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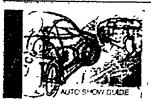
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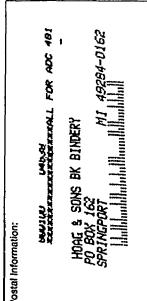
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Church, neighbors at odds

Hearing sparks differences in opinion over OLV

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

After nearly three hours of often-conflicting comments testi-Tuesday night, the Northville Planning Commission adjourned the Our Lady of Victory expansion proposal public hearing until Feb. 3.

Commission chairman Jay Wendt invited residents who did not have a chance to comment to attend the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday next month, in the Hillside Middle School auditorium at Eight Mile and Center roads. More than 160 people stood and sat in the council chambers, squeezed out into the hall, and rubbed elbows with neighbors like-thinking and not.

For every property owner criticizing the proposed building size, there was a parent lamenting the excessive class size in the current school. For every homeowner who expressed concern about increased traffic, there was a parishioner recalling that the Catholic school has housed classes at that location for more than 50 years.

Wendt stressed the commis-

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An overflow crowd fills the Northville City Council chambers Tuesday evening to attend the public hearing on plans of Our Lady of Victory's expansion plans.

Cold mountain



Michael Aulicino provides a lift up the sledding hill at Amerman Elementary School on the day after Christmas to his children Josie, 1, and Natalie, 3. While there was still some snow on the ground Friday, about 30 sledders took advantage of the slipperv slope around noon.

Community to celebrate King legacy

■ lan Hill slated to speak at Jan. 19 event

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

Nevada businessman Ian Hill Jan. 19 will bring to the Northville community a message of personal responsibility and respect for diversity.

Northville Youth Assistance, Parks and Recreation Department and Northville Public Schools are hosting a return visit by the speaker at 7 p.m. in the Hillside Middle School auditorium at Center and Eight Mile roads. There is no

admission charge for the address, which is timed to coincide with observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
"We immediately booked him

last year after the event because he was so well-received," said Mary Ellen King, youth assistance director. Parks and recreation director Traci Sincock echoed praise of his message. More than 500 people attended Hill's talk last year, she said.

"It's an opportunity to hear a phenomenal motivational speaker," Sincock said. "Everyone will leave motivated to go out and make a difference.

Hill personifies his message of respect and responsibility, King

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Resident part of first flight commemoration

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

A soaring feat reached by no other is the

accomplishment only Northville resident and his crew may call their own.

On Dec. 17, the day celebrating the 100th anniver- William Demray sary of the

Wright Brothers' first flight, Northville resident William Demray set a U.S. national and

crew flew from Michigan, crossing over Kitty Hawk, N.C. on the special date.

"It was our personal goal to do this on the anniversary of the Wright Brothers' flight," Demray said. "We established a world record between Detroit and Kitty Hawk on that day in a celebration of the Wright Brothers. We were the only ones to be able to do it on that day and it was fun."

world general aviation record. The pilot in command and his

Demray was amazed with so many pilots, none had accomplished the task.

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SCRAPPY THINKING

Artist converts old parts into library artwork

By Maureen Johnston

Visitors to the Northville District Library second floor who stroll toward the northeast sitting area will discover the engaging figurine of a little girl on a swing.

"Engauged" is the title of the metal sculpture donated in the name of Mary and the late Donald Ware. The life-long Northville residents discovered artist Rose Wunderbaum Traines' work during a Florida visit and decided to share it with the

entire community.

A close look at "Engauged" reveals the

origin of the name. Traines, known for her artistic interpretation of scrap metals, used an oil field compression ring portion as the girl's face. The creation's other ingredients are an escutcheon plate, motorcycle kickstand parts, electrician's terminals, nails, an omate dish rack, steel plate, jingle bells, rods, and a radiator hood ornament from an

Traines' early inspiration came from her family's scrap metal business. By age 12, the artist began inventing with a welding/cutting torch. Sixty-some years

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER Mary Ware takes a look at the sculpture "Engauged" by artist Rose Traines last week at the Northville Public Library. Ware and her husband Donald donated the steel sculpture to the library.





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NORTHVILLE NITE 2003

a night to remember

any parents spent the final hours of 2003 escorting their children from craft activity to inflatable structure to carnival game,

dining with them, laughing with them...then watching them wind down.

More than 900 area residents attended the seventh Northville Nite from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 31 at the recreation center at Hillside Middle School. Organizers and participants of the family-oriented event raved about the turnout and evening outcome.

"Overall, everything is great," said Emily Sherman. Toward the end of the evening, the Northville parks and recreation special events and arts programming supervisor surveyed the bustle with satisfaction. "I can't think of anything that was not good." Equipped with a walkie-talkie, cell phone and roving eyes, Sherman throughout the event patrolled from cafeteria, to pool, to gym.

A Home Depot banner designated a workshop of busy little carpenters gluing, sanding and hammering. The home improvement store donated 400 pre-cut kits worth \$3,000, Sherman said. Clad in their donated miniature orange aprons, youngsters created bookends, a small sled, and a keepsake box, among other items.

"Over the years, I think this has been one of the popular spots." said Northville Police Chief James Petres, a Northville Nite volunteer stationed in the area. "The initial onslaught is a little heetic.

The pre-cut kits do not require power tools, Petres said, but they do require a cooperative effort "The parents help out a lot."

Northville community residents just six months, the Gutzzmanns heeded suggestions to attend the annual event. Julie and Jim escorted Kelsey and Taylor, a fourth and first grader at Ridge Wood Elementary.

"I think it's great to have a family event for us to do," the mom said. Wearing their Home Depot aprons and faces decorated with paint, the youngest family members stopped at a craft station in search of their next adventure.

The kids love it, all the games," said Suzanne Cachat of Farmington Hills, "Lauren always tries to win a T-shirt. The crafts

are always a big hit. Cachat and her husband, Chris. for four years have attended Northville Nite with 10-year-old Lauren, Three-year-old Madeleine this year joined in with a craft project, filling a pink page with flat-foam shapes.

Craft stations throughout the school halls allowed children to pause and create keychains, beaded flowers and textured pictures. A member of each family collected treats and creations in a light-blue plastic bag donated by Oak Pointe Church. Volunteers at the recreation center entrance distributed the bags and map of activity locations. Unlike advance-ticket sellouts in previous years, Sherman said, greeters sold approximately 150 tickets at the door.

Kim Henson waited with her daughter Kelci Henson-Forslund, 6, for a turn at face painting. Their third year attending Northville Nite, The Amerman Elementary mom complimented the event's family appeal.

The gym area became an arena of gaming shouts, bouncing shricks and climbing squeals as a range of ages attempted the obstacle courses and carnival challenges. Contestants throughout the four-hour event lined up for a chance at ring toss, bottle bash, hockey shots, putting accurately, basketball free throws and duck plucks in the booths erected by Oak Pointe Church. The skilled or lucky ones earned a T-shirt emblazoned with the church's name and "Northville Nite 2003," or other

The giddy younger set proceeded from caterpillar to clown to Toy Story cowboy to Mickey's Fun Factory. Sue Taylor was among the volunteers who, for safety, grouped by size the eager bouncers entering the inflatable struc-

Guy Balok, a lieutenant with the Northville Township Fire Department, kept an eye on the youngsters sliding to the rescue down an oversized inflatable fire engine. A few children ran questions by the firefighter, but they primarily focused on whether to slide head-first, bottom-down, fast or slow.



While awaiting their time on an amusement ride at last Wednesday's Northville Nite 2003 Katie Schmidt, 9, Annie Collins, 10, Scott Zurawski, 8, Joe Moss, 7 and others bat around a balloon to pass the time.



Parents and their children, attendees of the Northville Nite 2003, check out a slot car racing setup in the Hillside Recreation Center gymnasium New Year's Eve.



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THEY MAKE NORTHVILLE NITE HAPPEN

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Community organizations, local officials, repeat volunteers and somebody-who-knew-somebody comprised the team that made Northville Nite hap-

Emily Sherman, main organizer of the event for the Northville parks an recreation department, arranged shifts for 65 area residents during the fourhour event Dec. 31. The special events and arts programming supervisor called on people who worked the event last year, city and township representa-tives, the Northville High School National Honor Society and girl scout troops who had volunteered during the recreation-department-hosted Pumplen Walk. She also made "cold calls" and advertised for volunteers, she said

"A lot of people say, "I like working with the lods," Sherman said. "The kids are so cute. They're so fun." Even in the cafeteria area, the

supervisor said, people sign up for the same responsibilities as the previous

year.
"I kind of begged a lot of people too," she joked. An adequate number of helpers allowed breaks for the crew And activities such as the huge inflatable Magic Kingdom had adults moni-toring both the orderly-line entrance slide-to-the-floor exit

Northville City Councilman Jerry Metman, on "inflatable duty" for the third year, was among the castle vol-Market State of the Co. unteers. The goal is to provide good.

safe fun, he said Northville Police Chief James Petres, who previously attended the event for his children's entertainment, for the first time this year worked it His wife Sue was stationed in the main gym, while his daughter, Andrea, helped out with face painting

Northville High School sophomores Megan Campbell and Arry Minielly offered children a choice of paint or marker face decorations. Both returned for a second year as volunteers.

"It was fun to have the kids be all excited about painting their faces," Campbell said

Inquisitive little faces circled the table where girl scout leader Candy Tylutid of Northwile was seated. While the leader patiently led her crafters through a beading red, orange, green and purple pipe cleaners, her scout charges down the hall were assisting with other projects.

with other projects.

A few feet away, NHS freshman
Jenny Nickels helped youngsters with
the craft activity, "Flyaway Bird." She
guided them tracing their little hands
for wings, then cutting, pasting and
decorating the design. A friend of fellow freshman Andrea Petres, Nickels said, "when we were talking about what we were going to do on New Year's Eve, we decided we'd come and



With help from a volunteer, left, Veronica Johnston, 4, emerges from the tail end of an inflatable caterpillar amusement ride during last Wednesday's Northville Nite 2003 at the Hillside Recreation Center.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER , STORY BY MAUREEN JOHNSTON

rezone of 7 Mile land draws overflow crowd

By Maureen Johnston

Northville Township leaders these days are mulling zoning that might permit one-acre home sites, multi-story office buildings toward Haggerty Road, and/or a new hotel, as well as provisions to prohibit too many homes too close together.

Awaiting word any day that the state Department of Management and Budget again is offering for sale the 415-acre Seven Mile Road site of the former psychiatric hospital, township officials are considering rezoning the parcel to more stringently guide developers toward a use of the property that they deem accept-

"I'm sure it will happen in the next week or two, barring any unforeseen events," budget department spokesperson Bridget Medina said Tuesday. "The Northville documents still are

being reviewed by legal counsel." Budget and legal representatives are reviewing conditions for sale of the former hospital site, stretches between Northville and Haggerty roads, largely fronted on Seven Mile Road. Since the state in May offered the parcel for bid - with a minimum asking price of \$65 million — developer offers made and withdrawn have failed to produce the cash the state is seeking to apply to its budget deficit.

"I think the state is asking too much money," said township clerk Sue Hillebrand. The township wants the state to realize a benefit from the sale, she added. "But it shouldn't be to the detriment of Northville Township residents."

The pull-out by Bloomfield Hills-based Real Estate Investments Group in December - the third offer gone prompted the state to revisit the requirements of the bid documents. REI's \$76.5 million offer and the dense development plan it spawned prompted the township to revisit the planned-use-development ordinance they adopted in 2002 for the Seven Mile Road

Local officials had looked to the Granholm administration for relief in the legislation governing the sale. Without satisfaction on

that end, leaders have concurred at recent meetings they need to address constraints and guidelines within the township's con-

"Through Sen. [Bruce] Patterson, we've made overtures to the state to work with us to develop a plan that would be mutually beneficial, what would be an acceptable development for the township and an acceptable selling price for the state," said township supervisor Mark Abbo Senator Patterson has really been our go-to person."

"Short of that, I'm going to recommend to the planning commission that we re-zone it.

Hillebrand echoed the supervisor's concern that the township take whatever steps possible to protect the site. The clerk emphasized the impact that development of a parcel that size will have on the community for future generations in terms of strain on police and fire services, and school capacity, for example. Recent scrutiny of the township master plan convinced her that the hospital site cannot be developed with a high-density use, she

"I would even support zoning it to it's lowest density possible." Hillebrand said. "I think there's a need for one-acre lots. Not everyone want to have a new home on a postage-size lot

So, local leaders will begin the process of redefining what can be built on the parcel. With its dense stands of woods, rolling fulls and now-vacant buildings, the centrally-located acreage remarks the largest unspoken for plum of township landscape

The planned-use-development ordinance currently in place is more of a conceptual plan, Abbo explained. Straight zoning would designate specific locations for residences and assorted commercial development, such as research and development or office space. He said it is too soon. to say what would go where. How it ends up would be based on the planning commission's recommendation to the board, Abbo

Hillebrand encouraged consideration of existing amenities and development options not yet discussed, such as a new hotel "We've got so much around us already. I'd love to see something

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Township considers | Church project hearing

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sioners were seeking facts - not emotion — to assist in making the decision whether to grant the Catholic church's application for a special-use permit for the property on the west side of Orchard, between Main and Thayer streets. Procedure calls for public input. Site plan review would be contingent on that request granted.

But that is all down the road as the commission seeks to fulfill its promise to listen to words from all concerned. Consensus of the officials was to adjourn at 11 p.m. Tuesday, acknowledging the need for a future forum for additional comment.

The seven criteria for granting a special use permit were talking points throughout the evening. The words "harmonious" - with the city's master plan, with the character of the general vicinity was an oft-repeated refrain. Despite the crammed quarters, speakers orderly proceeded to the microphone to make their case. Of the 22 plan proponents and opponents who spoke, only two prompted the commission chairman to them reel back to the subject at hand --- the special-use per-

The commission first listened to a presentation by parish represen-

FROM THE OUR LADY OF VICTORY PUBLIC HEARING

"I look lonward to a new school. The existing one is starting to become an eyesore. If you five them, you understand Mass time and school time."

"Increasing the number of lods attending the school will exacertate the traffic problem. There is no much proposed for the west side of Orchard. The faceing is too targe."

"At issue is whether the proposal meets the seven conditions of a special, see permit. It is not

whether the applicant needs a new school. . "Society needs to be educated in the Catholic faith because when you lose that, you lose soci

"At our church, we worked within our existing footprint. We decided what we can do and

capped our growth. Traffic is a concern."

"Increased traffic is a by-product of the growth throughout the Northville community,"

"The proposed building will make traffic worse. Residents of the neighborhoods surrounding

the school are the ones to consider.

ine school are the ones to consider.

"Look at the future. Why should the school be left behind? Why stick with a 50-year-old building? Accommodate the needs of the community lodge."

"Are there some who just wish the school would go away? I bope that's not what I'm hearing I plead with you to support the special land use permit. DLY in the community is a good thing.

"I moved here because I liked the quiet of the neighborhood. How can that horses in the stordest population have a 'negligible' impact on traffic? How tast will you outgrow this school if the demand is so great?

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"A school like this will preserve properly values. Attracting a new generation will process
investment in homes, enhancing the community as a whole."

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tatives. An attorney, parish stew-ardship committee chairman, architect, traffic consultant, landscape architect, and finally, Father Terry Kerner described the congregation's plan to build a two-story, 77,000-square-foot kindergarten-through-eighth grade school on an approximate 3.5-

acre parcel. Next. Donald Wortman of the city's planning consultant Carlisle/Wortman Associates led the commission through his review of the special use permit application, as well as site plan review commentary.

Residents of West Main.

Orchard, Spring, Thayer and Woodhill streets in the vicinity of the church spoke for and against the planned expansion of the school. Parents and past students addressed the topic. Members of the grassroots group, The Orchard Heights Homeowners Association put in commissioners' hands organized packets of their stance on why the proposal does not meet the special use permit criteria.

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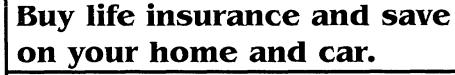
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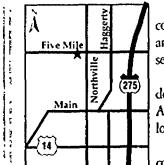
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Northville Woman's Club meeting DATE: Jan. 9 LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main

DETAILS: The meeting's topic will be "Healthy Women." PHONE: (248) 349-5446

Northville Genealogical Society DATE: Jan. 11 LOCATION:: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street) TIME: 2:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. beginner's class)

DETAILS: Karen Jania of the University of Michigan's Bentley Historical Library will speak about the Library's collection and how to

PHONE: (734) 595-7806

Auditions for "The Shoemaker And The Elves" DATE: Jan. 11 LOCATION: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street) TIME: 6 p.m.

DETAILS:: Auditions are for youths age 8 to 16. Auditioners must sing "Do-Ra-Mi" from "The Sound of Music" and read a 90-second, nonmemorized poem. The show runs in March and April. PHONE:: (248) 349-8110

Gardeners of Northville / Novi Meetina DATE: Jan. 12 LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street) TIME: 6:30 p.m.

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DETAILS: Pam Palachek will speak on attaining the look of English gar-

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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

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

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Northville Historical Society 40th Anniversary meeting / potluck din-

DATE: Jan. 15 LOCATION: Nill Race Village New Church School (Griswold / Main) TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. **DETAILS: Members and non-mem**bers are welcome. An entree' and drinks will be provided, but attendees should bring a dish to pass. Reservations are requested. PHONE: (248) 348-1845

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

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

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LIBRARY LINES

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

EVENING BOOK DISCUS-SION: On Jan.12, at 7 p.m. join us for a lively discussion of the book "Ice Bound: a doctor's incredible battle for survival at the South Pole," by Jerri Nielson. Meeting every second Monday evening, the Between the Lines Book Group is open to anyone interested.

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WINTER TOT STORY-TIME: Registration for the winfer 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 session 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 am. from Jan. 29 through March 4.

EVENING STORYTIME FOR FAMILIES! March on over to the library in your pajamas and enjoy a lively storytime on Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. Best suited for children ages 3 and older, but all ages are welcome to come to this 30 minute program.

LITTLE ME CLUB STO-RYTIME: Little ones, from 10 months to 2 years old, along with their parents or caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun, and simple stories on January 23 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. This special activity geared to the very young is offered each month, and no registration is required.

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STORYTIME

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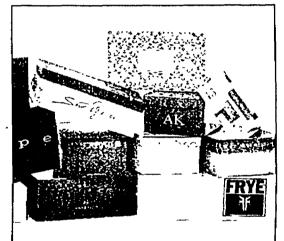
SCRAPBOOKING WORK-SHOP: Teens are invited to get tips on making scrapbook pages on Jan.10 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the library's meeting Room. Please register at the Information Desk or by calling the library.

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HALF-PRICE SALE ON USED BOOKS: Find great bargains all through the month of January at The Book Cellar, the used bookstore on the library's lower level, operated by the Friends of the Library. The Book Cellar will be open Sundays from I to 4 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All books will be halfprice this month.

LIBRARY BOARD MEET-ING: The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be on Jan. 22 at 7:30 p m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of





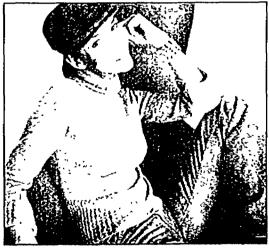
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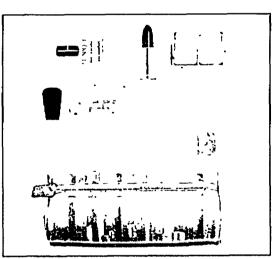
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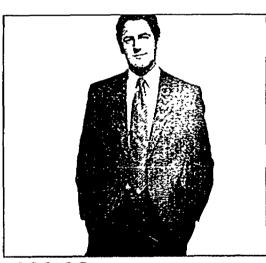
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Miriam Lawry Richards Mitchell

Miriam Mitchell died Dec. 28 at the Chelsea Retirement Center. She was 90.

Ms. Mitchell was born Aug. 9, 1913 to Rev. William James and Janie "Jenny" Lawry Richards. Rev. Richards was the Methodist minister in Northville from 1923 to 1931.

Ms. Mitchell graduated from Northville High School in 1931 and was active in clubs, athletics and served as the senior.class treasurer. She graduated from Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Kalamazoo and serve as an registered nurse at Florence Crittenton Hospital in Detroit. Ms. Mitchell was a member of the Eastern Star and loved to travel and bowl.

Ms. Mitchell is survived by three children, M. Richard (Joyce), Fred (Sharon), and Mary M. (Ron) Pollans, five grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister Alice O. Richards Patterson. She was preceded in death by her husband Melvin, son James, grandson Michael, and siblings Opre Kathrine Richards, Annie Jane Richards Chizmar, and Edward Richards.

A memorial service for Ms. Mitchell will be held Jan. 15 at First United Methodist Church of Northville at 1 p.m. Rev. Samuel J. Chizmar will officiate the service. Interment will be at Glen Eden Cemetery.

Doris M. Zielke

Doris Zielke of Northville died Dec. 28 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. She was 65.

Ms. Zielke was born Nov. 21, 1938 in Gordon County, Ga. She moved to Northville in 1977 from Redford. Ms. Zielke worked at Michigan Bell and Dells Clothing Store. She loved spending time with her family, going to casinos, and bowling.

Ms. Zielke is survived by her husband, Tom; her children, Jean Zielke of Livonia and Torn (Tammy) Zielke of Howell, and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Violet.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 31 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Rev. Richard Schroeder of St. John's Lutheran Church of Fowlerville officiated. Interment was at Rural Hill

Memorials contributions may be made to the charity of the giver's

Frederick C. Harper

Frederick Harper of Northville died Dec. 31 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was 74.

Mr. Harper was born Oct. 26. 1929 in Farmville, Va. He moved to the Northville area in 1966 from Portsmouth, Va. He attended the University of Virginia and was employed by Ford Motor Company for 42 years as Production Manager of the Wixom Lincoln Plant Mr. Harper was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville and the Walled Lake Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Harper is survived by his wife, Evelyn (Armstrong) Harper; his children, Carol Anne (James) Pell of Plymouth, Diane (Scott) Fletcher of Portsmouth, and Marianne (John) Stuparits of Grand Haven, He is also survived by his siblings, Mary Johnson and wen Brown of Portsmouth, Gordon Harper of Florida and six grandchildren.

A Masonic service was held on Jan. 4. A funeral service was held on

Jan. 5 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville with Revs. Kent Clise and James Russell of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiating. A graveside service was held Jan. 7 at the Green Lawn Cemetery in Portsmouth with Rev. Don Belanus officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street, Northville, Mich. 48167, or the American Heart Association-Memorial & Tributes Program, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, III. 60678.

Don Paul Fairchild, Sr.

Don Fairchild, Sr. died Jan. 1 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital. He was

Mr. Fairchild was born March 4, 1923 in Tobacco Township, Mich. to the late Floyd Claud Fairchild and Inez Porter Fairchild.

He retired in 1981 from the Chrysler Corporation after 22 years of service. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was very active with Redford United Methodist Church in their food distribution program.

Mr. Fairchild is survived by his wife, Elizabeth L. Fairchild of Northville: his children, Cheri (Zachary) MacLean, Vicki (Dennis) Wojdyla of Macomb, and Don P. (Anne) Fairchild, Jr. of South Lyon; eight grandchildren, Stewart, Tiffany, Christina and Andrew MacLain, Paul and Charles Woidvla and Jason and Breanna Fairchild: and his sister. Pauline Densmore of South Lyon,

A memorial service was held Jan 5 at Redford United Methodist Church of Detroit, Rev. Bea Barbara Soots officated the service. Interment will be in Cadıllac Memorial Gardens West of Westland.

Memorials may be made to

Redford United Methodist Church of the American Heart Association. Funeral arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.

William T. Ferguson

William Ferguson of Northville died Dec. 30 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 55.

Mr. Ferguson was born November 5, 1948 in Northville to the late Clyde K. Ferguson and Thelma Nirider Ferguson. He was a lifelong resident of Northville and retired from Northville State Hospital after 25 years of service.

A funeral service was held Jan. 3 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Dr. Alan DeGraw of Novi United Methodist Church officiated the service. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Ferguson is survived by his siblings, Jolene (Jon) Jacobs of Northville and Dennis (Erika) Ferguson: two nieces, Jessica Keegan and Jocelyn Hayes and one nephew, Keith Ferguson.

Memorials may be made to the Northwest Association For Retarded Citizens in Redford.

Alice A. Drewitz

Alice Drewitz of Northville Township died January 2, 2004 at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. She was 81. Ms. Drewitz was born in Beausjour, Manitoba, Canada en July 22, 1922 to the late Gottlieb and Paulina (Liebenkewicz) Brown.

She was long time resident of Northville Township, a hard working wife and mother and taught Sunday School at Brighton Assembly of

Survivors include her husband, Howard; five children, Howard (Judy) Drewitz of Seminole, Fla., Duane Drewitz of Palm Harbor, Fla., Richard (Linda) Drewitz of Louisville, Ky., Darlene (Rick) Greenke of Largo Fla., and Deborah (Clint) Hall of Westland; ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one sister.

A funeral service was held January 7, 2004 at Brighton Assembly of God Church, Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

Constantine J. "Mark" **Malfese**

Constantine Malfese of Northville died Jan. 2. He was 67.

Mr. Malfese was born on July 28. 1936 in Chicago to the late Rocco Malfese and Alexandria Oleinick. He relocated to Northville from

Tecumseh three years ago and had owned Unistrut Corporation from January 1986 until June 1995. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville and was a veteran of the United States Army. He had served in the 82nd Airborne during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Malfese: four children, Michelle (Dan) Traynor of Davison, Dawn (Jim) Racine of Mass., David and Stephen Russell of Northville; one sister, Maryann Luplow of Wisconsin.; and four grandchildren, Eric and Sean Traynor and Zachary

and Benjamin Racine. A memorial service was held Jan. 6 at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, Rev. John Hice of First United Methodist Church officiated the service.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, Mich., 48108.

Funeral arrangmenets were handled by Casterline Funeral Home of

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

6) Section 20.6 (Haggerty Road PUD) revised to eliminated "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. A true and complete copy of the approved amendments may be

inspected at the five (5) following locations and copies are available though the Clerk's Office.

Northylle Township Public Services Building, 16225 Beck Road, Northville Northville Township Financial Building, 41660 Six Mile Road,

Northville Northville Township Crvic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville

Northville Township Fire Station, 48515 Seven Mile Road, Northville Northville Parks and Recreation Building, 303 West Main, Northville

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **NOTICE OF RATE INCREASES**

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT The following water and sewer rates have been adjusted as follows and are effective with the next billing cycle that begins on January 12, 2004. The new rates will be reflected on the February 6th billing and will be due on March 1, 2004. The rate changes are as follows:

Rate per 1,000 gallons: Present Rate: Water

\$ 3.06 \$ 2.89 Sewer The following water and sewer connection lee adjustments are effective January 1, 2004 as follows:

Water Connection \$2,800.00 \$3,000.00

Sewer Connection \$8,500.00

\$ 3.36 \$ 3.15

New Rate:

(1-8/15-04 NR 105732)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE** 2004 MEETING DATES OF THE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Regular meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Township Hall which is located at 41600 W. Six Mile Road. Regular meetings are open to the public and begin at 7.30 pm, unless otherwise noticed and/or published.

January 15 February 19 March 18 April 15 May 20 June 17

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Northville joins Novi for robotics contest

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

More than 1,000 participants will fill Northville High School Saturday afternoon, watching live feed from NASA TV and beginning a six-week robotics journey.

On Jan. 10, the school will co-host the 2004 For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Robotics Technology Competition Kick Off with Novi High School. The event is sponsored by Intier Automotive.

"It is an honor for Northville High School to co-host with said Cheri Sclater, Northville High School business' and computers teacher and event spokeswoman. "This is a first for Northville High."

FIRST Robotics teams from around the area and parts of Ohio and Canada will eagerly await inside the school for the announcement of this year's "game" live via the NASA television network.

The game carries a momentous nature because it describes to 800 FIRST Robotics teams across the country what tasks each group's future robot will carry out.

The teams whose robots excel at the game will ultimately earn an invitation to the championship event held in Atlanta's Georgia

"It is pretty costly. It costs different] sponsors between \$30,000 to \$35,000."

> Cheri Sclater Northville High School

Dome where more than 20,000 students will gather.

Teams will be rewarded for excellence in design, team spirit, gracious professionalism, maturity and the ability to overcome obstacles.

The way to the championship includes team versus team competitions held at progressing levels.

That is after the bot is built which takes knowledge and expertise in areas such as programming, CAD, machining, drive systems and much more.

The task requires a team of students, teachers, professional-engineering mentors and a lot of money.

"It is pretty costly." Sclater said. "It costs different [sponsors] between \$30,000 to 35,000."

The Robert Bosch Company is the sole sponsor of the Northville

team going into the kick-off.
Northville High's team, named the Robostangs, consists of 22 students ranging from grades 9 to

"Kids interview to be part of this team," Sclater said. "We received 40 applications this

Under the ultimate direction of Jim Conzelman, head of the school's FIRST program and Northville High School manufacturing and technology teacher, the team will meet about 25 hours a week, building their robot.

Sclater said after Saturday's announcement, the school's team will immediately start planning its strategy at the event. Each team will also receive a kit of parts, a common set of rules and attend mini workshops throughout the day. Sclater said the excitement on behalf of the district and the program's participants is running

"If I know our team, we will be meeting on Sunday," she said.

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-

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Nevada speaker anchors MLK Day celebration

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respect and responsibility, King said. His story starts as an adopted at-risk youth who eventually earns success in business. His philanthropic deeds have become leg-

endary, King said, and he has been nationally recognized for "positive change he has spearheaded in his community.

The approximate 90-minute event also will

com- Chris Johnson

Northville mayor Christopher Johnson, Northville Township supervisor Mark Abbo and school district superintendent Leonard Rezmierski. High school and middle school choirs will perform, as well as read excerpts of the civil speech.

At the conclusion of the event, the hosts will present "Faces of Northville," a video presentation created by local photographer Steve Fecht."Northville is a very unique community," Sincock said. This is reflective of that diversity."

This is the second year the community will observe Martin Luther King Ir Day with this type of

event. The lecture format replaced the tradition in the previous nine years of a candlelight walk from City Hall to First Presbyterian Church downtown. The school will offer refreshments in the lobby immediately following the presentation.

"This is the culmination of Respect Week," King explained, which commences in the community Jan. 12. Churches were invited to

address topic from the Mark Abbo

pulpit. Entrance signs to the city will announce the event. Each school has activities planned.

Prior to Hill's open-to-the-public evening talk, he will address Hillside and Meads Mill middle school pupils earlier in the day. kids are younger," King said. The younger children learn to respect one another, the better off all will

be, she said. The youth assistance director called Hill "a man on a mission to spread the gospel of individual worth," and to inspire people to take personal responsibility for

their communities. The speaker's accomplishments include opening a first-of-its-kind community complex that improves the lives of hundreds of youth and families; founding Nevada's first charter school; beginning a philanthropic fund for homeless youth. and establishing scholarships

throughout the west. Hill also runs a multimillion dollar operation with more than 1,100 employees.

On Jan. 20, Hill will take his message of appreciating diversity

Northville and Rezmierski Northville. Township staffs.

"It will be a reminder that we should be respectful of each others' differences," Sincock said King added, "And celebrate

For more information on the Northville Dr. Martin Luther King,

Jr. Celebration, call the youth assistance office at (248) 344-Maureen Johnston is a stoff writer for the Northville Record

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Fresh ideas may help 7 Mile sale

A few million

Two other bidding rounds to sell state-owned property on Seven Mile Road haven't gotten off the ground, so Northville Township authorities are now turning their attention to a rezoning idea. We're intrigued by the thinking.

To the untrained eye, this may appear to be a move of here, a few million desperation, when in reality, there, and pretty it stands to be a

shrewd marketsoon you're talking ing maneuver, not unlike comabout real money. panies that produce products with the intent

of selling to Group X, but end up selling to Group Y when the original plan doesn't pan out.

Real estate agents know this better than anyone, when they're retained by a client to sell a house that's in dire need of repair. Rather than try to fit a square peg in a round hole, it's marketed as "a handyman's dream" or "add a little TLC and you've got a home." We'd like to think that by changing the zoning of the property that the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital and adjoining land could light a spark in the minds of potential buyers. Northville Township is obviously a hot-hot-hot area to get into, but investments this size residents deserve.

mean developers will be watching the bottom line with extreme

At a time when Michigan is

er it could to liquidate the Northville

Psychiatric Hospital property in the most expedient manner. True enough — that the estimated \$65 million the state stands to gain from the

property is but a fraction of the overall red ink that could be cleaned up. Still, \$65 million is nothing to scoff at, and once you add NPH's \$65 million to the liquidation of other property and materials around the state, then — as they say — you're talking about real money. To that end, township clerk Sue Hillebrand may be onto something when she suggested that the state's ask-

ing price may be too steep.

We hope that reassessing the asking price, coupled with a rejuvenated marking proposal will finally bring about the results state and township officials want and surrounding businesses and



A pair of snow-covered trails lead to a tree-lined horizon in the north-central section of Maybury State Park in late December.

Thanks for assistance with All Aglow program

On behalf of the Mothers' Club of Northville, we would like to extend sincere thanks to the community for the generous support we received for our ninth annual All Aglow: Illumination for Education event. You generously donated more than \$11,000 to

benefit the school children of Northville. We are delighted that you continued to feel that purchasing a tree light is a meaningful way to honor or memorialize someone who has been special to you. We would like also to use this occasion to recognize the diamond

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I open up the Detroit Free Press, and my

down the stairs. Once I gain consciousness,

memorial donations for Edward S. Ancypa, John H. Handley and Nick Simkins.

A very special thank-you to the Northville Firefighters who generously donated their time to decorate the tree. We couldn't have done it without them. Thank you also to the Northville city officials who approved and assisted us in this event. We also much appreciate the always cooperative Northville Schools for allowing us to display posters and flyers. Finally, we are most grateful to the Hillside and Meads Mill Middle School Choirs, and their directors Vicki Kopistiansky and Pat McLaughlin, for their excellent performance and leading of the sing-along. This was a wonderful way to celebrate the holi-

The Mothers' Club of Northville wishes everyone a most happy and peaceful New

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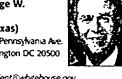
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Christine Curran

day begins.

When I was younger I just read the comics, laughing at the "Peanuts" and the siblings of "Foxtrot." I enjoyed the colorful tunny jokes, but it didn't really mean

anything to me. It gave a laugh or two, but there was no real substance Today I

read all sections of the paper, and though I still read the comics, the newspaper as

a whole means more. The newspaper has given people information quickly and concisely for hundreds of years. The stories can change lives, for the better, or worse. People continually debate whether the media makes the news, or just reports it. Either way, journalism is magic. I have always wanted to be part of that magic.

My mother has always wanted me to be an engineer or a doctor.
"Science and technology is where the

money's at," she says. Though I consider

both of those to be admirable careers, I'd rather become a journalist. There's no romance and mystery associated with engineering, but with journalism the possibilities and adventures seem endless.

Many books, like the "Shopaholic"

series, and movies, like "Runaway Bride," fiction, I admire the character's lives and careers in journalism. With the career of journalism, I feel I could star in such a

I realize that not all journalists make it to the "big times," but it is fun to imagine. I envision reviewing ballets and operas, investigating mysterious crimes, and traveling around the world to cover stories. I would love to have such a job where I could see everything from fashion shows to UN agreements. The job of a journalist can bring many opportunities. I could go places I never thought I could, both physically and figuratively.

I think another reason I like journalism, is that it can be an escape. After living a life that is meticulously planned in Suburbia, journalism has no schedule. There are deadlines of course, but there's not a schedule. It's not like "Next week Saddam's going to be captured, so you better start researching." No. of course not. It happens on the spot, everyday.

For this reason, journalism can bring mistakes, but that's the price writers pay to bring the public information as soon as possible. In cases such as Watergate, with Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward of the

Washington Post, lives may be at risk, but it gives the public the news, and that's the mission of any good reporter.

Another reason I like journalism is the team effort that goes into it. I know from working on the school's The Mustanger, 1. have met a lot of new people. Each issue rk together to put that pap We plan, write, and design, not as an individual, but as a whole group. In the end, we all share the pride in our work. Though the real world of journalism is more competitive, I'm sure the shared pride in producing a news production still exists.

The Northville Record or The Mustanger may be smaller than many newspapers, but I think I have a jumpstart on many young writers. As editor and mentor Chris Davis once told me, "I wish I had someone help me get my foot in the door." Hopefully with the right training and maybe a little bit of luck, I may wind up at larger establishments, such as The New York Times.

As for now, however, the Times is only in my dreams. I have high school still to finish, and the infinite choices for colleges to conquer. For now, I'm focusing on being well-rounded, as journalism may not ultimately become my career. However, I want to continue writing, so I can always keep the possibility open. I dream of the day my name prints of the front page of the New York Times in black and white.

Christine Curran is a student at Northville High School, You can leave a message for her at (248) 349-1700.

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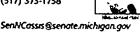
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Time was when our colleges and univer-

sities were regarded as among our state's

crown jewels. No more, at least not by the

The trouble with really big mistakes is they have a way of sneaking up on you, so that by the time you notice things are going badly wrong, nearly irreversible damage has been done.

Historic examples abound.

In the 1930s, the British government thought it was smart to appease Hitler and the Nazis. It took nearly a decade (and a

when it actually turned out to be was a civil

war between the north and south with the

Americans in the role of the foreign invad-

er hated by both sides. By the time he real-

Americans were dead and he was forced to

In today's Michigan, I fear we're also in

the process of making a really big mistake,

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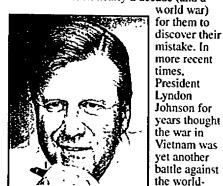
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budget and policy makers in Lansing. Consider these facts:

• Current state support for the 15 public universities in Michigan is \$1.39 billion. the lowest in four years.

In a little over year, nearly \$250 million has been slashed from state appropriations for universities, about 15 percent.

After absorbing another \$73 million in budget cuts for this fiscal year, universities now get \$200 million less in state funding for operations...than does our prison sys-

 University of Michigan provost Paul Courant estimates the cuts have stripped away \$1,500 in per-student state support, and other universities are reporting similar reduction.

How come?

One easy answer, of course, is that when the state's budget is as badly out of whack as it is, everybody has to suffer - including colleges and universities. Another is that for more than a decade, experienced and powerful legislators like former State. Sen. Joe Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, fought for university appropriations. Schwarz was term-limited out of office last year, and there doesn't seem to be anybody in the legislature who has the strength or wisdom to take up the burden.

What surprises me, however, is that two of our most senior political leaders - Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema — are complicit in all this. Granholm has degrees from the University of California at Berkeley and Harvard Law School, while Sikkema has a

Harvard BA and a U-M business degree. Of all people, they ought to know what a great university can do for a state...and how much damage can be done to once-great universities by systematic strangulation

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As Peter Luke, the able Lansing columnist for the Booth Newspapers, pointed out at year-end, former govemor John Engler made it a matter of basic policy to link spending for public universities with overall spending for education. Granholm

has chosen

to decouple the two. favoring spending on K-12 schools over higher education. And she's done it in a somewhat gratuitous way, taking public slaps at "new buildings and weight rooms and the great capital improvements on campus" and making remarks to the effect that any institution (universities, get it?) can

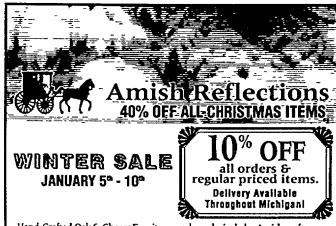
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I hate to muddy these waters, but...

Victor Mercado is a tough, short and pudgy engineer who came here a year and a half ago to do a vital and largely thank-

less job. He is the man who runs Detroit's Water and Sewerage Department, most of whose customers don't live or work in the city at all, but in the suburbs and beyond,

Once upon a time, nearly everyone lived in Detroit, and what tiny suburbs existed were more

than happy to

be able to

buy service

Today, the

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from the city.



Jack Lessenberry

every year.

good feeling is much shorter. Today, more than a third of all Michiganders depend on Detroit for water. But since the city runs the system, suburbanites - especially, their politicians often scream bloody murder when there is a rate increase, as there is now almost

Nobody says it openly, but everybody has heard the whispers that the blacks who live in and run Detroit just want to fleece the wealthier white suburbanites. Naturally, many Detroiters see the suburban reaction as just one more case of more affluent whites wanting to get out of paying their

All this tends to exasperate Mercado, a non-nonsense type who, apart from occasionally lusting after a 1956 Crown Victoria, is mainly interested in efficiency

- and a little more understanding. When asked what one thing he would most like to help him do his job better, he doesn't ask for more workers or more money for the

'What I would really like to see here is a better understanding between the suburbs and Detroit about how actually we do our work. And that way we wouldn't have as much of as conflict as we do."

Mercado isn't naturally on anyone's side in this old and dreary racial and geographic divide. He is neither Anglo, African-American, nor a native of these parts. A 52year-old Hispanic guy from the Brony, he has spent his life working in and on a wide variety of public and private water and sewer systems from Delaware to Puerto Rico, mainly as a troubleshooter and an efficiency expert.

He knows what it is to go down a broken sewer main and look at a problem. The good news is that Detroit's system is really not in terrible shape, he says. "The water itself is the best or among the best in the nation," The rates are reasonable, and the facilities, while in some cases aging, seem to work tolerably well.

Then why is Mercado going to ask for an water rate increase that will average 7.5 percent a year? That follows a 9 percent raise last year, both numbers substantially more than inflation. In fact, if approved, some suburbs will pay considerably more than that.

The reason, Mercado argues persuasively, has nothing to do with trying to make money off the suburbs — or indeed to make a profit at all. "I think there is a lack of understanding as to how rates are set,"

"People should come to our board meetings - they are open to the public, and they are posted on our Web site (www.dwsd.org). What we charge the suburbs is based on cost of service. This has something to do with how far away they are - but also on how much water they

use and how consistently they use it."

The suburbs also piggyback on their own charges, and rate increases, onto the city's. which sometimes leaves suburbanites the impression that their entire bill goes to downtown Detroit, when it may be less than half.

Rates are set based on the cost of providing services at peak usage times. (For

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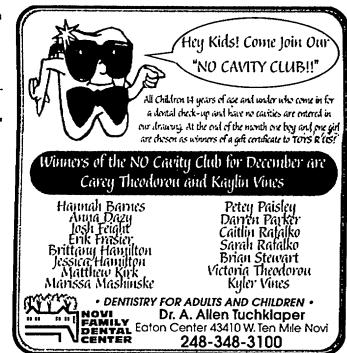
Mercado also says that since arriving here he has wrung much of any waste and efficiency out of the system. Why then does he need another rate

increase? "Basically, we are keeping our costs flat. The only increases are because of capital improvements," Mercado said. Last year, a water main broke on the east side that dated to 1877, a year when Detroit had barely 100,000 people. In the summer, they often pump a billion gallons of clean water a day, and can treat even more sewage.

horizon?

What's the biggest misconception about his job? "That it is easy," Mercado says with a short laugh. "People also tend to think it is very political, and it is not. In my position you need to know how a waste

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I resolve to make someone's day

It's funny how things go.

I paid a visit to my mom and dad last week and attended a Sunday morning church service with them. The pastor's sermon focused on the wild effects that going through with

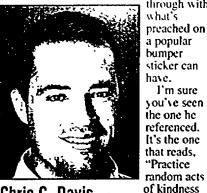
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Chris C. Davis

The pastor gave examples of how using this kind of guerilla-tactic loving — catching people off-guard and adding some sunshine to their day — can have incredible effects. The message was evident: just as it doesn't take much to really hurt someone, so too does it take not much effort to improve the lives of those around us.

Call it a case of life imitating art imitating life imitating art, but only 48 hours earlier had a high school friend popped into

my office rather unexpectedly. It was good to see her. We hadn't touched base in probably three or four years. Her memory of our previous meeting was infinitely better than my own, especially since I didn't remember it at all.

As her story went, I had assisted her in getting out of a potential legal entanglement simply by vouching for her character. And after I'd done that, I'd given her a ride

Now, like I say — I have zero memory of any of this. For all I know, this could just be some story concocted out of thin air...except for the simple fact that her character hasn't changed over time, and that I know in my heart of hearts she's telling me the truth.

She was grateful then and grateful now for what I'd done for her. It was a humbling experience for me to listen to all of this again, especially since that the most noble thing I'd done in the previous 24 hours was turn off the coffee pot at the end of the workday.

The point of all of this isn't to discuss my Quest For Truth, but rather to reflect on how the actions we all engage in can have such profound impact on those around us, and how that guerilla-tactic loving can spread like wildfire...how practicing ran-dom acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty can do so much to help.

This is hardly a novel idea. You may remember the 2000 film "Pay It Forward,"

starring Helen Hunt, Kevin Spacev and Haley Joe Osment, in which Osment's character decides to do good for no appar-

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waiting to return the favor. In other words, "pay it forward," instead of "paying it back." Osment's theory was helping three people just out of the blue, those people would do the same for three more, and those three

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actions we all engage in can have such a profound effect on those around us, both good and bad.

for three more, and on it would go. (Math nuts, take note: given Osment's theory, the entire population of the United States could be brightened after about 16 people paid it forward.)

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later she has earned numerous awards and prizes, exhibited in numerous states, and contributed to prestigious private and corporate collections.

"I think it's a very attractive, rather whimsical piece," said Ken Naigus, chair of the Northville Arts Commission which facilitated the donation. "It's in a nice setting. I think it's a perfect piece for the library.

Ware's generosity continued a series of contributions to the community's public art program. Most recently, the commission supervised the erection at Eight Mile and Center roads of a black-and-white granite monument to Baseline Road created by sculptor David

The name of lifetime resident Ware is among those to be commemorated as a contributor to the Barr piece, as it is at the historical Mill Race Village, on Nonhville High School scholarships, and on

the treble clef sculpture downtown. "He never lived more than two blocks from where he was born," Ware said of her late husband. "He was one of the old natives who lived and died here."

A "behind-the-scenes" supporter of the Art Commission, Mary Ware's roots in the community reach back to her move from Detroit to Northville 50 years ago when she and Don married. Mr. Ware died in 1994 at age 85.

While the name of her Genitti family members — who came with her to Northville — remain a familiar restaurant name in town today, her husband's past is tied to another dining landmark. Ware spent his early youth and teenage years in a Hutton Street house that

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eventually was made into the Little Italy restaurant. In 1960, he developed Ware's Square on the property where his home was located, moving the house around the cor-

Ware said although she and her husband enjoyed the ingenuity of the sculptor's work, they did not feel it fit the decor of their home. "He always liked them," she recalled. The little girl for the library — they were excited because it's apropos for the library:

During the holidays, the regular visitor to the library brought her children, Ann James of Phoenix and Donald John of LaJolia, to the Cady Street facility. The sculpture in mid-November was installed near the window overlooking the park at Wing and Cady streets.

They were real thrilled with it," Ware said. 'They thought it was "Of course they were excited

because they knew who bought the other one.

The Ware family's history in the community is interesting to note because of the coincidence involved with the twin creation of the "Engauged" sculpture, the donor said. Traines, who has a studio in Grand Rapids as well as Florida, agreed to a request from a woman who lives in New York to sculpt two girls.

After the artist completed the works. Ware picked up her swinger and the initial patron picked up hers within two days of each other. As it turned out. Ware said, the initial request came from another resident of Northville for generations, Kitty Haase. She said she planned to send along to Hause photos of the partner to her piece as displayed at

Library graced | Arriba! Baja Fresh opens

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

It's always good to take a fresh approach.

And, that's exactly what the restaurant chain Baja Fresh has

With ingredients trucked in daily from downtown Detroit's Eastern Market, this Mexican Grill's menu items are as fresh as it gets.

The chain boasts six locations in the Detroit area, with the two newest stores located in the Novi/Northville

A location opened at 43271 Crescent Blvd. at Novi Town Center in mid-October 2003, and the most recent addition began operations at 17933 Haggerty Road north of Six Mile at the Northville Village shopping center the weekend after Thanksgiving 2003.

"We capitalized on some of the holiday shopping," said Mike Versaci, vice president of the local franchise operation owned by his father, Tony, and his partner Mike Lucci, a former Detroit Lions play-

"We've been in the restaurant business for 25 years, so we have a lot of experience," Versaci said.

Other locations are at 37660 Twelve Mile Rd. at the northwest corner of Twelve Mile and Halsted in Farmington Hills; at 28644 Telegraph Rd. at Telegraph and Twelve Mile in the Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield; at 1357 Coolidge Hwy, at Maple and Coolidge at Midtown Square in Troy; and at 176 N. Adams at Walton Blvd. at The Village of Rochester Hills.

A seventh location will open at the end of January at Northwestern Hwy, and Fourteen Mile in Farmington Hills.

Versaci said the California-based franchise is the most popular Mexican restaurant in California.

"It has almost a cult-like following. They're very passionate about it, and we hope to duplicate that here. So far, we've been very happy," he said.

The restaurant serves steak - not ground beef — as well as chicken, shrimp and fish. "Some items only have a six-hour shelf life," Versaci said. "We make small batches throughout the day."

The restaurant has no freezers, no microwaves and no can openers. Cooks also don't use lard or MSG. "Burritos are our specialty, and our tacos are identical to those you'd get on a street comer in Mexico, which are called taquerias," Versaci

The tacos feature two soft com tortillas, which is typical in Mexico with either steak, chicken, shrimp or fish. The fish served is a breaded filet of talapia, a very mild whitefish.

The salsa bar has four different types, including Pico de Gallo, a chunky tomato salsa; Salsa Baja, a dark salsa made with char-broiled tomatoes; Salsa Verde, a Mexicantomato-based salsa; and Salsa Roja, a hot red salsa. Pickled jalapeno peppers and fresh cilantro are also on the bar.

Baja Fresh also provides party packs that can be picked up for home or office.

Versaci noted that the vast majority of cooks and other kitchen employees are of Mexican descent.

They understand the food, and there is a sense of pride in preparing the native food of their country. You'll hear Spanish spoken here, and the music is Spanish too. It creates an authentic ambience," he said.

The chain has restaurants in 15 states and the District of Columbia. We expect to open a total of 15 stores in the next three years." Versaci said. He noted that his family has exclusive rights to the franchise in Michigan.

For more information, check out chain's Web site at หางาง:bajafresh.com.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Berenice Alicea, general manager of Novi's Baja Fresh, displays some of the just-prepared food that her Novi Town Center location is known for including store made chips and salsa and a platter of chicken fajitas.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL **FEE REVISIONS**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville approved revisions to the fee schedule for applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals

The new lees are effective upon publication and are as follows:
\$100 - Variance Application - Residential
\$200 - Variance Application - Non Residential

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **TAX ABATEMENT DISTRICT #4** R & D INDUSTRIES

There will be a PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northwille Township Civic Center, 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville MI 48167 on the request of R & D Industries for a Tax Abatement District to be established for a partial tax exemption from ad valorem real property taxes. If this district is approved, it will be District

All interested residents are invited to attend. Comments and questions concerning the proposed tax abatement district will be heard at the public hearing

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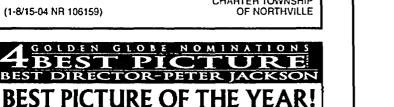
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WEDDINGS



Spinazze-Main

Marissa Spinazze and Jordan Main were married Sept. 20 at Meadowbrook Country Club, Rev. Dennis Laesch officiated the ceremo-

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Cheryl Spinazze of Northville. She is a 1995 graduate of Mercy High School and majored in communications at Michigan State University. She is employed by Principal Financial Group. The groom is the son of Ron and Judy Main of Midland. He was an accounting major at MSU and is a financial planner with Benefit Resources.

The maid of honor was Gina Spinazze of California. Bridesmaids were Hope Harrison Bayer, Lindsay Bryant Budzinski, Allison Main and Lindsay Purdy. Serving as best man was Jason Main. Groomsmen was Brian Bayer, Brandon Bissell, Chris Dely and Matt Herron. Greeters were Anianda Beggs, Melenie Madias, and Annie Marts, Geoff Martin, Chris Paradiso and Justin Perrone served as ushers. Kaitlin Bayer, goddaughter of the bride, was the flower

The couple honeymooned in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, and now reside in Northville.

MILL RACE MATTERS

The Northville Historical Society will hold their annual membership meeting/pot luck dinner on Jan. 15. This year, commemorating our 40th Anniversary it will be in the New School Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. as guest speakers will share our colorful history. This year members and non members are invited to attend and asked to bring a dish to pass. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to the office (248) 348-

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Township supplier gets chance to shine at Detroit Auto Show

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

While you won't see any of their products at the North American International Auto Show this weekend, the quintessential Motor City event is hugely important for ZF Group North America.

It's so important that fully half the employees at the company's North American Technical Center in Northville Township are involved in the show, but don't look for them when the doors open to the public on Saturday.

For ZF, press days - which ended Tuesday and supplier dayswhich ends today - are the

"It's more than just a show," said Frank Buscemi, the company's public affairs manager. "There are 6,500 journalists from all over the world here. If I get to make contact with just 10 percent of them, that's huge"

According to an auto show spokesman, more than 27,000 people representing 2,000 companies from 17 countries came through the doors last year for supplier days and more are expected this year.

That's part of the reason ZI dropped being a sponsor of the Society of Automotive Engineers World Congress, held at Cobo in March, three years ago in favor of becoming a premier sponsor at the auto show.

Another reason, said Wolfgang Schmidt ZF's director of marketing and communications, is image. He said that while ZF has a *great image" among engineers and "techies," the general public is unfamiliar with the company, even



- photo by PHIL FOLEY

ZF Group North America's Wolfgang Schmidt and Frank Buscemi were hoping to grab the attention of the key auto executives during the North American International Auto Show this week.

though its suspension and drivetrain components are found in Jaguars, BMWs Cadillaes and even Fords He noted that ZF will be supplying the front and rear axle systems for the Ford 500 and Freestyle, both introduced at the auto show Sunday.

rear wheel suspensions," noted Schmidt. The Mustang just two years ago had a rigid axle. Now it's independent.

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On Campus

Northville resident Adam Konst was named to the dean's list at Defiance College (Defiance, Ohio) for the autumn 2003 semes-

Northville resident Valerie Bostwick was

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named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State ment exercises. University for the autumn 2003 semester.

Northville resident Elizabeth Baiocchi was among the graduates of Harding University (Searcy, Ark) during December commence-

Northville resident Nicole DiPaolo was accepted as an honors student at Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion, Ind.) for the

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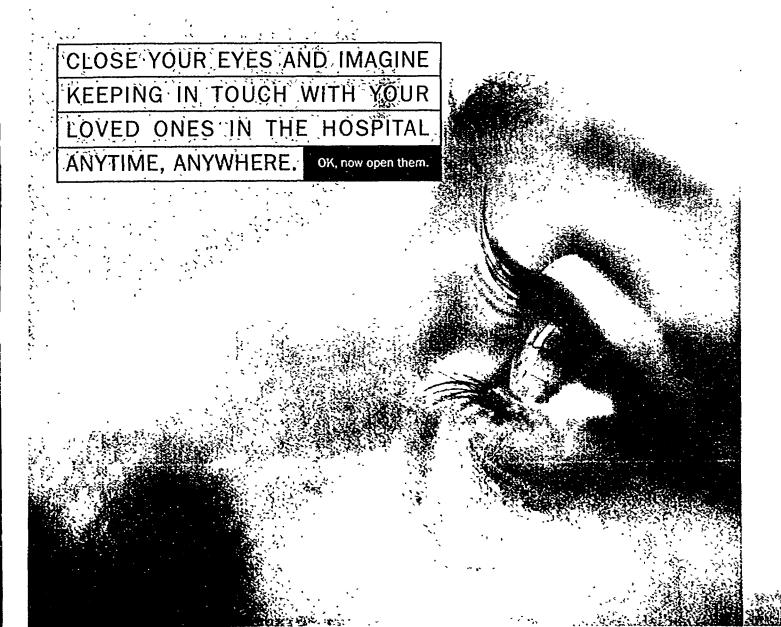
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Pilot breaks record for flight centennial



photo courtesy DENISE JENKINS

The team of J.R. Townsley (left), Clark Putman and Northville resident William Demray prepare to head to Kitty Hawk, N.C. as part of an anniversary celebration of Wilbur and Orville Wright's historic first flight of 1903.

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and his comrades wanted more than attending a dedication at Kitty Hawk on the celebratory date, they wanted to do their "own thing while putting Detroit on the map."

The key to the achievement is

Greenwich Mean Time.

Demray, 53, explained flight times are measured in Greenwich Mean Time, placing the plane over Kitty Hawk on Dec. 17 at 1.05

If measured in Eastern Standard Time, the flight over Kitty Hawk would have taken place the day

"It was a logistics problem to figure out how to get there and comply with all the rules," Demray said, "It was logistics, timing and weather."

Weather and air restrictions resulting from a visit by President George W. Bush at Kitty Hawk on Dec. 17 additionally added to the task, he explained.

Freezing conditions at takeoff almost grounded the flight.

The weather was right on the edge of what we needed and we had a two to three hour envelope to

"It was a logistics problem to figure out how to get there and comply with all the rules."

William Demray Northville

depart," he said, "We knew we were going to warmer weather, otherwise we couldn't have safely done it."

The Northville pilot said there are many more aviation rules today — especially since the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"You plan all this out, and we were doubtful, but it worked out just right," he said.

Demray was accompanied by copilot, John R. Townsley of Utica and flight engineer, Clark O. Putman of Warren.

The trip was made in a 1969 Piper PA 30-C Twin Comanche owned by Demray since 1994 and refurbished with the help of Townsley and Putman. The plane departed from Michigan's Custer Airport in Monroe, crossing a fix near Kitty Hawk and ending in Key West, Fla.

The concluding leg of the record was set on Dec. 20, beginning in Key West, Fla. with touch down at Detroit City Airport.

Demray explained the return was made to Detroit City Airport in honor of where Putman started his aviation career in 1947.

"The trip was a lot of ceremony and a lot of fun," Demray said. In the spring, the three record setters will make an anticipated trip to Washington D.C. for official acco-

lades.

Demray began his flight training in 1979, received his license in 1980 and holds several aviation commendations. He has made Northville his home for nearly 30 years and has a private dental prac-

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easily find ways to cut budgets by 5 percent. (Remember, it was the Republican legislature in the budget negotiations back in December that stayed Granholm's hand from cutting university aid by another \$15 million.)

The fact is that state universities are being starved, long-term damage is being done and it will take years and years to recover. The U-M is losing some of its brightest and best faculty members to other schools, while class size is going up and morale is going down.

At one of the nation's best schools, Michigan Technological University, President Curtis Tompkins is facing a faculty revolt over budget cuts, while people at Michigan State University are very, very unhappy, even with President Peter McPherson, the most dynamic leader State has had in a generation, back from Iraq.

Stanford University, probably today the best in

the country, got that way by following the strategy of "spires of excellence" propounded by Frederick Terman, the former dean of engineering. The idea was that the only way to achieve a seriously excellent university was to erect a few centers of very great quality and use them as the lever by which to ratchet up everything else. Of course, it is also logically possible to follow the reverse policy and achieve morasses of medioc-

But that's what you get when you are in the process of making a really bad mistake and nobody is able, or willing, to realize what is going on

Phil Power was a U-M regent from 1987 to 1999. He is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.nct

JACK LESSENBERRY (CONT'D)

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water system operates. If you don't know how it works, you don't know how to make it more efficient."

He gets a little testy when asked what he makes; \$240,000, more than the mayor or the governor. Not that he doesn't earn it. Imagine what it would mean to civilization in this or any

other place if the water and sewer system broke down. Seeing that most people never think about that may be the biggest part of Victor Mercado's job.

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CHRIS C. DAVIS (CONT'D)

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And I suppose this entire out-of-the-blue favor / senseless-acts-of-beauty / paying it forward business takes on new life this time of year, when people everywhere make resolutions to change their lives. Here's what I think: think beyond your own self and change someone else's life. It doesn't have to be much, and in a lot of ways, the smaller gestures carry more weight. Some examples the pastor gave included holding a door open for someone and smile or paying for a car behind you at a tollbooth.

The best part of practicing these random acts of kindness is that engaging in them makes your own life better. It's nice to know that you made someone's day.

one's day.

It was a treat to see my friend again, even if I don't remember what the heck I did to put a smile on her face. It'll be even better knowing she'll spread the wealth with others.

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Now you know...

8asketball players are sometimes called "cagers."

The name was first given to a basketball team from Trenton, which originally competed in the YMCA league. They put a fence, or cage, around the court to keep the ball in play. In addition, the fence protected fans from loose balls and charging players.

Proud to be an American

Northville graduate Thomas Knapp is plenty proud to be an American. He's not only gearing up to serve his country as a Navy officer

Thom Knapp

by attending the Naval Academy, he's been pounding some foes on the hardwood as a member of their Division I basketball team. - See Page B2

Northville gets victory in Dexter tourney

The Mustangs basketball team

had to get back to their winning ways after MUSTANGS taking an LAKERS earty loss in the

Dexter Tournament. A big win over Advanced Technology
Academy was just the ticket.
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And don't miss...

He's 5-feet-7-inches and weighs in at 165 pounds --- yet that wasn't enough to stop Northville graduate Tim Higgins from walking on and making the football team at the University of

– Page B2



So you say you want a resolution? Well, this is the time to do it with the new year upon us and all. Northville Record sports writer Sam Eggleston has a few resolutions of his own --- including better sports coverage, defending his Michigan Press Association awards and getting more names in the paper one way or another.

- Full story, page B3

SPORTS

Thursday, January 8, 2004

Former 'Stangs make impact

Northville's Langston has two national titles with GVSU

By Sam Eggleston

For a guy who stands 5-feet-9-inches and weighs in at 180 pounds, former Northville Mustangs football superstar Brandon Langston is holding his own at the collegiate

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Langston, who is a redshirt sophomore at Grand Valley State University, helped the Lakers on to their second-straight NCAA Division II national championship as they topped the University of North Dakota 10-3.

"No one really expects to win a national title," Langston said. "My first season here (2002) it seemed like I blinked my eyes and we were in the national championship game and we won it. This year, no one expected us to win with (David) Kircus and (Curt) Anes leaving. But, we battled it out and we got there and once we were there we weren't going to lose it."

At Northville, Langston broke 18 school records his senior year as he put together 2,400 yards on the ground with 30 touchdowns. The performance earned him All-State honors as well as a slew of other nods -- including a scholarship to the University of Toledo to play for the Rockets.

In college, Langston found out he wasn't the big fish he used to be.

"That's the biggest transition for an athhe said. "Suddenly you're on the low end of the totem pole and you're not as savvy as you thought you were when you came into college. I think a year of sitting out (as a redfreshman) helped me out the

And after much deliberation

self, Langston realized his place wasn't at Toledo, but a little further north. At Grand Valley, he became and instant contributor to the squad as he compiled 469 yards and two touchdowns on just 66 carries and earned his

letter and the rookie of the year award His most notable game came against the Northern

Michigan

University Wildcats, a Division II foe from the Upper Peninsula, as he pounded out 149 yards on 12 carries - including a backbreaking 72-yard touchdown run.

Though his speed and size makes him an ideal runningback at the Division II level, Langston's call, it seems, is a little further away from the snap of the ball.

This season, his transforma-

tion into a college

receiver

seems to have finally been completed.

"It was definitely weird at Toledo when I was working as a receiver," Langston said. "I think in my entire high school career, I caught three passes. I was basically a fish out

And now he swims in the seas like a hammerhead shark. In the 2003 campaign, Langston made his presence felt to the opposing defensive backfield with 49 receptions for 603 yards (12.31 average) and seven touchdowns. On special teams, Langston took 12 kickoffs back for 313 yards (26.1 average). His rushing numbers were 21-for-70 yards and a touchdown.

Langston, who is pursuing double majors in criminal justice and psychology, had another breakout game in 2003, with this one at receiver. And the team he did it against? None other than the NMU Wildcats. He gathered 16 yards on three

carries with a four-yard touchdown, 109 yards off six receptions and two touchdowns and 43 yards on two kick returns. His long of the day was a 71yard touchdown off a pass that kept the Wildcats on their heels for the rest of the

"It always feels good to walk off the field and be happy with how you played," he said. "A couple of touchdowns or some key blocks can make

all the difference. I obviously felt real good after that game, but I was extremely nervous before it. The guy that had been starting at wide receiver was hurt, and they threw me in there just a couple of days before the game.

"I started that game, and then I started the rest of the season. That was really the turning point for my year."

Two years at GVSU and two national titles - coincidence? Langston said it's hard to attribute the championship to anything more than dedication, desire and determination -by the entire team and coaching staff. But he also noted he wouldn't mind pocketing a few

"I have two more years left," he said. "I don't see why we shouldn't take those two years and try to go back and win it again."

Photo courtesy of Grand Valley State University Brandon Langston, in black, hauls a tackler from North Dakota on his back during the NCAA Division II football championship.

Hogan making a splash at Virginia

By Sam Eggleston

For Northville High School graduate Shannon Hogan, competing at the next level has been an exciting and valuable experience and something she has been making waves in.

The true freshman on the University of Virginia's women's swimming and diving team has experienced the joys of team work, camaraderic and, of course, winning.

"It's been the most amazing experience ever," Hogan said via phone interview. "Everyone on this team is wonderful, and the coaches are just awesome. Being here this last semester has just been a great experi-

Hogan, who was Northville's top swimmer and a major Division I college recruit before choosing to swim for Virginia, has already earned her stripes with the squad. On November 7, Hogan won her first individual event in the 50-meter freestyle event as she posted a time of 24.39 seconds for her collegiate-best and team-best time. The meet, which was against Georgia Tech, found Hogan also taking fourth in the 100 free with another collegiate-best time of 53,53 sec-

Hogan also swam the anchor leg of the winning 200-meter medley relay against Georgia Tech. The Cavaliers put together a

season- and team-best time of 1:44.56. She also has a second-place finish, this one coming November 1 against Clemson. Hogan swam to a time of 24.66 seconds in

the 50 free to take the number two position. "I feel that I've become a better swimmer and a lot more competitive since I came here," Hogan said. "This was the best decision I've ever made in my entire life. It's a perfect fit."

For Hogan, the collegiate experience has been a dream come true.

"It's everything I expected and much, much more," she said. "I really feel like I'm with family when I'm here. There are great people and great swimmers in this program. and they have a concern about you as well as

your academic and athletic success." Hogan had to make some adjustments to her swimming lifestyle. Instead of just swimming the season with the girls, she is part of a combined team of both men and women. And even though she was used to intensive training practices in Northville, the ante was upped when she move to the next

"It's probably one of the hardest training programs in the nation," Hogan said. "I've talked to other kids and friends of mine that are swimming elsewhere and they can't believe we train so hard."

It's all been worth it. Though the former Mustang said she had no idea the amount of training and work that went into swimming at the college level, she noted it has all worked out for the best.

'The coaches here pay so much attention to detail and see things I would not have ever realized," Hogan said, "They've helped me improve my stroke, my starts and my turns. Because of that, I've become a stronger swimmer and I've found that there is always

Don't miss the other Next Level Athletes on page B2

something to work on and improve on" Hogan took to the college life like a fish to water. She took on full loads of

credit hours, trained for school and even ran for and became a part of the student council. "It all takes up a lot of time and I

had to make a lot of adjustments." she said. "I've managed to balance it all and I've figured out how to set my priorities. Remembering what's important and keeping on top of it is the most important things. Hogan and her fellow Cavaliers are far

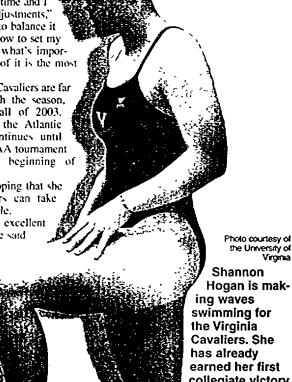
from being finished with the season, which started in the fall of 2003. League competition in the Atlantic Coastal Conference continues until February 21 and the NCAA tournament continues through the beginning of This year, Hogan is hoping that she

and the other swimmers can take home yet another ACC title. "I think we have an excellent

chance of winning it," she said The men have won it five years in a row and the women are defending champs from last year. Only time can tell how we do, but I think the guys and girls can pull it through

And for Hogan, that would just be icing on the cake.

again this year."



the University of Virginia Shannon Hogan is mak-

ing waves swimming for the Virginia Cavaliers. She has already earned her first collegiate victory and is looking to get plenty more.

Nick Didia Junior Wrestling

Didia doesn't mind not being ranked. Heck, this 130-pound wrestler showed that if you don't bother to seed him in a tournament, he'll just make you look foolish by topping your best wrestlers and earning the top spot - just like he

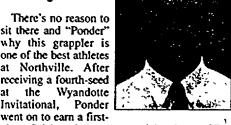
did at the Wyandotte Invitational. His performance shows the future of Mustang wrestling could be a bright one indeed.



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Jeff Ponder Senior Wrestling

There's no reason to sit there and "Ponder" why this grappler is one of the best athletes at Northville. After receiving a fourth-seed the Wyandotte Invitational, Ponder



place finish and the upper-weight classes. His experience and leadership makes this 160-pound wrestling a force to be reckoned with.



Higgins happy in role with Florida Gators

Former Mustang may not be the biggest guy on the team, but he does his job well

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

It's never easy to stand at 5feet-7-inches and have the dream of playing college football at the Division I level and it's even harder to do it. Just ask Northville graduate Tim

Higgins, who stands 5-7 and weighs in at 165 pounds, is a rostered member of the University of Florida Gators football team.

"When I came here, it was just my hope to make the team," Higgins said during a phone interview following practice. "From there, I'm just hoping to work my way up the depth

Higgins, who was an All-Area Player of the Year as a wide receiver in Northville, walked on at Florida hoping to earn his stripes with the Gators. It hasn't been an easy job, especially since he landed himself on the practice squad where he plays wide receiver out of the upcoming opponent's play book.

You go out there every day and run the opposing team's plays for the week," Higgins said. "That gives the defense a good look at what they will probably see in the game that

For Higgins, being a part of the practice squad is nothing to

"This is better than I could have ever hoped," he said. "I get to play against one of the top defenses in the nation and with some of the best athletes in college sports. It has been a really unique opportunity."

And don't think that Higgins isn't doing a service for the starting Gators. This year, the Gators' defense collected 20 interceptions and returned them for a total of 409 yards. Earning the most interceptions on the year was Keiwan Ratliff, a senior defensive back who snagged nine this year. All year long, Ratliff has had the pleasure of lining up across from Higgins during practices - and it sure



Tim Higgins

seems that he picked up on more than a few of the plays that would be coming his way.

"He was selected as a First-Team All-American," Higgins said. "That was a special honor for him, but it was special for me to see that too. I've been lining up against him all season and to know that I was playing against one of the best defensive players in the nation is a great feeling.

The Gators earned a berth into

the Outback Bowl, which they ultimately lost to Iowa 37-17 to finish their year with an 8-5 record. The squad played a team-record seven nationally ranked opponents in the 2003 season and Higgins was on the sidelines for more than a couple of them — including the brawl with Florida State.

"There's a history of fights in that game," Higgins said. "It's just a really emotional game and one that is really easy to get lost

And the players start gearing up for that one as soon as they can - and Higgins had the bruises to prove it after a week of running Florida State passing

"Emotions start running high that week and the defense starts hitting harder than ever," he

Higgins had a few key moments against one of the most hard-nosed defenses in the country as he took the ball all the way a couple of times against the starting defense while in practice.

"It's rare," he said with a laugh. "I've managed to do it a couple of times and it's a great feeling. The starting defense doesn't get too thrilled, but the scout team members get all excited when it happens.

Higgins ran plenty of routes across the middle while wearing the orange and black of Northville and now has the pleasure of running them in the orange and blue of Florida - is there any difference?

"It doesn't even compare," Higgins said. "These guys are a lot bigger, stronger and a lot faster. Being hit by these guys is a lot different than being hit by a high school player about my size. I've blacked out a couple of times and had to remind myself of where I was."

And though he's taken a pounding and more bruising that he cares to remember, the little wide receiver from Northville isn't about to hang up his cleats.

"I wouldn't change a thing," he said. "I feel like I've established myself here and that I've made an impact. I think I've turned some heads. I happy here, and I'd never take any of it

And Higgins is prepared to do whatever it takes to continue to help Florida earn success on the gridiron - even if it means being part of the practice squad through the remainder of his

years.
"I would accept that," he said. "Being a part of this team is enough for me. I feel that I've helped contribute to the success of the team, and if that's the role I'm supposed to have than I'll be happy with that."

And that's the definition of teammate — and how dreams can come true for 5-7, 165pound wide receivers from Northville.

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Knapp playing Division I basketball, balancing Naval Academy rigors, too

By Sam Eggleston

For Thomas Knapp, playing collegiate basketball at the Division I level is a dream come

The 7-foot Northville graduate is not only enjoying himself. but learning the ins and outs of the hardwood as well as being a cadet in the Naval Academy.

"It's extremely exciting." Knapp said, "It's great to be part of a Division I program and part of such a great school

Being a cadet at a military academy is never easy, but to add in the demands of a major college program adds to the stress and strain on a freshman's

"It all comes down to time" management," Knapp said. "If you're not taking care of your time and you find yourself just sitting still, you need to find something to do. If you can't figure out how all of that works, you're not going to last long here.

Though Knapp is enjoying himself, it doesn't mean he doesn't wish he could come home to Northville.

The homesickness comes a lot," Knapp said, and added that his life is in a near-mirror situation of a regular freshman, "I don't have the freedom that I had at home. Here, I don't get to



Thomas Knapp

watch TV or any of that simple stuff. I just miss home."

But being at the Naval Academy is something that Knapp said that he needed.

"I definitely needed to go some place with a lot of structure," he said, "Here, I have a guaranteed structure and I constantly have people pushing me. On the court, I have basketball pushing me, and back in the hall I have the military stuft pushing me. Basically, I'm working hard every day no matter what'

Knapp has seen plenty of playing time with the junior varsity program at the Academy, but recently scored four points in his NCAA Division I debut as Navy pounded out a big win over Washington College in front of their home crowd.

One of the things Knapp has

been forced to adjust to is the sheer difference in attendance at the games. Against Washington College, Knapp scored his four points in front of a crowd of about 2,000 fans.

Though Knapp and his fellow Navy basketball players started the season out 0-5, they climbed to 2-5 at the time of the interview. Knapp scored his first point of his college career on a dish from the point guard for an easy lay-up before making his own move and pouring in the

The Northville grad knew the meaning of rival after squaring off against Novi through his career, but he is in a new arena with a whole new rival - Army.

"That game normally sells out." Knapp said. "It's a pretty big deal, and if we lose that game then the season doesn't mean much. It's a must-win game on our schedule every

Knapp is fairly unique among college newcomers. Some think they have it rough because money is a little tight - Knapp doesn't even have the luxury of civilian clothes.

"There's a strict set of rules," he said. "The academics are extremely tough, plus you have all of the military stuff. When we wake up, we have to clean our desks, make our beds and go 104

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Thomas Knapp Naval Academy cadet/basketball player

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And for Knapp, Bravo condition is exactly what he was looking for when he decided on the Naval Academy as a place where he wanted to further his education, his basketball and his life. "It's great," he said. "It's

everything I expected and a lot

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AAU Wolfpack tryouts

Western Wayne Wolfpack (Northville) AAU Girl's Basketball Tryouts will be held Thursday, Jan 8 for 14's, 15's and 16's from 7:30-9 p.m. at Northville High School; Sunday, Jan. 11 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School (Northville Recreation Gyms) and Monday, Jan. 12 from 7:30-9 p.m. at Northville High School for 12's and 13's; and Tuesday Jan. 13 and Friday, Jan. 16 from 4:30-6 p.m. at Hillside Middle School (Northville Recreation Gyms) for 11's.

For more information contact Jeanne Holmes at (248)

Ski and snowboard club registration

Northville Parks and Rec is currently taking registrations for the popular ski and snowboard club. All students in middle school and high school are encouraged to participate and membership includes luxury motor coach transportation to local ski areas on Friday evenings and some Saturday evenings as well as group lift tickets, rental equipment discounts and lessons at Mt. Brighton Ski Area. The club membership is limited to 300 participants.

township residents, \$138 for or

\$145 for non-residents. Please bring a current school photo and last year's club ID card.

Also, adult chaperones are needed for trips and will receive complimentary skiing. For more information, contact Northville please Parks and Rec at (248) 349-

Want to play some hoops?

Northville Parks and Rec will be hosting a Women's Winter Basketball League starting January 28, 2004. The cost to join is \$395 per team and the season will run through 11 weeks.

Registration has already. begun. If interested, please visit Parks and Rec or contact them at (248) 449-9947.

S.W.A.T. Hitting Classes

James Bonnici, a scout for the Tampa Bay Devilrays, will lead this intense baseball hitting class every Tuesday and Thursday starting January 8 and running through Feburary 12 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Players will be taught professional mechanics of batting while working with athletic trainers to improve bat speed and body strength. For players 13-18 with a fee of \$310 per player.

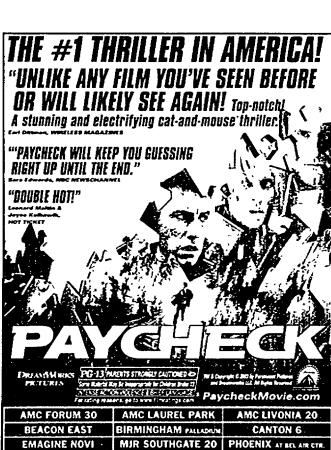
For more information, or to The fee is \$135 for city and register, call (248) 668-0166 school district residents and totalbballwixom@aol.com.

Underclassmen Scores

Junior Varsity Wrestling

Northville High School's JV wrestlers came away with some hardware from the junior varsity meet held January 3 at Livonia Stevenson. Dave Cain placed third in the 160-pound division while Jared Arter placed fourth at 135 and Jonathan Junea placed sixth at 112 pounds

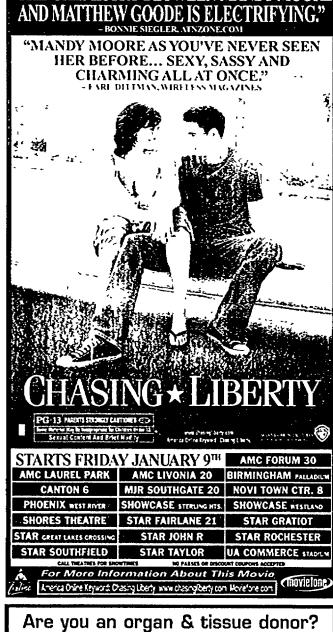
Northville treshman, Colin Appleford, hasanswered the call for a 103-pound wrestler and ventured into the Mustang wrestling room. Appletord participated in the Stevenson junior varsity meet for his first wrestling experience and came away with a new appreciation for the sport



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So you say you want a resolution?

Is it that time of year again already?

Like usual, I'm running late on my resolutions. I just get in this quandary where I don't know if I want to lose weight (yeah, I know I should) or if I want to be a more active father (year, I know I should) or if I want to buy that Microsoft Xbox I've been eyeing (Yeah, I know I shouldn't).

This time of year is crunch time for me, and instead of worrying about my personal resolutions (probably the weight thing, considering I get winded thinking about walking to the fridge for a snack) I'm focusing my attention on my professional resolutions.

This year, I'm looking at improving our sports coverage. What that means is more names through more concise and to-thepoint stories. There will be more reading when it comes to the number of stories, but also more visually-appealing elements to the sports coverage such as graphics, photos and statistics. Hopefully, all of the sports-hungry readers out there will be happy to note the changes that have already started to take shape since about the first week of December.

In 2003, I am proud to say, the sports department of the Northville Record and the Novi News came away with six Michigan Press Association awards. We had a mix of writing, photography and feature stories, as well as the first-place finish for sports coverage in our class of newspapers. What that means is out of every weekly this size, we had the best sports coverage of them all. That means a lot to us here at these fine newspapers, and it also means we have to buckle down and defend those titles. Much like the Mustangs and the Wildcats, when we earn an honor one year, we have full expectations of winning it again next

And while I'm at it, I might as well pencil in a resolution that hopes to find more underclassmen names hitting the pages of the sports section. If you have junior varsity or freshmen scores you'd like to submit, drop me a line and



Sam Eggleston

The Game of the Week

E'ILDV WOLF'S Resolutions

ask me how to get the information to me and in what form it should come in. This will help make the transition from source to print that much easier and will allow me to get more names in the paper, and allow readers to get to know some of these athletes before they hit the varsity level.

It's a whole new year already, which is just mind-boggling in some ways. I've been at the papers since 2001 and I've had the chance to see some incredible athletes so far — I don't expect that will change any time soon. I hope some of the resolutions that athletes have made this year include winning some titles, playing the best they have ever played and leaving everything out on the field in each and every competi-

I hope everyone has a great new year and that they meet any and all of their resolutions. As for me. I better get back to writing the sports that you've hopefully come to enjoy over the years — maybe it will get my mind off that last doughnut on the counter. Yeah, that's right, the one with the sprinkles. Man, who came up with the idea of resolutions anyway?

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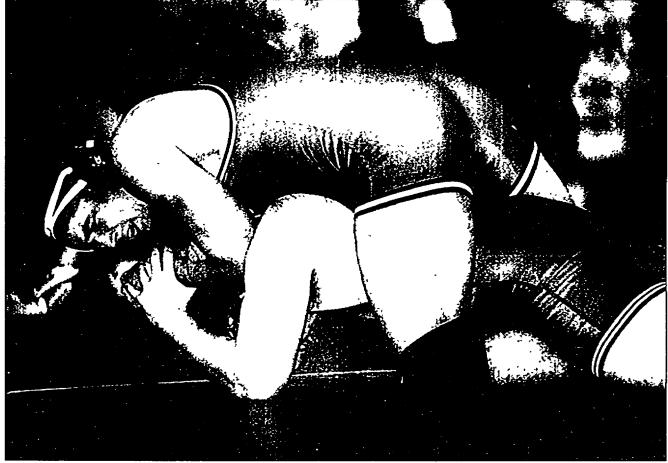


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville's Steve Minier has the upperhand on Novi's Andrew Kristofik in their 215 lb. matchup in a meet hosted by the Mustangs. Minier won this meeting.

Mustangs make impression at Wyandotte wrestling invite

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Senior Jeff Ponder and junior Nick Didia showed what it means to be a Mustang grappler as they both earned first-place finishes in their respective weight classes at the Wyandotte Wrestling Invitational.

Ponder's performance, which found him starting the tourney as a fourth-seeded wrestler, earned him the Most Valuable Player Award for the upper weight classes, which was chosen by the coaches of the participating teams. His wrestling in the 160-pound weight class found Ponder defeating the one-seeded wrestler from Adrian, 4-3, and then topping the twoseeded wrestler from Dearborn, 3-1, in the final round. Both victories were come-from-behind over extremely talented and

determined opponents. Didia, on the other hand, didn't have the luxury of being recognized as one of the top wrestlers in the 130-pound weight class with a seed. Instead, he went in and proved his worth by pinning another unseeded wrestler from Wayne Memorial before upsetting the two-seeded grappler from Riverview with an applaud-worthy last-second reversal for an 11-10 victory. In the next round, Didia made

short work of the three seed with a pin before taking on and beating Plymouth Salem's firstseeded wrestler, 7-6, in the championship round to take first

Quite simply, Didia proved that it's not always the size of the Mustang in the fight, but rather the size of the fight in the Mustang that should determine how dangerous they are on the

Other Northville medalists were Joel Schanne, who took third in the 112-pound division,

while Steve Minier took fourth at 189. Justin Swanson came home with a sixth-place finish in the 135-pound weight class.

The Mustangs are slated to be back in action tonight when they visit Plymouth Canton in a conference dual meet with start time slated for 6:30 p.m.. Northville will then participate in the South Lyon Invitational Saturday at 10 a m.

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Northville splits games at tough Dexter tournament

By Matt Simich SPECIAL WRITER

Over the holidays the Mustangs basketball team competed in the Dexter Tournament. Northville took on three other high schools including the Dexter Lions, the Adrian Maples and the Advanced Technical Academy Lakers December 29 and 30. The

> MAPLES 60 MUSTANGS

Mustangs found themselves paired up the Adrian Maples first in the semi-finals.

The game started out well with Alan Shanoski winning the tip-off. Also scoring the first points of the game with an out of bounds three point play, the Mustangs had their only lead of the game. Adrian took advantage of the Mustang zone defense by constantly passing the ball around, always looking for that wide-open man to take the easy bucket. But the Mustangs fought back with some passing of their own when Shanoski gave the ball to Mark Sorenson as he cut down the lane for an easy lay up. Brett Asher, doing what he does best, grabbed a rebound off a free throw and shot the ball at close range scoring another two points. By the end of a

By Sam Eggleston

Though the Wild 'Stangs

gymnastics team wasn't able to

pull out a win in their first meet

of the year, they were definitely

fell to Plymouth Canton in mid-

year and we look forward to

competing with them again."

across the board. Senior Sara

Wilchowski collected a 9.0 on

the bars, and another 9.0 on the

beam to help her squad in the

losing effort. The Bars also

found Trish Brownfield scoring

impressive

The Wild 'Stangs earned

"Canton has a great team this

December, 143.1-140.55.

Schultz said.

SPORTS WRITER

heated first quarter the Mustangs trailed by three with a score of 14-

When the second quarter began the Mustangs switched into a manto-man defense, which seemed to work for a while. The Maples, however, kept the Mustangs at bay by out-rebounding them both offensively and defensively and denying the Mustangs any second chances. This put Northville into a slump that lasted all the way to the half with a score of 18-29.

Much of the same thing happened throughout the rest of the game. The Mustangs were out rebounded and out worked by the Maples. Northville became desperate and put up three pointers to try and get some momentum going their way. Later in the game, Asher fouled out because of a questionable pushing call that sealed the Mustangs defeat by a score 35-60

"At least our out of bounds plays worked," said Head Coach Darrel Schumacher, The Mustangs were able to inbound the ball and set key screens so that the Sorenson could take a clear three-point shot. This worked well for the squad during a

The Mustangs have nothing to hang their heads about though as they went on to win in day two against Advanced

an 8.45, while Maggie Mills collected an impressive 8.95

and Sarah Ilkhani-Pour scored

WILD 'STANGS 145.55

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Mehl

Technology Academy. The Maples proved too tough for the other challengers as well and clenched the tournament championship in the finals against the Dexter Lions on

Mustangs rebound off loss

Day two of the tournament had the Mustang cagers playing against Technology Advanced the Academy Lakers.

The Mustangs started out great with two points on the opening tip off. Northville was back to normal playing their type of basketball. The team passed the ball around patiently, always looking for the man who can score the easy basket. An example of this was when Sorenson got the ball to Asher at the free throw line. Asher did a nice move to get

inside MUSTANGS scored LAKERS

with a

lay up while getting fouled during shot. Also in a similar fashion, Sorenson threw the ball up to a wide-open Shanoski who charged down the court to notch another two points. The Mustangs kept up their scoring drive till end of the first quarter leading by a score of 24-6.

In the second quarter the 'Stangs continued to their stampede. With a

The vault found Janna

Ramsey leading the way with an

8.85, while Deneau, Glancy and

Mehl each earned an 8.55 for

their efforts. Rounding out the

years. They showed a lot of

potential and determination, and

quick little give and go play between Tim Singleton and Sorenson the Mustangs scored again. The Mustang bench got their time to shine when Mike Jameson, Brian Tellish, Tim Downing, Chris Oakland and J.D. Gerblick took over the rest of the quarter. Eventually Dave Van Horn, Oussama El-Saadi and Ryan Hillock made their way on to the hard court as well. The Mustang squad dominated the rest of the half, leading the AIA team by a decisive score of 47-14.

When the second half began the starters came back out on the court. The Mustangs continuing to play aggressively with Shanoski scoring the first six points of the half. After the first two minutes of the third quarter, the second string line up came on again and went to work Oakland, off a rebound, passed to a fast breaking Downing for the lay up. Downing stole the ball three times in a row and scored twice putting four more points on the board for Northville. At the end of the third quarter the Mustangs were winning by a landslide with a score

In fourth quarter Northville continued to run over ATA until the buzzer sounded with a final score of 79-30. This victory put the Mustangs in third place for the

to improve each meet."

The Wild 'Stangs are sched-

uled to be back in action when

they host Brighton today at 7

p.m. at Northville High School.

The gymnastics squad will then

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overall tournament.

"We just went back to our philosophy," said Schumacher, "You have to play good pressure defense, rebound like crazy and run like

Northville returns to action Friday, a game which is the last in a string of away games for the

Mustangs. Tip off is at 7 pm. in

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Gymnastics team can't get past Canton

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ment on her abilities, while

and Jacqueline Gazette notched an 8.45. Brownfield also had a solid showing, earning a 7.95.

Foucher leading all Northville and Novi scorers with a 9.35. Janna Ramsey wasn't far behind though, collecting a 9.0 through an impressive showing. Deneau also made an impression on the judges, earning an 8.75, while Ilkhani-Pour recorded an 8.45

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Set goals for better finances

While you're drafting your New Year's resolutions to improve health and harmony, don't forget to include some financial resolutions in your mix. Here are some ideas to consider.

Organize. Before anything else, organize your financial documents. Should your home be struck with a natural or manmade disaster, you'll want these documents safe. Begin by making a list of all your bank and credit card accounts. Include account numbers, expiration dates, credit limits and phone numbers. Also list the contact information for your phone, gas and electric companies. Then, for insurance purposes, make a list of all your possessions. (Some insurance experts recommend making a videotape of your possessions.) Place this information, along with your will, insurance policies, proof of residence (deed or lease), mortinformation, Security cards, birth and marriage certificates, family records and any other documents you deem appropriate, in a fireproof box in your house or a safe deposit box. Inform a family member or trusted friend where these documents are housed.

Next, set up a filing system for all of your other financial related information. Create one folder for your financial institution receipts-statements, cancelled checks and deposit receipts; another folder for your investment account information; and a third folder for all of your tax-related items including W-2 forms and 1099 forms from brokerage and mutual fund companies. Place receipts for your deductible expenses like paid medical bills, property tax bills and charitable contributions in this folder. Keeping all of your tax information in one place will help preserve your sanity at tax

Economize. If you're truly committed to paying down debt in 2004 or saving more money for retirement, you've got to spend less money than you make. You probably have a good idea of how much you spend each year on your mortgage and car payments because these expenses remain the same from month to month. But do you know how much you fritter away on frivolities? If you haven't already, consider purchasing software like Quicken or Microsoft Money to help you track what you spend every month. As long you're in the dark about how much you actually spend on things you don't need, you likely won't commit to reforming your habits.

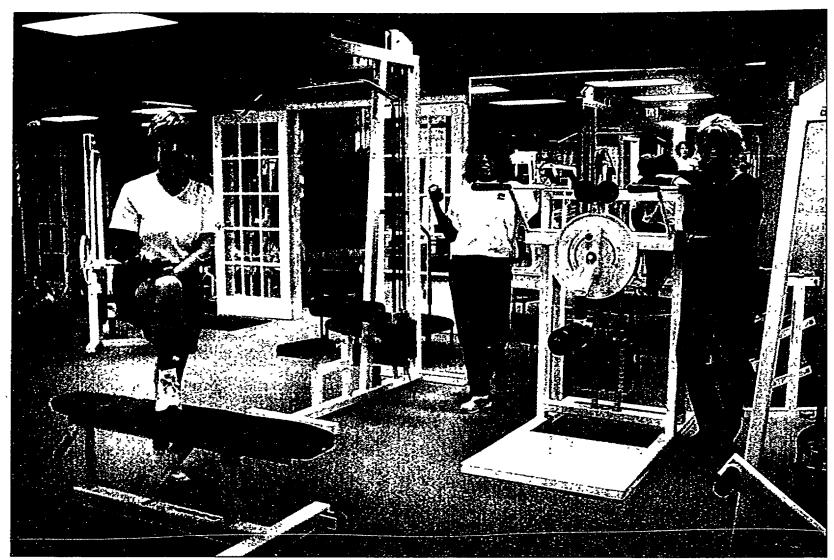
Cut costs. For example, do you feel you're spending too much on groceries? Consider going beyond just tracking your expenses, and look at your habits and your tendencies. Sometimes when we examine how we manage our time and responsibilities, we find clues to the mysteries of why we spend the way we do.

Build an emergency fund. If you don't have at least three months expenses (preferably six months) stashed away in a savings account for an emergency. move this resolution to the top of your list. If you don't trust yourself to make a deposit every month in this account, consider having an amount deducted from your paycheck. Once you've built your fund, tap it only for emergencies.

Get help if you're in over your head. If you're neck deep in credit card debt and barely making ends meet each month consider seeking help from a legitimate non-profit credit counseling service such as GreenPath Debt Solutions. They're a member of the National Foundation for Consumer Counseling. GreenPath's counseling services are offered in person, over the phone and via the Internet. Phone them toll-free at (800) 550-1961, or contact them via their Web site at www.greenpath.com.

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Advertorial



Cindy Sofen, Anna Heverly and Lorraine Walsh take a break from their workout at Club Elite, Fitness for Women, in Novi. The focus at Club Elite is on circuit training that includes a full-body workout in just 26 minutes.

Club Elite offers fitness solutions for women

By Duane Ramsey SPECIAL WRITER

Club Elite, Fitness for Women, is the perfect post holiday solution for women in the community who are looking to become more physically fit.

Whether you'd like to shed a few extra pounds gained over the holidays, fulfill your new year's resolution to lose weight, or strengthen and firm your body to

keep yourself healthy, Club Elite will help you reach your fitness goals.

"Our mem-bers will get the personal service and results they are looking for, Wendy Corriveau, co-owner of Club Elite in Novi. "Everyone

comes to the club for a different reason. It's important to get to know our members so we can address each member's fitness

The key to successful fitness results is finding an exercise program that is proven effective and one that an individual can easily integrate into a busy lifestyle and schedule. Most women can fit 30 minutes three times a week into their schedule.

'Club Elite makes it easy because we take the guess work out of working out," said Krissie Owens, co-owner of Club Elite. "That's why so many of our members have lost inches and

Along with an effective workout, Club Elite offers its members a welcoming, comfortable atmosphere with elegant surroundings and added amenities.

"If you don't feel at home in your fitness center, you're not likely to maintain your program," said Corriveau. "We want

Club Elite is their home away from home. We want you to look forward to coming in here."

circuit training that includes a full-body workout in just 26 minutes.

The circuit incorporates both strength and cardiovascular training. It includes eight machines and eight rebounders, which allow you to firm and tone

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Wendy Corriveau

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weight bearing exercise needed for firming, toning and strengthening muscle tissue, and cardiovascular exercise for burning

In addition to the circuit equipment, Club Elite provides free-weights, exercise balls, an abdominal roller and a new super squat machine for toning the abs, hips and legs. The club also offers an inviting, comfortable lounge and lobby area, private rest rooms and showers, a changing room and tanning

Every new member gets a free

An instructor shows each member around the circuit and teaches the member how to use machine correctly. Instructors also provide key

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initial consultation, which includes a one-on-one personal training session. It is an opportunity for the staff to get to know each new member and find out the member's personal fitness goals.

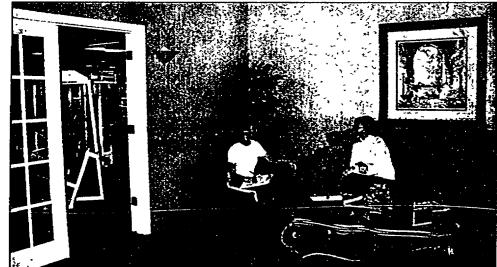


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Wendy Corriveau, co-owner of Club Elite, reviews the fitness club's membership roster with Carrie Sofen, a member of her staff, in the club's lobby.

information and advice on the overall workout, Corriveau added.

"It doesn't matter what current physical condition you are in or whether or not you've ever worked out before. Club Elite will work with you to reach your goals," says Corriveau.

Some of the members at Club Elite were so happy with their results, they joined the staff. Anna Heverly of Novi joined the staff after achieving her fitness goals as a member.

Heverly came to the club three years ago, employed full-time and a mother of a young son. She wanted to lose weight and immediately lost 10 pounds on the circuit.

She realized that she also needed nutritional help and started on a balanced diet in addition to the circuit workout three times a week. After losing 64 pounds and 23 inches, she has maintained her current build and weight by continuing her workout routine.

"I'm proof that this really works, and I wanted to help other ladies achieve their goals. Heverly said.

Lorraine Walsh of Novi found out about Club Elite from a friend who was a member and joined over a year ago. She is a teacher at the Northville Early Childhood Center, so it's conveniently close to her home and

"I was uncomfortable in other clubs and was looking for one specifically for women," Walsh

Walsh likes the idea of the circuit to lose weight and get in shape with the half-hour workout. She regularly uses the free weights after completing the cir-

Cindy Sofen of Canton, another teacher at the Northville Early Childhood Center, learned about Club Elite from Walsh. She and Walsh had taken aerobics together but Sofen said it hurt her knees.

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cular exercise with weight training and something just for women," Sofen said.

She likes the convenience of the club being close to work and on her way home. The teachers usually come right from the school after work.

"It's nice coming with friends as it helps you to stay motivatcd." Sofen said.

Both Sofen and Walsh credit the Club Elite staff of instructors and personal trainers for helping them to achieve their goals.

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Furniture is important to a home theater | Woman concerned

By Rose Bennett Gilbert COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

I knew this day would come, but have dreaded the thought of the big - really big! — screen TV my husband insists we have before the next Super Bowl or whatever. He's promised to build it in so it doesn't destroy our great room. No "stadium seating" or lined-up recliners.

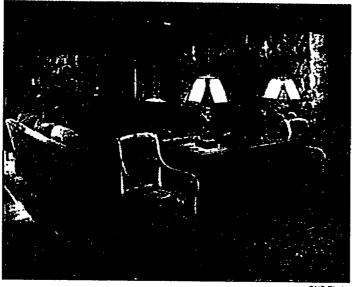
Still, I'd feel safer if I had some-thing to show our interior designer. Can you help?

A: It's safe to relax and take a deep breath, now that giant TV screens have grown, well, less breathtakingly humongous. Thanks to new technology, the units are thinner and less demanding of regulation home-theater arrangements (time was, you may remember, when everyone had to sit facing the screen dead-on, or the big picture blurred around the edges).

Those early extroverted televisions dominated every decorating decision, no big deal to most men. but maddening to many of their mates.

Take the photo we show here to the meeting with your designer as proof that the right furniture arrangement will let you have an industrialsized television and still maintain the integrity of your family room.

The design team at Greenbaum Interiors, an old and respected East Coast company, has managed to



The right furniture lets you have your oversized TV and an attractive family room, too.

satisfy several demands of family room life. There's the large television (remember projection units?) that literally fades into the woodwork when it's turned off. There's a gracious stone fireplace for relaxing - the angled sectional seating unit serves both purposes. Plus, there's a desk for homework by all ages, that also does double duty as a buffet on Super Bowl Sundays

Q: My 3-year-old is asthmatic and the doctor has given me a list of things to change so his room doesn't harbor dust and mold that might cause an attack. One is to install flooring that I could damp mop often.

We'll have to pull up the wall-towall carpeting anyway, so I am wondering if a laminate floor would work. It looks like wood but isn't, and I'm told it's OK to damp mop. True?

A: Laminates have indeed come a long way since their early, obviously fake days. Now real looking enough to fool a woodpecker, laminate floors have finishes that promise to repel almost everything, including scratches, dents, dog claws and stains.

The one exception is standing water: You can even use some laminates in baths and kitchens, as long as you're quick to whisk away spills. Merely mopping with a damp mop should pose no danger to the floor, while removing dangerous dust and dander from your son's environment.

More good news: Pergo, a major manufacturer of laminate flooring, recently introduced a remarkable "click-together" system simple enough to tempt even unhandy types. The new floors feature preglued planks you moisten with tap water, then snap together with no gaps to catch and harbor dirt. You save a bundle on installation (the laminates themselves run between \$3 to \$4 a square foot).

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about bugs in pasta

Q: My aunt gave me a couple bags of macaroni that she didn't want. I put them in my pantry and when I got ready to use one, I saw all these little bugs in the bag. They are kind of reddish brown and about an eighth of an inch long. They sort of looked like wild rice, narrow and long. I threw the bags out but do I need to get an exterminator or what? This is terrible.

A: Calm yourself because Middle Earth can be saved from these alien invaders. Your Christmas gifts are one of the grain and flour beetles. They are probably Confused Flour Beetles or Sawtoothed Grain Beetles, which are the most common. Don't go crazy trying to identify them.

You will be doing exactly the same thing for all of them. By the way, none of this requires an exterminator. It involves the tedious task of Search and Sort and buying airtight storage containers. These beetles prefer flour, grains, cake mixes,

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dried nuts, dried fruits, pasta of all sorts and cereal, to name just a few. Take everything out of the pantry that the macaroni was in. Look in every box and bag that contains their menu choices. Open boxes that are sealed because these sneaky little beasts can squeeze through tiny cracks and chew into bags. If the food looks like nobody is home, place it into a clean container with a snap-down lid. They're all on sale now: Tupperware, Rubbermaid. Glad, Hefty and all the cousins. If the product is critter-free, nobody can get in. If you accidentally missed one or two, they can't escape and create kitchen terror. Vacuum the shelves and wipe everything down with a damp cloth to remove any food crumbs that could sustain another generation. Put the dry cat food, dog food or birdseed in a clean garbage can with a tight lid and store it in the garage. Buy food in small amounts and put it in containers, too. This should get rid of your beetles and restore your peace of mind.

Q: My African violets bloomed almost all summer and into the fall. Now, all they do is grow leaves. I am watering and fertilizing them the same and they are in the same window. What's wrong with them?

A: It's the same thing that's wrong with most of us at this time of the year - not enough bright light. African violets will flower almost continuously if they have bright light for 14 to 16 hours a day. In January in Michigan, it ain't gonna happen. If flowers are important, then consider supplementing with artificial lighting. This needs to be fluorescent lighting. Regular bulbs do not supply the light spectrum needed for plants. You can buy plant lights that have round bulbs and white plastic fixtures. Get a timer to set for 16 hours of light. Place the light with attached timer so it shines on your little plant babies. In a matter of weeks, the buds should be popping again. Make sure that the plants also get eight hours of dark. This is important, too. Be careful about leaving African violets on the window ledge in cold weather. This can be very damaging to their tropical constitutions. Never pull the curtains with a plant between the window and the curtain. On bitterly cold nights, you can end up with a plant-cicle. With the plant light, your African Violets can be on

any warm, snuggly counter or table, soaking up the rays. Gretchen Voyle, MSU Extension-Livingston County horticulture agent, can be reached at (517) 546-3950.

Survey: Americans to spend more on fixing up their homes

By James M. Woodard COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Home remodeling is expected to be an exceptionally active segment of the residential real estate market in 2004, according to a recent survey by the National Association of Home Builders.

Continuing low interest rates, rising home values and strong home sales are definitely contributing to the remodeling fervor among homeowners," said Mike Weiss, chairman of NAHB's Remodelers' Council. "In addition, the rebound-, ing economy and rising consumer confidence are fueling substantial optimism among remodelers

These conclusions are based on a quarterly survey of 434 remodelers. The year-to-year gains in remodeling activity hold true for every region. This indicates a broadbased strength in the marketplace. noted NAHB chief economist David Seiders.

"Those gains are apparent for every single component of remodeling activity, including calls for bids and amount of work committed for the next three months for both owner- and renter-occupied dwellings. There are also gains in overall job backlogs and appointments for proposals.

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for 10 or more years. Fifty-nine percent have at least 20 years experience. The typical remodel professional boasts an impressive educational background, the NAHB said, with 78 percent either having a college degree or some college training.

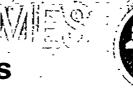
It was noted that the number of remodeling professionals who are sole proprietors has declined significantly over the last two years. In first quarter of 2002, 23 percent were sole proprietors. But by the end of 2003, only 17 percent of remodel professionals surveyed were sole proprietors. The most popular type of remodeling compa-

Many homes are remodeled soon after purchase because the new home fails to precisely meets the buyer's needs. Consequently, the buyer remodels to make the new home a closer match.

Another motivation is to remodel an old property to enhance the home's value before it is sold -hopefully for a price that more than covers the cost of remodeling.

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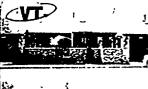
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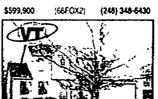
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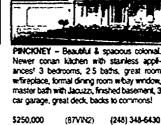
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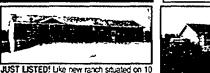
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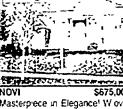
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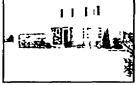
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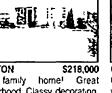
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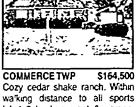


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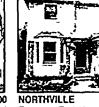


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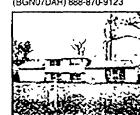
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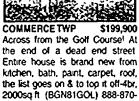


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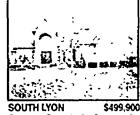
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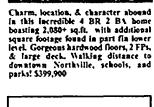
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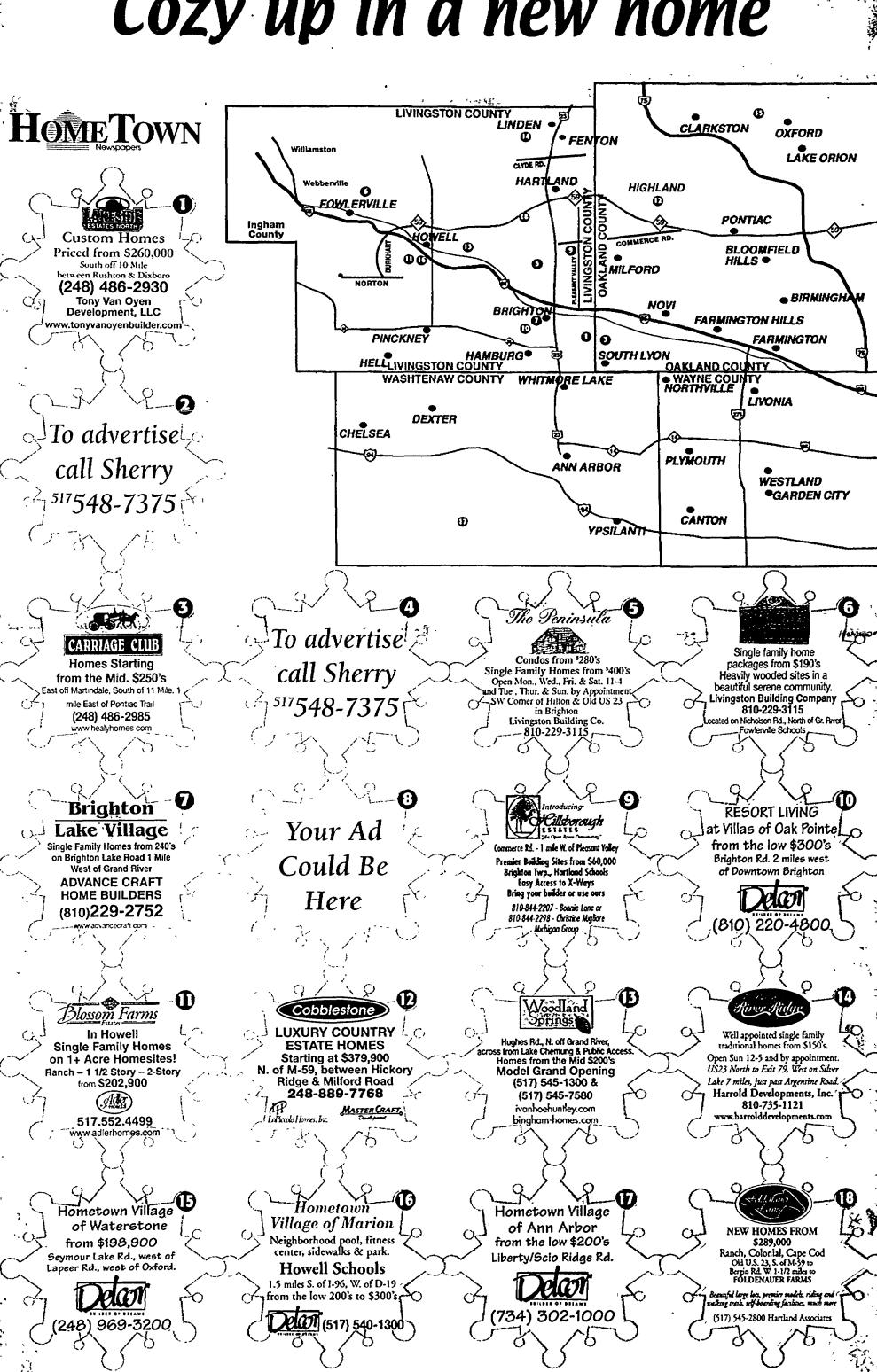
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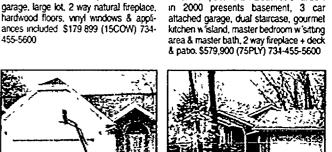
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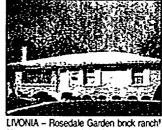
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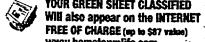


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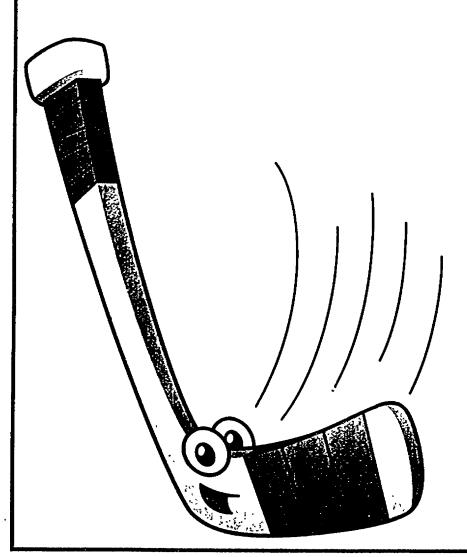
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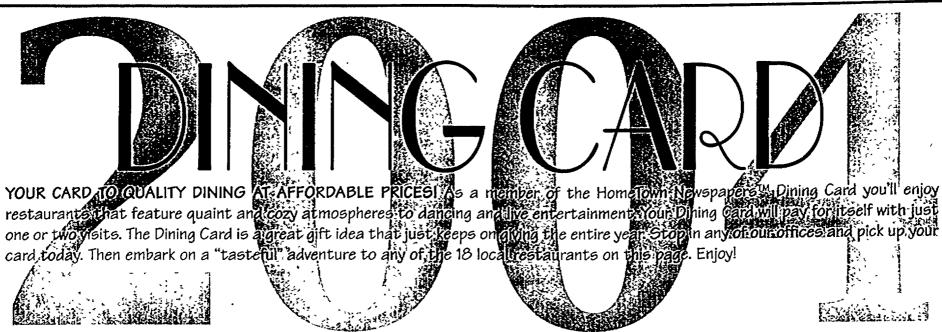
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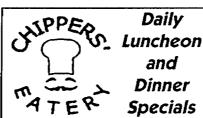
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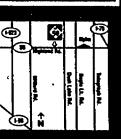
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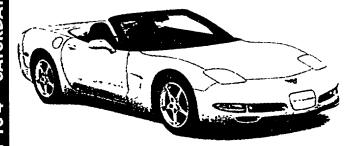
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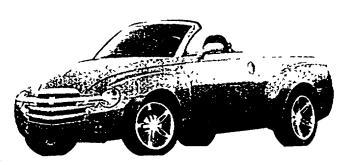
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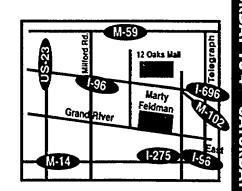
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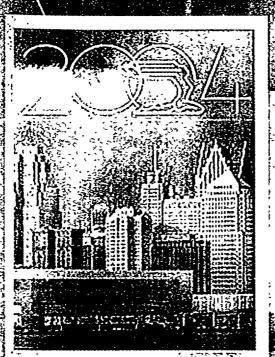
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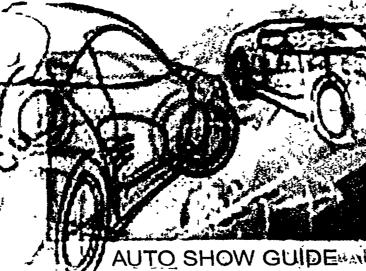


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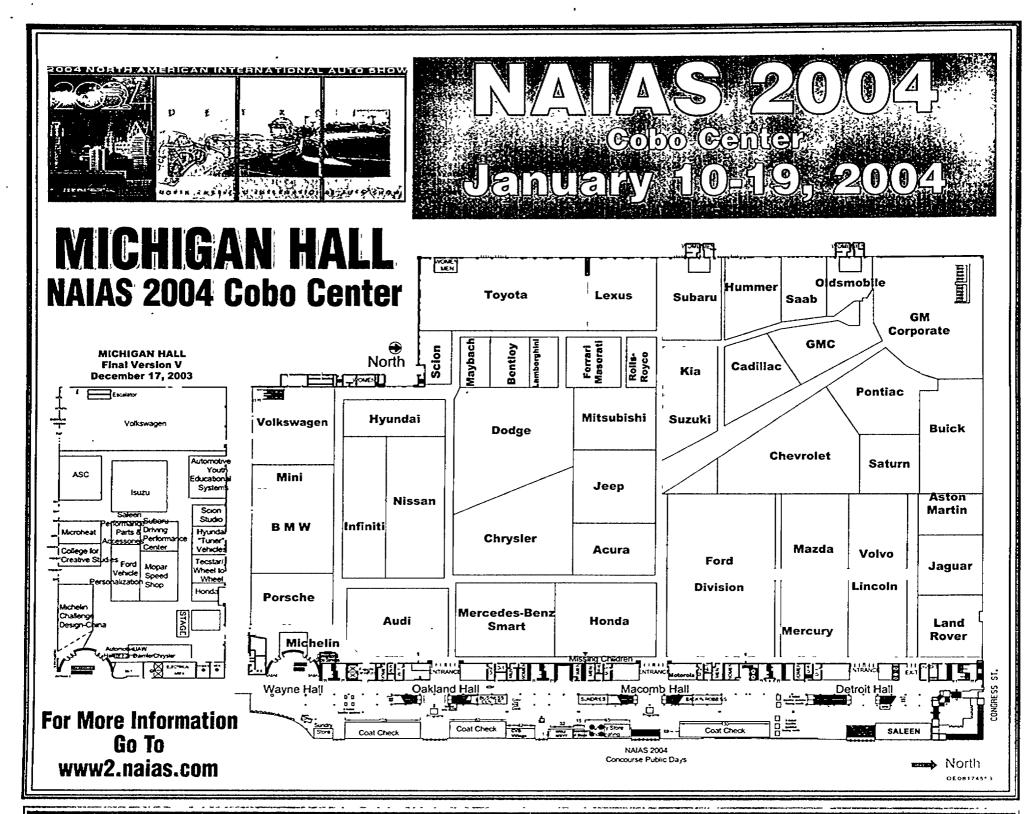
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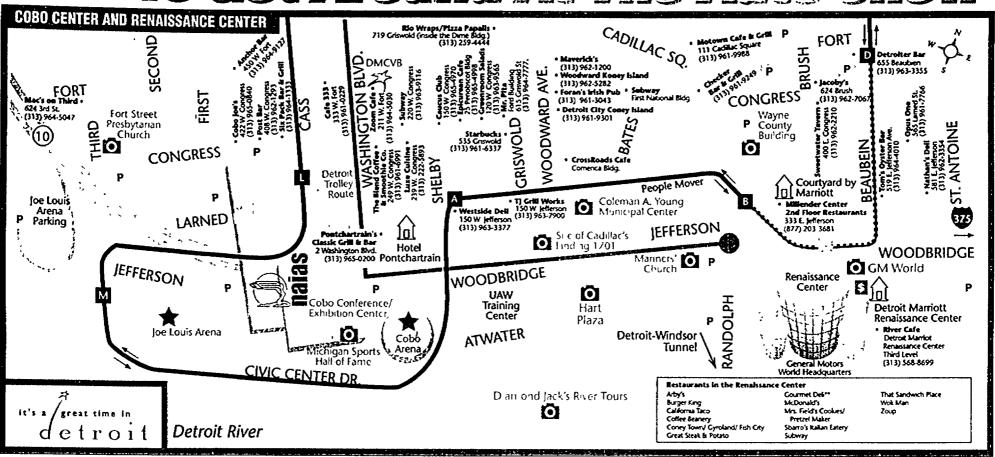
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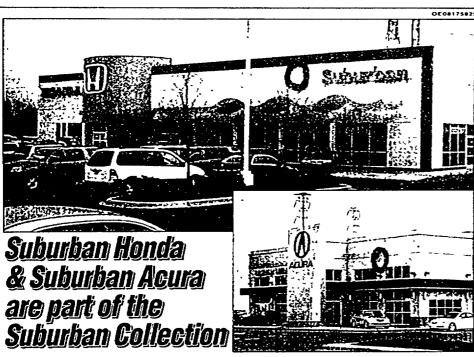
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The Suburban Collection is the largest stretching across 19 locations and 22 automotive franchises. Two of the stellar outlets in the group are Suburban Honda, at ; Elliott says. 25100 Haggerty Road in Farmington Hills,

In fact, customers visiting Suburban Acura and finding their way to the service lounge may be forgiven if they aren't eager to leave even after their vehicle is ready for them to drive off. It features high-backed leather chairs, satellite TV, data ports for Internet access, a wide selection of newspapers and other publications and complimentary food and beverages.

"Those are the kinds of advantages you can have with a newer facility, and we opened ours in 2000," says Chip Elliott, Suburban Acura's sales manager. Indeed, because the dealership is selling a high-end brand, consumers come in with high expectations.

For its first few years, Suburban Acura shared a showroom with another make. But when the new facility opened, the sales department suddenly could point to as many as 100 vehicles on the lot instead of only about 25 previously.

Suburban Acura's showroom is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Its service department is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday and Thrusday and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The service department offers loaner cars and a shuttle service for customers.

And while it's always been difficult for singly owned auto-dealer body in Michigan, Acura dealers to keep their in-demand vehicles in stock, Suburban Acura typically has about a 150-day supply of units on hand,

Suburban Honda is "customer-oriented" and Suburban Acura, next door at 25000 as well, says Tom Rzeppa, sales manager. "That's the philosophy of the organization. Customers can feel that automatically when they come into the dealership. That's just how we are. You can walk into some dealerships and not be helped. Or you can walk into ours and be waited on and treated like a preferred customer. That's where you're going to see the difference." As big as the auto industry is on consumer satisfaction these days, Rzeppa says, "We take it to the

next level." The dealership is open from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday and Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Rzeppa says that Suburban has a "better-than-average" selection of any model despite the general difficulty of obtaining hotselling Hondas these days. "Many of our vehicles are No. 1 in their segments," Rzeppa

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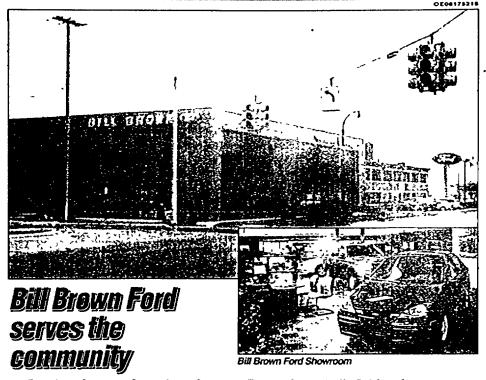


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dealership into a MASH unit, and you've got the ten highest-ranking Ford dealers a little bit of the mental picture of what happens to Bill Brown Ford early each January. The dealership shuts down its newand used-car showrooms one day, and the American Red Cross comes in, takes over and sets up medical beds across the rooms.

Only instead of treating the wounded, the Red Cross actually is conducting its semi-June alone, the dealership collected 363 units Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. of blood in a single day.

[blood-drive] results even more," Schreiber service facility and has its own staff.

available in the dealership's inventory. Bill year is shaping up as promising.

Imagine the transformation of a car | Brown also typically finishes the year among nationwide in terms of sales. It is Blue Oval certified by Ford and continues to win numerous company awards for customer satisfaction.

Bill Brown Ford is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday and Thursday, and 9 to 6 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. It sells used cars at a separate location at the old Terrace annual blood drive at Bill Brown Ford. The Theater facility, about a mile away, on dealership at 32222 Plymouth Rd. in Livonia | Saturdays; the dealership bump shop also is has become one of the largest single-point blocated there. And Bill Brown just opened a collection sites in the nation for the Red "quick lane" for routine-maintenance Cross, thanks to events that it sponsors right operations, adjacent to the showroom, that is on the grounds each January and June. Last | open daily between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. and on

The addition of the quick lane "It's one of the things that we do to give exemplifies the Bill Brown attitude about back to the community," says Mike Schreiber, continuing to find ways to make customers' sales manager at the 62-year-old dealership. I lives easier. "It's a new facility that takes care Bill Brown began the event 11 years ago, of things on the spot, with no appointment along with WMUZ-FM radio, when there was | necessary," including oil changes, brake an acute need for blood. When Schreiber's service and cooling-system checks, Schreiber own son had a severe need for blood in an says. To ensure maximum responsiveness to incident a few years ago, "that has kind of led customers, the quick lane is a separate me to spearhead trying to improve our operation from the rest of Bill Brown's

Schreiber is enthused about how some of When there are vehicles dotting its | Ford's newest products, including the F-150 showrooms, Bill Brown is not only the largest truck, are bringing customers back to Ford Ford dealer in Wayne County but generally showrooms. So are cut-rate leases on Escape carries larger inventory than any other Ford | SUVs and Freestar minivans. With the debut dealer in metro Detroit. That means that of a new Mustang and a new 500 sedan more than 1,800 vehicles typically are upcoming in 2004, Schreiber says, the new

Ford's "Year of the Car" launches at NAIAS 2004



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Ford will use the NAIAS as its launching pad for what it is touting as "The Year of the Car."

Last year was Ford's "Year of the Truck" with the introduction of the allnew 2004 F-150, the industry's bestselling full-size pickup for 26 straight years and the best-selling vehicle in North America for 21 straight years. The F-150 made its worldwide debut at NAIAS 2004. In fact, in recent years, Ford has focused a large share of its resources on revamping its truck as well as its sport-utility vehicles, many of which were unveiled in Detroit.

Now Ford is shifting its attention and resources to cars. For 2004, the Ford, Lincoln and Mercury brands will launch the biggest wave of all-new products in their histories. The automaker, in fact, will launch 40 new products across its brands worldwide in 2004.

The kick-off for Ford's product blitz starts at NAIAS 2004 with the debut of several significant product introductions.

The automaker won't tip its hand on every unveiling but has confirmed each of its brands, Aston Martin, Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Land Rover, Mazda and Volvo, will hold the worldwide or North American debuts of significant production models and concept vehicles. Ford reports details will be available for future issues of ShowTalk.

Among the world premieres Ford will confirm is the production versions of the Ford Five Hundred and the Mustang, both unveiled as concept vehicles at NAIAS 2003. The Ford GT, unveiled at NAIAS 2003 as a concept, will grab the spotlight in Ford's Year of the Car. The production version will be prominently displayed at NAIAS 2004. Other models coming in 2004 are a revamped Ford Focus and the new Mercury Montego sedan.

While the emphasis is on cars, Ford will continue to introduce new trucks and sport utilities. It's 2004 line-up adds the car-based Ford Freestyle crossover, the Mercury Mariner small sport utility, a Freshened Ford Escape sport utility and the Escape with a hybrid powertrain.

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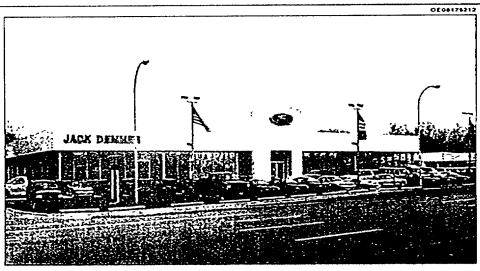
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Jack Demmer Ford believes it's all about the people

refurbished much of the dealership in 2002, During the late Nineties peak in the auto putting a modern and attractive sheen on a business, the dealership carried around 1,200 business that has been around for nearly a half-century. But Jim Demmer believes that the shimmering new surroundings aren't really what most draws customers to the dealership at 37300 Michigan Avenue, at the intersection with Newburg Road, in Wayne.

"It's the people we have in place," says Demmer, son of one of the dealership's cofounders, Jack Demmer. "It's more about the people than about cars. We try to hire the right and the best people and maintain a certain standard with the people who continue to work for us. We don't go through a lot of people; our turnover is low, and we augmenting the space in the service write-up have a lot of personnel who have been with center so that customers wouldn't have to us for a long time. We figure that if we treat wait outside, moving the customer lounge to our people right, they'll treat our customers, a more prominent location and adding both right."

Spitler-Demmer Edsel was founded at a 1 different location in Wayne in the fall of 1957 by Jack Demmer and his partner, Jim Spitler. "We were successful with the Edsel in spite of the fact that Ford Motor Company wasn't," Jim Demmer says now. In any event, Ford bought out the dealership in 1960, and then the partners purchased a Ford and Mercury franchise in South Lyon. They returned their business to Wayne in 1963 and moved to their current location in 1969, adding adjacent property to set the business on more than 13 acres. The Demmers - Jack, Jim and brother Bill - bought out Spitler's interest in

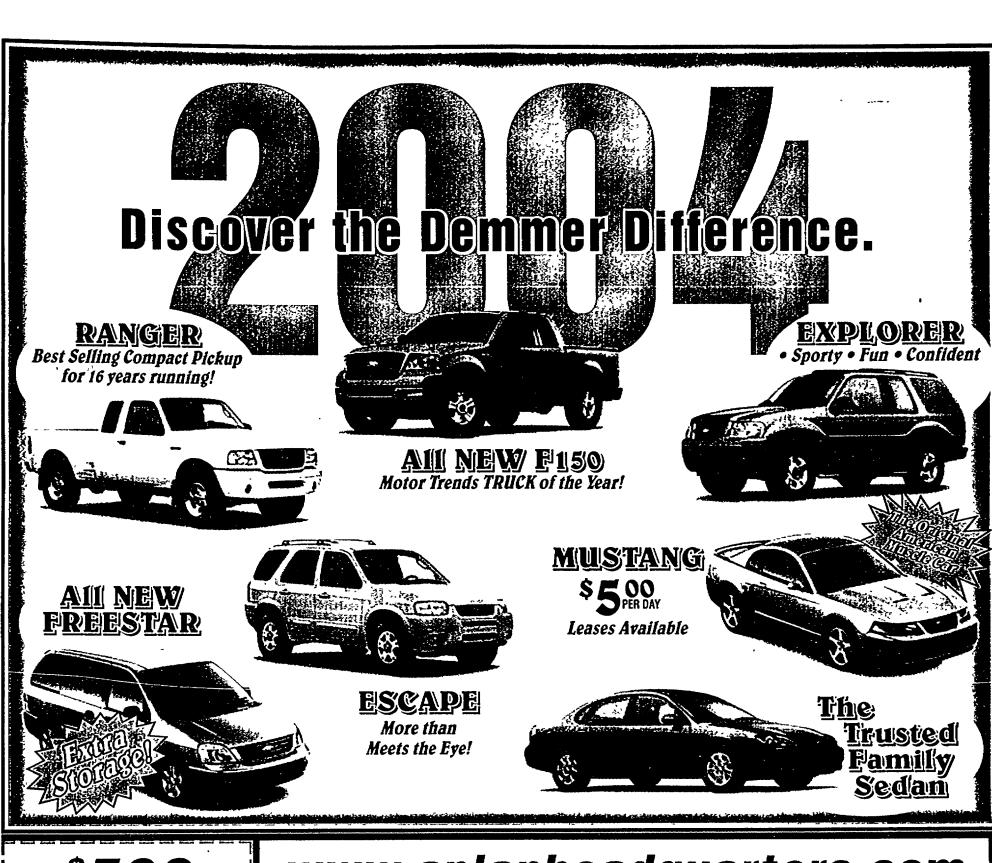
Jack Demmer Ford is one of the ten largest Ford dealerships in metro Detroit Demmer's co-founding of the Wayne 100 and, says Jim Demmer, ranks among the top ADVERTISING FEATURE

Jack Demmer Ford expanded and 30 or so nationwide in terms of turnover. vehicles at a time, but lately the industry's travails have forced the dealership to reduce that number.

But the economic woes of the last few years didn't dim the Demmers' confidence in their business. They invested about \$1 million in physical enhancements in 2002. We made everything up to date and customer-friendly and more spacious and comfortable," Jim Demmer says. "Everything we did, we did it to make the customers' experience better." That included adding handicap access to the service area, space and windows to it, and refurbishing the bathrooms.

The showroom is open from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday and Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. For the service area, extended hours begin at 7:30 a.m. and continue to 8 p.m. on Monday and Thursday. Jack Demmer Ford makes loaner cars available to service customers.

Considering its long history in the community, it isn't surprising that the dealership and the Demmer family are heavily involved in supporting the people who live in their marketplace. Their foundation other and involvements are many, including Jack Club philanthropy.

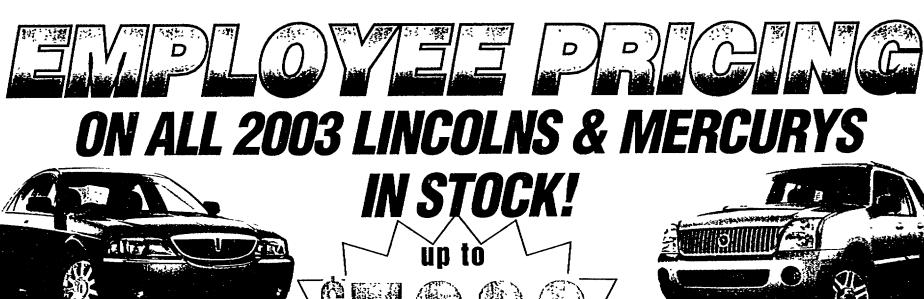




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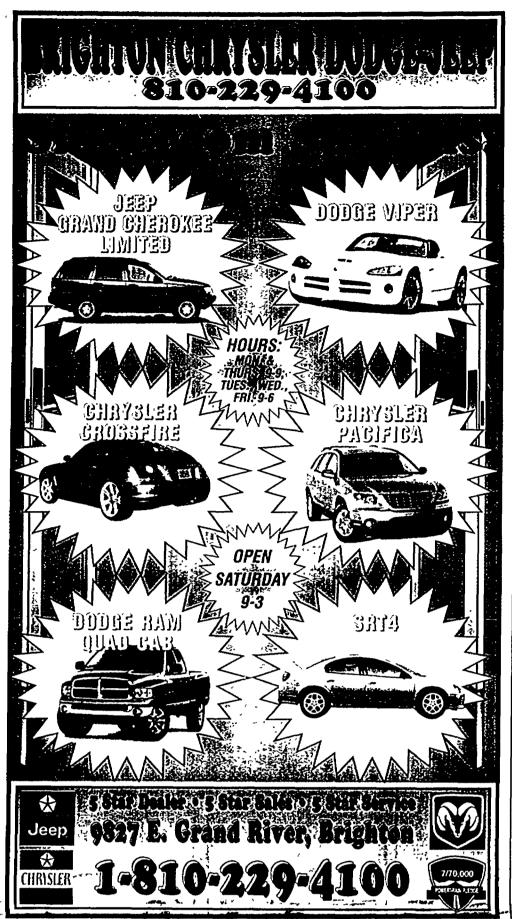
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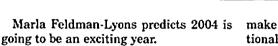
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Aboye, Marty Feldman Chevrolet in Novi offers over 600 vehicles to choose from. At right, Maria Feldman-Lyons, president, shows off the limited-production Chevy SSR, which converts from a roadster to a convertible in less than 30 seconds.

Marty Feldman Chevrolet puts customers first



The president of Marty Feldman Chevrolet in Novi says Chevrolet will release 10 new or redesigned vehicles in the next 19 months. New products range from the sporty convertible SSR to the Equinox, a small SUV, to the low-priced Aveo, which retails for under \$10,000, and everything in between.

"That's the nice thing about Chevrolet," says Feldman-Lyons. "They cater to everybody's needs and wants.'

Marty Feldman Chevrolet compliments that exceptional product line with a diverse, customer-oriented staff. The sales department is open until 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and both the service department and sales office are open on Saturdays. Feldman-Lyons says she understands how busy families are and tries to cater to their needs.

"It's very important to be available for our customers," she says.

Marty Feldman offers a huge selection of vehicles, including over 500 new vehicles and over 100 previously-owned ones, so customers can find the perfect car or

make room for more vehicles and additional parking. The service, parts and body departments will also be expanded so vehicles can be serviced and returned to the customer faster.

With Feldman-Lyons' commitment to clients, it is no surprise that Marty Feldman has earned Chevrolet's Mark of Excellence designation for outstanding customer service.

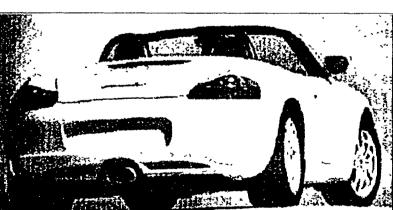
Feldman-Lyons began working for her father's dealership in 1983. Today she is a partner with him, serving as the dealer of Marty Feldman Chevrolet.

Feldman-Lyons also serves as chairperson of GM's first women's "20 group" - a group of women dealers who share ideas and discuss challenges unique to women.

"It's been extremely rewarding for me to work with these women," Feldman-Lyons says. "It doesn't matter if your dealership is large or small. Together we're able to identify the strengths and weaknesses of our businesses and exchange advice on how to reach our goals."

Marty Feldman Chevrolet, is located between Novi and Haggerty roads on Grand River Avenue in Novi. Visit www.martyfeldmanchevy.com or call (248) 348-7000 for more information.

NAIAS Shines Spotlight on



Flashy, fast sports cars are perennial showstoppers at auto shows, and NAIAS 2004 will have an abundance of them on display this year.

General Motors will hold the worldwide debut of the 2005 Chevrolet Corvette, the sixth-generation of the on details regarding the muchanticipated introduction until Jan. 1.

For the first time in history automaker Ferrari will hold a worldwide debut in the U.S. Its NAIAS 2004.



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occupants." The 612 Scaglietti is classic. The automaker is silent the replacement for the highly successful 456M, but its dimensions are larger, its weight is reduced, its design is accomodating to passengers and its interior is roomy.

Its most significant features March, has a run of only 612 Scaglietti will be inveiled at include: all-aluminum space 1,953 vehicles and will frame chassis and body Ferrari describes the 612 construction; a dynamic and of the 550 Spyder." Scaglietti as "the perfect elegant Pinnifarina design; a It will be priced at marriage of sporty mid-front layout with the engine about \$60,600. thoroughbred Ferrari Berlinetta mounted behind the front axle Porsche calls the performance, and excellent for improved dynamics; and a 6onboard comfort for four liter V12 engine (thus the 612



model designation).

Another Italian marque, Lamborghini, will display two sports cars: the Gallardo nicknamed the Baby Lambo; and the Murcielage e.gear. The Gallardo is a high-performance sports car that can be used for everyday driving. Its aluminum space frame chassis is powered by a 500-horsepower, V10 engine and includes all-wheel drive. It also features an e.gear sequential gearbox. Shifting is electrohydraulic and is done with paddles on the steering column for faster, more precise shifts. The Murcielago, introduced two years ago in Frankfurt, will make an appearance in Detroit but with e.gear.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 550 Spyder, Porsche will unveil a limitededition Boxster S at NAIAS 2004.

It goes on sale internationally in be badged "50 Years

For the first time in history. Ferrari will hold a worldwide introduction jat the NAIAS when its 612 Scaglieff debuts car a worthy successor to the legendary 500 Spyder and notes the striking number of common features, including the body design and silver paint scheme.

Mercedes-Benz will bring to North America for the first time its \$350,000 SLR McLaren, a twoseat exotic super car with a 600horsepower engine lightweight body.

Ford will introduce the production model of the 2005 Mustang — the concept version was unveiled at NAIAS 2003 and display the production GT, unveilied in concept form at NAIAS 2002. The Mustang, on sale next fall, features styling cues from its classic predecessors. The GT is the street-legal spiritual successor to the famous GT40 that ruled LeMans endurance racing in the 1960's. The limited-edition car goes on sale next summer.

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Lamborghini will display its Gallardo



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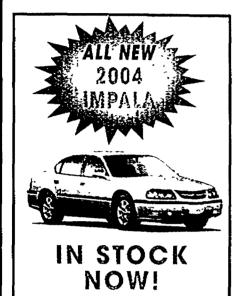
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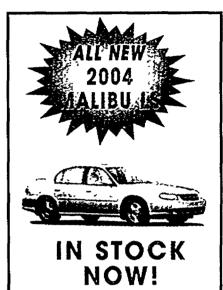
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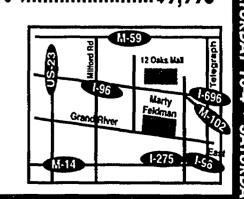


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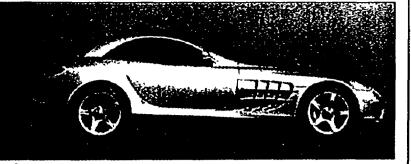
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BMW's 6 series convertible and the Jaguar S-Type make their worldwide debut at the NAIAS 2004, while the Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren super car, a Volvo luxury car and concepts from Saab and Jaguar have their North American debut in Detroit.

BMW inveiled the 645i luxury coupe at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September. At that time, BMW Chairman Helmut Panke announced the convertible version of the 6 series would be unveiled in Detroit. Panke said the return of the 6 series to the market segment that BMW abandoned some years ago, especially in the U.S., represents a growth opportunity for the German automaker. The two-plus-two 6 series, equipped with a 4.4 liter V8 engine combined with lightweight construction of aluminum, thermoplastic and composites, hits U.S. showrooms next April.

to North Mercedes-Benz will bring America for the first time its SLR McLaren. a two-seat exotic super car to be priced at \$400,000-\$450,000. The SLR McLaren wowed crowds in Frankfurt with its lowslung, ornate body engineered by British Formula One race car builder, McLaren. Its lightweight carbon fiber body combined with its 600-plus horsepower, supercharged V8 engine results in zero to 60 miles per hour acceleration of under four seconds, the automaker said. The McLaren SLR goes on sale next summer.

Jaguar will unveil to the world its 2005 S-Type at the NAIAS 2004. The midsize executive sedan becomes more contemporary with a smooth new look to the rear and cosmetic enhancements inside and out. Like the 2004 XJ, the S-Type uses more lightweight aluminum components than the current model. Jaguar also will hold the North American debut of its R-D6 concept. The R-D6 uses Jaguar's lightweight structure strategy, pioneered in the XJ, and combines it with the high-performance sixcylinder diesel engine that will debut in the S-Type in Europe.

Volvo will hold the North American debut of its redesigned S40, which contains many of the top-of-the-line S80's styling cues and features but in a more diminutive package.

The S40 is the first Volvo built on a Ford platform; the previous S40 rode on a Mitsubishi platform. The Mazda 3 shares the same Ford platform as the Volvo, which has an inline five-cylinder engine. Inside is Volvo's Intelligent Driver System. It monitors the driver's behavior and, when it detects an emergency situation that requires the driver's full attention, it temporarily shuts down driver information that is not vital.

Saab's 9-3 Sport Hatch concept will be shown for the first time in North America in Detroit. Based on the highly successful 9-3 sedan introduced last year, the concept is a cross between a station wagon and hatchback. The distinctive five-door, four offers sporty, driver-focused performance and innovative load-carrying features. It is powered by a 250-horsepower 2-liter turbo engine.

Aston Martin will display its elegant DB9. The two-plus-two sports car, which replaces the DB7, features a flexible aluminum platform and shares most of its components with the upcoming AM-V8, Aston Martin's smallest car, which the British make unveiled as a concept version at a previous NAIAS. A 440-horsepower, 6liter V12 engine powers the DB9.

Mazda will show the Mazda 3, yet another model in its revitalization plan. The compact Mazda 3 embodies the same styling scheme and spirited performance as the other vehicles launched as part of the revitalization plan, said Mazda executives. Previously introduced products that are part of the revitalization plan include the Mazda 6 midsize sedan and the RX8 sports car, which made its debut as a concept and production model at past shows in Detroit.

In addition to the new 6 series, BMW will display its new X3, a smaller, less expensive sport utility in the vein of the X5 that goes on sale in 2004 and the completely redesigned and re-engineered 5 series, introduced in Europe in July and arriving this fall in the U.S.



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Dan Hall, second from right, and his staff at Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep are dedicated to making the purchasing and servicing of vehicles a magical, enjoyable and fun experience.

Pinckney Chrysler leads by example

"When you meet a customer, you only have one chance to make a first impression," Dan Hall, president and owner of

Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep says. As the No. 1 volume Chrysler dealer in Livingston County and one of the top 3 percent in the nation for customer satisfaction, Hall must be making excellent impressions. Just ask Budd and Shirley Kofahl, a Marion Township couple who visited for a \$12.95 oil change and were so impressed, they left with a new Chrysler 300M Luxury Sedan.

"If other car dealers would take lessons from these people, they would sell more cars," says Shirley Kofahl. "They are friendly and they treat you like a person. They go above and beyond."

"They can't do enough for you," adds Budd Kofahl. "Even people who don't know you, come up to you. It makes you feel important."

Although Hall is flattered by his customers' comments, he expects his employees to greet customers and do whatever they can to help them.

"That's what we do for a living - we just help people," he says.

Doug Roberts, service director who has worked with Hall since 1985, says Hall holds the bar high for his staff and expects them to meet it. The dealership has met

DaimlerChrysler's standards for Five Star certification four years in a row, but Hall expects his employees to exceed the guidelines. Each member of the service department, for example, has earned DaimlerChrysler's Gold Certification. Realizing how vital a vehicle is, the service department keeps parts in stock, offers a shuttle service, is open on Saturday and has the latest in diagnostic equipment to get their customers back on the road fast.

At Pinckney Chrysler, buying a car is not the end of the deal. "Anyone can sell a car," Roberts says.

"That is when the relationship begins." Of course, having an excellent product to sell helps, too. Hall says Chrysler will be "rolling out 25 new vehicles" in the next three years — 10 this year, alone. Hybrid vehicles like the Pacifica; a convertible

version of the PT Cruiser; and many more new vehicles are on their way. Pinckney Chrysler is also a pilot dealer for the new Blue Tooth technology. Blue Tooth makes it possible for voice activated, hands-free cellular service without

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Chrysler kicks off product blitz at show

The Chrysler Group kicks off one of production models, its largest and most significant the Chrysler Group product blitzes at the NAIAS 2004.

On display will be the production worldwide unveiling of two versions of two of Chrysler's most new concepts. significant upcoming vehicles, the 2005 Chrysler 300C sedan and the 2005 Dodge Magnum, on sale in the spring. The 300C model and the Magnum replace the so-called LH models — the Chrysler 300M and Concorde and the Dodge Intrepid — in the heart of the Chrysler Group's car line.

The elegantly styled, rear-drive 300C is the new flagship for the Chrysler brand. The base 300 comes with a 2.7-liter, 190-horsepower V6. starting at about \$25,000, Chrysler executives said. A 245-horsepower, 3.5-liter V6 and the 340-horsepower. 5.7-liter Hemi V8 are also available. The sporty Magnum wagon offers the same engine choices as the 300C but is available with rear- or all-wheel drive.

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at the Tokyo Auto Show. Jeep executives say the Treo represents a youthful and futuristic extreme extension of the brand. Combining fuel-cell technology to drive electric motors at each wheel with an innovative use of drive-by-wire technology, Treo is "a bold new signature for Jeep, packaged in all its traditional heritage of the seven slot grille, the large eye headlamps and prominent windshield presence."

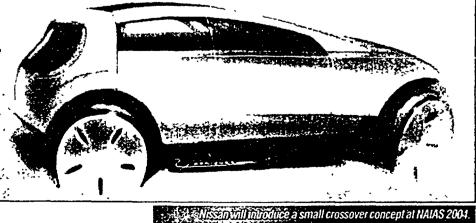
General Motors

In addition to the much anticipated unveiling of the Chevrolet Corvette sports car, General Motors will hold the worldwide debuts of three vehicles based on the same platform, a production model and two concepts. Details are unavailable until the automaker's press conferences.

Nissan crossover concept

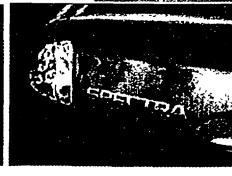
Nissan will debut a small crossover concept. In Nissan's words, the concept "takes a freespirited look into the future with its sleek, aerodynamic Small Crossover The Dodge Sling Shot is

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Jeep Rescue not only hints at a future design direction for a large Jeep but also builds on the rugged heritage of Jeep to forge a new dimension for the brand, he added.

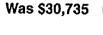
The Jeep Treo will make its North American debut in Detroit, after turning heads

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Stk. #4506. Auto, Heml 5.7 engine, 4x4, power windows/locks, infinity radio upgrade, keyless, tow package, much more.

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39 mo. lease \$299 Buy \$25,841

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EVERYONE

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EMPLOYEE

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EMPLOYEE

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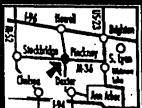
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David Rekuc, vice-president chief operating officer, is proud to say McDonald Ford Sales Inc. in Northville has earned more President's Awards than any other Metro-Detroit Ford Dealer. The award is given to dealerships with exceptional customer satisfaction.

McDonald Ford is part of the community

Northville continues to earn Ford's President's Award for customer satisfac-

David Rekuc, vice-president chief operating officer, says making customers happy and being involved with the community is what sets McDonald Ford apart. McDonald Ford sponsors numerous events in Northville, including the Northville Parks & Rec brochure and carriage rides during Victorian Fest. Employees are also involved in the chamber, the parades, the Rotary Club and other youth activities.

"I think the time is more valuable than the money," Rekuc says.

McDonald Ford's community commitment is the company's way of giving back to the people who have supported it for so long.

"We're a part of (the community)," Rekuc says.

Rekuc says a good portion of current customers are either repeat customers

McDonald Ford Sales, Inc. in or were referred to him by another customer. He says many customers come back even after moving to Florida or Arizona. And they bring their children and grandchildren when it's time for them to purchase a vehicle.

Of course, the service clients receive is what keeps them coming back. Technicians in the service department strive to fix problems correctly the first time and they do it as quickly as possi-

"I tell them, if you would do it for your mother, do it for your customer," Rekuc

McDonald Ford is a direct-repair facility for most insurance companies, which saves customers time and money. Additionally, McDonald Ford offers Certified Quality Pre-owned vehicles, and can service motorhomes and trucks over 10,000 GVWR.

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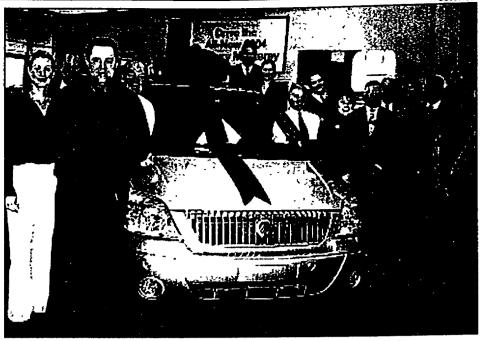


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The staff at Varsity Lincoln Mercury is excited about the brand new 2004 Mercury Monterey.

Varsity Lincoln Mercury remains No. 1

Varsity Lincoln Mercury has been the No. 1 Lincoln Mercury dealer for the past seven years. What's their secret?

"We care about our customer's wellbeing," Dean Silver, general sales manager, says.

Instead of high-pressure sales, the owners of Varsity Lincoln Mercury offer a "very experienced sales staff who knows what it takes to treat a customer right," says Silver. "Service is a huge priority here. We don't forget about them after we sell them a car.'

Of course, no amount of customer service would matter without exceptional vehicles to sell and Silver is excited about the new Lincoln Mercury line up. For example, the new 2004 Mercury Monterey "has every possible modern-day convenience feature," says Silver. The Monterey offers a sevenpassenger seating, plenty of storage and a 201 HP V6 engine - the most powerful engine ever available in a minivan. The third row of seats can be folded flat or turned around for tailgating and the captain's chairs are removable. The Monterey also offers a Forward and Reverse Sensing System to make parking easier and a Safety Canopy System offers full-length sidecurtain airbags and a three-point safety belt — even in the third row.

New products soon to be released include a sport utility designed especially for young adults. Silver says this new vehicle offers outstanding design and the largest V6 available on the market.

"It's exciting," he says. "It will bring a completely different client into the showroom.

Silver also expects the new Mercury sedan with all-wheel drive to be a huge

"People don't want to drive trucks anymore," he says. This "unique American design" will give people in the Midwest the opportunity to drive a car without sacrificing traction in the snow. "We have a bright future," Silver says.

We're growing by leaps and bounds." Varsity Lincoln Mercury is conveniently located off I-96 at exit 159 on Grand River Avenue in Novi.

New and pre-owned vehicle sales are open 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Parts and service is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The body shop is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

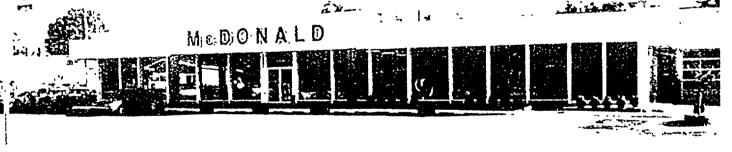
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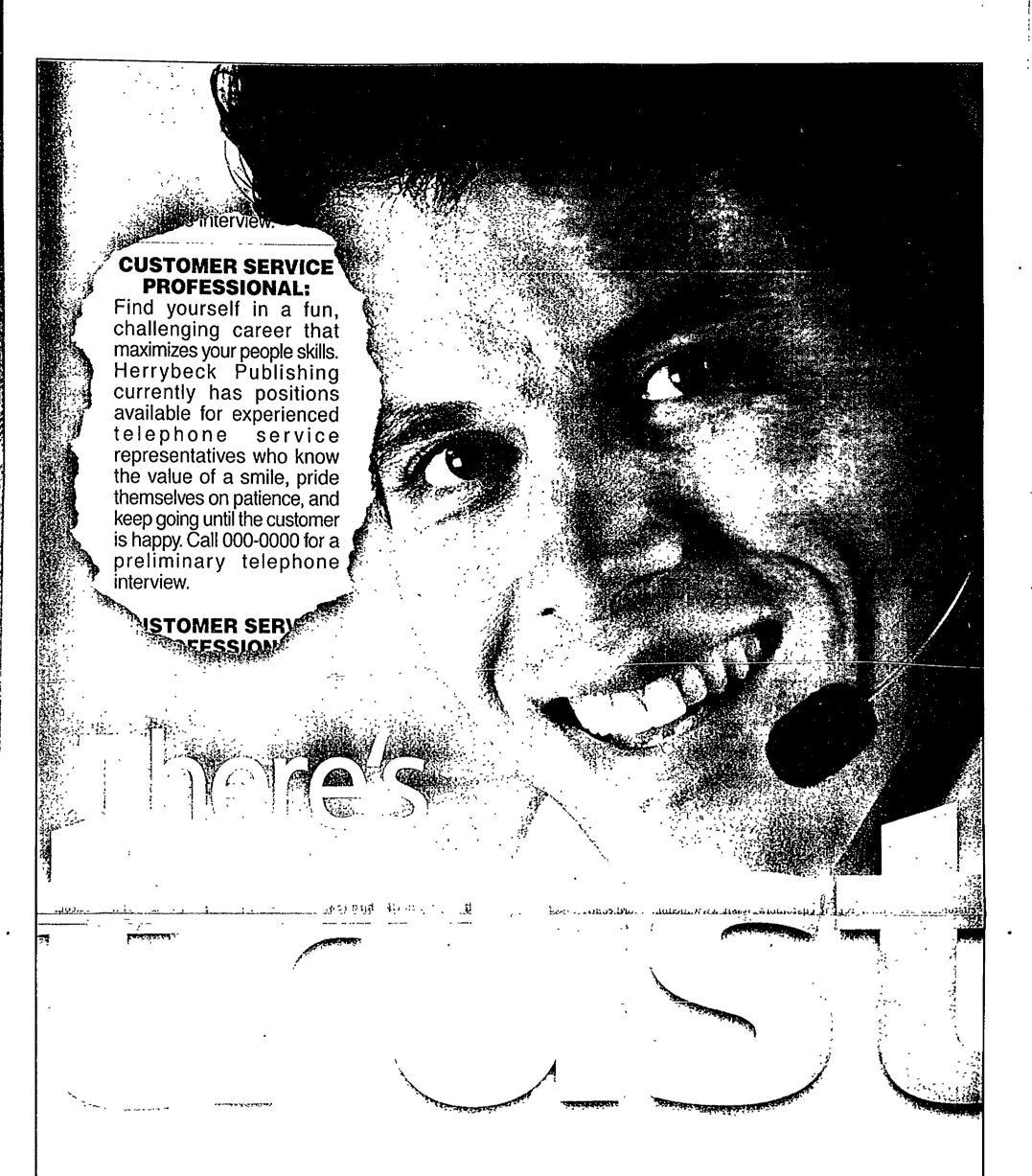
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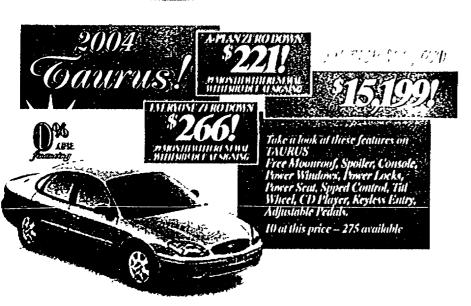


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Is your child scheduled for a surgical procedure at Huron Valley-Smai Hospital? During this half-hour program, your child, age 4 to 10, will receive an introduction to hospital personnel and equipment used in the operating room. The session will include basic preoperative instructions for the parent who attends and a tour of the surgical area. There will be time for a question-and-answer session.

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health care. Learn about your options if you or a loved one is faced with a condution that requires long-term intravenous (IV) therapy. The IV Resource Team will provide information on all types of intravenous access devices that could make therapy easier and less painful. Hands-on demonstrations of the latest devices will be given. Make an informed decision about your

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Health Programs and Services

Call 248-305-7575 for dates, times and fee Adult Arthritis Aquatics Group DMC Rehab Center - Novi

There aquatic exercise classes are for adults with arthritis and focus on range of motion, strengthening and endurance exercises. **Breast and Cervical Cancer Control**

Program (BCCCP)

Call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-922-6266 for more information or to determine eligibility. If you are eligible for this program, call 248-424-7100 to make an appointment. The only defense against cancer is early detection and treatment. The BCCCP is a screening program for women 40 years of age or older to have a free or low-cost breast exam, mammogram and pap smear.

Cardiopulmonary Rehab

This program involves a combination of exercise and educational sessions for individuals who have or who are at risk for heart disease and for those persons with and Fitness Center
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Call 248-305-7575 for dates and times and fee DMC Rehab Center-Novi Fitness Program

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Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital's Bone and Joint to preventative orthopaedic care and education. The program offers personalized care for people of all ages and utilizes the expertise of a team of highly skilled physicians, Call 248-937-3453 for more Program offers a wide-range of services, from joint replacement and sports medicine information.

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Accessing Reliable Health

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40 percent in the last five years and outpatient surgeries have increased 25 percent in the last five years.

Room, Pre-Operative Area and Family Waiting Area were recently unveiled at the December 3 Surgical Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital performs a variety of comprehensive inpatient and outpatient surgeries current five operating rooms, a new Operating in state-of-the-art facilities. In addition to the

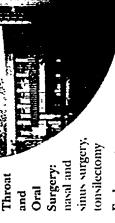
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"Just For You" women's event. dealing with health, nutrition, women touched by the cancer various speakers and vendors Karmanos Cancer Institute, sponsored the first annual experience and included The event was aimed at massage and beauty.

introduces the event, which was also Co-Chaired by Natalie Charach and included 10 speakers and a panel of physicians to answer health questions. Co-Chair Chrisic Deming, R.N.,



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Arthritis Class Friday, Mar. 12, 12:30- 2 p.m. Cost: FREE

a question-and-answer period.

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The Carls Family YMCA-Milford will also host First Aid and CPR classes as well as babysitting classes. Please call (248) 937-3314 for dates, times and more information about these classes.

Support is available after a miscarriage, stillbrith, newborn death, ectopic pregnancy and during subsequent pregnancy after loss, Call 248-937-4261 for information about H U.G.S., the Walk to Remember of Holiday H.P.C.S.

This class offers an overview of newborn care including behavior, nutrition,

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Scanning, This state-of-the-art testing can help tell if you are at risk for a heart attack. Learn about risk factors of heart disease and how to be proactive about your heart health. Time will be allowed

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TAI CHI for Seniors riday, Jan. 23 through Feb. 27,

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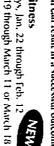
Conference Center, Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good general health. The donation process takes a little more than one hour. Community members can pledge a donation by calling 248-937-3314 Appointments are encouraged to present forther. Sinai Hospital is recruiting donors for its blood drive that is held in the hospital's In conjunction with the American Red Cross of Oakland County, Huron Valles Wednesday, April 28, 6.30 a.m. to 5 p m.

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Learn how to physically prepare for a great golf season from Physical Therapix John Connolly, P.T. A. E.C., and Orthopaedic discuss symptoms, when to seek professional help and the surgical and non-surgical treatment options. Time will be allowed for

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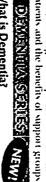
Spring Into Health Fair (Project Healthy Living)

Friday, April 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In coordination with WXYZ, United Health Organization and the United Way, Huton ValleySinai Hospital is proud to host Project Healthy Living. Some of the available screenings include blood pressure, podiatry, blood testing, medication and nutrition counseling. Depending on attendance, there may be a wait for some screenings. Use Garden Entrance. Cost: Nominal fee for some tests (check or cash required)

Latest Technology in Bariatric Surgery - The Allergat Steven Km, D.O., will discuss various factors that cause allergy and sinus-related problems as well as how some of these problems are solved. Relief for Michigan Noses Thursday, March 25, 7 p m

General Singeon Mustafa A. Hares, M.D. FACS, and Jacquelyn Smeerka, R.N., will discuss bartatin surgery. Learn about the surgery itself, what is expected of the patient both preoperatively and postopera-tively, the surgeon's expectations for their patients and the benefits of support groups Weight Management Wednesday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. Cost FREE



Join Lisa Binne Emerick, MSN, RNCS as she discusses what dementia is and What is Dementia? Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m.

weight is something sou've been thinking about, attend the Weight Watchers' AT WORK PROGRAM'. A representative will share how this twelve-week program can work for you (you must enfoll by week four)

The program is open to the community

PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY

Carls Family YMCA - Milford

Weight Watchers' is pleased to offer it program entitled "Hesbonts" It losing

Support Group

Alzheimer's Family

Call for starting dates and tees

Mondays, 12 p m AT WORK PROGRAM* Weight Watchers*

luesday, March 9, 7 p.m. Medications for Dementia it's various forms

Join Mary Beth O'Connell, Pharm D., as the discusses the different medications involved in treating dementia. Cost: FREE

Legal Planning for Incapacity Tuesday, April 13, 7 p.m. Cost: FREE

James Schuster, Elder Law Attorney, will discuss the legal aspects of getting older and taking care of loved ones. **Nutrition and Dementia** Huron Valley-Sinat Hospital and the Carls Family YMCA bring to you the following educational seminars. The seminars are open to everyone in the community and are free of charge unless otherwise indicated. You must register for the class at the front desk of the YMCA.

Registered Dietitian Elizabeth Bailey, R.D., will discuss nutrition and how it relates to dementia. Discussion will include nutrition for both the caregiver and the person with dementia Tuesday, May 11, 7 p.m. Cost: FREE Call 248-685-3020 unless otherwise

Wednesday, March 24, 7 p.m. Cost: FREE Athletic Appetite



Cardiac Rehab Support Group

March is National Nutrition Month". This program is designed for the competitive athlete as well as the recreational "Weekend Warrior". Lir Bailey, R.D., will sort through all the nutrition claims related to sports nutrition and dispel any myths about the appropriate diet for athletes. Call for dates and times

foronary aftery disease and healthy hiestyle choices. Call 248-937-3606 Assists people with the effects of heart disease by providing information about

Monday, Feb. 2 and March 15, 7 p.m.

Diabetes Support Group **Support Group** Second Tuesday Traumatic Brain Injury Family

Health care professionals provide alternating topics of diabetes management education, coupled with an open-forum of support and discussion from participants. Call 248-937-3600 Lacilitated by vocad workers, this group for family members, friends and significant others offers support, education and resources. Call 248-305-7575 to register DMC Rehab Center - Novi all for times and fee

Call 248-937-3619 for more information or to register for parenting classes held questions, concerns and community resources will also be discussed.

Parenting

Touring the Obstetrics Unit
Wednesdays, Thursdays or Cost: FREE ys, call for times

Cost: FREE Call 248-937.4621 for an appointment, Call 248-937.4621 for an appointment, Call 248-937.4621 for an appointment of the call 248-937.4621 for an appointme educational information is exchanged. Lumpectomy and Mastectomy Class

La Leche League

not required unless otherwise indicated. Family members or friends are welcome This group helps mothers to breastfeed through mother-to-mother support, encouragement, information and education

Call 248-937-3619 for more information or to register for childbirth classes held at Huron Valley-Smai Hospital unless

Education

General Health

Childbirth Education

otherwise indicated.

Alley-Sinai Hospital. Registration is

(4874) or the specific phone number fisted to confirm or for more information

248-937-3314 or 1-866-937-HVSH Note: Some support groups vary their schedules around holidays. Call

AL-ANON and ALATEEN both offer recovery programy for families and friends of alcoholics, whether or not the alcoholic yeeks help. Members give and receive comfort and understanding Offered in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorder Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorder Association, the group, led by healthcare professionals, provides an opportunity to through a mutual exchange of experiences, strength and hope in a bond that is protected by a policy of anonymity Call 248-706-1020 or 248-889-2486 Fourth Monday of every month, 2 p m make decisions, or understand the Whether was need to deal with feelings, provides the opportunity to meet others who are experiencing infertilits, form friendships and build a support system as well as gather information and knowledge. Call 248-680-0093 for more information. medical and emotional impact of intertility RESOLVE can help. This peer-led group fourth Monday of every month, 7 p m RESOLVE

Spinal Cord Injury Client and Family Support Group Third Tuesday of every month,

interested family members,

The Arthritis Club
Third Thursday of every month, 2 p m

Exclusted by social workers, this group for family members, friends and signifi-DMC Rehab Center - Novi

Spinal Cord Injury cant others offers support, education and resources. Call 248-305-7575 to register.

Client Support Group Weekly on Wednesdays, 12 to 1 p.m.

Mondays, Jan. 12 through Feb. 9, 10.30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (No class on January 19)

for Mother and Baby **Breast-feeding Classes**

Cost: FREE

Offered in conjunction with the American Lung Association of Michigan,

Third Wednesday of every month, 12 p ri

this group provides into mation and si port to people affected by lung disease

Breather's Club

Offered in conjunction with the Arthin foundation, this group offers mutual support, education and social activities

This group, facilitated by social workers, is for people who have experienced a spinal cord injury and offers support, education and Call 248-305-7575 to register. DMC Rehab Center - Novi education and resources.

of every month, conjunction with fluron Valley-Sinal Hospital is offering a four-week program to support moins as they breast-feed their baby. Topics include solving common problems, taking care of moin, steeping through the night, teething and breast pumps. Brigg your baby with you. For more information or to register, call 248-858-4003 or toll free, 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1003/g.

Breast-feeding Education
Call for dates, time and fee

Breast feeding may be "natural" but it may not be easy. This class offers many suggestions that will improve your success. The class reviews the benefits of breast-feeding, positioning use of a breast pump and milk storage. Common outsidons. Oakland County Health Dismon in conjunction with Huron Valley-Sinal

ciffe tools that will enable them to cope and manage their disease process for life, This informal class for breast cancer **Breast Cancer Educational Class**

Support Groups

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital

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ourth friday of every month, 6 to 8 p.m.

DMC Rehab Center - Novi Quarterly on Thursdays, 7 to 9 p m Pediatric Parent Group

Opportunities to shate information, experiences, and to network will be provided. Call 248-305-7575 for more This group is for parents and caregivers of children with special needs.

This course fully prepares expectant parents to participate in the birthing process. Learn the mechanics of laborand birth, as well as the appropriate relaxation and breathing techniques. This class should be attended during

Call for dates, times and tee **Birth Awareness**

BASIC LIFE SAVING (CPR) CLASSES

Hospital unless otherwise indicated. (4874) to register for general health edu-cation classes held at Huron Valley-Sinai Call 248-937-3314 or 1-866-937-HVSH

Early registration is necessary.

CPR as well as foreign-body airway obstruction. Call the Office of Community Health at (748) 937-3314 for dates and

eso classos offers infant,

child and adult

variety of BLS

Every Sunday, 10 a m.

AL-ANON/ALATEEN Meeting

Call for dates, times and fee **Birth Review**

Labor, breathing, birth, relaxation and visualization techniques. Information on how to handle sibling issues will also be two of three years, this class is railored to meet your needs. You will review If you have had a baby within the past

Heartsaver CPR Cost: \$35. This course is designed for laypersons that are expected to provide CPR in the

Cost: \$35

responder who wishes to have knowledge of CPR. This course is designed for the las

Cost: \$35

CPR for Family and Friends

limes and to register.

brother. Siblings receive an on-the-scene preview of mom's visit to Huron Valleys Sinai and learn what it all means. This class helps explain the sudden change from "baby" to big sister or Big Kids' Class - The Call for dates, time and fee

Heart Association completion card.

Historia and CPR Cost: \$60

This course covers CPR. Basic First Md...
and how to use an AED and provides an American Red Cross completion card. Chemotherapy Class

oncology nurses, is for chemotherapy and/or their caregiver. It will approved an overview of how chemotherapy pyshid other mediculous for cancer Coffered by the Karmanos Cancer Center, Call 248-937-5055 for an appointment.

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patients and their support persons, pro-vides an open forum where questions are answered, concerns are expressed and Call (248) 937-4621 for more information

Tours of the Maternal/Child unit are available. Preregstration is required. Call 248-97-5120 to arrange your tour. upcoming lumpectomy or mastectomy.
Topics include what to expect from surgery, the recovery process and long-term effects of these surgeries. Time will be allowed for a question-and-analysis and the surgeries of these surgeries.

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LOOKING BACK... AND FORWARD

A new year gives us all a chance to look back at our accomplishments, and forward to new opportunities.

At St. Mary Mercy
Hospital, our look back is
a journey through many
changes and successes.
We've added new technology and new doctors. We've
had three successful financial years in a row, which
enables us to reinvest in
new medical technology
and resources. And, we're
one of the faster growing
hospitals in Michigan.
(See our Report to the
Community on page 5.)

Looking forward, we continue to focus on exceptional customer service and growth. We are building on our key services, and inside you'll read about our extensive orthopedic care.

I invite you to stop by and visit, or sign up for our Healthcare Partnership Program, highlighted on page 7, where you can shadow one of our doctors for a behind-the-scenes look at health care in action.

My door is always open.

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David A. Spivey President and CEO

Don't Let Lower Back Pain Get You Down

he lower back is the most common site for back pain and injury. This area takes a beating from daily movements such as bending, stooping, sitting, and lifting.

Stretched or strained muscles and ligaments that support your spine are usually the culprit. The pain can range from dull and annoying to sharp and excruciating. Low back pain also can be caused by:

- **arthritis** of the spine
- a herniated or ruptured disk in your spine. This often pinches a nerve, also causing tingling down the buttocks and legs.

CONQUERING THE PAIN

Low back pain caused by strained muscles usually subsides in a few days or weeks, depending on the severity of the strain. You can take charge of your recovery by following these measures:

- If you have swelling, apply an ice pack to your low back for 20 to 30 minutes. Repeat every two hours as needed.
- If you have no swelling or after swelling subsides, apply a heating pad to your low back for 20 to 30 minutes. Repeat every two hours as needed.
- Take over-the-counter pain relievers, such as aspirin, acetaminophen, naproxen, or ibuprofen.
- If pain is manageable, keep moving!

 Although a short period of rest—one to two days—may help ease minor pain, long periods of rest actually hamper recovery by weakening muscles.

WHEN TO SEEK HELP

If your lower back still hurts after following



these self-care measures for three to four days, call your doctor. Notify your doctor immediately if you experience:

- radiating pain, numbness, tingling, or weakening in your arms or legs
- **bowel** or bladder problems
- fever or vomiting. ★

Strengthen your back and spine through our Better Backs Yoga classes. See the calendar of events for more details, or call **734-655-1145.**

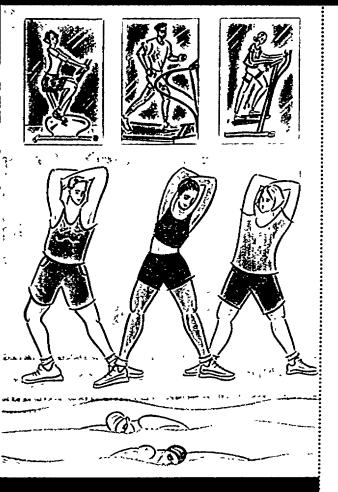
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Spine Surgery Puts Patient Back in Action Orthopedic Services in Your Own Backyard Healthcare
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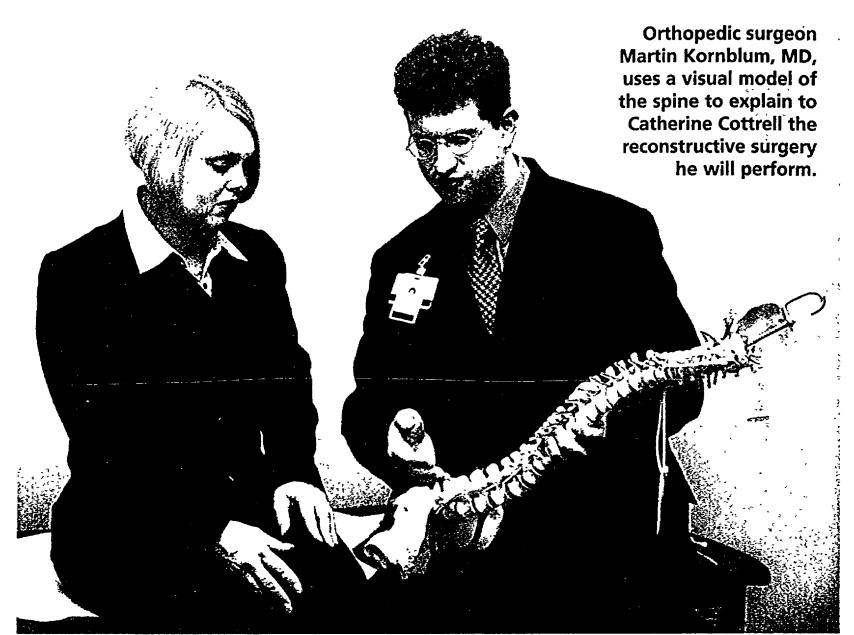






ABOUT FITNESS

- Studies show that many people with arthritis shy away from physical activity. If you're one of the 43 million people in the United States who suffers from this painful and debilitating condition, don't let it stop you from exercising. Staying active is vital for joint health. It also can improve your overall well-being. And, according to experts, engaging in regular exercise can ease joint pain, reduce disability, and boost independence in people with arthritis. Aim for just 30 minutes a day of joint-friendly activities, such as walking, swimming, biking, or gardening. Arthritis and Rheumatism
- ♦ There still is no cure for the common cold. However, researchers have found a strategy that might help you prevent this bug in the first place: Stay active. Engaging in about 80 minutes of physical activity per week may lower your chance of catching a cold by as much as 30%, according to one study. But don't overdo it. Intense exercise, such as training for a marathon, may actually leave you more prone to colds. Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise



Spine Surgery Puts Patient Back in Action

n just a few days, Catherine Cottrell's life changed dramatically. With an inability to perform daily activities at work and home due to a progressive collapsed disk in her lower back, she sought the expertise of Martin Kornblum, MD, orthopedic surgeon at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Prior to the surgery, Cottrell experienced significant pain and discomfort with most activities. "I have a 7-year-old son and I could not be active with him at all. I could not get down on the floor to play with him," says Cottrell, of Romulus, who is in her early 30s. Her disk was completely collapsed and bone was rubbing on bone. A pinched nerve caused her pain as well. "Before the surgery, I was in constant pain. I almost fell down a few times because of the pinched nerve in my back and numbness in my leg," says Cottrell.

Cottrell was extremely active prior to her back pain. She participated in a number of physical activities, such as running and volleyball.

Dr. Kornblum performed what is called a lumbar decompression and fusion of the vertebrae. "The surgery was able to decompress and relieve the pressure on her spinal nerves. We also were able to establish a normal disk height using a

cage and screw construct," explains Dr. Kornblum.

Following the surgery, Cottrell was out of bed in two days and back to work within two weeks. She wore a temporary back brace for a few months, and is still recovering. But, she feels like a new person. "Now I have my life back with my child," she says. "I can bike ride with him and throw a football...some things I could not do a year or two ago," she adds.

Dr. Kornblum practices with the Mendelson Orthopedics group, located in the Marian Professional Building at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, with orthopedic surgeons David Mendelson, MD; Herbert Mendelson, MD; Jeffrey Mendelson, MD; and Stephen Mendelson, MD. For more information, contact Mendelson Orthopedics at 734-542-0200.

Additional orthopedic physicians on staff include Orthopedics Institute of Michigan, Arturo Paz, MD—neurosurgery—and Philip Mayer, MD—My Spine Center. For a complete listing of orthopedic physicians, please visit the St. Mary Mercy Hospital website at www.stmarymercy.org, or call Physician Referral at 1-888-464-WELL. **

Orthopedic Services in Your Own Backyard

Do you suffer from back, knee, or hip pain? Do you have a sports injury? Then you don't need to look far for an orthopedic surgeon. At St. Mary Mercy Hospital you have a number of highly trained orthopedic physicians to choose from.

Our great orthopedic physicians offer the latest in orthopedic technology, surgery, and rehabilitation to local residents.

Most recently, the Orthopedic

Institute of Michigan (OIM) opened their doors, with offices on the first floor of the Marian Professional Building at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Physicians participating at OIM include Eric Borofsky, MD; Michael Brager, MD; Elie Khoury, MD; Robert Salamon, MD; Leonard Yovis, MD; Arti Amin, MD; and Charles Harvey, MD. Doctors Borofsky, Brager, Khoury, Salamon, and Yovis specialize in general orthopedics for adults and children, arthritis and major joint replacement, sports and arthroscopic surgery, neck and back pain, physical therapy, and pain management.

Dr. Amin specializes in physical medicine and rehabilitation. Dr. Harvey is a neurosurgeon of the brain and spine, and Dr. Brager specializes in sports medicine. The new 8,000-square-foot office includes 10 exam rooms with state-of-the-art digital X-ray equipment and a more than 2,000-square-foot, on-site physical therapy facility. For more information, contact OIM at **734-464-0400**.



Dr. Eric Borofsky, orthopedic surgeon, Orthopedic Institute of Michigan, reviews a patient's X-ray with OIM's new digital X-ray technology.

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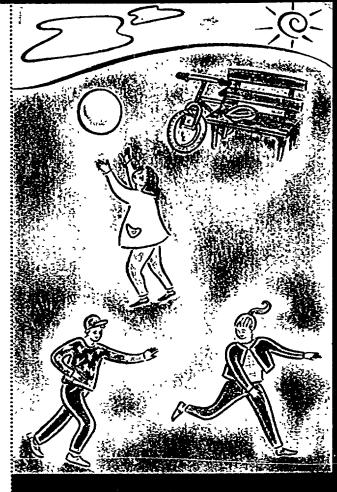
RUNNING SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, February 26, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Livonia Community Recreation Center Sponsored by:

- ▲ Dr. Peter Galea, podiatrist
- ▲ St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department
- ▲ Running Fit, premier running and fitness store

Learn about conditions associated with running, how to rehabilitate common injuries, and how to choose the right running shoes.

Pre-registration required. For more information, or to register, call the SMMH Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Department at 734-655-2419.



ABOUT CHILDREN

- ♦ When a cherished adult faces a life-threatening illness, what should the children be told? The truth, say experts, as early on as possible. Keep it simple: Tell them the name of the disease or condition, explain that it is serious, and talk about what may lie ahead. Pediatric Nursing
- ♦ Babies who were given a pacifier within five days after birth were 50% less likely to still be breast-feeding four weeks later. In fact, mothers who breast-feed may want to wait at least a month before using a pacifier, say experts. Besides using a pacifier, there are plenty of other ways to soothe a cranky baby. Try skin-to-skin cuddling, baby massage, or swaddling—wrapping baby snugly in a soft blanket.

 Pediatrics
- *Your teenager announces that she's a vegetarian. Should you worry? Probably not. Research shows that vegetarian teens eat far less fat and fast food—and many more servings of fruits and vegetables—than do their non-vegetarian peers. But try to monitor your teen's calcium intake. Most vegetarian teenagers do not get the daily 1,300 milligrams of calcium that they need.

Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine





Help for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Have you experienced a traumatic event?
Do you experience nightmares, flashbacks, poor sleep, and a sense of detachment?
You could have post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Studies show that recovering from PTSD can be a lifelong challenge. Here are some ways to cope:

- Join a PTSD support group. Other sufferers can understand what you've been through and help you trust again.
- Stay active. Walking, jogging, or another type of exercise may help you distract yourself and release tension.
- Avoid drugs and alcohol. While these also offer temporary escape, they can hinder long-term treatment and recovery.
- Seek professional care. Talk to your doctor about your symptoms. He or she may refer you to a mental health specialist.

House Dust: A Mite-y Big Problem for Allergy Sufferers

Most American homes have enough dust mites to trigger allergies and asthma, say experts. These microscopic pests thrive in bedding, carpets, and curtains.

To fight back, keep the humidity in your home below 50%—using a humidifier, if necessary. Wash all bedding in very hot water—above 130° F—weekly. Replace drapes with window shades or vinyl blinds, and wall-to-wall carpeting with area rugs

that can be washed or shaken out.

Mites also love stuffed animals. Wash these toys often in very hot water—or put them in the freezer for a few hours. Like hot water, freezing cold also kills mites.

Searching for a Good Night's Sleep?

You toss. You turn. You stare at the clock every 10 minutes. You can already feel how tired you'll be tomorrow. And yet, sleep just won't come.

Research suggests these steps may help combat insomnia:

- Make your bed a sleep-only zone: Don't read, watch TV, or listen to the radio.
- Create an enjoyable bedtime routine. Wind down with a small snack or relaxing bath before hitting the sack.
- Limit caffeine and alcohol. And exercise in the morning, rather than at night.

■ Don't sleep in on your days off.

If sleep still eludes you, talk with your doctor. There may be a medical problem that's affecting your sleep.

Pain Relievers Linked to High Blood Pressure in Women

A study of more than 80,000 women showed that certain over-the-counter (OTC) pain relievers may affect blood pressure.

The researchers studied three types of OTC pain relievers: aspirin, acetaminophen, and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS). NSAIDS include ibuprofen and naproxen. Women who took NSAIDS or acetaminophen just four days a month boosted their high blood pressure risk by 22%. And they doubled their risk if they used those pain relievers more than 21 days a month. Only aspirin was found to have no effect on blood pressure.

Cutting Down on Cigarettes Just Doesn't Cut It

Since quitting smoking is often difficult, some people try cutting back instead.

But this doesn't snuff out smoking-related health risks, says one study.

Heavy smokers—those who smoked 15 or more cigarettes per day—reduced their daily number of cigarettes by half. Yet their risk of dying from smoking-related causes remained the same as if they had continued to smoke heavily.

If you're ready to quit, talk to your doctor. There are many stop-smoking methods and medications that may help.

Calendar Events

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

Programs • Classes • Support Groups • Events

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers community programs, classes, support groups, and events to help you learn more about good health for you and your family. Unless otherwise noted, please call the number listed in each heading for more information or to register. You can also access these on our website at www.stmarymercy.org.

For a physician on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, call 1-888-464-WELL.

GENERAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Call **734-655-8940** or **1-800-494-1650** (out of area only)

Basic Life Support—Cardiopul-monary Resuscitation (BLS-CPR)

- BLS-Friends and Family—Includes infant and child CPR and choking safety information, rescue techniques for children up to age 8 and infants in a breathing or cardiac emergency; includes injury prevention for the layperson.
 - Saturday, February 7, 8 a.m. to noon, Community Outreach Deptartment, Adult: Classroom 10, Pediatrics: Classroom 11 (free for Heart Month)
- BLS-Health Care Provider—For those who provide health care to patients.

 Participants receive a written exam and health care provider card. Instruction

includes adult, infant, and child CPR; AED; and choking.

Tuesday, April 6 and Wednesday, April 7 (both days required), 6 to 10 p.m.,
Community Outreach Deptartment,
Classroom 10 (fee)

■ BLS Heartsaver (Adult/Peds/or both)

- Tuesday, January 13 (Peds); Wednesday, January 14 (Adult); 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10 (fee)
- Tuesday, March 9 (Peds); Wednesday, March 10 (Adult); 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10 (fee)

Blood Pressure Measurement (NO CHARGE)

- St. Mary Mercy Hospital—Community Outreach Department (lower level), first Monday of the month, 1 to 3 p.m.
- Westland Mall—East Court near The Pretzel Place, Wayne and Warren Roads, Westland, first Monday of the month, 8 to 10 a.m.
- Laurel Park Place Mall—Near Concierge Desk, Newburgh and Six Mile, Livonia, fourth Monday of the month, 8 to 10 a.m.
- Northville Senior Center, 215 West Cady, near Sheldon Road/Main Street, fourth Monday of the month, noon to 2 p.m.

Diabetes Consultation (Individual)
Learn skills to improve blood sugar
control and change your lifestyle from
a Certified Diabetes Educator. By
appointment. (fee)

Diabetes Education Classes

Self-care and control of diabetes for persons 18 and older, including lifestyle changes, diet, foot care, blood testing, medication, complications, exercise, coping, and resources. (fee*) * Medicare and other insurance may cover the cost of classes and consultation.

Diabetes Management Classes Registration required. (Classroom 10)

January

- 1st Class—January 6, 13, 20, and 27, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- 2nd Class—January 15, 22, and 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

February

- 1st Class—February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- 2nd Class—February 12, 19, 26, and March 4, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

March

- 1st Class—March 9, 16, 23, and 30, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- 2nd Class—March 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 9:30 a.m. to noon

April

- 1st Class—April 6, 13, 20, and 27, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- 2nd Class—April 8, 15, and 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Durable Power of Attorney Information to make medical treatment choices is available upon admission or by request.

Walk-In Immunization Clinic— Infant and Child

Routine childhood vaccines and hepatitis B offered to eligible infants and children up to 18 years of age. Parent or legal guardian

must be present. (fee)

Wednesdays, February 11 and April 7, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Auditorium

Child Passenger Safety Program

A certified child passenger safety technician will check your child's car seat for recalls, show you how to install seat correctly, and secure your child properly in car seat. Inspections are free of charge and done by appointment. Call **734-655-8950**.

Nutrition Counseling (Individual) Individual dietary program for your personal health needs. By appointment. (fee)

Parish Nurse Program

Assists churches, synagogues, and mosques develop a holistic, faith-based health and wellness ministry within their faith community.

Senior Health Connection

Join other adults age 55 and older for special events, discounts on health education classes, and lectures on health topics.

Ladies...

Ladies Night Out: "The Heart Truth," Women and Heart Disease

Thursday, February 19

6 to 7 p.m.

- ▲ Bone Density Screening
- ▲ Cholesterol Screening

7 p.m. Lecture

▲ Guest Speaker: Michelle Moccia Registration required, call 734-655-1182.

...and Gentlemen

Men's Health and Prostate Screening Day

At St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Saturday, March 6
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Registration is required.
Call Community Outreach
for an appointment,
734-655-8940.

Senior Strength Training Class
Relaxing pace. Limited enrollment, classes

fill quickly. Registration required. (fee)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 3 through March 16, and March 23 through April 29, 10 to 11 a.m., Auditorium

Senior Balance Class

Relaxing pace. Limited enrollment, classes fill quickly. Registration required. (fee)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 3 through March 16, and March 23 through April 29, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

Heart Safe Livonia

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) make it possible for trained lay rescuers to deliver defibrillation to sudden cardiac arrest victims before the EMS arrives. Heart Safe is a task force to facilitate the implementation of a community-wide public access defibrillation program in Livonia. To participate, or for more information, contact Ginger Ramsay at 734-655-8947.

Smoke-Free Living (Smoking Cessation)

A series of four two-hour sessions. Covers the effects of smoking, what to expect when you quit, coping techniques, and strategies for staying smoke-free. For availability and class schedule, call 734-655-8950. (fee)

Stressed for Success: Stress Management

Learn how to decrease and manage the stress in your life. (fee)

Weight Management (Health Management Resources-HMR)

A medically supervised weight management program with weekly classes and support. Must attend an orientation before enrolling in the program. Thirteen-week sessions run continuously throughout the year. Call 734-655-1783 for more information. (fee)

Free Orientation Dates (Classroom 11)

- Tuesday, January 6, 4 to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 14, noon to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 20, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 28, 4 to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 3, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 11, 4 to 5 p.m.

- Tuesday, February 17, noon to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 25, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 2, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 16, 4 to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 25, 4 to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 31, noon to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 6, noon to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 14, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 21, 4 to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 27, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wellness in the Workplace A wellness program tailored to meet the needs of your business or organization.

SUPPORT GROUPS— COMMUNITY

(NO CHARGE)

Call **734-655-8940** or **1-800-494-1650** (out of area only)

Cancer Support Group— "Focus on Living"

Helps cancer patients and families to cope with cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Cosponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Meets the first Wednesday of the month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Community Outreach Department, Classroom 11

Diabetes Support Group

For diabetic adults and their families.

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

Grief Support Group

For those impacted by the loss of a loved one or family member. Meets monthly. Call Angela Hospice, **734-464-7810**.

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 1 and 6:30 p.m., Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia

Multiple Scierosis Support Group Discussion and support for MS patients and families. Meets weekly. Call Livonia Family YMCA, 734-261-2161.

Fridays, 6 p.m., Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia

Overeaters Anonymous
Support and discussion for compulsive
overeaters. Meets weekly.

Sundays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Classroom 1

Ostomy Support Group

Information on ostomy surgery, colostomy, urostomy, ileostomy, or continent ostomy



Facing the Challenges of Alzheimer's Disease

Tuesdays, January 13 and 20, 7 to 9 p.m., Auditorium Registration required, no fee. Call 734-655-8950.

procedure. Sponsored by the United Ostomy Association. Call **313-533-1020**.

Scleroderma Support Group Discussion and support for scleroderma patients and families. Call **248-349-2899**.

Meets the third Thursday of the month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Classroom 1

"Us Too" Prostate Cancer Support Group

Discussion and support for social, economic, emotional, and health problems related to prostate cancer. Call **734-432-1913**.

Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Classroom 2

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Call **734-655-2944** or **1-800-494-0277** (out of area only)

Families in Action

Ten-week session for family members dealing with mental illness. (fee)

Meets twice yearly. For more information, call 734-655-5812.

Chemical Dependency Program Group, individual, and family counseling for alcoholism, drug addiction, and related emotional problems based on a thorough assessment. Reimbursable by most insurance.

Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Program

A continuum of care on an outpatient basis for the alcohol- or chemical-dependent person.

Wiental Health and Substance Abuse Classes

Classes focus on the problems associated with addictions and mental illness and effective treatment. (no charge)

Meets the third Monday of the month, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Preregistration required.

SUPPORT GROUPS— BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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Call **734-655-2944** or **1-800-494-0277** (out of area only)

Al-Anon

Open to family members and friends of alcoholics. Meets weekly.

Mondays, 8:30 to 10 p.m., Cafeteria

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Open to anyone with an alcohol dependency.

Meets weekly.

Mondays, 8:30 to 10 p.m., Auditorium

Gamblers Anonymous (GA)

Open to anyone with a gambling dependency. Meets weekly.

Mondays, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Classroom 4

Mental Health Day Treatment Alumni Group

First and third Thursdays of the month, 5 to 6 p.m., Classroom 4

Mental Health Support Group For adult family members and friends of mental health patients. Meets weekly.

Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m., Fifth Floor Group Room

REHAB AND SPEECH PROGRAMS

Call **734-655-2955** or **1-800-494-0422** (out of area only)

Back School

A licensed physical therapist discusses common back injuries, posture, and body mechanics. (no charge)

Meets the first Wednesday of the month, noon to 1 p.m.

Children's Speech Program (C.L.A.S.S.)
For children with a diagnosis of speech
language impairment and a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Supplements
services provided in the school system.
Offered four times during the school year.

WOMEN'S AND FAMILY HEALTH PROGRAMS

Call **734-655-1100** or **1-800-494-1615** (out of area only)

Breastfeeding Program

Individual consultations with a certified lactation consultant are available by appointment only, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Marian Women's Center. Breast pump rentals are available by appointment. To schedule an appointment call **734-655-1158**. (fee for outpatient lactation services)

Breastfeeding Class

Certified lactation consultants explain the benefits of breast milk, getting a good start in the hospital, and how to continue breastfeeding at home and work. (fee)

Thursdays, January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22, 7 to 9 p.m., Classroom 2, South Entrance

Childbirth Education Weekday Programs

Classes for expectant mothers and partners using the Lamaze method, including relaxation and breathing techniques.

Preregistration is required. (fee)

7 to 9 p.m., Classroom 1

- Mondays, January 5 to February 9
- Tuesdays, January 6 to February 10
- Wednesdays, January 28 to March 3
- Mondays, February 16 to March 22
- Tuesdays, February 17 to March 23
- Wednesdays, March 17 to April 28
 Mondays, March 29 to May 10
- Tuesdays, March 30 to May 11
- No classes April 12, 13, 14 due to Easter holiday.

Childbirth Education Saturday Workshop

One-day class for expectant mothers and partners using the Lamaze method.

Preregistration is required. (fee)

Saturdays, January 10, February 7 and 28, March 27, April 3 and 24, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Classroom 1 and 2

Foster Parenting Classes Specialized parenting classes for foster parents. Call **313-396-0199**. 36475 Five Mile Rd Livonia, MI 48154 P 734.655.4800

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Infant Care Classes: "Getting to Know Your Newborn" and "Caring for the Sick Infant"

Focuses on the care of your new infant, caring for the sick infant, infant safety, immunizations, and signs of illness. (fee)

Thursdays, January 8, February 12, March 11, April 1 and 29, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Classroom 1 and 2

Parenting with Love and Logic Love and Logic teaches parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision making in children. It's easy to learn and can be put to use right away. Love and Logic can help you raise responsible children.

Thursdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

- January 15: Introduction
- January 22: Preteens & Teenagers
- February 5: Children with Special Needs
- March 4: Elementary
- March 18: Refresher
- March 25: Toddlers & Preschoolers
- April 29: Elementary

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- February 7: Toddlers & Preschoolers
- March 20: Introduction
- April 3: Preteens & Teenagers
- April 24: Refresher

Couples Massage Therapy Class
Learn to provide a massage for your partner
that is not only nurturing but also therapeutic. The class includes demonstration and
hands-on practice. Enrollment is limited to
six couples. Call 734-655-1145 for March
class dates. (fee)

Tuesdays, beginning January 27 (six-week class), 7 to 9 p.m.

Infant Massage Therapy Class
Develop bonds between you and your baby.
For infants ages 30 days to 6 months,
physician approval required. Taught by a
certified infant massage therapist. (fee)

Wednesdays, beginning January 21 (ongoing four-week class), 10 to 11 a.m.

Massage Therapy

Experience the benefits of therapeutic massage. Techniques include trigger point therapy, deep tissue, and reflexology. Call 734-655-1145 for an appointment. (fee)

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2 to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Natural Family Planning

Using the Billings Ovulation Method, the series of four classes teaches couples how to determine times of fertility and infertility. Fulfills the guidelines of the ethical and religious directives of the Catholic Church. Registration required. Call 248-926-9909. (fee)

Sibling Tour

Helps expectant parents and their children with sibling rivalry, signs of jealousy, and teaches steps to take to minimize these behaviors. Children learn how fun it can be to be a big brother or big sister. (fee per family)

Saturdays, January 31, March 6, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Classroom 2

Tours of Birthing Center
Learn about the Miracle of Life Birthing
Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The center
is one of the area's finest childbirth facilities,
offering homelike, private rooms for new mothers and their families. Tours by appointment
only. Call **734-655-1100**.

Hatha Yoga

Ongoing six-week classes. Bring peace to your mind and body. Increase flexibility, energy level, and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Call **734-655-1145**.

Tuesdays, beginning January 6, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Better Backs Yoga

Ongoing six-week classes. Strengthen and maintain the health of the spine and back muscles. Meditation and breathing techniques are included. Call **734-655-1145**.

Wednesdays, beginning January 7, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR WOMEN

(NO CHARGE)
Call **734-655-1100** or **1-800-494-1615**(out of area only)

Breast Cancer Support Group

A self-help and education group for women
with breast cancer.

Tuesdays, January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, 7 to 9 p.m., Classroom 2

Menopause Support Group Women share about menopause, midlife issues, and health-related matters.

Wednesdays, January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, 7 to 9 p.m., Classroom 2

Mother-Baby Postpartum Support Group

A certified lactation consultant discusses the postpartum period of adjustment.

Tuesdays, January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Classroom 1

LET'S TALK SERIES

in St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium

- ▲ Wednesday, March 10
 Disaster Preparedness for
 Seniors by Seniors
 Speaker: Bryan Peckinpaugh,
 American Red Cross
- ▲ Wednesday, April 14
 Crime and Fraud Prevention
 for Seniors
 Speaker: Detective Sergeant Jeff
 Teeter, Livonia Police Dept.

Registration is required. Call the SMMH Outreach Department at **734-655-8950**.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Report to the Community Fiscal Year 2003

Fiscal Yea	r 2003	Operating	Statistics
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Fiscal Year 2003 Operating Statistics
Physicians
Nurses
Supporting Employees
Volunteers
Volunteer Hours
Inpatient Admissions (Discharges)
Inpatient Days
Total Births
Emergency Room Visits
Outpatient Visits
Total Surgeries
Licensed Beds
Fiscal Year 2003 Financial Performance
Net Revenue
Less: Total Expenses
Operating Income
Nonoperating Investment Loss
Net Income\$1,767,000
Figure Warr 2002 Comital Instructor
Fiscal Year 2003 Capital Investments
Patient Care (Equipment/Technology)
Information System Technology
Facility Improvements
Total Capital Investments\$8,007,000
Community Benefits 2003
Number of Activities Provided*117
Persons Served
Staff Hours
Staff Volunteer Hours
Community Benefits Expense
Charity Care

^{*}St. Mary Mercy Hospital provides low- or no-cost programs, services, and events to the community, such as education programs, health screenings, support groups, health fairs, self-help groups, child immunizations, flu shots, senior services, and transportation.



HOW TO PERFORM THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER

Would you be prepared in the event of a life-threatening choking situation? The Heimlich maneuver is used to prevent suffocation when food or a foreign object blocks a person's windpipe.

Before starting this emergency technique, ask the victim if she is choking. If the victim can't cough, speak, or breathe, tell someone to call 911 and put the Heimlich maneuver into action. Here are directions for performing the procedure on a conscious adult:

- 1. Stand behind the person—who may be sitting or standing—and reach your arms around her waist.
- 2. Make a fist with one hand and place it below her ribcage and just above her navel with your thumb-side facing in. Grab your fist tightly with your other hand.
- 3. Thrust your fist upward and inward to increase airway pressure to dislodge the object from the windpipe.
- 4. You may need to repeat the procedure several times before the object is expelled.

Time-Tested Self-Care Tips for Mono

MINI HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, January 31 8 a.m. to noon at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Patient Service Center Orangelawn Professional Center 10535 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150

Cholesterol, blood pressure, stroke, and pre-diabetes screenings. For more information contact Mark Klisman 734-655-2508. To register, call SMMH Community Outreach at 734-655-8940.

he "kissing disease" and "mono" are slang for an ailment called infectious mononucleosis. Although mono can affect any age group, it is most common in teens and 20-somethings.

A virus called Epstein-Barr is to blame for up to 85% of mono cases. It's spread through saliva, which explains its amorous nickname.

WHAT DOES MONO FEEL LIKE?

About four to seven weeks after becoming infected, a person with mono usually develops these three symptoms:

- **■** Severe sore throat
- **■** Fever
- Swollen lymph glands in the neck and sometimes in the armpits and groin

Other symptoms may include:

- exhaustion
- headache
- white patches at the back of the throat
- **swollen tonsils**
- puffy eyes
- low appetite
- **rash**
- yellow eyes and skin.

Visit your doctor if you think you or your teen might have mono. A blood test can detect it and rule out other causes of symptoms.

HOW CAN I BEAT MONO?

Unfortunately, there is no specific treatment for mono. Instead, most people focus on easing the agony of their symptoms, which usually last one to four weeks.

To help soothe mono symptoms until they fade:

- Get lots of rest. This usually means staying in bed for a few days and limiting your activities until the fever and other symptoms decrease.
- Drink plenty of liquids. Cold drinks or warm tea with honey may feel good on a sore throat.
- Other strategies for a sore throat: Suck on hard candy, Popsicles, or over-the-counter (OTC) lozenges. Gargle with salt water several times a day. Use a humidifier in the bedroom.
- Take an OTC pain reliever—such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen—to help combat the fever and any pain. Children and teens shouldn't take aspirin, which can cause a rare, but serious, disease called Reye's syndrome.
- Call your doctor if you or your teen has breathing problems. This affects some with mono who get a swollen throat.
- A sick person can spread the mono-causing virus to others for several weeks. To avoid spreading it in your home, make sure that everyone washes their hands frequently. And don't share glasses or utensils. ★

Exercise Caution: About half of those with mono get an enlarged spleen, a gland in the abdomen. If you have mono, don't exercise for at least three or four weeks to safeguard your spleen.



Healthcare Partnership Lets You

Go Behind the Scenes

at St. Mary Mercy Hospital



Bharat Bhatt, MD, performs hand surgery while Jean Cosgrove, RN, assists, and Linda Chomin, Healthcare Partnership participant and Observer & Eccentric reporter, looks on.

Did you ever wonder what it's like behind the scenes in a busy hospital, where lives are saved and babies born every day? Those who participate in the Healthcare Partnership Program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital gain a new perspective on how health care is delivered, as well as a renewed respect for the work of the doctors, nurses, and staff.

The Healthcare Partnership Program pairs leaders from local communities with doctors for a day, giving them a firsthand look at surgery, emergency, radiology, or oncology services. Some participants make rounds with the doctors, talking with staff and patients.

Healthcare Partnership began in May 2001, with members of the St. Mary Mercy Board of Trustees attending the inaugural session. The feedback was so positive that organizers decided to make it a regular event and are currently hosting three sessions a year. "The community leaders gain insight into how hospitals function, and come away with a renewed perspective on medicine," says Julie Sproul, Director, Marketing and Public Relations. Participants have ranged from CEOs of local businesses to

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leaders of organizations who have a personal interest in the medical field to those who have simply always wanted to be a "doctor for a day." More than 50 leaders have participated so far, representing the communities of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Westland, Plymouth, and Canton.

The doctors and staff involved with the program also gain new insight. "The hospital staff is proud of what they do for our patients every day, and pleased to be able to share their expertise with the community," says Mike Mikulski, Director of Physician Services. "The staff is pleased at the depth of interest in the hospital's advancements in medical technology, procedures, and patient care."

"This program is a great way to let the community know firsthand the technology and services available at St. Mary Mercy," says David A. Spivey, President and CEO. "Those who go through this program become new ambassadors for the hospital."

For information on future programs, contact Julie Sproul, 734-655-1591, or sproulj@trinity-health.org.



ABOUT NUTRITION

High-protein diets are becoming more and more popular. But are they safe? According to an 11-year study of 1,624 women, diets high in protein may strain a woman's kidneys. Participants who began the study with healthy kidneys and ate up to 5.7 ounces of protein a day experienced no kidney problems. But women who started out with minor kidney abnormalities saw their condition worsen more quickly on a diet high in protein, particularly protein from **meat**. Protein from vegetables and dairy products, on the other hand, was not linked to a worsening of kidney problems.

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their cholesterol levels in check may want to load up on rye bread. In one study, Finnish men with moderately high cholesterol levels ate about eight to 10 slices a day of rye, rather than wheat, bread. With this simple dietary change, they lowered their total cholesterol levels by 14%. In addition, they reduced their LDL—or "bad"—cholesterol levels by 12%.

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Coping with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome



MEN'S HEALTH FAIR AND PROSTATE SCREENING

Saturday, March 6 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Program will include blood tests for PSA (prostatespecific antigen), total cholesterol, and HDL; prostate exams by a physician; and blood pressure checks.

A \$10 donation is suggested. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cancer services.

Call St. Mary Mercy
Hospital at **734-655-8963**for more information or to register for a screening.



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re you frequently worn out? You might have chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS). When you suffer from CFS, daily activities may become so overwhelming that you can no longer function. While anyone can have CFS, it's much more common in women than in men. Although some people recover from the disorder, others can have symptoms for the rest of their lives.

Specific tests aren't yet available to detect CFS. Instead, doctors diagnose it with a detailed medical evaluation. They check to make sure the fatigue isn't the result of another condition.

In order for doctors to confirm CFS, fatigue must:

- linger for six consecutive months or longer and not respond to bed rest.
- be unrelated to another medical disorder.

 In addition, fatigue must be accompanied by four or more of the following symptoms:
- Trouble with short-term memory or concentration
- **■** Sore throat
- **■** Tender lymph nodes
- Unexplained muscle pain
- Multiple joint pain that is not accompanied by redness or swelling
- Headaches that are different in type, severity, or pattern than those previously experienced
- Trouble sleeping
- Feeling tired for more than 24 hours after physical activity



Other possible CFS symptoms include abdominal pain, chest pain, and night sweats.

Experts don't know what causes CFS, so there is no cure. Fortunately, there are several treatment strategies, though.

Over-the-counter non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), such as naproxen and ibuprofen, may ease aches and pains.

Prescription drugs might improve sleep.

Healthy habits also can provide relief:

- Exercise: Ask your doctor to help you plan a workout tailored to your needs.
- Eat well: Stick to a high-fiber, low-fat diet.
- Keep stress in check: Try deep-breathing exercises, meditation, and massage therapy.
- Seek support: Turn to family, friends, and CFS support groups for strength. ★



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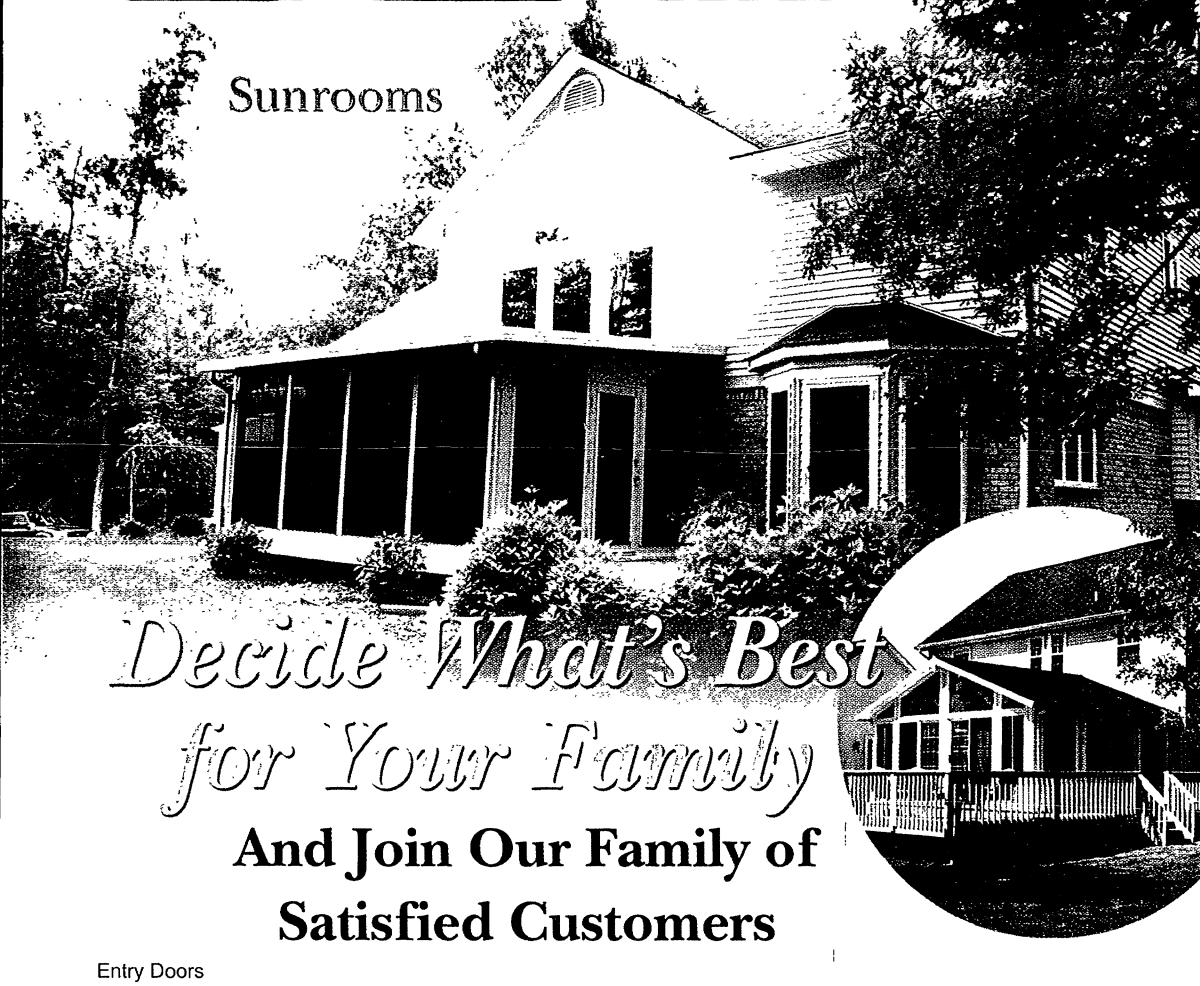
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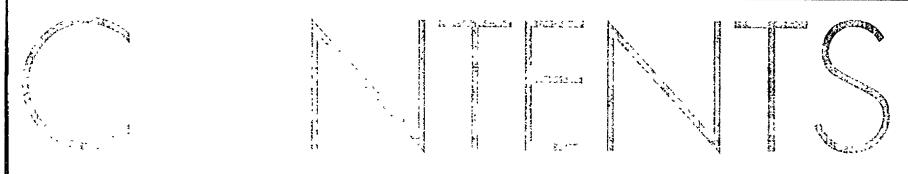


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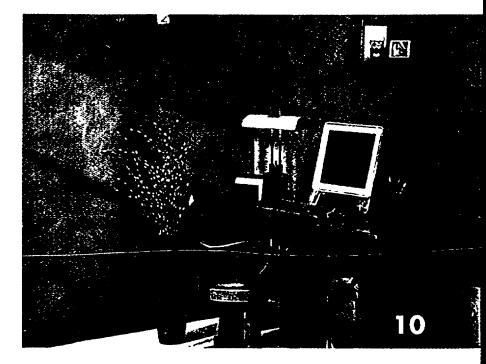
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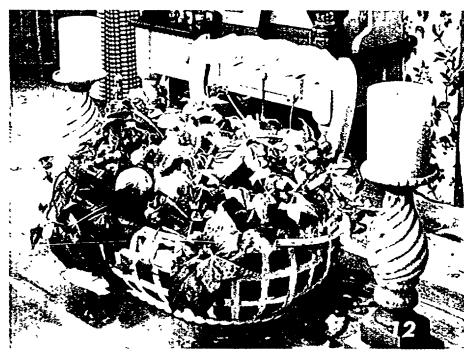
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"Carpet styles, like clothing, change a lot," says David Ohlinger of Riemer Floors.

There are other ways that floor fashions resemble the world of apparel design. For example, in both worlds eventually everything old becomes new again. (Even shag carpet has made a

they're looking for a light blue to match that fabric. But when we see what other highlights the fabric contains, we might throw an idea — say orange or rust — at them. They'll respond, 'I never thought of that!'"

The popularity of patterns runs in cycles. And new technology has



comeback!) And notable names from the world of couture have made their way into home design.

"Carpets, like clothes, are a very personal thing," says Ohlinger. "It's about fabric, functionality and decorating."

Choosing carpeting involves practical considerations, such as how well the carpet will hold up. But then there's the design aspect, all the personal choices available to fulfill the need for colors and patterns in a room.

One big difference between dressing yourself and decorating your house is how often you go shopping.

"A high percentage of our customers bought their last carpet so long ago — or have never done it — that we have to back up a step for them, just to familiarize them with various styles," Ohlinger says. "Some need basic ideas — what styles and colors to even try. Some know exactly what they want and are on a mission to find it — whether it's even manufactured or not. Others might bring a sample and say

sparked demands for new styles. For instance, says Ohlinger, "Chemical companies such as DuPont, Solutia and Allied have developed a new fiber that's very soft, like cotton. If you lie on the floor or walk in your bare feet you really can feel the softness. That has caught on like crazy. People come in and say, 'I have to have it.'"

CRAFTING A PLAN

There are several fundamental questions customers need to answer before narrowing down choices. How much traffic does the area have? What's the general look desired? Does the family include children or pets? Do the customers entertain a lot?

Ohlinger cites his own family's situation. "I have kids. Saying, 'don't eat in that room' doesn't work. With our carpet I can say, 'go for it.' If there's an accident, after a minor cleanup it's good for company."

One measure of durability is the twist in the yarn. "More twist gives more 'memory' to the carpet,"

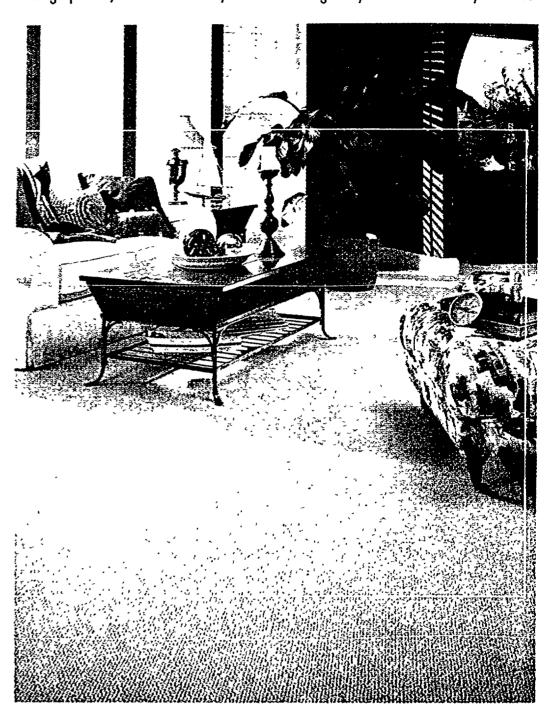
Ohlinger says. "With a light vacuuming it springs right back up.

"To manufacturers, 'wear' means something different than it does to the average person," he adds. "Many car-

HIGH FASHION

Among the many fine lines of carpeting at Riemer is one from Ralph Lauren, who entered the field a few years ago.

Ohlinger says Lauren is directly involved



pets can't 'wear down,' but they'll look ugly because the twist has worn out. It's more important to have a five-year texture warranty than a lifetime wear guarantee."

Ohlinger also says a heavier weight doesn't mean the carpet will wear better. "Commercial carpeting, which gets lots of traffic and holds up well, is low ounce-weight. And, of course, good padding has a lot to do with it."

Ready to go carpet hunting? Ohlinger offers some tips.

"Bring images of your house, sofa and art to the store," he says. "Bring in a switchplate cover that has a piece of paint on it, or paint samples."

Also remember how lighting affects color. "That's why in the store we have eclectic lighting: fluorescent, halogen, incandescent, even a skylight," says Ohlinger.

in the design, and works with major manufacturers to produce the product.

Ohlinger says one thing in particular makes the Lauren carpets stand out. "His textures aren't unique, but the colors are," he says. "They emphasize earthy tones: browns, greens, rusts. It's very inviting and warm, family-oriented. There also are off-whites and beiges, a lot of khaki and a series of plaids."

After the client and a Riemer representative have met at the store, that same salesperson makes a consulting visit to the customer's home, armed with a variety of colors and style samples.

"We know what we're talking about," Ohlinger says. "We want to make sure people are satisfied, that they'll come back."

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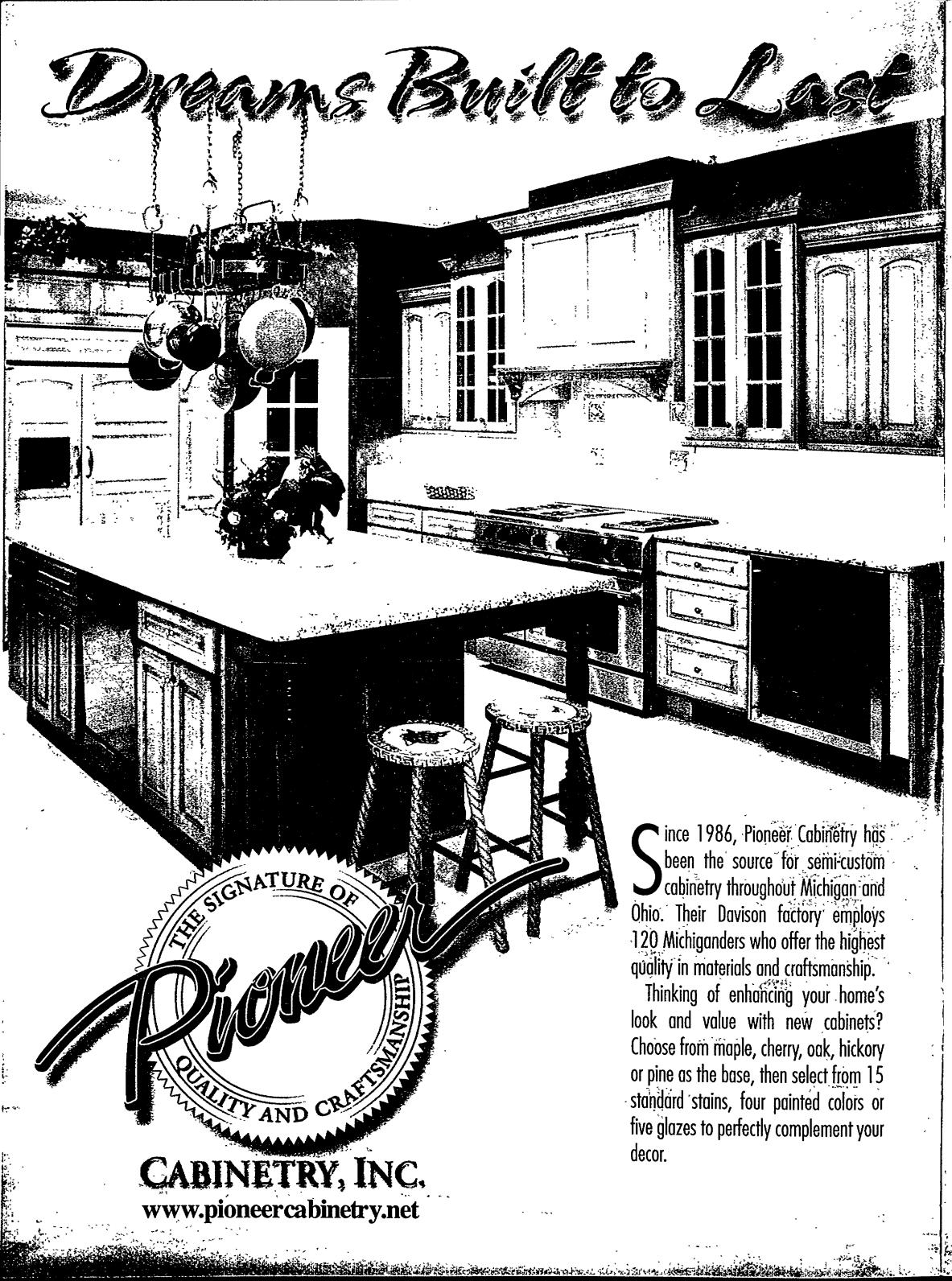
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What's in this year? Painted and/or painted and glazed finishes are very hot, as are warm and deep, rich wood tones in the darker browns. This look is accomplished through darker or medium stain colors with darker glazes. You can even incorporate both looks into your kitchen — the heart of any home.

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HOW TO HIRE AN INTERIOR DESIGNER

Before contacting an interior designer, take some time to think about what you want and what you need. Ask yourself these questions:

- What activities will take place in the space?
- What is your timeframe?
- What is your budget?
- What image do you want to project?

Also, be sure to consider and positive and negative aspects of the space.

If you're feeling overwhelmed, don't worry. Your interior designer will lead you through the design process. Keep in mind, the more information you provide, the more successful your designer will be in meeting your needs and expectations. You may want to reference other visual images — photos, postcards, magazines — or environments that reflect your aesthetic and functional criteria.

The second step is to interview several designers to become familiar with differences in personality, style and business methods. Remember, you will be working closely with the designer and you want someone you feel will make the right choices according to your specifications and listen to your ideas and concerns. Ask to see the designer's portfolio and request a list of relevant experience and client references. Be sure to discuss your budget, desired timetable and the designer's fee structure.

Contracts are very important because they allow both you and the designer to define the scope of your project. It is in your best interest to have a signed contract before any work begins or money is exchanged.

Be honest with your designer about your budget. A professional designer assesses your needs and helps you determine where to spend and where to save, prioritizing expenses while creating an interior that is within your budget. Also, remember that not everything has to be completed at once. Your designer can develop a long-range plan, consult with you to establish a list of priorities and determine a timeline for accomplishing your project.

Courtesy American Society of Interior Designers, Michigan Chapter

DECORATOR OR DESIGNER?

They may seen synonymous to the layman, but there is a large difference between interior decorators and designers.

An interior decorator is someone who has an eye and expertise in dealing with the aesthetics of a home's décor, such as color, paint, fabrics, furnishings or lighting.

An interior designer is someone who has had formal training in the field of interior design and is qualified to perform general drafting and basic remodeling in addition to decorating. He or she can read architectural blueprints and has a grasp of structural concepts. Most interior designers belong to professional organizations such as the American Society of Interior Designers, the International Society of Interior Designers or the Institute of Business Designers.

In 18 states, interior designers must pass a

strict exam and be licensed. This is not the case in Michigan, but a group called the Coalition for Interior Design Registration is trying to modify that.

The group is helping to draft legislation that would include interior designers in the state's version of the International Building Code. As it now stands, the state defines a "design professional" as either an architect or engineer. The legislation would not necessarily mandate licensing, but would require some sort of registration for interior designers.

"So many other professions are registered or certified," says Linda Thomas, past president of the Michigan chapter of the ASID and a designer for Marshall Field's. "It is in the public's health, safety and welfare to know the difference between an interior decorator and an interior designer."





Looking around your new house and not sure exactly how to turn it into your dream home? Or have a tired old room that needs updating, but feeling overwhelmed by the choices? Whatever your design dilemmos may be, help is here in the form of Michael Foran Interiors.

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Interior design can be overwhelming — so many choices, so many manufacturers, so many details to consider! And mistakes are not only disappointing, but can be expensive as well. It's downright heartbreaking to excitedly receive delivery of that new sofa, only to find it's actually all wrong for the space.

"We save you time and help you avoid costly mistakes," says Michael.

Michael has been an interior designer for 30 years. He is a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers and certified by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification.

At the Michael Foran Interiors showroom in downtown Rochester at 313 Main Street, visitors can experience a number of furniture vignettes and peruse an ever-changing exhibit of photos showcasing some of Michael's work.

"We take people's ideas and make them come true," says Michael's wife, Donna, who acts as the firm's manager.

After an in-home consultation in which he views the space, asks questions and listens extensively to the client, Michael



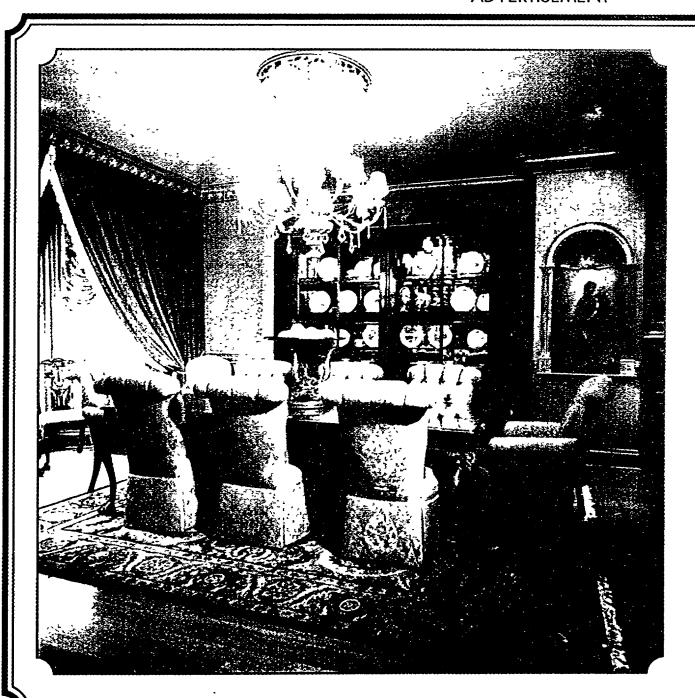
returns to his studio and puts together a floor plan. He then treats the homeowner to a complete presentation of his ideas, including fabrics, samples, accessories and numerous pictures so the client can easily grasp Michael's vision.

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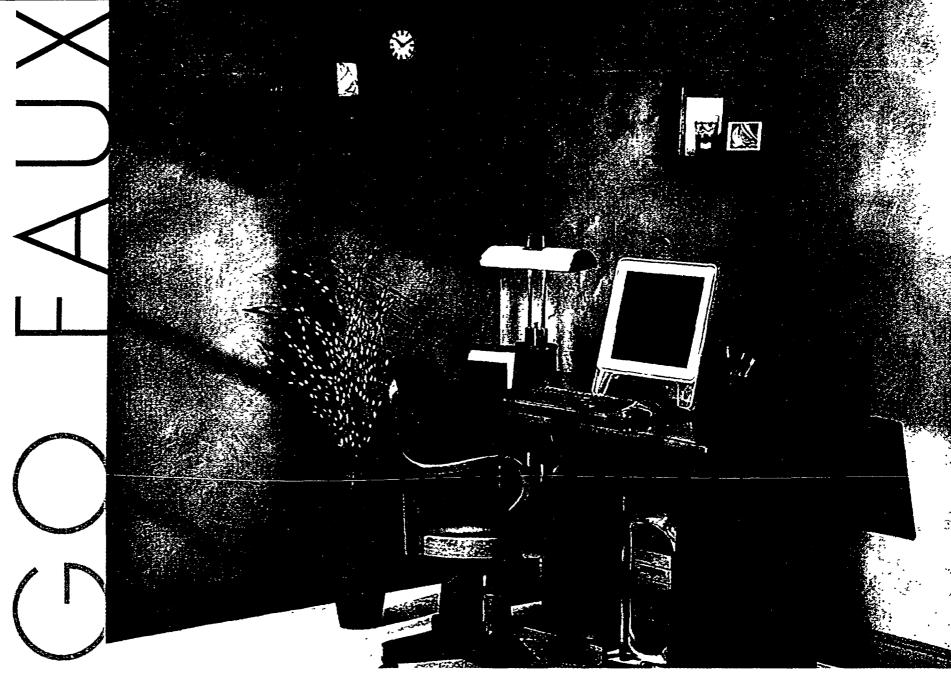
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COLORWASHING (above) STEP 1

Mask ceilings, baseboards, and trim with painter's tape. Paint the wall with your desired basecoat color and allow to dry completely (minimum 4 hours or overnight).

STEP 2

Mix one part interior latex satin to five parts faux finish glazing liquid. Dip a clean brush into your glaze mixture and wipe to remove excess glaze. Begin brushing the wall in short strokes that overlap and crisscross. The more overlapped and random your brush marks, the better. Allow to dry.

Tip: For a soft, feathery effect, use a drier brush. After dipping it into your glaze mixture, remove the excess glaze with a dry paper towel or cloth.

Mix one part interior latex satin to 15 parts faux finish glazing liquid. Apply using the same technique as in Step 2.

SPONGING (below)

STEP 1

Mask ceilings, baseboards, and trim with painter's tape. Paint the wall with your desired basecoat color and allow to dry completely (minimum 4 hours or overnight). Cut a natural sea sponge in half, creating a flat surface. Quarter one of the halves to create smaller pieces for sponging in corners and along edges. Wet each sponge in clean water and wring thoroughly.

Tip: Pour glaze mixture into a paint tray or plastic liner for easier dipping.

STEP 2

Mix one part interior latex satin to five parts faux finish glazing liquid.

Dip the flat-cut surface of a damp sponge into your glaze color. Blot onto a stack of paper towels, leaving a small amount of glaze. Begin in an upper corner and gently press the sponge repeatedly against the wall. Overlap each impression, and rotate your hand at the wrist with each dab.

Tip: Be careful not to squeeze or slide the sponge along the wall.

STEP 3

As your sponge becomes drier,

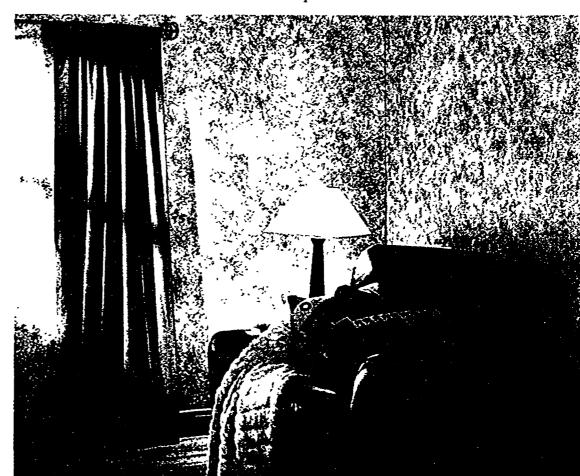
reload, blot and repeat the application process, working in manageable sections. If your sponge becomes too saturated, rinse it in water.

For a different effect, try sponging off your glaze coat. Roll on a solid 3 ft. x 3 ft. section of glaze. Then dab with a damp sponge to remove portions of the glaze and reveal your basecoat color. Be sure to rinse out your sponge often.

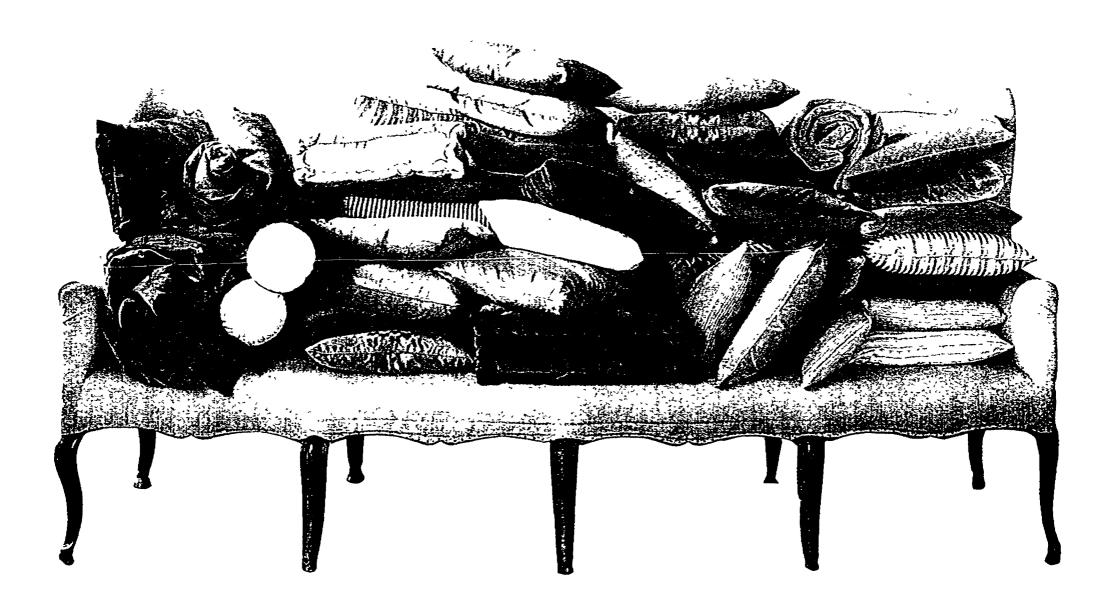
If you prefer even more dimension, you may choose to sponge on a second glaze coat color.
Allow ample time for your first glaze coat to dry before you begin.

Tip: Step back often to review your work from a distance. This will allow you to see any uneven spots and help you maintain a consistently random pattern.

Directions and photos courtesy of Sherwin-Williams. Visit http://www.sherwin.com.



Decisions, Decisions, Decisions.



Sometimes, the most challenging part of decorating a home is just getting started. Fabric swatches, paint chips, floor coverings, window treatments . . . it can all be a little overwhelming. Utilizing a professional interior designer is an important first step to making the entire process a little easier. That's why Michigan Design Center created its Designer on Call program which provides you a FREE one-hour design consultation, with a professional interior designer, on-site at MDC.

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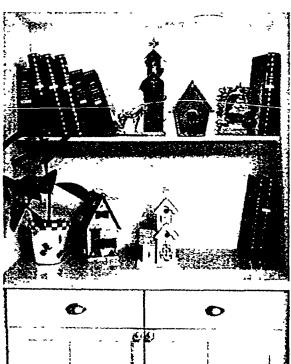
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After working her entire adult life, Michele Lyon was more than happy to hang up her sales job last May and devote her energies to decorating her Rochester Hills home. Michele, her husband Paul and their daughter, 9-year-old Taylor, moved into the brand-new house in 1998 but it's only in the past six months Michele has really devoted herself to its décor.

The finished product is lovely, a traditional house that is also clearly a lived-in home. Rather than pitch all their prior furnishings, the family kept many of their favorite pieces, incorporating them into the overall new look.

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The family uses the garage door as their everyday entrance, so the first introduction to the house is the bright and cheerful kitchen. Michele chose French County as the theme, which works beautifully with hardwood floors, white cupboards and white tile island with stools. The large area includes a distressed antique pine dining table and white hutch.

Top

An oversized ottoman graces the downstairs family room, where the Lyons spend much of their time relaxing and enjoying their home theater system, complete with 60-inch television and surround sound. The green, creamy yellow and red-striped pillows on the green corduroy couches match the window treatments and ottoman, pulling everything together. The downstairs area also includes a full kitchen with maple countertop the family uses when entertaining, a pool table, full bath, exercise room, tons of storage and a playroom populated by shelves of stuffed animals.

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Shelving units in the family room surround the home theater system and make the perfect spot for showcasing the Lyon's collection of birdhouses.

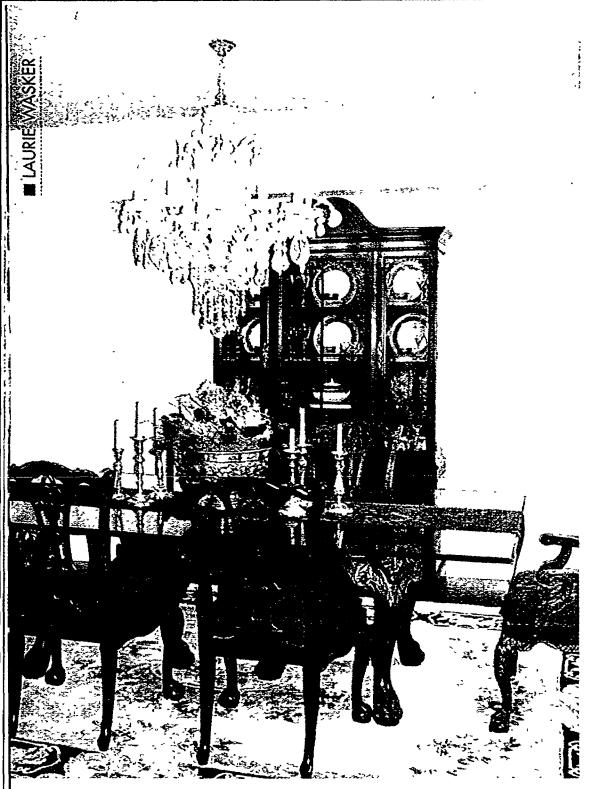
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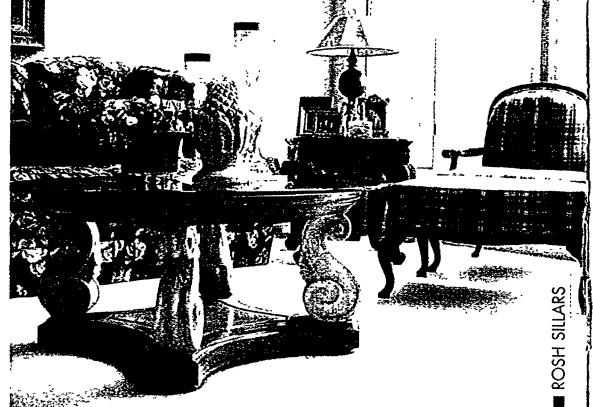
The house came with this two-way gas fireplace that faces both the kitchen dining area and great room. The family plans to add a second fireplace to a sitting room near the front door.

Bottom

The Lyons kept their pecan furniture but added a comforter, window treatments and Ralph Lauren paisley chairs for a completely new look. "I never in a million years would have picked these colors," Michele confesses of the brown and gold accents, "but it really works." The large master bath includes a whirlpool tub, separate shower, linen closet and dressing desk. Lowchen Ally is right at home.

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Top
A wall of windows dominates the great room, which is decorated mainly in comfortable furniture from Thomasville. The contrast of floral and striped fabrics evokes a warm feeling.

Left

The centerpiece of the formal dining room is a Swarovski Strass Crystal hand-crafted chandelier. The table and chairs are hand-crafted of Philippine mahagany in a Chippendale ball/claw design. The glass tabletop is an inch thick with an ogee edge and square corners.

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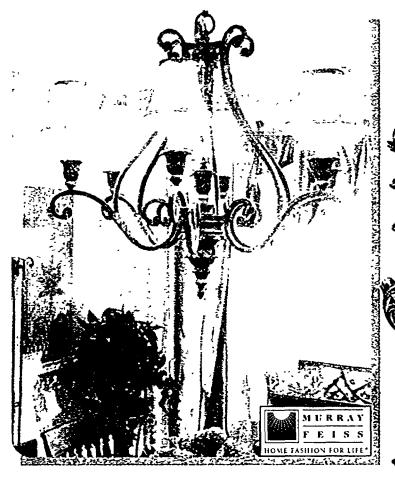
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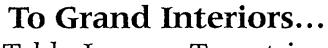
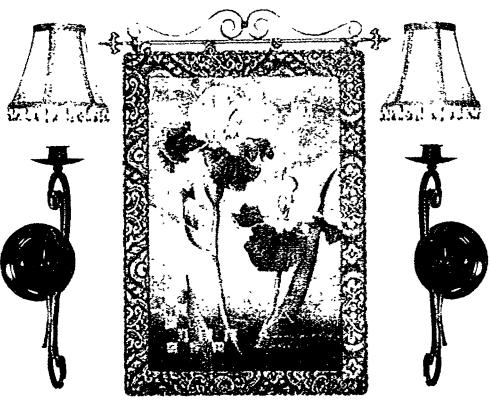


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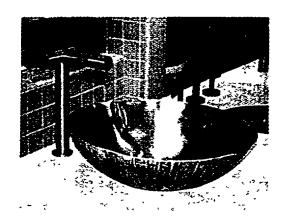
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WHAT'S HOT IN CONTEMPORARY DESIGN?

■ BY JOYCE WISWELL



Whoever thought graffiti would become a welcome element in fine homes? Indeed, "wall graffiti" is one of today's hot components in contemporary design.

Rather than the scrawled, illegible signatures that mar overpasses and abandoned buildings, wall graffiti involves taking the homeowner's favorite saying and handpainting it on the wall, often in the family room over the fireplace.

"It's a different option from a picture or a mirror," says interior design consultant Regina Donald of Trans-Style Interiors in West Bloomfield.

Wall graffiti is just one of the

many elements hot in today's contemporary design. But don't call it a trend — designers shy away from that label, saying it is considered flighty and almost a put-down.

Donald recently walked *Home*Spotlight through the Michigan
Design Center in Troy to show

off the best in contemporary. Here are some of her observations:

Colors: The season's hot hues are aqua, chocolate and taupe combinations. "And red is not dead," Donald says, "especially in traditional design."

Furniture: Two-tone leather

couches with buckled pillows from the Gamma Leather Design Group are in (bottom). Also drawing attention are new upholsteries that provide durability with beauty. Dela Robbia has a new cottonrayon sofa with sleek lines and built-in side tables that Donald loves.

Mixed materials are also hot. An oak dining table, for instance, may be complemented by metal legs or a glass tabletop. And speaking of dining tables, square 60-inch units are currently in vogue (*middle*).

Also getting attention are beds with ultra-tall headboards and painted furniture. Though the latter is often thought of as traditional, Donald says they make perfect "transitional" pieces that blend traditional and

contemporary elements in the overall design.

And mirrors have become furniture pieces themselves with the introduction of oversized wall units. Fabrics: Manufacturers keep coming up with "high-tech" fabrics that combine beauty with durability. They're a good alternative to leather.

Also hot are pleated silks and suedes, embroidered silk, and jeweltoned silk combined with velvet in stripes or plaids. Faux fur and animal skins continue their popularity, as do multi-colored chenilles.

Flooring: What's old is new again in the California Twist, a carpeting style that recalls the days of shag. It's great for high-traffic areas, Donald says, and many clients are opting for it over Berber.

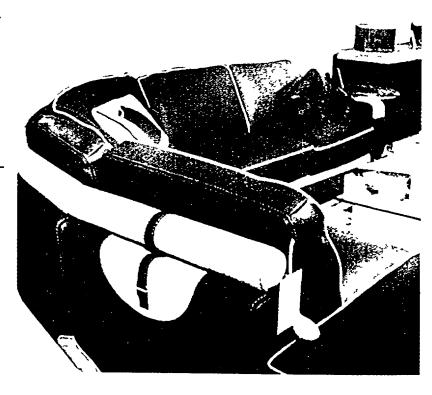
Stone tile with metallic inserts are hot not only for flooring but backsplashes as well. Donald also likes the new wool-felt rugs from La Montage. The hand-made pieces are available in a variety of intricate patterns.

■ Bathrooms: Above-counter vessels (above) are hot, hot, hot — and they're here to stay, Donald says. Materials range from marble to brass to antique copper.

Donald is just one of the many designers who participate in the Michigan Design Centers'
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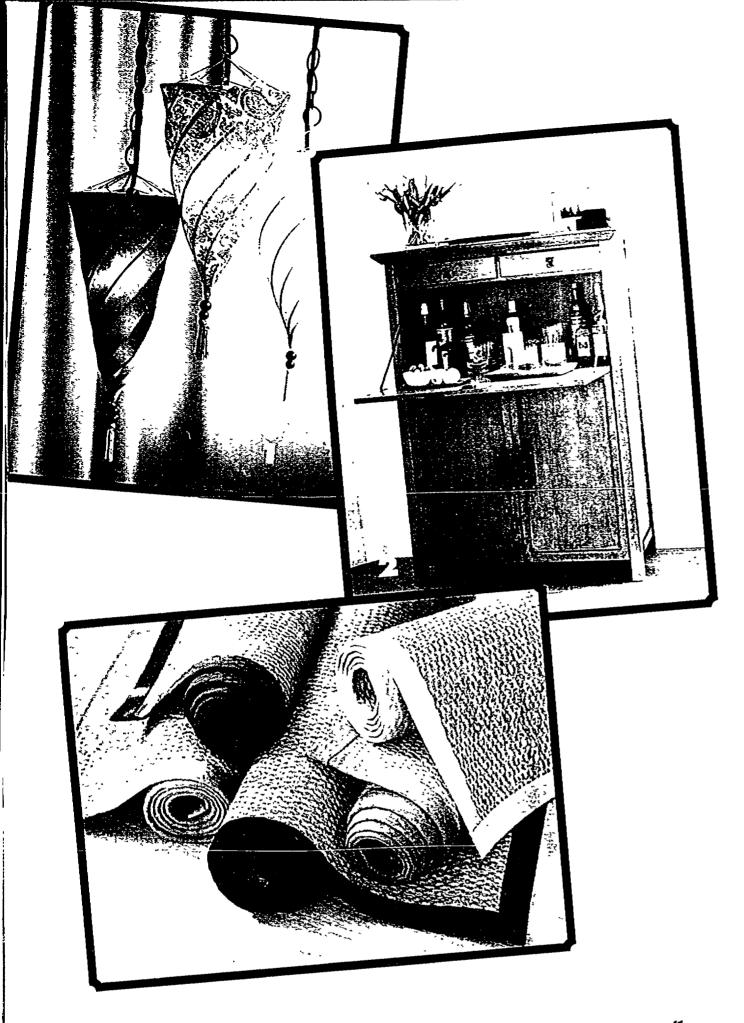
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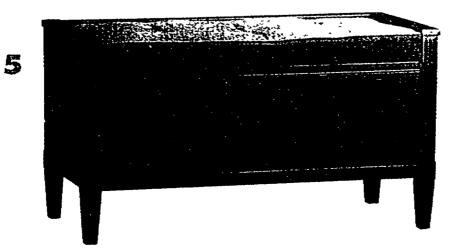
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DETAILS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

n BY MARGARET ROSLER



1. MADE IN THE SHADE

Pendant lamps with shades in glass, silk, linen or paper are now available in a multitude of shapes, styles and colors. Some feature Asian-inspired designs in rich colors and unique shapes. There are also more sophisticated offerings in clean, white geometric shapes and these colorful ones from Pottery Barn (\$29.99-\$44). Whether table, floor or ceiling mounted, pendant lamps cast your room in a dramatic and contemporary light.

2. IN VINO VERITAS

Forget about hiding your bottles in the cellar. As wine surpasses highballs as the most favored aperitif, rollaway bars are being replaced by wine bars, which display your vintages and provide storage for glasses, openers and other accouterments. Pottery Barn has this modular design with a separate base (\$249) and hutch (\$199) that can be used as a single unit or combined for a wall display. A distinctive addition to a formal living room or a casual den, consider a wine bar over the standard book or display case. Cheers!

3. RUGS WITH A VIEW

Area rugs made of natural fiber "grasses" such as jute, sea grass and sisal are showing up under the feet of both furniture and the fashion-conscious. Often finished with a colored border to coordinate with your room's color palette, they lend a casual and clean took and are easy to maintain. Compared to rugs loomed of traditional materials like wool, these are surprisingly reasonable. Pottery Barn has a wide range of rugs made of different materials from \$49-\$399.

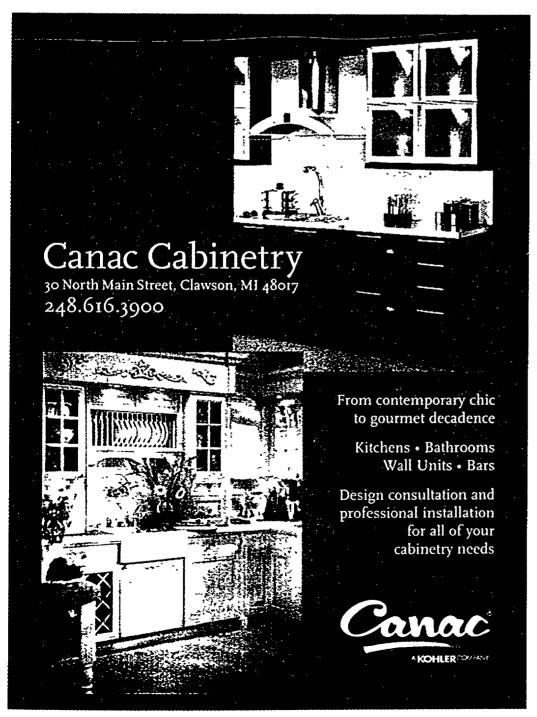
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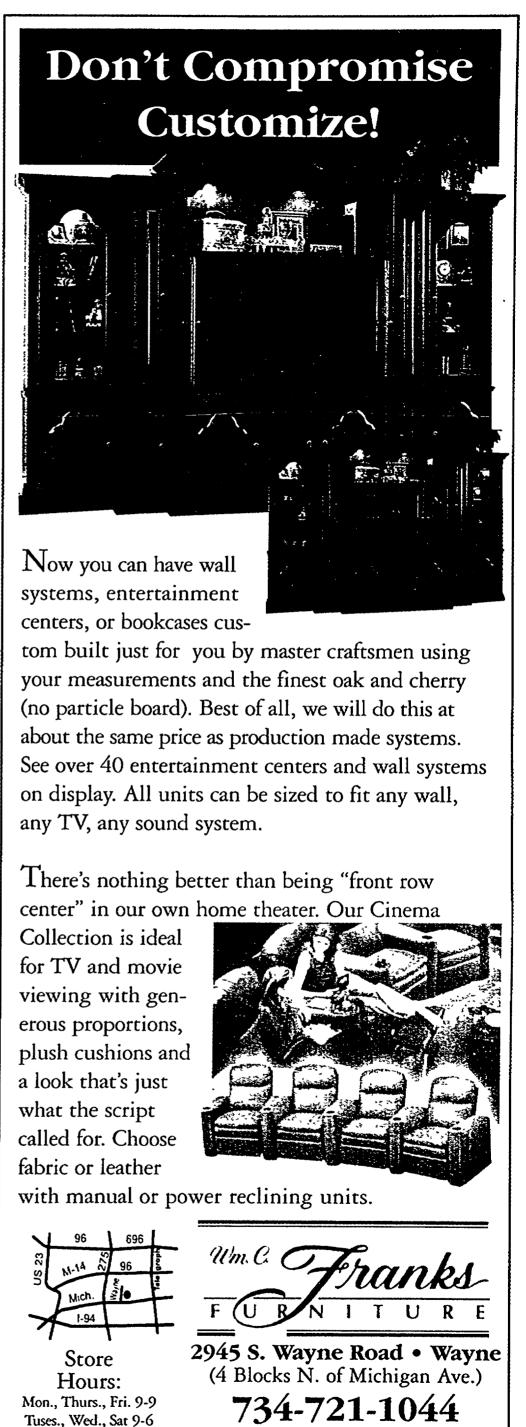
One design strategy for making optimal use of space-impaired interiors is to incorporate cubes or cylinders into your floor plan. These "stools" come in leather, ultrasuede or upholstery to match any decor and can be tucked in a corner and pulled out when entertaining. With designs and price tags available to suit any situation you can add seating without encroaching on your space or your budget. Pictured here is Crate & Barrel's custom-upholstered version for \$329.

5. PANDORA'S BOX

Want to give a room a quick facelift and camou-flage clutter at the same time? Subtle, built-in storage spaces are being included in the design of many different furniture pieces. Oversized ottomans with removable covers, charming benches with under-the-seat storage (pictured is one from Crate & Barrel for \$219, plus \$69.95 for the cushion), and coffee tables with drawers or glass-covered cupboards on the sides allow you to update your decor while masking some of your miscellany.

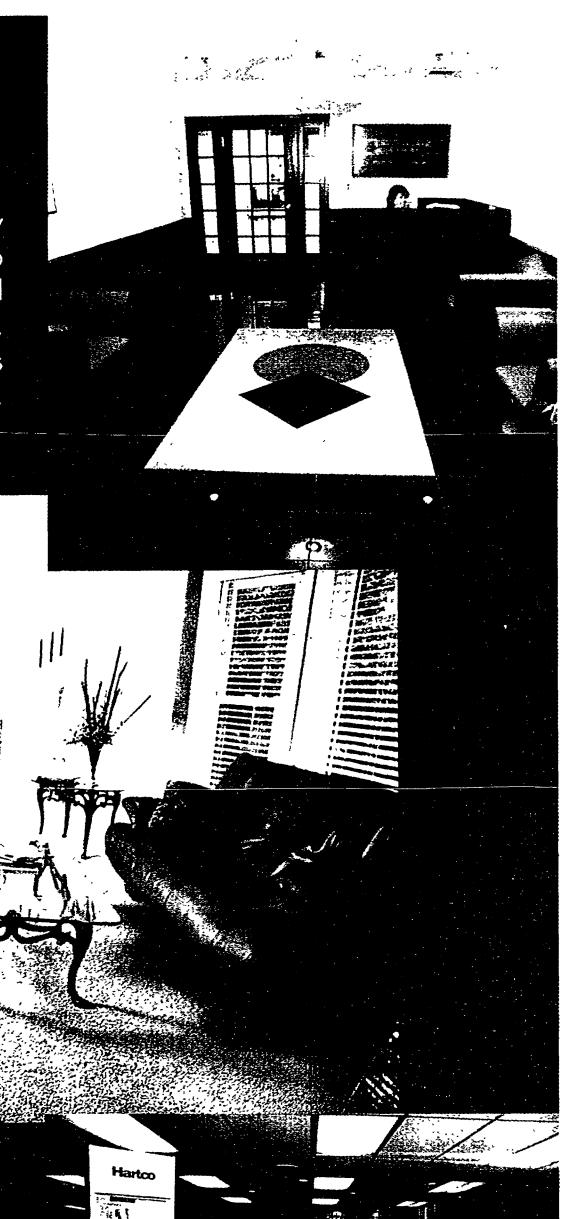






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Two years ago my daughter and her spouse bought a 280-year-old house in New England. They made the decision that except for modern amenities like central heating, indoor plumbing and the kitchen, they would live as the early settlers did. All accoutrements would be early American.

This seemed logical until I found out that in early America they didn't hang their clothes in closets — everything was folded. There weren't a lot of dressers or storage areas, thus big baskets are scattered about to hold extra quilts, magazines, dry dog food.

However, they drew the line at the kitchen. They installed one the Jetsons would be proud to use. This kitchen has a place for everything and she keeps everything in its place. It shows no sign of use.

Nothing sits on the counter. Need the toaster? Lift it out of a cubbyhole. Want the mixer? Open the cabinet and flip it up. Need a spice? Look in the drawer with the slots for the spices — all in matching jars. And remember the cardinal rule: Nothing is ever left on the counter unless it is artistically arranged.

This seems to be the order of today's decorators. Nothing must disturb the space on a table unless it is a special piece of art or delicate vase in keeping with the décor. Rule No. 2: Everything must match.

I decided it was time to take a look at our house and check out our decorating style — if we had one. I started in the living room. My spouse's collection of magazines lay on the floor next to his chair, balanced by my

bags of knitting projects. The furnishings include an Amish rocking chair, a sofa bought because it gave Tom room to stretch out full length, end tables he built on my design because I wanted storage space for yarns and knitting books, and two chairs bought because they felt good. Scattered about were some of his collection of teddy bears, my collection of dragons, and a couple of pieces of statuary that have nothing to do with anything else.

When I checked out the bedroom I found my own unique method of decorating was working just fine. Did you know you can use piles of books to decorate a room?

I stood at the front of the house and realized I needed to start a new decorating movement. (Years ago when my life was especially hectic I started the living cobweb art movement and declared cobwebs an art form in transition.) I was saved by one of my favorite books: the dictionary. Now when anyone asks I say I decided to go "eclectic artistic." I throw in the artistic because it sounds good. As for the eclectic, the dictionary says, "selecting or employing individual elements from a variety of sources systems or styles."

Anyone want to join my movement?

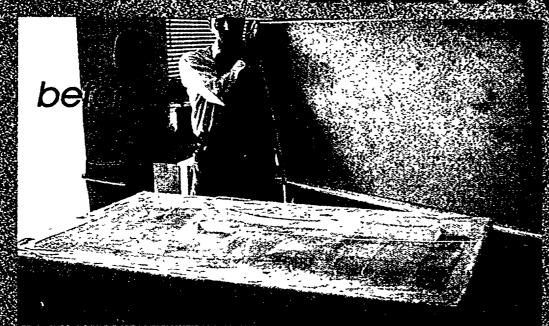
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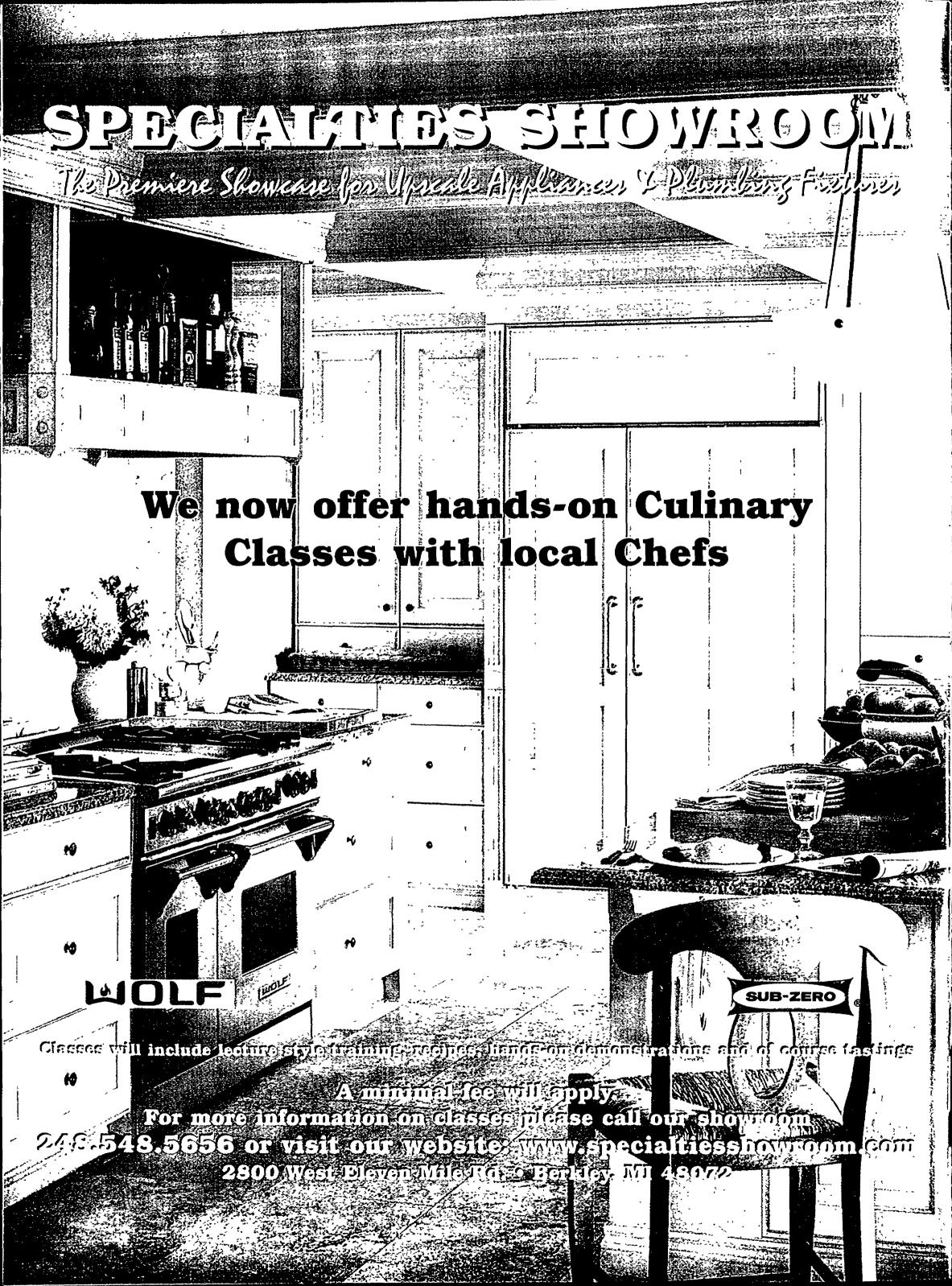
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What can you tell me about country singer Jimmy Wayne?

-Rebecca P., New Mexico Although the bachelor was recently included in Puple magazine's Sexiest Man Alive issue, his childhood was anything but pretty. Wayne, 31, weathered emotional abuse and violence while growing up in Kings Mountain, N.C., (pop. 9,693) and surrounding areas. "Every story I've got is a country song," he says of his life. As young children, he and sister Patricia were shuttled from their mother to relatives and foster homes. By age 12, his mother was in prison and that's when he began writing his first hit in 2003 with Stay Gone.

poems as an outlet for his emotions. At 13, he started writing rap songs, and at 17, he joined a rock band. "Around age 20, I realized I relate to country music the most—those people, those lyrics, that whole scene." After earning an associate's degree in criminal justice, he worked as a guard at the Gaston Correctional Facility for four years. He realized he could no longer deny his dream of pursuing country music, so he quit his job and moved to Nashville, Tenn. He spent three years honing his skills as a songwriter before signing a record deal with DreamWorks. Last year, he released his first CD, Jimmy Wayne, and scored his first hit with Stay Gone. "My responsibility in the past, when I was sleeping outside every night, was just to survive," he says. "My responsibility now is to stay real, stay grounded and just tell the truth."



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l am sending in a request about one of our favorites from the Grand Ole Opry, Pete Kirby, known as Bashful Brother Oswald. He was unbeatable playing dobro.

-Del D., Wisconsin

Bashful Brother Oswald, a beloved member of the Opry, died in 2002 at the age of 91. A native of Sevierville, Tenn. (pop.

11,757), he grew up in a music-loving family and learned to play banjo and guitar early in life. In 1929, he headed to Michigan for a job with Buick, only to see it disappear when the Great Depression



Country singer Jimmy Wayne earned

there, and met a dobro player who played Hawaiian music. Kirby was fascinated by the instrument, and soon added it to his repertoire. He eventually returned to Tennessee, where Roy Acuff hired him to play dobro in his band. When he paired Kirby with banjo player Rachel Veach to do a bit of comedy for the show, Acuff realized that a single woman might not be acceptable to his audience, so he introduced the duo as a family act, "Rachel and her big bashful brother Oswald." He continued to appear on the Opry, even after Roy Acuff died, and finally became a member in 1995.

Bill Cosby often wore a round lapel pin, which seemed to have an SP design on it, on The Cosby Show. What did this pin represent?

The entertainer actually wore the white, round ceramic button with the letters SDJR (for Sammy Davis Jr.) for about one season, while Davis was bat-

him know that he was in his thoughts and prayers. Sadly, Davis died in May 1990. Cosby, 66, whose sitcom enjoyed top ratings and critical acclaim from 1984 to 1992, has a new television venture. The comedian is the executive producer of Nick At Nite's first animated series, based on his own best-selling book, Fatherhood. It stars Blair Underwood as the voice of Dr.

Bindlebeep, a high school teacher, loving husband and father of three. The half-hour series is scheduled to premiere this month.

Bill Cosby is a big fan of the late singer Sammy Davis Jr.

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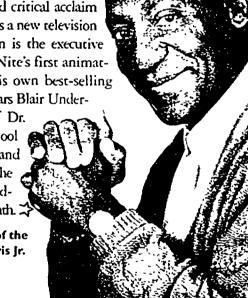
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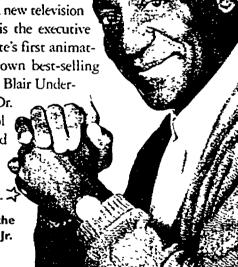
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KANSAS—The state's name has American Indian ties, originating from the Sioux word for "south wind people."

MICHIGAN—Michigan leads the nation in the production of dry edible navy beans, black beans and cranberry beans.

MINNESOTA—Among inventions and products born in this state are masking and scotch tape, the bundt cake pan, Green Giant vegetables, Thinsulate and Cream of Wheat cereal.

MISSOURI—The most southwestern community in the state is, as one might expect, Southwest City (pop. 855).

NEBRASKA—The Big Bend area of the Platte River, which is between Columbus (pop. 20,971) and North Platte (pop. 23,878), is where the western High Plains meet the Sandhills—one of the world's largest grass-stabilized sand dune regions. It has been called the Crossroads of North America, referring to its location as an intersection of the country's major east-west migration, and a north-south route for migrating birds.

NORTH DAKOTA—The state has 18 official points of entry along its border with Canada—more than any other state except Maine, which has 19.

OHIO—The 1938 Ohio State Grange Cookbook included a recipe for wallpaper cleaner containing vinegar, motor oil, ammonia, salt and flour.

SOUTH DAKOTA—The state is home to nine American Indian reservations, populated mainly by members of the Sioux tribes.

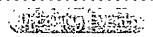
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In the Dusty Cafe, Wylie Gustafson's

autographed CDs and tapes are displayed right below the cheese-burger and chili prices. But his friends in the town of Dusty, Wash., (pop. 12) know the country-western singer best between his road gigs with his band, Wylie and the Wild West. That's when he comes home to tend the 600-acre spread he ranches with his wife, Kimberly, and joins neighbors in friendly roping competitions.

Growing up on a ranch in northwestern Montana, Gustafson learned cowboy songs and yodeling from his dad. Now he honors the Western lifestyle and yodeling's deep roots in traditional country music by writing songs like *The Gather*, drawn from childhood memories of rounding up cattle on the Two Medicine River.

"My father was probably one of my biggest musical influences," says Gustafson, 42. "He always had a guitar and loved to sing songs like *Cattle Call* and yodel."

Yodeling crept into cowboy songs in the '30s and '40s when an Austrian who sang with an Oklahoma Western swing band would let loose with a wild yodela-hee-hee, Gustafson says. It caught on with performers like Gene Autry, Eddy Arnold, and Montana Slim.

Gustafson wrote his first yodeling song in 1989. It was a "crowd stopper," he says, and he now includes several in each act. He recorded his most famous album, *Total Yodel*, in 1998 and yodeled in commercials for Taco Bell, Porsche, Miller Lite and supplied the now famous yodel for Yahoo!. His latest CD, *Glog Trail*, a cowboy gospel album, was released in 2002.



Wylie and his wife, Kimberly, at their Cross Three Ranch in Dusty, Wash.

Gustafson performs 100 dates a year, from cowboy poetry festivals and state fairs to the Grand Ole Opry, where he's appeared numerous times and sung with Merle Haggard. But his real version of paradise is the view from the Cross Three Ranch that his wife's great-grandfather homesteaded in 1905. It's where Gustafson lives out the Western lifestyle he celebrates in song, raising cattle, and training cutting and roping horses.

"The first thing I do when I get home from a trip is head for the pasture, saddle a horse, and start riding," Gustafson says. "It's my way to unwind and switch gears."

Home is also Dusty, an unincorporated town with a grain elevator, farm co-op, gun club, and case that's named after the dust storms that close local roads. It may seem like an unlikely place to launch a singing career, but Gustasson, who once tried the Los Angeles music scene, couldn't imagine living anywhere else. His life is deeply woven in the fabric of this rural community. He and his wife worship at the Country Bible Church two miles down the road with 20 to 40 neighbors. He also helps dig graves in the local cemetery. "It's the men's social," Gustasson says. "It's a time to do a little mourning and catch up on the news."



Wylie Gustafson horses around with Whiskey.

Gustafson and Kim pitch in at spring branding and fall roundups, and Gustafson always breaks out his guitar when ranchers gather around a summer bonfire.

Neighbor Judy Johnson recalls Wylie's and Kim's thoughtfulness. "If we have to be gone, they

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do our chores," Johnson says. "I had surgery one time, and Wylie sent me a cassette tape of him singing to help me get better." She also praises Gustafson's generosity. "He's very community-minded," Johnson adds. "He's gone to local libraries and schools and worked with kids teaching them to yodel. When a few people in the community had cancer, he's done a benefit for them."

Despite a busy singing career, he doesn't envision becoming another Garth Brooks.

"We're a mom-and-pop operation, and that's the way we want to keep it," says Wylie, who notes that Kim hand-packs every CD they send out. "That's why a lot of our fans like us, because we're a treasure that hasn't been discovered yet."

Karen Karwonen is a frequent contributor.



Foreword by Secretary of **Homeland Security** Tom Ridge

Patrolling our borders

Two years ago on Sept. 11,

when terrorists darkened the clear skies over our country, we vowed to do everything possible to protect our nation and preserve our freedoms. Today, we are more secure and better prepared than ever before. Every day, we rise to a new level of readiness-thanks to the citizen and the scientist, the computer programmer and the cop on the beat. In the war against terrorism, each of us is as crucial to victory as our armed forces and the new Homeland Security team.

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watchful guard as more than a million people cross our borders each day. These are ordinary Americans, who share one extraordinary goal: to protect our freedom and our way of life. The threat of terrorism presents America

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Secretary Tom Ridge



Bv land . . .

Winter mornings begin in the deep cold along the U.S.-Canadian border for Larry Jerde, who starts most workdays driving portions of a 100-mile stretch searching for illegal entry.

He scans the snowy expanse for telltale signs of horses or cars appearing where they shouldn't. He

relies on intelligence from electronic sensors scattered throughout the North Dakota backcountry, and most often on tips.

"I think everyone in this country is on their toes more and it's going to be a long time before they relax," says Jerde, a 29-year-veteran of the U.S. Border Patrol.

He is the patrol agent in charge of the 13-agent Pembina, N.D., (pop. 642) office. There are many facets to the job, but one of the most critical is a duty the agents call cutting sign.

We patrol the border and we do a lot of sign cutting, looking for evidence of entry," says Jerde, 50. "Some people think it's just tracking, but signs could be anything that was left behind like tire tracks or hoof prints."

The duty is the same as always but the tenor has changed. "We may be a little more nervous about our jobs because we weren't so worried about terrorists 20 years ago," he says.

People living along the border respect the difference. "Before we were part of the community and they knew what we did, but now they're a little more appreciative of what we do and they want more of us," Jerde says.

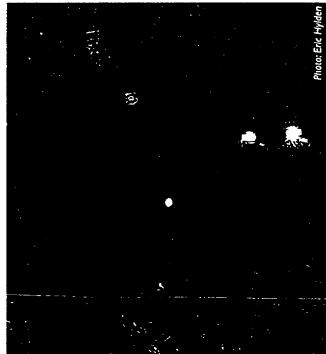
Jerde transferred to the North Dakota post in 2002 after 28 years in Arizona, where agents stopped many more people attempting to cross the Mexican border.

"I was used to 700 a week, but here there are maybe seven a week," Jerde says. "Some are seeking a better life. Some are on the run from deportation from Canada, and we run into a lot of criminals up here."

Agents have identified the beginnings of a new trend, people paying to fly from Mexico to Canada in hope of slipping illegally across the northern border. "We've had one or two of them and they say that it's so much easier than walking across the desert," Jerde says.

Those violations underscore a tough reality. "By the time you figure something to smuggle, the smugglers

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Larry Jerde looks for signs of intrusion in North Dakota.

have already figured out how to smuggle it," he adds.

But anyone trying to cross the border will face men such as Jerde and a growing emphasis on security. "We are going to monitor it more closely," he says.

By air . . .

Louisiana's deep-water port of Lake Charles, home to massive refineries and fuel repositories, provides critical access to the Gulf of Mexico for slow-moving tankers.

For a nation on guard, security for the vital resources is critical, and federal and state agencies depend on a dedicated band of local volunteers for a bird's-eye perspective.

There are about a dozen folks, crew and pilots," says Rock Palermo, a colonel in the Civil Air Patrol. "We're a small group, but dedicated."

And they have a key job, providing inexpensive, professional monitoring of the region's key assets from the air.

The Lake Charles Composite Squadron of the Louisiana Wing often is called upon to fly missions over the 25-mile waterway linking the port to the gulf, videotaping the passage and searching for possible security breaches.

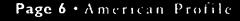


Rock Palermo keeps watch from the sky over Louisiana.

"We're very good at visual observation," Palermo says. "We move slow and can go to low altitude."

The Civil Air Patrol based at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama is a nonprofit corporation with more than 64,000 members and a fleet of 550 single-engine planes. There are 1,700 units scattered across the nation.

"They're one of our best kept secrets," says John Salvador, the Civil Air Patrol's director of operations. "Our



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volunteers are extremely dedicated and in their heart, ever since 9-11 and before, they just want to help out any way they can."

Palermo, 37, is one example. He lives in Sulphur, La., (pop. 20,512) just outside Lake Charles, where he practices personal injury law.

He completed training for his pilot's license in 1994, and his instructor recommended he join the Civil Air Patrol as a way to spend more time in the air. "It was a great fit for me because at that time I was looking for any reason to fly," Palermo says.

With the Civil Air Patrol, Palermo saw an opportunity for a structured flying schedule and the chance to participate in everything from detailed training at U.S. Air Force bases to drug interdiction missions.

He maintains a commercial pilot license to fly multi-engine aircraft, and he and his father each own a plane. The volunteers often use personal aircraft for missions, such as long flights over water not ideal for the single-engine Cessna the local squadron maintains.

The volunteers also help local emergency management officials by providing aerial observations during industrial fires or after damaging storms.

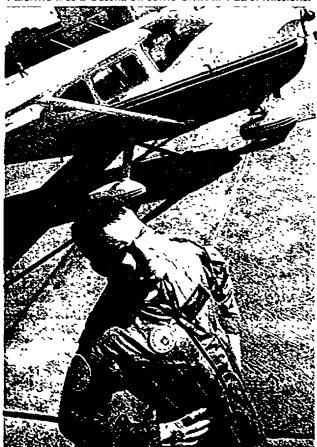
Not only are the pilots well trained, their services are considered a value, costing about \$100 an hour for expenses. "An agency may spend 10 times that to get a similar product," Palermo says. "We're volunteer so we don't mind operating on weekends. We don't mind overtime, so to speak, and we don't get paid."

And by sea

Petty Officer John Cunningham trains intensely with his latest U.S. Coast Guard partner, considered a key resource in ferreting out explosives hidden on ships bound for domestic ports.

They learn to identify dangerous materials, they board ships, and Cunningham makes sure his partner stays clear of table scraps.

Palermo flies a Cessna on some Civil Air Patrol missions.



He works with Bruno, a 2-year-old purebred Labrador retriever, and they are involved in new standardized Coast Guard training for bomb-sniffing dogs. It's a partnership that will last until Bruno retires in about six to eight years.

"My mother was a dog trainer years ago," says Cunnigham, 27. "I never thought I'd have the opportunity to participate in it, but I put in for this duty and it was the luck of the draw."

Before the attack on the World Trade Center, Cunningham, a six-year Coast Guard veteran, participated in several ship boardings as part of operations to counter drug trafficking. After the tragedy in New York, though, the emphasis on boarding inbound ships for security reasons increased.

Offering a focused training program for explosivesniffing dogs is another method of securing the nation's waterways.



Aboard a naval training ship in Newport News, Va.

The Coast Guard regularly used dog teams in the 1940s and they returned during the past six years, says Cunningham, among the first dog handlers to go through the new training regimen. "The first goal is to get the training standardized because they want to get everyone on an equal playing field," he says.

Cunningham and another handler trained at the North West Annex Naval Base in Chesapeake, Va., as well as with local law enforcement officers and at the Norfolk (Va.) International Airport.

He took Bruno onto many ships, allowing the dog to grow accustomed to working on the ocean. "They get used to the deck and they go up the ladders, which are usually very steep," he says. "We don't have problems with sea sickness, so that's not an issue."

The dogs also learned to identify potential trouble. "We used real explosives as training aids," he recalls. "We can work it down to a very small amount, really any given amount for them to identify."

The partnership between Cunningham and Bruno extends beyond work. "He comes home with me and he has a kennel at the house," Cunningham says. "He's still a working dog. There's no table scraps or things of that nature because I don't need a lazy or overweight dog."

After all, Bruno is more than an average dog, and for the Coast Guard, the pairing is invaluable. "We're just another tool of the team," Cunningham says.

Noble Sprayberry is a freelance writer in Richardson, Texas.

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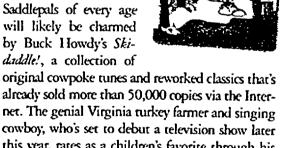
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already sold more than 50,000 copies via the Internet. The genial Virginia turkey farmer and singing cowboy, who's set to debut a television show later this year, rates as a children's favorite through his Buck Hourdy's Cour Pie Radio, an XM Satellite theatre that's been likened to "Gene Autry meets A Prairie Home Companion meets Raffi."

Born in Grants Pass, Ore. (pop. 23,003). Howdy knows the difference between sagebrush and sarsaparilla, even as Buckaron trades on shopworn Western homilies ("don't go dancing wearing spur . . . never, ever eat a cow pie") that children may still find amusing. If The Unicorn has an upsetting explanation for why the magical creatures make the endangered species list, other ditties such as the title song ("if there's a mouse in your outhouse, skidaddle!") will probably provoke giggles. By the time Howdy gets to One Day Soon, set to the tune of Let Us Break Bread Together, you'll feel as if you're sitting around the campfire, basking in the glow of a big ol' Montana moon. 🖈

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Medora River Run—Watford City, Jan. 17-18. Join this roundtrip, 120-mile snowmobile fun ride from Watford City to Medora, plus enjoy community meals. Ride departs from the Long X Bridge. (701) 842-6512.

OHIO

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SOUTH DAKOTA

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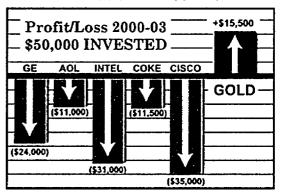
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Wisconsin's Northwoods has more than 1,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails

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few places have the history and enthusiasm of Wisconsin's Northwoods. People have been traveling through the snow-covered woodlands and over the frozen lakes of Vilas County for nearly 80 years aboard motorized sleds.

In 1924, Carl Eliason began work on a "motor toboggan" during his spare time from his general store in Sayner, seven miles north of St. Germain (pop. 1,932). Though he liked to hunt, fish and trap, a crippled foot kept him from keeping up with his pals on treks through the snow. When Eliason was granted a patent for the prototype of the modern snowmobile in 1927, he was able, as long as there was snow on the ground, to get to his destination an hour ahead of his comrades.

Though the initial Eliason Motor Toboggan products had front-end engines, the final rear-engine K series models of the 1950s directly influenced Polaris, Arctic Cat, and all the other rear-engine snowmobile designs that came along in the early 1960s.

Five original Eliason Motor Toboggans are on permanent display at small Eliason Co. store on Main Street in Sayner. John Eliason Jr. and

Jona Eliason Harman, two of Carl's grandchildren, own the store.

"Snowmobiling has always been a big part of my life," says John Jr., company president. Both John Jr. and his sister, Jona, are active members of the St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club. Founded in 1969, the organization is the largest snowmobile club in Wisconsin with more than 600 family memberships.

"Bo-Boen is Ojibwa (Chippewa) for 'winter fun', which is exactly what area residents and club members work so hard to promote," says Gary Frank, a past Bo-Boen president.



Groomer Shirley Bulles.

Club members use specially designed snow grooming equipment, including Arrowhead Drags manufactured in St. Germain, to maintain more than 150 miles of local snowmobile trails, which link with more than 1,000 miles of trails in neighboring counties and into Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The Bo-Boens have an annual operating budget of almost \$100,000 and a capital investment of \$300,000, funding generated by snowmobilers through gas taxes, memberships, fund-raisers, and donations.

The Grooming Grandma of St. Germain, Shirley Bulles, and her husband Dan, a member of the Bo-Boen board of directors, volunteer to help groom trails throughout the season, sharing the responsibility with 16 other Bo-Boen driver/groomers.

Groomers go out six days a week. "Usually they'll be maybe four people to a route and they'll alternate, so you don't go out every night," says Dan, who moved to St. Germain 10 years ago when he retired.

Snowmobile activities in St. Germain include free snowmobile safety classes in late December, snowmobile trail rides, fundraisers, and a day for clearing brush from the trails. It's no surprise that the World Championship Snowmobile Derby Track is in nearby Eagle River, and the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame and Museum is being expanded along Highway 70 west of St. Germain. The museum, now in temporary quarters on the same site, displays historic race sleds, trophies, racing videos, photos, and championship sleds, including oval, enduro, hill-climb, cross-country, and drag sleds, raced by championship drivers.

Of the 56 inductees honored in the hall of fame, 40 are racers. The rest are industry pioneers, designers, manufacturers or promoters.

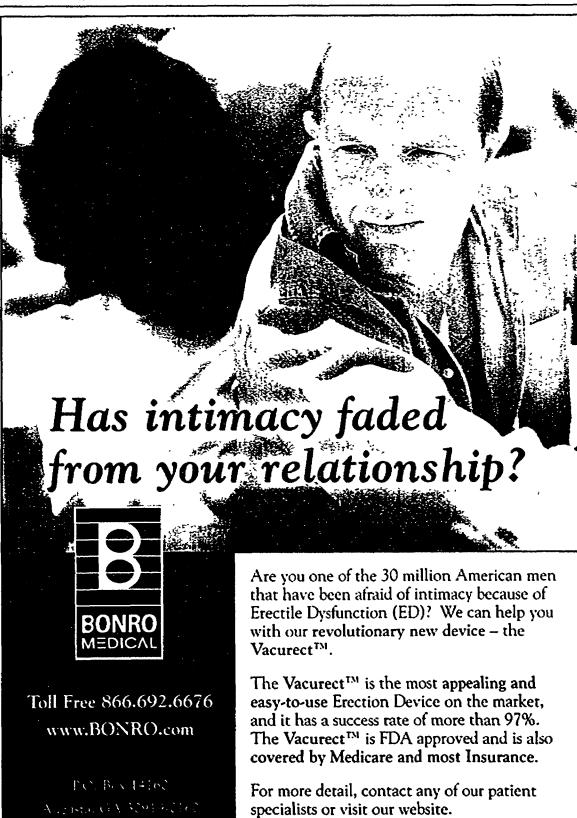
"We were incorporated as a non-profit in 1986, opened our museum in 1987-88 winter, and inducted our first class in 1988, which includ-

ed 10 honorees," explains Loren Anderson, president of the Snowmobile Hall of Fame and Museum.

Anderson, Mike Trapp, a Woodruff, Wis., native and two-time world champion snowmobile racer, and C.J. Ramstad, a Minneapolis-based early photographer and publisher in the sport, came up with the idea for the museum and hall of fame in 1983. Local residents pitched in to help organize fundraisers, including an annual celebrity Ride With The Champs.

Wisconsin's Northwoods, known for its quality trails and hospitality, was named the best overall place in North America for families to snowmobile by readers of Snow Geer magazine. With a yearly average of 60 inches of snow that comes early and stays late, Vilas County is a prime destination for snowy fun.

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