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# Schools on feds' hot seat

District not worried; students test high in core subjects

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Last week's release of the first Michigan School Report Card has Northville administrators focusing on the sizzle and not on the stick.

The district is one of 896 Michigan schools not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress as defined by federal legislators under the No Child Left Behind Act instituted by President George W. Bush two years ago.

For more information on the school district's report card, see page 2A.

District administrators weren't fazed.

"We're not worried about this," said superintendent Leonard Rezmierski. "Let me underscore that because when you look at our content scores, how well did our graduating class do in math, science, reading and writing, we are

in the top echelons, so that is what is important. That is the sizzle, if you will. There is enough to be nervous about. We do not have to be nervous about this."

The reason Northville failed to meet federal Adequate Yearly Progress is the same as nearly 300 other schools in the state — 95 percent of the district's high school students did not take the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test, other-

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## Northville High School Michigan Report Card

### COMPONENT

Student Achievement	
Achievement Status	A
Achievement Change	N/A
Indicators of School Performance	A
Preliminary Grade	N/A
AYP* Status	Did not meet AYP
COMPOSITE GRADE	N/A

\*Adequate Yearly Progress

SOURCE: Michigan Department of Education

## Conga line!



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Attached to Grace Jankowski, 3, in a dance line, Katie Pezzetti, also 3, takes a look at herself in the mirror of Center Stage Dance Co. during a rhythm dance class for youngsters taught by Becky Hicks. The class, administered by Northville Parks and Recreation, teaches basic tap dance and ballet.

# Church hearing gets intense

Residents air concerns or support; third forum needed, date unknown

By Maureen Johnston  
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of people showed up, a half dozen attorneys opined, 50 letters were referenced, 36 residents testified, and Northville's planning commissioners Tuesday night again

delayed a decision on the proposed Our Lady of Victory school.

They will hear more. The commission repeatedly has stated its intent to provide a forum for all who wish to speak on the plan to address school overcrowding by constructing a

new one in the city. Planning commission chairman Jay Wendt did limit the number of speakers for next meeting by asking only those left standing Tuesday to sign a sheet.

Speakers ranged from a grandfather living a block away from the proposed school, who said 36

years of looking at orange pylons and dodging kids is enough, to an eighth grader expressing gratitude for the education he received attending Catholic school in the city. Ardent opponents and some supporters

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# Resident drives over men, sends truck down sled hill

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

A Northville man was formally accused of a triple felony last week from what police are calling a negligent drive down a popular sledding hill.

Michael D'Angelo, 21, was arraigned Jan. 29 in 35th District Court and charged with two counts of operating while intoxicated causing serious injury, two counts of failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in serious impairment and two

counts of felonious assault. If convicted and sentenced with the maximum penalty for each charge, D'Angelo faces a combined 14 years imprisonment and up to \$12,000 in fines.

D'Angelo is accused of backing his Dodge Durango into



Michael D'Angelo

two Westland men and running them over while on the sledding hill at Seven Mile and Sheldon roads.

He is also accused of leaving the scene after the alleged assault and being drunk at the time.

According to a statement by D'Angelo, he is not responsible for witnesses' accounts of what happened at about 1:30 a.m. Jan. 5.

Witnesses told Northville Township police D'Angelo was

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# Water rates go up, bills await

By Maureen Johnston  
STAFF WRITER

After Northville Township residents slit the seals on their water bill envelopes this week they are going to dip their hands into their pockets a little deeper.

The pages will reflect water and sewer rate increases effective with Jan. 12-23 meter readings by the township water staff.

For the average house, that means annual bills will increase by \$69, or \$12 each bill, based on the township's every-two-months billing cycle, according to Donald Weaver, township director of public works.

"Last year, we tried to absorb [water rate increases] as much as possible."

Gary Word  
city manager  
city of Northville

Official notice from the clerk's office contrasts the new water rate per 1,000 gallons at \$3.36, up from \$3.06; the new sewer rate at \$3.15, up from \$2.89. An average house uses 124 units of water (124,000) per year, Weaver said. The increase for the water/sewer rate is \$6.51 per 1,000 gallons from \$5.95 per 1,000 gallons, Weaver said, or a 9.5 percent increase overall.

The township board of trustees in a 6-1 vote Dec. 18 increased the rates based on the annual water and sewer financial forecast prepared by Weaver and assistant township manager Thelma Kubitsky. They reviewed projected future revenues, expenditures, debt, and infrastructure improvements to make their recommendation. The same night the board agreed to increase water connection fees from \$2,800 to \$3,000, and sewer connection fees from \$8,500 to \$9,500.

Residents opening their bills this month will not feel a big impact, said township clerk Sue Hillebrand, who cast the lone vote against the rate increase. But when the June 11 bills arrive on 10,000 doorsteps, the township switchboard will light up, she said.

People sprinkling their lawns and using water outside in April and May will see their increased use reflected on their bills, she said. Owners of new homes in particular, using lots of water to nurture their new landscaping,

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# District takes state report card in stride

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wise known as MEAP.

As with many of the other nearly 30 percent of schools not meeting AYP because of the 95 percent requirement, Northville students are outscoring the state average high-school MEAP results.

A factor school administrators feel parents and others looking at the report card may not understand.

Northville high school students scored in the 90s in both math and science, nearly 30 percent higher than the state average which is in the 60s.

The high school's English language arts MEAP scores are nearly 30 percent higher than the state average and the social studies program is about 10 percent higher than the state average.

Administrators now face the question of forcing high school students to take the MEAP just to satisfy federal guidelines.

This evening, members of the Novi School Board will vote on making the MEAP a mandatory requirement for its district high school students. If approved, the new rule will go into effect this year and if Novi's high-school students don't take the MEAP, they don't graduate.



Leonard Rezmierski

## What's the significance of the Michigan School Report Card?

• The Michigan School Report Card was designed to provide parents, teachers, school administrators and the general public with a comprehensive view of school performance and student achievement.

• The Report Card incorporates federal achievement requirements contained in the No Child Left Behind Act with Education Yes! Michigan's accreditation and is part of the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education's initiative to support continuous improvement in academic achievement for all students.

• Report Card data is based on final 2002-2003 MEAP results from Oct. 2003 and MEAP research that school districts used for their appeals.

• Every school in each district receives an individual report card.

• Categories on the state card include student achievement status, student achievement change, indicators of school performance, preliminary grade, AYP status and composite grade.

Novi assistant superintendent for academic services Nancy Davis said the motion is absolutely in direct response to Novi High School being included in the group of nearly 300 schools failing to meet federal adequate yearly progress because of the

MEAP percentage requirement. "We have hovered around the 80 percent level of students taking the MEAP test at the high school pretty consistently over the last several years and we need to do better," Davis said.

Novi school administrators are

• Achievement status measures how well a school is educating its students by using a three-year average of MEAP scores in English Language Arts and mathematics at the elementary level and English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies at the middle school and high school levels.

• Achievement change measures whether student achievement is improving or declining using up to five years of comparable MEAP data to determine if student achievement in a school is improving at a rate quickly enough to reach 100 percent efficiency by school year 2013-2014, as required by the No Child Left Behind Act introduced by President George W. Bush and enacted on Jan. 8, 2000.

• The five years of MEAP data used to measure the change, compares different student groups each year. It does not follow the same student group over a period of time.

• Public scrutiny of the change states by performing well over a five-year period, districts who stay the same or go down by less than 1 percent may receive a grade as low as F. For example, a district could operate at 87

percent proficiency one year and then 86.5 percent the next year and receive a F. High-performing schools may also be penalized with a lower grade if they don't improve from year to year.

• Each building in Michigan's school district also either meets or does not meet Adequate Yearly Progress as defined by No Child Left Behind federal legislation.

• Multiple factors determining if a school is passing the grade as standards set by the federal government. Northville High School did not meet AYP.

• A document went out to Northville parents showing and explaining the report card for their children's schools.

• Northville's schools scored primarily all A grades, with the exception being a few lower grades in the achievement change category.

• For an interactive guide to each school's results, visit [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde) or call the Northville Superintendents office at (248) 344-8440.

the SAT and ACT and frankly do quite well," he said. "It seems the comments back to us are there is more interest in doing well on the ACT and SAT because most — if not all universities — accept that data for entry not the MEAP."

Another concern to Northville decision makers is the timing of MEAP scores being released. Currently, those scores don't come back for a year, voiding any significance for high school seniors.

"I hope between now and June we have ample opportunity to once again express our concerns about the limitations that this arbitrary established 95 percent level comes from and even in our district where we have evidenced a growth," Rezmierski said.

The number of Northville high school seniors taking the MEAP increased from 84 to 86 percent.

"I think that we're going to spend the better part of this semester going over this stuff because I'm told our next report card is going to come out next fall," Rezmierski said.

If schools do not meet AYP for five years, they face being taken over by the federal government.

Meeting federal guidelines is one aspect of performance reflected on the nouveau annual Michigan School Report Card.

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## Schools announce winners of annual 'Reflections' competition

Northville High School students' creative sides were celebrated with the announcement of the 2003-04 Reflections winners.

Every year the National Parent Teacher Association sponsors the Reflections con-

test, highlighting how a given topic makes students feel via a selected medium.

This year's topic was "I Am Really Happy When..." and students entered their original works in the categories of visual arts, photography, literature and

music composition.

The following Northville high school students placed first through fourth respectively in each category:

• Visual Arts: Katie Stewart, Michael Stambouljan, Heather Stanekki and Layne Scherer

• Photography: Laura Prendergast, Amanda Getschman, Lauren Montgomery and Weston Laabs

• Literature: Terese Myers, Michael Petlicke and Elizabeth Hoffman (two entries)

• Music Composition: James Naigus (three entries) and Vanessa Sheu

Winning entries will be submitted in the Reflections state competition.

Local residents donating their time as judges included Sandy Banks, Creative Cottage owner

and teacher; Kathleen Ripley Leo, local poet; Bryan Mitchell, former Northville Record photographer and Schoolcraft Community College photography instructor; and Barton Polot, Schoolcraft Community College music instructor.

### ON CAMPUS

Northville resident Rebecca Frimenko was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pa.) for the autumn

2003 semester.

Northville residents Roger Kempa, Jason Hogan, Kristen

Pickford and Hillary Mlynarczyk were named to the dean's list at the University of Michigan-Dearborn for the fall 2003 term.

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# Lincoln's life replayed for Winchester

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

The first and second grade students at Winchester Elementary School urged President Abraham Lincoln against attending the play "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater later that afternoon.

"You're going to die tonight!" the young crowd shouted.

The fervor was high because although it was Jan. 30, 2003, the students believed it was April 14, 1865 thanks to an assembly titled "The Living Abe Lincoln" presented by Mobile Ed Productions.

During the event, historical actor Fred Priebe told tales of the country's 16th president from birth to one day before his death without ever stepping out of character.

"It will be a memorial evening. I'm sure," Priebe told the audience before departing for the train station enroute to the theater.

But before his exit, Priebe told the students about the life of president Lincoln in wartimes and goodtimes, from his birth on Feb. 12, 1809 in Hardin County, Ky. to his second home in Little Pigeon Creek, Ind.

"When I was born we only had 17 states and none were west of the Mississippi River," Priebe said. "Now we have 36 states, going as far west as California, and I reckon in the future we will have as many as 50."

The move to Indiana was prompted by Lincoln's father who was against slavery, eventually instilling the same values in his son.

Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 23, 1863.

Priebe said it was Senator Jacob Howard of Michigan who wrote the famous document.

"I liked the whole thing and Abraham Lincoln was my favorite president," said first-grade student, Maria Cholak. "And my favorite part was, I liked to listen to him."

First grade student Sean Wright liked it when Priebe told the story about when he tracked mud on the

ceiling while growing up in Little Pigeon Creek.

"I liked to play practical jokes," Priebe told the students.

He revealed about the time his step-mother, Sarah Bush Johnston, told him he better not track mud on the freshly washed floor.

So what did Lincoln do, but grab his little step-brother, who of course had muddy feet, turn him upside down and tracked muddy footprints all over the ceiling.

Priebe explained Lincoln told his step-mother, "You didn't say I couldn't get footprints on the ceiling."

"You must promise to not do it at home or your mom will get terrible mad at you," Priebe warned the children.

At the age of 22, Lincoln moved out on his own and after working a myriad of jobs and serving in the Black Hawk War, he settled into law and married Mary Todd.

Priebe told the students they made quite the couple, he at 6 feet, 4 inches and she at 5 feet, 2 inches tall.

The couple had four children, three who died at a young age.

Lincoln was sworn in as President of the United States in 1861.

The presentation ties in with the Feb. 16 celebration of President's Day and the students' studies of Abraham Lincoln.

The program was made possible through the Winchester PTA Jr. Enrichment Series and funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Michigan Humanities Council.

The Living Abe Lincoln program visited Thornton Creek Elementary School earlier the same day also presented by Mobile Ed Productions, Inc. and made possible through the Thornton Creek PTA Jr. Enrichment Series.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Fred Priebe, as Abraham Lincoln, talks to an assembly of Winchester Elementary School students last week about his life growing up in Tennessee, Indiana and Illinois, and eventual attaining of the presidency of the United States.

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# Reawakened store caters to artists

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

The name Sherri Mewha selected for her new art supply store in downtown Northville, *Awakening...The Artist Inside*, is actually quite personal.

For this new venture is actually a personal awakening for the Northville resident.

"It's my passion. It's very personal," she said.

A member of the corporate culture for more than 20 years, she recently decided to quit her high-profile, high-pressure job to open the store after reading the book, *"The Purpose-Driven Life."*

*Awakening*, located at 111 N. Center Street, will have a grand opening from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, with special activities planned from 1 to 5 p.m.

A clown and art projects will be available for children. For adults, artist Jim Riopelle will produce an original painting that will be given away during a drawing at the event.

Mewha, a native of Texas, was a senior vice president and general manager for Equifax, an information database company based in Atlanta before she decided to shift gears.

"I have two grandchildren in the area and was ready to do something that would add some value to our family," she said.

"I quit my job and started taking

oil painting classes in Canton. But I couldn't find art supplies. I started doing research and then talked to [Northville Chamber of Commerce director] Laurie Marrs," Mewha said.

Mewha will have a heavy emphasis on art classes and has already hired several artists in the area.

"I plan to have five core teachers," she said.

"We're collectors, and although I don't consider myself an accomplished artist, I've always loved art. I'm a professional doodler. I've even had people ask me for my doodles," she said.

She started as an art education major then switched to marketing and has about half of the required hours for a master's in business administration.

Her new store will have special sections for children and adults and include art books, instructional books, coffee table books and an intense inventory of art supplies.

She also plans to have special offerings for would-be artists interested in creating something on their own.

"We want this to be a warm and inviting place for artists of all ages and levels," she said.

The store will focus on the sale of two-dimensional art supplies, such as oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, fine pens and papers, rather than those for sculpture or



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

With help from Sandy Bolton, left, and Robyn Mewha new Northville business owner Sherri Mewha, right, will be opening her art store *Awakening* at 111 N. Center Street this weekend.

wood carving.

The space was formerly occupied by Center Street Design. Owner Donna Cullinan relocated the interior decorating shop to 143 Cady Center, No. 332, in December.

"The former owner got out of the retail side of the business and she's happy about it," Mewha said. "She's going to focus on private consulting."

Meanwhile, Mewha has removed the interior walls in the

store to give it a more open, airy feel.

"My dream is to bring an art gallery to Northville. This is phase one," she said.

For more information, call

*Awakening* at (248) 347-0807.

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## Vino and fido: wine-tasting party to benefit dog park

By Maureen Johnston  
STAFF WRITER

People acquainted through their pets at the Cady Street off-leash park planned a first-of-its-type fundraiser to support their common interest by combining "Wines and Canines."

The Northville Dog Park silent auction and wine-tasting event is 6:30 to 9 p.m. next Thursday, Feb. 12, at Genitti's Hole-in-the Wall, 108 E. Main Street. Tickets are available through the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Rd., (248) 349-0203. The cost is \$22.50 per person or

\$45 per couple.

"It's going to be a really neat event," said Tom Swigart, an area regular dog park user and city council member. "A lot of fun."

Vendor representatives will serve up their beverages with geographic origins from which the pets hail, Swigart explained. Their selections will include consideration that some dog breeds come from countries more known for their beer than



Tom Swigart

wine, he added.

During the wine-tasting, the Genitti's staff will serve hors d'oeuvres. Items to be offered at auction will be available for viewing at 6 p.m. Local merchants and professional donated a range of items and services; proceeds from the event will benefit the Northville Dog Park.

"It's a variety of stuff, dog and non-dog," Swigart said. He directed people interested in bidding on items to the web site [www.48167.com](http://www.48167.com) created by fellow pet fan Fred Shadko.

Categories of items include dining, jewelry, doggy, fun-fun-fun; household, and services. The approximate 30 items listed as

examples include:

- ride for four on a Northville fire truck
- Red Wing Manny Legace's autographed jersey
- canine wellness package donated by Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic
- banana splits for a year donated by Rebecca's Family Restaurant
- home air duct cleaning donated by Irish Mist Air Duct Cleaning

• statuary donated by Garden Views

• marble and gold candelabras donated by Center Street Design

There still are tickets available in the area Genitti's is hosting the event, Swigart said Monday. "We would like to see the full [capacity] 200 show up."

A sixth-month check-up on the temporary dog park, which community leaders in June created as part of the shared-services recreation department, found 226

families signed up to use the facility.

The fenced-in area provides a place for pets to safely run off-leash. Data shows that dog-park user fees and donations have far exceeded the maintenance expenses for the park.

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# Truck slides down sledding hill, hurts 2

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in a fight with two unknown men when he and a friend entered the Durango with the passenger side door open.

Police believe the two Westland men were standing along the passenger side of the open truck door when D'Angelo put the vehicle in reverse.

As the sport utility backed up, the two men were dragged several feet until they fell off the door and were run over. Police said he then left the scene.

Witnesses told township officers D'Angelo was running his truck up and down the hill before getting in the fight with the two men.

D'Angelo's account stated he was in a snowball fight with his friend when an unknown man confronted him, saying one of the snowballs hit his girlfriend's face.

The Northville man told police a fight broke out and he was knocked to the ground and kicked in the face.

According to the statement, once D'Angelo was able to get up, he ran into his vehicle parked on top of the sledding hill, put it in reverse and backed down the hill.

D'Angelo told police he thought someone hit his sport utility vehi-

**"We've never had a case like this before. I didn't know vehicles could run that sledding hill."**

**Lt. Ray Garbarino**  
Northville Township police

cle with a large branch.

Results of a chemical blood test taken at about 2:40 a.m. the day of the incident revealed a blood alcohol content of 0.17.

Under Michigan law, drivers can be convicted of drunk driving for having blood alcohol levels of 0.08 or greater.

Both victims, in their 20s, were treated and released from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital near Ann Arbor.

The Westland men initially went to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, but were transferred because of the seriousness of their injuries.

Employees of St. Mary Mercy Hospital called Northville police after the men arrived, letting the department know two men with injuries were inside saying they were in an accident in the area of Northville Downs.

"We've never had a case like this before," said Lt. Raymond Garbarino of the Northville Township Police Department. "I didn't know vehicles could run that sledding hill."

Garbarino said witnesses on the hill recalled after the Durango ran over the two men, they were basically "spit out" from the rear tires when the wheels spun as a result of the snow.

The Lt. credits the amount of snow with cushioning the two victims from further severe injuries.

D'Angelo has one prior alcohol conviction for operating a vehicle while impaired in July and a restricted license.

The suspect will be back in court for a preliminary exam on Feb. 13.

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## POLICE REPORTS

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE

**TIME TO FOLD:** A 30-year-old Westland man driving through Northville during the wee hours of Sunday ended up behind bars for driving while intoxicated.

A Northville police officer spotted a Ford pickup traveling in excess of the posted 40 mph limit at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, according to police reports. After the eastbound driver pulled over on Eight Mile Road, just east of Novi Road, the officer detected a strong odor of intoxicants from inside the vehicle, the report says.

The man responded to police questioning that he had been playing poker in South Lyon where he consumed two beers, the report said. After requesting the driver perform dexterity tasks in his truck, the officer asked him to step out for sobriety tests, the report says.

A subsequent breath test revealed a 0.13 blood alcohol content, the report says. The officer secured the pickup truck, transported the suspect to the station until sobering and posting bond. He was given a court date of Feb. 12.

**A LITTLE TOO MUCH:** A 0.23 blood alcohol level was more convincing than pleas, tears and confusion when a 25-year-old Livonia woman tried to drive through town at 3:45 a.m. Saturday.

A Northville police officer patrolling Eight Mile Road directed to the roadside a Ford Escort after pacing it at more than 50 mph in an area posted 40 mph. The report says that as the woman reached for her registration, she told her male passenger she knew she was in trouble, using profanity as a result.

The officer, who reported the odor of intoxicants, asked the driver a series of questions, to which the driver responded that she had "a little" to drink earlier in the evening and that she had been in Plymouth. After exiting her vehi-

cle to perform sobriety tasks, the report says, she changed her answers in a second round of questioning to "a couple" and "a friend in Northville."

Asked to count backward from 68 to 38, the report says, the woman started, then stopped at 59. "She began to cry, asking me to please not do this to her, that she was only at a friend's house to help with the wedding and she was really stupid in math," the report says.

During the heel-to-toe walk, she said, "OK, ready," several times before actually beginning, the report says. At one point, she stopped and cursed loudly.

When the officer asked her what to do with her car, the driver "looked at me confusingly," the report says. When asked who was in the car, she answered, "me," the report says. Assisting officers ended up driving home her male passenger, the report says.

Back at the station, "she said a series of numbers not even close to being a legitimate Social Security number," the report says. As to her birthplace or whether she had tattoos, the woman responded "December" to both questions, the report says.

### NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

**LAST STRAW:** A Northville woman called the township police last month, reporting her ex-boyfriend was threatening to steal her two dogs. The 24-year-old female reported the threat around 4:30 p.m. Jan. 18. She told police she ended the relationship with her boyfriend about four months ago and for the last two months he had been harassing her by phone and in person.

The last straw for the woman was when he threatened to steal her pets. Officers advised the woman of her rights and called the ex-boyfriend and told him he was no longer welcome on her property. According to the report, the man seemed cooperative.

**FAMILIAR FACE:** A familiar face to Meijer Loss Prevention detectives, struck again and this time pulling a knife. The Northville Township Police Department received a call at about 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17 from Meijer security detectives reporting an armed robber. Meijer detectives told police they first noticed the 27-year-old Livonia male in the store's automotive section and recognized him from previous thefts.

According to the report, the man placed some more expensive lights into an emptied \$10 stereo kit package and proceeded to the checkout. He paid \$10 for the merchandise and was approached by security in the parking lot. The detectives told police while outside, he began pulling out a folding, lock-blade knife from his pocket. He told Meijer detectives, "you haven't shown me a badge, you aren't a cop, I'm not listening to you" and put the knife away. The man ran, jumped in his vehicle and drove away from the scene.

Livonia Police went to the man's residence and found the knife and the Meijer receipt before bringing him to the Northville Township Police Department.

### DOUBLE TROUBLE:

Northville Township detectives are currently investigating two larcenies at Sunrise Assisted Living on Haggerty Road. On Jan. 17 at about 10:30 a.m. the department received a call that an elderly resident had some of her belongings stolen. The daughter of the 83-year-old woman said two platinum credit cards, a book of checks, a prescription bottle of Vicodin and \$100 were missing. The daughter told police she also noticed unauthorized withdrawals from her mother's account. While police were taking the report, another elderly woman approached the officers, saying she too had been robbed in October. The 88-year-old woman said her IBM Thinkpad laptop, checkbook and \$10 in cash were stolen.











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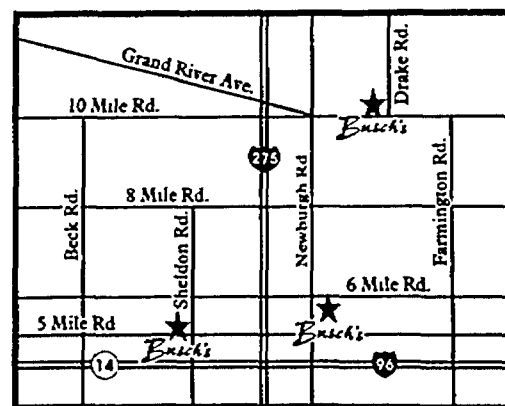
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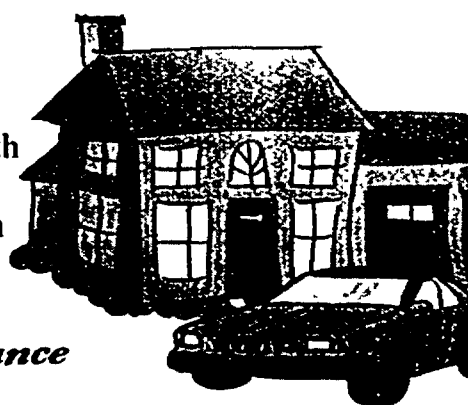
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### • THIS WEEK •

**American Red Cross blood drive**  
**DATE:** Feb. 5  
**LOCATION:** Schoolcraft College / VisTaTech Center  
**TIME:** 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Donors may make appointments, but walk-ins are also welcome.  
**PHONE:** (734) 462-4422

**Vibrant Living health seminar — blood screening**  
**DATE:** Feb. 8  
**LOCATION:** Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School / Church (15585 Haggerty Road)  
**TIME:** 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** The tests are \$25. Participants should fast for 24 hours before testing. Results will be announced Feb. 8 (see below)  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-5683

**Northville Genealogical Society meeting**  
**DATE:** Feb. 8  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Dick Doherty will be speaking on Irish genealogy. The free event is open to the public.  
**PHONE:** (734) 595-7806

**Northville Arts Commission Winter Concert Series — Sheila Landis Jazz Trio**  
**DATE:** Feb. 8  
**LOCATION:** Genitti's Little Theater (108 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 7 p.m. (5 p.m. pre-show dinner)  
**DETAILS:** Call for info  
**PHONE:** (248) 449-9950

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 (248) 349-9832

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

**Gardeners of Northville and Novi meeting**  
**DATE:** Feb. 9  
**LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center (45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi)  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The event will focus on pruning basics.  
**PHONE / WEBSITE:** (248) 348-2426 / [www.gardener-sofnorthville-novi.org](http://www.gardener-sofnorthville-novi.org)

**New Hope Center for Grief Support workshop**  
**DATE:** Feb. 9  
**LOCATION:** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road)  
**TIME:** 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The free workshop is open to the public and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center. Attendees will be placed in

groups with others who have experienced similar losses.  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-0115

**American Association of University Women lecture**  
**DATE:** Feb. 10  
**LOCATION:** Hillside Middle School (775 N. Center Street)  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Royce Kinnibrew of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History will be discussing the role of the Underground Railroad in Wayne County. The discussion is open to the public.  
**PHONE:** (248) 449-7602

**Northville Chamber of Commerce Taste of Northville Business Showcase seminar**  
**DATE:** Feb. 11  
**LOCATION:** Northville City Hall (215 W. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** The fee seminar will discuss the planning, preparation and followup to participation at the business showcase, slated for March 16 at Northville High School. Reservations for the seminar must be received by Feb. 6.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-7640

**Northville Arts Commission art historian lecture series — Giotto: 14th Century Painting**  
**DATE:** Feb. 11  
**LOCATION:** Northville City Hall (215 W. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Tickets for lectures are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. They can be purchased at

the door or in advance at the Northville Parks and Recreation office at Hillside Middle School.  
**PHONE:** (248) 449-9950

### • COMING UP •

**Wine tasting party to benefit Northville Dog Park**  
**DATE:** Feb. 12  
**LOCATION:** Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall (108 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Admission is \$22.50 per person or \$45 per couple. Proceeds benefit the Northville off-leash dog park project. Participants are invited to bring photos of their dogs.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-0203

**Vibrant Living health seminar — blood reports**  
**DATE:** Feb. 12  
**LOCATION:** Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School / Church (15585 Haggerty Road)  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Results of tests administered on Feb. 8 will be discussed.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-5683

**Northville Chamber of Commerce business info exchange**  
**DATE:** Feb. 13, March 12  
**LOCATION:** Northville Chamber of Commerce (195 S. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** The free networking opportunity is limited to 12 participants.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-7640

**Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens awards reception**  
**DATE:** Feb. 16  
**LOCATION:** Plymouth District Library (223 S. Main Street, Plymouth)  
**TIME:** 10:30 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Ofc. Anthony Angelosanto of the Plymouth police department will discuss the York Street Cemetery in Plymouth. Citizenship awards will also be given to local high school students.  
**PHONE:** (734) 420-2775

**Northville Chamber of Commerce luncheon**  
**DATE:** Feb. 18  
**LOCATION:** Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall (108 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** Noon  
**DETAILS:** U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will be the keynote speaker. Admission is \$15 for Chamber members or \$20 for non-members.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-7640.

**Northville reunion in Florida**  
**DATE:** Feb. 20  
**LOCATION:** Hotel Jacaranda (19 E. Main Street, Avon Park, Fla.)  
**TIME:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Any resident with current or past ties to Northville is invited to the event. Of particular interest to organizers are members of Northville High School's Class of 1959. Admission to the event is \$12.50 per person and should be paid on or before Feb. 5.  
**PHONE:** (863) 471-3427

**Northville Woman's Club meeting**  
**DATE:** Feb. 20  
**LOCATION:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Northville Township fire inspector Brian Siriani will be speaking on "firehouse cooking."  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-5446

**Vibrant Living health seminar — nutrition and cooking**  
**DATE:** Feb. 22  
**LOCATION:** Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School / Church (15585 Haggerty Road)  
**TIME:** 2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Healthy cooking and nutrition will be discussed.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-5683

**Friends of Maybury meeting**  
**DATE:** March 4  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library (215 W. Cady Street)  
**TIME:** 7 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Upcoming events at Maybury State Park will be discussed.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-2687

**Northville Woman's Club meeting**  
**DATE:** March 5  
**LOCATION:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Cindy Champanella will be discussing her book, "The Waiting Child."  
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## ENGAGEMENTS



Surdu-O'Grady

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Surdu of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Trevor Michael Surdu, to Bridget May O'Grady, daughter of Carol and Michael Nelson of Livonia and Scott and Martha O'Grady of Waterford.

The groom-elect is a 1995 Northville High School graduate and a 2000 Michigan State University graduate. He is employed with Norfolk Development Corporation in Ann Arbor as a construction development manager.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of MSU. She is employed as the assistant specialist for Nieman-Marcus.

A July wedding is planned.

Andrea Erin Sheely and Eric Anthony Seratti announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of James and Robyn Sheely of Mason, formerly of Lansing. She graduated from Western Michigan University in 1996. She is currently employed by Ingham Regional Medical Center in Lansing.

The groom-elect is the son of Tony and Maureen Seratti of Northville, formerly of Livonia. He is currently self-employed as a computer repair tech.

An April wedding is planned.



Sheely-Seratti



Dunn-Falcon

Robert and Eileen Dunn of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Dunn to Jeff Falcon, son of Tom and Penny Falcon of Farmington Hills.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently employed by Accenture, a Management & Technology Consulting Firm, Chicago.

The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of MSU. He is currently employed as a Network Security Consultant at CDW Corporation, Chicago.

A July wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS

### Lapham-Gilliand

Stacy Lyn Lapham and David Alan Gilliland, Jr. were married Aug. 8 at The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Reverend Richard Jones officiated the ceremony.

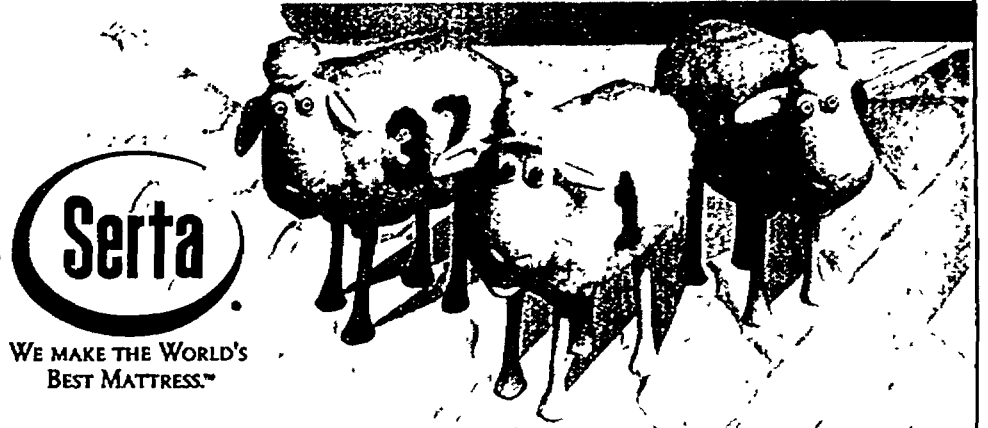
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lapham of Northville. The groom is the son of David and Patricia Gilliland of New Boston, Mich. The matron of honor

was Fran Lapham of Birmingham. Ala. Rosanna Taylor of Canton was a bridesmaid and Elizabeth Lapham was a miniature bride. The best man was Ronald Weddington of Ypsilanti. David Taylor of Canton was a groomsman and Cody Draper was a junior groomsman.

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# Residents get soaked with upped water bill

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tend to call with surprise, she said. Presenting the case for the increase, Weaver cited higher Detroit Water and Sewer Department charges to the township. In July, the Detroit department upped the cost of wholesale water by 10 percent; the sewage disposal rate by 9 percent, he said. Other contributing factors Weaver cited include:

- The township will incur a \$2 million annual bond debt for expansion of the local sewage treatment needs over a 29-year period, commencing in 2003.

- The capital improvement fund was established at \$1.8 million in 2004, per the department's approved budget. It is assumed to decrease to \$800,000 in 2005 and increase by 3 percent each year in the future years.

- The interest rate on investments was lowered from 4 percent to 2 percent.

Last year, the township increased rates 9.10 percent for water and 11.5 percent for sewage.

Meanwhile, city residents can wait a few weeks to watch for an impact on their bills. "We typically review utility rates in May and June," city manager Gary Word said. "Last year we tried to absorb it as much as possible. It all depends on what they pass along to us and what our anticipated costs will be."

Maureen Johnston is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 or mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.

When the Northville Township board of trustees raised water and sewer rates, Sue Hillebrand protested Detroit's seemingly continuous increases with little local control.

"Until we have a voice and equal representation at the table, I'll continue to vote 'no' on water rate increases," Hillebrand said. "I think the people who put me in office expect me to ask these questions."

"An independent audit of this needs to be done at the very least. I think a regional board is your best answer." The township clerk voted against the 9.5 percent increase overall in water and sewer rates effective this week's billing.

Northville Township's tremendous growth in the past 20 years and the related demands on their water-source system is contributing to the higher rates, said George Ellenwood, public affairs manager of the Detroit Water and Sewer Department. Of the 11 factors considered in setting water rates, the three most important are: distance of the community from the water source; elevation relative to the water source; and peaking factor.

The peaking factor — the day of highest demand for use — is the most critical in establishing rates, Ellenwood said. That is set for each community contracted to receive water from Detroit, he said, which all told is 4.3 million people. Rates tend to be higher for communities that are primarily residential, such as Northville Township.

The Detroit department last year began hosting representatives from customer communities to discuss new peak factor data and how it is applied, Ellenwood said. "There are many, many opportunities to participate," he said.

Don Weaver, the township's director of public works, confirmed his membership on the Detroit Water and Sewer Department's technical advisory committee. The body was formed to allow suburban communities input into Detroit's water master plan, which was completed at the end of 2003. The city decided to keep the committee intact with a 2004 goal to help the 125 communities served by the nation's third-largest system obtain a better understanding of how the rates are set and determining how to cut costs.

Overall, water rates for the outlying communities who contract with the Detroit system increased by 7 percent this year, and 9 percent last year, Ellenwood said.

"It's every community's concern," Weaver said. Hopefully, membership on the committee will allow the township to influence cost savings or other means to reduce rates. "The process is just beginning."

In search of greater local efficiencies, the trustees agreed to spend up to \$12,500 to look into the feasibility of a booster water station. Weaver cited substandard water pressure from the Detroit system to the central southern area of the township.

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# Dozens line up to speak out on church project



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A long line of citizens prepare to address the Northville Planning Commission meeting Tuesday night at Hillside Middle School's auditorium with both their support and opposition to the planned expansion of Our Lady of Victory School.

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reached up to the stage to hand commissioners prepared-in-advance photo boards, data, and other documents.

As invited by the commission soon after the 7:30 p.m. meeting start, parents and property owners formed a line along the north wall of the Hillside Middle School auditorium that stretched from stage to rear row. Awaiting their turn at the podium, they leaned against the wall, reviewed notes and planned their pleas for the commission action on the church's application of a special-use permit.

Several violations of Wendt's two-minute-talk limit pushed the forum past the 11:30 p.m. mark, with a dozen unable to voice their opinion. By press time, the commission had not yet confirmed a location of the third round of public comment.

Tuesday's hearing picked up where the commission left off Jan. 6 at another late-night meeting. The cause for debate is the Catholic congregation's plans to build a 77,000-square-foot kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school on the west side of Orchard Street, between Main and Thayer. Across the street from the Thayer Avenue church and existing 50-year-old school, the new two-story facility would occupy 3.5 acres of church-owned home sites in the long-established neighborhood.

Despite an admonition not to do so, the audience exploded in applause equally often for points made for or against the proposal. From their dais, the commissioners alternately listened

intently, jotted notes, read from their information packets, and scanned the near-capacity audience in the 600-seat auditorium.

An addition to the commission's packets from the initial public hearing on the permit were opinions on the relevance of the federal statute to remedy discriminatory treatment suffered by religious organizations in the land-use context. Attorneys for the church and grassroots homeowners' group opposed to the project presented different interpretations of the law, which they referenced by acronym (sounds like R-LUIPA), the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000.

Prior to comments from regular folks affected by the proposal, the commission listened for the first hour again to Don Wortman of the city's planning consultant, Carlisle/Wortman Associates of Ann Arbor, the church's architect Ron Cieslak of Farmington firm Merritt, McPherson, Cieslak, PC., traffic consultants, as well as attorneys representing Orchard Heights-area homeowners, the church and the city.

Wortman repeated his explanation that consideration of the special-land-use permit comes first, then review of the site plan. He said the church's proposal generally meets the criteria set forth in the special-use application, but that a number of concerns still need to be addressed.

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## Strike up the band

Former Mayor of Northville, the late Conrad Langfield, at left, is shown in 1932 ready to direct the Northville Marching Band he helped create. They are preparing to perform at the Northville Wayne County Fair, originated at the site 10 years earlier, on what is today's Northville Downs.

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Now & Then



## BUSINESS BRIEFS

Chris Willerer of Northville-based Edward Jones was named a support specialist for new investment representatives.

Carol Adler of Novi, an employee of Concentra Medical Centers, recently passed the National Certified Hand Therapist exam, allowing her to add the designation CHT to her credentials.

Only a small percentage of therapists earn these credentials, which require a four-hour exam. Adler, a clinical supervisor at Concentra's Livonia RPT clinic, has lived in Novi since 1987.

The Michigan Public Health Association, Community Health Nursing Section, recently recognized Novi resident Evelyn Reinke as the recipient of the Excellence in Community Health Nursing Leadership award.

Reinke received a nursing degree from the Henry Ford School of Nursing, and a BSN and MSN from Wayne State University. Her professional career began

as a staff nurse at Henry Ford and Botsford hospitals and the Visiting Nurse Association of Metropolitan Detroit.

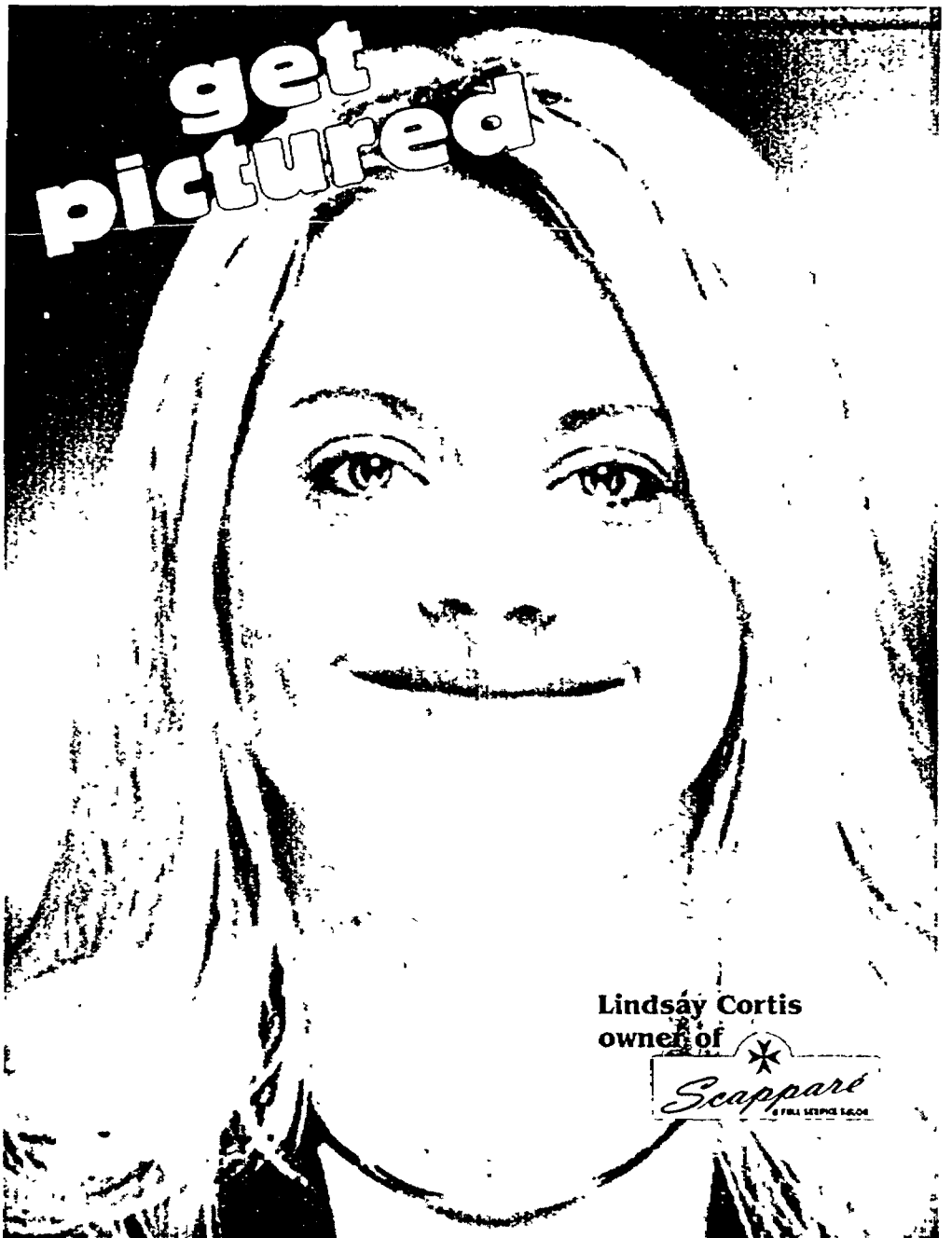
In 1986, she was hired at the Oakland County Health Division. Currently, she is a public health nursing supervisor, supervising public health nurses in the southeastern quadrant of Oakland County and is the coordinator of the Lead Prevention Program.

Previous positions within the agency include those of Public Health staff nurse and facilitating Oakland County's Immunization Action Plan.

Staff working with Reinke report that she is a woman who is passionate about the importance of public health nursing, a compassionate supervisor and

dedicated to delivering the highest quality service to clients in the community. She has carried the public health message to national, state and local venues and recognizes the importance of working with other disciplines to solve immediate (disease outbreaks) and potential (bioterrorism) health threats.

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## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

**KMO WINS:** Hillside Middle School's sixth-grade Knowledge Masters Open team ranked first place in Michigan out of 25 state-level teams and fifth place out of 370 teams world wide in a recent competition. Led by Sue Spaniol the team consists of Miles Baker, Brennen Berry, Lisa Carlson, Jack Cotrone, Dan Darga, Zachary Fuller, Kyle Galdes, Evan Gatz, Colin Gerish, Sean Hannah, Parul Kathuria, Bobby Lahiff, James Lister, D J Lockman, Katie May, Billy Rayner, Elana Ryznar and Tian Xie.

**PROMINENT SPEAKER:** Dr. Ray Guarendi presents the lecture, Teen Raising, Hair Raising from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Northville High School Forum. The guest speaker is the

father of 10 and been a regular guest on national radio and television including "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "CBS This Morning." He is also the author of "You're a Better Parent Than You Think" and "Back to the Family." Guarendi will share some comical insights and practical advice on raising teenagers. The program is sponsored by the Northville High School PTSA and admission is free. For more information, call Cathy at (248) 348-4238.

**FREE WORKSHOP:** A free workshop for Northville community parents of newborns to 5 years old will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m. Feb. 7 at Ridge Wood Elementary. Special education director Robert Sornson will speak about the implications of

brain research on early childhood education. Child learning methods will also be offered. The workshop and free child care are provided by the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center. For registration, call (248) 344-8465.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT:** Members of the Hillside Middle School PTSA are sponsoring a fundraiser 6-9 p.m. Feb. 6 inside the school's cafeteria titled, Ladies Night Out. More than 30 different businesses will fill the area, offering merchandise with a portion of the collected proceeds going to the Hillside organization. Organizers said everything will be offered from baked goods to home decorating ideas. Some of the booths scheduled for the fund-raising event will sell items

such as makeup, glassworks, handbags, portraits, cappuccino and goodies. There is no charge at the door and all area residents are invited. Members of the PTSA will also collect beauty products at the door for donation to Civic Concern and First Step. For more information, call (248) 349-1720.

**HELP!** Hillside Middle School seeks volunteers for the Hillside Carnival, the school's largest fundraiser of the year. Workers, items for the bake sale, items for the silent auction and committee chairs are needed. The actual event takes place March 26, but volunteer response is desired by Feb. 16. For more information, call Lisa at (248) 345-5431.

**MOTHERS' CLUB:** Members of the Mothers' Club of Northville invite area residents to Hands to The Future, an auction and strolling dinner benefiting Northville school children. The event will take place 6:30-11:30 p.m. March 6 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile Road. Special performances by the Northville High School Jazz Band and The Shawn Riley Band will highlight the evening. Dress is business casual and a cash bar will be offered. RSVP is required by Feb. 21 and tickets are \$65 per person. Make checks payable to Mothers' Club of Northville, 350 Orchard, Northville 48167.

**KINDERGARTEN 2004:** The Northville Public School District is accepting kindergarten registration for Fall, 2004. Guardians

of children who will be five on or before Dec. 1 are asked to contact the appropriate elementary school for kindergarten registration information. Phone numbers are: Amerman, (248) 344-8405; Moraine (248) 344-8473; Ridge Wood (248) 349-7602; Silver Springs (248) 344-8410; Winchester, (248) 344-8415; and Thornton Creek (248) 344-8475.

**SCHOOL BOARD:** Northville School Board meetings will take place next month on Feb. 10 and 24. The Feb. 10 meeting will take place on the third floor of Old Village School. The Feb. 24 meeting will take place at Moraine Elementary School. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 344-8440.

## Hot stuff: firefighters host Valentine's benefit

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township fire fighters need individuals with generous spirits and flaming hot hearts for the second annual Muscular Dystrophy Association benefit held Valentine's Day night.

The "red hot romantic evening" includes dinner, dancing, open bar and silent auction at the Italian American Banquet Hall in Livonia, all for a good cause.

"Last year we were able to donate over \$7,000 to muscular dystrophy," said Northville Township firefighter Dan Dipple. "We had just over 100 people and this year we hope to surpass that number."

Event organizers said a popular portion of the evening last year was the silent auction.

"This year we are going to have a lot of sports memorabilia donated from DC Sports," Dipple said.

Items include signed baseballs from Kirk Gibson and Alan Trammell, signed Red Wings memorabilia and an electronic dartboard.

Other big-ticket items include jewelry and a DVD player.

"We'll also be doing some gift raffles, we'll try to have a gift for each woman in attendance and we'll also do photographs for each person and their sweetie,"

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**BENEFICIARY:** Muscular Dystrophy Association

**HOST:** The Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters

Dipple said.

The fund-raising gala is hosted by the department's union — The Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters — an affiliate of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

"The International Association of Fire Fighters is a national partner with MDA and then the Northville fire fighters also decided to help out and raise

money for the cause," said Christina Lombardo, spokeswoman for the MDA Southfield division. "Proceeds will go toward things like sending kids to summer camp; wheel chairs and leg braces; and support groups and clinics."

All of the money raised at the Valentine's Day-themed event stays in the area.

Natalie Lomske, the Muscular Dystrophy Association junior goodwill ambassador, lives in Northville and attends Moraine Elementary School.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary health agency created for assisting individuals living with neuromuscular disorders and heading research projects with the goal of leading the fight to end neuromuscular disease.

Operating through Children's Hospital and the Michigan Institute For Neurological disorders, the association provides programs and services for more than 1,500 Detroit-area patients.

Dipple said the department prefers people call in advance for "red hot romantic evening" tickets, but said absolutely no one will be turned away at the door.

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The Northville Historical Society is a nonprofit organization which maintains Mill Race Village. One important component of keeping the village alive is its membership. If you want to help preserve this living museum and have not yet joined the Historical Society please contact the office or stop in during office hours. Membership is tax deductible and includes a subscription to the Mill Race Quarterly. Memberships are as follows: Senior Citizen/Docents \$10, Individual \$15, Family \$20, Business \$25, Contributing \$50, Sustaining \$125, Patron \$500, Benefactor \$1,000 or more.

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**ONLINE INVESTMENT SITES:** On Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. Richard Truxall, Internet specialist, will demonstrate valuable free online tools available to investors, to help them create and maintain a diversified and balanced portfolio. Please register.

**VALENTINE CRAFTS FOR KIDS:** Children of all ages are invited to make a Valentine for someone special in the library's meeting room on Feb. 11 from 4 to 5 p.m. No registration required.

**EVENING STORYTIME FOR FAMILIES:** Children and their families are invited

to stop by the library for this lively storytime on Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. Best suited for children 3 and older, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required for this half-hour program.

**LITTLE ME CLUB STORYTIME:** Little ones from 10 months to 2 years old, along with their caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun, and simple stories on Feb. 20 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend. The Little Me Club is held monthly, and no registration ahead of time is required.

**TEENS, WIN A PRIZE IN THE PHOTO GUESSING CONTEST:** Starting on Feb. 8, the Teen Corner will display photos of staff members now and as babies. The teen who guesses which baby picture goes with which staff member will win a prize. First place prize is a \$50 gift card to best buy, and second is a \$25 gift card. The contest runs through Feb. 14.

**EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION:** The

novel "What You Owe Me" by Bebe Moore Campbell will be the topic of the next Between the Lines Discussion Group on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. Join us for lively talk and refreshments.

**YOUTH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS:** Books, Chat and Chow, a book discussion program especially for middle and high school students, meets on Feb. 25 at 4:15 p.m. to talk about the historical fiction novel "Fever 1793" by Laurie Halse Anderson. And students in fourth and fifth grade are invited to the Junior version of BCC, which meets at the same time. This month the Jr. Books, Chat and Chow will be discussing "Regarding the Fountain" by Kate Klise. Please register.

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING:** The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be on Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month.

## DOG LICENSURE

It is that time of year again — city residents who own dogs must renew their pet's license.

Current tags are valid March through February, so 2003 tags will be legal only three more weeks. Tags for 2004 will be valid through Feb. 28, 2005.

There are approximately 500 dogs registered in the city, said dog license clerk Wendy Gutowski.

Northville Township residents still have three months before the annual ritual. The township dog license ordinance runs June through May, said Nancy Malloy, a tax department clerk who handles the licensing.

"We probably start selling them some time in February," she said. The township will mail notice to current pet owners that the expiration date is approaching.

The city last month sent letters to owners of dogs licensed in 2003. State law, revised last year, requires dogs be licensed at four months. Puppies at that age may be given a rabies vaccination, effective for one year.

Proof of current rabies vaccination is required for a license; proof of neutering/spaying is required in order to pay a discounted fee. In the city, the license fee for a dog that has not been neutered or spayed is \$11; the fee for a neutered or spayed dog is \$8.

As an incentive for pet owners, the city for the seventh year is running its annual Lucky Dog contest. Police chief James Petres draws numbers randomly from the list of 2003 licensed dogs.

"Nobody know until the person actually comes in," Gutowski said. If that owner comes in person to complete the renewal process, the pup will win a treat.

All other dogs will receive a consolation treat when their owners visit City Hall to renew. Approximately half of owners come in person, the clerk said. The dog license clerk's office is located at 215 W. Main Street and is open 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The phone number is (248) 349-1300.

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## Facts, not emotion the sensible policy

Who wants to be sitting in a Northville Planning Commission seat right now?

It's not a tongue-in-cheek question — about 500 hands might have shot up at the public hearing the commission hosted Tuesday night. In fact, friend and foe of the Our Lady of Victory school proposal laughed together when commission chairman Jay Wendt addressed the line of residents still awaiting their turn to talk at 11:30 p.m. Who has facts — not emotion — that have not yet been presented, he asked. Almost simultaneously the dozen people in line said "me" with a raised hand.

There were stifled moans at the thought of sitting through a third public hearing on the church's application for a special use permit. We commend the commission's approach to this touchy subject. The commission's final determination obviously will be scrutinized for its process.

Permitting submission of data and photos from the people who live in the area most affected, as well as commentary from the families who would walk the new halls, is critical for the commission to make the most well-informed decision. And that decision time is fast approaching.

A couple of the speakers Tuesday night tried to draw

the discussion into the larger realm of what's best for the community as a whole. Yes, this Catholic school provides an immeasurable benefit to the community. Yes, homes in which people have invested their lives are their most precious asset.

Let's back into the solution with the worst-case scenario from the other guy's perspective. If the commission grants the permit — giving the go-ahead to the proposal to build a new school, the only plan the commission is asked to review today — there will be increased traffic at the start and end of the school day. Or, the commission rejects the application — the parish will have to go back to the drawing board to look at alternatives to this school, at this location, at this time.

Notice how attorneys were not mentioned in either reaction. This is about being neighbors — people who see each other across the street — finding a way to live harmoniously in this community we all cherish.

Who wants to be sitting in a Northville Planning Commission seat right now? Leaders with the character to make the decision to preserve what Northville is all about.

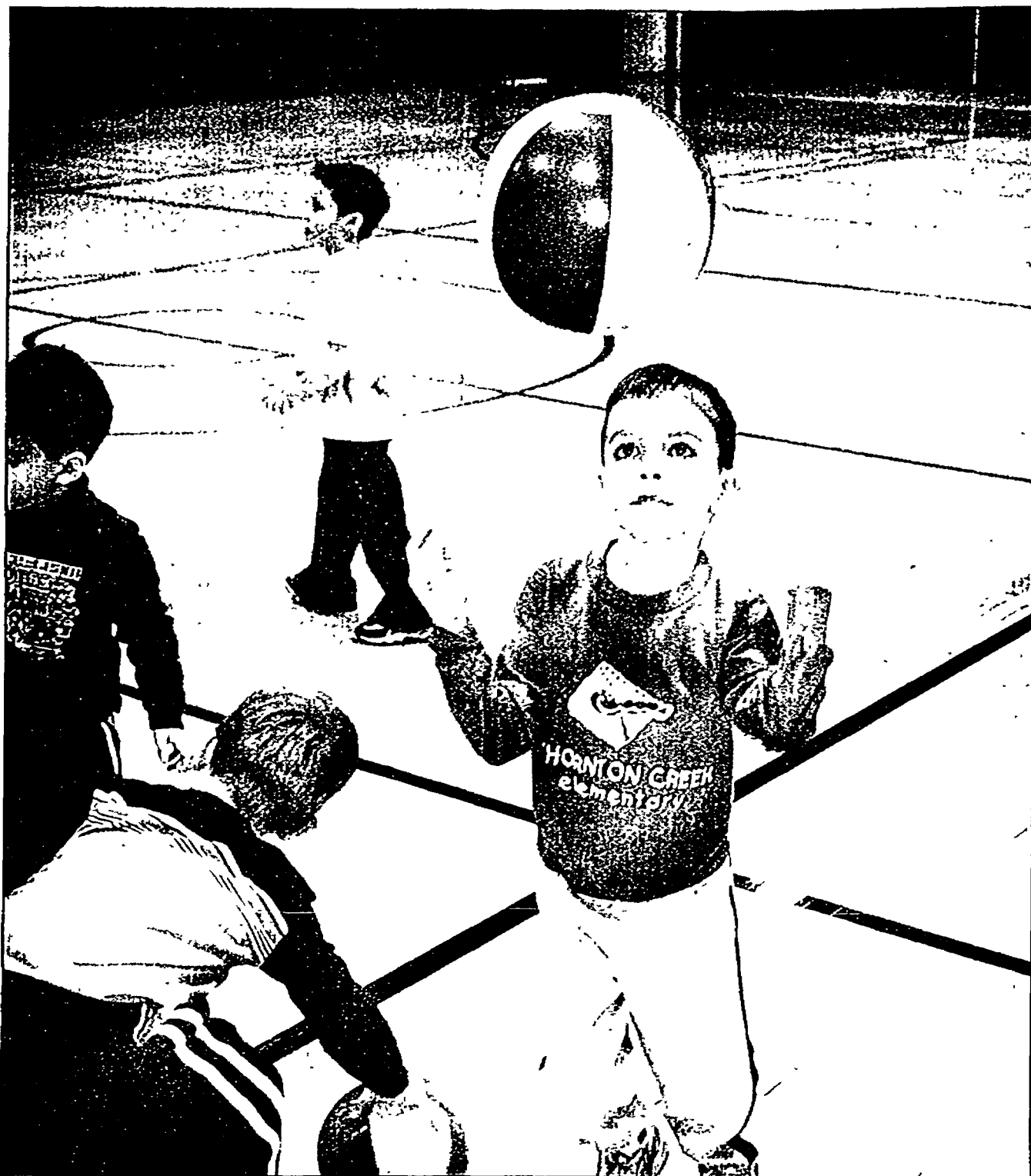


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Thomas Smithers hit an inflatable ball during a volleyball lesson during last Thursday's Introduction to Sports class at the Hillside Recreation Center. The class, taught by "Coach" Dave East taught the fundamentals of a number of sports for five and six year olds.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Trailed by Elisa Ash, upper left, Kate Courtney and another sledder zoom down the hill at Amerman Elementary last week. The conditions for skiing and sledding were perfect last week with more than 10 inches of snow on the ground and very cold temperatures.

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# OTHER OPINIONS

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Thursday, February 5, 2003

## Former guy has some thoughts

Since the Michigan Democratic caucuses are this Saturday, this column is about political antennae.

Some of the best I've ever seen are attached to former Gov. Jim Blanchard, who was stumping the state last week in support of Sen. John Kerry's campaign for the Democratic nomination for President. It was



Phil Power

ever met, and I think he's gonna be elected president."

Well, Blanchard was right in 1992, and this time around he's just as high on Kerry, who surged in the polls after his victories in Iowa and New Hampshire. Together with Gov. Jennifer Granholm's husband, Dan Mulhern, Blanchard has been beating the drum steadily for Kerry for more than a year.

Blanchard's analysis is that Kerry has "tons of momentum" in Michigan and thinks Granholm's endorsement last weekend helps a lot. But he also worries the system used by the Michigan Democratic Party to run their preference poll could make the result here very close. Under Michigan caucus rules, you could cast your ballot by Internet or mail as early as Jan. 5, well before Kerry's upset victory in Iowa, and an unknown number did.

Howard Dean's campaign has been tied heavily to the Internet, he reasons, and even though Dean suffered bad defeats in Iowa and New Hampshire, a lot of early "Deaniac" votes might sway the Michigan results in unexpected ways. So when I talked with Blanchard a couple of days ago, I asked him how come he thought Kerry could be competitive with President George W. Bush, who has to be the odds-on favorite to win re-election. As usual, Blanchard's analysis was perceptive.

"It all starts with Kerry's ability to neutralize Bush on national security issues," he said. "He's an authentic Vietnam war hero, a patriot who volunteered to serve, versus a President Bush who never fought and skipped his air national guard meetings during the [Vietnam] war. Kerry voted for the war resolution. Nobody can question his patriotism or foreign policy experience. So with Kerry as a candidate, national security and defense are no longer Bush's issues alone."

"Which puts the campaign right where it should be," Blanchard continued, "focused on the economy. Overall, the national economy might be improving. But we've lost something like three million jobs since Bush became president, our manufacturing sector is in terrible trouble, and in Michigan, at least, it looks a lot like a jobless recovery. The national deficit for the coming year is more than \$500 billion and with continued deficits a certainty, it's likely interest rates are going to go up."

"That's not a strong record for Bush to defend," he concluded.

So what four adjectives would Blanchard offer for Kerry? "Presidential," he started. "Tough, very tough, much tougher than people think. Talented, enormously talented. A reserved New Englander, secure and comfortable with who he is."

When I spoke to Kerry's wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, several days ago, I asked her the same question. "Integrity," she said right

away, then "belief in the nobility of public service." "Optimism," she added, "determination and cool under fire." (Mrs. Kerry, an engaging, highly intelligent woman who speaks six languages, also provided an interesting capsule definition of the job of a First Lady: "Keep him honest; keep him strong; keep him healthy; and don't let his ego get too big.")

My own sense is that the Democratic party is refreshingly focused on one main thing: Finding the candidate with the best chance of beating President Bush. Most times, the Democrats have been so interested in arguing over ideology or in advocating one cause or another that they forgot the point of running for office is to win. This time around, the Democrats hate Bush so much they're willing to go for "ABB" — anybody but Bush — and really mean it.

Reflecting on American political history, it seems to me that the old system where candidates were picked by party leaders in smoke-filled rooms often made a lot of sense. The bosses and insiders knew the possible candidates well, their strengths and weaknesses, their habits and foibles. And the power wielded by the bosses depended on the electability of the candidates they chose. But once the parties started picking their nominees through primary elections, they discovered the knowledgeable insiders lost their power to the mass electorate, which in turn was easily swayed by the media, TV ads and single-issue politics.

I doubt we'll go back to old ways of picking our candidates. But for Kerry to emerge the way he has gives me some slim hope that this time around the Democrats just might be overcoming one of their traditional bad habits.

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

## Bush may be in for a tough fight

The day after the Iowa caucuses, Michigan Democrats were as deeply confused as I've ever seen them over their choice of a presidential nominee.

The day after New Hampshire, it seemed highly likely that, barring a jolt nobody can foresee, that John Kerry will go on to a victory in the state's caucuses Saturday.

But the week between was wild. Much of the political establishment (including, secretly, Gov. Jennifer Granholm) had jumped on the Kerry bandwagon early — then teetered, appalled, as the Massachusetts senator's campaign sagged all last year. Since summer, Howard Dean had been the favorite among college students, those who spend too much time on-line and the subgroup known as "Ann Arbor liberals." But by New Year's Day, it looked as though his campaign had a certain inevitability. Marie Donigan, a middle-aged city commissioner in suburban Royal Oak, was chosen to cast the first-ever Internet caucus vote, and cast it for Dean.

Organized labor, burned by premature endorsements in the past, had declined to formally designate a choice, but it was no secret that many, perhaps most, still carried a torch for Dick Gephardt of Missouri, long their champion. African-Americans, who make up as much as a third of caucus voters, were curiously unsettled. One of the state's two black con-

gressmen, Carolyn Cheeks-Kilpatrick, mother of Detroit's mayor, had surprisingly endorsed Howard Dean. But John Conyers, dean of the Congressional black caucus, was on the fence.

"These guys from New England — we can't win with them," he told me last year, indicating he was interested in U.S. Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina.

Then, suddenly, Kerry's campaign in Iowa took off, spurred by the dramatic appearance of a Vietnam veteran whose life was saved by the future politician when both were soldiers once, and young. There began to be a sense Dean might not be quite ready for prime time, which accelerated with reports that his wife wouldn't serve as First Lady and would instead stay in Vermont and practice medicine.

The day after Iowa, Michigan Democrats woke up to discover Gephardt was withdrawing. Edwards had come out of nowhere to finish a surprisingly strong second, and that Howard Dean had not only come in a bad third, he had startled the nation with his "I Have A Scream" concession speech.

"Now I wish I had voted for Edwards," Donigan sighed. Mark Gaffney, president of the state AFL-CIO, said that he too was switching to Edwards, but wasn't suggesting to the rank-and-file what they should do.

Yet the New Hampshire primary, which often has given the nation quixotic results (recent winners include Pat Buchanan, Ed Muskie, Paul Tsongas, you get the idea) seemed to clear people's heads. John Kerry and Howard Dean both come from bordering states, but Kerry crushed Dean by a 3-2 margin in a huge turnout.

Wesley Clark and Joe Lieberman had pinned all their hopes on New Hampshire, and both were squished. Edwards, who devoted little time to the state, scored 12 percent, about the same as Clark, but a big comedown from his 32 percent in Iowa.

Suddenly it seemed to be John Kerry's game to lose, and he had the football. Early

polls had shown Dean with a big lead in Michigan, but the day before New Hampshire, the respected EPICMRA showed Kerry with 37 percent, statistically identical to his 38 percent in Iowa and 39 percent in New Hampshire.

Nobody else was close. Dean and Edwards were at 14 percent, and everyone else was in the low single digits. Suddenly money was flowing into the Kerry campaign, and the flood of Internet contributions that put Howard Dean on the map were said to be drying up. Mr. Dean got a new campaign manager, tried to remake his image, and was doing all the things a presidential campaign does when it gets into trouble. The very things, as a matter of fact, the Kerry campaign was doing two months ago.

Naturally, the other candidates say it is still early. But it really isn't. Washington state votes the same day as Michigan. Then, before February ends, eight more states vote before March 2, the mother of all primaries. That day, ten states vote, most of them large, including California, New York and Ohio. When that night ends, the contest ought to be essentially over. Here's what the smart money was saying last week: The ticket is all but certain to be John Kerry and John Edwards, and they are going to give George Bush the fight of his life.

To be sure, the same smart money was on Howard Dean and a Bush landslide at Christmas. One thing can't be denied, however. If a Democratic candidate holds all the states Al Gore won last time and adds North Carolina, President Bush loses.

That may not happen, and it is a long way from January to November, or even the summer conventions. But for Democrats, both seem a lot closer than just a week ago.

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## Our friend and ally, the groundhog

Between Martian landings, Super Bowl halftime show scandals, presidential campaigns, the "where's the WMDs?" questions and the Michigan school testing results, you probably missed out on the most important news of the week.

The groundhog saw his shadow.



Chris C. Davis

everything. (Stay with me on this one.) Punxsutawney Phil, the unofficial seer of the seasons for the United States, was plucked from his cozy little home in the Keystone State on Monday. According to legend, if *Marmota monax* sees his shadow, it's an indication there will be six more weeks of winter. Not seeing the shadow, the legend further says, means spring is near.

Here's why I see this annual festival as an important part of our life here in Northville:

- It gives us something to talk about around the water cooler. Let's face it: now that football season is over (the Pro Bowl doesn't count...sorry) we need something to fuss over. True — there's plenty of background rumbling about church expansions and rezoning along Seven Mile Road, but those are issues over which there's a lot of varying opinion. There's nothing like the prospect of being in the deep freeze for another month and a half to heal the divisions and unify the community.

- It simplifies weather forecasting for pothole repair. Been driving lately? No? It's probably because you're like me, and are terrified of the prospect of jamming your steel-belted radial into a street crater the size of a small country. Once the weather breaks, public works officials in Northville and Wayne County will dust off the orange barrels and get to repairing the roadways, but with today's ultra-complicated weather prediction jargon, doesn't it

make more sense to speak in everyday terms, like "It's gonna be cold for a while longer?"

- It provides fashion ideas for the Northville Victorian Festival. If you've ever seen the standard video footage from Punxsutawney (pop. 6,782) you've seen the vintage attire from 110 years ago being donned by those responsible for stirring poor Phil from an otherwise peaceful morning slumber. If you're the type who likes to plan in advance, just set your VCRs for 7:30 a.m. Feb. 2 each year, freeze-frame the tape, and you'll have all kinds of ideas for what to wear here in Northville six months from now.

- It puts life in perspective. With all the hubbub over water rate increases, crime in our community, and school assessments, it's nice to know that for a few fleeting moments each year, some whiskered, buck-toothed mammal is able to make us all forget about the insanity of daily living. I think we owe the fine people of Punxsutawney a debt of gratitude. (And I think we owe Phil an apology for disturbing his sleep. You're safe for another 51 weeks, Mr. Groundhog.)

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3:00 p.m. Monday, January 26, 2004

Regular meeting called to order at 3:08 p.m.  
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Mark Abbo  
Agenda — adopted as presented.  
Minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2003 — approved.  
Minutes of the special meeting of January 13, 2004 — approved.  
Schedule of disbursement totaling \$736,403.69 — approved.  
Operations & Maintenance Report for December 2003 — received and filed.  
Director's Report for January 2004 — received and filed.  
2003 Annual Report — received and filed.  
2004 Goals — approved as presented.  
Annual Report for the YCUA Construction Account Trust Funds — received and filed.  
Alternative Electric Supplier; Award of Contract — approval to award a contract to Premier Energy of Ann Arbor, Michigan, provided there are no substantial rate increases from the rate proposed.  
YCUA Plant Expansion Update — received and filed.  
Audit (FY Ending September 30, 2003) — accepted.  
Director of Operations Position — approval that a conditional offer of employment be made to Bob Biga of Livonia, Michigan.  
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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## Stewart B. (Ben) Duguid

Stewart Duguid of Oregon, formerly of Northville, died Jan. 30. He was Mr. Duguid was born July 22, 1921 in Northville. He relocated to Wisconsin in 2000 to be near his daughter, Marilyn Duguid and her family. He was a sports fan all his life and had careers in public relations and insurance sales. He was a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Duguid is survived by his four children, Marilyn (Doug Davis) Duguid of Wis., Kathy (Denny) Williams of Va., Karen (Wally Johnson) Duguid of N.Y. and David (Laura) Duguid of Ill.; and three grandchildren, Rose, Isabelle and Cole. Also surviving is his former wife, Theresa Duguid.

A private family service was held. Arrangements were made by Olson-Holzner-Cress Funeral Home of Stoughton, Wis.

## Violet May Bullock

Violet Bullock, longtime resident of Northville Township died Jan. 30. She was 86. Ms. Bullock was born on June 10, 1917 in Highland Park to the late Fred and Amy (Powell) Hall.

Ms. Bullock is survived by one son, Ian H. (Carolyn) Bullock of South Lyon; one daughter, Violet (Lynn) Engelhuber of Plymouth; five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one sister. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ian Bullock.

A funeral service was held Feb. 3 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, which handled funeral arrangements. Lynn Hasky of First United Methodist Church of Northville officiating. Interment will

be at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association.

## Maxine J. Casteel

Maxine Casteel of Macomb Township, formerly of Northville, died January 29. She was 80. She was born January 13, 1923 in Ewart, Mich. to the late William Lemmon and Blanch Horsefall.

She moved to Northville when she was two years old and lived most of her life in the area. She had been a homemaker and housekeeper for her own home and others. She enjoyed sewing and taking care of her family. She was very active in the Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School and assisted with many daily activities of the Church. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Northville and of the Shelby Bible Church.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, George Casteel; four children, Lou Ann (Emie) Heusted of Florida, Roger (Sue) Casteel of Monroe, Tim (Sue) Casteel of North Carolina and Randy (Sue) Casteel of New Baltimore; one sister, Donna Reed of Miss.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

A funeral service was held Jan. 30 at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton with Pastor Robert Rhodes and Pastor Michael Oxendine of the Shelby Bible Church officiating. Interment will be at Knollwood Memorial Park.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., Northville.

## DeRoche pushes DNA law

State rep wants to see more funding provided for crime lab work

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, Wixom police had the evidence to send a local man to prison for more than 22 years for raping his neighbor at knife point, but they didn't know it.

Convicted of that crime in December, Jamey Ray Johnson now stands accused of raping a Highland Township woman twice during the eight months it took Wixom police to obtain warrants for his arrest.

That brought State Representative Craig DeRoche to Wixom last Thursday to call for increased funding for DNA testing at the state's forensic laboratories.

Flanked by police chiefs from Wixom, South Lyon and Northville, DeRoche said there are 76,000 untested DNA samples at the Michigan State Police's forensic laboratories. The backlog is expected to grow by 8,000 a year, at least through 2007, if nothing changes.

DNA testing, said DeRoche, has the "power to convict criminals of rape or murder and it has the power to clear suspects." However, without adequate funding, the technology is powerless.

Wixom Police Chief Clarence Goodline said his investigators picked up Johnson in January 2002 on child neglect warrants. While investigators were able to

collect DNA samples from cigarette butts and a juice bottle Johnson used while in custody, Wixom police had to release him before the Michigan State Police

Northville Crime Laboratory was able to link him to semen found at the 2001 Wixom crime scene.

By the time State Police technicians were able to link Johnson to the Wixom rape, Oakland County Sheriff's deputies charge he committed two more in Highland Township.

The problem, said DeRoche, was at the time Johnson's DNA samples were among the more than 80,000 brought to the state crime labs that year. According to a report prepared for DeRoche by the House Fiscal Agency in September, while the number of DNA samples sent to the State Police's labs skyrocketed from 3,303 in 2001 to 50,625 in 2002, the agency only had the resources to process fewer than 10,000 samples.

"We need to fully fund and get behind the Michigan State Police to prevent another tragedy," said DeRoche.

Northville Chief of Police Jim Petres said that while he's never needed DNA testing at his

department, he fully supports increased funding at the state's forensic labs. "There are a lot of things we take to the lab, and they're backed up in a lot of areas," he said.

The State Police's Northville Crime Laboratory is one of seven in the state and one of only three that offers DNA testing, said Dorothy Catella, the unit supervisor. She said her lab provides DNA testing for 300 law enforcement agencies in Southeast Michigan.

One of them is the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Undersheriff Mike McCabe said his agency just moved its forensic lab into a new 8,500-square-foot home at the corner of Telegraph Road and County Center Drive. The new lab, 7,000 square feet bigger than the one technicians left behind, has the space to add new services for the county's 40 police departments.

What it doesn't have is money. The undersheriff said his agency was planning on adding DNA testing to its arsenal in the next three to five years, but the sheriff might be able to move that up if DeRoche is successful in increasing funding.

In the meantime, every time sheriff's deputies collect a sample they can't process, it gets sent to Northville, leaving the State Police "between a rock and a hard spot."

DeRoche said he's going to take a multi-faceted approach to

increasing funding for DNA testing including shifting funds in the state budget:

- obtaining more federal money with the help of U.S. Reps. Thaddeus McCotter and Mike Rogers;

- establishing a check-off box on the state income tax form to create a Forensic Laboratory Fund;

- increasing the fees charged convicted criminals for DNA testing;

- increasing state efforts to recover DNA testing fees from criminals; and
- providing the state's universities with funds to create labs and process tests.

Eliminating the DNA backlog," said DeRoche, "should be a major priority for state."

South Lyon Chief of Police Lloyd Collins said it's important to take the necessary steps to eliminate the backlog in DNA testing. He said that if a suspect he had to let go while waiting for DNA testing went on to commit another violent crime, "it would make me feel terrible as a police chief. It would make me feel terrible as a person. It would make me feel terrible as a father. I have a daughter. What if it were mine?"

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## Loss of manufacturing jobs seen as critical issue at summit

Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Manufacturing may be the largest employer in the state of Michigan, with about 750,000 people working in the industry. But thousands of manufacturing jobs are being lost to workers in Mexico and overseas.

The solution? No one has all the answers.

But several were suggested at the Jan. 30 "Southeast Michigan Rapid-Fire Manufacturing Summit," hosted by State Rep. John C. Stewart, R-Plymouth, and Fran Toney, executive director, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. The event took place at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Speakers included Wes Smith, president E & E Manufacturing, a Tier 1 automotive supplier in Plymouth; David Marvin, senior vice president, Comerica Bank in Detroit; Phil Power, chairman,

Hometown Communications in Livonia; and Donald Jakeway, CEO, Michigan Economic Development Corp. in Lansing.

The goal of the three-hour summit was to provide an overview and open forum on current problems in the industry.

Smith said one of the problems is that manufacturers today have no pricing power because of rising costs due to regulations, health care and energy.

"People in manufacturing cannot raise their prices," Smith said. "It's good for the consumer, but for manufacturers, it's been a rough road," he said.

"It's more important to have job security than a \$30 DVD player," Smith noted.

"Rising health care costs are an epidemic hitting all segments of the economy. We need a comprehensive energy policy in this country, and we need to eliminate federal subsidies, non-tariff

barriers and other market-distorting practices that provide foreign competitors an unfair advantage," Smith said.

"We're at a 45-year low as far as the low cost of loans. So, why don't we feel good?" asked Marvin.

"Because Michigan is lagging way behind the rest of the country. We have the third highest unemployment rate in the country because of the number of jobs lost in manufacturing," he said.

Marvin said three factors led to the decline in manufacturing — the revolution in technology, the lowering of global trade restrictions and the entrance of new global players in the market.

"We're not just having layoffs. We're having plant closings. And those jobs aren't coming back. China is now fourth in the world in the manufacture of exported goods," he noted.

Power believes protectionism is the key to keeping more manufacturing jobs in the U.S.

"Keep U.S. jobs at home and let the rest of the world hang," he said. "I used to think NAFTA [the North American Free Trade Agreement] was a good thing, but now I'm not so sure."

He suggests negative tax consequences or other disincentives for firms that export jobs.

"Cutting taxes is another option,"

Power said. "Michigan's Small-Business Tax stands out like a big, sore thumb. It's a bizarre tax that needs to be repealed."

Another recommendation Power made was tax relief for new corporations. "Any new corporation should not have to pay any state tax for the first two years of operation because they're probably not making money anyway," he said.

"We need to embrace a culture of entrepreneurial risk and reward like in California. We need to improve work force skills and invest in human capital. Employers need to ask themselves what type of productivity they are getting for the wages they pay," Power said.

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# Record announces pie contest winners

**PATTI RAMOS • Chocolate Chocolate Chip Cookie Pie**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Patti Ramos of Novi, winner of the non-fruit division of the recent *Novi News/Northville Record* Pie Contest with her Chocolate Chocolate Chip Cookie Pie, hopes her baking skills will bring her fame and fortune.

She plans to enter a recipe in the upcoming \$1 million Pillsbury Bake-Off.

A junior at Novi High School who runs cross country and track, she said the chocolate delight is a new addition to her list of favorites. The pie features a chocolate chip cookie filling on a chocolate crust.

"I experiment with recipes. I just recently created it," she said.

She admits she experienced a few trials and tribulations making the prize-winning pie.

"It took forever to make. I made it once before, and it turned out fine. But this time, I had problems with the crust, so I had to make it twice," she said.

"She was about to give up, and I said, 'No. It looks fine,'" said her mother, Tina. "She's a perfectionist."

"The winner has baked since she was little and has even tried some challenging recipes."

"One time I made a 16-layer cake by Martha Stewart. That was the hardest thing I've tried to do," she said.

A member of Students Against Drunk Drivers and the Interact Club, a community volunteer organization, Ramos said her favorite TV channels are the Food Network and The Learning Channel.

Who knows? Her entry in this



photo by PAM FLEMING

Novi resident Patti Ramos won over judges with her chocolate chocolate chip cookie pie.

year's Pillsbury Bake-Off could win her a million dollars.

"The deadline's March 1," she said.

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**BECKY SPINALE • Becky's Best Apple Pie**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Becky Spinale of Northville, one of the two winners in the recent *Novi News/Northville Record* Pie Contest, said her apple pie recipe's no secret.

"It's a recipe that I've made for years," she said.

Her husband, Rick, and daughters, Elizabeth, 17, and Katie, 18, both students at Novi High School, pushed their mom to enter the contest.

"They said, 'Mom, you should make one. Your pies are so good. Yeah, do it,'" Spinale said.

The retired obstetrics nurse, who most recently worked at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, said baking is her relaxation.

"It's a bit of a tension reliever. My family always knows that there's something on my mind that I'm trying to resolve when I'm baking," Spinale said.

Her other children — daughter, Kim, and son, Justin — love her baking, too.

And, she said, her baking skills may be genetic.

"I was brought up in a household where dinner was prepared every day, and dessert was part of the meal," Spinale said. "And, my dad was a good baker."

She's also tweaked the recipe over time.

"I've toyed with the recipe over the years. I learned that I may have to add a little more flour or sugar. I mix apples, too. I'll use two or three different kinds," she said.

Spinale said Northern Spy, McIntosh, Jonathan and Granny



photo by JOHN HEIDER

Becky Spinale's apple pie creation was one of the two best in the eyes of judges for the Record's pie contest.

Smith apples make the best pie. "And be sure to brush the top with milk and sprinkle it with granulated sugar," she added.

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## CHOCOLATE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE PIE

1 unbaked pastry shell (9 inches)

1/2 teaspoon salt  
6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips

sugars, butter, shortening, egg, and vanilla. Stir in flour, baking soda, salt, and chocolate chips. Reserve 1 cup cookie dough. With hands, carefully place rounded clumps of remaining cookie dough onto chocolate layer until covered. Bake for 20 minutes or until brown. Let cool and serve.

YIELD: About 8 servings

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In two oven safe dessert cups, evenly distribute remaining chocolate filling. Bake along with pie. Let cool slightly. With reserved cookie dough, place in rounded ball of dough onto each chocolate layer. Bake along with pie. Cool and Serve

### CHOCOLATE LAYER

4 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1/4 cup butter  
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk  
1/2 cup water  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Prepare crust as directed on box. Let cool. Set oven temperature to 375.

In a saucepan, melt chocolate chips and butter. Remove from heat; stir in milk and water. Add a few spoonfuls of hot chocolate mixture to eggs; pour eggs in pan and stir. Stir in vanilla and salt. Reserve 1 cup chocolate filling. Pour remaining filling in cooled pie crust. Cover edges with foil. Bake for 35 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool slightly.

In a large mixing bowl, mix

### COOKIE LAYER

1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup butter, softened  
1/2 cup shortening  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
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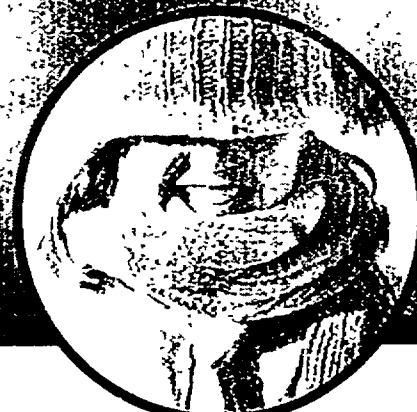
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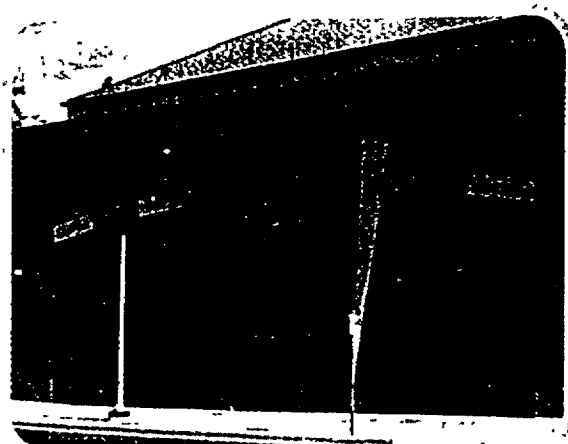
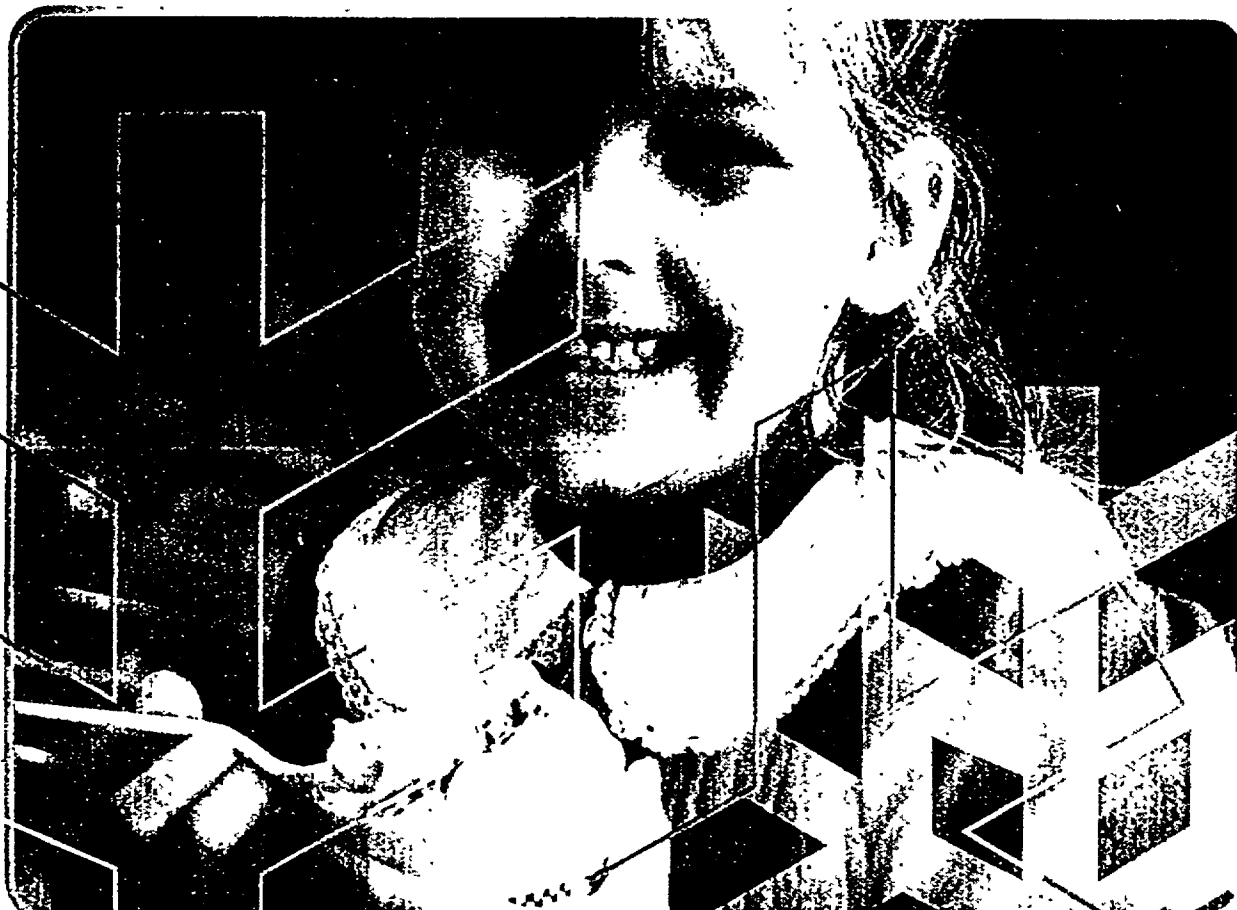
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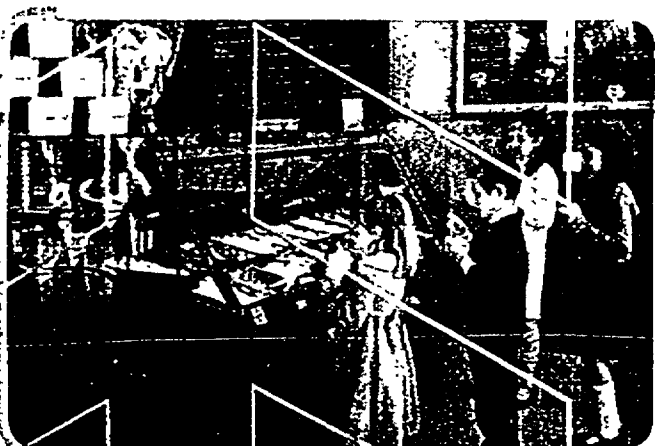


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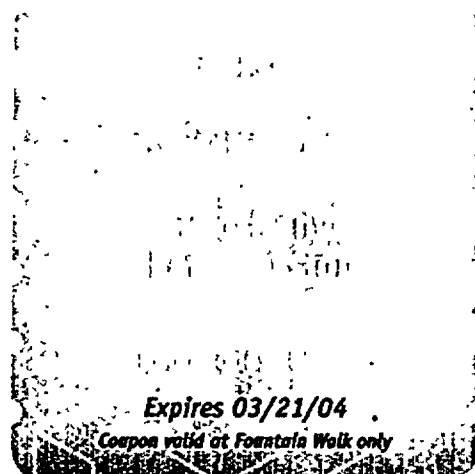
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# Swimmers dunk Churchill

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

**Mustang Brad Farris churns through the water during the 100 meter freestyle in a home meet against Livonia Stevenson.**

## Mustangs get big WLAA win over Warriors

The Northville Mustangs came away with another hoops victory as they took on and defeated a very speedy Walled Lake Western squad. Of course, it didn't hurt that the team got 25 points and eight rebounds from Brett Asher, or that Mark Sorensen and Tim Singleton each pitched in 12 points in the winning effort. This squad is looking at making a run for their conference crown and it's going to take one heck of a team effort if any one wants to stop them.

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## Impressive performances by combined gymnastics team

The Novi-Northville Wild Stangs gymnastics team had two impressive performances last week as they topped conference foe Salem and then took second place in the highly competitive Farmington Invitational with a season-high final score. More and more gymnasts are getting qualified for the Regional, which coach Lindsay Schultz said is important this late in the regular season.

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## Girls' hockey gets first-ever shut out as they top Liggett

The Northville Mustangs girls' hockey team, which is coached by Bill Holden, knew that getting a first-ever shut out wasn't going to be easy. The teams they play are some of the finest girls' hockey programs in the state, and all of them have the ability to beat each other on any given night. Despite that knowledge, the Mustangs combined their defensive efforts with some stellar goaltending by Danielle Bigi and came away with the team's first shut out in the young history of the program. The Mustangs are currently 5-8 and are entering a stretch of very winnable contests.

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## Talk about being right on...

In 1963, professional baseball pitcher Gaylord Perry remarked, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run."

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Information gathered from www.pyp.net/mvba and www.baseballhalloffame.org

## Mustang skaters roll Eagles

The Northville Mustangs boys' hockey team didn't bother to slow down as they went up against the Kensington Valley

**NORTHVILLE 3 LAKELAND 0**

The squad even had to use some impressive penalty killing to get away with a shut out. Scott Ozog earned the win in goal for Northville.

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And then there was victory. The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team rebounded nicely from their previous league losses by pouncing the Livonia Churchill Chargers, 121-62.

"We were starting to get a little desperate," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said with a laugh. "After dropping two in a row, we were starting to think it had been a while since we last had a win."

Northville found themselves getting plenty of first-place finishes, starting with the 200 medley relay. Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Chris Keady and Joe Hogan combined their talents to take first place in 1:48.62.

Brad Farris was quick to follow up the success with some of his own. He took a lifetime-best time of 1:50.85 in the 200 free for a first-place finish. Hogan added an individual victory in the 200 individual medley, finishing in 2:13.80.

In the 50 freestyle, Keady blew away the competition, racing to a finish in just 23.53 seconds. The stellar freshman tanker also took first in the 100 backstroke, completing the swim in 1:08.97.

In the 100 butterfly, freshman Will Bickle combined his success by taking a first in 57.73 seconds. Laabs notched an individual victory in the 100-meter breaststroke, finishing in just 1:08.97.

Diving once again found Brad Lempe taking home a victory. The junior collected 183.75 points for his efforts.

"We kept things going after the diving break and didn't let up, which has been a problem lately," Bennetts said. "After diving this time, we were still swimming pretty strong."

Relays were also going well for Northville. The Mustangs won the 200 freestyle relay in just 1:36.04 as Farris, Bickle, Schwartz and Hogan teamed up for the victory. In the 400 freestyle, Farris and

Bickle combined with Chris Culklin and Chris Keady for a victory in 3:31.84.

The victory was a big relief for the 18-player squad the Mustangs boast. Though on paper they were definitely the better squad, the victory over Churchill still had the players smiling afterwards.

"They were definitely more excited after this meet," Bennetts said. "They were smiling again."

Northville was back in action yesterday when they swam Plymouth High School, which was a strange addition to the normal meets which come on Thursdays. Today, however, Northville will have another meet when they host the Pinckney Pirates at 7 p.m.

"It should be a good meet," Bennetts said of the meet today. "We swam them last year, and I expect it to be a pretty close one."

## ■ Tankers could challenge in championships

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

One thing is for sure, it's impressive the way the Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team has been handling itself in the face of so much adversity.

The Mustangs, who are coached by Rich Bennetts, have been on the wrong end of numerous close calls this year — and it doesn't help that they sport just an 18-man roster.

"I've been pretty impressed with the resiliency so far," Bennetts said.

With such a young team — only four seniors — it has to become a worry that the close calls are starting to take their toll.

"As a coach, I start worrying that if this keeps happening, then

the kids are going to start feeling like they are always going to get beat," Bennetts said. "We have a big positive though, and that's the fact that we've been swimming well. We've been getting season-best times and lifetime-best times. It's the silver lining, so to speak."

But there's definitely a light at the end of the tunnel for the Mustangs. Though they are finding it tough to earn wins in the dual meets, they are going to have a major advantage come the conference championship and then the state meet. In the championships, there will be 15 minutes of rest between each event — something that will work well in Northville's favor considering only the top relay team from each school is counted instead of the

second and third best relays standing a chance at scoring as well.

"That's what keeps killing us," Bennetts said. "We have guys who swim the 500 free and then turn around and swim the 200 free relay. That's 20 lengths in the pool and then you turn around and swim another four less than a minute apart."

With the 15-minute rest and only the top team being counted, Northville may be the surprise team coming out of the league championships.

"That makes us a whole lot tougher," Bennetts said. "It's going to be a huge advantage for us when we're getting more rest than we're used to. Even without it right now, we're still swimming fast."

# Northville wins wrestling tourney

## Hard work, determination finally paying dividends

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Five matches plus five wins. What does that math add up to at the Dexter Invitational Wrestling Tournament? It equals up to one championship trophy.

The Mustangs had a great day January 31 at the Dexter Invitational. Northville showed up with a complete roster of 14 varsity wrestlers and, unlike matches early in the season, Northville is no longer giving up points on voids at any weight class. Other schools have to wrestle their way through all the Mustangs if they want to win. This is a complete team with a determined attitude.

Some matches were easily won, some were nail biters, but the Northville message was clear and everyone was able to hear it: Nobody gives up, everyone contributes their all. The end result of this determination and persistence was a first-place tournament finish.

The championship match against the Freeland Falcons was an edge-of-your-seat thriller where the lead switched five times. The foundation for the 34-32 Mustang victory was laid on pins by Joel Schanne (112), Adam Blunk (119) and Jeff Ponder (160), a four-point win from Steve Minier (189), three-point wins from Nick Didia (130) and Justin Swanson (135), and a void collect-

ed by Brad Ashby (152). Ponder's pin had brought the score to 34-29, switching the lead again to a five-point Northville advantage going into the final match.

Bill Riegner (171) walked out onto the mat to face Freeland's best wrestler and their team captain. This young man had been acknowledged earlier in the tournament for notching 100 High School career victories. The Freeland faithful were hooting and hollering in the stands. All their champion had to do was pin Riegner and the tournament trophy was theirs. They could taste it. The champion of Freeland was able to take Riegner down three times, and escape from him once, but he could not turn the focused and determined Riegner onto his back. There was no pin for Freeland and the championship was Northville's.

Northville had a nail-biter on the path to the Dexter Tournament championship which came in the second round with a 35-34 victory over Linden. Swanson led off with a three-point decision, and then Northville had to claw their way back into the lead with a pin by Ashby, and a five-point technical win from Ponder. Linden quickly tied the score but Northville took back the lead on the strength of a three-point win by Minier and a void taken by Ben Mason (215). The score flipped again. Northville was down 23-28 when

Schanne took the mat and pinned his opponent for a one-point Northville lead.

The spectators, Northville and non-Northville alike, cried foul when the referee awarded Linden a three-point victory at 119 pounds on caution points against Northville. This injustice motivated Nick Giammarco (125) to explode out onto the mat with fire in his eyes and pin his opponent, reclaiming the lead and securing the victory for Northville.

Northville romped over Ann Arbor Huron 58-9. To be fair, they gave up 24 points on voids to Ben Mason (189), Lacey, Appleford, and John Manica (140).

But Northville made quite a statement yielding only 9 points to this team. Northville's pins came from Riegner, N. Giammarco, and Didia. Ashby and Swanson added five-point technical wins. S. Giammarco and Ponder added three-point wins by decision.

The Mustangs enjoyed another lopsided victory against host Dexter High School, 54-18. Once again, the opponent gave up 24

## ■ Grapplers top conference foe

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It was their last home meet, and one that they weren't about to lose.

The Northville Mustangs wrestlers brought their conference record up to 2-2 with a decisive 34-27 victory over the Livonia Franklin Patriots January 29.

The Mustang pin parade continued for Seniors Jeff Ponder (161), Steve Minier (189), Ben Mason (215), and Joel Schanne (112).

Ponder had his opponent on his back and pinned in a minute and 12 seconds. Minier, Mason, and Schanne all pinned their matches in the second period. The referee's slap on the mat declaring the pin is a satisfying sound — a statement of supremacy and one that these Mustangs are becoming accustomed to.

Stephano Giammarco brought home four points with a 19-5

decision at 145 pounds while Justin Swanson (135) won 9-8 and Bill Riegner (171) won 7-4 for three Mustang points each.

The most notable points of the match against the Patriots were the three points that Bob Lacey did not give up at heavyweight. Lacey has stepped in to the heavyweight spot by attaining the MHSAA weight minimum of 190 pounds. A heavyweight wrestler can be anywhere up to 275 pounds and this time around Lacey gave up at least 60 pounds to the Franklin heavyweight — if not more. Yet, Lacey refused to get pinned. He fought through three periods to a 4-0 loss, only yielding three points to Livonia Franklin. It was sheer determination that kept Lacey off his back, and the extra three points off the Franklin score sheet.

The Mustang's final conference match will be at Walled Lake Western today with a start time of 7 p.m.

points on voids, but Northville still would have won without those four gimmees. Pins came from Minier, Mason (215), Giammarco, Didia, and Swanson. Ponder added a four-point win by decision, and Ashby added a three-point win by decision.

Jeff Ponder and Justin Swanson

both were 5-0 on the day. Giammarco and Nick Didia had three pins each. Individual heroics came from everywhere. Up and down Northville's roster everyone contributed. This tournament win was a total team effort. Northville has won seven matches in a row and nine out of their last 12

## Brett Asher Senior Basketball

Asher was simply a machine last week as he put in 25 points and yanked down eight rebounds against Western Lakes Activities Association rival Walled Lake Western. The senior, who is just one of the many driving forces on the basketball team, has earned the honor of Athlete of the Week twice this year — and it wouldn't be a surprise if he gets the nod again with the way he has been playing.



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## Danielle Bigi Senior Girls' Hockey

When a team is two years old, there are a lot of team-firsts — and now Bigi is credited with one of them. The senior skater, who plays between the posts for the Northville Mustangs girls' hockey team, recorded her first shut out and the team's first-ever shut out as they closed the door on Liggett, 3-0, last week.



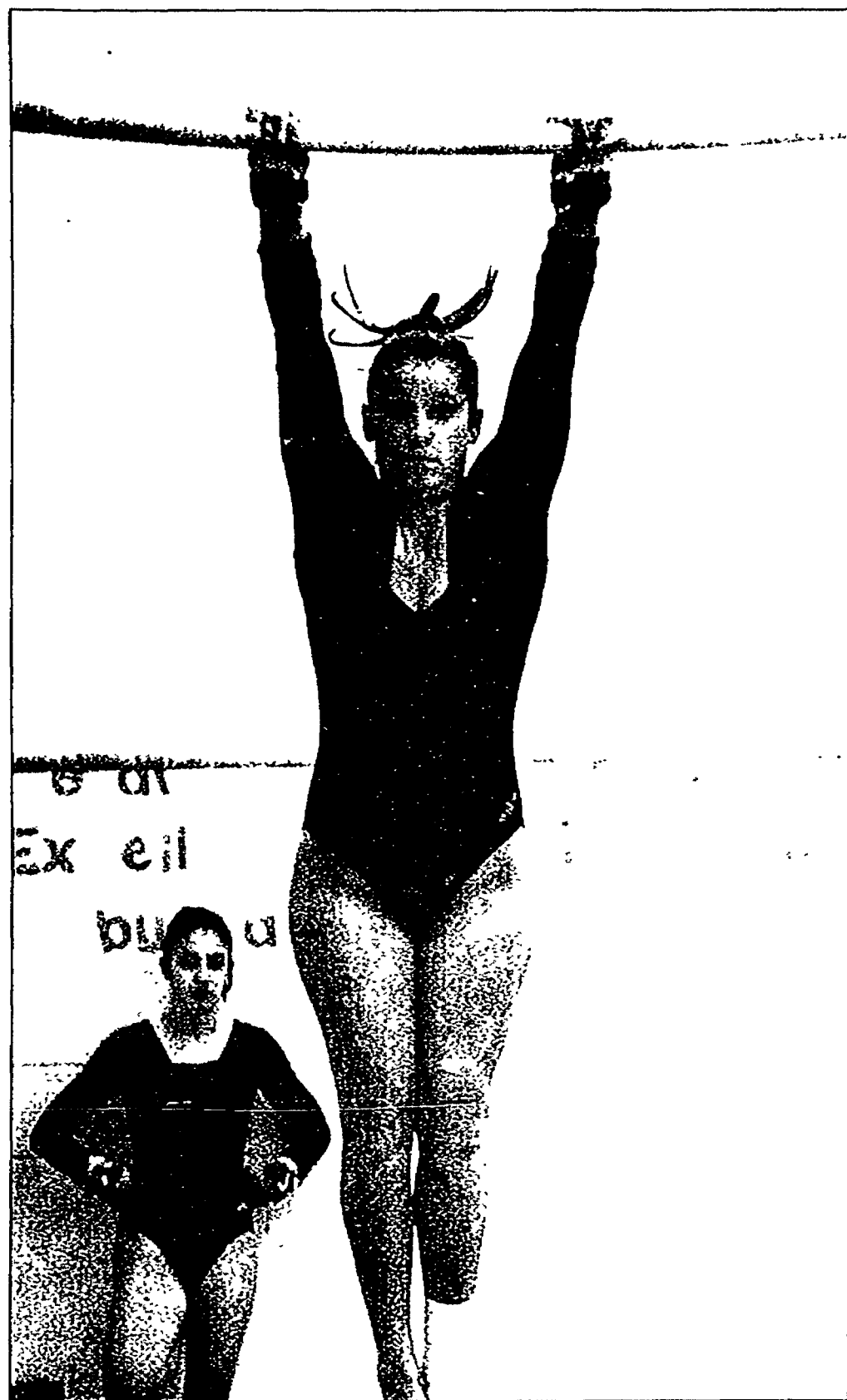


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Wild 'Stang gymnast Jana Ramsey works on the uneven parallel bars during a home meet in January against Westland John Glenn.

## Gymnastics hangs on against WLAA foes

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Though the Novi-Northville Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team has been getting the wins, they still believe they have room for improvement.

The combined Novi-Northville squad put up 142.9 points to Salem's 137.6 recently to earn a dual meet victory. Just a few days before, the team took second place in the Farmington Invitational behind Farmington's 147.15 as they collected a season high 144.4. Taking third was Portage with 143.225 and Livonia was fourth with 142.6.

"The girls did a great job at the invite, but we definitely have room for improvement," Wild 'Stangs coach Lindsay Schultz said. "I feel that we are getting better and more consistent at each meet and that we have yet to reach our peak."

Against Salem, the Wild 'Stangs had a fine showing and qualified even more girls for the Regionals, which Schultz said "is a priority this late in the season."

Maggie Mills posted season highs on the bars and floor with a 9.2 and 9.35, respectively.

The vault found Emma Platt with the top showing, notching an 8.9 for her efforts, while Sara Wilchowski collected an 8.75 and Mills earned an 8.7. Rounding out the Northville- Novi scores was Jenn Mehl, who notched an 8.45.

On the bars, Wilchowski sparked with a 9.30. Mills' 9.2 was second best and Sarah Ilkhani-Pour scored an 8.75 and Julie Foucher collected an 8.40.

The beam once again found Wilchowski competing at an amazing level as she collected a 9.30 while Foucher recorded an impressive 9.10. Platt had the third-best score of 8.7 for the Wild 'Stangs, and Trish Brownfield had an 8.70.

The floor routine found Wilchowski raking together an applaud-worthy 9.35, while Foucher earned a 9.25. Brownfield collected a 9.15 and Amanda Crawford was rewarded an 8.90 for her routine.

Wilchowski had 35.75 total points on the night, and Foucher was right behind her with a 35.15.

"We are still fine-tuning routines and getting close to adding a few more skills in several routines that will hopefully add to the difficulty of the routine," Schultz said. "We are looking forward to the Canton Invitational this weekend so we can see some of the top teams in the state and get a feel for what we need to do as a team to finish strong this season."

In the Farmington Invitational, it was the Wild 'Stangs who were one of the top teams. Platt had a nice showing on the vault with a third-place finish of a 9.1 while Wilchowski took second on the bars with a 9.35, second on the beam with a 9.45 and fifth on the floor routines with a 9.35.

Her overall score was second with a 37.2.

In Division II scoring, the gymnastics team found Foucher taking fifth on the vault with a 9.05, while Mills took fourth on the bars with a 9.05 of her own. On the beam, Rachel Deneau took first with a 9.2 and Mills took third with a 9.0. The floor routine found Deneau taking third with a 9.2.

Overall, Mills collected 36 points, which was good for second overall.

Northville competes in the Canton Invite Saturday at 9:30 a.m. before playing host to Walled Lake February 12 at 7 p.m.

## Girls' hockey gets first-ever shut out

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

In the early years of a team, first-time events are quite commonplace — but that doesn't take away from the excitement of them, or the importance.

The Northville Mustangs girls' hockey team notched another first as they earned their first-ever shut out over University Liggett, 3-0. Goalie Danielle Bigi was between the posts for the event, and stopped a penalty shot in the closing minute of play to record the victory.

Bigi wasn't the only one responsible for the huge victory as she relied on the defensive pressure provided by the Mustangs to help her earn the historic mark. Throughout the first six minutes of the game, the defensive corps swarmed the Liggett Knights and held them without a single shot on goal in the stanza.

The Mustangs offense, however, wasn't about to be closed down. Northville scored the first goal of the night in the first two minutes as Emily Doren won the face-off deep in the Liggett end of the rink and quickly shoveled a pass to Amy Cauzillo. Cauzillo wound up and fired a hard shot on goal, which bounded onto the ice before being drilled into the back of the net by Bridget Hughes for the 1-0 Northville advantage.

"This was a great team

"This was a great team effort. We got our first shut out ever against one of the better teams in the league. That signifies the enormous improvement on the part of everyone on the team."

Bill Holden

Northville girls' hockey coach

effort," Northville coach Bill Holden said after the game. "We got our first shut out ever against one of the better teams in the league. That signifies the enormous improvement on the part of everyone on the team."

Less than three minutes later, Sam Gumina out skated two Knights and made a perfect pass to Kate Latham, who redirected the puck into the goal for the second goal of the game.

Northville continued to pressure the Knights and, four minutes later, Andrea Soloko skated up the middle of the ice and let go a 30-foot slapshot to score the Mustangs third and final goal.

Throughout the next two periods, the game turned into a defensive struggle. The Mustangs controlled the Knights each and every time Liggett attempted to bring the puck into the Northville zone. Anne Kirkpatrick, Stephanie

Papich, Kelsey Gunn-Boyar and Marie McIntyre seemed to be in the right place at the right time, either poking away or intercepting passes and sending the puck back toward Liggett's end of the ice.

Northville's offense didn't collect another goal, but that didn't stop them from trying. Sam Pope, Meredith Ponder, Caitlyn Crawford, Allie Spencer, Jenny Forker, Rachel Reuter and Katie Hietala continued to work around the Liggett defense and accounted for twenty-seven shots on goal.

The Mustangs are scheduled to play Plymouth Canton at the Arctic Edge Arena February 10 at 6:30 p.m. Arctic Edge is located on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

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## UNDERCLASSMAN SCORES

### Junior Varsity Wrestling

Seven Northville wrestlers took the mat against Plymouth High School JV and demonstrated that the Mustang program will be strong into the future. Freshman Joe Gholami (112) was close to pinning three times, but settled for a convincing 12-3 win on points. Sophomore Joe Marotta (119) pinned his opponent in the third period of his match. Junior Jared Arter (135) got a 10-3 decision. Freshman Jeremy West nailed down an 8-1 decision. Junior Dave Cain (160) pinned his opponent. Sophomore Grant Garber won a 9-2 decision.

### Junior Varsity Girls' Hockey

The Mustangs girls' hockey team, continue to dominate perennial power Regina by scoring four unanswered goals in the second period to defeat the Saddelites 6-2 for their third win of the season.

Northville started the scoring when Amy Simkins passed the puck to Megan Beger skating up the right side. Beger immediately slid the puck to Anjoli Saran who skated between the defenseman and caught the lower right corner to score the first goal of the

game. Minutes later, Regina tied the score at one. The Mustangs continued to apply enormous pressure, lead by Lesley Roumuyah, Jean Lacey, Megan Bostwick, Erika Fill and Lisa Fishbeck. With just three minutes left in the first period, Rachel Tucker skated the puck the length of the ice, and passed to Cate Spurr, playing in her first game, who slammed home the Mustangs second goal.

The second period opened with more of the same, when Sarah Comai, passed to Michele Oldham who dropped the puck to Erin Morrell who blasted the puck past a fallen goalie to give the Mustangs a 3-1 lead. Four minutes later Heather Cox took a pass from Trista Williams and

skated around the Regina defense to score the fourth goal of the game. Laura Zima stole the puck from the attacking Regina player and passed the puck off the boards to Left Wing, Claire Eley who dumped the puck in front of the Regina goal where Erin Morrell slapped it into the goal. With a commanding 5-1 lead, going into the final period, Lecece Criswell made one of her 16 saves, but Regina forward Erin Defer fired the rebound into the Northville goal. But the Mustangs wasted little time, in just 45 seconds, Megan Beger took a pass from Heather Cox and drilled a wrist shot into the Regina goal for Northville's sixth and final goal.

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There will be a \$5 fee for each day players attend the clinic, which will be collected at the

door.

For more information, please contact Northville Mustangs varsity softball coach Jean Calabrese at 248-344-8420 or through her e-mail account at [calabre@northville.k12.mi.us](mailto:calabre@northville.k12.mi.us).

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The next time I with the Warriors jump, I can't

Jim Singleton with an eagle eye made three pointers at the corner of the U. Also receiving pointers from Soren on was Marcus Davis who put three in them and made the shots to increase a grow in Mustang lead. But the Warriors did not give up easily as they cut the Northville lead down to two points by plying some tough full-court defense. As the last seconds of the quarter ticked off the clock the score showed 13-11 Mustang lead.

We have been going over their plays a lot in practice, seniors Chris Oaklund. This really re-

Sorenson Davis Singleton and Shruski gave a helping hand, advancing the Mustang lead further. Showing a lot of depth and team work, these players kept the ball moving, offensively and denied the Warriors by playing good defense. The half ended with the Mustang ahead of the Warriors by a score of



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But the Mustangs hung in there with a feed from Sorenson to Shanowski under the basket. The Mustangs reestablished their rhythm and were back on track. The tough defense from the Warriors was good but the Mustang offense was better as the Mustangs defeated the Warriors by a score of

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My grandmother spent between \$65 and \$75 each month at the Winslow, Ariz. Wm. G. Dagg Mercantile Co. to feed her four children and my grandfather, a barrel-chested man who stood over 6 feet 2 inches tall.

On one shopping excursion, according to her store account statement dated Aug. 20, 1931, she paid 50 cents for six pounds of green apples; 15 cents for one head of lettuce; 40 cents for one pound of cheese; 35 cents for one dozen eggs; and 35 cents for one pound of butter.

Today it can cost more than \$150 a week to feed a family of six.

If you're finding that you're spending more on groceries than you want to, consider employing these money saving strategies from Consumer Reports magazine.

- Use coupons—wisely. A coupon won't save you money if you're buying the item just because you have a coupon. Look for stores that will double or triple your coupon's value.

While most coupons are provided in newspaper inserts, you can also download them at CoolSavings.com and SmartSource.com. But beware that you have to supply personal information—your name, address, city, state and zip, gender, birthday and e-mail address—to register. Type in your zip code at ValuPage.com and you can look up a store in your area for a list of discounted items. When you purchase those items you receive the red and white ValuPage Savings certificates/coupons from the cashier at checkout good toward a future purchase.

- Look at endcaps. The items stacked neatly at the end of the aisles may catch your eye, but resist the temptation to put them in your basket until you evaluate whether they're really discounted.

- Eye level is at a premium. Have you ever searched for a bottle of shampoo and saw the most expensive brands were right at eye level? That's because companies pay a premium to have them placed there. Look on the top and bottom shelves for better buys.

- Say "no" to checkout temptations.

Feeling hungry and thirsty after a grueling hour of comparing prices? Resist the temptation to reach for that 20-ounce bottle of soda and chocolate bar. They're apt to cost more at the checkout stand. Feeling weak? Look for the "candy-free" aisle found at many grocery stores.

- Pitfalls of shopper's club cards. Critics say prices at stores that have shopper's club cards are higher than stores without them. And there's the privacy issue. Consumers often have to provide a name, address and telephone number to get a card, which means the store can track your buying habits.

While stores maintain they use the information for marketing purposes, one doesn't know whether the data collected—for example, one's alcohol buying habits—could potentially be used against a consumer. Check your store's privacy policy before you join a shopper's club.

- Avoid packaged foods and buy store brands whenever possible. Generics are typically produced by the same manufacturers that ultimately bear a brand name.



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Abe Ayoub, the broker and owner of Mayfair Realty, provides Realty services for all types of properties including properties in the Wayne County area from Livonia, to the entire South Lyon area and the Brighton area in Livingston County.

## Buying or selling? Call Mayfair Realty

By Annette Jaworski  
SPECIAL WRITER

When it comes to working your home, you need a realtor to work hard for you—an agent who will put your needs first. Abe Ayoub of Mayfair Realty believes there's a lot more to selling a home than just putting the sign in front of a house. It takes legwork, experience, and customer service.

One way he goes the extra mile is taking the time to host open houses; they're great for letting future buyers see a home first hand, he believes. It's a good way for a seller to showcase a home's special features. It makes sense for everyone.

"Some realtors believe it's not advantageous to have an open house on Sunday. I estimate I've made about 40 percent of my sales on a Sunday," Abe said. "Walking into a home makes a huge difference."

Customer service is crucial for a service industry and especially so in the real estate business. Just because we sell \$300,000 or \$400,000 homes every day, or whatever it costs, we can't take it for granted, he adds. It's a lifetime decision for the customer. Throughout the process, it's important to stay on top of details and keep the customer informed. He prides himself on being accessible 24/7 to his customers.

"Keep in touch and do it efficiently," he said.

Another valuable tool the agent uses are website virtual tours. Today's Internet capabilities give everyone access to available homes at their fingertips.

How about that confusing paperwork? Not a problem. South Lyon resident, Artvil Cogar says he was pleased that Abe man-

aged the piles of legal paperwork and handled all the details. It's just another way that he serves his customers. Cogar notes that the realtor gave him exceptional service while selling his home. He appreciated Abe's honesty and hard work.

"He's been there all the way... he's the type of guy you can believe," said Cogar.

And if you're thinking about selling, there's no better time than the present. Traditionally people think of spring as the best time for homebuyers. Abe recommends if you're in a market to sell, consider the months of February or March. In that case, you can get a jump on the competition before the market is flooded with other homes. With the principles of supply and demand, there are fewer homes to compete with. Fewer homes on the market allow the seller to command a higher price.

In addition to today's continued favorable interest rates, there's no reason to wait if you're considering buying or selling a home. Those who never thought they could afford a home can now purchase their first starter home. Current homeowners will be pleasantly surprised that they can afford more home for their dollar and possibly upgrade.

As a long-term asset, there's never a better investment than a home, he believes.

"The stock market goes up and down. I don't remember the last time I've seen a house value go down," Abe said.

Abe began selling real estate part-time about 12 years ago for extra money and eventually became a broker/owner at Mayfair Realty. Success dictated that it would be his future.

"It just kept growing," he explained.

Abe specializes in all types of proper-



Above are two of the homes listed with Mayfair Realty. Call 248-486-8867, or page 248-314-1411.

ties including the Wayne County area from Livonia, to the entire South Lyon area and the Brighton area in Livingston County.

"You need to be well versed on all the different prices in different areas," he said. That's where the 12 years of experience makes a difference. When there are other deals on the table, you need to be aware of market values in adjacent communities, he added. If there's a sale contingent on another offer, he is careful to review all contracts. An informed consumer is more likely to be a satisfied consumer.

Abe is proud to be a resident of the Lyon Township/South Lyon area. You might see him or his wife, Maureen, at the ice rink with their son, 6-year-old Brian,

### TIPS FOR SELLING A HOME

Abe's top tips for home sellers:

- Don't forget the curb appeal, it's very important. For example, keep up the landscaping, cut the lawn and weed the flowerbeds.
- Put up a new mailbox if the old one is rusty.
- Put new address numbers on the home. "It looks much better if your numbers aren't old and rusty," he pointed out.
- Clean will sell. Make sure your house is spotless before showing. If you're not up to it, hiring someone is well worth the money.
- Freshen up with paint. "Painting is one of the most inexpensive things you can do for the most return," he added. Don't forget to paint the front door if it's needed.

who is a member of the Mini Mites, or at Destination Imagination with their daughter, 9-year-old Lauren. He's active in the local community as a member of the Lyon Township Fire Department, the Chamber of Commerce and the South Lyon Kiwanis.

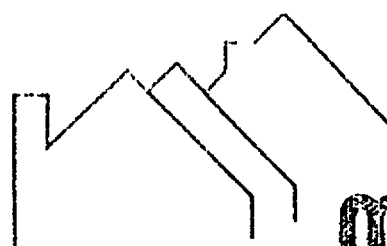
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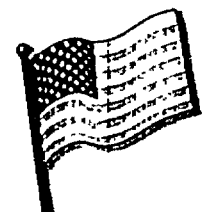
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## The marvel of murals

By Rose Bennett Gilbert  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: Looking through an old photo album, there was a picture of people standing in the doorway of my husband's grandmother's home. In the background, inside the entry hall, I could see a scene painted on the walls — a landscape of trees and houses. My husband says he remembers that it was not painted on the wall, but a wallpaper mural. Is it possible to find such wallpaper today?

A: Yes, but start saving up. Antique wallpapers — especially those block-printed by hand in France in the 18th century — are museum-worthy treasures hotly sought by collectors and curators spending large to restore important historic houses.

For example, the White House and Gracie Mansion, the mayor's house in New York City, boast glorious scenic wallpaper by the French firm, Zuber et Cie. You, too, can have them if you can afford them — Zuber still handmakes papers as they have since the late 18th century.

I recently saw marvelously preserved papers by another French manufacturer, Joseph Dufour, whose "panoramiques" were so perfectly detailed they were used to teach botany to Early American children.

An exhibitor at the 2004 Winter Antiques Show, collector Carole Thibaut-Pomerantz (ctiparisny@aol.com) preserves such works of wallpaper art by mounting them first on canvas panels that can then be installed on very privileged walls. Somewhat less well-heeled walls can have the same elegant effect with new scenic wallpapers hand-painted in China.

The dining room we show here wears a romantic landscape from Greenbaum Interiors of Paterson, N.J. (www.greenbauminteriors.com), a well-known interior design resource.



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This hand-painted scenic wallpaper will become a wall-hung heirloom.

Greenbaum's designers can commission your choice of traditional scenes in a palette of colors that work with the colors of your decor, just as the scene above the chair rail picks up the rich tones of the handmade rug.

Q: I'm thinking of hanging a hallway wall full of photos — mostly black-and-white — including some family pictures, but also some black-and-white art photographs I have collected. My question is about framing: Should I stick to all black frames with white matting?

A: It's a look I love: sheer drama in black-and-white. For which reason I say go for all black frames when you have your photos framed. One possible exception: Depending on the rest of your color scheme, add

an edging of color to the mats, say, a red that's extroverted enough to hold its own with polar opposites like black and white.

You are right-on, by the way, with today's trend toward black and white, not only in photography, but also in room decor. Colorist Leatrice Eiseman believes these "dire economic times" are inspiring our return to living in black and white. She also cites a renewed national interest in the sleek aerodynamic designs of the 1930s. Airstream trailers, for example.

Q: We have dark hardwood floors in the great room and kitchen area, with kitchen cabinets to match. I've gotten tired of all that darkness and want to paint the cabinets a soft cream

color. My husband insists everything wood should match. What do you think?

A: I think that variety is the spice of decorating, as well as life. Nowhere is it written that you can't vary the colors of woods, just as you do paints, fabrics and other interior furnishings. A mix is always more interesting than "matchy-matchy" — as long as you stop short of creating an eye-confusing patchwork of too many different finishes.

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## List of very hardy veggies includes broccoli, rhubarb

Q: I want to put in a bigger vegetable garden this year. I know that some plants or seeds can be in the garden earlier than others. When can I put in what? When is our first frost-free date for Livingston County?

A: For the sake of sorting, these common veggies are going into four categories from the coldest to the warmest. Very hardy vegetables are parsnips, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage and cauliflower. The perennial vegetables that belong to this category are asparagus, horseradish and rhubarb. They can stand being frosted. In the hardy category that can stand some light frosts are carrots, beets, lettuce, turnips, onions, peas, radish and spinach. Tender vegetables cannot take any frosts. These are snap beans, sweet corn, cucumber and squash. The very tender vegetables are the tropical beauties of the garden. Don't even mention frost in their presence. These are lima beans, muskmelons, peppers and tomatoes.

The tender and very tender vegetables should only be planted when the soil temperature is above 50 degrees.

When the soil is too cold, the seeds don't germinate and many will rot. The frost-free date may depend on where you live in the county. It will also depend on whether we are having a warm or cold spring. This is an average of historical weather data to do a "guesstimate" on when to plant. May 27 is the date for Flint and Ann Arbor. May 30 is for Milford, and June 12 is for Lansing and Pontiac. Or you can go by the old favorite, easy-to-remember date of Memorial Day. The very hardy and hardy seeds and plants can already be in by then. If the weather is cold on Memorial Day, wait. It's cheaper than buying again. You can't make them grow if it's too cold no matter how determined you are.

Q: Over the years, I've had several jade plants for indoor plants. When they are getting to be good size, they all developed a terrible problem. The branches broke off and they were all rotten inside. The plants fell apart in a few months. What kind of a disease is this?

A: This is the disease of using tap water to water your jade plants. Most plants do not tolerate the minerals and salts in tap water. It doesn't matter if it came from the city water system or out of your well. They all contain minerals and salts. If you buy spring water, you still have the same problem. It came out of the ground. Plants sit on the soil surface and never meet these materials. Water comes from deep beneath the surface and has an abundance of salts and minerals. The salts and minerals can be seen collecting on the surface of the soil of your potted plants. It looks like a gray or white dusty material. Scooping it off the soil only removes the top layer. It's all the way through the soil. These salts and minerals cause problems for plant roots. The damaged roots allow soil bacteria to invade the plant. The Big Rot begins and isn't reversible. So what can you use to water your jade plants? Rainwater is the perfect solution. During the summer, you can collect it in a 32-gallon heavy-duty garbage can placed under the overhang of the house. Water can be stored indoors for winter or you can collect snow and let it melt to become room temperature before using it. It's more work but if you want a big, healthy plant with no rots, give it a try. Jade plants are succulents. They grow in semi-arid locations where they get periodic water. If you water too often, you can also create rots and spots. Let the jade plant dry well between applications of water. Be careful to fertilize lightly and not too often. That's another source of those annoying soluble salts.

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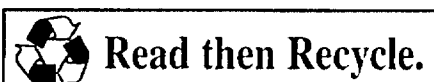
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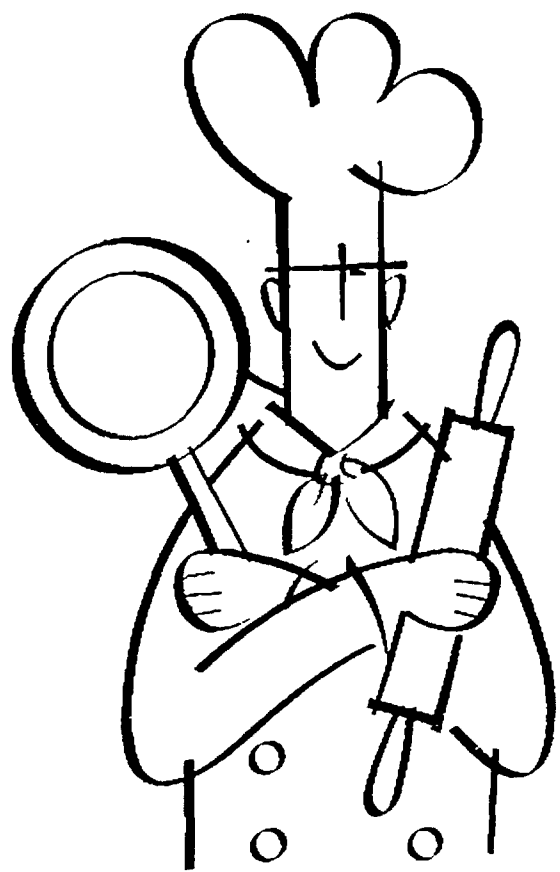
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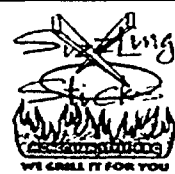
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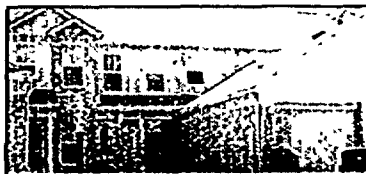


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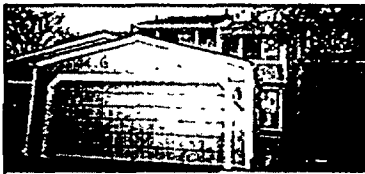
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**CANTON Best Buy in the Sub**  
3 year old condo on premium lot that backs to trees w/ a beautiful view. Master BR has WIC, garden tub, sep shower & double sinks. LR is cozy w/ gas fireplace, grand white mantle. Perfect for enter. Nice landscaping.  
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**REDFORD Cozy Home on Double Lot**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow w/ 2 car garage attached by breezeway, finished basement w/ 2nd kitchen & bath. Newer roof, windows, kitchen & carpet.  
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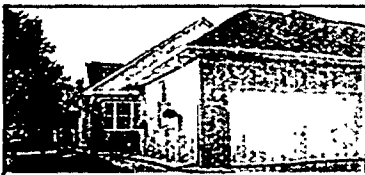
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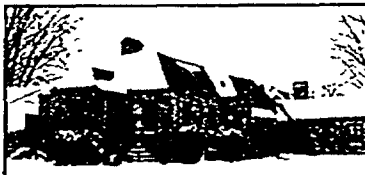
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**LIVONIA Country Lot**  
This oversized ranch on an approx. 62 acre tree lot has 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 1/2 p. Garden room, FR, formal DR & a super floor plan. Many updates & very well maintained inside & out.  
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**WESTLAND For the Finicky Buyer**  
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**NORTHVILLE Luxurious Condo Living**  
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**SOUTH LYON Too Many Fine Qualities**  
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**LINCOLN PARK Character & Charm**  
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**SUMMIT A Little Bit of Country**  
3 bdrm ranch on approx 1/2 acre fenced in lot backing to woods & wildlife. 2.5 c garage, updated w/ kitchen cabinets & updated bath. Walkside windows, all appliances, vinyl siding new in '02. Home warranty.  
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**BLOOMFIELD HILLS Bloomfield Hills Beauty**  
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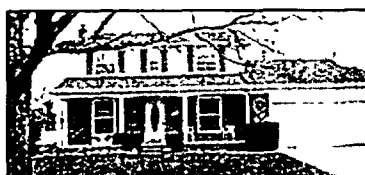
**NORTHVILLE As Good As It Gets**  
This exquisite ranch is sited on a private wooded lot. Current owners have updated with exceptional floor including roof, paver walks & patio. All landscaping electrical & plumbing fixtures. Granite counters & more.  
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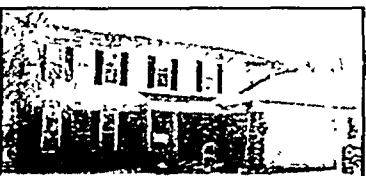
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**CANTON Sunflowers Finest!**  
4 bdrm 2.5 bath colonial w/ newer ceramic flr in foyer, kit & powder rm. LR opens to for din rm w/ newer hardwood flr, but has newer cherry cabs, Conant counter. FR w/ gas tpic, newer Andersen door to deck & 2 c att gar.  
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**WESTLAND Meticulous Colonial**  
4 BR, 2.5 BA home on a quiet cul-de-sac. Peaceful tree-lined backyard. 2 car attached garage. Full basement, gas fireplace. Newer windows and bay window in DR. Pool w/ custom 2 tier deck. Livonia schools.  
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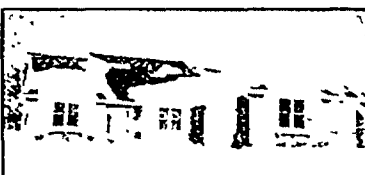
**SOUTH LYON Beautiful Scenic Views**  
Wonderful ranch 2 acres 3 BR, 2.5 BA, walk out ranch. Finished basement w/ full bath & fireplace. 3 car garage. Large kitchen. 1st floor laundry. Large deck. Newer windows, roof, septic & water system.  
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**NORTHVILLE Historic**  
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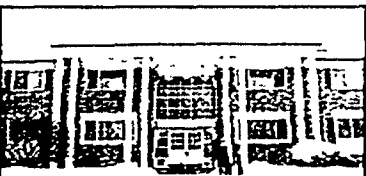
**WESTLAND A Spacious Colonial**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home w/ bright kitchen w/ all appliances, family room w/ gas fireplace leading to private yard w/ pool & hot tub. Finished lower level & 2 car attached garage.  
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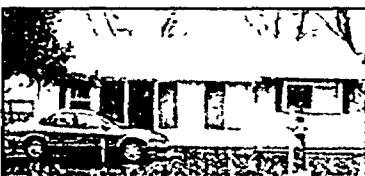
**NORTHVILLE Walk to Town**  
From this 2 bedroom premium end unit w/ many updates. It includes newer kitchen, bath carpet, lighting, 6 panel doors & vertical blinds.  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS Best Value in Town**  
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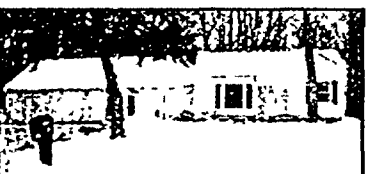
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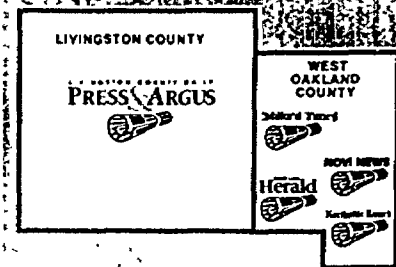
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Schedule appointments for our sales staff. No selling. Full time or part time evenings. No experience needed. Exc. pay + bonus. Call (248) 348-4823

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for temp jobs for new company in Brighton. Must be able to lift up to 35 lbs & work at a fast pace. Pay is \$9.00/hr. Call (248) 960-9040

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#### CERTIFIED TRUCK & TRACTOR MECHANIC NEEDED.

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100+ million dollar automotive manufacturing Co looking for full charge Cost Accountant. Must have repetitive integrated manufacturing experience, automotive a plus. Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Must be willing to spend up to 50% of time on manufacturing floor. Please fax resume to 810-225-8654

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**DAIRY & FROZEN FOOD MANAGER**  
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Manager needed. Must have exp working with individuals w/ disabilities. Offering health insurance, paid time off, and a negotiable wage to the right person. Call 9am to 5pm, 517-552-7217

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time, in our group home. Friendly energetic people needed to help 6 of us with our daily needs. Please contact Kim or Elaine if you wish to make a difference in our lives. (517) 546-7140

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Full time, for Howell heating & cooling company. Call (517) 540-9749

**DRIVER**  
Building Materials in Livonia. Class B. Send resume to 30643 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

**HAIRSTYLIST, NAIL TECH, & MASSAGE THERAPIST**  
For Plymouth salon. Call Kim, 734-459-4001

**HVAC TECHNICIAN**  
Must have 5 yrs exp in commercial work. Motivated & leadership qualities a must. Top pay & benefits. Company vehicle. Potential for supervisory & managerial advancement. Established Co. since 1918. Fax resume to 313 831-7479 or call Tony Sr 313 831-3070

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Owner Operator. Home every night. \$1500 & up per week. Call (517) 552-1065

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Must be able to obtain chauffeur's license and DOT Flexible evening hours. Any interested candidates see shipping manager at 7428 Kensington Rd., Brighton, MI 248-437-4163

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#### GENERAL SHOP HELP

Production \$9.00/hr. Call (517) 548-6414

**GOLF SHOP BUYER**  
Oakland Hills Country Club is seeking a full time golf shop buyer for women's apparel. Retailing/purchasing experience required. Golf apparel experience desired. Cafeteria benefits/401(k) benefits and paid time provided. A short seasonal shut down occurs from mid January to March 1. Unemployment compensation provided during shut down. Compensation is highly competitive with holiday and performance bonuses. Clothing allowance included. This is an ideal opportunity at a top ten club in the USA. Please forward resume to: Oakland Hills Country Club, 3551 West Maple, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301. Fax: (248) 644-2683

**HAIR CARE PROFESSIONALS**  
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Mechanic shop is looking for an individual with exp and knowledge to organize, manage, and maintain fleet of heavy equipment of trucks and trailers. Call (248) 349-2922

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**Supervisors**  
Looking for responsible, self-motivated individuals to work as supervisors in our injection molding facility. Successful candidates will have demonstrated injection molding experience, processing and light maintenance. Must have 3 yrs minimum supervisory experience. Must possess good organizational skills and the ability to work with time limits & procedures.

**Mold Setter / Maintenance**  
Ability to perform mold changes in 250-1000 ton presses, understanding of core sequences, a must with the ability to perform preventative maintenance. Processing a plus. Starting at \$12.00/hr.

If you are interested in the aforementioned positions, please fax your resume to Kelly at 1-248-926-5942

**MECHANIC WANTED**  
For growing landscaping & snow removal Co. Exp or education required. Call Harvey for interview, (248) 676-0700

**MECHANIC WANTED**  
to maintain and repair large fleet of heavy equipment and light and heavy duty trucks & trailers. Must be a certified diesel mechanic with experience. Call (248) 349-2922

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Injection Molding Supervisor/Process Tech. needed for Automotive Supplier in Fowlerville. Must be able to work 1st or 2nd shift. Several years exp required. Please send resumes to Box 0780 c/o The Livingston County Day Press & Argus, 323 E Grand River, Howell, MI 48843

**MORTGAGE BROKERS**  
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**Non-Medical Caregivers**  
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**OFFICE CLEANING**  
Evenings, Mon, Wed, Fri. \$8.50 per hour. Wixom area. Call (517) 548-4437

**PACKAGERS NEEDED**  
for temp part-time job in New Hudson. \$8/hr from 8am to 5pm. Must be able to work at a fast pace & stand up for entire shift. Occasional lifting up to 35 lbs. Call (248) 960-9040

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**TELLERS - PART TIME**  
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**TRAVEL AGENT**  
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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
For Horses Haven in Howell. Must be at least 16. No exp necessary. (734) 425-2156

## Office Clerical (5820)

**FILE CLERK**  
Part-time for light filing in  
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**NATIONAL MANUFACTURER**  
Needs detail-oriented person  
with smooth phone skills. Will  
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**OFFICE ASSISTANT**  
Needed full time for small,  
casual office in Novi. Must  
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Must have exp. QuickBooks. Excel  
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**RECEPTIONIST NEEDED** for  
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**RECEPTIONIST/Assistant** for  
Veterinary clinic. Some exp.  
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## Dental (5040)

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
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## Dental (5040)

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Wanted for busy OB/GYN  
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**MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST**  
Full-time for Cardiology  
Practice in Farmington Hills  
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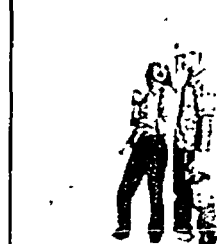
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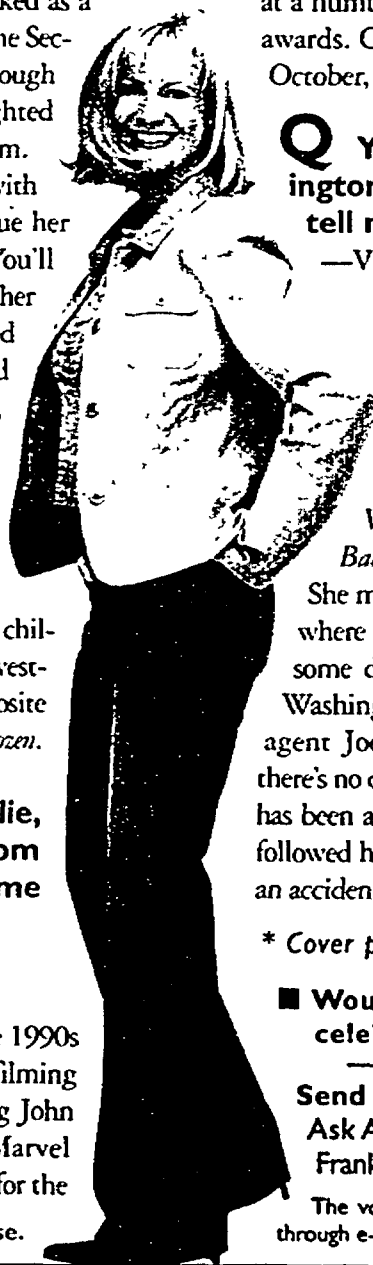
**Q** I think *Life With Bonnie* is the best new show on TV. What can you tell me about Bonnie Hunt?  
—Pat L., North Carolina

The actress/writer/director/producer grew up in Chicago as one of seven children. As a child, Hunt wanted to be a nurse or an entertainer, and as an adult she did both. She worked as a nurse by day and at night performed with the Second City improvisational comedy group. Though her patients were terminally ill, Hunt delighted in the sense of humor she found among them. She's credited them in numerous interviews with encouraging her to go to California to pursue her dreams. "They said, 'Go. Don't fear failure. You'll fail many times.' And I have," she says. Still, her successes have been significant. She's appeared in the films *Jerry Maguire*, *The Green Mile* and *Beethoven*. She was the first woman to write, produce and star in her own sitcom, *The Building*, and though that show didn't make it, *Life With Bonnie* did. Hunt and her guests (such as Jonathan Winters, Robin Williams and David Duchovny) improvise the talk show interviews. Unlike her character, Hunt has no children, but she is married to John Murphy, an investment banker. Hunt most recently starred opposite Steve Martin in a remake of *Cheaper By The Dozen*.

**Q** My favorite singer is Mark Collie, but I haven't heard anything new from him in a long time. Could you tell me if he is still singing?  
—Wilma B., Tennessee

The country singer who made his mark in the 1990s with hits like *Born To Love You* has been busy filming a movie. He plays a bad guy in the upcoming John Travolta film, *The Punisher*, based on the Marvel comic. He'll also perform a song that he wrote for the

Actress Bonnie Hunt was formerly a nurse.



film on the soundtrack. Acting has been a second career for the Waynesboro, Tenn. (pop. 2,228), native since he was cast in the Steven Seagal film *Fire Down Below* in 1997. He's appeared in the TV shows *Walker, Texas Ranger* and *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*. He also wrote, produced and starred in his own short film, *I Still Miss Someone*, in which Collie played the young Johnny Cash. Music-wise, he's still writing regularly—he's had songs cut by Tim McGraw, George Jones and Garth Brooks. He recorded a live album at Tennessee's Brushy Mountain State Prison in 2001, which has yet to be released, though an unfinished documentary of the concert has been shown as a work-in-progress at a number of film festivals and won a number of film festival awards. Collie, who married country singer Coley McCabe in October, expects to record again, so keep your ears open.

Mark Collie also acts.

**Q** Years ago, I had a recording by Dinah Washington. She had a fantastic voice. What can you tell me about her?  
—Vicki S., Nebraska

You are in luck if you want to hear her again, because virtually all of Dinah Washington's recordings are currently available on CD. The versatile vocalist, born Ruth Jones in Tuscaloosa, Ala., recorded jazz, blues, rhythm & blues, and light pop. Her 1959 recording of *What a Difference a Day Makes* was a big pop hit, as was *Baby, You Got What It Takes*, a duet with Brook Benton. She moved from Alabama to Chicago's South Side as a child, where she played piano and directed her church choir. There's some dispute about where she got the stage name Dinah Washington—from bandleader Lionel Hampton, booking agent Joe Glaser or Garrick Stage Bar boss Joe Sherman. But there's no dispute that the same work that shot her to stardom also has been a big influence on most black female singers who have followed her. Sadly, Washington was only 39 when she died from an accidental overdose of diet pills and alcohol in 1963. ☆

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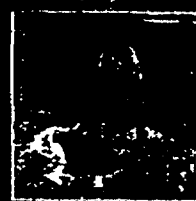
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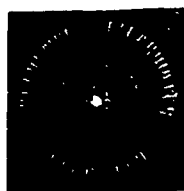
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**KANSAS**—Kansas won an award for the most beautiful license plate for its wheat plate design issued in 1981.

**MICHIGAN**—The University of Michigan's mascot, the wolverine, is no longer found in the state.

**MINNESOTA**—The Mall of America in Bloomington is the size of 78 football fields, and is the largest such complex in America.

**MISSOURI**—Warsaw (pop. 2,070) owns the state record lowest temperature of minus 40 degrees on Feb. 13, 1905, as well as the state's highest temperature of 118 degrees on July 14, 1954 (a record shared with three other towns).

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**SOUTH DAKOTA**—As a high school student in Yankton (pop. 13,528), Tom Brokaw worked at a local radio station. Once, while interviewing his girlfriend, he thought they were off the air when he told her, "I love you." But they weren't.

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From pop to hip hop, much of the best music made in the last year will be showcased during The 46th Annual Grammy Awards, which airs at 8 p.m. EST Feb. 8 on CBS.

While rap and R&B acts dominate the list of nominees, this year's group is a varied collection of musical genres, voices and personalities.

"Embracing both high-profile and up-and-coming artists, the nominations reflect talent that was both commercially successful as well as critically acclaimed," says Neil Portnow, president of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, which puts on the show. "We are looking forward to putting together a stellar show that will reflect the musical, cultural and production values that make the Grammys the pinnacle of entertainment and excellence."

With a total of six each, pop diva Beyoncé, rap mogul Jay-Z, hip hop duo Outkast and the Neptunes' Pharrell Williams landed the most nominations. Those with five nominations are rapper Missy Elliott, rapper Eminem, rock group Evanescence, rapper 50 Cent, the Neptunes' Chad Hugo, pop star Justin Timberlake, R&B crooner Luther Vandross and the late rocker Warren Zevon.

Those competing for Album of the Year are Missy Elliott, Evanescence, Outkast, Justin Timberlake and the White Stripes. Nominees for Record of the Year are Beyoncé, featuring Jay-Z (*Crazy In Love*), Black Eye Peas and Justin Timberlake (*Where Is the Love?*), Coldplay (*Clocks*), Eminem (*Lose Yourself*) and Outkast (*Hey Ya*).

The Best New Artist nominees are Evanescence, 50 Cent, alt-pop group Fountains of Wayne, R&B singer Heather Hedley and dancehall DJ/singer Sean Paul.

This year's show, broadcast live from Los Angeles, will feature multiple hosts and be viewed by about 650 million people worldwide. Artists scheduled to perform or present an award include Madonna, Martina McBride, the White Stripes, Timberlake and Beyoncé.

A Grammy is the most prestigious honor in the music community, so most of today's singers have spent years dreaming of taking one home, perhaps even practicing their acceptance speeches in front of a mirror. On Feb. 8, you'll have a front-row seat in seeing lifelong dreams come true. ☆

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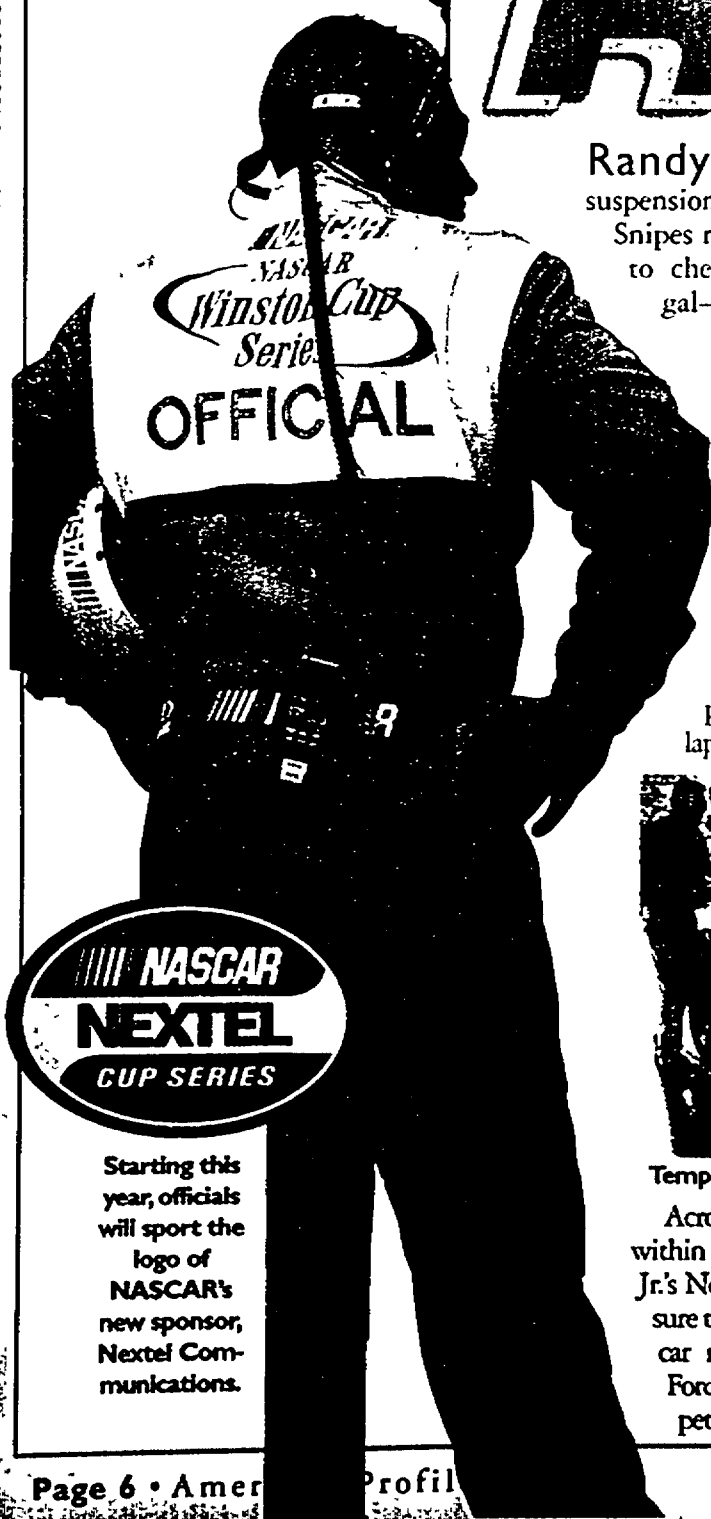
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Randy Hedger inspects the front suspension of Ryan Newman's No. 12 Dodge while Troy Snipes rolls under the racecar's chassis, using a magnet to check bumper-to-bumper for lighter—and illegal—aluminum parts.

"We know if it's magnetic steel, it's got the strength we want," says Hedger, a NASCAR official from Kannapolis, N.C. (pop. 36,910), adding that racing teams in the past have attempted to reduce car weights to gain an advantage on the track.

Before their morning job is finished, Hedger, Snipes and four dozen other NASCAR officials will examine, test, weigh, and measure 46 cars in the garage at North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham (pop. 9,672). They'll peek under hoods, inspect helmets and safety harnesses, and check tire pressures before drivers are allowed to take qualifying laps around the track.

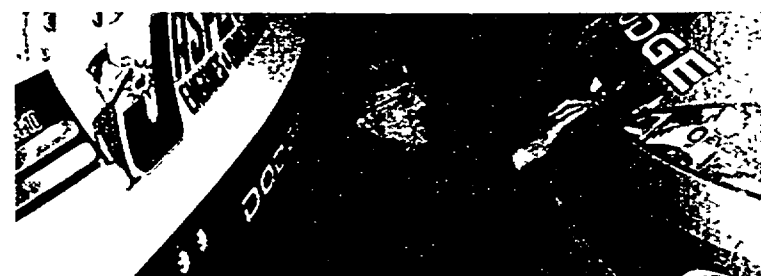


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Officials have stepped up inspections in recent years to ensure the safety and fairness of the competitive, high-speed sport, in which drivers race around some of the tracks at up to 200 mph.

The rules, covering everything from engine size to maximum speed on pit road, are outlined in detail in NASCAR's 83-page,



Randy Hedger rolls under a car's chassis, checking for illegal parts. official rule book, which contains thousands of guidelines that racing teams must follow to avoid penalties and monetary fines. Still, the teams continue to test "gray areas" in hopes of gaining a competitive advantage.

"They all try to get away with as much as possible," says Berkheimer, a NASCAR inspector from Mooresville, N.C. (pop. 18,823). "What we try to do is maintain fairness by making sure that all of them are equal when they go out onto the racetrack."

Drivers don't always agree with the rules or how they're enforced, but most respect the officials and the inspection process. They realize it's the best way to maintain a level playing field, improve driver safety, and keep the races from slipping into chaos. "Somebody has got to be in control, whether we agree with them or disagree with them," veteran driver Bill Elliott says.

Without uniform rules and officials to enforce them, the teams with the most money would dominate the sport, says Rich Hubbs, John Andretti's car chief. "They really protect our future," Hubbs says of the officials. "If there were a few cars that were hands above everyone else, then it would be boring and we wouldn't fill the stands."

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# Hometown Hero

by LORI TOBIAS

# Back to the Future

It's hard to imagine what the picturesque landscape of Alta, Utah, might look like today had Bill Levitt stuck to his original Colorado ski trip.

The year was 1954, and Levitt, a New York filmmaker, had just learned to ski. Hoping to improve, Levitt planned a Thanksgiving visit to Aspen, Colo. That is, until a friend told him it was too early for good skiing in the Rocky Mountain city and advised that Levitt go to the town of Alta instead.

Levitt had never even heard of the place, but went anyway. And then again, and again. Two years later, he packed up his family and bid goodbye to city life.

Today, the 80-something-year-old Levitt ("I don't usually tell people my age," he says.) is the only elected mayor Alta, a town 30 miles east of Salt Lake City, has ever known. He won his first election in 1971, the year the town incorporated, and every election since.



Longtime Mayor Bill Levitt hasn't "resorted" to growth in Alta, Utah.

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Residents credit Levitt with keeping the small-town ski resort small. "If there had not been a Bill Levitt, Alta would not be the place it is today," says Skip Branch, an advertising executive and chairman of the Alta Planning Commission. "Alta has been under the threat of development, but Bill has done everything he can to keep Alta the way he remembered it as a young man."

When Levitt moved to Alta, he got a sense of not only the beauty of the place, but the marvelous rustic quality and its sense of calm and peace. That vision has never wavered.

Not that the resort doesn't have its share of skiers. On a busy winter day, the town's population of 400 can swell to as many as 10,000. "Those are the days," Levitt says, "we go out on the road and tell people, 'Sorry, you can't come today,' and they understand."

Despite the crowds, you won't find mini-malls or massive real estate developments. There are still only a handful of lodges, none particularly large. And yet, in many ways, the town is surprisingly forward in its thinking. There is a fire department, which once boasted one of the first female fire chiefs in the country, a police department with academy-trained officers and an up-to-date emergency communications system.

The most visionary of the town's programs, however, is the Planning Commission.

In a small town, Levitt says, "It's very difficult when a neighbor comes in (with plans to build). You say OK because he's your neighbor. If you say no, you make an enemy. So, we've done something very innovative. We said you can't be on the planning commission if you live here. Instead, we go to different organizations and ask for names. These are top people, who consider it an honor to serve."

These days, Levitt doesn't ski quite as often as he once did, though, he notes, he finally earned a free pass. "Not," he points out, "because I'm the mayor, but because I'm over 80."

On skis or off, Levitt often can be found outside talking with guests. Many are return skiers who come expressly for the resort's leisurely ways. There are others, however, who require some explanation about how things work.

Not long ago, Levitt says, the resort put in a high-speed lift, but loaded only three, not the capacity four, skiers on it, and ran it at a slower speed.

"This guy came to me and said, 'What's your problem? I waited in the lift line for 15 minutes and then I got to the top and no one was up there.' I said, 'Pretty nice, wasn't it?' And his eyes lit up and he said, 'Oh yeah, I see what you mean.'"

And while there are those who label Alta as old-fashioned, Levitt begs to differ.

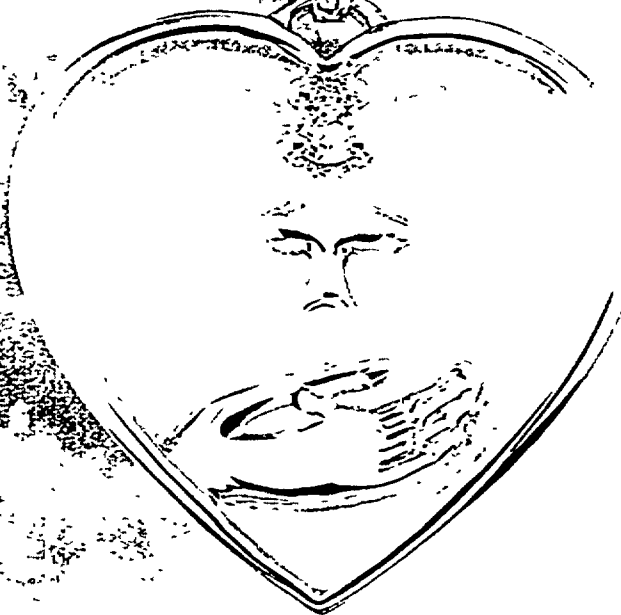
"I like to think we're the future. There's a hunger for people who would love to get back to romantic ski lodges where you can meet people, sit around the fire and make friends. People here respect the people who come. We're different here and we're proud of it." ☆

Lori Tobias is a freelance writer from Newport, Ore.



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Jamie DiPietro inspects the face shield of one driver's helmet.

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## Gentlemen, check your rule books

On race day, as fans are filling the stands, officials fan out around the track to monitor—and officiate—the race. Flagman Jimmy Howell climbs into the flag stand, scorers in the control room prepare to count the number of laps each car makes, and pace car driver Buster Auton leads the pack around the track before the green flag is waved.

Officials communicate via radio, signaling when a driver bumps another car, if a pit crew is being cited with a penalty for a pit road violation, or where there's debris or oil on the track.

"I've got a piece of metal on Turn 3," an official reports, speaking into his headset after a crash. Within minutes the object is removed so the race can resume.

When an accident occurs, technical safety supervisor Jamie DiPietro grabs a camera and takes photographs of the wrecked cars in hopes of identifying problems and preventing future injuries or mishaps.

"We can't tell them (drivers) what to do because they have to be comfortable to be able to drive, but we can make suggestions," says DiPietro, 38, one of two women on NASCAR's inspection team.

Chief engine inspector Mike Butler remains in the garage area, ready to declare any car with a mechanical problem or a blown engine out of commission.

As the sport evolves, officials must stay on top of the technical changes and update NASCAR's rule book to reflect those changes.

"The officials are the ones that take the rule book from a written application and put it into real life," says John Darby, director of NASCAR's Nextel Cup (formerly Winston Cup) series. "They are the ones responsible for enforcing the rules."

## Official training

In January, NASCAR launched a training program for its officials and inspectors at its research and development center in Concord, N.C. (pop. 55,977). The program is designed to train existing officials, and to recruit and train new officials as positions become available, says Joe Garone, NASCAR's director of officiating.

The program is needed, officials say, because compared to other sports, auto racing is becoming increasingly technical. "In baseball, you have a bat,



Mike Butler holds a speed-reducing restrictor-plate, used at some tracks.

a ball, and a glove," Darby says. "In our sport, we have a machine that has over 5,000 moving parts."

Most NASCAR officials were involved in some aspect of the sport before they began working for the stock car racing association.

Hedger, for example, drove a racecar in upstate New York for 25 years before going to work for NASCAR in 1999; Garone worked for Bill Elliott's racing team from 1996 to 1999; and Butler built racecar engines in his machine shop in Kirkville, N.Y., prior to inspecting them for NASCAR in 2000.

Between mid-February and mid-November, NASCAR officials spend much of their time on the road—or in the air—flying by corporate or commercial jet across the country to officiate 36 races in the Nextel Cup series.

During that time, Linda Hedger doesn't get to see much of her husband, Randy, and son, Adam, who also works for NASCAR, unless they're officiating a race close to home that she can attend.

Still, she's glad her husband is doing something he enjoys. "He loves it," Linda says, as a racecar roars out of the garage to take a qualifying lap. "His eyes light up when he talks about it."

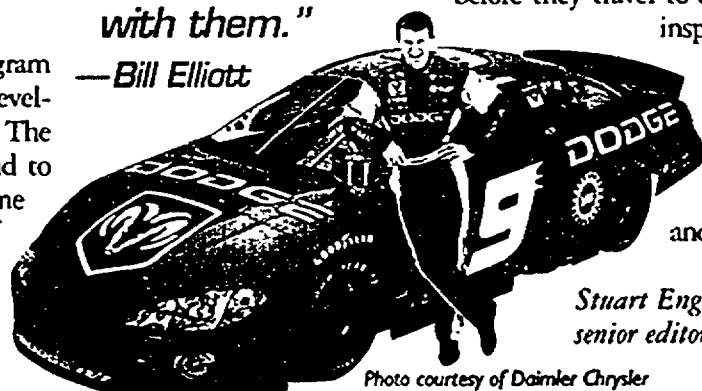
And while Adam, 25, and his father both are NASCAR employees, often their hectic schedules keep them apart. "Some weekends I don't even get to see him," says Adam, an inspector in NASCAR's Busch series.

After the checkered flag is waved and the winning driver takes his victory lap around the track, NASCAR officials return to the garage for one final inspection. The engines, carburetors, shocks, and other key components of the winning cars are dismantled and examined to make sure they adhere to NASCAR's rule book. Then, officials get a couple of days off before they travel to another racetrack and start the inspection process all over again.

"It's a pretty involved process and it happens about three times a weekend," Darby says. "It's something that keeps everybody moving and jumping." ★

*"Somebody has got to be in control, whether we agree with them or disagree with them."*

—Bill Elliott



Stuart Englert is American Profile's senior editor.

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## The Flags of NASCAR

The flagman communicates with drivers on the track by waving eight different flags. Below are the colors of each flag and what they stand for.

**Green**—Like a traffic light, the green flag means the track is clear and drivers can go. It is used to start and restart the race.

**Yellow**—Yellow indicates caution and is used to signal a problem on the track. It alerts drivers to slow down until the problem is solved.

**Blue-Yellow**—The blue flag with a yellow stripe urges drivers who are down a lap to yield to faster, passing cars.

**Red**—The red flag signals a danger or hazard. It is used to stop the race, usually in cases of heavy precipitation, accidents or other unsafe conditions on the track.

**Black**—The black flag is used to order a car into the pits, usually for a rule violation or mechanical problem.

**Black-White**—A black flag with a white stripe is waved when a driver does not respond to the black flag. It can signal disqualification.

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# Hometown Spotlight

## Strength through Adversity

They grace the Des Moines River, a line of slender century-old storefronts, faces draped in striped awnings of red, green and white. It is a quiet evening, and people stroll down wide sidewalks, or sit on park benches to watch a river that, in its refusal to remain within imposed barriers, is much like them.

So are the eagles that soar above the Des Moines—a symbol to the people who live here.



Residents rejuvenated the historic downtown.

This is Bonaparte, Iowa, a community of 458, shaped by natural disasters and economic woes. But come recession or high water, the southeast Iowa town is far from meeting its Waterloo. Instead, troubles have strengthened its people.

People like Dana Mabe, a native who moved back after spending a year in Chicago. "Chicago wasn't home," she says. "Here everyone knows you and if you have a problem, no matter what it is, all you have to do is call. Your neighbors will be right there to help."

During the flood of 1993, she remembers teenagers helping senior citizens move their furniture and other belongings. Women gathered at churches to serve food to the sandbaggers, long before the Red Cross became involved.

"I had been back in town for four years, and what sticks out in my mind is filling sandbags at the schoolhouse on the hill and

the amount of people who were there," Mabe says. "It wasn't just the people who lived in Bonaparte proper, but country people, too. We had to take shifts because there were so many people to help."

In Bonaparte, floods are a fact of life. "We've had at least five to seven times that the town has been flooded out," former Mayor Gary Kenney says.

Settlers founded the community in 1837 and named it Meek's Mills, but when the town was platted in 1841, the name was changed to Bonaparte in recognition of Napoleon Bonaparte, the French emperor from 1804-1814. Known for its gristmill and woolen mill, the community served both sides during the Civil War.

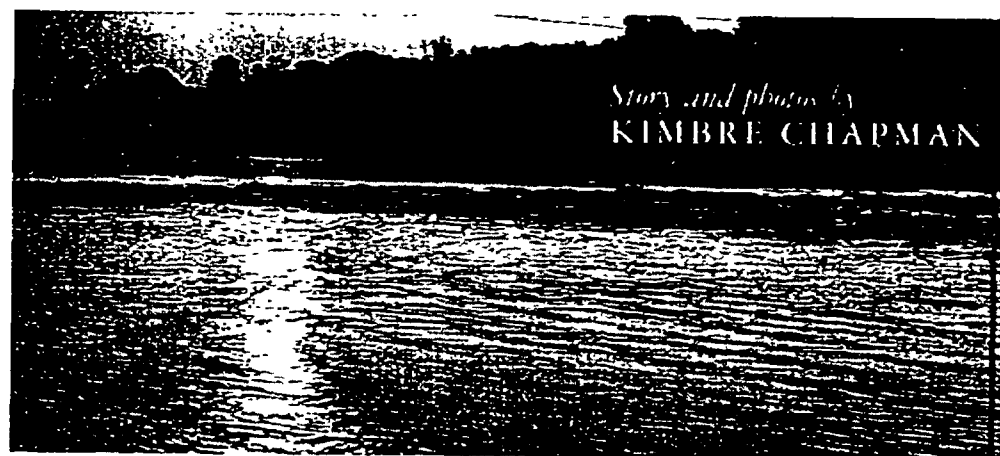
"Technically, we were part of the North. But we're only seven miles from Missouri so pants were made here for both the North and South," says Carie Newman, former manager of the town's Main Street program to revitalize the downtown district. "One side or the other didn't like it so they burnt the mill down. Of course, it was rebuilt."

That kind of can-do attitude, which still resonates today, was never more apparent than in 1986, when the elderly owners of White's shopping center announced they were going out of business. For decades, White's was the centerpiece of the community, selling groceries, hardware, appliances, clothing and furniture.

"The whole idea was unthinkable," says Mary Meek, who has lived in Bonaparte since the 1940s. "They couldn't close it—the town would be empty. Four of our businessmen got together to figure out what to do, and came up with an idea.

Each of them decided to put up \$2,000. Then they called a meeting at the old opera house. They asked how many people would join them."

That night the town raised \$100,000 to purchase and renovate the buildings, which needed major repairs. Officials at



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The scenic Des Moines River has been both friend and foe to Bonaparte, Iowa.

the State Central Bank stepped in to finance the purchase of the buildings, and Township Stores Inc., a community-owned corporation devoted to downtown revitalization, was born. Today, the buildings house a grocery store, a hardware store, the school board, and a doctor's office.

In 2001, the National Trust for Historic Preservation named Bonaparte among a dozen distinct destinations for its vibrant downtown. "We now have 18 businesses located in our downtown," Newman says.

Perhaps the greatest symbol of resurgence comes from new downtown construction. "We recently had the first new building in 150 years built on Main Street," Newman adds. "You can't pick it out because it was built historically appropriate. For a town our size, the growth we've had in the last five years has been phenomenal."

With the same spirit of optimism and defiance that has long marked the town, Newman concludes, "We refuse to die." ☆

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Gary Kenney, Dana Mabe and Catie Newman at the former mill.

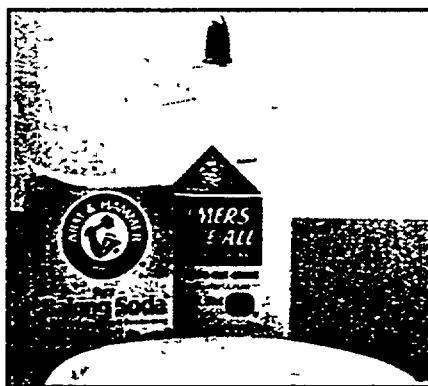




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