbore, left, and Ryan Kirkley participate in last week's School Walk for Diabetes.

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Novi orders replanting of trees at CC location

They may not be paving paradise to put up a parking lot, but Catholic Central High School will have a lot longer to replace the more than 2,000 trees it plans on removing from its Novi property than any other builder in town thanks to the Novi City

The commission voted 6-0, with mayor Richard Clark absent to amend the city's Protection Ordinance allowing the city's

planning commission or woodlands review board to let developers faced with replanting more than 2,000 trees have up to a decade to complete the task.

"They're opening a can of worms," complained Planning Commissioner David 'Ruyle. "Every developer in the world is going to want the same thing. Everybody and his brother is going to claim hardship."

Citing woodland areas as an "essential component of the general welfare of the city," Novi's Woodlands Protection Ordinance requires developers replace every tree eight inches in diameter they cut down with one that's at least 21/2 inches in diameter. The ordinance calls for the replacement of trees 11 to 20 inches in diameter at a two to one ratio and calls for a three to one replacement ratio for trees larger than 20 inches.

Supporters of Catholic Central, which plans on building a new school for 1,100 students on a 60 acre site on Wixom Road south of Grand River Avenue, have argued that the nearly 3,000 trees the ordinance would make the school



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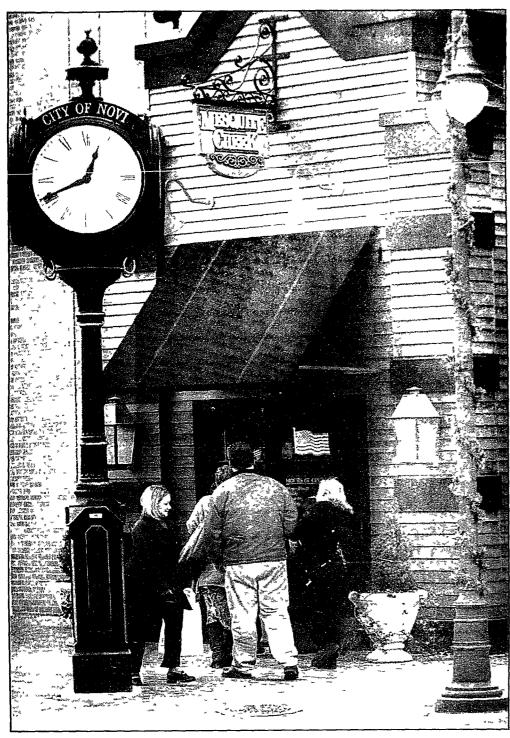
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Mesquite Creek heavily damaged in arson



file photo by JOHN HEIDER Patrons enter and exit Mesquite Creek restaurant. The restaurant was recently victim to arson



By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

Arson was determined the cause of a fire closing down a popular downtown eatery, police said.

Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said a Novi resident and former Marine Corps captain was arrested last week for allegedly starting a fire in Mesquite Creek Steakhouse on Main Street.

No one was injured in the blaze that was set early Saturday.

"There was quite a bit of damage there," said Novi fire chief Arthur Lenaghan. "We're proba-bly looking at about \$40,000. Last report shows the restaurant will be closed for at least a couple of weeks.'

Lenaghan said the call came in to the Novi Fire Department at 4 08 a m. as a waterfall alarm.

The fire chief said when the fire fighters arrived, they noticed the east-side window of the restaurant had been broken out. "With the window broken out

and the time of day, we called Oakland County Arson investigators and Novi police," Lenaghan said "They were able to determine it was a customer that was there the previous day.'

Shaeffer confirmed an investigation by the department's detectives revealed the suspect had

"There was quite a bit of damage in there. We're probably looking at about \$40.000."

Arthur Lenaghan Novi fire chief

been in the restaurant April 4.

Restaurant employees said the Novi man had too much to drink and was asked to leave Friday night.

Shaeffer said the suspect is being accused of returning to the restaurant, throwing a drain cover through the window and pouring gasoline inside the establishment before starting the fire.

Lenaghan said Mesquite's sprinkler system ignited, "doing exactly what it is supposed to do, and extinguished the flames.

The Novi police chief said the department's first lead was a checkbook belonging to the suspect found where detectives believed the cover was thrown from.

Also, a man matching the same description as the resident asked to leave was seen earlier in the night throwing a stone at the window which bounced off.

Shaeffer said police responded to the address listed on the checks and were met by a man matching the consistent description.

A search of the man's Fountain Park apartment revealed training grenades, officials said.

Shaeffer said all residents of the apartment building were evacuatwhile determining the cd . grenades were duds.

As part of the investigation, members of the department additionally searched the suspect's car.

"We ran a search warrant on the car and it reeked of gasoline,' Shaeffer said.

Officers said as they approached the car, gas cans were visible inside.

After matching surveillance video from Speedway Gas Station showing the same man purchasing the gas, the suspect confessed to it all, Shaeffer said.

After the arrest, Mesquite employees found napkins in the trash the suspect had been writing on.

Shaeffer said the napkins contained writings describing the suspect's dislike of police officers.

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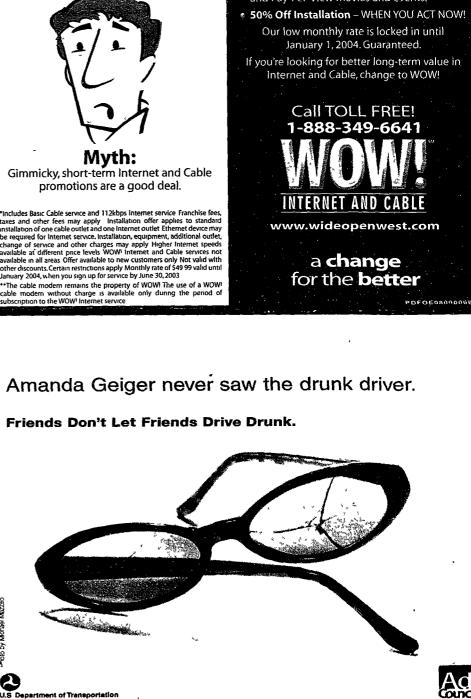
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Northville aims for Tree City USA honor

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

For the fourth year in a row, the city of Northville is taking steps to maintain its status as "Tree City USA."

In order to be re-certified for 2003, the city is designating April 25 as Arbor Day in Northville.

Northville mayor Chris Johnson said the city is looking forward to being part of the Tree City USA program and keeping local trees healthy.

"We really value the green space and the things trees bring to our community," said Johnson. "It's a program that recognizes the benefit of having trees and green space in the community."

Tree City USA is a community improvement project sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters, USDA Forest Service, U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities.

Johnson said the city of Northville spends a fair amount of money on the replacement and planting of young trees.

Recently, Northville has been taking strides to combat a tiny enemy that has been destroying local trees.

"We're taking a real shot with this emerald ash borer," said Johnson. "It's amazing how devastating it's been."

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He said the city plans to take down all the ash trees that have been infected. Said. "T

"Once the larvae is in the tree, it's going to die," said Johnson. The diseased trees, he said, must be cut down and burned or chopped

"It's an expensive process," he

said. "We'll be replanting a new

tree for every ash that comes down

Johnson said homeowners would

Approximately \$43,000 has

been spent this year on ash tree

removal and replacement, said

have the option to have a more

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this year."

"It's really been a problem," he said. "The sooner we get them down, the safer it will be for everyone."

Johnson said a special event is planned to take place April 25, in honor of the proclaimed Arbor Day. On that day, city officials will dedicate 15 new trees that are being planted at Eight Mile and-Novi roads.

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

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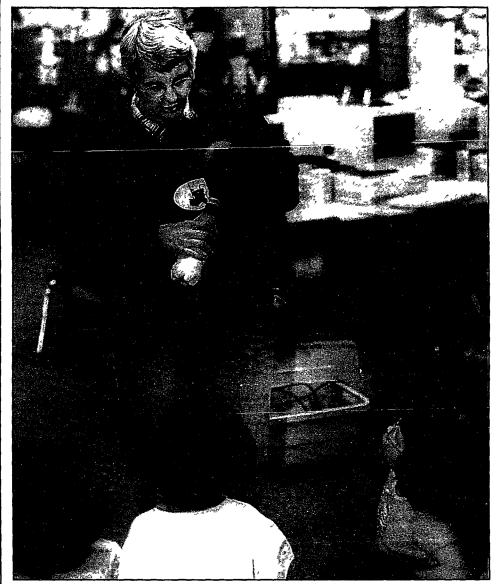
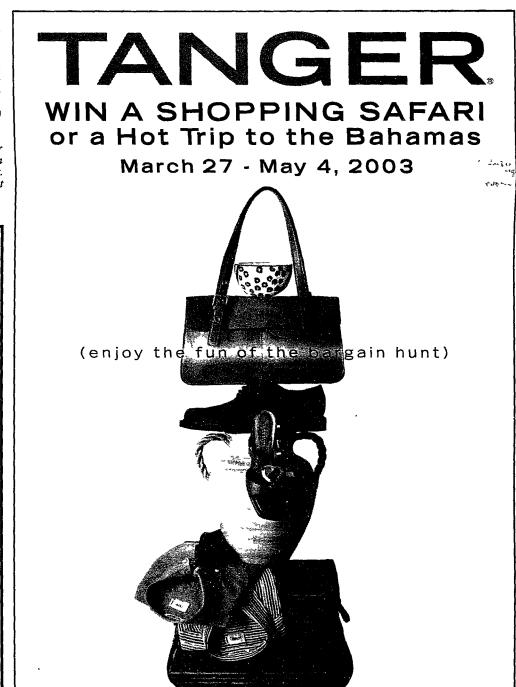


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Margaret Schmidt "the Farm Lady" feeds a lamb of hers during a visit to Novi's Deerfield Elementary School.



Sweet! Smudge Fundaes take stage

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

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Don't let the name fool you. There won't be any ice cream, but the Smudge Fundaes are expected to have kids jumping and rockin' during a family spring concert April 17

According to Sue Taylor, special event planner for Northville Parks and Recreation, the Smudge Fundaes are a children's duo from Ontario who will have children on their feet dancing, clapping and singing.

The Wiggle & Giggle Show is targeted for youngsters between the

ages of 2-8.

"It's for young children," said Taylor. "We're calling it a spring celebration. It's something for the whole family to enjoy."

The twosome, she said, presents interactive, family-oriented children's entertainment. "They were at the library about a

month ago," said Taylor. "They come very highly acclaimed. The kids should have a lot of fun with it. We want the kids to jump and dance around and giggle and laugh and, have a good of time."

Smudge Fundaes is slated to present their variety show at the Northville Community Center, located at 303 W. Main from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"It should appeal to all families with young children," said Taylor. Tickets are \$6 per child. There is no charge for adult family members to attend. Tickets may be purchased at the Recreation Center at Hillside,

located at 700 W. Baseline Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411.

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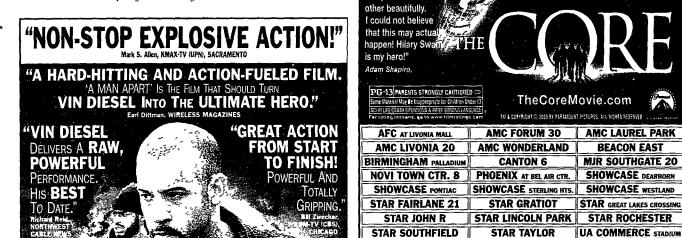
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MILL RACE MATTERS

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 Thursday from 9 a m to 1 p.m. or by appointment The first 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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	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Northville Historical Society Board Meeting	Cady Inn

Please donate your surplus buttons for the Children's Christmas Workshop along with any old wooden handles from brooms, shovels, rakes, etc Call the office for more information.

Donations wanted for the General Store at Mill Race Village. The Store will be open Saturday May 3rd from 10:00 am - 1 00 pm to accept gently used or new household, Christmas or decorative items for resale in the store during the 2003 season. All donations are tax deductible

It finally looks like we might actually come out of the deep freeze and enjoy some spring weather. Thanks to the City of Northville, Trinity Landscaping and Northville Historical Society's Stone Gang we have already had some spring clean up in our village Many of you are probably auxious to start your own spring clean up and planting. The annual plant swap will be held at Mill Race Village on may 24 from 8 a m - noon This is a great event to attend to kick off your planting season.

Residences to be razed for parking lot

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

One demolition and one continued rental agreement coming

That was the decision made at the April 8 meeting of the city council. The decision came after Jim Gallogly, director of public works, recommended to council that an unoccupied home located at 226 South Wing and currently rented home located at 222 South Wing be demolished and a temporary gravel parking lot be put in their place.

According to council communications, both properties are owned by the city and were obtained in an effort to reserve land necessary for possible post office expansion. But with no plans for post off expansion currently in the works, the city wished to retain the land to "assure the land is used for the good of the city...and the South Wing Street neighborhood."

Gallolgy presented multiple options for each home to council at the meeting. The first involved bidding out and contracting building improvements to the 226 South Wing residence, which has been vacant for the past year. Estimates included repairs totaling \$25,000 and a rental agreement of \$1,000 per month. Another option presented to council suggested demolishing the home for about \$13,000 and then grading the lot for placement of a temporary gravel parking lot.

Although currently rented, similar options were presented

for the 222 South Wing residence, which will remain as a rental property per council's decision.

Council members may have decided to demolish one home and leave the other standing, but grass — not gravel — will be placed after the demolition.

"It's just a small project. [226 South Wing] will be demolished and the house will be re-leveled to a grass area," said Gallolgy. "We had recommended that both the 226 and 222 addresses be demolished to provide room for a temporary parking lot, which will likely be needed next year when the cuty moves forward with the construction of a new parking structure."

But residents present at the meeting stated concerns over the placement of any type of parking area in a residential neighborhood.

And Gallolgy, who said that he had presented the options to council in order to receive direction on which way to handle the situation, will move forward based on council recommendations.

"One house is going to get demolished and the other will stay and no consideration is being made for temporary parking at this time," said Gallogly., "That is the way we will proceed."

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Northville Chamber of Commerce TGIF

DATE: April 11 LOCATION: Northville Chamber of Commerce (195 S. Main Street) TIME: 8 a.m. **DETAILS:** Reservations are required. PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Women's Service Club rummage sale

DATE: April 11, 12 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Congregational Church (21355 Meadowbrook Road) TIME: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (April 11); 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (April 12) DETAILS: There is no admission charge for the event. PHONE: (248) 348-7757

Handcrafters Arts & Crafts Show DATE: April 11-13 LOCATION: Northville Recreation Center (303 W. Main Street) TIME:: 9 a.m - 9 p.m. (April 11); 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (April 12); 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (April 13) DETAILS: More than 70 juried artisans will display their wares, which will be available for purchase. Admission is \$2. Baby strollers are not allowed. PHONE: (734) 459-0050

Voices for Maybury Farm meeting DATE: April 12

LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Northville (777 W. Eight Mile Road) TIME: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. DETAILS: Participants will discuss the future of the Maybury State Park farm. PHONE: (248) 348-2271

"A Day of Peace Through Yoga" DATE: April 12 LOCATION: Amerman Elementary School (847 N. Center Street) TIME: 9:30 a m. - 4:15 p.m. (full- or

part-day) DETAILS: Several styles of yoga or thai chi will be taught, including partner yoga and yoga for children. Sessions are \$35 for all four or \$10 per class. All proceeds from the class benefit Kids 4 Afghan Kids, a program to support an elementary school in Afghanistan's Wonkhai Vallev.

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Listings can be publicized for up four weeks in advance of the event. Promotional may also be submitted and will be published, space permitting.

DATE: April 13 LOCATION: Northville District Library

(212 W. Cady Street) TIME: 2:30 p.m. DETAILS: Adoptee Daryl Royal will speak on how he located his biological family and the trials and tribulations related to the experience. A computer class on making a family tree will be held at 1:15 p.m. in the local history room to precede the experience.

PHONE: (248) 595-7806

Northville Arts Commission 2002 Lecture Series featuring Michael Famell

DATE: April 16 LOCATION: Hillside Middle School forum (145 N. Center Street) TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Mr. Farrell is an associate professor of art history at the University of Windsor. Admission is \$10, or \$5 for students. PHONE: (248) 449-9950

COMING UP •

Wiggle & Giggle Show with the Smudge Fundaes

DATE: April 17 LOCATION:: Northville Community Center (303 W. Main) TIME: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. DETAILS: The Smudge Fundaes are a children's trio from Ontario that uses, upbeat music and audience interaction. The show is familyfriendly, but particularly geared for children ages 2 to 8. Tickets are \$6 per child. Adults accompanying children are free of charge. PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

Easter Eggstravaganza

DATE: April 19 LOCATION: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene (21260 Haggerty Road) TIME: 10:30 a.m. DETAILS: More than 4,000 Easter eggs will be available for the taking to children in age groups 1-4, 5-8 and 9-12. An Easter story, magic show, games, and summer food will be available.

PHONE: (248) 348-7600

North Central Business Administration meeting DATE: April 22 LOCATION: Poole's Tavern (157 E. Main Street) TIME: 8:30 a.m. DETAILS: Call for info

PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Farmers Market Opening Day DATE: Starts May 1 (open every Thursday through October 30) LOCATION: Seven Mile / Center street TIME: Call for info **DETAILS:** Fresh produce and plants will be available for purchase at the event, which runs rain or shine. PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Summer kickoff party to benefit **Detroit's Neinas Elementary School**

DATE: May 2 LOCATION: Call for info TIME: Call for info DETAILS: Organizers are looking for used children's books, new T-shirts, summer outdoor toys and food for food baskets. Materials may be dropped off at Northville's Century 21 Town & Country (175 Cady Center). PHONE: (248) 349-5600

Mill Race Village general store drop-off DATE: May 3

LOCATION: Mill Race Village (west side of Griswold, north of Main Street) TIME: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

DETAILS: The store will be open to accept gently-used or new household, Christmas or decorative items in the store during the 2003 season. All donations are tax-deductible. PHONE: (248) 348-1845

Plymouth Community Chorus presentation: "Broadway Legends" DATE: May 3, 4 LOCATION: Northville High School

(45700 Six Mile Road) **TIME:** 8 p.m. **DETAILS:** Music from Lerner & Rowe, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Cole Porter, George Gershwin and Andrew Lloyd Webber will be performed. Tickets are \$12. PHONE: (734) 455-4080

First United Methodist Church of Northville "Got Jesus?" musical performance

DATE: May 11 LOCATION: Fuerst Auditorium, Novi High School, Novi (24062 Taft Road) TIME: 5 p.m., 7 p.m. DETAILS: Reserved, prime-seating tickets are \$5 each. Some free seats may be available on the day of the performance. Some 200 students in grades 7 through 12 will be taking part in the performance, which organizers say is a good activity for youth group organizers to view. **PHONE:** (248) 348-4853

McKenna Associates hires James Ludwig

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

McKenna Associates, Inc., has added a brand new face to their staff. The Northville-based company recently hired James. M. Ludwig as director of landscaping architecture for the business. Ludwig is a registered landscape architect in Michigan, a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. He is also involved with the American Planning Association, the Michigan Society of Planning, and is the current chairman for the Michigan ASLA Licensure Committee.

"We are proud to have Jim and his staff join McKenna's outstanding team of landscape architectural professionals. Jim shares our high level of dedication, professionalism, and commitment to delivering exceptional services and quality products for our clients," said Philip McKenna,

company president in a statement. "Jim's impressive track record in the landscape architecture profession speaks for itself."

As Michigan's largest municipal planning consulting firm, McKenna said that he believes Ludwig's experience will allow the company to better meet the needs of the more than 200 municipalities it is currently serv-

"This move is a tremendous opportunity for us to strengthen and continue to grow our landscape architecture practice," said McKenna. "[Ludwig] gives us direction and a great reputation, and it just escalates the quality and quantity that we have to offer.

Ludwig schoed McKenna's sentiments.

"I've been able to come here and add my source of experience to the work already being done and it has allowed us to greatly expand our capacity to meet the needs of our clients," he said. "And it is a wonderful creative

design environment.'

Before joining McKenna , Mr. Ludwig's team operated as Ludwig & Associates, a promineut Farmington Hills landscape architecture firm, for 19 years. They designed and directed scores of municipal, and private office and residential developments throughout Michigan.

In its 25th year, McKenna is one of the Midwest's largest planning and urban design firms. Headquartered in Northville, the firm employs more than 40 professionals, with additional offices in Kalamazoo, Michigan; Lebanon, Ohio; and Hudson, Ohio.

McKenna Associates, Inc., is located at 235 East Main Street in downtown Northville. They can be reached at (248) 596-0920.

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City opts for reconstruction of S. Lexington Boulevard

By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

In an effort to keep a good thing going, the Northville city council approved a contract for professional services regarding the reconstruction of South Lexington Boulevard between Lexington and Potomac to Orchard Hills and McCliment, Inc.

The decision was made at the council's Monday meeting.

"They are just a good company and have always come through for us," said public works director Jim Gallogly. "Their projects and design fees have always come in under budget and we'd like to continue that."

According to council communications, the reconstruction of South Lexington will be similar in scope to the South Morgan Circle project of 2001. The project was referred to as one of the "smoothest" of the past two years and is attributed to good communication with the residents. Orchard Hills and McCliment, Inc., is also credited for the successful project.

The submitted proposal for the new project estimates construction costs at approximately \$250,000 with engineering fees estimated at \$45,000 and testing costs estimated at \$6,000.

"We had requested the pro-

posal from Orchard Hills and McCliment, Inc., because in the past they have done a fantastic job for the city and we wanted to continue their success in designing and overseeing the construction of a road project," Gallolgy said. "It was just important to get this going quickly so that this project can take place this summer. And it looks like that

will happen now."

The project is expected to begin in June and be completed by early September.

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Nursery & Children's programs at all hours except 7:45 a.m.

Friends of Maybury State Park meeting DATE: April 12 LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street) TIME: 10:30 a.m. - noon DETAILS: Among the agenda items: election of a secretary and and receiving an update on Maybury State Park. PHONE: (248) 347-0899

U.S. Army Female Veterans **Recruitment Meeting / Potluck** Luncheon DATE: April 12 LOCATION: Call for info

TIME: Noon **DETAILS:** Female veterans of military action from Vietnam to present are being sought. PHONE: (248) 380-3066

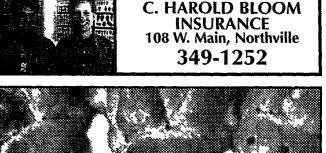
20th Annual VFW Post No. 4012 Law Enforcement / Firefighter **Dinner and Awards** DATE: April 13 LOCATION: VFW Post No. 4012 Hall (438 S. Main Street) TIME: 3 p.m. DETAILS: Awards and recognition will be given to area police officers and firefighters. Tickets are \$7 per person. PHONE: (248) 349-1060

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grown considerably in the last few years and this is just symbolic of that growth," Abbo said to the group of state, city of Northville and township representatives in attendance.

Back in the 1960's, said Abbo, the township population was only 7,700. Today it stands at above 24,000.

"It's really rather dramatic and we can't control the timing of development but we sure can control how we develop," Abbo said. "I think that everybody here has something to be very, very proud of.

Abbo also credited the predecessors of the current board of trustees, noting that they were the ones who had instilled a sense of pride in the community.

"Success has many fathers. Failure is an orphan. And today we can all be proud parents," Abbo

said to the crowd.

Township manager Chip Snider said that occupancy of the fire station, which will be located at Millennium Park between Sheldon and Beck Roads is expected to take place on April 1, 2004. Occupancy of the new township hall, to be located at the southwest corner of Six Mile and Sheldon Road will follow on June 1 of the same year.

Snider also praised the board of trustees for their diligence and determination.

Said Snider: " I think that this represents the fact that many, many board members over the years have probably wondered after they left if they made a difference. But this board will never have to wonder."

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An artist's rendering of the new Northville Township fire station.

Image courtesy NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

New occupant may take over defunct Vic's Market building

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

Luna Entertainment, owners of what used to be Vic's World Class Market in the troubled Main Street development, is expected to announce it leased nearly a third of the building to two entertainment-oriented businesses.

Vic's, which had served as the anchor store for the 66.800 square foot building, closed its doors 14 months ago laying off 40 people after nearly eight years in business. At the time, Vic the store's owner, Ventimiglia, blamed his woes on Main Street developer James Chen, who was embroiled in a lawsuit with nine tenants in near-

by buildings. That suit remains unresolved.

After Vic's closed it's doors. Fatoosh, a Middle Eastern restaurant that had overlooked the store's sales floor gave up, its owners saying that without Vic's as a draw, they couldn't make it

That left Luna Entertainment and Lifestyle Spa as the building's only tenants

Linda Pierce, Luna's office manager said the two new tenants would occupy about 19,000 square feet of the building.

We think things are really good now. We're hoping make this more of an entertainment area," she said, adding "We have not closed the door to anything' Although Pierce declined to say who the two new tenants

were until the official announcement slated for a private reception this afternoon, earlier this year the popular Detroit watering hole, The Post Bar, had expressed interest in the building.

Pierce did say that renovations for the two new businesses have already begun and they expect to be in operation by this summer.

That will leave nearly half the building to still be leased

We're entertaining several possible tenants, but nothing's come to fruition yet," she said.

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MDOT postpones Interstate reconstruction near I-96 / Beck Road

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

The heavily anticipated single-point urban interchange project, now has new word in its title - deferred

The Michigan Department of Transportation announced late last week, the new interchange

slated for Interstate 96 and Beck road will be delayed for at least four years.

"Were looking at deferring the building of the project until 2007," said Rob Morosi, Michigan Department of Transportation regional com-"The project itself was tied in

with Wixom Road, which has also been deferred, and was going to cost \$50 to \$60 million.

Morosi said the reason behind the decision is an initiative generated by the new state administration titled "Preserve First."

The initiative places the

focus of future funding on existing roadways, while pushing back projects categorized as expansion endeavors.

Both I-96 interchanges were classified as expansion projects by the state's definition Morosi said that is not to say

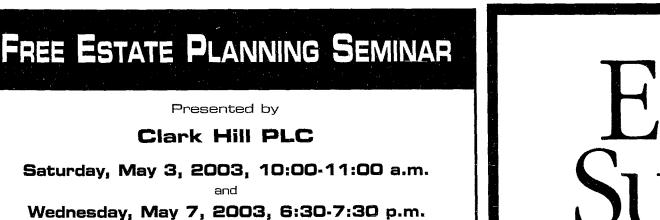
MDOT will discontinue all needed new roadwork, but

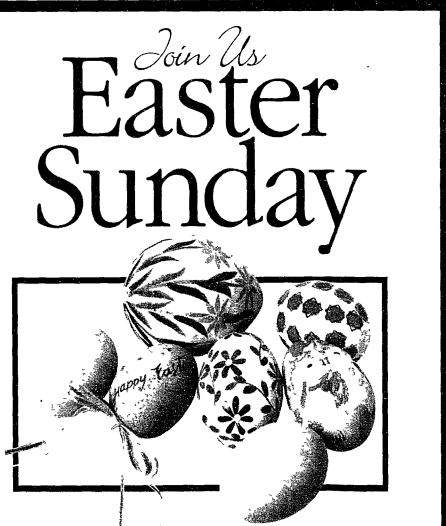
instead what "Preserve First" does mean is the state 1s placing emphasis on repairing existing infrastructures.

"It is better to maintain the existing transportation network to make our roadways more easily traveled and safe for our families," Morosi said. MDOT had earmarked \$80 million for the duel intersection ' project.

The Beck Road interchange alone was scheduled to cost \$30million.

In early March, Novi City Manager Richard Helwig announced contract letting of the project would be pushed back to May





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Community digs in to assist Maybury

Jack Sherman

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

After fire destroyed Northville's Maybury Farm and claimed the lives of multiple animals, eight-year-old Jack Sherman raised \$250 to potentially rebuild the farm area.

According to Jack's mother, Paula Sherman, the boy requested public assistance for the farm at a Blue and Gold Banquet for Cub Scout pack 755 the day after the blaze occurred.

Jack Sherman is currently a third grade student at Amerman Elementary.

His mother said he approached the cub master for permission and then addressed the crowd for donations. "Because the Cub Scouts used the [farm] facility, he

wanted to help," she said. "They passed around an envelope and people were very generous. He was surprised at how much money was collected."

"I was very proud of him, of course. We like to instill things in our kids and it's nice when it pays off." Jack Sherman said he hopes the funds will be able to

possibly replace some of the livestock.

"I really just wanted to get back some pigs or some animals so people have something to go see," he said.

The \$250 is planned to be given to a Maybury farm fund created by Carol Geake, a veterinarian at the Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic in Northville.

Geake said she knows of three funds that are earmarked to help the Maybury farm and said there may be more.

"I started a fund on behalf of the farm the day after the fire," said Geake. "They called and offered it to our fund. We're letting the money sit in the account until we know what's going to happen with the farm. We don't want to hear there won't be another farm. As soon as we know what's going to happen, we'll put the money towards the farm. I'm sure all of these funds will be used for the purpose of restoring the farm."

Geake said her particular fund has grown to an estimated \$3,500.

"By having this fund, it satisfies an emotional need to try to do something for [the farm]," she said. "I think a lot of people feel that way."

Geake commended Sherman for his fundraising efforts.

"If he got up and stood in front of all his peers and their parents, that's a special thing," she said. "I just thing that so neat. He cared enough to overcome any fears he might have had about speaking."

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Orchard Hills Elementary School •

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

After hearing about how Maybury Farm in Northville burned down almost two months ago, students at Orchard Hills Elementary School took action to help rebuild it. They all donated sympathy cards and raised \$1,000 for the cause.

"The fire happened on a weekend," Orchard Hills March Reading Month Coordinator Sue Burke said. "That Monday morning I came into the building to run some March Reading Month activities and heard of a lot of absentee children. When I went into the classrooms to set up readers, I was hearing from the teachers that the children were very upset. There were even children who didn't come into school that morning. The whole attitude was, everybody was very sad, hurt, shocked and upset. You could tell the kids wanted to do something."

Immediately, Burke and some of Northville

the teachers coordinated the donation of several sympathy cards to go to Maybury Farm, specifically Karen Gourlay the Park Interpreter. "Farmer Karen," as the students call her, is the one that the children remember going to the farm and meeting. She also visited the school to read to them before the fire.

"Karen was scheduled as a reader for 'March 1s Reading Month,' so there was a communication long before the fire," Burke said. "The sympathy cards and the donation that we started was a way to help kids work through the grief and feel like they could do something to help. As a part of March is Reading Month, when the kids would donate a card, they would also put a coin in the bucket to help re-build the farm one board at a time. At the end of March we collected all the money and we donatit to the Community ed Foundation. It came up to \$1,000." Shari Peters, President of the Community

Foundation, was touched by the donation.

"That's a lot of money, a lot of nickels, dimes and quarters," she said. "This means the world to us, especially when the children do it. The farm means so much for the little ones and the bigger ones too. We have had all kinds of teachers call in from all over the place who want to help and God bless each and every one of them. We very much appreciate it and the kids will know where their \$1,000 is going."

Peters explained that the state had made a decision not to continue running Maybury Farm prior to it burning down.

"[State officials] had contacted us prior to the fire and asked if the Foundation would consider running the farm because four years ago we were in negotiations with them to set up an endowment," she said. "They came to us again now asking tif we would completely take it over. It went to our board of directors who approved it unanimously."



By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

A love for animals spawned a race for charity recently held at the Northville Downs. The race, dedicated by the Northville Downs and the Michigan Harness Horseman's Association was held on March 15.

According to Downs executive manager Margaret Zayti, a total of \$1,800 was collected in race commissions. The additional \$700 was collected by Zayti and various representatives from the Northville Downs and the Association in order to gather the total of \$2,500 that was donated to the Northville Community Foundation's Maybury Endowment Fund.

"We know the task of rebuilding Maybury is huge," said Zayti. "It's important to us because horse people are animal people and we feel badly about those that were lost."

Zayti also said that she grew up across the street from the park and has many of the same fond memories that so many others in the community are now cherishing.

"It is important to preserve what we had because not many communities have what we did," she said. Northville Community Foundation director Shari Peters said the dedicated race and donated proceeds were touching ges-



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Michigan racing commission Bob Geake (left) is joined by Northville Community Foundation members Tory Taylor and Shari Peters, Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association president Paula Maynard, Northville Downs executive manager Margaret Zayti and harness driver Troy Taylor for a check presentation to benefit reconstruction of Northville Downs.

tures.

"We were so tremendously grateful to the Northville Downs and the [MHHA] for the generous donation to help with the rebuilding of Maybury," said Peters. "[Zayti] is just a very special person in my heart and has always been wonderful to the foundation." The Foundation is currently negotiation with the state for the future rebuilding and operations of the Maybury Farm.

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WEDDINGS

Rasmussendel Hoyo

Alicia Lynn Hanson and David Edward Harwell were married in Charleston, S.C. on June 15, 2002. Bonnie Kuntz officiated the service.

The bride is the daughter of Al and Cheryl Hanson of Ohio. She is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School and a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by Checkpoint Software Technologies. The groom is the son of Pam and Benjamin Harwell. He is a 1995 graduate of the University of South Carolina, and 1s employed by Piedmont Bank.

The maid of honor was Robin Michelle Patzert. Bridesmaids were Emma Dunrud, Janice Herhold, Kristine McGovern, Charlene Russell and Stacey Taplin. The best man was John Harwell. Groomsmen were Derek Hanson, Jason Hultgren, Kevin Lee, Mark Lerner and Robert Segars.

The couple honeymooned in Italy.

ENGAGEMENTS

Texas.

ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara Seiden of Southfield announces the engagement of her daughter, Lisa Rasmussen, to Neil John Hoing, son of Neil Jerome Hoing and Marie Grace Walton of The bride-elect is the daughter

of Barbara F. Seiden of Southfield and Craig Rasmussen of South Padre Island, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Stella Bodner Seiden of Northville. She is employed as the Dawson County (Neb.) deputy attorney.

Rasmussen-Hoing

John and Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Kohl celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March

John Kohl is a native of Van Wert, Ohio, holds a degree in both dairying and law, and has spent 35 years as a financial planner with American Express. He is presently retired. Mary Elizabeth Kohl is a native of Columbus, Ohio, holds a teaching degree and works as a homemaker.

The couple are parents to James (Judy) Kohl of Northville, David (Chrys) Kohl of Novi, Karen (Kevin) Carney of Ypsilanti, Barbara (Steve) Kingsland of Mystic, Conn., Marcia (Boris) Ouchakof of Madison, Wis., and Beverly (Gray) Sobran of Madison, Conn. They have 14 grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren

The Kohl's family gathered on April 6 at Lutheran Heritage Village to celebrate



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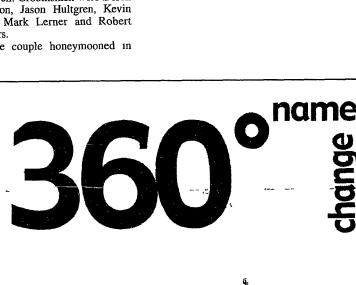
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Hanson-Harwell







Daniel Martin Rasmussen and

Lucia Guajardo del Hoyo were

married Feb. 3 in the Capilla de

F. Seiden of Southfield and Craig

Rasmussen of South Padre Island,

Texas. He is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and is

employed as a Boeing Aircraft air technician. He is the grandson of Stella Bodner Seiden of

Northville. The bride is the daugh-

ter of Sergio Trevino and Maria

del Socorro del Hoyo of Monterrey, Mexico.

Caribbean and now reside in Lake

Hills, Texas.

The couple honeymooned in the

The groom is the son of Barbara

Bernadez in Zacatecas, Mexico.

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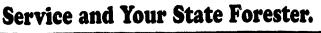


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OBITUARIES

Michael H. Janchick

Michael Janchick of Northville died March 29 in Northville. He was 60.

Mr. Janchick was born April 7, 1942 in Northville do John H. Janchick and Dorothy Hood. A lifelong Northville resident, Mr. Janchick attended Michigan State University and Southeast Missouri State College, from which he earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1966. He later earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1970.

Mr. Janchick was a race secretary for Northville Downs and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister.

A memorial service for Mr. Janchick

was held April 5 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. James Russell of First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiated the service. Interment will be at Shiloh Cemetery in Miller, Mo.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the charity of the giver's choice.

Gerald K. O'Brien, Jr.

Gerald K. O'Brien, Jr., died April 4 at the Wayne Total Living Center in Wayne. He was 70.

Mr. O'Brien was born June 8, 1932 in Hancock to the late Gerald K. O'Brien, Sr., and Emily Pryor O'Brien. A veteran

of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, Mr. O'Brien was a retired agent with the Wayne County Road Commission.

Mr. O'Brien is survived by his siblings, Patrick (Patricia Thull) O'Brien of Northville Sharon Carron of Chicago; and many nieces, nephews, grandneices and grandnephews.

A memorial service for Mr. O'Brien was held April 7 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Father Jack Quinlan officiated the service. Interment will be at Forest Hills Gemetery in Houghton.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliot Avenue, Detroit, Mich. 48207.

Funeral arrangments were made by

Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Directors of Northville.

Robert W. Lince

Robert Lince of Salem Township died April 6 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was 80.

Mr. Lince was born March 31, 1923 in Detroit to Stanley W. Lince and Ruth E. Pasco. He later married Jean Lince on Jan. 17, 1947. She survives him.

A Salem Township resident for 32 years, Mr. Lince was stationed with the U.S. Army in England from 1943 through 1946 during World War II. He worked as a PBX repairman for AT&T and was a member of both St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Redford and was a life member of the Redford Masonic Lodge.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Lince is survived by his children, Collin (Gail) Lince of Northville and Susan (Ronald) Blais of Chesterfield; his grandchildren, Linday, Kristina and Michael Lince; his stepgranchildren, Jennifer (Phil) Jones and Jessica (Casey) Lince; and his step great-grandchildren, Tyler and Kyle Jones.

Private memorial services were held for Mr. Lince Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, or the Lince family.

Funeral arrangments were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

NORTHVILLE AREA BRIEFS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Northville Parks and Recreation is seeking volunteers to help with the inaugural Galyan's Northville Solstice Run on June 21.

This 5K run/walk through historic Northville is a great way for you to lend a hand right here in your community. Volunteers are needed to assist with the start line, registration tent, help desk, the kiddie course, and stations, food/refreshments, clean up crew, finish line setup and to help along the 5K course.

All volunteers will receive free food and refreshments and a Galyan's Northville Solstice Run T-shirt.

For details or to sign up please call (248) 349-0203, ext. 1408.

MAYBURY RESURRECTION?

The Northville Community Foundation Endowment Fund for the Maybury Farm was created in light of the recent fire at the farm. The purpose of the fund is to raise funds to help rebuild the barn, replenish animals, and provide for the basic upkeep of Maybury Farm.

According to Shari Peters, a variety of animals including horses, alpacas, and ducks have been offered for future donation, as well as roofing and paint for the barn.

To donate, send checks payable to the Northville Community Foundation - Maybury Farm, 321 N. Center, Ste. 130, Northville,

Mich. 48167. For more information call (248) 374-0200.

THE EMPEROR'S NEW **CLOTHES:**

The show will run through May 4 at Northville's Historic Marquis Theatre. The classic tale of an emperor in his invisible suit is sure to be enjoyed by both children and adults, alıke. Performance dates and times are:

13, 27, and May 4) Monday through Friday at 2:30 pm. (April 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25)

Tickets to all public performances are \$7.50. For school reservations, birthday parties, and group rates please call the Marquis Theatre at (248) 349-8110. The Theatre asks that only children age three and older are in attendance for performances.

The theatre is located at 135 E Main in downtown Northville.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY:

The 2003 spring Hazardous Waste Day will take place at the Livonia Ford Field on May 3. Accepted waste includes:

- Aerosol cans • Any household chemicals
- Automobile/marine/houshe-
- old batteries Caustic/acids
- Computer equipment
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light bulbs

· Gasoline/gasoline and oil mixes

- · Herbicides/pesticides/insectides/fungicides
 - Kerosene Latex Paints*
- · Medical waste (sharp items in
- containers only) · Mercury items/mercury con-
- taminated debris
- Oil-based paints/stains Primers/turpentines/varnishes
- Propane tanks
- Transmission fluid/antifreeze

Latex (water based) paint may also be disposed of properly on your trash collection day. Proper disposal requires the lids to be removed and allowing the paint to dry out prior to disposal. Placing cat litter in the paint speeds the process.

DAIMLERCHRYSLER/USMA **CLASSIC CAR SHOW:**

The classic car show will take place on Saturday, May 10, in the downtown area from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. for participants and family participation is encouraged. Mayor Chris Johnson will be at the event to present the Mayor's Choice Award. Trophies for best "cruise-in" will be awarded at 5 p.m. the first 15 entries will receive free-tool kits

The event will take place in city Parking Lot No. 4, which is located behind the MainCentre and MGM buildings. There will be no fee for contestants and the event, officially sponsored by DaimlerChrysler certified pre-owned vehicles, is being promoted as a family event.





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

We welcome new buildings

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eral inches of snow and ice (in April ??), Northville Township officials managed to turn over a few inches of soil Tuesday to help mark the start of a bricks-and-mortar campaign the community sorely needs.

Northville Township will soon have two brand-new buildings to

help operate its growing community, and will renovate the existing Civic Center to be dedicated fully for police operations.

Is this a big and expensive project? Absolutely.

Is it a project

whose time has come? Not only has it come --- it's long overdue. Ask anyone who works in the crammed and outdated facilities now or anytime in the last five years. Compared to municipal offices of surrounding communities, the township's have been woefully inadequate and visibly outdated.

Critics of the plan may question why the project needs to be pursued now, at a time when the economy continues to bleed and the nation is at war. The answer? Financially, it's the time when it makes the most sense. Mortgage rates are almost laughably low. Looking at the longterm - always the sensible thing to do when we're talking about municipal government --- the dol-

Despite being buried under sev- lars and cents of the matter are the least complicated at this moment.

Not only that, it would have to be asked about the sensibility of waiting any longer for the project to commence. The township has stretched its creativity to beyond what most communities could, having purchased a Cornerica Bank branch and converting it into a

financial office and using grant money to help renovate restrooms at the Civic Center. And, lest we forget, the origihas it come, but nal Civic Center it's long overdue. using

was constructed federal funds Essentially, it

was a gift from Uncle Sam for which residents hardly had to pony up a dime.

'It's really rather dramatic and we can't control the timing of development but we sure can control how we develop," Northville Township supervisor Mark Abbo said. "I think that everybody here has something to be very, very proud of."

We couldn't agree more.

We congratulate the township board of trustees ---- both the current one and those who served in years past to help pave the way to this moment - on its new start. We can't wait to see the finished products in 18 months.



The driver of this service van found Monday's snowstorm tough to handle and ended up in a ditch along Five Mile Road in Northville Township. Township police assisted a tow truck in retrieving the van from the ditch.



Vision of Foundation does great hings

How gratifying to come across the article in the April 3 edition of the Detroit Free Press' Community section showcasing Northville Community Foundation executive director Shari Peter's efforts to facilitate the rebuilding of Maybury's beloved farm. With such a determined, goal-oriented person keeping the pressure on to raise funds and solicit volunteers for this emminently worthwhile cause, the end result glearning new replica of a barn rising like a phoenix from the ashes of the original - is a veritable foregone conclusion.

For her tenacity and visionary zeal in leading the charge not only toresurrect this esteemed edufice and the long standing tradition it, represents, but also to secure the resources for its continued operation, I submit that this community and anyone else who mourned the loss of Maybury Farm owe this singleminded fundraiser a huge debt of gratitude.

Kenneth E. Kilpatrick

Northville

demanded a hands off the tobacco momes. Momes were not to be diverted to the medical community but to remain with the students.

The new budget presented by the governor robs the kids and redirects massive sums to Medicaid and prescription drugs. A case in point: enrollment in the drug program will escalate from 15,000 to 40,000.

Indeed we have been distracted by the war but a we must turn our attention to this problem in Michigan. We must not allow this injustice to happen. If the voice of the people through the ballot box is not honored, in this instance, it is the first of many violations that will occur. Rise up and protest¹

> Mary Elizabeth Braddock Northville

14-year-old authors poem about D.C.

"Washington"

our office at Century 21 Town & Country. We have a brightly decorated box in our lobby we are hoping to fill before April 18th.

Your kindness, in helping the children with a greater need than ours, is a most rewarding feeling and is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

> Anne Smith Amy Zubor Northville

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Reader appreciates help from Orchard Hills

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I was talking to a kindergarten parent last week about the fund raising her son's elementary school Orchard Hills did in Novi. It seems that during March Is Reading Month the school raised \$1,000.00 for the rebuilding of the Maybury Living Farm. Each time a child read a book they donated money to our cause. What a double whammy. As the young man's mother told me that the day after the fire --- Feb. 13 --- the children in his class were completely stressed out and at the loss of

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NHS choir programs outdid themselves

Both Northville High School and Renaissance High School are state known for their choir programs, each chour receiving superior ratings in competitions.

On Friday, March 28, NHS chorale spent a school day with the youth at Renaissance High School. They attended classes, shared stories, made friendships throughout the day and also practiced their repertoires for a combined concert. On Sunday, March 30, the choirs each sang a selection of songs separately, proving once again why they are two of the best in the state. But the real beauty of the day came at the end of the concert when both choirs united to sing three songs. The sight and sound were enough to take your breath away. A standing ovation seemed to be a miniscule compliment to the spectacle, but it was a compliment which both directors, Mary Kay Pryce and Nina R. Scott, so rightfully deserved. The Northville community should feel proud to have Mary Kay Pryce leading this program.

> **Cindy Ferriman** Northville

Where is the outrage over Granholm budget?

Where is the outrage? Where are the voices of protest from Frank Kelly, the Legislature and the voters? Where are the kids? The silence is deafening as Gov. Granholm sneaks through a massive cut to the MEAP Scholarship fund. How can she counter what the electorate has mandate? The voters of Michigan spoke in November by overwhelmingly defeating Proposal A. They

It buzzes with activity, like a bee's nest. Everywhere, I hear the Blaring horns, The vroom of car engines, And the general hustle and bustle of Millions; With millions of agendas.

The stench of car exhaust mixes with The aroma of street vendor's hot dogs, And the scent of rank garbage in dumpsters

Gleaming white marble appeals to the eye. While, ugly decaying brick repulses it.

In this city great deeds are accomplished But also, evil things are created. It is a city of two faces. One, a great place of learning and politics Another, a place of lies and deceit.

I guess you really can't have one without the other

This is Washington. This is America.

> Zachary Matyiku Northville

Please give to program to help needy students

Diane Powers and Sue Sincox of our community are diligently working to put together a summer kick-off party for the less privileged children at Neinas Elementary School in Detroit.

The party will take place at the school on May 2 and they are looking for donations of used children's books, new T-shirts (any size), summer toys (eg. sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, beach balls, Frisbees) and food for much needed food baskets. If you would like to donate an item, please stop by

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friends. The reading and money raising gave them a real sense of helping out.

As a former teacher, I congratulate the inventiveness of the staff at the school. They know how to inspire a love for reading and raise money for a grand cause.

> Jean Bemish Northville

Reader agrees with John Kerry's message

I wonder if the people are noticing how free speech is being curtailed with the excuse of the war. Now that we are at war, we are "unpatriotic" unless we march in step with George W. Bush, no matter where he leads. Once Mr. Bush brought this country into what many of us felt was an unnecessary war, by unilaterally invading Iraq, no more discussion has been tolerated Everything is now wrapped in the flag and the only acceptable discourse is agreeing with this administration and mouthing "God bless America" at the end of it.

Well, a lot of us that were against the war are still of that opinion. Of course, we are behind our boys and girls and now that we are in it, we want to win. But every time I see the face of the latest casualty, I don't get a burst of patriotism toward this administration. I get anger, no different than when I read of the latest murder. "The News Hour" on PBS is showing photos of the "fallen heroes": boys 19 years old, 24 years old, 21 years old, etc. Each portrait is a sting to the heart. But the self-appointed censors are saying we must not criticize. I say speak up, make sure this does not happen again; I agree with John Kerry, we should not only change the regime in Iraq, we need to change it in this country too.

> Irene Piccone Northville

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Share your opinions

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Mail: Letters to the Editor, Chris C. Davis, Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167 E-mail: cdavis@ht.homecomm.net Fax:(248) 349-9832



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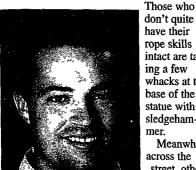
OTHER OPINIONS Thursday, April 10, 2003

How a fallen statue changes us

A funny thing is happening as I'm writing these words.

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On the television behind me - buried underneath a host of WHILE YOU WERE OUT pink slips of paper and a few sticky Coke cans - images are being broadcast of Iraqi citizens climbing a statue of Saddam Hussein and tying a noose around its neck.



have their rope skills intact are taking a few whacks at the base of the statue with a sledgehammer.

Meanwhile, across the street, other Iragis are stomping

away at a

Chris C. Davis

painting of the dictator, and still others are doing stuff to Hussein's possessions I don't dare reprint. (Hey - it's a family newspaper.) I'm taken by these acts not because I'm

lobbying for or against the war. I don't see that as the mission of the Record, so I don't really see the point in entering the debate. What is important, in my estimation, is the reminder that these acts give to all of us about the importance of speaking our minds and how precious that right really is.

It's even more precious when what you have to say isn't terribly popular among the rest of the your peers.

Closer to home, I can recall the outrage of

some readers when they saw a photograph we ran of a group of Northville High School students enjoying a breakfast together on a day when they boycotted the Michigan Assessment Test. Wearing T-shirts that bore a slogan along the lines of "MEAP Free Is The

Way For Me," they congregated over "Why don't these kids get in the classroom and take the test?" they fumed.

"Why should we?" students responded. "The tangible benefits just aren't there."

Two sides. Two opinions. Two different opinions. And yet, at the end of the day, no blood was shed and people still felt safe walking down the street with their thoughts.

I can also recall the division created several years back when Northville Township and the Northville school district found themselves in the midst of a rather bitter legal dispute. Passions ran high on both sides of the table

How were things ultimately settled? With words. No bullets, no tanks, no smart bombs raining down to prove a point. It didn't take force to bring things to an end. (I'm also pleased to report that relations between the two entities has warmed dramatically, and the butting heads of the late 1990s and 2000 have given way to a cordial and more productive relationship.)

Compare both these scenarios to what's playing out on the tube. (Whoops --- there goes Saddam, right off his perch, his legs snapped in two!) For years on end, people who had no concept of what it was like to think - let alone speak - freely needed an entire coalition of armed forces to make them feel safe to express themselves. As I write this column, I know I'll probably ruffle a few feathers as I usually do, but I feel comforted in the knowledge that at the end of the day,

both my detractors and I can come to terms peacefully.

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Sometimes it takes scenes like - holy cow, they're riding the statue's head down the street - well, like this one to remind us all of how precious and how fortunate we are to live in the country we do. Northville isn't exactly teeming

> How were things ultimately settled? With words. No bullets, no tanks, no smart bombs raining down to prove a point.

less of what I've written. I can't recall an instance of wondering if my latest writings would be the end

Come to think of it, has that ever happened

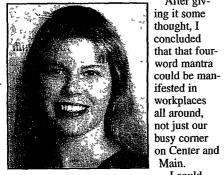
Here's a parting thought: If you think freedom of speech and the press goes too far, consider the alternative.

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It's no big deal...I'll make it work

We have a saying in our office. "Just make it work."

Actually, that phrase is tacked up on a wall in the shared office of the editors of the Northville Record and the Novi News. After giv-



Jenniter Norris

that same motto being pinned up in a mechanic's garage, a watch repair shop or any scientific laboratory. We all have a mission to produce professional quality products. Whether our output is tangible or not. I deduced that the phrase tacked to the editors' wall was quite similar to an old expression I once saw in a now, the ne that cha eeung card. 10

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Last week

us nothing but lemons.

We're experiencing quite a few changes or "lemons" if you will around our office. Pauline Lupercio, who is one of only two reporters on staff at the Record, left our office yesterday. She's now employed by another division of HomeTown newspapers. Until my editor finds and hires a new

looking for a few extra story ideas, many folks quickly began to rattle off a laundry list

ple story ideas with me.

I guess I'm making lemonade.

We had another change around our office this week. In our newsroom, we now have work cubicles instead of an open-air office. It took some rearranging of some heavy office equipment to put the pinkish-beige separators in place, but the job is now complete. The dividers seem unnecessary in my opinion, but it kind of gives our office an updated look. I'd be interested to hear if readers who work siness offices enjoy a cubicle set-up or

I've noticed push pins appear to work well on these new cubicle walls. I'm planning to bring in and

> After giving it some thought, I concluded that. that four-word mantra could be manifested in workplaces all around, not just our busy corner on Center and Main.

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to liven my thought, I "cube" up. reporter, readers will likely be seeing my concluded byline a whole lot more. Luckily, I personal-Maybe I'll that that fourly love a good challenge. When I informed even hang word mantra community members and leaders that I'm my press could be manifested in credentials

> of upcoming events. Thanks! The thought of being the sole reporter here seemed overwhelming, but now appears quite doable as readers have begun to share multi-

of my life. to anyone you know? Chris C. Davis is the editor of the

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GUEST COLUMN

MEAP scholarship deserves protection

The Governor and lawmakers are currently crafting a new budget, deciding which programs are worth protecting or eliminating.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm requested the Michigan



Craig DeRoche

Award Scholarships.

While we are working cooperatively with the Governor, we will have some different priorities — and will readjust Michigan's \$38 billion dollar budget to keep scholarships coming to students who earn them.

Merit scholarships were created to reward students who demonstrate academic proficiency by passing the MEAP

The scholarships are paid from funds from the tobacco settlement.

Last November, voters rejected a highly-finance ballot referendum that would have taken tobacco funds from education programs and shifted them to Medicaid and other health programs.

The voters spoke loudly on this issue and we should listen when we craft this year's budget.

Parents and students in our local school districts benefited directly from the scholarships, including: Novi High School with 269 scholarships, Northville school districts with 256 scholarships, Walled Lake school district with 435 scholarships and South Lyon schools with 203 scholarships.

As an example of the importance of funding these scholarships, within the Novi school district in 2002, 269 students were awarded \$2,500 merit scholarships.

This amounted to \$672,500 for local students.

Novi High School senior Valdis Lenss is exactly the kind of student who would be adversely affected by the Merit scholarship reduction.

Having earned a 4.0 grade point average, Lenss is bound for the University of Michigan next year and is applying for several scholarships to pay for college.

"It is a very competitive atmosphere to get college scholarships," Lenss said. We earn those Merit scholarships through academic performance and I think the state should continue program."

If scholarships were cut, as Gov. Granholm has requested, to only \$500 per student, the total for the school districts within the 38th District (Novi, Walled Lake, South Lyon, and

Northville) would have dropped to \$581.500 — a cut of more than \$2.3 million

That is a very large

difference that will be felt by numerous families throughout the area. We need to do everything possible to ensure scholarships are

available to deserving students like Valdis, and I will continue to do

If you

have any questions or comments, please contact my office at (517) 373-0827.

Craig DeRoche is the state Representative serving Michigan's 38th District, which includes the city of Northville and Novi. He can be reached at craigderoche@house.mi.gov.

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Comben named **Record's** 'Feature **Teacher'**

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Amerman Elementary, spoke highly of Comben's conduct and

leadership in the classroom. "She's so enthusiastic," said Anderson. "If I want to motivate kids, one way is to show my own excitement or curiosity. In her case, it just bubbles over.'

Anderson said even during Comben's initial job interview with Northville schools, he could detect her zeal for educating youngsters.

"It became evident she had that enthusiasm," he said. "You can tell very quickly, she's interested in her students."

Anderson said Comben uses a variety of teaching tools in her day-to-day work, including music. movement and rhymes to encourage long-term memory.

Besides having fun, she's tapping into alternative learning styles," he said. "We're blessed with good teachers. That's the key.

Comben has taught in the Northville school district for three years and now resides in Northville.

In her winning nomination, Kim Elanges wrote, "Mrs. Comben fosters an environment of warmth and caring while sparking an intense desire to learn. Last year, we were sick for over a week with the flu. Mrs Comben stopped by our home to deliver a package of class work, handmade get-well cards and goodies from the missed Valentine's Day party."

"We were lucky enough to have Mrs. Comben back Kindergarten as we were in the class that moved up along with her to first grade. When I told Stephanie about this contest and asked why she thought Mrs. Comben deserved this recognition she replied, - 'Because Mrs. Comben is nice and because she, moved from kindergarten to first grade so she could stay with us.' The big smile on her face said it all.'

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GOT A NOMINATION?

The Northville Record is seeking readers to inform of us of local teachers who have demonstrated academic excel-

A habit to kick



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Members of the Northville Soccer Association donated several books and videos to the Northville District Library to help soccer players learn the sport or refine their skills. For more information, call the library at (248) 349-3020.





LIBRARY LINES

LIBRARY HOURS

The Northville District Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 am. to 5 p.m., and open Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The library is located at 212 W. Cady Street, near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady Street. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

MAGNICENZA! THE ART OF LATE RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

Prepare for the upcoming exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts, with this presentation by Harold Baut, highlighting the artwork from the era of the Medici and Michelangelo on April 28 at 7 p.m. Please call the library to register, as space is limited.

LITTLE ME STORYTIME

Little ones, from 10 months to 2 years old, along with their parents or caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun, and simple stories on April 17 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. This special activity geared to the very young is offered each month, and no registration is required. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend.

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SPRING ON THE FARM WITH THE FARM LADY

Children of all ages are invited to explore the excitement of spring with "Farm Lady" Margaret Schmidt and meet a live bottle-fed lamb on April 22 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. No pre-registration is required.

SPRING BREAK FUN

Children of all ages looking for something fun to do during school break are invited to make a fun craft at the library on April 23 from 2 to 3 p.m.

JUNIOR BOOKS, CHAT AND CHOW

Kids in the fourth grade and up are invited to this fun monthly book discussion group, featuring treats and lots of good talk! At the next meeting on April 30 at 4:15 p.m., we will talk about "Sasquatch" by Roland Smith. Sign up and pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk beginning April 1.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING .

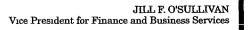
The next meeting of the Northville District Library board of trustees will be April 24 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month.

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING **ON PROPOSED 2003-04 BUDGET**

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan <u>Public Act of</u> <u>1963</u>, and "Act No 2," State of Michigan <u>Public Acts of 1968</u> ("Section 16" of the <u>Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act</u>), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2003-04 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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lence in the classroom. One teacher — from either a public or private school --- will be honored each month through June, then again beginning in September. The teachers will be photographed in their classroom for publication. A feature article on the educator will also be written. In addition, the highlighted teacher will receive a prize from the *Record*.

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CAPRARO SPEAKS IN PA. Heidi Capraro, a teacher at Hillside Middle School attended the National Science Teachers 'Association 51st National Convention March 27-30 in 'Philadelphia.

Thousands of teachers, science supervisors, principals, scientists and other science education leaders from across the country attended the NSTA convention to exchange ideas about effective ways to better prepare students for academic excellence in science education. In addition to attending back-to-back science education workshops and informative professional development sessions, Capraro gave a presentation to inform colleagues on water quality.

ART LECTURE SERIES

Michael Farrell concludes the 2002-2003 Art Lecture Series with Native American Art Wednesday April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School Forum room.

The Northville Arts Cómmission sponsors this lecture series. Lectures are \$10, or \$5 for students.

Farrell is an associate professor of art history, University of Windsor; adjunct curator, Detroit Institute of Arts; and instructor, Art House of [Detroit.

For more information on this and other art-related community events in Northville, contact the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR Hillside Middle School teacher, Donna Hicks, was selected as the Wayne RESA/Ford Motor Company Middle School Teacher of the Year. Hicks teaches seventh grade math and social studies and is to be honored at the annual Wayne County "Celebration of Excellence" May 7.

SENIOR CITIZEN PROM

The 13th annual Senior Citizens Prom will take place April 30 from 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "A Hawaiian Evening." Music will be performed by the Northville High School Jazz Ensemble.

LEARN TO DRIVE

Applications for segment One Driver Education classes are now available in the Northville High School office. There is a fee of \$200 that covers both Segment One in the summer and Segment Two in the fall/winter. Application deadline is Thursday, April 18.

For further information, call (248) 344-8427.

RECORD SEEKS OUT-STANDING TEACHER NOMI-NATIONS

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ALL NIGHT PARTY

Tickets to Northville High School's 2003 Senior All Night Party are on sale. Ticket prices for the night of events for graduating seniors is \$75.

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Injured NHS student appeals judge's ruling

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It was during the formal hearing that Gerou determined Peters had failed to yield at a stop sign near the NHS entrance in early October of last year. According to police reports, an accident resulted between Peters' vehicle and a Ford F250 driven by Pulte Earth Sciences field supervisor Matthew Davis when the vehicles collided after Peters had attempted to make a left-hand turn in front of the truck.

Both Peters and Davis — who was reportedly driving between 40 and 45 miles per hour in the 30 mph school zone — were issued violations a result of the incident. Davis' ticket was eventually dropped. And it is because Simkins believes that Peters' violation should also be dismissed that a request for appeal was filed on March 25.

"Judge Gerou ignored the evidence of the eyewitnesses who said that [Davis] was speeding, he ignored the scientific evidence that established that if [Davis] had been going the speed limit, this crash would not have occurred," Simkins said. "[Gerou] ignored state law that says a speeding driver loses their right of way and he ignored the plain language of the Northville Township ordinances that clearly state in at least two separate places that a speeding driver loses their right of way under the circumstances of this

"Judge Gerou ignored the evidence of the eyewitnesses who said that [Davis] was speeding..."

> **Nick Simkins** attorney for Kim Peters

case."

Gerou was unable to comment due to the pending case.

Simkins said that he would ask a circuit court judge to interpret the plain language of the state statute and the township ordinance Simkins said clearly stated that a speeding driver loses his right of way.

"I expect that if the circuit court either looks at [Davis's] speed, the state law, or the plain language of the township ordinance, the case regarding [Peters] will be dismissed," said Simkins. Simkins, who also is seeking damages for Peters in a civil suit against Pulte and Davis, said the neither the outcome of the formal hearing or the appeal will have any effect on the suit, since evidence of a civil infraction is not admissible.

"I'm only doing this because it is the right thing to do," Simkins said regarding the appeal. "Whether it's the students of Northville High school or any other school in the state of Michigan, they deserve to be protected from speeding drivers when they are entering and leaving school."

Paul O'Neill, township prosecutor, said that his office has already received a claim of the appeal and is prepared.

"We are confident that Judge Gerou made the right decision," said O'Neill.

The case will not be scheduled for oral arguments before the circuit court until the middle or latter part of the summer.

Pauline Lupercio is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 109 or by e-mail at plupercio@ht.homecomm.net.



Here's a good reason to get to know us:

Senior Art Expo hits halls of NHS

By Jennifer Norris

A Senior Art Exhibition is taking place at Northville High School at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

The exhibition will take place before and during the high school's spring production of "The Music Man."

The art show is slated to take place in the high school cafeteria and main hallway.

Simeon Vincent said each participating student may have an estimated 10-15 art pieces on display. A variety of art styles are

expected to be showcased. "We have photography, drawing, painting, metals, ceramics

and graphic illustrations and designs," he said, adding that the work was done entirely by seniors.

Art exhibit visitors may even be 107 or by e-mail able to take home a new piece of jnorris@ht.homecomm.net.

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SENIOR ART EXPO Time: 6 p.m. Date: April 11, 2003

Place: Northville High School

decorative art.

"Not all the works will be for sale," said Vincent. "Students will be selling their works at their own discretion."

The Senior Art Exhibition is being presented by the NHS art department and is expected to become an annual event.

For more information, call (248) 344-8420.

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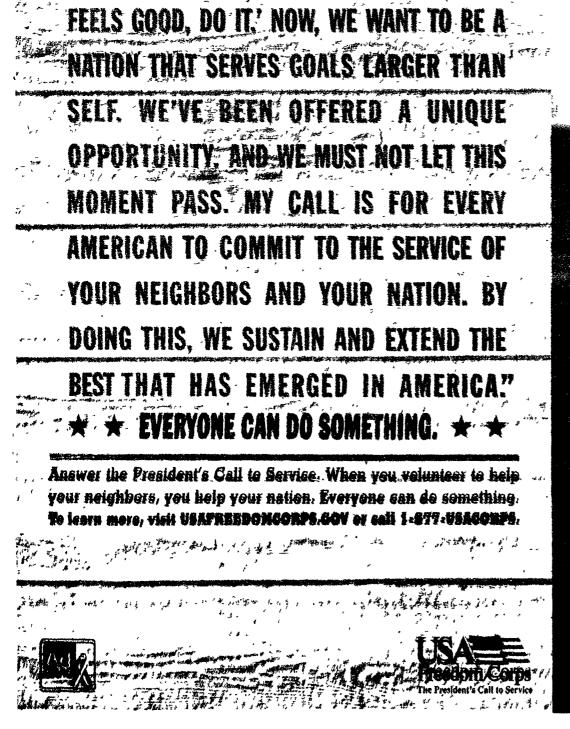
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'Stangs top Wayne Zebras Girls' track runs away with an early WLAA victory, but falls short against a tough Novi team

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

One thing is for sure, the Northville girls' track and field team knows how to recover nicely.

After taking the brunt of a 74-63 loss to Novi April 1, the Mustangs won when it counted, taking a 98-39 win away from WLAA opponent Wayne Memorial just two days later.

With temperatures dropping and winds fighting them every step of the way, the Mustangs earned 10 first-place finishes with the star of the day no doubt being junior Andrea Watts.

Watts earned a victory in the 100 and 300 hurdles as well as the high jump to give the Mustangs a major boost towards the victory. In the 100 hurdles, she finished in a time of 18.3 seconds, and won the 300 hurdles in 54.4 seconds. In the high jump, Watts cleared 4-feet-10 to take the victory.

Watts wasn't the only Northville hurdler to make some noise though.

"Freshman Keri Oshanski is off to an impressive season, placing second in both the 110 and 300 hurdles," Northville coach Nancy Smith said.

The Mustangs are also strong, and growing even stronger, in the middle-distance and distance events.

Devon Rupley took first in the 400 with a time of 1:03, with Lisa Bowen taking second in 1:04. Heather Moehle, a senior, won the mile in 5:50, while Kate McClymont won the 800 in 2:42, and Molly Gavin won the twomile event in 12:40.

"Right now,-our middle-distance and distance teams will be hard to beat," Smith said. "Each day, they continue to get stronger and we are at least three deep in each event."

In fact, the Mustangs were able to take the top three positions in the mile, the 400, the 800, the 300 hurdles and the two-mile as they ran past the Wayne Zebras.

In the field events, the Mustangs split with Wayne. Watts won the high jump, while Bowen nailed the shot put with an impressive throw of 28 feet, 7.75 inches. Wayne won the long jump with a leap of 15-foot-3, as well as the discus with a hurl of 73-9.

McClymont finished second



Just like the good old days

Where have the days of double headers and full days at the ballpark gone?

Though I never had the chance to experience them, my grandfather, Ronald, always tells me that he used to go down to Tiger Stadium and



down to Tiger Stadium and watch the Sam

double headers while snacking on some hot dogs and having some cool, refreshing drinks.

To sit back, relax, and enjoy that much baseball must have been something. Too bad there's no place to go and do that these days — but wait, there is! The Northville Mustangs, led

The Northville Mustangs, led by coach Mickey Newman, are happy to announced that they don't mind taking on two games at a time to please their fans and to test their might. If you're aching for some quality ball and some intense strategy, then you'll not want to miss this opportunity.

The Mustangs will be hosting the South Lyon Lions in a nonconference double header. The stamina, strategy and great baseball that is going to be displayed should be enough to draw fans to the game, but if it isn't, the Mustangs have a few more reasons to show up.

This season, the Mustangs look to have the talent, the desire and the dedication to be one of the best teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association, if not more.

With sluggers like Scott McNeish and Matt Williams stepping up to the plate, it wouldn't be much of a surprise to see little kids chasing off to hunt down the home-run balls that are smacked over the fence. From the mound, seniors Roger Garfield and Tyler Carter should see some hurling time, while Newman will bring the strategy and freshness of his deep bullpen to the forefront of the games in hopes of taking away the wins.

The Lions are no jokes though, and Newman knew that when they were scheduled. This season, the Kensington Valley Conference, where the Lions roam, is going to be one of the most competitive it has been in years — and not because all the talent is gone.

The Mustangs have themselves scheduled into one of the most difficult years in quite some time with the whole idea being that the stronger the teams they play, the stronger they are going to be. I have to agree with that thought process, and I think that the Mustangs are not only going to test themselves, but should come away with more

in the mile, Moehle was second in the two mile, Rupley was second in the 200 and Gavin was third in the 400 — showing that the Mustangs top performers deep in nearly all of the running events. Katy Miller, another top performer, took two thirds for the Northville squad in the mile and the two mile.

Though the Mustangs didn't have a great showing in their sprints, they are working on improving in those events.

"We are still working on organizing our sprints and we still need to work on our relay hand-offs," Smith said. "Once we get our hand-offs down, we should be able to be competitive some points there also."

The Mustangs were able to win the 400 relay in a time of 57.34, and the 3,200 relay in 10:35.27. They couldn't beat out the Zebras in the 800 or 1,600 relays though.

The Mustangs have some underclassmen stepping up and improving as well.

"Emily weaver, a sophomore, is new to the team this year and has been doing a wonderful job in practice and in the meets," Smith said. "She is on both sprint relay teams and took third in the 200 with 29.9."

And the field events have some big improvements coming through as well —especially in the discus. Bonnie Bakewell has a career-best attempt in the discus and took second with a throw of 73-1.

"I have confidence that come conference time, we will be up in the top," Smith said. "Despite the bad weather conditions, the girls continue to work hard each day and that will pay off in the end."

, Novi 74, Northville 63 Some of the hardest losses are Photos by SAM EGGLESTON

One of Northville girls' track stars, junior Devon Rupley (above), takes the lead as the first runner in a Northville relay against Novie, while junior Andrea Watts (below) is in the final stretch of a sprint relay.

in the very close meets — especially against a cross-town rival like Novi.

"The Novi meet gives us something to work from," Smith said. "For a lot of girls, this was their first time competing in high school track, and, overall, we did a good job."

The Mustangs showed some strength in the mid-distance and hurdles. Watts, who was competing in the hurdles for the first time since her freshman year, took first in the 300 with a 51.3 and second in the 110 with an 18.4. She also took second in the high jump with a leap of 4-foot-10.

"Her 300 time was a great time for so early in the season," Smith said.

The 3200-relay team of Moehle, Bowen, Miller and Rupley clocked an impressive 10:19 for the blow-out victory, while McClymont took first in the mile with a 5:43 and Miller was third with a 5:53. The 1,600 relay team of Rupley, Julia Williams, Laren Rocco and Watts won in 4:29.

Rupley took first in the 400 with a time of 1:02, with Bowen nipping at her heels in second just two seconds behind her.

"Both Devon and Lisa look good this early in the season in both the 400 and 800," Smith said. "They are definitely our

one-two punch in those events." The 800 has a triple threat though. Rupley took first with a time of 2:34, while Bowen took second in 2:42. The third threat, and an impressive performance at that, was turned in by freshman Megan Keiffer, who took third in 2:43.

"Megan comes in with a great cross country season under her belt and will be an asset to the middle-distance team," Smith said. "She is a hard worker always looking to improve."

Moehle took first in the two mile in 12:16, while Gavin was third in 12:48.

"The mile and two mile is another area that we are really talented in," Smith said. "Moehle, the regional champion, will be supported by Molly Gavin, who is getting stronger every day and is a real competitor."

Tracey Garfield had a nice showing for the Mustangs as well, notching a third place finish in the 100 dash with a time of 14.08. Oshanski also had a good day, finishing third in the 200 with a time of 29.6.

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than a few victories as well.

I'm going to say that this is going to be the case against the South Lyon squad as well. Northville, playing on their home field, is going to be up for this game and eager to pound out two wins, back-to-back.

South Lyon isn't going to just forfeit though, and the games will no doubt promise to be good ones for those on the field as well as those who will be in the stands.

I'm sticking to my pick, and my Mustangs for that matter, and naming Northville as the winner of both games.

NORTHVILLE WINS BOTH GAMES

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Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

Northville junior Amanda Crawford, left, listens as Novi junior Jen Mehl, who qualified for the state finals meet in 2002, explains some finer points to the pole vault.

A little help from your friends

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

One of the last things that someone might expect to see is a Novi Wildcats giving pointers to a Northville Mustangs in a competition that pits one against the other. Yet, that was the scene at the polevault pit April 1 - and it wasn't an April Fools joke either

Junior Jen Mehl, of Novi, was easily the best pole vaulter at the meet, clearing nine feet while her closest Northville competition struggled to get over the six-foot-six mark. She could have easily 1gnored the situation, choosing the let the Northville vaulter go about her business, but instead she decided to lend a helping hand

The Northville athlete just happened to be junior Amanda Crawford, a close friend of Mehl's and a teammate on the combined Northville-Novi Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team

"I talked to her before and knew she pole vaulted," Mehl said "She asked if I could give her a couple of hints, so I told her a bit of information that might help her get over the bar.'

Crawford no doubt appreciated the advice, as she noted that it's tough to be in that particular event

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without much guidance.

"We don't have a coach, and I really don't know much about where to hold the pole," Crawford said. "Jen knows some good techniques and after asking her some questions and watching her, I was holding the pole right. She also helped me out with my steps, which actually did help."

It could be argued that because Mehl and Crawford were part of the same gymnastics team, that their friendship carried over the thought of the Northville-Novi rivalry. But, then again, don't the football players who work so hard to beat one another start out on the Colts together?

It proves to be an interesting situation, especially where the rivalry is concerned. But, Mehl and Crawford really don't see that rivalry.

"I don't understand it," Crawford admitted "Maybe it's because I've worked with girls from Novi over the past two years, but I just don't understand it. I honestly have no idea, and I've never felt that rivalry before."

there are definitely bigger rivals out there than Northville.

"I think that when it comes to rivalry and who we want to beat, our biggest rival would be Brighton," Mehl said of Novi. "I've been on a

team with Northville kids, so I guess that might be the difference. It's kind of funny though, when you walk into Northville wearing your letter-jacket. A lot of the Northville kids just sort of stare."

For members of Northville and Novi athletic squads like Crawford and Mehl, it just doesn't seem that there's any need for so much intensity between the teams.

Mehl said that she doesn't mind giving a helping hand, and Crawford is appreciative of her efforts and time.

"Sometimes, you just need someone else to help you," Mehl said "Without a coach, it's tough to compete in the pole vault. I'm happy that I could at least help a httle.

Crawford, who is hoping to break her school record of 7-foot-6 sometime in the next two years go, said that it's always nice to get a little help.

"Watching Jen definitely makes : 'me' want' to -work -harden and Mehl agrees, saying that she feele - because likenow then to make the source are definitely bigger rivals out want to someday be as good as her," she said. "I'm very thankful for her help, and I really think it's awesome to see us go beyond being opponents and having her help me out when I need it."

Knights show off defense Ruggers top Brighton, Grand Rapids CC

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Well, technically, they are the

best team in the state right now. The Northville-Novi Knights Rugby Football topped defending state-champion Brighton and perennial powerhouse Grand Rapid Catholic Central 3-0 in both games while flexing their strong defensive might in the Michigan Cup Tournament April

The Tournament, which basically was set up in a round-robin style of play, found the Knights taking on and defeating two of the toughest teams in the state before putting the B-squad out to play against Brighton's junior squad and the newest addition to the high school rugby family in the team from Lakeview. Both games found the Knights piling on the points for victories, including a third shut-out win on the day.

Against Brighton, the Knight's process

defense held strong and kept the Bulldogs out of the try-zone while managing a three-point kick of their own to sneak away with the victory. The 'Dogs, who are defending state champions, could find their way past the tough defensive push and suffered a loss thanks to their sputtering offense. Against Grand Rapids Catholic

Central, the team that knocked Northville-Novi out of the playoffs for the first three years of the Knights' existence, the rugby club finally got some pay back. As the first half was winding down to an end, the ruggers of Catholic Central gave a major push towards the try-zone, a push that was shut down by some serious tackling and strong rucking by the Knights. Just as the minutes expired, the Knights forced a strong push back, keeping the ball from touching down for the score and snapping the determination of Grand Rapids in the

The second half found the Knights driving close, and putting up their three points off a - something that the team kick hadn't really had much of an opportunity to go over yet.

The future seems to bode well for this tough group of ruggers, and with teams like St. Joe's, who beat them last year in the playoffs and took second in the state, and the always-tough Washtenaw coming up on the schedule, rugby fans can be sure that they'll be seeing some intense game play and improved offensive production on the part of the Knights.

One thing is for sure, their defense is where it should be, and they have already shown the best teams in the state that they aren't fooling around this year. With their eyes on the prize, the Knights are going to be looking to make some noise and, if all works well, be a major contender for the state title.

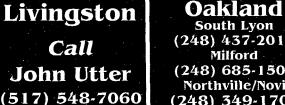
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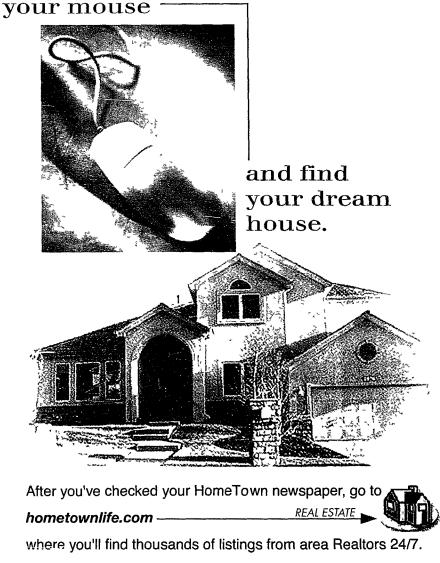




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Boys' track gets two early victories

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Let's review: A victory over long-time rival Nov1 and then a conference win over Wayne Memorial, all in the course of three days — not a bad start to the season, right?

You got it, and the Northville Mustangs boys' track and field team isn't planning on slowing down any time soon. After topping Novi 82-55 April 1 at Northville, the Mustangs put the hammer down and crushed the Wayne Zebras 101-37 April 3.

"I think, so far, we are doing really well," Northville coach Bill Cornelius said. "I think this is one of our better years." And why not think that? Against Wayne, the Mustangs collected 12 first-place finishes to get the win and to climb to 2-

0 in dual meets this season. Against Wayne the Mustangs had some nice performances across the board. One of the most notable was from Matt Stilec, who won both the 110 hurdles, in a time of 17.3 seconds, and the 300 meter hurdles, in 46.7.

Patrick Kelleher had a nice showing as well, winning the 800 in 2:12.7, as well as the mile in 4:45.9. Mike Gabrys kicked it into high gear in the ever-sogrueling two-mile run with a nice time of 10:21.

In the 200, Ryan Lionas won

in a flash, finishing first in 24.2, while Brad Stoner won the 400 in 51.8.

In the field events, Northville gathered victories in the long jump as Matt Cornelius flew 20feet, 4.05 inches for the win, while Ken Schleh threw the discus 113-7.25 for the victory.

Northville also won the 1,600, 3,200 and 400-meter relays.

Against Novi, the Mustangs had much of the same success, and then some. Cornelius threw the shot — for the first time and won the event with 39-feet-8 inches, while taking home the long jump with a leap of 21-2. Finishing the 100-meter dash in 11.7 seconds also found him finishing second in that event and he was also on the winning 4by-100 relay team.

Kelleher had a nice showing in the mile against some tough competition, winning the event in 4:38, while Stilec won the 110 hurdles in 18 seconds flat, and the 300 in 44.3.

Lionas took home the 200 meter dash victory, finishing the sprint in 24 flat.

The Mustangs went on to win the 4-by-800 as well as the 4-by-400 and 4-by-100 relay events.

"We're very excited," Cornelius said. "Especially after we beat Novi. Someone told me that it has been many, many years since we've beaten them, and I think the guys are kind of energized by that."

Novi's Bob Smith would agree that Northville gave his squad more than they could handle for that meet.

"Northville is going to have a very good team this year," he said. "We knew they were going to be tough, and they proved that they were. Whenever we go against Northville, we know that we have to bring our best. This time, Northville had the better day."

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net. "Someone told me that it has been many, many years since we've beaten them, and I think the guys are kind of energized by that."

> **Bill Cornelius** Northville Boys Track Coach

Sports Shorts

Colts Football and Cheerleading Registration

Open registration for the 2003 Northville-Novi Colts football and Cheerleading squads will take place from April 1 through May 3. Registration forms are available at the Novi Civic Center and a birth certificate must be included with the form.

A public lottery will be held at the Novi Civic Center May 3 at 10 a.m. to determin the team rosters. Forms will be pulled randomly and given a number in the event a waiting list is necessary. It is not necessary to arrive early or to be present.

The squads will consist of freshmen (ages 8-9), junior varsity (10-11) and varsity (12-13). Children mst be above the ages by August 1, 2003 for both football and cheerleading and certain weight restrictions may apply.

For more details, call Bill or Renee Ince at (248) 349-6734.

Softball tryouts

There will be tryouts for a 10and-under travel softball team in Northville soon. Those looking to participate can be 10 years old at any time this year (including those who turned 11 after Jan. 1, 2003). $\cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot$ Tryouts will be held at the

Tryouts will be held at the Rec Center of Hillside Middle School, which is located at 700 W. Baseline Road at the corner of Center and 8 Mile roads in Northville. April 12 from 6:30-8 p.m. April 13 from 4-5:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Scott at (248) 347-8914

Umpire Clinic

Northville's Umpires Association (NUA) is currently looking for people (at least 14 years of age) interested 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 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 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.

Last year's champions, Norm Kubitskey and Jack Huntley, will be back to defend their title and the rest of the league will be

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First loss not bad as it sounds for lacrosse Senior Rick Riegner notches seven goals in two games for Northville

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

It's one of those things that's bound to come around - even for a team that is looking to contend for their division title. It's a little, annoying thing known as a loss.

The Northville Mustangs lacrosse team felt the sting of their first loss of the year when they took on, and fell to, the Farmington United team 15-2.

Though the final tally sounds like a painful loss to a team that once thought it stood a chance at winning the division, it actually seems much worse than it actually it. The United squad is an established Division II program,

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just a step below major squads like De LaSalle and Brother Rice, and even notching goals against a squad like them bodes well for the Mustangs and their program.

United, using their team chemistry and experience that proved to be a major advantage in the contest, earned a quick goal in the game after a flurry of shots that peppered the Northville net. Seven minutes into the first quarter, the offensive onslaught found them leading 3-0 over the Mustangs.

Farmington added another quick goal after intercepting an errant outlet pass and drove in to put the point in for a 4-0 lead before adding another score just

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seconds later.

Though the Mustangs increased their offensive pressure and collecting some good scoring chances as the result, they weren't able to collect a score by the end of the first quarter thanks to the impressive goaltending efforts on Farmington's end of the field.

As the quarter rolled to a close, the Farmington squad notched another goal for a 6-0 advantage before opening the second with a four-goal barrage that left the Mustangs wondering how they could fall behind 10-0 with an entire half still ahead of them.

Feeding off the energy that built from the emotion of being dissected by the Farmington

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squad in the first half, the Mustangs pounced into action and notched their first score of the contest in the opening minutes of the third quarter. Senior Justin Ferriman snagged a pass and quickly fired it home for the goal

Farmington responded with a quick and decisive retaliation, scoring another goal of their own just a minute later for the 11-1 lead.

The Mustangs turned up the heat, and the pressure, as they went on an offensive drive through the remainder of the third. The 'Stangs collected several shots on goal, earning a second tally on the quick scoring

ability of senior Rick Riegner before the game ended.

Northville 10, Hartland 5

In a game that found the Mustangs showing just what they were made of, a rising star in the sport stepped up and showed just what he was capable of doing.

Riegner, a senior, collected six goals in the winning effort, shocking the Hartland goalie as seemingly every shot he took found its way into the net.

The Mustangs, who were kept out of the fire by some key saves by sophomore goalie Dan Schaumann, relied on their defensive pressure to keep Hartland off their toes. Junior Leo Svoboda and senior Alex Karchon led the defensive attack in a game that would have been very evenly matched if not for the scores collected by Riegner.

Freshman middie Max Lenn scored his second goal of the season, while freshman attack Mike Barnabei, senior middie Lance Blair and junior Peter Vaketta all contributed their first goals of the season in the high-energy victory.

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One game, one win for Northville softball

"We've worked hard on the funda-

mentals of the game and keeping our

focus. We never want to be taken out

of the game. This we accomplished."

By Michael Zerkich SPECIAL WRITER

Last season wasn't much to look at in the win and loss column but the scent of spring reminds us that this is a time of renewal and reburth

The Northville softball team have birthed their season with a fine effort resulting in a 4-1 victory over Farmington High School. The game was the season opener for both squads and was a convincing reminder that history doesn't always have to repeat itself.

First-year coach of the Northville squad, Jean Calabrese, has found much to her liking with her new team. Above all, Calabrese wanted her team this year to know that everything is a new start and the first victory should drive that nail home.

"The girls played extremely well as a team," Calabrese said. "Jane Kruszewski pitched a fantastic game. Her control and use of various pitches kept the hitters swinging and off balance. She got stronger and stronger as the game went on."

The adage that pitching and defense and pitching wins games holds true in softball and Calabrese found both those ingrediants in the game. Plus, she found something a little extra beyond those two elements.

"Offensively we hit the ball well," Calabrese noted. "It was very cold and the ball wasn't carrying but the hits were solid We were able to move runner around with timely location hitting as well.

"Defensively, we made a couple of mistakes. We remained focused and recovered well. Ultimately the mistakes didn't cost us. This is a real positive for our team. We've worked hard on the fundamentals of the game and keeping our focus. We never want to be taken out of the game. This we accomplished."

One game and one win. Calabrese finds her team right on course on the map she laid out before for the season started.

"This team is in a good place right now," she said. "The players are ready to play and anxious for the next game.

Kruszewski pitched the entire game for the Mustangs and stuck

d.	out 13 strike-outs and had no
rs	walks against Farmington. Besides
g	the excellent pitching Kruszewski
0	also contributed offensively with a

Jean Calabrese

Northville Softball Coach

double. There was plenty of batting accolades to pass around. ınfielder Freshman Christy Badeen collected two hits for her three at bats. Senior outfielder Candra Nabozny drew 3 walks, while freshman infielder Laura Zima brought home the bacon with 3 RBI's.

The Mustangs come home tomorrow to keep their perfect season going against Livonia Churchill. Then its on to the South Lyon Tournament Saturday where the girls will play teams from around the metro-Detroit area.

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Whalers knot up series, 1-1

The-Plymouth Whalers used a total team effort to notch a 2-1 victory over the Knights in London April 6. Cole Jarrett provided the game winner when he ripped a pass from Chris Thorburn past London goalie Chris Houle at 1.07 of the third period.

The Whalers took the early lead when Chad LaRose scored his sixth goal of the playoffs at 10.00 in the first period Karl Stewart and Thorburn assisted on the goal. But the Knights ued it up with a power play tally from Dennis Wideman at 2.07 of the second period.

The game appeared to take a turn for the worse for the Whalers when LaRose, the Whalers regular season leading scorer, was called for a fiveWisniewski also assisted on the goal

Whalers goalie Paul Drew did the rest of the work, turning away all 11 shots in the third and 27-of-28 in the game to preserve the win. Houle finished with 32 saves on the night.

The win ties the Western Conference Semifinal series at 1-1.

Game 1 The London Knights used two power play goals to earn a 3-2 win over Plymouth in Game 1 of the Conference Semifinals April 5.

The Knights took advantage of a Plymouth team who came into the game off a long layoff between series, taking a 1-0 lead. Brandon Prust scored his second goal of the playoffs when he beat Whalers goalie Paul Drew at 5:16 of the first. Dylan Hunter and Kyle Ouincey earned the assists on the Prust goal. The Whalers turned things up in the second period, but it was the Knights using two power play goals to increase its lead to 3-1 After numerous quality scoring chances, the Whalers finally got on the board when Chad LaRose knocked in a rebound at 12:50 of the second period. Ryan Ramsay assisted on the goal. But the Knights answered with its second power play goal of the night on a nice passing play from Perry to Syvret at 14:08. Daniel Bois earned the other assist.

The Whalers continued to pressure in the third as they cut the lead to 3-2 when Nate Kiser scored at 13:54 off a pass from LaRose. John Vigilante earned the other assist. Plymouth continued to test London goalie Chris Houle, but the Knight's goalie stood tall to preserve the win.



minute major penalty for a high stick in the second. The penalty resulted in a game ejection for LaRose and the Whalers having to kill off a five-minute penalty on the potent power play of the Knights. Plymouth faced the challenge and killed off the first 3:32 of the power play before the Knights took a penalty to put both teams at four skaters aside

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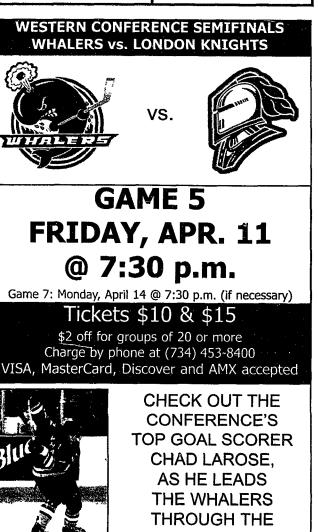
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Baseball, coaching are in Newman's blood

Northville coach, and his brother, follow in their father's footsteps

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Everyone knows about baseball. It's one of those games that spread like wildfire throughout the world, hooking kids in Puerto Rico, Japan, Korea and everywhere else.

It has been known to hook kids here in the states too, and a lot of that has to do with the enthusiasm of their coaches. Maybe, just maybe, that explains why Northville usually has a team that is ready to go and is always looking to be a contender in every game.

For the past 11 years, the Northville

Mustangs varsity baseball **Coach of the** team has had a Week pretty enthusi-

astic coach by the name of Mickey Newman at the helm. His knowledge of the game is impressive, and dates all the way back to the time that he was just a young boy and touring Europe as a bat-boy for his dad.

"We toured Europe one summer as bat boys while my dad was playing baseball," Newman said of his late father, James. "He played baseball at (the University of) Michigan and was on the national championship team in, I think, 'Ĝ1. From there, he played semi-pro until he was about 30 and lived the dream as long as he could."

Newman's father also instilled the joy of coaching into his sons as he was a coach of Livonia Churchill baseball and football

"It kind of ran in the family," Newman said. "We are kind of athletic based, and it ran in the family as much as you could expect it to."

Newman also has two older brothers in Willie and Conrad; with theilatter being a defensive coordinator for Livonia Stevenson and having coached his fair share of baseball in the past as well.

fact, Newman even In coached some baseball and

football for his now Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Stevenson before he decided to call it quits on the gridiron.

"Last year was my last season there," he said. "I coached football for 12 years, and it was starting to take up too much time and the days were only staying at 24 hours.

Newman is the first to admit that when it comes to coaching, the foremost concern on his mind is the kids.

"I love sports and I have a great bunch of kids to coach," Newman said.

"This is a lot of fun, and a lot of that has to do with the guys on the team."

In fact, back in his days at Northville High School, Newman was just one of the guys on the team too - a team that was poised to take the state championship.

"We ended up losing the game before the final four," he said. "We lost to the eventual state champs, Walled Lake Western, 5-1.'

That year, the Warriors had and amazing pitcher in Dan Gabriella, who became the first pick of the Boston Red Sox and the 15th pick overall in the Major League draft.

Even with a tough loss like that ending the year, Newman's final moments as a player in high school are well remembered ones. In his last at bat for the Mustangs, Newman cranked a deep homer off of Gabriella for the only score of the playoff game. In fact, when the Mustangs won the game prior to their season-ending contest, they did so with a 2-1 victory over Wayne-Westland --- both runs came off a two-run dinger hit by none other than Newman himself.

..."It was a nice day for me," Newman.said with allaughourd Sports are not just an integral part of Newman's childhood, or what he does today, they also

happen to be his passion during his time away from work. "I used to play all these

"I used to play all these sports, but the stress on the body is starting to take it's toll."

> Mickey Newman Northville Baseball Coach

sports, but the stress on the body is starting to take its toll," Newman said. "Now, I'm a total viewer of sports on TV, but I used to go to a lot of the games. I've been to Rose Bowls, three Orange Bowls and some Final Fours.

And when Newman 1sn't spending his time enthralled with the athletics on hand, he makes time for his wife, Mindy, and for his nieces, nephews and family.

"Everything I do is based around sports and family now," Newman said.

Newman, who resides in Plymouth, works for a small distribution company that allows him to make time for coaching — something that he hopes to keep doing.

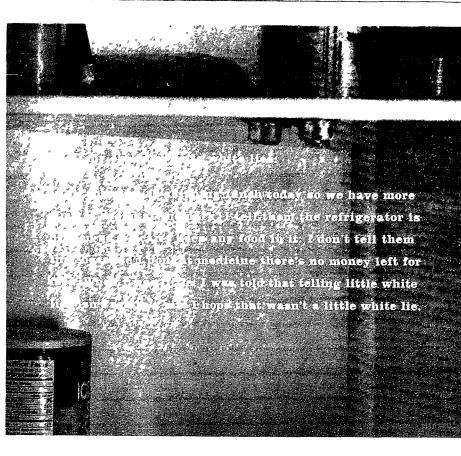
"I'd really like to continue coaching," he said. "It's something I look forward to every ·day.

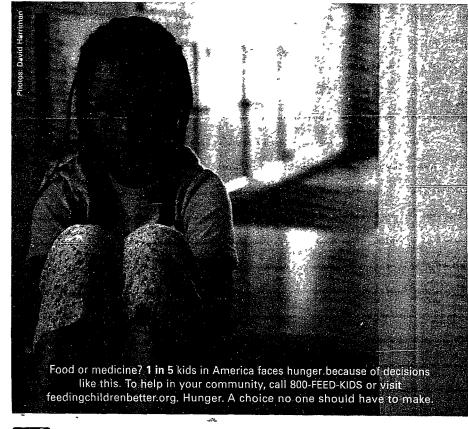
Though he admits he could do without some of the politics and paperwork of high school athletics, Newman is still as much in love with the game of baseball as he was when he was a little kıd.

Coaching is just a part of that love, especially when he gets to pass the joy of the game on to the kids he teaches.

"It's always great when a rplayer can go above and beyond what you expect of them," Newman said.

"It's a great feeling as much for them as for me When they realize their potential, it really makes it all worth while









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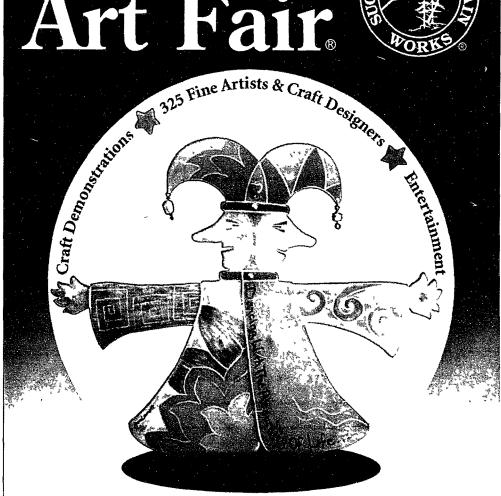
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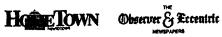
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JACK FARRIS

Old Man Winter may be slowly disappearing into the promise of spring, but the chill of unsettled economic and political events continues to send shivers rippling through the American small-business sector.

With expectations for the economy showing significant deterioration, the optimism that normally abounds on Main Street declined more than three points in February, according to research by NFIB. Worries over war in the Middle East caused a sharp hike in the number of entrepreneurs who said political conditions were affecting their views about whether or not to expand now.

Yet they aren't giving up. "Help Wanted" signs can still be seen in their storefronts and shop windows. February was only the second positive month for employment in more than two years.

Long known for their "can do" attitudes, millions of smallbusiness owners are constantly in search of opportunities and solutions. They continually tinker with their businesses in a never-ending effort to improve efficiency and maximize the bottom line.

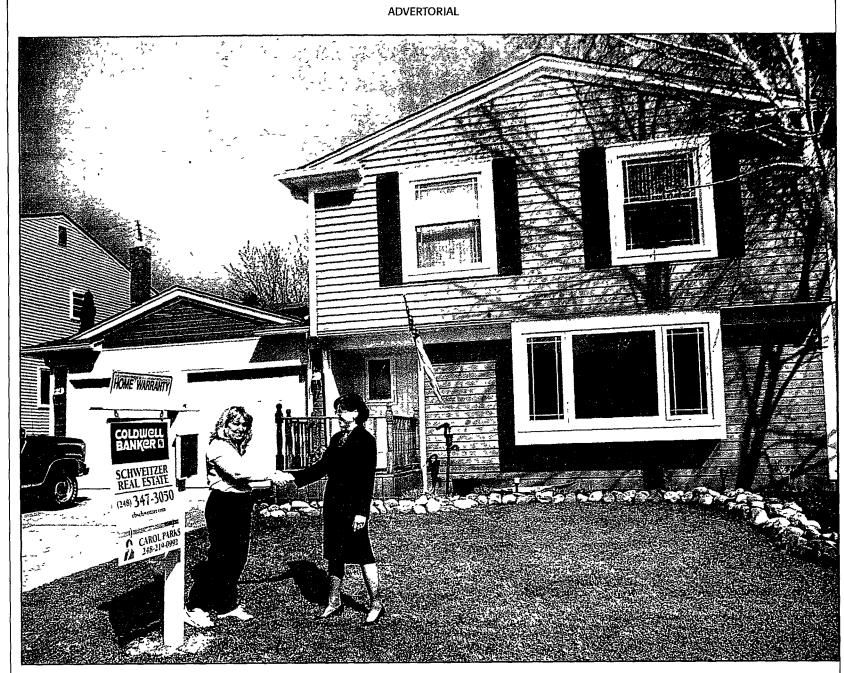
There may seem to be a dearth of fixes to our current economic situation, but the small-business community has a clear opportunity at this very moment to help the national economy gain traction. That opportunity is as close as the telephone and as simple as a call to members of Congress who serve on the House Ways and Means Committee.

Very soon, the committee will be considering legislation to cut taxes. Some members of the committee are acutely aware of the economic significance of the nation's 22 million small businesses.

Unfortunately, there are those in Congress who don't understand that letting entrepreneurs keep more of the money they make is a good thing for the economy.

President Bush has sent his economic stimulus plan to Capitol Hill for action by Congress. The plan contains important elements designed to lower taxes on small business and by doing so, free up money that can be used to hire people, restock inventories and boost expansion.

The legislation includes three items that are vital to the smallbusiness sector. First, it would raise the expensing limit from \$25,000 to \$75,000 and index it for inflation. Next, the president wants Congress to speed up tax-rate cuts that were enact-



Real estate agent Carol Parks, right, takes care of business with a South Lyon client.

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Parks is passionate about real estate

By Elizabeth Heer SPECIAL WRITER

Carol Parks, Realtor, wants to be your realtor for life. She provides exceptional service and gets results based on her experience and passion for the business. Parks is affiliated with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate, (248) 347-3050. She may be reached by calling: (248) 219-0992 or

tomers in which she pledges to provide an update every two weeks, call anytime there is a change in market conditions and advises how that change can impact the sale, make sure her customers have copies of all advertising and information used to market their home, and finally, to be 100 percent honest and straightforward with her customers.

"I think staying in touch

communication agreement with each of my clients very seriously; and even if I don't have anything new to tell them, my people hear from me. It's one of my hot buttons that I am passionate about because I've experienced the bad side of it." In fact, a bad experience with an agent in relocating to Michigan is what motivated Parks to get into real estate in the first place. 'It made me say, 'I could do this job and do it a whole lot better," she recalled. Parks has also earned the Accredited Buyer Representative certification, bringing even more expertise to her clients. "I think having this certification is important because it helps me be a better agent for my buyers, and helps them know that the details of their transactions won't fall through the cracks," she said. As a master of marketing, Parks has created a home sellers success package she presents to every new customer detailing her plan of action for leveraging the sale of his or her home. Her 12-point plan includes listing every property Western Wayne, on 'the Association of Oakland Realtors Computerized Multiple Listing Service and on web sites, including Realtor.com, the Coldwell



Carol Parks, left, spends some time speaking with one of her South Lyon clients.

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unnecessary surprises. She has found that many first-time buyers appreciate the packet. Those marketing skills were

ed in 2001, thereby providing an average tax reduction of a little over \$2,000 for those who own small firms. And finally, the plan would put a halt to the unfair practice of taxing dividends twice. That alone would inject some \$20 billion into the economy, spurring investment and growth, in addition to grving the stock market a muchneeded boost.

One phone call doesn't seem like much. But one phone call to a member of Congress from each small business owner in the country, urging support for the president's proposal, could have a major impact on the final vote count. More importantly, it could serve to fan the flames of small-business activity that have been flickering through a long, hard winter and re-ignite our nation's economic growth.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

CORRECTION

The names of persons indentified in a photograph of the April 3 Regional Marketplace advertorial were inadvertently reversed.

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by email at sold@castlesbycarol.com.

Carol Parks website, www.castlesbycarol.com, provides more information and listings.

Carol Parks knows what qualities make a good realtor. She can speak to personal experience, having made a total of 12 moves over the past 25 years – five of which ranged across the country.

"I know the experience up close and personal," she said, "and I know what people appreciate in a real estate agent, both on the buyers side and the sellers as well."

What she learned was that communication is perhaps the most critical component of a realtor-client relationship. In fact, Parks feels so strongly about it she presents a fourpoint communication agreement to every one of her cuswith your buyers and sellers is critically important, but especially with sellers. They want to know their agent is working for them. It can be distressful when they don't hear from their agent for months," she said.

Parks has taken her firsthand experience one step further and recently became a certified relocation specialist by completing the necessary course work, passing the certification exam, and closing on the required number of transactions. "I know what it's like to be relocated, so I love helping with relocations. It's such an exciting time," Parks said.

Real estate is such a personal touch business, according to Parks, that she rolls out the red carpet for customers in order to make them feel special. "I want everyone to know I'm totally with them and working for them. I take that of all sales are made by just 20 percent of real estate agents, Parks constantly exposes her listings to the top 50 agents in the market. Parks is never content to sit in her office, but rather she actively pursues buyers by cold calling into apartment complexes and move-up home markets, looking for those who might be ready to move up into a house.

"I also look at migration patterns. I've learned, for instance, that South Lyon buyers tend to come from Livonia, Redford, and Canton, and I'll call agents in those areas to mention my listings," she said. "I spend quite a bit of time on the phone for each seller."

Buyers also get the advantage of Parks' commitment to detail. She has prepared a guide for them as well, which lays out the procedures for home buying so there are no honed during the years she owned and operated a piano studio in three different states she lived in. "The thing that I loved the best about my business was the marketing part of it. I loved telling people why they should do business with me, and I tried to network and do strategic marketing. I got tons of referrals, and worked hard at it," Parks said.

Now Parks is building her real estate business referral by referral, and she anchors it all on her honesty and professionalism. She recognizes that honesty is the touchstone of her business and makes it her personal commitment to gain her client's trust.

"My goal is to always provide exceptional service in a trustworthy way," she said. "I want to be my customer's family real estate agent for life."



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Stove, fridge combo among the latest and greatest

By Annette Jaworski CONTRIBUTING WRITEF

Not so long ago, cavemen cooked over a fire, and clothes were washed in a tub of hot water. Thankfully things have changed, and the technology on today's appliances can make our lives easier or more efficient than ever. Looking at the controls and dials on some appliances is like looking into the cockpit of an airplane, remarked Robert Kelel, manager of ABC Warehouse in Brighton.

The most unique development when it comes to stoves is the Whirlpool Polara, which combines a refrigerator and a stove.

"You can prepare your meal before you go to work, and it will keep it cool," Kelel said.

When it's time to start cooking, the stove will automatically begin cooking. And if you're stuck in traffic, it will automatically cool the food down to prevent food poisoning.

When it comes to stoves, people demand easy clean. Forget the scrubbing and powerful cleaners. Today's ovens are self-cleaning and many are opting for the solid range tops for easy cleaning.

As with other appliances, energy efficiency is a top concern. The Maytag Gemini has two ovens, one small and one larger, in place of a storage drawer. The small cavity is perfect for most items, like pizza, cookies, muffins, even a roast.

"When you think about it, 60 to 80 percent of your cooking could probably fit in the smaller cavity." Kelel said. "Every time you have to heat the cavity, it's energy - and it costs less to heat a small area."

Most newer stoves contain a feature that monitors the true temperature. In the past, they could vary as much as 10-15 degrees from the temperature they register. Now-it's more like one to three degrees,

Tips from the appliance guys:

□ If your dishwasher does not have a temperature surge, make sure you run hot water to dissolve your detergent, or else it may etch the glass. Gels can help prevent this as well. Buy all of your appliances from the same manufacturer. Even if appliances are supposed to be the same color, finishes can vary.

Doing your homework before you purchase makes buying a much more relaxing experience - otherwise vou might be overwhelmed by the choices. It can also save you money.

Read the manuals and ask your salesperson about special features. Used properly, they can reallv save time and add convenience to your lifestyle.

according to Kelel.

Another popular convenience and energy saver is the warming tray, now found on most higher end stoves, he added. It will keep part of your dinner warm while you prepare the rest. Many people also prefer the slide-in models, which they can back right up into a wall or counter, allowing the homeowner to choose the decor of their background.

The Jenn Air has interchangeable burners, which can be ventilated through the basement. The interchangeable burners allow more flexibility as well as a grilling surface.

How about a front-load washing machine that uses 65 percent less energy and 68 percent less water? Since the machine is front load and there's no agitation, you can fill the machine more tightly than a top-loader with traditional agitation. The water spins at 1,000 revolutions per minute,

which saves drying time as well. "The initial investment costs a little more, but the savings are made

up in a couple of years," Kelel said. The product also produces less wastewater for the environment

to absorb. We as an American society consume a tremendous amount-of water," Kelel said.

In the world of dishwashers, quiet's the feature to achieve. This is done by increasing the amount of insulation and using improved

materials. While manufacturers are working at decreasing the noise level, they're also improving the cleaning power by increasing the number of wash levels to five, six or seven levels. In other words, that's the number of outlets that water is coming out of the walls of the appliance to clean the dishes. Decreasing the wash cycle time also saves the amount of energy used. Other musts are temperature boosters that kill germs and help dilute the detergent, which can etch dishes and glasses over time. Maytag has added a third shelf to increase holding space for dishes.

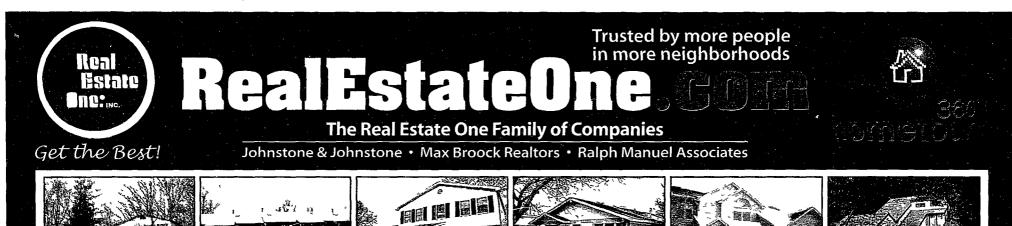
The biggest change in refrigerators has come with increased energy efficiency to follow government guidelines, costing consumers much less each year to operate. Most sideby-side models feature ice and water as well as a filter for the water - -A fun new appliance that has

gained popularity is the wine refrig-

as the Little Tavern. They hold anywhere from 16 to 60 bottles, keeping the wine perfectly chilled. And of course the wine is stored on its side. ABC Warehouse 1s located at 8540 W. Grand River in Brighton, or call (810) 229-2130.

"Imagine an oven that thinks it's a refrigerator," reads the tag line from the Whirlpool brochure on the new **Polara Refrigerated** Range.

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SOUTH LYON -Neutrally deco led colonia home with open floor plan Large kitchen, breakfast area open to family room w/cathedral ceiling and fireplace First floor laundry Great street appeal, updates, yard & land scaping



SOUTH LYON - Adult Community Co-op Beautiful ranch features 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, kitchen has pantry, great room w/cathe-drai ceiling & plant shelves, partially finished walkout basement. Lg family rm w/doorwall to Florida room Nice siz work/laundry room



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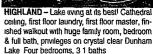
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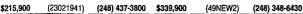
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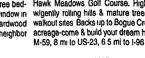
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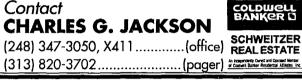
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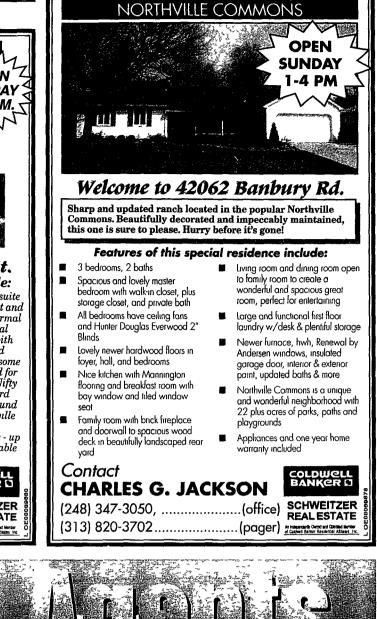
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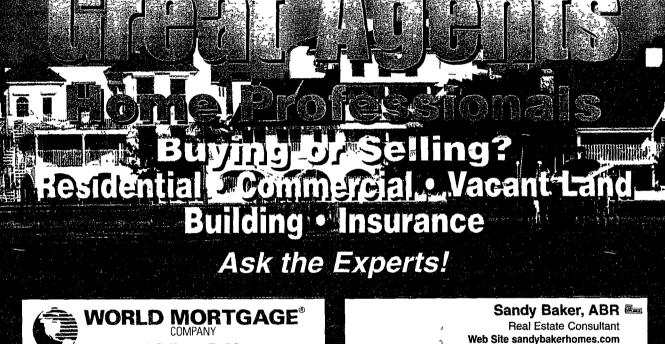
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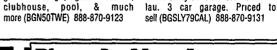
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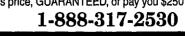
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TOTALLY RENOVATED IN 1997 Privacy and room to run are yours in this desirable Romulus neighborhood This colonial sits on 1 22 acres and includes 1.763 sq ft., 4 bedrooms, 11/2 baths, huge living room, country kitchen, 1st floor master bedroom, and a 2½ car garage Close to I-275 and I-94 Call for details \$249,900 (850HE)



ALMOST NEW - Four bedroom, 2% bath Pulte St James less than 1 year old Hardwood floors, great room w/fireplace, baths, updated kitchen, plenty of storage, \$300,000 (041FI)





SPACIOUS CONDO - Great Dearborn VILLAGE OF MILFORD CONDO Heights location Two bedrooms, 1 1/2 Professionally decorated, ground level, new oak floors and plush carpeting format dining and a side entry garage and the unit includes a carport Courtyard throughout Crown molding, 1st floor view of pool and garden pond \$75,900 laundry, all appliances stay, finished basement w/storage, attached 1-car garage, and freshly painted \$168,900 (708Mi)



NORTHVILLE LAKEFRONT - Enjoy the views from this Moceri built classic gourmet kitchen, spacious master suite, deck off kitchen, brick paver patio, and a 3-car garage Many extras! \$1,280,000 (952MI)



PERFECT COUNTRY COLONIAL -Off of main road approximately 500 ft colonial with walkout Two story foyer, dual Drive back to this country colonial on 2.35 Updates include, kitchen w/granite done to this 3 bedroom home Roof, staircase, family room w/dual fireplace, acres (+/-) Family room w/fireplace, countertops, maple cabinets, new furnace, central air, plumbing, electrical, kitchen finished basement & wood windows out hardwood floors throughout and a (155PR) Heated above ground pool with deck \$389,900 (298PL) finished basement \$219,900 (403SU)





PACK YOUR BOXES! - Gorgeous EVERYTHING IS DONE. Move in and updated colonial on quiet cul-de-sac enjoy all the updates these sellers have w/nook, pantry & snack bar, windows, new furnace, new doors in & gas fireplace and much more \$124,900



CHARMING PLYMOUTH RANCH Stop & take a look at this charming Plymouth ranch Updated kitchen. ½ bath. root electrical, exterior doors & more Fourth bedroom & full bath in partially inished basement All appliances stay Private backyard backing to creek \$217,900 (217HA)



WOODED LOT - Build your own home GREAT VALUE - Four bedroom on this wooded private lot within a 5 colonial with a 2-car garage, large deck, minute drive to downtown Plymouth or 2% baths, finished basement, newer roof Northville All utilities yet very country - and Berber carpet and a family room near nice homes \$159,900 (00VLA) w/fireplace. Located in desirable west





WOODED BACKDROP - 7 acres! 3,100 PLYMOUTH VALUE! This sq ft custom cape cod Neo-angle steam bedroom, 1% bath tr-level has lots of gloves, this home is ready for your historical home totally restored in 1999 room, 6 jet hot tub, 4 person saunal major items updated such as windows, inspection. Three bedroom brick/vinyl New plumbing, electrical, furnace, air and Berber carpet and a family room Colossal kitchen 1½ inch Conan root, siding, furnace/A/C Some hardwood ranch, 2 car garage, full basement has conditioning, hot water heater, all new w/fireplace. Located in desirable west countertops, Viking stainless steel sinks & floors Appliances stay Brick paver had the updates and the décor is super windows, new roof First floor master Livonia location \$229,500 (335NO) appliances, builtin BBQ, hardwood walkway leads to huge "master gardener" Entertaining guests is easy with this open Updated kitchen Beautiful wood floors flooring Heated 3-car garage! One year backyard \$179,900 (115RI) home warranty Don't delay - call today!

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SUPER CLEAN - Bring your white



OLD WORLD CHARM! Spacious floor plan. The rec room in basement \$284,900 (055Ni) makes a great play area The price is right to sell \$138,000 (848TE)



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Milford

Highland Twp. Ranch on 1 Acres- Quiet, private & peaceful Gorgeous 1.5 acre treed & fencer lot. Views of Silver Dollar Lake 8

lake access to Rowe Lake Hardwood floors in 1st floo Bedroom, Dining & Living rooms New boiler, hot water heater t water softener w/reverse osmosi system \$147,000 (E-2911)

Millord Ranch on 1.2 Acres- 3 ped, 2 bath Large Living Rm w/scenic view of treed lot with tenns courts & backs up 5 acre private park. Huge Kitchen opens to Fam Rm w/nat tireplace doorwal to patio & hardwood firs Partly fin shed bsmt not tub room & wine cellar \$239,000 (B 1871)

Millord Ranch on 1.3 Acres Living Rm w/white brick fireplace skylights & spiral staircase to loft Beautiful large deck & 3 cai garage Kitchen w/hardwood fli custom cabinets & breakfast nook Master suite w/Jacuzzi tub & sepa rate class shower Over 2400 sq ft \$339,900 (C 2337)

Plymouth Updated Ranch- 3 bedroom 15 bath Remodeled Kitchen w/new floor & oak cab nets All hardwood floors Bath redone w/new marble light tub, til floor & cabinets Two level deck finished basement newer furnace central air & 2 car garage \$210,000 (B-42164)

Waterford Bungalow W/Lak Privileges- Quiet street and neighborhood w/orivileges or Crescent Lake Wonderful starte home with main floor laundry story shed, covered porch fenced back yard and large play house Newer windows roof an fumace \$123,000 (F-4854)

Millord Colonial, 1 Acre, Horses Welcome- You II love the countr Kitchen with custom cabinetry. wood stove in the Family Rm to relax by during the winter and the large back deck for summer ente taining. Unique 1 acre parcel with barn allows horses Also potentia for a home office retail or service \$239,000 (M-1646)

Milford Cape Cod on 2.21 Acres- 4 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath with over 2000 sg ft¹ Huge Great Rm w/10 ceilings crown moldings & nat fireplace Kitchen w/oal binets & hardwood flr First F Master 15x12 Ldry Rm finished basement & huge pole barn \$349,900 (M 1519)

Highland Ranch on 2 6 Acres Completely updated w/new central air & furnace 2 sider fireplace overlookin Kitchen/Dining & Living Room Horses welcome - fenced pas ture & 24x32 pole barn Located at end of a private road wlake privileges to Woodru Lake \$259,000 (I-535)



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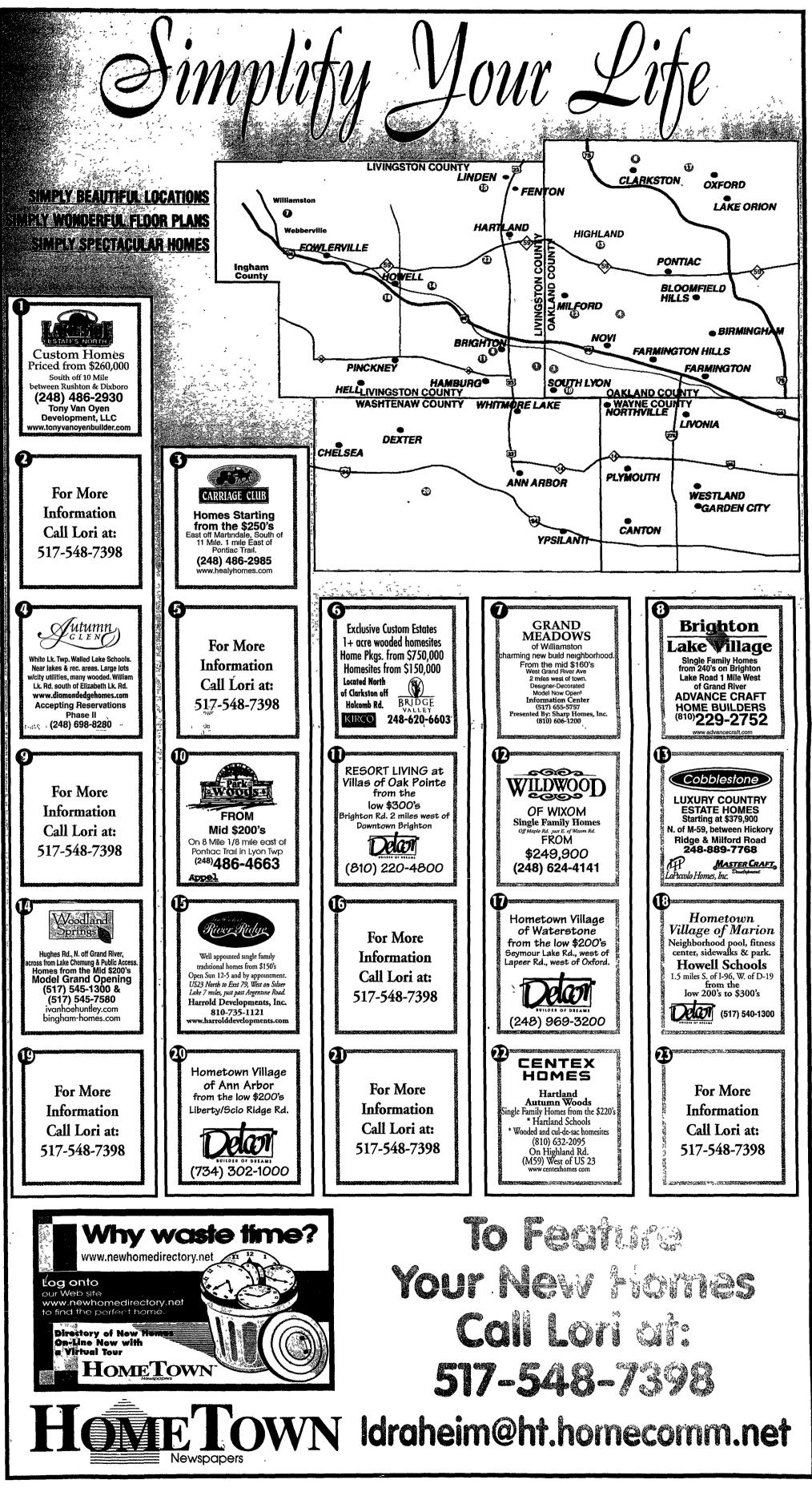
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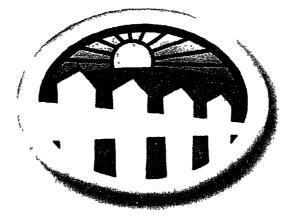
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HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$314,900 2,660 sq ft home w/3 bedrooms, 2 5 baths and a sun room 3 car garage and a 12x24' bonus room upstairs 1st floor laundry and daylight basement New construction ready for immediate occupancy (22109477)



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This 3,100 sq ft , 4 BR Colonial ha

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HOWELL SCHOOLS \$276,400 Gorgeous new Colonial 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, fabulous prwate wooded lot, living room, dining room, family room, deluxe kitchen, beautiful master suite Daylight windows, a great home! (22110412)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$324,800 Chain of 8 "all sports lakes", 60 ft of waterfront on a sectuded bay Home is surrounded by mature trees. Large lot, labulous view, 3 bedrooms possible, 4th in lower level walkout wiegress window & solid block foundation. Quality construction, master bath could be a third separate bath easily by adding torlet, Andersen windows, bring offers (23015633) 1/2 bath Colonial Gas fireplace in large great room Oak floors, plumbed for bath in unfinished basement. 3 car attached garage, one-acre site central air, and water softener Sidewalks for the children to nde their bikes tool (23018223)

FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS

Beautiful brick 3 BR, 2 bath ranch w/from

on all sports lake Located on 7 acres of part

tially wooded and rolling terrain Watch the deer roam through your yard within the screened enclosed porch or from the deck of

the master suite Home warranty (23000516)

Great location - close to freeway 4 bedroom, 2-

\$279,000

\$329,900

HOWELL SCHOOLS

PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$279,900 Abundance of living space this 2-story, Colonial features 5 bedrooms, 3 5 baths, formal/casual living areas, library, newer roof, kitchen, carpet, and paint Immediate occupancy (22066200)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$350,000 2,044 sq. ft. rahch whvalkout basement on 7 32 acres. Land comes w(1) split already done! Beautiful pord on property 40x60 pole ban/shop w/wood burnag stove, water/slectinc. Basement is partially finished All bnck, new furnace, formal iving room, family room wfireplace, also fineplace in lower level 1st floor laundry (23019116)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$356,900 Nestled in the pines, this beautiful story and a half home features almost 2,900 total sq ft of luxury living space. The full walkout overlooking natural woods, provides a family room, full bath, and a study 3 bedrooms, multi-level decking, and morel (23009401)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$357,900 Absolute quality throughout this newer 4 bedroom, 2 5 bath Ward Construction Open floor plan, voiume ceilings, oak framed hile in foyer, hile faced fireplace, abundance of windows in great room, wood floors, hickory cabs & island in kitchen Finished w/o prepped for bath, only 4 miles to I-96 (23017126)



pletely remodeled and updated Windows, insu

lation, siding, electrical, furnace, carpet, and much more. 18x15' four season sun room, 11x9'

1st floor laundry 3 barns on 8 acres 5 fenced in

BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$364,970 This 4 bedroom, 25 bath home featuring 2,863 sq ft & 1,650 sq ft lower level is nestied on approximately 25 acres of gorgeous woods-secluded like up north East Crooked Lake privileges-including dock, private park and more (22068331)



LAKE FENTON SCHOOLS \$369,900 Affordable & ready to move into-totally remodeled in 1980 w/new roof, siding, carpet and Andersen windows in 1995 Great open water view, large bedrooms & open kitchen w/island for entertaining 2 A/C units, whiripool bathlub and more! Could convert to walkout for more space (23016937)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$399,900 Wonderful 4 BR Colonial on 5 acres. 4th bedroom on main level, large great room w/beautiful stone fireplace from floor to ceiling Formal dining room & living room Mstr suite w/garden tub & shower Finished bonus room wired for sound throughout 1st floor laundry, huge oak kitchen, porch connects to gazebo (22104155)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$435,000 Close to town on 10 beautiful, rolling acress on a private road w/an above ground pool, 40x60 pole barn w/cement floor & water comes w/ha 4 BR, 3 bath house w/neutral colors inside & out includes a surroom, 1st floor office or study, natural freplace, newer roof, 2-1/2 car garage, large fenced area for horses & more! (23022758)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$439,000 This one of a kind customized home has it all including soaring oeilings in great room & entry Wat unth you see the custom fireplace Gourmet kitchen w/granite countertop, hardwoods in kitchen, entry, dining room, hall, great room, master suite to die 6th Upper level has a possible 4th bedroom/study or large bonus room (23023629)



4 Brs, 35 baths, main floor wheelchair access, circular drive, walk-in closets, Jacuzzi tub in mstr bedroom, finished walkout wiwet bar, 60x30' hay barn with new roof and foundahon (built in 1800's) Double oven, sub zero refingerator, garbage disposal, hardwood, and ceramic floors, (22095588)



SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS S449,900 Sellers hate to leave this secluded retreat Apple orchards, walking trails, wooded & hilly 20' wide stream through property Large deck to enjoy it all. Custom built 4 bedroom, 3 full bath home New Pella windows, roof, furnace, and whole house generator Freshly painted neutral Hardwood floors (23015254)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$579,000 Fabulous bnck home struated on a beautiful lot withreathlaking werks. Ore: 5,100 sp ft, wladditional 2300 sp ft in Overe level wo which is dry-wailed & ready to be finished Sturning 2story loyer leads to great room wlarched doorways, full brock fireplace & connects to open custom kitchen, great for entertannig One year home warranty Bring all offersil (23017037)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$924,900 Tranqui country estate on 10 private and wooded splittable acres in a prestigious area of Brghton twp win 1 mile to Kensington Park & I-96 Breathtaking views from every window 5 bedrooms, 4 full baths, Andersen Windows, Kohler baths, stained oak tim, and morel (23001233)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$999,980 Custom lakefront home featuring 3 bedrooms, 3 5 baths, 3,280 sq ft, central air, fireplaces in mistr bedroom, family ma filving room. Mist suite wishting mr., 4 loxury bath. Permanent dock, newer mantenance free deck. Addhonal 55/x16 garage made to house a motor home including, 50 amp service, and dump station. Amenites galore! (23011756)





- Livonia schools! 3 BR WESTLAND ranch offers family room & kitchen combined w/FP, doorwall to huge fenced backyard, some appliances, + 3 car attached garage. \$159,900 (74ANN) 734-455-5600

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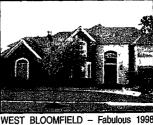
income property. DEARBORN - Great Brick 2 family home w/2 BRs on each floor. separate furnaces and utilities, newer rool and siding, dining room, full BSMT, 2 car garage, fenced yard. Great investment. \$139,900 (05KEN) 734-455-5600



FLAT ROCK – Great opportunity. Large 3 BR ranch on good size lot. Roof and C/A (02), some windows and furnace (01), vinyl siding (00) Large foyer w/bay window. Bath remodeled. Home still needs some work but the majors are done \$99,500 (26SEN) 734-455-5600



NOVI – Priced for quick sale. Driven by a little old lady only on Sunday's. 2 BR, 1.5 BA, 2-story condo w/full basement. Large LR. Spacious KIT & dining area with doorwall leading to private patio Well located close to malls and x-ways \$129,900 (85OLD) 248-349-5600



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YPSILANTI - Lakefront condo Awesome 2 BR, 1.5 BA 3 story unit with beautifu scenic view of an all sports lake. Boat & dock facility available Fireplace in living room. Large working kitchen \$119,900 (93CLI) 248-349-5600

GREEN OAK - Beautiful family home.

Move right into this 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial.

Large kitchen w/lots of cupboards & gran-

ite counters. Ceramic floors, newer drive-

way & gutters Painted inside & out. Large

deck & covered porch. Finished basement with wet bar \$352,900 (11DIC) 248-349-

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WESTLANDS FINEST¹ 3 BR, 1 BA brick ranch w/newer roof & furnace, brand new Waliside windows, new doorwall, heated Florida room, remodeled bath w/ceramic tub surround. Nicely landscaped. \$127,000 (70AVO) 734-455-5600



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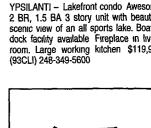
NORTHVILLE - Old Victorian Farmhouse This 3 BR, 2 bath farmhouse sitting on a 1.5 acre lot offers updated siding, C/A, copper plumbing, elec., roof, crown molding & hardwood floors \$329,900 (00SEV) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Elegant brick colonial. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, Updated home on cul-de-sac. Features include: newer roof, siding, windows, oak floors and more Large rooms, private den, formal LR & DR FFL. Finished BSMT. Beautiful. \$349,900 (01CRO) 248-349-5600



BRs & 2 full baths. Huge master bedroom addition. Hardwood floors. Many updates include: roof, windows, entry doors & porch. Beautifully landscaped Full finished BSMT w/BA. 2 car garage \$154,900 (41ALV) 248-349-5600





NORTHVILLE - Full of character¹ 4 BR, 2 5 BA, New England colonial on 2 acres HDWD floors, crown moldings, LR w/FP & FR doors Spa room, hearth room w/10' brick FP Deck, gardens, pond, tennis court & gazebol \$475,000 (00BEC) 734-455-5600



BELLEVILLE - Country living Large 3 BR, 2 BA colonial sitting on 1 acre w/large familv room & master bedroom upstairs. Newer furnace, bath, windows, roof, entry doors, carpet in LR, + garage and drive way \$214,900 (50LEN) 734-455-5600



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CANTON - Formal model 2 BR, 1.5 BA townhouse style condo w/FP in living room. Attached garage, covered front porch. Rear deck, full BSMT. First floor laundry Jack & Jill style bath w/Jacutzi tub & separate shower. \$169,900 (36HUN) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Prestigious Francavilla sub. 3 BR, 2.5 BA ranch on a corner lot w/all maintenance-free exterior. Lower level is completely finished including a computer/office room. Newer windows as well as newer kitchen floor Close to schools & shopping \$279,900 (42FRA) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Lakefront condo Great 2 story townhouse in Highland Lakes Oak kitchen & sunken living room. Bath has been updated with tub, sink, cabinet & toilet Stove and refrigerator stay Good value for the price, plus one year home warranty. Northville schools \$159,900 (17LAG) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Prestigious Northville

condo 3 BR, 3 5 BA Finished walkout LL

w/kitchen facilities Large MBR suite

w/alcove & loft All appliances stay + wash-

er & dryer, doorwalls, patio & balcony, C/A

& 1 car garage \$299,000 (44EAS) 248-

LIVONIA - Burton Hollow cape cod Quiet cul-de-sac setting for this charming 4 BR, 2.5 BA cape cod. Hardwood floors under most carpets. Walking distance to swim club and Cass Elementary school. Appliances included \$304,900 (95FAI) 248-349-5600





FARMINGTON HILLS - Regal rural ranch. Lovely 3 BR, 3 bath brick ranch w/oversized 2 car attached garage, sitting on almost 5 acre BSMT, new roof in 2000, built by master carpenter, country KIT w/dark oak cabinets & loads of counter space \$274,900 (13EDG) 734-455-



PLYMOUTH - Wonderful location 3 bedroom, 2.5 BA condo in Plymouth Spacious kit w/eating area, formal dining room, great room w/FP & doorwall leading to private courtvard Deck off master suite. open staircase to BSMT, attached garage + lots of storage \$159,000 (41ERI) 734-455-5600

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WEST BLOOMFIELD - 4 BR. 25 BA in West Bloomfield offers 2 car att. garage, BSMT, FR w/FP, dining room & library Pella windows thru-out (02), newer roof, gutters, sump pump, drain lines & circuit breakers (00). 1st floor laundry. All in great sub \$272,000 (27NOR) 734-455-5600

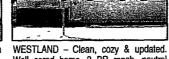




DEARBORN - Charm & value! 3 BR bungalow w/all the major updates! Newe roots on garage & home! Newer furnace, C/A and landscaping Circuit breakers Pella windows Finished BSMT FR off KIT \$149,900 (35GRI) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Brick ranch in Farmington, Great location, close to every thing 3 BR, 1.5 BA, full BSMT, 2.5 car oversized garage, fenced yard, Anderser windows, newer roof, furnace, siding and C/A. Family room/living room combo. Farmington schools \$174,900 (65PUR) 734-455-5600



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DEARBORN - Great location. Immaculate 3 BR home Master w/2 walk-in closets. Newer carpeting & insulated storage. Beautiful finished BSMT w/cedar closet & Berber carpeting. Newer oak kitchen & hardwood floors throughout. Bick paver patro \$157,900 (25WIL) 248-349-5600

WESTLAND - Country in the city. Nice 3 bedroom ranch located on just under 1 acre of beautiful land that is part wetlands with a stream running through it. 2 car heated garage. Large basement. 1 year old water heater \$179,900 (55HUF) 248-349-5600







CANTON - Must see! Delightful 4 BR, 2 BA, 2.5 car garage Many updates, KIT, floor, bath, windows, AC, roof, insulation, banister railing Formal dining room & family room w/fireplace. \$214,700 (43ROB) 734-455-5600



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PLYMOUTH - Perfect location. 3 BR, 1 5 BA colonial. Cozy family room w/brick fireplace wall & gas logs. Updated kitchen and lav. Neutral colors. Newer carpet throughout, 2 car attached garage w/newer opener. Close to everything \$224,950 (82PIN) 248-349-5600



WHITMORE LAKE - Horses welcome Enjoy country living in this 3 BR, 1.5 BA bungalow w/possible 4th BR Hardwood floors, walkout BSMT, pole barn on approximately 5 acres. Newer roof, well pump and furnace \$212,500 (03KEA) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Beautiful & neutral, 2 BR, 2.5 bath condo with additional 19x11 loft area Kitchen offers updated cabinets. Newe carpet thru-out, recessed lighting, custom wood blinds. & gas fireplace in living room \$199,900 (89HŎR) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Don't miss this one! 4 BR. 2.5 BA huge ranch w/2 car attached garage w/attic Wet plaster w/coved ceilings, gigantic country KIT, rec room w/FP, 1/2 acre lot, newer windows & C/A \$183,900 (68RYL) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Don't miss out on this! Great home. Original owner. Kitchen, bath, roof, windows, elec., furnace, C/A, neutral paint and carpet. Large closets This one you don't want to miss \$119,900 (76WED) 734-455-5600



HOWELL - Great home in wooded setting. 3 BRs, 2.5 BAs. Large KIT w/island Large master bedroom w/double closets. LR, FR w/FP. Short walk to Lake Chemung. Large deck, sprinkler system, daylight windows in BSMT Nicely decorated Move in condition \$268,800 (08SHA) 248-349-5600

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DEARBORN - Great home for the money. 3 BRs, 1 bath ranch with open floor plan and newer flooring. Large fenced-in yard & 1 car garage. 1 year home warranty. Priced to sell quickly. \$134,900 (62BUR) 248-349-5600



SOUTHFIELD - Country living in the city! On appox. 1 acre of wooded tranquility, this 3 BR home features hardwood, GR w/FP, updated KIT & finished basement w/family room 2-tier deck w/tub. 2+ cai garage & updates thru-out. \$172,000 (50SHE) 248-349-5600





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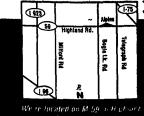
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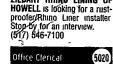
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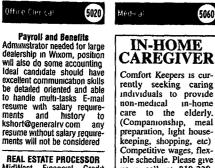
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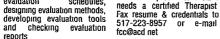
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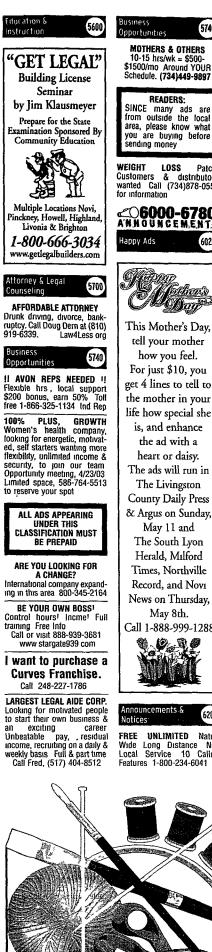
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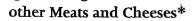
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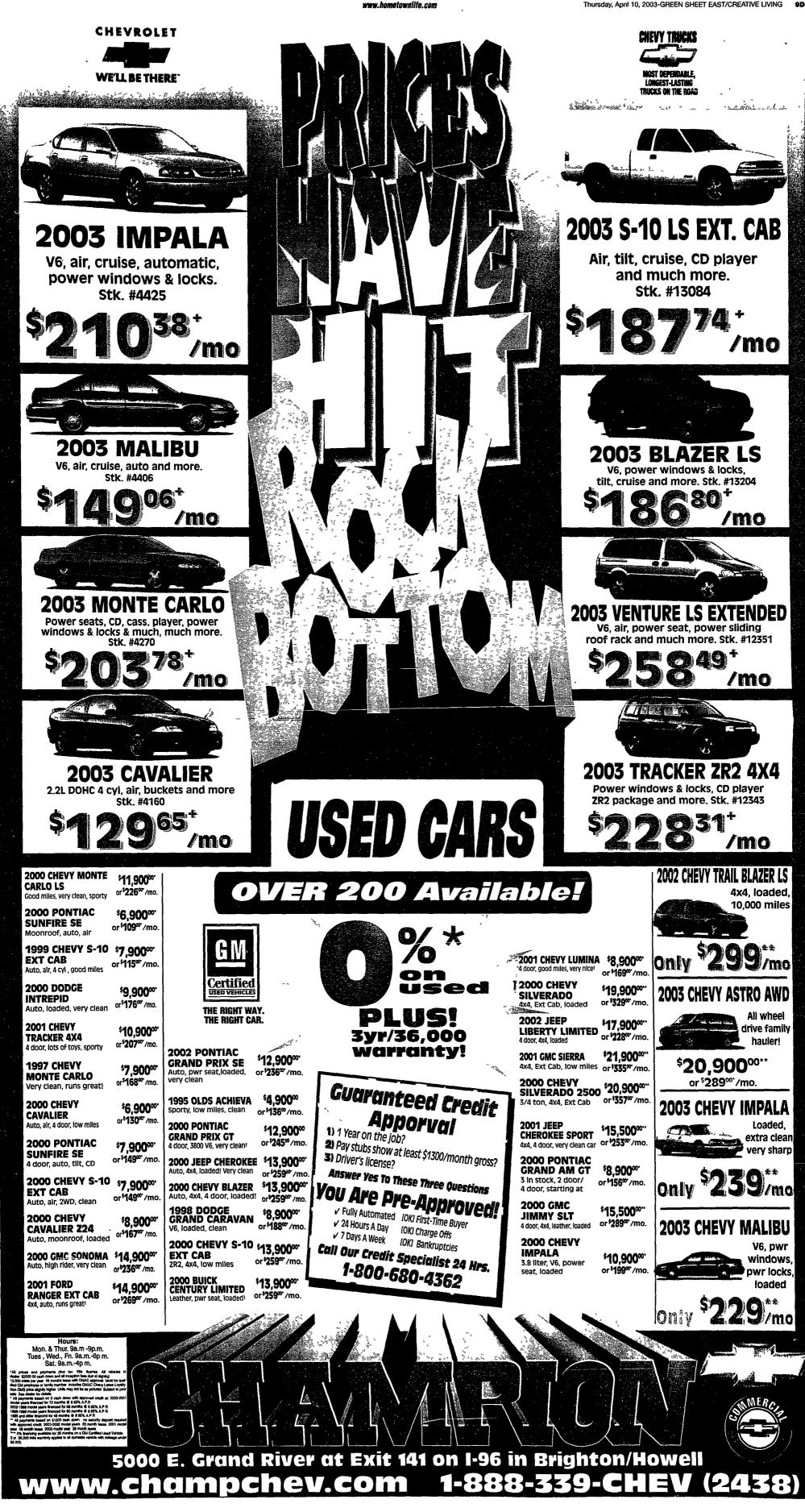
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sychologists' 'secrets' revealed and translated By Mark Wolf

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David Niven knew from his college days that loads of scientific research into psychological issues was squirreled away in university basements.

"Psychologists enjoy tremendous success if they write a paper that 15 other psychologists read," said Niven, a psychologist and social scientist who teaches at Florida Atlantic University.

"I started with the thought that somebody needed to translate this information because it's written by scientists for scientists. If you could take the best research conclusions available and present them in a way that anyone could understand and apply, you

 What any fail evolution of the second and apply, you could do a service for people."
 Niven pored over hundreds of studies to produce
 "The 100 Simple Secrets of Relationships: What Scientists Have Learned and How You Can Use It " (Harper San Francisco, \$11.95), the third in a series that includes "The 100 Simple Secrets of Happy People" and "The 100 Simple Secrets of Successful People.'

Each of the "secrets" includes a reference to the scientific study from which it was drawn.

The finding that most surprised him, Niven said, was that couples who never argue are 35 percent more likely to divorce.

"On the surface, that seems like a strange finding, since we associate arguments with bad outcomes. but an inability to share frustration is a dangerous thing," he said. "If you don't argue, they build up within you until they get bigger and bigger.

Niven said he discovered clear research findings that there's no age limit to finding a great relationship.

There's no deadline ticking that if you're not in a great relationship by 30 or 40 it's not going to happen," he said. "There are similar difficulties people 18 to 85 experience, but also joys. There is no age barrier to having a good relationship." Whatever aspect of the relationship you pay

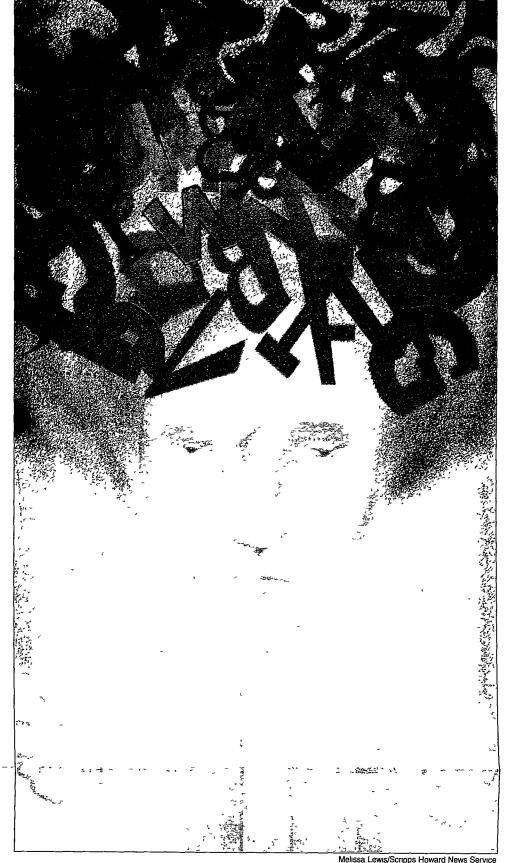
attention to will be maximized, he said.

'One of the things that comes across in research is the circumstances and events of people's lives aren't that different. The circumstances of happy and unhappy relationships are different. What is different is the perspective. If you're looking for disappointments, you can make them stand for the whole. If you're looking for joy and beauty, you'll find the relationship very meaningful and satisfying."

Most emphatically, he said it's the little things that count, citing a study that nine out of 10 longterm married people defined their marriage not in relation to the best and worst of their lives but by typical interactions and events.

People need to realize that the demonstrations of love and commitment don't just happen on big days and don't just happen with gifts and things you'll expect to be remembered forever. They hap-pen in daily activities," he said. "Saying, 'No, we don't have to watch what I want to watch on TV tonight,' may seem awfully trivial, but a lot of what happens in relationships isn't the details, it's the message that's conveyed."

Early detection, therapies defeating prostate cancer By Mark Wolf



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The first-aid supplies you need to have and know how to use

By Kim Prendergast

THE (RIVERSIDE, CALIF) PRESS-ENTERPRISE

A crowd had gathered by the time Cynthia Dachtler pulled up to the motorcycle accident. The bystanders stood still, seeming unsure of what to do.

A woman lay on the ground bleeding from her head, and a man with a broken leg was beside her.

Dachtler grabbed her first-aid kit. She and the group tended to the wounded, nearly stripping the kit of all its supplies.

It was the first time she used her kit. Since then, she has used it on two other occasions, including once on her husband, who had severed an artery.

There's no doubt that first-aid kits can come in handy. But they can also save lives --- especially if the person using it knows first-aid procedures, said Dachtler, director of health and safety for the Riverside County, Calif., chapter of the American Red Cross.

For people who already have kits, now is the perfect time to update items and reorganize. And for those without a kit, it's important to buy one or create your own.

To help you get started, here's an American Red Cross family kit - dissected below. Besides the Red Cross, retailers also sell first-aid kits.

For severe bleeding and burns

- One stenie pad about 8 inches tall by 10 inches wide This is a loosely fitted but absorbent gauze pad. Most effective for treating burns
- One sterile, 5 inch-by 9-inch pad
- Roller gauze, about 3 yards wide and 4 yards long

For medium cuts and scrapes

- "Four 4 inch-by 4-inch stenle_gauze pads
- Six 3-inch-by 3-inch sterile gauze pads
- Roller gauze, about 2 yards by 4 yards
- Five antiseptic towelettes

For small cuts and burns

- Three 3-inch-by-3-inch sterile gauze pads
- Several adhesive bandages of various sizes
- · About 10 antiseptic towelettes
- Burn gel (it cools, soothes and relieves pain)

Other materials

- Triangular bandage 40-inch by-40-inch-by-56-inch Can use, among other things, as a head wrap or arm sling
- Rescue blanket Use for shock or to shield from the elements It also helps to maintain body heat
- Vinyl gloves Vinyl is recommended because many people are allergic to latex

Additional supplies

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Prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death in men behind lung cancer, but doctors are encouraged because of advances in early detection and treatment.

"What's changed in the last decade and what continues to change is the way we're discovering prostate cancer through early detection efforts,' said Dr. David Crawford, associate director of the University of Colorado Cancer Center.

"When you find it earlier, it gives you a lot of opportunities to treat it. Treatment's gotten better, surgery's gotten better, radiation has gotten better. We're eradicating the disease and doing it with fewer side effects.

About 221,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year

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and about 29,000 will die from the disease, according to the American Cancer Society.

The prostate is a walnutsized gland just below the bladder and in front of the rectum. The tube that carries urine runs through the prostate. The disease is twice as common among blacks as it is among whites. The most common treatments for prostate cancer are surgery, radiation and hormone therapy.

"The risk of leaking

urine should be less than 1 percent (after surgery) and the incidence of erectile dysfunction is decreasing with nerve-sparing surgery," said Crawford.

Crawford recommends that men ages 40 and over who have a risk factor (blacks or others with a family history of the disease) be checked annually with a prostate-specific antigen blood test and a digital rectal exam.

"At 45 with no risk factor I think you should get both," he said. "The most important is the PSA. We've learned a lot about screening and how often we do it. If a man has an initial PSA of less than 1, he doesn't have to come in every year. He can come in every five years. It takes a little worry away and saves the health care system a lot of money."

The disease is generally symptom-free in its early stages.

"What we know is that what is heart-healthy is also prostate-healthy," said Crawford. "The most common cause of death for men with prostate cancer is heart disease."



By Jake Grove SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

yslexia has never just been about reading a few letters or a word backwards and

trying to understand it. This "learning disability" is actually something far more prevalent and misunderstood than most people might think. Dyslexia is a real issue affecting tens of millions

of individuals and can be treated with the right blend of patience, practice and hard work. Between 10 and 15 percent of American students have dyslexia and more than 85 percent of illiter-

ates are dyslexic. Unfortunately, only about 5 percent of those with dyslexia are ever properly diagnosed or receive treatment to help them deal with the disorder.

And that is what dyslex1a is. Long thought to be a learning disability that could be fixed if the student wasn't too lazy or stupid, dyslexia is actually a neurological disorder where words, letters and discerning sounds of speech are difficult and next to impossible.

"Literally, dyslexia meant difficulty with reading," said Dr. Alice Peters, school psychologist at New Prospect Elementary School in Anderson, S.C. "Long ago it was more narrow for reversing the orientation of letters and the spoken word, but it has come to mean something much broader."

Peters said dyslexia typically manifests itself when a child is learning to read or around the kindergarten age level. One symptom is when children have difficulty decoding the sounds of words. Another is when they can sound out words fine but have a hard time

remembering a word that they have read many times before. And, at its most basic, if a child has an unusual amount of trouble remembering his letters, he could possibly have dyslexia.

Though these symptoms and many like them don't necessarily signs that some-

thing could be amiss. The biggest mistake parents and some teachers make when confronted with the possibility of dyslexia is denial.

"Unfortunately, some parent might think the child is dumb (or) lazy or that a teacher is no

good," Peters said. "We have to try hard to tell them that the child is not dumb, but their reading level is just a little lower than normal."

Rob Langston dealt with some of those problems when he was a child. Langston is CEO of For the Children Foundation and author of the book 'For the Children: Redefining Success in School and Success in Life." He is also severely dyslexic.

Langston found out early that he couldn't read without extreme difficulty. He and his family noticed the problem as early as second grade, but a diagnosis was not made until he was in eighth grade.

By the time someone told him what this learning disability was, he found out that his father and grandfather before him had some form of dyslexia and that it was nothing to be ashamed of.

"I like to call it a people problem," he said. "Dyslexia doesn't affect certain countries or certain races, it is worldwide. It's inherited,

it's generational and it's widespread.'

Langston said that, according to a new study by Yale University, MRIs were conducted on people with and without dyslexia. Those studies showed that a normal person reads the word "cat" on a chalkboard and mean a child is dyslexic, they're the impulses go from the eye to the reading part of the

brain. In a dyslexic Between 10 and 15 person, on the percent of American other hand, those impulses go from students have dyslexia. the eye to all parts of the brain and Unfortunately, only about eventually 5 percent are ever their way — piece by piece — to the property diagnosed or reading part of the receive treatment. brain.

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Treatment is available. Peters said the first thing parents should do if they think something is amiss is to talk to the teacher. She said every school has some kind of referral process that eventually leads to the school psychologist where a diagnosis can be made. From there, the Dyslexia Research Institute suggests treatment be individualized.

Depending on whether the dyslexia is mild, moderate or severe, treatment can be administered and dyslexics can learn to deal with the language disability. It just needs to be diagnosed and dealt with early in life.

"You can't simplify reading," Peters said. "Dyslexia can cause problems in so many facets of life. like following directions, reading a map or reading to children that it's worth it to get it treated as soon as possible. Don't just think it will go away."

- Five small butterfly bandages
- Cleanser towelettes for poison oak and ivy
- Three sting relief medicated pads Use for the temporary relief of pain and itching associated with minor burns. scrapes and insect bites
- Two rolls of first-aid tape
- Tweezers
- Four disposable thermometers
- Biohazard bag with a twist tie for placing used items
- Cold pack Store at room temperature

Personal items

Include medications and other items that you might need.

Painkillers may affect male hormones

By Mary Powers

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

As if living with chronic pain wasn't challenge enough, there's new evidence linking pain-control medication with low testosterone levels in men.

The association surfaced in a November survey of Methodist University Pain Institute patients. Researchers, based at Methodist University Hospital, queried 54 male patients being treated for chronic pain. None was a cancer patient, and all relied on pills or patches to deliver morphine, oxycodone, methadone or related opium-based medications

Forty men, nearly 75 percent of those surveyed, reported symptoms such as low energy and depression, both possible symptoms of low testosterone levels. Follow-up blood tests found 24 of the men had documented low levels of the male sex hormone. The drop couldn't be explained by age, alcohol use, medical or psychiatric diagnosis or other medications.

Dr. Elizabeth Miller, a pharmacist and the institute's associate research director, presented the findings at a recent meeting of the American Academy of Pain Medicine.

Earlier research focused on different forms of medication.

Miller said the results have physicians more aggressively screening patients for the problem because low testosterone "could interfere with good pain relief." Hormone replacement therapy is available to treat low testosterone levels.

"Anecdotally, the ones we have treated generally seem happier, and their moods are better," Miller said.



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Firm aims to settle legal disputes of the middle-class

By Cathleen Ferraro SACRAMENTO BEE

While working in a dozen or so courts in Southern California and Montgomery, Ala., Troy Morgan saw the same problem over and over: two parties locked in an emotionally charged but relatively simple dispute made worse by their desire not to hire attorneys.

So Morgan, a Roseville, Calif., attorney, last year started an alternative to the court system for middleincome workers - Mediator Network, a nationwide clearinghouse of mediators.

Mediation. in which a trained, neutral person helps disputing parties find a solution, isn't a new concept. And organizing a database of experts isn't especially creative

But Mediator Network stands out because in less than a year it has become one of the nation's largest networks of mediators - 3,000 in 50 states - aimed at the middle class

"The future of law is in mediation," said Morgan. "We're a country of self-help generations — baby boomers and Gen Xers — where people think they can do things on their own, but they're just not sure how." Mediator Network's database of names is accessible

through thousands of employers' benefits programs. Its goal is to help employed, budget-conscious Americans resolve disputes at a modest price.

Most of the network's panel of 3,000 mediators are attorneys, typically in transition from litigation to mediation, or retired lawyers and judges.

The company mediates about 10 disputes a month in the Roseville headquarters and oversees roughly 2,500 cases nationwide. Morgan said Mediator Network settles about 80 percent of the disputes it handles.

Mediation agreements are legally binding but can be difficult to enforce in child custody cases, for example, because a family court judge hasn't issued a decree that outlines custody parameters and visitation rights

Mediation is typically touted as cheaper than the traditional legal system. In some cases, that's true. Mediator Network, for example, charges a couple in an uncontested divorce about \$500 each.

That cost compares with lawyers' fees that can range from \$1,500 to \$2,500 for a comparable uncontested divorce, according to industry sources.

Some mediation experts have pegged the alternative dispute-resolution industry at about \$300 million, but hard statistics are hard to come by. Over the past decade, the number of mediators, estimated in the tens of thousands, has exploded partly because no state requires mediators to hold a license and because plenty of folks don't want their disputes becoming a lawsuit available in public records.

According to a recent issue of the American Bar Association Journal, studies by court administrators show that one-third of Americans suing in family court these days are not represented by a lawyer or have had some help in preparing documents but show up in court alone

Meanwhile, roughly half of all estate documents and real estate transactions nationwide are being drafted without the help of a lawyer, according to the ABA Journal

Nationwide, Mediator Network competes with three big firms - Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, American Arbitration Association and National Arbitration and Mediation. Those firms typically handle large, complex cases, such as product hability claims.

Mediator Network is striving to carve a different niche by concentrating on simpler, less-pricey conflicts - situations in which less than \$100,000 is at stake. Examples are uncontested divorces, car accidents, real estate squabbles, debt collections and workplace grievances. At present, the majority of Mediator Network's cases involve divorces or child custody battle Mediator Network instantly gained 10 contracts from federal agencies, including the General Services Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Marine Corps and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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With few local jobs, some people choose a long commute with a short commitment

By Amy Martinez **RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER**

att McKrell loves his wife and two children He loves their home in Cary, N.C., with the bike and scooter lying

in the front yard, and their pets — Rhoda the rat, and Puff and Flash the Australian lizards.

But when McKrell, a 42-year-old computer programmer, was offered a six-month stint at Wachovia in Charlotte, N.C., making more than \$30 an hour, he didn't think twice "I'm there," he said

McKrell had been laid off from IBM three months earlier and was starting to wonder if he'd ever land a job.

Now, every Sunday, McKrell bids farewell to his wife, Olive, and their children, Thomas, 11, and Abigail, 4. He hops the Amtrak in Cary and three hours later steps off in Charlotte, where he shares a four-bedroom apartment with three college students He doesn't see his family again until Friday.

"You got to work. You got to work," he said. "There's a lot of us who do this."

Indeed, the economic downturn is forcing many workers to take jobs wherever they can find them. They travel by bus, train, car or plane as far away as Minneapolis, Boston and San Jose, Calif., visiting their families on the weekends, and putting

off a move at all costs.

Many workers have been laid off not just once, but twice or more, and they're reluctant to move their families until they feel secure in their jobs. Also, workers today are less likely to uproot their children during the middle of the school year than they were 20 or 30 years ago. And they're more likely to have a spouse who works. Delaying a move gives the spouse time to keep working while looking for that next job.

"Thirty years ago, the good company man took his family wherever the company wanted him to go. The company came first and the family came second," said John Challenger, chief executive officer of the Chicago-based outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas. "But today, people know they can't possibly count on a job being permanent or long-lasting."

The Raleigh area is expected to add between 9,000 and 16,000 jobs this year, not nearly enough for the 31,100 workers who reported being out of a job in December. And although the area is expected to grow slightly faster than the nation as a whole, workers laid off locally from IBM, Nortel, Ericsson and other technology companies say jobs are still scarce.

But some are people like Liz Chi, who finally found work - in Minneapolis. Every Monday, Chi kisses her 2-year-old daughter, Annie, goodbye and boards a plane that takes her 1,200 miles from Raleigh. She calls home at least once a day and keeps a CD of Annie's pictures on her desk at work. "I pop that in whenever I'm feeling lonely," she said.

As much as she hates being away, Chi, who is

Long-haul trade-offs

Taking a job far away and leaving your family behind has advantages and disadvantages. On one hand, it's a job. On the other hand, it's tough on you and the family. Here's a look at some of the things you might want to consider.

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- \blacksquare You have time to find out if the job is all you
- thought it would be before uprooting your
- family. You can avoid taking them away from their friends, schools, community groups and neighborhoods only to discover that the new job isn't working out.
- You can let your children finish the school year and move when the time is right for them. Moving in the middle of the school year is especially problematic for teenagers. A summer move would allow them to adjust to their new surroundings and make friends before the next school vear.
- You give a working spouse time to look for a job in the new city while keeping the one he or she currently has. Cutting the length of time a spouse goes without working is important, since many families now rely on two incomes. CONS

Morgan is so convinced that his young company is on the brink of bigger things that he plans to add nearly 3,000 mediators, change Mediator Network's name to National Mediation Centers and recruit in Canada to serve U.S. companies with operations there.

Good plan is useless if not well-executed

By Mark Watson

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Most big projects fail because of poor execution, not because the plan was a bad idea, and the major factors contributing to poor execution are human, not technical

Management studies have shown that three-fourths of strategic initiatives are late, over-budget or complete failures, and the biggest problem is not that the ideas were wrong, but that they were poorly executed, says Kent Vaughn, who teaches time management and other skills for Franklin Covey Co.

"Anybody can write a good strategy, but the difficult thing is getting it done," he says.

He describes a five-part process for focusing and executing a project:

Results: Creating clarity and commitment for the measurable results of the initiative.

Behaviors: Identifying the tasks, activities and capabilities needed to achieve the results.

Solutions: Determining the methods for changing the behaviors.

Delivery: Implementing solutions in a way that is practical and sustainable.

Measurement: Measuring the results, including the return on the investment of resources expended on the initiative.

"Changing human behavior has to be one of the most difficult things to do on the planet," Vaughn says. "Those of you with children know what I'm talking about.'

Some, like McKrell, do it because the job is temporary and they don't know where they'll be working in three to six months.

But others are doing it as a way to hedge their bets, figuring that if the job doesn't work out, they still have their friends and family back home. The hope is that they'll find another job in the area once the local economy improves.

Of course, workers have always had to take jobs wherever they find them, especially during economic downturns. But job counselors believe more are now going it alone. What's changed?

single, said the choice was easy: Her savings were nearly gone after 10 months of being out of work. The job in Minneapolis would pay well and last only three or four months. And most important, a good friend agreed to watch Annie during the week.

"I have friends who say they could never do this because it's out of their comfort zone. It's out of my comfort zone, as well," Chi said. "But you do what you have to do in these tough times. I'm lucky to have a job."

How to reduce stress from extended commutes

- Telecommute whenever possible. Ask to work from home one or two days a week. If your employer has a branch office in your area, ask if you can work there a couple of days a week.
- Communicate. Carry a cell phone so you can be reached at all times. And call home regularly.
- Have the family visit. Encourage them to get to know the new location, especially if they plan to move there.
- Ask your employer to cover at least some of your expenses, such as travel costs and apartment rent.
- Consider professional counseling. Watch for signs of depression. And be aware that not everyone handles the separation the same.
- Help a working spouse. Employers are often helpful, realizing a happy spouse can increase your success.

Being away from your family can be extremely lonely. "People tell me all the time. 'I never realized how difficult it was going to be sitting in an empty apartment five days a week," said John Challenger, chief executive of the outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas. Also, traveling long distances can be exhausting both emotionally and physically, affecting your job performance. "It's hard to do a job well when you're so unsettled," Challenger said.

- Your family is likely to feel an emotional loss and might even feel abandoned. If you have children, your spouse suddenly becomes a single parent, forced to take on new responsibilities. If your spouse has a job, he or she must now juggle work and family alone.
- Maintaining two homes is expensive. You'll be renting an apartment, traveling back and forth a lot, eating out and paying a higher phone bill. Don't count on employers to pick up the tab in the current economy, but you should at least ask.

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hoto by Silvia Flores / The (Riverside, Calif) Press-Enterprise New Mexico Chile Company co-owners Jennie and Chuck Machado, Chuck fell in love with the flavor of the New Mexico Hatch Chile while on a business trip to New Mexico and vowed to bring it to California.

Chiles inspire new taste for business

By Devona Wells

THE (RIVERSIDE, CALIF.) PRESS-ENTERPRISE

In his life as CEO of a steel company, Chuck Machado had pushed aside plenty. So in 1998 he sold the company and began picking his children up from school. He volunteered. And he embarked on a writing career.

But he couldn't resist the entrepreneurial pull of roasted chiles

In 2000, Machado founded the New Mexico Chile Co. Last year, the company ordered 31,000 pounds of chiles grown in the Hatch Valley area of southern New Mexico. This year, Machado expects to roast, peel and cook up 100,000 pounds of the spicy peppers. "We don't have any sales, really,

but we're having fun. It's the right product. It will happen," he said.

The company sells four varieties

of Coyote Thail sauce from hot to mild, intended for grilling or dipping. The sauces went on sale Dec. 10 and racked up around \$10,000 in sales for the rest of the month through a company Web site, www.coyotechile.com, and from its Riverside, Calif., location. Machado envisions \$500.000 in sales in 2003 as the company makes pitches to Costco, restaurants and grocery stores

Machado discovered Hatch chiles in 1999, when he bought 1,000 pounds of chiles he intended to vacuum-seal whole so that friends could enjoy the delicacy.

'I thought it was a good idea until I tasted the chile. It was so darn hot, I knew no one would be able to eat it," said his wife, Jennie Machado.

With half a ton of chiles in a garage freezer, Jennie Machado began experimenting. She was

attempting a chile relleno sauce when she happened upon one of the recipes that became the hot green Coyote Trail.

"It was so good, I was eating it with a spoon," she said.

And her husband knew she had got it right: "As soon as I tasted it, I said, 'This is it. This is the answer. We'll bottle it.'"

To cut transportation costs, manufacturing and bottling will be shifted to New Mexico this year, Machado said. Currently, chiles harvested and roasted in Hatch are trucked to Northern California for sauce-making and packaging. Product will still be sent out from Riverside, said Machado, who plans to look for a larger distribution space.

Food consultant AI Wheeler wants to move the company beyond filling individual Web orders. He has his eye on upscale delis and restaurants.

HOME & GARDEN



HomeTown

When spring arrives, it's time for your home to get a



By Betsy Kline PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Every year, most of us resolve to do a clean sweep of our kitchens. Scour pots and pans to their original luster. Collect those elusive recipe clippings into a neat, ribbon-bound book.

Our plan is simple: Tackle the smallest jobs first. Success with one chore supples momentum for the next, and the next ... The simplest chores can be accomplished in the time it takes to wait for a pot of water to boil. Sweep and mop the floor last, after all the dirty work is done:

Switchplates smudged with fingerprints and caked remnants of meals past? A roll of paper towels and a good all-purpose cleaner are all you need. If the drit is really caked on, unscrew the switchplates and soak in soapy water. Dry completely before replacing.

If you have a plastic silverware tray, empty it and wash it.

Revive your spice rack. Herbs and spices lose their potency over time. If the aroma seems dull or musty, pitch it. Don't automatically buy replacements that are just going to sit around. Wait until you need them

■ Toaster got that crummy feeling? Upend it and give it a good shake over the sink, then wipe off those crusty old jelly smears until it shines!

■ Condensation and only films create a kind of glue, and if you have pets, kitchen walls can get downright furry If your dust bunnies are climbing the walls, take a clean rag, wrap it around the business end of a broom or mop, secure it with a rubber band and sweep the walls (Swiffer-type products are great for this chore. Don't use a wet mop or rag_ it will leave streaks)

Stay with me now. Things are about to get slightly harder.

■ Cluttered countertops are best tackled one a day Store what you need; dump what you don't. A freshly scrubbed surface defies you to sully it again — at least for a few days.

■ Give the stovetop a good scrubbing Remove all grills and drip pans and soak

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CLUTTER BUSTING TIPS

• Look in the Yellow Pages under "Organizing Products and Services" to find an organizer.

• Use the two-year rule: If you haven't used it or needed it for two years, set it free. A corollary to this rule for clothing works like this. When you change over your closet for a new season of clothes, face the hanger the "wrong" way. After you wear an item, put it back the right way. At the end of the season, get rid of any unworn items still facing the wrong way.

• Buy clear storage boxes so you can see what's in them when they're stacked. Avoid boxes with domed lids that don't allow stacking. If boxes aren't clear, take a photo of the contents and tape it to the outside.

• Wait for a sale. Whenever you want to buy storage boxes, someone is probably having a sale.

them in soapy water. If baked-on stains absolutely refuse to come off, buy new drip pans. They're really not that expensive and they take years off an aging apphance's appearance.

■ Appliances such as blenders and food processors can look like new with the application of some spray cleaner and a determined scrubbing. Use an old toothbrush to reach the dried-on crud between push-buttons.

■ Take a deep breath — you knew this one was coming. Clean out the fridge.

■ Not ready? OK, let's clean the microwave as a warmup. Old-fashioned soapy water and elbow grease are all you need.

■ Cleaning the fridge is best tackled the night before grocery shopping day. If you've already eaten, you'll be more ruthless about throwing out aging leftovers and limp produce. Run a sink full of hot soapy water. Clear one shelf at a time, lift it out, wash, rinse and dry. Same with the produce and meat bins. This goes a lot faster than you'd think. Scrub down the door shelves with a soapy sponge. When you're done, open a fresh box of baking



Elements of style

Start with the perfect couch, a just-right table and one other stunning piece

By Peggy Burch

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

A couch, a coffee table, a mirror or a great piece of art. It's the interior designer's equivalent of a skin of wine, a crust of bread, a book of verse and thou.

If you're starting from zero when furnishing your living quarters, the couch and the coffee table are the essentials, and two Memphus designers offer a contemporary and a traditional version of the fundamentals.

Ken Lecco, owner of Cosmic Closet, supplies goods for the "ultra modern home." Last year he bought a 1938 vintage house and furnished it with current lines he stocks in the store.

His adaptation of the essential couch is 86 inches long with aluminum feet, a cutout between the seat and back and a chenille fabric in beige.

"It's a small house, and the rooms are very small and boxy," Lecco said. "I wanted that couch for that room because once I took the curtains down, it opened the room up. With sunlight coming in through the opening in the back of the couch, the windows are open, the couch is open, it seems like the room goes on forever."

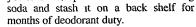
His coffee table has an oval top of -inch tempered glass that rotates and a pump in the stainless steel base that raises the surface height from 17 to 25 inches. The couch costs \$2,800, and the table is \$1,175.

A round mirror occupies the wall beside the couch.

"Mirrors open up the room even more, and this mirror blends with the windows. If you stand in one part of the room, you're seeing the rose bushes from my next-door neighbor's house reflected," Lecco said. "So I'm using that wall also as a window."

Among the pieces of furniture Lecco used to expand on the essential furnishings is a bar that forms a circular cafe table when closed and, when opened, reveals racks for glasses and shelves for bottles. The exterior of the bar, which costs \$1,600, is made of maple veneer steamed and hand-bent. It's on wheels that lock or roll.

Brandy Lovell and Jill



attractive tilt to the head, well-

painted hair and a feature called

'applied eyelashes." Flowers or

bows applied in a three-dimension-

al, not painted on, manner, make

The earliest examples of these

female head vases are from the

1940s and often marked "Glamour

Girl," but these early specimens are

not the most sought after. The most

desirable were made in the 1950s.

the vase even more attractive.

Whittington, designers at Virginia Rippee & Associates, set up a more traditional response to the question of what's basic when you start with an empty room.

They had a \$6,000 answer: a couch at \$2,000, a coffee table at \$1,600 and two paintings at \$1,200 each. It's not that much money, they say, if you take their advice and buy investment paintings rather than small, trivial pieces.

"I would highly recommend waiting until you can buy the real thing," Lovell said of art purchases.

"I got one piece and hid it for a long time until I could afford to frame it," Whittington said.

The firm advice the designers regularly repeat is to take the time to buy things that will last.

Book gives advice for those serious about finding true collectibles

By Hilary Groutage Smith SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Don't clean the basement or log onto eBay without it. Those dusty Atari Pong game consoles, tacky floral print dresses from the 1970s and ceramic vases in the shape of a woman's head are, if in good condition, worth money. About \$100, \$50 and \$180, respectively.

More than 5,000 treasureamong-trash items are cataloged in

"Collectibles Price Guide" by Judith Miller (DK Publishing, \$25). The book is a companion to Miller's "Antiques Price Guide 2003" (DK Publishing, \$35) released late last year.

Miller started collecting stuff when she was a student in the 1960s. Her fascination started with a fondness for inexpensive plates purchased in junk shops. Miller has now written more than 80

books about antiques and collectibles.

In the latest book's introduction, Miller says the market for collectibles has exploded in recent years.

But real collectors need to know how to spot a fake and sort through trash and treasure. Items in Miller's book are photographed and priced. Tips are included for spotting real treasures. Take, for example, those spooky, ceramic, head-with-a-hole-in-it vases our grandmothers used to have. The flowers, usually small bunches made out of paper, shot out from the top of the heads.

The vases are rapidly becoming a sought-after collectible, and when searching for them, Miller advises "look for delicately rouged cheeks and a good harstyle."

Collectors also look for an

How to find good wood furniture

How can you recognize quality wood furniture construction?

Furniture maker and finish carpenter Frank Clark left behind the hassle of running his own thriving



architecturally significant projects

Clark reveals what separates the good from the bad in wood furniture:

Pay close attention to materials and joinery: These two categories will distinguish a quality piece of furniture.

Look for solid woods: As opposed to veneers or composite materials, solid woods are durable and can be refinished.

Avoid pocket screws: Look under tables to see how the legs are attached. If they're attached by screws, they'll tend to get wobbly with time.

Look for mortise and tenon joints: These are high-quality tongue-in-groove joints that are

very strong when assembled and glued.

A little money up front: For a higher quality piece of furniture, paying a bit more will get you something that will last a long time. Once you've gotten that fine

wood furniture, Clark has these tips for taking care of it.

Know your finishes: This is where furniture care starts. There's oil, lacquer and polyurethane. Each finish has a different method of care.

Oil finish: Sand once a year with 220-grit sandpaper, and reapply either tung or linseed oil.

Lacquer finish: If the piece has a lacquer finish, wax once a year or as needed. As the furniture gets older, the layers of wax build up and you won't need to wax as often.

General maintenance: Weckly dusting with off-the-shelf furniture polish is sufficient.

Waxes can be applied on any finish furniture: They help protect it from everyday use and give it luster. Wax whenever the furniture looks like it's getting dull; there's no specific time frame.

Serendipity carves out career for chain-saw sculptor

By Susan Banks

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Is life made up of coincidences, or does everything happen for a reason? Ask Jesse Strack, a Washington State native who recently ended up in Beaver County, Pa., and you might get a good argument for the fate side of the discussion.

When Strack took up chain-saw carving in Washington three years ago, he didn't have a clue that his uncle was getting into the logging business at about the same time in Western Pennsylvania.

Nor did he know that family circumstances would prompt a move east. When Strack, 30, relocated here several months ago, he reconnected with his uncle, David Hoffman of New Sewickley, Pa. Strack found that his uncle's business offered him an easy access to raw lumber for his carvings.

According to Strack, finding logs to carve is one of the greatest difficulties faced by chain-saw carvers. It also happened that on Hoffman's farm there was a barn, recently



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Jesse Strack works on an eagle carving at the barn that is his workshop in Freedom, Pa., with a display of some of his bear carvings outside.

vacated, that was a perfect work space.

So with a place to work, access to lumber and the heavy equipment to move it, all close to his mother's home, it seemed as though things couldn't get any better. But they did.

Before long, motorists were stopping to see who was responsible for
 the carved bears and other figures
 standing in front of the barn, and
 Strack started selling his pieces.

Though Strack had always planned to continue carving as a

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full-time occupation, he was shocked that there was enough interest in his work for him to earn a living wage. But that's just what happened.

Strack didn't always plan on making a living carving bears with a chain saw. His dream was to work in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska. Finding that a hard and dangerous way to make a living, he ended up employed in a timber salvage operation in Washington. At that job, he became extremely familiar with a chain saw, and he also became friends with a man named Boaz Backus.

Backus runs a shop where he sells the works of many chain-saw sculptors, who are prolific on the West Coast.

Currently, Strack mostly carves bears. At his barn/workshop, he has bears of assorted sizes for sale, including one that is more than 8 fect tall. For some reason, bears are the "bread and butter" of chain-saw carving, he says.

"People have affection for bears," says Strack.

FOOD

lealtime mentor

By Janet K. Keeler ST PETERSBURG TIMES

For more than 20 years Christopher Kimball has made a living learning everything there is to know about home cooking.

And, as founder, publisher and editor of Cook's Illustrated, a 525,000circulation magazine that went advertising-less about 10 years ago, he shares that knowledge with readers.

But culinary endeavors are his Holy Grail, and he's always gathering information to get him there

If you've seen the PBS show "America's Test Kitchen," filmed in the kitchens of the magazine's facilities outside Boston, you've seen Kimball, 51. His ubiquitous bow tie, button-down shirt and wire-rim glasses are apt stereotypes for an exacting man who oversees other perfectionists. He and his staff cooked 35 vegetable lasagnas to find the best recipe for Italian Classics.

Kımball ıs a keen observer of the culinary dichotomy in American cooking. On one side is the high-concept, exotic-ingredients cooking perpetuated by metropolitan food writers and celebrity chefs. On the other side is the home cook, who, other than not cooking seven nights a week anymore, hasn't changed much in 50 years, he says.

"Food got hijacked in the mid '70s by the food media, Kimball says "Frieda (Caplan of Frieda's Finest Produce) started selling kiwis out in California, and home cooking got ignored The New York and

cooking.



"Italian

Classics' (Boston Common Press, San \$29.95) by Francisco Christopher media don't Kimball. want to talk about home

But it's home cooking that most of us do, or need to do. That's why Cook's Illustrated goes to such lengths to show us how to peel an avocado and tell us which dried pasta is best. (Cook's tasters like Ronzoni.)

Trouble is, Kimball says, we are trying to cook too many things.

"I am a big proponent of having a limited repertoire," Kimball says. "Fifty years ago, people didn't have a great repertoire of recipes, and we cooked at home a lot more. We live in a culture where the media feels we want new things, but we really don't."

Home cooks need to understand braising (wet heat, low temperature, long time) and sauteing (dry heat, high temperature, short time) and should be able to make a soup, a simple yeast bread and eggs, Kimball savs. Once those techniques are mastered, just about anything can be pre-



<u>Masterful</u>

An Italian chef demonstrates the secrets of making those feather-light dumplings

By Janet Fletcher SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

aurizio Mazzon makes it look so easy. But as I know too well, preparing gnocchi can humble the most confident pasta cook. I'm proud of my homemade lasagna, cannelloni and ravioli. I know fusilli from gemelli. I would serve my fresh pappardelle to Francis Ford Coppola. But my gnocchi? Gangsters could use them in place of lead hoots

HomeTown

That's why I invited Mazzon, the executive chef of the Il Fornato chain, to give me a private gnocchi (pronounced NYOH-kee) lesson. If I could watch a master make them, surely I would glean some tips for success

unholy, flour-dusted mess, but two dishes beckoned on the counter: melt-in-yourmouth potato gnocchi sauced with tomato, mushrooms and sausage, and richly colored kabocha squash gnocchi with brown butter and sage

I had chosen my teacher well. Mazzon grew up near Venice, definitely gnocchi territory, and his mother made them often on Sundays. Last year, after seven years overseeing all the kitchens for Il Fornaio, he published the "Il Fornaio Pasta Book" (Chronicle Books, \$27.50), a handsome collection of regional recipes, including several for gnocchi.

Today, variations on the humble dumpling abound, some of them carrying In Piemonte, the rustic dumplings are shaved with fresh white truffles in season. In Liguria, they are sauced with pesto.

Until I tasted Mazzon's work, I suspected that light potato gnocchi might be a myth, an ideal that everyone boasts about achieving but no one really does, like light matzo balls. Gnocchi could be relatively light --- compared to mine, for example but could they be light in an absolute sense?

Almost everyone, including Mazzon, agrees on one thing: Flour makes gnocchi heavy. The less flour you can incorporate to achieve a workable dough, the better. But that's the catch because the dough is sticky, and it takes a particularly light and

A GNOCCHI

Here are a few pointers from chef Maurizio Mazzon and San Francisco food writer Carol Field. The potatoes

Use yellow-fleshed Yukon Golds, which are not as starchy as russets but have better color and flavor. The flour

Unbleached all-purpose flour, and

pared.

He's puzzled by cooks who try a recipe once, fail and then never try it again. Learn from musicians, he says. who practice and perform a single piece countless times and can discover something new about the music, their audience or themselves each time.

There's more to cooking than following a recipe, he says. It's important to understand basic techniques and terms.

"The fact is, most recipes don't work," Kimball says. That's because our stoves are out of whack, our equipment is wrong and we're using a recipe for an Asian or Mexican dish for which we don't have the right ingredients.

"For instance, people think an oven is a precise instrument. It's not It's just a box that gets hot," he says.

Cook's Illustrated's most recent endeavor 1s "Italian Classics" (Boston Common Press, \$29.95), a book of 300 recipes exhaustively tested by the magazine's editors.

Kimball says his staff was drawn to the idea of an Italian cookbook because the cuisine is close to American home cooking in technique and ingredients. "Italian Classics" differentiates itself from the many Italian cookbooks on bookstore shelves by its detailed discussion of each dish, be it Chicken Under a Brick or Fettuccine with Bolognese Sauce



Photo by Ken Helle / St Petersburg Times Christopher Kimball with his latest book, "Italian Classics."

We jointly devised a lesson plan -- two kinds of gnocchi, two sauces - and a few days later, he showed up at my house with three grocery bags. A tall, gaunt man with craggy features and wild dark hair, Mazzon set to work as if he had lunch orders wait-

Two hours later, my kitchen was an

GNOCCHI RECIPES

BASIC POTATO GNOCCHI

Yields enough gnocchi for 6 servings It is important to cook the gnocchi immediately after making them. If they stand, they become sticky and difficult to work with. 1-1/2 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes (preferably 2 large potatoes) 1 large egg, lightly beaten Several scrapings of freshly grated nutmeg 3/4 teaspoon sea salt Approximately 1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour, or as needed Olive oil

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Bake the potatoes until a knife pierces them easily, about 1 hour.

When the potatoes are almost done, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat for cooking the gnocchi.

Peel the potatoes while they are hot. Cut them into manageable chunks and pass them through a ricer directly onto a work surface. With a table fork, spread the potatoes out until they are about 1/2-inch thick and let them cool to room temperature,

Drizzle the beaten egg over the potatoes. Sprinkle with nutmeg and salt, then scatter 1 cup flour over the potatoes.

Working quickly and gently, use a bench scraper to reach underneath the ingredients and lightly toss them together, as if you were working a pie dough.

Continue fluffing the ingredients without kneading them, using the scraper and your free hand, until the mixture resembles very coarse crumbs

Begin kneading very lightly, much less vigorously than for bread dough. If the dough feels sticky, sprinkle on a little more flour, but as little as necessary to form a dough that is moist but firm and not sticky. The dough should come together in less than 1 minute. When the dough

the concept far beyond its peasant origins.

"Every region of Italy has its dumplings," agrees Mazzon. "In Sardinia, they're called malloreddus and they're made with semolina and no egg. In Emilia-Romagna, you find winter squash gnocchi. In Trentino, they're called spaetzle. Piedmonte has stuffed gnocchi."

Potato gnocchi colored with spinach, carrots, tomato or beets may sound like American whimsy, but no, they're Italian.

feels like a soft pillow, shape it into a thick log about 8 inches long. With the scraper, cut the log into 6 thick rounds.

Working with 1 round at a time, position it so that a floured side (not a cut side) is up. Lightly flatten it with your palm, then use both palms to roll and stretch the dough into a long, 3/4-inchdiameter rope, as if making breadsticks. Flour your work surface or your palms lightly as needed to prevent sticking.

When you have made all 6 ropes, line them up 3 at a time and use the scraper to cut them crosswise into 3/4-inch-square nuggets. Flour the nuggets lightly and gently toss them with the flour to prevent sticking. Now you're ready to shape the gnocchi. Hold

a table fork, tines up, in one hand. With the other hand, pick up a gnocco with your thumb and index finger, grasping it on the cut sides. Place it on the tines of the fork as far from the end as possible. With your thumb, gently press the gnocco with a forward movement so that it curls slightly. One side will have the indentations from the tines; the other side will be slightly concave. Keep the gnocchi on the work surface. lightly floured, until you make them all.

Drizzle about 2 tablespoons olive oil into a large baking dish.

Boil the gnocchi about 2 dozen at a time. After they float to the surface, count 20 seconds, then lift them out with a skimmer/strainer and transfer them to the oiled baking dish, turning to coat them with the oil. Continue until all the gnocchi are cooked and lightly oiled, adding more oil if needed, then transfer them to a skillet containing your sauce. Reheat them gently in the sauce and serve immediately with a spoon, not tongs.

MAURIZIO MAZZON'S GNOCCHI ALLA FRIULANA

(Potato Gnocchi with tomato, mushrooms, sausage and cream. Serves 6.)

practiced touch to shape it with minimal flour.

Apparently, many Italians are no more adept than I, which would explain why gnocco is Italian slang for a dense person.

"I think they're extremely difficult to make well," says Field. "The reality of making gnocchi is the reality of baking bread. You can't really write a recipe for it."

1/2 pound mild Italian-style sausage 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil 1/3 cup minced onion garlic cloves, minced Pinch hot red pepper flakes 1/2 pound mixed mushrooms (remove gills from portobellos, if using), halved and thickly sliced 1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme 1/4 cup white wine 1-1/2 cups coarsely chopped canned tomatoes

2 tablespoons minced Italian parsley 1/3 cup heavy cream

Salt to taste 1 recipe Basic Potato Gnocchi 3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Remove the casings from the sausages, but leave the sausages intact. Cut them in half lengthwise, then cut crosswise to make 3/4inch nuggets of meat. Put the sausage nuggets and olive oil in a large nonstick skillet and cook over moderate heat, stirring often, until the sausage is well browned on all sides, about 10 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the sausage to a plate.

Add the onion, garlic and hot pepper flakes to the skillet and saute until the onion softens. Add the mushrooms and thyme and cook until the mushrooms are softened and nicely browned. Stir in the wine and let it simmer briefly to drive off the alcohol, then add the tomatoes and 1 tablespoon of the parsley. Simmer for about 5 minutes, then stir in the cream and return the sausage to the skillet. Simmer 3 to 4 minutes to blend the flavors, then season with salt.

Boil the gnocchi in batches as described in the recipe. Transfer them to the skillet and toss gently to coat with the sauce. Reheat gently, thinning the sauce if necessary with some of the hot gnocchi water. Add the cheese, transfer to a warmed serving platter and top with the remaining 1 tablespoon parsley.

as little as possible. The eggs

Tr t Eggs also toughen gnocchi and some deft cooks leave them out, but shaping a dough from only potato and flour, with no egg to bind it, is difficult.

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Cooking the potatoes

Most recipes call for boiling the potatoes in their skins. A few recipes, including Mazzon's in his book, specify baking the potatoes to minimize the moisture they absorb, and thus the amount of flour needed in the dough. Ricing the potatoes

The cooked potatoes should be peeled immediately and passed through a ricer while hot. A food mill doesn't produce as light a texture, and a food processor makes glue.

Making the dough

The riced potatoes should be allowed to cool before you add the egg and flour. Then the dough should be mixed lightly and quickly by hand, with more flour added only as needed to prevent sticking. As you shape the ropes and cut the gnocchi, keep the work surface and the dough lighdy dusted with flour.

Shaping gnocchi

Gently press a small nugget of dough against a textured surface with your thumb; by pressing with a slight forward motion, you can make the gnocchi curl like a C. The simplest implement for shaping is a table fork.

Saucing gnocchi

Have your sauce ready before you start preparing gnocchi so you can lift them out of the boiling water and transfer them directly to the sauce.

Because gnocchi are light, or are meant to be, they should be lightly sauced. Often they are dressed with only melted butter and Parmesan. Serving gnocchi

In Italy, gnocchi are typically a first course, not a main course. They are filling and should be served in small portions. Be gentle with them, They should not be tossed of han-dled with tongs or they may break.



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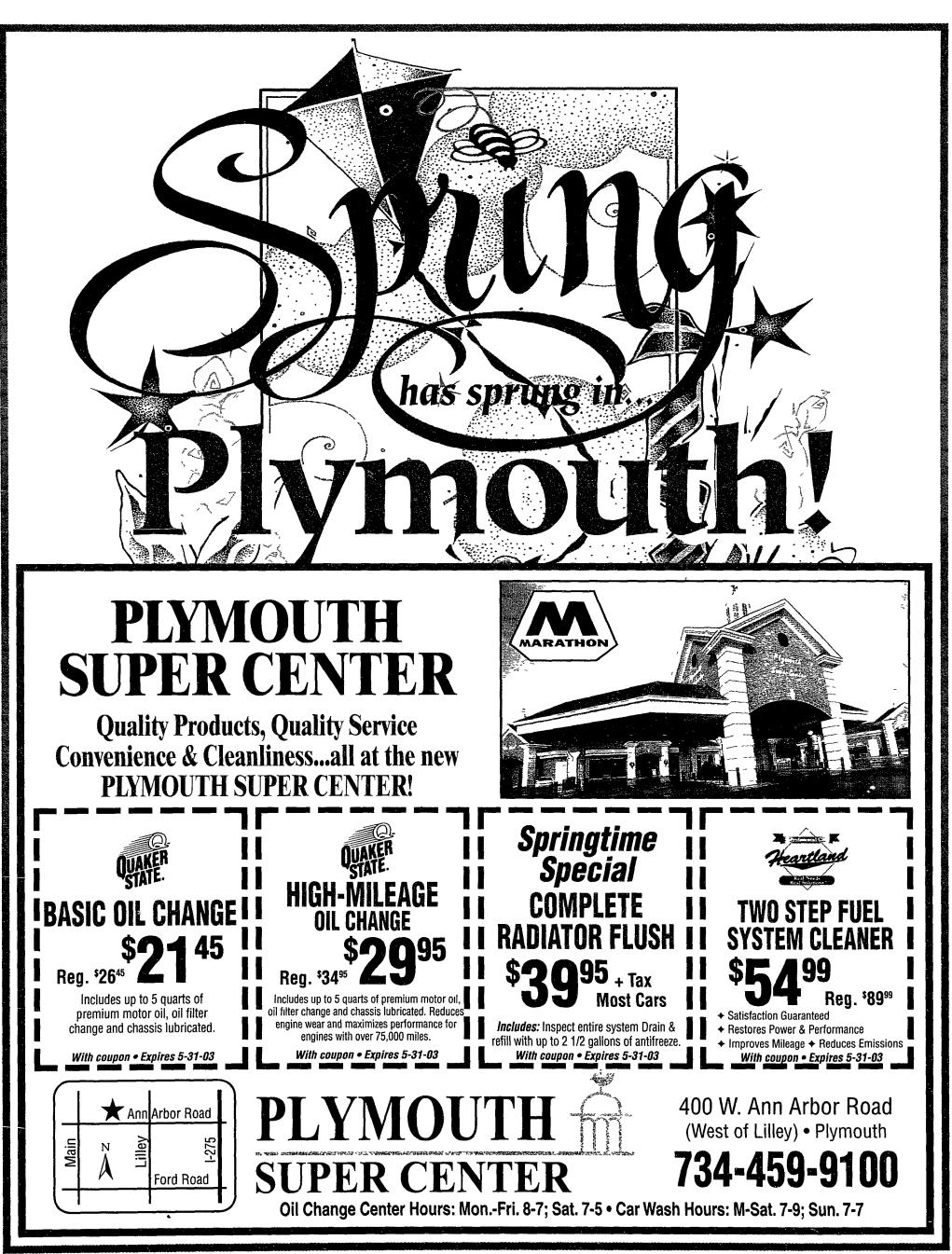


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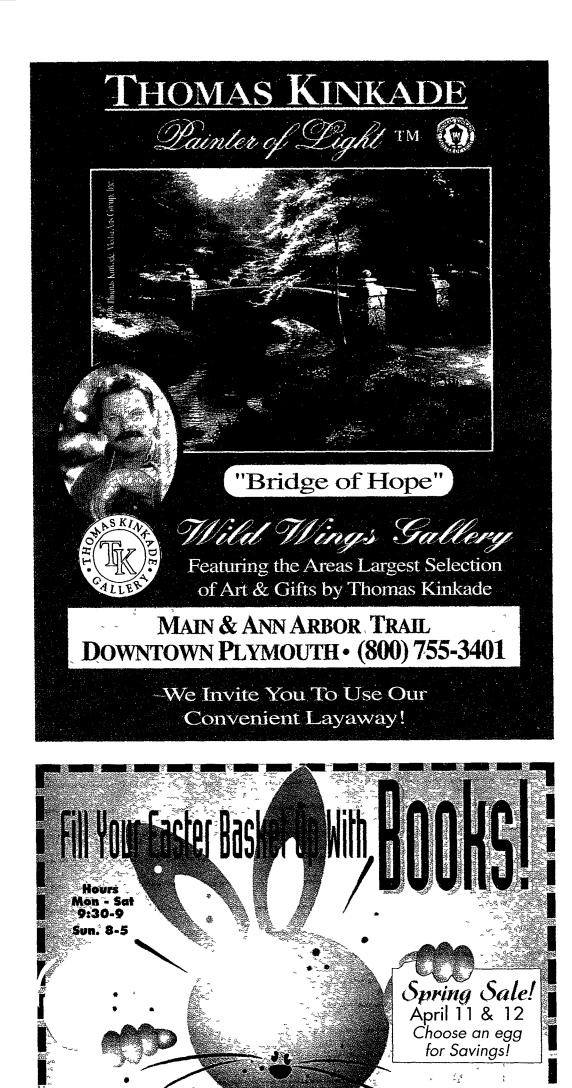
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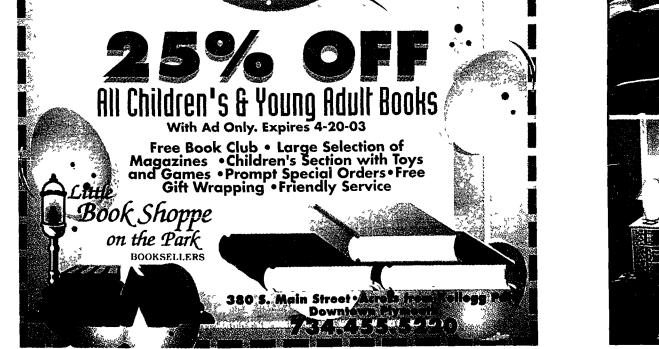


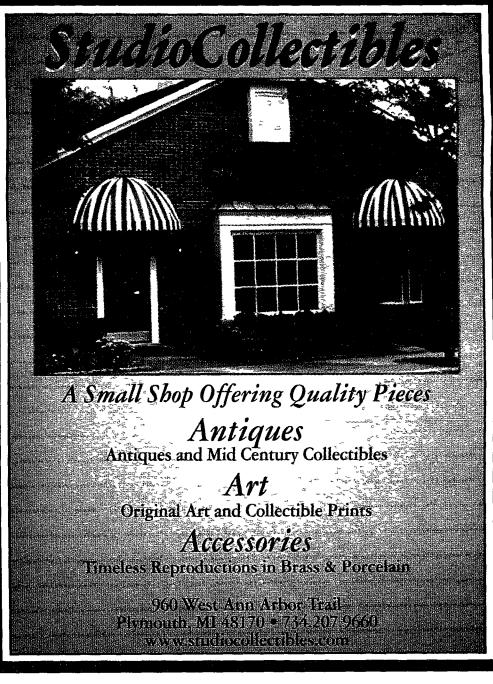


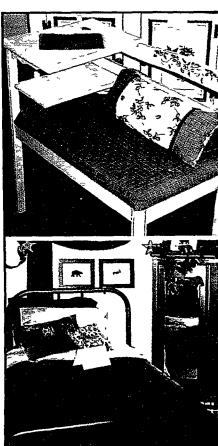










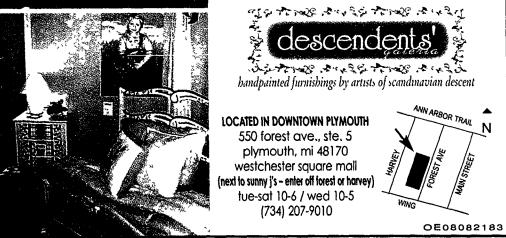


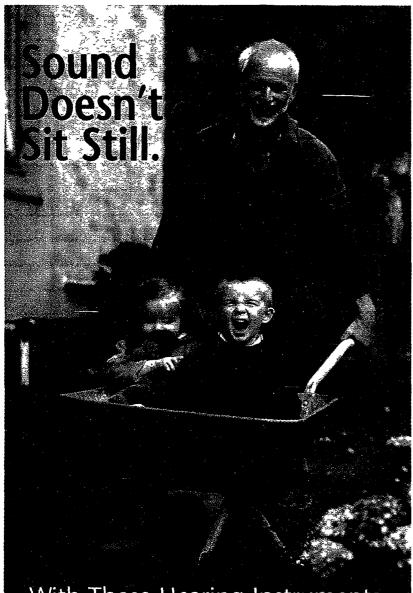
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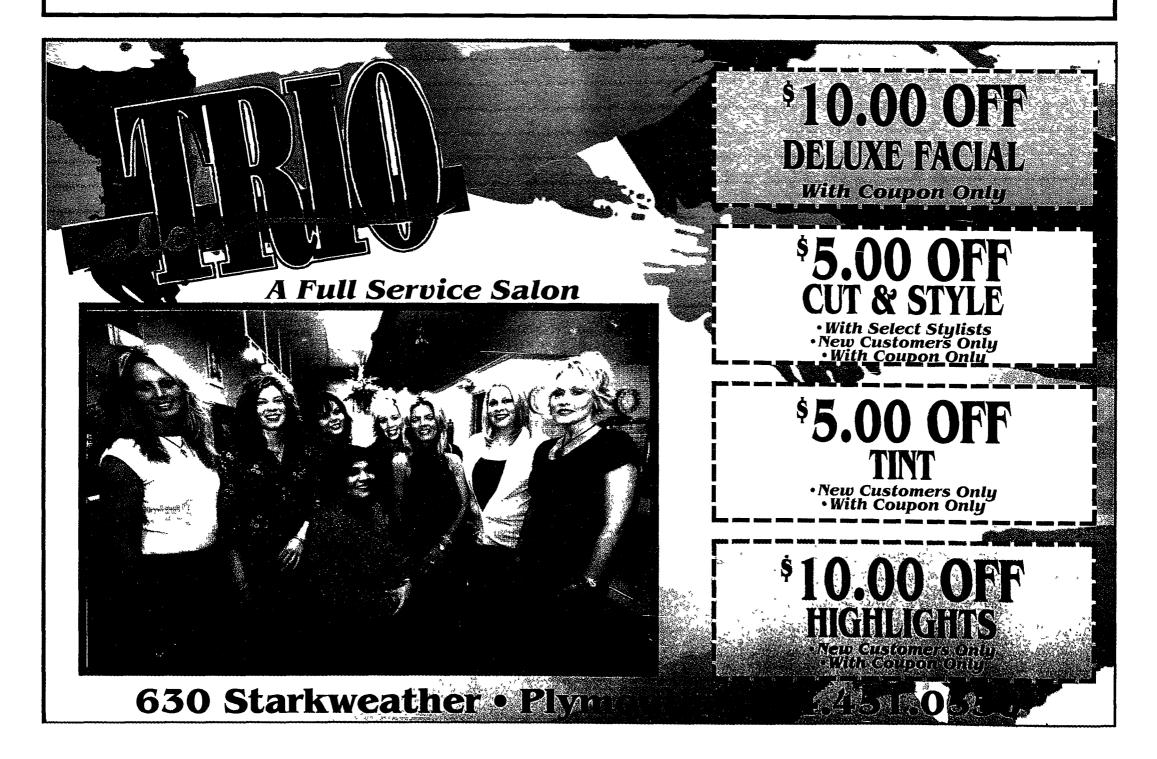
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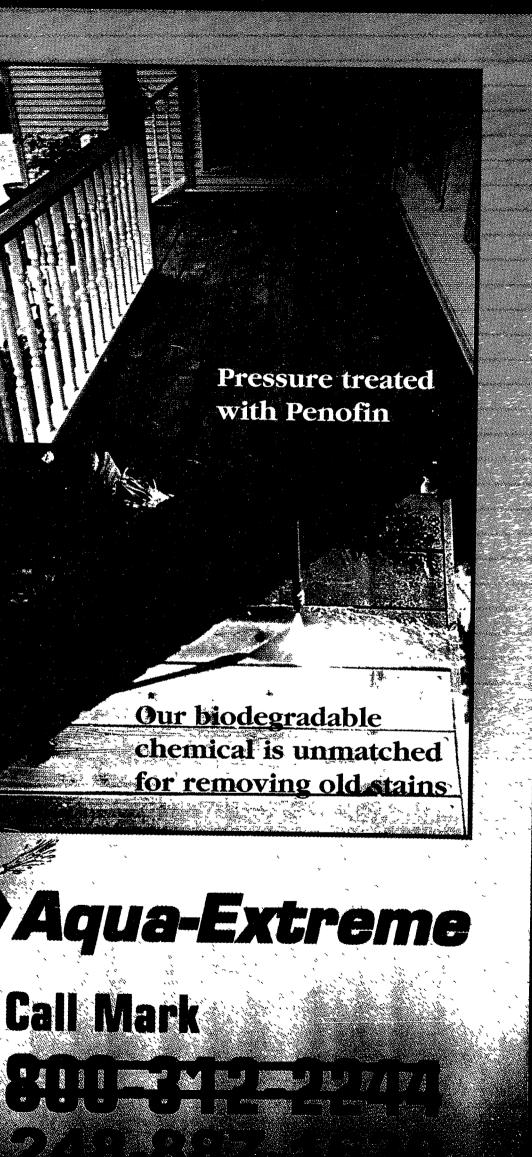
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Q I saw Fred Thompson on TV speaking on the floor of the U.S. Senate, and that evening I saw him on *Law & Order*. He did well in both roles. How did he manage his schedule to do both before leaving the Senate?

-George M., New Mexico.

Law & Order's DA trio, Sam Waterson, Elisabeth Rohm, and Fred Thompson.

Law & Order worked around the senator's schedule. Thompson, 60, told the show's NBC producers that his portrayal of District Attorney Arthur Branch was contingent on the Senate schedule, Press Secretary Harvey Valentine says. He taped during the August recess and weekends in September. Thompson, who announced in March of 2002 that he was leaving the Senate for personal reasons, has other irons in the fire, too. He hopes to teach and will be the president of the Federal City Council, a nonprofit group dedicated to making Washington a better place to live. Thompson, who grew up in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and lives in Nashville, began his acting career playing himself in Marie, a movie based on a cash-for-clemency scheme in Tennessee. He has appeared in 18 movies and was elected to the Senate in 1994. Thompson has two sons and five grandchildren. He married Jeri Kehn, a political and media consultant, in June 2002.

What is Diahann Carroll doing now? I thought I saw her on a commercial.

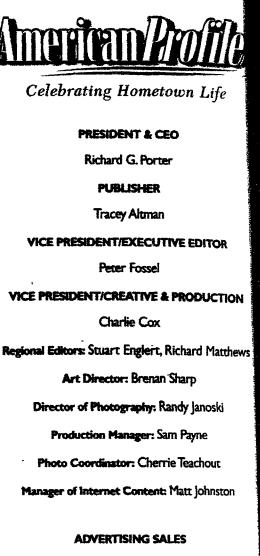
-Beth M., California

Carroll has done no commercials lately, but appeared recently on the UPN sitcom, Half & Half, as the grandmother of two half-sisters who were strangers until they became neighbors in a San Francisco apartment building. One more appearance is scheduled on the sitcom, but Carroll, 67, is in negotiations for a recurring role on the show. The New York native made television history in 1968 as the first black actress to star in her own series, NBC's Julia. This month, she's scheduled to be featured with Valerie Harper and others in a special on the Women's Entertainment network about single women on television (Julia was a single mother). Carroll is a Tony award winner and was nominated for an Emmy, Academy Award, and Grammy. She is also working on the final details of her launch of a new skin care line. Her fashion line already sells on QVC and in specialized stores around the country. Her numerous acting credits include Dynasty, Lonesome Dove: The Series, and the movie Eve's Bayou.

Q What is Mark Lemke, formerly of the Atlanta Braves, doing now?

-Robert and Rachel S., North Carolina

The 37-year-old former Brave, nicknamed Dirt for his scrappy playing style, left professional baseball in 1998 after a season with the Boston Red Sox. He returned to Atlanta, where his career began, and opened a business called Hardball Warehouse. The business instructs young athletes on the finer points of our national pastime. In addition to giving hitting lessons, he provides his expertise to the company's newsletter and virtual university. Former Braves players Greg McMichael and Terry Pendleton also are involved in the business. Lemke also does baseball analysis on various radio programs and is well known in Atlanta for his charity work. The Utica, N.Y., native was a relatively unknown player for the Braves until 1991, when he replaced injured second baseman Jeff Treadway at the end of the season. His hitting and fielding helped the team make it to the World Series, and he became a fan favorite.



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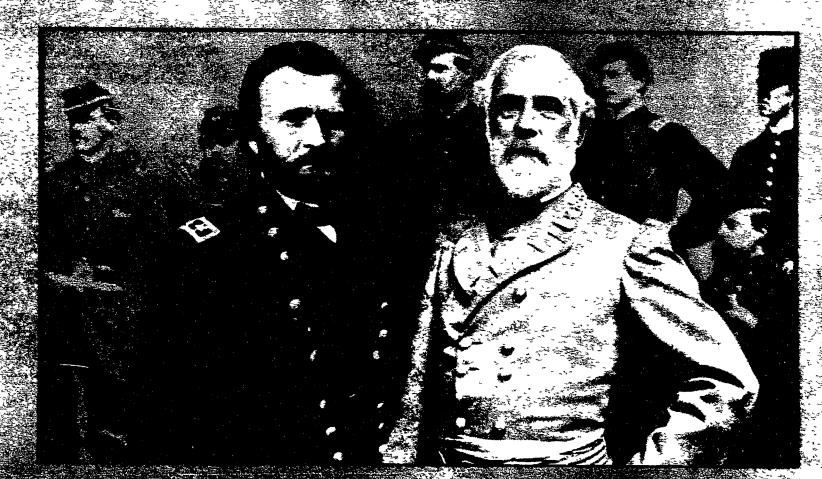
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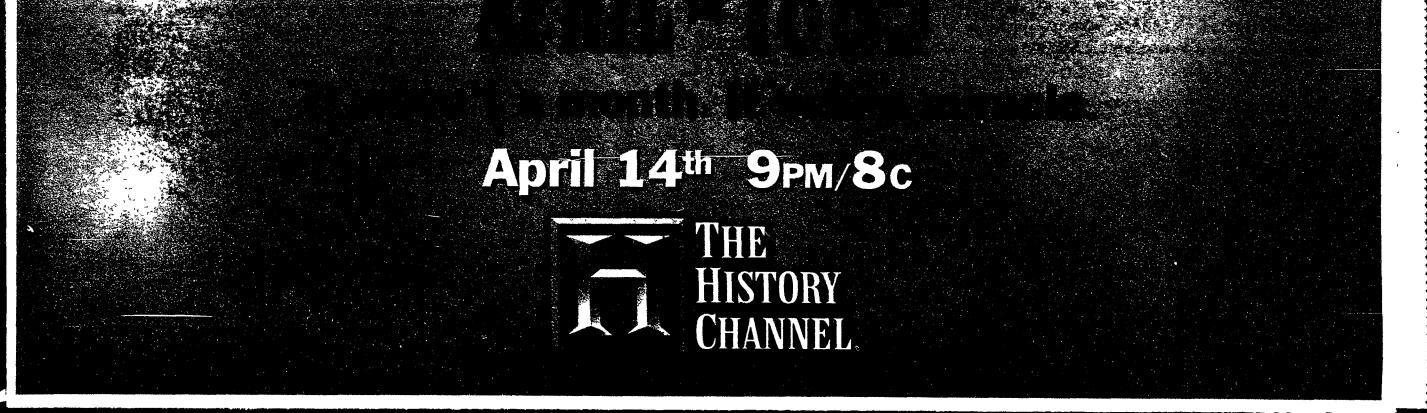
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When Dutchman Pete

Denzer planted daffodil bulbs from his native Holland around his eastern California homestead in the late 1800s, he couldn't have imagined that his love of flowers eventually would result in acres of eye-catching yellow blooms that now attract thousands of visitors every spring.

The yearly post-winter trek to Denzer's hillside spot ensues as warm spring temperatures trigger bulbs to bloom-and as the hillside explodes in color, legions of the flower faithful follow the daffodil-lined road to Daffodil Hill for their fill of this heart-brightening harbinger of spring.

Daffodil Hill is located on McLaughlin Ranch, about 65 miles southeast of Sacramento, just a short drive from Jackson (pop. 3,989). Not far from historic Kit Carson Pass, the ranch began as a combination toll road and resting spot for weary travelers and teamsters hauling timber. The McLaughlin

family rented rooms and served homemade meals; breakfast cost 25 cents and there was plenty of room to shelter tired horses.

Mary Ryan, 81, says her grandparents, Arthur and Lizzie McLaughlin, bought the ranch in 1887. After Lizzie's death in 1935, more daffodils were planted in her memory.

"We've kept it up ever since," Ryan says.

In the 1930s, the first visitors stopped to admire the McLaughlin family's garden-situated in a beautiful alpine setting at a 3,000-foot elevation. Eventually, more travelers began to admire the proliferation of daffodils. As Daffodil Hill's popularity grew, the place soon became synonymous with spring in Amador County.

Daffodil Hill opens from mid-March through April, but "it all depends on the weatherman," Mary Ryan says. A late spring snowstorm isn't unusual. "We've been open as little as a week due to snow."

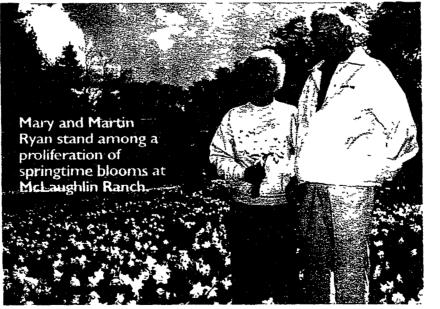
Martin Ryan Sr., Mary's husband of 57 years and a former Amador County Superior Court judge, estimates



fodils and tulips, walnuts are grown for the purpose of paying yearly taxes.

"It's just a family project run entirely on donations," Mary Ryan says. "I have two sons and one excellent husband who help. It's a lot of work, but we love it."

Preparing and planting the daffodils is a family event from November through February. Over the years, about 300 varieties of daffodils have been placed in the ground, totaling more than 300,000 bulbs.



The road to Daffodil Hill meanders along a rustic two-lane road-a respite from the hectic world, where visitors can enjoy a country picnic and wander the twisting dirt paths lined with farming tools, wagon wheels, chickens, an old barn, rusting mining equipment, rabbits, and peacocks.

"We have peacocks by the case and carload," says Mary Ryan, laughing. "They're good with snakes and rodents. In the spring their feathers are in good bloom." Though his wife isn't quite sure how many of the peafowl roam the hillsides, Judge Ryan adds, "too many."

It's easy to understand why Lizzie McLaughlin fell in love with her charming homestead now peppered with yellow daffodils in the California gold country foothills, looking not unlike a Monet painting. Today, she would in all likelihood be awestruck at the spectacular sprawling hillside she once called home. Though the blooms fade in late spring, Lizzie's love of daffodils lives on at the McLaughlin Ranch. 🖈

the daffodils occupy about eight acres.

"I believe we planted about 10,000 bulbs last year alone," he says. In addition to an array of daf-

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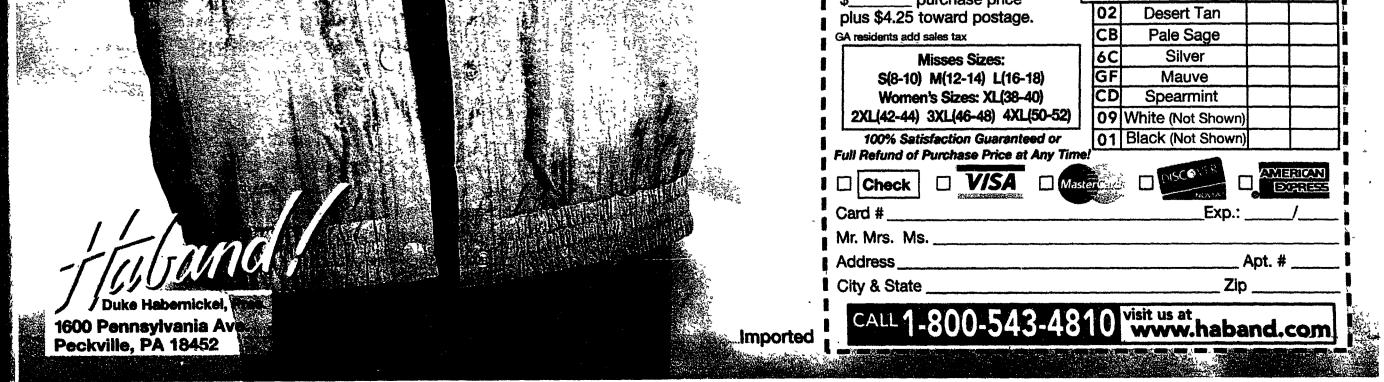
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"That's okay. Let's go anyway." Annette Hubbard calls out.

Hubbard, in a bright green sequined vest and matching earrings, leads her troupe in a line dance—a routine in which all the dancers move in sync. So what if they have to improvise a bit? Hubbard and her friends, all age 50 and over, can handle it. After all, they're here to have fun.

Our whole aim is to maintain our health and fitness and to encourage others to get

involved

Beaming, her white boots tapping out the rhythm, Hubbard and her 20 dancers perform in front of some 100 members of the Modern Maturity Center in Dover, Del. As they dance, Cate Lyons, the center's marketing director, says, "They amaze me. My daughter always has to re-teach me the electric slide, and look at them!"

Shortly after the half-hour performance, Hubbard spots a woman sitting down with her cane propped up next to her chair. "You guys were great," the woman tells Hubbard. "Next time," Hubbard says, "you're dancing, too . . ."

Hubbard knows that exercise is the key to health at any age, and while she doesn't expect all seniors to exercise at her level, she tells anyone who will listen that even moderate activity is good for you-both mentally and physically.

No signs of slowing down

At 70, Hubbard shows no signs of slowing down. Each morning, she wakes at 6:30 and heads to the center to swim for an hour. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, she line dances, and on Thursday afternoons, she and her husband, Clifton, 75, take ballroom dancing classes.

It's little wonder that Hubbard is so active. Her father was a physical education major who lived to be 98, and her mother was an ele-

Hubbard dances with her husband.





Annette Hubbard leads her troupe of Steppin' Seniors in some fancy footwork.

ney. Designed to increase awareness and physical activity among everyone in the state, the program is part of a larger state goal to increase the proportion of adults who engage in regular, moderate, and sustained physical activity.

"I just love the activity," Hubbard says. "I love the exercise." Then she smiles and adds, "And I just enjoy being with all these young people."

She also loves what line dancing does for audiences. While she's exercising, she's also entertaining others. A few hours after she participated in the line dancing performance

mentary school teacher who loved to dance. Hubbard's father taught her how to swim along the beaches of Ocean City, Md. Once she decided to become a physical education teacher herself, she learned almost every sport, from football to volleyball. Even if she didn't participate, she learned the rules and is an avid fan of the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles and the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers.

Hubbard keeps a daily log of all of her exercise as part of a program called "Get Up and Do Something," which was created in 2002 by Delaware's Lt. Governor John Car-

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with the wrong music, she and the rest of the Steppin' Seniors headed to a nearby nursing home to dance for a former troupe member who has been ill. "I just know it will make her smile," Hubbard says.

A passion for dancing

It makes her smile, too. After teaching for nearly 40 years, Hubbard retired but was looking for a community activity to keep her active. She went to the Modern Maturity Center and signed up for an aerobics class. Shortly afterward, she was introduced to line dancing. A decade later, she's still kicking up her heels.

"She just enjoys it so much," says Doris Delong, who teaches the classes with her husband, Bill. "It's good exercise and it's social, too." Line dancing has become quite a phenomenon in Dover. When Steppin' Seniors was first formed, there were only five members. Nowadays, there are more than 100. They have danced in the St. Patrick's Day

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parade in Dover and have even been featured in a documentary film to promote better fitness. Their numerous trophies and awards are on display in the Maturity Center.

"Annette wasn't the one who started the line dancing program here, but under her guidance, it's really, really grown," says Carolyn Fredericks, executive director of the center. "Not only has she proved that when you get older you don't have to slow down, but we've got other line dancers who have as well. We have line dancers who are 90."



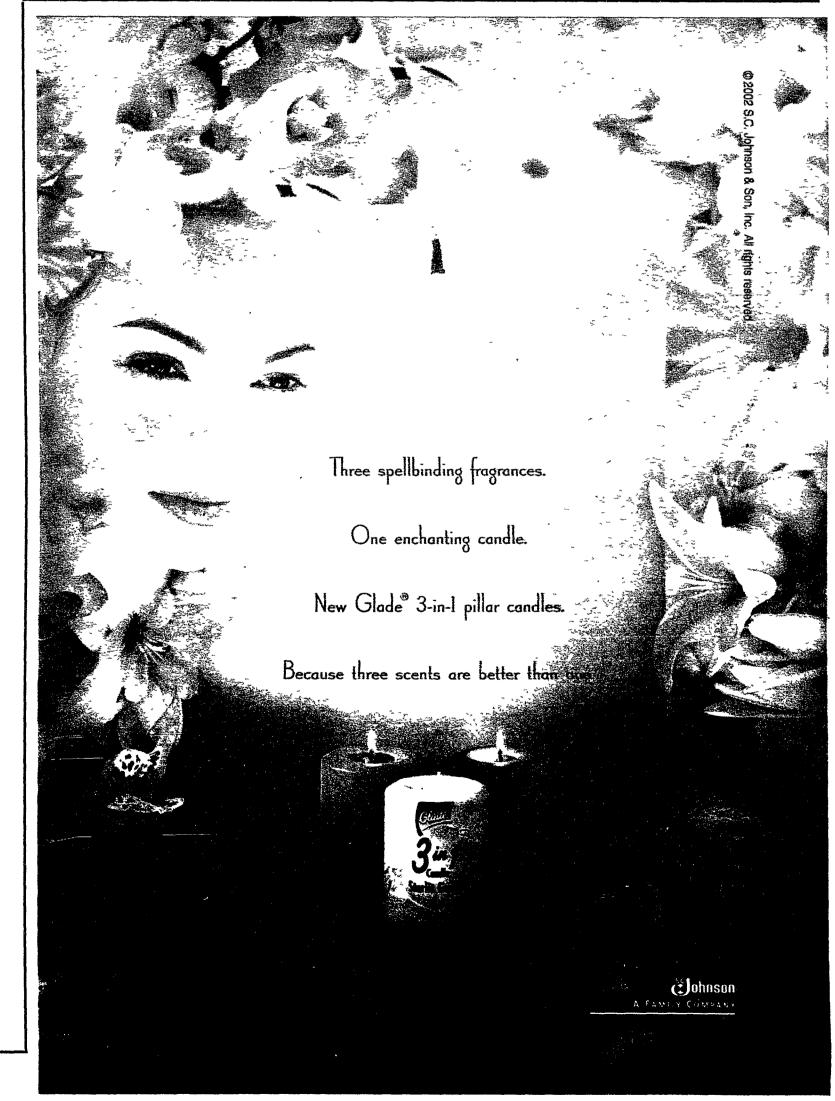
Hubbard thinks young and exercises often.

Hubbard tries to do the same thing—only in reverse. Sometimes, her line dancing group performs in front of sororities and fraternities at Delaware colleges and universities.

Hubbard has become politically involved as well, helping lead the charge for other seniors to exercise. She keeps regular contact with several politicians in Delaware and is a member of the Governors' Council for Lifestyle and Fitness. Often, she travels to Wilmington for meetings. She is also a former president of the Delaware Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

"Our whole aim is to maintain our health and fitness and to encourage others to get involved," Hubbard says. "You can't just stop because you get older." In fact, Hubbard won't allow it.

Amy Rosewater writes from Timonium, Md.



Fredericks refers to the line dancers as the center's "goodwill ambassadors." Not only for the entertainment of others but for themselves, too. "The more active you remain," Fredericks says, "the younger emotionally you remain and you're going to have a younger

outlook on life, too." Hubbard and her friends at Steppin' Seniors perform about 30 times a year in hospitals, schools, and churches. Hubbard has even participated in line dancing in the Senior Olympics, and has earned gold and silver medals for her efforts.

The goal is not just for her personal well being, but to prove that there are senior citizens who are active. "There are no rocking chairs here," she says as she shows a guest around the center.

Hubbard's dedication to exercise is key to her health. But senior citizens don't have to exercise to the level that she does to keep in good shape. Denise Bender, an assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, works with community resources to help get seniors involved in exercise programs.

"We want people to know that exercise is for everybody." Bender says, "Our goal is to keep people in the community and in vital parts of the community. We believe that keeping people fit is crucial for their mental health."

Many elderly people seem fearful of exercise, especially older women, Bender says. They tend to believe that exercising means they have to be competitive or lose weight or that they have to use machines in a fancy health club.

"We try to let people know that exercise doesn't have to be a gym. And the effectiveness of their exercise shouldn't be tied to a scale. It should be tied to how they feel," she says.

"We're not trying to turn them into Arnold Schwarzenegger. We're just trying to get them to exercise."

There are some precautions that seniors should take before they start

an exercise program, Bender says. First, they should consult a health provider. They also should try to exercise with a friend or a group of friends and be cautious of where and when they exercise. For example, they should not walk late at night in dark areas. Community centers, local YMCAs, and churches are excellent places to seek out programs. And it's not just older people who need to learn about such programs. Younger people need to be around active older people to realize that the stereotypical senior citizen doesn't have to be the norm. Bender had some of her students become partners with senior citizens in Oklahoma for that very purpose.

"They basically developed friendships," Bender says. "And the students came out with the understanding that just because you're older doesn't mean you're ill."



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Gasoline in His Blood

"This is where it all started," says Tim Sullivan, standing on the windy shore at Ormond Beach, Fla. On this stretch of sand, he explains, gentlemen in racecars first started their

engines, adjusted their goggles, and sped off down the beach. Automobile racing in America got off to a roaring start in Ormond Beach a century ago on the hard-packed sand. The town's flat, broad beach was an ideal place back in the early 1900s to test the newfangled horseless carriages, Sullivan says, at a time when roads-the few there were-were just rutted buggy trails.

"It must have been something to see," declares Sullivan, who claims he was born with gasoline in his blood.

After a long career of racing-related jobs, starting with ticket-taker and working up to flagman, NASCAR racing promoter, and radio broadcaster, Sullivan now volunteers his time as president of the Motor Racing Heritage Association, a community organization the Ormond Beach resident helped establish.

"We want everyone to know that auto racing and the quest for world speed records in this country began here, and that led to NASCAR stock car racing on the beach, and later, on the paved speedways," says Sullivan, who passed his love of motorsports on to his son, Tim Sullivan Jr., a publicist for NASCAR driver Bobby Labonte.

Among the organizers of a 1903 speed contest were two of the country's leading auto manufacturers, Alexander Winton and Ransom Olds. The two Northerners were winter residents of Florida who, along with Ormond Beach business leaders, saw great economic potential for automobile races on the firm beach—an ideal racing straightaway.

When the green flag fell that blustery day 100 years ago, says Sullivan, it signaled the start of what would become one of the most popular sports in America-and gave the sleepy town of Ormond Beach its nickname, "The Birthplace of Speed."

The 1903 Speed Carnival pitted Winton and his four-cylinder "Bullet" against H.T. Thomas piloting the single-cylinder "Pirate," built by Olds. Racing the clock along a measured mile, the gasoline and steampowered racecars reached speeds up to 68 mph, short of the record held by a French car and driver but, at the time, the fastest speed achieved in America. "In those days," says Sullivan, "many people thought going that fast would cause brain damage."

For more than a decade, before the time trials relocated a few miles south to Daytona Beach, the tournaments brought an assortment of hand-built motor cars and speedsters to Florida. Among those arriving by train with their racing machines were Henry Ford, Louis Chevrolet, and Horace Dodge-all hoping to better the current land speed record.

Between 1903 and 1935, dozens of world land speed records were set on the Florida beaches, says Sullivan, beginning in 🖉 1904 when William K. Vanderbilt pushed his Mercedes to 92 mph. The final speed record set on the days, many **people** sand, 276 mph, was captured by England's Sir Malthought colm Campbell in 1935. After Campbell drove his 2,500 horsepower, 12going that cylinder "Bluebird II" into the record books, the quest fast would for land speed records moved to the salt flats in Utah. cause brain And that's when the page turned to a new chapter damage." in the history of American auto racing, Sullivan says. A young auto mechanic and weekend dirt-track racer, Bill France, soon began organizing stock car races on the beach. In 1947, he formed a new sanctioning body, the National Association for Stock Car Automobile Racing, or NASCAR, in Daytona Beach. But it all started in Ormond Beach, Sullivan likes to remind people.



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Tidbits

Did You Know ...

ILLINOIS-In 1946, Ed Waldmire created the cozy dog, a deep-fried battered hot dog on a stick, and first called it a crusty cur. His Cozy Dog Drive-in in Springfield is a Route 66 landmark.

INDIANA-In 1902, Eugene Shireman of Martinsville (pop. 11,698) bought 200 goldfish to raise in his farm ponds. Today, Grassyfork Fisheries has 600 ponds and sells 40 million fish a year.

IOWA—Reproduction vintage trolley cars built by Gomaco Trolley Co. in Ida Grove (pop. 2,350) have been brought back in several U.S. cities, including Portland, Ore., and Tampa, Fla.

KANSAS-Vice President Charles Curtis (1929-1933), the first vice president who was part American Indian, was born in 1860 in Topeka.

MICHIGAN—The elegant 1903 Opera House in Cheboygan (pop. 5,295) also houses city hall and the police and fire departments.

MINNESOTA—In 1918, Eric Enstrom of Bovey (pop. 662) photographed Charles Wilden, a humble bearded man with his head bowed before a loaf of bread. Enstrom couldn't keep up with demands for the image, Grace, which became the state's official photograph in 2002.

MISSOURI-In 1935 and 1936, during the Great Depression, children in St. Louis collected \$2,000 to save the 1850 birthplace of Eugene Field, the children's poet, from demolition. Field wrote Little Boy Blue and Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.

NEBRASKA—In 1881, settlers named their village North Fork after the river, then simplified it to Norfork. Postal authorities thought it was misspelled and named the town Norfolk (pop. 23,516).

NORTH DAKOTA-Folk art along the Enchanted Highway between Gladstone (pop. 248) and Regent (pop. 211) includes the world's largest tin family (the man stands 45 feet tall), a pipe silhouette of President Theodore Roosevelt, and a

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SOUTH DAKOTA-Kuchen, a custard or fruit-filled German cake, was designated the official state dessert in 2000.

WISCONSIN-Scott Mitchen of Ashland (pop. 8,620) salvages timber from Lake Superior that sank a century ago while awaiting sawing and sells the prized wood to craftsmen, such as violinmakers, who love the wood's tight grain.

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Get ready

Home

• List what you need to do and buy the needed cleaning supplies and equipment.

• Arrange for a charity organization to pick up discarded items you want to give away or take them yourself.

Get set

• Assign cleaning tasks to family members according to age and ability.

• Stock plastic buckets or totes with cleaning supplies. Have trash bags handy.

• Attach an extension cord to your vacuum cleaner so you can move quickly through rooms.

• Spray the oven with oven cleaner Friday night. Put the drip pans from your stove and the ventilating fan/hood filter in a sink full of hot soapy water. Let them soak overnight.

Go

• Get up early Saturday morning and have family members strip bed linens (including mattress pads) and remove curtains that need washing.

• Vacuum cobwebs from ceilings and corners, light fixtures, ceiling-fan blades, shutters, or blinds, door and window moldings, lampshades, pictures, windowsills, and baseboards.

Dust and polish wood furniture and shelves.

- Clean mirrors and glass furniture tops.
- Flip mattresses and put clean linens on beds.
- Sweep floors and vacuum rugs or carpets.

• Defrost freezer if necessary. Wipe off refrigerator shelves.

• Clean inside microwave.

• Finish cleaning oven and stovetop. Replace drip pans.

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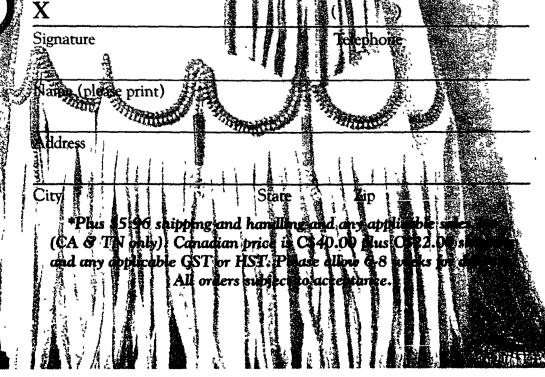
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Martha made sure every dish served at Pennsylvania where it still Mount Vernon... as well as in the first Presidential "White Houses" in New York and

country and its first President. Martha, of course, became our very first, "First Lady."

Martha kept and used her family cookbook for over fifty years. In 1799, she presented the book to her granddaughter, Eleanor Parke Custis as a wedding gift when she married Lawrence Lewis.

The cookbook was handed down from mother to daughter until 1892 when the Lewis family presented it to The Society of Historical resides today.

In 1940, the Society gave permission to historian Marie Kimball to study the manuscript and prepare a cookbook entitled, "The Martha Washington Cook Book." Although now long out-of-print, an Ohio publisher was recently commissioned to reprint a limited edition of this rare and amusing piece of Americana. Accordingly, a limited number of copies are being made available to the public at this time. Each volume is numbered and when the present printing is exhausted, there is no contract to print more. These cookbooks could very easily become valuable collectors items. "The Martha Washington Cook Book" includes facsimile copies of several actual nages from the one-of-a-kind original manuscript. Then, Mrs. Kimball chose over 200 delicious

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IOWA

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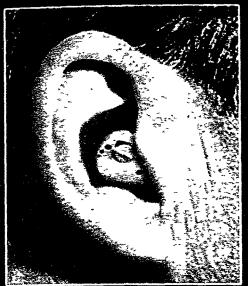
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Hometown Recipes

from KATHIE BACZYNSKI

Baked Pork Chops

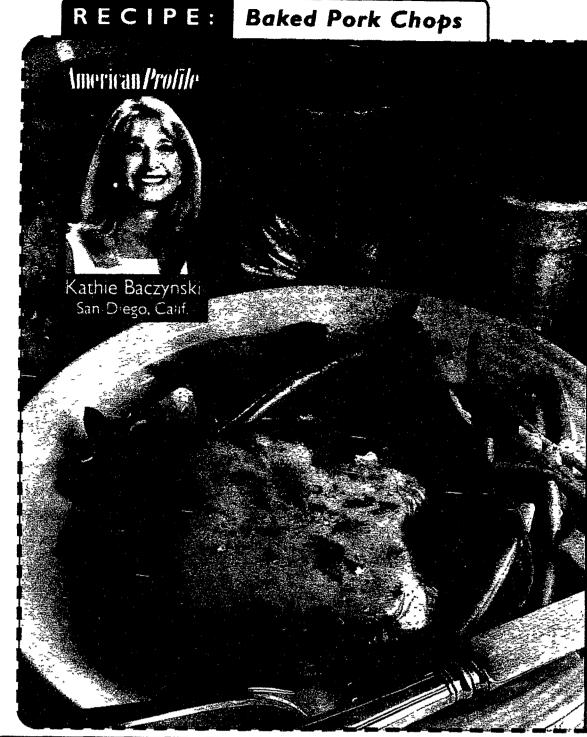
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6 pork chops, about 6 ounces each
2 tablespoons butter
12 bay leaves, preferably fresh
6 thin slices baked ham
2 tablespoons fresh sage
I cup Gruyere or Swiss cheese, shredded or sliced
Pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Brown chops in butter for 5 minutes. Remove from pan and pour off juices into a casserole dish. Line the dish with bay leaves. Put chops on top of bay leaves and cover each chop with a slice of ham. Finely chop the sage and sprinkle over ham. Sprinkle cheese over sage, cover casserole, and bake 25 minutes. Season with pepper before serving.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen: Steamed vegetable medley makes a super side dish. A sprig of sage is the perfect garnish for the pork chops.

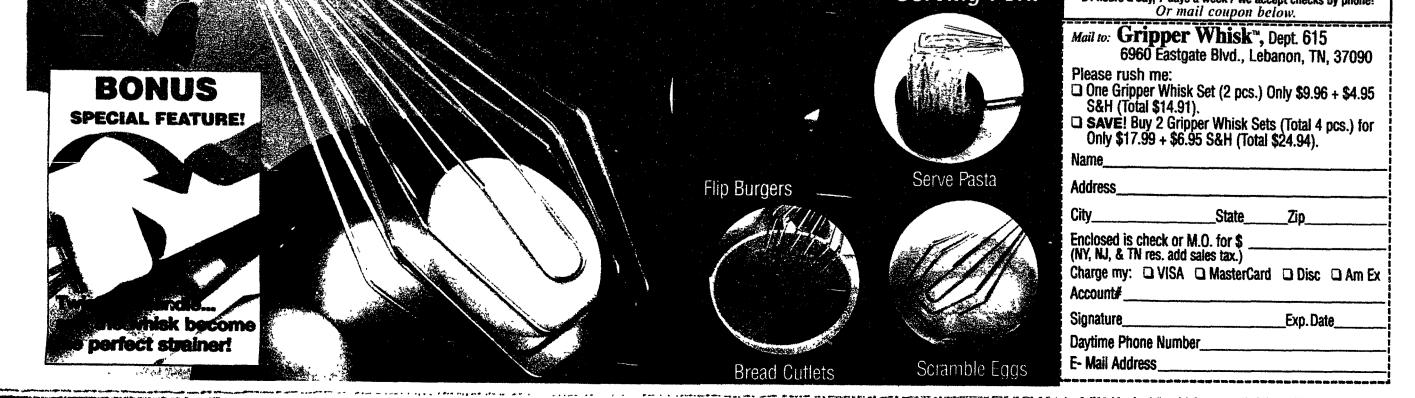
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The answer to what to give a graduating senior is sometimes blatantly obvious, but just as often is a frustrating hairpuller. If you have the opportunity, you simply might ask the graduate what he or she wants. Just keep in mind that you'll probably get an answer, and may not like it.

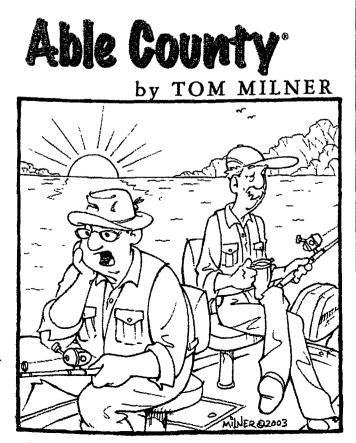
"Honestly, I just want money so I can decide what to do with it," says Evan Laber, who will turn 19 a week before graduating from Maryville High School in Maryville, Mo., this year. "I can buy something, put it toward my education, or save it for the future."

Money is a favorite of graduates and doesn't have to be entirely impersonal. One memorable gift is to give uncommon currency, such as \$2 bills, gold-colored \$1 coins, or silver dollars. Or, give something such as stock that they can keep or sell. If that doesn't suit, the following might give you some ideas.

Inexpensive Gifts

Enclosures such as bookmarks or gift certificates are easy to give and send by mail. Phone cards are especially nice if the student is going away to college or relocating for employment. Tickets to an upcoming concert or theme park are also welcome gifts.

Disposable cameras are inexpensive and can be used to capture the moment. For photos taken before, during, and after graduation,



frames and photo albums make great gifts. You can get albums for the smallest, wallet-sized photos, and large albums to create scrapbooks.

Many inspiring books are written just for graduates. A devotional or Bible can help with the grownup choices graduates have to make. You might choose a book of poetry that you love, or a book that inspired you or changed your life. Mid-priced Gifts

Jewelry is always a fitting gift. Semiprecious or precious stones are appropriate for graduation. Lockets can enclose a cherished photo, rings can be inscribed with a personal message, and gold or silver earrings are popular. If the student has a special interest, such as music, a musical note pin or charm can reflect that focus.

Or you might want to give a practical gift-towels for the dormitory or apartment hunter, or telephones, sheets, or bathroom accessories.

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Nexium^{*} (esomeprazole magnesium)

20-MG, 40-MG Delayed-Release Capsules

BRIEF SUMMARY Before prescribing NEXIUM, please see full Prescribing Information. INDICATIONS AND USAGE NEXIUM is indicated for the short-term treatment (4 to 8 weeks) in the healing and symptomatic resolution of diagnostically confirmed erosive esophagitis. CONTRAINDICATIONS NEXIUM is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any component of the formulation or to substituted benzionations. PRECAUTIONS Symptomatic response to therapy with NEXIUM does not preclude the presence of gastric malignancy. Atrophic gastritis has been noted occasionally in gastric corpus biopsies from patients treated long-term with omeprazole, of which NEXIUM is an enantiomer. Information for Patients NEXIUM Delayed-Release Capsules should be taken at least one hour before meals. For patients who have difficulty swallowing capsules, one tablespoon of applesauce can be added to an empty bowl and the NEXIUM Delayed Release Capsule can be opened, and the pellets carefully emptied onto the applesauce. The pellets should be mixed with the applesauce and then swallowed immediately. The applesauce used should not be hot and should be soft enough to be swallowed without chewing. The pellets should not be chewed or crushed. The pellet/applesauce mixture should not be stored for future use. Antacids may be used while taking NEXIUM. Drug Interactions Esomeprazole is extensively metabolized in the liver by CYP2C19 and CYP3A4. In vitro and in vivo studies have shown that esomeprazole is not likely to inhibit CYPs 1A2, 2A6, 2C9. 2D6, 2E1 and 3A4. No clinically relevant interactions with drugs metabolized by these CYP enzymes would be expected. Drug interaction studies have shown that esomeprazole does not have any clinically significant interactions with phenytoin, warfarin, quinidine, clarithromycin or amoxicillin. Esomeprazole may potentially interfere with CYP2C19, the major esomeprazole metabolizing enzyme. Coadministration of esomeprazole 30 mg and diazepam, a CYP2C19 substrate, resulted in a 45% decrease in clearance of diazepam. Increased plasma levels of diazepam were observed 12 hours after dosing and onwards. However, at that time, the plasma levels of diazepam were below the therapeutic interval, and thus this interaction is unlikely to be of clinical relevance. Esomeprazole inhibits gastric acid secretion. Therefore, esomeprazole may interfere with the absorption of drugs where gastric pH is an important determinant of bioavailability (eg, ketoconazole, iron salts and digoxin). Coadministration of oral contraceptives, diazepam, phenytoin, or quinidine did not seem to change the pharmacokinetic profile of esomeprazole. Corcinogenesis, Mutogenesis, Impairment of Fertility The carcinogenic potential of esomeprazole was assessed using omeprazole studies. In two 24-month oral carcinogenicity studies in rats, omeprazole at daily doses of 1.7, 3.4, 13.8, 44.0 and 140.8 mg/kg/day (about 0.7 to 57 times the human dose of 20 mg/day expressed on a body surface area basis) produced gastric ECL cell carcinoids in a dose-related manner in both male and female rats; the incidence of this effect was markedly higher in female rats, which had higher blood levels of omeprazole. Gastric carcinoids seldom occur in the untreated rat. In addition, ECL cell hyperplasia was present in all treated groups of both sexes. In one of these studies, female rats were treated with 13.8 mg omeprazole/kg/day (about 5.6 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) for 1 year, then followed for an additional year without the drug. No carcinoids were seen in these rats. An increased incidence of treatment-related ECL cell hyperplasia was observed at the end of 1 year (94% treated vs 10% controls). By the second year the difference between treated and control rats was much smaller (46% vs 26%) but still showed more hyperplasia in the treated group. Gastric adenocarcinoma was seen in one rat (2%). No similar tumor was seen in male or female rats treated for 2 years. For this strain of rat no similar tumor has been noted historically, but a finding involving only one tumor is difficult to interpret. A 78-week mouse carcinogenicity study of omeprazole did not show increased tumor occurrence, but the study was not conclusive. Esomeprazole was negative in the Ames mutation test. in the in vivo rat bone marrow cell chromosome aberration test, and the in vivo mouse micronucleus test. Esomeprazole, however, was positive in the in vitro human lymphocyte chromosome aberration test. Omeprazole was positive in the in vitro human lymphocyte chromosome aberration test, the in vivo mouse bone marrow cell chromosome aberration test, and the in vivo mouse micronucleus test. The potential effects of esomeorazole on fertility and reproductive performance were assessed using omeprazole studies. Omeprazole at oral doses up to 138 mg/kg/day in rats (about 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) was found to have no effect on reproductive performance of parental animals. Pregnancy Teratogenic Effects. Pregnancy Category B—Teratology studies have been performed in rats at oral doses up to 280 mg/kg/day (about 57 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and in rabbits at oral doses up to 86 mg/kg/day (about 35 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and have revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the fetus due to esomeprazole. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, this drug should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed. Teratology studies conducted with omeprazole in rats at oral doses up to 138 mg/kg/day (about 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and in rabbits at doses up to 69 mg/kg/day (about 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) did not disclose any evidence for a teratogenic potential of omeprazole. In rabbits, omeprazole in a dose range of 6.9 to 69.1 mg/kg/day (about 5.5 to 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) produced dose-related increases in embryo-lethality, fetal resorptions, and pregnancy disruptions. In rats, dose-related embryo/fetal toxicity and postnatal developmental toxicity were observed in offspring resulting from parents treated with omeprazole at 13.8 to 138.0 mg/kg/day (about 5.6 to 56 times the human doses on a body surface area basis). There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Sporadic reports have been received of congenital abnormalities occurring in infants born to women who have received omeprazole during pregnancy. Nursing Mothers The excretion of esomeprazole in milk has not been studied. However, omeprazole concentrations have been measured in breast milk of a woman following oral administration of 20 mg. Because esomeprazole is likely to be excreted in human milk, because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from esomeprazole, and because of the potential for tumorigenicity shown for omeprazole in rat carcinogenicity studies, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother. Pediatric Use Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established. Gericitric Use Of the total number of patients who received NEXIUM in clinical trials. 778 were 65 to 74 years of age and 124 patients were ≥ 75 years of age. No overall differences in safety and efficacy were observed between the elderly and younger individuals, and other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients, but greater sensitivity of some older individuals cannot be ruled out. ADVERSE REACTIONS The safety of NEXIUM was evaluated in over 10,000 patients (aged 18-84 years) in clinical trials worldwide including over 7,400 patients in the United States and over 2,600 patients in Europe and Canada. Over 2,900 patients were treated in long-term studies for up to 6-12 months. In general, NEXIUM was well tolerated in both short- and long-term clinical trials. The safety in the treatment of healing of erosive esophagitis was assessed in four randomized comparative clinical trials, which included 1,240 patients on NEXIUM 20 mg, 2,434 patients on NEXIUM 40 mg, and 3,008 patients on omeprazole 20 mg daily. The most frequently occurring adverse events (≥1%) in all three groups was headache (5.5, 5.0, and 3.8, respectively) and diarrhea (no difference among the three groups). Nausea, flatulence, abdominal pain, constipation, and dry mouth occurred at similar rates among patients taking NEXIUM or omeprazole. Additional adverse events that were reported as possibly or probably related to NEXIUM with an incidence < 1% are listed below by body system: Body as a Whole: abdomen enlarged, allergic reaction, asthenia, back pain. chest pain. chest pain substernal, facial edema, peripheral edema, hot flushes, fatigue, fever, flu-like disorder, generalized edema, leg edema, malaise, pain, rigors; Cardiovascular: flushing. hypertension, tachycardia; Endocrine: goiter; Gastrointestinal: bowel irregularity. constipation aggravated, dyspepsia, dysphagia, dysplasia Gl. epigastric pain, eructation, esophageal disorder, frequent stools, gastroentenitis, GI hemorrhage, GI symptoms not otherwise specified, hiccup, melena, mouth disorder, pharynx disorder, rectal disorder, serum gastrin increased, tongue disorder, tongue edema, ulcerative stomatitis, vomiting; Hearing: earache, tinnitus; Hematologic: anemia, anemia hypochromic. cervical lymphoadenopathy, epistaxis, leukocytosis, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia; Hepatic: bilirubinemia, hepatic function abnormal, SGOT increased, SGPT increased; Metabolic/Nutritional: glycosuria, hyperuricemia, hyponatremia, increased alkaline phosphatase, thirst, vitamin B12 deficiency, weight increase, weight decrease; Musculoskeletal: arthralgia, arthritis aggravated, arthropathy, cramps, fibromyalgia syndrome, hernia, polymyalgia rheumatica; Nervous System/Psychiatric: anorexia, apathy, appetite increased, confusion, depression aggravated, dizziness, hypertonia, nervousness, hypoesthesia, impotence, insomnia, migraine, migraine aggravated, paresthesia, sleep disorder, somnolence, tremor, vertigo, visual field detect; Reproductive: dysmenorthea, menstrual disorder, vaginitis; Respiratory: asthma aggravated, coughing, dyspnea, larynx edema, pharyngitis, rhinilis, sinusitis; Skin and Appendages: acne. angioedema, dermatitis, pruritus, pruritus ani, rash. rash erythematous, rash maculo-papular, skin inflammation, sweating increased, urticaria; Special Senses: otikis media, parosmia, taste loss, taste perversion; Urogenital: abnormal urine, albuminuna, cystitis, dysuria, fungal infection, hematuria, micturition frequency, moniliasis, genital moniliasis, polyuria; Visual: conjunctivitis, vision abnormal. Endoscopic findings that were reported as adverse events include: duodenitis, esophagitis, esophageal stricture, esophageal ulceration, esophageal varices, gastric ulcer, gastritis, hernia, benign polyps or nodules, Barrett's esophagus, and mucosal discoloration. Postmarketing Reports – There have been spontaneous reports of adverse events with postmarketing use of esomeprazole. These reports have included rare cases of anaphylactic reaction. Other adverse events not observed with NEXIUM, but occurring with omeprazole can be found in the omeprazole package insert, ADVERSE REACTIONS section. OVERDOSAGE A single oral dose of esomeprazole at 510 mg/kg (about 103 times the human dose on a body surface area basis), was lethal to rats. The major signs of acute toxicity were reduced motor activity, changes in respiratory frequency, tremor, ataxia, and intermittent clonic convulsions. There have been no reports of overdose with esomeprazole. Reports have been received of overdosage with omeprazole in humans. Doses ranged up to 2,400 mg (120 times the usual recommended clinical dose). Manifestations were variable, but included confusion, drowsiness, blurred vision, tachycardia, nausea, diaphoresis, flushing, headache, dry mouth, and other adverse reactions similar to those seen in normal clinical experience (see omeprazole package insert-ADVERSE REACTIONS). No specific antidote for esomeprazole is known. Since esomeprazole is extensively protein bound. it is not expected to be removed by dialysis. In the event of overdosage, treatment should be symptomatic and supportive. As with the management of any overdose, the possibility of multiple drug ingestion should be considered. For current information on treatment of any drug overdose, a certified Regional Poison Control Center should be contacted. Telephone numbers are listed in the Physicians' Desk Reference (PDR) or local telephone book.

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