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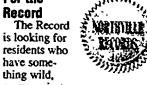
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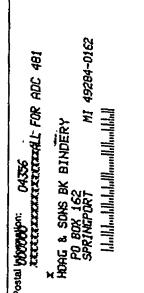
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Business relationship puts kink in process; state still looks for September deal closure

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

It will be at least another week before the state makes a selection from developers hoping to purchase plum Northville proper-

Department of Management and Budget officials last Friday announced they would

re-bid the 422 state-owned acres on Seven September, said DMB director Mitch Mile Road. The new deadline to submit offers on the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital site is June 25.

Bumping back the announcement of the winning bid from the original June 5 target will have little local impact other than prolonging curiosity. The department still expects to complete the sale by the end of

At the close of the first round of bidding, Grand Sawka of Farmington Hills, Pulte Homes of Royal Oak and REI of West Bloomfield had formally expressed their interest in purchasing the property.

"I wouldn't be surprised if additional people did bid on it now that there is the

opportunity," said township community development director Jennifer Frey. "But I haven't talked to any other companies. It will be interesting.'

Earlier this month, a volunteer participating in Gov. Granholm's "executive-onloan" program disclosed to the budget

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NHS alum stabbed at Detroit concert

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

Joe Rumbley went downtown with three buddies last week ready to rock and roll, not wind up in Detroit Receiving.

But a fellow Joe Louis Arena

concert-goer Thursday night had other plans and ended up plunging knife into the heart, lung and thigh of the local 20-yearold. Rumbley, a 🖸 standout foot- Joe Rumbley ball player and



wrestler in the Northville Class of 2001, has been showing steady improvement in the hospital's intensive care unit, his mother Marie Rumbley reported Tuesday. Thinking as a mother, come up

with the worst nightmare you can imagine," she said. "Except he didn't die."

Detroit police officers called to the scene arrested James Locklear, a 38-year-old Clinton Township man, on charges of assault with intent to commit murder, and resisting and obstructing a police officer. He faces 10 years imprisonment on each telony charge said the officer in charge of the case, Detroit Police Detective Mattie Lewis of the First Precinct.

36th District Court scheduled Locklear's exam June 26, said Rebecca Tenorio, director of communications for the Wayne County prosecutor's office. Lewis said Tuesday she was not sure whether Locklear had posted the ordered \$150,000 cash bond.

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Rock around the clock



Photo By LYNNE GARCIA

Amanda Klein 2, and Tim Traycee dance during the Friday night concert by the clock tower. Chris McCall and the Wonder Squad performed for the crowd. For more photos and a story on the event, see page 4A

City releases list of street repairs

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

Taft Road was just one of several Northville-area roads that was cleared for improvement during the summer months,

Drivers will need to plan around projects on several heavily traveled thoroughfares, include the Taft Road stretch from Eight Mile Road north to the city limits; Eight Mile Road from Center to Novi roads, and Northville Road from Seven Mile to Beal Street.

A couple of less-traveled roads that required large-scale attention are the reconstruction of South Lexington from Potomac to Eight Mile Road, and the paving of Caldwell and Bloomcrest streets.

In all, the city during the warm months will spend approximately \$670,000 to address outdated concrete streets, uneven sidewalks, the last of the city's gravel roads, and design plans for a substantial project next summer.

"Streets always need to be upgraded," said James Gallogly, Northville director of public works. "Compared to other communities, we're in good shape. Our roads are in pretty good shape." We have a funding mechanism in place to maintain them."

The city will pay for the projects with proceeds from the millage dedicated to street improvement that voters approved in 1997, the director said. His department presents for council approval the priorities

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Out of Chapter 11, Hayes optimistic on future

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

As the saying goes, only the strong shall survive.

Hayes Lemmerz, a leader in the production of wheels and associated parts for the automotive

industry, recently announced that ever. the company emerged from its voluntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy

on June 3. And Jim Yost, vice president of finance and chief financial officer,

believes in the aftermath that the

company will be stronger than

There are five types of bankruptcy - Chapter 7, 9, 11, 12 and 13. Chapter 11 is specifically suited for corporations seeking to reorganize their debts while continuing to operate.

headquarters are in Northville on Five Mile between Sheldon and Beck roads, is the number one producer of steel and cast aluminum wheels in the world, according to Yost.

Hayes Lemmerz International The company, whose world Inc. is one of the world's top suppliers of automotive and commercial highway wheels, brakes, powertrain, suspension, structural and other lightweight components. The firm has 43 plants. three joint venture facilities and

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Presbyterian church a pillar in Northville

By Grace Blum SPECIAL WRITER

First Presbyterian Church of Northville has been standing in its original location for over a century and a half. The church isn't planning on moving, and neither is its pastor. "I have no plans on retiring

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville's First Presbyterian Church on Main Street.



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Charles "Nick" Simkins

Charles Simkins of Northville died June 10 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was 53.

Mr. Šimkins was born July 20, 1949 in Detroit to Charles John Simkins and Hazel Baboian Simkins. He later married Sharon (Stanzak) Simkins, who survives him.

The owner of a Northville law firm, Mr. Simkins was a national expert in the field of representing persons with brain injuries and was a speaker in the U.S. and Europe on the subject. He had served as a meber of the executive committee of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association.

Mr. Simkins was a graduate of Cody High School, Wayne State University and the University of Pittsburgh law school. He was a member of St. Colette's Catholic Church in Livonia, a Mason and past member of Brightmoor Temple No. 540 and Lola Valley Lodge No.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Simkins is survived by his mother; his children, Sarah, Natalie, Jacob, Mary and Amy; and his siblings, Kathie (Ray) Neill of Galesburg, Marsha (Mark) Agababian of Georgia and Rebecca (Scott) Seslar of Northville. He was preceded in death by his father and his daughter,

A memorial service for Mr. Simkins was held June 16 at St. Colette's. Father Henry Roodbeen officiated the service. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charles N. Simkins Community Heart Defibrilator Fund, c/o Standard Federal Bank, 127 Hutton Street, Northville, Mich. 48167; Mothers Against Drunk Drivers of Wayne County; or Lightning Strike & Electrica Shock Survivors International.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Casterline Funeral Home of Nonhville.

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Olive M. Haaxma

Olive Haaxma of Plymouth died June 7 in Southfield. She was 88.

Ms. Haaxma was born May 12, 1915 in Romeo. She later married Harry Haaxma, who preceded her in death. A homemaker who came to the Plymouth community in 1972 from Plymouth, Ms. Haaxma enjoyed knitting, reading, golfing and spending time with her family.

Ms. Haaxma is survived by her daughters, Deborah Teichman of Northville and Kristina (Kenneth) Black of Plymouth; her grandchildren Sandy (Tom) Reay of Midland and Rick (Lynn) Harms of Livonia: and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial arrangements were handled by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Corene M. Renaud

Corene Renaud of Livonia died June 9 in Livonia. She was 88.

Ms. Renaud was born March 5, 1615 in River Rouge. A homemak-

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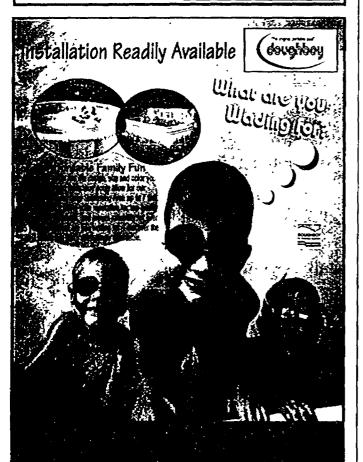
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er, she later married Jamed Renaud, who preceded her in death after 52 years of marriage. She was a member of St. Henry Church in Lincoln

Park.

Ms. Renaud is survived by her children, Joy (Carl) Dragos of Northville, Diana (Joseph) Northville, (Joseph) Buchanan of Livonia; her grandchildren, Robbin (Vartan) Vartanian of Farmington Hills, Tracey (Peter) Larosa of Novi, Daniel (Anne) Dragos of Midland, Joseph Bruscato of Chicago, Elizabeth (Timothy) Sullivan of Livonia, Joe Buchanan, Jr. of Livonia; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Ms. Renaud was held June 13 at St. Edith Catholic Church. Rev. Father Timothy J. Murray officiated the service. Interment will be at Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery in Flat Rock.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Flat Rock.

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SCIENCE ALIVE

Children ages 5 and older are invited to meet and learn about a variety of animals. Four "Science Alive" programs are scheduled in the library's meeting room on the following dates: June 23 at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; June 26 at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Free tickets for the hour-long programs will be available at 1:30 p.m. on the day of the program. Please, no repeat attendees from the Monday program.

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District' Library board of trustees will be on June 26 at 7:30. p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly. meetings, which are typically scheduled on the. fourth Thursday of the month.

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Northville Arts Commission free concert — Novi concert band DATE: June 20 LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Call for info PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Galyan's Summer Solstice 5K Run-Walk DATE: June 21 LOCATION: Downtown Northville TIME: Call for info DETAILS: Call for info PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1408

Friends of Maybury State Park meeting
DATE: June 23
LOCATION: Maybury State Park education building
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The event is a general membership meeting designed to discuss development of park interpretive programs. The public is welcome to attend.
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Tunes on Tuesday — Marc Thomas & Max the Moose DATE: June 24 LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell TIME: 11 a.m. - noon DETAILS: Singing / ventriloquism act PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext.

COMING UP •

Northville Arts Commission free concert — Plymouth Community band DATE: June 27 LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell TIME: 7:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Call for info

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Northville High School Class of 1975 reunion
DATE: June 29
LOCATION: St. John's Golf & Conference Center (44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth)
TIME: Noon - 5 p.m.
DETAILS: Admission is \$40 per person. Ticket requests should be sent to Michelle Chapman, 30124 Road Drive, Evergreen, Colo., 80439
E-MAIL: JerryMenyhart@yahoo.com

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DATE: July 1
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
bandshell
TIME: 11 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: Comedy singing act
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext.

Tunes on Tuesday -- 0.J.

Northville Independence Day Parade DATE: July 4 LOCATION: Downtown Northville TIME: 10 a.m. DETAILS: The parade's grand mar-

shals are former Northville mayor

Mike Allen and St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Dave Spivey. PHONE: (248) 374-0200

Mill Race Independence Day activities

DATE: July 4

LOCATION: Mill Race Village
(Griswold, south of Main Street)
TIME: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

DETAILS: Several free activities are planned for the day, including tours of the restored buildings, games, and magic acts.

PHONE: (248) 348-1845

Tunes on Tuesday — Julie Austin & David Mosher DATE: July 8 LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell TIME: 11 a.m. - noon DETAILS: Sing-along, move-along children's music PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext.

Country Garden Club of Northville 10th Annual Garden Walk DATE: July 9 LOCATION: Various gardens in Northville TIME: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. **DETAILS:** Six gardens in Northville will be featured on the walk. Mill Race Village's Cady Inn will be open for an Oriental tea. Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase at the event. Tickets are \$9 and are available only in advance. They may be purchased at Gardenviews (202 W. Main) and Morrison's Antiques (105 E. Main

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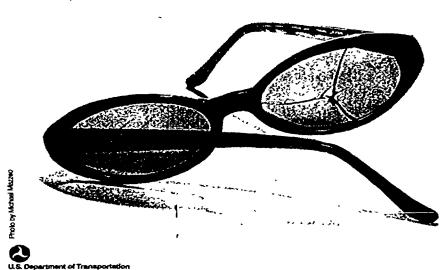
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For once, Mother Nature is nice at art fair



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Sharon L. Williams scans the merchandise brought by the music group Tushury from Equador booth at the Art in the

"If the artists are already asking to be back next year, that means it was a good show for them."

> Laurie Marrs Northville Chamber of Commerce

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

Strolling shoppers this weekend paused to examine items from a ceramic, eggplant-shaped olive oil urn to benches made from old fences, to crystal jewelry twinkling in the sun.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce's 15th annual "Art in the Sun" was just that, for everyone's comfort and artists' sales success. Mostly sunny skies and 70-something temperatures drew more than 90,000 to the show Saturday and Sunday, chamber executive director Laurie Marrs estimated Monday.

"We were extremely pleased," Marrs said. "If the artists are already asking to be back next year, that means it was a good show for them."

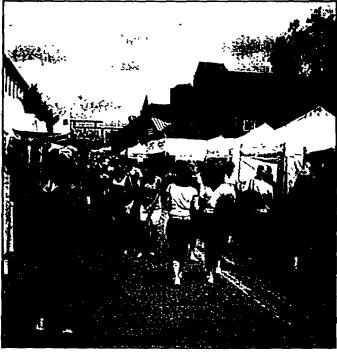
On Main Street from Wing to Hutton, and Center Street north to Dunlap, browsers and buyers slowly ambled among the array of artistry. Some carried small purchases in little sacks, while others carefully avoided impaling fellow shoppers with their new gar-

Cassie Scranton of Traverse City, who accompanied Phil Cowles of Northville downtown, said the art fair was a good opportunity to enjoy the nice weather.

'We're just looking at the art," Cowles said. The two perched on one of the benches near the bandshell, relaxed and shaded amidst the buzz of sound and activity.

"The weather bring people out of the woodwork," Marrs said. There were a lot of lookers. The people are there, but I think they're more cautious with their spending."

Overall, local merchants, as well as artists in town for the



Shoppers visit artist booths during the Art in the Sun which took place in Downtown Northville Saturday and

weekend, said they were pleased with the event, she said. With proper promotion, they played off the success of each other, Marrs said, such as the Kitchen Witch, 134 E. Main Street, discounting everything the color of the sun.

"It's kind of a win-win for everyone," Marrs said.

Center Street took visitors from inspirational words in ink to glass-bead jewelry to decorative yard dragon flies. Expected exhibits of oils and watercolors were bordered by booths of metal wall sculptures and little girl room accessories fluffy, pink and lavender.

Children attended in backpacks, in wagons and holding parents' hands. Sunglasses and sunhats, sensible shoes and soccer uniforms showed people planned ahead, and around other activities, to be at the juried event.

Mingling with the crowd and judging the show entrants, Marrs said she encountered a number of family members shopping for their dad. The chamber event every year is timed to coincide with Father's Day.

The chamber singled out two artists — Laura Livermore of Milwaukee and Eric Simmons of

Sterling Heights - from the 130plus who displayed their works. They earned first and second prizes, respectively, for the creativity, uniqueness and quality of their product, Marrs said.

Livermore's painting on silk scarves and wall panels, as well as

Simmons' paper cutout depictions, were extremely detailed, she said. At the Wisconsin artist's booth, women sampled the scarves by draping themselves with the array of color and design, wrapping one around a hat brim, and fingering the texture.

Shoppers' steps were serenaded by classical violin, the soothing sounds of an Ecuadorian duet, a iazz trio or local radio station WDRQ-FM (93.1) - with lots of booths in between.

When Malcolm Watson, with his wild gray hair and white tuxedo, began bowing and plucking his violin, showgoers within earshot and eyesight stopped in their tracks. The California musician, prancing and bouncing barefoot on his booth's carpet, electri-

fied observers.
"He captures you," said Mary
Rhode of Northville. "You can't look away.'

Rhode continued a tradition of mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.

attending Art in the Sun since its start, shopping Saturday with her friend Terri McEachern. Taking a break on a Main Street bench, the two women said the event gives them a repeat excuse to go to lunch together at Rebecca's, 134 N. Center Street.

While Rhode's eye wandered to the booths of clothes and jewels, McEachern said each year she looks forward to finding local photographer Rick Denomme, who with his wife Connie dis-

plays his wildlife photography. I love to see his work," she said. "That's my favorite."

Locals Lillian Wiktor and her daughter Carol also said they look forward to attending Art in the Sun each year.

"I think it's just fun to go around," Lillian said. "Sometimes I buy things, sometimes I don't. I like it that you can sit down and

Carol too had not yet made any purchases Saturday afternoon, but she said she might return Sunday for some jewelry she spotted.

The bandshell park was a popular area as people paused to énjoy a variety of food and drink, a place to sit in the shade, and a series of performances. Bob Green and Jane Joen of Northville

stopped for a snack upon arriving. "We're, just going to look around," Green said, "We're looking for anything, really."

Local restaurants were among the chamber members who felt the benefits of the extra visitors downtown. Molly Pannette, a waitress at Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main Street, said there was a steady stream of customers starting at 11 a.m.

"It was good," she said. "It was pretty busy. It brought new crowds from people who normally come here.

Most people asked to sit in the outdoor dining area, she said. But some wanted to get out of the hot

"A lot of the people who are in are from the show," said Lorie Wyant, owner of Salutations, 115 E. Main Street. However, there was not enough traffic to warrant adding the extra day to stay open Sunday, she said.

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Wrestling standout attacked at JLA concert

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When Locklear appears in court next Thursday, the three friends who accompanied him to the concert will be at his side, also facing the resisting and obstructing a police officer charge. They are Julius Locklear, 42, of Clinton Township, John Locklear, 36 of Macomb Township, and Anthony . Hannaford, 33, of Detroit.

The number of people at the concert who told consistent stories left little doubt that James Locklear attacked Rumbley in the area they were seated on the main floor of the arena, Lewis said. Officers described the odor of alcohol in the

"We've never had that over [at Joe Louis Arena]. I've been down there 17 years. We've never had that problem..."

> Detective Mattie Lewis Detroit Police Department

"He was the main culprit," Lewis said. "We have several eyewitnesses. He still had the knife in his hand and blood was all over

"And the kid wasn't doing any-

thing," the detective continued. 'The witnesses know nothing about this young man so they have no reason not to be telling the truth."

Rumbley's father, Bill, said he had no fear when Joe mentioned his attend the

Speedwagon / Styx / Journey concert with school chums Brandon Bueter, Matt Kuriluk and Mike Peters. The 6-foot-1-inch, 230pound sophomore, who continued his football career at Hope College, was home from school for the sum-

The question that nagged the victim's family, including sisters Sarah and Mary, was how the attack could have happened in the first place. How would someone be able to conceal a weapon at an arena with metal detectors at the entrances? asked Marie Rumbley.

'That's a damn good question, isn't it?" Lewis said. Police confiscated the three-inch blade Locklear

allegedly used in the attack, she

Olympia Entertainment — the management company of Joe Louis Arena - could not be reached for comment by press deadline.

Lewis said she was not aware of similar incidents at the facility.

"We've never had that over there," the detective said. "I've been down here 17 years. We've never had that problem at Joe Louis.'

Lewis was among the stream of visitors to Rumbley's Detroit Receiving hospital room. His dad said that Joe was a lot more comfortable after the removal of breathing and stomach tubes at the start of

"He's still sleeping a lot," he said. "He'll get moving more and more as the days go by.

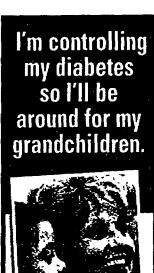
Awaiting their son's transfer out of the intensive-car unit, both parents said they expected a full recovery. After reeling from the initial phone call after the attack Thursday night, they expressed their relief their son was alive.

"It's a blessing, truly a blessing," said the detective in charge of the

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invasive plants at Hillside

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Sixth grade students braved chilly temperatures earlier this month as they landscaped the wooded area north of Hillside Middle School with the help of parents and Hillside teacher Heidi

Under adult supervision, students planted wildflowers, spread topsoil and woodchips and removed large amounts of Buckthorn, an invasive plant species not native to the area.

The landscaping efforts were completed near the new bike path that was foraged parallel to Eight Mile Road. Students worked outdoors over a two-day period to landscape the area.

Hillside parents and botanists Celia Larsen and Lynn Kirkpatrick assisted in the outdoor renovation last week.

Larsen said the student's mission was to restore the woodland area by removing invasive weeds and planting rescued wildflowers. The wildflowers were transplanted from the new Catholic Central site in Novi.

Boy Scout volunteers have also assisted in beautifying the wooded area near the school by establishing trails and removing debris.

"It was a neglected woodland," said Kirkpatrick. "We hope people appreciate the natural beauty and the woodlands."

Volunteers also said they hope the area will become used as an outdoor classroom.

"I think it would be a nice community resource to have a restored woodland for people to see native Michigan plants," said Larsen.

Donning sweatshirts and wielding wheelbarrows, Hillside students worked cooperatively and were soon covered with dirt from head to

toe.
"It's just kind of fun being outside," said sixth grade student Blake Miglio. "You don't usually get to be out here because all you do inside is read books. Out here we can help things."

Sixth grader Melissa Kosztowny was also eager to landscape the

"It's kind of fun." she said, while spreading topsoil along the edge of the bike path.

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Hillside Middle School science teacher Heidi Capraro, right, introduces her students to the invasive plant species european buckthorn last Thursday afternoon. The students were charged with pulling as much of the plants as they could - in the woods that the school is rehabbing on its north side.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

GRANTS FOR ARTS

As a member of the Downriver Council of the Arts and the Belleville Council of the Arts, Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, announced that the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs donated a portion of its semi-annual grants to support a wide diversity of artistic and cultural programs throughout the seventh district.

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of 2002-2003 at the University of Detroit Mercy. UDM's dean's list recognition is granted to those students who achieve a 3.25 or better.

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Silver Springs gets Girl Scout makeover

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

In a mighty attempt to earn the coveted Bronze Award, a determined group of Girl Scouts are planning to rejuvenate a neglected habitat on the north side of Silver Springs Elementary school.

Under the leadership of Valerie , Niemiec, members of a legacy Girl Scout 737 plan to area with the help of David Dodge, owner of the Elite Group, a company specializing

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erty mainte-

"It will be Troop No. project for renovate the the troop and the school."

> David Dodge Elite Group

nance.
The school PTA organization is also slated to assist with the project.

The large habitat area at Silver Springs Elementary is located within a secluded fenced area. It was installed in 2000 to sérve as an outdoor learning and recreation site for older classrooms, Niemiec said.

She said due to the habitat's size and the/himited time available for classrooms to pull weeds, the area has fallen into a state of disrepair and is not fulfilling its potential as an educational asset. Although the project in currently in

completely rehabilitate the habitat, by weeding, planting and designing flower beds. Dodge said his company would be providing topsoil, supplies and labor

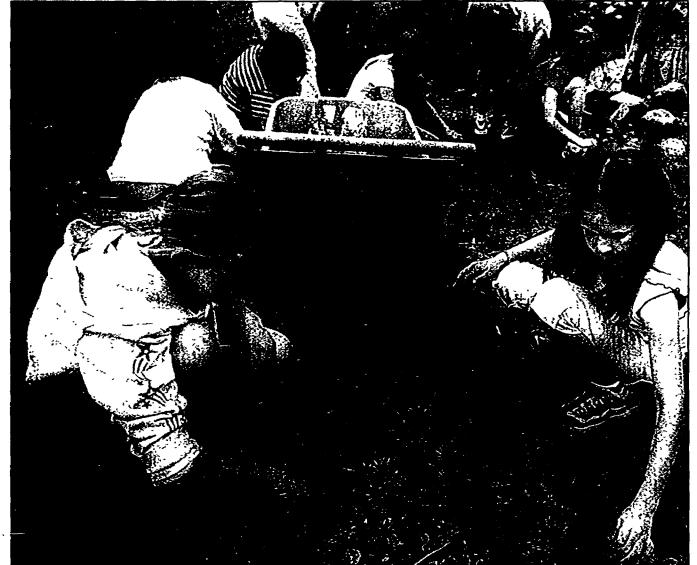
its infancy, troop members plan to

for the project. Niemiec lauded Dodge's willing-

ness to participate in renovating the "He is our salvation from the stand-

point of getting this launched," she As a result of participating in the

project, each Girl Scout has the opportunity to earn their Bronze Award. Niemiec said the Bronze Award is the



Jennifer Jones, left, Olivia Niemiec and other scouts of Silver Springs Elementary School Girl Scout Troop No. 737 help to pull out weeds in the school's garden last Thursday afternoon. The scouts will be rehabilitating the garden over this summer.

most prestigious recognition at the Junior level. She said this award precedes the Silver and Gold awards achieved at the Cadette and Senior

Each student seeking the award is required to devote a minimum of 15 hours of service to the project.

Last week, troop members and Niemiec braved drizzly weather conditions and began revamping the area.

"We're starting with the 'girl meets weed' phase," said Niemiec. 'Then we go into the Cinderella phase, where we go about turning this ugly area into a beautiful asset for the

Dodge said after the students have designed the flower beds, his crews will build the beds and prepare them

for planting.
"It should look good when the girls are done," he said.

Niemiec said she hopes that development and maintenance of the habitat will be passed to the school's fifth grade Girl Scout troop each year.

"It will be a legacy project for the troop and the school," she said. Niemiec also said future classes could adopt certain plant beds and develop them further. She also said the beds are slated to have a detailed notebook describing the plants it contains and how to care for them.

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Deerfield gets \$4K donation from store

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WAITER

Larson Jewelry Design in Novi has donated a check for over \$4,500 to Deerfield Elementary as part of the company's partnership with the school. As the partnership goes, I percent of all sales from walk-in customers goes to Deerfield, but next year the money will be split between the five elementary schools.

"When we opened the school in 2000, Daniel Larson was one of our students and his morn and dad owned Larson Jewelry," Deerfield Principal Richard Njus said. "Nancy Larson approached me about the possibility of them donating a percentage of their earnings every year to Deerfield as a partnership with our building. So, we established a partnership and we let our parents know that any money earned throughout the year at Larsons, a percentage of it will go for materials for our kids. It has been just a tremendous boost for our school."

Nancy Larson explained that when the school was first opened, she knew that it might need some financial help and since her son was attending it, she and her husband decided to start the partnership. "We wanted to do a community project and they needed equipment at the time," she said. "We decided to do it and we like to do things like that."

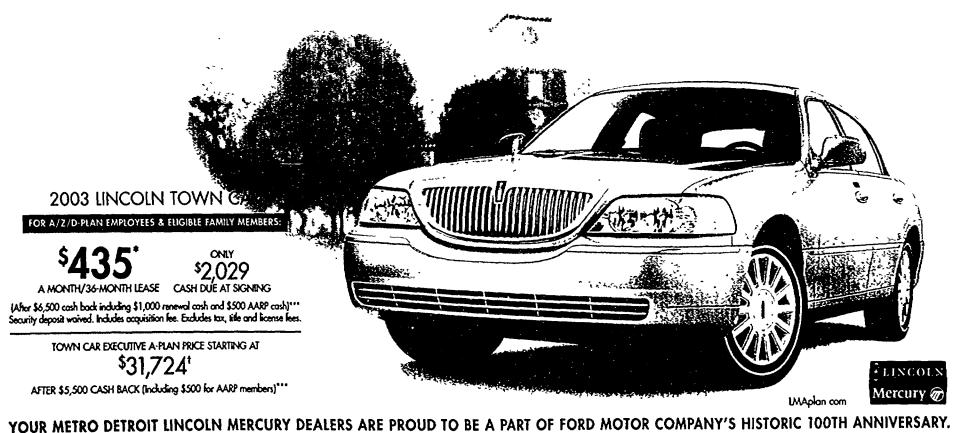
Since the Larson's business is only growing and it serves the whole community of Novi, it was decided that the same percentage of money will be distributed to all the elementary schools in the dis-

trict beginning next year.
"I talked to Nancy about it and because they serve the whole community, next year we are going to divide it to all the schools, which is great," Njus said. "I think it's wonderful. They just have a very positive view of education and they like to give back to the community."

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photo by MAUREEN JOHNSTON Marlene Danol, owner of her dogs - Darla (white dog) and Pepper (black dog) takes stock of Northville's new off-leash dog park. The park

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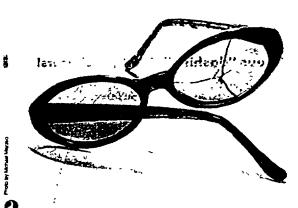




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Maureen Acri-McDonald is helping spur interest in "Take Your Dog To Work Day" this Friday.

By Pam Fleming

STAFF WRITER You've heard of "Take Your Son or Daughter to Work Day." But now the event has gone to the dogs - literally.

For the fifth year, Pet Sitters International, an educational organization for professional pet sitters, and lams pet food manufacturer are promoting "Take Your Dog to Work Day," on

Maureen Acri-McDonald, owner of The Pet Connection at 9398 Fairview Drive in Northville, said PSI created the event, and Iams is the top sponsor this year. She noted that lams is a pioneer of corporate pet-friendly policies in the U.S.

Fortunately, the health benefits of pet ownership have been substantiated by scientific studies," according to Patti Moran, president of PSI. "And it seems like now, more than ever, everyone needs to know the unconditional love of a dog. We hope that dogless coworkers will see firsthand what great pets dogs make and many will be encouraged to adopt a

Acri-McDonald said the day is also a time to recognize how important pets are to many employees.

"Pets are truly family members, and for many people they are surrogate children. We realize this and use this day to recognize the importance of the human-animal bond and to

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"Pets are truly family members, and for many people they are surrogate children."

Pet Sitters International encourages residents to take dogs to work June 20

Maureen Acri-McDonald Pet Sitters International

support the efforts of our local animal shelters and Humane Society locations," she said.

This increasing popular event allows owners to take well-behaved and well-grooms canines into participating :workplaces for a

day.

"There's a whole list of things that people the consider actually need to look at before they consider actually doing this. There are procedures they need to go through, such as contacting their human resources department. Not every business is going to be dog-friendly. There's even an employee participation form that people can fill out for their workplace," Acri-McDonald

The pet lover, who has no dogs at home but three cats, started her pet-sitting business

seven years ago and now has more than 200

"My husband, Don, is my business partner, and we have two part-time employees. We serve the western Wayne and south Oakland County area," she said.

This is something I was going to do when retired. But when my husband was transferred to Florida, I decided to start my own business down there. I brought my business back to Michigan when we returned to this area," she said.

Acri-McDonald said the business has grown every year for the past four years. "It's been incredible. It's a seven-day-a-week operation,"

They eater to corporate clients who travel a lot and work long hours as well as vacationers. Acri-McDonald has been a member of PSI for six years and atmember of the Northville Chamber of Commerce for three

"I'm one of their ambassadors," she said.

For more information about "Take Your Dog to Work Day," contact Acri-McDonald at (248) 486-4205 or check out PSI's Web site at www.petsit.com.

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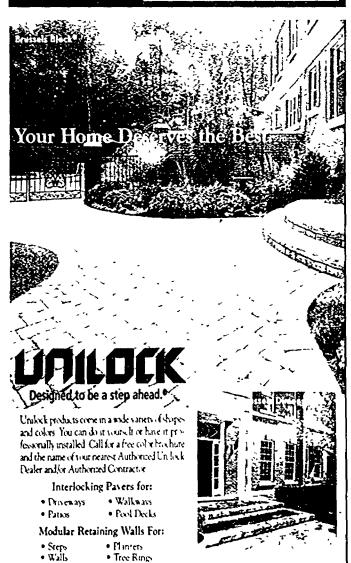


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WHEN: Every third Monday of the month **CONTACT:** Bettie Johnson

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CONTACT: Pat Allen PHONE: (248) 348-1325

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WHAT: To discover, collect, observe, advance and disseminate knowledge of history of the Northville Region. The group's focal point is Mill Race Historical Village. CONTACT: Juliet Culp

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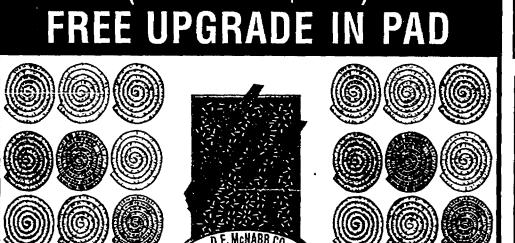
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Mustangs have new athletic director

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Northville Board of Education member unanimously approved Bryan Masi as the new athletic director for Northville Public Schools last week.

Masi, who most recently taught physical education classes at Meads Mill Middle School, will begin his new duties July 1.

The position was formerly held by Larry Taylor, who is retiring this month. Taylor has spent the last 18 years working for Northville

According to school officials, 28 complete applications for the athletic director's position were received. Five candidates were invited for an interview May 13 at Northville High School.

School board officials approved a one-year contract for Masi, along with a annual base salary of

Masi has been teaching in the Northville school district for 12 years. During his years of service, Masi has coached football at Northville High School. Along with teaching at the middle school level, he has coached basketball, volleyball and track.

After learning of the open position, Masi felt prompted to apply.

"It's been something I wanted to do," he said. "More than anything, I want to make a larger impact on the students of Northville in this position."

"I'm ready for a new challenge." In addition to his teaching background, Masi holds a Master's degree from Wayne State University in Administration in

"I thought it'd be a good opportunity at this time," he said. "I'm learning the nuts and bolts now. It's overwhelming, just like starting any new position, but I look forward to a year from now when I've got a year under my belt."

Masi said his colleagues have shown him a tremendous amount of support during his changeover peri-

"One thing I've noticed already is there's a lot of great people involved in the athletic department, which helps it to run smoothly," he

Masi also said his predecessor, Larry Taylor, has been immensely helpful.

"He's extremely organized, which has helped in the transition. Anything that I've needed help with, he's been there," said Masi.

While Masi is currently focused on learning and implementing his new duties, he described plenty of vision for leading the athletic department.

"I'd like to get a good handle on how everything works," he said. "There's a lot of things I want to do. I want to make sure I'm involved with the teams. I'm going to try to get out to as many practices as I can."

In addition, Masi said he is looking forward to increasing student participation in sports activities and generate further development programs for coaches. Masi also said he aims to maintain the most proficient facilities in order to give students the best opportunities avail-

Furthermore, Masi said he envisions creating a system to recognize athletes across the ages.

"I'd like to connect the past with the future and build an alumni club with a hall of fame to celebrate the past and give to the future," he said.

Masi said he is eager to work with administrators, parents, students and the community to contin-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville High School has named Bryan Masi as its new athletic director.

ue to build the athletic program. A sense of "shared responsibility" is critical to the process, he said.

"It's not just my job to make it successful, but it's kind of my job

support system in place ranging from administrators to maintenance workers to transportation crews.

"I'll always be focused on what's best for the students and the kids,"

Masi also lauded the district's he said. "That's what we'll run the 107 department on."

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or by e-mail

Better late than never: Novi's new fire station finally opens

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

More than a year after its original planned opening, Novi city officials will put the city's newest fire station

into service June 28.

According to Novi Fire Chief Art
Lenaghan, the opening of Fire Station
Number Four at Wixom Road and 10 Mile will mean no part of Novi will be more than three mile roads away from a

fire station.

The new station replaces one that was built at 11 Mile and Beck in 1984. That facility was originally built as simply a place to park equipment. "The facility was not set up for staffing." said Lenaghan, "Originally we were looking at a five station set-up."

However, as the city grew the fire department changed its operational program and opted for a four plan. Lenaghan said the three-bay station

will allow for growth and serve as the money, the default created a furor city's fire training center.

The \$3.2 million facility includes a three-story burn tower. Prior to this, the nearest similar training facility was located in Wixom.

Work on the project was stalled last" year when the original contractor, Greystone Contruction, defaulted, leaving several subcontractors unpaid. Although the project was bonded, which meant the city didn't lose any

among residents who were unhappy the city hired the same contractor reponsible for the troubled Main Street devel-

While there has been some talk of using the Fire Department's 11 Mile and Beck facility as a storage area for Parks and Recreation Department equipment, the city has yet to make a

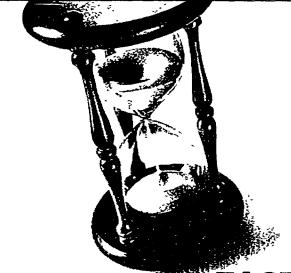
final decision. The new station will be staffed by

five full-time firefighters and a training officer Mondays through Fridays and serve as home base for 14 paid on-call firefighters.

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The grand opening of the new facility will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 28 with a ribbon cutting at 10:30 a.m.

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By Jennifer Norris

Thirteen-year-old Matt Wegzyn has dreams of performing in front of millions. Those dreams have led him from local stage productions to California, where he auditioned to be a contestant on "American Juniors," a spin-off version of the popular Fox television program 'American Idol."

American Juniors is geared for children age 6-13.

Wegzyn, who attends Hillside Middle School in Northville, proceeded through three rounds of high-stakes competition, before ultimately being eliminated.

"He made it to the top 120 in the country," said Mary Wegzyn, Matt's mother, who stumbled across the adult version of the show and inadvertently became a faithful

"I don't watch television and somehow I got hooked on the



Matt Wegzyn

show," she said. "The kids had it on. We were big fans of 'American Idol.' We watched it every week. We were on vacation and we watched."

She said she noticed an announcement promoting a children's version of American Idol with try-outs slated to occur in April.

After learning of audition sites online, Matt Wegzyn and his mother headed to California.

"We opted to go to Pasadena only because we have a lot of family in California," she said. "It was a great excuse to visit family for the week-

After the long commute, the two found themselves joined by thousands of others in search of acclaim and a chance at stardom.

The two were admitted into the Rose Bowl arena and were later ushered to the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

In the Rose Bowl parking lot, Matt Wegzyn recalled bumping into Nigel Lythgoe, a chief executive of the show. Mistaking Lythgoe for a maintenance worker, Wegzyn asked for the location of the nearest trash

"The thing I remember most was

probably when I was going to throw away a bottle of Coke and I trying to find a trash can," he said. "I didn't know.'

At the auditorium, Mary Wegzyn said her son was brought on stage with four other students who were asked to sing for 20 seconds individually. Given the short time requirement, Matt Wegzyn performed 'Take me out to the Ball Game.

"When Matthew sang he did a very good job," his mother said. "He nailed all the notes. He has enough stage experience, he wasn't nervous. Once it was his turn he just got up and did it. Matthew loves the limelight."

Mary Wegzyn said her son began performing in musicals at the Marquis Theater in the third grade. In addition, the eighth grade student has been involved with the Young People's Theater in Ann Arbor and trained at the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea.

At Hillside Middle School, Matt Wegzyn has been involved with stage productions and was even awarded the lead role in this year's play, "The Wonderful Western Hat."

"He's been involved in choir," said his mother. "There's nothing Matthew doesn't do. He's going to kill me with his schedule."

Following the students' vocal demonstrations, each of the American Juniors hopefuls were asked to dance simultaneously.

"They told him they wanted to see him again," said Mary Wegzyn, adding that her son advanced to the next round, which included an interview. He also proceeded to the round after that.

Although her son was ultimately not selected as a contestant, Mary Wegzyn said she saw her son on television as they aired clips from the audition on the show's premiere

"He had three seconds of fame," she said. "'American Juniors' is awesome. I have to give them a lot of credit."

American Juniors is produced by 19 TV Limited and FremantleMedia North America. The show airs Tuesday evenings on

Matt Wegzyn's California excusion has left quite an impression on his memory.

"It was pretty fun," he said. When I watch the show, I see people I saw at the auditions."

"It was a little bit awkward when I was up on stage. I was the tallest person. I wasn't very nervous. I just got up there and did what I needed

 Matt is the son of Mary and Mark Wegzyn and has three siblings Michael, Luke and Max.

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Northville residents take a Walk UpCountry at their new store

By Pam Fleming

When Northville residents Dave and Cindy Stieber, owners of the new UpCountry furniture store at Fountain Walk shopping center in Novi, first started looking for new furnishings for their home in the late 1990s, they just couldn't find anything they liked.

So. Dave Stieber went to a furniture show in Toronto in search of trendy designs. He found them at UpCountry.

Several years later, the Stiebers have opened their second UpCountry store in the metro Detroit area. They are in the process of selling their interest in the first store they opened in Birmingham in November 2001 and are focusing on the new Novi

The Stiebers celebrated the grand opening of the Novi store

Known for its unique mix of collections, this is the seventh store for the Canadian-based retailer. Other stores are located in Halifax, Nova Scotia; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Austin,

UpCountry is committed to offering furniture of a modern nature, while including selections

of classic pieces - allowing the customer to mix and match styles.

Many of the collections are custom made, designed and built in small runs exclusively for UpCountry stores.

UpCountry president Terry lwaskiw opened the first location in Toronto in June 1990. The original store was 2,600 square feet and is now directly across the street from the 12,000-squarefoot flagship store.

Soon after opening, Iwaskiw began designing and manufacturing furniture with the goal of staying ahead of design trends reflected in home and style magazines. Another element of the brand's

success is the fact that for years UpCountry has been the source of furniture and accessories for film and video shoots, including feature films produced in the Toronto

The new 6,000-square-foot store at Fountain Walk features hardwood floors and glass walls at its corner location on Orchard

"We encourage browsing," Dave Stieber said. "We're more low key than some furniture

One of the things that the Stiebers pride themselves on is the fact that any fabric can be



Dave Stieber and his wife Cindy lounge on the Biba chaise in their recently-opened Up Country furniture store in Novi's Fountain Walk. The lounge chair goes for \$1,350.

used on any upholstered piece in

"All of our items are by special order only and take about two months," Dave Stieber noted.

The minimalist, clean lines are reminiscent of classic designs around 1910 or 1920, Stieber said. "These designs lasted; they're not faddish," he added.

"When we first got married, we had early American, traditional

colonial furniture," Dave Stieber said. "But over the years, this type of furniture began to appeal to us a lot more."

"I remember one customer telling us, 'I don't have to go to San Francisco to buy my furniture anymore,"" he said.

This designer, artistic furniture that looks like it belongs in a trendy loft setting doesn't appeal to everyone, however, according to the Stiebers.

But if you're used to shopping for furniture in Toronto, Chicago or New York, you can now find many of those same designs right here in Novi.

"Most of our products are exclusive to us," Dave Stieber

Teachers by profession, the Stiebers suffered from, for lack of a better word, burnout, after many

more than 20 years in the field. "We were looking for a new business and were going to open a restaurant," Dave Stieber said.

But he was so excited after seeing the UpCountry furniture in Toronto that he approached owner Iwaskiw a couple of years ago about opening a store in this area. All the upholstered designs are Iwaskiw's creations.

We had two partners at the Birmingham location who had worked in the Toronto store,' Dave Stieber said.

The Stiebers are excited to now be working in the western suburb. "We live in Northville and knew what the area was doing. So, we thought we'd take a

chance on opening a store in Novi," Dave Stieber said. All of UpCountry's furniture is bench made in Toronto, with one line coming from Vermont. according to Dave Stieber.

Accessories in the store are like those found in such magazines as Metropolitan Home, Elle Decor or Interior Design.

The owners plan to introduce some vintage metal furniture to customers over the summer. "We're always looking for new

vendors," Cindy Stieber said. They would like for their store

to serve as a meeting place for area architects and interior designers, Dave Stieber said.

We want to host some events here," Dave Stieber said. They also plan to have an

upholstery sale in August and some type of open house in the Other staff members at UpCountry in Novi include Bryan

Hogan and Kelly Bridges, who serve as co-managers, and Bea Flannigan, sales associate. UpCountry staff members even

make housecalls, scheduling appointments at area residences or businesses to give decorating

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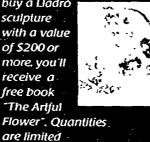


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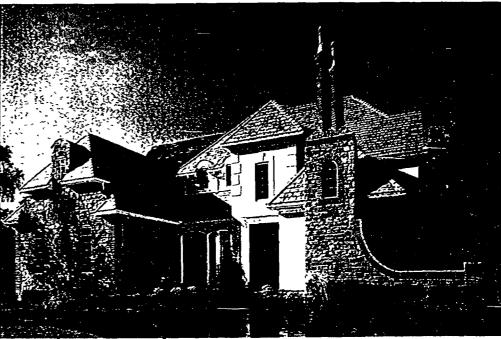
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Rain wraps up Silver Springs school year

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Silver Springs Elementary was marked with plenty of cheers and tears last Thursday as the official 'academic year was brought to an

In honor of the last day of school. Silver Springs hosted its annual Field Day festivities. The day was filled with energy-intensive events, including relay races.

Originally slated to take place outdoors, rainy weather forced "activities to be hosted indoors.

Nancy Robbert, a health and physical education teacher at

"The end-of-theyear excitement is there, too."

> Nancy Robert Silver Springs Elementary School

Silver Springs, said 10 Field Day events took place inside the

The planned activities involving water were canceled.

Events were organized through-

out the hallways and gymnasium at Silver Springs, under the supervision and assistance of school staff members and parents.

"Very good staff members helped out and made it all possible," said Robbert, adding that Field Day activities are not normally hosted on the last day of school.

"It's generally the week before school gets out, but not this year,"

Robbert, who co-organized the event with fellow staff members Matt Ladach and Ken Stark, said the K-5 grade levels participated in the events during their allotted morning or afternoon time slot.

Inside Silver Springs, students cheered loudly for their classmates as they challenged themselves in the various activities.

"They're having just as much fun as they would outside," said Robbert.

But students were likely feeling energized by more than just the Field Day exercises.

"The end of the year excitement is there, too," Robbert said. She also said all of the day's

events coordinated with a Dr. Suess book. Along with participating in

relay races, students were able to

engage themselves in team building events and an obstacle course. Amanda Learman, a first grade

student, said the games were 'cool.' Her classmate, Jaylen Carter,

described the games as fun but added, "They're kinda hard." "I just want to have fun and do

stuff," he said. "I'm excited. No more school.' Carter then began chanting 'no

more school' in a sing-song voice while jumping in circles. Event organizers can appreciate

the level of the students' enthusi-"It's fun to put it together

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because I know how much fun the

Even drizzly skies didn't appear

This is the first year it's ever

"It's just more of a game day.

rained [on Field Day,]" said

Robbert. "I've been here 10 years

It's just fun for them to be with

everybody, especially on the last

kids have," said Robbert.

to dampen school spirit.

and it's never rained."



A Silver Springs Elementary School student hops across the floor last Thursday afternoon during the school's field day activities that were, because of rain, inside this year.

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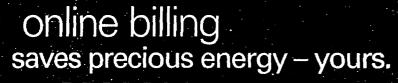
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Mandi Cobb, right, shows student Suzzi Lang how to do a snap-kick in Cobb's **Generation Fitness 42951** Seven Mile Rd. training studio this past Monday morning. Cobb teaches classes in kickboxing and has about a dozen heavy bags for punching and kicking.



By Jennifer Norris

Whether you're a fitness buff or a newcomer to exercise. Generation Litness has recently opened its doors to serve Northville area residents and help them meet their health goals.

Conveniently located at 42951 Seven Mile Road in the Highland Lakes shopping area, Generation Litness arrived in Northville in

Featuring a modern, new intenor with plenty of natural lighting and space, Generation Fitness provides several forms of exercise to eater towards their growmg chentele-including kickboxing yoga, martial arts, selfdefense and boxing.

Owner/instructor Mandi Cobb operates Generation Fitness with Jessica Patterson, a long-time friend and yoga instructor.

"We've actually grew up together,' said Cobb. "We've been best friends since we were three (years old I'

Cobb explained the facility is open to women and men of all

She also said she is excited to provide service to area residents. We're very exclusive for Northville," said Cobb.

Patterson added Generation Fitness clients receive special attention.

"We know everybody on a first name basis," she said. "We know their story. We give really good one-on-one interaction. It's almost like working with a personal trainer."

And clients are practically guaranteed to break a sweat and burn off those unwanted calories.

Cobb said kickboxing can burn approximately 500-800 calories while aerobic exercises typically consume between 200-300 calo-

Patterson and Cobb said clients are encouraged to go at their own pace, at a level that is appropriate

'You don't have to be an athlete to come," said Patterson.

who teaches yoga-fit to clients. Patterson said yoga maneuvers can help with cardiovascular endurance, muscle strength and

endurance and toning. Yoga-fit, she said, offers a special way of exercising that should not be confused with other forms

of yoga "I want people to feel comfortable and open to a new experience," said Patterson, "A lot of

pre-conceived notions about yoga. It's non-Purist and non-traditional.

Whether visitors want to try a few rounds of kickboxing or learn a few new yoga techniques, Generation Fitness has mats.

wraps and boxing gloves for sale. "They're both a fun way to work out," said Cobb. "They feel happier when they leave."

High energy music is also played to encourage exercisers to melt away the pounds or tone their bodies.

Patterson said clients will benefit the most if they simply "let go of any expectations, competition or judgment and just have

Classes and open gym time is available along with yearly. monthly or punch card memberships.

Generation Fitness is open seven days a week and may be reached at (248) 465-9700. Questions may be e-mailed to generationfitness2003@hot-

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Hayes looks to future following Chapter 11.

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11,000 employees worldwide. It is well-known in automotive circles that the company went on a huge buying spree in the 1990s

when the economy was stronger. We accumulated a fairly substantial debt load in the late 1990s. Yost said, to gain a lion's share of the market.

"The company had a vision to grow by acquisition," Yost admitted, "We bought Motor Wheel and CMI International, which makes suspension components," he said. The intent was to become a global player."

But when the SUV and pickup truck market began to weaken, so did Hayes Lemmerz.

This is a capital-intensive business. You have to spend money to make money. But some of the synergies didn't happen that the company had planned on," he noted.

Now that its debt has been reduced, things look brighter for the company.

We eliminated \$2.1 billion from our balance sheet," in accordance with the reorganization plan, Yost

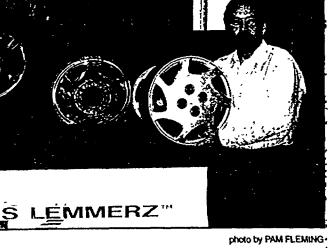
Secured lenders received a combination of cash and equity and unsecured lenders received equity. according to Yost. Stockholders were the losers in the deal, however. The company's prior common stock and securities were canceled as of June 3.

That's the bad news in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy," Yost said.

The new shares of Hayes Lemmerz common stock being issued to certain creditors in accordance with the plan are being publicly traded on the over-the-counter market. The company has applied for a listing on Nasdaq.

Creditors overwhelmingly accepted the company's Plan of Reorganization, which the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware confirmed May 12. Hayes Lemmerz now has a more manageable capital structure and a reduced level of debt.

The company's current total financing package is valued at \$800 million and includes a \$100 million



Haves Lemmerz chief financial officer Jim Yost says serious financial restructuring was part of the company's Chapter 11 process.

senior secured revolving credit facility maturing in five years; a \$450 million senior secured term loan maturing in six years; and \$250 million of senior unsecured bonds maturing in seven years.

During the Chapter 11 financial reorganization, the firm improved its operations.

"We had \$200 million last year in operating improvements, which is a very good performance," Yost

CEO Curtis J. Clawson brought in a new management team, which company officials believe is one of the main reasons the firm is turning around.

"The company has been forgiven a large amount of debt which has allowed us to become much stronger financially and operationally," Yost said.

"Some contracts have expired, but we're getting new ones. Many of our customers are very longstanding," Yost said.

"We have made tremendous cost reductions this year and have been trying to achieve operational excellence through such programs as Six Sigma and lean production methods," he added.

"Our goals are to satisfy customers, be the lowest cost producer and have the best people," Yost

Although it's not a household word, Hayes Lemmerz has strong, name recognition in the auto industry and the investment community, according to Yost.

"We were the darling of the sup-ply industry in the 1990s," he said. We've seen improvement in profits year after year.'

Yost said the company prides, itself on its outstanding customer; relationships and employees.

"Employees owned stock and have been supportive of the whole, process the company has taken on, despite setbacks," Yost said. He; said there were no changes in pension and medical benefits for Hayes. Lemmerz workers throughout the company's trials and tribulations.

"All of our global operations are intact and we're well-geared to, move forward," he said.

"It's been a long and gruelling, process, but we have new products, coming. Our cost efficiency could, be improved. We're not the lowest-1 cost producer yet," Yost said. "The key is to be able to offer the right product at the right cost."

Yost noted that Hayes Lemmerz is no longer pursuing a strategy of creating module systems, although that was one of the reasons the firm decided to purchase CMI, which

In Memory of John Martin Miller 1911 - 2003

John Martin Miller passed away on May 15, 2003 at 92 years of age. He is survived by one brother. Robert Miller of Grand Rapids, MI; a daughter, Carolyn Goodrich of Sonoma, CA; a son, John Martin Miller II of Traverse City, MI; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of fifty years, Elva Budd Miller, his parents, and 8 of 9 siblings.

John was born in and spent his youth in Jackson. MI where his family owned and operated the Miller Nursery. He was the original founder of Green Ridge Nursery and Tree Service in Northville, MI. He lived in and served that community from 1941 to 1998 when he moved north to Huffman Lake in Vanderbilt, MI.

During World War II. he served the defense cause as an Inspector of B-24's at Willow Run, MI. He was an active Rotarian for 55 years, belonged to the American Association of Nurserymen, and the Michigan Nature Conservancy. He served on the zoning board and planning commission of Northville. Over the years, he planted many of the trees and gardens that beautify Northville today.

Throughout his long life, John was a lover of nature and a conservationist. He was always ready for adventure and testing his limits while exploring new territories in his travels throughout North America. He was appreciated by family and friends for his wisdom and his ever present sense of humor. He was a self-educated, self-made man with a zest for life and learning that drew friends of all ages to him.

A memorial to honor and celebrate his life will be held in July at his Huffman Lake home. In lieu of flowers, people who wish to honor his memory may make a charitable contribution of their choice in his name. John's family suggests The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, 2021 N. Kinney Rd, Tuscon, AZ 85743 or Little Traverse Conservancy; North Boyne River Preserve, 3264 Powell Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

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Comerica bank branch managers Lori Walker and Maher Shounia check up on some numbers at the new Beck Road branch of

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They're back on Beck: Comerica opens branch

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Comerica Bank has opened a branch in Northville Township at 16081 Technology located at the corner of Beck and Technology Roads. The new branch officially opened June 9.

The branch is the first building to open in Technology Park in Northville Township, which is located on the east side of Beck Road between Five and Six Mile Roads.

In addition to the traditional banking services that customers expect, the office features a driveup ATM, night depository and self-serve security boxes. These allow customers to store important papers and other critical items in a protected box they can conveniently access on their own.
Lori Walker, vice president,

manages the new Northville office. She has been with Comerica for 20 years and has served as branch manager at several Comerica locations in southeast Michigan.

Walker was the branch manager at the previous Comerica Bank branch in Northville located at Six Mile and Winchester between Haggerty and Northville roads. When this branch closed a few years ago Walker served as a branch manager at a bank in Plymouth.

"Location is the key," Walker said about the new location. "A majority of our branch traffic is small business customers, so we wanted to be located where it's convenient to them.'

The warehouse-style branch with open ceilings will feature a computer at the customer service counter in the near future so customers can be introduced to

online banking or view other sites on the Internet while in the

Televisions with a selection of five news channels are also in the new branch.

"All new branches will be this style," Walker said.

There are seven employees at the new branch, including Maher Shounia, assistant branch manager, and Mary Roberts, customer service administrator.

"I was thrilled to come back to Northville and be able to reacquaint myself with the community after working five years at the other Northville branch," Walker

"I think it was important that Comerica brought me back because continuity is an important part of customer service.'

To celebrate the opening of the new branch, customers will receive special promotional offerthrough Aug. 4.

These include a free first order of checks on any new personal checking account opening; an installment loan rate discount of 1/4 percent; free Web Bill Pay service for 12 months; and a free personal financial plan through Comerica Securities.

The branch lobby is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 pm; Friday from 9:30 a m. to 6 p.m; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p m

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services affiliate, Mun L. C. j. Management, which is among the top money in worldwide.

Comerica reported to 1 of \$56 billion on March 31 Pam Fleming is a s " for the Novi News a Northville Record Steering reached at (248) 3447 105, or by it pflering@ht honaca-

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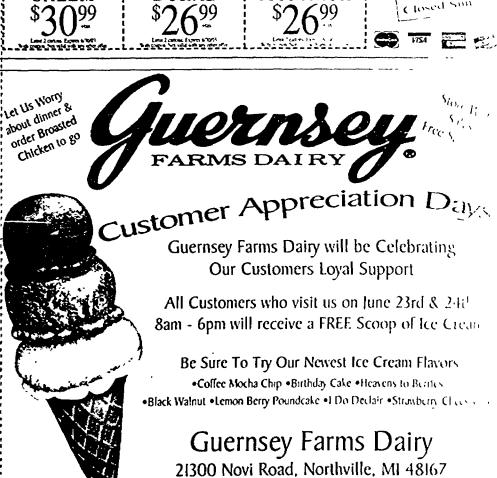
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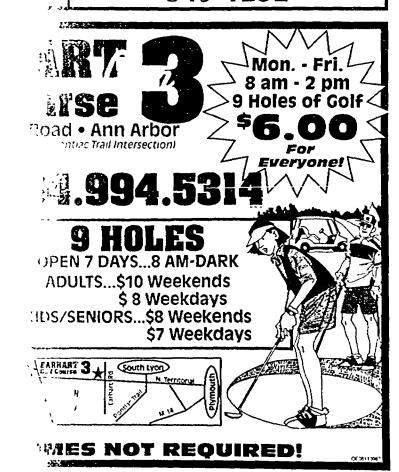


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Rev your motor: Fest hits streets

It's just too much fun to stop. That's what the organizers of the annual Music and Mortorfest will tell you. For the last 16 years they have put on Novi's annual community festival and if you've never attended, you're missing out. Mark you calendars for July 24-27 and plan to be on Main Street in Downtown Novi for great music, classic cars, carnival rides, great food, friends and

Main Street takes on a whole new appearance that weekend. Streets lined with commercial and food vendors, car dealers, beverage stations, musical acts, carnivals, classic cars, you name it. If it's fun to see and do, it's there! And there is something a bit different this year as well; the musical acts are all free of charge. Brighthouse Networks, the festivals major sponsor, is providing acts starting on Thursday afternoon and running through Sunday evening free for your enjoyment!

Those acts include The Sun Messengers, Stewert Francke and Gary Puckett and the Union Gap. Gary's super group from the late '60s and early '70s produced such hits as 'This Girl is a Woman Now", "Over You", "Woman, Woman" and the two number one hits "Young Girl" and "Lady Willpower." Gary Puckett will be appearing on Saturday night July 26th right in the middle of Main Street. It's a show you won't want to miss!

There will be plenty of other free entertainment throughout the weekend as well. You'll be able to check out the complete schedule of events in the Official Guide to the Music and-Motorfest published Hometown Newspapers or simply call our office at (248) 349-

As many people know, this is truly a community event. All of the proceeds go right back to the city in various forms. Many community groups use this event as a major fundraiser for their own groups and everyone who works there is a volunteer. That is where many of the thank you's come in. It's the citizens of Novi that make this event possible. From the many corporate sponsors who contribute their time and dollars to the City itself, which lends an overwhelming amount of support for the last 16 years that this event is possible.

One of the festival's organizers, Pat Webb can be reached at (248) 349-1950.



Jessica Patterson, left, and Mandi Cobb both perform a 'bridge' yoga position at their Seven Mile Road fitness studio in the Highland Lakes shopping center Monday morning.

LETTERS

There are plenty of bad roads here

I recently read about many road improvement projects that will happening in the Northville area, but I didn't see any mention of Eight Mile Road on either side of Sheldon Road and on either side of Novi Road, nor in the Haggerty Road / Interstate 275 area. Eight Mile Road is a washboard road in these areas. I'm surprised that there hasn't been a serious accident because of the road condition. It should be dug up and replaced with concrete.

> Jerry Munro Northville

It was gratifying to read the article in [the June 12 edition of the Northville Record about The Friends of Maybury endeavoring to keep some kind of an interpretive program going at Maybury. It can't replace what was lost, but it will certainly add some semblance of

Trail riders helped Maybury relief

what once was. Also on June 8, the Maybury Trail Riders and Raisin River Riders hosted a very successful Pancake Breakfast. They served more than 150 people and raised more than \$1,000 to benefit the rebuilding of the Living Farm. Silver Springs School kindergarten classes under the guidance of teacher, Angela Zeeman raised over \$1,500 to benefit the

The excellent coverage each of these received in the Record and the dedicated work of all involved will go a long way towards the restoration of a loved place in our community.

Jean Bemish

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Change the batteries in vour smoke detector least once a year.

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GUEST COLUMN

Boating safely serves everyone

Many may not know that water safety is one of the large responsibilities of a sheriff. With 450 plus navigable lakes in Oakland County alone, you can see this is often a daunting task. With the summer here, let's work together to make it safe and fun.

Please take some time to check all the safety equipment on your vessel. Make sure that



if your boat is required to have a fire extinguisher, you inspect it. Most extinguishers have a needle type gauge. The needle should be pointing in the green or good area. Also, make

sure the extin-

guisher is Michael Bouchard Coast Guard Approved.

The materials used to assemble the Coast Guard approved extinguishers are different from the type you may have in your home. Life preservers also need particular atten-

tion. Approximately 90 percent of all boating fatalities are drownings. When a person becomes unconscious or suffers injuries that prevent them from keeping themselves afloat, they can soon become a victim. Check the life preservers for mildew and rotting. Being in the boat all winter often subjects them to great

Life preservers must be Coast Guard approved as well. There are a number of items on the market that are not Coast Guard approved. Items such as ski-belts, inflatable swim rafts and water toys are not approved. Look at the preservers to make sure they are the appropriate sizes for the people who will be using them. The preservers may have been purchased when the children were younger, and now they have outgrown them. Do you have enough preservers? At the very minimum, each person on board a watercraft must have one. If a boat is over 16 feet in length, a wearable life jacket is required for each person on board plus one throwable life preserver. All children under six must wear a life preserver on any Michigan waterway? These are just a few of the requirements required by

Also, the skipper needs to sharpen his or her boat handling abilities. Among the duties is to be responsible and knowledgeable about the actual driving of the boat, and knowledgeable about the equipment items needed to make the outing safe and enjoyable. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Marine Division, in conjunction with many communities, offers the Michigan Safe Boating Course. The course is designed to teach all the boating requirements a skipper needs to operate safely and within the law on our inland and Great Lakes. Youth between ages 12 and 16 need a Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat. Additionally, anyone born after Dec. 31, 1978 is required to have a Boating

Certificate to operate personal watercraft. Next, a tremendous but often over looked piece of information, is the float plan. Similar to a pilot's flight plan, the float plan is information about a person's boating trip. Many times people have been lost at sea for several days to weeks without anyone being aware they were missing. Hopefully, a well-drafted float plan will never be used, but if your boat capsizes, swamps or you get lost on the water; a float plan proves itself invaluable. Not only is it important to your well being, it helps the rescue people find you quickly and safely and limits their chances of being put in harms

So how do you "file" a float plan? float plans are not filed with any rescue organization. But, when a person is deemed missing, the float plan can be filed with the United States Coast Guard or any local agency attempting to locate the missing person. The information provided to the rescue agency can help them locate the missing person or persons more quickly and accurately. Actually, the float plan should be "filed" with a responsible person. A person who can fax, E-mail or call the correct information into the local rescuing agency when it is realized a person or people are missing.

Many items could and should be included

in your float plan. Names, ages, telephone numbers and addresses of each boat occupant are very important. The boat make, model, color, registration number (MC number) and boat name. Also, include a mapped route of your trip, including the homeport and where your trip will terminate. Equipment should also be listed (i.e., life preserver types, fire extinguishers, vhf radios, flares, first aid kit, GPS, radar, etc.). You may also want to list any emergency water and food you may have onboard.

Now one might say all this is common sense for Great Lakes boaters. However, what about the inland lakes? Many times boats are taken out without anyone's knowledge. Maybe someone wants to take the boat out for some rest and relaxation. It is times like these, if an accident occurs (i.e., capsizing, swamping or collision) no one would know where you were. Rescuers may spend valuable time checking to see if they arrived home or may be places other than on the water. Rescuers could also waste a great deal of critical time trying to determine where a missing person was headed. Also, knowing who or how many were in the boat helps rescuers determine the method of rescue that is most suitable.

Many parents already require "float plans" before their child leaves the house everyday (i.e., where they are going, what time will you be home, who are you going to be with, what is their phone number, etc.) So why not let someone know where you are going and when you will be back. Please, file a float plan with someone; it may help save your life.

For further information about safe boating in Michigan contact the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Marine Division at: (248) 391-0256.

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Élections can make me grumpy

Turns out they had school elections last Monday. School board candidates were elected and defeated, millage and bond issues were resolved and our magnificent structure of local control of education ground on its stately way.

Only problem was almost nobody voted. Statewide turnout statewide was less than 5 percent, with some districts notching less than 1 percent. Historically, these numbers are not unusual for education elections.



Phil Power

In response, Secretary of State Terri Land, Rep. Chris Ward. R-Brighton, and Sen. Beverly Hamerstrom,

Temperance. have renewed long-stalled efforts to consolidate elec-Michigan. If their nine-bill

package makes it into law, elections could be held only on the fourth Tuesday in February and on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, August and November. Rep. Ward is a former township clerk, so he knows what he's talking about when he speaks about the "frustration" of voters not knowing when elections

Their arguments are relatively straightforward. Consolidating elections onto certain dates overall saves money. Michigan has 555 K-12 school districts and 57 intermediate (county-wide) districts. They produce a lot of elections, on the average 600 per year around the state. And each election is expensive. It costs the city of Farmington Hills, for instance, \$30,000 to run a school election.

Moreover, concentrating education elections into certain specified dates reduces voter confusion and apathy and, hopefully, increases turnout. Shrewd school folks - board members, superintendents, principals, PTO's, teacher unions, whatever - have more than

once conspired to schedule elections at times when a low turnout makes it possible for a dedicated minority to pass things like bond issues. More than once, I've heard a school superintendent argue, "We certainly don't want all those people voting in our election!"

So on the surface consolidating elections into specified dates seems like a no-brainer. Who can possibly argue against something that brings wider democratic participation? But before the legislature lurches into action, I'd like to add a couple of thoughts.

First, be careful about November. Our November ballot in Michigan is what the political scientists call a "bed sheet ballot," which means the number of races and propositions on it makes the ballot paper look as long as a bed sheet. President, U.S. Senate and House; governor, state senate and house; local mayors and city councils; judges, be they local or statewide; and various state and local propositions. With all this stuff on the November ballot, it's easy for school matters to get lost in the shuffle.

Worse, voters are not going to get a lot of news coverage and editorial guidance in November elections. Responsible home town newspapers such as this one spend a lot of time covering all kinds of races and interviewing all the various local candidates. But time is not endless and space in the newspaper is limited. Adding school elections to the alreadycrowded November ballot can only worsen the crunch of trying to provide solid coverage for important local races.

A better alternative would be to lump together all education races into one single education election. Voters could select members of local school boards, community college boards and governing board members of the U-M, MSU and WSU. Confronted with an entire election dealing with matters educational, the news media would actually be obliged to cover the races, to question candidates, evaluate qualifications and question policy and positions, "Name" candidates would get less of a leg up. Citizens would have a chance to think about the totality of education policy and practice in Michigan — the biggest single item in the state's budget.

Interestingly, this is exactly what we did in

Michigan prior to the adoption of the 1963 Constitution. Back then, education races were clustered into one spring election held in oddnumbered years. I've never understood why the Constitutional Convention overturned such a sensible system.

My second thoughts about consolidating elections are, regrettably, "mutually exclusive and jointly exhaustive," as my old philosophy tutor used to

Sure, doing something to increase voter turnout is as American as apple pie. High turnout is the best way to prevent a small, highly motivated minority from dominating public policy, whether that

question: in a higher-turnout election, what kind of voter is likely to be turned out?

The obvious

minority be members of the teacher unions pushing for more money to go into schools or right wing bigots trying to sabotage education policy.

But the obvious follow up question is: In a higher turnout election what kind of voter is likely to be turned out? Do we really want people who have no interest or knowledge in education to be voting in droves? What kind of voting decision is the marginal (and likely uninformed) voter likely to make?

In other words, is increased voter participation actually likely to improve our democracy? This is a problem that has been debated for, literally, centuries. And I have to confess that as I get older and grumpier, I'm beginning to think that mere democratic participation is not necessarily the best solution for all of our social and political ills.

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

First, I'm grateful to have a staff I can

believe in. We may disagree on issues or

angles of stories to pursue, but at the end

Second, I'm paying greater attention to

detail. When errors in this newspaper are

pointed out to me, I feel a combination

of disappointment, frustration, anger and

inadequacy. I'm forced to re-examine the

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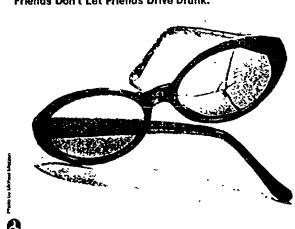
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Thanks for nothing, Jayson Blair

There aren't many people I can seriously say I loathe, but I'll make an exception for Jayson Blair. What makes my disdain for Blair

unique is that I don't really know the guy. Wait — check that. I don't know the guy. In fact, I've never met him. Put him

Chris C. Davis

in a lineup

with four other people, and I probably wouldn't pick him in three tries. But despite my complete and total

Blair The Person. Jayson Blair The

'Reporter' makes me sick to my

stomach. It kills me to have to refer to Blair as a reporter, because he's the textbook definition of everything legitimate reporters

In case you've been too wrapped up in the Northville parking deck debate or what to do with Northville Psychiatric Hospital and haven't been on top of national stories as of late, let me encapsulate the story. Blair — now a former reporter for the New York Times admitted he fabricated dozens of stories

that were ultimately published by the Times. To be clear: Blair didn't accidentally mix up a quote or two. He blatantly rejected even a shred of journalistic decency and created stories like kids create imaginary friends.

As if that's not bad enough, Blair has actually laughed at the fervor his scandal has created, which ultimately led to the resignation of two of the Times' top editors. If that isn't the dictionary definition of "twisted." I don't know what is.

(VIGNETTE: "BLAIR" redone spells

"LIAR B." Interesting.)
From my chair, Blair's actions make me ill. They make me Linda-Blair-in-The-Exorcist" kind of ill. What Blair Kenneth Lay and the Enron scandal or Bernard Law and the Diocese of Boston fiasco. Just as Lay and his peers in corporate America eroded the faith of American investors, just as Law violated the trust in thousands of parishioners, Blair has made a mockery of journalism. What makes this case even more revolting, though, is that there's no recourse that can be sought. Short of throwing up their hands in disbelief and spending the next 15 years regaining the trust of readers, what else can other writers and edi-

tors at the Times do? All this has forced me to think critically of what we do here at the Record, and how the pain the Times has suffered can help this newspaper - and the thousands of other American newspapers in the future.

steps we took to get a story, find out where we went wrong, and then set the record straight. I'm reading stories and examining photos with a heightened sense of urgency, wanting to make cer-Finally, I'm going to be taking steps

over the course of the next year to get to know readers and community groups on a more one-to-one level. This is necessary no matter what, but thanks to Blair, the need for the community to know who's quarterbacking the team is even more pressing. (More on that in the days and weeks to come.)

So yes - Jayson Blair makes me ill. It's just too bad that for the Times, and maybe for journalism as a whole, the cure may be tougher to work through than the disease.

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Giraffes, photographs, and us

I chose to "work" this Saturday, attending the Northville Chamber's Art in the Sun event. What a great opportunity to be out, catching up on things around town. And I wanted to

check out the artwork. One piece in particular that spoke to me, I ended up taking home.



Maureen Johnston

Wildlife photographers Rick and Connie Denomme of

Northville put together a series of mother-and-child photos · zebra, cheetah, lion, giraffe, elephant – that captured the bond I feel

for my own cub. The woman who photographed my daughter and me caught our smiles when Veronica unexpectedly threw her arms around my neck.

Earlier I had shared a Main Street park bench with Terri McEachern of Northville. She said the Denommes' booth is her favorite and she makes a point each year to see what they have

The photos alone are amazing, but to hear the stories behind them makes them even more so. The Denommes for a half dozen years have

attended Art in the Sun, relating their travel adventures. They will return downtown for the Victorian Festival in September. The art fair visitors were interested — one

week in Kenya here, three weeks in Tanzania

there, not your average vacation spots. The couple, sometimes with the help of guides and sometimes on their own, have found penguins in Antarctica, zebra and giraffe in Africa, wild horses and wolves out west, and bison and bunnies in North Dakota. To name a

few of their subjects. "Even Kensington is wonderful for us," Connie said. It was as if you could startle the spotted fawns reflected in the water pool, they appeared so alive in the quality print.

And so many of Denomme's photos were a single moment captured - dolphins jumping, a lioness licking, elephants with tusks interlocked. "It's a gift on his part, I think to be able to do

that," Connie said of her husband. One photo depicts a day-old giraffe, with long spindly legs, the umbilical cord still attached. The Denommes watched the birth the day before, with the mother coaxing the newborn on its feet. But, they were unable to shoot because of the fading light; they again located the mom and baby the next day.

"You're so lucky to be in that spot because that's what it involves, being in the right place at the right time," Rick said.

The couple attends approximately 30 shows a year to sell their works. They take trips and set aside a month to print. They do all their own processing, mat cutting and framing.

Thus, they are able to create a theme package like the one I purchased. Another eerily attractive one was

five pairs of big-cat eyes. "We're

lucky to

support our-

our trips," Connie said.

Saturday

afternoon, I

met my par-

ents down-

town and

introduced

them to the

Denommes'

art. We then

enjoyed lunch at

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The woman who photographed my daughter and me caught our smiles when Veronica unexpectedly threw her arms around my neck.

warm sunny day with Malcom Watson's peppy violin in the background.

What a day at the office.

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First Presbyterian: a Northville landmark

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time soon - my wife won't let me," quipped Pastor W. Kent Clise. "I've been ordained for 35 years and I'm coming close to the end of my seventh year as senior pastor here, so people may think I'm getting ready to retire, but I don't want people to start speculating about that just because of my age.

Part of the original foundation of the church is still used and the church recently completed a \$4 million addition. Among the bragging rights for First Presbyterian: that it's the oldest Protestant church west of the Appalachian Mountains that has remained in the same location since it was established. Now a prominent part of the Northville community, the church is situated on Main Street and the gleaming white columns, pointy steeple and red brick exterior invite visitors in.

"We welcome growth and strive to be seeker-friendly," said Clise. "We believe the church is healthi-

est when it is an inter-generational experience. We look at the church as a family with a mom and dad. grandparents and children. We strive to maintain a balance in our generations.

Clise was quick to point out that although the church strives to maintain a family atmosphere, it does so while including members who may be single or divorced.

The Prayers and Squares Quilt group makes quilts for members of the church who need some comfort. Any one of the church's numerous Bible or prayer groups can suggest a quilt to be made for a person and then the group will sew up a quilt for that individual. Once the quilt is completed, it is passed on to Clise; who, before his sermon, announces the quilt is finished. After the sermon, the church family gathers together and adds individual touches to the quilt. Once a person adds something to the quilt, he then signs a prayer commitment card, saying he commits to pray for that per-

When the church family is entirely finished with the quilt, it is then presented to the person along with the prayer commitment cards.

"That way the person is comforted physically by snuggling up in the quilt and then comforted with prayers and cards," Clise said. The Prayers and Squares Quilt Group makes about 10 quilts a year for various church members.

The Stephen Ministry - another established program the church offers - trains individuals to give care to others. It is a 50-hour training session that puts a great deal of emphasis on giving care and compassion to others. The program started in January 2000 and is comprised of four leaders and 11 ministers. The ministers provide one-on-one, confidential care to those in need; including grieving the death of a loved one, coping with terminal illness, adopting a child and facing life challenges. First Presbyterian is quick to point out that the Stephen Ministry is not a therapy or counseling service, but rather Christians extending friendship and helping someone in

First Presbyterian is also home to weekly Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon meetings that are open to anyone in the Northville community.

The Alanon group is for people who know or live with alcoholics and offers support to that person," said Clise.

On any "old garden-variety day", as Clise puts it, the church averages between 500 and 700 in church attendance. The church officially has on its rolls 1,200 members.

First Presbyterian has a pastoral staff of 10, including two pastors. But that doesn't mean those who aren't wearing a stole don't reach out to others in the church.

"Everyone is a minister in the church -- two of us are pastors," Clise said.

The church puts much emphasis on inner-personal relationships with one another. Clise said the church strives for excellence, relationships with others and a place where people can come and feel like they are at home.

The church attempts to impact the community by the individual witnesses of its members and sharing time and resources through programs that reflect good will. The members of First Presbyterian see themselves as belonging to a church for the community and seek to make its facilities available to everyone.

'This is a really neat church. I'm really fortunate to be the senior pastor of this church," said Clise.

Two things about the church that continue to impress Clise are the historical aspect of the church and how the church looks to the future. He said the church is proud of its history, but the congregation believes that the best is yet to

"The congregation is very vigorous and vital and wants to move forward and embrace God and look to the future," Clise said.

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State will rebid Northville Psychiatric Hospital land sale

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department that he has an unrelated, outside business relationship with a consultant to one of the companies, Irwin bidding explained. While this business relationship is not material to the Northville sale, it could have created the appearance of a potential conflict of interest, he said.

"We want to make sure we avoid even the appearance of impropriety," Irwin said. "It was in the state's best interests to rebid it."

The state called Northville Township to inform officials of "I don't think it would do anyone any good having that kind of cloud hanging over the result of the [sale of NPH]."

Mark Abbo

Northville Township supervisor

the hitch in their original timing, said supervisor Mark Abbo.

"We're in full agreement with the state," he said. "If there's a problem, we feel that it's better that it's addressed this way rather

than after the bid is awarded. I don't think it would do anyone any good having that kind of cloud hanging over the result of that process.

planned to return earnest money to the companies that submitted bids during the original process. The three developers expressed an interest in bidding again, Irwin said.

- Criteria in the state's invitation to bid included:
- Purchase price; Bidder modification to purchase documents;
- · Developer qualifications and experience with projects of similar size and scope;
- · Demonstrated ability to work with local government;
- · Commitment and ability to The budget department expedite due diligence and close

the transaction by Sept. 30, and; · Financial ability to complete the transaction.

The bids in the first go-round - unadjusted for any contingencies and associated costs - were Grand Sakwa at \$68.5 million, Pulte Homes at \$70 million, and REI at \$67 million.

After the state closes the bidding June 25, an advisory panel comprised of private and public sector real estate and finance professionals once again will examine the bids submitted.

Repeating the process does not necessarily give one developer an edge over another, Irwin said,

because only the raw price bids were disclosed, not the contents of the bid packages. The state will look for the best net return to the state, after contingencies are satisfied, he said.

Re-bidding could mean more potential purchasers will come; forward.

"We hope that every bidder who has a keen interest would be responsive," he said.

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City OKs work on area roads

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spelled out in the 20-year program for improving Northville streets, drainage

and sidewalks. "It's the only place it can be spent," Gallogly explained. "Every year the city

council has the option to tweak it." South Lexington Boulevard

Bids are due to the city June 25 for this estimated \$325,000 reconstruction of South Lexington Boulevard, Gallogly said. The council is expected to award the contract in July, he said, with work likely to last the eight weeks of August and September.

"They're rough," he said. Probably the developer of the subdivision installed those streets in the late 1960s, he estimated, making them 35 years old.

The project involves the complete removal and replacement of the existing concrete roadway from Eight Mile Road to Potomac Road, including the boulevard at Eight Mile Road, Gallogly said. One lane of traffic will be open, he added.

Taft Road Maintenance

The council Monday selected low bidder Thompson-McCully of Whitmore Lake to perform up to \$30,000 in surface repairs. The contractor from Eight Mile to the city limits will place a hot asphalt overlay on certain rough and rutted areas.

The work likely will be performed in early July and take one to two days to complete, Gallogly said. Traffic will be impacted briefly, he said, not as long as overnight.

That might involve a road closing, which means we'll have to detour people," Gallogly said. "It's not a big project. It's more of a maintenance project."

In another two to four years, Taft likely will be the target of a larger plan, the director said. Preliminary discussions have included installation of a green median down the center of the street, he described, as boulevards tend to have a traffic-calming effect.

Caldwell/Bloomcrest Street

At the center of Northville, city staff prepared a proposal to apply asphalt to gravel Caldwell and Bloomcrest streets. Part of the project also is installation of new water mains, and sanitary and storm

"Before you do a road, you want to make sure you get your utilities in," Gallogly said. At the request of the five homeowners in the affected area, the city will not install concrete curb and gutter, he added.

"They want it to remain rural look-

The new roadway, storm sewer and sidewalks are expected to cost \$145,000, the director said. The project will last an estimated 8 weeks, he said.

Eight Mile Road

The Wayne County Road Commission is planning at some point this summer to return to redo a 1995 project. Eight Mile Road between Center and Novi roads will be milled and resurfaced to smooth out the rough surface, said Gallogly.

Northville Road

Wayne County crews also will be in town at the end of July or the start of August to resurface Northville Road from Seven Mile to Beal, according to county construction district engineer

Northville **City Street Improvements**

> Hershal Clover. Wayne County staff is in the process of checking the contract requirements of the company that sub-

1. Lexington

4. 8 Mile

5. Northville

(8 Mile to Potomac)

(8 Mile to city limits)

(Center to Novi)

(Beal to 7 Mile)

SOURCE: City of Northville

3. Caldwell/Bloomcrest area

Portsmere

mitted the low bid, he said. The contractor will mill the road, then resurface the boulevard with up to four inches of new asphalt. The city's share of the \$148,800 project is approximately \$50,000, Gallogly said.

The project could take 45 days or less, Clover estimated, depending on the conditions, such as the road foundation and

You're unsure with what you're dealing with over there," the engineer said. "If the road is not that bad, we can get out of there pretty fast."

The 1.24-mile stretch of Northville Road, as well as access to businesses along there, will remain open during the resurfacing, Clover said.

"If we have to block them for an hour or two, we'll inform the business ahead of time," he said.

County workers will erect signs to inform drivers that work is underway and that the speed limit is reduced to 25-30 mph in the construction zone.

Sidewalk Program

The city allocates approximately \$30,000 each year to remove and replace deficient sidewalk sections, Gallogly

said. The repairs planned for this summer are mostly completed, he said.

Baseline

Walnut

The city cannot afford to replace whole stretches of sidewalk at once, the director said, but the street-improvement fund allows the staff to address dangerous spots where the slabs have heaved or settled.

"It's not as pretty, but it's safe," Gallogly said. This program reduces the city's liability in slip-and-fall claims resulting from uneven, cracked or damaged sidewalk, he said.

Springfield Drive Design Phase

The city this summer will spend approximately \$90,000 for preliminary

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engineering of the reconstruction of Springfield Drive, between Morgan Boulevard and Coldspring Drive, along the city's northern border.

If the city is ready to pursue bids in February for the estimated \$400,000 project, Gallogly said, likely the total project cost might come in a little lower. That timing would permit replacement of the roadway and any damaged sidewalk during the summer of 2004.

With early bids, you seem to get better, cheaper bids," he said. "It's always better to get them out early."

The concrete road is in similar condition to this year's largest project target, Lexington Boulevard, the director said.

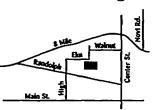
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Bartlett-Belanger

David and Rosemary Bartlett announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Clare Bartlett, to Jamie Brian Belanger, son of Cindy and Keith Brown of Fort Myers, Fla., and Brian Belanger of Windsor, Ontario.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Northville High School and a 2001 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Dayton public schools. The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of NHS and a 2000 graduate of Indiana University. He is employed by Procter &

An Aug. 2 wedding is planned.



Imsland-Noll

Jerry Imsland of Northville and Deborah Kemp of Taylor announce the engagement of their son, James L. Imsland, to Erin Noll, son of Deborah and Steven Noll of Janesville, Wis.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Quality First Contractors. The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of EMU and is employed by Quicken Loans.

A May 24 wedding is planned.

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Norris-Zinke

Susan and the late Stephen Norris of Brighton and Mr. and Mrs. James Zinke of Sterling Heights announce the engagement of Jennifer Norris and James Zinke.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University, a resident of Wixom and is employed by the Northville Record. The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Oakland University and is employed by American Axle and Manufacturing of Rochester Hills.

A Nov. 8 wedding is planned.



Munro-Endress

Billy Dee Munro of Wixom formerly of Novi — announces the engagement of her daughter, Elisa Munro, of Royal Oak, to Jason Endress also of Royal Oak. The bride-elect is also the daughter of Gerald and Hazel Munro of Northville.

The groom-elect is the son of Frank and Ann Endress of Pearl River, New York.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Novi High School and a 2003 graduate of Walsh College. She is employed by DaimlerChrysler. The groomelect is a 1998 graduate of Lehigh University. He is employed by North American Lighting.

wedding is An October planned.



Walker-Dinning

Jim and Brenda Walker of Howell announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Cody Dinning, son of Colleen Dinning of Fowlerville and Terry Dinning of East Lansing.

The bride-elect is currently attending Lansing Community College and is an Advertising Executive Hometown for Newspapers. The groom-elect is employed by Superior Electric as an Electrician.

An October 2003 wedding is

On Campus

Northville residents Gina Halicki, James Gustafson and Kyle Grajek were named to the dean's list at the University of Michigan-Dearborn for the fall and winter terms 2003.

Northville resident Andrew Borda

Washington and Lee University (Lexington, Va.) during spring 2003 commencement ceremonies.

Northville residents Shannon Dare, Kim Ly, Joseph Porco and Wen Hong

among the graduates of Song were among the graduates of hington and Lee University Lawrence Technological University during spring 2003 commencement ceremonies.

> Northville resident Brigid Anne Bowdell was among the graduates of

Duke University (Durham, N.C.) during spring 2003 commencement ceremonies.

Northville resident Beth Cohen was awarded the Presidential Scholarship and Northville High School student Jennifer Carr was awarded the Alumni Honors Scholarship at Hope College.

Northville resident Cass Huyck was named a member of the varsity rifle team at Howe Military School (Howe; Ind.) for the 2002-2003 academic year.



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Our 2003 All-Area trackand field Dream Team selections have a slew of talent

By Sam Eggleston and Stan Frank SPORTS WRITERS

This year, we can easily say was one of the toughest when it came to picking our All-Area Dream Team athletes for girls track and field. Normally, we have stars who stand out in their respective fields and dominate the competition each and every time they take to the track. This year, however, was a bit different. We had some of the most competitive teams in the histories of our

After going over the list multiple times, the sports writers of HomeTown East have managed to piece together the team that we feel would bring us a state championship time and again. Below are the girls that not only make the competition hang their heads in defeat but also lead by example by being the best they can be.

DISTANCE

Who doesn't like distance running? Well, besides out-of-shape sports writers who get winded walking to the concession stands. Running has become one of the most popular pastimes and most anticipated events in this country, and it shows when it comes to the distance events of track and field in our area. We're more than happy to announce we have some of the top distance runners in metro Detroit and fully expect that they are more than capable of crushing the competition.

Lisa Canty Milford junior

Milford's Lisa Canty qualified for the state meet in a pair of events, placing second in the 3,200-meter run and third in the 1,600-meter run at this season's regional tournament. A jumor, Canty recorded personal bests in both the 1,600-run (5:15.4) and 3,200-run (11:32.5).

Tiffany Kaid Milford junior

Milford's Tiffany Kaid ran the second leg of the Mavericks' 3,200meter relay team, which at the regional tournament, finished third in qualifying for the state meet. Kaid followed that performance at that KVC tournament by registering the fastest split in the Mavericks' secondplace finish in the 3,200-relay. A junior, Kaid recorded personal bests in both the 800-meter run (2:24.9) and the 1,600-meter run (5:34).

Katie Kramer Milford senior

Milford senior Katie Kramer returned from an injury-riddled junior season with positive results. At the regional tournament, Kramer qualified for the state meet in three events, placing third in the 3,200meter run and fourth in the 1,600meter run, while anchoring the Mavericks' 3,200-meter relay team, which finished third. Kramer then delivered second-place performances at the KVC tournament in both the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs. Kramer leaves Milford holding school records in both the 1,600meter and 3,200-meter runs, along with the 3,200-meter relay. Ironically, despite all of her success on the track, Kramer intends to play soccer at college.

Heather Moehle

Northville senior Moehle has been a staple in Northville track and field since she first took to the sport at the varsity level. A competitive distance runner, Moehle made her mark throughout the season as she took to the Western Lakes Activities Association and left the majority of her competition in the dust. A great leader and a determined athlete, the one thing that you can always expect from this runner is a great showing. We're proud to have her as a member of our All-Area Dream Team once again, and we can assure the readers that her shoes will be tough to fill when this time of year comes around in 2004.

Devon Rupley Northville junior

Rupley is one of those athletes that we just love to watch. She's remarkably talented and dedicated. Not only does she push herself to the limits each and every time she takes to the track, but she manages to help her teammates strive to be the best they can be on the track, as well. This year, Rupley found herself taking second in the state finals in the 800meter event after a very controversial call found a Davison runner leaning in for the win. But, like a true athlete, Rupley wasn't concerned. She's well

aware that come next year, she'll have another chance to take home the first place finish.

Nina Schmitt

Novi senior

What's not to like about Schmitt? She's smart, she's friendly and she's a great all-around athlete. This year, Schmitt took her distance running to the next level, taking the regional titles in both the two-mile and mile events against some of the best competition in metro Detroit. Unfortunately, Schmitt's battle against bronchitis slowed her down to the point that she missed out on showcasing her true abilities in the state finals meet but still managed to give a gritty performance. Schmitt is headed off to run for the Spartans at Michigan State University, and once again, we are honored to name her as one of the top HomeTown Newspapers track and field stars.

SPRINTS

Running fast, clearing hurdles: That is the kind of stuff that our sprint runners like to do. Though we find ourselves in a position where we had to pick a few out of a slew of talented runners, we feel confident that these are the cream of the crop. One thing is for sure: We couldn't beat them in a dash, and we doubt much of the competition could either.

Kate Maxwell

Lakeland senior Lakeland's Kate Maxwell capped a stellar career for the Eagles' track and field team by earning medals at the state meet for her performances in the long jump and both the 100meter and 300-meter hurdles. During the season, Maxwell set new school records in all three events. The senior also finished first in the 300-hurdles at the Oakland County meet. In addition, Maxwell also anchored the Eagles' 1,600-meter relay team that qualified for the state meet. In what proved a captivating high school career, Maxwell captured seven medals at the state level. She plans to compete next year at Central Michigan University.

Amber Pearsall Milford freshman

As a freshman, Milford's Amber

Pearsall earned her stripes and wore them well, finishing second in total points scored for the Mavericks. In her first tour of duty, Pearsall qualified for the state meet by finishing second in 100-meter dash at the regional tournament. Also at the regional meet, Pearsall helped Milford in qualifying for the state meet in both the 400-meter and 800meter relays. At the state meet, Pearsall anchored the Mavericks' 400-relay team that tied a school record. In that event, Pearsall's split was a tidy 12.1 seconds. Other Pearsall highlights from this season include a 16-9½ inch leap in the high jump; a mark of 12.7 seconds in the 100-dash; and a blistering cut of 26.3 seconds in the 200-meter dash.

Emily Reid Novi sophomore

This little Novi Wildcat that could will surprise more than a few people with her ability in the hurdles events. Though she doesn't stand too tall. Reid is more than capable of clearing the hurdles that stand between her and the finish line. This year, Reid not only confinued to excel in the sport, but showed that she has even climbed higher than what most people may have expected of her this year. Though Reid didn't get out of a very tough Milford Regional to compete in the state finals, we are well aware that her time as a star athlete has just begun. Expect to see her name not only printed more in the papers of HomeTown Newspapers, but also as a member of future All-

Area Dream Teams. Katie Thomas

Lakeland junior Lakeland's Katie Thomas this season made her third appearance at the state meet and made it count, placing eighth in the 100-meter hurdles in earning her first medal at the state level. A junior, Thomas was also instrumental in leading the Eagles' 1,600-meter relay team in qualifying for the state meet.

Andrea Watts

Northville junior Watts really shouldn't have been a surprise to anyone, but she was. The junior came off of some hampering injuries that prevented her from showing her true colors in previous seasons, and when she did it was noticed. This Mustang has little trouble making her way over the hurdles



Kiersten Isgrigg PLAYER OF THE YEAR

As 'a junior, South Lyon's Kjersten Isgrigg continued to make her mark as the most dominant hurdler this area has ever known. Isgrigg placed first in each the 100-meter and 300meter hurdles at both the regionland KVC tournaments. She then followed those performancs'at the state meet by earning inedals with her third- and fourth-place finishes in the 100hurdles and 300-hurdles, respecfively. Her effort in the 100-hurdles earned her All-State recognition. In addition to her mastery of the hurdles, Isgrigg captured a title in the 200-meter dash at the KVC meet and ran the second leg for the Lions' winning 400meter relay team at the regional event. Isgrigg's time of 14.4 seconds in the 100-hurdles proved a meet record. In three years, Isgrigg has compiled school records in both hurdles events (14.2 in 100-hurdles, 44.0 in 300-hurdles), the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, and the 400meter and 800 meter relays.

and she loves to take on fellow sprinters in an intense foot race. The kind of athlete you can look to for multiple points, Watts is only going to grow and improve come next year as she has shown that injuries are a thing of the past for her. We expect good things from this Northville track star, and have no doubt that with a healthy season come next year, she'll be on our Dream Team once again.

FIELD EVENTS

You just have to love field events. Throwing, jumping, leaping, hurling as one of our best athletes. it's all fun. Below, we have the top field event participants in our coverage area. Once again, this was a difficult choice, but we think that it doesn't get much better than this. Field events can make or break a track team, and our selections definitely help make ours.

Jena Amell Milford senior

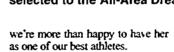
In her final season at Milford, Jena Amell earned a title in the pole vault event at the KVC tournament. Arnell, who was undefeated in dual meets this season, also set the school record with a vault of 11 feet. She plans to compete next year at Central Michigan University.

Whitney Fuelling Milford junior

For the second consecutive season. Whitney Fuelling was the leading point scorer on the Mavericks' track and field team. During her junior campaign, Fuelling was crowned the high jump champion at both the regional and KVC tournaments. At the state meet, Fuelling earned a medal for the second consecutive season with her performance in the high jump. At the regional event, Fuelling also won the 200-meter dash, anchored Milford's winning 1,600-meter relay team, and helped the 800-meter relay team to a second-place finish. Fuelling set career highs in both the high jump (5-6) and 400-meter dash (61.2) this season. Fuelling has won four medals at the state level during the course of her career.

Christina Lis Novi sophomore

Lis, who stands 6-foot, seems as though she was built to compete in the high jump. Her height lends her to the event, and her ability lets her excel in it. Going 5-5 at the Division I state meet was a huge accomplishment in itself, but clearing it to take second-place in the finals meet was even bigger. The sophomore has two seasons still ahead of her as she looks to continue improving and going higher and higher. We here at HomeTown Newspapers have no doubt that Lis will indeed find herself reaching those lofty goals, and



Jen Mehl Novi junior

This athletic pole vaulter lets everyone know one thing: She's here to compete. The kind of athlete that we just love to put on a Dream Team list like this one, Mehl has proven to be a versatile and dedicated athlete for the Novi Wildcats. Though through much of the season she didn't have the competition necessary to drive her above and beyond the call of duty, Mehl has managed to excel in the sport that her name has become synonymous with in the Kensington Valley Conference over the past couple of seasons. This year, she was only one spot out of earning an All-State nod, but she knows full well that there is another season ahead of her for her senior year.

Samantha Smith

South Lyon junior Those who thought when the season began that South Lyon was a onewoman show were wearing pie on their face when the season concluded. Samantha Smith proved that Kiersten Isgrigg isn't the only Lion in town after a stellar junior campaign. Smith earned a pair of long jump titles during the season, leaping 16-10 at the regional tournament and 17% inches at the Oakland County meet. Smith eventually capped the season by earning a medal at the state meet with a jump of 17-2 in placing seventh. Earlier in the season, on her 17th birthday, Smith turned in her finest performance of the season, posting a mark of 17-4 in setting a new school record. Smith also made her mark in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing second to Isgrigg at the regional tournament, while snaring another medal at the state meet with a fourth-place finish (14.83). As its anchor, Smith helped lead the Lions' 400-meter relay team to a first-place finish at the regional tournament. At the state meet, that team, with Smith again anchoring, set a new school record with a time of 49.7 seconds.

Jackie Yurkunas

South Lyon junior South Lyon discus thrower Jackie



Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

Northville junior Andrea Watts is just one of many very talented athletes that were selected to the All-Area Dream Team for 2003.



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Novi junior Jen Mehi, a pole vault participant, was also a selection to this year's girls' track and field All-Area Dream Team.

Yurkunas broke the 100-foot barrier for the first time in her career at the Lions' first meet of the season. Proving that performance was no fluke, Yurkunas placed second at the regional tournament with a throw of 114-4 in qualifying for the state meet. The junior then followed that performance by earning a KVC title with a mark of 118-5, which proved a tournament record. Yurkunas' season-best came on a throw that sailed 119-8.

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Boys' team overflowing with pure athletes

By Sam Eggleston and Stan Frank SPORTS WRITERS

Can any of these All-Area Dream Teams ever be easy to pick? It sure doesn't seem to be that way, as 2003 marked another tough year for us to decide just who we felt were the best of the best.

This season we leaned heavily on a remarkable senior class through our coverage area. You can't ask for much more out of seniors that are about to graduate other than to thank them for giving all they could even in the face of their new beginnings in the collegiate ranks.

We are confident that this year's squad is one of the best ever assembled and would take a risk and say that they would be in competition for almost any title they vied for.

DISTANCE

It's not easy to be a distance runner in this area. Some of the best competition around haunts Kensington Valley Conference and the Western Lakes Activities Association. And, when all of our teams are brought together for the Regional meet, we are always certain we will see some of the top talent looking to showcase their abilities.

Adam Craig Lakeland senior

Lakeland's Adam Craig turned in a first-place performance at the KVC tournament in 3.200meter run. Craig, a senior, qualified for the state meet in that event by placing sixth and registering a personal best time of 9 minutes, 36.8 seconds at the regional tournament.

Dan DeRusha Milford junior

With a cut of 4 minutes, 17 seconds in the 1,600-meter run. Milford's Dan DeRusha at the MITCA state team tournament, recorded the third fastest time in the state this season. A junior, DeRusha earned a pair of medals at the state meet, placing seventh in the 1,600-meter run, in addition to anchoring the Mavericks' 3.200-meter relay team, which finished second in posting a school record mark of 7 minutes. 49.6 seconds. DeRusha had qualified for the state individual tournament in three events with his performance at the regional event, where he placed second in the 1,600-run, while anchoring the Mavericks' winning 3,200relay team. DeRusha also qualified for the state meet in the 800meter run, an event in which he won a title at the KVC tournament. DeRusha, as usual, also anchored the Mavericks' winning 3,200-relay team at the KVC meet.

Mike Gabrys

Northville senior

Gabrys is a fun guy to watch run. In fact, one of the best moments for him and for us was when he took to the mile event in the state finals meet and led for over half of it. We could tell when he was finished that it was a great way for him to end his senior year. Always a competitor, we know that the stiffer the field is in talent, the better Gabrys is going to do. As a member of the All-Area Dream Team, we know that any time we needed a text-book race to be run, we could look to Gabrys to do it. He's a valuable member of any squad, and we're more than happy to have him on ours.

Brian Gilchrist

Novi senior Gilchrist is the kind of runner that never gives up. He can trail through an entire race and then draw energy from some hidden source that we like to call heart. His gritty performances this year have shown that the KVC and Novi were a good place for him to call home as he lived up to and surpassed many of the expectations that others had for him. Something tells us that he didn't surpass his own expectations though, as he probably knew all along that he was more than capable of accomplishing everything he did this year. We're more than happy to have him as a member of our All-Area

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Jim Presley PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Senior Jun Presley edged his Milford teammate Kyle Plummer total points scored for the state hampion Mavericks to earn playit of the year honors. Presley, a enior, netted 175 points over the purse of the season. Presley anchored the Mavericks' 800meter relay team that placed first at the regional and KVC tournaments and earned a medal at the state meet in finishing fifth. That cam also broke the school record ath a mark of 1 minute, 29 secnds. At the regional tournament, Presiev finished second in the long jump and third in the 200 meter ash in qualifying for the state meet in both events. Later, at the Ctournament, Presley won the 00-meter and 200-meter dashes and anchored the Mavencks' winhing 400 meter relay team. resley leaves Milford to play igoball al the University of Michigan bolding individual school incomes in both the 100 inter and 200 inter dates. othall at the University of

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STAR TAYLOR

This Wildcat has shown that his abilities are far greater than many would expect from him.

Tall and lanky, Moore looks as though he belongs throwing the discus or going for a high jump mark rather than trotting along with the best-of-the-best in the distance events. Don't get us wrong though, we've always been the first to say never judge a book by its cover. Moore is one of the most talented distance runners in the state, and his finishes this year have solidified that statement. We know we can always expect him to perform, and he doesn't mind being a team player and a teacher when needed either.

Seth Thibodeau

Milford junior Milford's Seth Thibodeau finished fourth in the 3,200-meter run to earn a medal at this year's state meet. In finishing the event in 9 minutes, 19.1 seconds, Thibodeau broke the school record. Thibodeau had qualified for the state meet by finishing first in the 3,200-run and fourth in the 1,600-meter run.

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We like to think of Chandler as liquid lighting. This guy just can't sit still. It seems that if he isn't right in the thick of things, he's going to simply explode. That's one of the reasons that we

like him so much, because we know that he won't ever quit working hard and trying to improve himself in one way or another. A key leader on and off the track for Novi this season, we're happy to know that we can look to Chandler to lead by example and show the rest of the squad what it means to push themselves to the limit and then push a little harder. Chandler has been a staple on All-Area squads all year, making the football, basketball and now the track Dream Teams. We're proud to have him as a member once

Tim Dalton

Northville junior How could we even think

about turning our back on Dalton? He has speed, stamina and, most importantly, desire. You can always count on this Mustang to put forth a heck of an effort, and he always runs a smart race. You can basically expect that Dalton is going to be in the top of the pack no matter which race you ask him to take to. He, along with Brad Stoner, was a major factor in the Mustang victories this season, especially in the relays. Unlike his senior friend, Dalton will be back again next year as he looks to improve on his already impressive times and hopes to make a mark at the state level.

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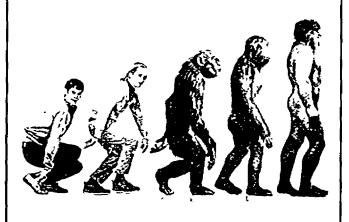


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BOYS: Dream Team overflowing with talent

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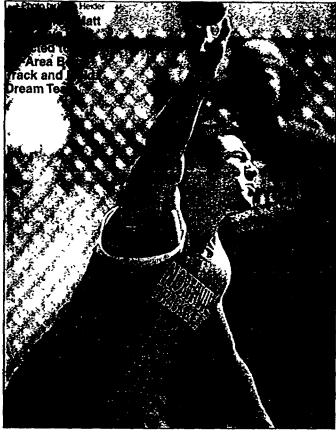
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FIELD EVENTS

We've said it before and we'll say it again: Field events are the backbone to any successful track and field squad. A squad that lacks in this area may compete in many of their dual meets, but will find themselves wanting more when it comes to multi-squad occasions like the Regional or county meets.

Here, we've assembled some of the best in the area when it comes to field events. We have no doubt that they would get us the points needed to hold our heads above water and make us one of the top scoring

Matt Cornelius Northville senior

teams around.

One of the things we really, really like about Cornelius is how he is open to trying new things. A long jumper and sprinter by trade, Cornelius decided he would give the shot put a go this season - and the marks weren't anything to scoff at. Throwing in the high 40-feet range, Cornelius dominated his conference in most cases and had a good run at the Regional before deciding to just have fun with it. We expect that no matter what we asked this Northville senior to try to accomplish, he'd be game to do it. Cornelius is the kind of athlete that any coach would want, and we're

proud to have him as a member of

the Dream Team.

Korey Padilla Milford senior

Strictly a thrower, Milford's Korey Padilla still managed to finish fourth in total points scored for the Mavericks' state championship team. A senior, Padilla earned a shot put title at the KVC tournament with a throw of 50-8 1/2 inches. Also at that meet, Padilla placed second in the discus event. At the regional tournament, Padilla qualified for the state meet in the shot put with a throw of 49-9. He fell inches short of qualifying for the state meet in the discus event, despite throwing a career best 145-4.

Alan Shanoski Northville sophomore

What more can you ask for out of a sophomore? Shanoski is more than happy to step up and face any challenge that may come his way, including the state finals. After taking a top-10 finish in the state as a freshmen last year, Shanoski fought through some growing pains and managed to earn himself a thirdplace finish in Division I this year after clearing 6-6 to tie his own school record. Shanoski is the kind of athlete that will only continue to improve, and he already has his eyes set on much loftier goals - the state mark of 7-1. Of course, he said he would be content with hitting 7-0 next year, but there's nothing like a little extra on the part of one's goals. We expect Shanoski will have no trouble making this list in the future, and we are anticipating his run at the highest levels of the state.

Ken Taylor Lakeland senior

Lakeland senior Ken Taylor earned his first trip to the state meet by placing second in the discus event at the regional tournament. Taylor's throw sailed 147-5, which proved a career best. Taylor followed his performance at the regional event by placing first at the KVC tournament and second at the Oakland County meet.

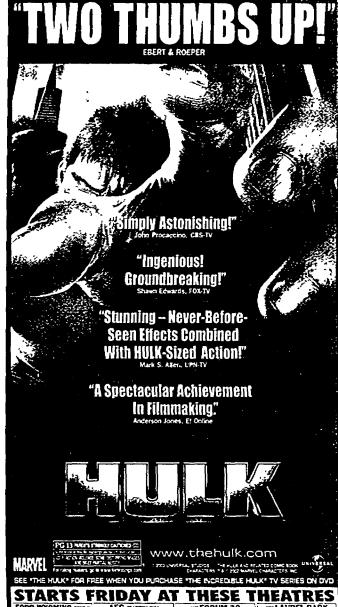
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placed third at the state meet in the long jump event by leaping 22-7 1/2, a mark that broke his own school record. A senior, Teeple won long jump titles at each the regional, KVC and Oakland County tournaments. At the regional tournament, Teeple also qualified for the state meet in the 300-meter hurdles, placing second with a time of 39.6 sec-

Dan Thelen Novi senior

Thelen had a break-out season in 2003, not only in the pole vault but

also with his hair. The normally tame athlete came out in his senior track season sporting a very blonde look. The new hair style must have been a sign, as Thelen went on to be in competition during every meet he was in, including the state finals where he was one of the few to battle through the elements and make opening mark and beyond. Thelen may have been looking for more out of his senior year, but we weren't, and we're happy to say that he is a perfect fit as a member of our All-Area team.



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Boys' Soccer

The U-9 Northville Sharks boys' soccer team roared back to their scoring style with a dominant 7-1 victory over Farmington, Tuesday, May 20. The scoring attack started in the first half with a well coordinated goal by Jeff Minoff. Farmington battled back with a goal which was countered by the Sharks with an end-of-half score by Nick Krafft. The Shark's second half exploded in strong fashion with Krafft scoring 3 an additional goals. Play was highlighted by Colin Russell's ball handling and control skills to assist the Sharks in their strong 2nd half dominance. Playing downfield numerous times for continuing offensive strikes against the Farmington team. Within the final two minutes, the Sharks skillfully topped off their dominance with goals by Luke Davis and another end-of-game score by Minoff. MVP honors and hats off to Krafft for his fabulous 4-goal game and ball control ability. His foot work against his foes left them in awe and in the dust on his many charges towards the goal. Great game and winning effort by everyone - looks like the Sharks are on a roll and having a feeding (scoring) frenzy!

The Sharks had an impressive game against a tough Plymouth Team. Through teamwork and passing the Sharks came out on top 8-3. The first half of the game was a back and forth battle with Minoff and Krafft each notching one goal for the Sharks. One of the most potent offensive weapons of the first half was the play of Yianni Koumariotis at forward. Koumariotis played very aggressively at wing for the Sharks and nearly chipped another one into the net. The Plymouth Dragons fought back and the half ended with a 2-2 tie. The Sharks came into the second half with a strong passing attack -- Jack Mastantuono had an outstanding game bringing the ball upfield and keeping it in play with excellent ball control. Mastantuono kept the game's speed at high with his quick accurate passes to teammates. Ryne Mitra and his unique style of ball control helped keep the action in the Plymouth end of the field for much of the 2nd half. As a result of this and the rest of Sharks team Krafft was able to put three additional goals in the net, Davis added two of his own and Minoff landed an additional one. Great Game Sharks!!

The Sharks earned a third straight win when they took on the Northville Arsenal. The Sharks started with a lightning-fast goal by





The Northville Sharks soccer team has had much success this season. The team is comprised of: Front row, left to right: Jack Mastantuono, Ryne Mitra, Michael Olson, Yianni Koumariotis, Hamilton Cauffiel and Adam Zimmer; Second Row: Luke Davis, Nick Krafft, Colin Russell, Jeff Minoff and Marcus Finch; Back Row (Coaches): Jim Krafft, Chris Zimmer and Susan Krafft.

Krafft even before 15 seconds had elapsed. The game took on a seesaw scoring battle for the balance of the first half ending with the Sharks trailing 2 goals to 3. Supporting the Sharks dominant second half was the great speed and ball handling ability of Marcus Finch. With his aggressive support and quickness, the Sharks were able to score 3 unanswered goals in the 2nd half. Adam Zimmer's diligent goal tending abilities during the second half of the game left the Arsenal scoreless and gave the Sharks this win with a final score of 5-3. Scoring in this well fought battle were Krafft with 4 goals and the ever aggressive Davis with

the fifth goal. A great, well played

passes by all team members.

The Northville Hot Spurs had two reasons to celebrate in a big way Saturday. They shut out Livonia 5-0 for their last game of the season. Contributing for the Spurs were Marissa Allen (2), Nikki Metrusias. Stephanie Hamel, and Kelsie Kaiser, assisted by Jessica Accardo. The Spurs team work paid off as they also clinched the division title with an undefeated season. Other members of the team include: Peggy Abraham,

game with super ball control and Christiansen, Kelly Englert, Sarah

Girls' Soccer

Courtney Benoit, Kendall Biek, Samantha Chapman, Lindsey

Hall, Erin Hictala, Andrea Zinkosky, and coach Andy Accardo

The Northville United Team had a good showing against Plymouth as Northville edged their foes 3-1. Chelsea Atzinger ended the season with a hat trick, scoring all 3 of the United goals. Shelby Davis, Claire Richett and Callan Van Hemert provided the wall of defense for the last time as a trio, as Van Hemert is leaving the team to play for her school next year. It was a touching scene as the girls nominated Cal as the MVP for her stellar play. Nicole Allman and Hannah Deacon also shared in the MVP honors with their offensive



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Lamb, wine blends are studies in red

By Linda Murphy SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Red Bordeaux with lamb is a centuriesold partnership, a wine and food marriage made in heaven. France and now America.

In the Bordeaux region of France and here, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and other red-grape varieties come together as wines that are greater than their individual parts, with tannins, cherry, berry and cassis flavors and hints of spice, leather and

While most domestic wines are named for the grape variety from which they are made. US winemakers have borrowed from the Bordelais, blending several grape types into one wine that, more often than not, is their most interesting, complex and expensive. But what to call these mixedbreed wines? There is, after all, only one

Some California winemakers have creited proprietary names for their Bordeauxstyle times, such as Opus One, Isosceles (by Justin Winery) and Insignia (by Joseph Pholps) Others label them simply as red 1 ble wine

Lifteen years ago, a group of wineries began using the term "Meritage" — a combination of ment and heritage — to call attention to doinestic wines made from at least two of the traditional Bordeaux varieties Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbee and Petit Verdot - plus the lesserknown St. Macaire, Gros Verdot and

Our favorite Meritage and Bordeauxstyle blends pair well with this recipe for Lumb Rib Chops with Dijon Marinade.

Because the sauce calls for one cup of red wine, use one of our recommendations to tie all the components together.

For the cheese course, Camembert and Gorgonzola work well, as do aged cheeses including Parmesan, Gooda and Monterey

DIJON MARINADE

(Senes 4)

Make sure mustard marinade is barely covering chops before you coat them in breadcrumbs; otherwise, the mustard flavor may be too strong for the wines, Marinade:

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard 1 tablespoon minced garlic 2 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper 1 teaspoon olive oil

8 double lamb rib chops Kosher salt to taste 1 cup panko breadcrumbs 1 tablespoon oil, or as needed Sauce:

1/2 cup minced yellow onion 1 tablespoon unsalted butter plus 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into

1 cup red wine 1-1/2 cups low-salt beef broth or stock 1 leaspoon Dijon mustard 1/4 leaspoon minced rosemary 1/4 teaspoon minced thyme 2 tablespoons heavy cream

For marinade: Mix together mustard, garlie, rosemary, pepper and olive oil Spread this mixture over all sides of chops. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours, or as long as overnight.

For Since: Sweat onion in 1 tablespoon botter in a small saucepan over mediumhigh heat until soft. Add wine and cook until almost dry. Add broth, then whisk in must and Cook until reduced by about half, Stir in rosemary and thyme, then immediately strain. You want just a hint of herbs in since or flavors will be too strong.

Return sauce to pan and set aside.

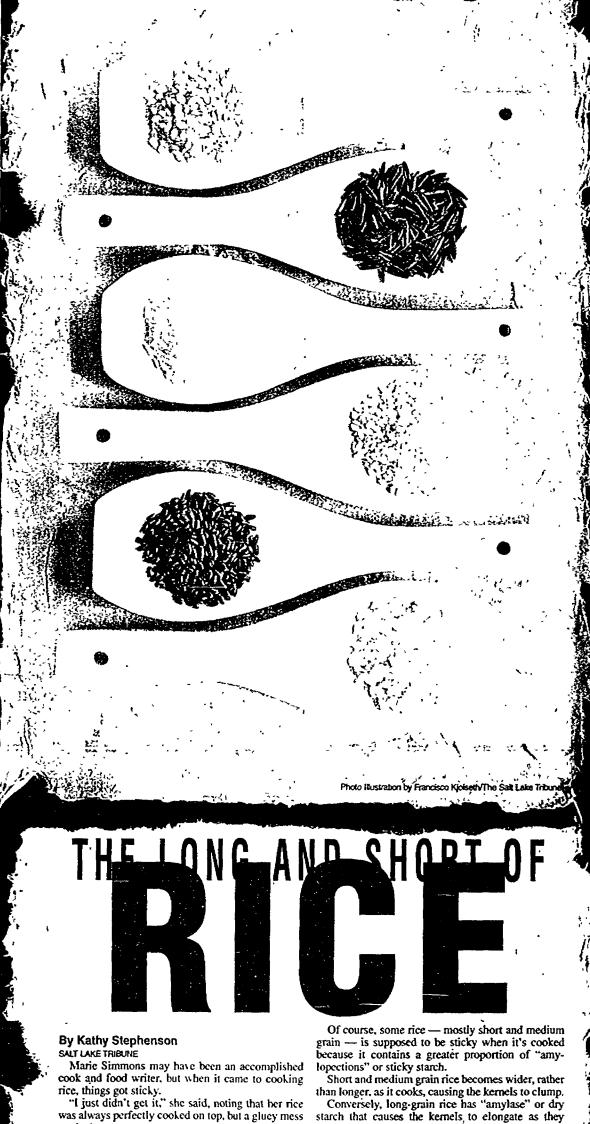
Just before serving, bring sauce to a summer and add cream. Cook for a few inmutes, then off heat, swirl or whisk in remaining 2 tables poons butter a piece at a time. Taste and adjust seasoning.

For Jorb. Prelicat over to 400 degrees. Wipe any excess marinade off lamb and season with salt and pepper. Coat with breadenimbs. Heat a large oven-proof skillet over medium high heat. Add oil to barely cout pan. When oil shimmers, place chops into skillet. Allow crust to brown and set before turning chops. Brown all sides of chops, then place skillet in oven to finish cooking, about 15 minutes, or until chops have reached doneness you like,

Serve chops on warmed plates, and

spoon since over,

- Recipe by Lynne Char Bennett



on the bottom.

"I didn't grow up in a family where we cooked rice." she said. "We were southern Italians and pasta

Fortunately, Simmons wasn't afraid to tackle the grain demons. She began collecting recipes, reading articles and experimenting in the kitchen, making risottos and pilafs, paellas and puddings. In 1991, she published one of her many cookbooks, "Rice, the Amazing Grain."

Earlier this year, the book was re-released with a new title — "The Amazing World of Rice" (William Morrow, \$19.95). It includes dozens of new recipes for soups, salads, risotto, pilaf, paella and side dishes. There's also an expanded glossary, all of which reflect the growing interest in the grain.

In the past decade, "so much has changed in the world of rice," Simmons said during a telephone interview from her California home. "We have so much more to choose from."

Supermarkets and specialty stores offer an array of rice from arborio and basmati to jasmine and wild rice, which is not really rice at all, but the grain of a native North American plant. Arkansas, California and Texas are the largest rice

producing states, growing all three types of rice: Long grain: identified by long, slender kernels, four to five times longer than they are wide.

Medium grain: kernels that are only two or three times longer than they are wide.

Short grain: short, plump almost round kernels. Under each of those categories are dozens of dif-

ferent varieties.

To rinse — or not — seems to be the No. 1 cooking question. Simmons said in many less-developed parts of the world, washing rice is a sanitary necessity to rid the grain of dust, leaves and insects that accumulate from being stored in open sacks and con-

But that isn't a problem for rice grown in the United States. In fact, bealth experts say that 99 percent of the domestically grown rice is enriched, so washing it will rinse off vitamins and minerals.

Rinsing also removes excess starch and polishing compounds, which can cause the grains to become overly starchy when cooked.

cook, keeping them from clinging together and creating rice that is light and fluffy. Jasmine rice, which has a higher proportion of sticky starch, is the exception to the long-grain rule.

For short-grain rice, the general rule of thumb is to use 1-1/2 cups water for the first cup of rice and 1 cup of water for every additional cup. For long-grain rice, it's best to use 2-1/4 cups water for the first cup of rice and 1-1/2 cups water for every additional cup of

WHAT TYPE OF RICE IS THAT?

Brown Rice: Comes in short and long grains. It is the least processed form of rice. The outer hull has been removed but it still has the bran layer that gives it a tan color. Cooked, it has a slightly chewy texture and nut-like flavor. Rich in minerals and vitamins.

Wild Rice: Not a true rice, but the dark brown grain of the aquatic grass native to North America. It has a chewy texture and nutty flavor. It expands three to four times its original size during cooking and is ready when some of the kernels pop revealing a white inside. Good in salads, stuffings and side dish-

■ Jasmine: A fragrant medium- to long-grain rice that cooks into moist, tender, grains that cling together. The rice of choice in Thailand.

Sweet Rice: Also called waxy or glutinous rice. The round, chalky opaque grains become soft and lose their shape when cooked. The starch and flour from this grain is used as a binder for gravies, sauces and fillings because it freeze well.

■ Black Rice: Found in medium and short-grain, it is considered a delicacy in Asia. Especially good in

salads and stir-fries. Arborio: The traditional Italian rice used to make risotto. Grains are medium (although often called short-grain) and are translucent with a white

center that retains its bite when cooked. - Sources: USA Rice Federation and "The Amazing World of Rice"

Jasmine tea imparts a sweet flo al note to tender grains of jasmine rice. Serve this salad with shrimp, salmon, halibut or other seafood.

l leaspoons loose jasminė lea leaves or 1 tea bay Jasmine tea 1 cup unbooked Jasmine rice! 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt 4 ounces snow peas, trimmed 1/4 cup scallion greens, thinly sliced

1/4 cup carrol, minced 1 teaspoon sesame seeds, toast-

1/3 cup canola or other flavoriess vegetable oil

3 tablespoons unseasoned Japanese rice vinegar 1 teaspoon grajed fresh ginger 1/2 teaspoon kosher sait

In a 2-cup glass measure, combine 1-3/4 cups boiling water and tea. Cover with a saucer and let steep 5 minutes. Strain lea leaves or discard tea bag. Transfer tea to a shallow saucepan or deep skillet. Add rice and salt and heat to a boil. Stir once. Cover and cook over low heat for 12 to 15 minutes, until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender. Uncover and let cool.

Steam the snow peas in a vegetable steamer over gently boiling water until crisp-tender, about 3 minutes. Rinse under cold water to stop cooking; drain well. Cut snow peas into 1/4-inch slices.

Combine the cooled tice, snow peas, 3 tablespoons scallions and carrot into a large bowl.

For the vinaigrette, whisk oil, rice vinegar, ginger and salt in a small bowl until blended.

Add dressing to rice, toss to coat. Spoon into a serving bowl. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and garnish with remaining scallions. Serve at once. Source: "The Amazing World

CURRIED RICE WITH ROASTED CARROTS AND APRICOTS'

3 cups basmati rice 4 medium carrots, sliced, about 2

1/2 cup low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth 1/2 cup dried apricots, diced 2 tablespoons walnuts or sliced

almonds, toasted, optional 2 tablespoons curry powder Heat oven to 400 degrees. Cook

rice according to package directions. Keep hot. Meanwhile, put carrots into a roasting pan and cover with aluminum foil. Roast for 25 to 35 minutes or until tender. Stir chicken broth, apricots, walnuts and curry powder into rice. Heat over low heat until heated through. Transfer rice mixture to a serving dish, top with carrots and serve. Makes 4 servings.

- Spurce:, "5 a Day: The Better Health Cookbook"

CREAMY RICE

This recipe was the grand prize winner for the 2001 "Rice to the Rescue" contest. (Serves 8)

1/2 pound trimmed pancetta, 1 large red onlon, chopped 1-3/4 cups half-and-half 3 cups cooked rice 1-1/2 cups sweetened, dried cranberries 1 cup chopped pistachio nuts

1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon black pepper Brown pancetta and onion in large skillet over medium heat; cook until onion begins to brown,

about 8 minutes. Add half-and-half; bring to a boil. Remove from heat. Add rice, cranberries, pistachios, salt and pepper. Stir until well blended.

-Source: U.S.A. Rice Council

SAVORY SPINACH AND RICE CASSEROLE

This recipe was the grand prize winner in the 2002 "5 Ingredient Challenge!"/contest sponsored by the International Association of Culinary Professionals.

(Serves 8) 3 cups cooked rice 2 cups shredded Gruyere cheese 2 cups chopped cooked ham 2 (12-ounce) packages , frozen spinach souffle, thawed Vegetable cooking spray

2 Roma tomatoes, thinly sliced In a large bowl, combine rice, cheese, ham and spinach souffle. Coat 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking

dish with cooking stray. Pour rice singular into baking dish; too with comato slices. Cover with foil and lake at 400 degrees for 15 mindles remove foil and bake an additional 15 minutes.

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When tans turn deadly

By Susan Aschoff ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

An alarming increase in the incidence of melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, has prompted education efforts worldwide to warn about the dangers of sun exposure.

Doctors have known for some time that skin cancer is overwhelmingly caused by exposure to sunlight. And although the majority of cases are diagnosed in the elderly, it is the high doses of sunlight, particularly to the point of blistering sunburns, received as children and teenagers that cause the irreparable cell damage that elevates risk.

Most teenagers do not use sunscreens. Many say they will sunburn to get a tan, researchers at Boston University reported last year after a survey queried more than 10,000 children. Survey results found that only 34 percent of youths ages 12 to 18 used sunscreen routinely. A like number had suffered three or more sunburns the previous summer. By age 17, 35 percent of the girls were using tanning beds, also

OVERALL SKIN CARE TIPS

Tips for sensible sun exposure

Wear sunscreen with an SPF of at

considered a risk.

Those questioned about their sunning habits were the children of nurses and presumably would be more aware of the dangers. Yet the attractive, sexy glow attributed to tanned skin held sway. Two-thirds of teens think they look better with a tan.

"Melanoma is still extremely rare, particularly in teens, but I'm seeing pre-cancers at much earlier ages," says Tampa dermatologist Robert Norman. "I see people in their 20s with basal cell (basal and squamous cell are surface, more-curable, skin cancers) all the time."

Norman says children must understand their habits are an investment. People get about 80 percent of their lifetime sun exposure in childhood. "It's cumulative. Besides skin cancer, it causes premature aging," Norman says. "Compare how old someone who has had lots of sun looks to someone whose skin has been protected."

Last year, for the first time, researchers proved that the individual risk of melanoma depends on the intensity of sunlight received over a lifetime. Results

Can cause premature wrinkling

age spots, loss of skin elasticity,

published in the journal Cancer Research showed risk grows with increased time outdoors for non-Hispanic whites, even for those who have deep tans. Researchers measured lifetime exposure by mapping where participants resided and relocated.

There is as much as a 10 percent difference in intensity even between two Southern locations, New Orleans and Atlanta, says Thomas Fears, author of the paper and a scientist at the National ancer Institute in Bethesda, Md.

Residents of sun-drenched Florida, says Norman, need to be particularly cau-

Melanoma is a cancer of the pigmentproducing cells in the skin, known as melanocytes. Melanocytes are in the skin's outer layer and produce the brown pigment melanin, which is responsible for skin color and tanning. A tan is proof the skin is being damaged. When melanocytes become cancerous, they grow and invade other tissues.

The goal is to detect melanoma early, says the American Academy

Dermatology, when it is still on the surface of the skin and has not spread to blood and lymphatic vessels. It is most common on the backs of men and the legs of women. It is usually brown or black colored, but sometimes red, white or nude. It may be new, or growing on a preexisting mole. Skin cancer changes and grows, explaining the need for regular visual inspections of one's body.

Fair-skinned, sun-sensitive people are at greatest risk. Those who burn easily, who suffered sunburns while a child and teenager, and who have more than 50 moles are more susceptible. African-Americans rarely get skin cancer.

Melanoma also runs in families. "If you have a parent, brother or sister with a history of melanoma, you need to be

checked every six months," Norman says. But most important, even teenagers brimming with youth's sense of invinci-

bility should invest in their future health. "If it takes you a few seconds to put on some sunblock, then do it," Norman says.

THE SKIN YOU'RE IN

Two types of radiation

Penetrates ordinary window glass Penetrates skin more deeply

least 15 every day, even cloudy days. Dermatologists guess that as much as 80 percent of exposure is incidental. Causes tanning and may occurring when you do things like walk cause burning

your dog or eat lunch outdoors. ■ People who burn easily, are fairskinned, have many freckles, have green or blue eyes and/or have blond or red hair are more vulnerable.

- Select a moisturizer or other skin prod-
- ucts with sunscreen built in. ■ Use only a broad-spectrum sunscreen
- to block UVA and UVB rays. ■ Choose a sunscreen that is hypoallergenic and noncomedogenic so it won't clog pores or irritate the skin.
- If outdoors for an extended period. say, swimming or biking _ reapply sunscreen every two to three hours. Waterproof sunscreen is advised if you're getting wet or sweating heavily.
- M Avoid exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Wear a hat with a brim and quality sunglasses.
- Be aware that certain medications, such as those used to treat acne or many antibiotics, can increase sensitivity to the sun.
 - SOURCES: SKIN CANCER FOUNDATION, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

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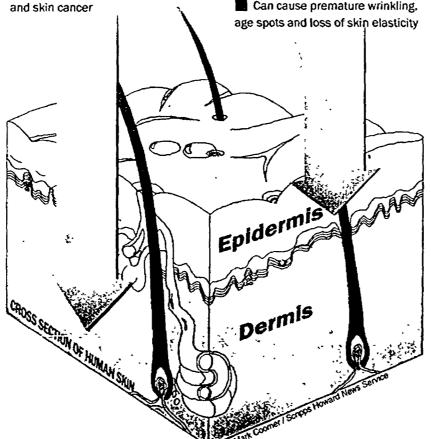
Shorter and stronger, and mainly absorbed at skin surface

Responsible for sunburn

Can cause skin cancers such as

basal and squamous cell carcinomas and melanomas

Can cause premature wrinkling,



Know thy skin:

saving.

Regularly examining your skin for suspicious males or other changes is the best way to detect skin cancer. Early diagnosis can be life-

Using a full-length mirror and a hand mirror in a brightly lit room, examine your body on all sides with arms raised. Look carefully at forearms and undersides of arms, backs of thighs and groin. Check between toes and fingers; look at palms and soles. Examine neck and ears. Part your hair and look at your scaip, perhaps with the help of a friend.

The ABCs of identifying a suspicious mole:

- A: Asymmetry: one half is not the same as the other half in shape.
- B: Border irregularity: an edge that is ragged, notched or blurred.
- C: Color: different hues rather than one color.
- D: Diameter: observed change in size larger than a pencil eraser.

- SOURCE, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

Photo by Ahmad Terry / Scripps Howard News Service Alice Raban hugs Pisco the Llama at the Gardens in Littleton, Colo. Pisco goes to nursing homes and hospices 2-3 times a week to visit elderly and the dying.

Therapy llama packs in the love

By Rebecca Jones SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Animals are de rigeur at The Gardens at Columbine, an assisted-living center in Littleton, Colo. There's Bogart, the resident dog, who greets everyone who enters; residents are encouraged to bring their individual pets with them when they move in; and therapy animals visit regularly.

But even these guys are astonished when Pisco comes to visit.

"Attention residents: We have a special guest!" a voice booms over the public address system. "Pisco is in the lobby! Please come and greet him."

Within a few minutes, Pisco is surrounded by admirers who reach out for a touch, a kiss, "Just don't touch his face or he'll spit on

you," warns one elderly woman, who remembers Pisco from a previous visit. Pisco is a llama - an exceptionally goodnatured beast even by llamas' gentle standards. He's one of just eight certified therapy llamas

in the United States, and he's been accompanying owner Carol Lontine into nursing homes and assisted care centers for most of his life. "To become certified, you need to know they can be trusted in any situation," says Lontine, who keeps 15 llamas at a ranch in Fort Lupton, Colo. Six-year-old Pisco is her special pet. "He

has to be able to go into a building, he has to be able to not be afraid of a clanging noise. He can't be spooked by old people staggering, and he must be able to be touched by anybody. He also has to be tolerant of dogs." Once the clamor in the lobby has died down,

Pisco begins making rounds, paying calls on residents unable to make it to the lobby.

"Oh, I want to touch you! C'mere, honey," 88-year-old Alice Blackburn tells Pisco, as she encounters him in the hall. Pisco dutifully obeys, and places his head on her shoulder for a hug. "Oh, you put your ears forward so beautifully," Blackburn coos to the llama. "Thank you. Oh, thank you. You're so sweet."

Lontine said Pisco and she typically make two or three visits to nursing homes or assisted-living centers per week. She'd like to bring him into hospitals, but so far she hasn't found a hospital willing to let a llama inside.

Lontine and Pisco adhere to strict hygiene requirements. He gets a thorough cleaning and brushing before every visit - and Pisco's got a lot of wool to brush.

He's never made a mess indoors, Lontine says. And this despite the fact that Pisco sometimes comes inside to hang out with the family and watch TV.

"He likes to watch football," Lontine says. Once during a game, he got up, went to the door and whined to go out. He went to the bathroom, then came right back in and finished watching the game. He's a sweetheart, he real-

Making friends with Fido

By Andrea Weigl

RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

More than 4.7 million people a year suffer bites by man's best friend, and many of them are avoidable, experts say, if people follow some simple safety tips.

Since most dog-bite victims are children, parents need to teach kids how to deal with strange dogs, said Scott Allen, a Wake County, N.C., animal control field supervisor. Allen instructs children to stand still and "act like a tree" when approached by an unfamiliar ani-

Jennifer Shryock, owner of Family Paws in Cary, N.C., added: "The most dangerous thing for a child to do is to scream, run or look directly into a dog's eyes."

Shryock said dogs are more likely to bite when scared, and a child's scream can be frightening to them.

And when a child or anyone else runs, dogs have an instinctual reaction to chase.

Looking directly into a dog's eyes can be interpreted by a dog as a challenge for dominance, Shryock said. "It's best to turn your head and look away. That's really hard for kids because that's how we greet people," she said. "Plus, they are eye-level with the dog."

Allen urges parents to teach their children to ask permission before trying to pet an unknown canine - from both a parent and the dog's owner.

Shryock said parents should look for signs that the dog is stressed by the prospect of a child's attention. Don't let your children pet a dog that is licking its lips, turning its head, cowering or moving away. "Dogs do give a lot of warning signs, and meet us more than halfway," she said.

If you or your child is bitten, both Allen and Shryock said, immediately wash the wound with warm, soapy water, contact a physician and report the incident to animal control offi-

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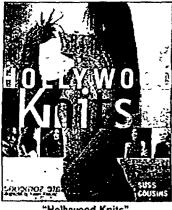
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"Simple Knits for Sophisticated Living" By Barbara Albright (Rockport, 2003). Comment: The subtitle is "Fast Home Projects from Beautiful Chunky Yarns." Have at it.



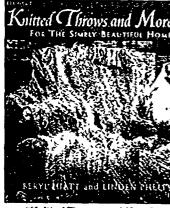
"Knitting Pretty" By Kris Percival (Chronide, 2002). Comment: Includes a pattern for a beer cozyl



"Hollywood Knits" By Suss Cousins (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2002) Comment: Includes patterns for a water bottle and cell phone holder.



"Comforts of Home: Simple Knitted Accents" By Erika Knight (Martingale, 2000). Comment: Lots of pillow patterns here



"Knitted Throws and More By Linden Phelps (Martingale, 2002). Comment: Features lovely throws, lovely art and lovely recipes



Knitting for Your Home By Nicky Epstein (Taunton 2000). Comment: Designs ranging from fun to classic to funky.

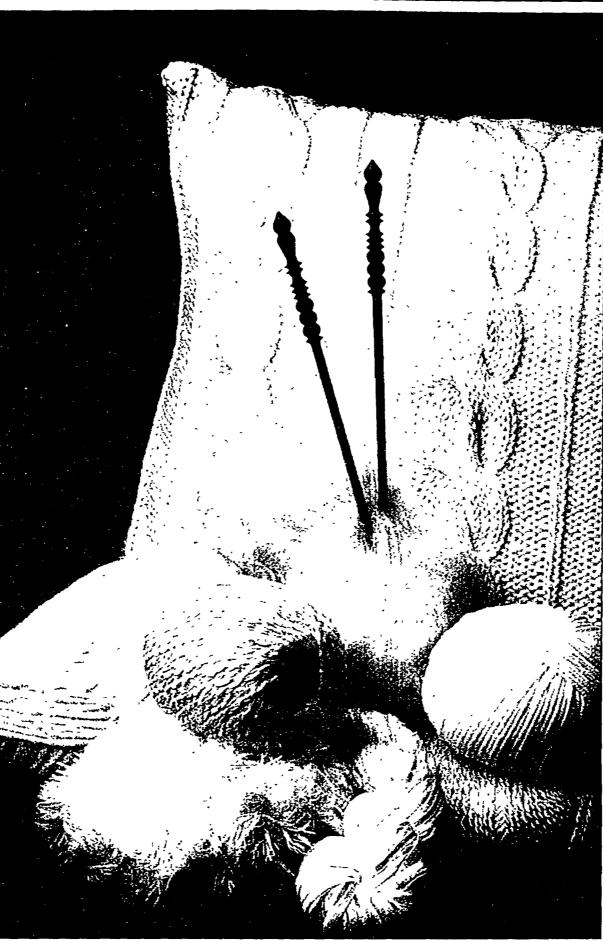


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Twist thread into simple accessories to feather your nest

By Marcy Smith Rice RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

without that pesky muscle strain.

There is something of a nesting impulse in the recent madness for knitting.

The movement actually started about 1999, says Linda Pratt, owner of Great Yarns in Raleigh, N.C., and former marketing director for Classic Elite Yarns, With the recession starting, "You've got that cocooning thing happening," she says.

That draws people to yarn stores, like magpies seeking out bright strands to feather their nests.

Both new knitters and experienced knitters are looking for something fast and fun, said Carol Handy of Shuttles, Needles and Hooks in Cary, N.C.

The boom in knitting has been only good news for knitters. Shops have sprouted like mushrooms in urban oases like Manhattan and Los Angeles. Fibers have bloomed into a plethora of colors and textures. Knitting isn't really about thrift anymore. Knitters

will pay big for fibers that make a statement. Edith Eig, Hollywood's knitting guru, has spun a

career from transforming luxurious fibers into terrific accessories with a few clicks of super-big needles. On her show "Knit One, Purl Two" on the DIY network, Eig makes knitting immediately accessible to viewers. Some money and a little time can yield a thing of beauty: a lush scarf, a radiant beret, an impossibly precious baby hat.

Kristin Nicholas, former creative director and lead designer for Classic Elite Yarns, is banking on this upscale knitter niche in marketing her exquisite pillow designs, featured recently in House and Garden. The tapestry-like designs - created from Nicholas' own Goddess Yarns — are aimed at knitters willing to invest a bit more time to create something that looks more like artwork than back support.

The nice thing about making a pillow," Nicholas says, "is that you only need to make one side of it." You then attach the knitted square to a fabric backing.

A pillow is a great way for lapsed knitters to get back into the craft, because it's far less of a commitment than, say, a sweater, Nicholas says.

In terms of decor, a pillow knitted in a fabulous fiber - think red fur or a hand-dyed multicolored yarn -nitting is the new yoga, some say - all the stress relief can add quite a punch. Compared to a handmade silk pillow, the cost is modest - plus a knitted pillow, unlike the silk pillow, is hand-washable.

Duplicate the rich layered fabric look with pillows

knitted in a variety of colors and textures.

Or make several pillows in the same tone, focusing on different textures - cables or a stitch pattern. It's a fine way to learn new stitches without committing to a huge project.

Things to keep in mind

While you're surrounding yourself with knitted goods, where do you keep the tools of the trade?

Beginning knitters can simply put their yarn and needles in a basket on the table (home product catalogs like Pottery Barn frequently use knitstuff as props). It's quite lovely. In fact, a designer friend who is not a knitter plans to buy a batch of luxe yarns for the sole purpose of decoration.

For the knitter, though, soon the baskets will multiply and bags of yarn will pile up behind chairs and sofas. This is not lovely.

A sympathetic spouse of a knitter friend dealt with the encroaching skeins by finishing two bookcases and fitting them with shelves for her to organize her yarns. I keep my stash in an antique chimney cupboard with a door to keep them from spilling out.

In addition to its feng shui benefits, a designated reeping place will protect the spoils from pets and children. For years, we have lived with a cat who doesn't give a meow for fibers. We recently welcomed a puppy, though, who has turned out to be a yarn hound, sniffing out balls of yarn and reducing them to nests of fiber in record time, and making a hobby of eviscerating pillows.

Suffice it to say that it will be some time before I inyest in a Nicholas pillow for my living room _ but i maybe I can do just one for my workspace, off-limits to the pup.

The ABCs of A/C

By Lee B. Weaver

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Remember, it's not the coolness you're feeling; it's the absence of heat. The next time you take refuge from the summer sun in the air-conditioned comfort

of your home or office, don't express your gratitude by saying, "Boy, that A/C sure has cooled this place down!" Rather, say, "Boy, the evaporation process has certainly allowed a pressurized refrigerant to successfully transfer heat

from this indoor environment to the outdoors." Granted, it's not great small talk, but it is - at the very least --- technically accurate, says Greg James, of Gene James Air Conditioning & Heating in Wichita Falls,

"Basically, the air-conditioning process works on evaporation," James says. "When a liquid evaporates into a vapor, it takes on heat from its environment."

Just how does the air-conditioning process make hot places cool? Why are there units inside and outside? And will a hot room cool down faster if the thermostat is set on 50 degrees?

Central air conditioners are made up of a "split system," James says. Outside the house is the compressor, also called the condensing unit, while the evaporator is found inside. The air handler is also part of the evaporator unit.

While the air inside and outside ideally remain separate, the refrigerant used to transport the heat from inside to outside travels in a continuous loop between the two environments. And since the decision to turn on the air

conditioning is usually triggered by an uncomfortably warm room, that's as good a place as any to begin tracing the air con-The air inside the room is pulled through the return air vents in by the air handler and

air passes over the evaporator coils, which are filled with refrigerant. Commonly known as Freon (a Dupontowned brand name), refrigerant is a substance which absorbs heat by changing states (evaporating) from liquid to gas. It

into the evaporator. Once inside, the warm

releases heat by changing states (condensing) from gas back to liquid. The refrigerant enters the evaporator in its liquid state and then passes through a metering device that decreases the pressure on the liquid, causing it to expand and change into a super-cooled vapor.

The warm air passing over the coils filled with this vapor loses its heat to the refrigerant, typically lowering the air's temperature by 15 to 20 degrees.

The cooled air is then blown back into the room through a supply vent.

(Dehumidification is a key by-product of this cooling process; cool air simply can't hold as much moisture as warm air.)

Water released from the air condenses on the evaporator coils and collects in a pan

Next, the refrigerant, still in its vapor state, flows out of the evaporator and outside to the compressor. Inside the compressor, the refrigerant serves double duty. First it's used to cool off the components inside the unit, much like antifreeze in an automobile engine. And second, it's compressed into a hot gas and then returned to its liquid state for use inside the evaporator.

While still a vapor, the refrigerant is dumped into the interior of the compressor, cooling off the working parts. This is the only way the unit can be cooled, so it's essential that the refrigerant be in the vapor

state as it exits the evaporator, James said.

If, through some malfunction, the refrigerant is still in liquid form when it leaves the evaporator, it will not sufficiently cool the compressor, causing unnecessary wear upon or failure of the compressor.

The refrigerant is then is compressed into a hot gas, which is forced through the condensing coils. Outside air is pulled over these coils by the fan on top of the compressor. This air cools the refrigerant and returns it to the liquid state.

The refrigerant then is carried back into the evaporator.

In sink with style

By Nicole Hvidsten

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE Those who think there's nothing stylish

about sinks haven't seen Franke's new line. After years of making upscale kitchen sinks and accessories, the company is making a splash in the bath market with its new sink-

vanity combination, the Atlantique. The stainless-steel sink is set in a cultivated teakwood top — protected and waterproofed — with an undershelf and towel rail, But as you might expect, this elegant look doesn't come cheap - it has a \$2,455 price tag.

Another new product in the Franke kitchen collection is the Manor House sink, which brings back - updated, of course - the practicality of the big sinks found in turn-of-thecentury houses. Today's version is made of stainless steel. This model, which is 33 inches wide, is \$2,190.

For more information on Franke's products - which include everything and the kitchen sink - call 1-800-626-5771 or visit www.frankestore.com.

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Companies thrive on providing pampering services for Southwest Florida pets

our-year-old Wilbur Bettes had a birthday party to He shared his big day with hundreds of people and pets he'd never met. There were dog daiquiris and a dog cake. A highlight was a "barkini" contest for dogs sporting bikinis.

It was OK with Wilbur that his party went to the dogs. After all, he's a dog himself — a Great Dane whose owners consider him part of the family.

Dozens of businesses offer a variety of pet services, from doggiè daycare and spa treatments to party planning and memorials.

There are certified professionals offering massages for dogs, cats and horses. There are boutiques selling fresh baked treats, rhinestone collars, pearl necklaces, cowboy hats, designer sweaters and car seats for pets. There's even a taxi service in Naples, Fla., that will take furry friends to the vet when their owners have to work.

Gail DeMoss, owner of The Critter Cafe on Marco Island, Fla., says her company and others like it are thriving because pets are playing a more pivotal role in the lives of their human companions.

Pets have really become a big part of the family," DeMoss said. "The owners treat them just like their kids."

When the Critter Cafe opened in January 2001, it strictly sold pet supplies - everything from fleece jackets and rhinestone collars to car seats and front carriers for small dogs. With its recent expansion, DeMoss has added a variety of services for animals, including spa treatments and

doggie daycare.

Dog owners pay \$7 for a half day and \$12 for a full day of daycare. Dogs in daycare programs usually go

to "school" two or three times a week. "The clients will usually say it's the best money they've ever spent because they can go home and sleep at night," said Karisa Kelly, an assistant manager at Critter Cafe. "It's real peaceful at

Critter Café also offers grooming and pet-sitting in people's homes. There are plans to add a bakery that

will sell homemade biscuits and custom birthday cakes for pets. The bakery won't be the first of its kind in town.

In nearby Fort Myers, Fla., Dudley's Dog Bakery sells ice cream along with birthday cakes and pupcakes. The bakery's ice cream comes in such flavors as Pawberry (strawberry) and Chubby Puppy (peanut butter).

Birthday parties for dogs have become more popular and more extravagant, as people have come to appreciate their animals more, owner Vickie Bettes said.

Recently, one of her customers spent close to \$500 on a birthday party for a dog. Besides having a cake made for the special occasion, the woman passed out treat bags to the other dogs that

There are handful of professionals in Southwest Florida who make a living rubbing down cats, dogs and horses. Kim Page, owner of Equine Massage Therapy of Naples, has been massaging horses for about three years. She says massage can help horses live longer and better lives, she said.

"A lot of people think horses are just like vehicles --- you get on them and ride them and that's the end," she said. "But they are more like athletes. Athletes get massages to stay in shape and horses need massages, too, because they are athletes.

She's given massages to show horses and jumping horses. She's worked on older horses struggling to stay fit and pet horses that have suffered injuries and are less active. The rubdowns can completely change a horse's temperament, she said.

"I've had some horses that were not really people-friendly turn into lovable animals after a routine of massages," Page said.

Chrissy Reseight of Bonita Springs, Fla., who has been practicing alternative medicine for 17 years, has focused on animals for the last 3-1/2 years. She offers massages for a variety of animals. She also uses aromatherapy, reiki and acupuncture to heal dogs, cat and horses and to deal with their behavior problems, including separation anxiety. She charges \$75 for a house call, which generally lasts about 1-1/2 hours

I go in and work with the animal's mind, body, heart and soul," she said. "I address all aspects of the animal. An animal is not just a body. There is a spirit there. They have feelings and emotions the same as people. I look at them as a unique individ-



Kim Page massages the joints of one of her customers. "They can look five years younger once they start receiving therapy,"





ABOVE: Page, owner of Equine Massage Therapy, rubs down Homer, a 16-year-old quarter-horse.

LEFT: Sandee Kozlow, right, owner of Pampered Pet Taxi, meets Bella, center, and Abby, two Yorkshire terriers. Kozlow's services include the vet or groomers and administering flea medication for people unable to do it themselves.

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Logos help small businesses get name 'out there'

By Jonathan J. Higuera ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Promotional products are an industry unto themselves, with last year's U.S. sales reaching nearly \$17 billion.

The marketing technique of plastering your business's name and logo on a pen or coffee mug is not just a practice reserved for large corporations with huge promotional budgets. Small- and medium-size businesses

embraced it with a fervor of their own. The reason? It gets the firm's name out there each time someone uses a Tshirt or mouse pad emblazoned with the company logo.

"Today it's probably more popular than it's ever been," says Randy Klug, owner of Proforma Ameribiz, a Tucson, Ariz., franchise distributor of promotional products. "Everybody wants to keep their name in front of their prospects as much as possible."

In addition to clothing items with a company's name or logo, hot products include stress balls, screen cleaners, mouse pads and other desk items. But don't discount the tried and true calendar - industry professionals say 80 percent of clients who use a particular business calendar eventually will buy from that company.

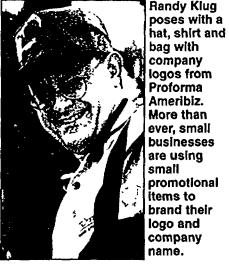
"It's common knowledge that calendars hold the greatest response rate of any ad specialty-type item," Klug says.

That may answer the skeptics who wonder if promotional items really

work. It depends on your goal and what you're measuring, experts say. Calendars notwithstanding, it's rare for a customer to call because he or she saw the business name and logo on a pen or coffee mug.

But with so many consumer choices, repeated exposure may eventually result in a sale, proponents say.

Patrick Quigley, co-owner of Q&A Financial Group, a Tucson financial services firm, says he recently met a potential client who told him he used a coffee mug with the firm's name and logo every day. "One of the reasons he was willing to see us is because we weren't an unknown commodity. He said that."



More than ever, small businesses are using small promotional items to brand their logo and company name.

Photog by Aaron J Latham/

Finding love in workplace can create dilemma

By Jonathan J. Higuera ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Dating services, photography classes and singles bars are all places where people can meet their potential soul mate.

But the most likely place to meet someone, conventional wisdom goes, is at work.

That may be the case at large businesses, where every floor and department holds a potential match or two. But it's not so common at small businesses where it's tough to conceal a workplace romance — and even tougher to work together if the fire cools.

A recent QuickBooks Small Business survey found that just 12 percent of small-business owners and managers had ever dated an employee.

More than two-thirds said it would be ethically wrong to do so. And 58 percent said they would never date a customer.

"It's always a very delicate thing mixing business and romance," said MJ Jensen, who owns her own marketing and promotions

firm in Tuscon, Ariz. She learned her lesson early in her career when she dated a co-worker. "I never felt it worked out," she said. "Usually someone gets hurt, and the relationship is severed."

But passing up a possible life partner because you work together may prove to be easier said than done. Sometimes the heart wins out over the head.

"I wouldn't rule it out simply on the fact there was an employer-employee relationship," said Chris Landi, president of a Tucson online job board. "If it's meant to be, it's crazy not to have that person in your life. But that's only if you believe life is above work."

Even rational, level-headed people may find it challenging when faced with such a dilemma.

"Intellectually, I would say no. It's fraught with too many risks," said Janina Latack, a Tucson career consultant and coach. "But these are extraordinary times where people are extraordinarily busy. The question becomes, how do busy small-business owners meet people if not in business?

For those who do choose to date someone at work, experts recommend some rules:

Avoid public displays of affection.

■ Don't deny if co-workers inquire.
■ If there appear to be conflicts of interest,

inform the bosses as soon as possible. ■ If you are the boss, reconsider. The power differential between a boss and subordinate involved in a romantic relationship is

The key is maturity and open communication," said Latack.

Dating a client can be as tricky as dating a

boss, subordinate or co-worker. "If I'm coaching someone, you are already in a complex and personal relationship," said

career consultant Jan Aalberts. 'To cloud that with an emotional romantic relationship would cause you to lose objectivity.

Buying art at auction a matter of patience

By Jennifer Grant SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Get your paddles poised. It's time to bid. Not so fast, says an old pro. This is where patient persistence wins out.

C. Hugh Hildesley, executive vice president of Sotheby's auction house in New York, has a lot of experience backing this theory of patience. It's a virtue that can come in handy at auctions.

And being the professional he is, he offers some tips. He has several decades of experience in the field of bidding and even wrote a book about it a few years back called "The Complete Guide to Buying & Selling at

"The first rule is make sure you see the items," he says. "Take a good look at the item." Too many times people bid on something just because it sounds good.

Buyers need to understand their own response to the art. "Then, if you fall in love with it and have a passion for it, figure out what sort of money you're willing to pay."

Hildesley says unfortunately sometimes "people run away with themselves" during the bidding process at auctions and don't realize what they're bidding on or how high.

"Make a decision as to a price range rather than an actual bid," he says. Sometimes that's hard, especially in an event where there's only an estimated value listed, but it is possible.

In an event such as local charity benefit auctions, though, buyers can't go-wrong because "It's a fair process and you're not trying to keep a gallery open, you're helping a good cause.

Just remember when bidding and buying at auction that it's "all under the context of 'I have to have this," he says. "The idea is to live with the thing and love it."

One more tip Hildesley offers up to those bidding at auction: "Don't jump in too quickly. Come in toward the end and stay out of the fray." It's that sort of patience that wins out in the end.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Local Keller Williams agents honored

Seventythree Keller Williams Realty Northville real estate agents were honored April 29 during a moming awards breakfast at their Northville

office.



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Agents that produced over \$500,000 in written volume in 2002 were recognized and awarded by their Team Leader/Managing Broker Louis Ronayne. Natalie Reed, with over \$5.5 million in production last year, was named Keller Williams Northville 2002 "Rookie of the

New doctor at Main Street

Dr. Jason Postula-Stein has joined Northville-based Main Street Family Medicine. Postula-Stein is a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan and completed his medical residency program in 2000 at Christ Hospital in Oaklawn, Ill. He will begin seeing patients in July.

Metaldyne appoints Grimm

Metaldyne Precision Forming announced that Northville resident Doug Grimm has been appointed vice president and general manager of the company's Precision Forming division. In the position, Grimm will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Driveline and Transmission Group's Precision Forming operations.

Record's portal website reports increase in use

The Northville Record's web site, www.hometownlife.com, has recorded record usage for the month of May and extraordinary growth over the past six months, (insert title and name of GM) announced today. Total site hits for May were 22,783,303, up 58 percent from December 2002.

The number of "unique visits" by individuals who logged onto the Hometownlife.com site is up 31 percent over the same six months, according to genera manager Rich Perlberg. "These statistics plainly show the Northville Record is offering local residents a uniquely informative web site to go along with our local new spapers," he said.

Another index of high usage for the site, according to Perlberg, is the number of page views per visit - 5.02, up an entire page from last December. The number of visits per hour an index of how many individuals were logged on to the site at any one moment - was 638 in May, up 31 percent from December.

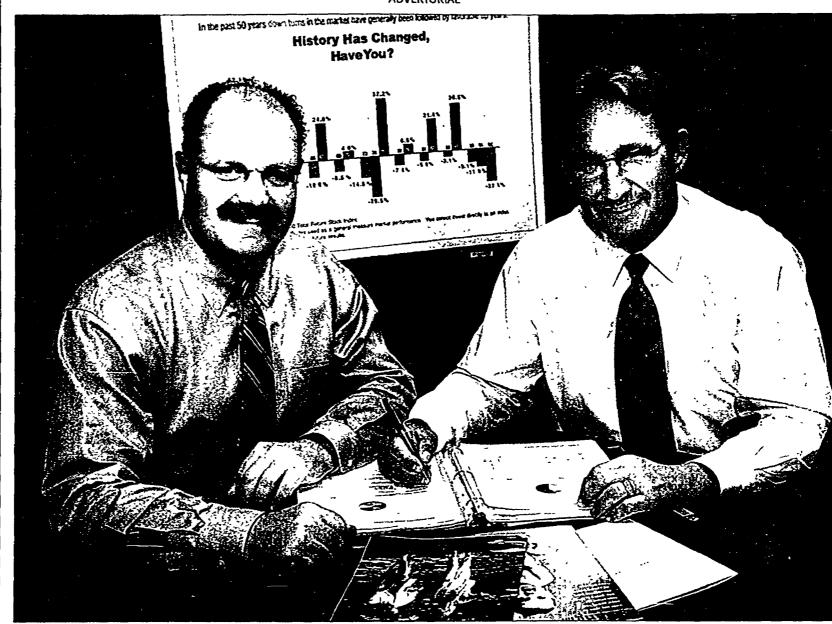
Hometownlife.com brings web users the very best of HomeTown Communications Network's 40 Michigan community newspapers and 21 telephone directories, according to Dan Sutton, HomeTown Digital general manager. "The site includes local news from all the new spapers, as well as searchable listings of their classified and retail advertising," he said. HomeTown Communications Network is the parent company of The Mirror newspapers and HomeTown Digital.

The hometownlife.com site offers links to help-wanted ads placed by employers, with views up 78% May over December. "Putting a help-wanted ad in the Northville Record, plus extending its reach through our web site, is the best way to get lots of applicants, right around the corner," Perlberg said.

The site also includes listings of real estate for sale downloaded daily from Multiple Listing Service computer files. More than 21,000 individual homes for sale were reviewed by prospective buyers on the hometownlife.com site in May

In addition to the hometownlife.com site, HomeTown Digital offers custom web design services, together with electronic business cards and eBrochures. They may be reached at (800) 989-





Chris Sobczak, a mortgage loan officer, and Jeff Tubbs, an investment consultant, can help with a variety of financial services at Wealth Management Group, located at 415 S. Lafayette in South Lyon.

Sound financial planning helps weather uncertain market

As an investment consultant, Jeff Tubbs provides planning services in money management in accordance with his clients' goals, risk tolerance and income needs. He plans for long-term care solutions to preserve and protect assets. The Wealth Management Group is his network of independent financial professionals that specialize in mortgage services, tax, insurance and legal support. All work together by taking a synergistic approach for the best interest of their clients.

The market today has shown some slight signs of recovery, but investors need to move cau-

"For the first time in 50 ears, we have experienced three consecutive down years in a row," Tubbs said. "Investors have stood by and watched as the nest eggs they planned on for kids education, weddings, second homes and retirement have dwindled away."

For those who are employed and still have time, it's not nearly as devastating as for seniors who live with the thought and reality that they may outlive their income.

The investment strategy of buy-and-hold may be a good approach for some, but given the past market declines and the portfolio reductions, one has to ask themselves, 'How has this affected my financial goals, and what can I do today to get back

on track," Tubbs added.

What an independent financial consultant like Tubbs can do is help stop or reduce the bleeding, shore up portfolios and jumpstart a recovery plan to meet financial goals.

"The best advice we can give today is to first reevaluate your financial needs and goals," said Tubbs. "Have they changed based on a declining investment portfolio? Second, consult with financial professionals to help identify any shortfalls and to find out what it is you can do to get back on track. And last, you need to act now. Ignoring today's market and not opening your financial statements is just not a viable investment strate-

As independents, Jeff Tubbs and the Wealth Management Group are able to offer a full range of comprehensive products and services. Services include retirement planning, educational planning, portfolio analysis, long-term solutions, estate and Medicaid planning, tax advice, and mortgage services. Products they work with include annuities, mutual funds, CDs, insurance products, wills and trusts, tax documents, and residential mortgages. Feebased planning has gained popularity over the last few years. Instead of the financial planner being paid the traditional commission on transactions, the fee is based on a percentage of the

portfolio value. The benefit is that the arrangement puts the planner on the same side of the table as the client, and both will gain if the account performs well - "which eliminates any doubt that the client may have when the planner makes a recommendation," Tubbs said. "Is the planner working in my best interest or his? These accounts are generally 100-percent liquid, with no up-front sales charge and no deferred charge. So if the client is not happy with the performance or service, he can remove his assets in the program at no charge."

Financial institutions are meeting the challenges of today by coming out with new investment products. An equitylinked CD is one product that allows investors to participate in the market and yet guarantee their principle against any future losses if held to maturity. Tubbs said this product offers "the power of the market and the safety of the CD."

Tubbs is affiliated with Sigma Financial Corporation in Ann Arbor. "It's this relationship that makes it all possible,' he said. Through Sigma, Tubbs is able to offer his clients the freedom of product and service choices, and "the ability and edge needed to offer the best that there is."

Sigma Financial Corporation is the largest preferred independent broker dealer in the state, with more than 500 financial planners.

While Tubbs works to increase and protect assets, Chris Sobezak, a business associate and partner of the Wealth Management Group, works on managing their clients' debt issues. Interest rates today are at historic lows, with the 30year fixed rate hovering around percent. Those who take advantage of this window of opportunity will save thousands, which can help towards building education and retirement plans. Sobezak specializes in no-hassle refinancing, purchase transactions, construction financing and creative mortgage solutions. He represents Ross Mortgage Corporation, a 50year old company headquartered in Royal Oak. As a lender, Ross performs all the requirements relating to a mortgage transaction, processing, underwriting, and closings, to ensure efficiency and professionalism. Loan approvals can be done in less than an hour, and closings for refinancing are generally done for clients in the conven-

ience of their homes. "We do not ship our clients off to title companies for closings; we provide personalized service," Sobczak states.

In the current economic environment, it's in everyone's best interest to review current mortgage programs. There are many mortgage programs available

a full range of comprehensive financial services. They help families accumulate, preserve, and distribute assets. Jeff Tubbs and the Wealth Management Group is located at 415 S. Lafayette in South Lyon. Call (248) 437-

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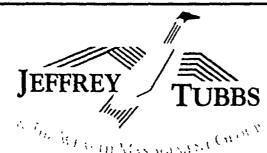
that can help maximize tax benesits or consolidate debt, Sobczak explained.

Other business associates at the Wealth Management Group include attorney Philip Weipert, this year's People's Choice winner. He provides estate planning and drafts necessary will and trust documents. James Carey, a long-time local CPA, provides tax and planning serv-

The financial services business is constantly changing, and it is difficult for any one professional to know it all. The professionals at the Wealth Management Group are specialists that take a synergistic approach - all work together to provide the best end result for their clients.

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Pulling vs. spraying: The great weed debate

By Jeff Rugg COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: Spreading wild strawberry is taking over my lawn. The only thing that I have been told to do is to wait until it rains and pull the wild strawberry out by hand. Do you have any other suggestions to get rid of these plants?

Q: We have quack grass in our lawn and it seems to be taking over. How do we get rid of it?

A: If there are just a few weeds, hand pulling can work if you are persistent enough to do it weekly or twice-weekly. Hand-pulling weeds can be tedious and backbreaking, but it is one of the best organic methods of weed control, no matter how many weeds there are. There are a few longhandled tools that let you get the random dandelion without bending over. But to get rid of large clumps of clover, sitting down right next to them and pulling them out is best.

Weedkillers, or herbicides, come in. three major groups. Those that kill all plants are known as non-selective. Then there are those that only kill grassy plants and those that only kill broad-leaved plants. You need to use the right one for your weed problem.

If you do use herbicides, follow the label directions. Overdosing is no good. Usually, an overdose will just burn off the leaves and then the root

period of time are most effective. And be sure to look at the label to see if the

Weedkillers can be granular or liquid. The granular variety works well mixed with fertilizer or when applied over large areas or in windy conditions. Liquid applications work best for spot applications, or when mixed with liquid fertilizer, and should be used when the wind is at a minimum.

Early morning and late evening are good times to apply liquid weedkillers, because the wind is usually calmer and the plants soak it up better.

Both grass and non-grassy annuals will die at the end of the season. If they can be stopped from flowering and reseeding, their reappearance can be prevented. The best thing to do is to get the lawn grass established and then apply a pre-emergent weedkiller in the spring for most of them and in the fall for a few of them.

Pre-emergent weedkillers form a chemical barrier on the soil surface that stops plants as they try to sprout It will last about three months, so two applications in spring and fall will prevent most annual weeds. Disturbing the barrier will allow seeds to sprout and grow.

Pre-emergents will work on perennial seeds, but not on the mature plant. Many broad-leaved weeds grow tall

enough to be killed when they are mowed. If not, a broad-leaved weedkiller is used as the next step. It should be applied when the plant is actively growing. If the plant is dormant in the summer heat, not much growth will occur and the weedkiller will not have much effect.

Several doses of weedkiller may be necessary to kill the entire root system. Each time a weed sends up a new shoot, it needs to be sprayed. If the new shoot is not sprayed, it will resupply the roots with nutrients and you are back to square one.

Weeds that are both a grass and perennial - like the quack grass in the second question - are the toughest to remove from a lawn, because lawn grasses are also perennials. Weeds that are both grass and perennial tend to grow more quickly than lawn grasses and can be sprayed without too much damage to the good lawn grass.

They need to be sprayed with a non-selective plant killer, so the spray will also kill the desired grass Limiting the spray's drift will help protect the desired grass.

A shield can block the spray and keep it only on the clump of weed grass. Cut the bottom off a gallon plastic milk jug and insert the nozzle through the top. Set the jug on the bad grass and spray.

GARDEN TIP

Weeds: pulling vs. spraying To eliminate every possible weed in your lawn would require either full-time work or chemical sprays. Hand-digging is a safe but time-consuming option white spraying is costly and not environmentally conscious. Here are the pros and

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FHA offers simple, fast refi program

By James M. Woodard COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The home mortgage refinance boom is still chugging along at full steam. One reason for the continued high number of refinance transactions, besides historic low interest rates, is the growing popularity of the Federal Housing Administration Streamline Refinancing program.

Many homeowners are taking advantage of this program to refinance their home loans. Many more, however, are unaware of the pro-

FHA Streamline Refinancing loans are primarily for homeowners who have a FHA mortgage — a loan insured by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The streamline program makes it possible to refinance a home mortgage at a lower interest rate using a fast, simple and low-cost procedure.

In fact, homeowners need not requalify for an FHA Streamline Refinance loan. There is no need for a new appraisal unless closing costs are added to the balance. There is no need for a new credit report or asset verification and cash is unnecessary for closing.

In most cases, because most of the heavy application paperwork was completed and accepted when the initial FHA loan was granted, FHA Streamline Refinancing requires only limited documentation and minimal underwriting qualifications.

The FHA's rationale is something like this: If a homeowner is current with his or her existing mortgage with payments up-to-date and a record of being paid on time --- he or she is obviously a good credit risk. So why should that homeowner have to go through the hassle of qualifying again?

A homeowner with a good payment record should be in an even better position to maintain a positive payment record when he or she receives a new home loan that charges a lower interest rate and requires a lower monthly payment.

Mushrooms coming up in dirt was never a problem before

Q: Something is wrong with the dirt in my front yard. I have mushrooms popping up in the grass all over. I didn't have these last year. Can I spray something to make them go away or do I use lime?

A: The correct answer is none of the above. There is absolutely nothing wrong with the soil in your front yard except that it has decaying wood in it somewhere. Mushrooms aren't a fussy parasite. All they ask for is decaying wood, warmth and moisture. The attractive mushroom that you are seeing could be considered the mushroom's "flower." In the soil is a fungus that extends its delicate thread-like mycelium from the wood to the surface where the fruiting part grows. That's the mushroom. If left undisturbed, the





mushroom will eventually produce spores. The spores float away and when conditions are right, there are more mushrooms. There is nothing to spray, nothing to dump. Lime or chemicals will not get rid of the mushrooms and can cause problems for the grass or soil. The wood has probably been in your soil for awhile. It could be dead roots from surrounding trees. The roots extend

far past the length of the branches. It could be roots of a long-ago cut off tree. It could be left over pieces of wood from your house that the builder buried. You get the idea. You didn't see the mushrooms last year because one of the critical components was missing. The soil was very dry. The decaying wood was there and so was the warmth. But there was very little soil moisture. Run over them with your lawnmower. Watching the pieces fly out at 60 miles an hour will make you feel better.

Q: I have some tiny green cater-pillars chewing up the leaves of my roses. I will not use chemicals. So

how do I get rid of them? A: May I suggest two bricks? Here are your other options. Hand pick the little cuties and drop them into a container of soapy water and let them marinate for a couple of hours. Their chewing days will be over. Next choice: insecticidal soap. Soap is not a chemical killer of insects: it is a mechanical killer. The soan removes the waxy coating on the insect and it dehydrates rapidly and dies. It's kind of like getting depressurized. This only works for insects. If soap were toxic to us, we would all be dead in the shower. Word of caution: do not mix your own insecticidal soap, buy it. The stuff in the bottle is formulated for plants. The stuff sitting on your sink isn't. It is very possible to mix it wrong and burn the plants or not kill the bugs. You can buy insecticidal soap as a ready-touse product or as a concentrate. In

the long run, the concentrate is a better buy if you have uses for it. The ready-to-use won't go as far and you're paying a premium price for their water and mixing talents. Insecticidal soap works very well on soft-bodied insects and mites. It has no effect on hard-shelled beetles. You must hit the bug with the spray. It is a contact product. If you spray it with the hopes that somebody will walk over it or take a bite of it, it won't work. Most organic gardeners will use insecticidal soap as one of their insect killing options. Unless you are a very extreme organic gardener, this might be the product for you.

Gretchen Voyle: MSU Extension-Livingston County horticulture agent, can be reached at (517) 546-3950.



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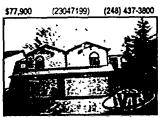
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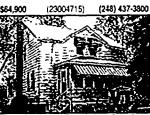
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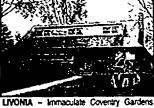
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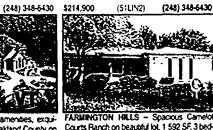
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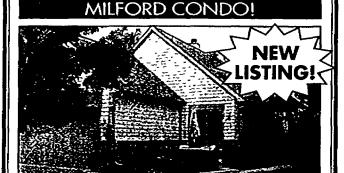


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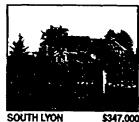
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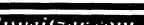
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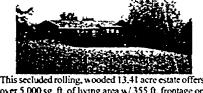
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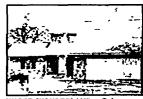


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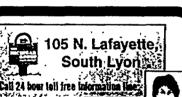
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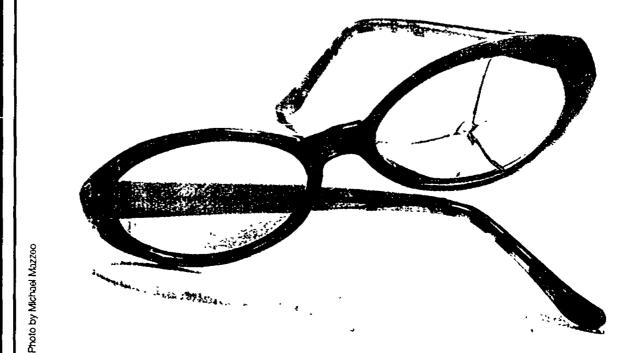
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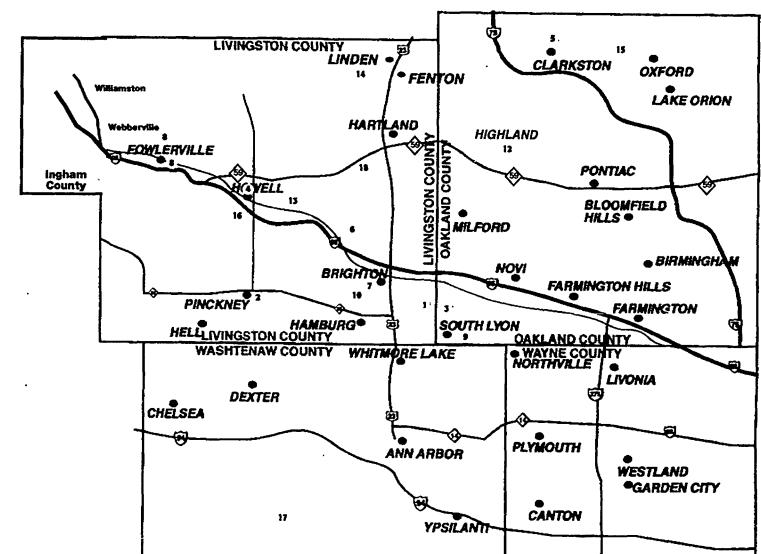
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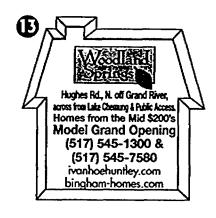






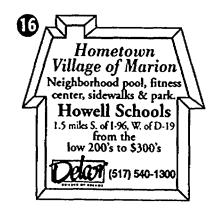


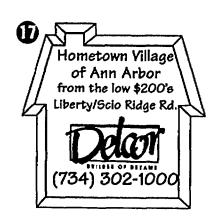














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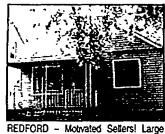
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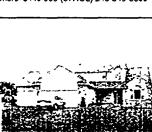
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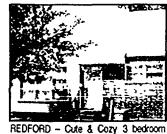
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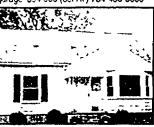
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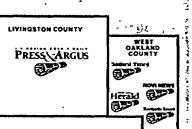
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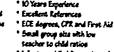
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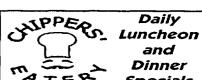
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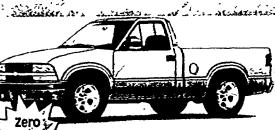
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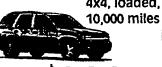
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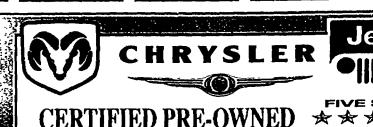
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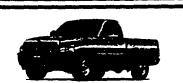
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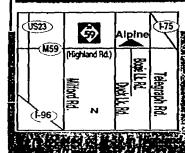
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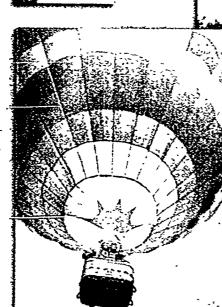
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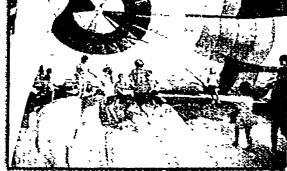
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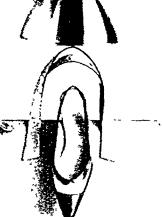
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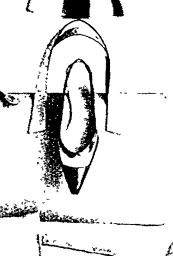
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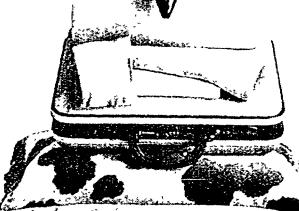
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Colorful balloons, entertainment, hands-on activities, art and music are. all part of the family fun during balloonfest weekend at the Howell High School complex and in downtown Howell.

The balloonfest is hosted by the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce. Major Sponsor is National City Bank. Supporting Sponsors are Citizens Insurance, Tanger Outlet Center, Pepsi and Mister Rubbish. Site host is Howell Public Schools.

The event is built around the state championship of hot-air ballooning where pilots compete for the title of Michigan Challenge champion. In its 19th year, the Michigan Challenge is one of the most entertaining, most thrilling and most exciting special events in Michigan. It's become a tradition in Livingston County and the state; and for the thousands of families who return to balloonfest each year, it's part of a family summertime tradition.

The weekend is filled with an assortment of activities and fun. Gorgeous balloons, skate boarding, skydiving, stunt kite shows, medieval village, downtown sales and entertainment, a juried arts festival, performing dogs, music, kids activities, classic cars, games, camival rides, comedy, juggling — it's all part of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest.

The centerpiece of the weekend, of course, is the early morning and early evening fly-ins and balloon launches when the sky is filled with more than 50 beautiful hot air balloons. Mass balloon launches take place, weather permitting, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, between 6-8 p.m. Early birds can arrive just after dawn on Saturday and Sunday to watch the pilots compete as they fly in to the site after launching their balloons from locations in the county's countryside.

With all to see and do, make plans to spend the weekend at balloonfest and enjoy the high-flying fun and excitement.

What's new ...

People return to balloonfest year after year - for an up close and personal view of hot air ballooning and a chance to experience the event. At the Michigan Challenge, there's always something new. It's an event where memories are made for the young and

Guests to Michigan Challenge XIX can visit the new medieval village to see stage presentations, learn how to fence and use a catapult.

Moving from olden times, "AARP The Magazine Road Show" visits balloonfest with demonstrations, product samples and events for the older audi-

In downtown Howell, new activities like a Friday night street dance, jump roping, a jazz band, children's choir and lip-sync contest keep visitors to the central business district entertained.

Saturday night glows and sparkles

It's the high point of a spectacular weekend - the Balloon Glow and Skydiving Night Show on Saturday evening. The color and spectacle make this a not-to-be-missed event.

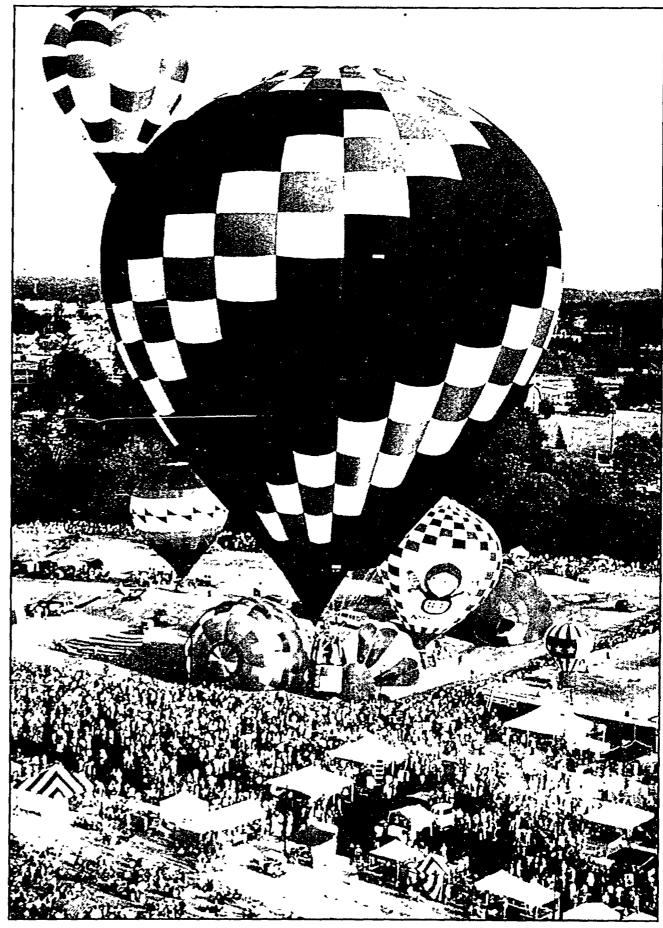
As darkness falls, more than 30 pilots will return from their competitive flights to inflate their balloons on the launch field. It is a never-to-be-forgotten sight as the many colors of the balloons are illuminated against the night

Then, from about a mile above the ground, the Comcast Skydivers will perform a night jump, complete with pyrotechnics.

Relax, enjoy, and spend the day

With so much to see and do, visitors are encouraged to spend the day at the Michigan Challenge.

Come to the Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent on Saturday and Sunday afternoon for free, hands-on activities, games and crafts for all ages.



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More than 50 hot air balloons will fly at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest.

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A message from the mayor ...

Welcome to the historic city of Howell and the spectacular Michigan Challenge Balloonfest!

This event is a personal favorite of mine since so many people in our community work together to make balloonfest the wonderful event that it is and to showcase Howell as a great place to live, work and visit.

On behalf of the entire community, it is my pleasure to welcome you. Balloonfest is an exciting time in the city. Not only do we all enjoy this great event, but we are also pleased to show off our beautiful, historic town to so many first-time and returning guests.

We're proud to be the host community for the 19th annual Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, the state championship of hot air ballooning. It is always a thrill it is to see dozens of beautiful balloons launching into the sky over Howell.

But balloons are just one part of this great weekend. The committee has planned lots of activities and fun. I hope you will come downtown and enjoy all the great family entertainment planned for the weekend. Take a stroll through our beautiful neighborhoods. Visit our stores and dine in our restaurants. Take a carriage ride. You'll see why we're so

proud of our city.

city.
I'd like to thank the hundreds of community volunteers who work so hard to make the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest such an outstanding special event. I'd also like to congratulate the many city employ-



Geraldine K. Moen Mayor

ees who help the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce stage this huge event. It would not be possible without their cooperation and help.

Enjoy your stay in Howell and return soon. We look forward to seeing you again.

Geraldine K. Moen Mayor, city of Howell

From the chamber ...

On behalf of the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce, host of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, welcome to a terrific weekend of high-flying fun and excitement here in Howell.

Balloonfest is truly a partnership among all those involved — businesses, volunteers and the community.

We'd like to extend our congratulations and thanks to the members of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest committee, chaired by Lt. Barry Rutter, who all work so hard to bring our thousands of visitors one of the finest special events in the State of Michigan.

Special recognition should be given to our sponsors who make this event possible. Our thanks go to our long-time Michigan Challenge Major Sponsor, National City Bank; to our Supporting Sponsors, Citizens Insurance, Pepsi, Mister Rubbish and Tanger Outlet Center; to Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of MI for its sponsorship of the Windjammers Stunt Kite Team; to Comcast for its sponsorship of the skydiving team; to Krug Ford for its entertainment sponsorship; to Meijer for its sponsorship of the Rock-N-Roll K-9 Show; and to Health Care Innovations and Wal-Mart for their sponsorship of Serena's Song.

Sponsors contribute to balloonfest activities in downtown Howell as well. Thanks to Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital for sponsoring Kids' Day on Saturday and to Schafer's House of Music for sponsoring Music Day on Sunday.

We'd also like to thank the many other area companies that have contributed to the success of the Michigan Challenge in countless ways, such as sponsoring individual balloons, advertising in this publication, providing product, allowing employees time off to volunteer or helping promote the weekend.

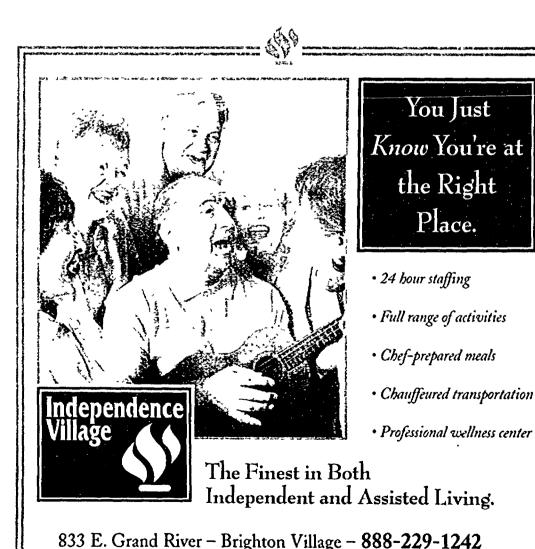
The help and cooperation of the Howell Public Schools and the city of Howell are key in the success of the balloonfest. We could not do it without them. The staffs of both the city and the schools are enthusiastic partners in staging this event.

We offer a special welcome to "AARP The Magazine Road Show." The road show selected the Michigan Challenge as only one of 16 visits in 2003; and it's the first time the show has participated in a balloonfest.

The mission of the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce is to "be a catalyst for a vital business environment and an exceptional community." We feel the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest accomplishes just that, in addition to providing great family entertainment and a weekend of memories.

Sincerely,

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The Premier Big Band and the Livingston County Concert Band, above, will perform in front of the courthouse in downtown Howell on Sunday, June 29.

Entertainment, shopping, fun continue downtown

A visit to the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest isn't complete until you make a stop in historic downtown Howell on your way to or from the launch site.

The sidewalks, shops, restaurants and courthouse area of downtown will be alive with entertainment, shopping, food and fun throughout Michigan Challenge Balloonfest weekend, June 27-29

Right in the heart of downtown at the historic Livingston County Courthouse, balloonfest visitors can enjoy kids' activities, music, and entertainment. Saturday is Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kids' Day and Sunday is Schafer's House of Music — Music Day. The downtown venue is just a little over a mile east of the Howell High School complex, the site of the balloonfest launches.

This year, downtown will have new features.

Dance the night away on Friday from 8-11 p.m. at the first downtown Howell balloonfest street dance.

Who lives in a pineapple under the sea? Look for the answer on Saturday at the Animated Animals pet parade. Pets, real or created, and their owners will be dressed as their favorite cartoon character.

Jump rope demonstrations keep things hopping in the morning. The always popular dog show sports new categories this year: happiest dog, most extreme dog and best trick. Plus, guests will enjoy old favorites such as Scribble the Sidewalks, carriage rides, animal demonstrations, juggling and

magic.

New on Sunday is The Premier Big Band, Livingston County Chorale Children's Choir and a lip-sync contest for those who dream of being a star.

Friday night rocks

Street entertainment returns to this year's Twilight Sale. Musicians will take their places throughout the historic downtown area.

Of course, the centerpiece of the event will be great sales when Howell's downtown merchants open their doors from 7-11 p.m. to bargain-hunting shoppers.

Dance to the music of High Flyin' Bird at the street dance on Walnut Street from 8-11 p.m.

Saturday features activities, entertainment

Saturday of balloonfest weekend is Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kids' Day.

☐ Trunks to Treasures 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dozens of community members will empty their car trunks of treasures for sale. This "community garage sale" is sure to provide something to pique your interest. Call (517) 546-3920 to participate in the sale. Trunks to Treasures is on State Street, next to the courthouse.

☐ Scribble the Sidewalk 9 a.m.

The Howell Area Arts Council hosts this fun and creative opportunity for children to make master-pieces in chalk right on the sidewalk by the courthouse.

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☐ Animated Animals Pet Parade 10 a.m.

Kids are encouraged to bring their pets from goldfish to Great Danes - to the courthouse dressed as their favorite cartoon character. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes and presentations. Use your imagination — decorated wagons and strollers can be used for smaller pets. Kids are encouraged to dress in costume along with their pets.

☐ Preschool Karate 10:30 a.m.

Watch some of the youngest mini-masters high-kick their way to confidence and self defense.

☐ Brighton Bouncing Bulldogs 11 a.m.

Jump right into the fun downtown as the Brighton Bouncing Bulldogs perform jump rope demonstrations and give members of the audience a chance to give jump roping a try.

Carriage Rides 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Take a leisurely ride through downtown in a beautiful Victorian horse-drawn carriage. \$3 per person/\$12 per family. The carriages depart from in front of the courthouse.

Dog Show Noon

The always-popular Dog Show is more bowwow than high-brow. Prizes will be awarded for the happiest dog, most extreme dog and best trick. Each participant will receive a doggie goodie bag and there will be trophies. Registration begins at 11 a.m.

☐ Birds of Prey and Mammals Show 1 p.m.

The staff of the Howell Nature Center brings its educational Birds of Prey and Mammals show

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to the courthouse lawn. Live birds and furry friends will be featured.

☐ Juggle Bugs 1:45 p.m.

Ever want to learn to juggle? Here's your chance! The Howell Nature Center will teach dozens of children how to juggle in this fun clin-

☐ Zeemo the Magnificent 2:30 p.m.

Yo-yo master, magician and entertainer extraordinaire, Zeemo will delight young and old with his yo-yo tricks, juggling and antics. A balloonfest tradition!

☐ Saturday Night AfterGlow!

Downtown Howell is the place to be on Saturday night! A special night of live entertainment like top-40, jazz, karaoke and keyboard in downtown Howell restaurants and pubs. Relax and enjoy the party after a great day at balloon-

Sunday features art and music

Sunday is Schafer's House of Music — Music Day downtown. Great live music will be the feature of Sunday's balloonfest activities. Children can paint at the art easels.

☐ Howell Sunday Farmers' Market 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stop by to purchase home grown, home baked and home made goodies. Many of the area's finest farmers and growers will have their produce for sale. The Farmers' Market is located on State Street, next to the courthouse

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☐ Antique Appraisal Clinic 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Virginia Fournier, an expert with 30-years of experience in antique appraisals, will be on hand to appraise your antiques and collectibles in a benefit for the Howell Area Historical Society Depot Museum restoration. The donation is \$5 per item for an oral appraisal — limit two items per person, please.

Livingston County Concert Band 11 a.m.

This outstanding group of talented area musicians will present concert favorites at the steps of the Livingston County Courthouse. This is a concert you don't want to miss!

☐ The Premier Big Band noon

New this year! Show tunes, jazz, movie themes, pop favorites — even some rock — are all part of this upbeat performance.

☐ Kevin Collins 1 p.m.

A percussion virtuoso, Kevin Collins will bring an assortment of African drums and make incredible music. Plus, guests will enjoy costumed dancers and might learn a rhythm or two themselves.

☐ Livingston County Chorale Children's Choir 2 p.m.

Enjoy the music of youngsters in grades 3-7 sing kids favorite songs as they perform in the children's choir.

☐ Lip-Sync Contest 3 p.m.

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This year's Trunks to Treasures sale is set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

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And the Arts Festival at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest has it all.

"The arts festival is a juried show, and each year it becomes more diverse and unique in the quality of art and art forms available," said Cathy Blight, arts festival chair.

More than 200 artists display their works at balloonfest.

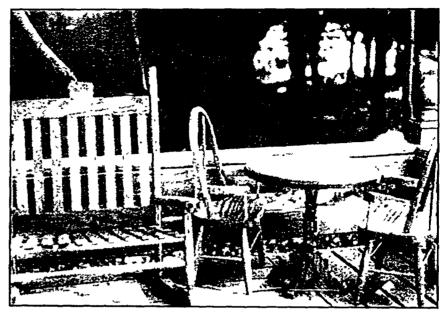
Among them, James Lardas of Eaton Rapids who has hand-crafted furniture. Designs in Quilling showcases artwork made from paper by Madene Elliott of Milan. Into the Looking Glass shines with stained glass mosaics and florals from Sandy Reinke of Lapeer.

Enjoy the simplicity of Shaker woodworking by Larry Moehlman of Oakland. Cioser to home, Carolyn Kinnison from Fowlerville displays hand-pained furniture. Silver Pebbles has jewelry including beautiful necklaces from Ruchi Tandon of Sterling Heights. Joe Serafini of Saginaw makes hand-marbled T-shirts and sweatshirts.

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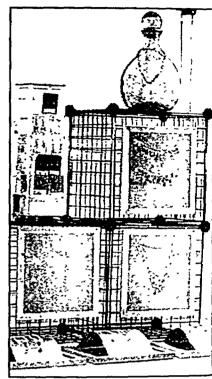
But those are just a few of the talented artists exhibiting and selling at the show. Stroll through the arts festival and refresh your soul. If your body needs a break, the area is a perfect place to purchase food and drink from area nonprofit groups. In addition, settle down into a comfortable chair to enjoy the entertainment located at the



The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest's Arts Festival features items from a variety of artisans, including hand-crafted furniture and jewelry. The Arts Festival is located on the east side of the launch field.

center of the Arts Festival. Saturday and Sunday afternoon features continuous entertainment for all ages, sponsored by Krug Ford.

The Arts Festival opens at 4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and stays open until the day's events conclude in the evening. It is



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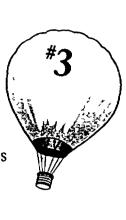
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'AARP The Magazine' brings its show to Michigan Challenge XIX

"AARP The Magazine," the largest circulation magazine in America, has selected the Michigan Challenge as part of its 2003 national mobile tour.

"The Michigan Challenge was picked as one of only 16 sites in the country, and this is the first time the show has visited a hot-air balloon event," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge Manager. "We're pleased they chose Howell, and are excited about the national recognition the road show will bring to balloonfest."

With contests, exhibits, prize-giveaways, free health screenings, product samples, cooking demos, interactive games and more targeted to the over-50 market, the road show tour brings the spirit and essence of the magazine to life. It focuses on the key aspects of life that are most important to the AARP demographic — health, fitness, finances, family, travel and entertainment. In addition, local businesses will participate in the demonstrations and events.

For more information, visit www.aarp-magazine.org/roadshow

Fun never stops at Michigan Challenge Balloonfest

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Watch the Comcast Skydivers jump from the sky during five scheduled daytime performances.

Fly a kite with The Windjammers Stunt Kite Team, sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of Michigan, who dazzle the crowd with their spectacular kite performances, choreographed to music.

Serena's Song; the world's only handicapped-accessible balloon will give free tethered balloon rides to children and adults in wheelchairs during launch times Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening and Saturday and Sunday morning, weather permitting. Serena's visit is sponsored by Wal-Mart and Health Care Innovations.

Pick up a gift or something to take home at the Arts Festival, an event of its own, with more than 200 artist booths and delicious food and entertainment.

Enjoy live performances and entertainment at the arts festival and commercial vendor area, all sponsored by Krug Ford.

Shake a leg and tap your paws to performances by the Rock-N-Roll K-9s, dogs that run through specially designed courses. Sponsored by Meijer, these performing canines certainly earn the title of man's best friend at balloonfest.

Take a trip down memory lane at the antique and custom car show.

And take it to the extreme at the Skate Board Exhibition sponsored by Special Editions Skate Board Shop and Livingston County Optimist Clubs.

There's just too much to mention it all! Check out the entire event schedule at www.michiganchallenge.com.

Downtown Howell

Visitors to downtown Howell will enjoy great entertainment and activities, centered around the historic Livingston County Courthouse and on the sidewalks of downtown

Friday evening's Twilight Sale from 7-11 p.m. will feature some of the best bargains of the season.

Shoppers will be entertained by sidewalk performers throughout downtown and a street dance.

Saturday is Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kids' Day and Sunday is Schafer's House of Music — Music Day.

The courthouse lawn with be filled with family activities including a Trunks to Treasures community garage sale, chalk art, a pet parade, dog show, bands and music, an antique appraisal clinic and kids art projects.

Capture the historic part of the city with a horse-drawn carriage ride through the streets of Howell, leaving from the courthouse.

The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is an event to remember!

Visitors are encouraged to come early and stay late all three days to enjoy everything the weekend has to offer.



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Alan Baird, 3, hugs dad Andrew just before the launch in the 2002 Saturday night activities, as mom Anne gives her son a boost up to dad.



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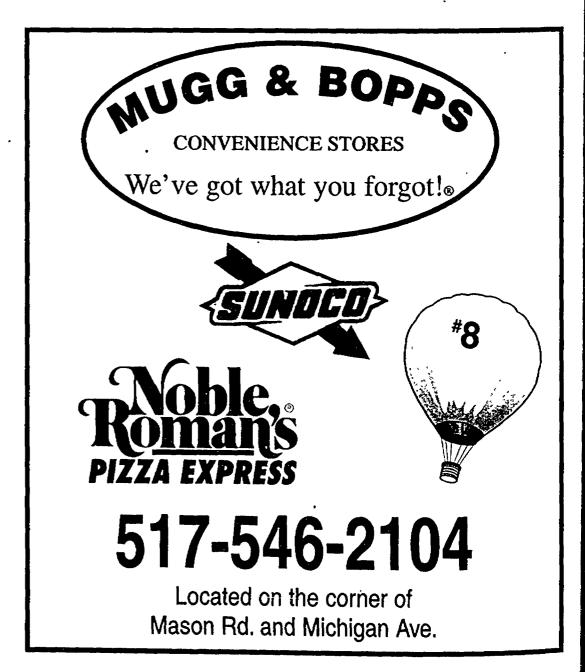
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In the flyball contest, two teams of dogs compete, relay-race style.

A lucky child from the audience may be chosen to race against the dogs at each show.

The Rock-N-Roll K-9s will perform at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday on the balloon launch field.

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Down the keyboard, around the milkshake and through the '57 Chevy, these rockin' dogs do it all. Don't miss the Rock-N-Roll K-9s Saturday and Sunday on the balloon launch field.



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Two entertainment venues, one in the commercial vendor area on the west side of the launch field and the other in the arts festival area east of the launch site, will present great live entertainment throughout the weekend. Both venues are sponsored by Krug Ford.

Entertainment at the vendor area will include balloonfest favorites Jonathan Park, Zeemo the Magnificent, the Flying Aces Pro Frisbee Team and more.

Jonathan Park is known for his comedy juggling. Crowds will be amused and amazed as he rides a 6-foot unicycle while juggling. His signature trick comes at the end of each performance when, one by one, he kicks up three sets of cups and saucers to be balanced at the top of his head!

The Flying Aces Pro Frisbee Team will show off before the crowd on Saturday and Sunday. Unless you've caught their show before, you've never seen frisbee flying like this! Children will be selected from the audience to get into the act.

Zeemo the Magnificent, a very popular entertainer at balloonfest, will engage children of all ages with his yo-yo-tricks, magic and juggling.

The Jump Cats will entertain the balloonfest crowd with their hip style of blues

Get ready to jump: Jump Cats return

The Jump Cats return to balloonfest on Saturday after the evening balloon launch and before the Balloon Glow. Enjoy their hip style of blues known as jump on the main stage, just west of the balloon launch field.

Jump has its roots in the 1940s and 1950s through artists like Big Joe Turner, Louis Jordan and T-Bone Walker.

The Jump Cats lineup consists of Joe Palace, vocals/harmonica; Bil (BF) Brown, guitar; Cal Stone, upright bass; Tony Karam, piano/organ; and Brian Deming, drums

Palace, Brown and Stone played in an assortment of Detroit-area blues bands since the early '80s. They settled on the current lineup and style about five years

known as jump after the evening launch

and before the Balloon Glow on Saturday

Sunday, there will be an array of entertain-

ment including comedy, African drum-

ming, yo-yo master Zeemo the Magnificent

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At the Arts Festival on Saturday and

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ago, and have been gigging from Cadillac to Lansing, from Ypsilanti to Rochester Hills ever since.

The authenticity of their sound is due in large part to the equipment the band uses. Guitarist Brown relies on a slew of vintage, fat-body guitars pumped through tube amplifiers with plenty of reverb. An old upright bass, circa 1949, old drums and a harp blowin' through a tube amp — "That's the only way to get THE sound," said Stone.

"Besides, we're all getting too old to try and figure out how all these drum machines and MIDI stuff works. We prefer to just plug in and blow!"

For more info on The Jump Cats, send an e-mail to cstone 1959@yahoo.com.

profit groups in that area.

☐ Friday evening Vendor Area

7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. — Jonathan Park

☐ Saturday

Arts Festival

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1 — Alabar

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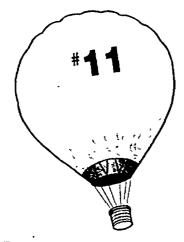


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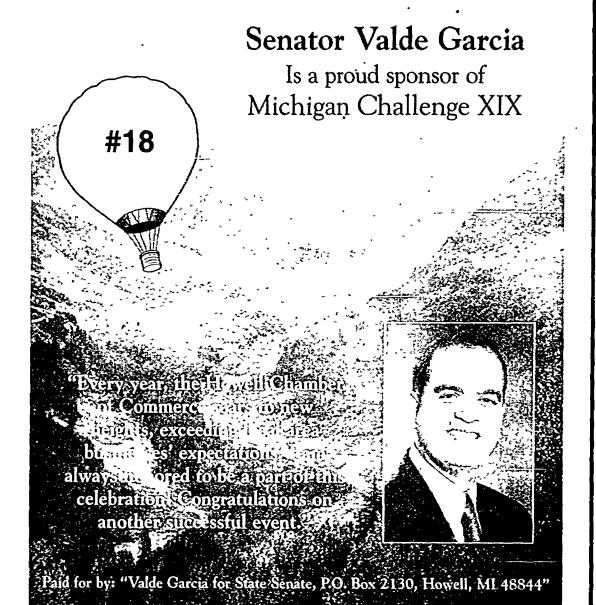
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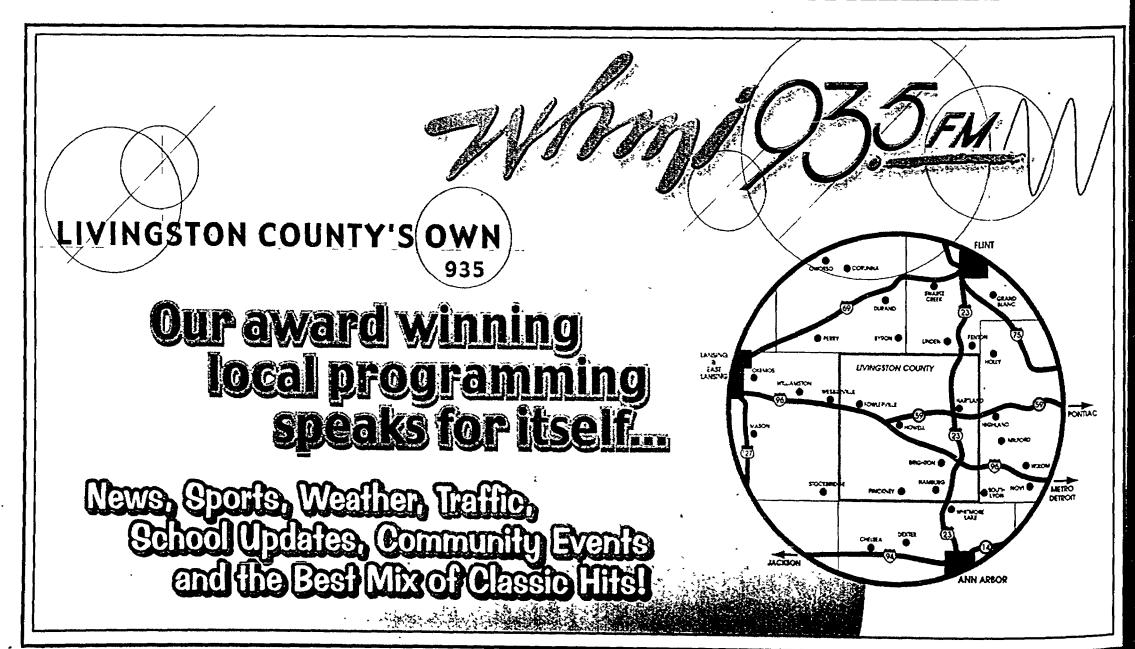
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3 p.m. — Flying Aces

4 p.m. — Jonathan Park 5 p.m. — Flying Aces

6 p.m. — Jonathan Park

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After the Saturday evening launch and before the Balloon Glow, The Jump Cats will perform on the main stage.

☐ Sunday

Arts Festival

Noon to 2 p.m. — Alabar

2-3 p.m. — Zeemo the Magnificent

3-5 p.m. — Kevin Collins 5 p.m. — Zeemo

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Medieval Village offers glimpse into life from long ago



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Paul Wilburn plays a medieval warrior.

Welcome, lords and

The Medieval Village at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest features new stage performances and gives visitors a chance to learn to fence and use a catapult.

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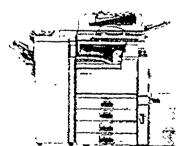
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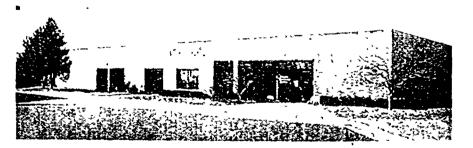
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Tanger Outlet Center employees over 500 people, many of whom are community members raising their families right here in Livingston County.

Tanger ownership, management and employees of the center believe in supporting events such as the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest and applaud the positive impact these events have on area businesses, non-profit organizations and the community as a whole.

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Get ready, get set, glow

Countdown to balloon glow

The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest has gained so much popularity in its nearly 20-year history that many visitors to the event count down the days until balloonfest weekend.

But the real countdown happens on Saturday night after the evening balloon launch.

It's a sound heard all around the launch field located at the Howell High School complex: Five ... four ... three ... two ... one ... GLOW!

Make sure you're there to see the Michigan Challenge Balloon Glow and Supernova Night Show light up the sky with color and spectacle. It's one of the most unique and thrilling sights of the Michigan Challenge weekend.

As darkness falls, more than 30 balloons will inflate on the launch field, their colors glowing against the night sky. Announcer Tom Maynard will lead the crowd in a countdown to the first all glow — and all

the balloons will simultaneously ignite their burners presenting an almost overwhelming display of color and light.

Twinkle glows will also be announced as spectators marvel to one balloon glow after another. It's a sight that outshines any stars in the night sky.

And then, from nearly one mile above the earth, the Comcast Skydivers will perform their Night Show — a spectacular nighttime jump, complete with pyrotechnics.

The Michigan Challenge Balloon Glow has become one of the most popular events of the weekend. Over the years, hundreds of thousands of spectators have been dazzled by the glow at the balloonfest and many thousands more have seen it featured on TV news programs. Don't forget your camera.

The glow will be coordinated by the Glowmeister, Howard Steele of Clarkston.

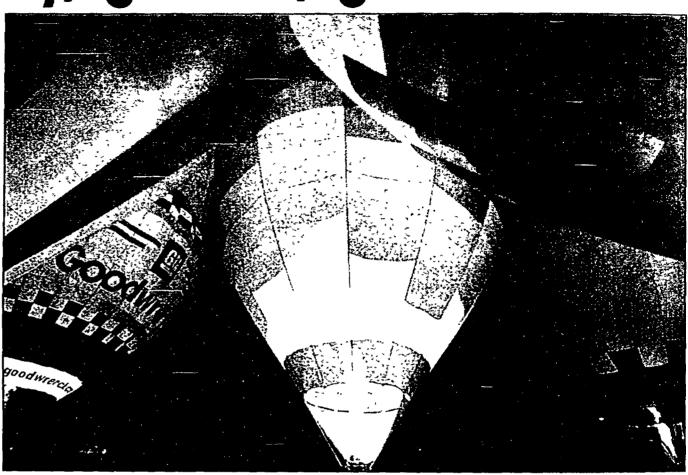
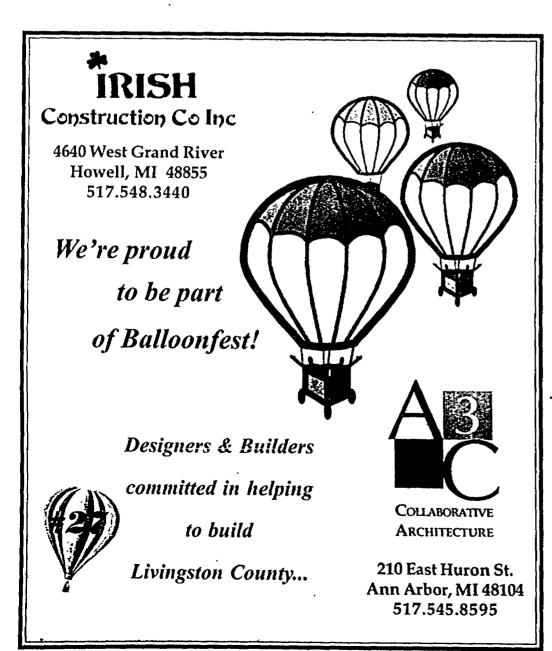
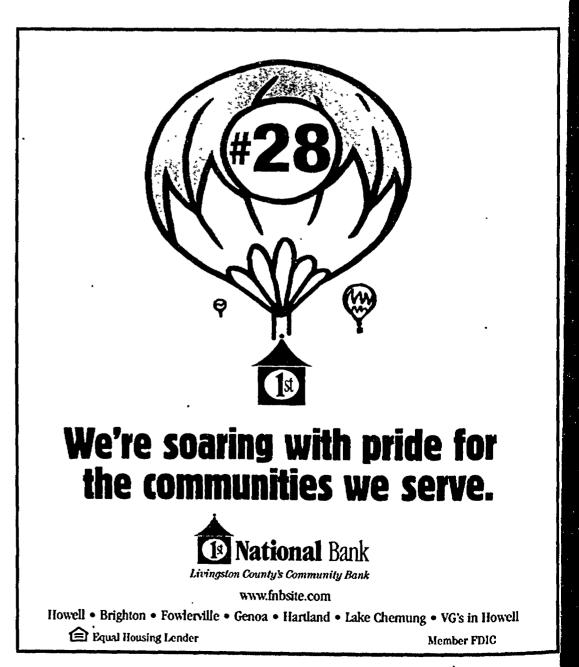
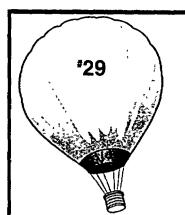


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Paul Quandee's Sunrize, center, and other balloons light up the night sky during the glow.

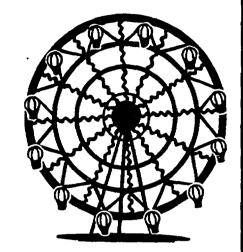






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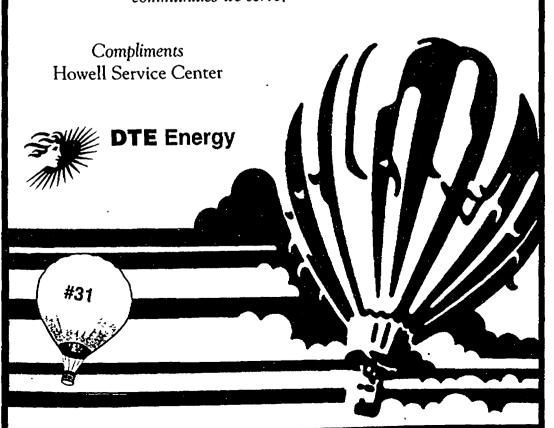
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Making a champion

Pilots compete during Michigan Challenge Balloonfest

Pilots at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest put on more than a good show for the thousands of spectators who attend each year — they compete for the title of Michigan

The event is actually the state championship of hot air ballooning and pilots receive points for national ranking as well.

Although popularly called races, competitions such as the Challenge have nothing to do with how fast or how far a balloon travels. It's all a matter of skill. Competitive ballooning rates pilots on how well they can use wind currents and altitude to steer their balloons to a specific target.

As regulars to the Michigan Challenge know, weather conditions determine if the balloons will fly. Balloons fly in the early evening and just after dawn because that is when the winds are the calmest. Winds over 12 mph, rain or lightning will keep the balloons grounded.

If the weather is favorable, after the launch the pilots will try to find the right wind currents to take them close to the target. Each pilot will toss a numbered baggie onto the target - usually a large X shape spread in a field or at an intersection — aiming to be as close to the center as possible.

You can easily watch this competition during morning flights at the Michigan Challenge when the X is located right at the launch field and the pilots take off from various spots out in the countryside

A baggie is made of rip-stop nylon, weighted at one end. with a long nylon tail that streams behind it as it descends. If during the competition you see a baggie on the ground or if one lands near you, please don't touch it. The scoring officials will need to accurately measure its distance from the

Balloonists will compete in various events during the competition. The competition may include: Judge Declared Goal — a goal, perhaps a target or road intersection, declared by the balloonmeister. Hare and Hound — the hare or lead balloon leaves the field first and the hounds, the remaining balloons, try to follow and throw a marker. Watership Down balloons fly into the main launch field and follow a hare out that takes off at a predetermined time. Convergent Navigational Task (CNT) — a fly in task, usually at the main launch field.

Each event will have at least one target (or task), sometimes two or three. The type of competition will depend on the weather conditions and will be determined by Balloonmeister Jim Birk. Events will be announced at the pilot briefing prior to each launch. Spectators should listen for competition announcer Tom Maynard, who will supply the details of each flight.

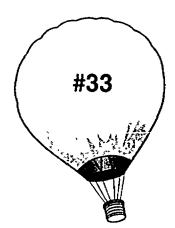
During Michigan Challenge XIX, balloon pilots will compete for a beautiful trophy, cash and prizes and bragging rights as the official Michigan Champion of hot-air ballooning. In addition, the North American Balloon Association will award successful competitors points that are used toward national ranking.

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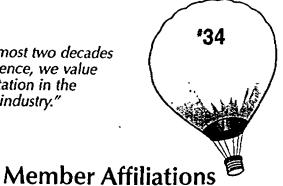
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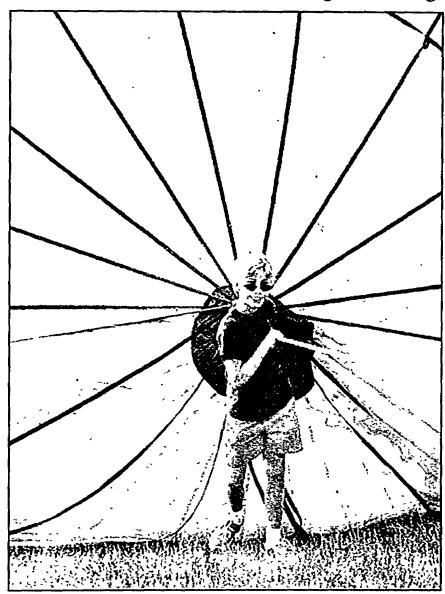


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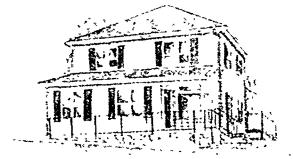
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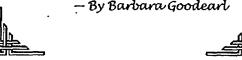
Balloonist Prayer May the winds welcome you with softness, May the sun bless you with his warm hands, May you fly so high and so well that God joins you in laughter and sets you gently back into the loving arms of Mother Earth.

Michigan Balloonist Prayer

May this beautiful peninsula With its many lakes so grand Always be the perfect place For our balloons to land.

May the gentle winds of Michigan Fly us high and sure and true, As we touch the floor of heaven And land safely, awed, renewed

— By Barbara Goodearl



Michigan Challenge Balloonfest XIX June 27-29 **Howell High School**

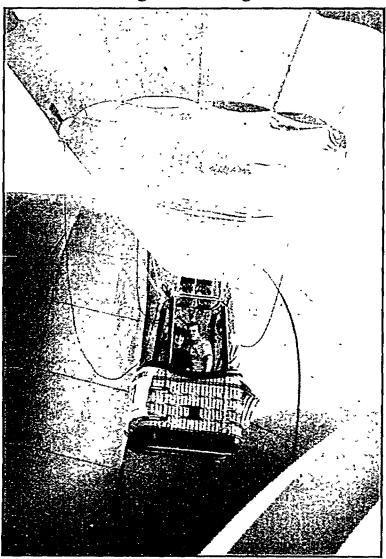


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Northern Lights II rises up past Stellar and another balloon in Saturday evening's launch.

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The Family Fun Tent will be open on Saturday and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

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It's becoming a balloonfest ers in Livingston County, Citizens is committed to improving the quality of life in our community by supporting local organizations, school programs and events like balloonfest.

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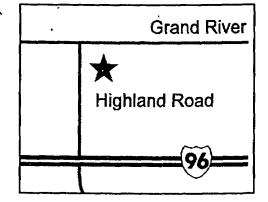
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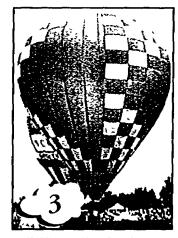
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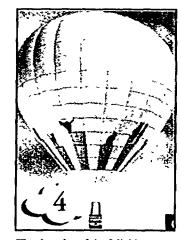
With spirals of dark blue, pink, light blue, green and yellow, "Mo' Money" makes a splash in the sky! Chuck Owens from the western part of the state makes another trip to the Challenge. He is sponsored this year by the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus. Chuck placed second last year and is featured on the Michigan Challenge XIX collector pin available at the event.



An instructor for the Challenge Crew School and a great help to the Pilot Liaison Team is Brian Prokuda. His balloon is called "Sunrise" and is a wave pattern in combinations of red, orange, yellow, blue, purple and navy. He is sponsored by Howell Soft Cloth.



Phil Clinger flies "The Jester" out of Battle Creek. His sponsor is Quality Inn of Howell. The balloon pattern is a tumbling block design of purple, yellow and green. His wife Tammy joins as Crew Chief.



The founder of the Michigan Challenge Dick Rudlaff is flying "Cat's Meow." She is bright yellow with cat shadows. Dick won the first event in 1985. Dick has flown in all of the Challenges, and is sponsored by First Impression Printing & Graphics.

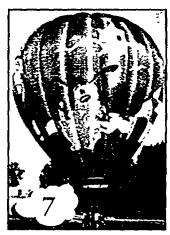


Larry and Sandi Novotny attend the Challenge every year from Allen Park. Their balloon "Ditto" is light blue with rainbow colors at the equator. They are sponsored by Dr. Ismael



Ultra The Gold and Diamond Outlet sponsors Andy Baird of Stockbridge whose balloon "Medalist" is also depicted on this year's collector pin. Andy has flown many times with the Challenge with both commercial and private entries. His balloon. made by Cameron, is a bright checker pattern of primary colors with a yellow equator and a black and white diamond pattern.

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Shawn Raya from Oxford will be piloting the Father & Son Construction corporate entry to the Michigan Challenge. The bigger than life puppy dog coming out of its dog house always pleases the kids in the crowd.



Grass Lake sends up Cheryl Heselschwerdt who is returning after a year off with her beautiful "Jesus Loves You!" balloon. The balloon is bright blue with the white dove of peace holding an olive branch. Mugg & Bopps sponsors Cheryl.



Our Balloonmeister Jim Birk, of Defiance, Ohio, will be piloting "Pelo Deimos." Jim is in charge of laying out all of the tasks that the pilots use to determine who will be this year's champion. Lansing Community College is sponsoring Jim's trip here.



Land owner relations are covered by a local pilot who has flown in all of the Challenges. Jerry Stephan and his wife Daria both pilot "Jedami," a vertically step-striped balloon of black, teal and bright rainbow colors with pennants to match. MacDonald's Funeral Home sponsors them.



Allen Yost of Midlothian, Illinois, returns again to fly with the Challenge. Allen flies a TBW balloon called "Spectrum" which is yellow with a red, blue and green zigzag pattern over it. This year Allen is sponsored by Walter's Home Appliance.



Tom Roush from Tennessee flies "D Blun" and is spon-ored by The Marketeer.



Bill Sterner flies a very pretty chevron patterned balloon with white sections splashing through the colors in "Rejoice II". He is sponsored by Mr. B's Rustic Tavern.



A favorite of the Michigan Challenge is "Ocean Fantasy" which is a collection of scuba divers, fish and all the things one would expect to see in the ocean. Don Wertman II is the pilot of this beautiful balloon and is sponsored by his employer A & L Parts.



Another of the famous "Flying Gauthier's" is none other than Joey Gauthier from nearby Waterford who pilots "Nudge Me" — as in the morning ... to fly. The balloon is a beautiful purple and black, Joey has only missed one year in all of the Challenges. Olinik Family McDonalds sponsors his return trip.



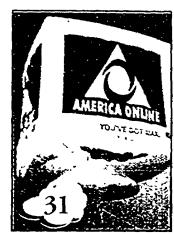
Back again from Milford is Gordon Boring flying a delightful yellow balloon called "Boynton Critters," Watch for him to try and win the Challenge as he has been flying all types of balloons for years. He is sponsored by American Imaging.



Jim Lykins of Lake Orion flies "Kids Play." This balloon depicts Jim's children when they were small and is sponsored by Chary! Stockwell Academy. His balloon has a long history here at the Challenge, often letting the landowner's kids come up close and see what a balloon looks like!



Phil Glebe, of Brighton, will be flying the "Goodwrench" corporate balloon. Phil has attended almost every Challenge and won the event in 1988. Phil and his family own and operate Renaissance Balloons and several other companies.



The second special shape at this year's Challenge is the AOL Sky Monit-Air. Piloted by Bennett Schwontkowski, this balloon has great resolution!

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Milford sends pilot Wes
Dickerson to the Challenge for
the second time. He will be flying "Balloon too," a stairstep
pattern of many colors. Wes is
sponsored by Oceola
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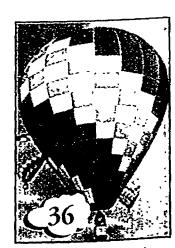
Roger Beebe, from Ceresco, has flown in just about all of the Challenges and is flying "Skittles" this year. The bright red balloon has blue, green, yellow and orange horizontal stripes. Roger is sponsored by Metropolitan Title.



Frank Campanale, from Orchard Lake, brings the ever beautiful envelope "Carrousel" to delight the crowd. It features wonderful designs of animals and children — just like a real carousel. M. K. Home Improvement is sponsoring the balloon.



Mark Fraser has been at the Challenge a number of times and returns this year piloting "Release" out of Middletown. Ohio. Mark's balloon is patterned with colors and is sponsored by U of M Health Systems.



Rick Kohut has accepted the challenge and is coming from Louisville, Ohio, to compete for the proverbial brass ring. His balloon "Wind Trek" is a teal, orange and yellow spiral. Rick's sponsor is Gordon Food Service.

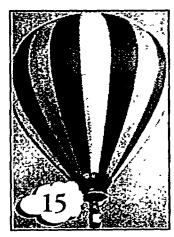
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Munith sends up Chuck Walz who is returning for the sixth time to the competition. His balloon "Sunny Trails" is bright yellow, orange and red. Pepsi, a supporting sponsor of the Michigan Challenge, sponsors Chuck.



Stephen Herbstreit is one of the brand new entries to the Challenge. Stephen flies "Cloud Chase." He will be sponsored by Krug Ford.



Balloonfest Safety Officer Wayne Warren of Waterford is in charge of safety on the field and during the various flights. Linda Barnwell and John McLeod, The Michigan Group, sponsor Wayne who has flown in the Challenge every year. His balloon "Junior" has stripes of black, yellow and pink.

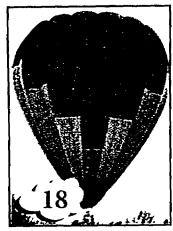


Jody Leatherberry from Stockbridge captains a perennial favorite "The Phoenix." This gorgeous firebird lights up the sky when he is streaking across the sky. Jody is sponsored by his own company aptly named Phoenix Financial.



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The "Voice of Livingston County" WHMI – FM 93.5 has Mark Duewer flying its corporate entry. The balloon is a bright splash of color with the WHMI logo.



Senator Valde Garcia sponsors Jeff Pestun, a returning pilot to the Challenge who is flying "Fantasy," a blue balloon with yellow and orange vertical bars.



Local to the Challenge from Pinckney and brand new to the event is Dale Estes. While Dale is new, his balloon "Kids 2 Wishin" is not and has flown under the skills of his instructor. Dale is sponsored by Special Editions Skateboard Shop. The shop also sponsors a skateboarding exhibition during the Michigan Challenge.



Long time pilots in the Challenge are the team of Donna Fox and Ron Groce from East Leroy and Mason, Michigan. They will be piloting the family favorite "Mr. Biddle," a giant brown bear dressed to the nines complete with his pocket watch. Citizens Insurance, a balloonfest supporting sponsor and Family Fun Tent sponsor, sponsors this special shape.



Farmington Hills sends us another pilot, Bob Hedges, flying "Moondog." Bob has been at a number of the Challenges and is sponsored by A3C and Irish Construction.



Back for her fifth try at the Challenge is Jan Knight who lives right here in Howell. Her balloon "Cloud Dancer" has a pretty, almost Greek looking green and gold pattern. First National Bank sponsors her appearance every year.



Another pilot team, Marty and Rob Mihaly fly "Boojum," a very pretty black balloon with bright multicolored sections around its circumference. The pair hail from Lakewood, Ohio. Wade Shows sponsors their balloon.



Stroud, England, sends pilot Richard Parry who flew across the ocean for a second chance at the Challenge. Flying "Cathay Pacific," described as two shades of green with a white bottom, Richard is a keen competitor! Watch for his green tam as Richard flies low over the target. He is sponsored by SkillTech Automotive.



DTE Energy sponsors Ted Gauthier of Pontiac. He flies the brightly colored balloon that depicts a dear friend of Ted's on his motorcycle in the sky aptly called "Andy." Ted also maps out the direction and speeds of the wind current conditions prior to the Balloonmeister deciding on the tasks for each



Our 1986 Champion of the Challenge, Rick Meteyer, returns again to try and take yet another trophy home. He has brought "Mariah" to pilot this year. Richard hails from Davisburg and his balloon is a blue step pattern. Chem-Trend is his sponsor.



Dawn Gauthier, a member of the famous "Flying Gauthiers," is quickly taking her place in the rankings. She even placed in one of the flight contests last year. Dawn pilots "Daydream," a pretty black balloon with a horizontal striped bar of vibrant colors. Dawn is sponsored for her third Challenge by Kensington Inn.



David Mohr, who comes from Three Rivers, is piloting "Rainbow Twist" a bright multicolored chevron-patterned balloon. Cider Mill Crossings sponsors his attempt this year.



In honor of the Challenge's good friend and long time competitor Butch Sherwood, Al Smith of Grass Lake flies "Northern Lights H." The balloon is sponsored by Auto One.



Larry and Sandy Sweerin from Portage fly "Second Child," a beautiful blue and pink balloon sponsored by Spartan Tire.

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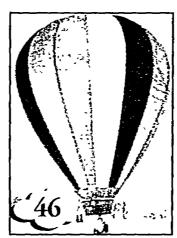
Bill Baker makes his inaugural flight at the Challenge. He hails from Tyler, Texas. His balloon. called "Check Six," is a mix of color soaring in the sky. Bill's flights are sponsored by Your Peace of Mind.



Ron Terranova, from Hamilton Ohio, has flown in the Challenge a number of times. He is sponsored by Harris Water Massage. The balloon he flies is a mosaic of colors from teal to chartreuse, plum and strawberry, and is called "Adam's Nirvana"



Tom Bergeon from Mason again pilots "Mighty Max." This commercial entry is sponsored by RE/MAX. Tom has been seen flying all over the countryside and can also be seen flying in a national commercial.



Chuck Polonowski is from Rockford and will be piloting a balloon called "Angel's Landing." The balloon has vertical gores of light blue, dark blue, yellow and red, making a splash against the sky. Delcor Homes is his sponsor.



Courtyard By Marriott sponsors our 2001 Champion of the Michigan Challenge Paul Quandee who is from Elkhart, Indiana. "Sunrize" is sure to be a great hit! He has also brought a new balloon for the glow called "Cherry Bomb."



Back again is Dan O'Brien sponsored by Belle Tire. He flies a beautiful balloon called "Sunburst." Dan lives right next to Livingston County in White Lake, and can be seen flying the skies all the time.



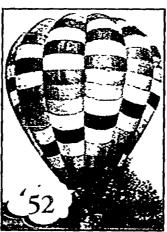
Jim Neil from Riverwood, Ill., is back for another crack at the Challenge. His balloon is called "Stellar" and is blue with yellow stars. Primerica is sponsoring Jim.



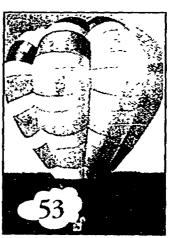
Another pilot who just could not avoid the thrills of the Challenge again is Roy Smith from Knoxville, Tennessee. He will fly a neat balloon with horizontal stripes called "Squirrel Hunter." Roy is sponsored by Aria Booksellers.



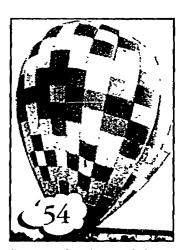
Best Western of Howell will again sponsor Dennis Belger of Richmond. Dennis has flown in most of the Challenges, and will be flying "Betsy" a red, white and blue entry.



Masters Home Improvement sponsors Harry Goertz who technically will be making his maiden voyage as a pilot in the Challenge even though he has been here for years as crew. Harry will be piloting "Giddy-Up" and has galloped in from Elkhorn, Indiana.

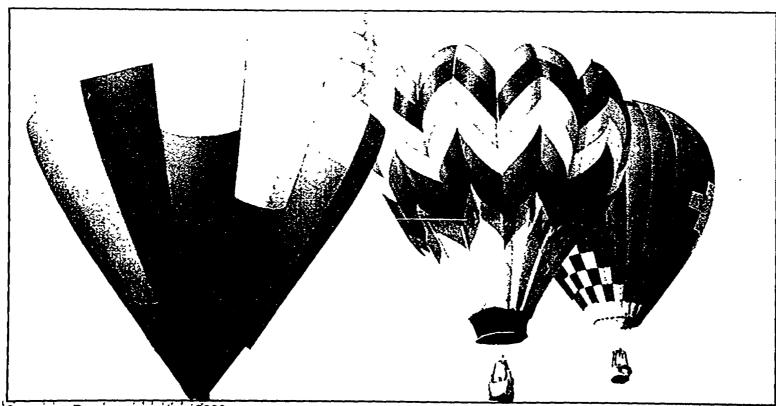


David Seekell is from Jackson. His balloon, "Wind Dancer II" is a multi-colored spiral with white horizontal bands. David's wife Tina acts as his crew chief when he is flying. They are sponsored by AmeriTrust.



Returning from Wisconsin is David Lowe flying "Mosaic Magic." This bright, multicolored balloon with pretty colors has lots of checkers of red. Look close for the traditional balloon man holding his goods for sale on the balloon.

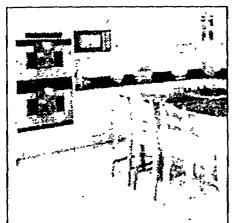
American Landline sponsors David's return trip to the Challenge.





One of the greatest crowd pleasers is back this year. "Mr. Bear." a larger than life flying polar bear, will probably take on the entire field! Jim Schiller is the bear's pilot.

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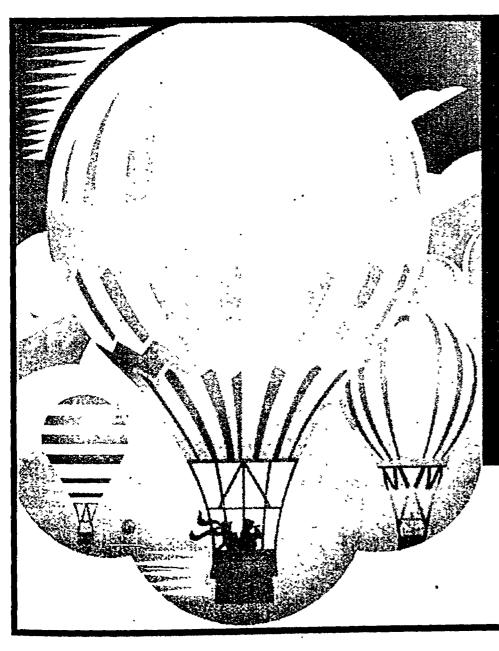
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Windjammers fly dancing kites

Balloons aren't the only things that fly from the ground at the Michigan Challenge.

The Windjammers Stunt Kite Team returns to balloonfest this year with another star-spangled, patriotic stunt kite spectacular.

It is the 14th year the Windjammers have been a featured attraction at the Michigan Challenge — every year sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of MI.

In what could be described as dancing kites, the team performs on Saturday and Sunday with a routine set to the music of patriotic favorites to Motown and show tuges.

The highlight of their performance is a stirring rendition of "America The Beautiful" with spectacular red, white and blue kites.

And if the winds are right, the Windjammers will fly 78 kites at once, in six spectacular kite trains.

Ever fly a kite? At the Michigan Challenge, spectators have a chance to learn basic maneuvers, join the Windjammers on the field and send a stunt kite flying.

The Windjammers' kites are controlled with two or four lines, allowing them to be steered and choreographed. Even in light winds, the graphite kites fly. Visitors will see kite formations and controlled power dives.

In Memory ...

Aaron Harris, one of the founding members of the

Windjammers, passed away in December due to complications from cancer. He will always be remembered by the thousands of friends and fans he had at the Michigan Challenge.



Aaron Harris

As one of his teammates states on the Windjammers Web site, "Whenever we look to the sky to watch a kite dance in a breeze, we will remember Aaron and the joy he brought to us."

Members of the Windjammers are Gary Maynard, Nate Williams, James Kinsey, George Wright III, and Mike Carlisle. They've been flying stunt kites together for years.

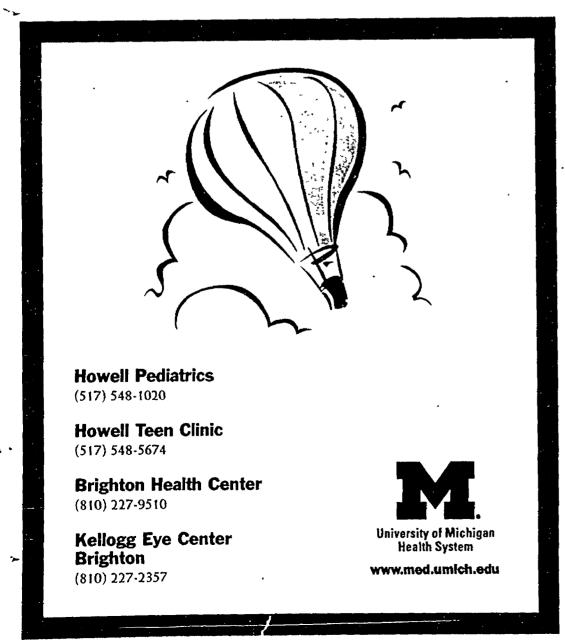
For more information on the Windjammers and the sport of stunt kiting, visit www.windjammerskiteteam.com.



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Jim and Sue Hund of Howell and Jennifer Rosser of Webberville watch the Windjammers Stunt Kite Team during the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest. The Windjammers are returning for the 14th year at the event. They are sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of MI.





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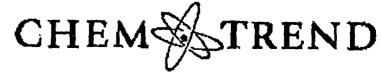
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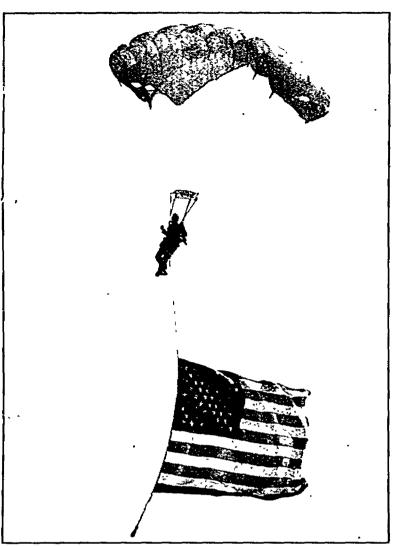


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Ron Langenderfer of Paul McCowan Airshows is one of three parachutists opening the balloonfest festivities by bringing in Old Glory.

Jumping into balloonfest

Comcast Skydivers perform thrilling aerial maneuvers during the weekend

The Comcast Skydivers, presented by Paul McCowan Airshows, will drop in for their second year at the Michigan Challenge.

In fact, the Comcast Skydivers have become part of balloonfest's opening day tradition.

Performances start at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 27, accompanied by the singing of the national anthem.

Other spectacular jumps are scheduled throughout the weekend including the spectacular Skydiving Night Show on Saturday evening during the Balloon Glow.

During their day shows, the three-person team will perform several thrilling aerial maneuvers in freefalls and under canopy, using a huge American flag, canopy stacking, freefall formations and other unique acts.

The American flag jump will be part of the evening ceremonies each

"We always encourage people to come up and say 'hi.'"

> -Paul McCowan Comcast Skydrvers' team leader

day of the balloonfest at 5 p.m.

The gigantic flag is escorted by two jumpers patriotically displaying red and blue pyrotechnic

During the night show, the team will exit their aircraft a mile above

designed special effects pyrotechnics strapped to their bodies.

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Multiple system control modules electronically launch rockets, blazing comets, Roman candles, shooting stars and loud reports across the night sky.

Brilliant strobes illuminate the canopies as the jumpers execute their final approach for landing.

And 'when they're not jumping, the team members love to meet spectators, especially children.

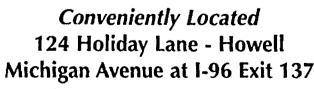
"We always encourage people to me up and say 'hi," said Paul come up and say 'hi,' McCowan, team leader.

In fact, the team may be found at the nearby Comcast tent, meeting kids and families and signing auto-



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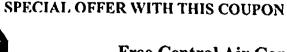
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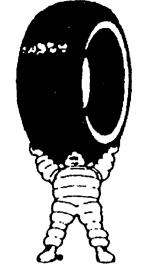


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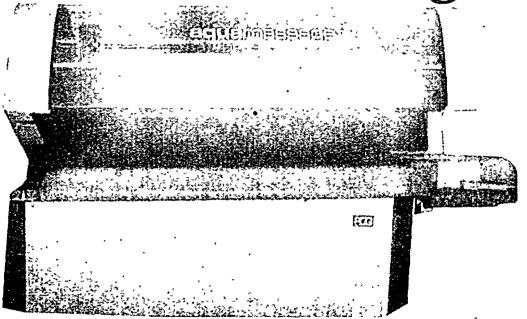
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Brush up on these

How tall is a hot-air balloon? What's an envelope? When do balloons fly?

Brush up on your balloon knowledge with these facts about ballooning.

Balloon baskets are made of wicker, not just to be picturesque, but because wicker is light in weight, strong and is a good shock absorber in the event of a hard landing.

Why do pilots traditionally toast with champagne at a flight's end? When the first balloon took flight in France in the late 18th century, it terrified the country folks, who thought the strange craft was some kind of monster. After the first few unhappy incidents with landowners, the pilots began carrying champagne — a French staple — as a sign of friendship and appeasement for the landowners and farmers.

A balloon crew is typically two to four people excluding any passengers—one pilot and one to three ground crew depending on conditions at the time of launch and/or pilot preference. Crew are essential for a safe launch, and the recovery of the balloon after landing.

The most popular hot air balloons are about seven stories tall and 55 feet wide, with an average of 1,800 square yards of nylon fabric, three miles of thread and ½ mile of reinforced nylon webbing or load tape. It weighs about 350 pounds, not inflated. When fully inflated, a balloon will weigh about 2 tons. Of course, increase these numbers substantially for the huge special shape batloons.

Propane is used to fuel the burners that provide heat or lift for the balloons. Most balloons carry up to 40 gallons of liquid propane in three to four propane cylinders.



Modern balloon burners generate in excess of 20 million BTUs per hour.

With 40 gallons of propane on board, balloons can fly for about two hours. Most flights, however, last between an hour to an hour and a half, depending on the wind conditions and the ambient temperature outside.





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ballooning facts

The average stand-shaped balloon costs somewhere in the area of \$20,000 to \$30,000 brand new. Special shape balloons can cost well over \$100,000.

Balloons are registered aircraft. Pilots must be licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration, very much like airplane pilots. You must be 16 years old to be a pilot, either fixed wing or balloon.

The multi-colored balloon part of a hot-air balloon is technically called the envelope and is made of rip-stop nylon or dacron.

> Balloons hold between 30,000 and 800,000 cubic feet of air, depending on the size. Most standard balloons hold about 77,000 cubic feet.

Who's got the right of way, airplanes or balloons? With both craft converging on the same area, the balloon has the right of way, similar to power boats that give right of way to sail boats.

You can't steer a balloon, but pilots make directional changes by going to different altitudes where the wind may be shifting to the direction they need to reach a target or a landing

Balloons often fly over water. Sometimes, a pilot will do what's called a Splash and Dash when the balloon descends to touch down on the surface of the water and take off again.

What's that rope hanging from the top of the balloon? It's used to hold the balloon down during inflation and pull the balloon down after the final landing.

Each pilot has several instruments on board. There is an altimeter to register how high the balloon is and a variometer to indicate whether the craft is going up or down. The pilot also has a temperature gauge to tell how hot the air is inside the balloon at the very top where the lift is. Of course, the propane tanks have fuel gauges.

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Brian Prokuda enjoys flying Sunrise. This year, Sunrise is balloon No. 2 and is sponsored by **Howell Soft** Cloth.



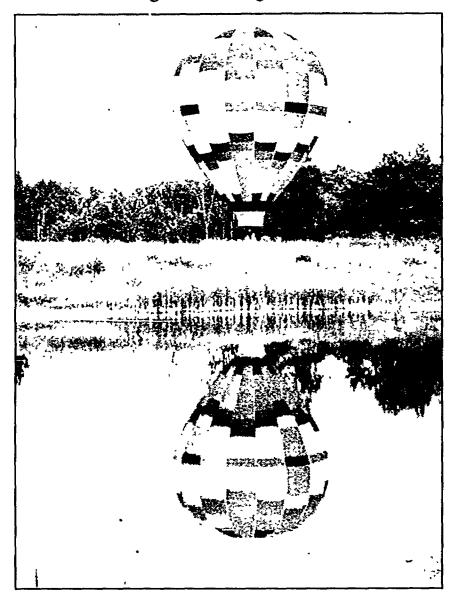


Why do hot air balloons only fly in the morning and the evening?

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For safety reasons, balloons typically fly in wind no more than 12 mph. That's why you'll see balloons flying only in the early morning just after sunrise and about two hours before sunset in the evening. And that's why, even though it might be a beautiful evening without a cloud in the sky, the flight might be canceled because the winds are too strong.

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National City sponsors balloonfest for 13th year

National City and the Michigan Challenge
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The Michigan Challenge
Balloonfest, scheduled for June
27-29, 2003, is a three-day
event that features the state
championship of hot air ballooning, sky diving, stunt kite
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activities and a car show.

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We look forward to seeing you at the balloonfest!

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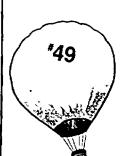
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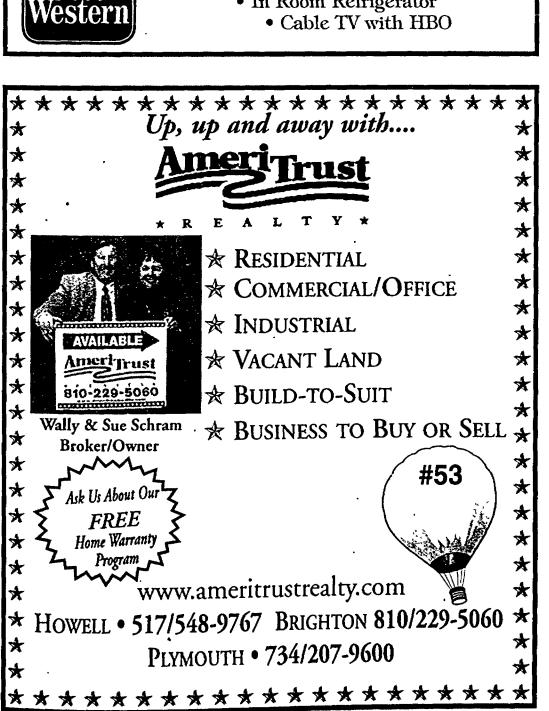
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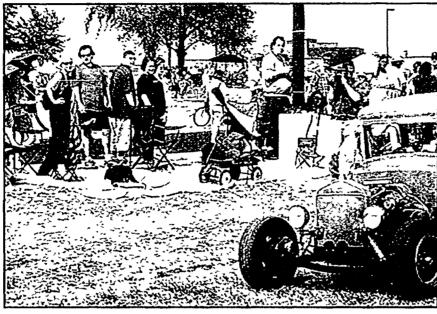
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Coordinated by the Livingston A's Region of the Model A Restorers Club, the show will feature classic beauties, souped up street rods and custom trucks.

The show is held north of the balloon launch field, next to the Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent.

Cars will be on display on Saturday and Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. At approximately 4:30 p.m. each day, the cars will parade around the launch field.

The first 100 car owners who bring their vehicles to the show before 1 p.m. and stay for the car parade will receive a beautiful brass dash plaque featuring this year's Michigan Challenge commemorative pin.



The parade of antique and custom cars around the launch field begins at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, giving visitors an up-close-and-personal look at the fabulous rides.

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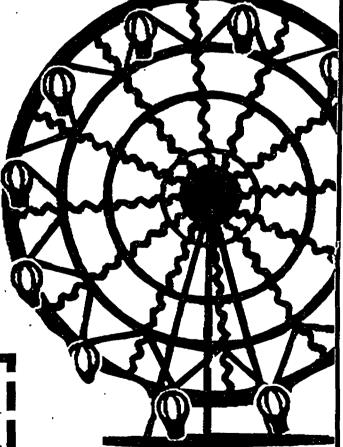
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This year's show and skate will be just north of the food vendor/carnival area, behind Highlander Way Middle School.

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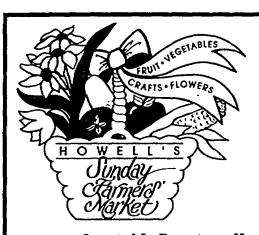
- ☐ Enjoy Michigan Challenge Skateboard Exhibition 1-3 p.m. Saturday.
- ☐ Watch members of the Daykare Skate Team and the Lighthouse Skate Team perform.
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skateboard and helmet to the exhibition area from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and all day Sunday.



Drew Heughens, one of the skate board demonstrators from the Daykare Skate Team, performs during the balloonfest.

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Each Sunday from May through October is the Howell Farmer's Market, featuring fresh produce, plants, crafts, entertainment and more. In August, visitors can pick up Howell Melons from Frank Wilczewski and other vendors.

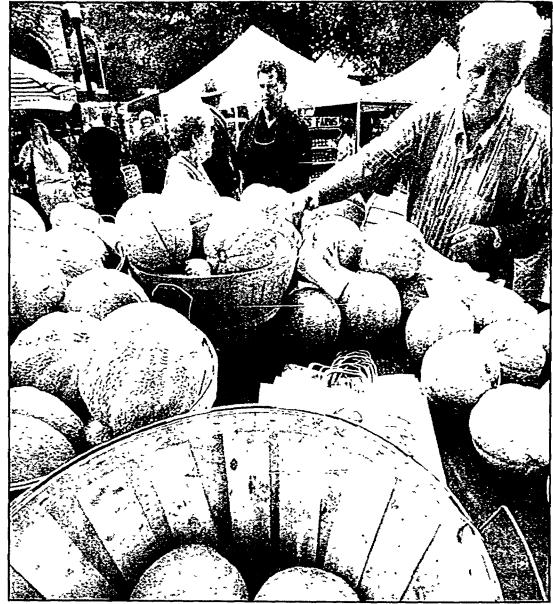


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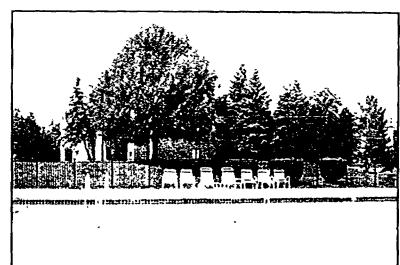
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Serena's story inspires balloonfest visitors

It took a balloon ride to make her children and adults with special needs.

Serena Waldman, 20, was born with severe brain damage and cerebral palsy. She rarely showed any emotion and never said a word.

"One day I took her up in a hot air balloon. Far below, people shrank into specks. Serena suddenly laughed and yelled in delight," said Gary Waldman, Serena's dad.

"By the time we touched down I knew what I had to do," said Waldman, of Cushing, Iowa.

With balloon pilot Phil Gray, he built the nation's first hot-air balloon for disabled people, with straps to secure wheelchairs and a unique door on the side of the basket.

"We built Serena's Song to take Serena's friends on short rides, but it has become a much bigger project," said Waldman.

In fact, more than 10,000 children have been given a ride in Serena's Song. This special hot air balloon returns to the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest on June 27, 28 and 29, to give free tethered balloon rides to

The balloon is a vivid blue with a huge wheelchair accessible symbol on the envelope. Access to the balloon is by a unique 48-inch door in the side of the balloon basket.

This special opportunity is made possible by the sponsorship team of Health Care Innovations and Wal-Mart Stores.

Serena's Song first came to the Michigan Challenge in 1994. Since then, hundreds of guests with disabilities have enjoyed a tethered balloon ride. These special guests have seen the world from a perspective they never thought possible, in an airship previously unattainable to them.

If the weather cooperates with light winds (under 10 m.p.h.), Serena's Song will carry its special passengers up to 100 feet above the balloonfest grounds during launch times Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening and Saturday and Sunday morning. A special tip to handicapped guests: the morning launch times on Saturday and Sunday (between 6-8 a.m.) are less busy and the lines are much shorter at

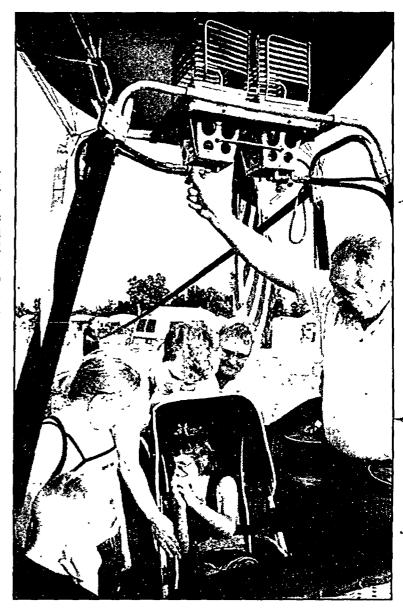
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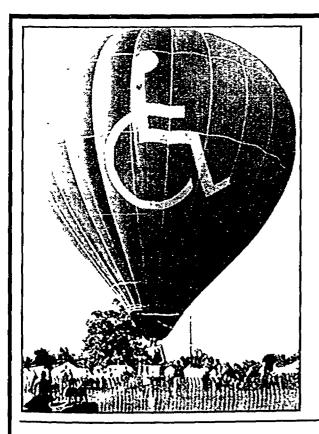
Serena's Song is located just adjacent to the main launch field, just west of the Arts Festival.

Guests at the Michigan Challenge will find handicapped parking at all three entrances. The Grand River and M-59 entrances are the two most convenient to Serena's Song. Guests who have handicapped identification on their vehicle should ask to be directed to the handicapped parking areas.

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Jessica Dail (seated, center) couldn't wait to get her chance to go airborne on Serena's Song, joined by siblings Michael and Marissa, and mom Cindi. The balloon lifts people confined to wheelchairs or with disabilities, while still tethered to the ground to keep their flight safe and controlled.





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weekend? It's easy to find your way to balloonfest and the city of Howell.

Howell is located midway between Lansing and Detroit on I-96 and at the western end of M-59. The Michigan Challenge takes place at the Howell High School complex, 1200 W. Grand River Avenue, with entrances on West Grand River Avenue, M-59 and Highlander Way.

The best route to the balloonfest from I-96 is Exit No. 133 — the M-59 exit. Take M-59 east for a few miles — there are several balloonfest entrances on your right. Follow the balloonfest signs.

M-59 travelers going west can take the highway into Howell to the entrances on

Coming from the north? Take I-75 to U.S. 23 south to M-59. Follow M-59 west about 12 miles to the balloonfest entrance.

During your visit to Howell, don't miss

Mapping out your Michigan Challenge live entertainment, special events, great shopping and restaurants in the downtown central business district. Downtown Howell is about one mile east of the balloonfest grounds on Grand River Avenue. It's a pleasant walk from the main grounds past gracious Victorian homes. Or you can drive - balloonfest parking passes allow you to re-enter the grounds as often as you wish on the day indicated on the pass. Weekend parking passes are available at a discounted rate, and allow you access to balloonfest grounds Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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BALLOONFEST PARKING

Plenty of parking available at the balloonfest.

☐ Parking can be accessed from West Grand River Avenue, M-59 or Highlander Way.

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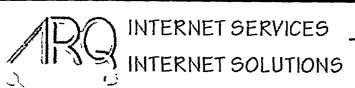
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Literally hundreds of volunteers from these groups will work the grills all weekend to keep the crowds satisfied.

At the west side of the launch field are the commercial food vendors.

Guests will enjoy a mouth-watering assortment of culinary delights including traditional fair food, such as cotton candy, popcorn, corn dogs and pizza, ethnic food, barbecue, apple strudel, fruit shakes, pitas and baked potatoes.

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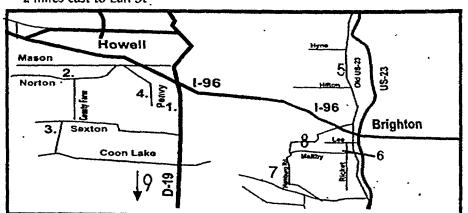
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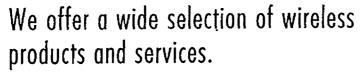
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Year after year, those who volunteer on the Michigan Challenge Committee put forth the commitment and enthusiasm that makes this event one of the best in the state.

Words can't adequately describe their dedication and the work that goes into staging the three-day balloonfest.

The Michigan Challenge is a year-long process and work actually begins on the event soon after the last balloon lands each year. It's a 12-month effort and labor of love. The committee is constantly planning, improving and designing new features for the thousands of guests who attend each year.

The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest has a core committee of individuals who chair different areas. In addition, more than 700 volunteers work all weekend long to make the event a success.

The Michigan Challenge committee is chaired by Lt. Barry Rutter of the City of Howell Police Department. This is his second year as chairman. He has served for many years on the committee, coordinating both safety and carnival activities

Don Cortez, owner of First Impression Printing & Graphics and Steve Barlow, are co-chairs of the parking committee. They are responsible for the enormous job of directing parking for the thousands of cars that visit the Challenge.

Cathy Blight chairs the Arts Festival. Cathy owns Creative House, a graphics design firm in Howell.

She is assisted by Gayle Down of Howell Public Schools and Karen Murdock of Livingston Diversified Services. The Arts Festival is one of the largest attractions at the Michigan Challenge.

Sandie Cortez, who owns First Impression Printing with her husband Don, is in charge of all signage for the event. She also serves as a parking gate captain.

Ron Ernst of Special Edition, a skateboard shop in Brighton, chairs the skateboard exhibition. This is his fourth year on the committee

Dianne Hardy is Livingston County Treasurer. She serves as hospitality chairperson for the Michigan Challenge, seeing that the pilots are well fed and that the VIP room is stocked with refreshments. She also coordinates a number of parties and special events before and during the balloonfest weekend.

Sgt. Becky Harwood of the City of Howell Police Department acts as liaison between the city and the chamber, coordinates safety and security at the balloonfest site and is in charge of carnival activities.

Joe Heslip of Heslip Audio coordinates sound at the balloonfest site. He is assisted by Mary Nadeau, who provides sound in the Arts Festival and downtown.

Reed Kittredge, operations manager of WHMI 93.5 radio, is the entertainment co-

chairman. Reed coordinates entertainment at both the Arts Festival and Vendor areas.

He is assisted by Steve Henrie, director of development, Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital. It is Steve's first year on the committee.

Victor Lopez, owner of Active Bookkeeping Service, keeps the books for the balloonfest, as head of the finance committee.

Martha McKenzie of the Howell Carnegie District Library coordinates site activities, souvenirs and the information booths at the Michigan Challenge.

Jerry McKenzie, Martha's husband and a long-time volunteer at balloonfest, supervises sanitation and clean-up of the site before, during and after the big balloonfest weekend. Jerry works for P&J Associates.

Sue Tucker, a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, chairs the Medieval Village.

Pam Rietsch is pilot liaison for the event. She runs the Livingston County Genealogical & Historical Web site. Pam has worked on the committee since its first year and is assisted by Ray and Gabi Bresett.

Dick Rudlaff is the event's competition director and first had the idea of holding the state championship of hot air ballooning in Howell. A nationally-known pilot, he will also compete in the Challenge.

Jerry Smith chairs the Antique and Custom Car Show. Jerry is a project engineer for May & Scofield and is very active in the Livingston A's Region Model A Restorers Club. He is assisted by Gary Morris.

Paul Streng, former mayor of the city of Howell and an instructor at Michigan State University, will coordinate all landowner relations for the event.

Assisted by pilot Jerry Stephan, Paul will help map out safe landing and take off spots for the pilots in the area.

Gary Sumeracki of P&J Associates is vendor chairperson. He coordinates both food and non-food concessionaires on the balloonfest grounds. He is assisted by Mike Nadeau.

Sue Dolato chairs the balloonfest downtown committee. She has served on the committee for many years and this is her first year as chair. Sue is assisted by city of Howell Mayor Geri Moen; Rick Dolato; Jackie Mullaney, owner of Livingston Business Forms; Sandy Nadeau; Rob and Sarah Scranton; and Barb Smith, of Howell's Downtown Development Authority.

Don Watson, retired from Howell Public Schools, is in charge of the balloonfest site. He makes sure everything is in place for the big weekend. Don is assisted by Doug Hawes of WYM Consulting Services.

The balloonfest would not be possible without the cooperation of the Howell Public Schools. Mike Peterson of the schools provides outstanding support to the balloonfest and the committee as school liaison.



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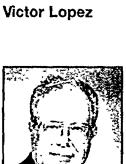
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Whether you enjoy the Arts Festival, the Wade Shows Carnival, the Antique and Custom Car Show, the food, the entertainment or just the balloons, the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest offers plenty of fun for the entire family. Bring a blanket or some lawn chairs and spend the weekend at the balloonfest.

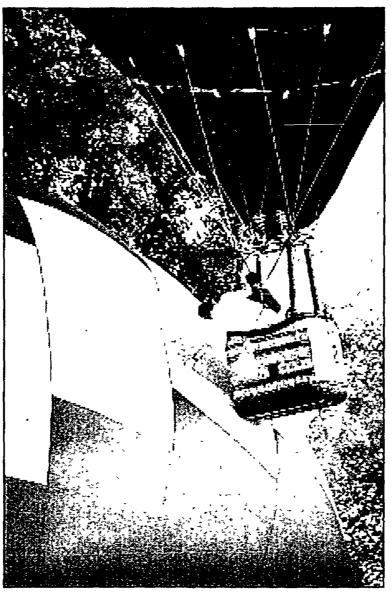
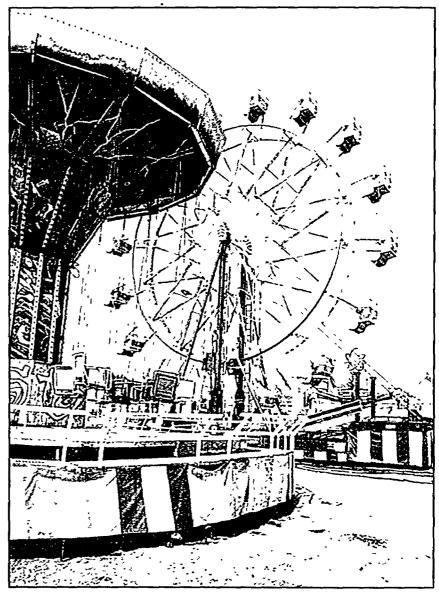
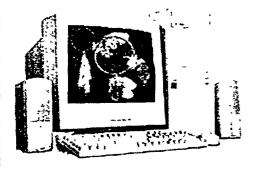


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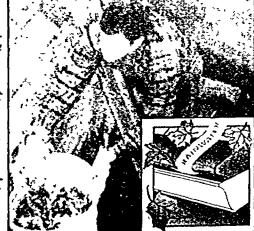
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Thursday, June 26
2-11 p.m. Wade Show Carnival
Special "Pay One Price." Free parking!

More than 200 artists will display and sell art.
5 p.m. _____Comcast Skydivers
Presented by Paul McCowan Airshows.

6-8 p.m.* _____Mass Balloon Launch Hot air balloons launch in a spectacular display.

Handicap Balloon Rides

Free tethered rides in Serena's Song for our guests who use wheelchairs. Sponsored by Health Care Innovations and Wal-Mart.

7-11 p.m. Twilight Sale Have a great time shopping for bargains in historic downtown Howell while enjoying music, street entertainers and more!

Saturday, June 28

6-8 a.m.* Balloon Fly-in Watch as the hot-air balloons compete at the balloonfest site.

Handicap Balloon rides

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8 a.m. to 9 p.m. "AARP The Magazine Road Show" Participate in many activities including health screenings, massages, product samples, contests and seminars.

9 a.m.* _____Comcast Skydivers

Presented by Paul McCowan Airshows.

9 a.m. to noon _____Scribble the Sidewalk Sponsored by the Howell Area Arts Council. Kids get their own sidewalk square and chalk to create a masterpiece. Plus, professional chalk artist will demonstrate. By the courthouse downtown.

10 a.m. to close _____Arts Festival More than 200 artists will display and sell art.

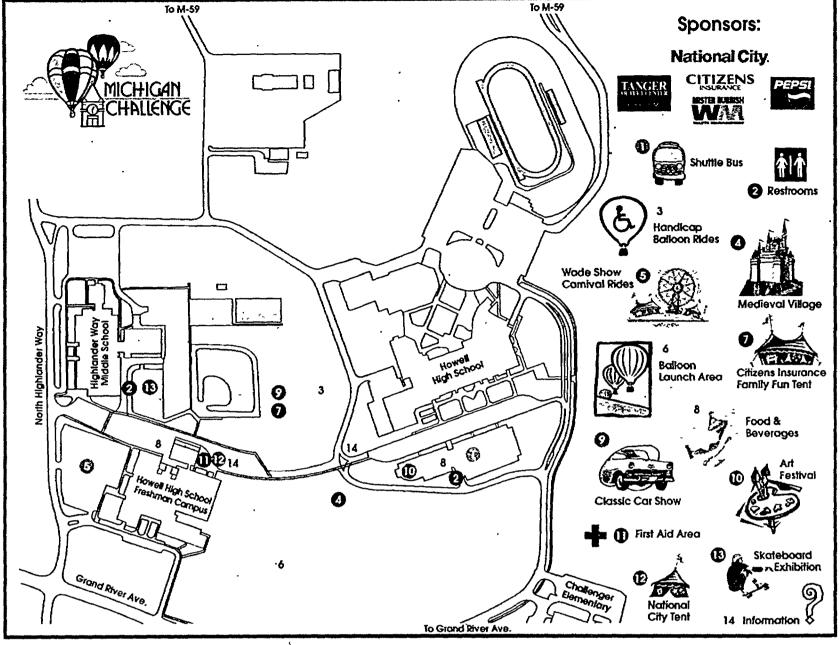
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Downtown Howell Entertainment Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kid's Day. Pet Parade, dog show, kids crafts and activities, music, demonstrations, photo clinic, carriage rides, and more. On the Courthouse laws.

10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wade Show Carnival 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Go Fly a Kite! Open stant kiting and demonstrations

11 a.m. to close Antique and Custom Car Show 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Skate Board Exhibition Sponsored by Special Editions Skate Board Shop and Livingston County Optimist Clubs

11 a.m. Rock-N-Roll K-9 Show Watch as dogs of all sizes race through courses, compete in the high jump and non relay races. Sponsored by Meijer.

Noon to 6 p.m.Entertainment at Arts Festival Music, comedy and entertainment, all sponsored by



Noon to 5 p.m. ... Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent Fun for the entire family! Games, arts and crafts activities, face painting and more — all free!

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2-8 p.m. Entertainment at the Vendor Area

Music, comedy and entertainment, including Flying

Aces Pro Frisbee performance and juggler

Jonathan Park, all sponsored by Krug Ford.

2:30 p.m.* — Windjammers Stunt Kite

Performance Sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of MI.

3:30 p.m. Rock-N-Roll K-9 Show Watch as dogs of all sizes race through courses, compete in the high jump and run relay races. Sponsored by Meijer.

6-8 p.m.* Mass Balloon Launch Hot air balloons launch in a spectacular display. Handicap Balloon Rides

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Dusk ______The Jump Cats
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Sunday, June 29
6-8 a.m.*

Balloon Fly-in
Watch as the hot-air balloons compete at the balloonfest site

Handicap Balloon rides

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6-11 a.m....Rotary Pancake Breakfast In the high school cafeteria

8 a.m. to 9 p.m. "AARP The Magazine Road Show" Participate in many activities including health screenings, massages, product samples, contests and seminars.

9 a.m. to close _____Medieval Village Travel back in time and experience medieval life. Enjoy the competition of knights in armor, authentic craft demonstrations, dance, entertainment, music and more.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Farmers' Market Downtown Howell adjacent to Courthouse.

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11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wade Show Carnival Special "Pay One Price" — ride all you want from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

11 a.m. Rock-N-Roll K-9 Show Watch as dogs of all sizes race through courses, compete in the high jump and not relay races.

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11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ______Downtown Howell Entertainment Schafer's House of Music — Music Day. Bands, singing and dancing, carriage rides, arts and more. On the courthouse lawn.

Noon* Comcast Skydivers
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Noon to 5 p.m. ...Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent Fun for the entire family! Games, arts and crafts activities, face painting and more — all free! 2-8 p.m.......Entertainment at the Vendor Area Music, comedy and entertainment, including Flying Aces Pro Frisbee performance and juggler Jonathan Park, all sponsored by Knug Ford.

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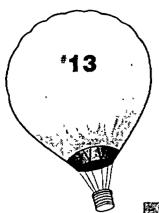
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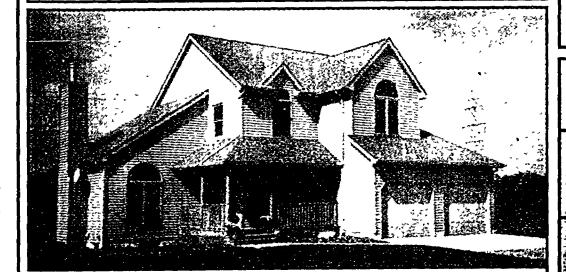
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- Thousands of sq. ft. of showroom space Chelsea Lumber is Small Town Friendly and Big City Capable



Seated I to r: Shelley Wheaton, CeCe Riley, Jean Bust. Standing I to r: Neal Moor, Doug Beaumont, Joe Ewald, John Daniels, Kevin Kunzelman, John Robbins.

When you visit us, we'll assign you to your own Home Construction Financing Professional, one of nine people who work exclusively in our Construction Financing Department. They have the expertise to explain the financing details and to help you with your construction from start to finish.

There is one person who is directly responsible for answering all your questions. You won't be shuffled from one person to another. You'll get as much or as little help as you want...just stop in or call toll free 1-800-875-9126 or 475-9126 locally.

Come meet our friendly and knowledgeable people who are dedicated to helping you build your dream home!
We feature energy efficient Andersen® products.

Why consider a Home Construction Financing Plan?

- Compare our interest rate. Banks provide the dollars for a final mortgage, but not during construction. WE DO BOTH!
- You will save money by being your own general contractor and, if you choose, by providing some of the labor yourself, or by using your relatives' and friends' help. And remember, we're there to help guide you.
- You don't have to wait, why not start your home now? Nothing will make you prouder than building the home of your dreams.

Why select Chelsea Lumber Company's Home Construction Financing Plan?

- **EXPERIENCE!** Our Financing Plan is the **original**. All others have tried to copy ours! For more than 36 years, we've been financing newhome construction, making it possible for over 4,000 homes to be built in a 17-county area. We've helped more people and financed more homes than all the others put together.
- WE MAKE IT SIMPLE. When you talk with Chelsea Lumber, the whole process shifts from complicated to doable. All the estimating, qualifying and arranging for any outside contracting is done with the help of your personal Home Construction Financing Professional.
- WE PROVIDE FINANCING. Cash to build your home is provided by Chelsea Lumber Company, and no payments are due until your home is completed. We are your one-stop source for money and materials (You don't have to buy the materials from us).
 FOR SEVENTY-SIX YEARS, Chelsea Lumber has been selling top-quality building materials at low prices. As a Home Construction Finance
- customer, you will get our lowest cash 'n carry prices (not even the boss buys for less). Compare our material prices with any other dealer.

 WE NOW OFFER A DESIGN LIBRARY LOUNGE WITH 40 PRE-PRICED HOME DESIGNS PLUS HUNDREDS OF OTHERS TO SELECT FROM.
- WE ALSO HAVE DESIGN CONSULTANTS TO MODIFY A CURRENT DESIGN OR TO DESIGN TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS.

How important is this decision?

• Building your home is the most important financial decision you'll ever make - it's that important! Join the hundreds of Michigan families who choose Chelsea Lumber's Home Construction Financing Plan each year. Come learn the facts...see our facilities...meet our people at our FREE CLINIC Tuesday, June 24th at 7:00 PM, and then make an informed choice about this most important decision.

Chelsea Lumber has been the leader in Construction Financing Plans for 36 years. We now offer the most complete package available. Whether you are building a new home or want to re-mortgage your present one, we have services and rates that rival anyone...lumber companies or banks. The difference is, we know construction and financing like no one else. Our experience works for you.

Call us toll free now for an appointment at 1-800-875-9126.



kitchen G bath design center

New Home or Remodeling . . . start with us.

The Kitchen & Bath design center at Chelsea Lumber Company is sure to have all the right ingredients – from concept to completion and all the steps in-between. We can even wrap up your dream by the end of summer if you shop early! We've become one of the largest kitchen centers in Michigan and can offer you the finest cabinetry, countertops and fixtures.

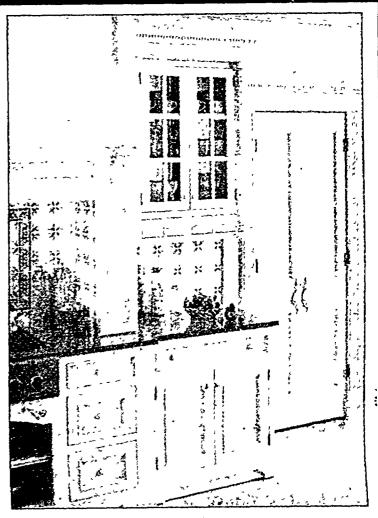
We are truly a kitchen and bath specialty house.

- 11 Experienced, creative staff.
- All of the best name brands.
- Over 3,000 sq. ft. showroom.
- Over 30 exciting and diverse displays
- Computerized, 3-dimensional designs
- Complete service from start to finish, including installation
- Learn more about our design staff and many of the quality products at www.chelsealumber.com

Service, Design Quality

Our goal is to bring your thoughts and ideas for your kitchen and/or bath areas to fruition, so every detail of the project is addressed from faucets to crown moldings. We'll help you select the right cabinetry and counter tops; we'll present fixtures and accessory choices that accent the space; and, we'll work with you in coordinating other material selections.

Whether you're expanding, remodeling or building new, you will find exciting ideas and products at the Chelsea Lumber Company design center.



We can now supply interior doors to match the colors of cabinetry.

JUNE 24th CLINIC

Please come to our free clinic on June 24th at 7:00pm. Rick Tarantowski, CKD (Certified Kitchen Designer) will be talking about all the different products available for todays kitchens. Chelsea Lumber designers will also be available before and after the presentation to work with you on your individual projects and to answer any additional questions you may have.



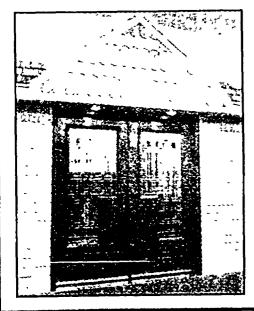








WINDOWS DOORS ENTRANCES STAIR PARTS MOULDINGS



Chelsea has added 3,500 sq. ft., displaying the world's leading manufacturers of windows and doors. You really should come and check us out!

FREE ANDERSEN CLINIC Tues., June 24th at 7 pm

WINDOWS

Anderson Norco Marvin

• STAIR PARTS L.J. Smith

MOULDINGS Primed White Pine Oak

• EXTERIOR DOORS

Door Craft (Steel)

INTERIOR DOORS

Woodharbor
Craftmaster
Oak and Birch Flush
Elite Molded Colonial

• ENTRANCES

International Wood Products

DOUGLAS FIR SANDED PLYWOOD GOOD 1-SIDE WITH EXTERIOR GLUE	SHEATHING GRADE PLYWOOD EXTERIOR GLUE
	3/8" (11/32) \$ 9.79
3/8" \$1 8.49 3/4" \$2 8.59	1/2" (15/32) \$10.89
DOUGLAS FIR SANDED PLYWOOD GOOD 2-SIDE WITH EXTERIOR GLUE	5/8" (19/32) \$ 14.29
1/2" \$31.98 3/4" \$38.98	3/4" (23/32) \$17.19

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PRESSURE

SHEATHING GRADE 3/4" \$20.98

PLUS ORIENTED STRAND BOARDS

(the latest in multi purpose construction; panels)

1/2" CDX ROOFING/SHEATHING

TONGUE & GROOVE SINGLE APPLICATION **FLOORING**

3/4" STURDI-FLOOR PINE 3/4" HIGH DENSITY ORIENTED STRAND BD.

3/4" ORIENTED STRAND BOARD

\$18.98 \$13.29

ORIENTED **STRAND BOARD**

7/16"

1/2" \$9.49 GREAT NEW MULTI-PURPOSE 4x8 PANELS

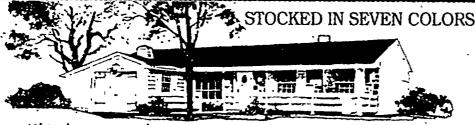
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HARDWOOD PLYWOODS

5.2mm OAK 5.2mm BIRCH \$19.49 \$19.95

3/4" OAK \$57.95 \$59.95

Premium Rooting



(Shingles are priced per square — one square covers 100 sq. ft.)

berglass Asphalt Shingles

25 YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY



RîdgeMaster 4' SECTION TOTAL VENTILATION **RIDGE VENT PROTECTION**

Plus shingle-over beauty Black

Heavyweight **Architectural** Shingle

Weathered Wood, Sable Wood, Bark Wood

40-year

High Definition

30-year **Raised Profile**

		4x8	4x9	4x10	4x8
Douglas Fir Plywood Panels	Croose Coosing	\$27.39	\$36.49	\$42.49	
	R B & B 12" Channel Spacing	\$30.98	\$40.69	\$45.39	SMARTP
SMARTPANEL® OSB Primed Panels 7/16" Thickness	TI-11 4" and 8" Groove Spacing	\$22.98	\$26.98	\$30.98	Plain Pa 3/8" Thick \$16

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By Louisiana Pacific Economical! • Compare!

Dramatically Superior to all industry Standards • Strength, Durability, Workability 7/16" SIDINGS • 16' LENGTHS

6" - \$6.29

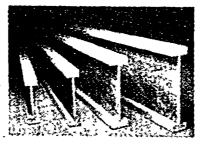
Jager Super I°

WE'VE SWITCHED! Why did

Chelsea Lumber switch to Jager Super I Joists?

- Provable better quality EVERY joint in EVERY joist is tested for strength!
- More builder-friendly 2½ inch nailing flange rather than 1½" flange makes nailing the subfloor easy.
- Mechanicals can be cut in to the floor system rather than suspended below it.
- Stronger will span further and reduce deflection, vibration and floor squeaks.

• Codes and standards - Meets the latest revisions of all applicable codes and standards. Jager Super I products are guaranteed to be free from defects in workmanship and materials and will carry the loads specified provided they are used under normal service conditions and in accordance with the instructions and



JAGER SUPER I JOIST SPAN CHART 40 P.S.F. LIVE LOAD & 10 P.S.F. DEAD LOAD GLUED, NAILED SUBFLOOR L-360 DEFLECTION O/C CDACINIC

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JAGER	(INCHES)	12"	16"	. 19.2"	24 ⁿ c
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20		12.89	15.49	17.98	120.69	23.98	26.98

PRE-HUNG COLONIAL INTERIOR DOORS

COLONIAL PANEL PRIMED

WITH FINGER **JOINTED JAMBS AND STOPS**

specifications as referenced in our literature.

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\$ 52.95	\$52,95	-
18" DOOR	20" DOOR	:

24" DOOR \$52.95

\$56.95

28" DOOR

\$56.95

30" DOOR

\$57.95

32" DOOŔ

\$59.95

36" DOOR

SHOWROOM HOURS: MON., TUES., WED., & FRI. 7:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M. THURS. 7:30 A.M.-8:30 P.M. SAT. 7:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

CHELSEA LUMBER IS-

SPECIALLY SELECTED **DECK-**GRADE CEDAR

cedar headquarters



—The finest cedar 2X4'S & 2X6'S in Michigan! We know lumber and this is it for quality - and for value. One more reason Chelsea Lumber keeps on growing.

Allies	, 8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	201
2x4	\$6.69	\$7.79	\$9.69	\$10.98	\$12.98		_
2x6	\$10.98	\$13.79	\$17.89	\$19.88	\$22.79	\$25.98	\$30.98
4x4	\$18.89	\$22.89	\$27.98	jegan.			
5/4x6	\$8.89	\$11.69	\$13.69	\$15.69	\$18.69	\$21.69	\$24.69

ROUGH-SAWED BOARDS KILN-DRIED CEDAR	2x2'S AND RAIL SPINDLES	CEDAR LATTICE PANELS DECORATIVE-FUNCTIONAL	CEDAR PANELING-SIDING
1X3 43° UN, FT. 1X4 39° UN, FT. 1X6 84° UN, FT.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	₹\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	1x6 V-EDGE CEDAR Rough sawed face, sound knots, smooth back 98 UN. FT.
1X8 \$1.19 UN. FT. 1X10 \$1.49 UN. FT. 1X12 \$1.85 UN. FT.	CLEAR PREMIUM CEDAR 2x2x8' \$4.98	\$20.95 \$30.95 REGULAR HEAVY DUTY	1x4 V-EDGE CEDAR Smooth-face, Ruff-back, clear \$1.09un. FT.

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This Siding Takes

Its Graining From

Real Wood Panels



ABTCO Trim Boards now available at Chelsea Lumber Company. TrimBoards have a true cedar profile carefully molded into one side and the reverse side is smooth. Since it's free from natural flaws and knots, there's no splitting or checking, which means there is no waste. And that saves you money. 10 year limited warranty; Reversible; Primed faces and edges. Available in 16' lengths only.

	Actual Size	Each
1 x 4 x 16'	3/4" × 3-1/2"	\$6.89
1 x 6 x 16'	3/4" × 5-1/2"	\$9.89
1 x 8 x 16'	3/4" × 7-1/4"	\$13.39
1 x 12 x 16'	3/4" × 11-1/4"	\$20.98
5/4 x 4 x 16'	1" x 3-1/2"	\$9.98
5/4×6×16'	1" x 5-1/2"	\$15.69

• Realistic Woodgrains • Won't Rot, Split, Crack or Burn

• 50-Year Limited Warranty

• Cuts, Nails & Paints Like Wood

 Unaffected By Insects or UV Rays Outlasts Wood

APPALACHIAN STYLE PRESSURE TREATED

10-ft. section with post

	3/4" x 11-1/4"	\$20.90
,	1" x 3-1/2"	\$9.98
,	1" x 5-1/2"	\$15.69
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		\$22.98
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3/4" CDX .		\$32.89
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	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
2x4	PRE-CUT *1.88 . RUL8* *1.98	\$2.39	\$2.84	\$3.3 9	\$3.98	*5.39	^{\$} 5.98
2x6	PRE-CUT *3.29 FULS: *3.29	\$3.98	⁸ 4.48	*5.28	\$6.49	*7.98	\$8.89
2x8	\$4.59	*5.59	*6,69	\$7.69	\$8.89°	\$11.98	^{\$} 13.39
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	AND —	NOW	IN STO	CK:
LVL	BEAMS	- 91/411	', 11¼",	14", 16"

SPLIT

PER	1%"x9%"	·}		1	%"x14"	1¾"x16"
LINEAL FOOT	\$3.25			\$	5.15	^{\$} 5.75
	22'	1	24'			SPF
2x6	⁸ 12.69	2x6 *14.98		EXTRA-LONGS		
2x8	⁸ 18.39	2x8	⁵ 19.	95		26'
2x10	\$22.98	2x10	^{\$} 25.	19	2x10	\$32.89
2x12	⁸ 27.59	2x12	⁸ 29.	89	2x12	\$39.98

Chelsea Lumber is known for great personal service by exceptionally talented and experienced people, and our prices will please you. One trip to Chelsea Lumber and you will "feel" the difference.

FREE CLINICS Mon., June 23rd - 7 P.M.

deck packages

Only Chelsea Lumber pre-prices 14 decks with 6 floor options!

We'll bid on any size or shape deck. Each Deck Kit includes: construction guide, nails and all lumber to build. We've assumed a deck height 1-ft. above grade for pricing purposes. Railing and stairs are extra.

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DECK SIZE	2X6 #1 S.Y.P.	5/4X6 POND. PINE	5/4X6 CEDAR	5/4x6 WEATHERBEST	5/4x6 NEXWOOD	2x6 EVERNEW VINYL	
10X8	5170	\$165	\$295	\$505	\$470	\$630	
12X8	\$215	\$205	\$350	\$530	\$495	\$730	
12X10	\$245	\$240	\$420	\$650	\$600	\$875	
:14X10	\$270	\$280	\$475	\$835	^{\$} 770	\$1130	
14X12	\$340	\$350	\$595	\$1010	\$930	\$1370	
16X8	⁵ 270	\$270	\$460	\$690	\$645	\$955	
16X10	\$315	\$320	\$555	\$845	\$780	1155	

Chelsea Lumber now has Nexwood composite, Weatherbest Premium composite and Evernew vinyl decking options. These deckings will not warp, rot or splinter. We also stock Nexwood in 2x6 planks.

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DECK SIZE	2X6 31 S.Y.P.	5/4X6 PONO. PINE	5/4X6 CEDAR	5/4x6 WEATHERBEST	3/4x6 NEXWOOD	2x6 EVERNEW VINYL
16X12	\$405	5410	\$690	\$1050	\$965	\$1390
18X12	\$480	\$445	\$775	\$1185	\$1105	\$1560
18X14	\$545	\$490	\$870	\$1225	\$1260	\$1865
20X10	\$390	\$390	\$680	\$1065	\$980	\$1475
20X12	5470	5480	\$830	\$1290	\$1190	\$1760
20X16	\$605	\$605	§1085	\$1690	§1540	\$2345
24X16	\$805	[§] 845		2120		

TYPE OF VERTICAL GROOVE VINYL ADD FOR SLAB SmartPanel® (TEXT 1-11) WHITE DOUBLE 4.5" SIDING. ' ON LEVEL SITE SLAB BY US — AS PART OF ERECTED MÁTERIALS §3365 §3445 ONLY THE PACKARD PKG. ONLY **Erected Packages ERECTED** \$7075 **\$7730** \$4610 24 X 24 ON YOUR SLAB to get the job done. MATERIALS \$4170 \$4200 THE CORD **MATERIALS PACKAGE:** ONLY \$9230 \$6145 32 X 24 ERECTED \$10,030 • All materials including steel-clad ON YOUR SLAB walk-in door with Schlage lock 16x7 paneled steel overhead door MATERIALS \$2955 \$2880 THE HUDSON • Additional 9 x 7 overhead door ONLY included with the Cord. **ERECTED** 22 X 22 • 12" overhang 4 sides \$6290 \$6940 ON YOUR SLAB (Hudson has 6" on eaves only) ERECTED PACKAGE: MATERIALS ONLY \$3740 \$3670 THE REGAL Construction by dependable craftsmen backed by Chelsea ERECTED \$**7955** \$8695 Lumber ON YOUR SLAB

OTHER PRE-FIGURED-PACKAGE SIZES: 16'X22' & 30'X22' (or we'll custom figure any size).

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The rounded-edge timbers are pressure-treated to point of refusal.

Red pine rough sawn timbers are .40 retention.

3"x4"x8' Rounded-Edge	\$3.39
3-1/4"x5"x8' Jumbo Rounded-Edge	\$3.97

4"x6"x8' Rough Sawn Red Pine	\$ 7.98
6″x8″x8′ Rough Sawn Red Pine	\$1 7.98
5″x5″x8′ (full 5″x5″) Rough Sawn Red Pine	\$8.98

#1 Railroad Ties	\$8.89
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\$150	0 to \$2000	-0-	-0-	\$20	\$30	\$40
\$200	0 to \$2500	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$20	\$30
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2x6 PRECUTS #1	⁵ 6.35	2x8 PRECUTS #2	⁵ 6.59	1x12x16	\$15.98
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2x4x16	⁵ 7.29	2x8x16	\$15.29	3/4" CDX PLY	\$26.59
2x10x16	\$20.98	2x12x16	⁵ 25.98	. 3/4" T&G PLY	⁵ 27.98

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CHELSEA LUMBER - YOU'LL COME AWAY ASKING YOURSELF - IS THIS SOME SPECIAL KIND OF PLACE - OR WHAT!

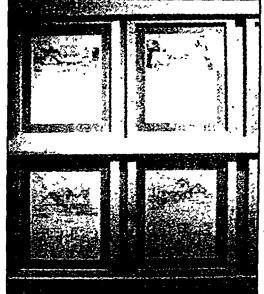
2003 NEW HOME PACKAGES

CHELSEA LUMBER COMPANY NOW HAS 40 PRE-PRICED EXCITING FLOOR PLANS

Our NEW Design Library Lounge has hundreds of plans for you to select from. Relax in our comfortable lounge while you view hundreds of home designs.

Come see for yourself







The Arbor – \$39,525 1,605 Sq. Ft.



The Carlton – \$39,615 1,800 Sq. Ft.



The Granite - \$41,960 1,561 Sq. Ft.



The Bellamy – \$56,585 1,660 Sq. Ft.



THESE ARE SAMPLES OF A
FEW HOME DESIGNS FROM
OUR NEW DESIGN LIBRARY.
40 GREAT PRE-PRICED PACKAGES
FROM CHELSEA LUMBER.

OUR EXTENSIVE PACKAGES INCLUDE:

All Rough-in Framing Lumber Including Basement Beams
• 2x4 Walls with R-13 Insulation (Garage Walls Also!) • Pre-Built
Trusses Where Possible • 25-Year Shingles • Vinyl Siding
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• Andersen® Permashield Windows • Insulated RP Steel
Garage Doors • Drywall • All Stair Parts • Interior Primed
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• Closet Materials • Kitchen & Bath Cabinets • All Countertops

The Seville – \$48,800 1,735 Sq. Ft.



The Pottersville – \$51.625



The Thurston – \$50,405 2,316 Sq. Ft.



POLE BARNS:

CLINIC!

Mon., June 23rd 7 PM

		RIALS AGES	EREC PACK	
	STEEL ROOF	SHINGLE ROOF	STEEL ROOF	SHINGLE ROOF
THE OAKWOOD 24'x32' 8 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 7 FT. DOOR	§3495	\$3420	\$5625	\$5975
THE ARROYO 24'x32' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$372 5	\$3655°	\$5870	86220
THE MESA 24'x40' 8 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 7 FT. DOOR	\$4035	\$3900	\$6540	^{\$} 6935
THE CORRAL 30'x40' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 14 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$5045	\$4925	\$80 <u>5</u> 0	\$8570
THE MESQUITE 30'x40' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS 14 FT. x 11 FT. DOOR	\$5390	*5710	8415	*9400
THE FRONTIER 30'x48' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	*5585	\$5475	\$9090	\$9755
THE ASPEN 30'x48' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 11 FT. DOOR	\$5950	\$5850	\$9480	\$10,155
THE ROUND-UP 36'x56' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS	*8295	\$8240	\$12,625	\$13,615
THE OSAGE	810 /50	\$10 /OE	815 OA5	817 225

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Equestrian Barns

(Give your horse a home)



We now offer 3 barns designed in the spirit of horsemanship. You can choose from our personal 2-stall barn, The Double Furlong, our 4-stall barn, The Stable, or our 6-stall barn, The Triple Furlong. Each has its own unique characteristics with everything to meet your stable requirements conveniently located on one level. All have a shingled roof with a 12" cave overhang and your choice of quality FABRAL steel siding or T1-11 SmartPanel siding. We can prepare a material estimate for you with all the many options available or, if you choose, build any barn to your specifications with the same quality construction which has long been the Chelsea Lumber Company tradition

BARN SIZE	NUMBER OF	MATERIA SIDING C	LS ONLY PTIONS
		STEEL JOSEPH	भ सन्तर १५५%
24 X 38 = 10' (INCLUDES 8' OPEN END). THE DOUBLE FURLONG	2	*5430	\$ 5 555
30 X 40 - 10" - WITH 8" x 16" LEAN TO THE STABLE	4	*10,050	\$9950
32 Y GO = 10 THE TRIBLE FURLONG		\$10;100s	\$9925

*STALL MATERIAL NOT INCLUDED, PRICES ARE FOR BASIC SHELLS ONLY, ASK YOUR SALESPERSON FOR PRICING ON STALL MATERIALS

GAMBREL-ROOF BARNS

STEEL OR T I-II SmartPanel SIDING - SHINGLE ROOFS ONLY (INCLUDES 12" EAVE OVERHANG)

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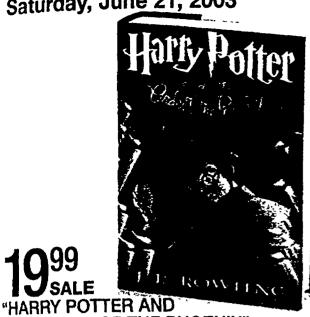
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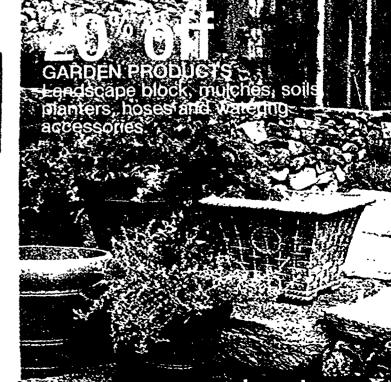
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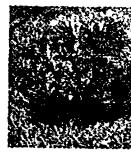
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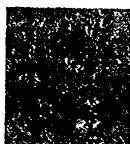
1. Dig the hole in newly prepared planting beds large enough to accommodate the rootball.



2. Remove the plant from the pot by turning it over and tapping lightly on the bottom. The plant should slip out easily.



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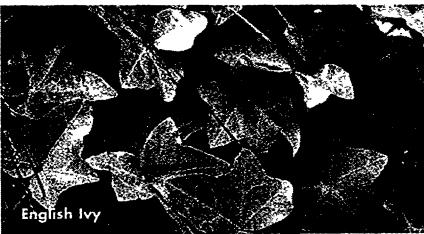
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Potentilla

• Plant in sun

(589830)

• Choose from Weigela, Spirea and

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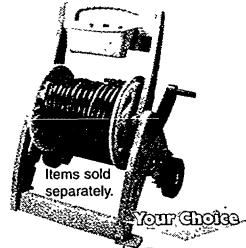
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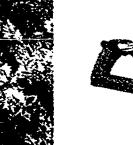
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- coverage
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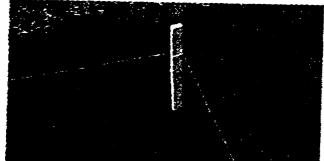
Tree & Shrub Fertilizer Spikes

- Gives younger trees a healthy start
- Supplies nutrients directly to the roots
- Promotes lush, green foliage (438536)

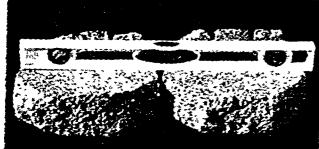


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1. Start with a level base. Dig a trench about 3" to 4" deep and 12" wide (check stone size). Compact trench and add 1" of sand for easier leveling.



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3. Install the next course offset 1/2 stone from the base course of stones. Place lip face down. Backfill and pack soil as you complete



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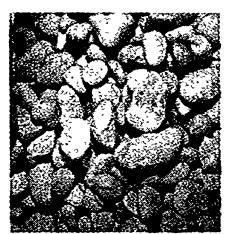
Project Quantities

Total wall length (ft.) x # pieces per linear ft. = # of pieces per course Walls require one additional course (layer) to be buried. Each course is 4" high.

LENGTH	HEIGHT	# OF STONES	price
10'	8.	30 (base + 2 courses)	⁵ 44.70
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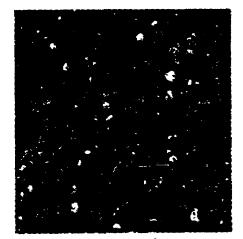


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Pond Pebbles 4 1/2 Cu. Ft.

- Use in and around landscape areas
- Excellent for trimming trees, shrubs, and flower beds (232226)



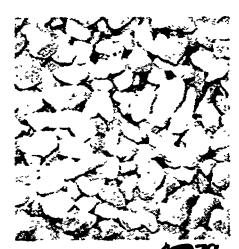
Potting Mix

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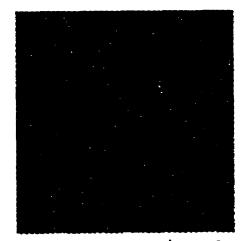
Red Mulch

- Insulates plants from extreme temperatures
- Conserves soil moisture
- Decorative red color (650401)



Marble Chips 1/2 cu. ft.

- Conserve soil moisture
- Insulate plants
- Prevent erosion
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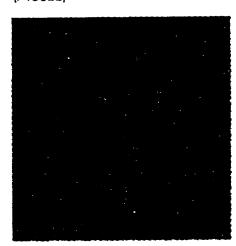
Hardwood Mulch

- Adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil
- Conserves soil moisture
- Reduces weed growth
- Moderates soil temperatures (673467)



Pea Gravel

- Covers a 4 sq. ft. area 1 1/2 deep
- Insulates plants from
- extreme temperatures
 Ideal for walkways and flower beds [715622]



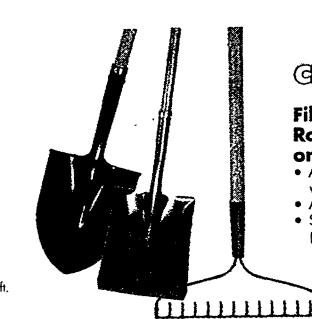
Garden Soil

- Helps build strong roots and improves soil aeration and drainage
- Improves outdoor plant growth
- Good for planting flowers, vegetables, trees and shrubs in the ground (190987)



Cypress Mulch 2 cu ft

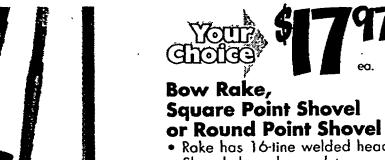
- Helps conserve soil moisture
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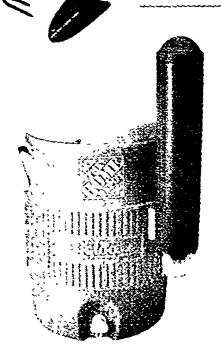
- with 12" vinyl comfort grip • All tools have carbon steel blades
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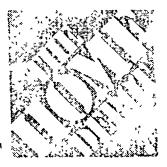
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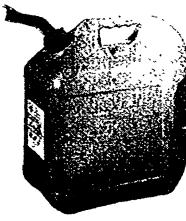
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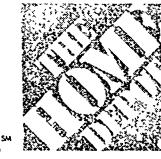
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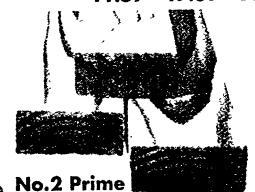


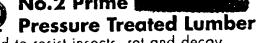
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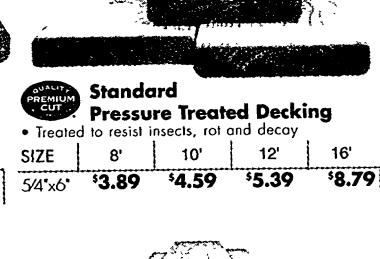


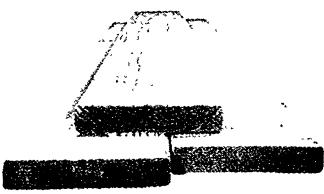
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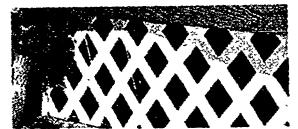
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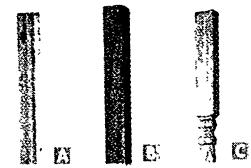


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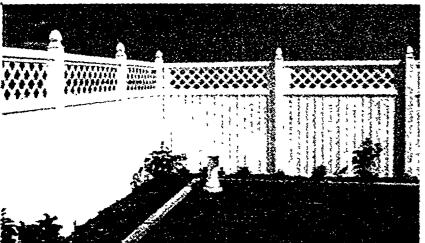
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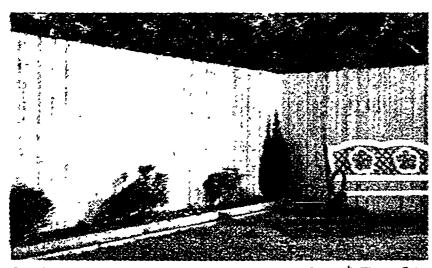
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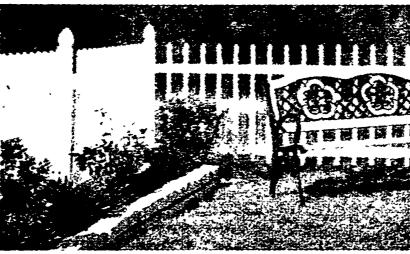
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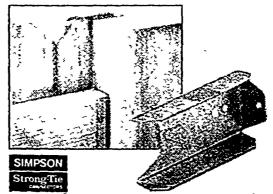
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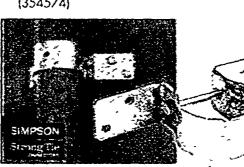
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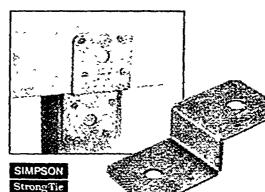


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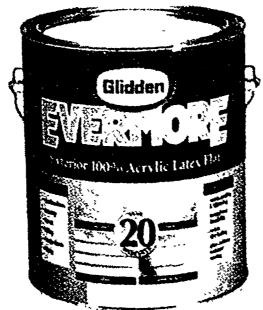
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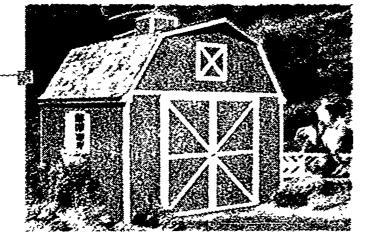
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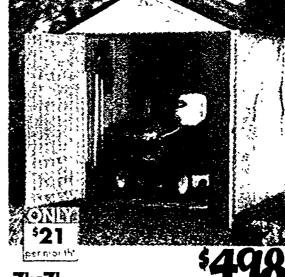
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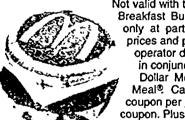
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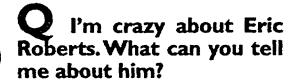
Deana Carter is my favorite country singer. She is so beautiful and I'd like to know more about her.

-Bud H., Tennessee

The 37-year-old Goodlettsville, Tenn., native was born into music. Her father, Fred Carter Jr., was one of the top session players in Nashville—his guitar work can be heard on albums by Bob Dylan, Simon & Garfunkel, and Willie Nelson, among others. Deana's dad encouraged her aspirations for a career in music, taking her around to Nashville's record labels and song publishers when she was 17 years old, only to find one rejection after another. So Deana went to college at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville to study rehabilitation therapy. After graduation, she worked in the field for a while, but found it emotionally draining to see so many of the patients she worked with suffering and dying. Music had always stayed with her, so she decided to give a music career another try. Back in Nashville, she took all sorts of day jobs while making her way into the music

industry. She got a big break when a demo tape got to Capitol Records, and then into the hands of Willie Nelson. Capitol signed her to the label, and Nelson invited her to sing at Farm Aid. She released her first U.S. album in 1996, and the first single, Strawberry Wine, catapulted her to fame. She recently split up with her

husband and now divides her time between Los Angeles and Nashville. Her new album, I'm Just A Girl, was recently released on her new record label, Arista.



—Sharon C., Virginia

If you didn't already know, Eric Roberts is Julia Roberts' older brother. Long known for playing bad guys, Roberts, 47, now is showcasing his lighter side. He's co-starring in the ABC comedy, Less Than Perfect, so you can see him on television every week. He also has guest-starred on sitcoms such as Frasier and The King of Queens, which he says was his favorite television guest appearance. Roberts was born in Biloxi, Miss., and was raised near Atlanta, where he started acting as a child in a local theater company. To hone his craft, Roberts completed a summer session in London at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. After the session, he continued his studies and started working professionally in New York. Roberts was nominated for an Acad-



Despite all her successes, country singer Deana Carter is still 'just a girl.'

emy Award for his performance in Runaway Train. Other movie credits include The Pope of Greenwich Village and King of the Gypsies. Roberts recently co-starred in the Martin Lawrence/Steve Zahn comedy National Security. He lives is Los Angeles with his wife, Eliza, and their children. He likes to go horseback riding in his spare time.

Q I heard one time that Dr. Timothy Johnson from ABC's Good Morning America is also a minister. Is this true, and if so, of what denomination?

-Ken S., Arizona

Dr. Johnson, who originally planned a career as a minister, graduated from Chicago's North Park Seminary in 1963. Though he decided to pursue a medical career two years later, he remained active in his church. Today he serves as assisting minister at the Community Covenant Church in West Peabody, Mass. Following his graduation from Albany Medical College, Johnson worked as an emergency physician in Lynn, Mass. He began hosting a local television show focused on medical issues, and a television career was born. "Some say that I'm providing cheap entertainment for hypochondriacs," he told an interviewer, "but I like to think it's more than that." He went on to further his medical studies, earning a master's degree in public health from Harvard University in 1975. In 1984, he joined ABC News as medical editor. He and his wife, Nancy Ann, have two children and live in a Boston suburb.

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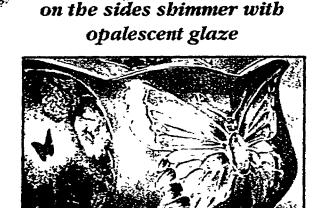
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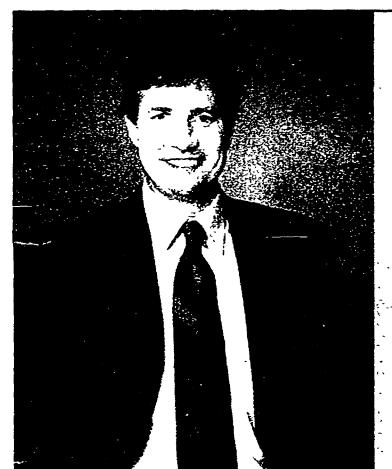
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Visionary Vollis Simpson.

Vollis Simpson might be called a modern-day Don Quixote, except he doesn't do battle with windmills, he makes them. Or, he fashions odd-shaped objects that resemble them. Simpson practices "outsider art," which lately has become trendy. More than that, his art—whimsical whirligigs that range from mini desktop sculptures to giant outdoor structures are winning fame nationwide.

Like folk art, outsider art—also called "visionary art"—is self-taught. But rather than relying on tradition, it originates solely within its creator's mind, unfettered by school rules or cultural norms. "He takes junk and turns it into wonder," says Rebecca Hoffberger, founder and director of the Baltimore Visionary Art Museum, where



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Simpson is dwarfed by a mammoth windmill in his whirligig garden.

his four-story whirligig stands in the entrance. "He's one of the greatest visionary artists on the planet."

Although Simpson's work can be seen at the Baltimore museum, and in Atlanta near the Courtland Avenue Bridge, and in Raleigh at the North Carolina Museum of Art, the best place to view it is on his property in Lucama, N.C. (pop. 847), about 50 miles east of Raleigh.

Simpson's garden consists of 30-odd fixtures up to 50 feet tall. Some call them "windmills," others say "whirligigs," and some say "they're downright weird." What's for sure is they spin in a breeze, whirl in a wind, and shine like the stars when, at night, they're caught in the glare of a car's headlights. Made of cast-off machine parts, painted in vivid colors and covered with thousands of small reflectors, they resemble nothing so much as a giant Fourth of July pinwheel.

Simpson, 84, made his first rudimentary whirligig when he was in the Air Force during World War II. Stationed in the South Pacific, he officially repaired runways but also served as resident genius when things broke down. Among his inventions was a windmill-type contraption that washed clothes, thus foreshadowing his future as a combination artist, engineer, and master recycler.

Back home he earned his living repairing farm machinery and moving farm buildings. It wasn't until his partners retired in 1985 that Simpson, with lots of free time and a yard full of discarded machine parts, began planting his fields with wind-powered machines. "I had to find something to do that was better than watching television," he says.

He used a blowtorch to cut simple figures from sheets of steel, added parts here and there and covered them with paint and reflectors. With the help of a well digger, he dug holes up to 16 feet deep, filled them with cement, and erected his mammoth structures.

Fame came in 1996 when he was asked to display his sculptures at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. He enlisted his son to help him haul them down, using a truck with a 30-foot trailer. "I couldn't take my real big ones," he says. "They wouldn't fit under the highway bridges.

After the Olympics, Simpson found himself besieged by people who wanted to buy his work, so he's created a variety of mini-gigs that range from less than a foot to about 5 feet tall and sell for \$200 to \$1,000. He doesn't sell them to stores or through the Internet, just to people who visit his farm.

"Some people, like my wife, thought I was crazy at first," Simpson says. "But now, she's pretty happy." He looks down and smiles slyly. "Folks can always change their mind, you know."

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Did You Know...

ILLINOIS—Kewanee (pop. 12,944) sprang up in 1854 alongside the Central Military Tract Railroad. Settlers wanted to name the town after railroad engineer Colonel Berrien, but he suggested Kewanee, a Winnebago Indian word for "prairie chicken."

INDIANA—The movie Hossiars, starring Gene Hackman, was filmed in 1985 in Knightstown (pop. 2,148) and based on the 1954 state basketball championship in which a small-town team from Milan (pop. 1,816) beat Muncie (pop. 69,058) with a last-second shot.

IOWA—The one-room schoolhouse where Superintendent O.H. Benson originated the idea in 1907 for the 4-H emblem, a four-leaf clover, is a museum in Clarion (pop. 2,968).

KANSAS—With 163 miles of shoreline, Milford Lake near Junction City (pop. 18,886) is the state's largest manmade lake.

MICHIGAN—A woman's home is her castle in Charlevoix (pop. 2,994) where Linda Mueller bought Castle Farms in 2001 and is restoring the 1918 French Renaissance chateau for a communityevents center. Albert Loeb, president of Sears, Roebuck and Co., built the castle.

MINNESOTA-Melvin Doyle, 90, of Plymouth donated his lifetime stash of spare coins last March to St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The coins filled three pickup trucks and totaled \$75,000.

MISSOURI—George Hale, Kansas City fire chief from 1882 to 1902, invented the firehouse sliding pole.

NEBRASKA—In 1958, Clifton Hillegass borrowed \$4,000 to publish a guide for Shakespeare's Hamlet. The first year, Cliffs Notes sold 58,000 copies. He was born in 1919 in Rising City (pop. 386).

NORTH DAKOTA—The Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery in Richardton (pop. 619) raise llamas to help support their community.

OHIO—The state produces 75,000 to 100,000 gallons of maple syrup yearly and much of it drizzles onto pancakes in Burton (pop. 1,450), nicknamed Pancake Town U.S.A. for its fund-raising flapjack breakfasts each March.

SOUTH DAKOTA—In 1939, Charles Badger Clark Jr. became the state's first poet laureare. His cabin, the Badger Hole, is in Custer State Park in Custer (pop. 1,860).

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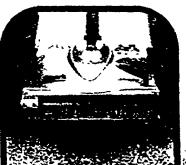


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World War II vintage T-6 trainers fly a tight formation.

Two of Matt Paxton's greatest passions are flying and friendship—and for several days each summer those joys happily merge, allowing Paxton to immerse himself in both.

Paxton is among more than 10,000 pilots who maneuver vintage, home-built, military, and little two-seater airplanes from around the world onto two runways at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wis., for AirVenture Oshkosh, a mecca of sorts for flying enthusiasts.

"It's part aviation trade show, part membership convention, part educational workshop, part air show, and probably the biggest part is the family reunion," says Dick Knapinski, an AirVenture Oshkosh

> spokesman. "You really get the feeling it is a reunion of people who love flying."

> Exactly, Paxton says. "This, to us, has become as much a social gathering as anything. One of the big attractions for us is to see people who we don't get to see but once a year, and that's at Oshkosh," he says.



Longtime flyer Matt Paxton.

This year's festival will be held July 29 to Aug. 4. "People here say if you are a pilot you have to come once in your life to Oshkosh," Knapinski says. "It's where everyone comes together to celebrate flying."

Paxton, 48, a Lexington, Va., newspaper owner and publisher, plans to fly to Oshkosh this year in a 1962 Bellanca single-engine four-seater, which he co-owns with a friend—a trip he's made since 1993. But he knew about the flight festival long before he ever attended.

"I've been hearing about it since I started flying,"

says Paxton, whose aviation dreams took flight when he was 16. "I always wanted to go, but never really had a way. I didn't have a plane until the early '90s."

Now, Paxton meets up with a group of friends—most of whom he met at AirVenture—near the northern Illinois home of one of them. "We'll have a good time

arrive two days before, get the parking place we want, and camp together. Then we kick back, relax, and watch the other planes come in."

And what a sight that is, says John Stephan, a part

for a day or two and fly and cook out and get ready to

go," he says. "Then we have a fly-out of eight or 10

planes and we fly to Oshkosh together. We generally

of Paxton's circle of friends. "That's the high point," says Stephan, 46, of Capron, Ill. "We get our chairs out and sit there and watch. It's incredible-airplane after airplane after airplane. There's a flood of airplanes going all day long, and the variety and (pilot) skill level is amazing."

Indeed, airplanes land in Oshkosh every 10 to 15 seconds

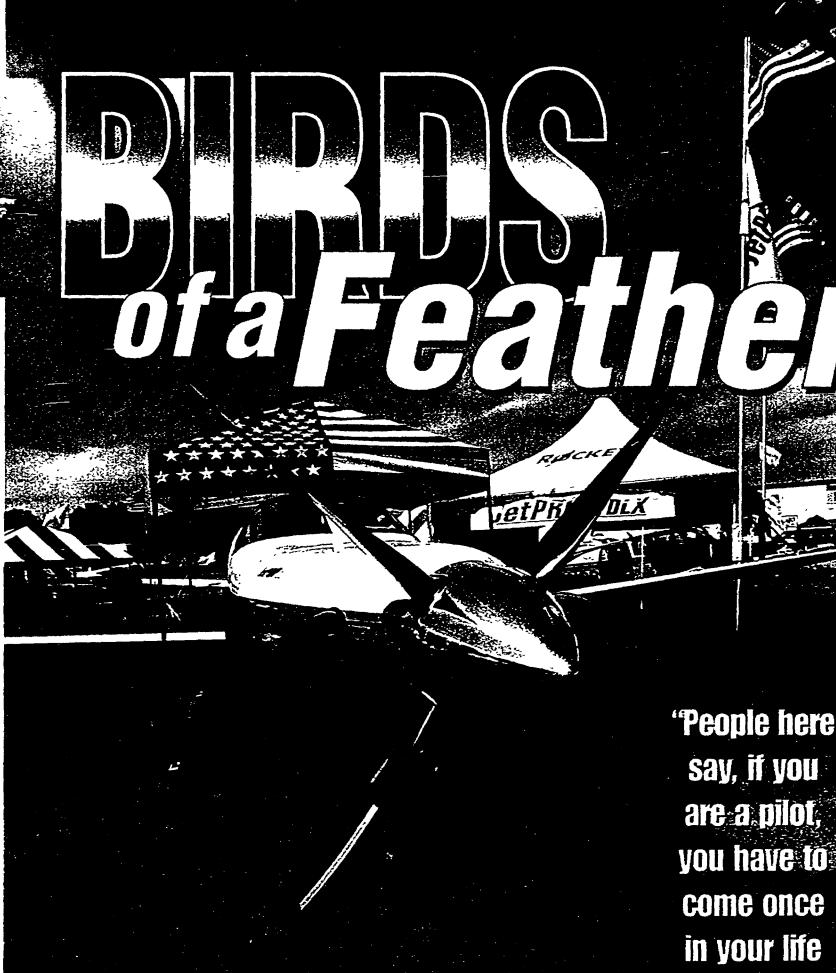
during the peak time of arrival, Knapinski says. "For a week, it becomes the world's busiest airport."

to Oshkosh."

Those pilots are guided by about 55 air traffic controllers specifically chosen for the event, Knapinski says. "They are chosen by their supervisors as the best ones. They're an all-star crew of air traffic controllers."

Eight controllers are in the control tower at any given time during the day—night landings are not allowed during this busy time—and two or three controllers direct planes from outposts about 20 miles from the airport in a "staging area," of sorts, to get pilots lined up to land.

"There's little tiny dots in sky as far as you can see," says Cindy Rousseau, 45, who, together with her husband George, joins up with Paxton's group each year. "We listen to the tower coaching planes in," says Rousseau, of Greensboro, Md. "I'm always impressed



Flying fans from all over might see every kind of plane in the world parked at AirVenture Oshkosh.



Aviators George and Cindy Rousseau.

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at how terrific the tower controllers are; they're patient and fun. They know people are there for the fun of it and they're kind as possible."

The same language

Once aground, the pilots mingle over the next few days with as many as 300,000 other flying enthusiasts—the festival's main draw.

"The best way I heard it put was this," Knapinski says. "Much of the time when you fly, you have to explain to friends why and how you fly, because most people don't fly their own aircraft. But when you come to Oshkosh, you don't have to do that because everybody understands; everybody speaks the language."

Whether someone is an airline captain, fighter pilot, a businessman who owns his own plane, or a flight instructor doesn't matter at Oshkosh, Stephan says, because camaraderie is the key.

"It makes no difference what your aviation experience is, because no one knows, or cares," says Stephan, a commercial airline captain. "You'll be talking to someone and you don't know their background, but they may be a space shuttle captain, for all you know. You don't have to have a resume to be around them."

Indeed, some of the top fliers in the world conduct some of the more than 500 educational forums and workshops ranging in topics from how to properly wash and wax your plane to what it's like to fly in the international space station, Knapinski says.



Air controllers work with thousands of pilots.

Paxton particularly remembers one appearance by Capt. Al Haynes, who piloted the United Airlines DC-10 that crashed upon landing in Sioux City, Iowa, in July 1989, when engine failure caused inoperative flight controls.

"He did a minute-by-minute of what happened," Paxton says. "His ability and courage basically saved more than half the people on the plane."

Extraordinary displays each year keep flying aficionados returning to Oshkosh, such as the U.S. military's stealth bomber, 747s, a flying medical and teaching clinic fashioned from a modified DC-10, replicas of Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis, and the Concorde. Not to mention World War II, vintage, and home-built planes.



Stuntwoman Teresa Stokes goes out on a wing.

This year's celebration commemorates 100 years of powered flight, with displays including an exact reproduction of Orville and Wilbur Wright's Flyer that became airborne on Dec. 17, 1903.

"I've often said, 'If it has flown or will fly, it's here," Knapinski says.

Always something new

As a teenager, Paxton's friend Stephan fueled and washed planes in return for flying lessons in his hometown of Kalispell, Mont. (pop. 15,678). He knew of AirVenture as "always the big mecca airshow, so to speak," and finally got to attend in 1988 after he had moved to Illinois. "My wife, Suzanne, and I drove up to spend the day and we were stunned by it," he says. "We've been going consistently now for the last eight or 10 years."

They fly their 1977 Cessna 180, but the Stephans—along with another of the group, Jim Stelter—also are rebuilding their 1948 J3 Cub, so Stephan's particularly interested in workshops on riveting, welding, and fabricating. But he also loves simply to talk to other pilots about their planes.

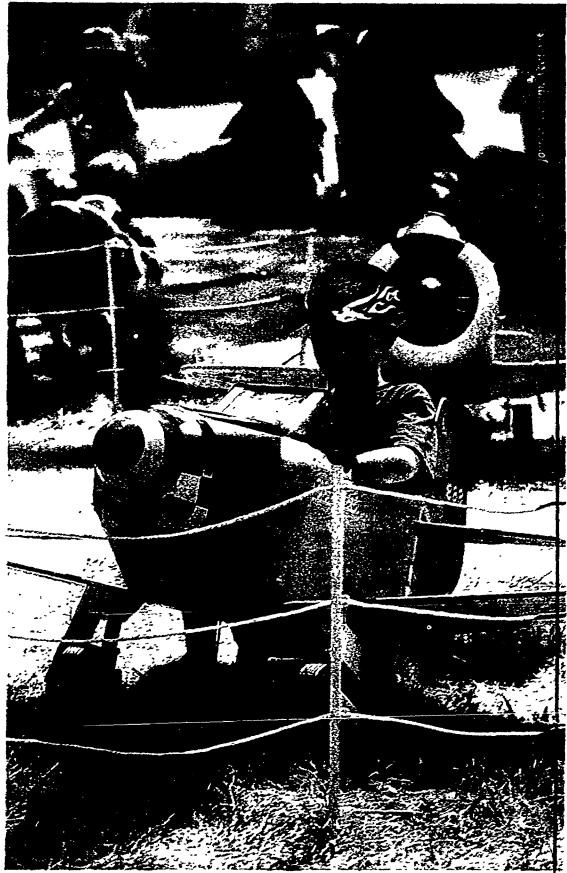
"I just love to see the variety," Stephan says.
"You can see something odd and go right then
and there and talk to the person, the owner, about
what and how he did something."

Each year offers something new, Stephan says, such as World War I bombers, formation teams, and aerobatic planes. "NASA brings a lot of their planes to look at, and I'm interested in the science of that," he says. "And the border patrol brought their loaded-to-the-gills helicopter."

But despite the thousands of fascinating aircraft and the fun and games of the festival, the genuine caring among the Paxtons, Rousseaus, Stephans, and others in their group is what draws these friends together in Oshkosh each summer.

"We really cherish the time together," Rousseau says. "We know how short life is, and I don't want to give up the time we spend with these friends, because they're really special."

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Pilot-to-be Bradley Turner, 8, dreams of the day he can fly his own airplane.





SPAMtown

by ELISABETH DEFFNER Photos by Jeff Thompson

When George Hormel established

Geo. A. Hormel & Co. in Austin, Minn., 112 years ago, he dreamed of building a successful business by following his father's mantra to "originate, not imitate." Forty-six years later, in 1937, George's son Jay followed that command and introduced the world to SPAM, short for spiced ham.

In Austin today, the canned luncheon meat is more than just a household name, it's a major part of the town's identity.

"Many, many people have a relationship to SPAM," says Jeanne Sheehan, former director of the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau. "They may love it. They may hate it. But they have a relationship to it."



Sandwiched between two Spam mascots.

Some residents of Austin (pop. 23,314)—nicknamed **SPAMTown** USA—have a personal relationship with SPAM; they make the product for Hormel, which employs 2,300 workers at its Austin plant and headquarters.

"Hormel is in every aspect of our lives here," says Tom Purcell, a retired Hormel employee and resident of Austin for more than 50 years. "We couldn't have had the new library without them and they put an awful lot of money into downtown revitalization."



A bronze sculpture of a farmer and his pigs welcomes visitors to the Spam Museum.

Austin's largest employer also is the force behind its nearly 300-acre J.C. Hormel Nature Center on the north side of town. The nature center got its start when Jay Hormel bequeathed his home and some of his land to establish an arboretum. Now, it offers an opportunity to visit a restored prairie and woodland inhabited by whitetail deer, beaver, gray and red foxes, and coyotes.

SPAM has even provided the impetus for scientific research. The Hormel Institute, which originated on the Hormel farm in the 1940s, now is a world-renowned research center that studies the relationship between fat in the human diet and health concerns.

While there are serious aspects to living in Austin, there's also a lighter side, which peaks during the town's annual SPAMTown USA festival. This year's event, scheduled July 3-5, will be a patriotic salute featuring a parade, musical entertainment, sporting events, and fireworks. Plus, free admission to the new 16,500-squarefoot SPAM Museum, which opened in 2001.

Who'd have thought a canned meat product could ignite such passions?

"It's just a curiosity," Sheehan says. Like many, she finds SPAM's allure evident, though difficult to explain.

One thing's for sure: Austin's prosperity is attributable, in part, to the success of Hormel Foods Co., and—to a lesser extent—the unwaning popularity of SPAM.

Case in point: New Austin residents, hailing from Africa, Southeast Asia, and South America, are attracted to the town by the security of a Hormel job; the Hormel Foundation, in turn, funds projects such as a multilingual welcome center and a 24hour child care center to serve its employees.

Furthermore, the 1995 adoption of the nickname "SPAMTown USA" has proven attractive to international tourists, who think of SPAM as a literal lifesaver. During World War II, 65 percent of all Hormel products were sent to the Pacific and European theaters. Everyone from Allied soldiers to civilians relied on SPAM to get them through the tight war years.

Nowadays, SPAM is still a treat to its fans, who buy 90 millions of cans of the luncheon meat every year in the United States alone. Among its fans is Sonia Larson, who performs with the Spamettes, a seven-member musical group.

"I like it a lot better than McDonald's," says Larson, who doesn't boast about her gourmet SPAM recipes (unless she's pressed). "And no where else in the world could be SPAMTown USA."

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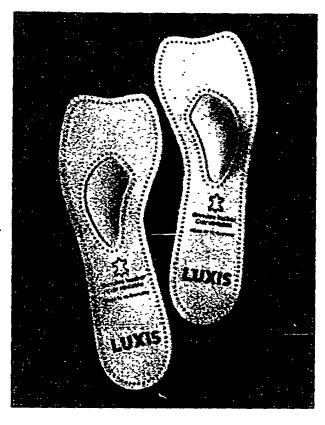
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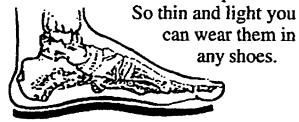
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Beaumont, Texas-native brings wit and a live-show atmosphere to songs like Drinkin' Bone—a honky-tonk anatomy lesson from a guy who's trying to stay out of trouble—and How'd I Wind Up In Jamaica, a reggae-esque stomper about the joys of getting away from it all. Byrd really turns up the humor on his current single, The Truth About Men, which imparts such male truths/stereotypes as: "We don't like to go out shoppin', don't care what's on sale/Just wanna sit with a bag full of chips watchin' the NFL." His perfect tongue-in-cheek delivery shouldn't come as a surprise, considering Byrd's previous hits—Lifestyles of the Not So Rich and Famous and Watermelon Crawl.

In between, he offers a glimpse at small-town life in *Tiny Town* and speaks of the difficulties and unflinching hope of a single mom in *That's What Keeps Her Getting By*.

Byrd caps his ninth career album with a live version of a previous hit, *Ten Rounds with Jose Cuer-vo.* In short, don't miss this party.

Joe Nichols Man With A Memory Universal South

It's hard to imagine a new artist having more success than singer/songwriter Joe Nichols is enjoying right now. His Univer-



sal South debut album, Man With A Memory, has already spawned two No. 1 songs—The Impossible and Brokenheartsville. Steeped in tradition, the 26-year-old's rich and mature baritone has been compared to the likes of Merle Haggard and Lefty Frizzell.

Nichols was raised with an older brother and younger sister in Rogers, Ark. (pop. 35,355), a town near Fayetteville. In this "suburbia, but without a big city nearby," as he recalls it, his truck-driving father played bass and sang. Like Nichols' grandfather and uncles, his dad played classic country music. "Their kind of country," Nichols says, "was the music I've always liked to listen to. My favorite records are by George Jones, Merle Haggard, and Marty Robbins."

Nichols, who has been a featured act on Alan Jackson's current "Drive" tour, shot the video for his new single, She Only Smokes When She Drinks, in New Orleans' historic French Quarter. "It's been an unbelievable year," Nichols says.

One to Watch

Tammy Cochran's career was defined on her self-titled debut album with the release of Angels In Waiting. The touching song tells the true story of her two brothers, Shawn and Alan, who died from cystic fibrosis.

Since that time, Cochran has gone on to earn hits with the title track to her latest album, Life Happened, as well as I Cry and her current single, Love Won't Let Me. The passionate singer has also been burning up the road as an opening act for George Strait.

Cochran grew up in Austintown, Ohio (pop. 32,371), a town near the Pennsylvania border. Her retired father, Delmar, was a heavy equipment operator and her mother, Mabel, worked as a private investigator. At age 12, Cochran won the first talent contest she entered and was hooked forever on music as a career. In an effort to earn a record deal, she moved to Nashville in 1991. Things

didn't progress quickly. "No matter what avenue you choose in your life, you're gonna come up against brick walls," Cochran says. "You're gonna wanna turn around, and you're gonna wanna run. I just wouldn't give up." 🖈

Richard McVey is managing editor at Music Row magazine.

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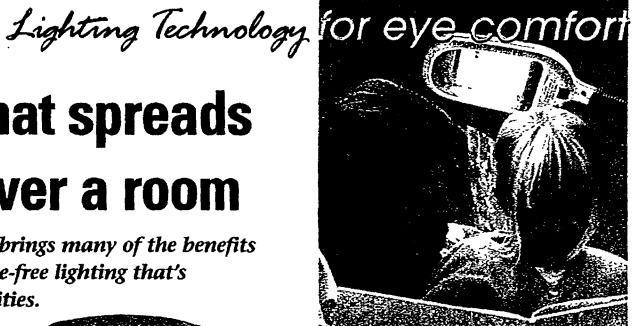
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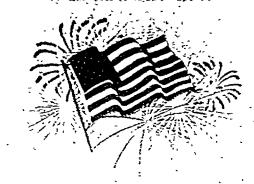
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INDIANA

Old Settlers Day—Wanamaker, June 29. In its 17th year, this event includes a classic car show, arts & crafts, antiques, games, food, a children's softball tournament, and a fireworks display. (317) 862-0540.

IOWA

Fourth of July Celebration—Clear Lake, July 2-6. The oldest successively held Independence Day festivities in the state, this event features a parade, carnival, craft show, entertainment, and fireworks over the lake. (800) 285-5338.

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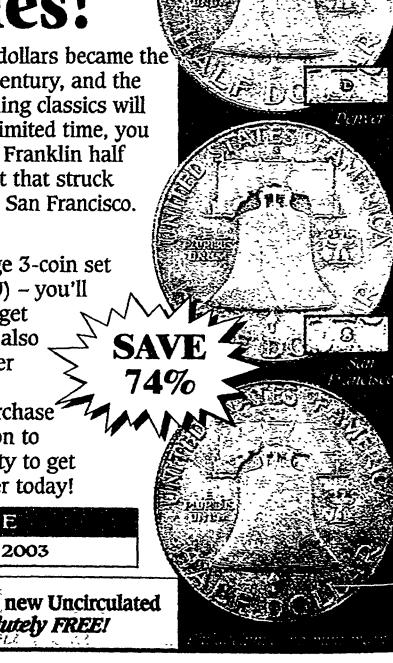
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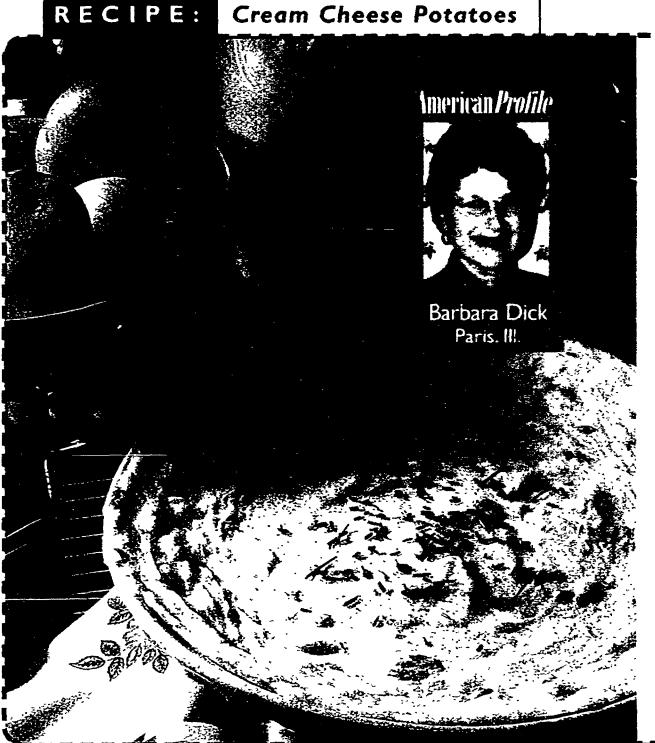
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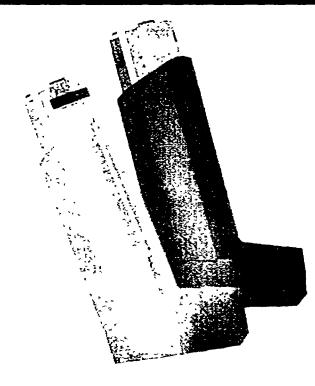
Boil and whip potatoes. Add other ingredients. Put into greased pan and bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. With a glass pan, bake at 325 degrees.

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About 137 million Americans use a cell phone, according to the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association. Cell phones are so pervasive because they're cost effective and portable, and people are starting to purchase them in lieu of land lines, says Jacqueline Whitmore, an etiquette expert and founder of The Protocol School of Palm Beach in Florida.

Whitmore became the wireless etiquette spokeswoman for Sprint PCS last year as the company launched an effort to educate the public and their customers on the proper use of cell phones.

Do you really have to take that call?

"We've all been at the movies and been bothered be someone talking on the phone," says Nanci Schwartz, a public relations manager for Sprint.

Cell phones do have their place, Whitmore says. "As an etiquette expert you'd think I'd be against that (using phones in public places)," Whitmore says. "I think cell phones should be used with discretion in public places." But some places are strictly off limits, such as movies, concerts, plays, or religious ceremonies, she says. And they should be used discreetly in restaurants.

Talking on the phone at the dinner table is a definite no-no. "You should put your dining party ahead of a caller," Whitmore says. If you're expecting an important call and can't let voice mail take it, excuse yourself and leave the table to take it.

Whitmore offers these other tips on cell phone etiquette:

- Let voicemail take your calls when you're in meetings, courtrooms, and restaurants. If you must talk, excuse yourself and find a secluded area.
- Don't display anger when talking on the phone in public places.
- Put your phone on vibrate or turn it off in movie theaters, religious services, and social gatherings.
- Tell companions ahead of time if you must take a call, then excuse yourself when you get it.
- Don't interrupt personal conversations by answering your cell phone or checking voice mail.
- Use discretion when talking on cell phones. You never know who is nearby listening.
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