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Schools file suit

District takes Wayne County to court over cabling permit

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville Public Schools filed a lawsuit last week against Wayne County after a year-long attempt to obtain a permit to install under-

ground fiber optic cabling failed. The cabling project, which was approved by voters in September 2001, was designed to better streamline the district's computer and technology applications. A court hearing commenced

Sept. 26 in the Wayne County Circuit Court. Northville schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said the district needs Wayne County's

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Parking deck's future tied to DDA's

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The identity of the city's Downtown Development Authority at this point in time is inextricably intertwined with the proposed Wing Street parking structure.

But the objectives and accomplishments of the group are so much more than that, the members concurred at a special meeting Tuesday evening. With the continued existence of the authority open for public debate this Monday night, the dozen DDA members at the morning meeting brainstormed how to convey their big-picture benefits.

Council members Sept. 2 voted to hold a public hearing at their regular 7:30 p.m. meeting Monday at City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, as part of the process of extending the life of the authority's tax-increment-financing plan. The council does not have to make a final decision Monday, said Mayor Christopher Johnson, just so it is before Nov. 4.

A ballot proposal requests voter approval of issuance of \$5 million in general obligation limited tax bonds to finance DDA-endorsed downtown parking expansion plans. The remaining portion of the \$6.2 million project — including a multi-level deck on Wing Street between Main and Dunlap streets, as well as reconfiguring the lot behind the Marquis Theater — would be paid for with funds accumulated by the DDA.

The downtown property owners and city administrators reviewed for approximately an hour the information DDA staff planned to post on the website at <http://downtownnorthville.org>.

The mayor said he regularly fields calls about how to set up a downtown development authority that functions as effectively as Northville's. He described the contrast between the downtown prior to Main Street 1978 project and its vital appearance today.

The tasks the body tackles is more than parking decks, members discussed at the meeting. Among the past and ongoing projects are:

- Mainstreet 1978 and Mainstreet 1993;
- Physical improvements, such as parking lot paving, landscaping, lighting and sidewalk repair;
- Parking system maintenance;
- Planning and promotion;
- Providing equipment, such as a street sweeper and public restroom program; and
- Future parking expansion reserve.

The downtown development authority, created in 1978 by council ordinance, undertakes public improvements with the goal of preventing the deterioration of the downtown, stimulating the downtown economy and encouraging private investment in the downtown.

The DDA's most visible effort

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NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

SAVING LIVES

Do you know what to do in case of a fire?

What do you do if your clothing is ablaze?

During October, in recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, the Northville Township Fire Department will be teaching life-saving tips and strategies to young and old alike.

The department is recognizing Oct. 5-11 as National Fire Prevention Week.

Township firefighter, Dan Dipple, said the week that includes Oct. 8 is chosen in memory of the anniversary of great Chicago fire that occurred in 1871. The fire destroyed more than three-quarters of the city, killed 250 people and left more than 100,000 people homeless, he said.

"Nationally, it's observed for a week but a lot of places use the month to do training and education for the public," said Dipple, who has served as a firefighter for seven years.

Dipple said Fire Prevention Week serves a critical purpose.

"It's for safety," he said. "It's for people to take a little bit of time each year to go over safety issues in the home or work. That way, they can check smoke detectors, make sure they're working, replace batteries and make sure they know their home fire escape plan."

Lt. Chris Madzik of the Northville Township Fire Department agreed.

"I think it's always good to take time to draw people's attention to fire safety in their homes and their business," said Madzik. "It's also a good opportunity to get acquainted with the local fire department."

Dipple also said now is an ideal time to teach children fire safety measures.

This month, members of the Northville Township Fire Department will be visiting local businesses, elementary schools and residence communities.

On Oct. 4, Dipple said four township firefighters will be stationed at Home Depot, located at Seven Mile

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file photo by JOHN HEIDER

One of the often-overlooked areas of fire prevention is chimney sweeping — something Craig Woblewski takes seriously. For more stories on fire prevention, see pages 5, 6 and 7.

FIRE CHIEFS' WORDS OF WISDOM

Bill Zhmendak

Fire is a problem much larger in dimension in the United States than most realize. The average citizens lack of awareness places the U.S. at the top of nations with the most fire-related difficulties. According to the National Fire Information Council approximately 500,000 residential fires occur every year. That's almost one a minute, with more than 30,000 persons injured and 6,000 Americans dying every year.

The majority of those are very young or are elderly. In Michigan for 2001, data was collected from 959 fire departments that participated in the Michigan's fire incident reporting system, including Detroit Fire. The following informa-

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Jim Allen

Each year in early October a week is nationally dedicated to "Fire Prevention Education." During "Fire Prevention Week" extra emphasis is applied to making the public more aware of fire and its effects.

The City of Northville Fire Department conducts a program called "Great Escape." This program involved personnel going into area elementary schools and presenting a fire safety program to teach young children about the dangers of fire and to help them devise a family fire escape plan. The kids are sent home with a grid to draw a plan of their homes. On Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. the siren will sound in Northville for these children

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

ROLLER SKATING OCT. 6
Ridge Wood Elementary School will sponsor its first Family Fun Roller Skating Party Oct. 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Riverside Arena in Livonia.

For more information, contact Joanne DeSilva at (248) 465-1393.

\$1,000 GIFT FOR HILLSIDE
Northville Board of Education members approved a donation of \$1,000 from Beth Conrad-Beson to Hillside Middle School for science equipment and supplies. The grant is the second time she has offered an unsolicited gift to the science department at Hillside, school officials said. Specifically, this grant will fund "kitchen chemistry" and help to purchase measurement

equipment to be used by eighth grade students.

BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES

A family activity and learning fair is slated to take place Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Northville High School. The workshop is for families with children from pre-school to high school.

For more information, call Judy Prain at (248) 348-2073.

BOTTLE DRIVE OCT. 11

The Northville High School Music Boosters plan to conduct their annual returnable can/bottle drive Oct. 11 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Fliers are slated to be distributed

this week and the collections will be hosted Oct. 11. Funds raised directly support the high school band and choir. This is the eleventh year the boosters have conducted the bottle drive.

FALL SOCIAL OCT. 10

Winchester Elementary plans to host their annual fall social event Friday, Oct. 10 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The event will feature a silent auction, face painting, children's games, a magician and a deejay.

There is no charge for admission. For more information, contact Karen Heiser at (248) 449-6497.

RIDGE WOOD PARENT SOCIAL/AUCTION

Ridge Wood Elementary

School's P.T.A. plans to host its First Annual Parent Social and Auction on Oct. 24. This gala event begins at 7 p.m. at St. John's Conference Center near Five Mile and Sheldon Roads. It features musical entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and an opportunity to bid on live and silent auction items.

The cost is \$50 per person with beverages extra.

All proceeds from this event will fund programs sponsored by the P.T.A. Donations to the auction are welcome. For tickets and additional information, call (248) 735-9591.

RECORD SEEKS OUTSTANDING TEACHER NOMINATIONS

The Northville Record is seeking

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To nominate a teacher, send the teacher's full name, school address and school phone number along with a statement of no more than 200 words indicating why this instructor deserves to be our Feature Teacher. Nominations are to be sent to 104 W. Main Northville, Mich. 48167 or via e-mail to jnorris@ht.homecomm.net

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

HILLSIDE SCIENCE FAIR

Judging for eighth grade science

fair projects is planned to occur Monday, Nov. 17. A parent open house for the science fair projects will be the evening of Nov. 19.

SKATIN' STUDENTS

Moraine and Winchester Elementary are teaming together to offer several evenings of roller skating at Riverside Arena, an indoor skating facility. Food and rental equipment is available. This year, the skate time from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 and Jan. 20.

STROLLERS NEEDED

The Old Village School leisure recreation program is in need of large strollers to accommodate children 50 to 100 pounds. For more information, call (248) 344-8460.

2003 Northville Citizen of the Year Award

We want to say thank you to the scores of people who commit their time, energy money and talents to making the Northville Community a special place to live. We want to say thank you to the individuals who work with service groups that help the less-fortunate in our community. We want to say thank you to the men, women and children who clean up our parks, plant flowers around town, drive meals to those who can't get out, work in our schools, in our businesses, and in our governments. And to do this, we need your help.

Each year, the Northville Chamber of Commerce celebrates the dedication and support shown by our volunteers through our Citizen of the Year award. Once again, we're asking the community to nominate individuals for this award. Nominations should include the name of the individual and a brief outline of the reasons they qualify for Citizen of the Year status. Send nominations to the Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main Street, Northville, Mich. 48167, or fax them to (248) 349-8730.

The award was started in 1976 as our way to honor a special individual whose effort made a difference in the community. The following are criteria for the nomination: (please return materials to the office by Oct. 5.)

- The nominee must:
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Lauren McCausland

Northville resident Scott Bennett was among those named as a winner of the Denison University (Granville, Ohio) Heritage Scholarship.

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your favorite HomeTown Newspaper Nov. 13. Of course, since chefs deserve a day off on occasion, all submissions will be entered in a special drawing to win one of two \$50 gift certificates to a local restaurant.

To submit a recipe, send it along with your name, phone number and address to: cparent@ht.homecomm.net or to HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843. Attn: Candy Parent. Please include a brief history of the recipe, why it is special, who created it or how your family uses it as part of their holiday traditions. Photos of the chef or the finished product are welcome.

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Schools take Wayne County to court

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approval to dig the trenches to install the fiber optic cable. School officials said requests for a permit to install the wiring were denied.

Language within the lawsuit stated that the school district "has encountered numerous obstacles and setbacks created by the Wayne County Department of Public Service Engineering Division Permit Office."

Furthermore, the document stated that the DPS permit office conditioned processing of the permit upon the school district's submission of a letter of credit in the amount of \$100,000.

Northville Public Schools plans to install the fiber optic cable south of Eight Mile road in Wayne County, along the west side of Beck Road down to Six Mile, then westward along Six Mile Road to Ridge Wood and then easterly from Ridge Wood along Six Mile to Northville High School.

Officials stated the school district was able to obtain an identical permit from Oakland County in 14 days.

Northville Public Schools attorney Terry Miglio said the suit asked the court to require Wayne County to issue the permit.

On Sept. 26, the judge ordered the permit be granted to Northville schools.

However, further legal disputes over installing the cables are still in progress. Clashes are now focusing on right-of-way privileges.

Miglio said Wayne County has approved of digging and installing the fiber optic cable where there is a

"From our perspective, these are the standards that are required in all projects of this type."

Teresa Blossom
Wayne County spokesperson

60-foot road right-of-way. The right-of-way, he said, begins at the road's midpoint and measures 60 feet on each side of the street's center.

"When you get to a certain point — that's approximately 300 feet long — the right-of-way is approximately 33 feet from the center of the road," said Miglio. "Their position is they don't have to grant us access in the narrower portion. The statute says the county has to give right-of-ways regardless of the width of it. It doesn't interfere with operation of the road. We're not tearing up the pavement at 60 feet or 33 feet."

Wayne County has authorized the excavating and installation process to commence in areas with a 60 foot right-of-way, but not in the portion of Six Mile Road which features a thinner right-of-way, he said.

"I think the judge's words from the bench were 'Go forth and dig,'" said Miglio. "It's incredible it's taken this long. It's been very frustrating. The process has not been anywhere as easy as it should have been."

A future court ruling will decide if Northville schools may install their cabling in areas with a right-

of-way less than 60 feet or if an easement from property owners is needed.

At the hearing, Miglio said digging along the wider right-of-way areas was approved and the county's requirement for a \$100,000 letter of credit was abandoned. However, he said the district was asked for a \$4,000 bond to ensure the road area would be returned to its original status.

Disagreements also arose regarding when the permit was issued.

Wayne County spokesperson Teresa Blossom said the permit requires the installation to take place at least 57 feet from the main road.

"This is the first time a school district in Wayne County has done a fiber optics project," she said. "Northville schools [weren't] satisfied with the requirements and the permit which are standard for these types of projects. So unfortunately, they want some changes that would make them an exception to standards that are applied to everyone else."

Blossom said the permit was issued to the district Sept. 25, but Miglio claims that permit was unsigned and was a proposal which

contained unacceptable terms.

Blossom said, "Although the permit was issued yesterday — which means they could go out and start construction on the project — the standard requirement that they be 57 feet from a major road like Six Mile became a point of contention. They wanted to be closer. We did move the process along and the permit was issued Thursday."

She also said the standards are consistent for all major roads.

"We apply the standard to everyone," said Blossom. "We believe they should apply in this case and

we're looking forward to resolving this and having the project move forward."

"From our perspective, these are the standards that are required in all projects of this type."

Blossom also said the county's requirement of a \$100,000 letter of credit was lifted.

"In the spirit of working together, the permit allowed them to move forward without a letter of credit," she said. "We're trying to work with Northville Public Schools and we believe the issue can be resolved."

Miglio said as owners of the

right-of-way, Wayne County is required to give the schools access.

"Our position is they have to grant use of right-of-way," he said.

Miglio said he is also prepared to ask the court to monitor the project and its pending construction.

"The question is 'Why did it take this long?'" he said. "We're probably not done with this process."

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

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Redevelopment of NPH land may be 'unique'

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

It could be later this month that Northville Township leaders have their first sit-down with the potential developers of the former psychiatric hospital site on Seven Mile Road.

The township Board of Trustees and Planning Commission would welcome scheduling a joint meeting with Real Estate Interests Group to discuss plans for the very visible, 422-acre parcel that encompasses substantial Seven Mile Road frontage stretching from Northville Road to Haggerty Road.

"I think that's a wise idea, given the scope of that project," said township manager Chip Snider. The trustees and the planners eyeing plans at the same time would remove any ambiguity about the desired direction of the project, he said.

Representatives of the Bloomfield Hills-based developer stopped in the township hall Friday, said community development director Jennifer Frey. The planning department has a schedule of submission deadlines and requirements to fulfill in order to be included on an upcoming commission agenda.

There remain only two regular planning commission meetings this year, Oct. 28 and Dec. 3. Officials in the past have scheduled special meetings at the request of developers of large-scale projects.

"I haven't seen any plans yet," Frey told the Planning Commission members at their regular meeting Tuesday night. "They indicated they did want to do something different, unique. They said all the right things."

The commissioners concurred that the community development director would be the go-to person on this project. Acting as liaison between township representatives, residents and developer, Frey's role will be to keep everyone on the same page and abreast of the project's progress.

REI Group (no relation to the outdoor outfitter) is in the midst of 75-day due diligence period designated by the state, evaluating numerous features of the property before inking the final deal with the state. The contract signed by state department of

management and budget officials gives the buyer 75 days, or until Dec. 8, to conduct investigations.

The State Administrative Board will have final approval of the agreement in which REI bid \$76.5 million for the property. The current timetable would permit closing the deal before the end of the year, Frey said.

REI's five-partner buying group takes the stage in development of the parcel after the state's initial choice to develop the site, Grand/Sakwa of Farmington Hills, bowed out last month. The state in May offered the land for sale, diverse and challenging in its series of now-abandoned buildings, rolling hills and dense woodlands.

Planning for the property to change hands, township leaders last year adopted a planned use development ordinance for the state property, part of an overall vision for the Seven Mile Road Corridor. Renderings specify locations of office, research and development, residential and open-space land uses.

Planning commissioners questioned Frey whether REI representatives were familiar with aspects of the deal Grand/Sakwa's planned for the property. Specifically, the developer had indicated it would donate 50 acres to the township and an additional 20 acres to Northville Public Schools.

With that donation, the township intended to meander Winchester Drive through the property, rather than making it a straight-away from Six Mile Road through to Seven Mile, based on input from residents in the area. Township planners also had eyed the open space for park expansion or a community center.

Frey indicated her intention to continue the practice of sending informational letters to homeowners close to the former hospital property.

Planning Commission Chairperson Lisa Anderson asked about the potential for hosting informational meetings for the public.

"I told them we have some very active homeowners' associations," Frey said. "I indicated it would be a great opportunity to do that."

"They said they would look into it."

City's ballot lined up

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The fate of a new downtown parking deck, it appears, will be the only decisive ballot question this political season.

In Northville Township, residents have another year until casting votes on leadership positions. In the city, short of a write-in candidacy, the Nov. 4 vote will be smooth sailing for Mayor Christopher Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem CarolAnn Ayers and Councilman Tom Swigart.

The incumbents for the two-year mayor seat, and the two four-year council terms, were three of five city residents to pick up the petition necessary to run for office. Councilman Kevin Hartshome and local businessman Ron Bodnar, who also picked up petitions, had not yet submitted them, City Clerk Dianne Massa said Tuesday. The deadline for submitting petitions was 5 p.m. Wednesday so the definitive word on contenders was not available by presstime.

Johnson, Ayers and Swigart properly submitted the paperwork, including 50-75 valid signatures of registered voters, Massa confirmed. With that news, Bodnar said Tuesday he no longer planned to seek a council seat.

"If it's CarolAnn and Tom, I will withdraw my candidacy before the printing of the ballot," he said. "I feel that the job is being competently done."

"If they're the only ones running, I have no wish for power."

Owner operator for 30 years of Copy Boy Printing in town, Bodnar said his aspirations were based on a concern that a mayoral bid would



open up another current council seat. Hartshome, who like Councilman Jerry Mittman was elected to serve through 2005, said Monday he is not planning to run for mayor.

"It was a simply precautionary measure to make sure people would get to vote one way or the other on the parking deck proposal," Hartshome said. "I was prepared to address the issue at the ballot box in November, but I believe the mayor made that unnecessary."

The council Sept. 15 voted to place on the ballot a proposal authorizing funding for construction of a new parking deck downtown. Specifically, the ballot language asks whether the city should borrow \$5 million and issue 20-year bonds to pay for parking improvements. The primary source of revenue necessary to pay back the bonds would be incremental taxes collected in the city's downtown development authority district.

The councilman estimated 90-95 percent of the time he and Johnson vote alike. But, he said he would be willing to risk his council seat to save his vision for the city.

Residents are undecided right now on the construction of a Wing Street parking deck, between Main and Dunlap streets. "There is still time to reconsider what we are

doing," he said. "If we run with it as is, it stands a very good chance of being defeated."

"Our concern is the height, the mass and the density," Hartshome continued.

There are two reasons people move to the Northville area, he said, the quaint downtown and the schools.

"I'd hate to lose either one of them," he said. "If we lose 'quaint,' I shudder to think what we would replace it with."

Northville's Downtown Development Authority is hosting a public information meeting on the ballot proposal at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, in the City Hall council chambers, 215 W. Main St. There will be a slide presentation and a question-and-answer opportunity.

An enthusiastic historian of the city's rejuvenation during the past 30 years, Johnson moved here as a seventh grader in 1968. This election potentially will return him for



Chris Johnson



Tom Swigart



CarolAnn Ayers

ON DECK

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his ninth term as Northville's mayor.

"I guess it's the ultimate compliment," he said. "People appreciate the hard work and effort that goes into it."

City residents have until Monday, Oct. 6, to register in order to be able to vote Nov. 4. People can go to the Secretary of State office, city hall or check out the city's web site to register to vote.

For those seeking an absentee ballot, they are available at City Hall. The last day they can leave the building is 2 p.m. Nov. 1. Residents wishing to vote absentee after that time still can Monday, Nov. 3, until 4 p.m. The ballot cannot leave at that point.

As far as a write-in candidate, any latecomer would have to complete proper paperwork, Massa explained. The week before the election, a person would be required to file a write-in candidate declaration of intent.

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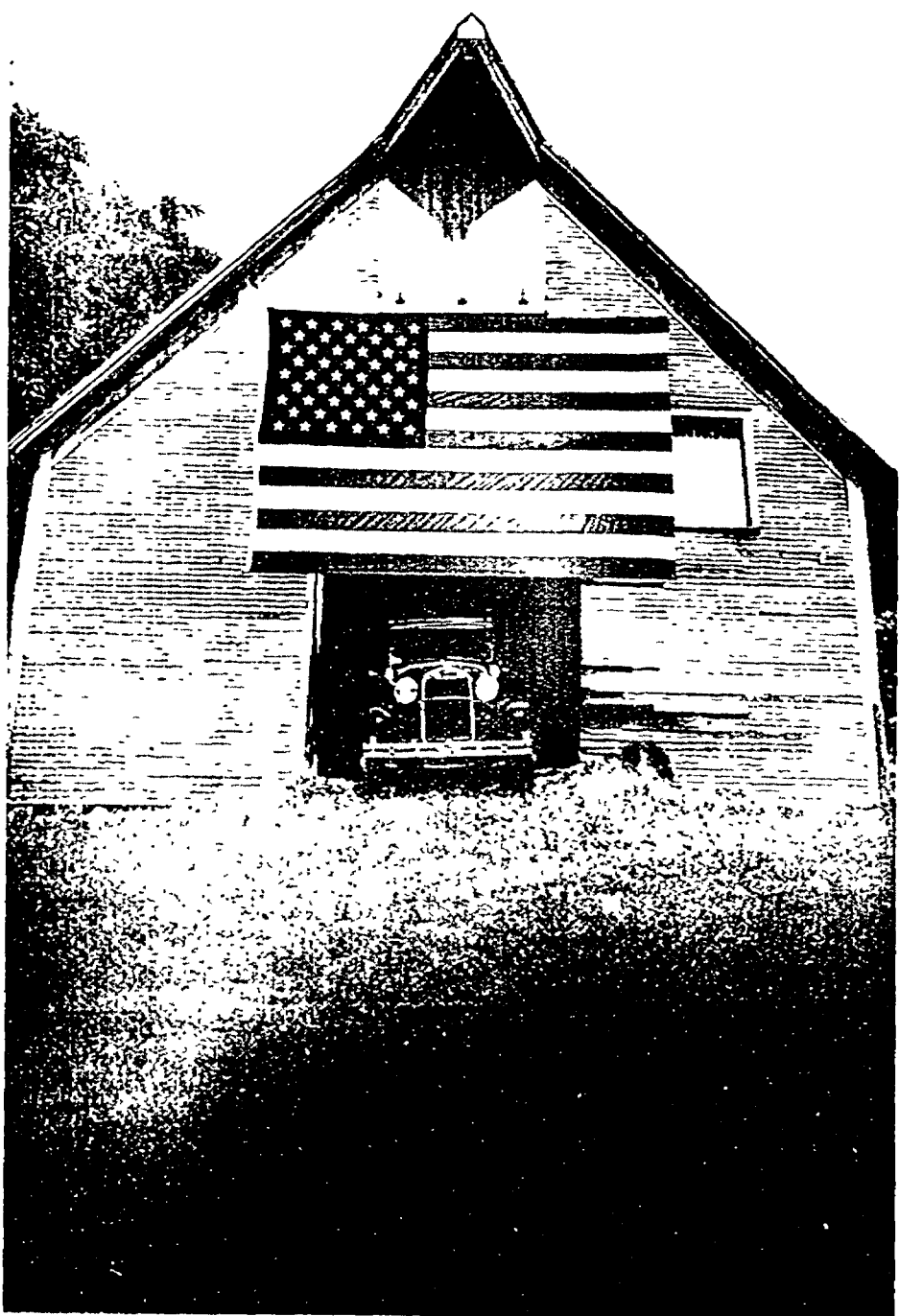
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NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

Annual chimney cleaning is a must-do

When Brian Miller climbs up a ladder to inspect a chimney, he is thinking of the safety of the family down below.

The Livonia-based chimney sweep takes seriously his role in protecting his customers from the danger that can result from lack of routine maintenance. The Shiers on North Ely in Northville were among the families the owner of London Fog Chimney Sweeps visited last week as part of a fall push for fire prevention.

"Homes burn down every year — people die every year — from chimney fires, from not having them maintained," Miller said. "It's a real serious stuff."

The hazard comes from the accumulation of creosote inside chimneys, Miller said. When people burn wood in their fireplace or stove, the gases in the wood smoke cool, then condense, to create the coating, he explained.

"It's highly flammable," he said. "An errant spark will ignite that stuff."

Chimney fires notoriously start from someone throwing an odd item into a fireplace, such as a pizza box or holiday wrapping paper, he said. The resulting flame shooting upward might ignite an unclean chimney interior.

"That's the major, major reason to hire a qualified chimney sweep," Miller said. "They clean and inspect the wood-burning system."

Fall is the busiest season for the profession as cooler temperatures turned homeowners' attention to their fireplace. That is what Cindy Shier had in mind when she called London Fog, based on her sister's recommendation.

"In the wintertime, it's always on," Shier said. "We've heard of too many chimney fires."

"We do it every fall — just to be safe, to be sure."

The Northville woman said she is happy to refer the service

"Homes burn down every year...from chimney fires, from not having them maintained. It's real serious stuff."

Brian Miller
London Fog Chimney Sweep

to encourage acquaintances to take the safety precaution.

"It's a job you might put off," she said. "What if something happened?"

"It's so quick and easy. When you put your little fire log in, you can start it with confidence."

Most London Fog jobs, in the \$85 range, take approximately 45 minutes, Miller said. Woodstove jobs might cost a little more, depending on how they are vented and the amount of stovepipe to disassemble.

Miller, a chimney sweep since 1979, performs all his jobs himself. He described the importance of finding a professional with credentials in order to have peace of mind with the service provided. Such certification comes from the National Chimney Sweepers Guild or the Chimney Safety Institute, he said.

If homeowners use their fireplace on a regular basis, Miller recommended they contract for cleaning annually.

"It's good to have it checked out once a year," he said. "Along with the cleaning, a good chimney sweep will do a total inspection from top to bottom."

Shier estimated the chimney sweep was at her home for less than 30 minutes. Starting at her wall-width, brick family room fireplace, Miller lined the floor and hearth with a tarp, then shined his light up, craning for a look. He attached equipment that looked like a large "shop vac," Shier described.

"It is not messy," she said. "You don't smell anything."

On London Fog's receipt, a



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Cindy Shier had her North Ely Rd. chimney cleaned by Brian Miller of London Fog Chimney Sweeps this past week. Shier is concerned about keeping her fireplace as safe as possible and has it cleaned before each season.

diagram details the system from crown to flue liner to smoke shelf to damper to lintel to fire brick to ash dump. Shier on Monday received a good status report and a suggestion for a cap.

"There's absolutely no mess when this procedure is done, when I do it at least," Miller said.

The sweep performs the exterior or cleaning rooftop with his wire brushes. He also makes repairs and installs protective caps,

which keep out moisture and animals. Raccoons, birds and squirrels sometimes find a home in a chimney, he said.

When natural gas prices rose in the 1970s and many people returned to the concept of burning wood, Miller said the demand for his profession increased. As those homeowners became more educated about the maintenance necessary, the incidence of fire damage has

decreased.

From his Livonia base, Miller said he travels to Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Canton, Birmingham, all over the metro Detroit area. Despite many newer home owners opting for gas fireplaces, there still is a demand for the chimney sweep.

"There's still people burning wood," Miller said. Chimneys for gas fireplaces occasionally need cleaning too, although not as often. He recommends gas cus-

tomers who use their fireplaces regularly call for cleaning every two to three years.

London Fog Chimney Sweeps can be reached at 734-513-8455 or www.londonfogchimney.com.

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Joan Rucker: staff member, volunteer, and friend.

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Thanks Joan, for nearly 15 years of 'footprints'.

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NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

Bill Zhmendak

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tion was presented:

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• Fire resulted in the death of 149 civilians, four firefighters and 917 civilian injuries and another 913 fire service on duty injuries.

Even though the U.S. is a global leader in technology, it still has the highest fire death rate in the world. Each of us have to slow down and do our part in changing these numbers — basically go back to the basic. To most, the basics have been lost due to our lifestyles. There is just no time. As your fire chief I'm asking each of you to make time, to help save a life. Fire prevention is still the best method of fire safety.

Here's what I'm suggesting:

- Plan an escape route from your home, apartment, work place or vacation spot. Plan two routes, if possible, making sure all employees and family members understand the plan. Older people and the very young have problems moving quickly. Make sure your plan addresses them. For assistance with your plan

contact your local fire department.

- Never smoke in bed or your favorite comfortable chair when you feel drowsy or have consumed alcohol.

- Don't use towels as potholders. They ignite easily if they are placed too near a burner.

- Place a rubber mat in front of your stove to prevent you from slipping or falling.

- A circuit breaker or fuse that keeps tripping or blowing may be a sign of an electrical problem. Call an electrician or qualified person to check the wiring.

- Always check appliance cords for fraying and exposed wires.

- Sleep with your bedroom door closed. This helps keep smoke and flames from reaching you.

- Keep a whistle, a flashlight and eyeglasses near your bed.

- In the event of a fire, smoke and heat usually rise so bend low, or crawl if necessary and get out quickly. If your clothes catch on fire, cover your face, drop to floor and roll until the flames have gone out, or drape a large blanket or towel around your body to extinguish the flames.

Please join us in our efforts to spread information before another fire spreads throughout a home

in your neighborhood. If your home does not have a working smoke detector, replace it today. Smoke alarms are your best early warning system in the event of a fire.

Install detectors on every level of your home, including the basement and outside each bedroom. Test your alarms every month and replace the batteries every year. Never borrow a battery from a smoke detector for another use. Remember — a disabled alarm can't save your life. Replace all alarms that are more than 10 years old. Let's all do our part in changing the data on fire related incidents.

It's a good time for a family meeting. I bet you will all be pleasantly surprised as to how educated your children are when you talk to them about fire safety. Let them take an active part in your life safety program, and remember your fire department is always there for your assistance. During Fire Prevention Month, I invite each of you to stop by, visit your firefighter and view your fire department before you really need them.

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Jim Allen

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to practice their plan with their families. They are then invited to come to the fire station to talk with firefighters about their plans, to ask questions and to get help to make their plan work.

Prior to the event, fire personnel have contacted local businesses for donations to help recognize the children for their efforts. Treats and prizes are available to all participants. The highlight of this event is the drawing for lunch with the firefighters. The winners of this drawing are picked up at school by a fire truck, treated to lunch with firefighters and returned to school in a fire truck. The real lesson in all this is fire safety needs to be practiced year round.

Smoke detectors are a very important tool in saving lives. Detectors should be checked on a monthly basis and if they are battery powered the batteries should be changed twice a year. A helpful way to remember to change the batteries is change them in the spring and fall in conjunction with changing our clocks. It is also highly recommended to have carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Fire extinguishers should be placed in both homes and businesses. Occupants should familiarize themselves with using them before they are needed. One of the most important things to remember when using a fire extinguisher is that you do not try to put out a fire that is already too large to be put out with just an extinguisher. By trying to do this you could be putting yourself and others in jeopardy of

serious injury. Remember to first call 911 to get help on the way before the fire gets out of hand.

Keeping combustibles away from ignition sources such as furnaces, hot water heaters and fireplaces is very important.

As we approach the cold weather months fire places are again in use. Always be sure that hot ashes removed from the fireplace are placed in a metal container and moved outside.

The areas where fires most often start in homes are the kitchen, bedroom and common areas such as family or living rooms. Cooking is the leading cause of fires in the home. Smoking is the second highest cause and children playing with a heat source is the third.

Many lives and millions of dollars are lost each year due to fire. Fire prevention and safety are something we all need to be aware of and practice in our homes, work place and the places we visit to cut the loss of lives and property.

The City of Northville Fire Department offers many Public Education programs including fire safety, station tours and CPR training. Should you be interested in fire education please contact us.

During the week of Oct. 6-10, the station will be open to the public during the hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for citizens to stop in and see fire equipment and talk to firefighters.

Jim Allen is fire chief of the city of Northville. He can be reached at (248) 449-9920 or jallen@ci.northville.mi.us.

POLICE REPORTS

BYE-BYE BICYCLE: Northville Township Police responded to the larceny of a bicycle Sept. 27. The bicycle belonged to a 13-year-old Northville boy.

Police were told the boy had been keeping his bike right outside the apartment door. The boy said he rode his bike the day before at approximately 7 a.m. He left his bike at the front door.

When his mother left home the morning of Sept. 27 at approximately 8 a.m., she asked where the bike was. At that point, the boy realized the bicycle was taken. He stated no one else had permission to use the bike and it was not secured.

HOME BURGLARY: Police were dispatched to a Ridge Road residence in response to a suspicious cir-

cumstance.

Upon police arrival, a 48-year-old Northville man told police he no longer lived at the Ridge Road address but did still have personal items inside the home. At about 9:30 p.m., he entered the residence and found the couch, loveseat, television and VCR had been taken from the front living room. Upon further inspection, he found the south kitchen window curtain had been knocked off and there was a chair directly under the window.

Later, he remembered he left a checkbook in the "computer desk" located in the kitchen. He thumbed through the checkbook and discovered four unwritten checks were missing.

The man told police he believed the stolen items were taken by his brother. The man also said he wished to pro-

secute the subject(s) if caught, even the culprit turned out to be his brother.

All of the items were at the residence Sept. 24.

REACH OUT AND DON'T TOUCH SOMEONE: A 30-year-old Northville woman told Northville Township police she received a phone call from her ex-boyfriend, but heard only background noise, as if it was an accidental call.

A personal protection order had been filed and served to a 32-year-old Wixom man.

Police said the man was contacted by phone and he stated he did not place a call to her on purpose. Police instructed him to remove the woman's phone number from his cell phone to avoid any future accidental phone calls.

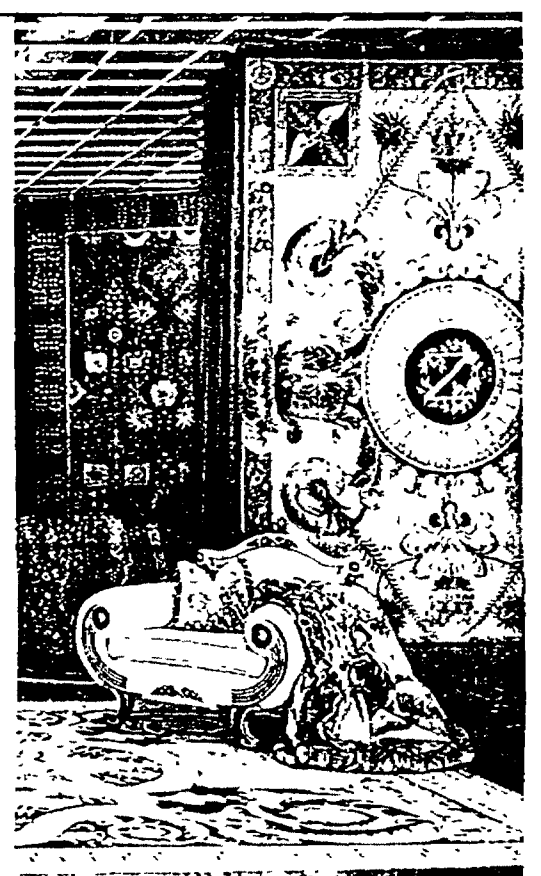
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Homecoming fever falls on NHS



photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Northville High School marching band will strike up tunes for students this week during homecoming activities.

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

This week, students at Northville High School are bursting with school spirit and eagerly awaiting the arrival of this weekend's 2003 Homecoming festivities.

Tomorrow afternoon, Northville High School will cheer and holler during an all-school pep rally in the gymnasium. Class competitions are planned and two students will be appointed Homecoming King and Queen.

At 6:15 p.m. tomorrow, the annual Homecoming parade will commence. The procession begins at the Recreation Center parking lot.

Afterward, the Mustangs will deal with the Wayne Memorial Zebras during the Homecoming football game. The selected king and queen will be presented with their parents at half-time.

Prior to this weekend's events—and even before the school year

began—Student Congress members carefully planned the details and activities of Homecoming Week. A team of approximately 30 students organized games, themes, lunchroom activities, a pep rally, parade, the dance and dance decorations to promote school spirit.

Students selected the theme "Game of Life" and appointed daily dress-up sub-themes, including a day of students dressed in their pajamas.

"It was very relaxed," said Katie Beger, Student Congress President, of wearing pajamas to school Monday. "You wanted to fall right asleep because you were in pajamas. It makes it fun to be out of your element."

Tomorrow the appointed attire is orange and black, the colors of Northville High School.

Student Congress Historian Steve Mnich said, "At Northville, the spirit's overwhelming. A vast majority of students do dress up. It's very rare to see people that aren't."



photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Northville High School pom pon squad will have a role in homecoming festivities this week.

Beger said Student Congress members began planning Homecoming events in August before the school year began and kept their plans confidential.

"I never knew how much work this would be," said Beger. "I love every minute of it. The kids are great. It's always fun to work with the freshmen who have no idea how big spirit week is here."

Mnich also said extensive efforts went into preparing for this week's events.

"[We] literally stayed up all night," he said of the planning process. "From summer up until the last day we're planning to

make sure everything's OK."

Beger said the Homecoming dance is themed "The Reunion" and will feature photos of students from their days in elementary and middle school.

"Everyone's looking forward to the game and the dance. It's really an exciting week. It's really rewarding to see your work pay off when everyone has a great time," she said.

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NHS HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

Friday

1:15 p.m. Homecoming Assembly, Northville High School
Class Competitions, crowning of Homecoming King and Queen

6:15 p.m. Homecoming Parade, beginning at the Recreation Center parking lot.

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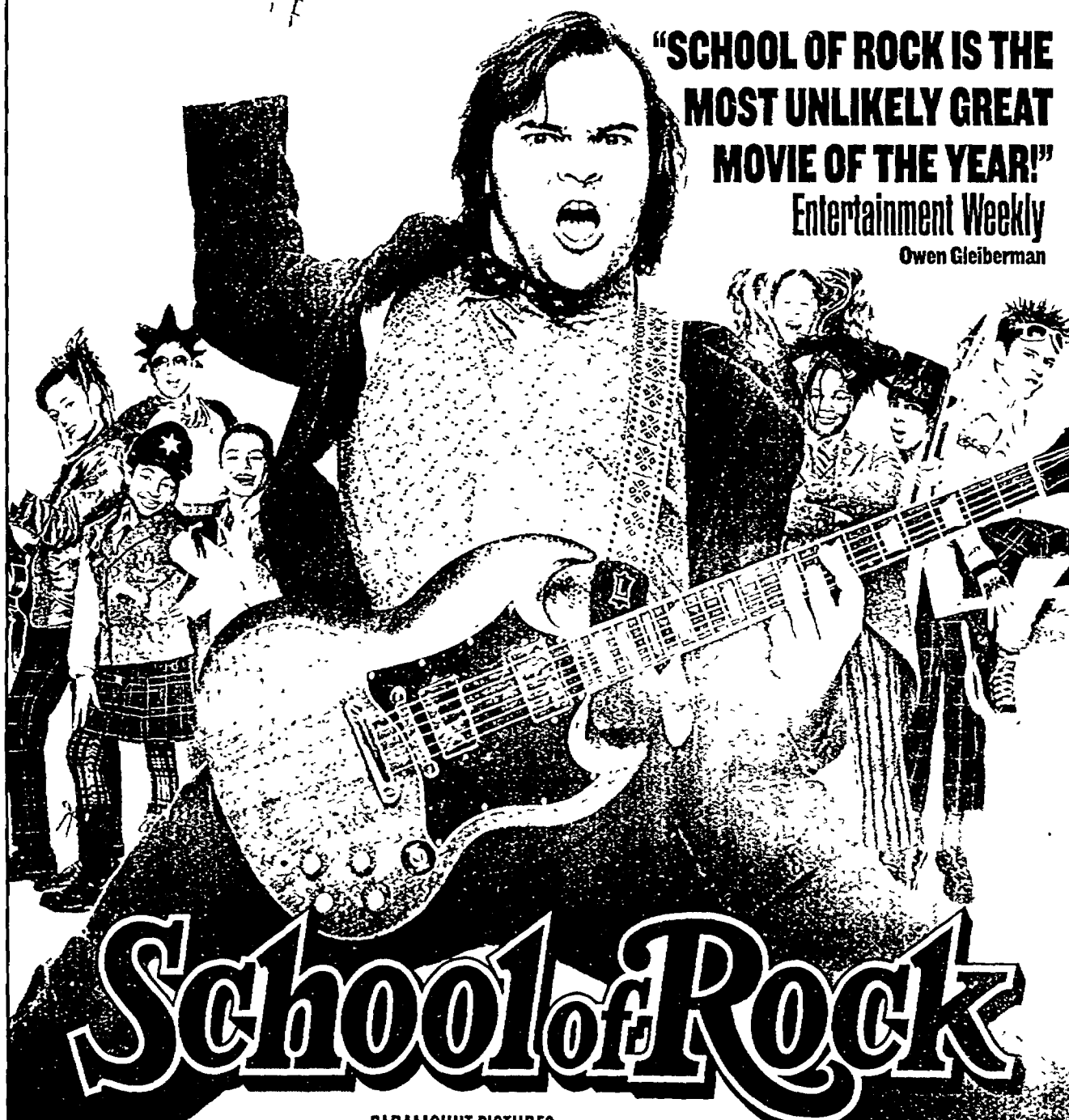
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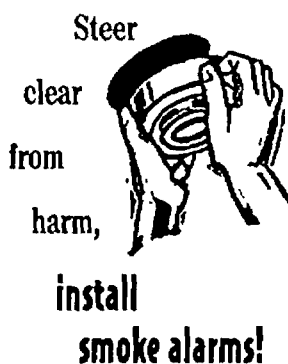
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CROP Walk returns to Northville

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Residents are invited this Sunday to grab their most comfortable walking shoes and participate in the 16th annual Novi-Northville CROP Walk.

The walk is geared to help fund local and global hunger relief programs.

CarolAnn Donnelly, publicity chairperson and Novi resident, said the event is organized by local churches.

Registration is slated to take place from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at St. James Church, located at 46325 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi.

The walk will commence at 2 p.m., proceed through the streets of Novi and downtown Northville and conclude at Our Lady of Victory, located at 770 Thayer in Northville.

The route measures approximately 6.2 miles.

Sponsor sheets are available at the Church of the Holy Family on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile and Grand River.

Donnelly said police officials from both communities will be assisting in making the walkers' commute secure.

"We're trying to make the walk as safe as possible," she said.

Water stations will be available along the established path.

Children are welcome to participate in the event, however bicycles are not allowed.

She added that 25 percent of the funds raised will benefit local charities including the Novi Emergency Food Program, Northville Civic Concern Committee, Active Faith and First Step. The remaining 75 percent will benefit the Church World Service organization.

Donnelly — who is expecting hundreds of walkers — said more than \$23,000 was raised last year.

CROP Walk 2003 will take place rain or shine.

"Normally, we've had really beautiful days for the walk," she said.

At the end of the route, shuttle vans will provide transportation back to St. James Church. The vans will also patrol through the area during the walk, Donnelly said.

For more information, call (248) 349-8553 or (248) 349-8847.

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Brian Patterson, left, and Bill Guenther clean up after a day's work on renovating the exterior of Long's Bath Boutique store at 190 E. Main Street.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Leaked info: plumbing shop gets makeover

Work crews during the past two weeks put up orange fencing on the sidewalk, removed huge glass windows and created gaping holes in one of downtown Northville's long-familiar storefronts.

Customers since 1974 walked through the brown brick facade of the 190 E. Main Street entrance flanked by arched windows. Now Long's Plumbing and Fancy Bath Boutique is undergoing a storewide renovation, said owner Jim Long.

The construction that commenced at the close of the Victorian Festival two weeks ago is scheduled to continue through the end of this month or early November, he said. The store remains open for business during the project.

"It's going to be the same products and services in a totally different presentation," Long

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Jim Long
Long's Plumbing

said. He described plans to update the interior and exterior for the almost 30-year-old building.

Larger front windows will better showcase the full-line plumbing and bath merchandise the store stocks to supplement the bathroom design center. The renovations will cost will in excess of \$100,000, the owner estimated.

"It's going to be a completely different layout to showcase our products," he said.

Reader leader: Spaniol given literacy advocacy award

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Hillside Middle School media specialist Sue Spaniol, has a new gem to add to her resume.

The Michigan Association for Media in Education has recently awarded Spaniol a reading advocacy award — the first award of its kind to be issued by the organization.

"They just announced it publicly," she said, adding that she received a phone call informing her of winning appointment. A letter confirming her award followed in mid-September.

"It's very exciting," she said. "It's a great group. It means a lot to get an award from them. They're a very dynamic and dedicated group."

MAME, a statewide guild, is a professional organization for K-12 school media specialists in Michigan.

Spaniol, who has served on the association's board of directors for approximately six years, was nominated in May by another member for the honor.

Spaniol is slated to formally receive her award during a ceremony in Grand Rapids Oct. 30.

According to MAME officials, the award's purpose is to acknowledge exemplary leadership and advocacy in instilling a love of reading in children and young adults.

Spaniol, a 14-year veteran of Northville Public Schools, considers herself fortunate to be recognized as a reading advocate.

"I was told there were many nominees for this because it's a new award for MAME," she said. "I was thrilled."

Spaniol said there are plans to issue the award annually.

Within the submitted nomination, Spaniol's peers attested to her dedication toward students and promoting the written word.

"It was really nice to know my colleagues felt that way," she said. "I will do anything to get kids in this building reading. There's something in this library for everyone. I just have to find it. That's my mission."

Spaniol, a Farmington Hills resident, is married and has two children.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Hillside Middle School media specialist Sue Spaniol was a recent recipient of the Mary Ann Paulin Award for Reading Advocacy for her efforts to keep her students interested in reading at the school's library.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE SALE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The Northville Police Dept. will be accepting sealed bids for the following vehicles: 99 Mercury Sable, 89 Ford Probe, 94 Ford Taurus, 90 Ford Ranger, 94 Dodge Dakota, 92 Jeep Wrangler, 87 Ford LTD. Informational packet available at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main, Northville, MI. Bids will be opened at 2 PM, 10/9/2003.

(10-2-03 NR 87677)

JAMES PETRES
CHIEF OF POLICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Charter Township of Northville Water and Sewer Division is requesting sealed bids for the purchase of a portable mainline sewer television system.

Specifications for the sewer televising equipment may be obtained at the Northville Township Hall, 41600 Six Mile Road. All bids must be sealed and addressed to:

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Bids are due and will be opened on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. No bids will be accepted after this time. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in any bid in the interest of the Township.

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Western Township Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:00 p.m. Monday, September 22, 2003

Regular meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen
Agenda adopted as presented
Minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 2003 - approved.
Schedule of disbursement totaling \$913,430.34 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for August 2003 - received and filed.
Director's Report for September 2003 - received and filed.
Pump Station Instrumentation System Upgrade; Design Services - approved.
Proposal on Analysis of LR Switch Gear Equipment - approved.
Transfer/Sale of Capacity Team Representation - approved.
FY 2002/2003 Audit Engagement Letter - approved.
Fiscal Year-End Budget Amendment (FY 02/03) - approved.
Administrative Procedures Update - approved.
OMH Service Contract Renewal - approved.
Computer Technologies, Inc., Contract Renewal - approved.
MMRMA Insurance Policy Renewal - approved.
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Chairperson
THOMAS J. YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 10000 S. Boardman Rd. #15197.
Published October 2, 2003

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOVEMBER 4, 2003 CITY ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the CITY OF NORTHVILLE, WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES: Notice is hereby given that Monday, October 6, 2003 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the City Regular Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2003.

The City Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. or you may register at any branch office of the Secretary of State or any County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Electors may register by mail by completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding the application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail-In voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 248-349-1300 Ext. 1962 or to download an application, please visit our website at www.ci.northville.mi.us. A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

The following proposition will be submitted to the electors of the City of Northville at said election.

Parking Bonding Proposition

Shall the City of Northville, Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) and issue its limited tax Bonds therefor payable in not to exceed twenty (20) annual installments for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring and constructing parking improvements together with all attachments and appurtenances related thereto? The primary source of revenue necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds will be incremental taxes collected in the City of Northville Downtown Development Authority Development District.

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Be aware: mental health week starts Oct. 6

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

There's even an anonymity door if you feel there is still a stigma attached.

As part of Mental Illness Awareness Week starting Oct. 6, local therapist Randy Bizer is among the local professionals offering a free consultation on the Thursday designated as National Depression Screening Day.

"No one will know they're here," he said. He pointed out the separate entrance and exit doors to his offices.

Men and women of any age might realize at some point in their life that things are not quite right, Bizer said. Sometimes it still might be hard to ask for help, he acknowledged.

"I think it's because people feel 'I can be stronger than this,'" he said. "If I concentrate real hard, I can get through this." That is not the case, Bizer said.

"I think over the course of anyone's life, they can benefit from a few sessions of therapy, just to get their head back on track."

Based at Suite 201, 215 E. Main Street, across from Starbucks, Bizer specializes in individual and family counseling. He will host a video presentation and short talk about the symptoms and range of treatments available at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9, in his office.

The therapist invited people considering counseling, for themselves or as a suggestion to a loved one to phone his direct line at (248) 895-8888. "Particularly if someone they are concerned about is considering suicide," he said.

Depression affects 17 to 20 million Americans each year, Bizer said. The events in the coming week are intended to reduce the stigma attached to mood problems and direct people to solutions, he said.

Vice presidents of corporations, attorneys, large business owners, stay-at-home moms and

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Randy Bizer
therapist

children are among Bizer's patients.

"Sometimes these people tackle so much," he said. "There's a way that they think about it sometimes. It knocks their socks off."

Therapy can help change how people approach stress and get their thinking back in line, he said. On the other hand, an individual might seek help because he or she feels unsuccessful or isolated, he continued.

"It could definitely be a mom that's at home," Bizer said. "There's lots of scenarios where moms staying at home, things turned out a little differently than they thought it would be."

During appointments through next week, the therapist will screen for depression, post-traumatic-stress disorder, bi-polar disorder and anxiety disorder by asking a series of questions. He compares an individual's responses to the major components of each illness, he explained.

Symptoms of depression might include:

- Consistently feeling sad
 - Low energy level
 - Difficulty with decision making
 - Worrying a lot
 - Sleeping more or sleeping less
 - Aches and pains.
- "Any of those are troublesome," Bizer said. "They might



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville therapist Randy Bizer, right, chats with colleague and fellow MSW Steve Stocker, left, on a recent Friday morning. Bizer and other local therapists will soon participate in free mental health screenings as part of Mental Health Awareness Week.

say, 'it didn't used to be like this' or 'it's been this way for a long time.'"

"Sometimes things creep up on people." When they are questioned, they realize they have been experiencing particular symptoms.

People who call him seeking information for someone they know might be relieved of a burden by learning there potentially is professional help, Bizer said. Since he cannot assess an individual via a second-hand description, the therapist said he

would offer ideas for how someone might gently encourage treatment.

Therapy, rather than medication, is Bizer's first course of action, he said. Although his mental health counterparts in his office may suggest prescription, he said.

Bizer said his average patient feels results in 5 to 10 sessions, while some get results in three. "Some people want to go longer," he added.

His practice is evenly split by gender, he estimated. "Women

are more willing to come in," he said. "I do see a lot of men — men want to see a man about these things."

Since moving his practice to Northville from Livonia in 2000, Bizer's clients come from those areas as well as Novi, South Lyon, Farmington and other surrounding areas. Insurance frequently covers the treatment, he said. If not, he added, "I work with people to make it affordable."

The South Lyon resident said he regularly attends profession-

al conferences to stay abreast of the latest, research-backed mental health treatment. If someone has tried treatment before without success, he urged another try.

"There are new treatments available that are quick and very helpful," he said.

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HOURS:

Oct. 4 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Oct. 5-Oct. 9 — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Oct. 10 — 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

The 11th annual Juried Art Show is slated to take place Oct. 4-10 at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

The event is entitled "Sharing the Gift Within You."

Darlene Kuperus, director of the Music and Fine Arts programs at First Presbyterian, said about 300 pieces of artwork were submitted. Of that amount, approximately 100 were selected for exhibition.

Some of the art pieces are available to purchase.

According to Kuperus, the entries were juried by Gilda Snowden, a Detroit artist and active participant in the Detroit art com-

munity. Snowden received an undergraduate degree and master's in painting from Wayne State University and has been exhibiting her works since 1977, said Kuperus.

She added that Snowden's exhibition of "Signature Images" at the Detroit Institute of Arts resulted in three pieces being purchased for the museum collection.

Gallery hours will be Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 5 through Thursday, Oct. 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Friday, Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Admission to the show is free. A Juror's Gallery Talk is slated for Oct. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

A luncheon café will be open in

the church Oct. 8-10 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for attendees of the show. The charge for the luncheon is \$8.

Kuperus said she is looking forward to the annual art exhibition.

"It's a wonderful downtown event and it celebrates the arts right here in our own community," she said.

The First Presbyterian Church is located at 200 East Main Street in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

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Deck's fate tied closely to DDA future

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of late is shepherding the expansion of the downtown parking system at the Wing Street and Dunlap lots. Council action to extend the life of the DDA to 2024 would be required now to ensure the existence of the authority to repay the 20-year bonds to be issued to cover the cost of the project.

"If the DDA plan is not extended in time, the deck in any form cannot go forward because there would be no way to pay the bonds," Johnson said. In other words, defeat of the plan to extend the life of the development authority would render the ballot proposal moot.

Johnson said he expected the council would endorse continuing the development authority's efforts.

Explaining how projects such as the deck are funded is the biggest challenge, DDA members concurred. The city's finance director Nickie Bateson provided a thorough explanation of tax-increment finance revenues.

1) Determine the taxable value of DDA properties in the base year, in this case 1978.

2) Determine the taxable value of the current year.

3) The difference between 1 and 2 is the "increment," or amount that the property grew in value.

4) Calculate the "tax increment revenue captured." The amount of revenue for the DDA is equal to the "increment" multiplied by the millage rate for each of the taxing entities that participates in the DDA plan. Taxing entities are other units of government that the city collect taxes for, such as Wayne County and Schoolcraft College.

DDA MEETING INFO

Public hearing at their regular 7:30 p.m. meeting at City Hall on Main Street as part of the process of extending the life of the authority's plan.

DDA members also discussed the importance of clarifying several issues:

- Dissolving the authority would not mean that the city's general fund would suddenly see a big influx of tax revenue that previously had been captured for DDA projects. Tax revenue generated over the set cap would be returned respectively to each of the taxing entities.

- There are services paid for through the tax increment financing plan instead of coming out of the city's general fund, which is generated in large part by homeowners' taxes.

- City staff calculated very conservatively the tax-increment revenue projected to pay off the bond debt. While commercial properties in fact have realized double-digit growth in valuation in recent years, the growth rate calculated into the DDA's ability to repay the money borrowed for the deck was estimated at 3 percent.

- There are many development projects in the pipeline which would increase revenue captured by the DDA according to the tax increment financing plan, but the city did not count those in its conservative calculation.

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BIRTHS



Mackellar Keith Graham

Keith and Shannon Graham of Northville announce the birth of their son, MacKellar Keith Graham on Aug. 20 at Providence Alternative Birthing Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and weighed 19 inches long at birth.

Mackellar is the brother of Winter, 3. He is the grandson of Randall and Susan Silye of South Lyon and Donald and Andrea Graham of Northville. He is the great-grandmother is Julia Silye of Trenton. He is the nephew of Holly and Brian Volpe of Plymouth, Don and Susan Graham of West Bloomfield and Steve and Megan Berry of Beaverton, Ore.



Ellen Ann Misiak

Matt and Kyle (Pepino) Misiak of Grand Blanc announce the birth of their daughter, Ellie Ann Misiak on Sept. 5 at Genesys Health Park of Grand Blanc. She weighed 7 pounds and measured 19 inches at birth.

Ellie is the brother of Duncan, 3. She is the granddaughter of Dennis and Tina Pepino of Northville and Marvin and Barbara Misiak of Clarkston. Her godparents are Todd Misiak of Sterling Heights and Shelly Lane of Grand Blanc.

ENGAGEMENTS



Gricius-Durand

Al and Kathy Gricius of Livonia, formerly of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Gricius to William Durand, son of William and Judy Durand of Carleton.

The bride-elect is a 1997 Northville High School graduate and a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by New World Systems, Troy, as a Quality Assurance Specialist.

The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of WMU. He is employed by Lear Corporation, Romulus, as a Production Supervisor.

A July wedding is planned.

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Oct. 2	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. 3:45 p.m.-5 p.m. 5 p.m.-7 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public School Tour Brownie Scout Meeting Rehearsals	Cady Inn Wash-Oak School Cady Inn Church
Oct. 3	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 2 p.m.-4 p.m. 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public School Tour Wedding Wedding Rehearsal	Cady Inn Wash-Oak School Church Church Church
Oct. 4	9 a.m.-11 a.m. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. 4 p.m.-6 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Wedding Reception Party Wedding Wedding Rehearsal	Church Cady Inn Church Church Church
Oct. 5	10 a.m.-noon noon-2 p.m.- 1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church Wedding Buildings Open to the Public	Church Church Buildings & Grounds
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Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Alder, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Capling and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Prisk announce the engagement of their children, Michelle Alder and Trevor Prisk.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Northville High School and is currently attending Indiana Wesleyan University majoring in elementary education and special Education. The groom-elect is attending Indiana Wesleyan University majoring in business administration.

A July wedding is planned.



Alder-Prisk

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

We're hot over fire prevention

Every summer, we hear about massive wildfires consuming tens of thousands of acres of forests. Why do these fires happen? Someone was careless with a match or a cigarette, it seems. And the next thing you know, once-lush landscapes are reduced to charred, smoking ash.

Northville isn't teeming with stands of hardwood, but it is a place where there are homes and people. Fire, being an equal-opportunity killer, is just as happy roaring through a second-story bedroom as it is along a state park nature trail.

October is the perfect month to be reminded of the importance of fire prevention. The trees take on fiery, warm colors and the furnaces get their first workloads of the season. We're returning to our indoor way of life. That's fine, but before we get too cozy this autumn, it's time for a quick but vitally important check to make sure we're protected against fire and we know what to do if one should occur.

Fire isn't something to be feared. Without it, our homes wouldn't stay warm (especially in unseasonable chill like we've got right now), our

food wouldn't cook, and marshmallows...well, watch the satisfaction level just dip right off the charts.

Fire is something to be respected and taken seriously. Used properly, its benefits are many and plentiful. Used carelessly, its destructive and deadly side can cause havoc.

Prevention of fires is obviously the best policy. Even small fires can cause substantial problems. That's why taking a proactive approach means so much. Our local fire departments are here to assist residents in making sure their homes are as safe as they can be. Calling the fire department and scheduling a walk-through of a home may be the most important 60 minutes a family ever makes. (And since your tax dollars are already paying for their services, why *shouldn't* you get something out of the deal?)

In the newspaper business, we spring into action when we hear of a structural fire underway somewhere in our community. That's one part of our jobs we wouldn't mind *not* having to deal with anytime soon.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Workers from Northville's Traditions and Open and Clothed crack up after Sue Riggleman's, front left, feathered hat tickles the nose of Karen Slack as they and Nancy Flanagan, front right, Jo Anne Molin and Marilyn Grech, back row, show off some of the fancy hats they have.

LETTERS

Monroe Doctrine is really pretty simple

This is in response to the letter of Ms. Piccone dated Sept. 25 in which she stated that I misinterpret the Monroe Doctrine. The Monroe Doctrine simply states that "European powers could no longer colonize the American continents and that they should not interfere with the newly independent Spanish American republics." In recently published university textbook, it states that the Monroe Doctrine is "unilateral declaration against European interference in the Western Hemisphere." What's there to misinterpret, Ms. Piccone? It should be noted that Franklin Roosevelt felt that he needed to add his Good Neighbor policy to the mix. It promised that we would have less blatant policies in Central and South America and that we would train the national guards that supported the emplaced dictators that supported our government. So much for the man who help create the United Nations.

Since you brought up Nicaragua by stating, "the people of Nicaragua feared the Sandanistas, this is [Mr. Wild's] invention." Perhaps you need to take a look at the policies that the Sandanistas had set up during the early 1980s. Domestic support of the new Sandanistas government was not universal. Ethnic minorities from the Caribbean coast saw them as a replay of previous government. These people from the coast would not voluntarily become part of the Sandanistas plan. Therefore government forces responded by forcibly relocating them, leading many indigenous groups during this time to join groups opposing the government.

Thus the Contra movement was born. It was a mix of indigenous groups from the coast and peasants from the north that would become the Contras. We supported the Contras with \$19 million and bases located in Honduras. During this protracted war the cost had become too great for the Sandanistas government. Finally they would agree to free elections but they also would impose emergency laws that would band criticism and organization of political opposition. Remember it was the Sandanistas that shut down La Prensa, a paper that support them (Sandanistas) but started to ask questions that would be embarrassing for the government to answer. With such bands on freedoms the people of Nicaragua had much to be in fear of. This is why that country had to have supervision of its elections.

Ms. Piccone, your diplomatic history of the United States was faulty in the case of Nicaragua, therefore your whole letter stating the history of the listed countries is to be suspect. I only pick Nicaragua as an example I really want to spare the readership of the *Northville Record* from a long letter.

Quoting Ms. Piccone, "I find much of [Mr. Wild's] attitude uncomfortable close to that of the Germans who supported Hitler." When I read your comments I find that they mirror the philosophy of such great socialist leaders as V.L. Lenin, Josef Stalin, Mao Zedong and Fidel Castro. We all know what those socialist leaders believed in, especially when it comes to personal freedom.

Finally one last word on this subject. I must remind you that it is not the United States and its corporations who do the enslavement of the people. For the real enslaver is the government of a socialist bent. We need only to look at the Soviet Union and its Gulags, the reeducation system of the Peoples Republic of China and the killing fields of Cambodia to see the true enslavers of the people.

Dwight Wild
Northville

Record's letter policy is good for everyone

I applaud the Northville Record for presenting opposing points of view on any given subject. Because one writer considers another's to be an "annoying viewpoint" is no reason to limit the information being supplied.

Irene Piccone has a broad working background from which she has drawn certain conclusions. Each of us is constantly sifting through information to arrive at conclusions whereby we can make wise decisions regarding how we should be governed. I am sure that is why Irene Piccone has shared her knowledge with your readers. I don't always agree with all that is being presented, but I appreciate being able to consider other's opinions. Otherwise we will not have a free press. Already across this country small town newspapers are being gobbled up by large syndicates, narrowing our access to varying points of view. It is critical to the health of this nation that we have a free press, which is what distinguishes us from a dictatorship.

I see a note in your paper reminding us to

recycle this paper — and I always do — except for one column that I always cut out and keep, and often go back and refer to. That column is the one written by Phil Power. I am grateful for his vast knowledge and background of the history of Michigan, and it's impact on current affairs. I hope he continues to supply us with this kind of information.

Peg Monnier
Northville

Don't let the facts impede free speech

The long, fact-filled Sept. 25 letter of Irene Piccone is followed by a letter from Sue Topolewski expressing annoyance and requesting, "No more Irene, please!" As the philosopher Joseph Campbell pointed out, "Without facts, you can believe anything you wish." The requested censorship might give comfort to those who are unwilling or unable to adjust their beliefs to uncongenial facts, but I enjoy learning from well-informed and well-reasoned letters to the editor from my fellow citizens. I hope the editor will not deny freedom of the press to anyone.

Brent Baving
Northville

Iraq war's costs could insure a lot of children

Why not spend the \$80 billion in Iraq to rebuild there country. After all, we'll be over there for the next 20 years or so, anyway.

My friend and I sat down and figured out that we could cover about 12 million kids with health insurance for two years for about \$80 billion. But they don't have any oil, so forget 'em.

God bless the U.S.A.

Rich Loprete
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There's a gap in technology

I'm a member of the Executive Committee of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, so I was pleased when Gov. Jennifer Granholm met with us back in February.

We discussed how best to encourage high tech start-up companies, entrepreneurs and venture capitalists here in Michigan by commercializing discoveries made in labs at state universities. We all agreed it's likely that of Michigan's economic future will

emerge from this sort of technology transfer, but how to accelerate this process has been a vexing problem for some time.

The governor urged the MEDC to sponsor a summit conference on technology transfer to bring together the universities, the entrepreneurs and the folks from state government. And to and behold, around 200 folks took part last Wednesday in the "Governor's University Summit on Economic Development and Collaboration."

At first blush, the conference could have been a train wreck. The universities have been feeling put upon because the state over the past three years has cut their revenue something like 20 percent in real

terms, yet folks in Lansing also want them to be doing a lot more to move discoveries out of their labs into the private sector. Entrepreneurs and venture capitalists grump that the best thing for state government to do is just stay out of the way. And entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and universities all consider the apparatus of state government to be clumsy, bureaucratic and ill-suited to this task.

Gov. Granholm spoke, pointing out that creating new high tech jobs will help replace the thousands of jobs being lost in manufacturing and other industries. Four work groups (each consisting of representatives from universities, the business community and state government) had teed up a series of perfectly sensible recommendations: Look around the country for the best university by-laws and policies to promote technology transfer; figure out how best to match the supply (of technology) at universities with the demand (for technology) from entrepreneurs and venture capitalists. So far, so good.

But an underlying assumption, at least by some folks from state government, is that technology transfer can be called forth more or less on demand. That just isn't so. Technology transfer is not top-down; it's a bottom-up process. It is not something that can be called forth by bureaucratic dictate or by the command of even the most sympathetic policy-maker. It is slow, hesitant, contingent, unstructured and often unplanned. Most importantly, there is no bullet — silver or otherwise — that will unfailingly link research discovery, entrepreneurial interest, venture capital funding and corporate start-up.

Many people agreed that the fundamental

problem here is one of culture ... everybody's culture. Universities are mainly teaching and learning institutions. Not surprisingly, their culture is academic and somewhat risk-averse, although there are some

researchers who are champing at the bit to commercialize their discoveries. The culture of state government is hardly academic, but even more risk-averse. And it tends to be top-down, bureaucratic and slow. Changing these cultures is not easy, although most agreed that the universities — especially the University of Michigan and Wayne State — had made real progress over the past few years.

By contrast, the culture of the entrepreneurial community is entirely different. Risk is not only something to be grudgingly accepted; it is welcomed as the great

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Forty years later, it's still a story

Forty years later, he sprawls in a comfortable chair in his suite in the assisted living center in Southfield, looking bleakly across the room at a framed collage of family pictures, several showing his famous brother and himself together.

Earl knows, without asking, that I saw his brother commit murder. So did millions of other people. He wasn't there. He had just left his dry cleaning plant on Livernois

when word came on the radio that Lee Harvey Oswald had been shot. "And they said the fellow that did the shooting is Jack Ruby, owner of the Carousel Night Club in Dallas, and I immediately knew it was my brother

because that was the name of the club he owned," Earl Ruby, now 88, told the Warren Commission.

What he didn't tell them was that Jack called him later that day, from the Dallas jail. "I was surprised he could call me. I thought you only got one call," he rasped, a tube in his nose slightly affecting his speech.

What did he say? The answer seems startling. "Earl, I think we're going to get a lot

of good publicity out of this," Jack said. Which is exactly what Earl thought too. He thought they'd book his brother; maybe keep him overnight, and that he would be released as a hero. "I was naive; we were naive," he said.

There have been a lot of books speculating about Dallas's second most famous murder. Some believe Jack Ruby was ordered by the Mafia to wipe out the president's assassin. Others think he was tied to other conspiracies.

Earl Ruby is sure he knows. After all, he knew his brother better than anyone else. "We did everything we could together. We were the closest in the family," he says in an old smoker's voice. "I loved him. He owed me \$16,000, you know. When the FBI asked why I gave him the money, I said 'I loved Jack.' I didn't care if I got it back."

One feels that he is telling the truth. They had grown up in Chicago, in a broken home and in rough neighborhoods. Earl bought a dry cleaning business in Detroit in 1960. Jack went to Dallas, to join a sister and open some nightclubs.

He was, by all accounts, emotional, flamboyant, and occasionally violent. And everyone who knew him said he became unhinged by the assassination.

"Jack just did it on impulse," Earl says, closing his eyes. "He loved President Kennedy. He said he felt worse when he was shot than he did when our parents died."

What happened that day, he said, was that Jack, who owned a couple seedy nightclubs, went to Western Union to wire

some money to one of his strippers who needed rent money. He saw a fuss over at the police department, and walked over and went in. He wasn't supposed to be there, but he knew all the cops.

They came into his nightclubs; Jack, who was a notorious street brawler, who, not long before, helped a couple cops out of a jam with his fists. Besides, he liked cops and liked to hang around the police station. Nobody questioned his being there ...

Until he blasted a shot into Oswald's abdomen, ripping apart his internal organs from his stomach to his spleen, killing him within an hour. "You killed my president, you rat!" Ruby screamed before he was hustled off to a

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Fire: the awful equalizer of life

It was right around 11:30 p.m. on Memorial Day, 1998. After waiting for a near eternity for my bags to grind their way around Metro Airport's luggage carousel, I trudged my way out to the parking deck, slumped into my Neon and began the long drive back home. It had been fun visiting my future-in-laws in Des Moines, but I was tired and just looking forward to getting seven hours of sleep.

My evening got just a wee bit more complex when I arrived back at my Northville Township apartment and discovered that the building next to my own had more flames coming out of it than a campfire marshmallow, and that the sparks were beginning an eerie and dangerous dance around my own unit.

For anyone who's lived through the humbling experience of a structural fire, it's safe to say that the words "helpless" and "devastating" take on new meaning. Months of unabated access to my front door, my refrigerator, my A/V system, my bedroom, now taken away because two guys — with all the best intentions — are smashing the ceiling in with an axe and dumping a small lake into my living room.

My then-roommate stood in the chilly night air with a blanket draped around his

body, holding tight to Chester, his pet dachshund. As it turned out, Chester had alerted my roommate to the approaching firefighters and stirred him from his sleep. The pounding on the door didn't do anything.

I suppose it could be said I should have seen this coming. There were, after all, some pretty obvious signs that hit me in the moments leading up to the revelation that my humble abode was in serious peril.

For instance — my CD player pumped out Van Halen's "Fire In The Hole" as I rolled west on Seven Mile back to my apartment.

For instance — while listening to that ominous little tune, I took note of a rescue truck heading eastbound toward me on Seven Mile, which opened the door to the following ill-advised lamentation: *I pity the guy who has to deal with a fire tonight...*

For instance — despite the skies being clear as a new window, streams of water cascaded down Innsbrook's driveway, leading me the following brilliant deduction: *someone must be greening up the lawn.*

In the end, I was lucky. Our place sustained only the most minor amount of damage, compared to tenants living all around us, whose apartments were ruined. Insurance picked up the tab on the things that needed replacement and a few phone calls later, we were back in business. But if you think I'm living my life the same way now as I was before Memorial Day 1998, think again. Fire Prevention Week has heightened importance in my life.

The key here is to remember that this is National Fire Prevention Week. Accidents are always going to happen for reasons we simply can't foresee. All it takes is the right combination of one-in-a-zillion circumstances to cause the spark that ruins lives and property. Fire is an equal-oppor-

tunity lifechanger. It'll destroy and kill just as well for a 42-year-old suburbanite woman just as effectively as a 2-year-old inner city youth.

But don't take that as a defeatist tone on my end. There are plenty of things we can all do to prevent (root word of "Prevention" — get it?) fires from happening in the first place. Some of them are so elementary it seems like a broken record, but they bear mentioning again.

Keep flammables away from heat sources.

Teach children not to play with matches or anything else easily combustible.

Don't smoke in bed. (Better yet, don't smoke at all.)

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Everyone always says *it'll never happen to me*. Funny, but even as I trudged through the smoke- and water-soaked apartment the next day to gather my belongings and begin the process of relocating, an ignorant little voice in the back of my head was still singing that same silly refrain.

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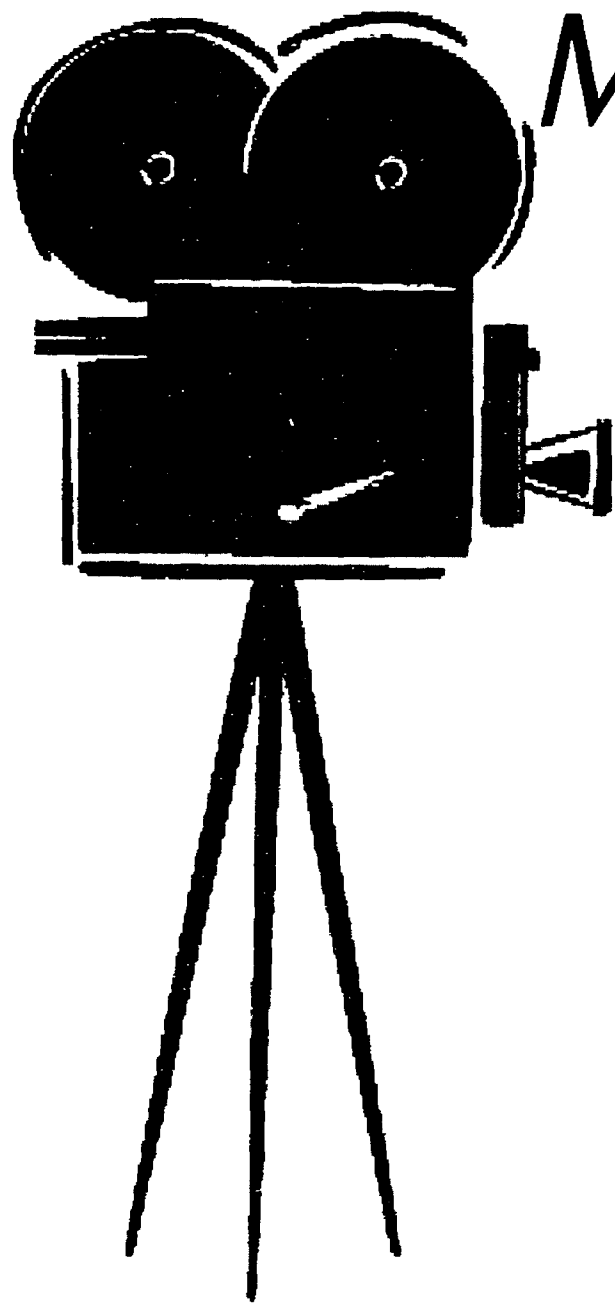
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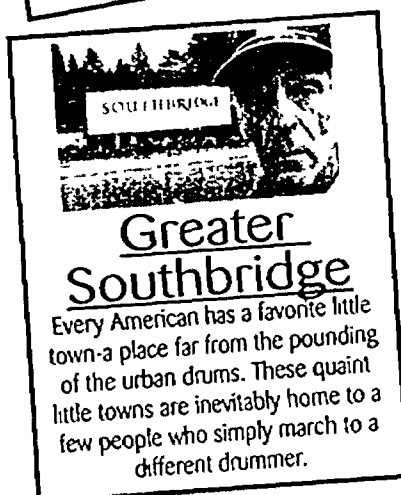
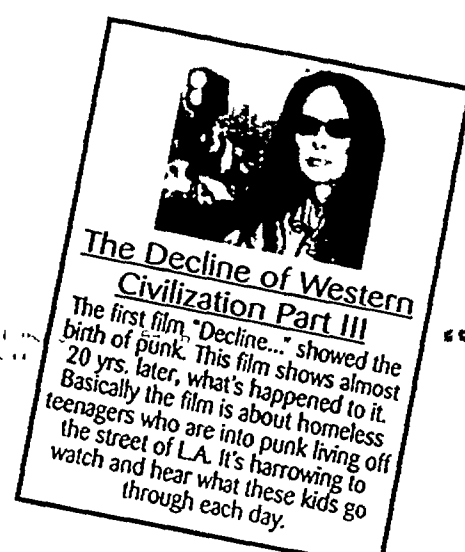
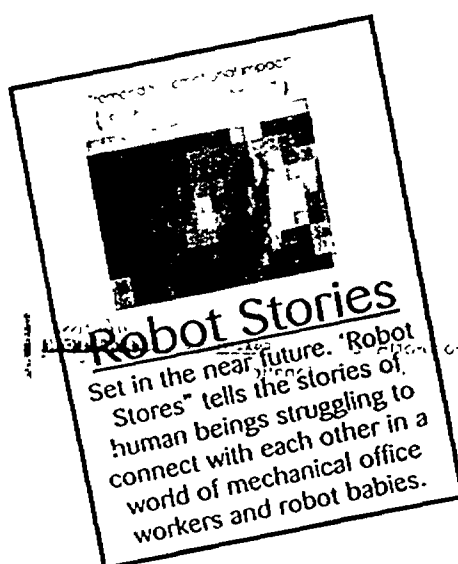
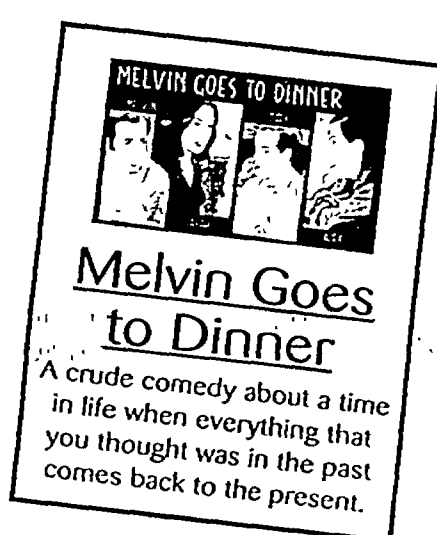
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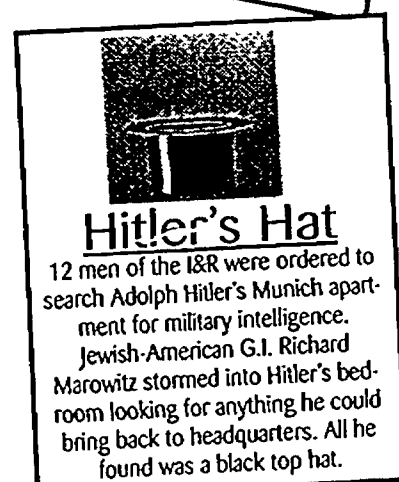
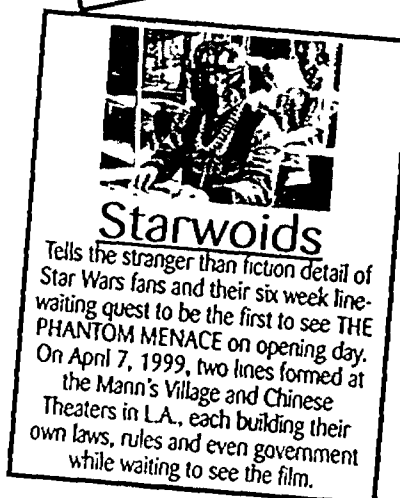
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				Spider Baby	Foxy Brown	Decline of	Spider Baby
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4:00 PM	P.I. Blues	Decline of Western Civ. 1	Decline of Western Civ. 3	Swithblade Sisters	Buttleman	Open Mic	Jeff Krulick Prgm
				Lethal Force	Route 666	Mossman Prgm	Swithblade Sisters
				12	Shorts	Shorts Program	The Passage
6:00 PM	Love & Loathing At	Starwoids	A Day on the Force	Starwoids	Shorts Program 1	Decline of Western Civ. 1	Cowards Bend at the Knee
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			Greater Southbridge	Coffy	By Hook or By Crook	Bettie Page Uncensored	Melvin goes to Dinner
10:00 PM			Jeff Krulick Prgm	Shorts Program 4	A Day in The Force	Tormeo and Juliet	Rock & Roll High School
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LIBRARY LINES

LIBRARY HOURS

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

LIBRARY MURAL PAINTING

You are invited to watch the artists at work, as they create a specially commissioned mural on a free-standing wall of the library's atrium. Karri and Mike Mohr from The Painted Garden will spend two days creating this mural, on Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Oct. 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. They will create a Bookshelf, and eventually the book spines will be lettered with the names of donors to the library's Endowment Fund. Refreshments will be served, including a special birthday cake for the library's sev-

enth year in the new building.

BETWEEN THE LINES

For a lively discussion of interesting books, save each second Monday night at 7 p.m. Join us on Oct. 13 to talk about the memoir, "A Girl Named Zippy." Author Haven Kimmel describes with humor her quirky memories of growing up in a small Mid-western town in the 1960s. No registration required.

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Kids, wear your pajamas and enjoy a lively storytime on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. Best suited for children 3 and older, but all ages welcome. No registration required—just drop in!

DECORATE A MINI-PUMPKIN

Children of all ages are invited to decorate a little pumpkin at the library on Oct. 14, from 4 to 5 p.m. The library will provide 200 mini-pumpkins, or you may bring your own.

JUNIOR BOOKS CHAT & CHOW FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

Make friends, have treats, and enjoy a lively discussion of the book "The Night the Bells Rang" by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock. Join us on Oct. 29 from 4:15 to 5 p.m.

THE HISTORY OF THE HINES PARKWAY

Join us for an informative presentation by Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes, who will explore the history of the Edward Hines Parkway, and the surrounding areas. All are welcome to attend this event sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library on Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be on Oct. 23 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.

OBITUARIES

Lee Ann Murphy

Lee Ann Murphy of Northville died Sept. 29 at her residence. She was 24.

Ms. Murphy graduated from Northville High School in 1998 and was a cheerleader. She received a degree in elementary education from Michigan State University in 2002.

Survivors include her mother, Dee Murphy DeGrande of Northville, her father, Edward Murphy of Las Vegas, Nev.; three siblings, Eddie Murphy of Marion, Ind., David Murphy of Northville and Sharon Murphy of Las Vegas; her grandparents, Tom and Betty Murphy of Crossville, Tenn.; her boyfriend and soul mate, Craig Sieving and many aunts and uncles.

Visitation for Ms. Murphy will be Oct. 2 from 2 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. A scripture service will be conducted Thursday at 8:30 p.m. Visitation will be Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, until time of mass at 10:30 a.m. with Fr. Joseph Mallia officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American

Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Directors.

Wayne C. Liddle

Wayne Liddle of Pinckney died Sept. 21 in Bar Harbor, Maine. He was 68.

Mr. Liddle was born Oct. 23, 1934 in Muskegon to Charles and Karine (Stolt) Liddle. He later married Joyce (Schmeichel) Liddle in 1957. She survives him.

Mr. Liddle was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and did systems analysis work for the defense industry — a position he held for 42 years before retiring in 1998. He enjoyed traveling and was a member of the Livingston County Concert Band.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Liddle is survived by his daughters, Denise (Kent) Miller of Pinckney and Debbie (Bill) Justice of Northville; his grandchildren, Kayla, Erin and Alex, Jacob; and his sister, Maxine Kyle of Texas.

A memorial service was held Sept. 26 in Pinckney. Funeral arrangements were handled by Borek Jennings Funeral Home of Hamburg.

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PHIL POWER (CONT'D)

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spur to success. Tasks that state governments or university administrations would chew on for months are for entrepreneurs in the flush of creation a matter of a few days. Impatient, mercurial, driven, demanding, self-absorbed, passionate — all these words characterize that strange and wonderfully creative minority of people. Their mantra is, "Live by the sword, die by the sword," and the fact is that they love it.

Finding a way to encourage this culture and not strangle it is tough, especially when one

considers how utterly different are the cultures of the automobile industry here in Michigan and the high tech firms in Silicon Valley.

To illustrate, as the conference drew to a close, most participants felt pretty good — maybe even slightly self-satisfied — that it represented the first step in what should become a regular dialogue. But then Bill Orabone, a quintessential entrepreneur type from Ann Arbor, got up.

"What are you people talking about when you say 'study this' or 'consider that'? Who's really going to drive this process? Where's the action?"

Much of what this conference has considered is essentially mediocre!"

There could not have been a better illustration of the gap between the cultures. Bridging this gap is the most difficult problem we face in Michigan if we are to accelerate technology transfer and foster a thriving entrepreneurial sector.

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 ppower@homecomm.net

JACK LESSENBERRY (CONT'D)

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cell of his own.

"Jack never meant to kill Oswald," Earl said. "He just wanted to make him suffer." The historical record, however, doesn't bear that out. Ruby told the Dallas police immediately afterwards that he hoped Oswald died, and that he wanted to spare Jackie Kennedy the horror of having to testify during any trial.

Instead, Jack Ruby fired a shot that gave birth, and eternal life, to a million conspiracy theories. Earl Ruby hired famous attorney Melvin Belli to defend him. "He was a bum. I despised him in the end," Earl says. Most experts, indeed, feel that Belli did a terrible job, and should have gotten a second-degree murder conviction.

tion.

Instead, it was murder one, and the chair. But Jack Ruby never reached it. His body and mind quickly deteriorated. His jailers gave him Pepto-Bismol, until they belatedly discovered he was full of cancer. Barely three years after he killed Oswald, Jack Ruby died, with the faithful Earl at his side.

Now, his brother doesn't have much time. He has been negotiating with an author who wants to write a book called "My Brother and Me," but Earl wants money, and the proposed author wants him to turn over all his papers first.

What does he want the book to say? "To tell the story of the real Jack Ruby, and me, how we grew up together, and that he

was not a rotten guy." Never will be, not to an old man whose life itself has been defined by a single bullet.

By the way, does it bother Earl that he will forever be remembered as the brother of the man who? Earl smiles. Not at all. One part of Jack's prediction the day he shot Oswald came true. "It was very good for business. People came in to see me because of it, came in to my place so they could talk to me." Pause. "Like you are doing now."

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Making a statement

Tim Dalton, Jasen Turnbull lead boys at Western Lakes Jamboree

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

For senior harrier Tim Dalton and the Northville Mustangs boys' cross country team, having a good showing was at the Western Lakes Activities Association Jamboree was more than just a good time on their favorite course — it was a statement.

The statement was made to each and every team in the conference and it rang clear: Northville isn't about to give up on its defense of the conference title.

"We still have a lot of work to do, but that's one of our goals," Dalton said, still catching his breath after his impressive run of 16:48 at Cass Benton Park. "We're a young team, but all of us know we have to try to repeat as conference champs. No one expected us to win it last year, and since we did we have to defend that title."

And age doesn't seem to be a factor for the Northville Mustangs any way. Jasen Turnbull, a freshman, didn't let his youth stand in his way of coming in second place at the highly competitive meet. His time of 17:14 was nothing to scoff at either, as he broke a 15-year-old record for the best time by a freshman at Northville. The old record, which was set by Steve Coon in 1988, was 17:32.

"Jasen had a remarkable race today," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "He has been improving all year, and we expect some good things from him."

As well as from the rest of the Mustangs. Rob Steiner came in third in the race, while Andrew Moore was fourth and Fred Oehmke took sixth for Northville.

"It was a great team effort," Dalton said, watching as the other Northville runner crossed the finish line well behind him. He gave each of them a nod as they made their way out of the finish area and back towards Northville's resting area. "Whenever your team can run as good as we have today, you know you're going to do good."

The only non-Mustangs to slip into the top five was Canton's Scott George, who ran an 18:20 before Salem's Brian Kutnick took seventh and Canton's Nate Phillips was eighth.

Northville, however, didn't seem to be satisfied.

"I know I can personally run better," Dalton said. "I always try to improve each race, and I

think I can cut some more time off before the conference meet."

But, Dalton has always been that way. His potential is that of one of the best in the Western Lakes Activities Association and possibly beyond — but his burning desire pushes that potential further.

"After he was out most of last year with an injury, he's been looking to compete at the top of his game," Cronin said of the stellar senior. "His time at MSU showed that he can compete with the best runners in the state, and not just in the WLAA."

Not that there isn't plenty of competition for Dalton in the conference. Walled Lake Western's Neil Naughton has been a force in every race he has run this year as he's won practically everything he's participated in.

"I know him and his brother," Dalton said with a knowing smile. "They are tough competitors, and right now I can just hope to compete with them. If I beat him, I beat him. If I don't beat him, I don't beat him. All any of us can do is go out and run our best, and I plan on doing that."

The Mustangs have the ability to be one of the top teams in the conference without a doubt, but it comes down to how well the team can perform under pressure.

"I really think we run our best when we have competition to push us," Dalton said, indicating his squad doesn't fold under the pressure of good opponents. "Personally, my times are usually better when I'm running against someone instead of just against the clock."

Dalton and the Mustangs are eager to show just what they are made of, and are expecting to continue their stellar running — and it will help when they are back to full speed.

Colin Keiffer found himself tweaking his leg in the race and not finishing as well as he would have hoped — but will no doubt be back as strong as ever when the Mustangs gear up for their next opponents.

Speaking of which, Northville is scheduled to be back in action when they run in the Wayne County Invitational Saturday at 10 a.m. before running for the Division title in the WLAA at 4 p.m. October 9.

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Mustang Tim Dalton comes in first during a cross country meet at Cass Benton Park on a recent Thursday afternoon.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Girl's squad has perfect showing

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

One thing was certain to the fans watching the second Western Lakes Activities Association Jamboree September 25 — the Northville Mustangs were not about to be outrun on their home turf.

The Mustangs girls' cross country team, coached by Nancy Smith, turned in a perfect performance as they ran to 15 points behind the stellar-running of their top five — who, by chance, finished one through five in the standings.

Northville's closest competitor was Plymouth Salem, who finished with 41 points, while Canton took third with 92, Plymouth was fourth with a 138 and John Glenn was fifth with a 150. Wayne Memorial finished last and didn't score in the conference event.

The Mustangs, on the other hand, were all about scoring — and doing so in front of a rather large crowd and numerous members of the media. The buzz was in the air, and the girls responded in turn.

"We had some impressive runs here today," Smith said after the meet. "A lot of the girls set personal records. It was clear by the way they were running that they wanted to run their best races of the season."

One of those Mustangs that notched her best time at Cass Benton in her career — and took first — was Liz Hrivnak. Luckily for Northville, she's just a junior. Hrivnak led the way for Northville, collecting a 19:50 to finish almost a minute ahead of her following teammate in Andrea Moehle and almost a minute and a half in front of her nearest opponent.

"It was a good run for me," Hrivnak said. "I was happy with how I did."

The junior should have been thrilled with her performance. Not only did she run away from the competition, she helped pull her squad along with her.

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"We had some impressive runs here today."

Nancy Smith
cross country coach

No more playoff worries

The first thing that everyone should realize when it comes to a football program is that it can't just fall on a coach's shoulders when a team is losing.

A coach can do all he can in practice, with the playbook and in calling the game from the sidelines, but he can't go out there and play the game for the kids. If things aren't clicking or if the team is still just oh-so-close to scoring those much needed touchdowns, then the flaw isn't on the sidelines.

Now, I'm not saying the kids aren't playing hard either, and I'm not saying there aren't some adjustments that need to be made. What I am saying is that our Northville Mustangs need to find a fix to their ailments, or they might find themselves looking at one win through the entire year.

Now, I've been berated for focusing on the offense in my columns about the football team, so this week I'm not even going to mention them beyond this point. This week, it's defense, defense and more defense.

One of the things the Mustangs have been doing right is controlling the defensive side of the ball to the best of their abilities. It's tough to keep your opponents out of the endzone, however, when you're watching their offense on the field for the majority of the game. Even the worst team in the league is going to score points if they get as many snaps as most of Northville's opponents have had this year.

When the defense is playing well, then the Mustangs are going to have a chance to win the game. Like the old saying goes: Offense gets the glory, but defense wins the game.

The key to Northville getting a victory in this contest is that they are going to have to buckle down and make it work on the defensive side of the ball. We are all well aware that they are capable of forcing the ball loose with some of their bone-jarring hits and they can swarm a backfield with the blitz packages they have put together.

Unfortunately, those things don't always work out. Blitzes can get picked up and fumbles are as rare as a three-dollar bill in some games.

But, the defense can't let that get in their way. The more you hit a quarterback or the more times you stuff a runningback before he hits his hole, the more they are going to get gun shy. I expect that enough blitzing and enough men in the box will eventually pull the passes out of the bag in this contest, and the Mustangs' defensive backs will have a chance to snag a few picks and maybe even return them for touchdowns. If the guys on the other side of the ball can't get enough points on the board to get the win, then it falls to whoever is left to play — and that's the defense and the special teams.

There is slack out there right now, and the Mustangs have to pick it up and keep their game as taut as possible at this point. They can't let things fall apart on them, and this week it has to be the defense that tells the rest of the team that if they aren't going to get the job done, then the D will have to do it for them.

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Northville Mustangs
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HOMECOMING

So far, so good for Northville

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

In September a lot of people are winterizing their swimming pools to get ready for the cold season ahead. But not the Northville girls' swim and dive team — they are just getting started.

The Mustangs record after three weeks of competition in the WLAA division is a solid 2-1. Head Coach Tom Silak is pleased with the team's overall performance so far. Silak has seen leadership come from senior captains Molly McClymont, Jessica Smith, Arielle Greenlee and Catherine Ficks. Beginning his fourth year at Northville, Silak was recognized with the Zone Three Award for coaching last year and is looking forward to a

great season ahead.

Even though these swimmers make it look easy, they put it in long, grueling hours of practice everyday.

"People really don't know how hard we really work," said sophomore Sarah Bardsley.

The swimmers practice before and after school making their days longer than most students. On top of that, there is strength conditioning at least three days a week. That's a lot of practice.

The Mustangs began the season with a strong victory over the South Lyon Lions scoring 108-78. This meet consisted of thirteen events with Mustangs placing first in seven events. Each first place finish nets the team six points, second place is worth four points and third place is three and so on.

The Mustangs have a wide range of talent to compete in both the short and long races. Northville swept the 50-yard freestyle event with Alex Tereszczenko taking first at 25.81, followed closely by Ashley Miller at 26.57 and Fitz sealing the deal at 27.67. Tereszczenko also placed first in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 55.41 qualifying her for the state meet—a great accomplishment for this early in the season.

In the endurance races, the 'Stangs swept the 500-yard freestyle with Alandra Greenlee taking first with a time of 5:29.22. Closing the door on South Lyon was Bardsley and Katie Stewart taking second and third with times of 5:43.21 and 5:44.49 respectively. Other top-notch performances were put in

by Sarah Carr (2:07.01) and Heather Zanser (2:20.98) for first and second place in the 200-freestyle. Kathryn Kusuplos (1:04.64) and Elizabeth Underwood (1:09.81) stole the top two spots in the 100-yard backstroke.

Rounding out the meet in the relay categories, Northville had a strong showing. The team of Kusuplos, Greenlee, Underwood and Carr placed first with the final time of 4:06.59 in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Nabbing second place was the team of Zinser, Bardsley, Lauren Moak and Becca Kurtz scoring a time of 4:14.11. Also in the 200-freestyle relay the 'Stangs received first with the team of Fitz, Miller, Tereszczenko and Greenlee.

South Lyon made some waves in diving by placing first and sec-

ond in the one-meter board. They also captured first in the 100-yard butterfly race, the 200-yard IM and the 100-yard breaststroke. In relays, they were awarded first in 200-yard medley relay, but the Mustangs rode away with a victory.

Tankers rank Second in Western Lakes Relays

The Western Lakes Relay Meet took place on Saturday September 13th at Salem High School. Thirteen was the theme for the day as 13 teams competed in the games and swim team rival Stevenson achieved their 13th consecutive relay conference victory with 282 points. The Mustang swim team had a proud

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Liz Hrivnak

Junior

Cross Country

One of the things you just have to love about a girl like Hrivnak is that she's never going to sit back and start telling you about all of her abilities and accomplishments. Heck, we even have to ask her a dozen questions just to get her to mention her own race for a single quote — but that's the kind of girl she is. Hrivnak led her squad in the second WLAA Jamboree as she collected her best ever time at the Northville home course of Cass Benton, and led her team to a first through fifth finish for a perfect 15 points.



Athletes OF THE Week



Tim Dalton

Senior

Cross Country

Quiet and collected are two words that could be used to describe Dalton and his running style. He's not overly excited, ever, and he's the kind of kid that leads by example instead of with words. That was the case in the second WLAA Jamboree at Cass Benton last week when he led his squad and came in first place to lead the Mustangs to a first-place finish in their section of the event. Dalton came off of a school-best time at Michigan State University the week before as well, becoming the first-ever 'Stang boys' harrier to medal at the highly competitive meet.

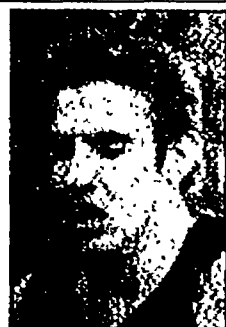




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Kick-off returner Mike Kelleher heads upfield with the ball in a recent Mustangs' home game.

Almost a relief

■ Northville football doesn't have to worry about the playoffs any more as they drop to 1-4

By Brett Asher
SPECIAL WRITER

The Westland John Glenn Rockets used a terrific running performance from senior tailback Matt Smitherman to control the ball and defeat the Northville Mustangs 21-7 in front of a large homecoming crowd at John Glenn September 26.

Smitherman had 232 yards rushing on 32 carries for John Glenn (4-1) while the Northville (1-4) offense could never get on track, thanks in large part to seven dropped passes and untimely penalties.

The Mustangs received the opening kick but could not muster any early offense, and had to punt the ball away to the Rockets. John Glenn would capitalize and move the ball down the field to take the lead on a 15-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Vinnie DeLuca to Nathan Beard. The extra point was added by Josiah Swartz.

However, Northville would quickly match John Glenn's scoring drive with one of their own. The Mustangs moved the ball down the field on the legs of junior running back Mac Stille and senior quarterback Mark Sorensen. Sorensen also connected with senior wide receiver Chris Berry, who had three receptions on the game, for a key play to move the ball to the Rocket three-yard line. On the following play, Sorensen kept the ball himself for a three-yard touchdown run. Senior kicker Bill Brown added the extra point to tie the score at seven with 1:53 remaining in the first quarter.

The score remained tied until late in the second quarter thanks to outstanding work by the Mustang special teams and defense. After a Northville drive stalled, Brown came on to punt and pinned the Rockets with an impressive 45-yard punt that bounced out of bounds on the one-yard line. The Rockets were threatening again until a couple of big plays by the Northville defense. Junior linebacker Matt Williams came up with a sack of DeLuca to force John Glenn into a third down and long situation. On third down, Northville senior Tim Downing intercepted a deep pass over the middle from DeLuca giving the ball back to the Northville offense. But after a Northville three and out, John Glenn got the ball back again, and this time they were able to convert their opportunity into a score. Smitherman began to take over the game on the ground, as he ran the ball six times for 55 yards on the drive, including a five-yard touchdown run on fourth and one with

56 seconds to play in the first half. Swartz added the extra point making the halftime score 14-7 in favor of John Glenn.

The second half proved to be very similar to the first half, as the Northville offense could never get anything going.

Northville senior offensive line-man Taylor Lebeis stated, "After the scoring drive, we didn't execute, the penalties and drops just killed a lot of our drives."

But the third quarter also resulted in no scoring from John Glenn as the Northville defense held strong. Junior Joe Prain sacked DeLuca on a third down play to stop a John Glenn drive and keep the score at 14-7 after three quarters.

The Mustang defensive leaders on the night were seniors Steve Minier, with 13 tackles and a fumble recovery, Chris Oakland, who had 11 tackles and a forced fumble and Bill Riegner who picked up seven tackles.

The fourth quarter found John Glenn pounding away at the Northville defense on the ground. The Rockets put together an 11 play, 83-yard touchdown drive on which every play was a running play. Smitherman once again was the key to the drive for the Rockets, carrying the ball nine times, and finishing the drive with an eight-yard touchdown run. Swartz added the extra point to give the Rockets a 21-7 lead with 9:48 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Riegner felt the defense could have done a better job in run defense, and also stated that the defense needs to get off to a better

start in the weeks to come.

"We needed to wrap up a little better on Smitherman, but he's tough to bring down," the senior said. "We also need to stop giving up touchdowns on the first offensive drive every week. After the first drive we were really good, but that first drive killed us."

The remainder of the game had no scoring, thanks to one costly turnover for each team. For John Glenn, Alex Jachym intercepted a screen pass to halt a Northville drive, but the Mustangs soon got the ball back when Oakland forced a fumble that was recovered on the Northville three yard line by Minier. But, after Northville was forced to punt, John Glenn ran out the clock for a 21-7 victory.

Following the game, Northville coach Clint Alexander mentioned the dropped passes as a major problem for the Mustangs.

"We dropped a lot of passes at costly times, those are plays that would keep drives alive and keep our defense off the field," Alexander said. "Our defense and special teams really played well, but to beat a team like John Glenn you have to play perfect in all aspects of the game."

The Mustangs will be facing another challenging opponent this week when Wayne Memorial (5-1) comes to town for Northville's Homecoming Game at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

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The sweetness of victories

Mustangs savor taste of two back-to-back WLAA wins

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Confidence is just as important to a team as a solid point guard or a good post player.

Without it, a team doesn't believe they can accomplish much, which then leads to that statement to be true. With it, there are few limits to what a team can do.

The Northville Mustangs girls' basketball team is starting to gain some much needed confidence in themselves as well as what their team is capable of doing on the hardwood. That confidence was clear when the 'Stangs topped Livonia Churchill 50-40 September 23 before beating Westland John Glenn 44-38 just two days later.

"We were pleased to get started in the league on a good foot," Northville coach Pete Wright said. "Now that we've started with a couple wins, we are seeing the girls playing together and starting to understand what it is we are trying to get done."

The Mustangs were quick to finish everything they started against the John Glenn Rockets. Leading the way for Northville was Domonique Desira, who netted 15 points in the winning effort as she hit 6-of-11 shots from the floor and went 3-for-7 from the free-throw line.

Danielle Toney also had a good showing against the Chargers, notching nine points and eight steals in the game, while sister Simone Toney hit seven points on the night. Evonna Karchon, who has been gradually improving since the beginning of the season, netted eight points and three steals,

while Emily Weaver added four points and Andrea Watts had one point and two assists in the victory.

"Earlier this year, we had a lot of trouble scoring," Wright said. "Now, we are seeing different people step up and score for us. We're not just looking for one player to do it all the time, we're looking for the player that is hot that night."

Ball movement has been an added addition to the Northville offense as well.

"We're moving the ball a lot better than we were in the beginning of the season," Wright said.

The Mustangs are currently 3-6 on the year and 2-1 in the WLAA. Leading the squad in scoring is Simone Toney, who has 70 points so far this season, while Karchon has 65.

Northville will return to action when they host Livonia Franklin today at 7 p.m. before visiting Livonia Stevenson October 7 at 7 p.m. and Walled Lake Western October 9 at the same time. All three games are conference contests.

Northville 50, Livonia Churchill 40

Northville started their week off on the right foot with a big win over conference foe Churchill. The 'Stangs were led by the scoring power of Simone Toney, who netted an impressive 17 points in the victory.

Karchon collected 10 in the winning effort, while earning four steals for her defensive pressure.

The Mustangs had to change a few things up when it came to taking on the Chargers, but the

formula was a good one.

"We've done some different things depending on the night and depending on who has been playing well," Wright said.

The Mustangs have come into some new found success after an increased work load in practice found the girls responding favorably.

"We've been working hard on shooting the ball," Wright said. "And, the confidence they are getting is helping them realize this is what they can do and this is what they are capable of doing."

The Mustangs also found themselves netting eight points from Danielle Toney, who also had two steals, while Desira collected four points, Weaver and Meaghan Higgins notched three and Lindsey Blair and Chrissy Castelli each recorded two points. Watts rounded out the scoring with a single point, while sophomore Sarah Comai contributed a steal in her first varsity contest.

All of the experience the girls are gaining is going to be invaluable as the season rolls on.

"Certainly once we get some of the experience, the philosophy and the work ethic that goes along with high school basketball, we are going to get more and more comfortable with our game," Wright said. "I expect that this team is going to improve with every game."

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UNDERCLASSMEN SCORES

Junior Varsity Football

Overall Record: 2-2-1

Northville played to a 13-13 tie with the John Glenn Rockets September 25.

The Mustangs surprised John Glenn with a no huddle offense. Moving the ball down the field, the offensive line of Evan Dewey, Mark Stuber, Todd Schoenheide, Joey Perpich, Mike Koztowny and Mike Burke opened running lanes in the Rocket defense. Northville's drive stalled and a 34-yard field goal attempt by kicker Evan Corbeil hit the crossbar to fall short.

The teams fought to a standstill on the next three possessions as the Northville defensive line of Evan Dewey, Shadi Deaibes,

David Anderson, Chris Estes and Brad Moss throttled the Rocket ground game. Receiving a John Glenn punt on the Rocket 35-yard line, David Bandy cut left, was pushed to within inches of the sideline but kept his balance and then raced in for the games first touchdown.

The Rockets in their next series broke a long 49-yard run from scrimmage to the Northville one-yard line. They punched it in, and the subsequent extra point tied the score at 7-7 just before halftime.

The Rockets scored first in the second half helped by two huge plays. The first was a fake punt good for 25 yards and a first down. Then, on fourth and goal from the 10, they threw a pop pass to the tight end for a touch-

down. The extra point was blocked, making the score 13-7 in favor of John Glenn and it stayed that way through the end of third quarter.

The teams traded possessions and then the Mustangs came back, going on a long drive of their own led by quarterback Derek Mohacsi. The big plays of the drive were a nine yard run by Ren Tukys to the Rocket one yard line, and Bandy's following touchdown run. The extra point was partially blocked and failed to part the uprights, and the score remained tied 13-13.

John Glenn had one final chance to win, but their fourth down play from the Mustang eight-yard line was knocked away by Corbeil to preserve the tie.

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Harriers perfect at Jamboree

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"We really focused on each other today," Smith said. "The girls looked to Liz and followed her lead. That was one of the reasons our times were improved."

Moehle was second in the race, finishing in 20:39 as she put together the best time of her career and one of her best finishes ever.

"Andrea ran so well today," Hrvnak said. "I was proud of her, and everyone else."

Meaghan Keiffer was next in line. The stellar harrier turned in a time of 20:46 as she fought through an early pack of runners to take third in the race to finish just seven seconds behind Moehle. One of the competitions throughout the race had to be between the two, with Keiffer coming across the line behind the dust could even settle before her teammate.

"Meaghan has been solid for us this year," Smith said. "She gives a great effort every time she runs, and it shows in her times. We can always count on a good time and a good finish from her."

Mary Sprader, who has also been a steadily improving runner this season, was fourth with an impressive time of 20:53 to help her squad to their perfect finish in the point standings. Not far behind her was Megan Sheremet, crossing just two seconds later for fifth place.

The Mustangs also had Kelly Hardenbergh finishing in 25th with a time of 22:40, while Shelly Hilger and Lauren Rocco ran 31st and 32nd with times of 23:26 and 23:27 respectively. Laura Gabrys rounded out the Mustang runners, finishing in a time of 23:57 for 40th place — well ahead of the remainder of the final runners at the Jamboree.

"I'm very happy," Smith said when asked how she felt about her girls and their finishes. "What more can I ask for?"

The Mustangs were still plagued by injuries for this run. Kate McClymont and Devon Rupley were still sidelined with injuries and working the clocks to help Smith in the timings instead — but the finish wasn't a bad day for Rupley to celebrate her birthday, which happened to be on the day of the Jamboree. She wore a ribbon that proudly displayed "Birthday Girl" in bright letters as she cheered her squad to victory.

Additions to the injured reserve were Molly Gavin and Bryn Smetana. Both harriers were sorely missed by Smith and their fellow Mustangs, but are expected to be back and assisting the Mustangs in full force soon enough.

But, that's not something Smith is looking forward to.

"It's not so bad right now," she said. "I get to run seven runners in each event, but pretty soon I am going to have to cut it down to five."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A trio of Northville runners heads up a slight incline at Cass Benton Park during a recent multi-school meet. Running are harriers Andrea Moehle, Mary Sprader and Megan Sheremet on the Cass Benton home course for the Mustangs.

With that many good runners, I'm afraid I'm going to end up hurting someone's feelings. That's not something I look forward to as a coach."

The Mustangs have been running well all season, despite the injuries that have hampered the team. Though many would view the sport much like golf where an individual records a score and it assists in the final numbers for the team, Hrvnak said that it's much more different than that.

"This is the closest team probably at the whole school," she said. "We do a lot together. Team dinners. Birthdays. We just like being together as a group."

And when it comes to running? "We work together," she said. "I might have finished first, but I knew

the entire time that Andrea or someone was going to be right behind me. If it would have been one of them leading, I would have tried my best to keep up with them. That's how a team works, and that's why we make such a good team."

And it helps the other runners too. When they focus on one another and try their best to pace with fast runners like Hrvnak, then they only improve their own times with that kind of dedication and determination.

Take, for example, Sheremet and Sprader, who both ran times to place them in the top 25 best times at Cass Benton for Northville High School. Both Hrvnak and Keiffer moved up in those very standings with their performances.

"We help each other improve,"

Hrvnak said. "We push each other and cheer each other on. It really means a lot. I know coming up over the hill, when I saw Devon and Kate cheering for me, it gave me that much more push. It's a great feeling."

And that is the meaning of teamwork.

The Mustangs return to action when they run the Wayne County Invitational Saturday at 10:35 a.m. before traveling to and competing in the Western Lakes Activities Association Division meet October 9 at 4:50 p.m.

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Hannah's return gives soccer big win

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs soccer team knew they needed just one victory to get their game going in the right direction once again.

And that victory, which came against the Livonia Franklin Patriots, was in the form of an 8-0 drubbing.

It was a game of many accomplishments, but the most notable may have been the least thought of after the smoke cleared — stellar junior striker James Hannah had finally returned after a few weeks of being sidelined with an injury.

"We welcomed Jimmy Hannah back after he had sat out a bunch of games," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "It was tough for a while there, because how James goes, the team goes. He is such an important asset to the team, and not just scoring either. Without him on the field, other teams were able to key on just one or two of the players that were a threat to score, instead of having to focus on James."

Hannah's return was marked with a single goal in the contest, but it wasn't the most electrifying offensive performance of the night. That, instead, came from Showtime. Sophomore Justin "Showtime" Lockwood lit up the scoreboard with three goals against the Patriots.

"He played one heck of a game," Klimes said of the midfielder.

Another sophomore that stepped up and showed his true grit was Mike Blasius, who also patrols the midfield. Blasius notched two goals in a variety of positions from fullback to halfback.

"He's a tremendous player that is going to have a very bright future for us," Klimes said. "He's been playing real solid."

As though having two sophomores get their names jotted down in the stats book wasn't enough, the Mustangs also found sophomore sensation Mike Cornelius doing plenty of offensive damage to Franklin. Cornelius notched four assists on the night.

"They were marking him so he couldn't score, but he was making the right decisions," Klimes said. "When he was in that position, he would dish it off and help make the plays."

Jackson Knoll, a senior midfielder, notched a goal in the contest as well to help shutout the Patriots in a divisional contest.

"I hate to do it on the expense of my buddy over there at Franklin," Klimes said of his good relationship with the opponent's coach. "It's tough to do that to a good friend. But, we

really needed that on our side."

The Mustangs found themselves having a bit of difficulty scoring goals in the lack of Hannah's presence for a couple of weeks — a couple of weeks that found Northville falling out of contention for the Division and Conference titles.

But, they weren't the only ones suffering that kind of loss and finding themselves in unfamiliar territory.

Rival Livonia Stevenson also took a loss, dropping them out of the running for the title and making it look as though the two squads will play each other in the WLA cross over game to determine who will finish in third place for the conference standings.

"We'd look forward to that game if that happens to be the case," Klimes said. "We don't want to look past anyone, though, and we have to win a few games to be in second place in the division to get there. We have to keep winning this week if that's what we want to accomplish."

With Hannah, Lockwood and Cornelius all looking as though they are ready to step up and score in any given game, the Mustangs have a variety of weapons they can use in a contest.

"I don't think I'll be using them all at the same time," Klimes noted. "But I don't have a problem rotating them in."

Lockwood and Blasius, as well as Cornelius, are especially threatening to other schools because they may not be on the lookout for them as of yet.

"The other teams don't know much about them," Klimes noted. "Each of them brings a different asset they can give to the game and each of them has their own style of play."

Since their goal of a division or conference title is out of the picture at this point, the Mustangs are just looking at other goals.

"We have to get prepared for district play," Klimes said. "Just because we can't win the division or can't play for the championship, we can still win our district. We can play further along than anyone else in our conference. We have to get ready, because it's basically a second season where one loss means you're done for the year."

The Mustangs are scheduled to go back onto the field of play when they take a trip to Wayne Memorial October 6 at 4 p.m. before playing host to Walled Lake Central October 8 at 7 p.m.

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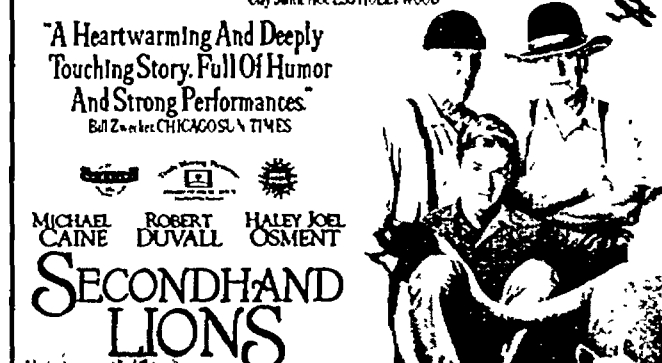
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The Eagles scored midway through the first quarter on their lone big play, a 42 yard quarterback keeper. On the Eagles next possession the Colts forced a turnover on downs when Daniel Brenner and Robert Laney made a tackle for a loss on 4th down and 4 yards to go. After the Colts punted back to the Eagles, Bryce Herbel made a key open field tackle on a play to limit the gain to 20 yards. In the second quarter the Colts

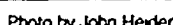
The Colts got the ball back at their own 35 with 4:50 to go in the fourth quarter and the offensive line of Akshar Patel, Nicco Buffone, Jonathan Fields, Alex Engbretson, Matt Sopha, Michael Michniak, Adam

Following the annual Homecoming parade through downtown Northville, the

The Colts offense answered by pounding away at the Eagles with two lengthy drives, featuring the hard running of Jeffrey Hewlett (17 carries for 92 yards), Cormac Littleton (10 for 31 yards) and Quarterback Dawson Laabs (10 for 45 yards). The Eagles defense bent but was able to keep the Colts out of the end zone. The Colts

The balance of the second half saw both teams hammer each other on defense. Colts' linebackers, Trevor Maresh, Derek Ince, Jeffrey Hewlett and Robert Paciocco led the defense. Nose tackle Jim Cowart was dominant in the middle of the field, as were ends Brad Currier and Michael Walukas. Cornerback Frankie Mastrangelo made a great play saving a touchdown with a diving tackle. Only when the

The Colts aim to get back on the winning track Sunday at 11 a.m. at Livonia Bentley High School against the always tough Livonia Falcons.



Tankers open season strong



The team: (front row left to right) Adam Tehranisa, Jordan Selva, Mark Wagner, Mark Zheng, Blake Tschirhart, Andrew Ukrop, Chris Wolin (back row left to right) Coach Bob Pavlovic, Tenki Yamada, Anuj Rama, Matt Johnson, Kristian Kalaj, Jon Bauer, Josh Kirby, Chris Song, Craig Demshuk, Nick Kalweit, and Asst. Coach Jerod Cummings. The Novi Jaguars U-12 boys white team played with great determination and effort to advance to the finals of the Oakland University Global Soccer Tournament in Rochester, Michigan and defeat Waza East in an exciting 4-1 victory for the championship on Sunday, September 14. The Jaguars earned a trip to the finals by tying the Metrostars 1-1 in the first game of the tournament with Andrew Ukrop scoring for Novi. Game 2 against Rochester was won 2-1 with Chris Song providing both Jaguar goals. Game 3 was a shut-out against Canton with a 2-0 victory, advancing the team to the finals to face Waza East. Jordan Selva scored the first Novi goal followed by Andrew Ukrop. The rain did not stop the Novi Jaguars from coming out on fire in the finals match to defeat Waza East 4-1 in a decisive victory that left no doubt who was the champion. Jordan Selva, Josh Kirby, Andrew Ukrop, and Blake Tschirhart scored consecutively for the Jaguars. A rock solid defense in Jon Bauer, Anuj Rama, and Nick Kalweit with a solid performance from goalie Matt Johnson helped ensure the victories throughout the tournament. Hard work and great team effort by all of the players provided an incredible, unforgettable performance and a well-deserved victory for the Novi Jaguars U-12 boys.

"We swam really well for one of our first meets," said Northville junior Heather Zinser.

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Northville golfer and junior Greg Jones juggles a ball off the face of an iron before teeing off on the North nine of Novi's Tanglewood golf course.

Photo by John Heider

Still working on road games

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs golf team knows one thing for sure — they have to start playing better on the road.

With conference and regional tournaments looming on the horizon, the Mustangs have found themselves on the wrong end of a loss on the road this late into the season, falling to Walled Lake Central at Edgewood Country Club 154-162.

"We've got to improve our games when we're playing on the road," Northville coach Tom Shaw said. "The guys have to play percentages. When they're coming up on a green and hitting an approach shot and there's a lot of room to the right and no troubles like a bunker, they have to play it to the right."

Playing on an away course is never easy, especially if a squad has never played that particular course.

That was evident in the scores turned in by the Mustangs, as none of the players were able to dip into the 30s but watched as two three of Walled Lake Central's four scorers did just that.

"We're capable of breaking into the 30s," Shaw said. "As I've said before, we have to work on our consistency and get the same players turning in similar scores during

practice and matches."

Central golfer Jim Scarpace set the rhythm to be followed as he hit a 36 on the day. He was followed by Rob Urtlich and Sean McMahon with 38s each. Rounding out the scores on Walled Lake Central's squad was Sean Carlson's 42.

The closest Northville scorers were Jim Gates, Ryan Hunt and Ryan Gideon, all shooting 40s to break up the Central pack. Greg Jones notched a 42 to round out Northville's scores.

With conference and regional play steadily approaching, the Mustangs have to find the five guys who will be most effective for them on the road during such high-pressure tournaments.

"I'm confident I have five guys on the team that can compete with the talent at those tournaments," Shaw said. "I just don't know who they are. I'm confident I have five of them on the team, but I'm going to have to make some tough decisions to see which ones go to the regional."

That's never easy for a coach. "It's harder than making cuts in the beginning of the season," Shaw said. "I've been around this team all season, rotating in 10 guys. Now, I have to decide which five are going to keep playing and which five aren't."

The Mustangs (6-4 overall, 5-2 WLAA) will have a chance to make that decision easier by

improving their play between now and then. They are scheduled to be back in action tomorrow against Walled Lake Western at Tanglewood with a 3 p.m. tee time before taking it to the road to compete in the WLAA conference tournament at 9 a.m. Oct. 7.

Northville 158 John Glenn 183

The Mustangs had a much better showing just two days before their loss against WLW as they took it to the John Glenn Rockets on their home course of Tanglewood.

The Mustangs were led by Gates, who recorded a 38 on the day to take the medalist position, closely followed by Jones' 39.

"I have been real happy with Jim and Greg and how they have been playing," Shaw said. "They are only juniors, which says a lot for the future of this program."

Following those two linksters were Ryan Hunt with a 40 and Andrew Bishop, who shot a 41 on the day.

For the Rockets, Ryan Rawson led his squad with a 43, while Matt Haskell and Mike Galunas shot 46s and Mike Wright recorded a 48.

The junior varsity team found Pat Uetz sharing medalist honors with John Glenn's Corey Strauss as each shot a 39 on the day.

Northville on hot streak

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

One of the hardest things for any athletics team to do is to get up for each and every game.

It's near impossible to be at the top of your play every time you take to the court, field or pitch, but somehow the Northville Mustangs girls' tennis team has managed to do just that.

In their three most recent dual meets, which keeps them undefeated in conference play, the Mustangs dominated with a 7-1 win over Walled Lake Northern, and 8-0 victories over both Wayne Memorial and John Glenn.

"They have played great," Northville coach Sandy Woolfall said of her team. "We started out this season with some really tough matches. So, this team knows what it's like to lose and to win. Right now, we are on a roll with our wins, and that's a good way to go into the conference tournament (Saturday)."

The Mustangs' latest victory came over the Wayne Memorial Zebras as the squad rolled to a sweeping victory over their conference foes.

The singles flights played as well as they have all season, with a mix-match of flights being rotated around for more experience and better match play.

Alicia Raisinighani took a 6-0, 6-0 win at fourth singles, as did Christine Curran at three singles. In two singles, Amy Knoth made short work of her opponent, winning 6-0, 6-1, which was the mirror score to Erica Dobson's one singles victory which ended 6-1, 6-0.

The doubles teams, which have been impressive all season long, found Amanda Darish and Jen Harkness dominating their opponents 6-0, 6-0, which is the same final Jackie Taylor and Jonnie Powers ended with in two doubles.

The fourth doubles team of Laura Randall and Lauren Deneszcak also blanked their opponents 6-0, 6-0, while Maria Rice and Catalina Oaida collected an impressive and decisive 6-1, 6-0 victory at three doubles.

"Our doubles teams have been playing some great tennis," Woolfall noted. "I don't think one of the doubles flights have gone into a three set match. They have pretty much won easily in two sets down the line. We are going to be looking at them to carry us through conference and regional."

The Mustangs return to action Saturday when they play in the WLAA conference tournament with hopes of winning the conference outright. It is slated to begin at 9 a.m.

The only problem with the date is that it comes on the same day as Northville's Homecoming, which may find the girls looking at their watches throughout the day wondering if they will make it back in time to prepare for the dance later that night.

"I think we should dominate," Woolfall said, and then added with a laugh that the team's plan is a quick strike one. "Even if our doubles win their flights and two other teams share the singles we will win it. Our plan right now is to win quickly and get back in time for the girls to go to the dance."

Northville 7, Walled Lake Northern 1

The Northville Mustangs were quick to put the finishing touches on a young Knights squad last week, with their only loss coming at the one singles flight.

"Walled Lake Northern has a



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville #2 doubles player Jonnie Powers checks her racket's strings during a recent Friday afternoon home match against Wayne Memorial.

remarkable one singles player," Woolfall said. "They are building a team right now, but she is one of the most talented players in the conference. Last year, she made it to the finals in her regional."

The most impressive wins of the meet came as Shannon Farris dominated Allaina Riddell 6-0, 6-0 at two singles, while Kate Thomas and Laura Krstevich beat Caitlin Scott and Meryl West 6-0, 6-0 at two doubles to help Northville secure the victory over their conference opponents.

Northville 8, John Glenn 0

"We never go out expecting to blank a team," Woolfall said of her team. "Sometimes that happens. We just tell the girls to go out and play their best."

The Northville Mustangs did just that as they rolled to a convincing victory over the John

Glenn Rockets in WLAA play last week.

The 'Stangs didn't have much trouble handling the Rockets, and found Dobson, Farris, Chelsea Johnston and Knoth winning in one, two, three and four singles respectively. In the doubles flights, Darish and Harkness won 6-0, 6-0 at one doubles. Thomas and Krstevich won 6-2, 6-0 at the second flight. Rice and Oaida stomped to a 6-0, 6-2 victory in the third flight and Randall and Deneszcak won 6-1, 6-3 at four doubles.

Curran beat Reanne Calma 6-0, 6-0 in a five singles exhibition match.

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Welcome to the Next Level Athletes portion of the sports section. Here, we are able to applaud the effort and the accomplishments of our local athletes who have gone to the next level to compete at college and beyond in the sports they love.

If you have any Next Level Athletes you'd like to see featured in the sports section, please email the sports department at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

NICOLE CAUZILLO, FRESHMAN, WEST VIRGINIA — Cauzillo has been a major player in the success of the West Virginia Mountaineers soccer team this season. In the most recent game, she contributed an assist in a 2-0 victory over 19th ranked University of Tennessee. The Mountaineers are currently ranked seventh in the nation. Cauzillo is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School.

JAMES FAYSAL, FRESHMAN, HILLSDALE — The Hillsdale men's golf team had one of its best finishes in years as the Chargers placed sixth among

12 teams at the Grand Valley State Fall Invitational. The Chargers tallied a 36-hole score of 622 (311-311), which trailed the GVSU White squad by just one shot (621) for fifth place and Ashland by two shots (619) for fourth.

Freshman Mike Ketelaar (Grand Rapids, Mich.) was Hillsdale's top finisher, tying for 19th place with a 153 (80-73). HC has now had four different top finishers in each tournament this season. Freshman James Faysal (Novi, Mich.) rounded out scoring with a 168 (87-81) to tie for 58th.

The Hillsdale men's golf team tied for sixth place among nine schools at the Northwood Invitational on Sept. 28 (36 holes). The Chargers tallied a two-round score of 617 (314-303), which tied Saginaw Valley State. Northwood won its own tourney with a 601 (297-304). HC's second round score of 303 is the team's best one-day score since head coach Sam Hargraves took over the program three years ago. Faysal (Novi, Mich.) ended the tourney with a 155 (79-76).

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Beware the Flugles and the Snollygosters

America owes a debt of gratitude to columnist William Safire who has preserved some of the most descriptive language ever used to define our political process. Were it not for his dedication, we may have allowed such terms as "flugle" and "snollygoster" to fade away.

Flugles are rules designed to aid only the rule-maker. No one uses the term today, but flugles still exist in the form of pork-barrel amendments to legislation that cater to special interests.

Snollygosters? They're everywhere politics is practiced. Blasting politicians who publicly prayed just to impress potential voters, President Harry Truman once used the term during a holiday address. But it too seems headed for the annals of stump-speaking lore.

American small-business owners might want to consider bringing some of these labels back into current lingo. They certainly fit. Especially snollygoster.

On the stump, small business is beloved by all. Like Mom and apple pie, the nation's entrepreneurs are revered by politicians for their innovation, risk-taking and job-creation abilities.

Some politicians have earned the right to embrace the women and men who have launched more than 22 million small firms. Their voting records provide clear evidence.

But many others should be labeled true snollygosters—publicly proclaiming their support of the American free enterprise system simply to woo entrepreneurs to the ballot box, while in reality, their official votes harm, not help, small firms.

As campaigns are gearing up for the next election cycle, those seeking public office are increasingly filling the air with political promises and great exhortations.

How can small-business owners recognize these snollygosters? It's not that hard. When the voting bells on Capitol Hill ring, they tend to "yea" or "nay" in just the opposite direction of the pleas from small firms.

Taxes? Small-business owners call for fewer, lower and less complicated ones. Snollygosters favor more, higher and fuzzier.

Regulations? Same thing.

Labor policy? Guess who always puts the squeeze on employers?

Health care? Just take a look at the U.S. Senate, where a small-business friendly Association Health Plan measure still has not come to a vote.

How about Social Security reform? Small-business owners prefer personal retirement accounts, but the snollygosters aren't about to vote courageously here.

Surely everyone favors protecting small businesses from those frivolous lawsuits that drive up their costs of operating and keep their insurance rates on a never-ending upward spiral. Think again. Many officials who loudly bleat their love for small firms are among the first to take political contributions from trial lawyers. So, how do you think they vote when it comes to legal reform?

America's business builders have a basic desire to be unfettered by an oppressive government and to operate in a free, competitive environment. What they deserve from legislative leaders are the same things their customers demand of them: value, fairness and honesty.

Small-business owners should root out the snollygosters and their flugles, and vote them into the dustbins of American political history.

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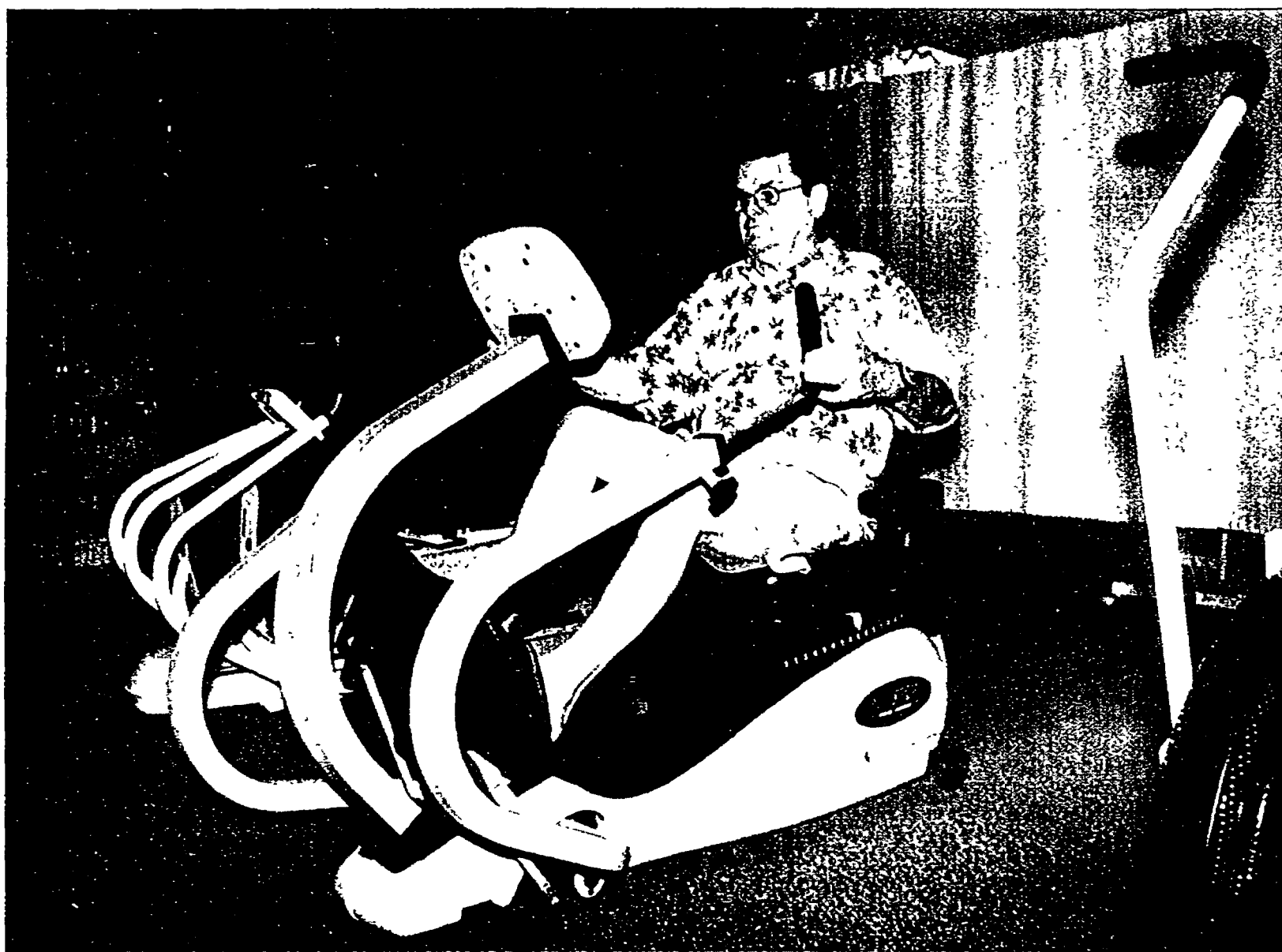
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A regular visitor to Healthstyles Health and Wellness Center, Bill Aseltine works up a sweat on a Nu-Step Recumbent Stepper.

October is National Physical Therapy Month

By Jim Farkas
SPECIAL WRITER

Most everyone has a need for health and wellness assistance at some time in their life. Maybe a high school student's athletic injury, or mom's or dad's arthritis. You've been complaining of a lower back pain or headaches brought on by daily stress, or possibly a golfer who wishes to enhance his or her golf game to its maximum potential. Or it may be just to feel better about yourself. For whatever the reason, Healthstyles Health and Wellness Center, located right in the heart of South Lyon, is here to help.

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Proprietor and physical therapist Barbara Herzog, right, and fitness director Jennifer Bainton by one of the facilities many pieces of equipment.

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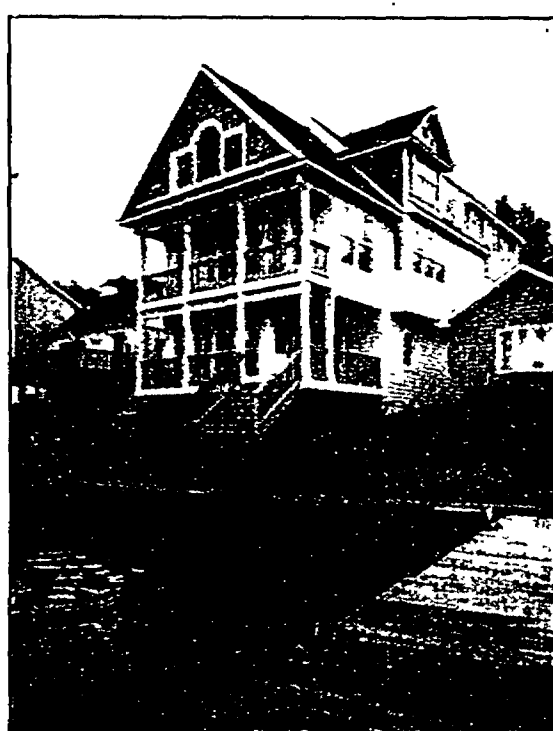
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 Pictured here are two views of the McIntyres' home on Brighton Lake. At left is a view from the front, while the house is getting some finishing touches. At right is a view from the rear of the finished product.

Get renovated

Home on Brighton Lake a fine example of what Renaissance Renovations can do

By Annette Jaworski
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With its cedar shingles and an occasional sea gull floating by, the McIntyres' Brighton home would be equally comfortable on the New England shoreline.

It began modestly as a 600-square-foot summer cottage with a spectacular view of Brighton Lake. With the help of Renaissance Renovations, it's now a 2700-square-foot beauty stretching three stories tall, taking full advantage of the wooded lakefront.

Although the home has undergone a tremendous transformation, it's still fits in comfortably among its surroundings. The traditional architectural accents lend a beach house feel to the dwelling.

"Carl Roberts, the designer, the homeowner and I came up with an idea that's not your typical remodel," said Ken Gowell, vice presi-

dent of Signature Group of Livingston, d.b.a. of Renaissance Renovations.

Initially when people are confronted by a project like this, they usually thought of a box on top of a box. For example, adding a second floor on top of a smaller home. He convinced the homeowner to try something different. When it comes to architecture, Roberts is an artist as well as a designer, he pointed out.

"We tried to optimize its design and give it some character," said Gowell.

He explained there were several factors involved other than just aesthetics. They were also concerned with practical functions of the home, including safety and convenience, like entry and exit for occupants.

They eventually added two full stories, keeping the original home as the lower level, including the knotty pine woodwork. A new front entry was critical for presentation

and convenience.

"We wanted a grand entrance and we needed a way to access all the floors from here," said Gowell. An elegant leaded glass door provided the dramatic entry for the home.

Unique architectural accents add a distinctive flair to the exterior. The basic look was inspired by a home on Crooked Lake that caught the McIntyres' eye. Distinctive windows in a variety of sizes add flair to the design, from squares with mullions to rounded windows resembling portholes. Balconies facing the lake also provide a close-to-nature feeling.

"There's lots of windows to let in the natural light, to take advantage of the gorgeous view and give it an architectural feel," noted Gowell.

The McIntyres' lakefront home is only one of 10 homes featured on the 2003 Tour of Remodeled Homes throughout Livingston

County. The tour is open to the public where the projects range from basement finishes, kitchen remodels to entire home re-design/expansions.

"What people need to keep in mind is that we are actually walking through homes that are currently occupied. It's a one time opportunity to see these homes and they may not get another chance," said Gowell, who serves as chairman of the tour.

It's a big event for the Remodeler's Association. All the participants have a hand in making this successful, he pointed out. The tour is also a way that local contractors pool their marketing resources, to form an event that's beneficial for all. It allows the public to enjoy the creative designs of local homes and gives them a chance to meet with the professionals whose skills are featured. And they can feel free to discuss any remodel-

ing needs. The tour is actually a local celebration of a national event sponsored by members of the National Homeowner's Association.

The 6th Annual Tour of Remodeled Homes is being held two days on Saturday, Oct. 11, from noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 12, from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are available from any home on the tour, or at the Home Builder's Association newly remodeled facility at 132 East Grand River in Brighton. More information and discount coupons are available from Oct. 6th at www.hbalt.com. Or call (810) 227-6210 for more information, or Renaissance Renovations at (810) 227-0555. Cost is \$6 for adults over 16. Local sponsors for the event include Standard Federal Bank, Mans Lumber & Millwork, CareCrafted Cabinetry by Design and Acme Building Materials.

Winter will take care of irksome boxelder bugs

Q: I have incredible mounds of some kind of insects around my trees. I need to know how to kill them. They are about one-fourth of an inch in length and solid dark red. They are in the same area where I found some boxelder bugs. I want to know what these red ones are. Don't tell me that they are boxelder bugs; I already know what they look like.

A: Great, I won't tell you they're boxelder bugs, even though they are. The insects that you recognize as boxelder bugs are the adults. They are a dark gray with and upside down red 'V' on their backs. The little punks are the juvenile boxelder bugs. They just haven't grown up yet. They start out life red and eventually turn dark with only red remaining on the edges of wings. It's not worth your effort to kill the little ones. They have no chance of surviving the winter. They aren't even going to survive the first hard frost. There is no reason to expose yourself to pesticides. Currently, there are tiny death warrants stapled to their little red hides. The goal here is to live longer than the insects. If you get out the can of Mega-Death and nuke them or wait another week or so for the big frost, the outcome is the same. Relax and ignore. It will all be fixed when the temperature drops.

Q: I've just started growing perennials. How deep should I pile the mulch to protect my plants from freezing in the winter? How about the shrubs? Should I wrap them in burlap?

A: Gardening should be fun. You are already doing way too much suffering. Mulch for perennials isn't about keeping them warm. It's about keeping them frozen. Perennials that are considered hardy for this area which is zone 5 on the USDA cold hardiness map, can handle our winters just fine. What is very difficult is the freeze-thaw cycle that comes with Michigan winters. It's much better to stay frozen. Mulch applied after the ground freezes in late November or December helps keep the soil frozen. If you were able to mulch and keep the soil unfrozen, every starving rodent in the county will be rooting through the mulch to the tender crowns of your plants. This provides excellent rodent chow. When the ground and plant are frozen, the plant is protected. Evergreen boughs make an excellent cover. So do leaves if they don't pack down into a sodden mat. Remove mulch in March before the rains begin. Plants that thaw and are covered by soaking, compressed mulch can rot. Burlap is used to shield shrubs from the wind. These are usually narrow or broadleaf evergreens. You want the burlap to surround them but the top should be open for air circulation. The burlap should not touch the shrub. Most deciduous shrubs don't need the protection. Their leaves are gone so they won't dry out like the evergreens. Next spring, they grow more. Make sure all plants, shrubs and trees get adequate moisture in the fall until the ground freezes. A well-hydrated plant is better equipped to handle winter than a stressed, dried-out one. People who had stressed, dry plants last fall had a "landscaping opportunity" this spring.

Gretchen Voyle, MSU Extension-Livingston County horticulture agent, can be reached at (517) 546-3950.

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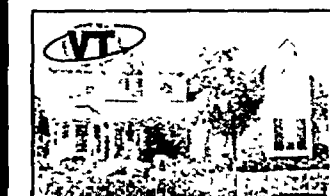
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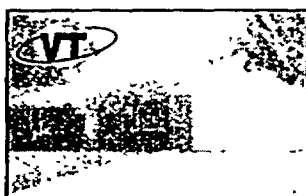
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HIGHLAND - All brick ranch on beautiful tree lot. Like new! Freshly painted inside & out! New carpet, all neutral decor, hardwood floors in bedrooms. Florida room 15x12 with wood burner. Family room with fireplace.



CANTON - Golf course frontage! Dream come true location in one of Canton's most desirable neighborhoods. Custom deck & brick paver Andersen doorways. 3 car garage.



NOVI - Country place condo! Great location, great value! Lovely 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath end-unit in the heart of complex. Large master bedroom with walk-in closet. A must see home!



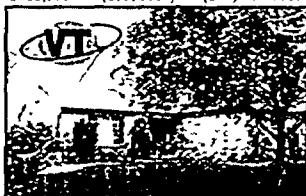
DEARBORN - Outstanding location! Open and airy 3 bedroom bungalow. Cove ceilings, huge master, sky lite. 2.5 car garage with workshop. Most appliances included.



HIGHLAND - Over 2000 sq. ft. home has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths & lake privileges! Possible docking with wait list on all sports White Lake. Master bedroom on main floor. Oak eat in kitchen with oak floors. Jetted tub too! Fenced yard. Trees!



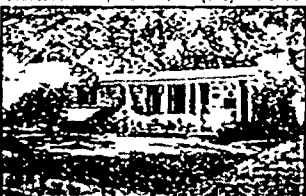
HAMBURG - This 2001 quality built home features 2 story foyer, great room w/fireplace, vaulted ceiling & open floor plan. Oversized jetted tub & separate shower, open kitchen & nook w/oak floors. Glamour 1st floor master suite features cathedral ceiling. 3 car garage.



NOVI - Bright, airy & immaculate 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, large family room w/fireplace. Updates include windows, roof, carpet, new kitchen/foyer floor, counters in kitchen, bath & lav. New oak trim baseboards on 1st floor. Cedar deck.



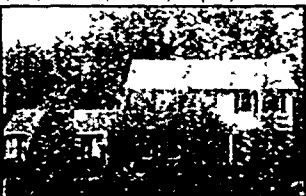
CANTON - Spacious end-unit condo! Small, private complex, great room with cathedral ceiling, master with large bath & walk-in closet. Full, partially finished basement with full bath, pantry & extra storage. 2-car attached garage with direct access.



LIVONIA - Nice ranch. This 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home has hardwood floors, living room with vaulted ceiling, updated kitchen, finished basement, two car garage. Fenced yard with brick patio. Livonia schools.



PLYMOUTH - City of Plymouth gem! A wonderful opportunity awaits you in downtown Plymouth. Updated gourmet kitchen, finished walk-out lower level with built-ins, wet bar and 1/2 bath.



HARTLAND - Charming! Move right in this 4 bedroom on 2 1/2 acres. Watch deer in this wooded yard. Large island kitchen, master suite, hardwood floors, neutral decor, screened porch.



GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP - Fabulous 55+ over 6000 sq. ft. Completely remodeled kitchen with brand new cabinets & appliances. New carpet & paint throughout, new cabinet & sink in main bath, newer windows throughout & attached garage. This is a must see!



NOVI - 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Dunbar/Pines beauty! Well maintained & neutral throughout. Hardwood floor in foyer, nook, hall & powder room. Crown molding in foyer, hall, family room & bath. Extra deep basement. Extra wide driveway.



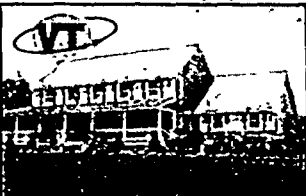
LIVONIA - Beautiful Livonia colonial! Home sweet home is this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Many updates include oak kitchen, roof, vinyl trim, oak flooring, hot water heater, windows, central air & more! Livonia Stevenson area.



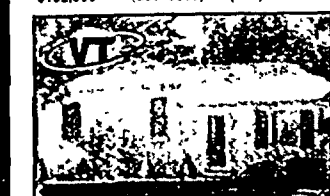
LIVONIA - Charming & comfortable home in Livonia. Open floor plan with lots of natural light and neutral decor, oak floor, super kitchen, finished basement, large stone patio, great landscaping, perennial gardens & lots of updates.



NORTHVILLE - Showcase home on beautiful lot! Awesome with hardwood floors, granite kitchen, stainless appliances, corian baths, finished basement. 3-car garage and paver patio. Yard backing to trees. Must see home!



WHITE LAKE - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, oak ring, finished bonus room, wraparound wood porch with 56x11 rear deck, mud room, plant room for the gardener. 14 zone sprinkler system. Beautifully landscaped.



GENOA - Charming starter home w/walk access to Lake Chemung! Large fenced yard is perfect for kids or the family pet. Kitchen remodeled in 2000, new driveway in 2003 and well cared for. With all these features, this home is a must see!



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HOWELL SCHOOLS. Happy Hollow Lane, North of Curdy West of Mack. Beautiful 3.5 acre parcel with creek. Call for survey \$84,900
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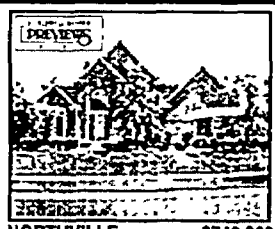
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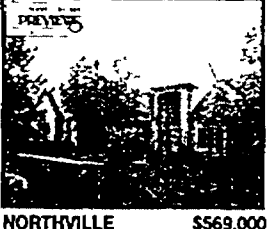
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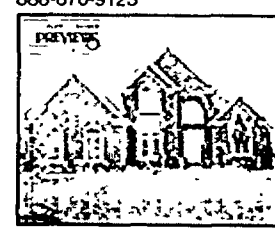
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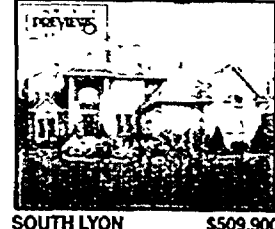
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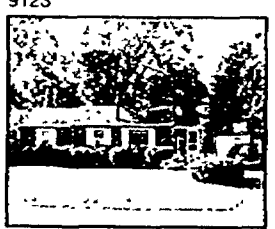
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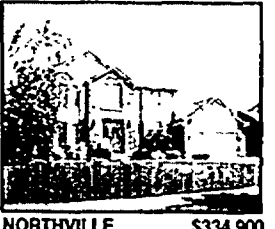
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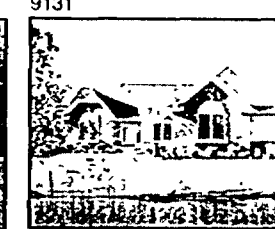
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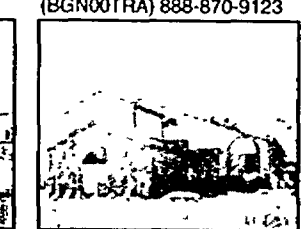
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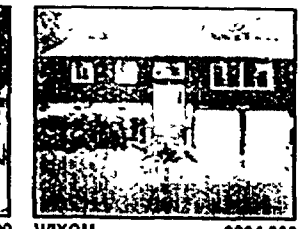
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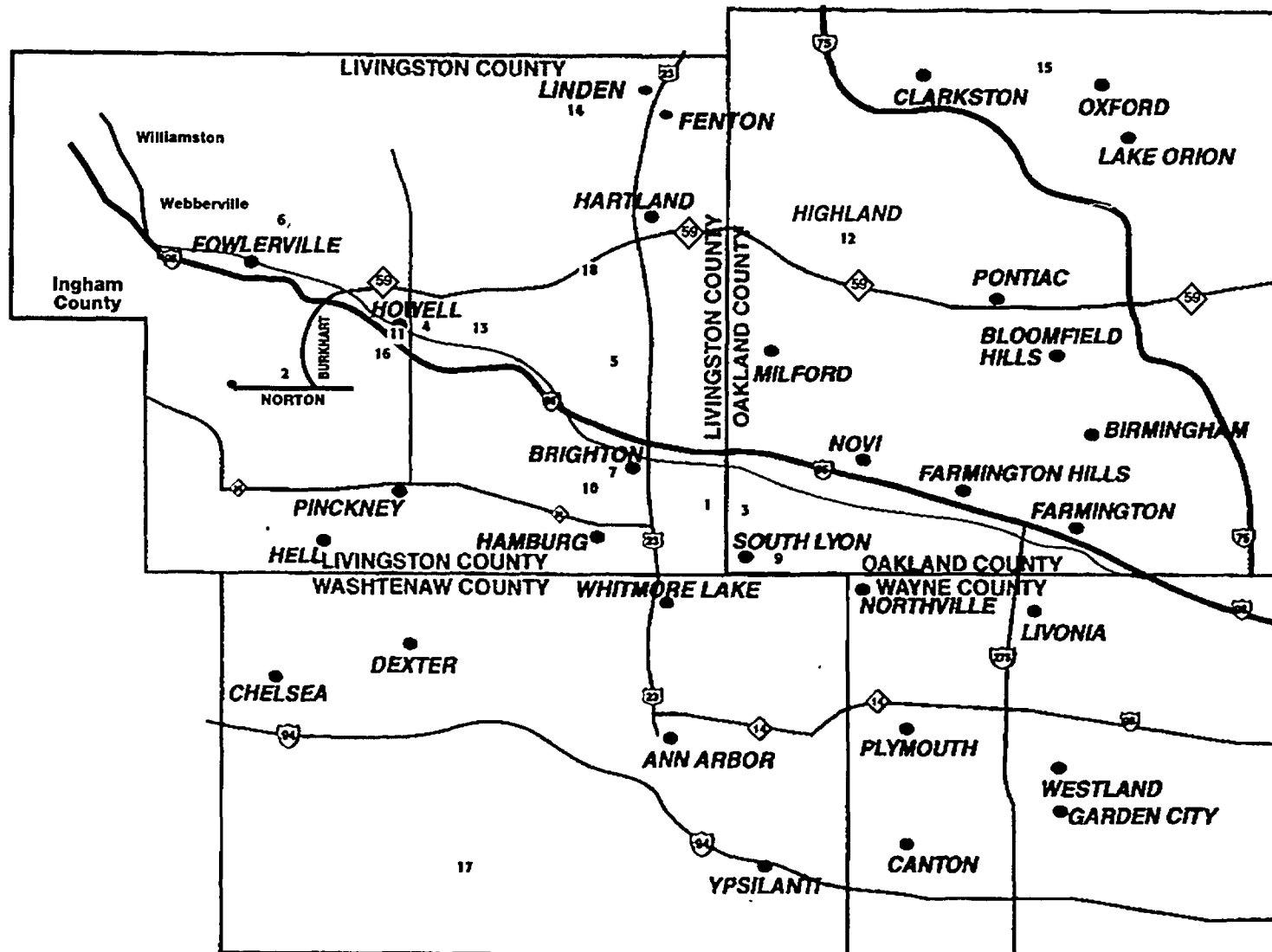
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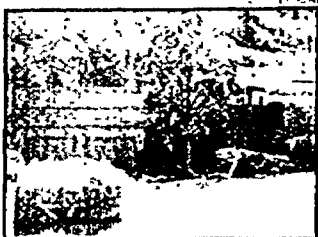
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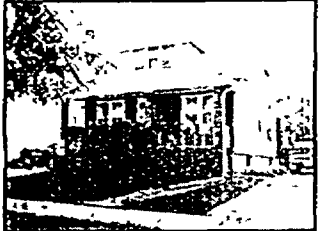
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GREEN OAKS - A little bit of country. Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath raised ranch w/2 car attached garage, walk-out lower level, 2 fireplaces w/raised hearth, newer windows, ceramic tile in foyer, kitchen & bath, doorwall from master & dining room to 45 x 16 deck. \$194,619 (51SOM) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Great location for this 2 family income. Perfect opportunity to have a income owned property 2 bedrooms in lower unit and one in the upper. Newer furnace. District #7 schools \$129,900 (21HUR) 248-349-5600



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NORTHVILLE - Historic Northville Duplex. Can't afford Northville? Yes you can! Rare historic duplex. Wooded lot w/brook. Beautiful. Updates throughout. Live in main flat, rent upper flat & bonus studio. Super curb appeal. This is an awesome investment opportunity \$296,000 (10RAN) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Awesome Livonia charmer. Large 3 bedroom ranch sitting on a double lot offers 3 large bedrooms, huge dining room w/built-in china cabinet, kitchen w/attached breakfast nook, newer windows & roof shingles, large garage w/electricity & 1 year home warranty. \$157,900 (25HUG) 734-455-5600



WAYNE - Cute bungalow Great Wayne bungalow w/updated carpet, windows, furnace, C/A & roof. Remodeled kitchen, neutral decor throughout. Open floor plan. Must see! \$116,000 (89WIN) 734-455-5600



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WESTLAND - All the updates are done. Maintenance free 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch w/updated kitchen, roof, furnace, C/A + finished basement w/possible 4th bedroom, 2.5 car garage w/newer door opener all sitting on a newer landscaped double lot. \$185,500 (06GIL) 734-455-5600



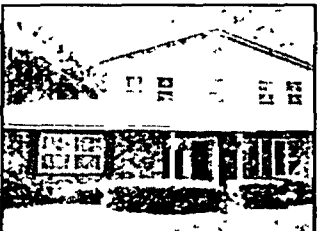
LIVONIA - Don't miss this one! Cute clean 3 bedroom ranch w/great floor plan, freshly painted, updated bath w/ceramic tile, furnace, hot water heater, steel entry doors + 2 car garage \$126,500 (01GIL) 734-455-5600



YPSILANTI - Newer construction. Large 4 bedroom, 2 full & 2.5 bath colonial built in 1995 offering 2 car attached garage, finished basement, 2-way fireplace in master bedroom & master bath. Special features including vaulted & cathedral ceilings, skylights, Jacuzzi tub & more \$257,900 (80JUS) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Great one level living. Great buy on this ranch home w/2 car garage. Covered porch & good roof. Home needs some TLC. Central air. First floor laundry room. Nice neighborhood. Just waiting for your love and care \$84,900 (35WIL) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Major updates 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/LR, DR, FR w/gas fireplace, hwd, fresh paint, newer roof, doors, windows, furnace C/A, HWH & light fixtures. Updated kitchen w/garden window, furnished bsmt, fenced yard, patio, trees & sidewalks. Novi schools \$249,900 (39HAM) 248-349-5600



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PLYMOUTH - Well maintained ranch. Updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home w/newer roof (tear off), carpet, furnace, C/A, ceramic bath, finished basement, 2.5 car garage, walking distance to elementary school. \$209,500 (21GRE) 734-455-5600



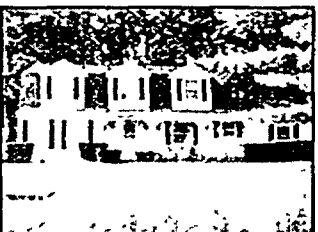
REDFORD - Charming brick cape cod. Maintenance free beautifully kept, easy access to the freeway 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, natural fireplace, hardwood floors, woodwork & built-in throughout. Updates & fresh paint. Big deck & fenced yard \$184,900 (02FAR) 734-455-5600



GARDEN CITY - Custom built ranch. Unique floor plan surrounds inground pool, offers large living area + 2 kitchens, 2 laundry areas, separate heating & cooling. Newer furnace & C/A units, vinyl siding, newer roof, attached garage, all sitting on approx 1/2 acre lot. \$193,500 (11DAW) 734-455-5600



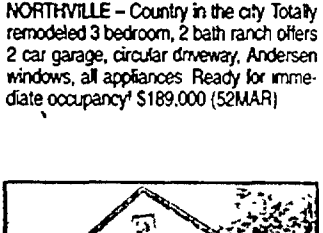
HOWELL - Newer 1.5 story condo. Great 2 BR, 2 BA unit w/open vaulted ceilings 1st floor laundry, 2 car gar & full basement. Deck overlooking natural pond. Gas fireplace. Master suite w/WIC, 2 seat shower. Hardwood floor in kitchen and foyer. Oak cabinets, banister & railings. A must see \$182,900 (21NEW) 248-349-5600



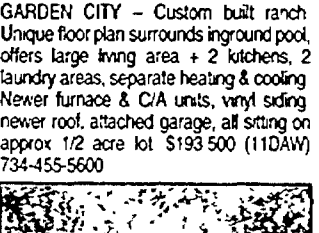
LIVONIA - Worth bragging about 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/all the extras tucked away in Lyndon Meadow. FR w/frp newly finished basement, updated kitchen private master BR & BA, formal DR, updated windows, paint decor. Hardwood floor. Quick occupancy \$244,900 (32BUC) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Updated ranch 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home w/newer roof, windows, deck, furnace & A/C. Hardwood floors, 2 car garage w/newer door & electric opener. Finished LL makes nice family room. Fenced yard & highly sought after Livonia schools \$164,900 (50SAN) 248-349-5600



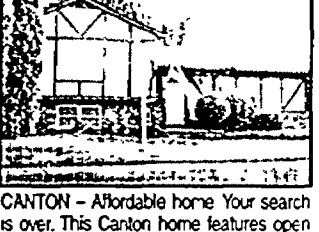
NORTHVILLE - Country in the city. Totally remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch offers 2 car garage, circular driveway, Andersen windows, all appliances. Ready for immediate occupancy! \$189,000 (52MAR) 734-455-5600



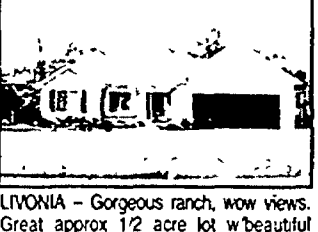
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YORK - Better than new. Large 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial presents 3 car attached garage, full basement, master suite w/heated floor & Jacuzzi tub, deck, paver patio, all sitting on approx a 1 acre lot. \$439,900 (51WEL) 734-455-5600



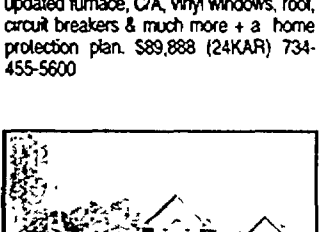
CANTON - Affordable home. Your search is over. This Canton home features open floor plan. Large family room w/fireplace. Neutral t/o. Large eat-in kitchen. All appliances stay. Fenced yard. Newer roof, hot water heater, sump pump. Park & playground in sub. Plymouth-Canton schools \$175,000 (52HER) 248-349-5600



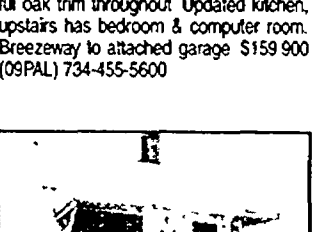
LIVONIA - Gorgeous ranch, wow views. Great approx 1/2 acre lot w/beautiful views 3 BR, 2.5 BA custom colonial deep in golf community. Certainly nothing spared \$100,000 in upgrades & over \$40,000 in landscaping including pavers and custom deck. \$884,500 (57SAT) 248-349-5600



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WESTLAND - Charming starter home. Cute 2 bedroom ranch w/2.5 car garage, updated furnace, C/A, vinyl windows, roof, circuit breakers & much more + a home protection plan. \$89,888 (24KAR) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Large home on large lot. Room to roam. Hardwood floors & beautiful oak trim throughout. Updated kitchen, upstairs has bedroom & computer room. Breezeway to attached garage. \$159,900 (09PAL) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Located across from park. 3 bedroom brick ranch! Ceramic foyer, living room w/newer carpet, freshly painted, cover ceilings, newer windows, newer wood-like flooring in kit & DR. Renovated bath w/shower pedestal sink. Refinished hwd flrs in BRs, fin bsmt & 2 car garage. \$177,900 (70HAR) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Clean 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Tudor style home. Kitchen with oak, Pergo, Conan, formal dining room, library, first floor laundry, finished basement, 50 gal hot water heater, C/A, organizers in all BR closets. Newer carpet and roof 2 car garage. Deck \$339,900 (65MYR) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Too many fine qualities. Spectacular best describes this stately 4 BR, 3.5 BA custom colonial deep in golf community. Certainly nothing spared \$100,000 in upgrades & over \$40,000 in landscaping including pavers and custom deck. \$884,500 (57SAT) 248-349-5600



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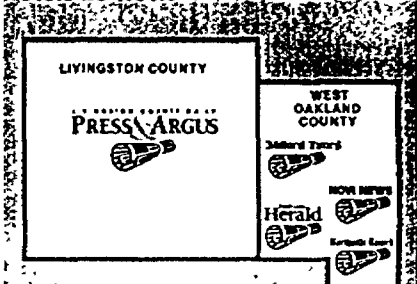


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GENOA TWP FALL SALE Nice kids clothes jackets shoes, 12mo-14yrs Handmade cards & gift cans, home decor, misc Oct 3, 9-3 Dor Rd to Crooked Lake to Merrow Lane

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NOVI Sofa bed, oak dresser, school desk, bookcases, collector dolls, misc 24435 Nantacket, Greenwood Oaks 10 & Beck Thurs Sat 9-5

Garage Sales

NOVI - Thurs, Fri, Oct 9th & 10th, 9am-4pm, 22018 & 21853 Piccadilly Circle, in Chase Farms, off 9 Mile, bet Meadowbrook & Novi Rd Kids items, etc.

NOVI - 24398 Venice, off 10 Mile, E. of Beck in Roma Ridge sub Fri & Sat, Oct 3 & 4, 10-5pm.

NOVI 40311 Oak Tree, off Cranbrook S of 10 Mile, W of Haggerty Oct 3rd & 4th 9-6 Second St. 2 blocks N of 10

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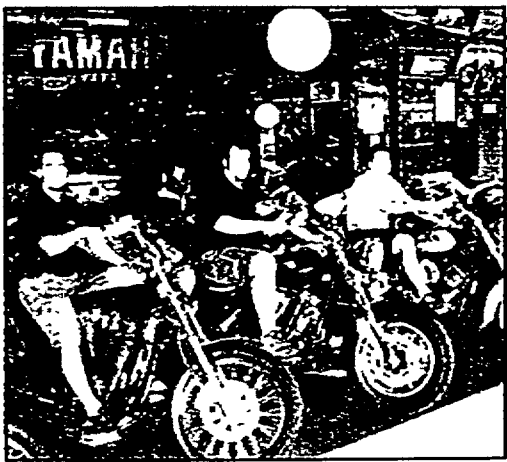
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Auto Misc (8150)

Devilla 92", V-8, 92K, immaculate, loaded, tan leather, new battery, brakes. Non smoker Garage kept. Hartland.



Pictured from top are: Dr. Paula Ruffin, Kensington Motorsports, Serra Floor Covering, Scappare and Beckway Door.



PROGRESS 2008

Examining the past, present and future.

A supplement to the South Lyon Herald, Novi News, Northville Record and Milford Times.

McNabb offers more than auto show carpet

If you are like many people, when it comes to decorating your home, you know exactly what you want.

At the Donald E. McNabb Flooring Company in Milford you will immediately know where to find the styles of carpet you are shopping for.

Their new retail friendly showroom is organized into individual areas, grouping together similar types of carpet such as "The Berber Shop" and "The Fashion Statement" — for the latest trends.

"That way when someone comes in here looking for a specific style, it's all in one area," says Pete Staib, retail sales manager.

It is all part of a recent renovation to make shopping for floor coverings a more convenient and enjoyable experience says Staib.

The company has recently updated its image with a freshly renovated interior. It is a light and airy atmosphere with a contemporary twist, including exposed brick walls, light oak trim and trendy track lighting.



Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

With special financing available, now is the time to spruce up the house for the holidays. Mallory Beard and the helpful staff at Donald E. McNabb Flooring Company can assist you in finding the carpet, tile, laminate, vinyl or wood to turn your dreams into reality.

However, if you need a little help in your selection, that's OK, too. Their helpful and friendly staff will be happy to guide you in

choosing the best floor covering for your project.

Now is the time to consider your remodeling so that you can

enjoy the improvements during the holidays.

It is also a great time to purchase because of great deals on financing. Right now they offer 0 down and 0 percent interest for 12 months.

Their name has also recently been changed to the Donald E. McNabb Flooring Company to emphasize their selection and variety.

In addition to carpets from all major suppliers — including Shaw, Mohawk and Coronet — you will also find quality wood floors by Mannington, ceramics, laminates and vinyls to cover one room or an entire home.

While they still carry great deals by the roll for auto show carpets, they also carry an incredible selection of high-quality carpets from designer wool carpets by Glen Eden to durable commercial styles in every price range and color. Custom orders are also available.

Of course, the great deals are not just offered during their twice-a-year-blowout sales. Different

promotions are held, so stop in anytime just to see what is new. And look for those fantastic prices on carpets from the auto show to last year round.

"Our customers may not know we have the auto carpet year round at discounted prices, not just after the Detroit Auto Show," said Staib.

Donald E. McNabb Flooring is a member of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce and has received the South Lyon Herald's People's Choice award for best carpet company in 2002.

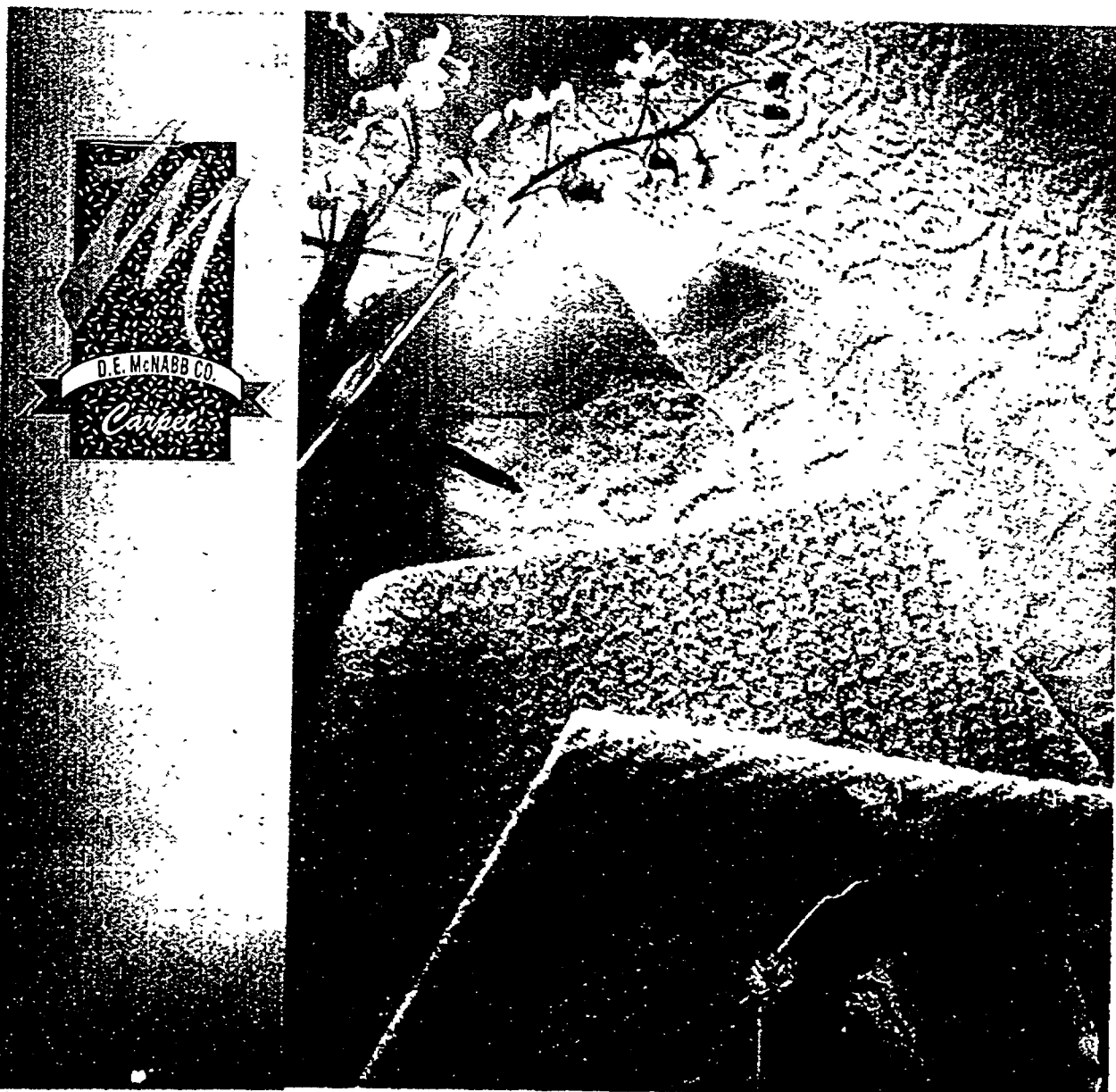
Visit the newly renovated and retail-friendly showroom at 31250 S. Milford Road, in Milford.

As part of their transformation, look for a new logo and freshly updated exterior as well.

Convenient shopping hours make it easy for busy customers to do their shopping after hours, evenings or even weekends. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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— By Annette Jaworski



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Ashley Court cares for people with memory loss

Ashley Court of Brighton, a special care home for the elderly and people afflicted with memory loss, opened in the winter of 1999.

Ashley Court of Brighton provides a safe and secure living arrangement for the elderly requiring help with daily living.

They care for residents who have dementia and Alzheimer's and have a separate building for the physically frail who need personal care assistance but are mentally alert.

Ashley Court of Brighton has four buildings that are individually licensed as an adult foster care. Each building has a home-like atmosphere and is designed to accommodate 20 residents in a semi-private or private suite setting. Each suite is equipped with a full bathroom, sleeping area and living room area.

They offer 24-hour assistance and supervision by trained staff and nurses, weekly physician visits, and nutritious meals served in a pleasant dining room located in each building.

In addition, the buildings are designed with care, comfort and convenience in mind. Each is one-story with no stairs to climb. All the homes have beautiful courtyards that allow the outdoors to be enjoyed within a



Photo by SANDY KUAN

The caring staff at Ashley Court in Brighton takes the time to listen to residents, keeps them active, and provides meals, medication, housekeeping and more.

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- Personal laundry service
- 24 hour staffing
- Licensed nurse on-site five days a week, on-call for weekends
- On-site physician visits available

Ashley Court of Brighton also offers short-term respite care for seniors who cannot live alone and whose caregiver needs a break and some time to themselves.

"The great interaction between the younger staff and the residents is one of the things that sets this place apart," says Rita Zumbrunnen, director.

Rita has over 25 years in the health care field, and got her start by working at a nursing home. She holds a degree in health care administration.

The original staff of 15 has now grown to 60. They also have an outside source for physical and occupational therapists.

"The best part of our job is loving the residents and getting the love back," says Rita.

Ashley Court is located next to Mt. Brighton Ski Resort on Challis Road, 1 mile west of Grand River, at 7400 Challis Road, Brighton.

Call Rita at (810) 225-7400 for additional information or to set up a tour.



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Republic Bank offers hometown service

When it comes to managing your family's money, you want to bank with someone you trust. Republic Bank in South Lyon is ready to help your family achieve its financial goals. They start by making you feel comfortable — like the cookies and coffee in the lobby on Fridays. It is just one of the ways Republic Bank welcomes you and your family.

"We do appreciate our customers and we try to thank them," said Shawn Wolbert, Community Bank Manager.

Republic Bank is an institution that provides professional, yet friendly, service. The employees at Republic Bank are a familiar part of your neighborhood and community.

"One of the nice things about this branch is that most of the people who work here live in South Lyon. The average time the employees have been here has been 15 years," said Wolbert.

During that time, they have seen families grow. Customers feel comfortable when they see the same friendly face.

Republic Bank offers a full range of services to cover all of your banking needs. There is something for everyone from the children's savings accounts with its own



Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Let South Lyon Republic Bank's employees, from left, Shawn Wolbert, Sue Lamontane, Debbie Kadwell, Karen Saladzinski and Jackie Holmes, show you their wow standard for service.

reward board in the lobby, to the V.I.P. Services for grandma and grandpa. These

include great benefits for those 50 years of age and older such as free standard checks,

no monthly maintenance fee, free traveler's checks, travel opportunities and \$10 to start a new grandchild account.

"It's one small part of the WOW service standard we strive to provide. It's just going above and beyond to provide exceptional service," said Wolbert.

In addition to checking and savings accounts and Certificates of Deposit, they offer a variety of loans, including mortgages, bridge and government loans.

"One thing they may not know is that we offer some of the finest commercial and business services for checking and savings opportunities," said Wolbert.

Community service is another important way they give back to their customers and neighbors through a variety of organizations. They recently completed an Active Faith Food Drive in September, are active members in the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce and will participate in South Lyon's Pumpkinfest parade.

Republic Bank is located in your hometown at 419 S. Lafayette, in downtown South Lyon. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

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Tom resides just down the road in New Hudson with his wife and two children.

Tom came to Republic Bank Mortgage in South Lyon 2½ years ago, after nearly 13 years of working in a larger city.

He is thoroughly enjoying South Lyon's small-town atmosphere. He appreciates the advantages a small town has to offer and feels it works both ways — for him as well as his clients.

"It's important to live in the area," he said, "if there's ever a problem ... I'm right here. I'm accessible. People like to deal with someone close by. It's a home-town feel," Tom said.

Tom is so accessible, he'll even give you his home phone number — just in case.

Tom offers an honest, up-front service to his clients, and strives to find the best plan of action for each.

"I'll tell people if they can save money, and I'll tell them if it's not a good idea," he said.

He's been in the business for over 13 years and works with people to oversee both purchase and refinance mortgages.

"This is a wonderful time to refinance," Tom said. "People don't even realize how much they can save. Present rates are at a 30-year low, and people looking to consolidate or pay off old debts can do so at little or no cost."

Looking to purchase a home? Whether it be your first house, a larger one or your retirement home, Tom does advise clients to pre-qualify before buying a home. It saves both time and energy in the involved task of purchasing a home and you'll know up-front how much house you can afford before looking.

"I think people owe it to themselves to get the free mortgage consultation," he said.

Free consultations and free pre-approvals, as well as a wide range of products such as fixed, adjustable and bridge loans, are offered at Republic Bank Mortgage. Tom offers appointment times to fit your schedule. Evenings and weekend appointments are available.

Tom likes to see his clients through to the end whenever possible — from pre-approval to signing on the dotted line. He makes a point to attend as many of his closings as his schedule will allow.

"There's something satisfying about seeing something through from beginning to end," he said.



Tom Tuckey is ready to save you money on your next mortgage or refinance.

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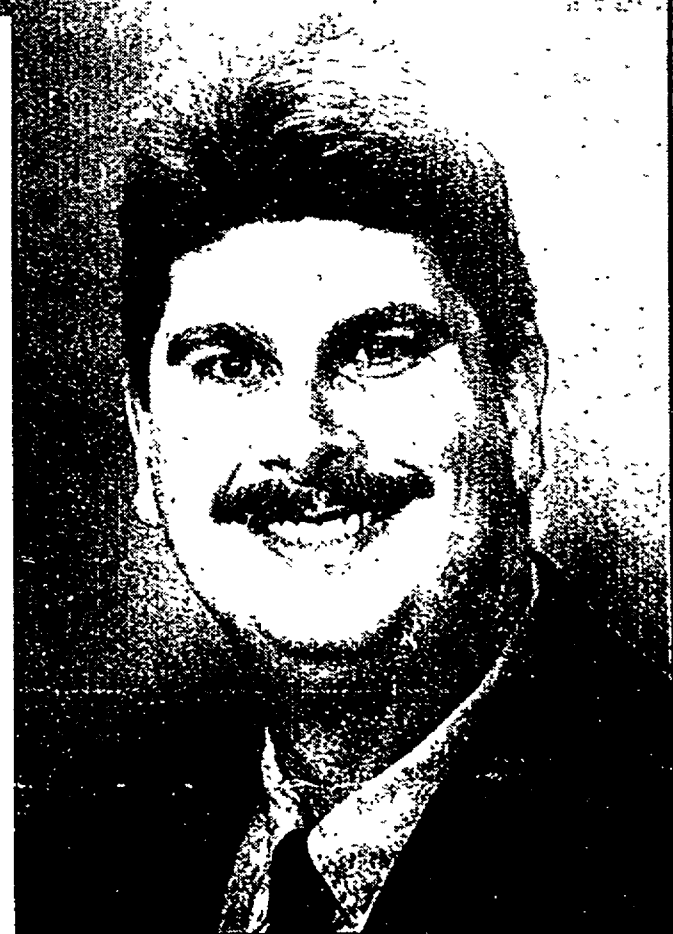


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The Pizza Cutter's gourmet pizza chosen best in area

After 25 years, Jim Delano, owner of Pizza Cutter is still modest about his success. He is more concerned about satisfying his customers.

Delano is not one to brag, but his pizza has been voted some of the finest around. For example, Pizza Cutter has been voted the No. 1 pizza in Northville several times. And the Detroit News recently chose it as one of the four finest pizzas in Wayne County and one of the 10 finest in Metro Detroit.

"It's certainly important for us to please our customers," explained Delano. "We're constantly trying to improve."

For 25 years he and his wife, Liz, have owned the downtown restaurant, developing a unique repertoire of fine recipes. He credits his family for their help in delivering 25 years of excellent product. That includes his two daughters, Laura and Christy, who attend Michigan State, and son, Ken, who attends Northville High School.

"We've all worked here. And I mean not only my family helps out, but we truly do have a lot of great people that work here. We don't have a big turnover," added Delano.

The pride in their work is reflected in the quality of their food and their motto which says, "It's not our goal to see how quick or how many pizzas we can make, but to make

sure that the pizza we make for you is the very best it can be."

If you are ready to try a new and unique taste temptation, you owe it to yourself to try one of the 12 specialty gourmet pizzas. They range from healthy vegetarian to hearty meat. How about a Whole-Wheat Combo with fresh vegetables or Pesto with mozzarella, cheddar, provolone cheese topped with pine nuts.

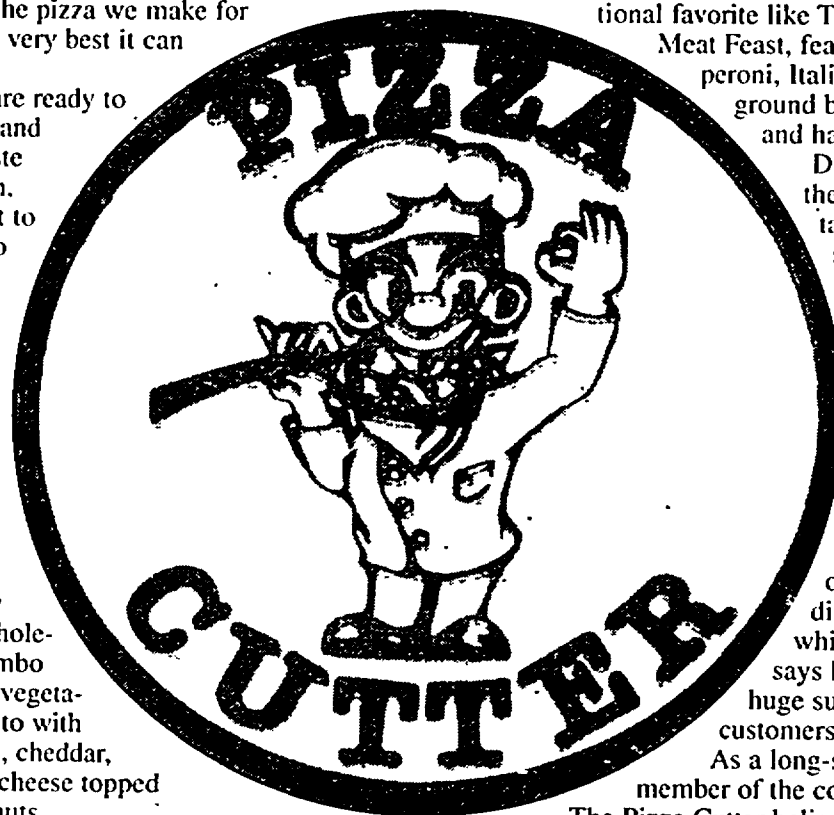
The Southwest Chicken is another favorite with lean grilled chicken breast, sun dried tomatoes, Parmesan, dill and onions. Or maybe you are in the mood for a more tradi-

tional favorite like The Cutter's Meat Feast, featuring pepperoni, Italian sausage, ground beef, bacon and ham.

Don't forget they also have tasty bread stix, pasta, salad, ribs and oven baked subs.

If you're stopping by, treat yourself to their outdoor dining, which Delano says has been a huge success with customers.

As a long-standing member of the community, The Pizza Cutter believes in generously giving back to the community. One of the fun promotions that children enjoy are the free personal pizzas they receive for completing a reading program. All elemen-



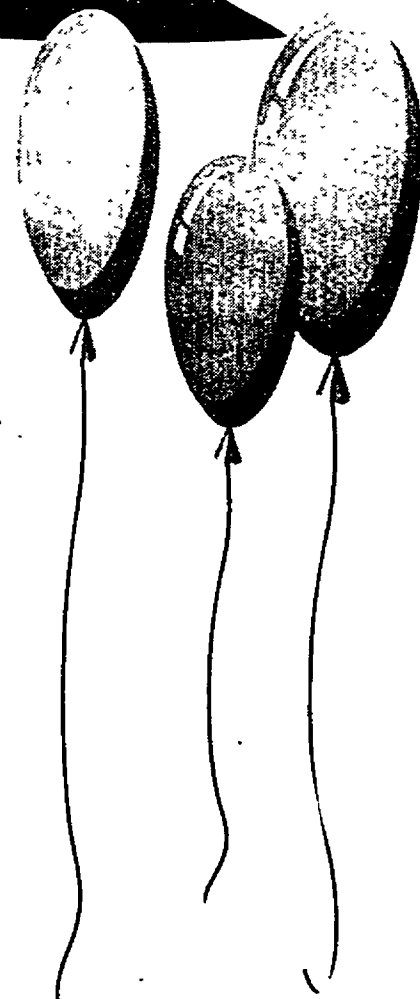
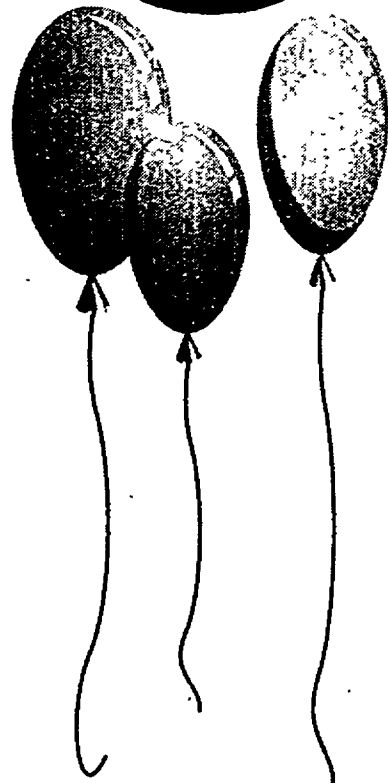
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-Jim Delano
Owner of The Pizza Cutter

tary school students in the Northville Public School system are eligible for this.

The Pizza Cutter is located in downtown Northville at 340 N. Center St., just south of Eight Mile Road, where they have served quality pizzas since 1978.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 4-9:30 p.m. Sunday.



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Salon Agape loves to pamper clients seven-days-a-week

Salon Agape is anything but a typical beauty salon. From its complimentary stress-relieving treatment before hair styling to its seven-day-a-week service, a trip to Salon Agape is more of an experience than just getting a haircut.

Owners Marilyn Sullins and daughter Gina have created a unique atmosphere and a loyal customer base in their Grand River location in downtown Novi. Marilyn said they began the business over three years ago and since then, it has grown to include 32 employees offering sensory experiences.

"Our people are well trained and take classes every month to keep up with the latest styles and techniques," said Marilyn. "Our 12 designers attend a day-long class given by an Aveda trainer, too."

Marilyn is very proud of Salon Agape's relationship with the Aveda Concept Line of products. These all-natural products are produced "the environmentally correct way and in countries where workers are treated well," she added.

The Salon Agape theme is to relieve stress in a team environment.

Customers are encouraged to visit anytime — walk-ins are OK, but appointments are recommended. The team concept means that everyone can help with a customer's needs, not just the designer he or she usually works with.

Marilyn said the salon also has many male customers — and they enjoy relaxing before their appointment. Beer and wine are available, but there is much more.

"A lot of men like the hot towel facial before their styling. We also perform complimentary hand massages," Marilyn said.

Marilyn runs the business side while Gina is the professional designer. Gina has worked for a number of different salons in the Novi area and brings a great deal of experience to the job.

Salon Agape (agape is defined as unconditional love) offers extended

hours convenient for anyone's schedule. The salon is open until 11:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, noon to

9 p.m. Monday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. "We are a high-end salon with a very professional atmosphere," said

Marilyn. "But we are not pretentious. We are very down to earth with our customers. We want people to truly enjoy their visit."



Photos by JOHN HALL

Salon Agape, the salon of unconditional love, is located in Novi. The salon offers extended hours, the latest styles and pampering. At right, Designer Katie Yates demonstrates a scalp massage on fellow designer, Jennifer Turner.

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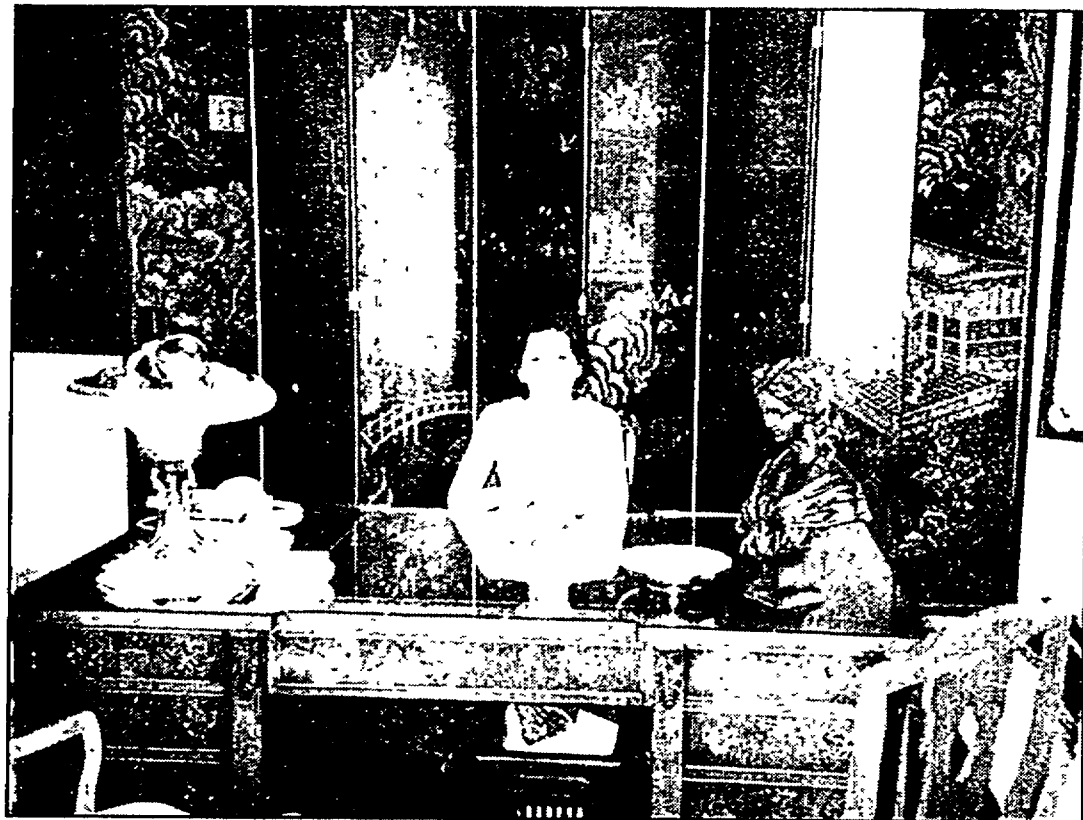
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Mondie Miller recommends her clients borrow a few oriental rugs to try in their home before making a final decision on which one to purchase.

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Before purchasing, Mondie recommends clients take several rugs home to experiment with.

"Customer service is very important to us," Miller said. "We want each client to have an enjoyable experience. The more they learn, the more comfortable they feel and the more confident they are about their choices. It is fun to see their excitement grow along with their knowledge."

In addition to a variety of high-quality rugs in a broad range of colors and sizes, Heirloom also carries distinctive decorative accessories, such as bronze sculptures, oil paintings, small furniture pieces, hand-painted porcelain, antiqued-brass items and a new product line inspired by designs from the Court of Versailles. Each piece is handcrafted with semi-precious stones and is beautifully embellished with tassels.

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—Mondie Miller
Heirloom Oriental Rugs

For beautiful oriental rugs and unique decorative accessories, visit Heirloom Oriental Rug Gallery at 307 W. Main St., in downtown Brighton, or call (810) 227-4751.

Therapists work closely with patients for best care

It's been 11 years since HealthStyles Rehabilitation opened for business at its current location in downtown South Lyon. Co-owners Barb Herzog and Sandra Jenkins are pleased with the facility and the opportunities it has offered.

HealthStyles is staffed with licensed physical, occupational and speech therapists serving patients who have a variety of needs.

"Our caseload varies from children with physical impairments to sports and work-related injuries to neurological conditions, reconstructive surgery, arthritis and joint replacement, and lymphedema secondary to breast cancer," Barb said.

A team approach is utilized at HealthStyles. They engage in close communication with their patient's physicians to ensure that the highest quality of care is provided for each patient. A physician referral is required for therapy.

Once that occurs, the therapists work together to develop an individual program designed to improve the patient's well-being. HealthStyles' primary goal is meeting each patient's personal goals. This may include self-care and independence, overcoming back pain, learning to walk after surgery or safely regaining their prior func-



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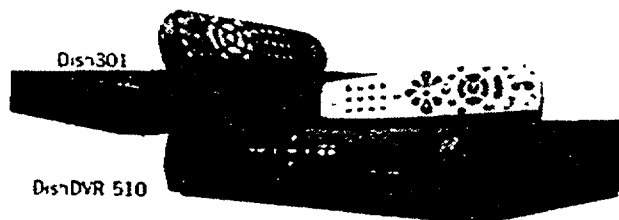
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It's all served in a cozy, comfortable atmosphere.

Make your choice from the menu or the specials board offering a variety of desserts, seafood, shellfish, soups and other entrees. Several favorites that make them a destination stop includes their Mess of Michigan Lake Perch, veal bachi and beef tenderloin ragout, lobster ravioli and a fantastic filet mignon. Imagine intensely flavored veal and porcini bachi (mama's kisses) with medallions of beef tenderloin in cabernet sauce with portabella mushrooms and glazed onions. Homemade pasta is also one of their trademarks — saffron lobster ravioli with sherry cream sauce.

To accompany your selection, they offer over 100 wines. It is simply another way Bistro 127 has responded to its customers. The wine list evolved simply because patrons have asked for them.



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Bistro 127 offers Sunday brunch, gourmet meals and over 100 wines, at affordable prices in a comfortable atmosphere. Catering is also available.

Waldenmayer soon found that his customers were impressed enough to request that he cook on site and from there a catering business has quickly taken off. It's now approximately 20 percent of the business. Bistro 127 is currently the exclusive caterer

for the Genoa Woods Conference Center in Brighton and has served Governor Jennifer Granholm and State Senator Nancy Cassis.

In April 2004, Bistro 127 will be expanding to further accommodate their customers. The expansion will provide an entirely non-

smoking area as well as non-smoking entrance and exits. Another project will be the renovation into a South Lyon Theater.

One of their most popular promotions are the free tickets for the South Lyon Theatre with the purchase of an entrée. These are redeemable anytime.

"We redeem as many as 25 certificates a night," he added.

To accommodate the lunch crowd is a delectable lunch buffet, which runs \$6.50 with choices like ribs, pasta, homemade meatloaf and more.

"It is quick — you can get a drink and get some great food even if you're short on time," said Waldenmayer.

The Sunday buffet is another great value. at \$6.95, it is not highbrow, he says, because that is not what his clientele wanted. Early bird specials on Monday and Tuesday are popular with the seniors.

Located in downtown South Lyon, at 127 E. Lake St., across from the South Lyon Theatre, Bistro 127 is a great spot for people watching.

Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and a Sunday brunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 2-9 p.m. Sunday.

— By Annette Jaworski

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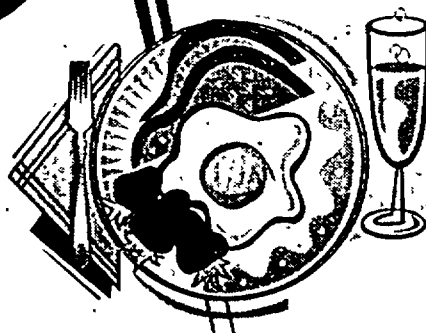
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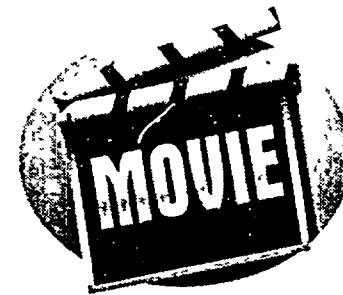
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One-of-a-kind decor makes Your Nesting Place the place to shop

Shouldn't your home be as individual as you?

Your surroundings should reflect your personality and sense of style, says Chris Meredith, owner of Your Nesting Place in Milford. If it's on the shelf in a department store, you won't find it in this unique one of a kind setting.

It's a store you have to see to describe — design boutique comes close, but just a bit too hi brow for Meredith's taste who describes it as low key and funky. She wants her clients to have some fun with décor.

"It's not a museum," laughs Meredith. "Although we have some things that are expensive, 95 percent of the things are affordable. When I go shopping for the store, I keep in mind the customer's affordability."

Meredith also requires each item be unique and interesting before bringing it into her store. Your Nesting Place is not a resale shop. The store has everything you can dream of from candles to couches with the exception of carpeting. Meredith is continuously searching for new and interesting items to inspire her clientele.

Right now she is gearing up for a twice a year Flexsteel sale. With a 40

percent off sale from Oct. 2-14, there is no better time to purchase the quality of Flexsteel. Custom orders are typically available in four to six weeks, so your new furniture will be ready for holiday entertaining.

At any given time, Your Nesting Place offers at least 12 sofas and 10-15 chairs in interesting displays to give customers design inspiration. However, the possibilities are endless when you consider they carry more than 1,000 of the dealer's designer fabrics for custom orders — perfect to find exactly the right look that says "you."

And another special money saver, Meredith doesn't charge more for special orders — pricing is the same as merchandise in stock. You will only pay more if the fabric you select is more expensive than the one on the display merchandise.

Your Nesting Place also offers design services — a perfect complement to their merchandise. They will help you make the best of your existing décor while suggesting exactly what merchandise might accent it best. The design fee is a modest \$250, with \$150 of that fee applying toward future purchases over \$500.

If you have been into the shop, you



Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Chris Meredith's Your Nesting Place is a store you have to see to believe, with it's one of a kind décor.

probably met Meredith or long time employee, Sandi Hinzmann.

The shop has been a thriving feature of the Milford area since 1995, with Chris Meredith building upon

it's past success for the past year and a half.

Your Nesting Place welcomes you from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and

from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday.

Your Nesting Place is tucked away on the north end of Milford at 150 W. Summit St., at Milford Road.

— By Annette Jaworski


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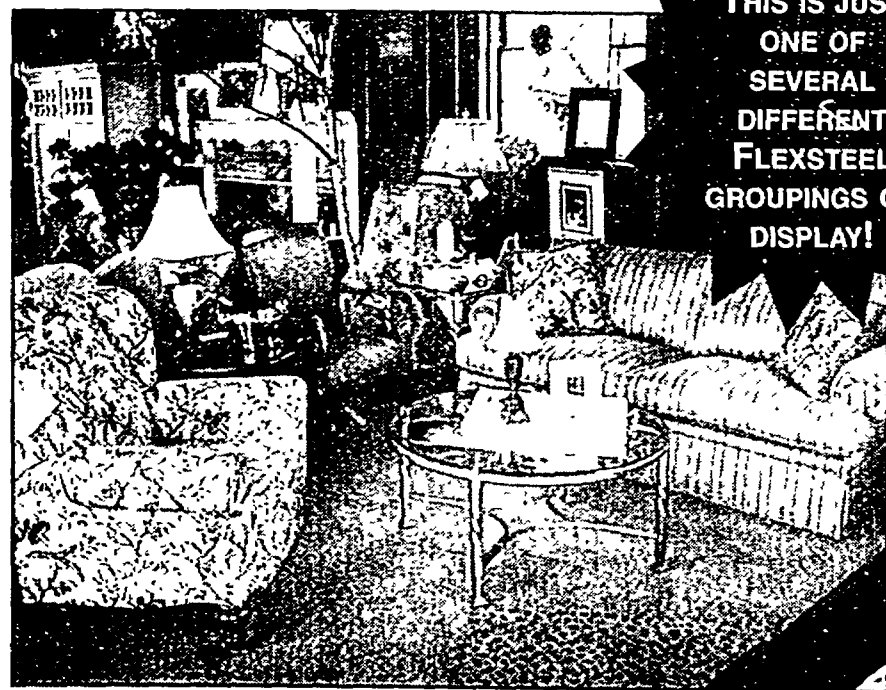
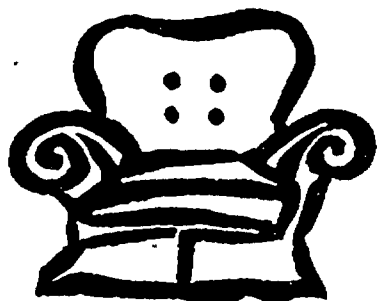
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Most importantly, there's the caring staff of seven, who know all of the residents as well as their pets. And since pets are part of your family, they're welcome, too, at Pendleton Park.

"Our atmosphere is not a complex, it's a neighborhood community," said Michelle Herrst, property manager.

The staff encourages the neighborhood camaraderie by hosting special events like a weekly breakfast or luau barbecues. There's a cookie day on Friday where kids can come in for a treat.

"Our staff really does care about our residents. We know who they are and even their pet's names," said Herrst. "We try to

help them any way we can."

Pendleton Park offers luxurious one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments from 915 square feet up to 1,500 square feet, offering great options for a cross section of lifestyles.

"They went a step further with the interiors, like eggshell paint to give it a homey feel. Whirlpool appliances and a full-size washer and dryer. It's the little things that make living here nicer than the standard apartment," said Suzanne Graham, leasing consultant.

Their brand new facilities have an upscale elegance to them. Special amenities include an outdoor pool, hot tub and sauna. There's a 24-hour exercise facility with an adjacent glassed-in playroom for children.

"It's nice to have a fresh product at a reasonable price," said Herrst.

Pendleton Park is conveniently located minutes from I-96, across the street from the new shopping complexes of Lyon Oaks and Lyon Towne Center.

"We're located just outside the hustle, but close enough to have



Pendleton Park in New Hudson offers the kind of small-town atmosphere that is important in creating a neighborhood community. Pets are welcome and neighbors enjoy barbecues and other events together.

access to major freeways," said Herrst.

Find them just west of Milford Road at 57715 Grand River Ave.,

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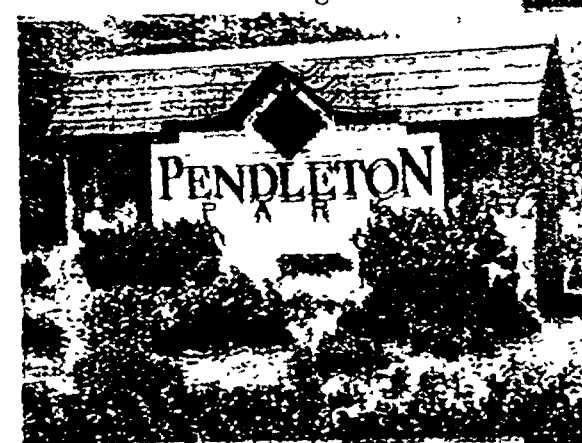


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All of the services you need for a successful real estate transaction are under one roof — The Michigan Group's.

A wise man once said, "It's not hard getting to the top, but it's very hard to stay there." That thought has been one of the motivating factors for The Michigan Group Realtors to excel as an outstanding real estate company. It appears as though they have been accomplishing that goal since this company has just been voted by you, Livingston County, as the No. 1 Real Estate Company serving this community for the third year in a row. Congratulations to you, Michigan Group.

Humble beginnings

It is said, "do not despise small beginnings," and that must have been how Joe DeKroub, The Group's owner/broker felt as he, along with a handful of Realtors, opened the doors to what was then called The Livingston Group.

It was 1981 — during one of the worst cycles of real estate when interest rates were approaching 18 percent. However, undeterred, he had a vision and many innovative ideas and went ahead with his plans.

In 22 years, DeKroub propelled The Michigan Group from a staff of eight Realtors and \$12 million in sales to a dynamic company of more than 130 professionally trained Realtors with an annual sales volume of \$250 million. The Michigan Group, according to Crain's Business Magazine, is the largest single real estate office in the state and has been recognized as one of the top 300 mega-brokers nationwide — quite an accomplishment.

Philosophy

The primary company philosophy guiding The Group is the upside down pyramid concept. The pyramid places management at the bottom, the Realtors in the middle, and the clients and customers at the top. They say, "Our clients and customers are our priority — they are our employers."

Umbrella of Services

Bearing that philosophy in mind, The Michigan Group has developed what they refer to as their "Umbrella of Services" for a client selling their



The Michigan Group Realtors makes buying or selling a home, office or commercial building easy.

property or searching for their new home, land or investment property.

These services are extensive:

- They publish, monthly, "The Michigan Group Homes Magazine," where every property they represent is advertised until sold.

- An in-house visual arts and graphics department designs brochures and a multitude of marketing items.

- They provide a Virtual Tour on homes and some vacant land, linking those tours to its Web site along with several others, such as Realtor.com, MoveinMichigan.com and Hometowndigital.com.

- They feature many of the houses on the Home Preview television channel.

- They offer an in-house mortgage company, United Michigan Mortgage, and an on-site insurance company.

- The closing department coordinates a myriad of details required for a successful closing. Then, the on-site title company combines all of those details with the mortgage documents,

bringing to a happy conclusion the selling or purchasing process.

- Helping the Realtors with the many tough real estate questions is their corporate attorney, William Russell.

Career assistance

If you have ever thought you would just love to be a Realtor, The Michigan Group offers you their Career Academy of Real Estate, directed by Patricia Bean. As a certified instructor, Pat teaches the pre-license curriculum along with other advanced training classes.

New Realtors then receive specialized training in the "Weeks to Success" classes taught by Bonnie Spicher. Spicher, who has over 25 years in the real estate industry, has recently returned to The Michigan Group to provide this training and additional management support.

The veteran Realtors are also provided advanced training so they remain knowledgeable to better serve their clients and customers.

Of course, there needs to be someone designated the awesome responsibility to oversee all these Realtors, keeping them motivated and moving in the same direction. That challenging opportunity has been bestowed upon Stephen Scholes, The Group's sales manager. Stephen had been a Realtor with The Group for 15 years, managed another company for awhile and then returned to The Group about three years ago.

And, the wise man, who many agents call Uncle Bill, but is more widely known as Bill Mathers, is also on hand to offer assistance. Mathers, who has countless years of experience in real estate, returned from retirement to serve as The Michigan Group's sales manager and senior vice president.

Wondering why so many agents have chosen to call The Michigan Group home, we asked them. A couple of Realtors transferring there said name recognition, organization, stability, opportunity and a sense of family. New Realtors mentioned the train-

ing opportunities and services offered as reasons for joining. Veteran Realtors, those with 10-20 years at the Group, said, "it's just the best," and "even though we're big, it's really a tight family." There must be some truth to all this.

Perhaps as you drive through the county and surrounding areas and see all of those magenta signs, you'll understand why. Or, are they pink?

Looking to the future

This past year, The Michigan Group expanded its borders by opening new offices in South Lyon at 105 N. Lafayette St., and in Fenton at 3160 Silver Lake Road. Contact the South Lyon office at (248) 437-5000 and the Fenton office at (810) 714-7300. The Group welcomes the experienced Realtors who have joined them to serve these communities.

Another new addition to The Michigan Group this year was the appointment of Bonnie David as Relocation Director. David brings with her many years combined experience in the business as a Realtor and manager. The company is looking forward to the contribution she will make.

Community service

The Realtors at The Michigan Group believe that it is important to give back to the community that has supported them. They follow the motto, "Committed to and involved with our community."

They have demonstrated a spirit of generosity by raising funds and participating in events for the American Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. They have also donated food and clothing for Gleaners Food Bank, The Salvation Army and LACASA. Each year, you will see them in various parades and at festivals. This year, The Michigan Group was one of the major sponsors of the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus' Livingston Sensation contest — a local version of American Idol.

As a gracious owner, DeKroub has always opened the doors of the office to many civic groups, community organizations and neighborhood associations who have, without charge, been invited to use the 165-seat, state-of-the-art auditorium.

They ask only one thing — please turn out the lights when you leave.

Don't worry about cell phone rates, let Wireless Times help

It can be confusing and overwhelming. When it comes to today's wireless technology, you don't have to be confused by your phone's features, or wonder whether you have the best calling plan. All it takes is one stop at Wireless Times in South Lyon.

How do they distinguish themselves from all the other wireless companies clamoring for your attention?

"One thing that sets us aside is our customer service," said manager, Zina Patros. "We don't give people the runaround."

Patros and her staff, including her sales associate, Amber Sawyer, go the extra mile. They make sure you get the phone you want and understand how to use it before you walk out the door. Part of their exceptional service is knowing their customers on a first-name basis and greeting them with a friendly hello. It's giving customers a trial basis on a new phone or helping someone with less than

perfect credit.

Patros considers studying and researching each piece of equipment just part of the job, sort of like a homework assignment. She simply wouldn't feel prepared if she weren't being thorough. It's all part of the way she helps customers feel comfortable with their choices.

"Nowadays, your phone is like your purse and keys — you just don't leave home without it," said Patros.

For starters, Wireless Times offers customers a choice when it comes to phones and service plans. That way, they're able to offer the phone and plan best suited to your needs, rather than only one company. Take your pick between Verizon, T Mobile, AT&T, Sprint and Nextel — all reputable and quality companies.

"Some people need it only a few minutes a day for emergencies and some need unlimited minutes. Because we have five carriers, we find whatever suits your needs," said Patros.

Some of the hottest technology

includes the camera phones, which she enjoys. Another popular item is Nextel, which combines two-way radio with a cell phone.

"It's really handy now that they offer nationwide coverage, customers can communicate from state to state," she added.

PDA's offer a new and convenient way to stay organized, combining a cell phone and a palm pilot and Internet capacity in one neat package.

They're a full-service center, offering a wide range of accessories and even repairs. They also offer prepaid phone cards and long distance phone cards as well. They offer on site sales as well for their customer's convenience.

Wireless Times is conveniently located at 570 N. Lafayette, in the Huntington Square Shopping Plaza, just west of downtown South Lyon. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

— By Annette Jaworski

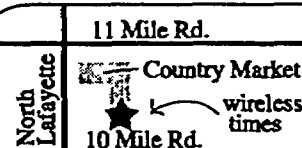


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Zina Patros, manager of Wireless Times, says the South Lyon store offers cell phones from many companies, PDA's and more to keep you going away from home.

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Make their day with basket from Vintage Wine Shoppe

Atisket, a tasket, a remarkably bountiful basket. It may not be a perfect nursery rhyme, but it is the perfect gift, thanks to the expertise of Morey Gregis and his son Derrick.

The owners of the Vintage Wine Shoppe in Novi want everyone to know about a "new old" feature among the many features available at their beer and wine shop on Ten Mile Road west of Meadowbrook.

The store has long been known for its huge selection of beer, wine, liquor and liqueurs from around the world — and for its friendly and caring customer service.

In fact it has been in the same location for 26 years.

"I've met many people in the community and have enjoyed a 98 percent repeat business rate over the years," Morey said.

When he and Derrick aren't keeping the store clean and stocking the humidior cigars, the 25 doors of chilled beer, wine and 53 feet of liquor and liqueurs, they are busy working on custom gift baskets for special orders.

"The baskets can be filled with products like Jack Daniels bourbon, Germack pistachio nuts, gourmet food and custom chocolates," Morey said. "Anything a customer wants in the basket, we can make."



Photo by JOHN HALL

Derrick Gregis and his father, Morey Gregis, owner of the Vintage Wine Shoppe, are proud of their gift basket creations. Baskets can be made on-the-spot, in any amount, with any assortment of gourmet food, chocolate, wine or liquor.

Derrick added that Vintage Wine can make baskets from \$10 to \$1,000 and many can be assembled right on the spot or customers can arrange for pickup on the next day.

The Gregis' will even arrange for basket delivery within the community. And speaking of that, they have added delivery of products as an added bonus for customers in the immediate area.

Some of the special wines, which can be added to baskets, purchased in the store or can be locally delivered, include selections from California and Australia — not to mention a good selection from Michigan, Canada and other countries.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

The store is open every day except Christmas.

"If we don't have something in stock, we can special order it for next day pickup (if the item is stocked locally)," added Morey.

Vintage Wine also offers discounts on large orders, especially for wedding receptions.

"Customers like our service — and we like our customers," Morey said.

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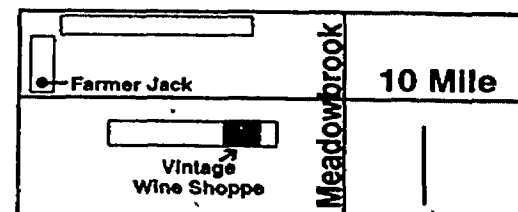
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If you can carry it, The Frame Gallery can frame it

The Frame Gallery of downtown South Lyon produces perfect gallery-quality pictures by combining creativity, artistry and the most up-to-date framing technology.

This year in its windows, The Frame Gallery will feature works by the artists of the South Lyon Fine Arts Society.

Additional local talent lays beyond the windows as well — the work of many other artists display often, and the owner creates unique framed pieces of art that are available for sale.

Owners Craig and Julia Jagger have made a lot of changes since they bought the quaint store nearly two years ago.

The gallery offers Thomas Kinkade, novelty gift items, custom framing and matting and much, much more.

"And just because we don't have what you're looking for in our window doesn't mean we can't get it," Julia adds.

Customers may browse an extensive art database of over 150,000 posters and open edition prints, provided by a computer inside the store.

The Frame Gallery offers an endless amount of ways to create your perfect work of art.

"To give a gallery look, most prints can

"To give a gallery look, most prints can be turned into canvas transfers. This eliminates glass and matting and creates a special look."

—Julia Jagger
Co-owner of The Frame Gallery

be turned into canvas transfers," explained Julia. "This eliminates glass and matting and creates a special look."

Craig and Julia use the most current machines and materials to preserve and protect your beloved pieces.

They now use all conservation mats, and Julia is quick to point out that 80 percent of the glass they use is conservation glass.

Stop by the store, located at 101 S. Lafayette, in South Lyon, today.

— By Chelsea Leah Romero

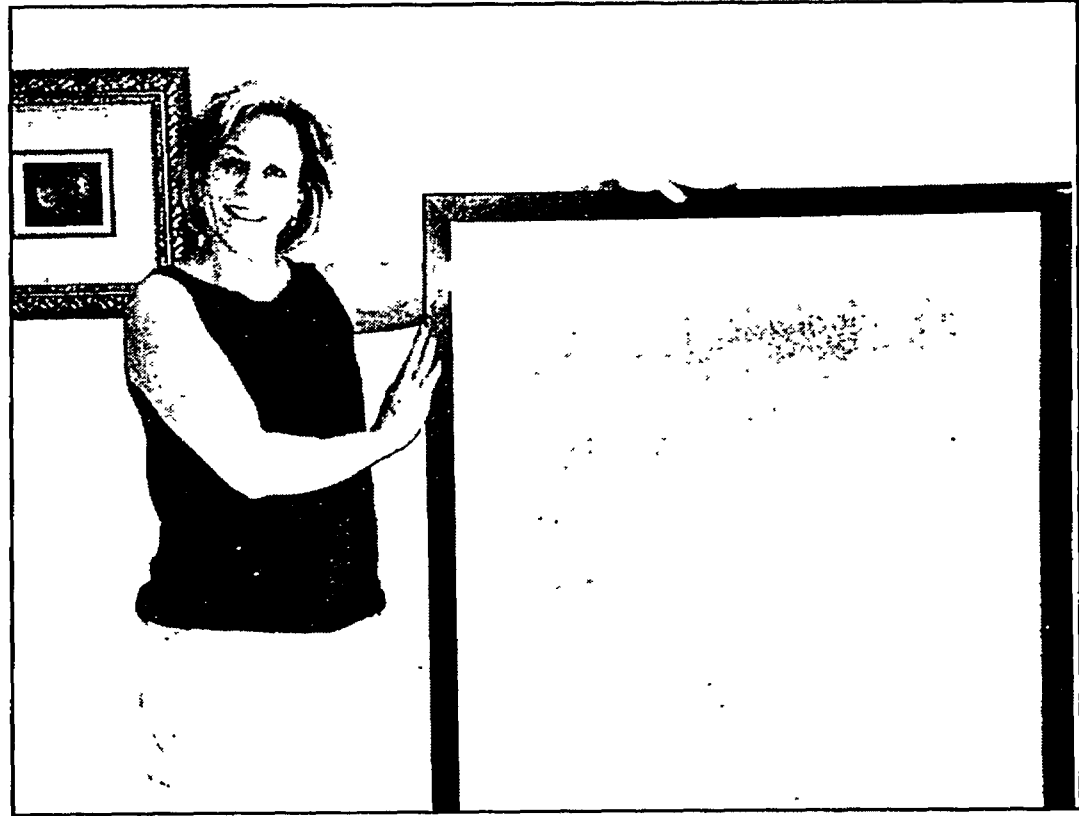


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Julia Jagger, co-owner of The Frame Gallery in South Lyon, can frame anything — even projects bigger than herself.

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"We're a local store that is just as competitive in selection and price as any larger store," Vicki Serra explained.

Serra carries products designed by the latest advances in technology, making carpets and rugs more durable and much easier to clean. New dyeing systems allow for the latest colors available in a wide variety of shades and patterns.

Hard surface products have also changed immensely in the past few years. New aluminum oxide finishes allow hardwood



Photo by STACY ANDERSON

The experienced staff at Serra Floor Covering can help you select the right floor covering for your home or business. Pictured from left are: Shariess Messner, Vicki Serra, Jim Serra and Dawn Grabinski.

"We're a local store that is just as competitive in selection and price as any larger store."

-Vicki Serra
Serra Floor Covering

floor finishes to be more durable and laminates to look like real ceramic without the maintenance of grout.

"Service is our biggest point. Our sales staff has been here a long time and a lot of them know customers by name when they see them," Vicki said. "There's one-on-one contact from start to finish and even several years later."

Serra Floor Covering is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

— By Stacy Anderson

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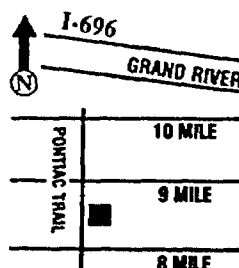
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What can you do to improve your family's performance? Backs, necks, shoulders, knees, ankles, wrists, fingers and toes — in fact, most bones, joints and connective tissues — are subject to misuse and injury when people are active. Seniors, individuals long out of shape or with disabilities, children who haven't yet learned how to protect themselves during physical exertion, and adolescents whose bodies are changing rapidly are among those at even greater risk than men and women in fairly good shape.

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halt potential health problems."

New Hudson Chiropractic Wellness Center has an unwavering commitment to providing the highest quality of chiropractic care for this community. A major part of that commitment is educating as many people as possible on the infinite benefits of chiropractic care. We find that those who fully understand the importance of a healthy nervous system continually receive spinal adjustments. And, as a result, they tend to think clearer, have more restful sleep, stay healthier, enhance their performance, and are able to handle the daily stresses of everyday life much better.

New Hudson Chiropractic Wellness Center also offers training and nutrition programs with periodic re-evaluations to monitor your progress toward your fitness or competition goals.

"We also help you understand how to prevent and treat injuries, and rehabilitate if you are injured," states Dr. Ruffin.

Like Dan O'Brien, many other professional and high-level amateur athletes depend on chiropractic to enhance their level of performance as well as to protect them from costly and career-threatening injuries. The best part is you don't have to train like an Olympic athlete to benefit from chiropractic care. Call (248) 486-5684 to schedule a state-of-the-art spinal scan for your family. You have a choice ... **CHECK IT OUT TODAY or LIVE WITH IT TOMORROW!**

What does the World's Greatest Athlete know about his body that you should know about yours?

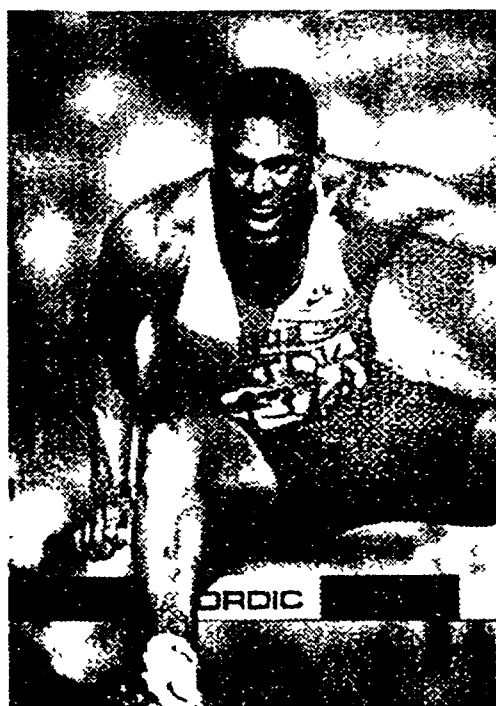
Olympic Decathlon Gold Medalist Dan O'Brien knows the condition of his spine and nervous system. He knows that even everyday stress can cause misalignments, called subluxations, that can disturb the nervous system. That's why Dan visits his chiropractor regularly.

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Olympic decathlon Gold Medalist Dan O'Brien says, "If it were not for chiropractic, I would not have won the gold medal."

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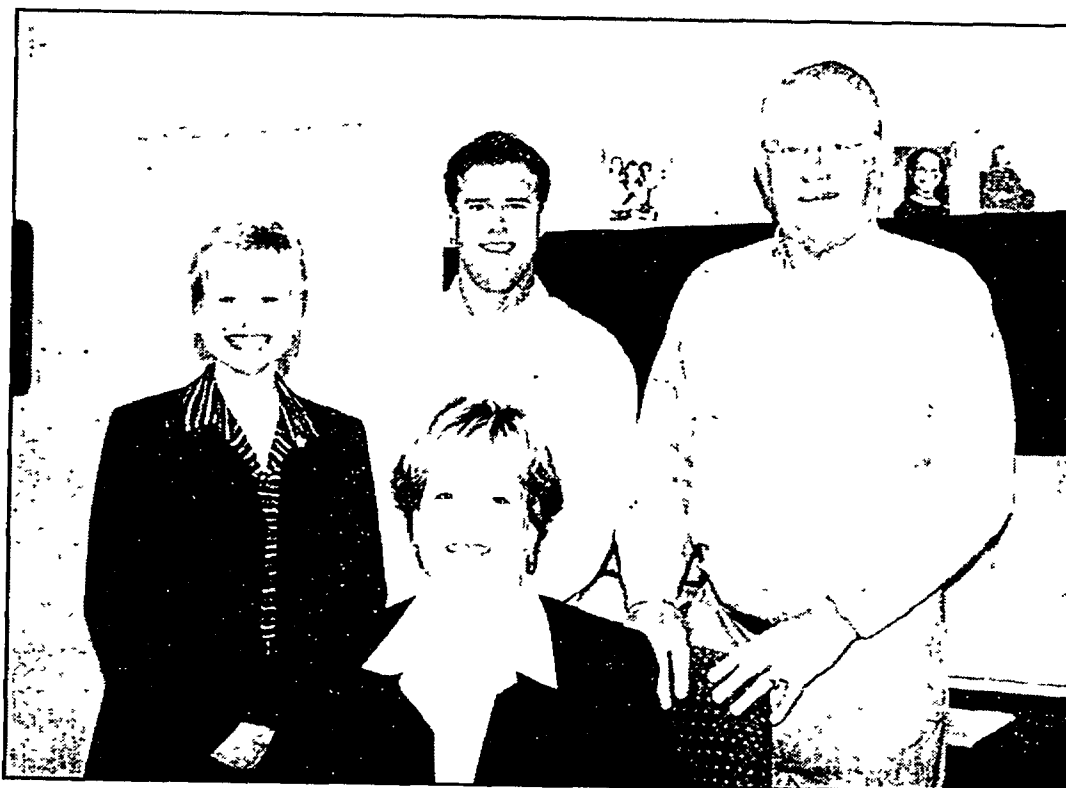
If you are like most people, you don't spend a lot of time dwelling on the future. If you have been putting off the details of long-term planning, it is time to put your mind to rest with a stop at State Farm Agent Lisa Beyer's office in Northville. Beyer can help you build a road map to your dreams and your future.

"We get so busy nowadays. It's one of the things we forget," she said.

Not only will she sit down and focus on your individual needs, but someone from her team will call to remind you that it is time for a yearly insurance checkup. It is an important part of long-term planning, she said. When reviewing your insurance needs, she makes sure it is tailored to your personal needs and is not just a cookie cutter policy.

"In the insurance industry things change so quickly, it is hard to keep up on it. Many people think once they have it, they are all set," said Beyer.

As a State Farm agent she will show you how insurance fits into the pyramid of planning for the future. Today, it is more than just home and auto insurance. They now offer investment strategies like mutual funds, 401Ks, college funding, certificates of deposit and even banking — including online banking. You can even call them for financing on vehicles or mortgages. The banking is a fun tool to teach children



Lisa Beyer, seated, says her team at State Farm has so much more to offer — including insurance review, banking and mutual funds. Beyer's staff includes, left, Roxanne LaMuth, Tony Clemens and Art Beyer.

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responsibility of money, she added.

When Lisa Beyer opened her insurance agency in December 2000, it was truly a dream come true for her. She said former agent Paul Folino left her very big shoes to fill and she hopes to continue his fine legacy.

When it comes to serving her clients, Beyer appreciates the solid backing of a company like State Farm. She credits the training she received with making her the agent she is today. Just like the motto, she and her staff truly have earned the good neighbor label. They are all part of the local community.

"I've had clients stop in for a cup of coffee. We're like an extended family for our customers," said Beyer.

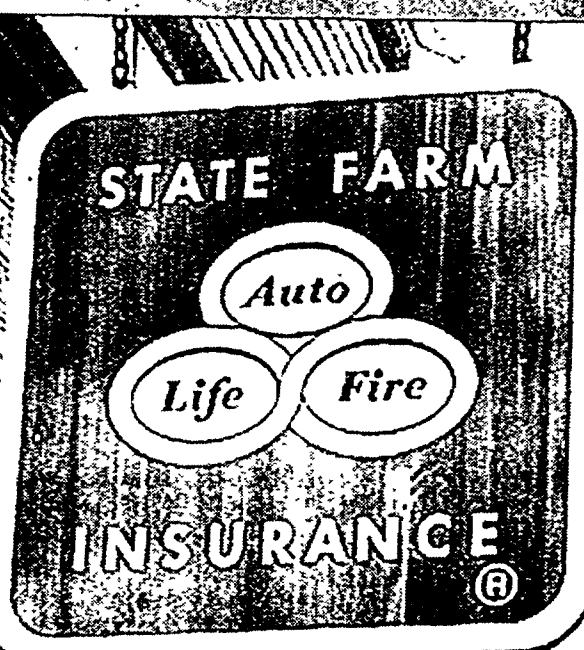
And when misfortunes strike, Beyer knows that helping to ease the financial burden is one small way she can help her customers.

"Helping them in their time of need ... that's key for me, and that's what it's all about," she said.

Beyer's State Farm team includes her husband, Art Beyer, and office representatives, Roxanne LaMuth and Tony Clemens. They are conveniently located at 430 N. Center St., in downtown Northville.

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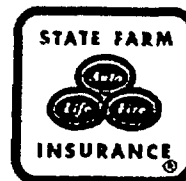
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Jeff and Susan Kumpula are a great combination of energy, enthusiasm and experience.

Mother, son team create perfect Realtor partnership

Susan Kumpula and her son, Jeff, quickly discovered that two heads are better than one at Century 21 Town and Country in Northville. "We are an incredible team together," says Susan.

Although they had not intended to work together, Jeff agreed to help out temporarily during a hectic time. Susan says he soon found out the flexibility and challenging environment offered a great career opportunity and has since established himself as a successful agent in his own right. Together they formed the outgoing and energetic Kumpula Team — a perfect blend of enthusiasm and energy.

"It's a good business for us to be in," says Susan. "We're people people."

Susan began her career in real estate to put her children through college. Nine years later, she finds she enjoys the variety and opportunity more than ever.

Jeff agrees that he enjoys the variety and that no two days are the same. His attention to detail is an asset to them both as well.

"We complement and help each other," says Jeff.

Although interest rates have risen modestly, they emphasize that it is still a great time to get into your dream home. Presently they are offering some beautiful golf community properties in Prestwick Village and in Tanglewood. Two new constructions are available in Tanglewood, where there is still time to pick your colors.

Having an in-house mortgage company is another way that Susan and Jeff are able to provide outstanding service to their clientele. Thanks to the dedication of Laura

Cambridge of Leavenworth Mortgage, they are able to quickly and efficiently pre-approve prospective buyers, making the financing a no-hassle situation.

"(Laura) makes sure every deal is closed," Susan says.

The team has been established long enough to receive the majority of their business from referrals and return customers. This gives them a great feeling of satisfaction. In fact, it's not unusual they meet a table of satisfied clients when they are out in public.

"We'd like to thank all of our loyal customers for the referrals," Susan says.

Working along with a quality company like Century 21 has given them great name recognition and the Northville location allows them quick access to outlying communities such as Milford, Brighton and South Lyon. The competent and friendly support staff extends their ability to serve their customers from the first hello to closing the deal.

An incredible office with a downtown view adds the icing to the cake for a great work environment.

"It's the most beautiful office in downtown Northville," says Susan.

Jeff and Susan have qualified for the Centurion Team, an honor given by Century 21 for top sales and quality service.

Get a team working on your real estate needs. Call Jeff or Susan Kumpula at Century 21 Town and Country, located at 175 CadyCentre, off Center Street in downtown Northville.

— By Annette Jaworski

Get ready to ride with Kensington Motorsports

Rev up your engines because the best riding season is yet to come, says Tim Mooney of Kensington Motorsports in New Hudson.

"Fall riding is some of the best riding around with the colors and the comfortable temperatures," he said. "It's a great time to ride street bikes or dirt bikes."

And there is no better time to get the bike or sport vehicles of your choice — thanks to the great selection and the best financing terms in years. You will find the latest styles in Kensington Motorsports 10,000-square-foot showroom with top brands such as Arctic Cat, Polaris, Suzuki, Kawasaki and Yamaha.

Hunters and sportsmen will want to check out the great lineup of rough and ready utility vehicles. They are one of the most versatile and popular vehicles around, handy for hunting trips, acreage and property maintenance along with snow plowing.

"There are fantastic deals and financing promotions for fall on all hunting, utility, all terrain vehicles or ATVs," said Mooney.

Don't wait until the snow flies. Later in the season, their stock of snowplows will be sold out. As an added incentive, many manufacturers now offer a free plow or winch with their purchase of their vehicle this time of



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The staff at Kensington Motorsports, including, from left, Kevin Tymensky, Nick Castiglione and Rob Fuller, are experienced riders who can help you select your bike, snowmobile, motorcycle, ATV or other vehicle.

year.

Mooney says it's also a great time to think ahead for the holidays. A shiny new ATV or motorcycle is sure to make a fantastic gift

under the tree for the young and young at heart. There's a wide selection of these items available right now for your selection.

Financing programs that are now available

can fit any budget, he adds. Whether you have credit problems or not, they'll help you get into the toy of your dreams. Check out the finance offers from as low as \$39 a month with 3.9 per cent financing.

The staff at Kensington Motorsports can give you the edge on selection since the staff members are actually riders. They understand the sport and can help you make the best choice.

Customer service doesn't end after the purchase at Kensington Motorsports. They have on staff factory-trained full-time technicians as well as parts and accessories in all makes and models for the do it yourselfers. They are a five-star-rated Yamaha-certified-repair dealer — one of only a handful in the country — Mooney explains.

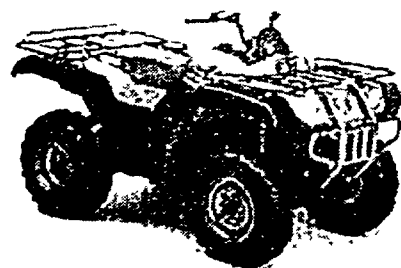
Kensington Motorsports is conveniently located at the growing I-96 and Milford Road interchange at 56605 Pontiac Trail, in New Hudson.

It is minutes from where you live — especially Brighton, Novi, Livonia, Howell, Milford, Highland and South Lyon.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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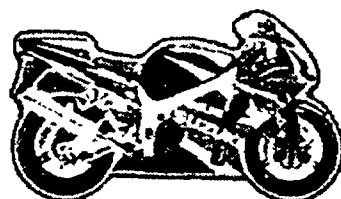
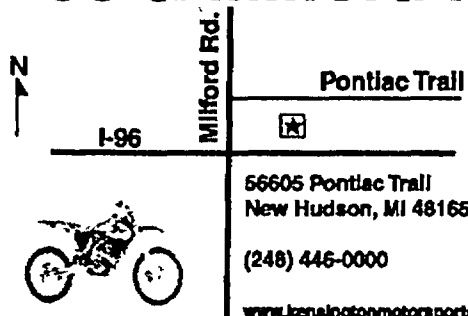
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Beckway Door offers an array of selections to choose from in entry doors — from standard steel doors, stainable steel and fiberglass, to oak or mahogany doors. Custom wood doors can be made to order for customers and a line of carriage house doors is a popular option that Beckway can provide. Storm doors can be added to cut down energy costs and protect doors from the weather.

When it comes to garage doors, quality and safety count. Beckway's inventory includes well-known brands like Stanley, Amarr and Taylor. The Chamberlain Liftmaster garage door openers are available with chain drive, belt drive or screw drive with operating powers from one-third to three-quarter horsepower. All products are manufacturers direct, which means that Beckway Door can pass on the savings to the customer.

"We don't use a light gauge steel door. We use the better quality, heavy 24-gauge steel door," said Andy Becker, owner of Beckway Doors. "And we offer all our builders and homeowners a life-time warranty on garage doors, which covers the panels, tracks, rollers, and springs."

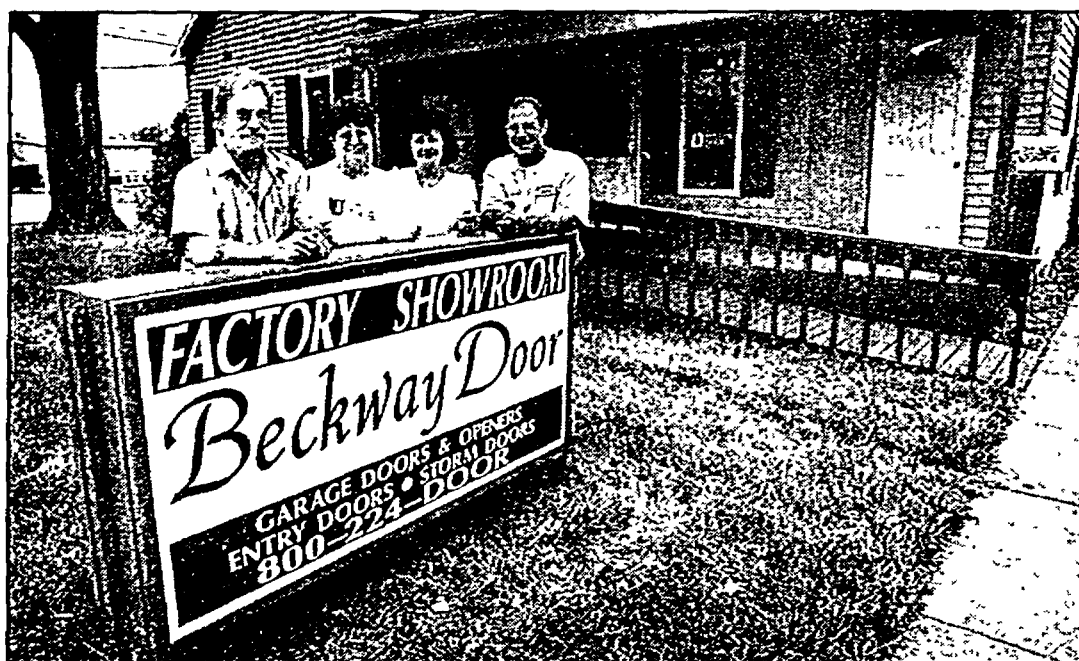


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Dan Work, Cathy Gallagher, Faye Williams and Andy Becker stand in front of the Beckway Door Factory Showroom. The company offers an extensive line of garage doors and openers, entry doors, storm doors and much more.

Andy also offers insulated doors that provide homeowner's with quieter operation, keep the house cooler in summer and warmer in the winter.

Garage doors all receive a professional safety check by Beckway's technicians.

"We are very careful to use only products with a large safety margin," Andy said, who's

been in business since 1979.

Some safety features include a pinch-resistant panel for children's fingers, door openers with safety eyes and safety checks by the installers.

For those who prefer natural lighting, Beckway can install windows in a garage or an entry door. Large selections of windows are available to match a home's existing windows including leaded glass.

"We precheck all our jobs, especially with the builders, starting with the rough-in. We work hand-in-hand with our builders, and enjoy dealing with the builder who cares about quality."

Andy is always ready to give homeowners free estimates and ideas.

"We'll come to your home, offer suggestions and guide you through door style and color selection," he said.

Beckway also supplies and installs commercial overhead doors, curtain doors and security doors. The company will also handle any insurance work. It is an authorized installer for Sears products.

Recently, Andy expanded his business to include steel buildings in all sizes.

"We can provide customers with small barns and horse arenas as well as large industrial buildings," he said.

The showroom is located at 505 E. Lake St., in South Lyon. It is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

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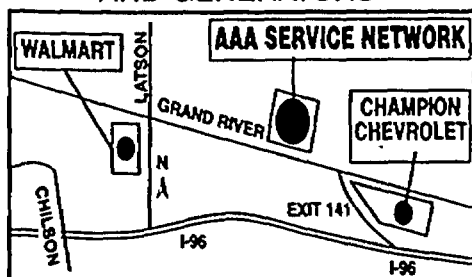
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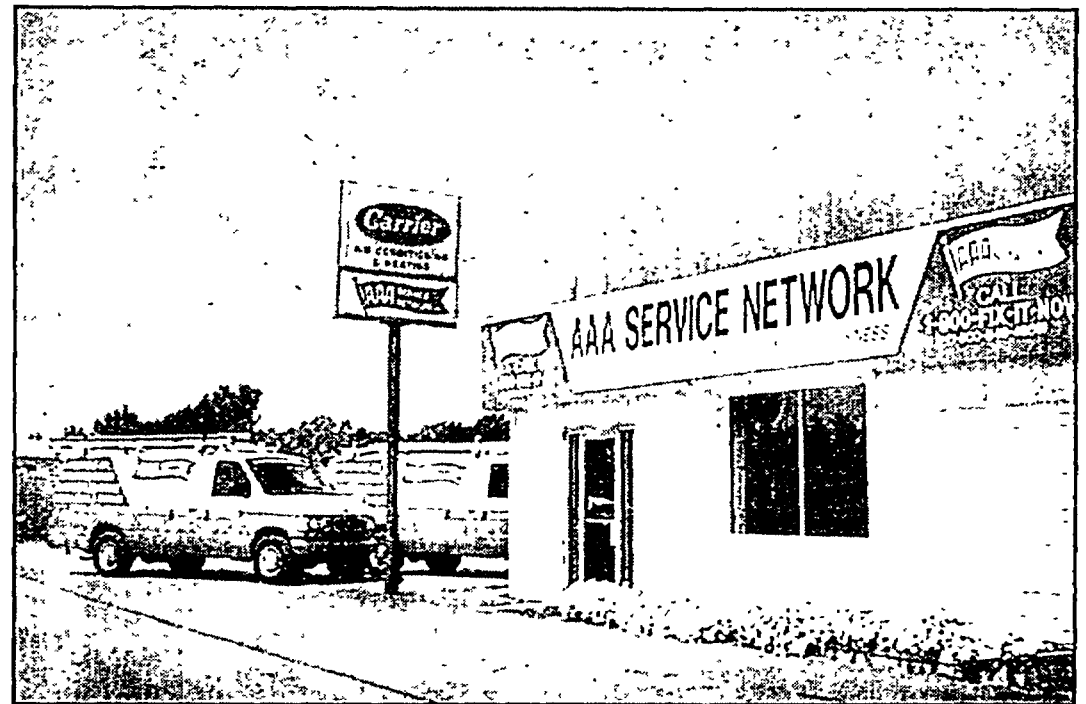


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The Howell location of AAA Service Network, Inc. on Grand River Avenue serves as the company's parts supplier. The company's van fleet is the most important part of AAA's service commitment to the customer.

Don't suffer in the cold, heat or dark: AAA Service Network can fix it all

Where were you when the lights went out?

That might be a well-known phrase referring to the blackout in 1965 in New York City, but it took on a more local meaning a month ago when the Detroit area suffered a blackout along with millions of others in Ohio, New York and Canada.

You don't have to wonder where the AAA Service Network professionals were. They were out taking care of customers who needed their services in an emergency.

Even if you were one of the fortunate ones who had power, you know a similar feeling when your furnace stops working in the middle of the night, and it is 0 degrees outside.

You don't have to wait until morning and freeze half the night. Just call the real fix-it problem solving professionals at AAA Service Network. Open 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, AAA Service Network employs 41 professionals — each a specialist in their field — so they can take the worry out of home and business maintenance.

"We fix just about anything in your home or business," says their advertising slogan.

But it is more than just a motto, it is their way of doing business. It is such an integral part of their customer commitment that each AAA van carries this pledge on the side of their van.

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full-line parts department are all part of the AAA Service Network commitment to home and business maintenance.

But beyond the physical repair of the equipment is the human side of the business. Each of the AAA service professionals know that when something at your home or business isn't working, it is a stressful, sometimes uncomfortable, and costly situation. That's why they do their best to be prompt in their response to your phone call and commit themselves to exceed your expectations in the areas of service and quality.

To serve you even better, AAA Service Network is planning to expand its prescheduled maintenance service agreements for worry-free winter and summer comfort.

And, remember to ask them for information about whole house generators, so you don't get stuck in the dark again.

— By Sally Rummel

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Customer comfort is crucial at Scapparé, where guests come to relax and get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. The full-service salon offers massages, hair cuts, pedicures and more at the premiere salon in South Lyon. At right, on the weekends, Scapparé's customers are treated to the melodious sounds of the 136-year-old grand piano.



Scapparé offers relaxing, pampering experience

Classy. It's the first word that comes to mind when you walk into Scapparé, the salon and day spa on Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. Soothing is the second word that follows quickly. Owners Chris and Lindsay Cortis have created an atmosphere that combines pampering and luxury with down-home comfort — and it works.

"Scapparé is Italian for 'escape to' and that's just what we are providing — an escape from the everyday. But we also don't want you to feel like you have to get dressed up to come here," says Lindsay.

"We tried to get that Beverly Hills feel with the look of Old-World Europe," says Chris.

Chris claims to be the social butterfly of the salon and loves making people happy. Both enjoy the feeling they get from offering a break to their clients.

It's no wonder they won the 2003 People's Choice Award, presented by HomeTown Newspapers, for the area's best salon. With soft lighting that makes everyone look good and enough space that manicurists and stylists might never see each other, Scapparé has something for everyone.

Hair salon services include cuts for the whole family, perms, color and highlights. Each stylist has a station that features an antique dresser and plenty of space. Skills and styles are constantly being updated at training seminars featuring platform artists from around the world.

And did anyone say facials? Scapparé's esthetician is the Repechage Skin Care District Trainer who can keep your skin looking its absolute best with a mini-facial, four-layer



Submitted Photos

The staff of Scapparé, at 21190 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon, is ready to pamper you.

facial, or a Hydra Refine facial. European acne treatments, waxing and make-overs are also offered.

Manicures and pedicures are handled by the best nail technicians available. Bring a girlfriend — or boyfriend — and relax with a glass of wine and a pedicure in the private and cozy alcove that boasts double whirlpool foot baths

for just this purpose.

Massage is also offered at Scapparé. Chris Cortis always gets a massage before golfing.

"It loosens me up and I can swing better," he says.

And yes, his score has improved!

Can't think of where to start? Try a salon package. The Mosta includes a mini-facial, hair

style and make-up application. Or you can get lost for four or five hours with the Valletta which includes a massage, hair cut and style, manicure, pedicure, four-layer facial and arch, make-up and lunch.

The soft lighting, rich wall colors, gilded mirrors, couches and easy chairs, antiques, and paintings by local artist Tim Sabados (available for purchase) add to the experience. On weekends, enjoy a wide range of music played on the 136-year-old grand piano.

Of course, gift certificates and custom packages are available, and parties are encouraged!

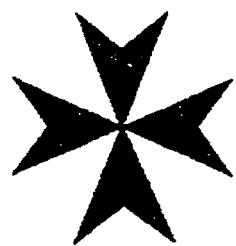
Scapparé's commitment to caring extends beyond the salon. They are a Locks of Love participant, and are actively involved in the South Lyon community. The salon sponsors women's softball and other athletics, and Destination Imagination, a problem-solving competition. They were also involved in the recent Walk for the Cure fundraiser, which raised \$2,300.

Product lines available at the salon include Aveda, Matrix and Alterna. Scapparé is the Midwest training facility for the Alterna line.

Looking for some star treatment? Scapparé carries Alterna's Private Reserve White Truffle Luxury shampoo, a Jennifer Aniston favorite. Hair cuts at Scapparé range from \$45 to \$60, nails (full set) start at \$55, and facials start at just \$35.

Plan your escape at Scapparé today.

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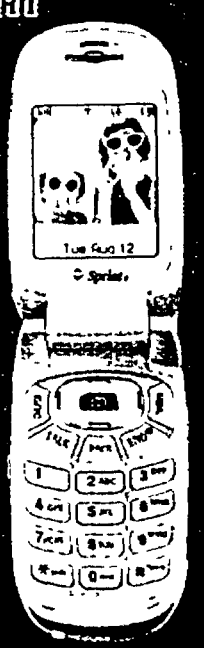


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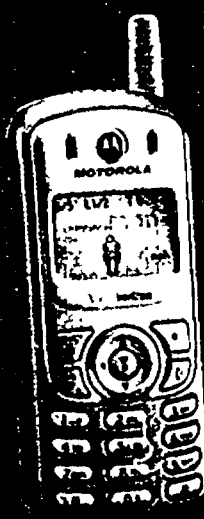


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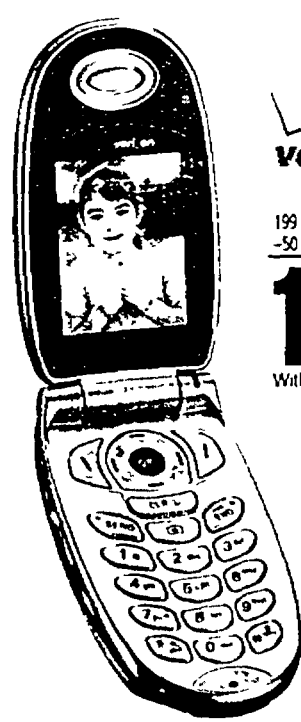
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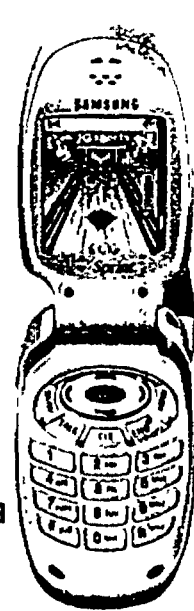
PCS Vision™ Phone from
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View Web† info and personal
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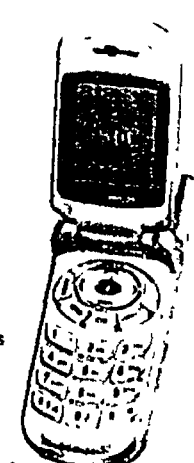
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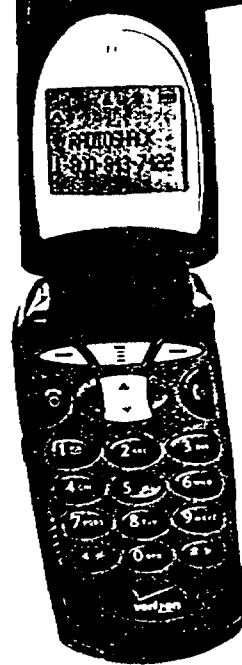
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†Customers who have the Motorola C333 phone can purchase ringtones by visiting vtext.com or freeup.com. Once accessing the website, customer must select "TXT Ringtones" on the vtext.com site or "Ringtones" on the freeup.com site. They then have the option to purchase the three ringtone pack for \$1.98.

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NEW 29⁹⁹

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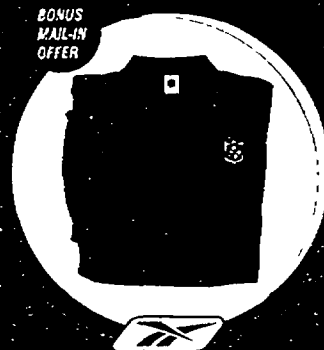
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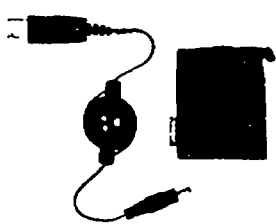


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NEW 39⁹⁹

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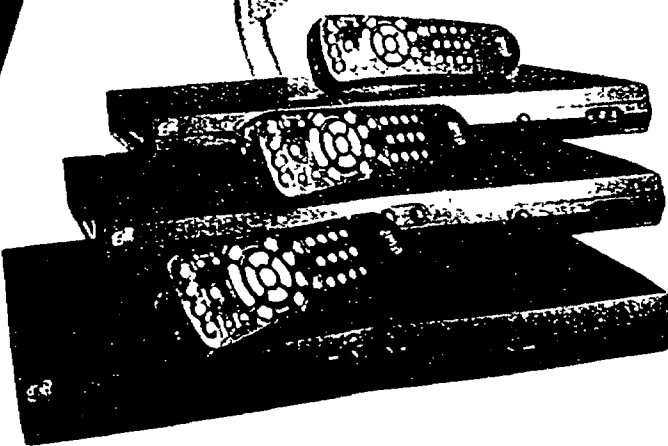
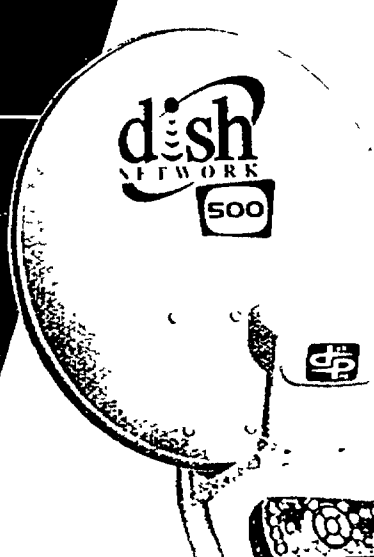
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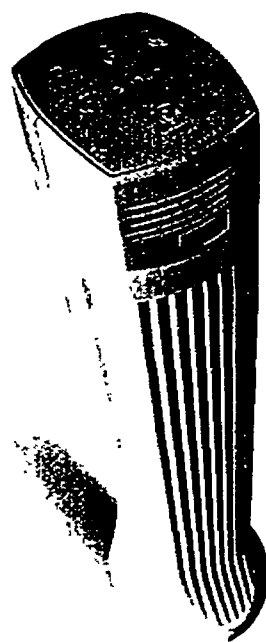
NEW 19⁹⁹

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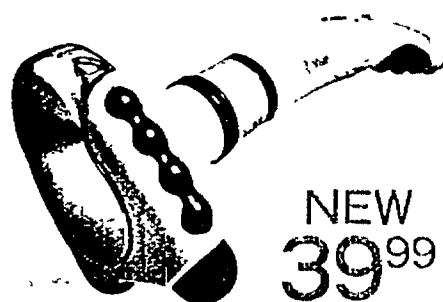
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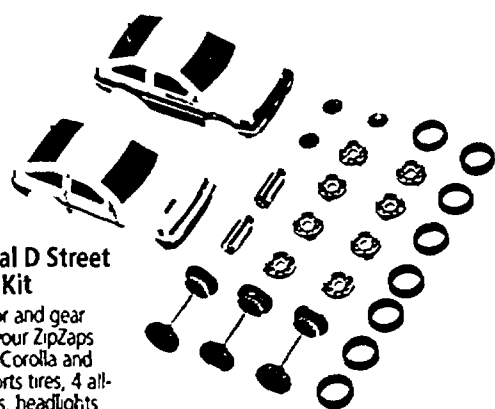
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Customize with upgrade kits and other accessories. Interchangeable body tops—use with all ZipZaps series. Charge in about 60 seconds. Collector trading card in every Starter Kit.

NEW 12⁹⁹

ZipZaps SE Initial D Street Tuner Upgrade Kit

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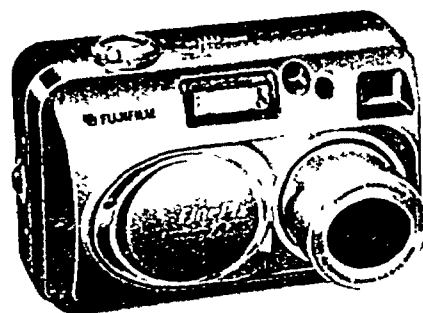


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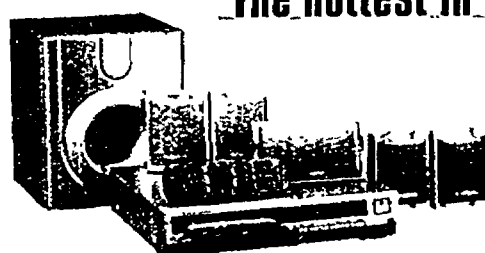
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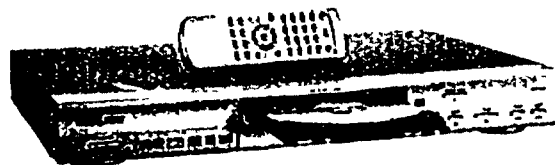
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SALE 129⁹⁷

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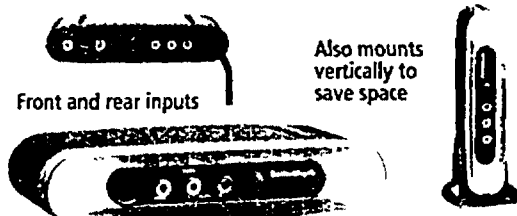
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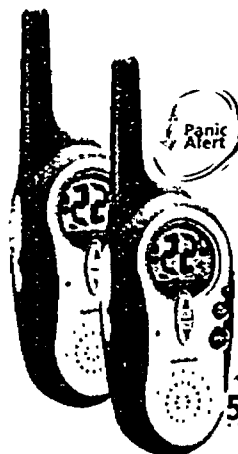


Charger & batteries included

NEW 59⁹⁹

2-PACK

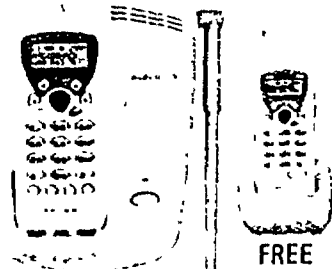
Only at RadioShack! GMRS/FRS sports 22-channel 2-way radios with weather alert—great for hiking, fishing and outdoor use. Splash and shock resistant. 38 quiet codes. Use Direct Call to call a specific user in your group. Vibrate alert. #21 1304 Use FRS Ch. 8-14 license free. FCC license required for GMRS.



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FREE extra handset—a \$39.99 value!

NEW 69⁹⁹

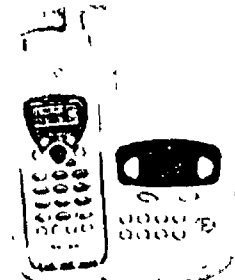
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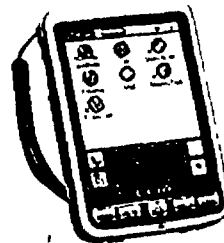
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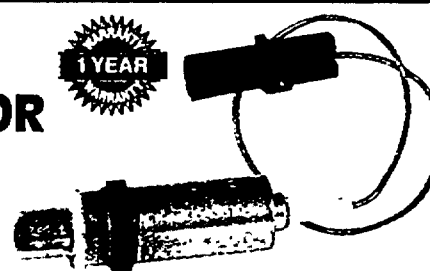
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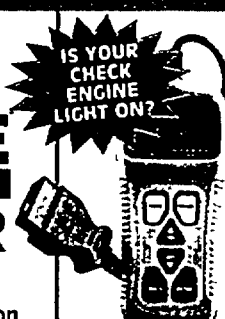
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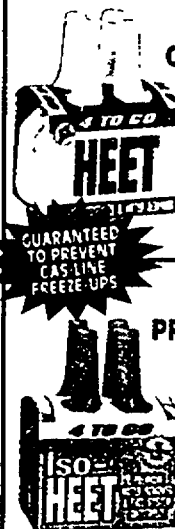
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Q I miss Angela Lansbury and her show *Murder, She Wrote*. Is she in any new TV shows or movies?

—Diana C., Arkansas

If you were watching, you may have caught the actress reprising her role as author and amateur sleuth Jessica Fletcher in *Murder, She Wrote: The Celtic Riddle*. The CBS television movie shot on location in Ireland aired in May. Lansbury also is featured in *AFI's 100 Years ... 100 Heroes & Villains*, an American Film Institute television special that aired June 3 on CBS. This year has been a sad one for the 77-year-old actress. Her husband of 54 years, producer and former agent Peter Shaw, died of congestive heart failure in January at age 84 at their home in Brentwood, Calif. Shaw and

Lansbury's two sons founded a production company in 1987 that co-produced Lansbury's long-running hit series *Murder, She Wrote*. While she is best known to millions of TV viewers as Fletcher, Lansbury was just 19 when she was nominated for an Academy Award for her role as the sinister maid in the 1944 movie *Gaslight*. She went on to enjoy a long career in film, television, and on stage, including winning four Tony awards. Younger fans will recognize her voice as that of Mrs. Potts in Walt Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.

Q Keith Urban is one of my favorite singers and I'd like to know all about him. Does he have a family?

—Sandy H., New York

Keith Urban, who grew up in the Australian farm town of Caboolture, has never married, but he recently dated supermodel Niki Taylor. Although he's a continent away, he remains close to



Angela Lansbury, acting for 60 years.

his parents and brother. His parents, Bob and Marianne Urban, helped get him started playing guitar when a young woman asked to place an ad in his dad's shop window offering guitar lessons. They let her advertise in return for lessons for their 6-year-old son. His mom answers fan mail addressed to his website, *KeithUrban.net*. Urban wrote or co-wrote eight of the 12 songs on his second solo album, *Golden Road*. The singer, who won the Country Music Association's Horizon Award in 2001, toured this summer with Kenny Chesney. Also in 2001, Urban won the Academy of Country Music's Top New Male Vocalist award. "I think a little bit more of my Aussie pub influence has come back into my playing," he says. "It has a certain primal rawness to it and I think I'm starting to let that come out again."

Q What is singer-songwriter Marshall Chapman doing now?

—John S., California

She has traded in her guitar for a word processor, at least temporarily. Chapman, who has recorded eight albums and written songs for artists such as Emmylou Harris, Joe Cocker and Wynonna Judd, has written her first book, *God, the Little Rock and Roller*. Instead of an autobiography, the book is more of a roadmap of her musical adventures, which have included touring with Jimmy Buffett and Jerry Lee Lewis. "I started writing out of the blue," Chapman says. "After 30 pages, I knew I had written something and it wasn't a song. I've always had this idea to write a book where each chapter was a song title and answer that question that people always ask, 'Why did you write that song?' I try to



Singer-author Marshall Chapman.

answer that question in each chapter." The Spartanburg, S.C., native will spend her fall promoting the book, which includes a companion CD, and participating in *God Ol' Girls*, a literary musical she co-wrote with songwriter Matraca Berg and novelists Lee Smith and Jill McCorkle. Chapman, who lives in Nashville, Tenn., enjoys yoga, walking and cooking in her spare time. ☆

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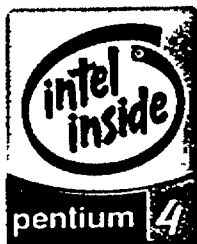
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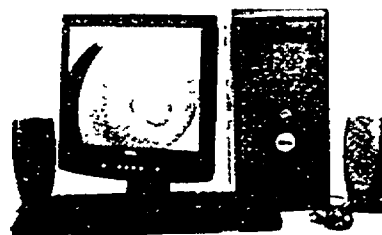
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Serving the Sioux

by PAUL HIGBEE

For more than four decades, Phyllis White Eyes DeCory, 71, has stood as a symbol of strength and hope among the Lakota Sioux people in South Dakota. Her leadership has been both political and spiritual, stemming from her beliefs that people must know pride to make sense of this world and also must seek a world beyond the material.

Given her own set of responsibilities—including raising nine children—friends have marveled that she has found so much time to reach out to others, most recently as director of Native Concerns for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rapid City, (pop. 59,607) a position she retired from last year.

White Eyes DeCory was born Wakinya Ska Win (White Thunder Woman) on Jan. 7, 1932 on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to John Emerson and Helena (Brown) White Eyes.

When she was 10 her father told her she could one day change her last name to something more reflective of mainstream America. Lots of American Indians were doing so in the 1940s. Phyllis replied

In 2001, Phyllis White Eyes DeCory received the Spirit of Dakota award, presented annually to one South Dakota woman who exemplifies selfless service.

she would remain White Eyes, and her father said, "Then always be proud of your Lakota heritage." She always has, and is equally proud of her mother's European ancestry, she adds.

Shortly after graduating from Holy Rosary Mission in 1950, she moved from South Dakota to California with her first husband, but his drinking made it difficult for him to hold a job. So in 1961 she returned to her home state without him—with her six children, one suitcase containing a change of clothing for each child, and \$1.10.



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A faithful White Eyes DeCory.

White Eyes DeCory was drawn to the village of St. Francis on the Rosebud Indian Reservation because of a Catholic mission there.

Some people on the reservation call Catholicism a white man's religion, she notes, "but Christ wasn't a white man," she says. "His skin was more my color. His community was similar to a tribal culture in some ways."

As a child, White Eyes DeCory remembered being impressed by priests and nuns who made certain "no one was ever hungry, no one was ever neglected." At St. Francis Mission she became one of those who made sure no one went without. For 35 cents an hour in the early 1960s, she cooked for 500 people. Her husband returned from California and they had three more children. She wanted more than anything to stay home with her kids, but she kept working. "It was a necessity," she says.

As she looked around, White Eyes DeCory saw lots of other necessary work, too. "When I first came to St. Francis, there were abandoned car bodies everywhere, and a rat-infested junk yard right in town," she recalls. "How can anyone feel pride in a place like that?"

She and a couple friends helped renew community pride by becoming the "pitchfork ladies" and leading a reservation cleanup. The effort spread and signaled a new phase of life for White Eyes DeCory. Over the years she served as St. Francis mayor, worked for a program that helped reservation youth continue education beyond high school, and sat on the board of directors for local Sinte Gleska College. White Eyes DeCory made time for self-improvement as she led community improvement, earning a bachelor's degree in human services from Sinte Gleska.

"And all the while she was raising her children, too," says LeVeta Bark, a friend at Pine Ridge. "Some people, if they went through all she did, would want to walk away from everything. But in Phyllis's case, it made her strong, especially spiritually."

Phyllis and her second husband, LeRoy DeCory, live in Rapid City now, where finding ways of making traditional Lakota rituals part of Catholic worship was an important part of her job. But for life to really improve on reservations, she thinks, a whole generation of women needs to step into leadership roles.

It is, she says, a necessity. ✨

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NORTH DAKOTA—With 642,200 residents, North Dakota's population ranks 47th among the 50 states.

OHIO—Sculptor Malcolm Cochran planted 109 human-sized concrete ears of corn in Sam and Eulalia Frantz Park in Dublin (pop. 31,392) in 1994.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Known as "the fastest trick rider on the fastest horse," Mattie Goff Newcombe of White Owl thrilled rodeo fans in the 1920s with her riding stunts and relay riding.

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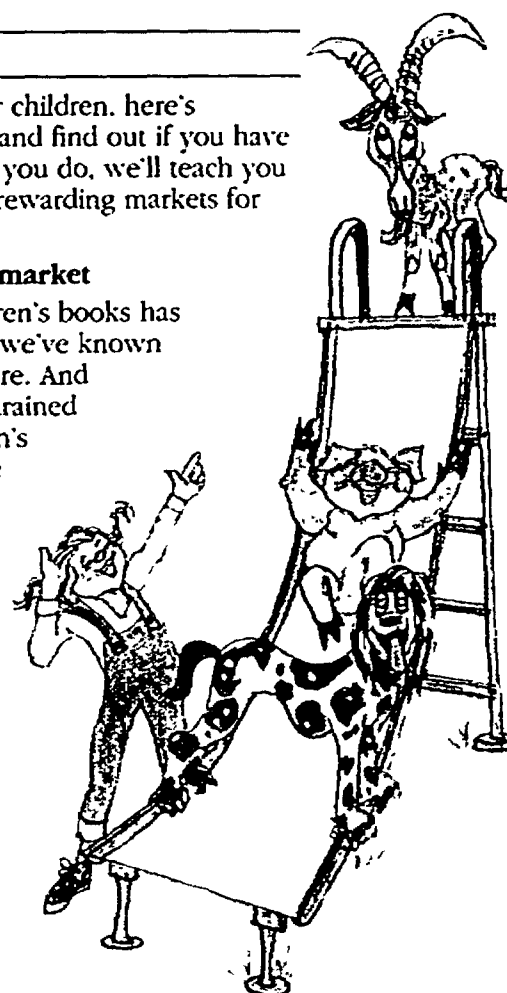
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by MICHAEL NOLAN

Mother Church of Country Music

For more than a century, folks have flocked to Nashville, Tenn.'s Ryman Auditorium, the world-famous former home of the Grand Ole Opry. But there's much more to its story.

To most people, the Ryman is remembered for its heyday of 1943 to 1974, when the "Mother Church of Country Music" welcomed Grand Ole Opry fans with stars in their eyes, people who came to hear Roy Acuff warble *Wabash Cannonball*, gingham-clad Cousin Minnie Pearl bellow "How-dee," or drink-in the unmistakable sounds of Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, and Johnny Cash.

Although a carnival atmosphere pervaded the Opry in what WSM station manager George D. Hay described as "a good-natured riot," the striking structure with its dramatic arches and stained glass windows loomed as a sanctuary for both fans and musicians. "I speak in hushed tones when I walk through the doors of this sacred place," country artist Larry Gatlin once wrote.

The Ryman became famous for the Opry's 31-year run, but historians note that this era represents only the middle ages of the venerable old building. It had a colorful adolescence and, in its maturity, is now revered as one of America's premier stages.

Breaking holy ground

Tom Ryman, a wealthy Nashville riverboat captain, was hardly a saint when he encountered an itinerant evangelist named Sam Jones at a tent revival on May 10, 1885. Converted by a fire-and-brimstone sermon, Ryman set out to spread his newfound faith among the wayward who frequented the wharfs along the banks of the Cumberland River. With Jones' endorsement, he began raising funds for a permanent meeting place available to all denominations on a parcel of land five blocks from the docks, yet removed from the din of streetcars on Broadway.

Completed in 1892, the Union Gospel Tabernacle (as the Ryman was first dubbed) became a spiritual hub of the city and attracted a range of well-known preachers. When the Confederate Veterans Association chose the tabernacle to house their reunion for the Tennessee Centennial Celebration in 1897, they paid for the addition of a balcony, expanding the seating capacity to accommodate 3,755 souls.

The original intent was that the building be used exclusively for Christian assemblies, but Ryman and Jones soon learned that these didn't pay the bills. In 1901, they reluctantly turned management of the building over to Lula Naff, an enterprising young widow who aggressively pursued a wide variety of nationally notable secular events, starting with nothing less than the Metropolitan Opera.

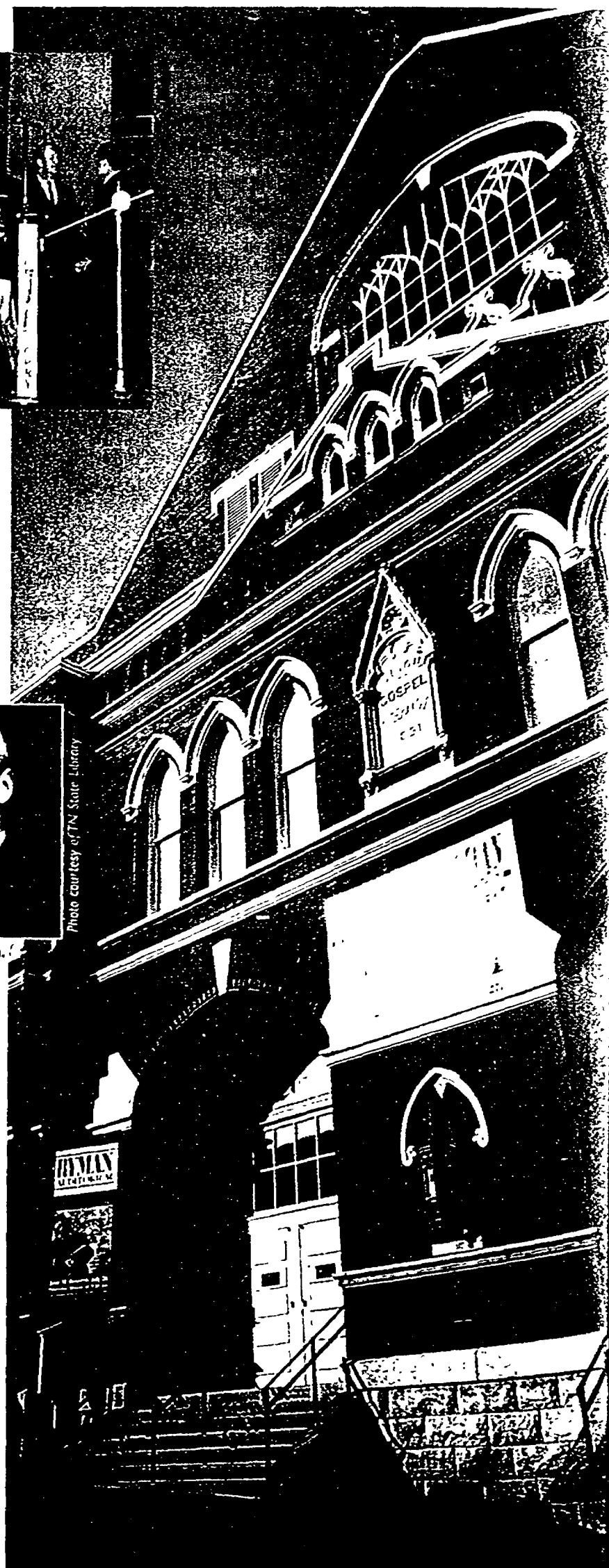
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Roy Acuff (right) dances to a Johnny Cash tune.

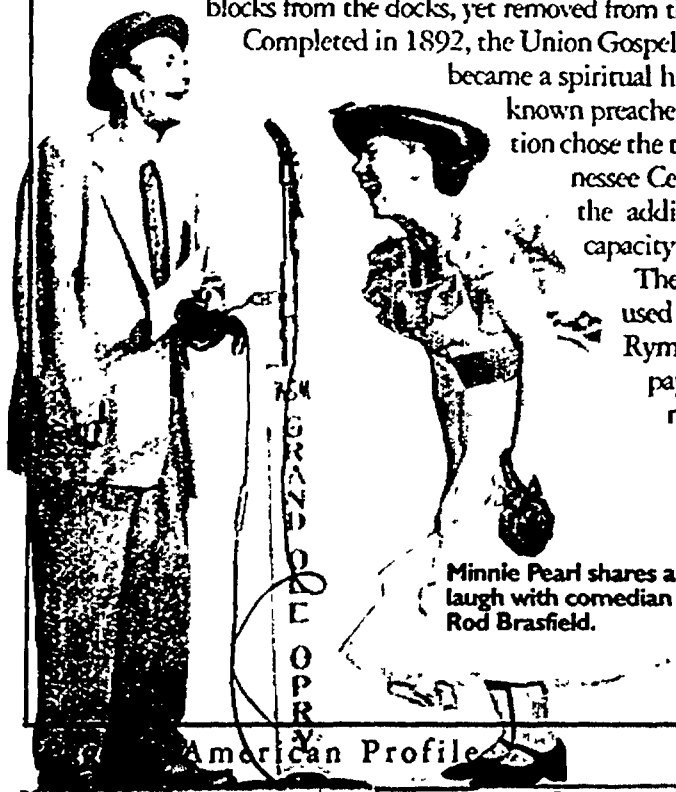


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To the Ryman, it is my utter and divine privilege to be here. Much gratitude.
Keb' Mo'

To be at the heart of music of America! Greetings from out West.
Boz Skaggs

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June Carter Cash

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Peter Dinklage

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Keith Urban



How is it that in my life, I've been allowed to play the Ryman three times.
Chris Thile, Nickel Creek

It is an honor to stand on this stage. Apparently ya'll have lowered the standards!
Jeff Foxworthy

room for a stage in the early 1900s. At Ryman's funeral in 1904, Jones recommended that the tabernacle be named in honor of his colleague.

In its early decades as a public auditorium, the Ryman catered to the cultured, hosting speeches by notable guests such as Arctic explorer Robert Peary, William Jennings Bryan, Helen Keller, and President Teddy Roosevelt. Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, and Charlie Chaplin spoke on behalf of savings bonds there in 1918.

Orchestras, opera companies, and dance troupes graced the stage, headlined by John Philip Sousa, Enrico Caruso, and Jose Greco. Theatrical companies brought to town Broadway's brightest stars, ranging from Helen Hayes, Orson Welles, and Tyrone Power to Fanny Brice, W.C. Fields, and Will Rogers.

The Opry comes calling

By 1943, the Grand Ole Opry had outgrown a series of increasing larger venues, including the

The popularity of the show continued to grow, but the condition of the property deteriorated. By 1974, the show packed up its instrument cases and moved to the expansive new Grand Ole Opry House on the grounds of the Opryland USA theme park.

After the Opry's departure, the building saw occasional use, but it was in such disrepair that by 1974 even Roy Acuff, one of the Opry's most outspoken artists, endorsed its demolition. An outcry from preservationists arose and, in 1993, the building erected for \$100,000 began an \$8.5 million renovation.

Although some modifications were made to meet building codes and other conveniences were added (including ample restrooms and central heat and air), the hall retained its charm intact. It reopened in June 1994 to instant acclaim with a visit from Garrison Keillor's popular radio show *A Prairie Home Companion*, which Keillor says was inspired by a trip to the Ryman in 1974.

In the past decade, the jewel, returned to its eclectic brightness, has been listed as a National Historic Landmark and was recognized in 2001 by Travelocity as one of the "ten coolest venues" in America to hear live music. Today the rafters ring with everything from blues to bluegrass, Handel to hip-hop. The Opry still makes occasional pilgrimages back to the Ryman, and artists who could fill much larger venues yearn to play their music on the stage where so many legends have stood. Theatrical tributes

to Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, Tammy Wynette, and the Everly Brothers have been produced there.

It has "starred" in numerous music videos and been the site of television and film productions. Tours are conducted daily to showcase its memorabilia and recount favorite tales of the Ryman's past. Experts claim the acoustics of the Ryman are second only to those of the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, surpassing even Carnegie Hall.

Although the breadth of its congregants has grown immeasurably, the Mother Church continues to influence those who step within its walls.

"To think of all the love that has been given from that stage over the years," muses Opry star Connie Smith. "It's in the wood. It's in the building. All the memories live there." ★

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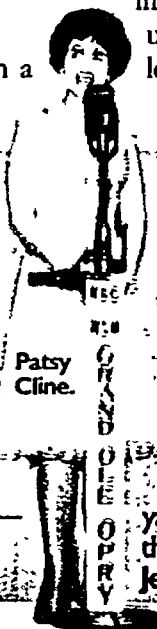
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will ever play in—I'm
more than humbled—
I'm downright scared.
Keith Urban



Patsy
Cline.

How is it that in
my life, I've been
allowed to play
the Ryman three
times.

**Chris Thile,
Nickel Creek**

It is an honor to
stand on this
stage. Apparently
ya'll have lowered
the standards!
Jeff Foxworthy

room for a stage in the early 1900s. At Ryman's funeral in 1904, Jones recommended that the tabernacle be named in honor of his colleague.

In its early decades as a public auditorium, the Ryman catered to the cultured, hosting speeches by notable guests such as Arctic explorer Robert Peary, William Jennings Bryan, Helen Keller, and President Teddy Roosevelt. Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, and Charlie Chaplin spoke on behalf of savings bonds there in 1918.

Orchestras, opera companies, and dance troupes graced the stage, headlined by John Philip Sousa, Enrico Caruso, and Jose Greco. Theatrical companies brought to town Broadway's brightest stars, ranging from Helen Hayes, Orson Welles, and Tyrone Power to Fanny Brice, W.C. Fields, and Will Rogers.

The Opry comes calling

By 1943, the Grand Ole Opry had outgrown a series of increasing larger venues, including the

The popularity of the show continued to grow, but the condition of the property deteriorated. By 1974, the show packed up its instrument cases and moved to the expansive new Grand Ole Opry House on the grounds of the Opryland USA theme park.

After the Opry's departure, the building saw occasional use, but it was in such disrepair that by 1974 even Roy Acuff, one of the Opry's most outspoken artists, endorsed its demolition. An outcry from preservationists arose and, in 1993, the building erected for \$100,000 began an \$8.5 million renovation.

Although some modifications were made to meet building codes and other conveniences were added (including ample restrooms and central heat and air), the hall retained its charm intact. It reopened in June 1994 to instant acclaim with a visit from Garrison Keillor's popular radio show *A Prairie Home Companion*, which Keillor says was inspired by a trip to the Ryman in 1974.

In the past decade, the jewel, returned to its eclectic brightness, has been listed as a National Historic Landmark and was recognized in 2001 by Travelocity as one of the "ten coolest venues" in America to hear live music. Today the rafters ring with everything from blues to bluegrass, Handel to hip-hop. The Opry still makes occasional pilgrimages back to the Ryman, and artists who could fill much larger venues yearn to play their music on the stage where so many legends have stood. Theatrical tributes

to Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, Tammy Wynette, and the Everly Brothers have been produced there.

It has "starred" in numerous music videos and been the site of television and film productions. Tours are conducted daily to showcase its memorabilia and recount favorite tales of the Ryman's past. Experts claim the acoustics of the Ryman are second only to those of the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, surpassing even Carnegie Hall.

Although the breadth of its congregants has grown immeasurably, the Mother Church continues to influence those who step within its walls.

"To think of all the love that has been given from that stage over the years," muses Opry star Connie Smith. "It's in the wood. It's in the building. All the memories live there." ★

Freelance writer Michael Nolan is a frequent contributor to American Profile.

1,668-seat War Memorial Auditorium in downtown Nashville. The acoustically perfect Ryman seemed a grand choice to accommodate its overflow crowds. A cavalcade of country icons were stepping up to the microphone and the Ryman soon became the dream destination of musicians and music lovers.

Swelteringly hot summers and uncomfortable oak pews didn't deter fans from marveling at the music that flowed from the stage. Twenty years later, the building was purchased by National Life and Accident Insurance Co., owners of the Opry, and the name was officially changed to the Grand Ole Opry House.

Fans line the sidewalk, circa 1962.

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How should I take CONCERTA®?

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What are the possible side effects of CONCERTA®?

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What must I discuss with my doctor before taking CONCERTA®?

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Our picks

Alanna Nash
The Colonel: The Extraordinary Story of Colonel Tom Parker and Elvis Presley
Simon & Schuster

Since the death of Elvis Presley on music journalist Alanna Nash's birthday in 1977, her life has been intertwined with the spirit of the King of Rock 'n' Roll.

Nash, the author of five other books, has been covering the story of Elvis and his notorious manager, Colonel Tom Parker, since Presley's funeral. She was the first journalist to view Presley's body. But it was the sight of Parker at the funeral in a Hawaiian shirt and ball cap that particularly intrigued Nash and led her to interview the mysterious, complex King-maker several times.

In her latest page-turner, Nash once again enters the shadowy, clandestine life of Presley.

Nash plays part biographer, part detective, and part psychoanalyst as she expertly reveals the curious stranglehold Colonel Parker had on Presley. Nash lays out compelling evidence about Parker's dark, dangerous secret, the mystery that drove every bad decision Parker made about Presley's career.

The Colonel is a riveting book jam-packed with astonishing evidence about "the greatest canny con man of them all." One doesn't have to be an Elvis fan to love this story.

Billy Currington
Billy Currington
Mercury Records

Despite his Hollywood good looks, newcomer Billy Currington unveils pure, slow-as-molasses Georgia country on his self-titled debut CD. With a rich baritone soaked in country tradition, he paints a vivid portrait of the languid summer weekends he cherished while growing up in Rincon, Ga. (pop. 4,376).

He conjures up irresistibly romantic images of simpler days, when time was more abundant than money and the future was exciting and limitless. Songs such as *Grown' Up Down There* and *That's Just Me* depict the Friday nights he spent with friends in a field or river, listening to music from nearby trucks. However, his hometown's image takes a more somber appearance in *Ain't What it Used to Be*, which finds him leaving the town that had heretofore been his entire world after the local factory's work moved to Mexico.

The CD's strongest song is *Walk A Little Straighter*, a heart-rending song about a young boy's literal and figurative pleas to his alcoholic father. Raised by an alcoholic father, Currington wrote the song's chorus at age 12.

This is an impressive debut release by a young man who is just beginning to explore the depths of his soul. And, this is only the beginning.



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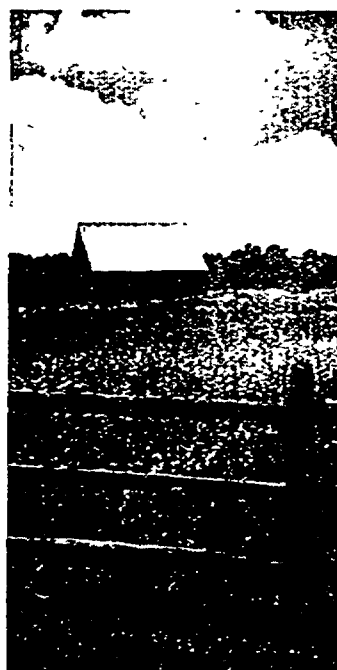
Actors with Trinity Repertory Theatre perform a slapstick rendition of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* in Foster, R.I.

Barely 20 minutes from Providence, Rhode Island's capital city, you can easily get lost in the rolling hills and woods of Foster. It's hard to prowl the back roads of this place at more than 25 mph—and even harder still to find a home without horses, sheep, and even sun-bathing llamas in an adjacent pasture. The words "subdivision" and "cul-du-sac" seem to have no meaning here.

But just because the pastoral nature of Foster (pop. 4,274) has remained intact over the years doesn't mean it's culturally impoverished. For years a magnet for professors and graduates of the Rhode Island School of Design, Foster and the neighboring communities of Glocester and Scituate have always offered the creative spirit a quiet place to alight and flourish. But it has only been in the past few years that the talent behind the trees has become an organized network—FosteringArts.org, formerly known as the Foster Foundation for the Arts. And, in the process of providing an outlet for the creative imagination, FosteringArts.org has forged a strong bond with its communities.

"There were so many artists with so many talents living out here, but nothing had converged," says musician Elwood Donnelly, who recalls the genesis of the artists' network at a casual gathering in his living room one Sunday in 1999. "Once we got started, artists just started coming out of the woodwork."

It began with the Peep Toad Coffeehouse, a monthly performance at one of the local churches that draws both local and nationally known musicians. Over time it expanded to include a series of art exhibits and cultural performances as well as educational programs. Community contra dances and Big Band swing dancing, both popular in the '50s, now draw dancers of all ages. With grant funding from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, Citizens and Students Together (CAST), and even a locally-based business, Droll Yankee, the nonprofit group was able to bring Providence's acclaimed Trinity Repertory Theatre to Foster



A scenic pastoral landscape.

twice a year to perform Shakespeare at no cost to the audience.

One of the group's most successful events has been its "Artists Open Studio," first held in the fall of 2001. Forty area artists were enlisted to open their studios for one day to several hundred visitors who came from as far away as Long Island, N.Y., to navigate the back roads of Foster, Glocester, and Scituate to watch them at work.

"It was more successful than we ever imagined it would be," says Dick Walls, the group's president. "One of the artists lives in a place that's really hard to find and when I got there, there were 15 cars parked in between the trees. He had over 200 people visit him."

Integral to the success of the artistic smorgasbord offered by FosteringArts.org is the reception it has been given by the community. Look at the audience at one of the Shakespeare performances and you'll find as many people in

denim overalls as in Dockers. The relationship has taken time to forge, says Kirk Badeau, the group's past president.

"It was a rough transition in the beginning because we didn't understand how town ordinances work," admits Badeau, who manages his wife Rachel's jewelry and clock-making studio. It was also no easy task to convince some long-time residents that having 1,000 people swarm into town for an event could be a good thing.

Since that time, the town has not only helped provide space for events, but also has created a special seasonal permit that eliminates the need for individual permits for each performance. FosteringArts.org has reciprocated by funding an annual scholarship to a student of the regional high school bound for art school.

Colette Matarese, a former councilwoman, calls the effect FosteringArts.org has had on the town and its neighboring communities "phenomenal."

"They've brought a different perspective to town," Matarese says. "There's a wonderful sense of community you get when you go to something like the Shakespeare plays, because you're not only getting to see a great performance, you're also bringing your blanket and your picnic basket and seeing your neighbors there." ☆

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Women's Showcase—Fargo, Oct. 18. Features seminars on women's careers, health, investments, home, and travel, cooking and arts & crafts demonstrations, makeovers, and live entertainment at the Fargodome. (701) 241-5419.

OHIO

Bob Evans Farm Festival—Rio Grande, Oct. 10-12. Arts & crafts, sheep shearing and blacksmithing demonstrations, bluegrass music, and kids' wagon rides and a hay bale maze highlight this event at Bob Evans Farm. (800) 994-3276.

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Pheasant Races—Wessington, Oct. 17. "May the fastest pheasant win" during this game-bird race along Main Street. The event also features a trap shoot (target practice), supper, and auction at several locations around town. (605) 458-2485.

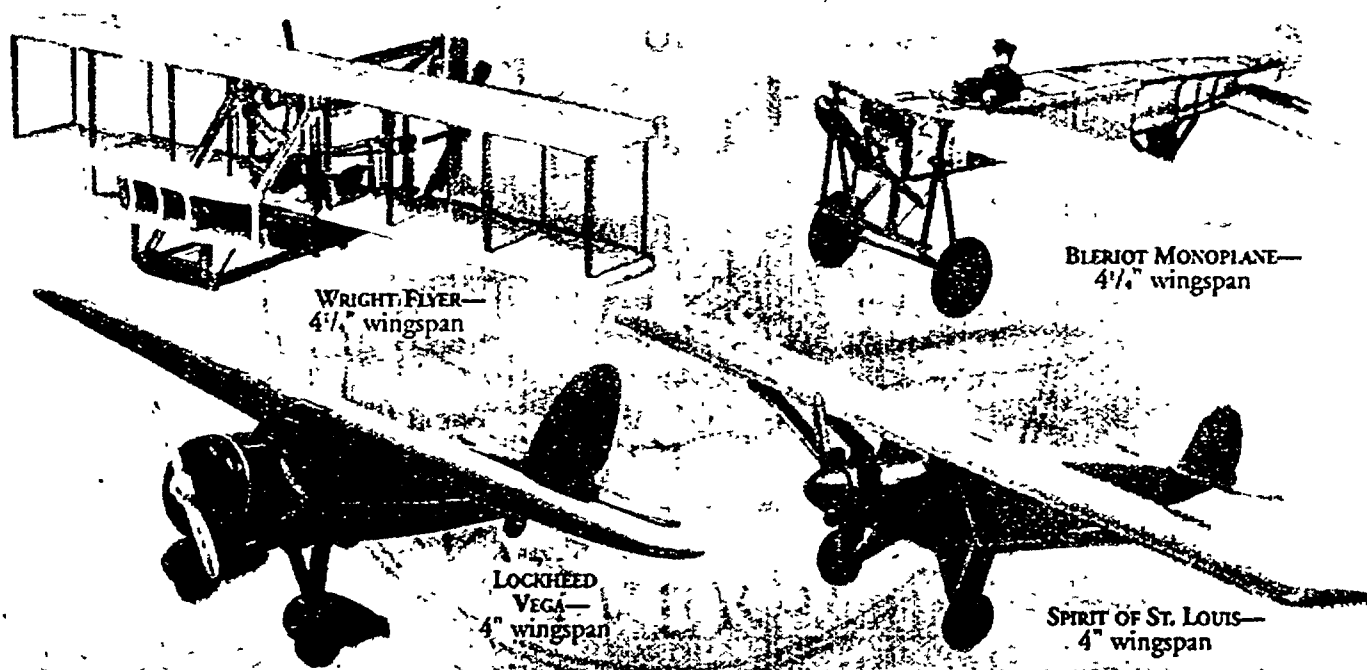
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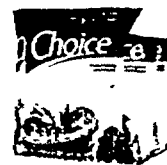
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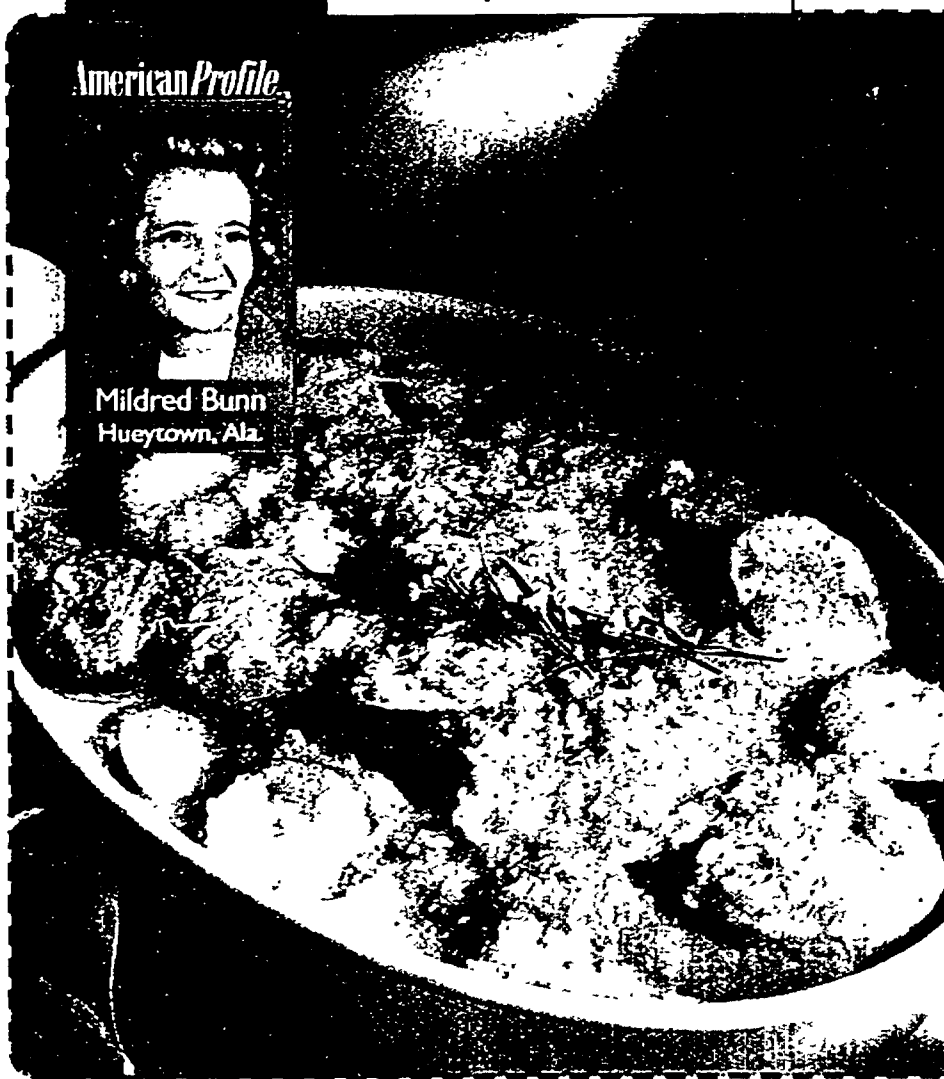
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Mildred Bunn
Hueytown, Ala.



3 cups zucchini or yellow squash, sliced
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4 tablespoons margarine
2 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 cup sharp cheese, grated
1 cup Ritz crackers, crushed

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sauté squash and onions with the margarine until tender. Drain. Add remaining ingredients, except cheese and crackers. Spoon into a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish and top with cheese and crackers. Bake for 20 minutes.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

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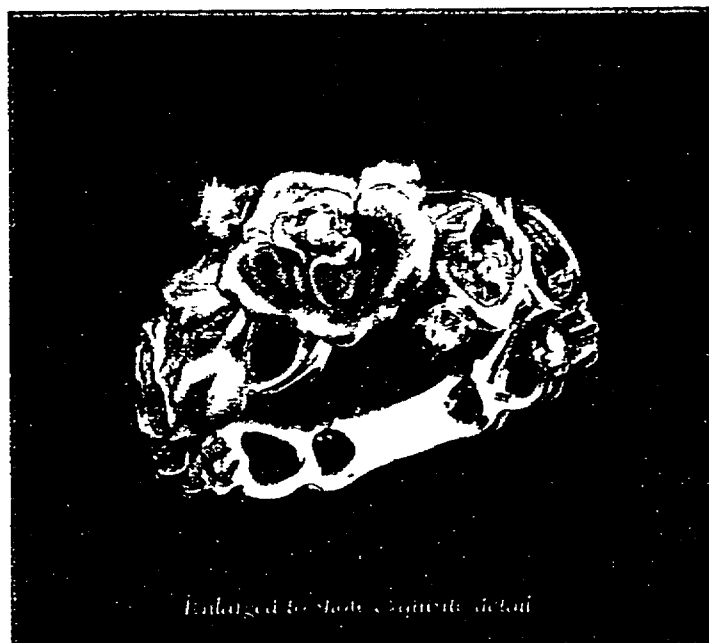
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