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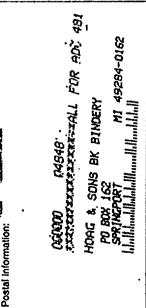


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Northville Township 2020

Township casts an eye to future

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

A couple of decades from now, a well-timed exit from one of Detroit's automotive arteries may lead to an established community of 40,000 residents who shop at convenient centers of commerce, expect immediate public safety response, play at a multifaceted community center, experience preserved open space, and enjoy efficiencies in municipal

If that is indeed the Northville Township of 2020, local leaders want to ensure they plan to avoid

the cliché that "hindsight is 20/20." The Northville Township bust for future generations.

The 2020 Vision meeting is at board of trustees, planning commission, department heads, as well as Northville Public Schools and city of Northville leaders, will brainstorm ways to ensure the current development boom does not become a quality-of-life

7 p.m. Oct. 30, at the township civic center.

'The township is growing at a very quick pace," said township Supervisor Mark Abbo. "I would

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WHY THE LONG FACE?

Pumpkin Walk proves a Halloween hit with young and old alike

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

Spooky lights, candy bites and friendly frights were a fun first taste of Halloween for Pumpkin Walk participants Sunday night.

More than 350 children and their parents attended the third annual event hosted by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at the historic Mill Race Village on Griswold. Witches, wild animals, superheroes, royalty and race car drivers went from inn to church to house to gazebo, collecting treats and joining games.

"I could not have been happier," said Emily Sherman, the recreation department's special events and arts programming supervisor. "People were just so delighted with the event.'

A new member of the recreation staff, Sherman for the first time supervised the walk created by her arts predecessor, Sue Taylor. The well-organized outline for the event that she inherited made everything go smoothly, she said.

For only the third-annual, the \$6 tickets for the annual Pumpkin Walk have become a hot commodity. When offered for sale Sept. 15, they sold out within six hours.

Paula and Pete Jones heard from friends this would be a fun event for their three daughters. The parents, camera in hand, escorted Glinda the Good Witch (Audrey, 5); Dorothy (Edie, 4), and Piglet (Ella, 22 months).

"This is our first time doing it," said the Northville mom. "We tried to get tickets last year and we couldn't.'

Friends of the Jones, Deb and Paul Hoffman of Farmington Hills read about the Pumpkin Walk in the recreation department activity

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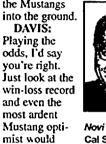
Putting on their sad clown faces are father son combination of Chris and Christopher, 2, Trush as they enter last Sunday night's Pumpkin Walk at Northville's Mill Race

office gets unpleasant during Jug bonanza NORTHVILLE RECORD EDITOR / NOVI HIGH

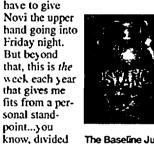
SCHOOL ALUM CHRIS DAVIS: Sorry if I seem more out of it than normal this week, Cal - it's time for the annual Baseline Jug game, and you know what that

NOVI **NEWS EDI-**TOR CAL STONE: Well, Chris, I've got a pretty good idea what it means this year. The Wildcats are undefeated and looking to ride the Mustangs





Novi News editor Cal Stone



The Baseline Jug

STONE: I can only imagine. My high school, Waterford Kettering, did not fare as well as Novi this year. But it wouldn't matter anyway. I've become a fan of the 'Cats in the year and a half I've been here. It will be interesting for me, though, if they meet up with the Orioles of Charlotte (which is where I live), who are sporting an impressive 7-1 mark of their own.

loyalties and

DAVIS: Forget your Eaton County Birds for a second and stick your neck out. Final score of the Novi / Northville game? STONE: So, that's the way it's

gonna be, huh? Let me grab my calculator... Based on last year's 46-26 win by Novi, I'll say Coach Tab Kellepourey takes it to about 42-7 before he gives the starters a breather and walks away with a 52-14 victory.

DAVIS: I always knew math wasn't your forte'...you know. difficult concepts like addition crop up and you reach for your Casio. Maybe you hit the wrong buttons, because I've got to believe it's going to be closer than that. These are archrivals playing each other. Yeah, Novi's

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Quiz: Know a sub-terranean Northville sandwich shop?

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

If there's one thing lacking in downtown Northville, it's fastfood restaurants for busy workers and shoppers on the go.

But the new Quiznos Sub Shop that just opened at 122 MainCentre just south of Main Street is helping to fill the void.

The chain's area director, Ardag Tachian, also just moved his office from Livonia to Novi last week, setting up shop at the new location Monday. The new Quiznos Michigan office is now at 43380 W. Ten Mile Road just west

Tachian said he needed a larger office and is currently building a home in Novi and will become a new resident in November.

Stacie Lange, vice president for public relations for Quiznos, said the chain is enjoying much suc-

"We're at about 2,500 shops today, and we're opening a new store about every 16 hours. We're the fastest growing sandwich chain in the U.S.," Lange said.

"We're always looking for great locations to open stores. We looked at the demographics of Northville and the need for a qual-

ity sub shop there. We found there was a good match in providing a Quiznos to that area," she added.

'We feel we're a nice match for Northville," Tachian agreed. "We know the residents there are looking for a quality sandwich prod-

"Our growth is happening all over the country. It's not one specific area," Lange noted. "But Detroit is one of our largest mar-

Tachian said there are 55 Quiznos Sub Shops in the Metro Detroit area and about 70

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Quiznos sandwich maker Courtney Rudolph makes a mesquite chicken with bacon for a customer last Thursday afternoon at the new South Center St. location.

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An up-Hill project: revamp a food store

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

A \$3 million renovation project is nearing completion at Hiller's Market at 425 N. Center Street in Northville.

Construction started about four months ago.

"We're hoping to have it done in six months total. I think it should be done before Christmas," said owner Jim Hiller, who acquired the property in 1981 and purposely kept the store small compared to some supermarkets today.

"It's a family store that caters to families. I try to run my stores in the way that I would have my own family shop," he said.

"In order to accomplish that, I don't sell motor oil, and I don't sell T-shirts. Instead, 1 offer every type of food that you want at a reasonable price.

Hiller owns six stores in the metro Detroit area, with the largest store at Haggerty and Fourteen Mile totaling 65,000 square feet.

The Northville store will increase from 27,000 square feet to about 35,000 square feet.

Hiller focuses on customer service. "I answer all my own emails, and most of them are product requests. If I don't have what you want I'll get it for you. I try to say yes to everything that people want," he said.

"We are very much a part of the downtown Northville community. I wanted my store to like it belongs in

"It's a family store that caters to families. I try to run my stores in the way that would have my own family shop."

> Jim Hiller Hiller's Market

Northville. We came up with a design that we think will be in complete harmony with the way Northville looks," Hiller noted.

He added that city and township officials have been great to work with throughout the approval process.

The city's been just wonderful to us. They've always encouraged us and been a partner right from the beginning. Both the city and the township have been helpful at every juncture," he

Hiller said he felt it was important to update the store.

The store was designed in 1972. As Nonhville has developed, it was very clear that we had the moral obligation to keep up. Our store needed to rise to the level of other stores in Northville in terms of its design. I wanted it to look like it was of contemporary Northville," he said.

"I could not continue to have it look as if it were a pair of old shoes with a beautiful tuxedo." he added.

The renovations include a new brick facade, with the entrance

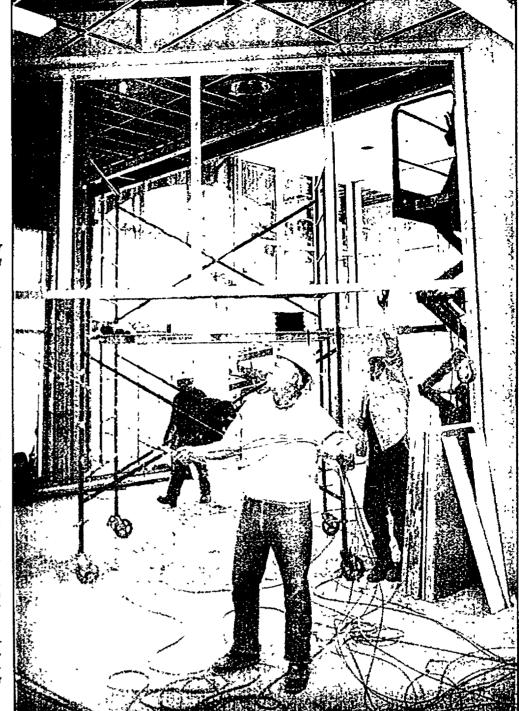
moved from the east side of the store to the north and a greatly enlarged produce department. Skanska Inc. from Farmington Hills is the general contractor for the renovation project. Redstone Architects of Southfield served as architects on the redesign.

"We eat way more fruits, vegctables and fish today. The layout of the store will reflect how people currently eat. The store has been redesigned so that it's now in concert with how people eat today. It will be in harmony with contemporary lifestyles, Hiller said.

The look that I'm striving for is one that's traditional, timeless and dependable," Hiller said.

Other Hiller's Market locations are at Five Mile and Haggerty in Plymouth; at U.S. 23 and Washtenaw in Ann Arbor; at Orchard Lake and Maple in West Bloomfield; and at Twelve Mile and Coolidge in Berkeley.

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Electricians work on wiring the new entrance to Northville's Hiller's grocery store on N. Center on a recent Wednesday afternoon. Hiller's in renovating inside and out and adding a lot of space to its store.









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Township talks trash with waste firm;

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

Northville Township's trash contractor has until February to step up the service --- or face replacement.

The township's board of trustees called Painter and Ruthenberg representatives on the carpet Thursday night, citing more than 50 complaints phoned in by township residents during August and September. Company owner Paul Ruthenberg described measures his company already had taken to correct problems and agreed to return for a reevaluation in four months.

From Knightsford to Pickford to Lochmoor and streets in between, residents called to report trash missed, recyclables not picked up and compost mixed with other refuse, according to a solid-wastecomplaint log kept by the department of public services. The trustees concurred at their Sept. 18 meeting that the repeated complaints were cause to invite the Inkster-based company administrators to answer

Any resident who telephones the township office hears first the recorded suggestion to call Painter and Ruthenberg direct for solid waste or trash pickup problems. That provision was written into the contract the township renewed with Painter and Ruthenberg in 2001 because the administration did not want municipal employee time spent fielding complaints, said township clerk Sue Hillebrand.

In the letter requesting the meeting appearance, public services Solid waste is collected Monday through Thursday; Friday is open for delayed holiday week's collection.

If a holiday falls on a collection day, collection occurs on the next day. Holidays are: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

- Place items at curbside no earlier than 6 p.m. the day before your collection day or by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- Trash must be place in a watertight container or plastic bag weighing no more than 50 pounds.
- The following recyclables are collected: newspaper, magazines, catalogs and telephone books most types of clean, corrugated cardboard and paper board, broken down to 2x3-feet junk mail, office paper, computer paper plastic bottles and jugs #1 and #2 kitchen metals (tin, aluminum, steel)
- Compostables (yard waste) are picked up from the first week in April to the week before Christmas. Place in a brown compostable bag or a trash can marked specifically for yard wastes. Twigs and branches must be tied and bundled.
- Christmas trees are picked up for the three-week period after Christmas.

If you have any problems with your collection call: Painter and Ruthenberg at 313-561-0303

director Don Weaver pointed out that the township had not received a log of complaints from Painter and Ruthenberg for several months.

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The company, contracted through 2006, has provided solid waste collection in the township for 12 years. The complaints about the level of service surfaced only recently, Hillebrand said. The contract does contain a clause for termination with cause, she said.

"We definitely will be watching and scrutinizing what they're doing," Hillebrand said. "We want to see a dramatic improvement."

The two most frequent complaints, Ruthenberg said, are rudeness in the office and "mixing" of compost with household garbage. The latter is against the law, the company owner said.

"We will not tolerate it," he said. 'We will systematically remove anyone who is found mixing compost and garbage.

Ruthenberg went on to describe his pilot program of running a second crew to handle only compost during the April-through-December "Mixing" season. "Mixing" complaints dropped to zero in neighboring season. Westland, Dearborn Heights, Wayne

and Taylor after the test run, he said. "Last summer we had so many

calls," Hillebrand said, estimating three to four calls a week to her

Ninety-five percent of the complaints were about mixing the different types of trash, she said. People who go to the effort of separating glass from paper from trash from compost do not want to see them all pitched into the same vehicle, she said.

"They came from all over the community," the clerk said. Hillebrand praised Painter and Ruthenberg's decision to assign an additional compost-only truck to each route starting next summer.

"I do think they're ethical and want to do it right," she said. It also makes financial sense for them because disposing of household garbage is more costly than com-

Several people in township hall described fielding gripes about the rudeness and hang-ups by Painter and Ruthenberg staff. We researched it, the company owner said.

"We discharged the employee. Period," Ruthenberg said. "That's my name on the trucks out there."

Township supervisor Mark Abbo contrasted Northville's complaint rate at more than double other P & R customers Plymouth and Livonia. What we need to do is for you to get this number down," he said.

A second part of the board's questions for the contractor was related to the request for approximately \$2,500 in additional compensation due to increased "tipping fees" at

landfills. The company, like its counterparts, is passing along a new fee imposed by state law, explained P & R general manager Robert Matzo.

'We're not getting the service we negotiated in our contract," Abbo said. Also, the contract does not provide for any reimbursement due to increased operating costs, he said. When the company returns for, review in February, the board will revisit the "tipping fees" issue as well, the supervisor said.

Northville Township's approximate 5,200 solid waste customers see the \$10 monthly fee reflected on 1 their water bill. The township's web site www.northvillemich.com details sorting and scheduling information on subbish, recyclables and compostables collection.

"I think our garbage collection is very reasonable right now,"
Hillebrand said. In light of the continual complaints, the staff is looking into a more concerted efforts to get information out to residents on how to sort waste.

Painter and Ruthenburg representatives attributed service problems in part to the amount of new construction in the township, and the difficulty navigating trucks around the heavy equipment.

"If we look at the addresses, some", of them are in new neighborhoods and some of them aren't," Hillebrand said.

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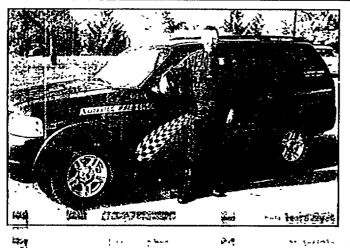


Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Township Police Officer Larry Demeter stands by the new DARE vehicle which will be used in educational endeavors with local schools.

Dealership donates new vehicle for DARE program-

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

It's new and improved and sleek-

Adding to the fleet, Northville Township police now have a 2003 Ford Explorer which will serve as the new Drug Abuse Resistance Education vehicle.

The Explorer, which has been donated to the police department by Blackwell Ford of Plymouth for a two-year lease period, replaced a 2001 Ranger which was also supplied by the same dealership.

"There's no cost to the township," said DARE officer Larry Demeter. "It's pretty generous of [Blackwell Ford] considering they're in Plymouth."

"It's something to help out the program."

Demeter-who involved with the DARE program for three years-said the new vehicle was outfitted by Novi-Motive,

Novi-Motive, he said, was responsible for installing the emergency equipment, lights, siren and police radio on the Explorer and

will provide maintenance service. Northville Township police chief John Werth commended the local area businesses for their involve-

ment and level of support. "It helps the DARE program and the message we're trying to get out to the kids," said Werth.

Demeter said the new vehicle, which has recently been put into use, has been well-received by the community and schools.

"Parents seem to like to see the truck in the neighborhoods," he said. "I get a good response. It's at one of the Northville schools every

Meads Mill Middle School hosts an after-school DARE program while similar DARE sessions are hosted before school at the elementary level in Northville.

Residents may also catch a glimpse of the DARE Explorer Oct.

"I'll be out Halloween night" patrolling neighborhoods giving out coloring books and badges to kids," said Demeter.

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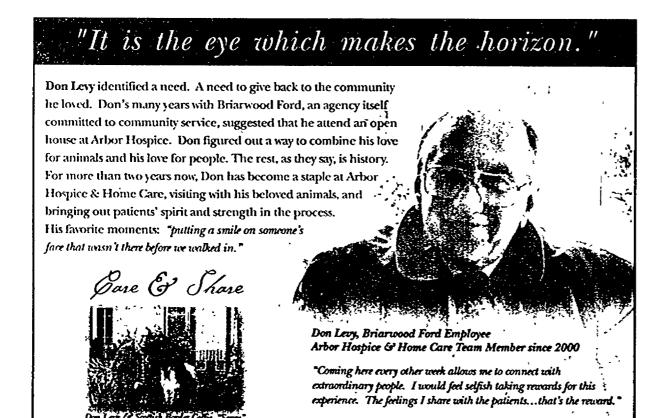


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looking for a perfect season and homefield advantage through most of the playoffs, but I'm sure the Mustangs don't mind taking the role of spoiler here. I'll take Novi, 35-28. STONE: You're dam right you'll take Novi, pal. And don't

give me any of that "I'm an alumni" bunk either. If the schools' seasons were reversed, you'd be whoopin' and hollerin' like liké a crazed cowboy riding Mustang fever.

DAVIS: Funny you'd mention 'fever.' I suspect that's what's causing you to take the Wildcats by 38. (By the way, I did that math sans calculator.)

STONE: That's 'cause you

don't know how to use one. Bring it Friday night and while I'm explaining to you the finer points of football, I'll show you how one works.

DAVIS: Ahhh, Cal - the consummate football guru. A guy who walks in Monday morning lamenting yet another Oakland Raiders meltdown, a guy whose first question after "Is the coffee ready yet?" is "So how'd the Lions do yesterday?" is going to assume the role of Professor Gridiron?

STONE: Chris, I realize your knowledge of pigskin goes way beyond mine. But that's because for the past decade or so, you've witnessed firsthand the punishment your Central Michigan lads have taken on a weekly basis.
DAVIS: Sure...take the cheap

shot and pile on my 2-5 alma mater. I'd ask how Oakland U. fared this week, but since the best thing the Golden Grizzlies have going is their chess team, I won't bother. Okay - I've vented enough. We're in agreement, then, that the Wildcats are going to walk away winners tomorrow? STONE: Hey, it's a killer

chess team. I go to every one of their matches. But I'd much rather see this Friday's matchup. I've only been to one Novi game this year, and that was against Lakeland. I've heard that the 'Cats defense hits so hard that opponents wish they would have opted for the chess team instead.

DAVIS: Novi's got some bruisers, no doubt. If you think Northville's just going to roll over and die, though, guess again. This is one of those "throw-out-the-record-books-it's-

all-about-pride" games.

STONE: That it is. Regardless of the outcome, I'm sure both sides will be proud of their efforts. I just want to see a good game. Being a Raider fan, I don't get that opportunity much any

DAVIS: Being a Chippewa fan,

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Price-Brooks

Louis and Susan Price announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Price of Northville to Jason Brooks, son of William and Carole Brooks of Northville.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Hillsdale College and works as an officer in the risk management department of ABN Amro Mortgage Company. The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Michigan State University and works as a fourth grade teacher at Silver Springs Elementary School. A July 17 wedding is planned.



Nolan-Cummins

Sandy Nolan and Tom Nolan of Northville announce the engagement of their son and step-son, respectively, to Halley Cummins of Vicksburg.

The groom-elect is a Northville High School and Western Michigan University graduate. The bride-elect is a WMU graduate. Both are police officers. A Nov. 1 wedding is planned.





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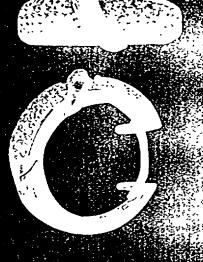




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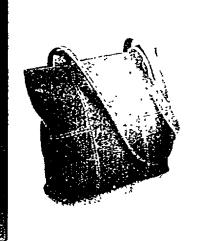
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"Miss Halloween Patch" stage production DATE: Ongoing through Nov. 2 LOCATION: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street) TIME: Call for info. DETAILS: Tickets are \$7.50. Shows are not recommended for children under age 3.

Divorce recovery workshop DATE: Oct. 23 - Dec. 4 (meets on Thursday)

PHONE: (248) 349-8110.

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)

TIME: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **DETAILS:** The workshop will discuss various elements of divorce recovery, including grieving, the legal dimensions of divorce, spiritual issues and forming new relationships. The seminar is \$35. Childcare can be provided with three days' advance notice. PHONE / WEBSITE: (248) 349-0911 / www.singleplace.org

Meadowbrook Congregational Church Bids & Bites DATE: Oct. 25

LOCATION:: Meadowbrook Congregational Church (21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi) TIME: 6 p.m.

DETAILS:: Tickets are available for \$15 per person or \$110 per table of eight. Among the auction items available: Club-level seats to the Detroit Lions' Thanksgiving Day football game, an 8-day

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57th Sunday School & Church ministries convention DATE: Oct. 24, 25 LOCATION: First Church of the Nazarene (21260 Haggerty Road) TIME: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. **DETAILS:** Registration turned in by Oct. 24 is \$50. Several Christian education-style speakers will be on hand. Food and music will also be provided. PHONE: (248) 557-5526

COMING UP •

Monster Mash Bash DATE: Oct. 27 LOCATION: Water Wheel Health Club (235 E. Main Street) TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **DETAILS:** The free event will allow visitors to see Water Wheel and its staff. Halloween-related events will also be held at the Bash and prize drawings will be held. There is no obligation for attending. PHONE: (248) 449-7634

"Growing Through Grief" grief recovery seminar DATE: Nov. 1 (Advance registration deadline is Oct. 26) **LOCATION:** Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church (9455 Hilton Road, Brighton) TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. **DETAILS:** The event, sponsored by Northville-based New Hope Center for Grief Support, will offer support and encouragement for persons in grief and those who wish to help others who are grieving. PHONE: (810) 227-2319

Flu shot / pneumonia vaccine clinic DATE: Nov. 1 **LOCATION:** First United Methodist Church (777 W. Eight Mile Road)

TIME: 9 a.m. - noon **DETAILS:** Payment may be made via Medicare Part B, or \$17 for for a flu shot and \$25 for pneumonia. Registration is recommended, and all insurance cards should be provided. PHONE: (248) 349-1144

Northville Woman's Club meeting DATE: Nov. 7 LOCATION; First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street) TIME: 1:30 p.m. **DETAILS:** The meeting's topic will be "Hindu Temple Rhythms." The event's chairperson is Rigmor Cuolahan.

Northville Historical Socety Christmas workshop registration DATE: Nov. 7

PHONE: (248) 349-5446

LOCATION: 218 W. Dunlap Street TIME: 7 p.m. (6 p.m. for Northville Historical Society members)

DETAILS: Children in grades 1-6 can make seven old-fashioned handmade gifts for persons on their gift lists. The craft session will be held 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6 at Mill Race Village, accommodating a total of 150 children. Enrollment is \$14 per child, or \$12 if a empty 5-inch coffee can is brought to registration.

PHONE: (248) 349-2833

Northville Christian School dinner auction DATE: Nov. 8 **LOCATION:** Laurel Manor & Banquet Center (39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia) TIME: 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. DETAILS: The event includes hors d'oeuvres, a silent and live auction, dinner and music. Tickets are \$43 and are available through Nov. 3. PHONE: (734) 981-8757

Turkey Trot DATE: Nov. 12 **LOCATION:** Great Harvest Bread Company (136 E. Main Street) TIME: 4:15 p.m. **DETAILS:** Call for info PHONE: (734) 455-4677

Flu shot clinics / health fair DATE: Nov. 14 **LOCATION: Northville Downs** (301 S. Center Street) TIME: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Oct. 9); 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Nov. 14) **DETAILS:** The event is sponsored by the Northville Senior Center. The event works only for persons with Medicare Part B, or for persons bringing \$17 to be paid at the fair.

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10th annual Turkey Shoot **Family Free Throw Contest** DATE: Nov. 15 LOCATION: Hillside Middle School (775 N. Center Street) TIME: 3:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Youths and adults will be paired up for free-throw shooting. Groups will be divided into youths ages 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. A donation of canned goods or non-perishable items - to be donated to Northville 🕛 Civic Concern — covers the cost of admission. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in each age group. PHONE: (248) 349-0203

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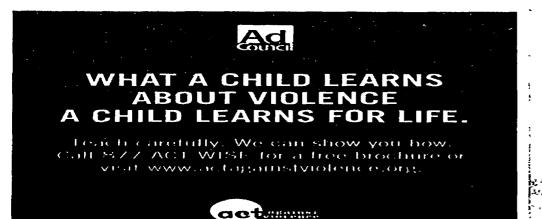
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These reads offer up great Halloween scares

10 It's one thing to be scared out of your mind watching a movie, and it's something completely different to scare yourself silly by turning each terrifying page of a book, one right after the

The stories that are told send chills down your spine. You think you hear something in the house. holding your breath for a

just to verify it

moment or two Sam Eggleston was your own imagination doing the dirty work the silver screen could Theyer accomplish. Books have a way of gripping you. They hold you tight and don't let go. You can't turn your eyes away from the written word to avoid the chilling events like you can with a film - no, you have to read it and imagine it to make it come

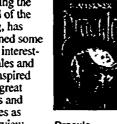
1 There are scary books all over the market, and names that come to mind are Stephen King and Dean Koontz for those out there looking for a chilling plot and a hair-raising, rip-tide flow rof a story. They are the masters in the horror genre, but some may not realize that there are others that are just as capable of making those little hairs on the back of your neck stand at attention, or send soft chills reverberating down your spine.

Though it's impossible to compare every horrific tale to another in the world of books due to the sheer magnitude in the way of volumes of bound copy, there are still plenty that stand out in our minds as some of the creepiest, scariest and alltoo-realistically-horrifying tales that have made it to a bookshelf

1. "Dracula" by Bram Stoker: This book is classically scary in more ways than one. Published in 1897, Stoker brought forth upon the world the terrifying tale of a blood-sucking maniac that we have all grown to love. Not to mention

his tale of this vampire, which is a member of the undead who survives by

drinking the blood of the living, has spawned some other interesting tales and has inspired such great books and movies as "Interview



Vampire" by Anne Rice. For Stoker to have imagined such horror long before others had even thought of it as entertainment shows the true ability of a man who has come to be known as one of the founding fathers of the genre. Vampires have long been the lore of campfire stories and over 200 films, but how much of that would have been accomplished had it not been for a man and his imagination? To this day, "Dracula" has the ability to bring chills to your spine and goosebumps across your skin. The terms and the vocabulary may be from another time, but the story still rings true to the fans of Stoker and his creation known simply as

2. "The Shining" by . Stephen King: The master of horror is a title that King has not only eamed, but has surpassed in his years as one of the

"Dracula."



most prolific and wealthy authors in the world. In "The Shining," King brings to us a novel that even manages to surpass his famed "Salem's Lot" and "Carrie" as he takes us on a twisting tale that follows the Torrances, a young family that moves into the spooky old Overlook resort hotel as winter caretakers. Jack Torrance is a writer, and like many writers, he hopes to take advantage of the solitude and quiet hours such a place would provide him to work on his

novel. His son, Danny, is endowed with "the shine," which is a psychic ability that gives him the power to see the hotel's hornfic past. Danny is not only scared by the horrors he sees, but the snow piles up outside and the family begins to fall apart as his father disintegrates with the help of his alcoholism and his own history that brings forth memories of his own abusive father. The book, according to various interviews with King, came to him as he and his family stayed at a Colorado hotel and he stayed awake late into the night. Since the publication of "The Shining," two movies have been made: a 1980 feature directed by Stanley Kubrick and starring Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall, and a 1997 television movie.

3. "The Exorcist" by William Peter Blatty: You can basically thank this author for being the inspiration for practically every devilrelated work that followed



the release of his 1971 bestseller (or the 1973 movie that was spawned from it starring Max Von Sydow, Ellen Burnstyn and Linda Blair). Regan MacNeil is the adolescent daughter of an actress living in Washington while filming a movie. A Ouija board fan, she's possessed by a demon that had been unleashed from an Iraqi archeological dig. After putting her daughter through a battery of physical tests that turn up nothing, Regan's mother contacts Father Damien, a priest going through his own crisis of the soul. Father Damien assists Father Merrin, the old exorcist who accidentally freed the demon at the beginning of the book. Together, the two battle the demon at the risk of their own lives. Blatty was a comedy screenwriter at the time he wrote "The Exorcist" - one of

his more well-known works is 'A Shot in the Dark," the 1964 Pink Panther film. But Hollywood stopped calling, so he took the story of a 1949 Maryland exorcism he recalled from college and turned it into a novel. He's managed to repeat his horror in later novels including "Legion" and "The Ninth Configuration.

4. The short stories of Edgar Allan Poe: Though Poe wasn't always on the cutting edge of terror, he was probably one of the most

capable writers Edgar Allen Poe of the 19th century when it came to being able to put you on the edge of your seat and bring realistic horror into your imagination. In such works as "The Fall of the House of Usher," "The Cask of Amontillado" and the everfamous "The Tell-Tale Heart," Poe manages to make his protagonists often appear on the edge of insanity. A lot of his works that pertain to such thrilling tales of danger and the darkness that seemingly every human possesses may have come from situations that Poe himself had endured. It's an understatement to say that Poe did not have a happy life. An alcoholic and a gambler whose parents died before he was 3, he had a poor relationship with his foster father, struggled constant-

5. "The Haunting of Hill House" by Shirley Jackson: Eleanor Vance is bitter and lonely when she is invited by paranormal researcher Dr. John Montague to join him and some others at a haunted mansion known as Hill House. Vance, it seems, has some psychic abilities and soon finds herself 'Involved in a mental game with

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the spooky residence. The story keeps readers locked in with smooth storytelling and intense images that one's mind is easily able to conjure. Jackson's book came out in 1959 and finds readers being entranced by the story that finds poor Vance in a struggle to defeat the house in a conflict that there is no way she can win. Her only relie?? Madness. It isn't a pretty picture that is painted for us through Jackson's ability to spin the written word, but horror was never meant to be pretty. Jackson is best known for her work "The Lottery," which was published in 1948 and has a chilling edge of its own.

6. "The Watchers" by Dean Koontz: This book is just freaky from the start. A tale of two biogenetically engineered animals (one is a dog of



remarkable intelligence and the other is a hybrid monster) that are strangely connected through a mental link. The monster hates the dog. and will stop at nothing to see the animal dead. It kills without question, and hunts without mercy. The entire idea of a creature hunting through the wilderness and the darkness, stopping for nothing and caring about even less is a terrifying and

chilling thing to be put into words. Though there was a movie made based on the novel, it didn't live up to the terror and fright Koontz was able to twist into his spine-tingling novel. It's spooky enough to make you think twice about walking through the woods again - be it broad daylight or pitch dark when you read this, you'll find yourself glancing over your shoulder at least once.

7. "Pet Semetary" by Stephen King: Poor Fluffy. Hit by a car and no thicker than a pancake now. But, there's something you can do about it Pet Sematary



if you want. See, there's this ancient Native American burial ground over the ridge where they say if you bury your dead they will rise again to be a part of the land of the living. Oh wait, I forgot to tell you that if you bury something there and it comes back, it's quite often going to be void of a soul and more evil than anything you have ever encountered in your life. King does it once again, and in style, as he spins a tale of the consequences of bringing your loved ones back to life after the cold grip of death has already taken them.

- Compiled by Sain Eggleston



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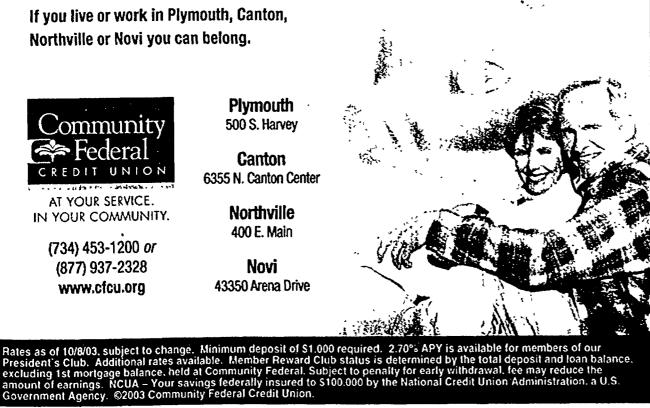
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Township peers into crystal ball to 2020

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efficiencies in municipal service. If that is indeed the Northville Township of 2020, local leaders want to ensure they plan to avoid the cliché that "hindsight is 20/20." The Northville Township

board of trustees, planning commission, department heads, as well as Northville Public Schools and city of Northville leaders, will brainstorm ways to ensure the current development boom does not become a quality-of-life bust for future generations.

The 2020 Vision meeting is at 7 p.m. Oct. 30, at the township civic center.

"The township is growing at a very quick pace," said township Supervisor Mark Abbo. "I would hate for it to get fully developed and us to look back 15 years from now and say, I wish we would have done something different."

The idea is for the community leaders to look forward now at what the community might look like then, Abbo said. From there. they can look backward at ensuring the services, facilities, infrastructure, and plans are in place to lead there.

"If there's anything we don't like, now's the time to address it," the supervisor said. This is the best time to adjustmake ments for where the development is going. Five years from now, 10 years from now, it will be harder to alter where Mark Abbo we're going to



Lots to think about

Township Manager Chip Snider cited potential discussion topics:

· Development and redevelopment. Based on projections and density allowances, the township's current population of approximately 23,000 in 6,200 homes could grow to 40,000 people in 10,000 homes. For starters, that will translate into more cars on the roads, increased public safety demands, and need for greater sewer capacity.

Buildings in place, or new now, in 20 years could be candidates for re-development. The shopping centers east of Northville Road on Seven Mile Road will be near the hotbed of activity in the coming decade, for example.

• Future capital improvements.

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munity-owned property. A multiphase improvement project is in the works at Northville Community Park on Beck Road. Other property to be addressed includes Thayer's Corner Park on Napier Road, just north of Six Mile Road, as well as vacant parcels on Sheldon Road, just south of Six Mile Road, and at the comer of Five Mile and Sheldon

 Significant loss of institutional knowledge. By 2020, the township will lose long-tenure staffers in the area of finance, administration, public safety and planning.

Large projects ahead

The timing of the meeting is "more than just a coincidence," as plans for the two largest parcels of vacant land in the township currently are on the drawing board. **COMING UP NEXT**

OCT. 23, 7 P.M. TONIGHT. Special meeting at township hall on Seven Mile Road prop-

OCT. 28, 7 P.M. TUESDAY. Public hearing at township hall on property belonging to the Detroit House of Corrections.

THURSDAY. 2020 Vision meeting at township half.

Abbo said. Tonight, township trustees and planners will scrutinize a plan to combine residential, commercial, and research and development on the 422 stateowned acres on the south side of Seven Mile Road between Northville and Haggerty roads. Next week's planning agenda will spotlight the proposed addition of approximately 400 homes on 308 acres between Five Mile and Six Mile roads east of Ridge Road.

Working within the context of development concepts, there are pluses and minuses the township might realize. Carrots officials have sniffed on the former psychiatric hospital property are addi-

tional park space; sites for public facilities such as a school, community center or fire station, and open space buffering existing and expected development.

The township supervisor stressed the need for foresight in developing a balanced tax base in order for the township to be a well-rounded community. People living in houses demand certain types of services; commercial development places greater demand on other types of services. The proper mix will achieve the desired balance, Abbo said.

"You've got to get it right," he said. "You only get one shot at

The planning commission and board need to understand the ramifications of the type of development coming into the community. the supervisor said.

Planning as a team

The joint meeting also is as an opportunity to foster a cooperative spirit toward planning for the future. As part of the entire Northville community, what happens in the township impacts the city and schools and vice versa, Abbo said

"I think this is going to help the

process," he said. "I'm really honing there is some clear and candid: dialogue."

"My interest is that everyone? has a clear picture of the effects of all this," Abbo said.

The current township leader-1. ship has expressed consensus core values that need to be acknowledged in order to be maintained, ? Snider said. Those include deliv-1 ery of quality service, focus on. quality-of-life issues, continuing innovation and maintaining ethical guidelines.

Also, certain assumptions set the backdrop of the 2020 Vision. discussion. Snider said. Those

include: · The township will not seek cityhood.

· Revenue will grow in accordance with history.

• The level of public safety service will remain the same. Staff numbers will increase.

· Technology will continue to evolve."I want every community leader today to see what this picture looks like," Snider said.

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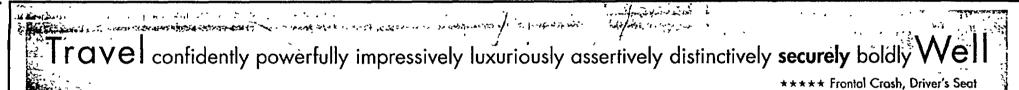
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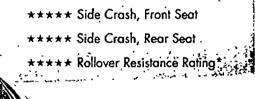
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§ BOOKS, CHAT AND CHOW FOR 6TH GRADERS AND UP: Join us on Oct. 29 to 'talk about the book "Turnabout" by Margaret Peterson Haddix. This futuristic novel takes place in 2085, when two girls who underwent secret experiments on aging learn the terrifying truth. The discussion runs from 4:15 to 5 p.m., and refreshments are

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MILL RACE MATTERS

Oct. 30

9 a.m.-1 p.m. 3 30 p.m.-5:30 p m.

This year the 25th annual Children's Christmas Workshop will be Dec. 6 in the New School Church at Mill Race Village. Contact the Stockhausens at (248) 349-2833 for more information. Registration, stated for 6 p.m. Nov. 7, is always the first Friday in November at 218 W. Dunlap in Northville. Children in grades 1-6 are invited to participate in the opportunity to make seven old fashioned, handmade gifts for the special people on their Christmas list.

There will be a morning session from 10 a.m.-noon and an afternoon session from 1 p.m.-3 p.m., accommodating 150 children total. Enrollment is \$14 per child. \$2 off is you bring an empty coffee can that measures 5" across the top, payable by cash or check made out to the Northville Historical Society.

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Rezmierski made Maybury's education chief

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

The lesson-planner pages of Northville's top educator soon

will be filled notes about harvests, gardens and a barnyard full of animals.

Northville schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski this week took the Leonard assignment of Rezmierski the chairing committee to create educational programming at the to be

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announcement of Rezmierski's role is the nonprofit organization's latest step toward restoring the vintage operation, destroyed by a fire of undetermined cause in February.

Through interpretive programs, the 150-year-old farm off Eight Mile Road for years had been a field trip destination for metro-Detroit school children where farm hands performed day-to-day duties as done in the old days, plowing by horse, hefting hay bales and gathering eggs from the coop. While experiencing farm life hands-on, Maybury visitors learned the purpose of each animal, crop and product.

The newly created committee will ensure the educational programming at the new Maybury Farm coincides with the curriculum of the school district, according to Foundation president Shari Peters. Rezmierski's experience, broad knowledge and association with educators from numerous communities were all factors in his selection, she said.

Superintendent since 1991, Rezmierski previously served as Northville's executive director of special education from 1976-1991. He also holds the top job for the Tri-County Alliance for 2003-4 and serves as Region 9 president of the Michigan Association School Administrators.

"We felt that his exposure to so many counties was a plus in our

'We're going to ask for copies of those [farm curriculums] so we don't have to reinvent the wheel."

> Leonard Rezmierski Northville schools superintendent / Maybury education director

attempt at diversity in getting so many communities involved in the rebuilding process," Peters said. The Foundation board is honored to have Rezmierski leading this effort, she said.

"He's just an incredible indi-vidual," Peters said. "He will bring the best of the best on

The superintendent said his first task is assembling a team of educators from the local and surrounding school districts to design programs. Fall 2004 is his target for a presentation on program content to the Foundation board.

While it is too soon to cite particulars of lesson planning, Rezmierski said a first step will be gathering information on how similar operations, such as the farm at Kensington Metro Park,

present educational opportunities. From there, the Maybury committee will tailor an effective, fun program for a range of ages, he said.

"There are already curriculums written for various farms," he said. "We're going to ask for copies of those so we don't have to reinvent the wheel."

An overlap from his role as superintendent, another factor Rezmierski said he cannot help considering is that cuts in state funding for schools has decreased opportunities for field trips such as this. Nonetheless, the schools chief, a farm visitor many times in the past, said he is committed to helping the program return.

"I really enjoy that treasure that's here in our community," Rezmierski said. "It's always been a very wholesome place. I imagine it will remain so."

Casey Reason, assistant superintendent of instructional services, as well as people at various school buildings throughout the school district, will help craft the recommendation for programming the team eventually will present to the board, Rezmierski said. They will consider students at the elementary through high school level when planning their trips through the farm.

The new farm will maintain its wide appeal, Peters said. "Families, singles, young marrieds, seniors, those all will be addressed," she said.

This can be so wonderful for Maybury," the president contin-ued. "There should be something for everybody there.

Turning to qualified individuals for contributions in other aspects of rebuilding the farm, Peters earlier this month announced the creation of the Fund Development Committee.

Stephen Moore, senior vice president and director of business development for Standard Federal Wealth Management, will lead the effort to secure revenue sources to effectively sustain the farm, Peters said. Audrey Mistor, president of Northville's Main Street Bancorp Inc. was named along

with Moore to serve on the newly formed committee.

The Foundation's first goal is to raise \$1 million by May which would allow construction of the barn to begin in the spring, Peters said. The larger goal is to accumulate \$3 million, which would fund the farm operation for the

When the Foundation and the Department of Natural Resources Sept. 16 announced a15-year lease of the farm land, state officials cited the local organization's ability to tap into community support, volunteers and business con-

The state maintains ownership of the park land, while putting in local hands control of the vintage farm operation. The lease, with additional 15-year renewal options, also establishes an advisory committee to include representatives from the state natural resources department, community foundation, and other community groups supportive of the Maybury

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Body of knowledge grows at Winchester assembly

By Jennifer Norris

Learning about the human body became an adventure for Winchester Elementary students Oct. 10 as Kathleen Day of Mobile Ed Productions, Inc., presented "Parts is Parts: All About Us.

assembly --- orchestrated through the school's Junior Enrichment Series program—explored four systems of the human body including the digestive, nervous, skeletal and respiratory systems

To illustrate these human functions. Day incorporated an anatomically detailed automated mannequin.

named Adam. The robot, which featured lights and removable organs, also verbally communicated with Day's character, "Dr. G I. Feelgood." Accompanying the robot was "Mr.

Bones," a life-size skeleton. Day, an Ohio resident, said she has been performing this show for approximately three years throughout the United States.

"It's a different kind of performance altogether," she said 'It's very

Susie Pool, JES coordinator, commended Day for her teaching abiliattention-grabbing and

"I thought she was phenomenal."

said Pool, who added that two shows were performed at Winchester. "I brought it because we don't have health class anymore. I thought she did a great job.

Pool also praised the level of student participation and attentiveness. This assembly was funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan

Humanities Council. Jennifer Norris is a staff writer for

the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 107 e-mail jnorris@ht homecomm net.

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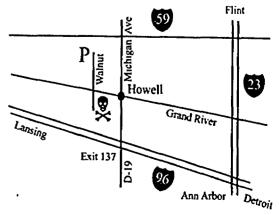


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Robin spree: senator teaches at Winchester

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Under the direction of state senator Bruce Patterson, Winchester Elementary students became members of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives in a mock-legislative session to determine if the robin would remain the appointed state bird.

On Oct. 17, two role-playing sessions were conducted with students appointed as state senators, representatives and even lobbyists. Students also recited the oath to enter public office.

A debate ensued to determine if the robin would remain the state bird, or if the Kirtland's Warbler bird should be appointed in place of the robin. Student lobbyists distributed treats, including Oreo cookies, juice boxes and ice cream.

Winchester principal, Patricia Messing, fulfilled the role of state

"I'm going to get them involved in the whole process," said Patterson, R-Canton. "Ideally, they're going to have fun and learn

Through the simulated legislative session, students were familiarized with how a bill can become a law or be turned down.

In lieu of a field trip to Lansing. Marc Van Poperin, a fourth grade teacher at Winchester Elementary, invited government officials to the school. State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) also spoke to students

"In between John Stewart and [Bruce] Patterson coming in, this is big for these students," said Van Poperin, adding that their personal visit to Winchester heightened the students' learning experience.

Until they meet one of them, there's no real connection," he said After extensive debate between the state "representatives" and "sen-



Michigan State Senator Bruce Patterson, top, gets some help in bringing to order an assembly of Winchester Elementary students from Marco Cattani, who bangs the gavel during Patterson's visit last Friday afternoon.

ators," students attending the first session voted to keep the robin as Michigan's state bird.

Winchester students said they enjoyed the experience of taking on

the role of government leaders. "I thought it was great," said Kelsey Duvall, 9. "I thought it was funny he persuaded us with food. drinks and ice cream. I thought it was fun to vote and I'm glad it's still

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NORTHVILLE AREA BRIEFS

A "get moving, get in shape" new fitness initiative is being launched for the

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OBITUARIES

Iris W, White

Iris White of Novi died Oct. 18 at Angela Hospice, Livonia. She

was 88.
Ms. White was born Sept. 23, 1915 in Cleburne County, Ark. to the late John W. Chandler and Myrtle (Lackey) Chandler.

She lived most of her life in Novi and was a bus driver for Novi Public Schools. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Novi, enjoyed gardening, canning and sharing the product with family and friends, was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and neighbor.

Ms. White is survived by her two daughters, Patricia (Jim) Allen of Northville and Sharon (Peter) Ekert of Ontario; two sons, Ronald (Barbara) White of Rives Junction and Rick (Bev) White of Walled Lake; two sisters, Ruth Hartwick of Ark. and Imogene Stuart of Ark.; nine grandchildren and six great-

Her husband, David D. White and one son, William L. White preceded her in death.

A memorial service for Ms. White was held Oct. 22 at Casterline Funeral Home of

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Northville. Pastor Gary Elfner of First Baptist Church of Novi officiated the service. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery of Northville.

Memorials may be made to Hospice. 14100 Angela Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Mich. 48150; or the First Baptist Church of Novi, 45301 Eleven Mile Rd., Novi, Mich. 48375.

Eleanor S. Foulkrod

Eleanor Foulkrod of Auburn, formerly of Northville, died Oct. 17 at Arbor Hospice of Ann Arbor. She was 76. Mrs. Foulkrod was born April 4, 1926 in Detroit to the late Commodor E. Smith and Eleanor Kring.

She moved from Northville to Aubum 20 years ago, was a graduate of Farmington High School, and was a homemaker.

Ms. Foulkrod is survived by her husband, Raymond Foulkrod; two sons, Raymond (Ruth) Foulkrod III of Northville and James (Susan) Foulkrod of Rochester, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, her sister preceded her in death.

A funeral was held October 22, 2003 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Pastor John Paton of Northridge Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Michigan Chapter, 1421 E. Twelve Mile Rd., Bldg. A, Madison Heights, Mich. 48071.







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Silver Springs gets fire safety instruction



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A pair of Northville Township firefighters demonstrate their portable "safety house" to an assembly of Silver Springs Elementary School students last Friday. The safety house illustrates for kids how to remain well in their house and how to devise various escape and rescue plans should something go awry.

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Is there a fire hazard in your home?

Students at Silver Springs Elementary would probably know. Northville Township firefighters Jason Raschke and Dan Dipple recently visited fifth grade students at the elementary building, armed with a brand-new "hazard house" and plenty of information on fire

During the firefighters' presentation, students learned how to check their home smoke alarm and were taught how often the batteries should be replaced.

The hazard house, which the fire department received as a new learning tool this year, simulates a

burning house and allows students to interactively point out various fire hazards, such as an overloaded electrical socket.

Potential home fire escape routes were also discussed along with proper usage of dialing 911.

The multi-level learning aid resembles a dollhouse with its array of miniature people, household items and cut-away view of all rooms and stairwells.

In addition, the hazard house is equipped to smoke profusely, spark loudly and glow orange to illustrate danger. Students were even allowed to

install miniature smoke alarms and fire extinguishers within the The firefighters' demonstration

was hosted in recognition of

National Fire Prevention Week. Throughout the month of October, the Northville Township Fire Department has been teaching lifesaving tips and strategies to the young and old alike.

The department recognized Oct. 5-11 as National Fire Prevention Week. 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 threequarters of the city, killed 250 people and left more than 100,000 people homeless, he said.

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The event ends at approximately 10:30 a.m. Interested participants may make reservations by calling the Northville Senior Center at (248)

RIDGE WOOD AUCTION OCT. 24

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.

MAD SCIENCE AT AMERMAN

From Sept. 30 through Nov. 19, Amerman Elementary in Northville is hosting after-school science programs, orchestrated by Mad Science of Oakland County, two days a week.

The classes run Tuesdays from 3:45 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. An estimated 100 students are currently enrolled in the classes.

This winter, sessions of additional Mad Science classes will be available. For more information, contact Lisa Hilton at

(248) 305-5151 or Janeen Crittenden at (248) 380-

FAMILY WORKSHOP NOV. 15

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

dren from pre-school to high school.

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

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.

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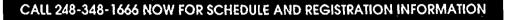
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The National Association for the Education of Young Children recently awarded accreditation for the second time to Silver Springs KinderCare. Only seven percent of early childhood programs nationwide achieve this recognition. Silver Springs KinderCare was first accredited three years ago.

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Earthmovers dig up bones, may be ancient

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

No one will ever know their names, but it's certain the remains found at a construction site on Novi's northeast corner Oct. 15 belong to some of Michigan's earliest people.

According Dr. John Halsey, the state archaeologist, the bones of as many as a dozen people laid undisturbed for around 800 years before being uncovered by a bulldozer working on a sewer line project.

"It's rare, but it's not ultra rare," said Halsey noting that a construction crew working in Mackinaw City stumbled across some historic remains just a few weeks ago.

Al Rasmussen, Novi's Deputy Chief of Police, said the Medical Examiners Office told him the bones found Oct. 15 were "over 50 years old and probably much older." He said in his 28 years with the department, he's never encountered anything quite like this.

Novi Police Detective Dennis Jelly said the bulldozer operator who uncovered the bones first thought he'd uncovered an animal, but when he found part of a human skull, he told his supervisor, who in turn called Novi Police.

Jelly said it was obvious that the bones were quite old when investigators arrived on the scene. He said the bulldozer operator told investigators that he thought he'd uncovered animal bones at first, but then he found part of what appeared to be a human

Investigators collected numerous bones, including what appeared to be parts of two skulls, several leg and arm bones along with ribs and vertebrae. Based on the number and types of bones, investigators initially believed that the site contained more than two adolescents or younger adults.

Jelly said no clothing or other artifacts were found at the site. He added investigators went over the site with a metal detector, but found nothing.

The bones were turned over to the Oakland County Medical Examiners Office, which determined there were no signs of foul

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play.

"This is going to be a protracted thing," said Robert Gerds, the Medical Examiner's administrator. "It will probably be months and require assistance from an anthropologist." However, he added, trying to identify the remains still has the same sense of urgency regardless of the age.

Gerds noted that while finding remains this old in Oakland County is fairly uncommon, 'maybe every 10 years or so," he said he expects it will happen more often as development moves into the northern, still largely ruralagricultural part of the county.

Jelly said this is the first time he's ever encountered anything like this in Novi, but he noted several years ago the remains of a Native American were uncovered in Wixom.

Dr. Valery Alexandrov, a deputy forensic pathologist with the Medical Examiners Office, said the remains found here also seem to be Native American. Although not an anthropologist himself, Dr. Alexandrov was involved in the recovery of ancient remains in eastern Siberia while he served as a pathologist with the Russian Army, and he was helped in the recovery of Seminole Indian remains while completing a fellowship in Florida.

We have been able to answer two questions," he said. "One, all the bones are human and, two, they are pretty old." Dr. Alexandrov, "They are really, really old. We are not talking dozens, but probably hundreds of years

He said that while it will ultimately be up to anthropologists to decide how many individuals were recovered, it appears the bones include the remains of at least one man, woman and infant. Dr. Alexandrov said he believes the construction crew uncovered some sort of mass burial site.

Dr. Halsey said that while it's impossible to directly connect the remains "to 'a historic Native American tribe, it's likely a Native American group will step forward to claim the remains.

Toasted of the town: Quizno's opens in city

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"We're on track to open a store a week in the state of Michigan," he said. "We are projecting possibly opening 250 to 300 restaurants in Michigan."

Tachian said Quiznos is the second largest sub sandwich chain in the country. Subway is the number one chain in terms of number of locations.

"We are developing restaurants in every state across the country," he added.

Chain started in Denver

The Quiznos concept started in Denver in 1981. In 1987, Rick Schaden bought the first franchise in Boulder, Colo. Then, in 1991, he and his father, Dick Schaden, a prominent aviation attorney, bought the franchise operation.

Now, after 22 years of success, Ouiznos Sub Shops are located throughout the U.S. and in 13 for-

eign countries. Tachian noted that recently there has been an influx of upscale, quick-service restaurant chains coming into the Detroit area, such as Baja Fresh and Q Doba, both Mexican concepts. "In the sandwich area, there are Rio Wraps and Rolly Polly," he said.

"We started developing aggressively in the Detroit in the spring of 2000. We've gone from three restaurants to the current 55," Tachian said.

All Quiznos restaurants are individually owned. Anil Sakhuja of Livonia is the franchisee for the new Northville location.

"I purchased the franchise in spring 2002. I saw a couple of Quiznos when I was driving around. I went to their Web site and liked the idea. I bought two franchises and am working on where to place the second location," Sakhuja said.

"I love Northville, and think I will be moving there pretty soon. It's a beautiful'city," he said: %

"I'm very excited. A lot of people still don't know about the new location in Northville," he said.

through word of mouth and direct mail coupons," he said.

Sakhuja, who has lived in the area since 1996, has a master's degree in business administration and is a certified public accountant. He works as a partner at Alan C. Young & Associates in Detroit, the largest minority-owned CPA firm in the state of Michigan.

He said he thinks Michigan is a great state for Quiznos locations. We have cold weather almost

six months out of the year. People like something hot and crispy during cold weather months, and that's what we sell. We also use no fryers and no grease. It's

Chief store manager Sam Dua said the fact that all subs are oven roasted is what set Quiznos apart from other sub shops.

"We also put a lot more meat on our sandwiches than other shops," Dua said.

Sakhuja noted that the new Northville Quiznos is a familyowned business. "Sam. the chief

store manager, is my nephew, and my wife, Kusum, is there every day. My daughter, Neha, works at the store three evenings a week," he said.

He added that Brandon Tis, manager, is like a family member.

"He's my son, Sidharth's [whose nickname is "Bhanu"] closest friend. They graduated from Stephenson High School in Livonia the same year."

Tis noted that the new store opened Aug. 19.

Business has been good

"Business has been excellent. It's been increasing every week, Tis said. "We have about 15 employers and are about to hire a

couple more people."
Grand opening coupons, which are good through the end of October, include a cup of soup for 99 cents with the purchase of any combo meal; free chips or regular drink with the purchase of any sandwich; and a free kid's meal

People interested in obtaining a

coupon can call the store and receive one via fax.

'We also have a manager's special that will be starting soon and will last for a few weeks. It's 50 cents off our boxed lunch that includes a small sub, chips and a cookie," Sakhuja said.

Quiznos new Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich is a big hit, according to Tis, and includes beef, mozzarella cheese, onions and green peppers. The Tuscan Chicken Sandwich is another favorite with chicken, asiago cheese, romaine lettuce and an asiago ranch dressing.

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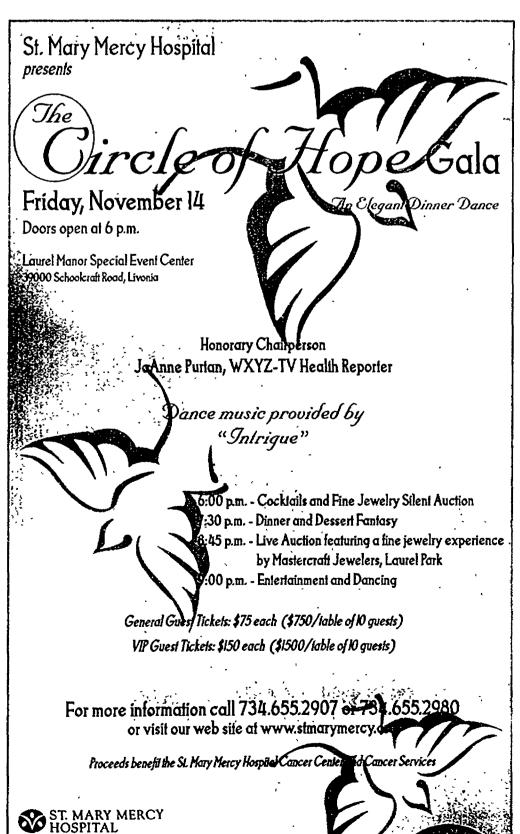
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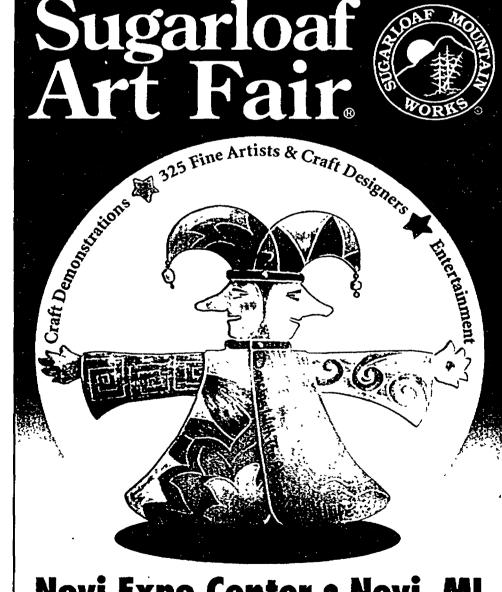


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Council pledges to review parking options

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

One proponent of downtown parking expansion likened voting in favor of the Nov. 4 bond issue proposal to obtaining a home mortgage approval.

You are not required to spend all of it. You might not even be sure what you are going to spend it on. But you know the funds will be ready when you have decided the merits of the project warrant proceeding. Laurie Marrs, executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, was one of several residents and merchants who talked about the upcoming election question at the regular City Council meeting Monday night.

Resident and downtown business owner Neil Mansilla offered the alternate analogy of a contractor given a free hand with funds without project specifies. Last week he asked how serious city leaders

were about reviewing options other than the Wing Street deck touted since May. Monday he questioned the fiscal responsibility of voters approving funding without a project identified.

"I don't see why you should have the spending power," Mansilla said. "Voting on this is premature before you have the plan in hand."

Nonetheless, in a rare, unanimous vote during recent discussion of parking, council members formally went on the record in support of Northville's Downtown Development Authority's commitment to look at all types of suggestions for adding parking spaces down-

"If somebody has a better idea, we always will listen to it," said Mayor Christopher Johnson who chairs the development authority. He responded to a question about which of the past proposals will be reconsidered.

Statute limits the way you can word ballot language. So, the November proposal cannot ask individuals whether they want a deck at location A, B or C, for example.

But there are options A, B or C circulating in the community. At least a couple of the development authority members have been putting their heads together on an alternate plan for two "tabletop" or two-level decks on the Wing lot and the Dunlap lot behind the Marquis Theater.

"We're still doing the appropriate due diligence," said Greg Presley, working pro bono on the project. The architect said Tuesday he does not yet have specifies on the technical or financial fea-

plans," Presley stressed. "This is one of many proposals that could come out of

There are attempts to create alternate

Development authority members last

Tuesday pledged to revisit all options to address adding parking in the city. To maintain any kind of timeline they have pursued, they need voter approval Nov. 4 of the \$5 million bond issue to pay for a parking expansion program. Taxes generated by the downtown property owners will pay back the borrowed funds.

During a public information meeting Oct. 13, dozens of residents and merchants questioned the size, height and location of the multi-level deck planned on Wing Street between Main and Dunlap streets.

The council again Monday acknowledged the consensus that there is a need to add parking downtown. It is all about where and how high.

A recent Chamber survey of business owners documents the need for expanded parking, Marrs said. The city approached the problem with short- and long-term solutions. 'That's why the orange-dot

The dotted spaces attempt to shift allday-parking employees further out on existing lots to save spots closer to businesses for shorter-term shopping patrons. There still is a need for more spaces,

A council vote Sept. 15 put the deck on the ballot, requiring voter approval to issue \$5 million in limited obligation bonds to finance the parking expansion plans. Prior to the public outcry last week, city leaders had been proceeding with their plan, including construction of a multi-level deck on Wing Street between Main and Dunlap streets, as well as reconfiguring the lot behind the Marquis Theater.

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Oh, boy — Northville's O'Brien named 'Realtor of Year'

By Pam Fleming

Recognition is always good. But it's even better when it comes from one's peers.

That's why Northville resident John O'Brien, who works out of the Real Estate One office in Novi, was so excited to be named "Realtor of the Year" for his district.

Members of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors selected O'Brien for the top spot a few weeks ago. Colleagues presented the award to him at the association's annual convention at Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse

City.
"My reaction was basically
"O'Brion said when he shock," O'Brien said when he learned he'd received the honor. "Lou Ronayne, a fellow Realtor, called to tell me about the award a few weeks ago."

O'Brien doesn't know who nomi-

nated him for the award. "When I found out I'd been nominated, I wasn't going to send in the application. But, then I thought I should as a courtesy to the person

who nominated me," he said. There are about 3,800 members

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

John O'Brien, of Real Estate One in Novi, was recently named Realtor of the Year. Here he stands in front of one of his offerings in Northville Township.

in our local association, so it is a high honor," he added "It's a nice feeling any time your peers do something like that for you

O'Brien has served on several Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors committees, including finance, government affairs, grievance and the nominating committee, which selects the association's officers.

He's also a member of the local multiple listing realty association, which is separate from the counties' organization. And, he's a member of the Michigan Association of Realtors, headquartered in Lansing, an organization that deals with issues that affect the real estate industry such as recent legislation supporting the National Do Not Call Registry and personal property rights.

O'Brien and his wife of 20 years Karel have two sons, Mickey, 19, and Jeremy, 12, and a daughter, Molly, 15. Active in the community, he's a member of the committee that organizes the Northville Fourth of July celehration and has coached his son's baseball and basketball teams in the Northville Recreation leagues.

Realtors of the Year from other associations will be recognized at the state convention later in the year when more than 40 associations will be represented. A Realtor of the Year from the entire state will be selected. the ofference is much issoci-

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O'Brien has worked in the Real Estate One Novi office for more than 20 years.

They've been really good to me. It's a good company, and I enjoy the people I work with," he said.

As a Realtor, O'Brien followed in his parents' footsteps. Jack and Barbara O'Brien have worked together at O'Brien Real Estate, a family-run business on their farm in Benton Harbor, since he was a boy.

"I started out in real estate with my dad in Benton Harbor. He was a licensed real estate broker, and my morn works with him," he said.

'I basically grew up in the industry. I used to sell real estate during the summer when I came home from college," he said.

After receiving an associate's degree in history from Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor and a bachelor's degree in business and marketing from Michigan State University, O'Brien worked as a salesman for Standard Brands, a food broker in Detroit, for about five

He soon decided, however, on a full time career selling real estate and becare a licensed Realtor in the

Besides earning his Realtor license, O'Brien is also a Certified Residential Specialist and an Accredited Buyers Representative, which are both national accredita-

Why does he like the field so

"In the 20 years I've sold real estate, no two days have been the same. I like the diversity of the job," he said.

O'Brien noted that selling real estate is obviously not a 9-to-5 job.

"You have to be available when your customers are, which is usually

nights and weekends," he said. You also need people skills. This may be one reason nurses and teach-

ers do so well in the field." Matching buyers and sellers is

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obviously the key to success as a Realtor.

"You have to know your market and stay up on the latest technology, which has changed our field quite a bit," O'Brien said, Today, buyers can take virtual tours of properties online, saving them time and money.

For more information about the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, visit their Web site at www.wwocar.com.

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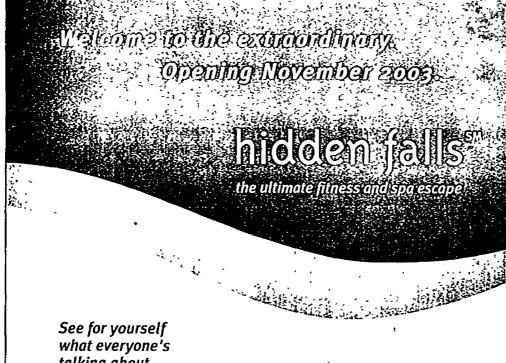
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Water Fitness Class instructor Lynn Roberts, right, laughs along with her students as she teaches class this past Monday afternoon at the Hillside Recreation Center pool. The class is one of the many activities coordinated by the Northville Recreation Department. They can be contacted for more information at (248) 349-

Stewart gives crash course on Michigan legislative process

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Fourth and fifth grade students at Winchester Elementary received an inside look at the workings of Michigan government after they were visited by State Rep. John Stewart Oct. 13.

Stewart (R-Plymouth), a member of the higher education committee, discussed with students the various levels of government and the significant percentage of the state's budget reserved for education.

He also described the caliber of Northville Public Schools and the district's close proximity to major universities to the upper elementary

i-"I know I'm representing some of the best students in Michigan, he

On a lighter note, Stewart also revealed government leaders' junk food of choice in the Capitol: Krispy Kreme doughnuts and pizza.

Winchester students were also familiarized with the different responsibilities of state government, including maintaining Michigan's

roads and educational system. Stewart was invited to speak at the elementary school by Winchester teacher, Marc Van Poperin.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Michigan State Representative John Stewart talks with Winchester Elementary School students about government, passing bills and making laws, facts about Michigan, and what kind of junk food legislators normally eat on the floor of the Michigan House.

"We wanted to bring the state Capitol and state government to [students.]" said John Stewart. "I love kids. I tremendously admire Mr. Van

Poperin. He wanted me to come in." Stewart was accompanied by his wife, Beth Stewart, who described for students the learning resources available at the Plymouth Historical

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Scout goes batty over Eagle project

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Plenty of persistence and planning have led to completion of six new bat houses by 15-year-old Connor Grant, which are now prominently displayed at popular Northville locales.

Grant hopes his project will lead to an Eagle Scout ranking, the highest status attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program.

Three bat houses have been constructed at Millennium Park; two are located at the Fish Hatchery Park and one stands within the Northville Dog Park.

The houses-which feature a large stenciled bat on the exterior for easy identification-required more than 100 man-hours to complete the project.

Grant, a sophomore at University of Detroit Jesuit, is a member of Troop 777, based out of the First United Methodist Church in Northville.

"I had the idea around a year ago," he said of his bat house project. "Bats are very beneficial. They eat mosquitos and other insects. With the West Nile virus, [I thought] it'd be very good to have the bats around to eat the mosquitoes."

He also said that commercial and residential developments have destroyed bats' natural environment.

"We had post-hole diggers, pikes, shovels, hoes, wheelbarrows and water jugs in addition to the bat houses, posts and concrete," Grant said in a prepared statement. "We were pumped it was so exciting. It was even more exciting when the first hole was dug and the first bat house on its



Boy Scout Connor Grant constructed bat houses at Millennium Park as part of his Eagle Scout project.

was raised position...The next two went in without at hitch and were finished at Millennium Park. We loaded the tools into the rucks and looked back from a high point at the row of bat houses on their poles, all at least 10 feet from the ground, all facing south, all in direct sun for at least six hours a day, all by a pond, all stained dark brown, all optimal variables for bats to inhabit them. It felt good to see that row of 'high rises.''

"I was more proud than relieved when I finished them."

But creating a half-dozen bat houses turned out to be a community effort, with assistance coming from unexpected sources.

"It's a lot of work," said Grant, adding that he visited several local businesses in search of nec-essary supplies and building materials. "The local businesses jumped in faster to help a project in the community. The larger chain stores were kind of reluc-

tant to jump in and help."

Renée Grant, mother of
Connor Grant, said Northville Lumber, Decorating by Dan and Timberlane Lumber in Novi offered invaluable assistance.

The Eagle Scout candidate received approximately \$500 worth of materials.

"All of the materials were donated by Northville merchants," she said. "At the local merchants, he may have thought they had fewer resources, but it turns out they were more vested in their community. They were so nice to him. They went out of their way. They offered advice. They gave him more than he

Along with merchants' sup-port, Grant received aid from family, friends and Jeff Moon. superintendent of parks for the Northville Parks and Recreation.

Pending a successful board review, the boy will achieve the coveted Eagle rank.

"I've been ready to get my Eagle Scout for a few years now, he said. "I just wanted to get it done so I could enjoy Scouts.'

Connor is the son of Renée and Robert Grant and has a younger sibling, Evan.

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Date: October 28, 2003 Time:

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The public is invited to attend this hearing and provide their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the development proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northyille, MI 48167.

(10-9/23-03 NR 89241)

LISA ANDERSON, CHAIR PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE Sale of Surplus Computer and Office Equipment

On Friday, October 24, 2003, the Charter Township of Northville will be having a Garage Sale open to the public. The surplus equipment includes Pentium computers, file cabinets, chairs, tables and other assorted office items. The sale will be held from 10 00 am until 3 00 pm at the Township Civic Center located at 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville,

(10-16/23-03 NR 89905)

SUE A HILLEBRAND, CMC CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **HALLOWEEN** TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

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ovation.

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, October 30, 2003, 2:00 p.m. local time, at the Skanska USA offices located 30445 Northwestern Highway, Suite 250, Farmington Hills, MI 48333. Proposals received shall be publicly opened and read aloud at the Northville Community Center building at 3:00 p.m. on the same day. Bid Pack #3 – Bid categories include: Masonry, Carpentry, Dampproofing/Waterproofing/Joint Sealants, Roofing, HM Doors/Frames/Hardware and Wood Doors, Metal Studs, Drywall and Acoustical Cellings, Toilet Compartments and Tollet Accessories, Signage, Operable Partitions, Plumbing/HVAC, and Fire Protection. Bid documents, including specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from Skanska USA Building, Inc. The plans will be available beginning Wednesday, October 22, 2003. Please contact Skanska USA Building, Inc. at (248) 737-5800.

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Absentee ballots for said election are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main Street. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 1, 2003. The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absent voting on Saturday, November 1, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 3, 2003. This ballot must be voted in the Cny Clerk's Office. If you need an absentee ballot application, you may call 248-349-1300 ext. 1962 or visit our website at www.ci.northynie.mi.us.

This Notice is given by the authority of the City Council of the City of Northville, Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan.

(10-23-03 NR 92590)

DIANNE MASSA CITY CLERK

SYNOPSIS OCTOBER 16, 2003

DATE: Thursday, October 16, 2003 41600 W. Six Mile Road PLACE:

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Abbo ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Marjorie Banner, Sue Hillebrand, Mary Gans, Richard Henningsen, Shirley Klokkenga, Brad Werner PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Agendas: A. Approve Consent & Regular Agenda - approved with addition of 2C Appointments, Petitions, Resolutions & Presentations:

Green Ways Initiative grant application Resolution B. Michigan Department of Transportation, Enhancement

Funds Resolution - approved
C. Citizen of the Year - approved

Public Hearing: none. Brief Public Comments & Questions: none

New Business: A. Municipal Building Project - Progress Payment #7 -

B. Municipal Building Project - Change Order #9 - approved C. P&R - Service Complaints - no action taken

D. Quail Ridge Drain Improvements - 4th and Final Payment -E. GIS Mapping - approved F. Conference of Western Wayne 2004 Dues - approved

G. Mobile Command Unit - approved H. Northville Ridge Phase 2B - Utility Easements - approved I. Northville Ridge Phase 1B & 1C - Utility Easements J. Corlina Condominiums - Utility Easements - approved

K. Edgewater Condominiums - Storm Water Maintenance Agreement - approved L. East Northville Hills Sub. No 2 - Final Plat - approved with

conditions M. East Northville Hills Sub. No 2 - Vacation of Sanitary Sewer

N. Waterstone - Open Space Agreement and Master Deed -O. Election Voting Booths - approved P. Approval of 2004 Budget - approved

Unfinished Business: A. Proposed Changes - Park and Recreation Commission By-Laws - tabled

Ordinances: none. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$2,516,685.13 - approved
 Board Communication: Reports were given by the following:
Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Snider, Marv

Gans, Marjorie Banner, Shirley Klokkenga, Brad Werner
10. Any Other Business that may properly be brought before
the Board of Trustees:

A. Millennium Park over run - approved
Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

MARK J. ABBO, SUPERVISOR SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK (10-23-03 NR 92809)



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Winning the Jug can make our day

The Jug will be at

the game, and so

he first four years of its existence. Northville High School owned the Baseline Jug — both in a literal and figurative sense. The Mustangs refused the relincider container and hand it

over to the hated rivals on the other side of Eight Mile.

Finally, 🤃 will we. Will you? when appeared the should just be made a permanent

part of the Northville athletic trophy case, those meanies from Novi eeked out a victory in 1992, ushering in the seesaw era, where neither school could hang on to the coveted prize for more than a year or two.

But since 2001, Wildcats have returned the favor of the late 1980s, and early 1990s, thumping the Mustangs for two consecutive years. This Friday night's matchup — the rubber match in a 16-16-1 - is particularly important for Novi, which is

playing for a perfect 9-0 season and home-field advantage through most of the playoffs. Our beloved orange and black Mustangs, however, are playing for

We think that can be one quish the coverted little heck of a motivator, and one we hope carries through

come kickoff time tomorrow evening. Ending the drought and beating Novi would help add some shine to a season with its share of

and we hope residents will come out to Novi High tomorrow night for what's sure to be a classic matchup between two rivals.

FOOTNOTE: Even though the boys' football team won't be seeing post-season action this year, the girls' tennis team will. Ranked No. 9 in the state, there's plenty of talent with this team to make a statement among netters in Michigan.



Tigress Eveline Que, 5, left, and checks out the candy haul of fellow Pumpkin Walk participant Nadine Courbois, 5, at last Sunday's event at Mill Race Village.

Story captured essence disappointment. The Jug will be at the game. We'll be at the game,

I read with pleasure the article, "Maybury's fall festival proves to be a-maizing" on page 9 of last week's Northville Record. Reporter Maureen Johnston captured the golden essence of the day with her writing. I was there most of the afternoon and witnessed everyone having a great time. The weather was perfect and the activities were geared to all ages. The compliment of Farmer George's' hay ride and corn maze with the activities provided by the Friends of Maybury made for a winning combination.

Jean Bemish

We just returned from another wonderful concert performed by our students at

A year or so ago there was a terrible accident by the entrance of the parking lot at the high school. This evening when exiting from the parking lot it was very overcast and raining hard. I was attempting to turn east onto Six Mile Road and my heart was literally in my throat, as cars heading west went by at 40 or 45 mph.

I know steps have been taken to make this exit safer, and I don't wish to sound paranoid. but I feel their will be another terrible accident there unless more controls of some son are installed.

Residents should say

'no' to dove hunt laws

Two pieces of legislation will be voted on

Requesting a 'no' vote from your senator and

representative will defeat the Dove Hunt and

Child-Gun bills. This is about the dove hunt.

R-Delta Twp., in conjunction and sponsorship

of the Sportsmen's Alliance held a dove hunt

Labor Day weekend in Ohio. Sportsmen's

To ensure an affirmative vote, Susan Tabor,

by your legislature in the very near future.

William Craft

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Six Mile Road at NHS remains very dangerous

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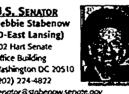
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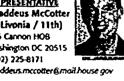
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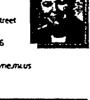








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Homelown COMMUNICATIONS

City manager outlines parking deck project

On Oct. 13, the downtown Development Authority held a public meeting on the proposed parking deck. This meeting was held in a sincere effort to inform the public of the city's proposed parking improvement project, and explain the importance of the Nov. 4 parking bond proposal.

The DDA has worked for the last two years on both short term and long term solutions to the problem of providing convenient parking in downtown Northville. Last year, parking restrictions were implemented resulting in improved customer parking. However, business owners, employees, and customers alike are united in their desire for the city to provide additional close and convenient parking.

Determined to address this issue, the DDA began working on the placement of a new parking structure in downtown Northville. The city cannot easily remove existing buildings to create new surface parking lots. Close-in and convenient parking necessitates the placement of a multilevel parking structure. After analyzing several options, the parking area along Wing Street north of Main Street was selected for the placement of a new parking deck. However, based on input from the Oct. 13 public meeting, the DDA has agreed to

restudy other options for the proposed new parking deck.

In planning for this necessary improvement, the DDA for the past several years has reserved funds for parking enhancements. By year's end, more than \$1 million will have been assembled for this effort. These are tax increment dollars collected for public improvements from property owners located within the Downtown Development District. Unfortunately, our city's parking needs will cost much more than what has already been reserved. Therefore, borrowing the addition-

al funds is necessary. On Nov. 4, Northville residents will be asked if the city should borrow a sum of not-to-exceed \$5 million in limited tax bonds. These bonds would be paid off over the next 20 years utilizing the same tax increment financing that the DDA has assembled its first million dollars. The city is not asking for a tax increase. No one, not residents nor property owners in the central business district, will receive a millage increase as a result of this vote.

This letter is offered to help inform the public on this parking issue. More information, including the actual ballot language, can be found on the DDA's website at www.downtownnorthville.org. I encourage all Northville residents to vote on this important issue.

> Gary Word Northville city manager

website acknowledged Reps. Tabor, Scott Hummell, Matt Milosch, Mickey Mortimer, Randy Richardville, numerous media and animal hunting associations as participants. While "having a blast," our legislators were reassured that voting for the dove hunt would not hurt them politically. (Lynn Wachtman, Ohio). Nothing is free, representatives.

House Bill No. 5029 is a vile piece of legislation. It aims to make the dove a legal moving, practicing target. This is not hunting for food. It is comparable to shooting an inanimate object at a carnival. These birds' bill, feet and feathers weigh less than 4 ounces. Few are recovered after being shot because they yield less than I ounce of meat.

Doves are peace-loving. They are ground feeders, spread no disease, eat weed seeds and prey on nothing. It will be killed just for the fun of it.

Passage of this bill is being financed by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, National Rifle Association and various other hunting alliances. You the voter can defeat it. Your representatives' information availability is to the left of this article. A minute of your time will save the dove for your children and grandchildren to enjoy.

Michigan doesn't have to imitate the other 39 states that allow dove hunting. Michigan

SPECIAL ELECTION LETTERS POLICY

In order to be take to everyone, this newspaper will not run letters to the addition in the last edition prior to an election that open new issues.

isions of thanks to political supporters are best made by buying an advertisment.

doesn't allow capital punishment. Let Michigan be unique and unafraid and say 'no' to dove hunting.

Mary Braddock

Lessenberry column was 'intellectually sterile'

The Oct. 16 opinion article by the HomeTown Communications Network editorial vice-president Jack Lessenberry expressed his contempt for two fellow citizens whose public policy beliefs and actions he looks down upon. That may be his freedom-of-the press privilege, but lacks sportsmanship and editorial balance by not providing an accompanying response by his victims.

But reasoned response would be difficult, because the argument by personal criticism is also intellectually sterile. One may agree or disagree with Dr. [Jack] Kevorkian's assisting

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OTHER OPINIONS

Our problems, our solutions

Like far-off thunder before a storm, rumors of big-time state budget troubles have been rumbling through Lansing for some months now. Some said the revenue shortfall could be up to \$500 million, others feared it would be more. Most agreed the economic recovery that underpinned hopes for a balanced budget



just wasn't happening. But almost nobody expected such

a bleak outcome from last week's emergency revenue estimating meeting between the state treasurer and the heads of the House and

Senate fiscal agencies. The consensus revenue estimate came out \$898 million below the projections made only five months ago. As a result, the state expects to take in only \$7.88 billion in general fund revenues for the fiscal

goods and services by more than 25 percent. The result? Enormous budget deficits for this fiscal year. Best estimate is that the shortfall in the general fund will be \$570 million. The School Aid Fund, which pays for K-12 education, will be around \$350 million short.

year that began October 1. That's \$200 million

which period inflation has increased the cost of

less than was collected 10 years ago, during

Politics and politicians being what they are, cries of "Woe is us" were closely followed by lists of possible cuts. The \$6,700 per-pupil base funding grant for K-12 schools - preserved unchanged over the past three years is now firmly on the table. Higher education, having been cut by \$109 million in last year's budget balancing exercise, will probably take

another hit, if only because the \$1.6 billion the state spends on colleges and universities is such a large part of the discretionary general fund. Revenue sharing for cities, counties and townships is obviously "low hanging fruit," as Oakland County Executive L. Brooks

Patterson often says.
The list goes on and on.

Unfortunately, much of the low-hanging fruit has already been plucked. Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the legislature found \$350 million or so to balance last year's budget deficit by a combination of better property tax enforcement, license fee increases, bad-driving penalties, not even counting the (as yet unresolved) cuts in state employee pay and benefits. According to Tom Clay, the respected state budget analyst for the nonpartisan Citizens Research Council, it will be hard to squeeze much more money out of similar nips

There will be plenty of time to discuss the details. Gov. Granholm is going back on the road to listen to what citizens say needs to be done, and House Appropriations Committee Chairman, Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, plans to take his committee on a similar tour.

Before arguing over specifics, I'd suggest our state's leaders consider a few more general

1) This crisis is not confined to this year's budget. It is yet another instance of a state budgetary situation that has been in chronic structural imbalance for years. Citizens Research Council expert Clay says it's the result of "Michigan trying to operate a set of programs that increase in cost faster than growth in the revenue base." Medicaid payments, for example, are at \$2.3 billion per year and are growing at double-digit rates, despite frenzied efforts to cut state payments to doctors and hospitals. Any attempt to fix the current deficit that ignores our chronic structural budget imbalance is simply short-

2) At the same time, there are serious

defects in the overall architecture of the state tax system. The 6 percent state sales tax, for example, is levied on goods but not services. When you consider that you pay sales tax on a winter coat but not on greens fees for your last golf game of the fall, you've got to wonder whether that distinction makes much sense. Moreover, the state's largest tax on business activities — the Single Business Tax that nets around \$2 billion in revenue — is just strange. Essentially a tax on payroll (we tax payroll when we're trying to increase employment?), the tax is complex, difficult to compute and administer, and stands out like a sore thumb when Michigan's business tax structure is compared with other competing

3) In a crisis, it's wise to get the fundamentals right. Michigan is in competition with not only other states in the Midwest but throughout the country and, indeed, all over the world. That means that we need to make sure to sustain our core competitive advantages: Our education system (which means early childhood and K-12 schools), our university system and the research and technology transfer potential it sustains, and the high quality of life here in Michigan.

Left to its own devices, I'd guess the politi-cal system would probably try to solve the crisis by budget cuts alone, piecemeal and without much strategic logic. This may be possible, but if Michigan folks really wanted to live in Mississippi at a Mississippi level of state services, they probably would have moved there by now.

Worse, ignoring the underlying problems calls to mind former General Motors CEO Roger Smith's adage that, "If we keep doing what we've always done, we're going to keep getting what we've always got."

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

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Choices are limited next February

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Few people are thinking much about next year's presidential election — yet. Yet the startling truth is that within less than five months, well almost certainly know who the nominees of both parties will be.

ing was allowed, and go and wait through a tedious process. Few yoters bothered, which is just what the party hacks wanted in the party hacks wanted in the party hacks wanted in the principle.

Michigan voters will get their chance to weigh in even sooner, on Feb. 7. Except most of them won't. The scandal is that in this state both major parties - especially the Democrats — have worked hard to limit the

voters ability

to have a say.

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nominations.

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Jack Lessenberry

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Buchanan, who chose Michigan to test his theory that white, blue-collar union workers

Bill Clinton was being dogged by Paul

Tsongas, Jerry Brown, and lingering doubts. But on St. Patrick's Day, Michigan voters

effectively settled both races. Clinton won a

solid majority. President Bush crushed

work. But it doesn't any more. Democrats

decided to abandon the open primary system

tive caucus system, in which only voters who

They also had to find out where their cau-

cus site was (almost never at their usual vot-

were willing to swear they were Democrats

could "vote." That is, vote for only candi-

after 1992 and replace it with a semi-secre-

Buchanan by almost three to one. That's how the process is supposed to

eles, but they began to mutter after George W. Bush, the establishments choice, was roundly defeated by U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona in the Michigan Republican Primary in 2000. Bush supporters alleged that without a primary of their own, Democrats crossed over to vote for McCain.

This year, neither party will hold a primary. Legislative Republicans chose to "temporarily" abolish it, on the grounds that this would save the state a little money, and wasn't really needed this year, since they are not expected to have a contest and Democrats refuse to use the primary.

That makes some sense on paper, though not in reality. The fact is that a vast number of voters want the freedom to oscillate between the parties. Gov. John Engler, a hard conservative, got 62 percent of the vote in 1998. U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, a liberal, got 61 percent four years later.

Democrats argue that their rules doesn't allow them to participate in primaries in states like Michigan, which don't have voter registration by party. However, that is exactly what happens in Wisconsin, which asked for an exemption — and got one.

Both parties have also worried that if one side doesn't have a contested race, voters may come and make mischief in the other party's primary. But political scientists have found essentially no evidence this happens. Surveys showed that while some McCain voters thought of themselves as Democrats and independents, they voted for the Arizona

senator because they liked him. Indeed, in Michigan. Republicans might have been much better off with John McCain as the candidate. President Bush lost the state by 217,000 votes.

This year the Democrats will once again have a caucus system. Stung by criticism in the past, they say they've tried to make it more inclusive. Anyone willing to swear that

they are a Democrat can vote from 10 a.m. land 4 a.m. on Feb. 7. 11 11 11 2 divini and a lifty you can't make it there, you can work a mail hellet from the state posts. a mail ballot from the state party. Matter of fact, you can get one in Spanish if you want, or Arabic. That is, if you can figure out how to get one. Finding out where to vote isn't that easy, either, though you may be able to figure it out if you get on the Internet and go www.mi-democrats.com

That's how you get an absentee ballot, too. Poor and/or don't have access to the Internet or knowledge of how to use it? Well, you can send the Michigan Democratic Party in Lansing a letter, or a fax, or an e-mail if you can borrow a friend's log-on.

Or, you can vote via the Internet. That worries all of the Democratic presidential candidates except Howard Dean and Wesley Clark. The gang of seven has sent the national party a letter opposing Internet voting in Michigan's Democratic caucuses.

Some say they are more worried because the "Internet community" essentially created Dean's candidacy and is believed to be potentially friendly to Clark's. And that may be so. Nevertheless, this summer a virus seized this columnists computer, and sent out hundreds of treacherous e-mails under my name. Why couldn't a Lyndon LaRouche virus, say, be designed to hijack a party's pri-

I doubt that we are ready for Internet voting. However, there is another system available. It is a bit old-fashioned, but it worked tolerably well for Bill Clinton, and John and Robert Kennedy, and for other candidates for many, many years. They call it a primary election. For democracy's sake, they might once again give it a try.

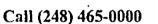
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GUEST COLUMN Keep the treats, but lose the tricks

Everyone can help in making this year's dance and Halloween season a safe and healthy one for students throughout Oakland County. Whether your student is attending their homecoming or holiday dance, costume parties for Halloween, or trick-or-



Michael Bouchard

treating, encourage them to be safe. Halloween is an excit-

ing time for young people. There are many ways to keep your child safe during Halloween. Simple common sense

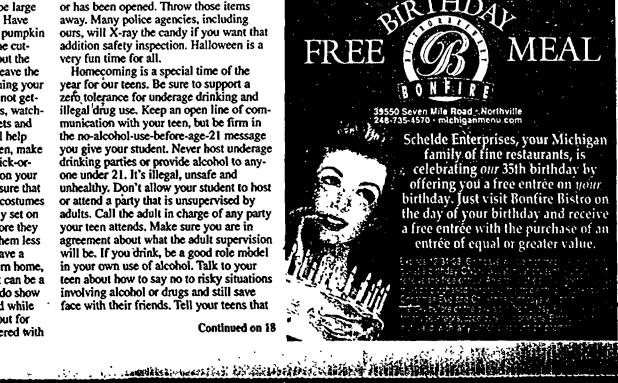
can prevent many tragedies from occurring. Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Be sure it is fire

resistant, and the eyeholes should be large enough for good peripheral vision. Have your children draw the face on the pumpkin for carving, and let the adults do the cutting. It's best to let the kids clean out the pumpkin and do the artwork, and leave the tricky part to Mom and Dad. Teaching your kids basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets and pay attention to crossing lights will help make them safer. For young children, make sure you accompany them while trick-ortreating. If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are out of the way enough so costumes or other items won't be accidentally set on fire. Have your kids eat dinner before they go out. A full stomach will make them less apt to eat their candy before you have a chance to check it. When they return home, go through the candy with them. It can be a fun and exciting time for children do show off the "loot" to Mom and Dad and while they do so you can be on the lookout for any candy that appears to be tampered with

or has been opened. Throw those items away. Many police agencies, including ours, will X-ray the candy if you want that addition safety inspection. Halloween is a very fun time for all.

Homecoming is a special time of the year for our teens. Be sure to support a zero tolerance for underage drinking and illegal drug use. Keep an open line of communication with your teen, but be firm in the no-alcohol-use-before-age-21 message you give your student. Never host underage drinking parties or provide alcohol to any-one under 21. It's illegal, unsafe and unhealthy. Don't allow your student to host or attend a party that is unsupervised by adults. Call the adult in charge of any party your teen attends. Make sure you are in agreement about what the adult supervision will be. If you drink, be a good role model in your own use of alcohol. Talk to your teen about how to say no to risky situations involving alcohol or drugs and still save face with their friends. Tell your teens that

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guide. Their 5-year-old daughter Kai came robed as Mulan.

Leaders of Brownie Troop No. 574, Jo Minna and Michelle Krings usually visit Mill Race for their meetings with their girls. Sunday night, to their husbands' and daughters' delight, they came fully costumed, respectively, as Mrs. Potts from Beauty and the Beast" and a nun.

Christina Minna, 6, came dressed as Jesse, the cowgirl from 'Toy Story," while her sister, Elizabeth, 4, donned a Jasmine outfit. Witch Nicole Krings, 7, and Statue of Liberty Megan Krings, 5, enjoyed their second Pumpkin Walk.

A league of volunteers, many opt-

ing to costume themselves, reported to the village mere hours earlier to transform the grounds, decorating with webs, bandaged bodies, balloons and blinking orange lights.

"It was a lot of different groups," Sherman said, "People were just so

'They put a lot of time and effort into it.

Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Mercy School students, and Northville High School Rotary Club and National Honor Society members were among the older set distributing toys and candy, and helping to host activities, from stuffing transparent gloves with candy corn and popeom to creating a bead charm to clapping time for an old-fashioned cake walk.

The first wave of guests at 6 p.m. entered the rear of Cady Inn by early evening light. In 15-minute increments, pumpkin walkers entered 50 at a time. By the event's close two hours later, darkness cloaked the visitors traveling the village lawns lined

with lit, carved pumpkins. Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts. Northville-Novi Mom's Club members and a Hillside Middle School eighth-grade current events class created 40 pumpkins for the event, Sherman said. Imaginative carvings ranged from a ghost to sports team logos to a snowman to Snoopy to



With colorful lights and pumpkins nearby, the trio of Bridget Dunn, Beth Hadley, and Allison Sarokin, all 10 hand out treats at last Sunday night's Pumpkin Walk at Northville's Mill Race Village.

geometric shapes.

Parents hoisted some of the smallest characters, while preschoolers through third graders scampered along the gravel path, careful not to trip on their capes, gowns and dangling accessories. Amidst their excited chatter were the amplified antics of a magician, pre-recorded means and groans, and appropriate songs such as 'Monster Mash," "Ghostbusters" and "Purple People Eater."

Carol Grimmer and Susan Hatch. leaders of Cadet Troop No. 1556. manned the final stop on the Pumpkin Walk route. In addition to the service hours their girls accumulated for duty, they liked the experience. Grimmer said. "Everyone wants to work here," she said, "It's a fun, exciting thing."

evening into a bowl of spilled spaghetti, handed out treats alongside her daughter Caitlin, 13, a sparkling, feathered witch. The eighth grader said she enjoyed most seeing the little ones in their cute costumes.

Parks and Recreation director Traci Sincock, costumed and onduty directing parking Sunday night, said her staff is considering options to expand the event. They had to turn away as many people as they signed up, she estimated.
"Next year, we're going to work

hard to open it up," Sherman said. We had so many disappointed peo-

One dad walking around relished his role as Sherlock Holmes. Another dad who "volunteered" for Hatch, transformed for the the magician ended up wowing the

crowd with his impromptu ballet dancing. Other parents watched with pride their offspring gleefully enjoying the once-a-year mix with other creatures their size.

Sherman said she was pleased to hear the positive comments and stories from families who attended. Two children under age 5, dressed as a frog and tiger, exemplified the funfamily feeling from Sunday night Their outfits, made by Grandma had been wom by their mom when she was little.

They're Halloween costumes," she said "It's

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the demise of people who wish it and being punished for it, but that public policy problem is not spoken to by introducing the irrelevant fact that Dr. Kevorkian is unemployed. (Most people in prison are, and so are many other 75 year old people.) Also irrelevant is his having once dressed up like Thomas Jefforson but "looked more like a minor footman in a bad movie." For judging by looks, since that seems editorial policy, the posed photograph adoming his article shows Mr. Lessenberry probably younger, healthier and prettier than the 75year-old prisoner with several seri-

carly release. Depersonalizing Dr. Kevorkian by identifying him with his prisoner number seems a needlessly nasty decoration. Similarly, the extended disparagement of Mr. Feiger's eccentric yet often effective court behavior says nothing about the validity of his public policy position or support for Dr. Kevorkian's early release. Some Hometown

ous medical problems that he merci-

lessly beats on and wants to deny

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Social Security isn't so simple

Communication.

I found the Oct. 9 letter discussing the Social Security Program to be somewhat disingenuous in that it does a disservice to seniors by falsely claiming the President is advocating dissolution of the program. What the President factually stated on May 2, 2001 was: "Social Security reform must preserve the benefits of all current retirees and those nearing retirement. Second, Social Security reform must return the system to sound financial footing. Third, Social Security reform

must offer personal savings accounts to younger workers who want them." The operative wors are: who want them. That means that portion of the reform is strictly vol-

untary. The threat to the viability of the program has been apparent for decades. For years political leaders gave lip service to solving the impending insolvency and did nothing. If the Democratic-controlled congresses of the last half-century had not consistently raided the Social Security fund, there would be no reason for reform. The Daschle's and Gephardt's of the far left are loud with criticism but very mute on solutions.

Social Security was designed in an era when few Americans lived much past the age of 65 and families of four or more children were the norm. At it's inception, there were 40 workers paying Social Security taxes for one retiree receiving benefits Today there war three workers for every retiree, and soon there will be two.

Social Security tax was once 2 percent, is now over 12 per cent and is forecast to rise to 18 percent in order to support retiring baby boomers. There is no argument that: a form of Social Security be maintained to assist beneficiaries with disabilities, widows and widowers. But most Americans can do better than the 2 per cent S. S. returns, by investing in some form of compounding investment. What should be apparent to most Americans is the fact that Social Security is a Ponzi scheme that will eventually collapse of its own wight if reform is not enacted

Particularly troubling is the letter writers' accusation that our President is only proposing reform to somehow benefit his benefactors is both. libelous and self serving. I would expect some one who alledgedly has a legal background to offer some measure of proof to support such an outrageous accusation.

> Ned J. Hart Northville Township

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they can call you any time they are in a risky situation. Team up and talk with other parents. Provide opportunities for your student to host safe, alcohol-free parties and activities. If you

suspect your student has an alcohol or drug problem, seek help. Remember to let your student know you love them.

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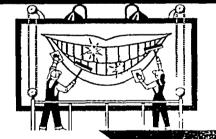
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MONEY MATTERS

Should you pay off your mortgage with a home equity loan?

Homeowners have long known that home equity loans and home equity lines of credit (HELOCs) are good for financing home improvement projects and eliminating high-rate unsecured debt, but they're also discovering they serve another function: loans and lines are an attractive way to retire a small mortgage.

Which borrowers could benefit from replacing their mortgage with a home equity loan or line of credit? Homeowners who owe less than \$30K on a primary mortgage and who balk at the idea of paying thousands of dollars in closing costs and fees for a lower-interest five-year mortgage, that is, if they can find a lender that's willing to issue a short-term mortgage.

One of the advantages of taking out a home equity loan or HELOC is that you'll likely pay much less in closing costs than you would in a mortgage refinancing. And your interest rate may be lower than it would be for a traditional short-term mortgage. Another advantage—the interest you pay on both a home equity loan and a HELOC is tax deductible. Consider the following examples from the latest issue of Home and Family Finance.

Say you're now paying 6.5 percent on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage for \$100,000, with monthly interest and principal payments of \$632. And you still have five-plus years of payments and an unpaid balance of \$32,320. If you take out a home equity loan with a five-year fixed interest rate of 5 percent, your monthly payment—interest and principal—will be \$610. You'll realize a \$22 savings each month and an overall savings of \$1,347 over the life of the loan.

On the other hand, if you refinance the loan at 5 percent for five years, any interest savings you'd hope to enjoy by refinancing at a lower interest rate will be eaten up by closing costs.

Loan or HELOC

Which is better? If you choose to pay off your mortgage with a HELOC, say with an interest rate of 4 percent, you'll trim an additional \$15 off your payment each month and you'll realize a savings of over \$2,200 over five years. HELOCs, unlike home equity loans, typically have a variable interest rate. (Financial service providers often link the rate to an index, such as the prime rate, which rises and falls.). A HELOC interest rate starts out relatively low, which makes them look more attractive than home equity loans. but over time they begin to nudge upward. There's typically a cap on how much the interest rate can rise each adjustment period, and over the life of the loan.

If, for example, your rate adjusts a half-percent every quarter, and the lifetime cap is 6 percent, your 4-percent rate could climb to as high as 10 percent in just three years. Another consideration, HELOCs have a longer repayment period than home equity loans, often 15 years. To realize savings, you'll need the self-discipline to pay the balance off in five years. If you take longer, you'll pay more in interest over the life of the loan.

Other considerations - If you want to pay off your mortgage in five years at a lower interest rate than the 6.5 percent you're paying now, but neither a home equity loan nor a HELOC appeals to you, consider taking a 15-year mortgage and prepay your principal to pay off your balance in five years. (But before you start prepaying the mortgage, review your loan documents to make sure you won't be slapped with prepayment penalties.) You'll likely reap the same interest savings you would with a short-term mortgage, but the downside is you'll probably have to pay a couple of thousand dollars in closing costs. Unless, of course, you find a lender that will pay your closing costs in exchange for a slightly higher interest rate.

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The enthusiastic and professional staff (from left to right): Sandy, Dawn, Tracy and proprietors Vicky and Jim Serra in front of their beautiful 4 000 course foot showroom

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James C. Farkas SPECIAL WRITER

Long gone are South Lyon's dirt roads, replaced by pavement. Miles and miles of farmland have now become new subdivisions. So, too, the more than three-decades-old Serra's paint, wallpaper and upholstering business that has evolved into Serra Floor Covering.

Jim Serra started out in the heart of downtown South Lyon in 1972. As the community grew, so did Serra Floor Covenng About five

years ago, they expanded to their new 4,000-square-foot showroom and warehouse located on Pontiac Trail between Eight and Nine Mile roads. This beautiful, relativelynew facility is a showcase for all the latest floor coverings from carpet, hardwood, vinyl and laminate. They carry an extensive line of window coverings as well as area rugs to complement any home or business decor.

It's interesting to note that Jim and his wife, Vicky, met 23 years ago while attending a floor cover-



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Proprietors Jim and Vicky Serra explain the different Oriental weaves, colors and sizes available in area rugs to complement and protect your floors.

ing convention. Jim had already established his business in South Lyon, and she was working for a floor covering business on the east-side. Both are natives of the Detroit area.

Vicky joined her husband in the

Vicky joined her husband in the business in 1982 while raising three daughters, Andree, 21; Renee, 19; and Tori, 16. While Tori is a senior in high school, both Andree and Renee attend Central Michigan University, and all three help out in the store during vacations, holidays and weekends. The Serra family is well-known in the community and consider themselves an integral part of the South Lyon lifestyle. They are active members of the Chamber of Commerce and Jim is a Downtown Development

a Downtown Development Authority member. They have always been active in the South Lyon school district supporting teams, bands and theater groups as well as other local and community events.

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If you're tired of looking at that dingy, worn carpet in your home or business, or you're new to the area and building a home that needs window coverings as well as floor coverings, or maybe just a big area rug for under the diningroom table, your first stop will be your last stop when you visit Serra Floor Covering in South Lyon.



Ninth in the state



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Mustang's #4 ranked singles player, Amy Knoth, chases down a backhand shot in a late-September match at home.

Mustangs play with the elite teams of Michigan

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

have.

It was the year the Northville Mustangs were hoping they'd

After a long season of dual matches capped by exciting victories in the Division, Conference and Regional tournaments, the Mustangs made a final statement as they took ninth place in the state finals. The tournament was won by Troy with 28 points while Ann Arbor Pioneer took second with 23. Earning third was Grosse Pointe South and Midland Dow with a tie, while Novi took fifth.

"It is very exciting," Northville co-captain Catalina Oaida said "We knew we could make it to the finals, and we did We knew we could do it all along."

Oaida's fellow captain, Laura Krstevich, had a remarkable showing in the finals with her doubles partner Kate Thomas The duo not only won their first match of the tournament against a team from Romeo, they also went on to beat a seeded team from Farmington Mercy.

"We had lost to them already this year," Krstevich said. "It was exciting to get to play them again. and we're happy we won, It was a

good win for us'

A good win indeed. Krstevich and Thomas had a remarkable showing to advance to the semifinals. The duo found themselves being awarded a first-round bye. and then jumped to action with a 6-0, 6-1 stomping of Romeo's Malorie Obrecht and Rachel Poterek.

In the quarter-finals, Krstevich and Thomas found themselves up against the second-seeded pair from Farmington Mercy in Sarah Switai and Lauren Walsh, but didn't hesitate as they carned a very tough 7-6 (1), 3-6, 7-5 victory over the Marlins. In the semi-finals, the pair fell to eventual state champions Virginia Graves and Elizabeth White, who were seeded second in the tournament and hailed from Troy. The final was 6-0, 6-2.

"If you have to lose to a team, it might as well be the state champions," Thomas said, "They were a very good team."

And not that it takes away from what Northville's third-doubles team was able to accomplish.

"This is a great way to end a career," Krstevich, a senior, said "I couldn't ask for anything bet-

The other Mustangs had some good play as well, though none were as successful as Krstevich and Oaida.

In first singles play, Erica Dobson and Ashley Glover of Novi squared off in the first round. Glover, who has been a first-singles player for four years, earned a 6-3, 6-2 win over her cross-town rival.

In second singles action, Shannon Farris was awarded a first-round bye before she found herself falling to Traverse City Central's Emmy Parsons 6-3, 6-2 in the second round of play.

The third singles flight was a strong one this year, and Chelsea Johnson managed to hold her own. After being awarded a firstround bye, Johnson went on to top Farmington Mercy's Sarah Rudzinski 6-4, 6-2 before falling to second-seeded state runner-up Ashley North, 6-2, 6-0.

In fourth singles, Amy Knoth found her hands full right out of the gates. After earning a first-round by, Knoth was daunted with the task of playing a very surprising Rachel Hawkins, who beat her 6-1, 6-0. Hawkins, who hails from Midland Dow, beat

three seeded players to earn the state title in fourth singles.

In one doubles, Amanda Darish and Jen Harkness, Northville's top pair from last year, found themselves in a dog fight right out of the gates. After topping Ann Arbor Huron's Rachel Fisher and Salina Pan 6-1. 7-6 (1), they fell to a strong duo of Alex Alward and Christine Milliken 6-1, 7-5. Alward and Milliken, who are from Traverse City Central, went on to top two other seeded teams to win the state finals.

The second doubles flight of Jonnie Powers and Jackie Taylor found themselves against some stiff competition right out of the gates. In their first-round play, the Northville pair fell to Holland West Ottowa's Courtney Koovers and Katy Scholten 6-4, 6-2.

Fourth doubles play found a strong duo of Oaida and Maria Rice earning a first-round bye before edging Romeo's Angie Joannidis and Angela Mezin 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Their next match, however, wasn't equipped with a happy ending. Facing fourthseeded Allison Atchoo and Jessica Remenar of Troy found the Northville pair falling 6-2, 62. Atchoo and Remenar went on to win the state title in the flight.

"It was a great season," Oaida said. "I am very happy with what we were able to accomplish and where we finished in the state. To be a top-10 team in division one is amazing.`

Now, Oaida and Krstevich get to pass the captains' torch to another set of players - this time it happens to be a very experienced duo in the 2002 state champions Jen Harkness and Amanda Darish.

"They are going to be great captains," Krstevich said.

But what does the future of the Mustang tennis team look like for 2004?

"They have so much potential." Oaida said. "I expect they will do better than we did this year, and go back to the state finals and finish higher. They have a lot of talent, and I am sure they are going to repeat and go back to the state

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Count on a good contest

It's that time of year again and there's really no way you can't call it the game of the week.

The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats will be squaring off on the gridiron tomorrow night at Novi High School with a kick-off slated from 6:55 p.m. When these two teams play,

emotions run high and football is at its finest. I absolutely think this is always the best game of the season,

no matter what the records are or

who is play-



Eggleston

I have a feeling that 2003 isn't going to be any different. I expect a hard-fought game with plenty of impressive plays on both sides of the ball. And what kind of plays do I expect? Plenty of passing, plenty of running and plenty of hard hits.

When it comes to football, both of these teams have some impressive players out there on the field. Northville will go to Novi High School with a slew of big mules up front that are looking to open some holes for junior Mac Stilec and keep out the Wildcats with some good pass blocking to give Mark Sorensen tome time to pick apart the defense by hitting receivers like Mike Jameson.

Novi, on the other hand, has tour of the best receivers in the Kensington Valley Conference in Mark Angelocci, Joey Fratto, Kerry Kreutzberg and Trevor Hoover. Throwing to them? None other than Mike Hart.

On the defensive side of the ball, both teams have a solid corps of linebackers and a decent group of defensive backs. Both defensive lines have the ability to shut down the run, but Novi's has the edge when it comes to speed and running down the plays the try to hit the

The defense is what both of these teams pride themselves in, so don't expect to see too many touchdowns scored in this contest. In fact, I wouldn't expect more than 40 or so points to be scored in the game as a total.

And if this game comes down to a field goal? Well, both teams have some stellar kickers in Northville's Bill Brown and Novi's Angelocci. Both can hit the field goals, and Angelocci is hoping for a chance to hit a 48yard attempt to set his school's record if he gets the chance.

I wish the best of luck to both of these teams. Play good, clean games and it's going to be a good time for all. I am, however, not going to try to predict a winner in this one. I learned my lesson about picking winners between Novi and Northville a long time ago.

We here at the Northville Record and the Novi News hope to see a good game from all, and look forward to awarding the winning team a chance to hoist the Baseline Jug.







Catalina Oaida

Senior Tennis

Being a team captain is never an easy task, but Oaida filled the role with no problems. Her efforts led the Mustangs to a very successful tennis season, which culminated in a ninth-place finish in Division I for the Lower Peninsula State Tennis Finals.

Laura Krstevich

Senior

Tennis

The other captain on the team, Krstevich proved she is capable. of not only leading off the court, but by example on the court as well. She and her third-doubles partner Kate Thomas advanced to the state semi-finals after upsetting a second-seeded duo.



By Brett Asher SPECIAL WRITER

The Canton Chiefs football team is ranked in the top five in the state of Michigan and the Northville Mustangs can now attest that they are not overrated. The Chiefs handled the Mustangs on Friday night behind an unstoppable running attack and a dominating defense. By halftime, the Chiefs had accumulated a 33-O lead and went on to defeat the Mustangs 40-6 in Northville's final home game of the season. Northville's lone highlights on this night were the running of quarterback Mark Sorensen, who racked up 103 yards on 20 carries, and a late touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Charlie Thomas to senior wide receiver Bill Brown.

The Chiefs opened the game with a 70-yard drive that lasted six minutes on which every play was a run. Devin Thomas finished the drive with a three-yard touchdown run and the extra point was added by Dutch Morrell to give Canton a 7-0 lead. Following a Northville three and out, the Chiefs got the ball back at their own 37-yard line. Once again Canton pounded the Northville defense on the ground and took the ball downfield. Travis McKinney finished this drive for the Chiefs with a 26-yard touchdown run and Morrell added the extra point to give Canton a 14-0 lead after one

The second quarter continued the trend of excellent running and defense from Canton. After forcing another three and out, the Chiefs took over at the Northville 4Q-yard line. In a drive that lasted only two minutes, the Chiefs moved the ball downfield resulting in another touchdown run from McKinney, this time from six yards out. The extra point would fail and Canton led 20-0 with 9:11 remaining in the second quarter. The Northville offense experienced some success on their next drive with junior running back Mac Stilee picking up a 17 yard gain on the ground and Sorensen finding Brown for a 22 yard pick up on a third and 10. However, the drive would stall as Northville failed to convert on a fourth down play. Canton took possession and began their march downfield once again. After a 36-yard run by fullback Chuck Schumacher and a 23-yard run by quarterback Shawn Little brought the ball to the one-yard line, McKinney would score again. McKinney carried the ball the final yard for his third touchdown of the first half. Morrell would add the extrapoint for a 27-0 Canton lead with 2:27 to play in the second quarter. Canton would get the ball back one more time in the first half and add another touchdown. despite a big sack by senior lineman Jordan Marshall. With time running down, Canton decided to go to the air and Little found McKinney for a 39-yard touchdown pass. Canton would fail on

a two-point conversion attempt making the halftime score 33-0.

The second half was low scoring as both teams went deep into their benches and the game was filled with turnovers and penalties. Northville began the second half with a promising drive highlighted by two long runs by Sorensen that picked up 30 yards. However, a block in the back penalty put the Mustangs in a hole and ended the drive. Northville would quickly get the ball back though, as a Canton fumble was picked up by Northville senior Tim Downing at the Northville eight-yard line. The Northville offense could not get anything going again and after a punt. Canton took posses-sion at the Northville 22-yard line. But the Northville defense would create another turnover as Northville senior Ken Schleh recovered a Canton fumble on the Northville 23-yard line to keep the score at 33-0 at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter quickly became even sloppier than the third quarter as the teams continued to commit penalties and turnovers. On the first play of the fourth quarter, Canton recovered a Northville fumble on the Canton 44-yard line. Then, on the following play. Canton would give the ball back to the Mustangs as junior Joe Hogan recovered a Canton fumble at the Canton 47-yard line. The Northville offense moved the ball down to the Canton 20-yard line on the legs of Sorensen, but on fourth and nine, an incomplete pass ended the Mustang drive. The Chiefs would then add one more touchdown, this time on a 56-yard touchdown run by Jeff Hudson. Morrell added the extra point for a 40-0 lead with 5:26

remaining in the game. The Northville offense would respond with their best drive of the night to break up the Canton shutout. Junior running back Cody Sivic moved the ball on the ground and on third down and 25, Thomas connected with Brown for the only Northville score of the night. The extra point was failed, making the final score 40-6.

After the game, Brown talked about the frustration that the Mustangs experienced on the night, "Canton was a very good team, but we did not even come close to playing to our full potential. A few things went wrong early, and we couldn't get back into it after that. Our penalties and drops killed us too; they came at the wrong times and nullified a lot of big plays."

The Northville schedule does

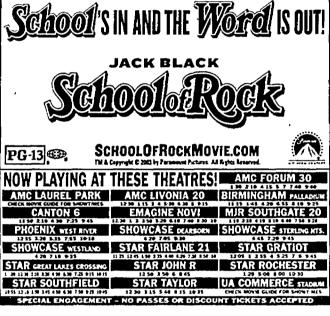
not get any easier this week as they face another top 10 state ranked team in their final game of the season. The Mustangs will travel to Novi to face the undefeated Wildcats at 7 p.m. tomor-

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Mustang QB Mark Sorensen warms up before Northville's home game against Livonia Stevenson.





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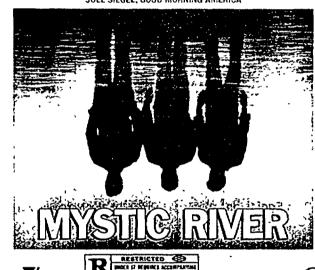


Mustang Chris Oakland, left, and other teammates wrap up a Canton ballcarrier in last Friday's home game.

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Mustang cross country runner Andrea Moehle prepares

Northville takes second in WLA

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

It's always good to see a team peaking right when they should

The Northville Mustangs girls' cross country team is currently in peak mode as they ran to a second-place finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association October 18.

Taking first in the conference was a very powerful Livonia Stevenson team, with 54 points. while Northville finished in second with 65 while Livonia Churchill took third with 65. Plymouth Salem collected 78 points for fourth.

"Northville emerged on top of Churchill by breaking the tiebreaker with the place of each teams' sixth runner," Northville coach Nancy Smith said.

For Northville, that sixth runner was Kate McClymont, who finished in 27th compared to Churchill's sixth runner in 36th.

"The whole team worked together to secure their spot in the conference," Smith said.

Most of the speculations throughout the conference had Northville finishing closer to the middle of the pack - but the Mustangs weren't about to let that happen. Leading the way for Northville was Liz Hrvinak, who took third place with a seasonbest time of 19:38. Right on her heels was Andrea Moehle in fifth with a career-best time of 19:44.

Meghan Keiffer was 15th in the race with a time of 20:24, while Mary Sprader was 20th with a 20:33. Megan Sheremet finished 22nd in 20:41 while McClymont finished in 27th with a 20:59. Molly Gavin ran to 32nd place in 21:15. Gavin's time would also have placed her ahead of the sixth Churchill run-

All of the girls ran season-best times to help Northville secure second place in the conference. It also showed they are geared up and ready to go for the Regional

"All season long we have been preparing for conference finals and regionals next week," Smith said. "The girls are all working so hard and showed that today with the results. We are peaking just when we need to."

Yet, running against Stevenson is a fairly daunting task.

"Before the meet, we talked as a team and I told them they could run with the Stevenson girls and to pick one to run with. Each girl did that throughout the race and ran focused and determined."

Sam Eggleston is the sports

Mustang tankers have things working right way

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs were happy with thier showing against WLAA foe Churchill October 9 when the two teams squared off and Northville escaped with a 108-78 victory.

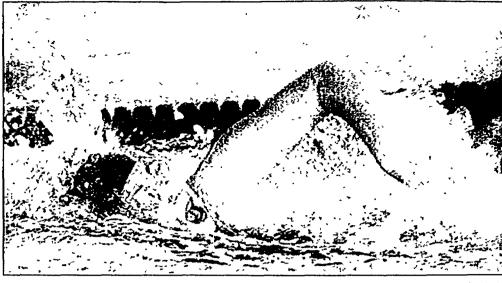
In the 100 backstroke event, Northville's Kathryn Kusuplos led the way with a first-place finish in 1:07.29. Kusuplos was also a member of the 200-yard Medley relay team that took first in 2:02.28 along with Sarah Bardsley, Alex Tereszczenko and Alandra Greenlee.

Also taking first was Sarah Carr, who swam to a win in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:03.9. Carr was also a member of the 400 free relay team that took first in 3:54.91 along with Greenlee, Katherine Fitz and Tereszczenko.

In the 50 free, Ashley Miller led the way with a win in 27.05 seconds, while Sarah Anker took third with a 27.78. The 100 free found Sonia Tereszczenko taking first in 1:00.21, while Yvonne Lunn was second in an amazingly tight race with a time of 1:00.39.

The 500-yard freestyle found Greenlee taking first place with a time of 5:22.93, while Katie Stewart collected a third-place finish in the same event with a 5:37.90. In the 200 free realy, the Mustangs took first, second and third. The top finishing team was that of Anker, Sonia and Tanya Tereszczenko and Carr with a time of 1:49.01. The team of Kusuplos, Fitz, Jessica Smith and Miller took second with a 1:49.57, while the foursome of Elizabeth Underwood. Lunn, Kurtz and Alex Tereszczenko took third in

The Mustangs took second in the 100-yard butterfly as Alyssa Schwiring notched a time of 1:07.95 in the event. In the 200



Northville's Tina Viola swims freestyle during a home game in late September.

individual medley, Becca Kurtz was Northville's top finisher with a time of 2:33.73, which was good for third place in the

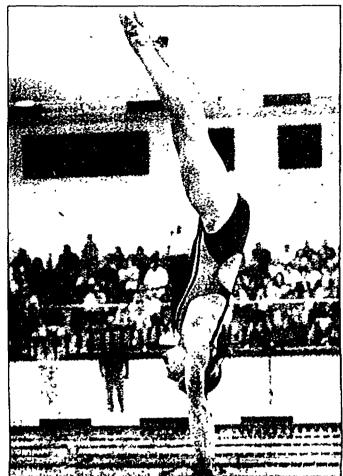
Diving found the Mustangs taking second, third and fourth. Morgan Daul led the way for Northville with 131.32 points, while Hannah Gill took third with a 129.37 and Sarah Wagner was fourth with a 113.17.

Please be sure to check back next week for the remainder of the results that were recently turned in to the Northville Record sports department.

Results include the Northville victories over Howell and Pinckney in non-conference play, as well as a picture of the girls who participated in the Michigan Swimming Coaches Assocattion meet (MISCA).

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Mustang diver Anna Gill goes head-first to the water.

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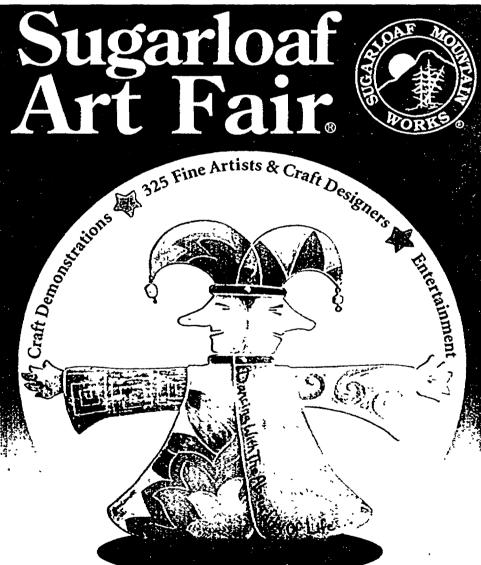
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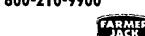
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REMEMBER THESE OCTOBER IS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BREAST HEALTH

Before 40 years old: 1. Examine your breasts monthly. 2. Have a breast exam by your doctor

every three years.
3. Have a baseline mammogram by age 40. (A mammogram is a low dose x-ray that can find cancer too small to be found by hand.)

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TLC will get ponds through winter | It's too late to reseed

By Jeff Rugg COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: This is the first year we have had a water garden. What do we do with the plants during the winter?

A: Basic water garden plant care is similar to dry land annuals and perennials. Plant care can be minimal if that's what you want. For example, many books suggest cutting back reeds, rushes and grasses in the fall. Landscapes should have winter character. Some people like to leave these unique upright plants in their pond. Try leaving most plants alone for the first winter and see what you think. During the winter or next year, you could cut back the ones you didn't find appealing.

If you know that the plant is an annual and that it won't survive cold weather, then remove it before it starts to decay in the pond, where it might pollute the water. Some annuals and some warm-weather plants can be moved indoors for winter. Sunny rooms are best, but a south-facing window will work. If you don't have lots of indoor light, the plant will probably not make it all the way until spring.

Q: I heard that I must keep my goldfish indoors during the winter, even though I know goldfish in native ponds can survive the season. I don't have an aquarium. And I don't want to bring them in for the winter. Will they be OK if I leave them out? What do I have to do to keep them alive?

A: You might find it hard to keep goldfish alive outside through winter in a shallow pond. Inside tanks may be your only option. The farther north you live, the deeper the pond should be.

A pond thermometer is essential to proper fish care. Some people use algae-eating tropical fish in their outdoor ponds, but they start to die when water temperatures drop into the 50s. At those temperatures, goldfish will slow their eating schedule. Your goldfish will become sluggish as temperatures drop into the mid-40s, so stop feeding them when the water is below

If your pond is going to freeze at

GARDEN TIP

Keep pond water from freezing

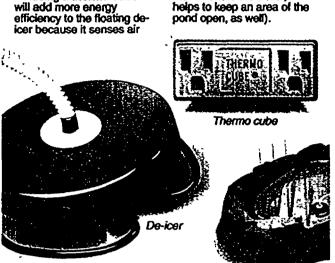
A floating de-icer will keep part of the ponds surface open during the winter. When water temperatures are colder than 40-44° F, the unit will turn on and start to "de-ice" or heat an area and keep it from freezing.

Because it floats around, it can keep a portion of the pond's surface open.

Adding a thermo cube

water temperature. If the air temperature is approximately 40 F, then it should be warm enough to start metting some of the ice on top of the pond. The thermo cube will then turn off the floating de-icer so you save money on your electric bill. (An aerator, providing oxygen and some movement to the water, helps to keep an area of the pond open, as well).

temperature instead of



some point, you should add a floating deicer. Smaller wattage deicers run longer in northern ponds to do the same work a bigger wattage deicer does on shorter time. But, the same amount of electricity is used. In the coldest weather, a larger wattage deicer will work to keep your pond ice free. A smaller deicer can only do that if the pond is in a protected location. If the deicer can be set in the corner of the pond so it can be covered with a plastic dome or plywood shelter and therefore be somewhat insuit will work better.

Q: I'm writing because I have a big, confusing problem. I have done nothing for fear of making the wrong choice. Last spring, I volunteered to take care of the planning of our church's "annual flower beds," I put it in quotes because, as I later learned, there was little in those beds except weeds and hundreds of daffodils.

The beds are huge and I'm only an amateur gardener, so I persuaded the church to hire a landscape designer to create a plan for us. We did the work ourselves. We pulled as many weeds as possible, but the bulbs were almost impossible to remove. Our planting day was wet and windy, so we had to put the plants in first and add the fabric and mulch later. To my horror, those pesky weeds poked right through the fabric. Their roots run deep, making them impossible to pull from under the fabric.

We have more perennials that need to go in the ground. I wanted to get them in now, hoping they would be better established by spring. But I'm afraid to plant anything else because I don't want to complicate the issue of how to eliminate the "bad" plants! I'm also afraid that those hundreds of daffodils are going to poke their noses through the fabric this spring, upset our landscape plan and make things look untidy.

I'm pretty sure we need more mulch. It's only about 1 inch thick in some places. What about the fabric? Should we tackle eliminating the non-desirable plants before planting those we want to keep? Help.

A: Here is what I would do. This fall:

1. Take off the fabric and any mulch that comes with it.

2. Pull and dig up any noticeable

3. Plant any new perennials. 4. Apply a pre-emergent weedkiller following the directions.

5. Re-install mulch and add more until it is about 3 inches thick everywhere. It can be applied even after the ground freezes.

Spraying weeds that are basically dormant in the fall will not do much good. Applying pre-emergent weedkiller will prevent some fall sproutng weeds that mature in the spring.

Next spring: 1. Kill daffodils as necessary. You can do this with a a mower as they sprout. Or, after the daffodils have produced flowers and you have harvested them, you can kill the majority of the bulbs by cutting of their leaves.

2. Apply more pre-emergent weedkiller following directions.

3. Spray all weeds weekly. 4. Add new perennials as

desired. Finally, fabric is more trouble than it's worth. It doesn't work on some weeds and makes it harder to remove them. It doesn't work under organic mulch because decaying organic matter forms a soil in which weeds can grow. Fabric also slows the spread of good perennials. When good plants have filled in, they will keep out weeds better than fabric does.

bad spots on lawn

Q: I was supposed to get the bad spots seeded in my lawn this fall but I got busy. I want to get it done now. What should I do?

A: Nothing; you'll just have to feel guilty until spring. You can do the work now and hope that you get lucky or you can wait until mid-

April and really be lucky. The difference is the coming temperatures. We are on the verge of some really cold weather. Tender, baby grass is going to get frozen off the planet if it is around for the Big Chill. The two ideal times to put in grass seed are April 15 to May 15 and Aug. 15 to Sept. 15. This is because the weather is mild and rain can be expected. As we



begin extending away from these dates in either direction, the chances of really hot or cold weather and either big downpours or no rain at all get more likely. New grass has a very difficult time putting up with the 2 extremes. It registers its complaint by dropping dead. And there are no miraculous resurrections, so you get to do it again. Older grass has the root system to try to deal with the bad weather. Now, for more convincing. Let's do the math on grass germination. The soil temperature needs to be above fifty degrees to sprout. The closer it is to fifty degrees, the slower it goes. When you seed a lawn, you are using a combination of perennial rye, fescue and bluegrass. The time the seeds need to be in the soil at above fifty degrees to germinate vary. Perennial rye is one week. Fescues are two weeks and bluegrasses are three to four weeks. New grass is killed by being frozen. So if you put in a mixture of grasses now, some wouldn't be up until Thanksgiving. You can consider the grass "grown-up" when you have mowed it three or four times. There are people who talk about dormant seeding. This is tossing grass seed out in the late fall or winter. Supposedly, it will germinate in the spring. But between winter and spring are big rains to send your seeds to the neighbor's property. There is also a host of hungry birds and rodents that will see this as a smorgasbord of tasty treats. How many remains is the big question. So how lucky do you think you are? Or more practically, how many times do you want to do this?

Q: When I was looking at my house about a week ago, there were lots of worms crawling on the siding. They were chewing holes in the wood, I know this because I was finding them in little holes in some of: the older wood. When I squashed some of them, there was a green liquid inside them. What worms are destroying my house?

A: Since I don't have a description of the perpetrators, let's look at some general facts. The critters that you were watching weren't worms. They were caterpillars or larvae. These were guys that had been munching leaves in the treetops within the last month or so. There are a bunch of fall larvae that do this. When they are done feeding, they get out of the trees. Some crawl out. Others let themselves down on silken threads. They wander around for a bit and look for a place to pupate over the winter. This is their resting stage that will change them into a moth or sawfly. The adults will emerge next year, mate and lay eggs. If you have the mouth parts to chew leaves, you don't have the mouth parts to chew wood. Insects are all opportunists. They take advantage of what they find. If another insect or a woodpecker left holes in the house, they would use the holes that they found. They have no way of making holes. So how do I know they eat leaves? When you squashed them, they had green liquid inside. This is chlorophyll. You are what you eat. Fix the bad wood.

There are insects that will damage decaying wood but not these guys.

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

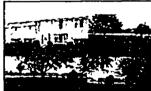
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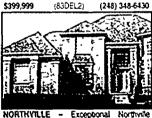
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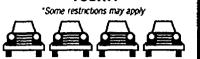
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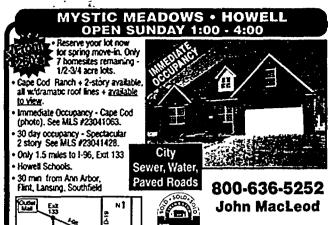
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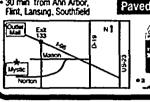
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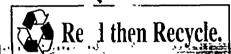
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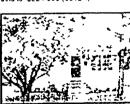
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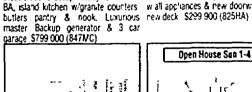
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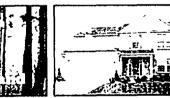






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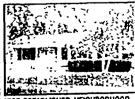
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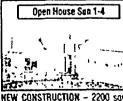


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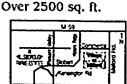
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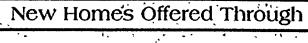
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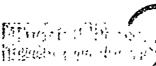
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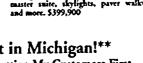


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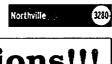
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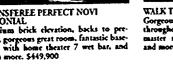


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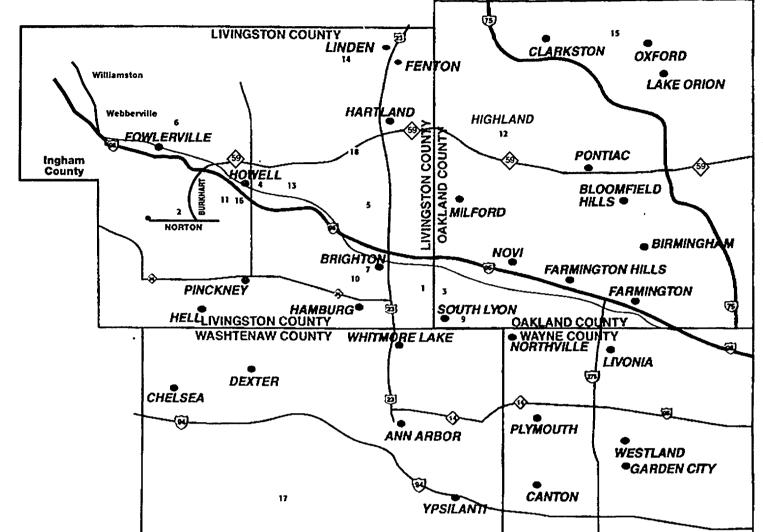
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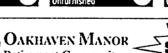
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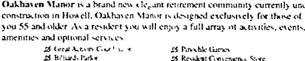
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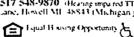








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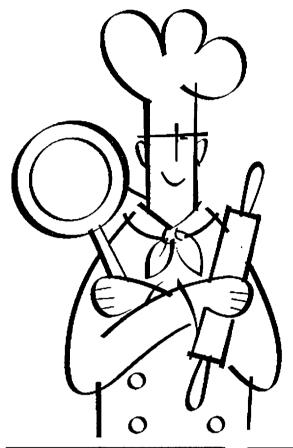
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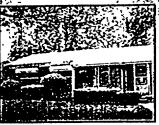
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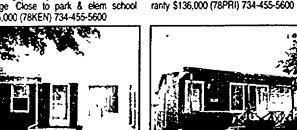
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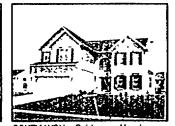
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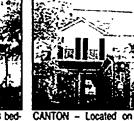


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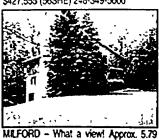
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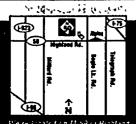
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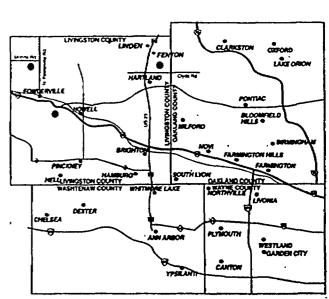


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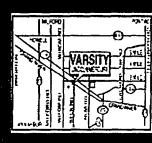
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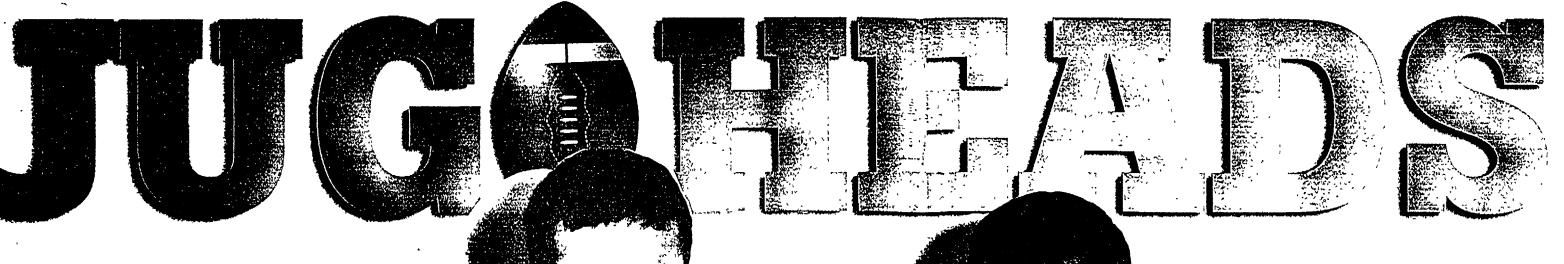
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JUST WHO WON THE BASELINE JUG?



The Novi Years

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1995	21-14
1996	49-20
1998	21-17
1999	21-17
2001	47-12
2002	46-26
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1993	28-0
1994	28-20
1997	35-6
2000	35-14

Friendship set aside By Sam Eggleston

When it comes to this game, seniors Mark Sorensen and Mike Hart are quick to agree on one thing - records don't The Northville Mustangs and the Novi

Wildcats have squared off in the final game of the season for many years, and both teams are well aware of the rivalry and the ntensity of this contest. "It's always the biggest game of the year," said Hart, who is

quarterback for the Wildcats, "You can bet that these teams are going to give it everything they have to beat each other, no matter

what their record is." Sorensen, who is the Mustangs' gunner, agreed. "Records are out the window," he said.

"Northville may not have the record Novi has right now, but we don't care. We want to beat them, and they want to beat us. That's what makes this game such a big event, and what makes us want to play each other than much

Sorensen and Hart have been on the opposite side of the ball from one another plenty of times. Both play football, basketball and baseball and both have beaten each other over the years. But, the quarterbacks also share a friendship.

"I've known Mark since I was eight or nine and we played on the same baseball team together," Hart said. "He's a great guy. We've been playing baseball together ever since." The duo is well aware that their respec-

tive teams are salivating at the idea of laying some big hits on each other - and they aren't going to let their friendship get in the way of some good football.

going to hesitate." the contest sporting a 2-6 record on

the year, while the Wildcats showcase an 8-0 record and a Kensington Valley Conterence title. None of that matters," Hart said. "This game is what counts. We can he KVC champs all we want, but Northville isn't going to let that

phase them. We're undefeated, so what. Northville just wants to make sure we don't finish the season that

With a victory over the Mustangs, the 'Cats will pretty much secure

home-field advantage in the playoffs, as well as have their first undefeated season since 1989 when John Osborne was still the head coach. "That's just more incentive," Sorensen said. "We'd love to spoil their season for them.

The Mustangs earning a win would result in a single loss for the 'Cats in the regular season and the possibility of some bus rides during the playoffs. And, of course, it means the winner gets the bragging rights for the

year and the Baseline Jug, which is the coveted milk-jug trophy that has been passed between the winning teams since 1988: As of 2002's contest, the Mustangs lead the series 8-7, but Novi has won the last two with scores of 47-12 in 2001 and 46-26 in 2002.

"We'd love to win the Jug again," Hart said, "It's a great experience. Though, I have to say, we laugh about it when the Jug is brought up,

we don't mind lifting it after we win." Trophies aside and games aside, Sorensen and Hart have plenty of respect for each other and the programs they play for.

"Novi has some of the best receivers around," Sorensen said. "Kerry Kreutzberg is a great guy and has great speed and can catch, (Trevor), Hoover is supposed to be one heck of a receiver, and I've heard he can really jump too. (Joey) Fratto may be shorter than most, but he can catch as well as any of them."

Hart said there is plenty for a quarterback to admire when it comes to Northville's offensive scheme.

"As a quarterback in Northville, you have a lot of options," Hart noted. "You run the show. Audibles are just part of the game over there. If there are six guys in the box, you audible to the pass, and if they try to cover your guys you audible to a run. Their spread formation is a quarterback's dream."

Northville and Novi — the two towns are practically intertwined with one another. The schools have kids that have grown up with one another - sometimes as neighbors. Most of the players on the football squads have even been on sports teams together and have grown But, does that really matter?

"It does," Sorensen said, and Hart agreed. "I think it means we're going to play a high-intensity football game, but we'll be leaving all of the dirty play and cheap shots off the field. We're not going to go casy on each other, but we're going to play some good, clean high

Hart nodded in agreement and chimed in following Sorensen's com-

"That's what a rivalry is all about," he said. "We can play each otheras hard as we want on the field, but when it's all over there are no hard, feelings. It's football. It's a game. Play it to win and when it's over youtake your win and celebrate it or you take your loss and learn from it." For the Mustangs, a win may find the program keeping the faith as-they continue to learn the ins and outs under coach Clint Alexanders For Novi, a win means home-field advantage and another game to prepare them for the playoffs.

The difference between the two teams is that while Novi is working, towards securing home-field advantage and preparing for the post-sea-1.

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> "We want the Jug," Sorensen said. "We want it and we're going to play harder than we've played all season long. If our offense puts: together a game, we're going to be one of the toughest teams Novi has played all year.

And, no doubt, it would then prove to be one of the best games either teams' fans have seen all year as well. The Baseline Jug game will be played at Novi High School this

year, with a kick-off slated for 6:55 p.m. Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville-Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggle-

Game 1

Livonia Franklin 19, Northville 13 · Northville collected 247 yards of total offense against an up-and-coming Franklin squad.

• Defenender Brian Barton had the first five tackles in the game. • The Mustangs found senior quarterback Mark Sorensen connecting with iunior receiver Mike Jameson on a 30-yard scoring strike in the second quarter. Northville scored on a second touchdown pass from Sorensen in the second half

on a 10-yard bullet to Chris Oakland. The play was set-up by a 43-yard pass to • Sorensen threw 24 times, completing 12 passes for 142 yards and two touchdowns. He also threw one interception on the night. Northville gathered 81 yards on the ground.

Game 2

Livonia Stevenson 27, Northville 3

• Bill Brown was the first to put points up on the board, collecting the only score of the game for Northville with a 23-yard field goal. Northville had 51 yards on the ground with 24 attampts

• The dangerous duo of quarterbacks Sorensen and sophomore Charlie Thomas showed up for the first time. Sorensen connected 13-of-21 times and had 113 yards on the night while Thomas went 5-for-10 for nine yards.

Game 3

Northville 27, Plymouth Salem 20 • Northville collected their first win of the season as they marched into Plymouth.

and vanked a win right out from under Salem's nose. • Sorensen completed 17-of-23 passes for 233 yards and a touchdown and threw zero picks on the day. His leading receiver was Brown, with five receptions for 104 yards and a score, while Jameson hauled in seven for 84 yards.

who had his birthday celebrated September 12 with theteam's first win, ran for 119 yards on 14 carries with two touchdowns. His second touchdown of the night came on a 50-yard jaunt to seal the victory. Sorensen had 44 yards on 12 runs and a touchdown while Downing added 40 yards

 Oakland intercepted a pass early in the game and then tipped one that ended up in Osamma El-Saadi's hands to give Northville the ball, which they took down the field to score on Stilec's long run to win the game.

Game 4

Walled Lake Central 31, Northville 22

 Northville found themselves shaking their heads right away after a holding penalty brought back a 52-yard would-be touchdown run by Stilec. Two plays later, a fumble gave the ball to Walled Lake, which scored on the tumover. Northville then fumbled the ball again, which accounted for a second Viking touchdown.

• Tim Downing caused and recovered a fumble to give the ball to the Northville offense. In a later series, Brendan Buckley hauled in an interception which led to a Northville touchdown as Stilec carried the ball 50 yards for a touchdown. • Joe Prain recovered a fumble in the second quarter, which led to a Mustang score as Sorensen found Jameson on an 11-yard pass to cut the WLC lead to 22-14 as the

• The Northville defense held Walled Lake scoreless in the third quarter. Buckley had a second interception in the game and Bill Riegner recovered a fumble to help . The final touchdown of the night found the Mustangs scoring on a five-yard pass

from Sorensen to Jameson. Thomas added a two-point conversion on a three-yard • Stilee led the offense with 186 yards on 18 carries and a touchdown. Sorensen had 38 yards on five carries.

Game 5

Westland John Glenn 21, Northville 7 Sorensen scored the first Northville touchdown of the game as he took the ball

in on the ground from three-yards out to tie the game at 7-7 following a Brown PAT

. Brown pinned the Rockets on the one-yard line in the second quarter with an impressive 45-yard punt that rolled out of bounds at the one.

Mustang linebacker Matt Williams came up with a sack on the John Glenn quarterback to force a third and long situation. On the following play, Downing intercepted the ball to give the posession back to the Mustangs.

• Northville's defense held John Glenn'scoreless in the third quarter. Leading the corps was Steve Minier, who gathered 13 tackles and a fumble recovery, while Oakland had 11 tackles and forced a fumble. Riegner picked up seven tackles in the

Wayne Memorial 20, Northville 14 Northville literally lost their homecoming game by one yard as four consecutive

plays fell short of the goal line with less than five yards to go. The Mustang defense held Wayne Memorial scoreless through three quarters after the Zebras scored on two rushing plays and a fumble recovery off a bad puntformation snap. All three Wayne touchdowns were scored by T.J. Dillard.

 Stilec kept the Mustangs alive in the second quarter, putting together an impress sive run for a 54-yard gain through the two-hole that ended with him being shoved • Riegner forced a fumble with a bone-jarring hit on Dillard, who couldn't main-

• A Mustang punt by Brown hit a Zebra returner in the chest and squirted out in

the bad weather that included 45-degree temperatures and a constant rain. Oakland managed to recover the ball on the Wayne 20 yard line after pushing through two

tain control of the pigskin.

• Thomas hauled the ball in on a one-yard score before Brown tacked on the extra point to cut the Wayne lead to 20-7. • Rick Birdsall hit the Wayne quarterback off a scramble, forcing the ball onto the

ground where Riegner recovered it with 5:40 left in the third. • Thomas found Brown scorehing down the side-line with 6:05 left in the fourth quarter for a 79-yard scoring strike. Brown tacked on the PAT to cut the Wayne lead

· Northville marched down the field with time expiring, only to have the Zebra defense stiffen up enough to hold them out of the endzone in the final four plays of the game to hold on for the win. • Northville collected 198 yards on the ground. The majority of the yards came from Stilec, who took the ball 20 times for 121 yards.

Game 7 Northville 27, Walled Lake Western 21



Northville High School varsity football headcoach Clint Alexander, center, along with some of his coaching staff will take on Novi High this Friday night. Read all about the coaches, as well as other Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats inside this preview

• The Mustangs collected 21 points in the first quarter and their defense held the

Warriors scoreless to take a much-needed lead. • The first score of the night found Stilec hauling in a 12-yard run before Thomas

Northville 18-yard line to halt a Western threat.

added a running touchdown of his own from 39-yards away. Brown added both PATs to make it a 14-0 game with almost seven minutes left in the first quarter. Sorensen found Jameson on a slant pattern for a 45-yard touchdown pass to put

Northville up 21-0 following the successful Brown point-after. · Oakland pulled in a one-handed interception along the sideline to give the Northville offense the ball back in the second quarter.

· Northville's defense managed to stop the Warriors in a couple of determinted plays. On third and one, Northville lineman Mike Subu stopped a Warrior ball carrier for a one-yard loss before Minier halted the next play to give the ball back to • Northville sealed the win with an 11-yard touchdown pass from Sorensen to

• Mustang linebacker Williams intercepted a key pass in the fourth quarter at the

• The Mustangs collected 267 yards on the ground and another 142 yards in the

• Stilec led the ground attack with 189 yards on 27 carries with a touchdown while

Thomas collected 34 yards on eight carries. Sorensen who was 9-14 for 125 yards and two touchdowns, led the Northville passing offense; Thomas was 2-2 for 17 yards. Jameson led the receivers with three vi catches for 80 yards and two touchdowns and Brown added five catches for 51 yards.

Game 8

Plymouth Canton 40, Northville 6

. Thomas found Brown for the only Northville score of the night in the fourthquarter. With time running out, junior runningback Cody Sivic moved the ball on

third down to keep the drive alive.

• Joe Hogan recovered a fumble for the Mustang defense, as did Downing. • Joe Hogan recovered a number for the tributing and as well.

Northville defensive lineman Ken Schleh hunted down a loose ball as well.

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RTHVILLE: ALL THE KING'S MEN

By Sam Eggleston

Accountability. That's a word that Clint Alexander has used since the first day he arrived on the job as the head coach of the

Northville Mustangs football team. . !He's one of the first people to be held accountable for the play of the guys on the field, or the final score. But, he's not the only coach out there. Alexander has learned through his years as a coach, including his time spent at Concord, that it's never easy to hold all of the burden of a football team on just one set of shoulders. With that in mind, he has found a slew of other coaches that are willing to step forward and take that responsibility - to take that accountability as well.

"We've got some great coaches over here." Alexander said. "Each has a group of

and those coaches are responsible for making sure their group is ready when Friday night rolls around."

• Rob Beattie: Second-year coach with Northville. Currently serves as the head unior varsity coach and works primarily with the offensive line and linebackers. "He does and outstanding job," Alexander

 Isaac Cottrell: Defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach. "He works hard with all the kids on their agility and their technique," Alexander said. "He knows what he's doing, and the kids respond to that."

· Al Dicken: "We got him out of retirement," Alexander said. He's currently the quarterback coach for the Mustangs at all levels. "He's the perfect coach for that position," Alexander said, "He's older and players that they oversee and they grade more mature, and he's always real calm.

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the picture as a whole.

use me as a decoy."

filling?

and teach. Those players answer to them. He tells the kids what they need to hear." • Chad Dicken: The younger Dicken, Al Dicken's son in fact, is the linebackers coach for the varsity Mustangs, "He's been here two years and he has so much enthusiasm for this job," Alexander said. "I think he's on the field as much as the players

> • Paul Durkee: An ex-Northville head coach, Durkee is the wide receivers coach in 2003. His coaching has brought the current wide outs on the Mustangs squad up to par with any in the league. "He's very organized and his players have shown the most improvement," Alexander said. They went from running decent routes but not blocking well to running great routes and blocking well."

• Matt Ladach: The offensive line coach for the Mustangs varsity squad, Ladach has shown that he's more than capable of turning those lunks into some of the most fierce

the assistant head coach. "I almost immediately made him the assistant head coach." Alexander said. "He takes care of pretty much everything that I don't. He's done a

• Steve Mandreger: Known simply as "Drake," Mandreger is the strength coach on the team. "He's the cog that makes the machine work," Alexander said. "We've year." been coaching together for eight years." · Greg McGuire: A first-year coach with

the Mustangs, McGuire went from being an All-State player at South Lyon to a defensive line coach with the Mustangs. "He's not a firecracker," Alexander said. "He's more like an M-80 and he's tougher than nails."

• Matt Minard: The second-year coach is

players on the team. Not to mentions he's do anything from a power-formation to a

four-wide spread." · Jeremy Shattuck: A Northville Alumni and a major football fan, Shattuck just seemed to be a perfect fit with the program. He works with the tight ends and the defensive line at the JV level," Alexander said. "He certainly has a lot of enthusiasm. We're really hoping he comes back next

· Jeff Schade: "He was with the program when I got here," Alexander said of the only remnant of the Darryl Schumacher years besides Ladach. "He's the JV defensive coordinator and has helped them improve a lot at that level."

 John Rorhoff: Coming in for Doug Baker, who found a job outside of the district, Rorhoff has coached as defensive the offensive mastermind for the freshmen coordinator for the freshman team and with this year and an Northville Alumni. "He the offensive line and linebackers. "He's writes all of the offensive scripts and can done a real nice job," Alexander said.

"I'm not afraid to lower my shoulder

But, he'd prefer to avoid those solid

"I want to try to get them to use their

"I'll cut back the opposite way of a run,

hoping to use their momentum against

them. If I can do that, I should be able to

arms to bring me down," he said.

and give a couple licks of my own," Stilec:

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junior Robbie Carter, who was identified Could it be true that hard hitters can't be coached, but the ability is something that as the other hard-hitting Wildcat by the coaching staff, it's just another year of get-

you're born with? According to senior linebacker Josh Buck, that's the way it works.

"Hitting is something you're born with," Carter said. "I just go out and try to get the Buck said. "You know how to do it and you

iob done. If I make some reads and get to the ball fast, then I might get a good hit. go out and do it. I'm not going to say I don't like it, but I don't go out looking for them either." Kaminski's ability to lay down a big lick

on an opponent isn't so much from his size - more likely his strength and his speed. In the off-season, it was rumored that Kaminski spent more time in the weight room than anyone else on the team. "I lifted since last season was

over," the senior said. "I kept at it and basically I became bigger and stronger." Not to mention fast. Kaminski has been able to track down runningbacks and quarterbacks from behind all sea-

"I like chasing down plays that are supposed to go to the outside," he said. They don't expect you to be able to catch them, and the games to start putting the hurt on a few when you do you usually get a solid hit."

No one knows solid hits ing time. "I just want to make the play. I better than Buck though. The love being able to blitz, and I love picking middle linebacker has been up a runningback behind the line of scrimpatrolling the defensive box mage and making a big tackle. It's what makes the game so intense, and why I love since he was a sophomore, and making the big hits is

what he was meant to do. "I want people to know I can hit them. he said. When asked about his reputation as the hardest hitting

take their toll, and pretty soon you're playplayer in the Kensington Valley ing against a fatigued runningback or a Conference, he just weary quarterback." laughed before commenting, 'That's the down an entire facet of an offense. For

Widcats Robbie Carter, Josh Buck and Mark Kaminski, right, are some of

"Ît's kind of frustrating," Buck said. "In a sense, I'm doing my job by shutting down that side of the field. I know the defense is going to clean up any runs that go away from me."

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Soon, teams are well aware of who they can run at and who they can't. In the case of Novi's defense, it almost seems as though there is no place to run and no place to hide.

"We're a solid defense," Kaminski said. "You can't expect to get a lot of yards against us in the ground game. We have the speed to penetrate and to get into the backfield, we are capable of disrupting a number of plays and if the defensive line doesn't get you, the linebackers will."

And that's the way it should be. smacking you hand and they are saying 'Good game," Buck said. "When you look into their eyes though, you see something

"At the end of the game, when you're walking down the line, the other guys are else. You know you brought them pain, and players like Buck, it isn't long before the you know you got the job done. Not only looking for when I plays start being called to run away from do they respect you now, they fear you.

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some pretty

Eggleston wins over

impressive teams. For the first time since 1989, they are the Kensington Valley Conference champs, and for the first time the regular season.

ure. But, for some reason, there eally seems to be so much! more out there. The post-season horizon and nearly each and sity starting to build in their making sure they keep that

High school is a funny time in one's life. There are so many hings to distract yourse many things to force your mind from where it should be. Right now. football and school work should be the only things on our 1 Wildcats' minds, but I don't think that is ever the case. There

way in there and get a player thinking about something else. And really, what teenager do yoù know that can concentrate on just one or two things for so

long? Very few, if any, are capable of such a feat. But, nonetheless, the Novi Wildcats have to figure it out. As players, they have to find little things that can distract nem. As coaches, they have

figure out how to keep their guys stepping up week to week, which is possibly the hardest thing to do as a coach. As fans, we have to find ways to support our team as they head on the very long road that is the play-

I, personally, am going to do my best by being positive even when things may look dark.

o those expectations.

Yeah, it has definitely been a call player, coach and fan.

this point, they haven't been per-

And so does Hart. In fact, he's eager to make sure his Wildcats keep the Jug for the

"It's, always great to lift that trophy," he said. "We laugh about it, and we joke about it

but we want to win it." And the senior quarterback will have to be

on the money with his passes if he hopes to pick apart a tough defensive secondary in the

can catch it," Kreutzberg said. But what if he throws it too soft and it gets

receiver added. "Sometimes, it hurts to catch that slant, but you better hold on, or he'll just

Sometimes, there's more to football than just helmets and pads, plays and penalties or tackles and touchdowns. For the Woods brothers, there's a whole lot more — there's family.

No doubt you've heard of them. Not a week can go by without one of the Woods trio scoring a touchdown or making a big play. Senior J.W. and junior twins Jarrell and Josh are all about family. "Family is the most important thing,"

J.W. said of his brothers, as well as his football team. "Beyond my two younger brothers, I have a band of brothers on the football field. We're a family out there, and the captains always tell the team that it is the one thing no one can ever take

orep football sports writers this year and the Woods brothers are often at the top of the list when the school is discussed. No matter to them though, because they come out to play and for no "We're out there to win," Josh said.

"We don't care what anyone thinks of us, or how high we're ranked. We just want to play some football and win while we're

knee injury that recently found Jarrell having surgery.

ting the job done.

"It's so hard to watch them play from

And it helps to have such a supporting cast - even though one-third of the brotherly team is on the sidelines with a

seniors Buck and Mark Kaminski, the

harder they hit at this point, the longer

their season is probably going to last. For

'I don't think about being a hard hitter,"

the sidelines," Jarrell said. "There's nothing more that I want to do than go out

always keeping him in their hearts — that of the 'Cats.

can't." Josh said, "I want him to know that he's always on the field with us."

more than just a spectator. "He's our eyes and our ears," the senior

what he sees." All of the Woods brothers are in agree-

Novi's heavy hitters.

of his foes.

was a sophomore. They need to know that

I can hit them harder than they can hit me.

If they run at me, they are going to feel it."

Carter, who had been on the sidelines for

weeks with a back injury, is finally back in

"It's a great feeling," he said of his play-

There are benefits to a hard hit as well.

According to Kaminski, it's a lot more

than just the feeling after you've laid a guy

too," Kaminski said. "Those hits start to

"It really starts to wear down an offense

Another benefit is the ability to shut

to me and my brothers, and we owe them J.W. also noted that though he has never said it to his brothers, he cherishes each

They are everything and without them

we wouldn't be playing this game and we wouldn't be here today," J.W. said.

other. I love them both equally." And both of the twins said the same about their older brother and both mentioned how close they are as friends as

offense and he's better on defense," Jarrell But, Josh had another idea in mind. "When it comes to football, I'd say Jarrell is more mature as a player," he

more potential than he does."

who is the better football player?

world be without it? Better yet, where would the Novi Wildcats be without their

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think about it — yet confusing at the same time.

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'accused' of supporting Northville foot-Alexander. I have been 'accused" of supporting the

offense too much. I've been 'accused' of trying to hype up he defense. And, most recently I've been "accused" of telling the boys they can win when hey can't. Well, guess what? I do sup-

port Northville football. I think Alexander has a program that is going to eventually dominate the Western Lakes Activities Association, I think the Mustaiigs not only have the talent, but the heart neccessary to run it and run it well. I think

to respect me," Stilec said. "I don't want schools begin to model their iwn after and I think in the very them thinking I'm a dirty, player, or that near future most of the readers and so-called Northville footbal I'm just cocky, I want them to respect me as a person. Stilec stands 5-11 and weighs in at 175 bounds, which makes him one of the Want to know something

> other Western Lakes backs such as T.J. Dillard from Wayne Memorial - but none of that really matters.

thing I can do to help the team out, I'll do

Stilec, who was a fairly quiet member

of the football team in the first two games

of the season, broke out with 119 yards

against Plymouth Salem on 14 carries,

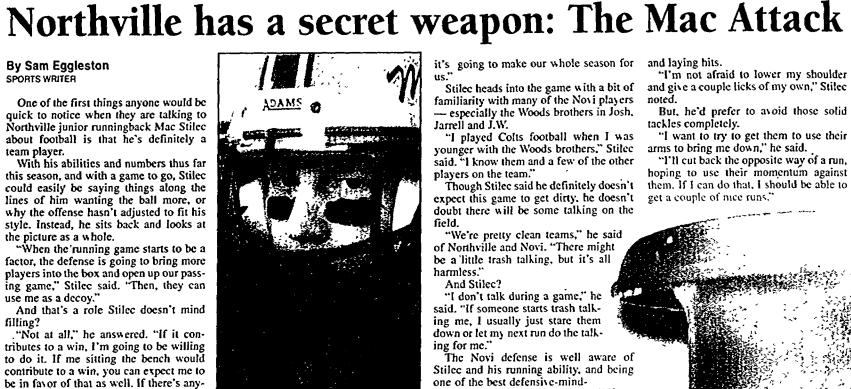
snagging a touchdown on his birthday

from 50 yards away to seal the victory. He

isn't going to be one to point that out

though, and would rather let his running

"When I get on the field, I want people



Mustang Mac Stilec doesn't mind staring down the competition.

Stilec said. "It doesn't matter how big a player is, it matters what size they play at. You might have a big back that is a soft carry, we'll be able to open player, and a small back that you don't think can break a tackle but he believes in himself. The smaller player is probably going to prove to be the higger man."

As Stilec and the Mustangs prepare to take on another undefeated for in the likes of the Novi Wildcats, the thought of

records seems to fade away. "Both teams are going to play like they smaller runningbacks around compared to other Western Lakes backs such as T.J. whole new season," Stilec said. "It does-Stilec isn't a n't matter if we have a losing record, or if stranger to those. In Novi hasn't lost a game. This is the make- fact, he has his own "I think that it's the size of the heart, or-break game of the season. If we win, idea of getting hit

it's going to make our whole season for and laying hits.

Stilec heads into the game with a bit of familiarity with many of the Novi players - especially the Woods brothers in Josh. Jarrell and J.W.

"I played Colts football when I was younger with the Woods brothers." Stilec said. "I know them and a few of the other players on the team."

Though Stilec said he definitely doesn't expect this game to get dirty, he doesn't get a couple of nice runs." doubt there will be some talking on the

"We're pretty clean teams," he said of Northville and Novi. "There might be a little trash talking, but it's all

And Stilec? "I don't talk during a game," he said. "If someone starts trash talking me, I usually just stare them down or let my next run do the talking for me.

Stilee and his running ability, and being one of the best defensive-minded teams in the area makes them one of the most dangerous for a ground game. Stilec

tackles completely.

The Novi defense is well aware of

doesn't seem to mind. "If our offensive line does it's job and I can get three or four yards on a up our passing game," he said When our offense is working the way it's supposed to, we're a very competitive:team.and can play with anyone. No doubt, there will

be some hard hits throughout the course

HOVINEWS the Northville

'Stangs want Novi seeing double

By Sam Eggleston

speak for him.

SPORTS WRITER

They say that two heads are better than one — but what about two quarterbacks? The Northville Mustangs football team finds itself in that situation, with a solid senior quarterback in Mark Sorensen and a promising sophomore play-caller in Charlie

Both have proven they have the ability to play, and both have visited the endzone this year on the ground as well as with their passing game. So, where does that leave the Mustangs? "I think it's a great situation," Sorensen

said. "Charlie is a great quarterback, and I don't have the slightest problem seeing him go out onto the field." The younger of the duo agreed.

"I'm going to go out and play 100-per-cent if Coach (Clint) Alexander tells me to go in from Mark," Thomas said. "But I'm going to be cheering for Mark when he's out there playing as well." The Mustangs have found valuable reasons for both quarterbacks to have playing time. Sorensen sports plenty of experience

under center, and has an arm that can pick

apart a defense when things are going well.

Thomas has shown remarkable poise for a

sophomore, and has the ability to pull down the football and run with it when the other ontions are exhausted.

But who's the better quarterback? "Mark has a lot more experience and a ot of talent," Thomas said. "I'm learning so much from him, and there's no way I could have run this entire offense without some of the things he has taught me."

Thomas said that he looks to Sorensen as more than just a fellow football player these "He's one of my best friends," the soph-

omore said. "I trust him with anything and I know I can go to him if I have any kind of problem or any questions and not just about

ootball? For Sorensen, seeing Thomas enter the game is a familiar situation.

"I did the same thing to Darryl (Delaney) last year," he said. "Coach Alexander likes to get his quarterbacks a lot of experience. In Charlie's case, we're looking at the starter for next year. He has to know this offense, and he's already shown why he's going to be a factor next year."

Both quarterbacks are quick to respond to the criticism brought forth by the so-, he said. "It's impossible to stop all the called Northville fans that have ranted and raved about the offensive schemes this year. "It's a great system," Thomas said. errors. When that happens, Northville is a

the jug (pictured to the right) back to Northville this year.

knows the offense, we're going to be able to compete with anyone." Sorensen agreed. "Programs aren't built in a year," he said. This offense is so drastically different than anything we've seen or run before. It takes

can be." Sorensen said that other teams have

players that their hardest week of practice was preparing for us," he said. "There are so many elements in this offense, and when everyone is on the same page, we're going to be able to play with anyone."

"In this offense, it's us versus ourselves,"

With the Northville versus Novi rivalry as strong as ever, the question seems to be who is going to see

"It doesn't really matter," we need Charlie to come in I won't hesitate to go to the

quarterback on, no doubt. "If it hadn't been for Mark's support this year, there's no way I would have been able to perform as well as I have this season," Thomson said. "Hearing him cheer me on with the rest of the team gives me the confidence to do



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Talk about double trouble - Mustang QBs Mark Sorensen, left, and Charlie Thomas are looking to bring

"People just haven't given it enough time. force on the football field." When everything is in place and everyone

time for players to really understand how everything works. Give it another year and you'll see just how dangerous this program

already begun to comment.

Northville.

"I've been told by plenty of defensive Thomas said it all comes down to

the most playing time. Sorensen said. "If Charlie is on the field more than I am, that's just fine. If I'm having a good day, I'll probably stay in the game, but if

And cheer his fellow things we do with our offense. But, we have to prevent ourselves from making mental what I need to do."







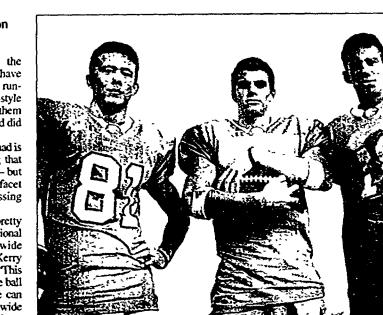


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Wildcats Trevor Hoover (#81), Kerry Kreutzberg (#1), and Mike Hart (#18) are a dangerous combination along with the other receivers in Mark Angelocci and Joey Fratto.

have proven to be Hart's favorite receivers this "I see defenses double-teaming Hoover and

I just shrug my shoulders," Hart said. "Oh well, I guess I'll have to throw it to Kerry." All four receivers have proven their ability to eatch the football this year - and Hoover said it's more than just a two or three-man

"It's all of us," he said of the receivers. "We all have to do our job to make sure the play is a success. If that means I'm catching the ball, or Kerry, or Mark or Joey than that's the way it works. We're all a unit, and we have to play that way to win."

There are plenty of incentives for the 'Cats.

If they win, they will probably have homefield advantage in the post season as well as an undefeated year for the first time since 1989. "And then there is obviously the Jug," Kreutzberg said. "It belongs in Novi and that's where we want to keep it. We are always thinking about that, and the bragging rights, of

For Hoover, the Northville-Novi rivalry

course

new considering he moved into the district from Pinckney, But, he's quick to catch on. "I can definitely feel it," he said. "I want to beat Northville as much as the next guy. I've never really had a rival before. I'm learning fast though, and I want to make sure we win the Jug this year."

third-straight year.

"Mike can throw it so that only the receivers

"He always throws a bullet," the senior

throw it harder the next time."

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Northville's football team is

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fans are going to agree with me. else? I do support the offense. I support Mark Sorensen and Mac Stilec and Mike Jameson. support the offensive line and the shotgun formation. I support

anything that needs to be done to win a game, including spreading the eight guys who would normally sit in the box against any other team in the conference and I support running it on a delay just about the time they do it. I support putting the football in your quarter-back's hands and telling him to play the football you know he

And you know what? I do

want to hype up the defense and I try to do it in my game of the week columns and in my articles. Yeah, maybe 40 points were scored on them against Canton, but then again maybe Canton has scored that many points on a few other teams too They've also kept their team in most of the games this year, and they've also been a solid unit the way other teams are on the defensive side of the ball. The defense wins the game. That's what I always say and that's what I believe. In my heart, I always wanted to be a defensi

star, because in my mind I

always knew that the real glory

was in the hits, the sacks, the

interceptions and the fumble

recoveries. And telling the boys they car win when they can't? A long time ago, someone once told m that it wasn't the size of the dos in the fight, but rather the size of the fight in the dog. And you know what? Every dog has its day. Sometimes you think you can't win, but that's a bunch of garbage. Any team on any giver Friday night can win a football game. I've seen it with my own eyes. I've reported on it, and I know that the players on the Northville football team can feel it pulsing through their veins when they think about it That's why you play the game, because if you didn't bother to put it out on the field, then the teams like Farmington Harrison Detroit DePorres and Catholic Central would already have the state title firmly in their grasp, wouldn't they? So, I'll take those "accusa-

what it means to be a true foot-How about you?

pons, and proudly say that I

support Northville football

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For Hart, it's just

"I love to pass the

football," he said. "I'm

also the first to say that if

we need to run it then

we should run it. We

have some great run-

ningbacks in the Woods

brothers and Josh Buck,

but we also have some

two sets of two receivers

that are capable of

pulling down the football.

The "D" squad is Joey Fratto

and Mark Angelocci, while the "A"

squad is Hoover and Kreutzberg - who

The Wildcats have

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NOVI: TRIPLE THREAT And what a family it is. Hard hits and there and play! Josh and J.W. hope that their time on crushing offensive plays have made the Novi Wildcats a common name among the field lets their brother know they are

way, he's on the field in spirit with the rest "I play that much harder because he

J.W. agreed, and added that Jarrell was

said. "He sees and hears things we can't. When he sees a weakness, he lets us know about it, and we adjust our play so that we can either correct it or take advantage of

ment when they that they wouldn't be playing football today, or be as successful doing it as they are, if it weren't for their

"That's what makes us play so hard. We choose to play for this school, but we're always out there playing for our family and playing for our name. That's what our

when it comes to the football field. But, parents gave to us. They mean the world when it comes to twins Jarrell and Josh.

and every moment he spends with them. They are more than just brothers to me," he said. "They are my best friends. We hand out with each other, talk to each said. "But, I have to say that I have a bit

well as family.

Ah, brotherly love. Where would the dose of the Woods brothers? When they fill the hole, pain isn't far off

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since that same year they are on the verge of being undefeated in Can't really complain about those kinds of seasons, that's for

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81-1-18: Novi's lethal combination

That was the strategy I took last season, and it seemed to work. am often criticized for my picks in the game of the week column but that's my way of cheering our guys on. I plan on doing that again this year, sticking to my guns week after week no matter who we play. I hope, and I really don't ever doubt this, the guys on the squad are going to support my picks and try to live up

good year to be a Wildcat foot-Now, what's next? siprovement, of course. Though the 'Cats have been simply perfect in their record to

fect on the field of play. At this point, mental breakdowns cost games, and one loss equals the long trip back home for the rest of the year. No Wildcat wants that, and neither do we as fans. We want to take every road trip heer on every touchdown and cream and shout as the Novi football team runs and passes to

ictory in the playoffs.

Novi has a lot of work to do when it comes to preparing for the best-of-the-best in Michigan. No doubt, coaches Tab Kellepourey, John Osborne, Dave Hartman and Jeff urnside are ready for the task. The players will be ready to. I

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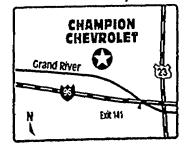
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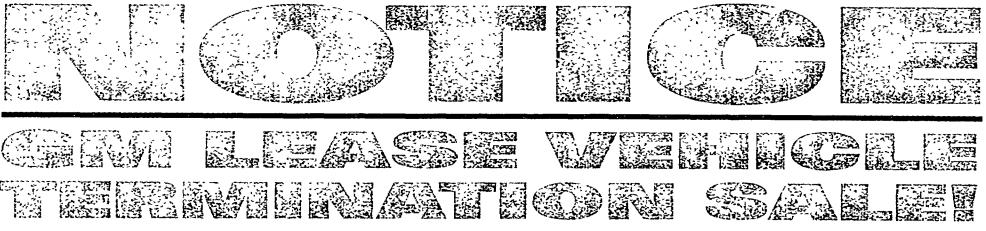
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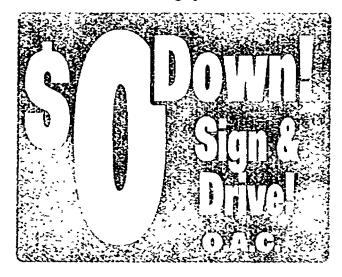
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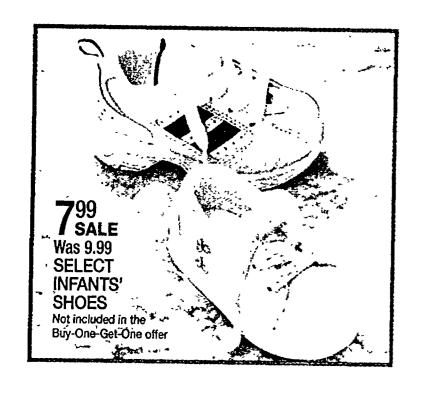
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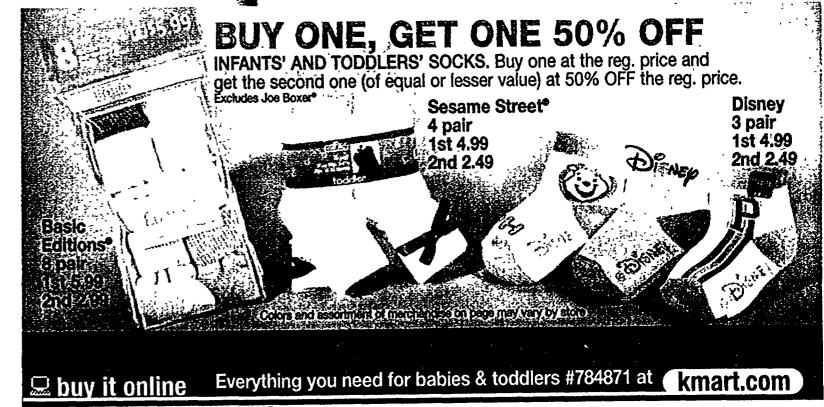
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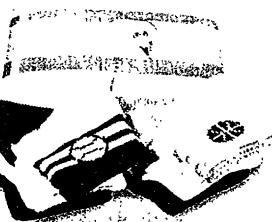
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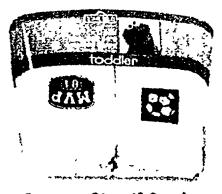


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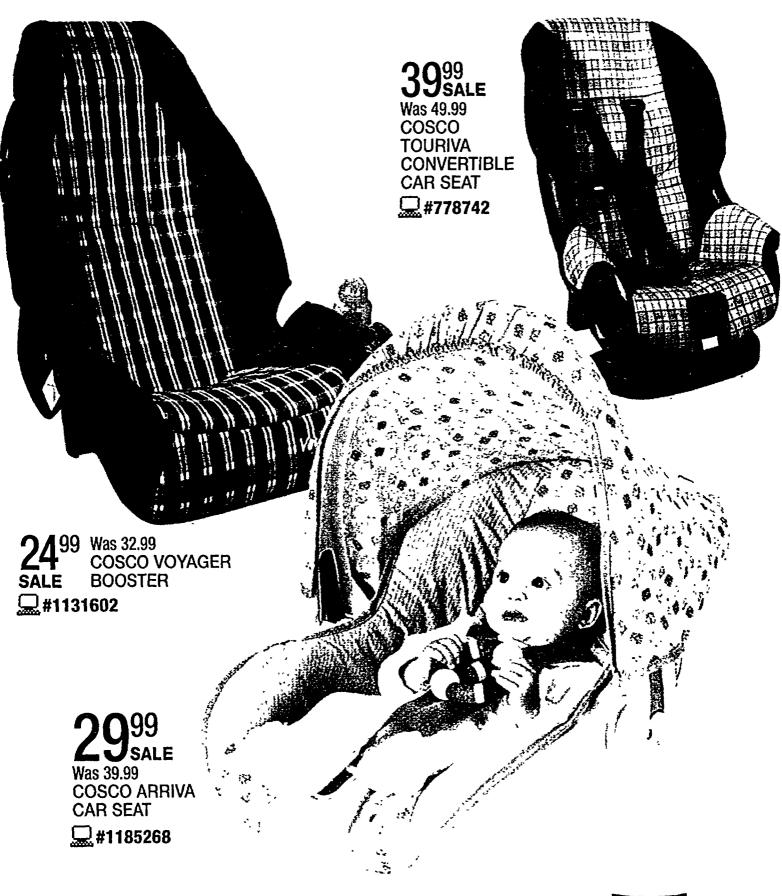
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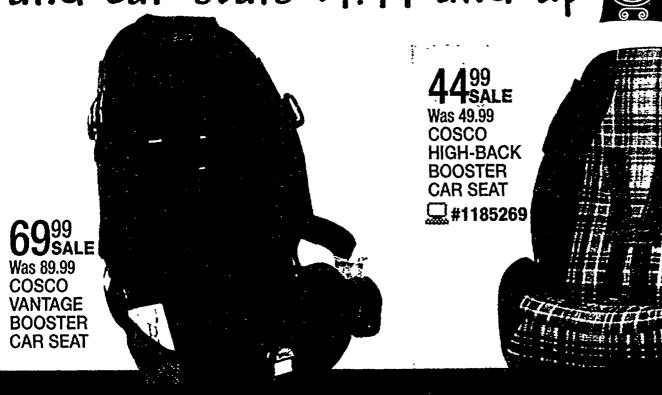


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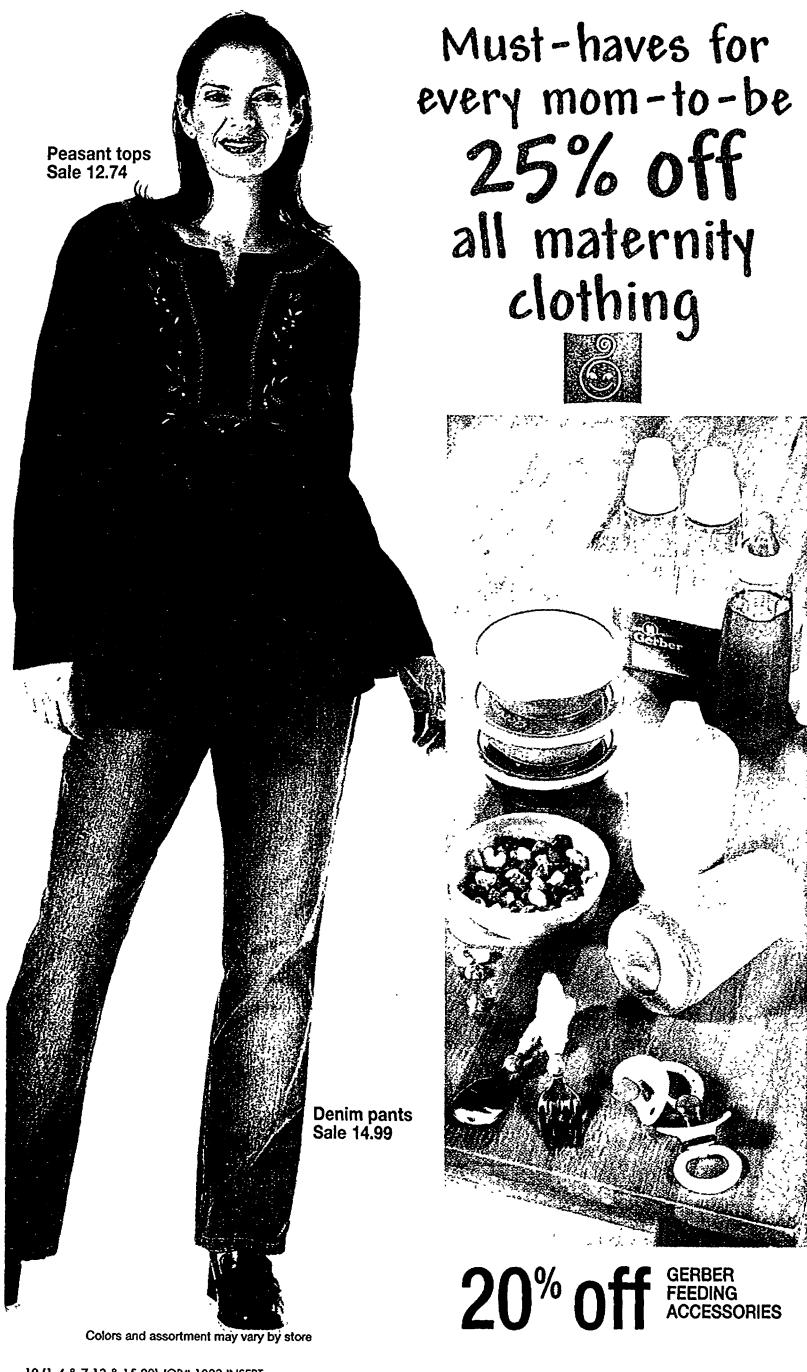


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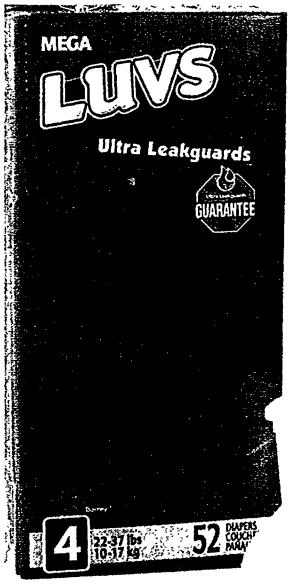
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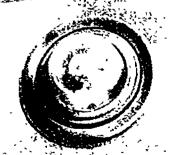
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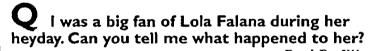
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🗾 lohn Mayer is my favorite singer/songwriter, and I've recently heard that he has a pet chimp named Apollo. Is this true?

-Norah B., California No. The 27-year-old songsmith and Apollo are merely professional acquaintances—they did a photo session together a few years ago for a music magazine and haven't seen each other since. Mayer's probably been too busy touring to take care of a high-maintenance pet like a chimpanzee anyway. A native of Fairfield, Conn. (pop. 57,340), Mayer attended Berklee School of Music, but left to focus his energies on songwriting. "The very nature of standing in front of a mic with a guitar that's in tune, the millions of songs that could happen at that moment, I love that," he says. He moved to Atlanta in 1998 and

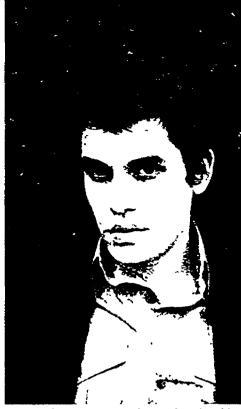
immediately started playing the local clubs. He quickly gathered a core group of fans and eventually released an album on his own. His talent got him noticed beyond Atlanta, and in 2000 he signed a record contract with Aware/Columbia. His first album, Room For Squares, sold 3 million copies, and he won a Best Male Pop Vocal Performance Grammy for his hit, Your Body Is A Wonderland. His new album, Heavier Things, recently debuted at the top of the Billboard albums chart, thanks in part to his hit Bigger Than My Body.



-Brad B., Illinois Falana, who became known during the 1970s for her singing and dancing in Las Vegas, has traded showbiz for a higher

purpose. The change came when she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1987. The disease left her partially blind and unable to walk. Lying helpless in her bed for five days, she prayed, and says she felt God's presence sweep over her. A year and half later, she regained her health and returned to the Vegas stage, but soon decided that she had more

important work to do. Falana, 60, began to travel around the country, telling her inspiring story of faith to one church or school group after another.



Singer John Mayer moved on to heavier things.

Singer Lynn Anderson.

ney hit A Lot of Things Different, as well as Steve Wariner's Two Teardrops and Mark Wills' Wish You Were Here. Lynn Anderson, best known for the 1970 hit Rose Garden, still performs regularly. In her spare time, she's

also a horsewoman who has won 16 national championships in various cutting horse competitions.

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Singer Bill Anderson.

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A friend and I have a dinner bet on the relationship between country singers Lynn Anderson and Bill Anderson. I say they aren't related, but he says they are brother and sister.

-Eulah S., Oregon Looks like you're getting a free dinner because country music singers Lynn Anderson, 56, and Bill Anderson, 65, aren't related in any way. "I get asked that all the time and she does too," Bill Anderson says. "I saw John Anderson the other night at the Opry and he gets it too. We played a place in Nevada recently where Lynn had just played and

people said, 'I saw your sister last week.'" Bill performs at the Grand Ole Opry most weekends, when he's not on the road singing hits such as Po' Folks. The Tips of My Fingers and Still. "I'm still a ham at heart," he says. "I still enjoy getting up on the stage

and acting crazy and having fun with the fans." Despite his hectic schedule, he's made a renewed commitment to his first love: songwriting. He wrote the Kenny Ches-

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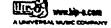
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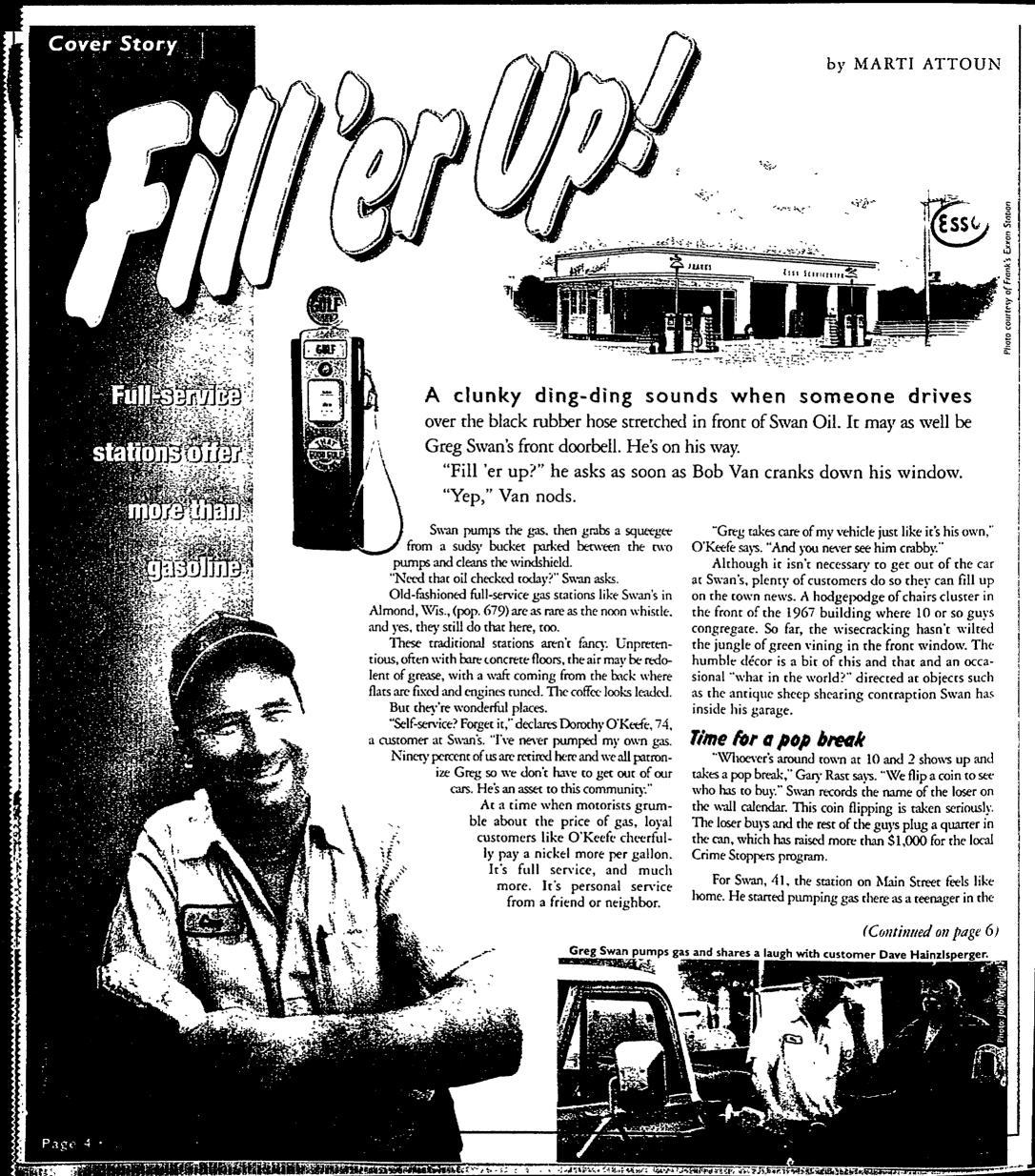
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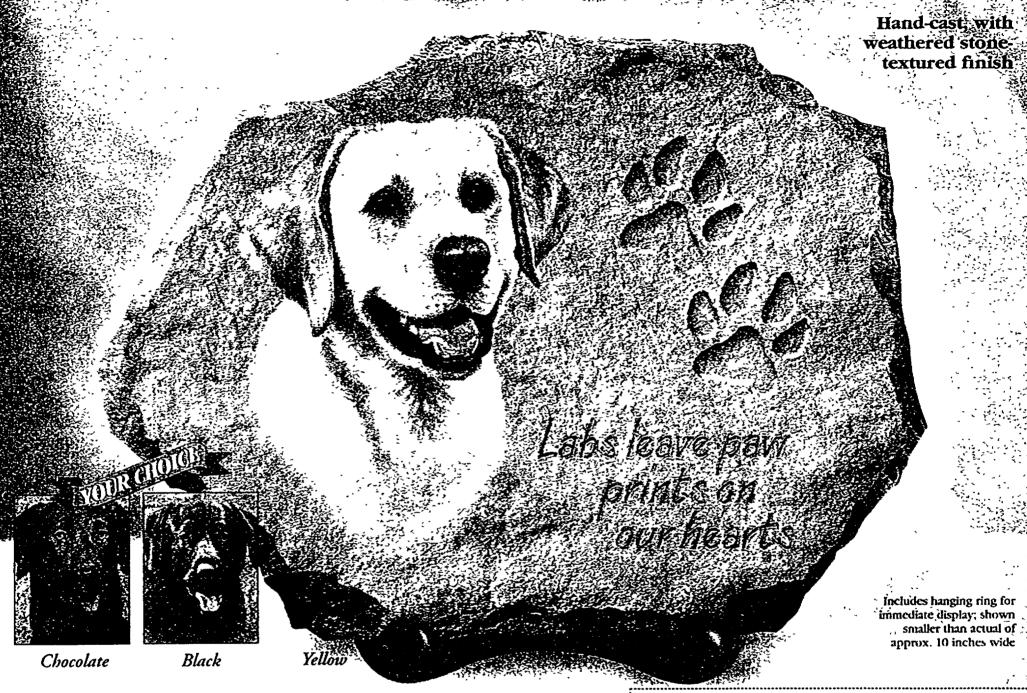
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"It hasn't changed one bit, only now my old classmates are my customers," he says with a laugh.

A brisk business keeps him hustling between repairs in the back and gas pumps out front. Some customers drive out of their way to do business at the full-serve.

"They're a dying breed," says Jerry Johnson, of Waukee, Iowa, (pop. 5,126) as he waits for Swan to check the oil on his company van. "It's worth the extra money because he'll see things that I don't see. Plus, these full-service stations are owner-operated. They aren't chains."

In the 1970s, stations like Swan's began fading from the landscape as automotive service centers, convenience stores, and cheaper gas at self-serve pumps took over.

Don Clark, 52, owner of Clark's in Eskridge, Kan., (pop. 589) knows how rare it is to find a traditional station like his 1935 brick one.

A few full-service stations remain on America's main streets.



"I have people come in here from other states and take my picture while I wash their window," he says.

Another full-service holdout is Frank's Exxon in Hartsville, S.C., (pop. 7,556) where J.D. Lewis, 68, keeps his vacuum cleaner handy in case someone needs the gravel swept from the floorboards after he cleans the windshield and checks under the hood.

"We operate like we did 40 years ago," Lewis says. "We still do the road service. I feel like the full-service is an advantage. I've got so many older people who'd have nowhere else to go."

The honor system

The posted hours at the 1937 Olson's Service Station in Sentinel Butte, N.D., (pop. 62) are merely a formality. Albert and Delores Olson make sure that no one runs on empty here after hours. And if the Olsons can't be raised at their house next door, no problem. About every driver in town has a key to the pump.

"We've given out probably 40 keys," says Delores, 65. "We operate on the honor system after hours. We trust people." Customers gas up and drop the money or an I.O.U. through a slot in the wall.

Meanwhile, at Swan Oil a trio of bicyclists pedals up and beelines to the orange hose looped on the side of the green metal station. He heads over and checks the tires for 10-year-old triplets Kelsey and Jacob Wedig. Kayleigh will probably ride over later.

"Looks like you need that seat adjusted," Swan tells Carly Rast, 12. He loosens the seat with a wrench and hikes it a notch. "That's better," says Carly, flashing a melt-your-heart smile.



Olson's Service Station in Sentinel Butte, N.D., operates on

Norman Kurkowski, one of the regulars, shakes his head. "Greg's got kids coming in here all the time," he says. "He fixes chains and handlebars and seats. This is quite a station."

Kurkowski's favorite story, though, about the Swan brothers' full-service is the time an ailing older resident drove up and honked. Richard Swan ran out. "He said, 'I don't need any gas, but I can't reach down and tie my shoes." Swan tied his shoes and the fellow drove off.

Kurkowski has been doing business at this location for 50 years. "Price has nothing to do with it," he says. "This is our station. I don't care if gas is \$5 a gallon, I'll still come here. If we have a flat tire, we call Greg. My son's truck blew an alternator. Greg took care of it."

Swan is open weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays until noon, but "the clock doesn't mean much," he admits. He opens up after hours when people run out of gas or need emergency repairs. One Christmas Eve, a customer hit a snow-drift in his van and a fan belt came off.

"We got the van pulled in here and I fixed it. You can't leave someone stranded," Swan says.



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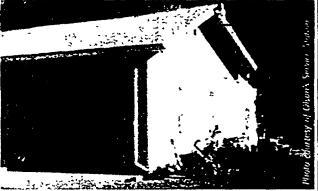
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the honor system after regular business hours

Swan plans to keep operating the old filling station exactly the way it's always been done. That means running a tab for customers and fixing a 30-pound batch of peanut brittle every Christmas to give away.

"I could never go self-serve," he says. "I have little old ladies tell me every day that they wouldn't know how to put in their own gas."

Now and then these full-service gas stations can still be found along the road, but the miles between them are getting longer. They aren't flashy. No neon in the window. Most likely, the windows are chockfull with auction bills and a hand-lettered poster for the school carnival.

In fact, these stations wouldn't rate a second look—unless you're old enough to remember the sound of that driveway bell.

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INDIANA—A limb from a 42-foot-3-inch circumference sycamore is preserved at Worthington (pop. 1,481) Park. The tree, which toppled in 1924, stood 150 feet tall and townspeople picnicked inside its hollow trunk.

IOWA—The 1918 Wickfield Sales Pavilion round barn being restored in Cantril (pop. 257) boasts a dining room, guest rooms, and hog showroom.

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MISSOURI—In the 1934 All-Star game, New York Giants pitcher Carl Hubbell struck out in succession five of baseball's greatest hitters, including Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth. Hubbell was born in 1903 in Carthage (pop. 12,668).

NEBRASKA—James Van Etten, professor of plant pathology at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, was elected last April to the National Academy of Sciences. His research led to the discovery of a new family of viruses in algae.

NORTH DAKOTA—At Bois de Sioux Golf Course in Wahpeton (pop. 8,586), the front nine holes are played in North Dakota and the back nine in Breckenridge, Minn. (pop. 3,559).

OHIO-Abuzz since the 1920s, Stoller's Honey in Latty (pop. 200) processes millions of pounds of honey annually.

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Restoring Road Road

Daniel Boone carved his niche in American history in 1775 when he blazed a trail

through Cumberland Gap, forging the first continuous route for settlement beyond the Appalachian Mountains. Within a few decades, hundreds of thousands of pio-

neers surged through the Gap on the Wilderness Road, the legendary route that brought the first settlers into present-day Kentucky and Tennessee. But two centuries later, the historic road that enabled westward expansion was buried beneath a paved highway.



Ranger Carol Borneman walks a trail blazed by Daniel Boone.

Now, travelers once again can retrace Boone's pioneering footsteps, thanks to an engineering marvel—a twin tunnel bored through Cumberland Mountain near the town of Cumberland Gap, Tenn. (pop. 204). Completed in 1996, the Cumberland Gap Tunnel made it possible to remove the portion of old Highway 25E that ran through the Gap.

The world's most modern tunnel-complete with monitors tracking everything from moisture content to car accidents-serves two purposes: to restore the Gap and the Wilderness Road, and to improve traffic safety. The latter was accomplished with a massive reduction in auto acci-



A favorite among visitors, Pinnacle Overlook at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park offers a spectacular view.

dents since the days of the treacherous, two-lane highway.

Now, the restoration is generating excitement. "We're re-contouring the landscape to reflect the period between 1780 and 1810," says Mark Woods, superintendent of Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. That era represents the route's heyday when improvements were made to the Wilderness Road so wagons could pass through the Gap, making the mountainous crossing easier.

"At the Gap, we're taking the topography back to its historic appearance as completely as we can, from research and analysis of maps, and surveying," Woods says.

Native trees, shrubs, and grasses, promulgated from

seeds gathered in the park, have been planted along the restored segment of the Wilderness Road, which was dedicated last fall.

Although the name most commonly associated with Cumberland Gap is Daniel Boone, others-including Boone himself-traversed the Gap prior to his legendary passage in 1775. Well-trod by buffalo, the forested trail also had been used by American Indians.

But it was Boone whose name became legendary. Working for Richard Henderson & Co., a land speculation firm, he and 30 men hacked a welldefined trail through the forest. "When he came through, travel was primarily on foot with a horse," Woods says.

By the 1820s, however, other routes, railroads, and steamboats made the West more accessible, and Cumberland Gap's importance diminished. Eventually, Highway 25E coursed across the beautiful mountainside, carrying up to 18,000 vehicles a day.

In the 1950s, the National Park Service suggested a tunnel. The idea became reality when workers from six countries joined Appalachian coal miners and construction workers for the first rock blast on June 21, 1991. The project was completed five years later despite great challenges.

Cumberland Mountain contains caves rising as high as 85 feet, as well as a 30-foot-deep lake. It also produces 450 gallons of water per minute from its underground rivers and streams. "A major cavern system had to be re-piped underneath the roadway

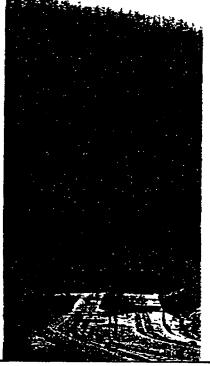
> to maintain natural flow of groundwater through the mountain," Woods says.

And because the tunnel is within a national park, the work had to be done in an environmentally sensitive manner. For example, construction materials used march existing rocks and other natural surroundings. "From Pinnacle Overlook, you don't even see the tunnel," Woods says.

More than two centuries after Daniel Boone's excursion, trailblazing continues, preserving one of the most significant transportation corridors in American history. 🚓

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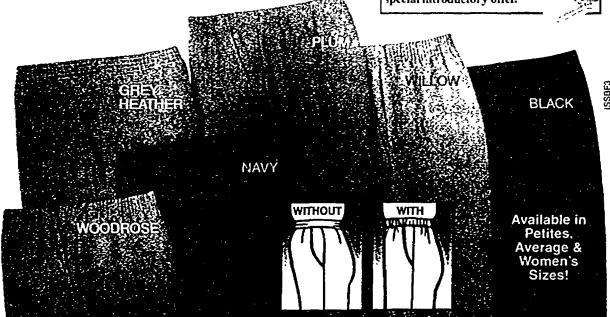
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On the Wings of a Butterfly

Carolyn Johnston always loved butterflies. So when her husband, Bill, died of cancer, she ordered monarchs for his funeral. "We all went out into the sunshine and released the butterflies," she recalls. "It was just awesome. A lot flew onto the canopy and onto the flowers there. My sister-in-law said hers flew into the sunshine. She said she felt like it took Bill's spirit into heaven.

"His funeral turned out to be a celebration of his life," Johnston adds.

The Katy, Texas, woman is one of the many touched by the butterflies that Bethany and Reese Homeyer raise at their lakeside home in the community of Swinney Switch near Mathis, Texas (pop. 5,734).



The zebra longwing butterfly, a southern Texas native.

"We're constantly getting cards and letters from people telling us how butterflies have touched their lives," Reese says. "I used to keep a 4-inch binder filled up with them, but I finally gave up and put everything in a cardboard box."

The couple knows first-hand how the butterflies can symbolize new life. When their 18year-old son, Michael, died in an auto accident in 1993, they found unexpected solace in the delicate, colorful butterflies that the youngest of their eight children would have loved.

"The healing never ends," Bethany says of losing a child. "It's forever. But it helps me if I can help someone else."

After Michael's death, Bethany sank into such a deep depression that Reese worried she might break down. Then one day Bethany read a magazine article about a butterfly farm. The idea of raising something her "bug kid" would have loved, intrigued her.

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The Homeyers tend to-and gather—seven species of butterflies from their greenhouse garden.

"I connected butterflies to Michael," she says. "He didn't die. When a chrysalis forms, it's symbolic of our human death. When the butterfly emerges, it's symbolic of our life on the other side. We're a whole new beautiful being."

Encouraged by Reese, Bethany researched the business and decided to raise butterflies for release at funerals, weddings, and other special occasions. In 1996, she quit her oil refinery job and started Michael's Fluttering Wings Butterfly Ranch at the family home on Lake Corpus Christi.

It was a year before she sold her first butterflies. "We'd practice placing them in envelopes, packaging them, and putting them in shipping boxes," recalls Bethany, whose butterflies sell for \$75 to \$98 per dozen. "I'd put them in the garage for a day and sometimes go out to shake them a little because I knew that happens in transit. I figured if they could survive out there, they'd survive being shipped."

These days, Bethany and Reese-who still works part of the year as an instrument technician at another oil refinery—raise seven species of butterflies: monarchs, southern whites, variegated fritillaries, Gulf fritillaries, zebra longwings, queens, and painted ladies.

They split the many tasks. Bethany searches for and gathers the tiny butterfly eggs attached to plants in the greenhouse and tends the growing insects. Meanwhile, Reese cares for the hundreds of plants in the greenhouse and gardens that butterflies need to reproduce and feed upon.

Monarchs, for instance, lay their eggs only on milkweed plants.

Reese, too, finds comfort in the butterflies he once hardly noticed. "Now I find myself watching them religiously. They've made me more aware of the beauty in life."

The butterflies help them connect with others. Often, a telephone order for butterflies turns into a lengthy conversation with someone who's lost a family member. Then there are the calls from happy brides who want butterflies for their

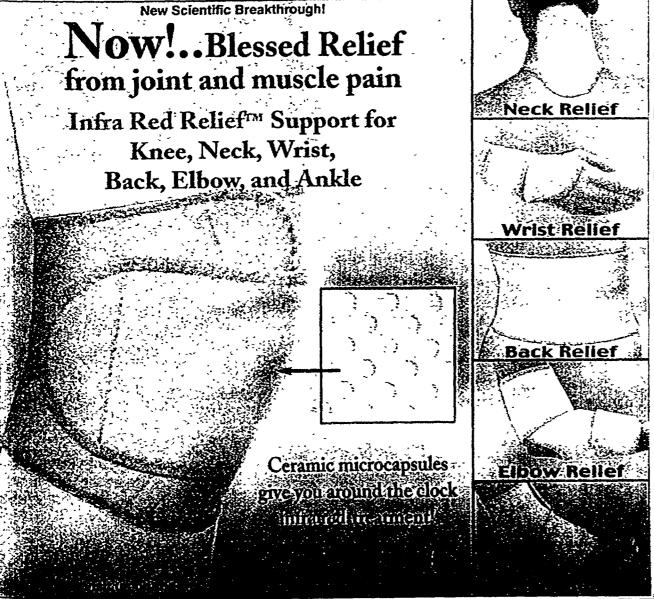
Such stories keep Bethany and Reese going. Though they'll always grieve for Michael, knowing they're giving others a little bit of joy at seeing a cloud of sparkling jewels flutter skyward at least gives them peace, Bethany says. "The good Lord gave us these butterflies as a gift." 🤰

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Reese and Bethany Homeyer.

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Hot & Lunches

Brisk autumn air can

by MARY CARTER

stir an appetite. Autumn invites us to rediscover rib-sticking comfort foods such as hot soups and hearty sandwiches.

In reviewing the many reader recipes that American Profile receives daily, two caught my eye that are not only easy to prepare, but also perfect for a family on the go or on a day when your child is having friends over for lunch.

Soups are very versatile and can serve as an all-in-one meal or accompanied by a sandwich. Reader Ruth Hull comments that her recipe for taco soup, given to her by a friend, is easy to make and she likes to serve it with either corn chips or combread.

Because soups freeze well, you can make a batch of Hull's recipe ahead of time and store in individual containers to heat in the microwave later.

Sloppy Joes are a traditional sandwich favorite, especially for kids.

Reader Vi Swisher created her own version of the messy, but tasty, master-piece in the 1960s during her 10 years as a 4-H leader. "My son recently spoke with a 4-H agent who still carries my recipe in his wallet," she says.

Served individually or in combination, hot soups and hearty sandwiches are fun to make, filling to eat, and make a great homemade meal on a cool autumn day.

Mary Carter is American Profile's contributing food editor.

What's your FAVORITE recipe?

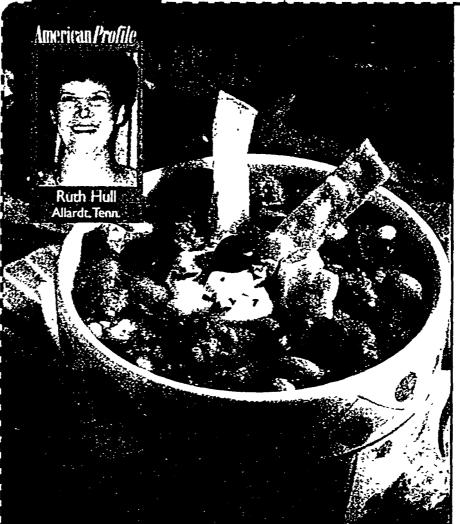
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RECIPE: Taco Soup





- I pound ground beef I onion, chopped
- I package ranch-style dressing mix
- I package taco seasoning mix
- I cup water
- 2 14.5-ounce cans diced tomatoes with green chilies
- 2 15-ounce cans pinto beans
- I 15-ounce can black beans
- 1 15-ounce can cream-style corn

Brown beef with onions in a medium-size soup pot. Drain excess grease. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 20 minutes before serving.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen: This quick and flavorful soup is good with 1/4-cup fresh chopped cilantro.

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Vi Swisher Piedmont, Kan.



4 pounds ground beef
I medium onion, chopped
I ounce chili powder
4 cups ketchup
I2 ounces tomato juice
I sleeve (I/4 pound) saltine
crackers, crumbled

Brown ground beef and onion in a large pot. Drain excess grease. Stir in remaining ingredients. Simmer until thick. If sauce is too thick, add 1/2-cup tomato juice or water. Makes enough to serve on 20 hamburger buns.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen: This recipe is easy to double or triple for large gatherings, and it freezes well.

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In large pot over medium heat, cook onion in hot oil for five minutes. Stir in garlic, cumin, chili powder and oregano. Puree one can of beans, add to pot. Add remaining cans of beans (draining liquid from one). Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring often. Add black pepper to taste. Garnish with salsa, shredded cheese or fresh herbs on top. Make extra copies of this recipe to hand out.

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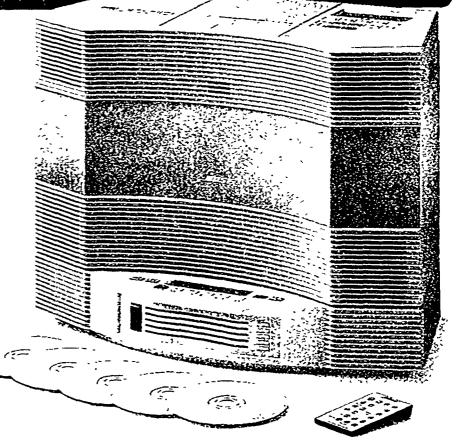
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