

## THE YEAR 2003 IN REVIEW

Time to  
put this  
year in  
review...

Putting together the Year In Review edition of the *Record* is one of my favorite things to do, not only because I'm a nut for taking a look at where we've been, but also because done properly, it makes designing the finished product a real snap. Of course, I needed to make the unwise decision of waiting to tackle the project until the last minute several times before I finally learned that doing things incrementally was the better course to follow.



Chris C. Davis

I ask the staff to take a few minutes every week or every other week and recap the marquis news events on their beats. When so necessary, stories that get new life injected into them

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### THE YEAR 2003 IN REVIEW

#### THE YEAR IN REVIEW: Northville Township

#### • JANUARY •

**GRANHOLM TAKES OFFICE:** Northville resident Jennifer Granholm was sworn in as the first female governor of the state of Michigan on New Year's Day 2003 on the steps of the State Capitol Building in Lansing. Along with Granholm's new duties as governor, her husband also attained the title of "First Man."

Granholm stated that the first item to tackle is the "enormous" budget deficit.

**GOING TO THE DOGS:** After two years of sometimes heated debate, city council finally threw dog park supporters the bone they had been fighting for with the approval of a temporary off leash recreation area, otherwise known as a dog park.

The decision came after a two-hour public hearing. Per council's decision, the Cady Street site will have 18 months to sink or swim. A December progress report to the council showed the park users and their pets as self-policing, self-supporting, and appreciative of the opportunity.

**GRAND SENIORS CELEBRATE:** With music, cake, and laughter, Northville's "Grand Seniors" celebrated together at a very special party held in the honor of those 95 years and older. Seniors from Allen Terrace, American House of Northville, Starr Manor, Sunrise Assisted Living of Northville, Marriott's Brighton Gardens of Northville, and Alterra Wynwood braved the frigid weather on Jan. 22 to go to the Northville Community Center for the second annual celebration. "It's just a special way of recognizing the special people in the community," said Allen Terrace housing director Joanne Inglis.

#### • FEBRUARY •

**MAYBURY FARM FIRE:** A mid-February disaster destroyed the century-old barn and killed the

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file photo by JOHN HEIDER

Sharon and son Nick Karabajakian look through a chain-link fence last in February at the smoking remains of Maybury's barn. Sharon said that having a "working farm in our back yard is like a treasure to us," and that she was "very sad."

### THE YEAR 2003 IN REVIEW

#### THE YEAR IN REVIEW: Education

#### • JANUARY •

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** As a result of increased enrollment figures and the addition of Ridge Wood Elementary to the mix, Northville school administrators came under fire in mid-January for modifying the district's school boundaries. Administrators said the changes were critical to maintaining low student-to-teacher ratios.

"The class size issue remains a top priority for us," said superintendent Leonard Rezmierski.

**LEFT BEHIND:** School officials wrangled with the question of "How?" after a bus driver accidentally left an Amerman Elementary School student on a bus at the completion of the driver's route. Temperatures that late January day hovered around 11 degrees.

"It shouldn't happen, ever," transportation director Chris Geams said. "It's not something we're proud of. We've been assured it will not happen again."

The driver was disciplined but remained employed with the district following the incident.

#### • FEBRUARY •

**COOKED:** Fire officials told school officials that an early February fire at Cooke School appeared to be the result of faulty wiring and not an intentional act. Regardless of the cause of the

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### TOP 10 STORIES of 2003

**1. MAYBURY FARM FIRE:** The mid-February disaster destroyed a century-old barn and ultimately killed all 50 animals living inside it. A cause was never determined. Efforts to restore the farm to Maybury began in earnest only days after the incident.

#### 2. GOVERNOR JENNIFER GRANHOLM:

Northville Township earned the bragging right of becoming the hometown of Michigan's chief executive in January. The Canadian-born Granholm took the oath of office and became the state's first female governor.



#### 3. NORTHVILLE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL SALE:

Purchase of the state property spawned interest from a host of developers, but Real Estate Interests Group of Livonia ultimately won out. Township authorities worked with REI through a good portion of the year, trying to find a project plan suitable to both parties.

**4. BLACKOUT:** An early August power failure that cut energy service to most of the Great Lakes region hit Northville, too, forcing residents to use bottled water and go without air conditioning during a summer heatwave.

#### 5. PARKING DECK CONTROVERSY:

Voters said their peace at the ballot box in November, turning down a plan to construct a parking deck on the Main / Wing Street parking lot site. City leaders sought input from residents in the days and weeks after the vote.

#### 6. SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION:

After years of cramped quarters in the former scout building on Cady Street, plans to relocate the community's senior adult program became reality. A cooperative effort among the city, township and school district will produce a new facility in the former community center on Main Street.

#### 7. MARQUIS THEATRE FIRE:

Frigid temperatures made for tough firefighting conditions in late January, when a fire near the box office tore through the Marquis Theatre. The theater reopened two months later after undergoing thousands of dollars in cleanup and restoration.

#### 8. NEW NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL OFFICES:

Ground was broken in the spring on a new Northville Township hall. The existing township hall was to be retrofitted and serve as police headquarters.

#### 9. RIDGE WOOD ELEMENTARY OPENS:

The newest of Northville's schools opened in August, providing a home for scores of students living in the west and southwest portions of Northville Township.

#### 10. ENVIRONMENTAL ATTENTION:

On many fronts, local residents focused on the quality of the vegetation, water and land around them. Homeowner associations replaced trees lost to the invasive emerald ash borer; volunteer conservationists lobbied developers, cleaned up sites, and emphasized environmental awareness programs.

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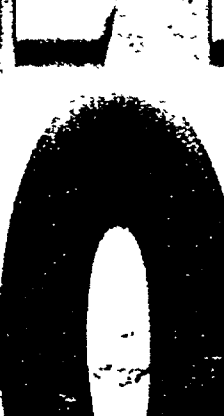
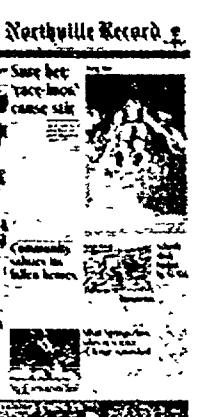
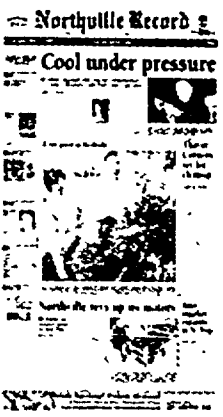
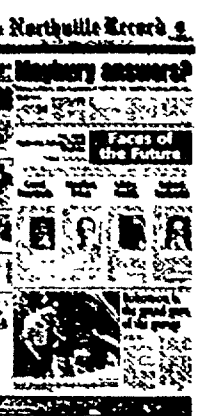
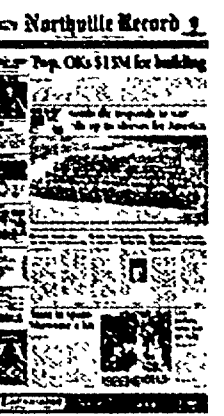
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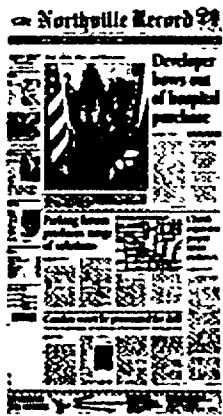
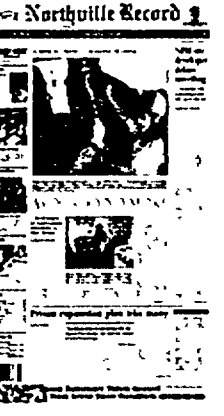


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## THE YEAR

# 2003

## IN REVIEW



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**THE YEAR IN REVIEW: Business**
**• JANUARY •**

**DOWNTOWN DAMAGE:** Amid mid-January deep freeze, firefighters worked to extinguish a blaze at downtown Northville's Marquis Theatre. The city landmark's box office was heavily damaged in the fire, but owners aimed to reopen the live theatre location by the middle of March, which it did.

**BABY BUNGLER:** Northville Township's Babies R Us insisted then-employee Heather Pebbles did the right thing by telephoning township police when she discovered a baby left in a car parked outside the retailer in mid-January. But Pebbles, a Redford mother of two, abruptly quit her job after she said she was told by her supervisor that the public address announcement paging the mother left the woman with a "unpleasant shopping experience."

**HAYES DELAYS:** Northville Township-based Hayes Lemmerz International — an automotive parts supplier, primarily focusing on wheels and brakes — was given an extension in late January to file its Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization plan. The company was given until April 15 to file its plan, and until June 16 to solicit acceptances of the plan.

By mid-April, the company had seen signs that a recovery was starting to be pieced together. "We are pleased that our creditors reached a quick, equitable resolution of their issues," said Hayes' CEO Curt Clawson.

**PARK PLACE, BORED WALK:** Downtown Northville businesses Century 21 and Singh cried foul in late January, saying tweaking of the city's parking program was a hindrance to the companies' daily routines. Representatives from Singh indicated that legal action was likely, unless the city wavered in its position regarding use of the Cady Centre parking deck. The parking plan called for redesignating portions of the city's "orange dot" spaces in order to accommodate long-term parking.

**• FEBRUARY •**

**BIO-RAGE:** Residents of Northville fumed in early February when Bioage, a high-end spa, closed its doors without notice.

"Nobody had any idea at all [about the closure]," said Northville Chamber of Commerce director Laurie Marrs. "We're all very devastated and shocked by this."

The company had apparently

been preparing to open other Bioage locations when it hit hard times, which upset not only customers, but also Bioage owner Sam Lincoln.

"We still think it was a great place to locate," Lincoln said. "We just think we got caught up in the bad economy and the state law change."

The law change Lincoln referenced had to do with the state mandating that spas like Bioage have a physician on staff at all times.

**CRUNCHY:** The city of Northville had to come to grips in late February with a budget crunch, when it realized its revenue sources wouldn't keep pace with expenditures. Northville wasn't alone in its situation, as the state of Michigan stared a \$1 billion deficit in the face.

"It doesn't take a lot to realize that when your costs increase by 3 percent and your source of revenue only increases by 1.5 percent that it is going to be a very difficult budget to balance," said city finance director Nicolette Bateson. "This will be the most difficult budget to balance in over a decade due to the general economy, limitations of taxable value and continuing threats to the level of state shared revenue, in addition to committed contractual obligations for costs and other

costs rising beyond our control."

**• MARCH •**

**SMALL PEST, BIG PROBLEM:** The emerald ash borer — a tiny insect that had destroyed scores of ash trees in southeast Michigan — was expected to cost the city of Northville nearly \$43,000 in cleanup fees, in order for affected trees to be removed. The estimate was revealed in early March, when the city also announced it would be replacing infected trees with one of about a dozen other varieties. By mid-summer, tree removal crews were working non-stop to remove the ash trees, which showed signs of infestation by the signature loss of foliage at the top of the tree.

**ONLINE SCAM:** A Northville man was ordered to pay \$6.3 million in customers defrauded by what the Commodity Futures and Trading Commission deemed as an Internet scam. Todd Snively was ordered to pay back approximately 900 people — a decision he didn't contest. The complaint alleged Snively solicited customers to trade commodity futures and were promised good service, as well, but no such trades actually took place. Snively's attorney said his client

had "honest intentions from the beginning," and attributed most of the dispute to Snively's not properly registering himself with the CFTC when the program got started.

**• APRIL •**

**WOOD THE TRUTH COME OUT?** Police arrested Hartland Lumber and Hardware's bookkeeper Chelsea resident Beverly Cutler in the late winter months for allegedly embezzling approximately \$1 million. Hartland Lumber is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Northville Lumber.

which claimed that National City Bank failed to stop the embezzlement, which National City fought back by filing a libel suit against Northville Lumber, which issued a press release about the case. Both sides stood their ground as the case made landfall in mid-April.

**BOWLED OVER:** Though kickoff was more than 50 months away, representatives from the Detroit Super Bowl XL committee paid a visit to Northville in mid-May to see if the community

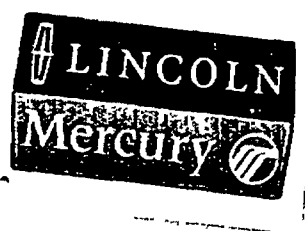
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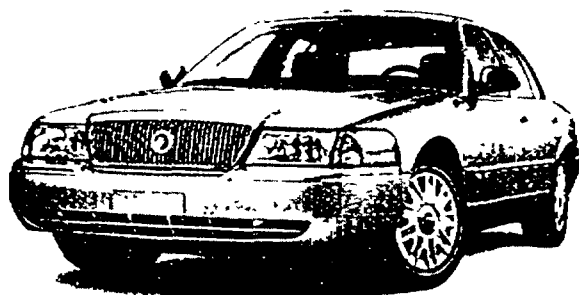
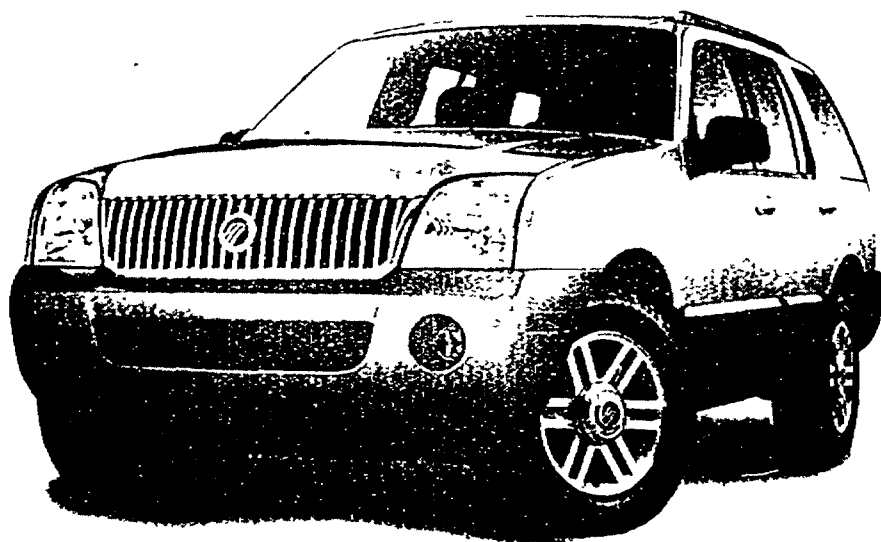
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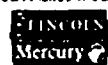
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could be made a feature attraction for the week leading up to the game. Wayne County commissioner Lyn Bankes said she believed Northville had potential to be a pre- or post-game destination for the February 2006 event.

• MAY •

**ONE MAN'S TRASH...:** The debate over Canadian trash importation heated up in late May, particularly as it related to nearby Salem Township's Onyx Arbor Hills waste recovery facility. Legislators maintained that bringing in foreign trash — a function regulated by federal, not state authorities — wasn't appropriate for Michigan. Arbor Hills defended the trash import program, saying Arbor Hills had around 35 years of storage capacity remaining in itself, and that foreign trash posed no substantial health risk to residents.

• JUNE •

**ON DECK:** Recognizing more downtown businesses meant fewer parking spaces, Northville city leaders in late June gave the go-ahead for development of a \$6.2 million parking structure to be built along Wing and Dunlap streets. In addition, the project also called for commercial developments to be constructed along the north and south ends of the deck. Council member Kevin Harshorne was the lone member voting against the measure.

"I'm not anti-development," he said. "I'm against over-development, particularly on the north end of the site."

The parking deck issue grew more complicated in August and September, when residents forced the city's hand into placing the deck question on an election ballot, then learned the language of the petition might compromise its legality, then learned the issue would be back on the November ballot, just the same. Endorsements from a host of downtown businesses wasn't enough to convince voters, though, who turned down the proposal by nearly a 2-to-1 margin.

• JULY •

**ON AGAIN, OFF AGAIN:** Farmington Hills-based Grand Sakwa was named the winner in a three-way chase to purchase of Northville Psychiatric Hospital property in early July. Grand Sakwa's \$76 million bid called for redevelopment of the Seven Mile Road property, whose patients were relocated to other facilities in late spring.

But the plot thickened in early September, when Grand Sakwa backed out of the deal for unspecified reasons. Second-place bidder Rock Construction of Livonia indicated it would take another look at the project, but would likely bid at a lower dollar amount than it had originally put in. Rock didn't follow through, though, and in late September the frontrunner was Real Estate Interests Group.

REI was told by township trustees in late October that its original development plan wasn't good enough, and needed to be retooled to be more in step with what the community was seeking. Three new proposals were produced by REI in early November, encompassing a variety of uses. In the end, REI backed out of its purchase plan in early December.

**MAYBE MAYBURY:** Community Foundation attorneys began taking a hard look in early July at having the Foundation assume control of Farmington State Park's living farm operations. The barn and 50 animals which were housed inside died in a February fire. Foundation director Shari Peters expressed confidence that the takeover was a feasible project.

Those ideas came to fruition in mid-September, when an official announcement of the takeover was made. Peters said an estimat-

ed \$45,000 had already been taken in, with a long-term goal of \$4.5 million.

• AUGUST •

**POWERLESS:** Northville and Northville Township joined millions of other Americans and Canadians in an Aug. 14 power outage — the largest, most widespread blackout in North American history. Residents short on gasoline trekked west on Interstate 96 to Brighton and Fowlerville, two of the only rela-

tively nearby communities to have electrical service for gas pumps. Northville Township resident and Michigan governor Jennifer Granholm brought calm to the statewide panic, which ended for most residents about 36 hours later when power began being restored.

• SEPTEMBER •

**CORRECTION:** Property formerly held by the Detroit House of Corrections was con-

sidered for redevelopment in late September. Farmington Hills-based Grand Sakwa — which only days earlier had backed out of a plan to redevelop Northville Psychiatric Hospital property — indicated it wanted to revamp the major land parcel along Ridge Road between Five and Six Mile roads.

• NOVEMBER •

**FORGET IT:** Two years after opening, Forget-Me-Nots owner

Mary Sieler announced in mid-November she was shutting down operations. Sieler cited the lack of everyday foot traffic in the downtown community to support the specialty gift shop.

• DECEMBER •

**FACELIFT:** Plans for an overhaul of Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza were announced in early December by strip mall owner David Karoub. The 100,000 square-foot plaza was built in 1987 and had an occu-

pancy of 100 percent, but Karoub indicated he wanted to "spend the additional money of the physical improvements that [the] project deserves."

**FROM NORTHVILLE TO GREECE:** Former Northville Record intern Grace Blum learned in early December she had been selected to serve as a correspondent in Athens, Greece, for the 2004 Summer Olympics. Blum had worked at the Record during the early summer months of 2003.

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blaze, assistant superintendent Dave Bolitho said the room affected by the fire was "a complete loss," and forced the closure of the school for two days. The room itself remained out of service for more than a month.

**CLASS OF THE CLASSROOM:** The Record began a monthly recognition project for Northville's best teachers in mid-February. Nominated by students and parents alike, the Record profiled the backgrounds and teaching philosophies of teachers throughout the community.

Beginning in February, the Record recognized Our Lady of Victory's Nancy Palmer, Northville High Schools' Steve MacDonald, Amerman Elementary's Arlette Comben, Northville Co-op Preschool's Sue Jarvela, Thornton Creek Elementary's Mary Culik, and Northville High School's Chris Ford and Judy Cavanaugh and Hillside Middle School's Amy Burke.

**TEARS OF PAIN:** Students in Northville lamented the loss of their animal friends at Maybury State Park when a mid-February blaze tore through the farm. Students at nearby William Allen Academy drew pictures and talked through their grief in the days and weeks following the fire, which ultimately claimed the lives of all 50 animals inside the barn. Students around Northville often took up small collection funds to help rebuild the farm.

**• MARCH •**

**TAKING THE REYNES:** Winchester Elementary School principal was appointed in mid-February to be the principal of Ridge Wood Elementary starting in August. Raynes who had served at Winchester for four years, had mixed emotions on the switch.

"When the opportunity presented itself, it was one I gave careful consideration to," she said. "Winchester is a very special school, one that I feel so very close to."

The district hired Patricia Messing in mid-April to fill Raynes' position at Winchester.

**TOO LATE:** Even those doing the investigating into a proposed delayed start time for Northville High School students couldn't come up with a solid opinion on the matter, and announced in early March that a recommendation to the school board might not be generated. The suggestion to move back the start time was spawned primarily from research which indicated adolescent bodies and minds were more attuned to

learning later in the day, and that the early morning schedules being used were not in synch with most teenage biorhythms.

The idea was officially scrapped in late March, when the committee announced its findings.

"We don't believe, as a committee, it's feasible for a lot of reasons to change the K-12 starting times," said assistant superintendent Dave Bolitho.

**FROM SNOWY TO SANDY:** Northville school district assistant superintendent Linda Pallas announced in early March she would be leaving the district at the end of the 2002-2003 school year to retire and relocate to Arizona.

"In many respects, it's not easy to leave because I like it here," Pallas said.

Pallas was to be joined in retirement by her husband and Amerman Elementary School physical education teacher Tom Pallas. Linda Pallas was replaced in late May by Casey Reason.

**DOUBLE PLAY:** Northville saw the transition of two of its employees in early March, when athletic director Larry Taylor announced he was stepping down at the end of the school year, and that Hillside Middle School physical education teacher Brad O'Neill would be made the interim assistant principal at the school. Taylor, who had worked for the Northville district for 18 years, said he planned on moving to Florida during the winter months but remain in Michigan otherwise. O'Neill was promoted to fill in for assistant principal Laura Kelly, who left for maternity leave.

**• APRIL •**

**TRAGEDY AVERTED:** Northville High School student Kim Peters' life was spared in October 2002 when a car she was driving was struck on Six Mile Road in front of Northville High School. But 35th District Court judge Michael Gerou said Peters failed to yield when she made the turn that put her car and her person in jeopardy. The ruling drew the ire of Peters' attorney Charles Simkins, who appealed the case to Wayne County Circuit Court later in the year.

**NO MORE:** Northville school board members Gregory Pele and Jerry Rupley announced in mid-March they would not seek additional terms to the board. The two were replaced in June by Libby Smith and Marilyn Price.

**• MAY •**

**OUCH!** State budgetary shortfalls hit the Northville school district hard in mid-May, when the



Joan Wadsworth, left, received the 2003 Citizen of the Year from the Northville Chamber of Commerce and last year's recipient Bob Russell in October.

district announced it would need to cut \$1.8 million from its budget.

"It is difficult," said board treasurer Jerry Rupley. "It's not something we've had to face until this year."

**• JUNE •**

**ALUMNUS HURT:** Northville High School alumnus Joe Rumbley was seriously injured in mid-June when he was attacked at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena while attending a rock concert. Rumbley, who had been a standout wrestler and member of the Class of 2001, was stabbed in the heart, lung and thigh, and was sent to Detroit Receiving Hospital's intensive care unit following the attack by 38-year-old Clinton Township resident James Locklear. Rumbley eventually recovered from the attack.

**FOUR-DAY NO-WAY:** Northville school administrators said in late June they weren't interested in the state of Michigan legislature's offer to allow districts to schedule four-day school weeks as a means of cutting back expenditures.

"For us, it's not an issue we're exploring at this time," said superintendent Leonard Rezmierski.

**• JULY •**

**FIELDS A-PLenty:** With nearly all of Northville High

School's activities shifted to the school's location on Six Mile Road — with the exception of a football field — school officials announced in late July they were eyeballing the possibility of constructing a new field on a portion of Millennium Park, opposite the high school.

Assistant superintendent Dave Bolitho said the plans were in the preliminary stages and might not come to fruition.

**• AUGUST •**

**DISTRICT 3, HOMEOWNERS 0:** The Michigan Supreme Court upheld two lower court rulings in early August, effectively bringing to an end continued litigation against the district brought by homeowners living in the Woods of Edenderry Subdivision. The 14 homeowners had filed suit against the district, saying Northville High School's construction was not in step with local township ordinances — in particular, the setback the school had from the houses' property lines.

The court maintained what lower courts had ruled: that the state superintendent of public instruction had "sole and exclusive authority" over school construction, and as such, schools were not bound by local zoning controls.

**OPEN FOR BUSINESS:** Ridge Wood Elementary opened its doors to students in late

August, adding to the number of elementary schools in the Northville public system. The school was constructed for an estimated \$14 million, but its land was donated by developer Grand Sakwa, a company which was building homes in the area near the school.

Ridge Wood became the home for almost 475 students.

**• SEPTEMBER •**

**SPANIOL LAUDED:** Hillside Middle School media specialist Sue Spaniol was awarded a reading advocacy award by The Michigan Association for Media in Education. The award was the first of its kind to be issued by the organization.

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

News of her award was announced publicly in September.

**SCHOOLS SUE WAYNE COUNTY:** In late September, Northville Public Schools filed a lawsuit against Wayne County after a year-long attempt to obtain a permit to install underground fiber optic cabling failed.

The cabling project, which was approved by voters in September 2001, was designed to better streamline the district's computer and technology applications. A court hearing commenced Sept. 26 in the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Legal disputes arose due to delays in receiving a necessary permit from Wayne County. The school district and Wayne County also clashed on the distance the cabling be installed in relation to the road, or right-of-way.

Northville Public Schools attorney Terry Miglio said, "I think the judge's words from the bench were 'Go forth and dig.' It's incredible it's taken this long. It's been very

frustrating. The process has not been anywhere as easy as it should have been."

**• OCTOBER •**

**\$18K DONATION:** The Mothers' Club of Northville presented a check for more than \$18,400 to Northville Public Schools in mid-October. The check was earmarked to supplement the district's budget.

**A FINE CITIZEN:** In late October, school board president Joan Wadsworth was named the Northville Chamber of Commerce 2003 Citizen of the Year. The ceremony was hosted at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

"This is a huge surprise," she said, shortly after receiving her award.

**FALL SOCIAL A SUCCESS:** The first Ridge Wood Fall Social and Auction commenced Oct. 24 at St. John's Conference Center and raised more than \$25,000. Orchestrated by the Ridge Wood Elementary Parent Teacher Association, all proceeds from the event are earmarked to fund programs sponsored by the organization.

"It was wonderful," said Nancy Clarkson, president of the Ridge Wood P.T.A. "There was not a dull moment. It was an evening where parents could get to meet each other and have some fun with the bidding in the live auction and all of the [funds] benefit the children."

**• NOVEMBER •**

**RUMORS:** Under the direction of Christina Lombardo, Northville High School students took the stage in the fall production of "Rumors." Evening performances took place in mid-November.

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50 animals living inside it. A cause was never determined. Efforts to restore the farm to Maybury began in earnest only days after the incident.

Northville and Northville Township leaders adopted resolutions supporting the restoration of the Maybury State Park's Living Farm a month after the fire. City council member Jerry Mittman, also a member of the Friends of Maybury, said the resolution is an important one for the entire community.

"Since the barn fire there has been a lot of concern regarding the loss of the barn and the animals. It has been such an integral part of the community," he said. "It was a nice place for families to get acquainted to farm life who otherwise would not have had the chance."

**PLAYGROUND, RECREATION ADDITION MOVE FORWARD:** In late February, the Northville community moved one step closer to seeing an expanded recreation building and a revamped playground at Old Village School. Northville board of education members approved of the renovation plans at its Feb. 25 meeting.

The proposed 6,000 square-foot building addition would be occupied by area senior citizens and serve as a new Senior Center for city and township residents. Adjacent to the planned addition, Old Village School is slated to gain a refurbished playground. Northville city and township are slated to contribute \$130,000 toward the cost of the playground.

**CITY OKS ALLEN TERRACE CONSTRUCTION:** City council members approved architectural and engineering firms in mid February for the renovation project at the Allen Terrace senior housing community. After lengthy discussion at the council meeting, the \$1.5 million project was awarded to M.C. Smith as architects and J.S. Vig as project manager.

**BREAKAGE PAYOUT CHANCE FOR IMPROVEMENTS:** Council approved recommended usage for approximately \$370,000 in breakage revenue received from the Northville Downs at its Feb. 18 meeting. Breakage is a percentage of revenue generated by a race track given to the municipality in which the track is located.

Recommendations for usage of the funds included:

- Replacement of all city signs
- Tree removal and replacement for foliage affected by the Emerald Ash Borer
- Eight Mile and Novi Road entrance landscaping and
- Mill Pond restoration

"I'm pleased with the council's reaffirmation of the recommendations that were made," said city manager Gary Word.

### • MARCH •

**WTUA BREAKS GROUND:** Northville township representatives met with member communities of the Western Townships Utilities Authority to discuss financial obligations related to the Ypsilanti wastewater treatment plant in early March. Construction of the \$102 million project began in early February and is scheduled to be up and running in 2006 with a six month "start up" factored in. Once complete, the WTUA member communities—which consist of Northville, Plymouth, and Canton



The photo by CHRIS DAVIS

A fire that closed the Marquis Theatre for several weeks in 2003 started near the theater's box office.

townships will begin directing their waste water there as opposed to the Detroit water treatment plant.

**MARQUIS REOPENS:** A production of "The Emperor's New Clothes" marked the re-grand opening of the Marquis Theatre in late March. The theater had been closed since late January due to an accidental fire which resulted in extensive smoke damage to the building. Owner Inge Zayti said that \$400,000 was required for repairs.

**A CLEANER ROUGE RIVER:** Northville city council approved a resolution supporting the city's membership into the Rouge River Watershed Local Management Assembly. Approval for the \$1,800 membership into the assembly came at a council meeting held in mid-February.

The assembly will consist of various local communities who choose to participate in addressing storm water issues using an area-wide approach and will come into existence for an initial one year period commencing July 1.

Although the city has been under a "certificate of coverage" since 1999 as part of the voluntary general storm water permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and administered by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, funding for the project, as well as the project itself, will be phased out over the next few years.

**MAYBURY FUND START-ED:** Shari Peters, director of the Northville Community Foundation, created an endowment fund for Maybury Farm after the barn was destroyed by fire in February.

Natural Resources Department press secretary Brad Wurfel said the state was in the initial phases of discussions with the community foundation regarding the future of Maybury.

### • MARCH •

**AT WAR WITH THE ASH BORER:** City officials took action in mid-March to remove one hundred trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer by approving a contract to Stuart Leve, Inc. for approximately \$43,000.

For every tree removed, city officials plan to plant a new, small tree in order to attempt to maintain Northville's tree-lined streets while meeting financial constraints. Ash trees will not be replanted.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT BEGINS:** Nearly one year after the Northville township municipal building project began with board approval for \$15 million in limited tax general obligation

bonds to fund the project, approval was granted for the sale of the bonds and surveying stakes were placed and physical construction began in late March.

The project calls for a new township hall building, new fire headquarters, and renovation and expansion of the existing township hall to become dedicated for use by the police department. At their March 20 meeting, board members approved both the sale of the bonds and a contract with the Utsan Construction Company of Auburn Hills for work on the new fire station and township hall. Work on the police site will not begin until after June 1, 2004, or once the new buildings are occupied.

**DDA BUDGET APPROVED:** Parking issues and capital improvements were the focus of discussion at a meeting held in late March to approve the Downtown Development Authority's \$990,000 budget.

The DDA said they are planning for repairs and maintenance to surface parking structures as well as ongoing landscaping and acquisition of street furnishings.

Accounted for in the budget is about \$40,000 for full and part-time salaries as well as \$54,000 to be contributed to the city's general fund specific to parking deck maintenance and parking enforcement.

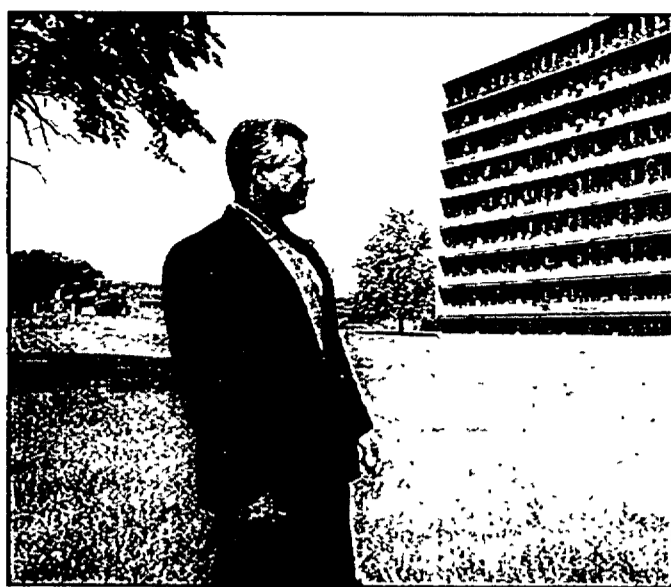
**PARK IMPROVEMENTS OK'D:** Members of the Northville Township board of trustees gave the go-ahead for approval of design and engineering services to be completed at Millennium Park on Six Mile Road at a late March meeting.

"We are delighted that we are moving forward on this project," said Traci Sincovec, director of Parks and Recreation. "It will help complete all of the final touches to the park as well as replace the soccer field that is being lost to the new fire station."

Among the improvements completed by the year's end was an extension of the bike path connecting subdivisions to the east and west of the park, including a bridge. Other parts of the project were an additional playscape, more parking spaces and a practice soccer field.

### • APRIL •

**DNR COMES TO TOWN:** State Department of Natural Resources Director K.L. Cool laid out the state stance on the future of Maybury State Park during an April 26 town meeting in Genetti's Little Theater. The state supports the return of the vintage farm at Maybury Park, he said, but it will take a cooperative



The photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider surveys the grounds of the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. Much of the property, including the main nine-story dormitory seen at right, will probably be re-developed once it's sold to developers.

local effort to pay for it.

### • MAY •

**LAND SALE SAGA:** The state's close in May of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital opened the door for private developers to bid on the 400-plus acres to create a combination of homes and commercial facilities that would alter forever the landscape of the community.

It turned out to be a revolving door as the state's bidding process resulted in eight offers in two rounds of bidding, and still no deal by the year's end.

A developer's indirect connection with the state administration forced officials to nix the first set of bids. During the second round of offers — most topping \$76 million — companies Grand/Sakwa of Farmington Hills, Rock Construction Co. of Livonia and Real Estate Interests Group of Bloomfield Hills ended up retracting their bids.

Grand/Sakwa and REI went so far as completing months-long investigation of the site, with its series of now-vacant buildings, rolling hills and dense woodlands. The latter group was moving toward closing the deal by the year's end, then pulled back. The state is expected to again offer up the property soon after the start of the new year.

**THAYER PARK CLEANUP:** More than 50 Boy Scouts, Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation members and Northville Township officials literally dug in to the project of sprucing up the park land at Napier and Six Mile roads the township purchased four years ago. The volunteers pulled debris from the pond, picked up litter, and cleared dead fall from the existing paths, as well as creating new ones, toward the goal of one day opening the site to the public.

**FRIENDS OF MAYBURY REGROUP:** In light of news from the state that the park's interpretative programming would be cut, the seven-year-old grassroots group in May reshaped their goals for the year. They continued their volunteer landscaping and improvement efforts, and arranged their own schedule of educational offerings related to the park setting.

Focus group discussions and household surveys produced an operational analysis, to be used in concert with the parks and recreation department's master plan for capital expenditures.

### • JUNE •

**SEASON OF SNARLS:** Warmer temperatures this summer led to the usual crop of orange barrels in and around town as the city and county road commissions went to work on road repairs, resurfacing and widening. Among the arteries affected this year were Sheldon, Beck, Taft, Haggerty and Northville roads.

**SEASONS OF CELEBRATION:** The Northville community continued its tradition of celebrating new and old traditions by hosting and attending numerous festivals, parades, events and runs downtown. Big draws this year included the Memorial Day parade, bandshell concerts, "Art in the Sun" art show, Solstice Run, Country Garden Club's annual walk, Fourth of July parade, Victorian Festival, Homecoming parade, Art Market, Holiday Home Tour, Holiday Lighted Parade and Christmas Walk.

**DECK ON DECK:** The Northville City Council in a 3-1 vote affirmed the recommendations by the city Planning Commission and the Downtown Development Authority to build a multi-level deck on the corner of Wing and Main streets. Initial goals of construction completion by the 2004 holiday season were derailed by a petition drive that put the parking issue on the ballot.

**NO PRISON EXPANSION:** Northville Township officials lobbied successfully against adding 400 beds to the Scott Correctional Facility at the corner of Beck and Five Mile roads. The state Department of Corrections eyed the site as a less-costly alternative to a Brighton expansion proposal, but turned instead to a Plymouth Township location.

**HOSPITAL PROPERTY "SOLD":** Farmington Hills-

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS CITY OF NORTHVILLE PURCHASE OF PICKUP TRUCK

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 p.m. local time on January 21, 2004 for the Purchase of a Pickup Truck.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE

The Development Review Fee Schedule was approved at the November 20, 2003 Board of Trustees regular meeting. These fees will become effective upon publication.

A true and complete copy of the approved fees may be inspected at the five (5) following locations and copies are available through the Clerk's Office:

Northville Township Public Services Building, 16225 Beck Road, Northville  
Northville Township Financial Building, 41660 Six Mile Road, Northville  
Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville  
Northville Township Fire Station, 48515 Seven Mile Road, Northville  
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE 170, ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 20 DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

This amendment was approved for adoption at the December 18, 2003 Board of Trustees regular meeting. This amendment will become effective upon publication on January 1, 2004.

#### Synopsis of Changes

- 1) Section 20.1 (Intent) revised to more clearly express the Township's objectives for the development options.
- 2) Section 20.3 (Qualifications) reorganized and subsections provided with titles to make it more user-friendly.
- 3) Section 20.4 (Density) includes clearer standards for awarding density bonuses, including criteria for 10% and 20% bonuses.
- 4) Section 20.4 L (Architectural Design) includes regulations to ensure residential development is not monotonous in character (e.g. variety of housing styles and varied building setbacks).
- 5) Section 20.6 (Haggerty Road PUD) revised to specify its maximum depth.
- 6) Section 20.6 (Haggerty Road PUD) revised to eliminate "New Village" standards. The "New Village" option is no longer feasible.
- 7) Section 20.8 (Approval Procedures) includes flow-chart of approvals process.
- 8) Section 20.8 C. (Township Initiated PUD or HPUD) includes options allowing adopted conceptual land use plans to be modified when the change can be supported by public infrastructure.

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**THE YEAR IN REVIEW: Police / Fire**

**NEW HEADQUARTERS:** After three years of planning, Northville Township leaders officially broke ground on plans to expand public safety facilities. The brick outline of the new fire station, located on Six Mile Road between Sheldon and Beck roads, was clearly in place by the close of the year. Work on conversion of the current township hall to an expanded police station is scheduled to begin in June 2004, after the new civic center at Six Mile and Sheldon roads is completed.

**NHS ALUM ATTACKED:** Once again in good health, Joe Rumbley June 12 was lying on an emergency room gurney, not so. The standout football player and wrestler in the Northville Class of 2001 was stabbed while attending a Joe Louis Arena concert. His assailants were apprehended and prosecuted.



Joe Rumbley

**BLACKOUT:** For local police and fire personnel, the day-long loss of electricity Aug. 14 was a blur of false smoke alarms, darkened traffic signals, several medical emergencies, and continuous requests for information to add to their own uncertainty about the

duration of the outage.

"We had 33 runs in two days," Northville Township Fire Chief Bill Zhemendak said. "That's definitely not normal for us."

**FAMILY HOME LOST:** A house fire on Parklane, just north of Five Mile and west of Haggerty roads, was one of the tragedies resulting from the blackout. Noone was injured, but the home, in the family for generations, was a total loss.

**GUNMAN ARRESTED:** A Northville police officer trained in hostage negotiation talked an armed man to safety Aug. 25 after he barricaded himself in his Yerkes Street home. The incident followed the removal earlier that day of the man's two adopted children from the house after allegations of abuse.

**NEW TRAINING TOOL:** The Northville Township Fire Department in October took delivery on a mobile-fire-training-simulation unit that allows new firefighters to battle their first real blazes in a controlled setting. Chief Bill Zhemendak complimented two of his crew, Chris Koth and Guy Balok, for their efforts to obtain a grant that covered most of the \$175,000 cost of the unit.

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**THE YEAR IN REVIEW: Friends We Lost**

**RUTH MARY  
ATCHISON**

Long-time Northville resident Ruth Mary Atchison died in her home Oct. 8. She was 89.

Born in Ann Arbor in 1914, Mrs. Atchison later moved to Northville with her family when her father purchased the *Northville Record* during the Great Depression. She worked as a journalist until she met her husband, Dr. Russell M. Atchison, who preceded her in death in 2001.

**ELISE "PAT"  
MC GUIRE**

Co-founder of Northville's Guernsey Farm Dairy, Elise "Pat" McGuire died Nov. 15 in her home. She was 89.

She is survived by her husband John Thomas McGuire, her 14 children and their families, including 49 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

Born in Detroit in 1914, Mrs.



McGuire was in the first class that had women in the University of Detroit graduating class. She earned a U of D bachelor of art degree in education, then a teaching certificate from Wayne State University.

Wedded in 1938, the couple moved to Northville in 1940 and started the dairy.

**MARGUERITE  
POOLE**

An avid traveler and matriarch to the local Poole family, Marguerite Poole died Aug. 2 at age 89.

The long-time Plymouth resident was preceded in death by her husband in 1968. She is survived by seven children and their families, including Richard (Mary) Poole of Northville.



**CHARLES "NICK" SIMKINS**

Charles Simkins of Northville died June 10 at age 53.

Survived by his wife Sharon (Stanzak), Mr. Simkins was the owner of a Northville law firm. He was a national expert in the field of representing persons with brain injuries and was a speaker in the U.S. and Europe on the subject.

**ROBERT H.  
TOMS**

Northville Township's first fire chief, Robert H. Toms died June 27 at age 76.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Loretta (Delp), who resides in Chandler, Ariz. where the couple moved after leaving Northville Township in 1993.

Mr. Toms established the local department in 1977 and served as chief until 1991.



**PATRICIA DORRIAN-  
SANDBOTHE**

Career educator and long-time Northville resident Patricia Dorian-Sandbothe died Oct. 26 at age 78.

Ms. Sandbothe began her

**OBITUARIES**

**Pauline Stachurski**

Pauline Stachurski of Northville died Dec. 18 at her home. She was 82.

Ms. Stachurski was born Feb. 21, 1921 in Shadyside, Ohio to the late Frank Lendosky and Mary Stachon Lendosky.

Mrs. Stachurski was retired from the Inland Division of General Motors. She was a seamstress for the company. She enjoyed knitting in her retirement.

Visitation was held Dec. 20 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. A scripture service was held with Fr. Terry Kerner from Our Lady of Victory officiating. Interment will be in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mrs. Stachurski is survived by her husband Chester of Northville, and children Cheryl (Ralph) Rempfer of Taylor, Marlene (Jack) Harrigan of Northville and Rodney (Karen) Stachurski of Redford. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a sister Leona Dietel of Marshville, Wis.

Memorial contributions to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation or the Arthritis Foundation would be appreciated.

Obituaries are printed free of charge in the Northville Record, but information must be provided to the Record no later than noon of the Tuesday preceding the Thursday of publication. Obsolete information not originating from a funeral home must be accompanied with a photocopy of a state-issued death certificate. Materials can be sent to:

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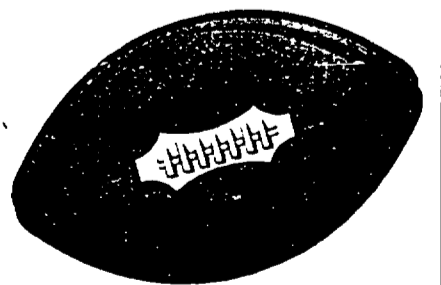
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## Our community, our resolutions

With the new year upon us, we think it's a perfect time to recommend some New Year's Resolutions for our community:

**NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP:** The pre-eminent task facing the township and its governmental partners has to be the liquidation of the state of Michigan property along Seven Mile Road.

Twice now, the state has seemingly come close to striking deals to sell Northville Psychiatric Hospital property, only to have developers pull out of the deal at the last minute. Township manager Chip Snider and supervisor Mark Abbo have indicated two things we're very happy about. First, that the township wants to play a more defined role in the selling process; and second, that the township wants to make certain, that whatever is done with the massive land parcel is consistent with the township's feel.

Bingo. That's precisely what should be done, and if Mr. Snider and Mr. Abbo are smart enough to realize that, then we suspect they're smart enough to know that coming to some kind of decision (sooner than later, at that) about the project is paramount.

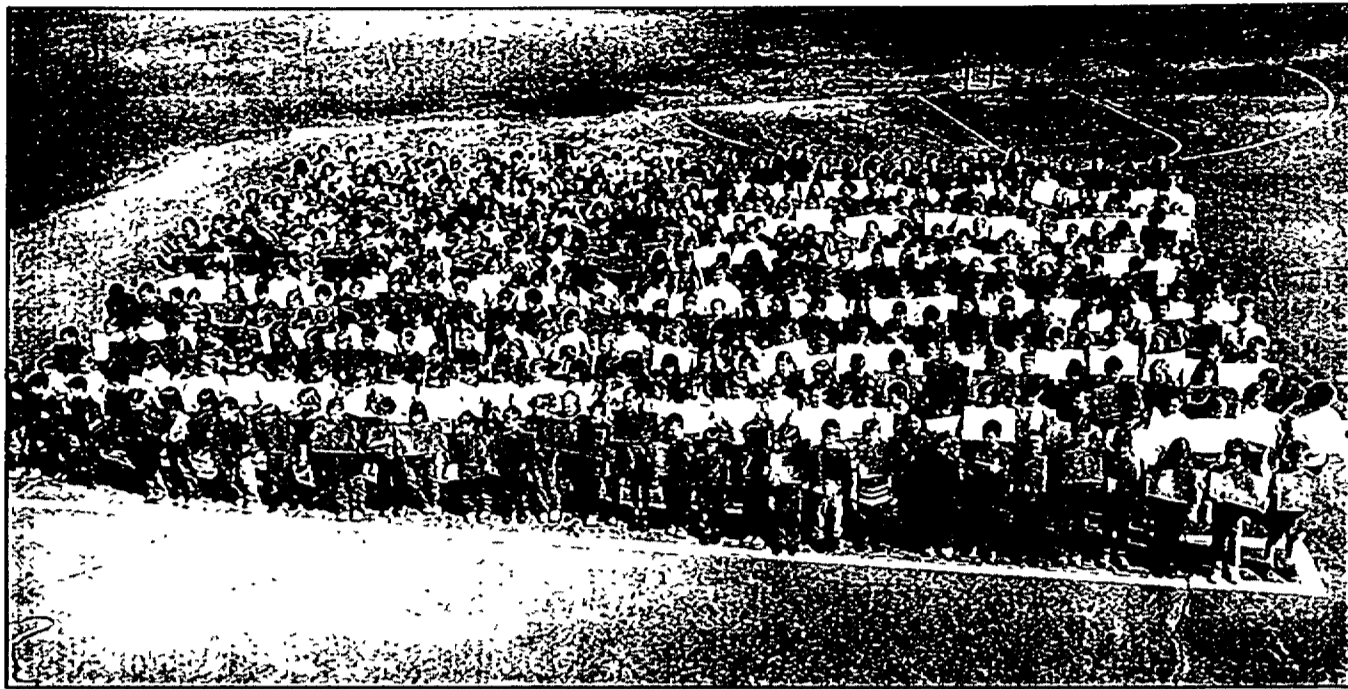
**CITY OF NORTHVILLE:** Is parking a problem for the city of Northville or isn't it? If there is a problem, does the solution rest in a large-scale parking structure or in reallocation of existing parking spaces? The issue has been bantered about for months now, culminating with voters

casting a decisive 'no-thanks' to the matter of a parking deck being built. The enforcement of the city's orange dot parking program bought some time for Northville to assess the way cars in the city are parked and how the cars' owners can get to their places of business. The city council should target this year as being the year when the parking quagmire clears itself up. (By the way — while we wait for a defined answer on this matter, could we get some new parking passes, or at least some stickers to mask the '2002' year on the current municipal parking permits?)

**NORTHVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT:** This upcoming year promises to be a brutal one for Northville public schools — at least from a financial standpoint. A slight sigh of relief could be heard coming from the board office last month when a potential \$200 per-pupil reduction was whittled down to less than \$100. Even though a budget disaster has been averted, a budget crunch is still very much present. We understand tough decisions will need to be made and that folks like finance director John Street are going to have their hands full juggling the very sensitive issue of who-gets-cut-and-by-how-much. We urge open and frank communication with parents, faculty and residents when these decisions are made. Feathers will undoubtedly be ruffled, but people tend to be more understanding of a plight when they're kept in the loop and have more knowledge of the problem at hand.

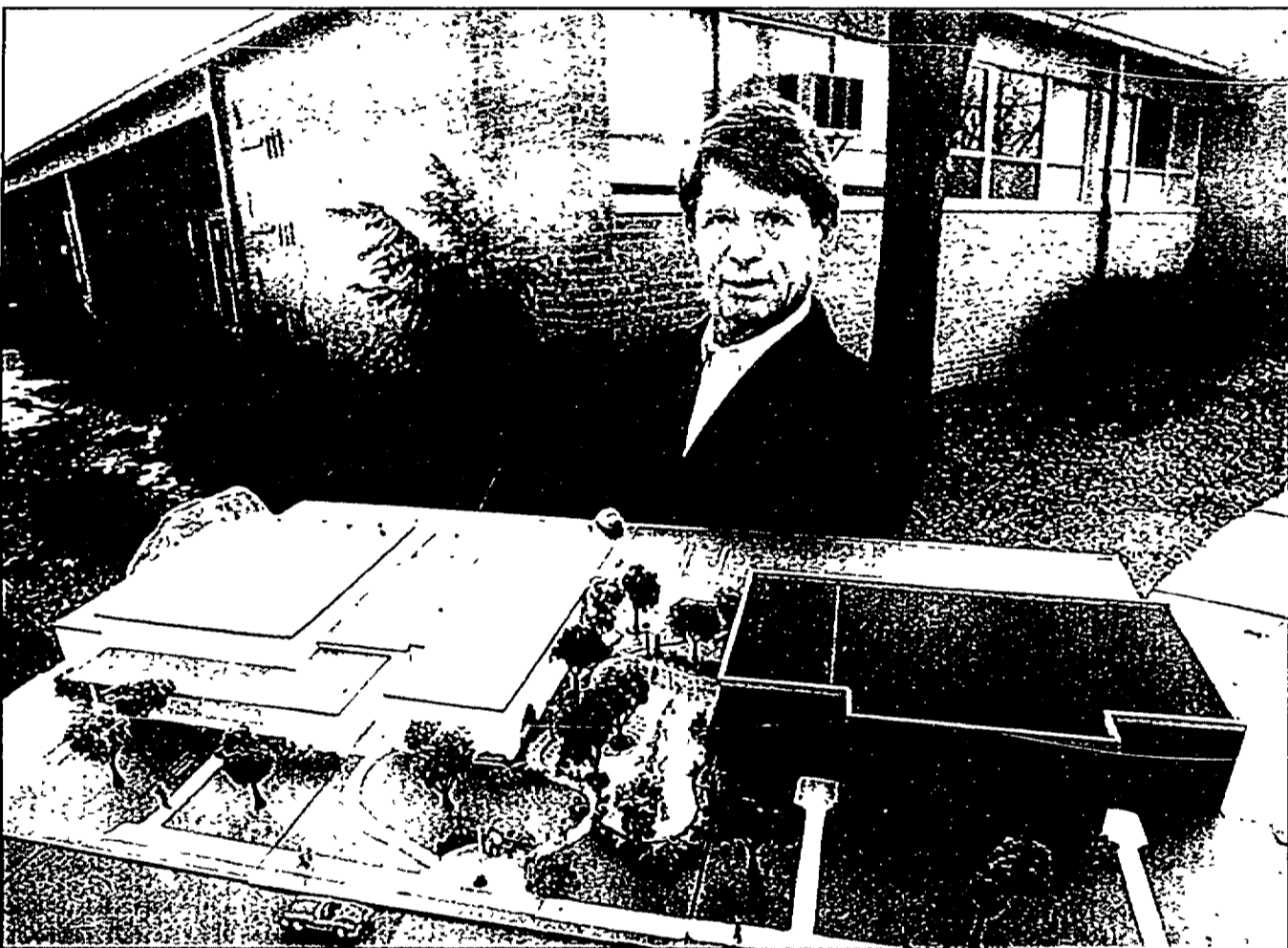
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## THE YEAR IN REVIEW: Images of 2003



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Students of Winchester Elementary School form their version of the American Flag near their playground. The flag was formed at the onset of military action against Iraq.



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Jim Nield shows a model for the addition to the old Northville Recreation Center building on West Main Street. The addition is slated to be used for senior citizens' activities.



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Jennifer Granholm raises her arms in celebration after taking the oath of office for Governor of the State of Michigan on the first day of January. Behind her, left to right, is former Michigan Governor James Blanchard, Lieutenant Gov. John Cherry, Senator Debbie Stabenow and 'First Man', Dan Mulhern.

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## McCain should be our guy

If new Congressmen were selected based on their resumes, Michigan would, without any doubt, send maverick Republican John Joseph Schwarz to the House of Representatives next year.

"Joe" Schwarz may be the sort of man the Founding Fathers had in mind when they thought of Congress. Though he has had a long career in politics, as mayor of Battle Creek and in the state senate, that's not his day job. He is a medical doctor who has been on the faculty of Harvard Medical School and who still practices in Battle Creek. He is a U.S. Navy veteran who also did risky duty with the CIA during the Vietnam War.

And for more than a decade, he won bipartisan praise for his work in the state senate, where he became known as the ranking expert on health care and higher education and as the biggest champion of the state university system.

"I'm solidly in the middle on enough issues that everyone on both extremes will be mad at me," he often says.

By turns charming, salty and irreverent, he has a no-nonsense attitude towards getting it done. "There is nothing wrong with putting a bunch of politicians in a closed room when they are dealing with an important issue and letting them go at it ... the good legislators realize there are no permanent friends, no permanent enemies, and the guy you just called a raving (expletive deleted) — might be your ally tomorrow. I think that's how good public policy is

made."

Term limits last year meant he had to leave the state senate. Instead, he ran for governor, losing badly to the establishment's choice, Dick Posthumus, who lost in turn to Jennifer Granholm. Speculation was high that Schwarz might be asked to join the Granholm administration, perhaps as surgeon general. That didn't happen, perhaps more because of his independent nature than his Republicanism.

Yet now he has a chance to, as he puts it, "get back in the game." U.S. Rep. Nick Smith, R-Addison, is stepping down and Schwarz has decided to jump into a crowded August primary field. "There are a couple issues — health care and education — where I think I could make a contribution," he says over a plate of German sausages at Metzger's, a famous German restaurant just outside Ann Arbor.

Conservative on fiscal issues, "commonsense" on gun control, Schwarz is also likely to be the best-known candidate, though Brad Smith, the congressman's 42-year-old son, is one of half-a-dozen other Republicans in the race. (The Smiths made national headlines after father's charge that other Republican congressmen offered him a \$100,000 bribe in the form of a campaign contribution to his son if the elder Smith would vote for the Bush Administration's prescription drug bill.)

Most of Schwarz's primary opponents are far more conservative than he, which ought to make him the favorite. Any Republican nominee in Michigan's Seventh District is bound to be strongly favored in November.

Yet there are reasons to think that despite his record, Joe Schwarz may have a hard time winning. For one thing, dyed-in-the-wool conservatives hate him.

"He's unfit to be dog catcher, let alone congressman," one anonymous voter posted on a conservative web site. "He is a pro-abortion, gun-grabbing McCainiac RINO (Republican In Name Only)."

Indeed, Joe Schwarz was U.S. Sen. John McCain's campaign manager in Michigan

in 2000, when he upset George Bush in the state's primary.

Though a Roman Catholic, he believes "abortion should be safe, legal and rare," and he was one of only a handful of lawmakers in either party who opposed legislation that allowed virtually anyone to carry a concealed weapon.

Those views are, in fact, probably close to the Michigan political mainstream. But Schwarz's handicap may have more to do with temperament than ideology. Frankly, he is not regarded as a very good campaigner.

"Actually, he is lousy at it," said Bill Ballenger, publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*. When he ran for governor, Schwarz found it hard to ask people for money, and harder to engage in slash-and-burn sound bite politics.

Even though he racked up newspaper endorsements, he got an embarrassing 19 percent of the vote. This year's campaign may also feel like déjà vu; in 1992, Schwarz started out as a favorite against the elder Smith the last time the seat was open.

But Right-To-Life targeted Schwarz, and in the end, he lost, 43-36 percent.

"I think I've learned a lot since then," Schwarz says. "Look, even if I win, I'll be 67 years old before I get there. I don't have any illusions I'll ever get to a major leadership role. But I know something about health care — we need to provide universal access, and I think I have some ideas other than a single payer system to do that."

"We need in this state, and elsewhere, to do something to prevent the crippling of our great universities — that's [tantamount] to society eating its seed corn."

What he would like to do is make this a campaign about this state and this society's future. Whatever happens, this could be very interesting to watch.

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Vietnam War.

And for more than a decade, he won bipartisan praise for his work in the state senate, where he became known as the ranking expert on health care and higher education and as the biggest champion of the state university system.

"I'm solidly in the middle on enough issues that everyone on both extremes will be mad at me," he often says.

By turns charming, salty and irreverent, he has a no-nonsense attitude towards getting it done. "There is nothing wrong with putting a bunch of politicians in a closed room when they are dealing with an important issue and letting them go at it ... the good legislators realize there are no permanent friends, no permanent enemies, and the guy you just called a raving (expletive deleted) — might be your ally tomorrow. I think that's how good public policy is

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later in the year are updated accordingly. And I always wonder when I look at the newest entries: will this be one of those defining moments in the year's history?

There are three new features we've added this year to the Year In Review edition. (I can hardly take credit for coming up with these ideas on my own. There's a saying among old-schoolers that nothing new has been invented for newspapers in about 25 years. Everyone just steals from everyone else.)

**TOP 10 NEWS STORIES:** With all apologies to David Letterman — who made Top Ten Lists an industry — this is something we struggled long and hard over. I'm sure there are going to be readers who are in utter disbelief that we didn't include a certain item, or think our placement of an item in the list is way too high

or low. We focused on the amount of play the story got when it broke, the number of residents affected by the story, the long-term effects the story had on the community, and the amount of followup coverage the story got in the weeks thereafter.

**FRIENDS WE LOST:** A community, by its very nature, is made up of the people living and working in it. When people who have helped shape Northville and Northville Township are no longer with us, their absences leave a void hard to fill and even harder to forget. This is a touchy area, since deaths have touched so many people, and perhaps isn't fair to the scores of other friends and neighbors who've died in the last 52 weeks. Still, it seems fitting to give one last look and a tip of the hat to the gems we were lucky enough to know in our lives.

**FRONT PAGE ENSEMBLE:** We live in a visual world. We're surrounded by

images on all sides, and I tend to think there's no better way to show where we've been than in taking a look at the front pages that have peeked through the newsstand windows over the last year. It's bright and it's colorful. Hopefully, it'll give to you the same sense of *I remember THAT issue!* as it did for me.

I can breathe a sigh of relief now that the Year In Review 2003 project is now finished. Now it's time to start work on the Year In Review 2004.

(NOTE TO SELF: Don't wait until the last minute this time around to start work on this thing. Recapping 365 days' worth of stuff in a week is worse than three week-old Christmas turkey.)

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### • THIS WEEK •

**Ladies Bible study**  
DATE: Begins Jan. 6  
LOCATION: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene (21260 Haggerty Road)  
TIME: 9:30 a.m. (childsitting and preschool provided) or 7 p.m.  
DETAILS: The class will focus on the life of David, based on the books I Samuel and II Samuel.  
PHONE: (248) 348-7600

**Bereavement support group for young widows / widowers**  
DATE: Jan. 12, 26  
LOCATION: St. Kenneth's Catholic Church (14951 Haggerty, Plymouth)  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
DETAILS: "Circles of Hope" meets the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month. There are no fees and registration is not required.  
PHONE: (248) 348-0115

**Stage presentation: comedian Ken Davis**  
DATE: Jan. 17  
LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (4000 Six Mile Road)  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
DETAILS: Davis' routine is one of humor and inspiration. Tickets for the all-ages show are \$8 per person or \$32 for a family of four or more.  
PHONE: (248) 374-5956

**Northville Woman's Club meeting**  
DATE: Jan. 23  
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.  
DETAILS: The meeting's topic will be "Understanding Feng Shui"  
PHONE: (248) 349-5446

### • COMING UP •

**Northville Woman's Club meeting**  
DATE: Jan. 9  
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.  
DETAILS: The meeting's topic will be "Healthy Women."  
PHONE: (248) 349-5446

**Voices for Maybury meeting**  
DATE: Jan. 14  
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
DETAILS: The open meeting will focus on the role of Voices' in the Northville Community Foundation's advisory council, among other topics.  
PHONE: (248) 380-5924

Got a non-profit or community event coming up you'd like people to know about? We'd be happy to help you. Send basic information (date, time, cost, overview and a contact telephone number) to:

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

## CORRECTION



A photo in the Dec. 18 edition of the Record contained incorrect information regarding the action transpiring in the photo. The photo's caption should have read as follows:

Participating in Community Financial's annual donation to the Northville Education Fund are from left: Fund president Jay Dunkerley, Northville High School student credit union volunteers George Vlahakis, Jared Emmons, Community Financial CEO Roger Ballard, student Amella Hooker and Beth Troost, Community Financial's education coordinator.

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### • WINTER SPORTS •

**SPIKERS EARN WINS IN POST-SEASON:** It's never too late to turn the season around. After a lackluster regular season, the Mustangs of Northville came into the WLAA Conference Volleyball Tournament seeking revenge. The tournament, which was held at Wayne Memorial Feb. 22, involved the 10 Western Lakes Activities Association teams split into two pools of five. The top three teams in each pool advanced to an elimination round. They defeated the John Glenn Rockets in a close battle; the Mustangs later topped the Patriots of Livonia Franklin.

**POM PON HEADS FOR EASTERN:** The Mustangs pom team had the daunting task of taking on some of the best teams in the state at the Class-A competitive level — which is the highest level of competition in the sport. Though Northville didn't fare as well as they would have hoped, they managed a seventh-place finish in Michigan.

**MUSTANGS SKATE TO VICTORY:** The Northville Mustangs hockey team came out strong and dominated a tough Redford Unified High School team in early February for a 6-2 victory, ushering in a new attitude on the team.

**GIRLS' HOCKEY NOT AFRAID TO WIN:** Dubbed "The Comeback Kids," Northville's girls' hockey team scored another impressive 3-1 comeback win over the Knight Hawks from Bloomfield Hills. Northville's goalie Danielle Bigi, had stopped 12 shots in a row and while key defensive plays came from Heather Barent, Amanda Lariche, Annie Kirkpatrick and Marie Mc Intyre.

**WRESTLERS EARN DISTRICT TITLE:** The wrestling squad took the Michigan School Athletic Association's District 27 Team Championship by defeating Plymouth Salem High School 33-27 in mid-February. In the end, it was the third time against Salem proving to be the charm. Salem had beaten Northville 46-26 in late 2002, and again in January. But the evidence was undeniable, Northville was improving.

**THE GOLDEN RULE:** The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team felt the harsh sting of a 119-67 loss to the Salem Rocks before turning the tables and slapping Livonia Franklin as the Mustangs cruised to a 137.5-47.5 victory. Against Franklin, the Mustangs notched a victory in the 200-yard medley relay with Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Brad Farris and Tyler Carter leading the way with a time of 1:55.39. Joe Lunn, continuing his excellent season times, notched a 200 freestyle victory in 1:53.18. Mike Yutzy won the 200 individual medley in 2:17.41 while Carter showed his moxy in the 50 free with a winning time of 24.95. Aaron Flohr earned a win in the 100 butterfly with a 1:06.73 while Lorezno Hermann took first in the 100 free with a 54.56. Farris notched a 500 free win in a time of 5:18.0 and Schwartz earned the 100 backstroke victory with a 1:01.61.

**GYMNASTICS FINISHES NINTH IN THE STATE:** In a year that looked to be one of rebuilding and teaching, the Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team managed to make it into much, much more. A second-place finish in the conference and a Regional championship were added to with a seventh-place finish in the state of Michigan March 7 as the combined Northville-Novi squad strutted their stuff in front of some of the most critical judges in the game. Collecting 140.05 points, the Wild 'Stangs made their mark on one of the toughest finals that they have had the pleasure of visiting. Rochester Adams continued their hot streak, winning the state title with a final tally of 149.225. Competing in Division I was stellar gymnast Sara Wilchowski. Her performance notched her an 8.75 on the bars, a 9.2 in the floor exercise and an impressive 9.275 on the beam — which seems to have proven to be her specialty this season. Wilchowski's performance on the beam and on the bars during the Individual Finals



file photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wild 'Stang gymnast Amy Wild hits her dismount after a balance-beam routine during a 2003 home meet.



file photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville's Mark Sorenson goes up for two against Salem High School at South Lyon High School.

earned her eighth-place finishes in the state for both events with a 9.15 on the beam and a 9.35 on the bars.

**NOVI EDGES 'STANGS FOR DISTRICT CROWN:** Novi coach Pat Schuller hit the nail on the proverbial head in one quote after the the district basketball match-up against Northville. "No one deserved the loss," Schluter said following the close contest. In a defensive struggle that had to be seen to be believed, Novi edged Northville for the District Championship, 33-31 in overtime. Every pass, dribble and shot was defended as perfectly as any high school coach could have ever drawn it up practice. This

was in-your-face basketball. Novi, the highly-ranked opponent favorite versus cross-town rival underdog Northville. No one gave and inch. And, as a fan said in the hallway leaving the gym, "That was some basketball game."

### • SPRING SPORTS •

**GOLF SETS SCHOOL RECORD:** After snapping the competition in half when it came to the Western Division title, the Mustangs golf team had to sit back and wonder what they would do next. The team set the school record for lowest strokes by a team with a staggering 164 at Edgewood Country Club. The

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Alex Richard congratulates Roger Garfield after scoring to tie the HomeTown All-Star Classic baseball game at 3-3.



file photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mustang Nick Kaldis, center, leaps to head the ball towards the Livonia Stevenson net during a playoff game played at Novi's Meadows stadium.

previous record set was a 168, which the Mustangs also set on the road when they played Farmington.

**LACROSSE TEAM GIVES FANS A THRILL:** It's always nice to thrill your fans. The Northville lacrosse team did just that after waiting for the eighth-graders to finish out their own game against Tecumseh — a game the youngsters won 6-0. As the varsity Mustangs took to the field, the young lacrosse players sat back and watched poetry in motion, knowing full well that they were the future of the program. Northville didn't let them down, as they blasted Tecumseh 8-3. Sophomore middle Mike

Monticello gave the youngsters someone to look forward to being like as he started the game off on the right foot. A sweet pass from the sophomore found freshman Max Lenn breaking into the Tecumseh defense before bouncing one home from just outside the crease for a quick 1-0 lead.

**MUSTANG TAKES THIRD IN STATE:** Sophomore Alan Shanoski showed that breaking the laws of physics really isn't that hard — as long as you stand 6-foot-3 and can leap over a bar that is 6-feet-6 off the ground. The leap, which took place at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids, not only tied Shanoski's own school record jump, but also

earned him a third-place finish at the MHSAA State Track and Field finals May 31.

**STREAKER INTERRUPTS SOCCER GAME:** Though some may smirk at the idea of a streaker taking to the field of an athletic event, the first thing that should be made clear is it's far from a funny situation. Northville principal Dennis Colligan and athletics director Larry Taylor found themselves in the role of apprehending officials as they caught and detained a streaker who ran through the middle of the Northville Mustangs and Livonia Franklin Patriots girls' soccer

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game. The streaker, who was identified as a male Detroit Catholic Central student, came running onto the pitch wearing a rabbit hat and an athletic supporter. After performing a cartwheel in the middle of the field, and having his hat fall off, the streaker picked it up and ran away.

**GOLF EARNS TITLES:** The Northville Mustangs girls' golf team secured the Western Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The title came on the back of hard work and wins throughout the season to this point, most recently over Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill.

**RUPLEY TAKES SECOND IN CONTROVERSIAL STATE FINALS RUN:** Four members of the Northville girls' track and field teams took the trip to Houseman Field in Grand Rapids May 31 to compete in the MHSAA State Track and Field Finals. Fighting through the stiff competition was junior Devon Rupley, making her mark in the 800-meter sprint with a second place finish in a time of two minutes, 13.20 seconds — just .02 seconds behind the winner. At first, it seemed that Rupley would be declared the victor in the event.

**BASEBALL BOWS OUT IN REGIONAL:** They are on the brink of going a step further — even coach Mickey Newman said so. The Northville Mustangs, under the guidance of Newman, made it to the first round of Regional Tournament play for the second-straight year. And, for the second-straight year, Northville found themselves bowing out in their opening game. This time, they fell to an Adrian Maples squad 3-2.

**MUSTANGS HAVE GOOD SHOWING IN POST-SEASON TENNIS:** Northville senior Adam O'Donnell wasn't just a captain on the Mustangs boys' tennis squad. No, instead he chose to be a motivator and an enthusiastic player. He chose to make his senior year the best it could be through hard work and determination, and by helping the other members of the team make theirs a great year too. All of that, and the votes of his peers on the tennis team, made O'Donnell the Most Valuable Player of the Year for the Mustang tennis program.

**SOFTBALL MAKES STRIDES THROUGH SEASON:** Northville softball closed out their season, but feel that they have made great strides as a program in the last year. The Mustangs fell 4-0 in a game in which they played very well, but just couldn't get things going offensively. Jane Kruszewski pitched the entire game and only gave up two



file photo by HAL GOULD

Northville's Alan Shanoski strains on his way to a second-place finish at the state track and field finals.

walks.

**SOCCER BOWS OUT TO CROSS-TOWN RIVALS:** The Northville Mustangs girls' soccer team took the brunt of a 1-0 loss to the Novi Wildcats May 30 in the District title game held at Novi Meadows soccer field. The game, which was played in less-than-favorable conditions of slight rain, overcast and winds, found the Wildcats earning their first-ever victory over Northville to secure their first-ever district title.

**RECORD-SETTING MUSTANGS:** The Northville Mustangs found the team of Lisa Bowen, Kate McClintock, Katy Miller and Lisa Bowen breaking the Charger Invitational record April 29 in the 3,200-meter relay. The record-setting performance came as the Mustangs finished second with 115 points behind a tough Woodhaven team after they traveled to Dearborn Heights Crestwood to compete in the 10-team event. The Mustangs' 3,200-meter relay team finished in first at the meet, completing the event in a time of 10:12.

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**SHOCKER:** The Mustang soccer team defeated the Stevenson Spartans to capture a Division I District Championship at Novi Meadows Stadium Oct. 23. Junior midfielder Mike Kelleher ended the double overtime thriller with a controversial goal that sent the Mustang crowd into a frenzy and shocked the Stevenson players and coaches. With 3:44 remaining in the second overtime period, Kelleher slid a free kick past an unsuspecting Stevenson defense and goalie creating mass

confusion and celebration for Northville. The chaos began with Stevenson freshmen goaltender Mitch Hildebrandt being whistled for an illegal punt, which gave Northville a free kick at the top of the 18-yard box. On the ensuing free kick, the Stevenson defenders and goalie were moving around to set up their wall when the referee placed the ball on the ground. Kelleher immediately sent the ball towards the right corner of the net and before the Stevenson players knew what happened, the game, and their season was over.

**TENNIS WINS REGIONAL:** The Mustang girls' netters, led by coach Sandy Woolfall, earned a first-place finish in their Regional Tournament as they carded 28 points. Livonia Stevenson took second place with 21 points, and Dearborn Fordson took third and was one of the lucky few teams in the state to escape their Regional by collecting over 18 points as they took 19 in their journey. The Mustangs found themselves winning five out of eight of the flights as they stomped their way to a major victory.

**MUSTANG GOLF WINS CONFERENCE CROWN:** The Northville Mustangs golf team, coached by Tom Shaw, may not have walked away with the state title this year, but they have the bragging rights for the year in the Western Lakes Activities Association thanks to some remarkable play in the conference tournament. The Mustangs could easily have read in various newspapers or on the Internet that they "upset" the other teams to win the conference crown, but for the Northville golf team that word has to be a little overrated itself. Northville has always had sparks of being the

best team in the area, but the proof is in the numbers and they proved themselves with a 309 at the WLAA tourney to win the event.

**TANKERS HAVING SUCCESS:** The Mustang tankers, coached by Tom Silak, swam to victory as they turned to their top swimmers in many events — a strategy that paid off even against another non-conference team in Howell, which also hailed from the Kensington Valley Conference.

**NOVI TAKES BASELINE JUG—AGAIN:** Novi secured a 9-0 regular season run with an impressive 35-16 win over a very determined Northville Mustangs football team Oct. 24. The win marked Novi's third-straight win over Northville as well as a 17-16 lead in the all-time series.

**MUSTANGS BEAT SALEM FOR FIRST FOOTBALL WIN:** The Northville Mustangs went from darkness to brilliance as they took their first two losses and learned enough from them to scrape together a 27-20 victory over the Plymouth Salem Rocks. The Mustangs took the lead early in the contest as Sorensen scampered from behind the protection of his offensive line and crossed into the endzone with 8:19 remaining in the first quarter of play to take a 6-0 lead after the point-after attempt failed. The Mustangs were quick to add another touchdown to their tally, increasing their lead to 13-0 just 15 seconds into the second half as Mac Stille pounded out a two-yard score before Bill Brown, the senior kicker, notched the point after.

**GIRLS JUST MISS OUT ON SENDING HRVINAK TO FINALS:** The Northville Mustangs



file photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville's No. 2-ranked player, Shannon Farris, serves to Novi opponent Lauren Carosio in their late-August match at Novi.

girls' cross country team was just one of many left standing outside in the cold with the door to the MHSAA state finals closed before them. The Mustangs finished fifth overall as they put together some impressive numbers — but numbers that were for naught even as junior Liz Hrivnak put together a time of 19:30. Only the top 15 runners are individual qualified for the state finals run, which is held in Brooklyn at the Michigan International Speedway.

**DALTON MAKES STATE FINALS TRIP WITH STRONG RUNNING:** Northville senior harriner Tim Dalton, who has been a name in the Western Lakes Activities Association throughout the entire year, let the entire state know that he intended on being recognized as one of the premiere runners in the state. Dalton found himself finishing in fourth place with an applaud-worthy

time of 15:56.5. The school mark, which was set in 1980, is held by Clark Couyoumian with a 15:39.

**TENNIS TAKES NINTH IN STATE:** 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. 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.

## LIBRARY LINES

**WINTER TOT STORYTIME:** Registration for the winter TOT storytimes, for children 2 and 3 years old with caregivers, starts January 7, in the library or by phone. Specially designed for this age group, the six-week series of half-hour sessions are structured to help this age group gain the most from this fun and important library experience. For this reason, please bring only age appropriate children who are registered. Please choose from one of the following sessions: Mondays at 10:15 a.m. from Jan. 26 through

March 1; Wednesdays at 10:15 or 11:30 a.m., from Jan. 28 through March 3; or Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. from January 29 through March 4.

**KIDS CLUB FOR 1ST AND 2ND GRADERS:** First and second graders are invited to this special series of 45 minute after school programs, on Thursdays at 4:15 p.m. Limited to 20 children, this series features stories and fun activities. Additional siblings and non-registered children may not attend. The series runs for six weeks, from Jan. 29

through March 4. Please register by phone or in person starting Jan. 8.

**WINTER STORYTIME FOR 4s, 5s AND KINDERGARTNERS:** Four and five-year olds, or those in kindergarten, are eligible for the six-week series of Storytimes this winter. The children must be comfortable attending without a caregiver present, and young or older children, and non-registered siblings may not attend. Each 45 minute weekly program features stories and creative

activities, so children should also be able to use scissors, glue and other crafts. Each session includes 20 children. Please register for one of the following sessions: Mondays at 4:00 p.m., from February 9 through March 15; Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. or 2 p.m. from February 10 through March 16. Register by Jan. 20.

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based Grand/Sakwa grabbed headlines as the developer selected July 2 by the state Department of Management and Budget to transform the former psychiatric hospital site on Seven Mile Road. The company subsequently withdrew its "winning" bid of \$76 million after conducting months of due diligence at the 415-acre site.

### • JULY •

**COMMUNITY PARK GROWS:** Parks and Recreation Director Traci Sincok described in July meetings plans to expand a new portion of the 120-acre township-owned park on the west side of Beck Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads. Playing fields, a pathway system, pavilion, diamonds, basketball courts and bike paths among the active and passive areas planned for use by township and city residents as part of a shared-services agreement.

**EXPANDING RURAL HILL:** The diminishing supply of burial sites in the city's cemetery prompted the City Council to proceed with expansion plans designed to fulfill resident needs for the next 40 years. The city planned for completion by the end of the year the first of four phases, which will cost \$330,000. The multi-phase project will encompass tree removal, development of a loop road, grading for burial sites, fencing and landscaping.

**MAYBURY SUPPORT CONTINUES:** Grassroots groups such as the Voices for Maybury Farm, Friends of Maybury State Park, and Maybury State Park Trailriders Association continued their support of the state facility through volunteer efforts — fundraising, offering programs and grooming trails, for example. Private monetary donations as well continued to grow the endowment fund established by the Northville Community Foundation. Foundation representatives behind the scenes worked with state Department of Natural Resources officials to negotiate local control of a rebuilt vintage farm.

**STATE CUTS LOCAL SHARE:** In July, and again in December as predicted, city and township finance directors trimmed from local budgets funding projected to come from state revenue sharing. State lawmakers attempting to rid Lansing of its budget deficit, reduced the money distributed to local municipalities generated by the sales tax.

### • AUGUST •

**AVOCADO NO MORE:** Residents of the city-owned Allen Terrace senior residence bid a fond farewell to the green and gold countertops installed in their apartments when the building was constructed in 1978. Contractors in August began the series of improvements scheduled through spring, including kitchen improvements in all 100 residences, plumbing and electrical repair, new heating and air conditioning units, window and door-wall replacement, some new flooring, and terrace repair.

**BLACKOUT:** Just after 4 p.m. Aug. 14, area homes and businesses, like most of the Great Lakes region, without warning lost electricity. For most, the blackout lasted little more than 24 hours, but the initial lack of an explanation raised the hackles on the neck of the collective Northville community.

### • SEPTEMBER •

**SENIOR CENTER GROUNDBREAKING:** Almost 50 years to the day construction began on the Northville Community Center, local officials Sept. 12 broke ground on creating the facility's new identity as a senior center. A cooperative effort among city, township and school district will invest \$2.89 million into improving the 303 W. Main Street.

**FOUNDATION TAKES OVER FARM:** Seven months after fire destroyed the vintage farm operation at Maybury State Park, the Department of Natural Resources and the Northville Community Foundation Sept. 16

announced an agreement for the local non-profit agency to restore the operation. The lease, with additional 15-year renewal options, also establishes an advisory committee to include representatives from the state DNR, community foundation, and other community groups supportive of the Maybury farm.

### • OCTOBER •

**COMMUNITY-WIDE IMPACT:** The two largest parcels of vacant township property — the Seven Mile Road site and the former Detroit House of Corrections property near Ridge between Five Mile and Six Mile roads — were the focus of local planners' attention most of the year. Northville Township officials maintained a consensus conscience on planning for the community's future through joint meetings, outreach to affected entities and visioning meetings.

The township Oct. 30 hosted a 2020 vision meeting for township and city leaders, department heads, as well as Northville Public Schools officials. "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."

**48167 — HOT ZIP CODE:** What economic downturn? The Northville community remained the site of growth and more growth throughout 2003.

Noodles and Company, P.F. Chang, Pier 1, Baha Fresh were among the new tenants at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty roads. While major players sized up the two largest yet-to-be-developed parcels in the neighborhood, construction continued on two dozen other residential developments.

Meanwhile, the many new homes with many additional drivers called for increased traffic capacity on roads like Sheldon between Five Mile and Six Mile in the township. On the east and west sides of Sheldon, for example, the developer and county split the road widening cost to accommodate the more than 600 single-family homes planned as part of the Northville Hills Golf Club development.

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:** Joan Wadsworth added the top title to her already extensive list of community accolades during the Chamber of Commerce hosted event Oct. 22. Currently the president of the Northville Board of Education, Wadsworth has served the Friends of the Northville Library, Mothers' Club of Northville, the First Presbyterian Church and numerous other service organizations.

### • NOVEMBER •

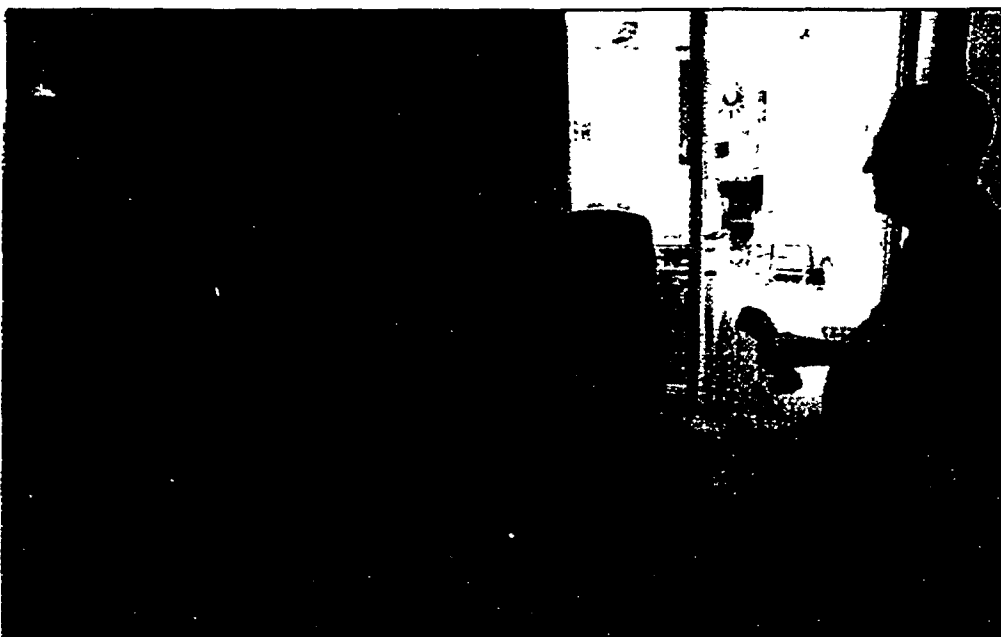
**NO CONTEST:** Incumbents Mayor Christopher Johnson and council members Carolann Ayers and Tom Swigart faced no opposition to return to their seats in the Nov. 4 election. In a 853-520 tally, voters defeated the ballot proposal seeking approval to issue bonds to pay for a downtown parking improvement program.

**-DOWNTOWN SHUFFLE:** Owners of a number of central business district stores changed locations, pursuits or occupations during the final months of 2003. City leaders attributed the turnover to a natural evolution in an established downtown.

**BARN IN HAND:** The Northville Community Foundation in November gratefully accepted the donation of a vintage barn from luxury home building company, Toll Brothers. The non-profit agency plans in the spring of 2004 to erect the structure on the Maybury State Park site where the original barn stood until destroyed by fire in February.

### • DECEMBER •

**OLY PLANS TO EXPAND:** The Catholic church, built at the corner of Thayer and Orchard in 1922, late this year unveiled previously abandoned plans to expand the parish's overcrowded grade school. Some Our Lady of Victory neighbors warily eyed plans submitted to the city fearing a negative impact on their property values.



file photo by JOHN HEIDER

With only partial power illuminating the offices of Allen Terrace Apartments in Northville, a maintenance worker Larry Burnette, right, shines a flashlight at Sue Petres, its on-call administrative assistant as she makes a phone call to Northville City Fire Department during the power outage. Petres was attempting to see if the building could host an outdoor barbecue for its residents later that day. The August blackout affected millions of people across the United States and Canada.

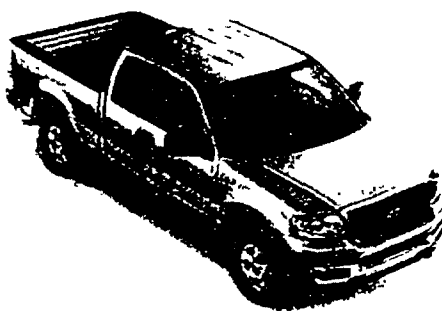
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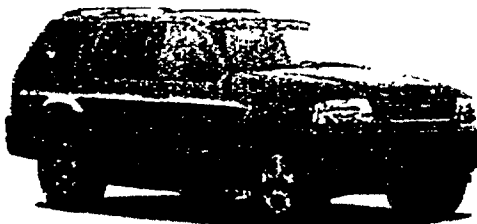
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## Guilty pleasures

Chandeliers are luxurious, elegant — not pretentious

By Rose Bennett Gilbert  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

**Q:** Is it too pretentious to hang a crystal chandelier in my bedroom or master bath? I have brass in the dining room because the furniture is all Colonial-style in cherrywood. It would be like my little guilty pleasure, having a crystal chandelier all to myself, but I don't want to make an expensive mistake.

**A:** No mistake about it: Crystal has been shedding light on some of the most elegant bedrooms and baths all down through decorating history, at least since the master glassmakers of Europe found the way to add the spectacular sparkle that distinguishes crystal from plain glass (it's done with lead, but don't tell).

Go on and put some spectacular sparkle in your own private life. Anyone who indulges in self-expression decorating gets my blessing, as long as the results aren't downright ugly or uncomfortable — not adjectives easily associated with crystal. Nor is "pretentious."

The crystal chandelier in the bedroom — no, "boudoir" — we show here looks very much at home with the other feminine furnishings. The designers, De Salvo Galleries of New York, chose to put the chandelier at the center of attention. Making up for the lack of architectural interest in the modern-day house, they added a



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Crystal chandeliers are starting to show up in pampered bedrooms.

molded plaster medallion in the center of the ceiling from which to hang the chandelier. (Check your local design center; you may find a version of the medallion idea in plaster-look plastic that is easier to install.)

**Final note:** Crystal light fixtures are definitely blowing in the winds of design trends. Crystal chandeliers and sconces, even crystal beading on lampshades, are showing up all through the house, even the most contemporary house. Something about their Old World splendor seems to resonate with elegance-starved homeowners of today.

**Q:** We've been flooring-shopping for the house we're renovating, a Queen Anne Victorian that was unoccupied for three years, during which the pipes froze, flooded everything and ruined the lovely old hardwood floors.

We can't replace the originals — they were chestnut — but we've found something we like, bamboo wood flooring, if you can believe it. It's really cool. And the salesman tells us it's even harder than hardwoods, such as oak and maple. The trouble is, we don't think the narrow "strips" will look right in a traditional Victorian. What do you think?

**A:** You've happened on a bright idea that's been gaining steam for the past decade or so. But you're not talking about wood at all; bamboo is actually a woody grass that is famous for its supersonic growth rate. But grass or not, it has been used for centuries to make tables, wall units, and other kinds of smart and durable furniture.

Now starring on selected floors, bamboo is tough, attractive and totally renewable, as it matures in less than four years. Flooring made of bamboo would go wonderfully in, say, your conservatory or sun porch,

but it just may be too "novel" for a more formal high-Victorian parlor.

See what you think. One resource is Bamboo Flooring International Corp., [www.bamboo-flooring.com](http://www.bamboo-flooring.com). To compare with more familiar hardwoods, punch up [www.hardwood-info.com](http://www.hardwood-info.com).

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## Housing market may reap big rewards in 2004

By James M. Woodard  
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Expect the housing market to experience a robust year in 2004. It might even surpass records set in 2003, analysts predict.

The nation's home builders are particularly enthusiastic about the growing demand for homes and apartments. They are positioning themselves for another record year of activity and sales.

"Based on our expectations for mortgage rates, house-price performance, household formations and overall economic conditions, we're very optimistic that demand for new homes and apartments will settle at a slightly lower, but still-

robust level in the new year," said Kent Conine, president of the National Association of Home Builders.

"With most, but not all, of the data in for 2003, it's obvious that this has been a record-breaking year for the single-family market and for homeownership generally. Not only will new home sales break the million-unit mark for the first time, but it's now apparent that total production of new single-family homes in 2003, including homes built on the owners' lots, will hit the highest level in history, at about 1.5 million housing units."

He also noted that the evolving market fundamentals, including a modestly higher interest rate pro-

jection, stronger job and income growth and maintenance of strong demographic foundation will keep single-family market activity at an elevated level throughout 2004.

New home sales are expected to again eclipse 1 million units in 2004. On the production side, construction starts of single-family units should decline about 3.5 percent from 2003. In the multifamily sector, a strong condo component and solid production of federally subsidized low-income rental housing will continue to provide essential support to the market and better job growth will help combat high vacancies in rental housing.

Remodeling of existing housing — primarily improvements to

owner-occupied homes — will continue to be a major factor in terms of housing-related spending in 2004, according to NAHB.

"We're projecting about \$182 billion of residential remodeling activity in 2003, and \$192 billion in 2004," said David Seiders, NAHB's chief economist.

Production of manufactured homes has been the weakest component of the nation's housing market in 2003, but this market apparently stabilized around midyear, NAHB reported. Total production of new housing will be around 1.92 million units in 2004, down from an estimated 1.97 million in 2003.

Overall, housing production

should proceed at a strong and relatively stable pace in 2004.

"We expect the nonresidential business sector to assume a stronger role in the evolving economic expansion," Seiders noted.

A factor in the outlook is favorable financing, which will continue to buoy home sales, remodeling activity and apartment building. The average rate on long-term home mortgages will remain under 7 percent through 2004, NAHB predicts. The cost of adjustable-rate home loans should stay historically low, largely reflecting maintenance of a 1 percent federal funds rate by the Federal Reserve for most of the year.

## Ice, and its removal, can be problematic for plants

By Jeff Rugg  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

It is the time of year when television weather reports remind us just how far south winter ice storms can reach.

The southern edge of the Snow Belt usually gets freezing rain several times a year, while even the Gulf Coast gets them occasionally. In fact, only a few lucky regions of the United States are immune. Ice can do great damage when it gets to be a couple of inches thick. When it does, large trees and limbs just snap off.

Because a thin glaze of ice can snap small twigs, even if the ice is on just one side of the branch or tree, there is little we can do to prevent ice-related damage. However, there are some things we can do to minimize the harm to our landscapes.

A pre-storm inspection is a good place to start. Check multi-stemmed plants and evergreens to see if they need support before the onset of ice and snow. Branches that sprout from vertical trunks and stay almost vertical themselves are most at risk. Any diseased or rotting branch or trunk is also at great risk.

Some tree varieties, such as the Bradford pear, grow with almost all their branches at narrow, near-vertical angles to the main trunk and are prone to splitting in half. Before ice sets in, it is wise to prune as many vertical and weak branches from the tree as possible. Prop up large horizontal branches with strong boards. Guy wires can be used to support the tree and the trunks on multi-trunk trees.

### Prevent snow and ice damage

There are several things you can do to minimize the damage of winter weather on landscape.

1. Gently brush off heavy, wet snows as soon as possible to prevent limb breakage.

2. Prop up large horizontal branches with strong boards and prune as many vertical and weak branches out of the tree as possible.

3. Use guy wires to support the tree from the ground and between trunks on multiple-trunked trees.

4. Use a shovel — instead of salt — to remove snow. Salt used for most ice melting is made from calcium chloride or sodium chloride, both of which will kill plants.

■ Use Ice Ban to melt snow. It delivers valuable nutrients to the soil and may enhance vegetation growth.

After an ice storm hits, be careful with ice-glazed plants. Ice can snap off branches if you try to remove it. Cold branches are already brittle, but ice makes them worse. Gently brush off heavy wet snows right away to prevent limb breakage. Be even more careful if the snow sticks because of frozen rain underneath.

Every winter, many people damage their landscape through



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the incorrect application of salt for snow and ice removal. Various products are available to remove ice and snow from sidewalks and driveways, but none should be used as a substitute for shoveling.

Most ice-melting salts are made from calcium chloride or sodium chloride, both of which can kill plants. The sodium in sodium chloride can pollute soil so badly that plant roots cannot grow in it.

The chemical component of fertilizer is also made from a variety of salts. Fertilizers are designed to supply plants with nutrients at specific times in their growth cycle. Winter is not one of those times.

Consequently, using fertilizers as a deicer won't help plants. Just as it does during the growing season, too much fertilizer in winter can harm plants. What's more, fertilizer runoff in the spring can lead to unhealthy algae blooms in streams and rivers, as well as other problems.

It is best to follow label directions. Only use fertilizers as deicers if it is recommended on the package directions.

Having said that, there are ice-melting salts that employ potassium, a nutrient used in many fertilizers. Potassium is unnecessary in many soils, but it is safe and can counteract some of the effects of ice-melting salts.

Many companies are seeking deicing products that are safe for plants, roads and bridges. Some are based on renewable corn byproducts. The good that salts do is countered by the harm they cause to roads, bridges, rivers and streams.

One such product is called Ice Ban. It is a natural liquid concentrate residue left over from the wet milling of corn in the production of ethanol. It actually delivers valuable nutrients to the soil and might enhance vegetation growth.

Ice Ban is less corrosive on metal than other deicing chemicals. In fact, it inhibits corrosion caused by chloride salts. Testing indicates that it is less corrosive than water. Check out the Web site

[www.iceban.com](http://www.iceban.com) for details.

Most road damage is caused by the freeze-thaw cycles. Roads in cold climates, such as plants in zones 4 and farther north, stay frozen most of the winter. Roads in climate zones 7 and farther south seldom freeze in winter. That leaves zones 5 and 6, where roads repeatedly freeze and thaw. That is why Illinois roads are damaged in winter so much more than roads in Wisconsin.

When temperatures are above freezing, roads tend to absorb water like a sponge. When the absorbed water freezes, it expands and makes tiny cracks that let in more water.

Potassium-based deicers keep water in a liquid state longer and at colder air temperatures so the melted ice and snow can evaporate or drain before refreezing and cracking the pavement. That is why it is beneficial to remove slush as soon as a deicer starts to work.

It is best to avoid using ice-melting salts on concrete that is less than 1 year old and to refrain from using it on damaged concrete. Damaged concrete should be sealed before adding salts.

There are some liquid deicers that use ethylene glycol, a poison that is used to make automobile antifreeze and never should be used around plants or pets. Dogs and cats are often attracted to the sweet taste of ethylene glycol, but even a small amount can be fatal. Ethylene glycol is applied with a sprayer, but the mist can be harmful to humans as well.

E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at [jlrugg@pondsupplies.com](mailto:jlrugg@pondsupplies.com).

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## Christmas trees might be best left to the experts

**Q:** I think it would be fun to grow my own Christmas tree from a seed. I've been planting pine cones for a couple of years but none come up. How do I do this?

**A:** You've been planting the seed holder and not the seeds. The pine cone holds many seeds inside. When you put it in a cold damp place, the cone shuts and holds in all the seeds. Nature has cleverly designed the pine cone to close when conditions aren't suitable for seed growth and to open when it is. If you planted the cone deep enough to cover it, the soil at that depth was too cold for seed germination, even if the seeds could have escaped the cone. This isn't a fast or simple process so be prepared to work hard for that tree. It will be important to know what kind of cones you are getting. The cones need to be fresh and you have to be able to tap out the seeds that are between the woody structures of the cone. The seeds should have an oval, firm seed with half of a "propeller" attached. How you plant the seed depends on what kind of evergreen you have. White pine and white spruce need to be planted in the fall so they have the winter in the cold, moist soil to germinate. Other seeds can be directly sown in the spring. Prepare a place outside in full sun for a nursery bed. You need to work the soil up and remove all plant growth. This nursery bed will have to be protected with overhead screening to keep birds or hungry rodents from wiping you out. Once the soil is worked up and you have the seeds that have been identified, you need to plant them at the proper time. Not every seed is good, so you are going to have to plant a number of them. Sprinkle them evenly on the soil surface and cover them with a thin coating of sand. The smallest seeds like white spruce and blue spruce should have one eighth of an inch of sand on them. The larger seeds of other species will germinate readily through one fourth of an inch of sand. Sift the sand carefully over the seeds. Cover the seedbed with a piece of burlap that has soaked in water for several hours. It will serve as good winter mulch for seeds planted in the fall and will also keep seeds from being washed away by hard rains. Water gently to dampen the soil, seeds and sand. Keep everything moist. It will take about two weeks of warm weather for seeds to germinate. As soon as the seeds germinate, remove the burlap. Replace it with a wooden frame with hardware screening attached to the top. The frame should stand about four inches off the soil surface. Your tiny seedlings are now boxed in for protection. Keep the seedlings watered but don't get the soil too wet. They can be killed by excessive moisture. Once the seedlings are up and growing, they can be mulched with a thin layer of sawdust. If the weather is hot, put a shade screen of a piece of snow fencing on the top of the hardware screen. It will keep the seedlings from frying. Don't allow the seedlings to grow through the wire. Make sure there are no weeds in the nursery bed. When the seedlings are six or so inches high, they will have to be transplanted to separate them. Dig them up gently and move them with a glob of soil around the roots. Keep watering and weeding and protecting them from deer and rabbits. In seven to twelve years, you'll have your Christmas tree. After all this work and time, do you really want to cut it down?

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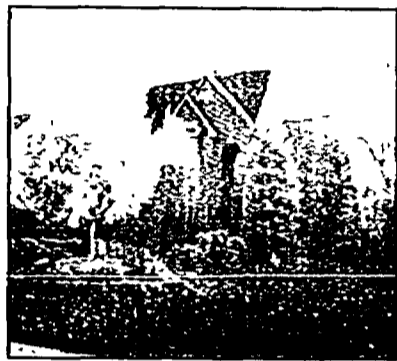
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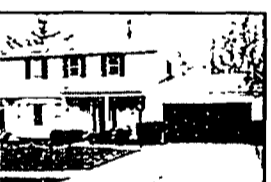
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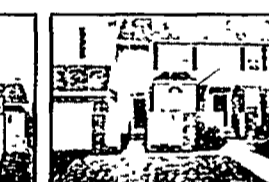
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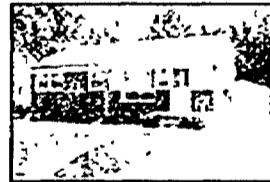
**REMODELED HOME** This 2 bedroom home can easily be converted into a 3 bedroom. Wayne-Westland schools. Family room, attached garage, and a large breezeway. Many updates. Excellent investment property. Immediate occupancy \$72,900 (529BI)



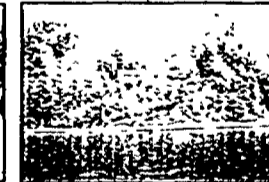
**PRETTY AS A PICTURE** Gorgeous brick and aluminum 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo features newer windows, furnace, hwh, carpet, and a remodeled kitchen with newer flooring, cabinetry, countertops, sink, and appliances. Finished basement with a dramatic den plus a sitting area! Outstanding \$135,000 (064NO)



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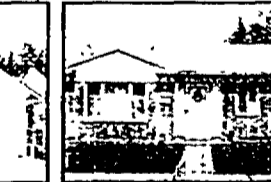
**SPECTACULAR WATERFRONT** On 1.4 acres. Walkout ranch - 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, trees, privacy and 3 boat docks on Belleville Lake. Rare opportunity. Call now \$519,900 (830LA)



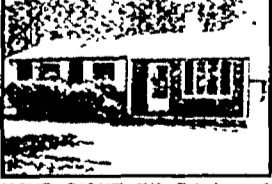
**I'M GORGEOUS** Three bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, natural fireplace in family room 1st floor laundry. Huge beautifully landscaped yard. Sprinkler system. 2-tiered deck alarm system. Great location! Ready for new owner! \$234,900 (489SN)



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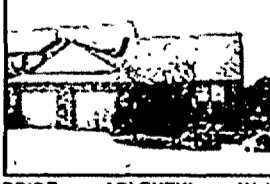
**YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL!** Cozy 3 bedroom ranch with over 1100 sq. ft. situated on an extra deep lot! Includes new windows, central air w/humidifier, new side entry doors, finished basement, attached carport and a 2-1/2 car garage. Move-in condition. \$114,900 (422OR)



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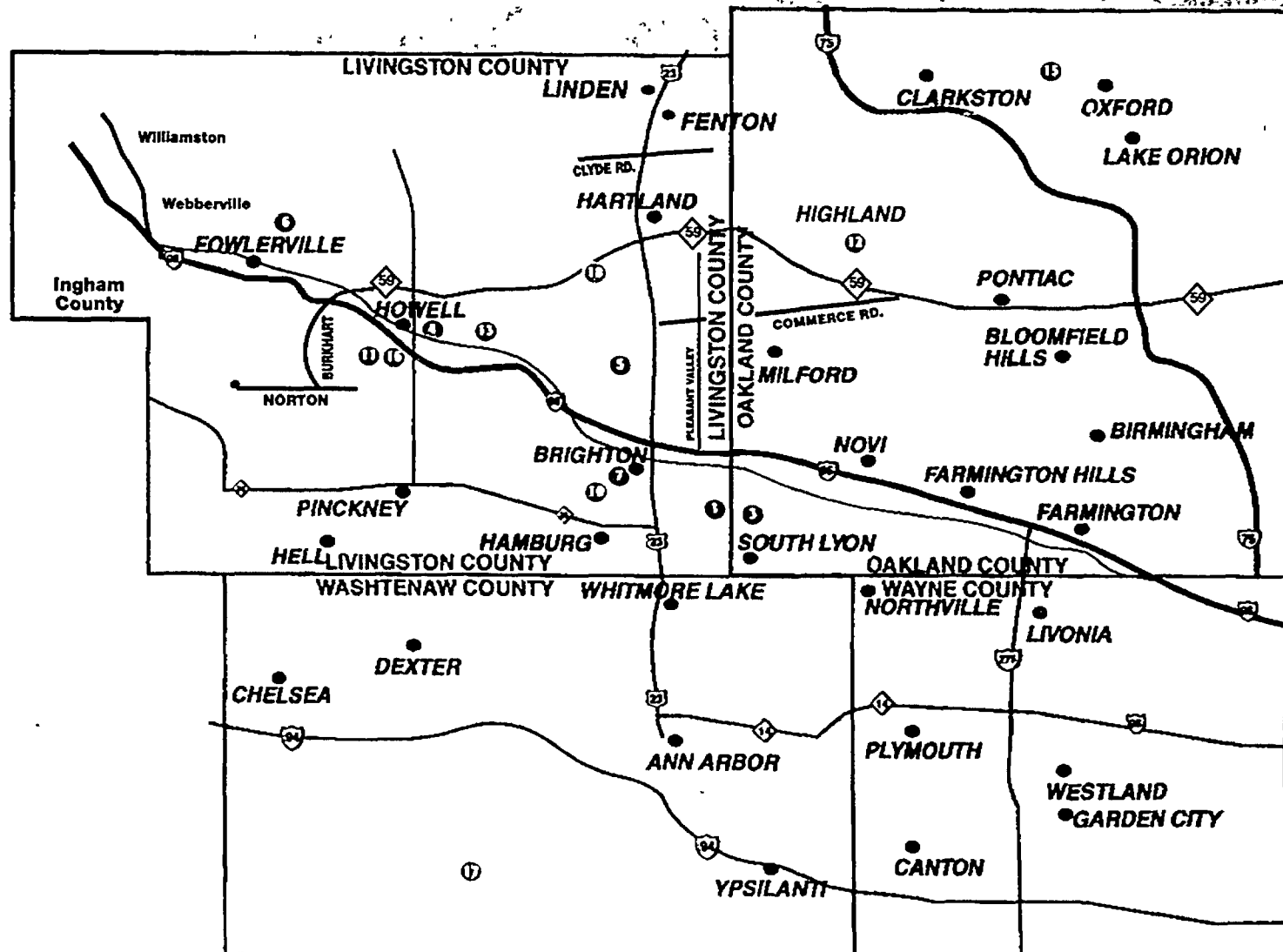
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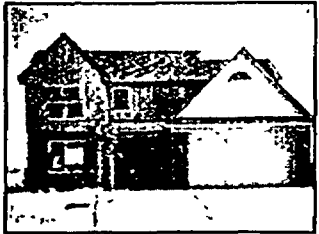
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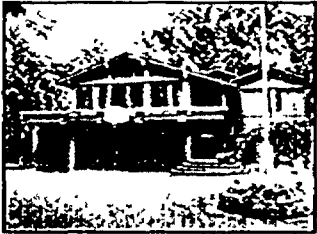
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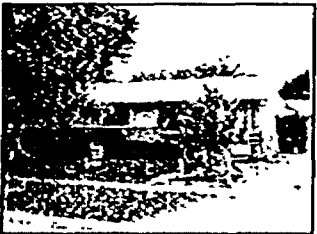
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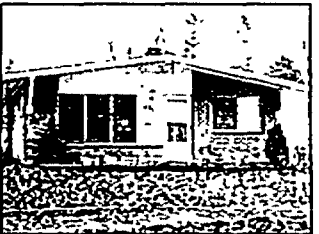
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**WESTLAND** - Great starter home. 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch. Large eat in kitchen with ceramic tile. First floor laundry. Fenced in yard. Neutral throughout. Newer carpet. Newer roof-5 years. Large fenced in yard. \$120,000 (35FOR) 248-349-5600



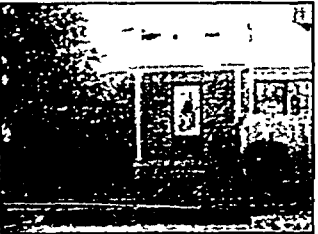
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**NORTHVILLE** - Large colonial. Plenty of room, many updates including newer carpet thruout, paint, appliances. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath with 5th bedroom in lower level. Large shaded yard backs to commons. Buy now and move by Thanksgiving. \$339,900 (03FPR) 248-349-5600



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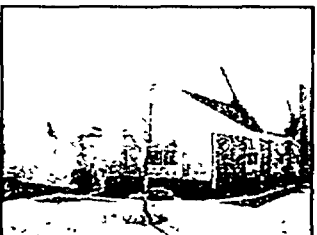
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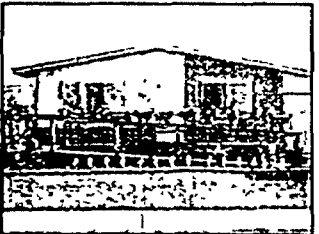
**REDFORD** - Ready to move in! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch with many of the high ticket items done. Updates include windows, furnace, roof, and newer carpet. All appliances and home warranty included. (91LEN) \$129,900 734-455-5600



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**WESTLAND** - Outstanding home. 3 BR, 1 BA turn key brick ranch in move-in condition. Beautiful updated kitchen w/oak cabinets & ceramic tile floors. Partially finished basement. Vinyl windows. T/O. Large deck, and updated concrete and attached insulated garage w/opener. Livonia Schools. \$164,900 (02HIL) 248-349-5600



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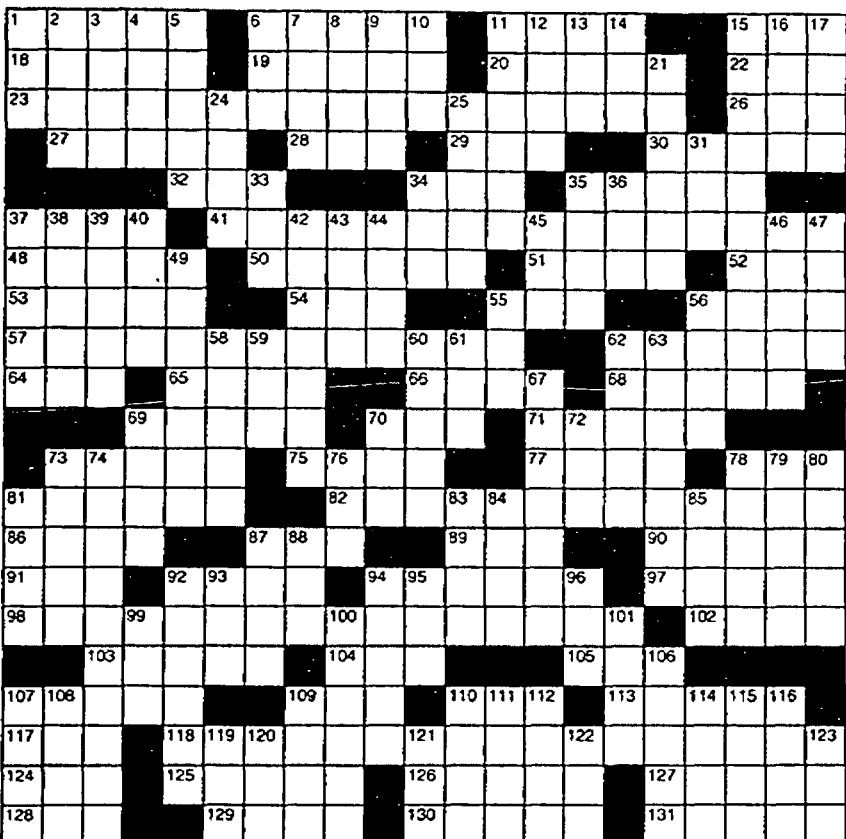
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34 Baseball's Pinella  
35 TV's "Green"  
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50 Only just  
51 Olympic VIP  
52 Med test  
53 Take in, perhaps

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64 Weldon or Wray  
65 And others  
68 Utah city  
69 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'amore"  
70 Queller or Arden  
71 Heavenly hunter  
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75 Knight's wife  
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90 Urania's sister  
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97 Object

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104 Shady character?  
105 High peak  
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109 Coach  
110 Favourite  
113 "Terrier"  
117 Massage  
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34 "— Abner"  
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36 Actor  
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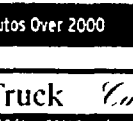
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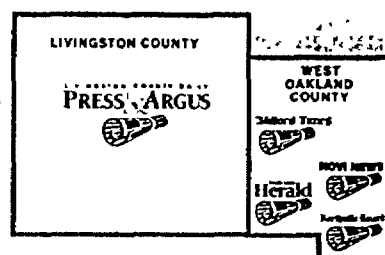
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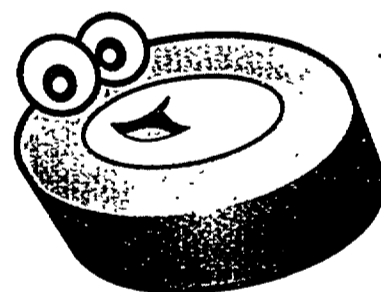
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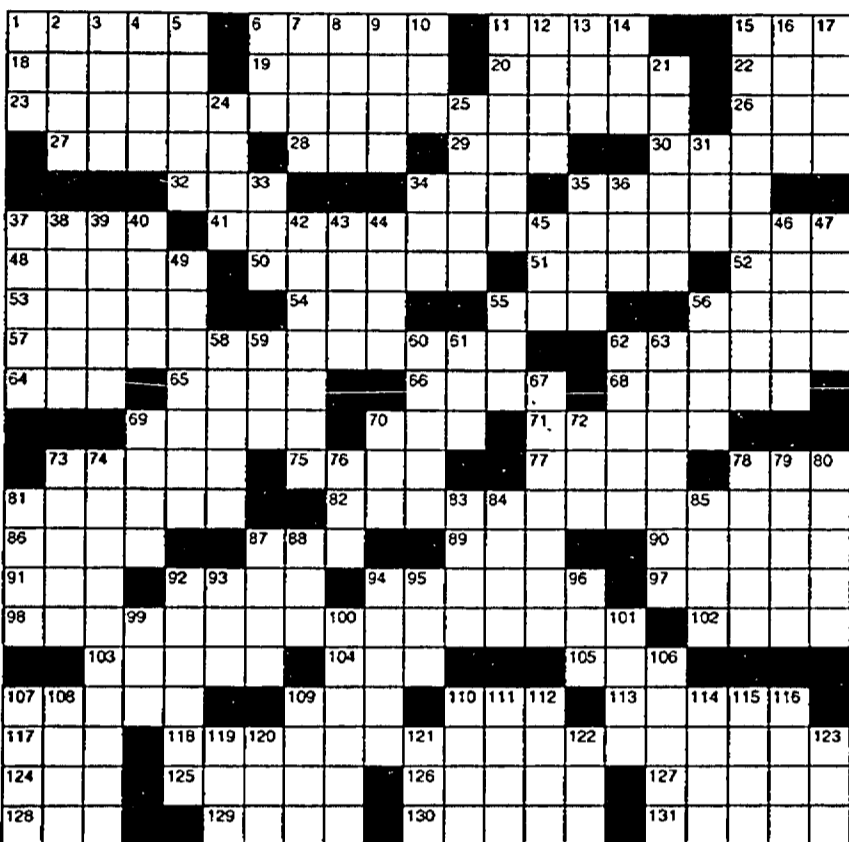
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6 Faithful  
11 Elated  
15 Tighten the tent  
18 Nigerian city  
19 Address  
20 Puddled  
22 Multi-purpose vehicle  
23 Photography event of 1900  
26 "Unforgettable" name  
27 Snicker sound  
28 Mexican Mrs.  
29 Have a mortgage  
30 Attack  
32 Snigger's quarry  
34 Baseball's Piniella  
35 TV's "Green"  
37 Young follower?  
41 Literary event of 1900  
48 Roberts or Tucker  
50 Only just  
51 Olympic  
52 Med. test  
53 Take in, perhaps

54 Big bang letters  
55 Distress  
56 Terror  
57 Exhibition event of 1900  
62 Solidarity city  
64 Weldon or Wray  
65 And others  
66 Utah city  
68 Way to go  
69 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'amour"  
70 Queller or Arden  
71 Heavenly hunter  
73 Meir's successor  
75 Knight's wife  
77 Clasp  
78 Scale notes  
81 Ease a situation  
82 Musical event of 1900  
86 Huck's craft  
87 Service dv  
89 "Dot" (64 hit)  
90 Urania's sister  
91 Skater Midori  
92 Act catty?  
94 Anesthetic type  
97 Object

98 Transportation event of 1900  
102 90 Across' instrument  
103 Moshe of Israel  
104 Shady character?  
105 High peak  
107 Multivoiced Mel  
109 Coach  
110 Favorite  
113 — tamer  
117 Massage  
118 Culinary event of 1900  
124 Every last bit  
125 Humback's home  
126 Luncheon-ette lure  
127 Gawk  
128 Payable  
129 Makes lace  
130 Actor Gary  
131 Detection device

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1 TV ET  
2 Cafe au —  
3 Fairy tale  
4 Snack  
5 Cosmetics  
6 Papal name  
7 Auto pioneer  
8 Century  
9 segment  
10 "Lonely" Boy singer  
11 Become an adult  
12 Rob of "Wayne's World"  
13 Barley letters  
14 "Agnes" —  
15 Word in a Dostoyevsky title  
16 Coup d'—  
17 See  
18 Rubble  
19 Boat bottom  
20 Commodious  
21 Guitard  
22 Tennis stroke  
34 — Abner  
35 Can't's victim  
36 Actor  
37 Rod  
38 Actress  
39 Thresh'd  
40 Bread and booze  
42 Upset  
43 Bond foe  
44 New York team  
45 "Raid on Entebbe" weapon  
46 Rub out  
47 Bogarde or  
48 Benedict  
49 Apollo's sister  
55 Veneration  
56 Hawthorne's  
58 Make amends  
59 Midwestern letters  
60 Fly a chopper  
61 Trams transport it  
62 Barbecue  
63 Drew while distracted  
67 Connecticut native  
69 Border on  
70 Aussie walker  
72 Hugo's "La — s'amuse"  
73 Lasso  
74 Hoed right  
76 Canine grp  
78 Full of froth  
79 Panini  
80 A little night music?  
81 Wet blanket  
83 Junket  
84 Fade away  
85 Songwriter  
86 Jacques  
87 English architect  
88 — deco  
92 '60 Hitchcock classic  
93 Actress  
94 Like some  
95 Petrie pooch  
96 Thompson or Salonga  
99 Rucker  
100 August shows  
101 S54, to Tiberius  
106 Preserve a petunia  
107 Nail type  
108 Berg opera  
109 Blind as —  
110 Caltao's country  
111 Desire defied  
112 Use a  
113 Division word  
115 With 17 Down, famed saxophonist  
116 51 Across' missis  
119 Pretend  
120 "Cry —" (55 song)  
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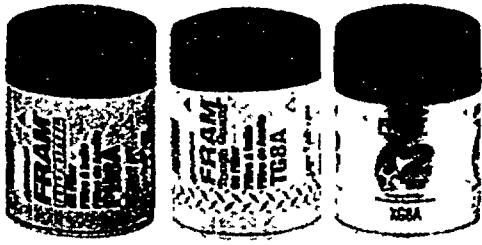
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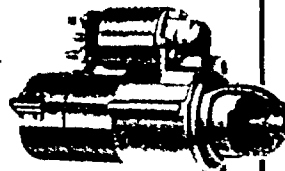
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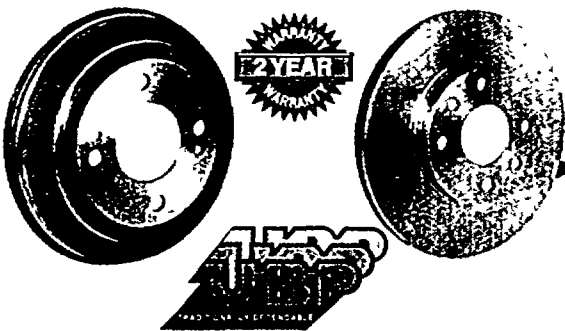


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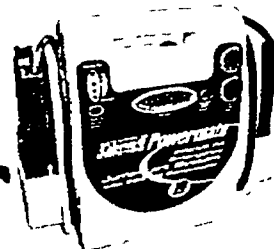
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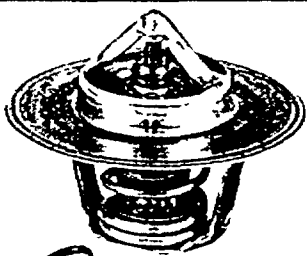


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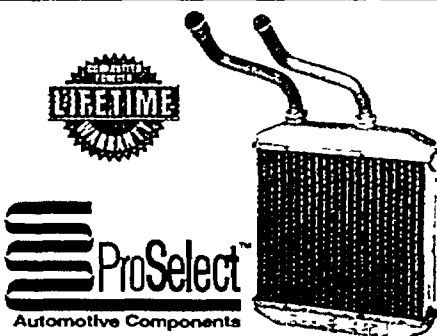
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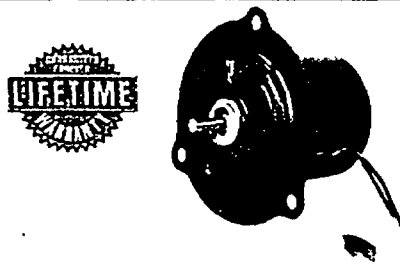
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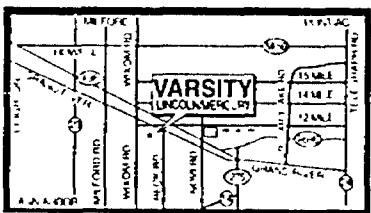
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America's national symbol soars back from the brink

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# Ask American Profile

**Q** I want to know about some of my favorite people on The Weather Channel. Jennifer Perez took off around the time of Bob Hope's passing and memorials. A screen actor of the same name as Perez was pictured in the crowd. Is there any relation? Also, one of my favorite meteorologists is Jim Cantore. Is he married?

—R.D., Iowa

We've got some confusion here. The Weather Channel (TWC) features a meteorologist named Kim Perez, who recently took some time off. The Cincinnati native, who is blonde, was a meteorologist in the Air Force before joining TWC in 1995. Jennifer Lopez, who shares a name with the super-celebrity actress/singer, hasn't taken any time off lately. She is not related to the other Jennifer Lopez, but does joke that her well-known name helps her get great tables when she makes dinner reservations. Originally from St. Augustine, Fla. (pop. 11,592), Lopez hosts TWC's *Evening Edition*. And Jim Cantore, host of *Storm Stories*, is indeed married. He met his wife, Tamra, at TWC and they have two children. All three of the on-air personalities now make their home in Atlanta, where TWC is based.

**Q** Whatever happened to Buck Rambo, singer Dottie Rambo's former husband? We care about Dottie, her songs, tapes and all of her health problems.

—James P., Washington

Buck Rambo and his current wife, Mae, are associate pastors at a Nashville, Tenn., church led by his daughter and son-in-law, Reba and Dony McGuire. The church ministers to residents of the inner city. Until recently, Buck would visit churches across the country to sing his gospel music and speak to the congregation. "I don't travel anymore," he says, "and we're so busy with the church that I don't sing much. I preach and I teach." Though best known for his hits as a gospel singer in the 1960s and '70s, Buck has always been involved in ministering churches. Born in Dawsons Spring, Ky., during the Depression, he began traveling and preaching at revival meetings in the early 1950s. He and Dottie Rambo

Mae and Buck Rambo.



married after meeting at a revival, when she was just 16. Reba was born a year and a half later, and started singing with her parents when she was just 3. Buck and Dottie divorced in the early 1990s. Dottie, whose health problems kept her away from singing for many years, recently released an album, *Stand By The River*.

**Q** Whatever happened to Julius LaRosa and the McGuire Sisters? I really enjoyed them on *The Arthur Godfrey Show* years ago.

—Carol A., Ohio

Many still remember the night that host Arthur Godfrey fired the smooth-crooning LaRosa live on television. Godfrey, who had given the unknown singer his start, was very controlling. When LaRosa hired a manager as his career grew, Godfrey took offense and, after LaRosa performed one night, announced, "That was Julie's swan song." That didn't stop the Brooklyn, N.Y.-born singer from succeeding on his own with numerous hits. Godfrey hired him straight out of the Navy, so LaRosa says that after the show, "I went out and learned my job" by performing onstage. Now 73, LaRosa still performs, sticking to his hits and the pop standards that built his career. "Lyricists like Hammerstein, Mercer, Hart, Porter, Cahn, Burke, Harburg, and so many others were, essentially, poets," he says. As for the McGuire Sisters—Dorothy, Phyllis and Christine—they stopped performing together in 1968. Phyllis launched a solo career, while Dorothy and Christine focused on their families. In 1985, when all three were visiting New York City, they were repeatedly stopped by fans who asked if they were singing together again. The three decided it was a good idea, and started touring again, ending their second run together three years ago. ☆

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## Homework Heroes

# The Shuttle Brothers

The husky Houtz brothers' unabashed dedication to doilies and other handmade dainties might inspire jokes. But no one makes cracks within earshot of the brawny duo—not even the football players who Gary once coached. Instead, their coach's small trademark butterfly designs were tied to their shoelaces as good-luck charms.

Gary and Randy Houtz, both 6-foot-5, have taken the delicate art of tatting to new heights. Their beefy hands have tatted with everything from fine-gauge wire to thick rope. Gary, 55, says tatting, the accumulation of individual knots into intricate designs and patterns, is the only type of lacework not reproducible by machine.

Sure, the Houtz boys make the traditional doilies, beaded snowflakes, dangling jewelry and feminine clothing for their wives, but they are also daring innovators. Randy, 51, has tatted a lengthy comstalk, a bouquet of whimsical flowers, a giant black spider and various insects.

Gary and Randy Houtz of Bayfield, Colo., have revolutionized the world of tatting.

**"I tat, therefore I am."**

A tatting guild in the Pacific Northwest requested his tatted spider to study for duplication.

In some respects, though, the revolutionary Houtzes are tatting purists. Randy pulls a small tatted three-dimensional angel out of a cloth pouch. Silvery knots form the halo, and the angel's wings and gown are lovely loops of white thread. Randy says the charming design was the creation of a South Dakota woman, but she chose to use a wooden bead for the angel's head. "A wooden bead!" he says in disbelief. "When you can tat an angel's head."

Gary says he won't live long enough to try every design he conceives. He spent 600 hours spinning a veil of exquisite interlocking stars for his son's bride. "I'll never do that again for anybody," he says with conviction.

In the Houtzes' weekly "Tar and Chat" classes from September through May, as many as a dozen women gather around the brothers in the lunchroom of the Bayfield Elementary School in their hometown of Bayfield, Colo. (pop. 1,549).

"They blow my mind," says Durangoan Donna Edwards, herself a nationally certified tatting teacher and author of two how-to books. "They've added one little loop and opened up a whole new world. I'll never catch up to them." She's referring to the Houtzes' "Self-Closing Mock Ring." Tatting's accumulated knots form chains, some of which are closed into rings. The Houtz mock ring is a special sort of lock stitch to close a chain into a ring without any puckering. Their book on it rocked the tatting world.

The Houtzes travel all over the country to teach tatting, sometimes getting standing ovations from students. Gary recalls how at the first international tatting conference they

attended, the instructor stopped the class when they walked in. "Can I help you?" she asked.

"We're here to tat," Gary answered.

"No, really, why are you here?" she said. She assumed we were maintenance workers, Gary says.

Tatting has been a bond for the two brothers, who spend hours on the telephone with each other discussing tatting motifs. Gary first became enamored with tatting as a little boy at his grandmother's kitchen table, where she sat each morning listening to the radio and tying her decorative knots. She didn't teach Gary how to tat, though.

As an adult, Gary, indulged his interest in stitchery and learned to crochet, embroider, macramé and knit. But he lost his zeal for each as he mastered it, he says. When he finally learned tatting, he knew he could never exhaust its creative possibilities.

"I tat, therefore I am," he says.

After Gary, an accountant, moved from Salt Lake City to Bayfield, he lured his little brother Randy, a natural resource specialist for the U.S. Forest Service, into tatting in 1994.

Noticing that burly Gary easily broke flimsy plastic shuttles, the gizmos that hold the spools of thread used in tatting, Randy, a craftsman, began carving sturdier shuttles for his brother.

Randy soon acquired his brother's love for all things tatting. And the shuttles he carved from wood or bone and inlaid with gems and silver are museum pieces that are coveted in tatting circles worldwide, from England to Japan.

The Houtzes are now widely known as the Shuttle Brothers, even though they haven't exploited the demand to launch a full-blown business in shuttles.

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*Electa Draper writes for The Denver Post.*



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**INDIANA**—Claude Ferguson of Bedford (pop. 13,768) is a foremost spoons player and author of *You, Too, Can Play the Spoons*. Born in 1923 in Willow Springs, Mo., (pop. 2,147) Ferguson has been clacking spoons since age 10.

**IOWA**—The 1843 Van Buren County Courthouse in Keosauqua (pop. 1,066) is the state's oldest courthouse in continuous use.

**KANSAS**—Playwright William Inge, who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1953 for *Picnic*, was born in 1913 in Independence (pop. 9,846).

**MICHIGAN**—From 1930 to 1950, Zeeland (pop. 5,805) was the state's hatchery capital and shipped 300,000 chicks a day by rail and post across the United States, Mexico and Cuba.

**MINNESOTA**—In 1855, Afton (pop. 2,839) took its name from the Robert Burns poem *Afton Water*, which sings the beauty of hills and rills.

**MISSOURI**—Poet and novelist Langston Hughes was the first African-American writer to support himself through his writing. He was born in 1902 in Joplin (pop. 45,504).

**NEBRASKA**—A cannon on the courthouse lawn in Tecumseh (pop. 1,716) pays tribute to the *USS Maine* destroyed in 1898. The cannon is a replica, however, because the original was called to duty for scrap metal during World War II.

**NORTH DAKOTA**—A New Year's tradition at the high-rise state Capitol in Bismarck (pop. 55,532) is to illuminate a grid of windows to form the numbers for the new year.

**OHIO**—Mount Gilead (pop. 3,290) is host to the world's largest gourd festival each October and includes a festival of music played on gourd instruments.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**—In 1935, Eleanor "Nellie" Willhite of Box Elder (pop. 2,841) became the state's first female pilot.

**WISCONSIN**—Thousands of migrating cundra swans descend on Rieck's Lake Park in Alma (pop. 942) each fall before continuing eastward. ☆

Compiled by Marti Attoun of Joplin, Mo.

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# Eagle Watch

by MARY MILLER  
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An American bald eagle soaring across a blue sky on a 7-foot wingspan is an inspiring sight. "If you see one in flight, it's something you'll never forget," says Mary Rivers, a founder of Eagle Watch Inc., a non-profit organization in Wabasha, Minn., dedicated to educating the public about America's national symbol.

For a time in our history, though, it was nip and tuck whether the American bald eagle would survive—only government and citizen attention over the last four decades has enabled the magnificent bird to struggle back from the brink of extinction.

In 1782, when the bird was adopted as our national symbol, as many as 100,000 nesting bald eagles lived in the continental United States. But as the human population grew, the bald eagle became a victim of shootings,

American bald eagle is a conservation success story like no other. Minnesota has been at the forefront of that success, reflecting the pinnacle of a nationwide accomplishment. The state currently boasts one of the largest populations of nesting eagles in the lower 48 states, with a 2002 population believed to exceed 700 pairs. That's up from a record low of 40 pairs in 1963.

Minnesota's eagle population has soared to record heights thanks to cooperative efforts of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and The Raptor Center, a rehabilitation and education facility at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

Mary Rivers, 42, was particularly pleased when she saw the eagle returning to the skies over Wabasha (pop. 2,580), where she lives. Her first eagle encounter was during a visit to her grandmother's home in Alma, Wis., when she was 10 years old. "My aunt came rushing into the house, pulled me outside, and pointed to a very large bird flying upriver. She said, 'That's a bald eagle and you will probably never see another one.'"

Her aunt's prediction did not come true. After Rivers married, she began seeing bald eagles occasionally. "Not in great numbers, but enough to pique my interest," she recalls.

In the mid-1980s, during a hike with her husband into the

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Mary Rivers, an Eagle Watch Inc. founder.

trapping, poisoning, commercial exploitation, and loss of habitat until its numbers diminished noticeably. The United States government began passing the first laws to save the eagle in 1940. It was barely in time—a 1963 count showed only 417 pairs of bald eagles left in the lower 48 states.

American citizens also got involved. "Private citizens' contributions have been crucial to the eagle's recovery," says Jody Millar, bald eagle recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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# Amazing new weight-loss discovery has taken Europe by storm

- BY MARGARET LORD

Imagine a weight-loss method where you can have several gastronomical feasts every day, eat chocolate and lose weight in the process. Even some of the best chefs of France now swear by it, and

and that's why Michel Montignac says that this weight-loss plan is better than other well known methods like low calorie diets, high-protein / no carbohydrate diets or the zone diet.

## Can 14 million people be wrong?

**THE NUMBERS ARE IMPRESSIVE:** "Backed by more than 1,200 doctors and scientific studies" and "already tested with success by more than 14 million people". And the claims seem "too good to be true": "...people lose an average of 4 to 9 pounds the first week and up to 7 pounds per week after...", "...easily and naturally lose 25, 50, and even more than 75 pounds in record time while eating as much as you wish..." and even "...keep your new figure slim for good...". But are these claims true? Can this weight-loss plan keep its promise and work for you as well? And if it works that well, how and why?

We are at the *International Congress on the Phenomenon of Obesity*. Professor Apfelbaum, who has prescribed strict diets to his patients for the last 25 years, is courageous enough to take the podium and say out loud what hundreds of physicians seated before him have only thought to themselves about the ineffectiveness of diets: "In the long term, ALL those concerned had PUT BACK ON the pounds they had lost". Then, following the question "Have we all been mistaken in our treatment of obesity?" He answered promptly: "YES".

Recently, nutrition specialist Michel Montignac (pronounced Mon-teen-yak) discovered why traditional diets and calorie-counting are ineffective and even dangerous.

Everything we have been told about diets and weight loss up to now is wrong... wrong... AND WRONG! "The less you eat, the more weight you lose,"... ALL WRONG! He explains why.

It's quite the contrary. Scientific tests prove that the less you eat, the more difficult it is for you to lose your excess fat.

New studies have shown that more than half of all obese people eat even less than average people, and still get

fatter and fatter. And the worst for most of them is to realize that the more diets or other attempts to lose weight they try, the fatter they get.

If you have already followed one or several diets, you have probably noticed that a diet reduced in calories goes through three stages: 1. The weight-loss stage; 2. the stabilizing stage; and... 3. the weight-gain stage!

Anyone who has tried to eat less in order to lose weight will have discovered that their target cannot be achieved permanently (an investigation recently published by the University of Pennsylvania showed a success rate for strict dieting of only 2% after five years. Out of 50 dieters... 49 FAIL!)

And what is really sad is the fact that the body not only returns to its earlier overweight or obese condition sooner or later, but *most of the time* returns to a **HEAVIER** and a **FATTER** CONDITION.

*"I know about the yo-yo effect, but why do I so often weigh more after an attempt to lose weight, and often more than ever before?"*

**1** When you diet, your body slowly becomes accustomed to a lower intake of calories and reacts by slowing down its metabolism. And that's not all....

**2** The full fat cells do indeed shrink, but they also start to divide.

Driven by a *survival instinct*, your body activates these two processes when there is a shortage of food so as to be able to stock more reserves the day you'll feed it again with normal meals. It does this just in case you decide in the future to diet again and deprive your cells of energy.

Why does the body behave in this way? Today, we know that this behavior is a natural survival process that we carry in *our genes*, and that it has developed over the course of hundreds of thousands of years, since prehistoric times.

Prehistoric humans were nomads who could go days without finding any food at all. Gradually, over the course of generations, their bodies genetically developed a natural system to slow their metabolism and to divide fat cells when needed. This allowed them to improve their capacity to use the energies stored in fat cells, allowing them to survive even longer the next time they would have to face a food shortage.

The problem is that this system of metabolic slowdown during a diet is particularly effective. Your body can effectively slow your metabolism by more than 50% in a single diet and burn up to two times fewer calories after a diet than before you started it!

Actually, due to the 2 processes above, the more your body is deprived of food, the more fat it can store and the longer it can survive additional deprivations (like diets).

Modern humans have preserved these two systems of fat storage and metabolic slow-down developed during pre-

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And the list goes on: Several members of the Royal Court of **QUEEN BEATRIX** of the Netherlands, as well as many of her surroundings and singer **KYLIE MINOGUE** are just a few examples among more than 14 million people who have easily lost weight thanks to the weight-loss plan detailed here.

historic times in their genes. And these systems automatically engage *each time* the body is deprived of food during a diet.

The result: with a slower metabolism, more calories can be stored and more fat cells are available in the body to store even more fat during your next diet. And it's really a pity that with each new attempt, with each new diet, your body develops a better resistance to diets at the same time.

That's why only a single weekend of letting yourself go is often enough to make you regain in 48 hours the few pounds lost over two difficult weeks with a traditional, calorie-reduced diet.

This phenomenon means that traditional diets even cause you to put on yet more and more unwanted extra weight over the years.

Indisputable evidence of that syndrome is that overweight problems and obesity are increasing, both here and in Europe, despite a decreasing caloric consumption and the increasing availability of light, calorie-reduced foods and diet products. Now, it has been demonstrated that it is not only wrong to count calories and to diet, but calorie-restricted diets are dangerous for

14 million people:

**Michel Montignac** discovered that if you are overweight, or even obese, it's probably because...

**1** You have probably already tried several calorie-reduced diets. You may be trying too often to stop eating before you are full, or even skipping meals. You don't eat enough and, over the years, this has reduced your metabolism and increased the number of fat cells in your body.

Now, you **MUST** not only *stop dieting* and *stop counting calories*, but you **MUST** also eat more — yes **MORE** — and more often if you want to lose your extra pounds *once and for all*.

**2** You have also inadvertently altered the proper working of your pancreas over the years, so that by now your pancreas secretes *too much* of that well-known hormone, *insulin*. Today, it is a *scientific fact* that this overproduction of *unused* insulin by your pancreas stimulates an enzyme called lipase — an enzyme which is *responsible* for the **EXCESSIVE FORMATION OF FAT RESERVES IN BODY TISSUES** and for weight gain. Because of this,

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**"Can I expect to obtain fast results with the *Montignac Weight-Loss Plan*?"**

Results may vary from one individual to another, but experience has shown that people having up to 25 pounds to lose can lose 4 to 9 pounds the first week and 2 to 7 pounds per week during the following weeks. If you have more than 25 pounds to lose, the results can be obtained even faster and you can lose 5 to 10 pounds the first week and 3 to 8 pounds per week after that, until you reach your goal.

**What does the complete *Montignac Weight-Loss Plan* include?**

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**WHY, DESPITE ALL THAT, TODAY 61% OF ADULTS IN OUR COUNTRY ARE OVERWEIGHT ... WITH ALMOST HALF OF THEM OBESE??**

And the situation gets worse every year. Even the Health Department of our government has started to panic because it doesn't know what to do to stop this "epidemic" that costs *billions* of dollars each year in **EXTRA** health system costs for the numerous health problems caused by chronic weight problems and obesity.

Now, here's the surprising answer, and the original solution discovered by Michel Montignac that *has already been tested with success by more than*

# Hometown Recipes

from JOANN PARKER

## Baked Cinnamon Bread Custard

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### RECIPE: Baked Cinnamon Bread Custard



### Baked Cinnamon Bread Custard

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1 cup sugar  
3 cups milk  
2 cups half and half  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Powdered sugar

Arrange bread in a double layer in a lightly greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan. (Cut bread as needed to cover bottom of pan.) Whisk together eggs, egg yolks and sugar. Gradually add milk, half and half and vanilla. Pour mixture over bread. Bake in a 375-degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Dust with powdered sugar while warm and serve.

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A tablespoon of orange zest whisked into the egg mixture adds a nice flavor twist. This dish would be ideal for a midnight breakfast.

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Change is good for your heart, says Eftexia "Effie" Palace of Waterford, Mich. Eight years ago, at 315 pounds, complications from angioplasty, bypass surgery and diabetes left her near death. That's when she knew it was time for a change.

"Since then, I've lost 140 pounds, my blood pressure is down and I work out. I control my diabetes with diet and exercise," says Palace, a 70-year-old Greek-American grandmother. "Being healthy, alive and with your family is worth more than (eating) a pan of baklava."

Taking care of your heart means taking care of yourself, says Dr. Tracy Stevens of Parkville, Mo. "Most heart disease is preventable. That means keeping your weight and cholesterol in a healthy range, never smoking or drinking to excess, and staying active while also managing blood pressure and diabetes."

Chris Lee, 44, of Stanley, Kan., says prevention is worth the work. "Heart disease and high blood pressure are in my family," Lee says. "So, to stay healthy, I take care of myself." He sidelines his fast food urge by selecting low-fat foods from the grocery store's salad bar. He also exercises six days a week. "My cholesterol is 150," says the father of two. "It's all worth it because I want to be around to see my kids grow up."

Dr. Stevens recommends the following heart disease prevention strategies:

**Be active**—Incorporate 30 minutes of brisk physical activity in each day.

**Eat well**—Build meals around fresh fruits and vegetables, lean meat, and whole grains. Avoid fried food, butter, lard and commercial snacks, which often contain types of fat and cholesterol that are particularly harmful to the heart.

**Know your numbers**—Have your cholesterol checked annually and talk with your doctor about ways to keep it in a healthful range.

**Halt bad habits**—A direct connection exists between tobacco use and high blood pressure and heart disease. While research has shown a little red wine can be good for your heart, know that too much of a good thing can be bad for it.

**Listen to your doctor**—If you have diabetes or high blood pressure, talk with your doctor about the best ways to manage it. If you're on medication, take it exactly as prescribed.

**Stop stress**—"Laughter reduces stress and is good for the heart," Dr. Stevens says, "so surround yourself with positive, supportive people who make you feel good about taking care of yourself and your heart." ☆

Mardy Fones is a Nashville, Tenn.-based writer.

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### INDIANA

**A Meditation of Fire**—Indianapolis, Jan. 17-April 18. This exhibit features large scale works of pottery, including cauldrons and platters, by James C. Watkins at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art. (317) 636-9378.

### IOWA

**Rosa Parks**—Des Moines, Jan. 9-11, 16-18, and 23-25. This play explores the civil rights movement after Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white person in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955. Des Moines Playhouse. (515) 277-6261.

### KANSAS

**Exotic Car Show**—Wichita, Jan. 16-18. This 47th annual show features more than 400 custom, classic, hot rod, and exotic cars, plus "futuristic" cars designed by Darryl Starbird, at the Century II Convention Center. (918) 257-8073.

### MICHIGAN

**Atomic Snowboard Competition**—Thompsonville, Jan. 11. More than 100 snowboarders and skiers of all ages compete for medals and prizes in "slope-style" jump and rail events at Crystal Mountain Resort. (800) 968-7686.

### MINNESOTA

**Candlelight Ski**—Preston, Jan. 17. Cross-country skiers get moving on a 1-mile, candlelit ski course, and enjoy après-ski hot chocolate on the Harmony Preston Bike Trail. Participants should meet at 5:30 p.m. at the trailhead. (888) 845-2100.

### MISSOURI

**Tuesday Night Talks**—St. Joseph, Jan. 14-Feb. 17. Learn about the Lewis and Clark expedition, the pony express, and music, art, and rural and city life in the 1800s during weekly talks at 7 p.m. at the Pony Express Museum. (816) 279-5059.

### NEBRASKA

**Eagle Watch**—Wood River, Jan. 17. Carpool to see wintering bald eagles, and listen to nature talks on the habitat, diet, and breeding habits of these raptors. Participants meet at 8 a.m. at the Crane Meadows Nature Center. (888) 382-1820.

### NORTH DAKOTA

**Bull Day Showcase**—Dickinson, Jan. 17. Exhibitors showcase 300 purebred bulls in the ring during this fifth annual event, which also features gift certificate drawings at the Stockmen's Livestock Exchange. (701) 225-5115.

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# Hometown Spotlight

by RICHARD MATTHEWS

## A Dose of Civil War Medicine

As Civil War battles raged around central Maryland in 1862, the city of Frederick served as a refuge for the sick and wounded. In fact, following the nearby battles of South Mountain and Antietam, more than 9,000 injured Union and Confederate soldiers poured into Frederick for medical attention. Residents, who numbered some 8,000 at the time, turned 27 buildings, including churches, schools and hotels, into makeshift hospitals in an effort to care for the soldiers.

Today, that rich history is remembered at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine—the only museum of its kind. Housed in a former three-story furniture store on Frederick's Patrick Street—which once manufactured wooden coffins—it eloquently tells the story of the medical side of the Civil War, in which some 620,000 Americans lost their lives. Dramatic dioramas and detailed displays give equal weight to the Confederate and Union sides and the roles of surgeons and nurses during the war.

The museum also tells the story of the advances made in medicine during the conflict—the use of ether and chloroform during surgery, the growing awareness of the importance of cleanliness, the strides made in plastic surgery and orthopedics, and the first development of a medical evacuation system that became the model for those in use today. Surprisingly, most deaths weren't from combat; two-thirds of those who died from 1861 to 1865 died of disease, not bullets and bayonets. But that's just a small part of the museum.

Founded in 1990 and opened to the public in 1996 after a \$3 million fund-raising campaign, the museum found an appropriate home in Frederick, "a town that takes its history seriously," says Elizabeth Shatto, coordinator of Frederick Historic Sites Consortium. The organization features more than two dozen sites, including the Barbara Fritchie House, a monument to former resident and *Star-Spangled Banner* author Francis Scott Key, and the nearby Monocacy National Battlefield, where Union Gen. Lew Wallace blunted Gen. Jubal Early's drive on Washington.

Today, however, a look at Frederick offers a blend of old and new. The downtown's tree-lined streets speak of peace and prosperity: Antique stores, specialty shops, and sidewalk cafes invite visitors to linger and sit awhile. Fifty blocks of the downtown make up the Frederick Town Historic District and some of its two- and three-story brick buildings date back to Colonial days.

The city, in fact, has long imposed a limit on the height of new buildings, so the tallest structure in Frederick (pop. 40,148) is just six stories. That was done, says George Wunderlich, director of the medical museum, to protect the skyline created by "the clustered spires of Frederick," described in John Greenleaf Whittier's poem *Barbara Fritchie*, as standing "green-walled by the hills of Maryland."

The city's devotion to historic preservation is what convinced Dr. Gordon Dammann, a 58-year-old Illinois dentist, to choose Frederick as the site for a museum dedicated to the Civil War's medical history. A self-described Civil War buff, Dammann first thought of Antietam National Battlefield as a potential site for his extensive collection of medical artifacts while participating in an historic reenactment there in the 1980s. That didn't work out, but during research he learned of



The famed clustered spires of Frederick, Md., dominate the downtown skyline.

the significant role Frederick had played as a medical hub. After a visit to the city, which brought a "tremendously friendly reception," planning for the museum began.

"This is a great town to be in," Wunderlich says. "We fit here. The town likes what we do, and we like the direction they're going."

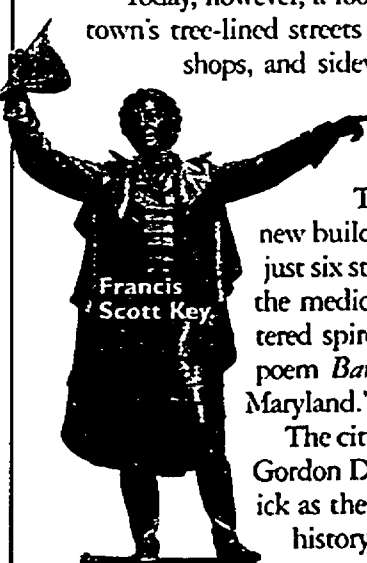
Dammann feels the same way, describing the museum's location in Frederick as "a perfect fit. The town, the state of Maryland, everyone, has been very good to us," he says.

But that's the way it is in Frederick, where thousands of wounded once found succor and kindness, and today's visitors will find a different hospitality, but no less warming welcome. ★

Former American Profile editor Richard Matthews writes from his home in Goshen, Va.



Boy Scouts regularly tour the museum.



Francis Scott Key

For more information about the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, log onto [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org).



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Mary Rivers encountered her first eagle while visiting her grandmother at age 10.

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backwaters of Wisconsin's Chippewa River, Rivers saw what appeared to be a fledgling comeback of the majestic birds. "We came across kettles of eagles, unlike I had ever seen in my lifetime," she recalls. "After I came out of the woods, I described it to a friend as eagles dripping from the trees, there were so many."

The sight of the lofty birds inspired her to spearhead a grassroots movement that led to the founding of Eagle Watch Inc. in 1989. At that time she was a member of a Chamber of Commerce committee looking for ways to preserve and enhance Wabasha's non-industrial riverfront. Rivers proposed training a group of volunteers to staff an observation deck along the Mississippi River, where visitors could see and learn about bald eagles.

She knew that people were already traveling to Wabasha to watch eagles, but most were avid bird watchers—members of the National Audubon Society or the Minnesota Ornithological Union. Sometimes, though, a happenstance visitor, after noticing an eagle, would ask, "What's that big bird in the sky?" Rivers says her idea was to accommodate the avid watchers who came to see eagles, but also to encourage novices and average citizens to come to see the eagles and leave knowing more about them.

So Rivers wrangled contributions for a bus and box lunches for 30 volunteers who traveled to The Raptor Center to learn enough about eagles to teach others. The city donated an unused, city-

owned boat landing to Eagle Watch to use as an observation deck.

The observation area opened in 1990, bringing more than 1,000 visitors to the river town to keep an eagle eye on the sky for frequent sightings of the bird that had made such a miraculous comeback. Many brave Minnesota's harsh weather conditions from November to March—the period when eagles congregate in Wabasha, where flows from the Chippewa River and nearby power plants keep the Mississippi from freezing, providing fishing opportunities for the birds.

## National Eagle Center

Eagle Watch's budget and programs have expanded steadily since 1990. A visitor's center was opened near the observation deck in 1996 and Congress designated the facility the National Eagle Center in 1999. Plans are underway to build a larger, \$3 million facility adjacent to the existing one.

Since 2000, visitors have been able to have a "nose-to-beak" experience at the center with Harriet and Angel, two once-injured, non-releasable eagles unable to survive in the wild. These eagles are now educational ambassadors, teaching those who come to the center or traveling nationwide in converted dog kennels.

When the birds arrived at the center on July 4, 2000, the late federal judge Dan Foley, past national commander for the American Legion, led a ceremony dedicating the eagles to American veterans. "Veterans that come in here cry when they see these birds," says Mary Beth Garrigan, executive director of the National Eagle Center.

Tourists continue to flock to Wabasha with bird scopes, binoculars, cameras and curiosity. In 2002, more than 22,000 visitors from all 50 states and 60 nations visited Wabasha to catch a glimpse of the majestic bird gliding above the corridor of the upper Mississippi River.

The skies over the river town are a continuing testament to the American bald eagle's return, Rivers says.

That work has gone a long way to elevate our national symbol to a national treasure. But it's a treasure that Millar says we can't rake for granted.

"Even as the bald eagle has recovered from its earlier decline, the need for the public to participate in bald eagle management is ongoing," she says. "If the bald eagle population is going to continue to thrive, everybody is going to have to help. We have to maintain our vigil, be alert, and continue to protect the bald eagle." ✧

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## Back from the Brink

**1940**—Congress notes declining eagle populations and passes the Bald Eagle Protection Act.

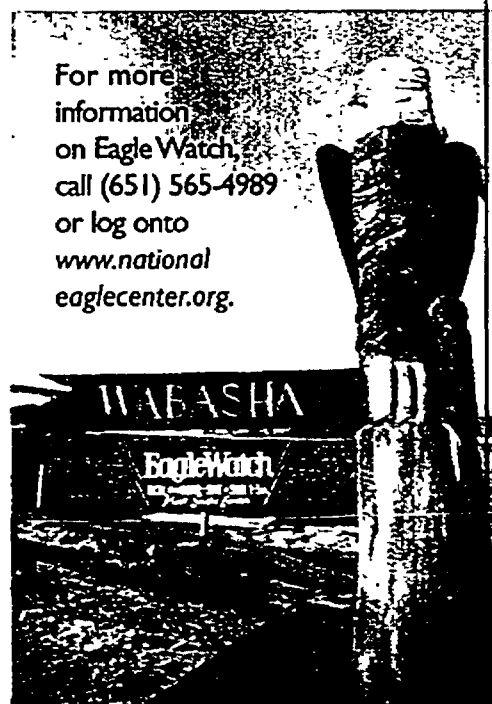
**1963**—Only 417 pairs of bald eagles are counted in the lower 48 states.

**1978**—The American bald eagle is listed as an endangered species throughout the lower 48, except in Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Washington, and Oregon, where it's listed as "threatened."

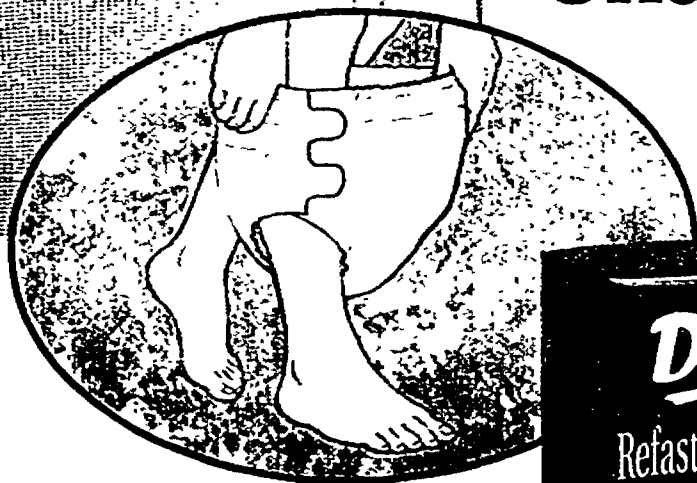
**1981**—The bald eagle population begins increasing.

**1993**—The U.S. Department of the Interior reports 4,016 pairs of bald eagles in the lower 48 states, a tenfold increase in 30 years.

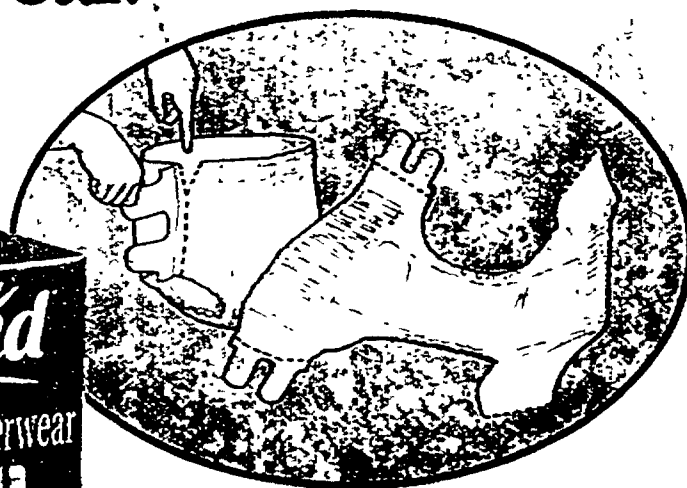
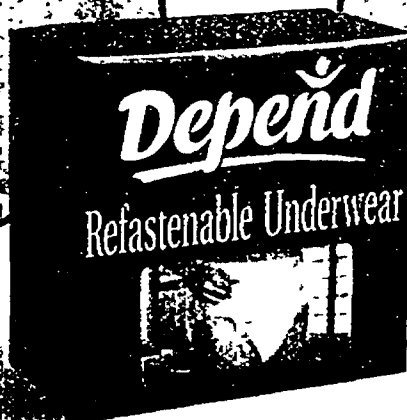
**2000**—The Fish and Wildlife Service proposes that the bald eagle be declared fully recovered and taken off the threatened list, but the decision is delayed until management guidelines are developed to ensure the eagle's continuing survival.



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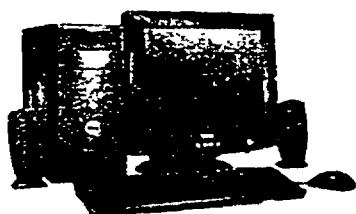
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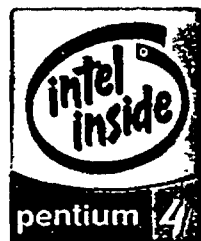
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