

Planning board denies heliport

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The Northville Planning Commission listened to a dozen of Tom Prose's neighbors who said they did not want him landing a helicopter in their backyards.

In a 5-3 vote, the planners Tuesday night recommended to the city council a zoning ordinance amendment that will effectively ban the use of a non-emergency helicopter from the city's residential areas. More than 60 residents attended the 30-minute public hearing on the issue, which was punctuated with applause by safety-conscious neighbors, laughter at legal rationale for the facility, and a collective sigh of relief after the commission vote.

Although Christopher Gazlay, supported by Richard Birdsall, made the motion to kick the revised ordinance upstairs, he voted against it, along with Anne Smith and Steven Kirk. "Yes" votes to amend the ordinance were James Allen, Birdsall, David Mielock, Nancy Chiri and commission chairman Jay Wendt.

Prose, who exited the council chambers with his attorney Ron Cornell immediately after the vote, declined to comment. Gazlay's initial motion to refer the matter for further study to city consultants died for lack of support.

Cornell earlier in the day had submitted to the city a compromise proposal that would allow his client to use a helicopter in the city under certain conditions, like Novi and Livonia do. Commissioners lit neither on that plea, nor his distinction between heliports, helistops and helipads.

"We are not the city of Novi and we are not the city of Livonia, for a lot of reasons," Wendt said after he closed the public hearing. "I'm trying to look at this from both sides. I haven't found a plus yet."

Donald Wortman of the city's planning consultant Carlisle/Wortman Tuesday night led the commission's discussion of the ordinance revision. When questioned why the ordinance — with proper application and review — would allow helipads in racetrack or industrial districts, the consultant explained the distinction between regulation, rather than prohibition.

Next up, council members at their first meeting in March are expected to take action on the revised zoning ordinance, which was previously silent on sue of helicopters in the city, by lack of specific mention.

The planners followed council direction to examine the possibility of helicopters landing in the city after fielding word that a pad already had been constructed on the Prose's six-acre

A heart-filled whodunnit



Amerman Elementary School student Darby Mroz, center, tries to find out if Mason Pitt, below, is her Valentine during Valentine's Day activities at the Northville school. Kindergartners in the this class went around a circle with an expression of love printed on a red heart-shaped card that they then had to match up with their Valentine. Mroz and Pitt were a match with the word "nice".

Dubuar Street estate. The council had initiated, then extended through April 1, a moratorium on helicopter flights in the city.

The 13 residents who spoke during the meeting were unanimous in their opposition to allowing take-offs and landings in that central section of the city. Repeated concerns were safety issues, noise and property values.

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Third round of land sale goes nowhere

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flict with the as-is requirement outlined in the invitation to bid.

"We're going to take the next few days to reassess the situation and decide what our next step will be," Medina said. Top budget department officials Mitch Irwin and Tom Saxton, along with the state's legal counsel and real estate consultant, will discuss the state's options, she said.

This failed third round of bidding on the property is the latest chapter in the state's plan to sell the now-vacant buildings and surrounding property. It was May of last year when developers first responded to the opportunity to own land centrally located in this high-demand zipcode, but for one reason or another, the buyers and seller have not been able to make it work.

Northville Township supervisor Mark Abbo said he was not surprised that the state rejected the latest two bids.

"I always believed their asking price was too high," he said. "I really do wish they would bring us to the table to help resolve the issue."

The township basically has been relegated to the sidelines of the land deal during the past nine months. Local planning personnel assisted the two developers who embarked on their respective rounds of due diligence after submitting bids in Lansing. In both cases, testing their offers' economic viability resulted in bids withdrawn.

"Based on this latest development, I would hope — if the state hopes to continue to market this property — that they would work more closely with the township to develop a plan to market the property," Abbo said. "We have ideas, I believe, that would help the state and the township meet their collective objectives."

The Granholm administration initially targeted proceeds from the prospective sale of the 50-year-old hospital site toward easing part of the state's budget

deficit. Local leaders repeatedly have voiced their goal that this centerpiece of the township be developed in harmony with existing neighbors, and with a density and purpose that will complement their long-term vision for the community.

"I'd be interested in what the state's intentions are," Abbo said. "If the state still is interested in marketing it, we have ideas to posture the property to make a more lucrative purchase for the developers."

Past investigation of the site — a mixture of rolling hills, abandoned buildings and dense woodlands — has revealed extensive pre-development land preparation costs, including contamination cleanup, building demolition, and other environmental considerations.

While developers have eyed the site for dense development to recoup their investment, township leaders have considered rezoning the property from its current Planned Use Development designation to more restrictive straight zoning to allow only single-family homes. Allocating property in a certain manner is one way the township might aid the state's efforts to market the property, Abbo said. Once company might not have to step to the plate for the whole parcel.

"Perhaps a combination with a PUD and straight zoning," he said. With the planned-use concept, the township hoped to collect carrots like it has in the past, in the form of a land grant for a future school site, for example.

Another idea would be township development of the parcel, given the right circumstances. "We would have to flip it," Abbo said. "I would love nothing more than a joint marketing arrangement between the state and township."

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Northville Township Staff Engineer Anne Naszradi gives some perspective to a huge beech tree on the Detroit House of Corrections property near the township park on Beck Road. This tree has a radius of almost four feet.

Former prison property topic of Monday meeting

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Volunteer efforts to preserve the stretch of Johnson Creek that runs through the soon-to-be-developed Northville Township land formerly known as the Detroit House of Corrections will be the topic of a special meeting Monday night.

The Johnson Creek Protection Group will present a guest speaker, a recap of the agency's recent accomplishments, as well as an outline of 2004 goals and objectives. The volunteer rally and information meeting is 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 23 in the cafeteria at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road.

The focus will be on the past, present and future of the former Detroit House of Corrections property between Ridge and Beck, and Five Mile and Six Mile roads that Grand/Sakwa of Farmington Hills targeted for development. Robert Leighton, environmental consultant to Grand/Sakwa, and Wayne County Department of the Environment officials John Jones and Matt Best will provide interesting dialogue on the topic, exploring both sides of the development process, said township

staff engineer Anne Naszradi.

The guest speaker will be Dave Dempsey, policy advisor for the Michigan Environmental Council. The environmental group invited to the meeting anyone interested in preserving Johnson Creek, as well as neighboring residents, volunteers, students, local officials, developers and local businesses; approximately 150 are expected to attend.

The Johnson Creek Protection Group's mission is to preserve, protect, restore and enhance the water quality, habitat and function of this cold water stream and its watershed. Because the creek cuts through the DeHoCo property, the group for months has presented its interests to developer Grand/Sakwa.

"What makes the Johnson Creek special is that it is the only cold water creek in southeastern Michigan that supports trout," Naszradi said. "It also is home to a fish called a redbreast dace that is endangered."

"We are at the headwaters of the Rouge River and have a responsibility to maintain the quality of the water that flows into our community."

The approximate 400 acres of former farmland, one of the two largest parcels yet undeveloped in the town-

ship, has unique characteristics important to consider in development, Naszradi said. The dirt movement, paving and potential introduction of additional soil into the creek that come with construction will affect nature's balance at the site, therefore needs to be checked, Naszradi said.

"It's a gem to Northville Township," the engineer said. The landscape at the site ranges from some of the highest peaks in the county to peat-bog lows to ridges of heavy woodlands running along the clear creek.

Landmark trees wider than out-stretched arms are marked with surveyor's tapes of pink, blue and white or orange. Grand/Sakwa during the past several months has presented a series of development plans to township officials, as they are expected to again next month.

For more information, visit the Johnson Creek Protection Group's website at www.jcpg.org.

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District salutes its principals

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

When a job title includes the word 'pal,' a special salute is certainly in order.

And that is what state and local officials spent last week doing.

Principals' Week in Michigan was Feb. 8-14, carrying with it a special resolution from Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The resolution stated "these professionals not only direct the activities within their school, but also act as the liaison between the school and the community it serves, ensuring that parents and

taxpayers are aware of the school's undertakings and achievements; and whereas

Principals' Week is dedicated to recognizing the significant contributions of Michigan school principals to their schools and to the education of our youth."

Northville public school district administra-

tors joined in on the salute.

"The cornerstones and the backbone of our success is its buildings, it is what we are all about," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville schools. "And clearly one of the guiding forces in our success as evidenced in the most recent report card of Jan. 30, building by building decade after decade, rests with the principals and their faculty. This is indeed a fitting resolution."

Rezmierski said all of the public school principals turned down gifts of appreciation because of the current financial crisis facing

the district.

"I'm very appreciative of the effort each one of these individuals brings the district," he said.

Joan Wadsworth, president of the Northville board of education, urges all affected residents to call, write or e-mail the principal of their children's schools, expressing appreciation.

"They do a wonderful job for us," she said.

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Leonard Rezmierski

Funding cuts prompt hikes in driver's ed

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There are costs attached, but driver's education will remain an option for Northville teenagers.

The fate of the popular program was questionable for summer 2004.

"Due to funding cuts this year, the state has cut all funding for driver's ed," said

Joan Wadsworth, Northville Public Schools director of business and finance. "A number of other districts have also dropped it."

After consideration and input by district administrators, members of the Northville school board unanimously approved a plan last week making the driving program economically viable without costing Northville Public Schools anything extra.

The plan includes:
•A fee of \$315 per student

•A minimum of 50 students must be enrolled

•Maximum enrollment is set at 150

•Students will be gathered in groups of 25

•If the minimum enrollment is not met, students outside of the district will be accepted

•Any outside students admitted will be subject to same rules of conduct as Northville enrollees

Administrators said the \$315 is in line with commercial driving programs, which they found were in the range of \$300 to \$330.

"I think this is a great solution and a wonderful program," said Northville school board president Joan Wadsworth.

Street said the solution is financially feasible and will maintain the quality of the program students and parents have relied on in the past without eliminating any prior year conveniences.

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Joan Wadsworth

Best in class

Photo by VICTORIA SADLOCHA

Northville High School salutes the 2004 National Merit Semi-finalists seniors. Back row from left to right: Jason Horowitz, Andrew Moore, David Needham, Colin Keiffer, Momchil Filev and Aram Sarkisian. Front row Matt Tomes, Matt Sestak, Ashley Mathew, Joanelie Shiah and Geoff Calkins.



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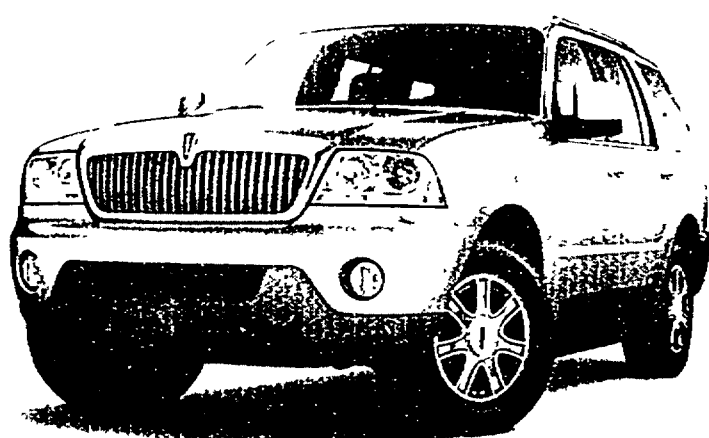
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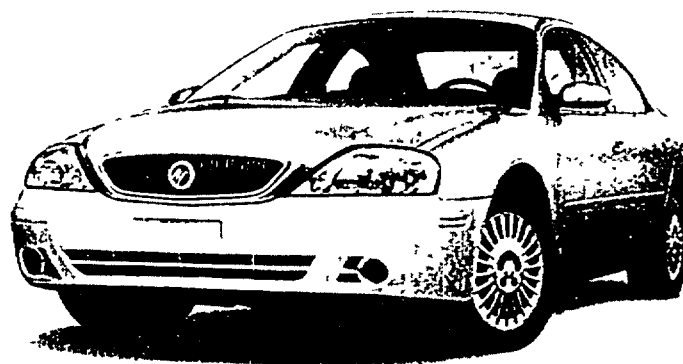
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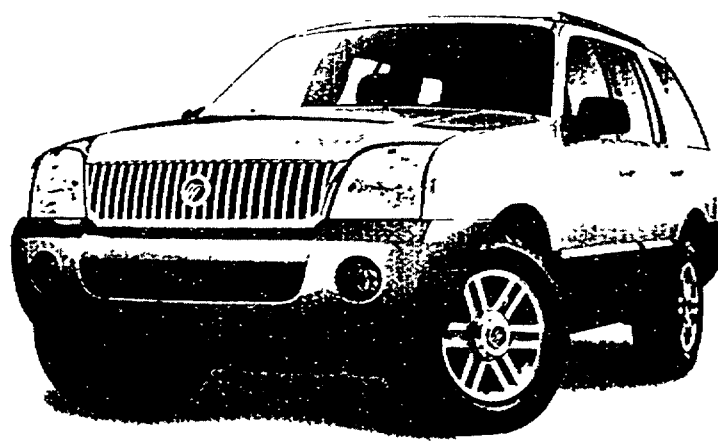
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HILLSIDE FORENSICS: Last month, Hillside Middle School student Tyler Jones placed first in the state in Original Oratory at the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association State Tournament held Jan. 10 at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The seventh-grade student is part of the middle school's forensic team and recited a seven-minute, memorized speech titled "Daniel's Lesson" that outlined solutions to middle school bullying. Hillside student Erica Johnson received a ribbon for placing first in one round for her performance as Gracie the Witch in Piggie Pie. Excellent performances were also given by Jenna Boyd, poetry interpretation; Samantha Doud and Carla Wetter, duo interpretation; Sarah Koupal and Sarah Ruth Dobson, duo interpretation; Andrew Wernette and Mike Leja, duo interpretation; Rachel Mueller, storytelling; Erica Johnson, storytelling; and Max Pierson, storytelling. The team is coached by eighth-grade English teacher Cheryl Gibbs.

FEATURE TEACHER: The Northville Record seeks nominations specifying local teachers who have demonstrated academic excellence in the classroom. To nominate a teacher, send the teacher's full name, school address and phone number along with a statement of no more than 200 words indicating why the instructor deserves the Feature Teacher recognition. Nominations should be sent to 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich. 48167 or via e-mail to edavis@ht.homecomm.net. The staff at the Record will make each selection. The winning teacher will be featured on the second Thursday of each month.

MEMORIAL FUND GRANT: The Japan-United States Educational Commission awarded Ridge Wood Elementary first-grade teacher Ms. Kate Kibiloski a Fulbright Memorial Fund grant to participate in the 2004 Master Teacher Program. The program will include a team of Japanese educators visiting Ridge Wood during the week of March 22. Ms. Kibiloski will also travel to Japan this summer for a six-week study. She will focus on developing a partnership project for the 2004-2005 school year.

ESSAY CONTEST: The Michigan Council for History

Education, in cooperation with the Michigan Humanities Council, is holding a student-essay contest now through April 17. The contest is for students in grades 4-12 and the theme is "Brown v. Board of Education: A 50th Anniversary Reflection." Using appropriate research techniques, the 1,000 words or fewer essay should discuss the importance of the Brown decision and its ongoing significance. The essays will be judged on creativity and originality; use of historical documents and events; thoughtful responses to theme; and clear and effective presentation of ideas. The original and

two copies must be submitted by April 17 to the Michigan Humanities Council's Lansing office. Contest guidelines and entry forms may be obtained by visiting people.emich.edu/rolwell, e-mailing cameronj@saline.k12.mi.us or calling (734) 429-8030.

ACT NEWS: The registration postmark deadline for the April 3 ACT is Feb. 27. The late registration postmark deadline is March 12 although an additional fee will be required. The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what

students learn in high school and the skills required for success in college. The exam fee is \$26. For more information, including registration forms and test locations, visit www.act.org or speak with an appropriate guidance counselor. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

CHILD RAISING PROGRAM: Rosalind Wiseman will present the lecture Raising a Morally Courageous Child 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 17 inside the Hillside Middle School Auditorium, 775 N

Center St. Wiseman is the author of "Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends and Other Realities of Adolescence" and co-founded The Empower Program, a non-profit organization empowering youth to stop the culture of violence. The event is free and open to the public. The program is offered through the Northville Youth Assistance, Northville Public Schools and the Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools PTSAs.

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 Saturday and tickets are \$65 per person. Make checks payable to Mothers' Club of Northville, 350 Orchard, Northville 48167.

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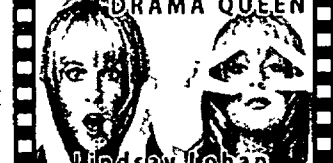
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OBITUARIES

Violet Tabor

Violet Tabor of Northville died Feb. 5 at the Four Seasons Nursing Center in Westland. She was 87.

Ms. Tabor was born Nov. 26, 1916 in Detroit to Rolland G. and Oline Hoiby Tabor. She was a graduate of Northville High School class of 1935. She was a homemaker and member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Northville. She sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and was a member of the Ladies Guild and the Altar Society. She was also an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary and King's Daughters and worked with the election board in Northville. She was preceded in death by her husband Rolland G. Tabor who died in 1979.

Ms. Tabor is survived by a daughter Carole (George) Miller of Northville and a son Brian (Adele) Tabor of Missouri; her grandchildren, George B. Miller, Lisa (David) Mote, Daniel Hobbs, and Derek Tabor and one great-grandchild Michael. She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

A funeral service was held on Feb. 9 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville with the Rev. Thomas Lubeck officiating. Interment was at the Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Organ Fund, 201 Elm Street, Northville, Mich. 48167.

Lois Craft

Lois Craft, formerly of Northville, died on Feb. 11, 2004. She was 77.

Ms. Craft was preceded in death by her son, David Craft and brother, George McCathney. She is survived by her husband, William; her daughters, Barbara

(John Otterbacher) and Audrey (Russell Zimlich); her grandchildren, Katherine Craft-Otterbacher, Erin Craft-Otterbacher, Benjamin Zimlich, and John Ryan Otterbacher. According to Ms. Craft's wishes, cremation has taken place.

A memorial service was held Feb. 15 at Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids. Memorial contributions may be made to Van Andel Pavilion of the Holland Home or Alzheimer's Association.

Alfred "Al" Lamas

Alfred "Al" Lamas of Solvay, N.Y., died Feb. 14 at Francis House in Syracuse, N.Y. He was 40.

Mr. Lamas was born in Syracuse on Sept. 4, 1963, to Francisco Riccardo Lamas and Isabel Lopez. He lived in Solvay and was a graduate of Solvay High School and attended Syracuse University. A communicant of Holy Family Church in Syracuse, New York, he also volunteered at Francis House, Central New York Ronald McDonald House and Camp Good Days and Special Times.

Mr. Lamas is survived by his mother, Isabel Lamas of Solvay; his sister, Mary Ann (James) Formica of Northville; his brothers Frank (Deborah) Lamas of Rochester, N.Y., and Manny (Shelley) Lamas of Liverpool, N.Y., and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in

death by his father, Francisco Lamas.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at Holy Family Church of Syracuse.

Memorial contributions may be made to Francis House, 108 Michaels Ave., Syracuse, N.Y., 13208-1718. One may sign the guest book at www.BuranichFuneralHome.com

Audrey Jakee

Audrey Jakee of Northville died Jan. 13 at her home. She was 78.

Ms. Jakee was born on Oct. 17, 1925 in Royal Oak to the late Norman Padgett and Sarah Brundage. She was a para professional with Oakland Community College.

Mrs. Jakee is survived by four daughters: Barbara (Ian) Vine of Holly Springs, N.C., Jill Foley of Port Orange, Fla., Sally (Jack) Moreland of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and Lisa (Chris) Hilton of Northville. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a sister Norma Allen of Winter Haven, Fla.

Services were held Jan. 15 at the Oak Point Church with Pastor Robert Shirock officiating. Arrangements were made by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville.

Memorial contributions to the Multiple Sclerosis Association or the Leukemia Foundation would be appreciated.

Chester S. Stachurski

Chester Stachurski died in his Northville home on Feb. 7. He was 83.

Mr. Stachurski was born on Feb. 12, 1920 in Detroit to the late Stephen Stachurski and Genevieve Mierzwa Stachurski. He was preceded in death by his wife Pauline Stachurski on Dec. 18, 2003.

Mr. Stachurski served with the United States Army during World War II. Prior to his retirement he was a commercial truck driver in Detroit.

Mr. Stachurski is survived by three children: Cheryl (Ralph) Rempfer of Taylor, Marlene (Jack) Harrigan of Northville and Rodney (Karen) Stachurski of Redford. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Sat., Feb. 21 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church with Father Terry Kerner officiating. Interment will be in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Arrangements were made by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Mack Hudgins

Mack Hudgins of Northville Township died Feb. 15 at St. Mary's hospital. He was 88.

Mr. Hudgins was born in South

Bend, Ind. to Alphonso and Mable Hudgins. He served in the Army and worked for Sperry-Vickers as a foreman building industrial pumps.

Mr. Hudgins is survived by a daughter, Kathleen (Richard) Metz of Sun City West, Ariz. and a son, Gary (Jeannie) Hudgins of Troy. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Charles (Sue) Mullen and Lisa (John) Gubachy and three great-grandchildren, Holly, Sheila and Brandon.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 18 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home with the Reverend Bea Barbara Soots of the Redford United Methodist Church officiating.

Vladimer Regentik

Vladimer Regentik died Feb. 16 at the Grand Court in Farmington Hills. He was 70.

Mr. Regentik was born July 7, 1933 in Novi to Jaroslav and Agnes Krapek Regentik. Mr. Regentik lived in Northville for 32 years and was a graduate of Milford High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served three active tours in Vietnam. He was a custodian with the Northville Public Schools. He enjoyed bowling.

Mr. Regentik is survived by a brother Jerry (Mary) Regentik of Dearborn and a sister Dagmar Regentik of Livonia. He is also survived by nieces and nephews: Christine Regentik, Michael Regentik, Joyce Scicluna, Mark

Regentik, Karen Smith, and Julie Hauptmann. He was preceded in death by a brother Otto.

Private family services were held. Interment was at the Novi Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the givers' choice. Funeral arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Dolores "Dee" Janick

Dolores A. "Dee" Janick of Northville died on Feb. 14. She was 73.

She was born on Oct. 12, 1930 in Detroit to Lawrence and Violet (Kent) Roberts. She was a member of Holy Family Church, the Northville Women's Club, a docent at Mill race and a volunteer at Providence Hospital of Novi.

Ms. Janick is survived by three children, a daughter Barbara (Gary) Loiselle of Northville, and two sons, John (Karin) Janick of St. Joseph and Lawrence (Diane) Janick of Tennessee. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Sean, Bryan and Casey. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1994.

Visitation will be held at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville on Friday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Saturday at noon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Odyssey Hospice

LIBRARY LINES

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

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.

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.

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION: Join us each month on the second Monday at 7 p.m. for the Between Lines Book group. On March 8 the discussion will focus on a work of nonfiction, "Are you Somebody? — The Accidental Memoir of a Dublin Woman," by Nuala O'Faolain.

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.

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TIME: Variable
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PHONE: (248) 349-4140

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

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be speaking on "firehouse cooking."
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Maybury State Park Trail Riders annual meeting

DATE: Feb. 21
LOCATION: 50265 Nine Mile Road
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The event is a potluck dinner. Attendees should bring a dish to pass.
PHONE: (248) 349-2687

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

Johnson Creek Protection Group volunteer rally / informational meeting

DATE: Feb. 23
LOCATION: Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
DETAILS: Persons interested in assisting with cleaning and preserving the Johnson Creek should attend. Dave Dempsey, policy advisor for the Michigan Environmental Council, will be the event's guest speaker.
PHONE / E-MAIL: (734) 761-1010 / mwest@alm.com

• COMING UP •

Salem Area Historical Society meeting

DATE: Feb. 26
LOCATION: Salem Township Hall
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Wayne State University visiting professor Velma Lewis Ward will speak on "Salem Memories."

Blood drive

DATE: Feb. 29
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

PHONE: (248) 347-1063

Free church concert — Joseph Palazzolo

DATE: Feb. 29
LOCATION: St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (201 Elm Street)
TIME: 4 p.m.
DETAILS: Palazzolo is a native Detroit pianist and has performed in the metro Detroit area for several years.
PHONE: (248) 349-4140

Community-wide healing service of prayer, scripture and sharing

DATE: March 1 (first Monday of every month)
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Northville (777 W. Eight Mile)
TIME: 4 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 349-1144

Country Garden Club of Northville

DATE: March 2
LOCATION: Call for info
TIME: Noon
DETAILS: Northville native and Global Gardens owner Maria Mullenbein will be speaking on residential restorations.
PHONE: (248) 347-4922

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."
PHONE: (248) 349-5446

First Presbyterian Church of Northville Fine Arts Series concert — Haydn & Ray

DATE: March 7
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The concert will feature the works of Franz Joseph Haydn and Robert Ray, who composed 1981's "Gospel Mass." Tickets are \$12 for children 18 and under and seniors, and \$14 for adults.
PHONE: (248) 349-0911

Northville Chamber of Commerce TGIF

DATE: March 12

LOCATION: Northville Chamber of Commerce (195 S. Main Street)

TIME: 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
DETAILS: The free networking opportunity is open to 12 participants.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Taste of Northville Business Showcase

DATE: March 16
LOCATION: Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. (setup 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.)
DETAILS: Booths displaying the goods and services of dozens of Northville businesses will be set up, including several restaurants. Tickets are \$6 if purchased by March 14 or \$8 at the door. Booths are \$90 for Chamber members and \$150 for non-members. The event is open to the public.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Fashion show to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support

DATE: March 18
LOCATION: Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall (108 E. Main Street)
TIME: 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Admission is \$25 (\$5 tax deductible). The event will feature dancers from Arthur Murray Dance Studios, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.
PHONE: (248) 449-4282

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Republic Bank honors Seaberg

Novi Chamber of Commerce Board Member Christy L. Seaberg, branch sales officer for Republic Bank's Northville office at 39901 W. Eight Mile at Haggerty, recently received several honors from the financial institution.

Seaberg won the Branch Manager of the Year Award out of 84 branches, the Outstanding Performance Award for 2003, and the Chairman's Cup Award for

Excellence. Seaberg has been with the bank for five years.

The awards were presented at the senior officers awards dinner at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn.

Republic Bank's Northville branch opened in June 1999. The bank is a wholly owned Michigan corporation traded on NASDAQ.

Taco Bell coming to Walled Lake

The grand opening of a new Taco Bell restaurant at 1163 E. West Maple in downtown Walled Lake

will take place at 11 a.m. Feb. 21.

The celebration will begin with a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a Taco Eating Contest and other festivities throughout the day.

Taco Bell has been on Walled Lake residents' wish list for several years in a row, according to the Downtown Development Authority.

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Feb. 20	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Archives Open to the public	Cady Inn
Feb. 21	3:30 p.m.-10 p.m.	24th Michigan	Cady Inn
Feb. 22	10 a.m.-noon 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church Venture Scout Crew #8	Church Cady Inn
Feb. 23	10 a.m.-3 p.m. 3:45 p.m.-5 p.m. 7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Heirloom Rug Hookers Brownie Scout Meeting Lion's Club	Cady Inn Cady Inn Cady Inn
Feb. 24	9 a.m.-noon 1 p.m.-6 p.m.	Stone Gang Hands All Around Quilters	Buildings & Grounds Cady Inn
Feb. 25	7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Church
Feb. 26	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 3:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 6 p.m.-10 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public Brownie Scout Meeting Eclipse Hot Stove League	Cady Inn Cady Inn Cady Inn

ENGAGEMENT



Lou and Donna Agoston of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Leigha Marie Agoston to James Livingston, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Livingston of Columbus, Ohio.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Hillsdale College. She is currently employed as a kindergarten teacher. The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Hillsdale College. He is currently employed by Quicken Loans.

A July wedding is planned.

Agoston-Livingston

School district to tweak district boundaries

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divisions.

"Water Stone is not constructed yet, so it wouldn't be as much anxiety for parents and kids," he said. The official number of kids coming from both developments is undetermined right now. Only school registration will provide actual totals.

In the meantime, estimates are relied on. District officials base their student-count approximations on housing development formulas created for Northville Township and Novi.

"If we were to look at Northville Township, we get 0.78 children per single-family residence and that is based upon the developments that are currently fully built out taking into account the number of units and then the number of kids per grade level living in those subdivisions," Bolitho said.

Other Northville Township calculations include

0.24 students per condominium and 0.09 from apartments.

Bolitho said the average development produces about 7 percent of students at the kindergarten level, 40 percent in grades one through five, 25 percent in grades six through eight and 28 percent in grades nine through 12.

District officials update the formulas as needed on a continuing basis.

Northville School Board president Joan Wadsworth said the attendance boundary alteration will benefit Moraine by helping the school maintain three sections of each grade level.

Wadsworth explained Moraine grade levels are too large for two sections although some sections are on the low side for three sections.

"It is hard to justify three classes, but there are too many for two, so this actually is a help for them," she said.

District officials said both Hillside and Moraine have the room.

Moraine Elementary School Principal Mary Kay Gallagher welcomes the boundary alteration.

"I think it is an opportunity for Moraine, we have space available and we look forward to welcoming the new students," she said. "We look forward to the opportunity to welcome the new families."

The issue of changing attendance boundaries has not always received a welcome response in Northville.

Many parents were highly agitated when boundary alterations were made as Thornton Creek and Ridge Wood Elementary schools opened.

"It is an important issue, but making this change — Steeple Chase and Water Stone — now, when there are virtually no children there, makes it less of an emotional issue because you are not pulling someone out of a school," Bolitho said.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE BRIEFS

SENIOR ALERT: A Farmer Jack employee called the Northville Township Police Department at about 1 p.m. on Feb. 11 reporting the possible fraud of an elderly woman. The employee told police a 78-year-old Northville female was in the store attempting to wire \$2,500 to a location in Canada. When officers arrived, they spoke with the woman who seemed confused. The elderly resident explained she was supposed to meet a man at the Western Union counter who would fill out forms so she could wire the cash for taxes and customer fees. She told police, the unknown man said he would be at her house later that day with two checks for \$125,000 each. The officer took the woman back to the bank so she could re-deposit her money and then took her to the station for further information. Officers advised her of money scams.

VANISHING ACT: A Northville Township man realized he would have a hard time making it to work after discovering his vehicle was gone. The 37-year-old resident called township police at about 7:40 a.m. on Feb. 12 reporting the incident. He told police he parked his 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe in the parking lot at about midnight. When he went outside at 7:30 a.m. to leave for work, the sport utility vehicle was gone. Then man told police he has no idea who may have taken the vehicle and said he was current on his payments. No evidence was found in the area.

HOT TUNES: A Northville Township woman will be singing acappella for awhile following the theft of her car stereo system. The 60-year-old woman called township police at about 11:40 a.m. on Feb. 11 reporting some-

one had broken into her 2002 Buick Regal and stolen her radio and compact disc player. The equipment was valued at \$1,000. The woman told officers she parked her car in her carport at 11 a.m. and when she returned a half-hour earlier, she noticed the passenger-side window had been broken and the dashboard had been smashed. The vehicle wheel covers had also been removed. According to the police report, "this is the second time since Jan. 4 that subjects had stolen or attempted to steal her tires."

NO DICE: Meijer loss prevention officers called the Northville Township Police Department Feb. 13 at about midnight reporting a shoplifter in custody. Meijer officers told police the 20-year-old Detroit male took a \$28 bottle of Hennessy. The suspect was first seen in the store standing in the liquor aisle. He then allegedly put the bottle of liquor in his right jacket pocket and proceeded to the check out, paying for some dog food. Loss prevention officers said he did not pay for the Hennessy. The man was taken into custody by township police.

DOUBLE TROUBLE: Two minors were arrested last week by Northville Township police after deciding to drive a vehicle subsequent to drinking alcohol. A Northville township officer was watching the intersection of Five Mile and Haggerty roads at about 1:30 a.m. Feb. 14 when he noticed a Jeep Liberty cruise through a blinking red light. After stopping the vehicle driven by a 19-year-old Livonia male, the officer noticed two unopened cans of beer. The officer asked the driver if he had anything to drink, to which the driver responded he had not. After

being asked three more times, the man admitted he had about three beers. His blood alcohol level tested at 0.088 and was arrested. Police then issued a preliminary breath test to the vehicle passenger, also a 19-year-old Livonia male. He tested a 0.065 and was arrested for minor in possession - zero tolerance. Both cans of beer were dumped at the scene.

SENTIMENTAL STEALING: A Northville woman came to the Northville Township Police Department earlier this month reporting the theft of a gold ring. She told police on Jan. 20 she was at her card club in the King's Mill clubhouse when she set her purse down. The 69-year-old female said when she returned about two hours later, the purse was on its side. A man's gold and diamond ring she had carried with her for about 30 years was missing. She did not know who would have taken the ring.

EXPENSIVE LUNCH: A West Bloomfield man learned lunch can be very expensive when your wallet disappears at the restaurant. The 38-year-old male came into the Northville Township Police Department at about 11 a.m. on Feb. 7, reporting his wallet had been lost. He told officers he last used it at the Deadwood Bar and Grill to pay for his lunch earlier the same day. The man said he paid his bill and returned to work. It wasn't until later in the afternoon, he noticed his leather bifold was gone. The man told police he believed it was left at the restaurant. The wallet contained \$60 and a credit and debit card. Police said both the credit and debit cards were used fraudulently at establishments outside of the township.

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Wild kingdom comes to Thornton Creek

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Students at Thornton Creek Elementary School got a chance to get up close and personal with the animals brought to them by Science Alive.



By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

FUN ANIMAL FACTS

- Although Binturongs are omnivores, they enjoy tropical fruit
- When a Burmese python strikes, the reptile almost never misses
- The Mississauga Rattler is the only venomous snake in Michigan
- Solomon Island eclectic parrots live in packs and can look in two directions at once

python named Butternut.

With the help of Neill, Butternut gave students hugs by gently wrapping around the back of their necks.

"That was so awesome," said Allyson Manor. "He was all slimy and warm."

Neill explained although many believe snakes are slimy, pythons are actually dry.

"There is no such thing as a shiny, icky, gooey reptile," he said. The biologist also showed off Butternut's two toes with claws, explaining the only other snake with toes is the Boa constrictor.

Other animals comprising the rain forest experience included a visit from a Solomon Island eclectic parrot, six-banded armadillo and an American alligator.

The American alligator is not from the rainforest, however it is the only tamable species, proving the best example for children.

"I think what makes Science Alive so interesting and exciting is the kids get to touch and hold and get up eyeball to eyeball with the animals," Neill said. "My goal is to get them into science."

The assembly is part of the Thornton Creek Elementary Junior Enrichment Series 2003-2004 program

friendly face and long white whiskers.

"He thinks I'm his mom," Neill said. "He licks my face, climbs up on side of my head and runs down my side."

Student Angela Minielli loved it when Corn Dog curled up in Neill's lap like a puppy.

"He was so cute when he [Neill] was holding him," she said.

Binturongs are not on the endangered animals list yet, but Neill said the species is experiencing a population decline with the continuing destruction of Asian rain forests.

Also making a visit from the same continent as Corn Dog, was a large two-year-old Burmese

Thornton Creek Elementary School smelled like popcorn Monday, but no kernels were in sight.

Instead, a visit from a binturong named Cornelius filled elementary school rooms with the buttery, salty smell.

Cornelius — nicknamed Corn Dog — was one of five animals visiting Thornton Creek during a Feb. 16 visit from Science Alive, a hands-on science education organization based in Waterford.

"Its tail weighed more than him practically," said fifth grader Kasey Gardiner.

Science Alive biologist Bill Neill told Gardiner and others in Mr. Connolly's fifth-grade class binturongs live in the rain forests of Asia.

Also known as Asian bear cats, the endearing animal lives in the area of the forest known as the understory layer, weighs around 45 pounds, is nocturnal, has a high level of intelligence and possesses a prehensile tail.

"His tail can loop around and hang onto branches," Neill said.

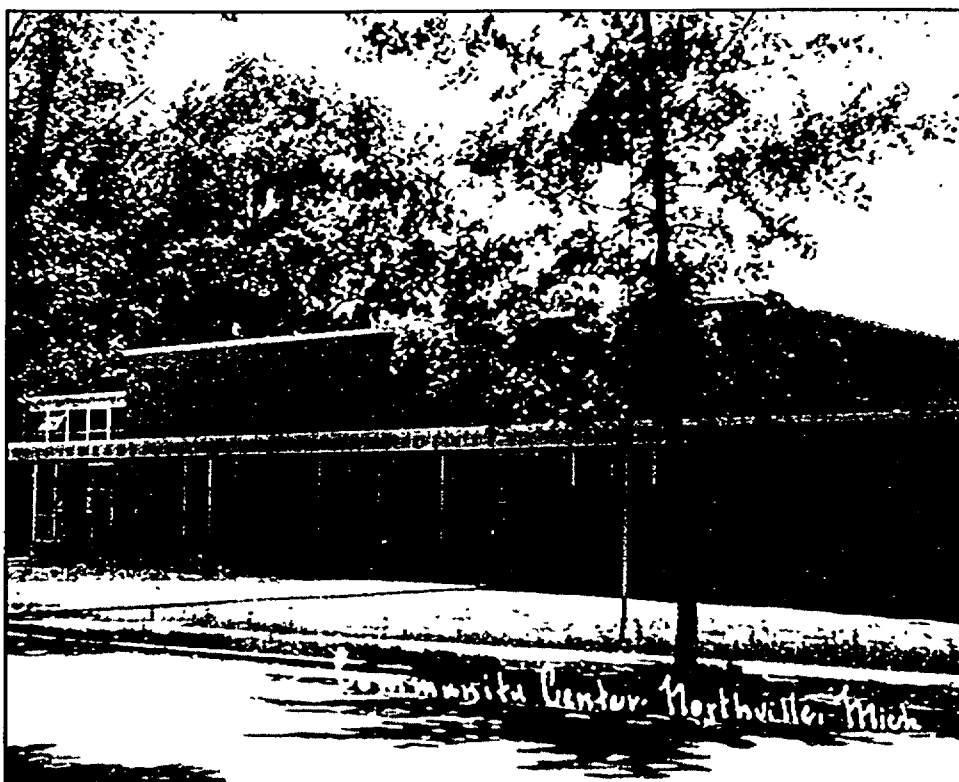
Corn Dog came to Science Alive as a baby sharing his loving eyes,

Fifty years new

Photo courtesy NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Downtown motorists driving west on Main Street each day pass construction progress at the future senior center, with a grand opening set for July 3. The start of the new life for the building will fall 50 years almost to the day the doors originally opened. A Feb. 19, 1953 issue of the *Northville Record* describes "a new eight-man committee appointed by the Village Commission to guide the fortunes of the proposed community building." Subsequent accounts detail the construction costs of approximately \$200,000, in contrast to today's \$2.89 million renovation, and groundbreaking Sept. 24, 1953, almost 50 years to the day that work began last fall. The building over the years has served a variety of purposes, from recreation department base to library to home of the Chamber of Commerce and school district offices, with plans to accommodate senior adult services starting this summer.

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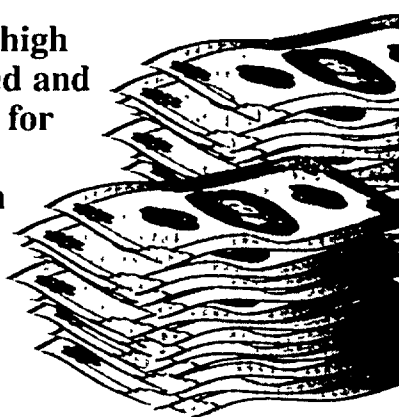


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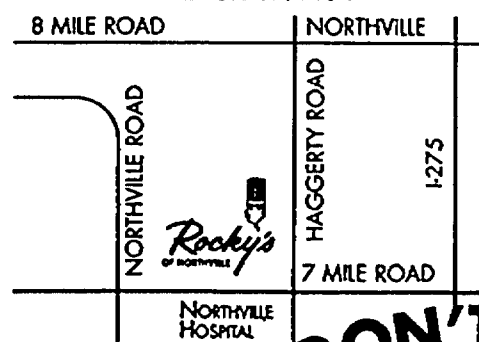
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Dog park benefit event retrieves \$10K for Fido

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Howard's mom was there. Sinatra's dad came, too.

Edie Mulcahy said she did know the names of most of the people around her, but she said laughing she recognized them by the names of their pets they bring to the off-leash dog park in downtown Northville. "Mom" of a Labrador retriever mix herself that she rescued from the Humane Society, Mulcahy was one of nearly 200 pet lovers who last Thursday night sampled wines, selected merchandise and silently bid during a fundraiser for the park.

The main rooms at Genitti's, 108 E. Main Street, were lined with tables, crowded with people and buzzing with the excitement of a silent auction as the Dog Park Committee raked in more than \$10,000 to support their hobby. Organizers of the first-of-its-type event said they were thrilled with the results of their efforts.

When bids closed on the "red table" mid-evening, there was a roar of applause as auction proceeds already topped the \$2,000 mark. Fred Shadko, who alternately projected on a large screen bid tallies and images of dogs frolicking in the park, said the organizers sold out the 170 \$22.50 tickets printed and had to turn people away at the door.

"This is a real serious thing," he said. "I hope our officials recognize our efforts and understand the need for a permanent dog park."

The dog park committee targeted proceeds toward benches, a water supply for the dogs and signage for the existing park. Shadko said, "We're looking forward to the next

park," he said, where donations might pay for fencing or ground improvements.

Comments from the pet owners revealed an event part congratulatory at the success of the park thus far, and part rally for future efforts to expand the program. Mulcahy voiced sentiments oft-repeated by dog-park users that she and her pet benefit from their visits.

"She loves it, absolutely loves it," she said. "At first she was skittish, now she cries when she knows we are leaving."

"The people who go are just wonderful, just a great group of people," Mulcahy continued. "I wish the township was more receptive to the needs of the dog park people."

Enthusiasts of the temporary facility the Northville Parks and Recreation Department opened in June, committee members translated a "wines and canines" theme with decorations and display boards that connected beverage and pet origins. In Genitti's rear room, Ken Barnes manned the "Southern Hemisphere" display, serving up a couple of ounces from Down Under as his peers viewed the map and photos of Silky Terriers, Peruvian Hairless and Australian Cattle Dogs.

Supporters of the park concept from its inception, Barnes and his wife Linda of Northville are regular visitors to the fenced-in area on Cady Street with their border collies, Angel, Mitzi and Bard. "When you take dogs off a leash, they play fine," Barnes said. "They don't bark either."

"Even at Maybury, they have to be on a leash," he continued. "It's the only place locally the can play locally."

Mom of yellow Labrador "Crystal," Linda Dzwigalski said she enjoys the camaraderie among her fellow pet lovers. She came up with the idea for the fundraiser.

A frequent traveler, Dzwigalski said friends she has made at the park help her care for her dog while she is out-of-town. "Everybody watches to make sure everybody's dogs are OK," she said.

Dzwigalski worked with Shirley Halas, Marge Neenan, Sonia Swigart and Marlene Danol to coordinate Thursday's festivities. A well-organized line-up of clipboards hawked sports memorabilia to pet pampering to men's clothing to desserts.

"The donors were very generous," Shadko said. Businesses, vendors, individuals as well as the evening's hosts, the Genittis, helped make the night a success, he said. Top-dollar items included a ride for four on a city firetruck for \$250, a Manny Legace Red Wings jersey for \$350, a week-long stay on Wakiki for \$575, and a week-long stay in a Mexican condo for \$750.

"A lot of people are really passionate about the park," Shadko said. "When people come out and spend \$10,000 on a cold February night, on a weeknight no less, that's pretty spectacular."

Mulcahy said she and her husband Jim attended the fundraiser to support the cause and see their park acquaintances. "I think dog people are just special people anyway, a different breed of people."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Jeff Styers and Lisa Weeg look over some of the items offered for silent auction during last Thursday night's "Wines and Canines" fundraiser event for the Northville Dog Park held at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall. The husband and wife duo own a yellow lab named "Howard".

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Huerta go from here? Military service abroad

By Victoria Sadiolcha
STAFF WRITER

With a heavy heart and patriotic duty, Northville Township police officer John Huerta prepares an unsettling departure from friends and family.

Huerta, 33, recently learned he will be deployed in the near future to support military operations, serving out his role as an F-16 threat armament systems specialist in the 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, out of Mount Clemens.

In the middle of January we heard the possibilities may be there, Huerta said. But the official word still hit hard.

I was a little bit shocked, he said. And a little worried about my family.

Huerta will leave behind his wife of six years and three children ranging from 5 years to 3 months. It makes it a little hard having a newborn, he said. I'm going to miss him going through his early days.

The officer is thankful he has family members living in the metro Detroit area offering help in his absence. There is no mistake how

over the clock as student support officer, he said.

But the real work would be in the states, he said, and it will be a long time before we get back in the states, he said. This will be in the states of service, and in the states of service, he said.

Huerta joined the Air National Guard in 1991, and he has been in the Air National Guard since then.

In 1997, he was deployed to the Gulf of Persia, and he was in the Gulf of Persia for 10 months.

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telling to do the job you were practicing to do, Huerta said.

The official period the officer will be gone from his friends, family and the department is an indefinite amount of time. Feb. 10 was Huerta's last day at the department before, cutting on a military leave of absence.

Everyone here has been really supportive, he said. They have went above and beyond what is required and I really appreciate it.

The officer has been with the Northville Township Police Department for a little more than two years.

He previously worked for the Oakland Community College Campus Police Department.

The township will run short one officer in Huerta's absence, though other officers will pitch in covering his shifts.

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Northville Township patrol officer John Huerta is preparing to leave for military duty with the Michigan Air National Guard.

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Northville Township patrol officer John Huerta, right, works with fellow members of the Selfridge Air National Guard base in 2001. Huerta will be deployed for active military service shortly.

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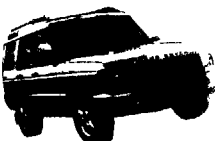
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City weighs combined dispatch with township

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township public safety vehicles dispatched for service more than half the time travel through the City of Northville to reach a victim.

For that reason alone, Northville contracting dispatch services from the larger department would be a relatively "win-win" according to township manager and public safety director Chip Smider. Plus, it could provide an opportunity for both departments to practice serving in that capacity for each other.

The city council Feb. 2 hosted a public hearing on the possibility of the city purchasing for \$95,000 annually emergency dispatch services from the township. The agreement, if approved, in attendance questioned the township's response time priority in service township personnel from training difficulties impact on city staff among other items.

The key benefit that repeatedly surfaced — more than cost savings — was the increased efficiency of a combined dispatch specifically in access to high tech equipment and sending dispatch units to emergency calls. The public safety headquarters at 41600 Stryker Road will undergo extensive updating and expansion following completion of construction of the township's new civic center and new fire hall this summer.

The council directed Northville Police Chief James Ayers to gather additional data in response to residents' questions. Joint public safety dispatch subsequently

will return to the council agenda likely at a March meeting, at the soonest.

The chief during the hearing presented more than 200 pages of exploration into the concept including past consideration of the plan. He led through township advantages and disadvantages of the township versus other agencies budget impact and day to day operational details such as the number of walk in inquiries local dispatchers field.

After an hour of fielding council and resident comments and questions, the chief specifically was asked the following questions:

• What would the costs be over time?

• What certification issue is required of township dispatchers?

• How would the city handle communication with township based dispatch when people walk in city hall?

• What are township dispatch

Loss of jobs not a factor in consolidation proposal

A plan to consolidate two like agencies usually spurs concern about the elimination of jobs. That will not be the case in the plan to combine city of Northville and Northville Township dispatch operations, proponents say. In fact, the larger department currently is holding an office dispatch position until the city makes a decision, said township manager Chip Smider.

If city and township leaders can agree to terms, the township will absorb both the city's full time positions as the township already had another vacancy. That is good news to Officer Glenn Stewart, president of the Northville Police Officers Association.

Statistics?

The township currently is holding on filling a dispatch position until the city makes a decision, Smider said. That would allow the larger department to absorb both the city's full time positions as the township already had another vacancy. The township's cost proposal would cover an additional position's salary benefits expected overtime increases and required training. Smider said subject to inflation in subsequent years.

In a broad scheme of things implementing an initiative to provide dispatch to the city would be a minor disruption in township procedure, the township manager said. Township public safety currently services 18 square miles, the city just over two

square miles. "What we really want as a union is to see an efficiently operating dispatch for the safety of the public," he said. "Our other basic concern is to protect our members. If it works for every one, all the better."

The city council at a Feb. 2 public hearing on this subject assigned Northville Police Chief James Petres a host of home work. Stewart said his membership will wait for the additional information before taking a stance on the proposal.

"There are a lot of questions that still need to be answered," he said. "We'd like to see it in house. We understand there are other options out there — we are willing to look at those."

square miles.

Emergency response times and run priority for city residents was a recurring question. A couple of residents who addressed the council said they would prefer to pay higher taxes to maintain a person's local touch. Calls to dispatch would be prioritized the same way they are today, Smider said. A child choking takes precedence over a snowblower luxury regardless of where the victims live. That will never change, he said.

Smider clerk Susan Hatch, a 25 year veteran of the city department said city to day circumstances are not reflected in statistics. For example, the downtown station more frequently is being used as a safe haven a drop-off point for divorced couples to

Supervised by senior police clerk Susan Hatch, the city's two full time and two part time dispatchers field the calls into and inquiries at the downtown station 24 hours a day. Less than expected revenue sharing from the state shifted the city council's plan to add to dispatch personnel rotation. Initial review of the combined dispatch proposal shows cost efficiencies in avoiding duplication of services.

"I understand there is a problem," Stewart said. Obviously the city has a right to look at ways to save money.

— Compiled by Maureen Johnston, staff writer for the Northville Record

transfer printing time.

The numbers I don't think are a good representation. Hatch said citing the number of walk ins during city hosted special events. "I don't know if the township pays to field 700 to 1,000 calls on 10 fourth of July parades."

While some drew attention to the current strength of the relationship between the city and township — sharing services such as recreation and senior citizen programming — others questioned the city's loss of identity. Councilman Kerry Muttman suggested the timing might be right for the agreement given the township's public safety expansion and renovation project. I'm concerned about moving into something that there is no

coming back. Councilman Tom Swigart said. Once we're in an agreement, we have leverage. I'm not totally comfortable with the idea of just moving into it.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolann Ayers returned the conversation to the body's review that in part prompted the council consideration of the proposal. If the city goes to maintain its own dispatch, the council would have to fund it to the degree it needs to be funded, she said.

The city is facing increasing costs and declining revenue, mayor Christopher Johnson said. He also added the perspective of a Grand Haven, a state of the state address when she suggested local municipalities cooperate toward efficiency. "To make the assumption everything will stay the same is wishful thinking," he said.

Among the disadvantages Petres cited was loss of control to the controlling agency loss of identity potential increased costs of maintaining a department presence in city hall dispatchers located elsewhere, dispatcher knowledge of the area and operational differences.

"We can address the questions on the response times, Smider said. "We will address any speculation on the credentials of our staff. It is currently my belief that our staff retains certification exceeding that of the city."

Maureen Johnston is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 or mjohanson@h1h1mcc.net

Oakland Technical: it's not your father's voc-ed

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

For many people, vocational education conjures up images of headbangers and hunking teens doped up in auto shop.

But for 620 West Oakland County students enrolled in Oakland School Technical Campus Southwest in Wixom, vocational education is not their father's vocational education.

"This is more like a community tech center," Allen Becker, the school's dean told members of the Novi Rotary Club last

Thursday. We've got two kids in the health cluster who plan on being doctors.

Becker's recent studies of Technical Campus students have shown that a year after graduation 80 of them were either working or going to school. For many of the graduates, jobs are ones that many college graduates would envy. Becker said these days the average auto mechanic is taking home a six figure salary. He noted that a Detroit Auto Dealer Association member recently told him if a technician isn't earning \$60,000 a

year he's not making enough for the dealer.

The school's staff said Becker takes pride in being able to provide graduates who can go straight to work with little or no additional training. He noted that last year 27 students in the school auto tech program earned 37 car lifts during.

Becker said the school's main manufacturing cluster has one of only four American Welding Society certified welding instructors at the high school level in the state.

Victor Cassa, a well known Novi restaurateur, said he relied

on the school's culinary arts program for years as a source of qualified employees.

Becker said that while employers are allowed to post job openings in the school, the school's staff will match employers with employees.

Drawing students from seven West Oakland County school districts with 14 high schools, and four alternative schools, Becker called his school the area's best kept secret.

He said 650 people attended an information meeting in the school two weeks ago and 188 students ninth and 10th grade students asked for more information about programs at the school.

Students from the districts including Novi attend the Technical Campus half-days at no additional cost. Students from Northville, Public Schools can attend the school's morning session for a tuition equal to half the \$7,729 Northville receives from

the state for each full time student enrolled at the high school. According to John Street, Northville Public Schools' finance director, his school's enrollment at the Technical Campus dropped from its usual 60 to 42 students this year.

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 105 or pfoley@h1h1mcc.net



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CONTACT: Pat Allen

PHONE: (248) 348-1325

NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHAT: To discover, collect, observe, advance and disseminate knowledge of history of the Northville Region. The group's focal point is Mill Race Historical Village.

CONTACT: Juliet Culp

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NORTHVILLE LIONS CLUB

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PHONE: (248) 344-1585

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WHAT: To help newcomers to the area as well as current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level.

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PHONE: (248) 349-1714

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CONTACT: Mary Ellen King

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WHAT: A group with ancestors who fought in the American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service.

WHEN: The group meets every third Monday, except in January, July and August.

CONTACT: Phoebe Huff

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VOICES FOR MAYBURY FARM

WHAT: To raise funds to help restore the Maybury State Park farm.

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ON CAMPUS

The following Northville residents were named to the fall 2003 semester honors list at Central Michigan University: Sarah Bowles, Elizabeth Fischer, Nicole Hicks, Bree Hietala, Derek Howell, Susanna Kilmek, Katherine Lolli, Christine Luoma, Christine Mellor, Angela Nelhoff, Candice Rosinski, Kristy Webster and Amy Wild.

Northville resident Caitlin Hansen was named to the dean's list at Northern Michigan University for the fall 2003 semester.

The following Northville residents were among the graduates of Michigan State University at December 2003 commencement exercises: Dana Belanger, Rachel Gershak, Cheryl Ann Krohn, Scott Kulik, Steven Morello, Elizabeth Polletta, Amanda Rice, Michelle Ringe, Daniel Rohrhoff, Timothy Torosian, and Leah Voytal.

The following Northville residents were named to the honors list for the fall 2003 semester at Michigan State University: Atif Ahmed, Erik Anderson, Ryan Anolick, Christopher Aversa, Amandeep Bagga, Zeshawn Beg, Dana Delanger, Marcus Belanger, Calynn Berry, Kristopher Belker, Daniel Bettes, Eric Bitell, Jonathan Black, Jessica Boloven, David Burke, Jennifer Chiroyan, Dean Conway, Samantha Cooke, Gregory Courtney, Dana Crawford, Jonathan Crowe, Christine Delano, Julie Dow, Matthew Doyle, Amanda Fogliatti, Alison Freeland, Rebecca Galonis, Jamie Geist, Kara Gittins, Anthony Golumbeck, Nicole Goode, Brendan Green, Michael Hagedorn, Michael Handley, Dana Hlavaty, Julie Holland, Victoria Hollister, Jennifer Houslander, Megan Houslander, Jennifer Hudolin, Cymbre Jaskot, Patrick Kelleher, Timothy Kelleher, Ryan Kelly, John Knight, Patricia Kolinski, Christina

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Northville resident Emily Needham was awarded one of the scholarships made available for the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University.

The following Northville residents were named to the dean's list at Albion College for the fall 2003 semester: Meredith L. Adamisin, Kathryn M. Berger, Gerard T. Breitenbeck, Justin H. Ferriman, Bryan E. Kontry, Jenna E. McClure, Michael P. Melvin, Charles L. Searly and Simeon J. Vincent.

Northville resident Justin Ferriman was named to the dean's list at Albion College for the fall 2003 semester.

Northville residents Michael Ansara, Bachar El-Saadi, Matthew Fix, Ayesha Siddique, Matthew Vetter, Kristina Janeski and Katherine Miller were named to the dean's list in the college of arts, sciences and letters at the University of Michigan-Dearborn for the fall 2003 semester.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 170

ARTICLE 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1 H.
Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1 I.
Article 37 Temporary Uses, Events, Structures and Buildings, Section 37.1

Date: February 24, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Northville Township Civic Center
41600 Six Mile Road

A public hearing will be held on February 24, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The Planning Commission will consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1 K. Open Storage, Parking and Repair of vehicles

Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1 L. Performance Standards

Article 37 Temporary Uses, Events, Structures and Buildings, Section 37.1 Definitions

The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. A complete copy of the proposed changes are available at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

LISA ANDERSON, CHAIR
PLANNING COMMISSION
(1-29 & 2-19-04 NR 109320)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Tuesday, February 3, 2004, the City of Northville Planning Commission reconvened the January 6, 2004 public hearing to consider a request for a Special Use Permit submitted by Our Lady of Victory Church - School, to relocate the school from its current site to the property located at 116, 224, and 132 Orchard and property located on Main Street, (for lots 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53 Orchard Heights Subdivision - Tax Parcel ID Numbers 48-003-02-0053-001, 48-003-02-0053-002, 48-003-02-0052-002, and 48-003-02-0048-000) Northville, Michigan, 48167. The new school facility will include classrooms, media center, gymnasium, cafeteria, and office space. On site parking for approximately 36 cars is also proposed. The property is zoned First Density Residential R-1B. Public, parochial and other private elementary, intermediate schools offering courses in general education are allowed as a special use in accordance with Article 3 and Article 16 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance.

The public hearing was recessed at approximately 11:40 p.m. The Planning Commission will reconvene the public hearing on **TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. AT HILLSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL - AUDITORIUM, 777 N. CENTER STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167**, for the purpose of receiving public input on the Special Use Permit for Our Lady of Victory Church - School. The complete application can be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments will also be received at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167, during normal business hours.

This notice is sent as required by Section 16.01 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance to all persons to whom real property is assessed within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the property in question, and to the occupants of all structures within three hundred (300) feet.

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(2-19-04 NR 112793)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2004 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that: The Northville Township 2004 Board of Review will meet at the Northville Township Finance Building, located at 41660 W. Six Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the assessment role on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 2, 2004	12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.	By appointment
Saturday, March 6, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Walk-in (first come, first serve)
Monday, March 8, 2004	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	By appointment and
	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	By appointment
Tuesday, March 9, 2004	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	By appointment and
	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	By appointment

You may call (248) 348-5810 to make an appointment. Letters of appeal will be accepted on or before March 9, 2004. Postmarks will not be considered.

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2004, the Wayne County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2004 Real and Personal Property Assessments: Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00, All Personal Property 1.00.

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Supporters lend financial help to Maybury

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traveling through town, lending their face and support to the cause, were WWJ-AM's (760) Jim, Chuck Gadica from WDIV-TV (Channel 4) and Val Clark from WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) News. "We tried to have a celebrity there all day or something happening," said Sharon Jones, who worked the event for hours with her husband, Ron.

Among the local officials that stopped in, Northville Township supervisor Mark Abbo said, "I believe in what the Northville Foundation is trying to accomplish. It's a great organization and a good cause."

Foundation board members and other volunteers who are lending their expertise to recreate the program, including familiar face farmer John Beemer, answered questions for

FOR THE FARM

People interested in donating to the Maybury Farm can mail to: Northville Community Foundation, 321 N. Center, Suite 130, Northville, MI 48167

hours about what the future farm might look like. A corner table was the base for accepting donations toward animal adoptions, the "Buy a Board" campaign, or just cash.

A \$250 contribution toward the "Buy a Board" program earns the donor's choice of name engraved on a plaque that will hang inside the barn. Contributions for the "Adopt an Animal" efforts ranged from \$2,500 for a horse, \$1,000 for a cow and so on down to \$300 for

a rabbit and \$100 for a chicken.

Among the groups that earned the privilege of naming one of the new animals was a group of school children who had pooled their resources toward the cause, said Sharon Jones. "They've done a lot of field trips. A lot of them had been there."

Support for the effort will return a farm to the community, the volunteer said. "It's going to be a living farm, not so much a petting farm," she continued. "So, the kids can learn what it was like to live on a farm a long time ago."

At the start of the week, Peters counted 18 animals adopted. Tavern owner Mary Poole said laughing that she purchased a hen in the name of her husband, Richard.

Peters thanked the couple for the event location. They offered

"One night of success is great, but we need the ongoing donations coming in."

Shari Peters

Northville Community Foundation

patrons discounts on appetizers as well as on a new beer brand they were introducing to help benefit the cause.

Mary, who years ago took her young children to the farm, said she supports the Foundation's efforts. "We all want to see it rebuilt." The ceiling above the bar was plastered with signed

barns denoting \$25 donors. Poole told Peters she would continue that fundraising effort.

Thursday's fundraiser, on the year anniversary of the fire at the farm, served to remind the community that efforts to bring it back continue, Peters said. "It's just human nature — out of sight, out of mind," she said. "It's brought back the job we have ahead of us — the rebuilding."

"One night of success is great, but we need the ongoing donations coming in."

At the time the Foundation inked the lease with the DNR, Peters targeted May for erecting a barn donated to the farm, provided the first \$1 million in funding was in place. "That's up in the air right now," Peters said. "We have to decide how it's going to be moved. It's in the hands of experts right now."

A subsequent goal is accumulating \$3 million, which would fund the farm operations for the long-term. Through interpretative programs, the 150-year-old farm off Eight Mile Road, for years had been a destination for visitors of all ages who learned from farm hands about their day-to-day duties, and the purpose of each animal, crop and product.

The Maybury operation, which represented a small family farm, opened for visits in 1975 when the park was established. Equipment, tools and practices told the story of an operation typical of Wayne County in the early 1900s.

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Better schools getting punished

It wouldn't be much of an exaggeration to say that public education is the heart of American democracy — and that the quality of education is today the biggest single reason why people, especially parents, choose a community in which to live.

With that in mind, Gov. Jennifer Granholm is proposing a budget that would be disastrous for the best school districts in this state. In a compromise effort to keep most educators happy and balance the books, she is proposing to restore a \$74 per pupil cut made late last year to most districts. But those who already spend more than \$9,000 per pupil — districts like Birmingham, Southfield and Troy — wouldn't get that money. Additionally, more money would be transferred from schools with growing enrollments to schools who are losing students; i.e. from booming communities to declining ones. There is nothing wrong with helping struggling school systems.

But there is everything wrong with steps that would damage the best school districts in the state. What's especially bad about this is not that Bloomfield Hills, say, will lose the per pupil money. What's bad is that the best districts' ability to raise more money has been severely limited by Proposal A, the revolutionary school financing system passed exactly 10 years ago. Even if vot-

ers in a district like Southfield were enthusiastically willing to vote an extra millage for new programs, that is no longer allowed.

That means the better-off schools are doomed to a decline that now threatens to be drastically accelerated. If schools in better areas don't keep pace, parents, many of whom moved to those communities for their schools — are apt to yank their kids out of public schools.

Each student leaving a public school for a charter means the district gets less state aid, which in turn leaves the struggling district with even less money. Before long, this will begin to affect the community itself. It is no secret that thousands of educated, affluent African-Americans have fled Detroit for Southfield.

Most of them came to put their family in better schools. We risk that dream at our peril. To give the governor her due, balancing the budget in these times isn't easy, especially when the state turns up a billion short every year, and raising new revenue seems politically impossible. Making painful spending cuts may be inevitable.

But saving money by threatening the quality of public education at any level is what a farmer would have called eating society's seed corn. The governor and the legislature owe it to our state and communities' future to find another way.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville High School's varsity pom-pom squad performs last Sunday afternoon at EMU's Convocation Center during the 2004 Statewide Pom-pom Championship. They came in 10th place overall.

LETTERS

There's a markup on Northville water, too

Please, no more stories about how much Detroit charges for water unless you also report on the markup added by Northville. If memory serves, a *Detroit Free Press* story indicated that more of our water payments go to Northville than to Detroit — and that Northville adds one of the highest markups in the region. Were you to report on Northville's water bill surcharges, you might also mention that if these expenses were covered by normal tax revenues, we could deduct them. It may not be sensible to make us pay in a (non-deductible) water bill what we could pay through a (deductible) property tax.

Stephen Calkins
Northville

The noise of children is music to the ears

How sad it is that the "neighborhood" around Our Lady of Victory School is mobilizing to fight the approval of a new school. How troubling it is that these people are out in the cold morning videotaping our children as they are sent off to school, hiring lawyers, posting signs. What a depressing sight to see them united against Catholic education, yet camouflaging their avarice in the sheep's clothing of "concern for the safety of the children."

How unfortunate are these souls that do not realize that they live in a utopian setting, the envy of the whole world, where they can be witnesses to the wonders of childhood, the marvels of education, the miracles of growing up, and live amongst the sweetest sounds on earth: the sounds of children.

Yet they see this not, choosing to wear blinders of wealth, worried that their property values may not grow as quickly as those in subdivisions, and

willowing in the possibility that while taking a morning stroll with their

dog, they may have to share a sidewalk with a file of first graders on a field trip. All the traffic—all the activity — all the noise..

At quarter of nine each school day, the concert begins. The school parking lot fills with exuberant kids, kissing Moms and minivans goodbye, searching for friends. Then suddenly, the 3 minute motor parade is over, the school bell rings invitingly, and the parking lot is again silent. If one listens closely during the warmer months, the open windows allow the words of the Pledge of Allegiance

to waft through the neighborhood air for all the world to hear. One Nation. Under God.

The west end of Main street then settles down for the relaxing background roar of lawn mowers and leaf blowers, the whine of the circular saw of the home renovators and the occasional car alarm. These sounds of silence are then broken as the crescendo of recess builds. Yelling to friends, pleas to pass the ball, arguments over Pokemon cards, the occasional wail of a skinned knee. The wonderful melodies of growing up.

Sadly, this cacophony is over too soon, as afternoon sets in.

At afternoon dismissal, the children pour out, with the chatter punctuated by the joyful cries of recognition as they find moms and dads. Several minutes later, the minivan cavalcade whisks the joyous sounds away, as the parents selfishly board them for the evening. A fog of silence descends on the neighborhood.

Although some of the neighborhood citizens claim to seek the silence of a childless neighborhood, they do not know what true silence really is. I do. In my months of duty in the Iraqi desert, I experienced a barren silence like no other. No sounds of nature or civilization. Only an overlying drone, a chop of a helicopter, the rumble and squeak of a passing tank, an occasional staccato burst of fear, or a cry of agony. But mostly dark, dank silence. Letters from the OLV children brought a glimpse of joy and hope — and if I listened carefully—I was sure I could hear the joyous sounds of the playground.

In our community, we do not want silence. We want people, traffic, parades, dogs, festivals, shoppers, bicycles, bands, ballgames, music. But most of all we need children and the beautiful music that they make. If that be noise, let us drown in it.

Christopher Steffes
Northville

Abortion letter missed a key logical point

Bent Boying's letter to the editor Feb. 12 ended with what I assume was a rhetorical question asking, "Why would anyone with traditional American values of respect for religious and personal freedom sign such a petition?" I felt that the real question being asked was, "Why would any real American want to ban abortion?"

I know this question has been answered many times. And because the question keeps being asked, I assume the questioners really don't want to hear the answer. Even so, I'd like to answer the question one more time.

There are many Americans who respect religious and personal freedom, who want to ban abortion because of a deep conviction that life begins at conception. If you accept this premise, you can draw no other conclusion than to abort is to end life, or kill. It's really quite simple.

I respect those who desire to protect women from male domination, but I'm not convinced this position is truly the driver behind the political fervor supporting abortions. Protecting those who can not protect themselves should logically lead to protecting the un-born baby from unnatural death.

Kila Mason
Northville

Amid Bush criticism, what about Kerry?

[Hometown Communications Network chairman Phil Power is] quite obviously a Democrat, but please don't pass on the demagoguery that has been so much the essence of the Democrats' campaign against George Bush. Blanchard was fired as Governor of Michigan because of his thoughts. It is obvious they have not improved with time. Intentionally left out of his discourse on Bush's military service is the fact that Bush was a F-102 fighter pilot. The F-102 was the first line strike fighter at the time and was vital to the defense of the U.S. Remember, the cold war was still on. If you think that being a fighter pilot is easy, I suggest you read Tom Clancy's book on the subject. Also, Bush completed his tour obligation and was honorably discharged. So what is Blanchard's and Kerry's problem with Bush's war record?

John Hamann
Northville

Feature Teacher played key role in their lives

After reading this week's edition of your paper, I was very inspired to write some thoughts to you regarding your Teacher of the Month section.

As I'm sure many other people in this community feel, it is so nice to know that our educators can be highlighted for all that they give to our children. We have had several out-

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OTHER OPINIONS

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Small changes don't do the job

Very large organizations such as General Motors Corp. or Michigan state government find it very difficult to make and carry out far-reaching, fundamental strategic decisions. Instead, they tend to take tiny steps. A fancy term for this is "incrementalism," i.e., making a series of small changes at the margin that they hope will result in profound change over time. "Tinkering around the edges" is a less elegant term for this practice.



Phil Power

while the more vivid metaphor, especially apt when it seems nothing is working on a timely basis, is "rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic." However described, I have a growing sense of alarm that so far our state's response to the economic crisis we face is too incremental and too slow, neither sufficiently focused in strategy nor radical enough in conception. There is a vast gap between what people who work in the manufacturing sector are feeling (alarm verging on terror) and what folks in Lansing are saying (things are bad, but we've got serious budget problems and we can't rock the boat too much without making somebody mad.)

It's both unfair and premature to blame Gov. Jennifer Granholm or the state legislature for this. After all, funding very large

organizations like the government of a major state is tough and there are very few precedents for solving the problems we face. But consider these parts of the puzzle:

State Budget: The budget for fiscal year 2004-2005 is in the red again, this time by \$1.3 billion. Gov. Granholm's budget proposes to hike taxes on booze and (again) cigarettes and move some property tax collection dates ahead by six months. The Republican-led legislature by and large prefers to cut spending.

Both sides miss the fundamental point made by experts like those at the Citizens Research Council: The budget of the State of Michigan is now and has been for years structurally imbalanced, i.e. there is a built-in gap between revenue and expense that, even in good times, exceeds \$1 billion. To her credit, the governor has asked State Treasurer Jay Rising to explore adding services to the state sales tax now levied on goods and to consider replacing the peculiar and perennially unpopular Single Business Tax. But sooner or later, both the governor and the legislature are going to have to squarely face the issue of adjusting revenue to expenditure. The alternative is a state with a tax structure akin to Mississippi's with an equally unappealing quality of life and uncompetitive business climate.

Business Climate, especially in manufacturing: Here's a glimpse of the future. General Motors is expected to increase by 20 times the auto parts it buys from China. According to the *Detroit Free Press*, whereas GM bought about \$200 million in Chinese auto parts in 2003, the company plans to buy \$4 billion in 2009. Smaller manufacturers are "absolutely terrified" by China, according to Frank Vargo of the

National Association of Manufacturers. And where manufacturing jobs are migrating to low-wage China, white collar jobs such as software programming and call center staffing, are moving to English-speaking India, where wages are equally low.

When Michigan companies are facing \$10-\$20 an hour wage differentials from foreign competitors, we're not dealing with marginal competitiveness issues to be solved by small adjustments in business taxes. We're facing a full-blown crisis that requires intense strategic focus on gaining comparative competitive advantage and an equally intense effort to help companies adapt to the new realities of global competition.

Human capital: High skills, technical proficiency, imagination, innovation — all are essential assets in overcoming huge wage disparities. But Michigan schools are hardly outstanding when compared with other states and are at an absolute disadvantage when compared with most other countries. Worse, Gov. Granholm's budget proposals would further disadvantage the few high-achieving Michigan schools.

At the college and university level, it's perfectly clear that to compete internationally we need more highly trained engineers, scientists, software designers, MBAs. And we need the discoveries from the laboratories of our best research universities to fuel high-tech start-ups. Yet over the past two years, state appropriations for higher education have fallen by 15 percent, hurting especially those few excellent research schools such as the University of Michigan.

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I'm a reporter and your neighbor, too

Ah, to be in the heated swirl of the latest controversy on a community "beat" — the utmost desire of every ambitious journalist, right? Well, not necessarily.

My beat is my Northville I grew up in. Like two of my four brothers, I chose to



Maureen Johnston

return to this community at this time, for my family. I walked in to the closing on my home purchase — just a few weeks ago — with my eyes wide open.

My new neighborhood? The so-called Orchard Heights area in the southwest corner of the city. And like all good Catholics, one of my first acts was to transfer from my Ann Arbor parish to the one in my neighborhood, yes...Our Lady of Victory. See where I'm going with this?

In another couple of weeks, I will attend the third public hearing on the proposed construction of OLV's new elementary school. I literally will be talking with my neighbors and my fellow parishioners on both sides of the aisle.

In December, I began reporting on the plan to build a 77,000-square-foot, two-

story, kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school on the west side of Orchard, between Main and Thayer streets. My challenge since then has been to listen carefully to my fellow property owners and my fellow parishioners and report without bias the Planning Commission's process deliberately moving forward.

In that sense, I truly feel the words of the plan's proponents and opponents are the real voice. I am the mere reporter of their stances. My face-to-face conversations with people tell me this is an emotional issue for everyone involved — those dedicated to preserving the tranquility of their neighborhood, and those dedicated to creating a better learning environment for their children.

Like the people who stand to speak to the commissioners at the meeting, I have waited in the morning for the line of SUVs backed up along Orchard. (With stories on heliports, hospitals, clubs, consolidations, rallies, special events, emergencies, meetings, fundraisers — do you think I want to wait?)

I see the orange cones in the parking lot. Everyday on my way into the office, I pass by yards of red-and-white signs, and the two yards that would be occupied by a building. I'm newly acquainted with what my property taxes are.

I also attend Mass on Sunday when the OLV congregation prays for the community's understanding of the school project. I read in my bulletin about the progress of the building fund. I see up and down the pews the children who walk the overcrowd-

ed halls of the current 50-year-old school. I put my envelope in the collection plate.

I take solace from people familiar with my pickle

who comment, "I cannot tell how you feel about this," "You are being objective in your coverage," or "Which side are you on?"

I respect that the convictions of my peers run deep. I don't fear one "side" or the other questioning my credibility. I fear "sides" growing in my neighborhood. I appreciate the feeling of community. That is, my beat.

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My beat is my Northville I grew up in. My new neighborhood? The so-called Orchard Heights area in the southwest corner of the city. My church? OLV. See where I'm going?

There's a lot to do, so do something

When I walked in the door to my house last night, the first thing my wife said to me was, "You're not going to believe this."

Then she told me that the husband of her best friend growing up died suddenly in his



Cal Stone

sleep over the weekend. He was a chain smoker, overweight and very sedentary. He basically sat on his couch and read all the time.

At first I was shocked because our ages — mid 40s — are so close. But then I realized how active I as well as my wife and kids.

I don't classify active as just doing some-

thing physical. Active also means getting involved.

Take a look at the *Novi News* cover story this week on Mark Appel, a 13-year-old who is looking to join the Historical Commission. Think he's going to be a couch potato? Hardly.

There's so much going on in a city like Novi that there's really no excuse to not be doing something. Bring everyone out to the Civic Center next Saturday for the new Sand, Sun and Fun festival. Take a brisk walk around Twelve Oaks Mall (you might see somebody getting married!)

Sit in on a city council meeting and see what your leaders are planning.

Help out with a cause, like Threads of Power, and feel good about yourself while making a difference.

Stop by your child's school and volunteer to help out. Or, if you're a student, like Andrew Krupansky, make volunteering your priority early on.

Stop at one of our great senior citizen facilities and learn a thing or two from the folks who have already been there, done that.

Take a community education class and expand your horizons.

Pitch in and help out with an upcoming event like

the Michigan 50s Festival or the Chamber of Commerce Benefit Auction.

There's so much to do and so little time to do it. Get up, get out and get going!

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Rapids, and spent a lot of time sharing ideas with other newspaper types like myself. The resounding theme was this: *get readers involved in your publication*. So often, journalists take a let-us-do-the-writing-because-we're-the-reporters sort of approach to the newspaper business. The fact of the matter is that in the year 2004, all indications suggest readers want to be a part of their community newspaper. They want to see their names and faces in print and they want to contribute to it.

So why not let 'em?

To that end, the Record will be launching a new feature and injecting new life into two old ones. Each feature has its own personality, but both need the input from intelligent and interested readers to make them tick. They're open to anyone.

So here are the ground rules: **HAVE I GOT A STORY FOR YOU:** There's a theory in this business that if you give anyone five minutes of your time, you'll be told a story that'll make your head spin. We do our best to report on as many as we can, but invariably we're going to miss a few along the way. That's where you come in. E-mail us your wildest strange-but-true experiences, along with a color photo of yourself, and

we'll run it. Keep your story to 400 words or less, and include your name and phone number. (The catch? The story has to have some Northville or Northville Township connection.)

NORTHVILLE RECORDS: This little goodie got a start last fall. Having been dormant for the winter, the onset of spring (yes, it's coming!) seems like a perfect time to bring it back.

What is it? It can be almost anything. We're looking for people in Northville Township or Northville who can make claims to fame for having the fastest, biggest, smallest, most extensive you-name-it. Maybe you're the person with Northville's hottest chili recipe. Maybe you're the student with the largest collection of Pokemon cards. Whatever it is, we want to know about it. Fill out the entry blank on this page, or e-mail me, and we'll take care of the rest.

ASK THE RECORD: Another Little Something we cooked up a while back. Maybe you're wondering about why a certain road is aligned the way it is, or the background on an elected official. Whatever it is, ask your question, and we'll get the answer for you. Newspapers are in the Answers Business. I can't think of better answers to give than the ones spawned from

questions our own readers ask.

As is the case with anything we receive here, we reserve the right — and the responsibility — to edit or toss anything not deemed appropriate for publication.

Features similar to these have popped up in other newspapers around the country and become wildly popular. Given Northville's growth and the increasing readership of the Record, I see no reason why we can't have the same success.

As always, your thoughts and input are valued. Drop me a line and let me know what you think.

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Michigan State University and Michigan Tech.

In her State of the State address, Gov. Granholm spoke in general terms about revolutionizing Michigan's workforce development system, and word out of Lansing is that some very serious work in this area is about to be unveiled. A word of warning, though: Incremental, vanilla-flavored improvements in job training aren't going to be nearly enough.

Entrepreneurial culture: Anybody who has had anything to do with the entrepreneurial culture in California knows full well the enormous gap between

Michigan's business culture and the kind of intense, passionate risk-taking that you see in Silicon Valley. Much of our business culture has been determined over the years by massive, yet cautious manufacturing corporations. Changing that may be the hardest task of all. One symbolic start would be to eliminate any state taxes whatsoever on newly formed companies, on the grounds that new entrepreneurial companies do most of the new hiring and that they don't pay much in taxes for in the first couple years of their existence.

In short, we're facing a crisis that simply is not going to be met by business-as-usual incrementalism. Gov. Granholm

talked tough about this in her State of the State speech. That was good. And now it is time for her, together with the legislature, policy makers and leaders in labor and the business community to take practical steps to match good intentions. When John Engler took office, the late George Romney offered him just two words of advice: *Be bold*. That is perhaps even better counsel now.

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

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standing teachers throughout our children's education in Northville Public Schools.

Chris Modrack taught 2 of our children, and I couldn't agree more on not only the quality of teacher that she is but also the quality of person that she is. When we questioned sending our first young son for a private education versus a public education, we were confident with our decision when his first teacher in Northville schools was Chris

Modrack. Throughout all of these years (that same son is now a sophomore in college), whenever we see Chris, she still asks about our boys and their progress.

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By Candy Parent
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Curt Fournier is more than just a mortgage broker.

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When a client visits Curt, he looks at their credit rating, their current financial situation and their short- and long-term goals to find the mortgage that will save them the most money.

"I give people expert advice," he says.

For Curt, meeting a new customer isn't just about getting them a loan. He strives to make them clients for life. Just as a patient develops a long-standing relationship with a doctor or dentist, Curt develops a relationship with each of his clients. He sends out a quarterly newsletter to keep his customers informed of the financial market. And, when a new program comes along that will help his client, he contacts them to see if they wish to refinance. He even keeps information on file so a second loan is quick and easy to approve. His reputation is the most important thing to him and he makes sure he follows through.

"Never have I delivered anything other than what I said I would do," he says. He never tells a client, "no." Instead, he looks at their credit scores and tells them what they need to do so he can offer them a better rate. He can even help a customer clean up errors on their credit report.

"Every person's situation is different. Everyone's goals are different," Curt says. "Choosing the right program is crucial."

For example, some clients may benefit from an interest-only loan. The interest-only loan allows customers to make low minimum payments, free-



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Curt Fournier, far left, has a staff of six dedicated to helping clients. Pictured from left are Fournier, Eric Lewandowski, Tami Rogers, Deniele LaButte, Carla Eagan and Victoria Januscewski (seated). Jason Fournier is not pictured.

ing up cash to pay off non-tax deductible, high-interest credit cards or to help someone through a temporary financial setback.

For instance, assume someone has \$5,000 in credit card debt and a \$200,000 mortgage at 6 percent interest for 30 years. Their payment would be \$1,199 per month for the home, plus about \$200 to make the minimum payment on the credit card, Curt says. If they paid only the minimum, it would take them about 13 years to pay off the credit card.

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Local officials react to prison closure

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back yard?" Mann asked after hearing the news. "We're very pleased. We said last year we wanted it to close. We just didn't think it would happen this soon."

The news also was OK with Mark Abbo, supervisor of Northville Township — the neighboring yard of the prison's backyard. While the prison's presence did not have a direct impact on the township, the potential development created by its departure likely will.

Just west of the Home Depot and kitty-corner from the state-owned Scott Correctional Facility, the 70-something-year-old Western Wayne prison sits along the municipal line of Five Mile Road.

"It will enhance the value of the property to the north," Abbo

"[The prison closure] will enhance the value of the property to the north."

Mark Abbo
Northville Township supervisor

said. State sale of the 100-plus acres of prison land to a developer will eventually result in some other type of construction on that site. Northville Township has zoned the property across the street from the prison for research and development-type buildings.

The change in character of the

property across the street in Plymouth Township helps Northville Township's goal of tax diversification.

Abbo said. A recurring theme among township officials has been encouraging development that generates a higher commercial tax base, while impacting the municipality less in terms of consumption of services.

Long before a shovel hits dirt on either side of Five Mile Road, some 850 Western Wayne prisoners will be moved to the Huron Valley Center in Ypsilanti, whose prisoners will then be switched to the Huron

Valley Correctional Facility down the road. It's a shift in prisons that works for now, but some legislators are worried it's nothing more than a temporary fix.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson pointed out there's still a prison in the area — Scott Correctional Facility, which is just across the street in Northville.

"The bad news is, we still have to put prisoners someplace, and the Scott facility is still there," Patterson said. "Expansion at Scott is still something that would be on the table. They're not going to be

able to use Huron Valley forever."

The sale is something that could potentially put some \$150,000 to \$200,000 into township coffers in property taxes, according to treasurer Ron Edwards. "If we can do something

similar to what Johnson Controls is doing in the technology park (a \$140 million investment), that would be realistic," Edwards said.

The site has some contamination issues — including a methane leak and 28 feet of incinerated refuse beneath it — but state Rep. John Stewart said

selling it makes good economic sense for both the state and for the township.

"We will close the facility, clean it up and sell it for redevelopment and put it back on the tax rolls for the benefit of Plymouth Township," Stewart said. "It makes intelligent, economic business sense because we have a budget shortfall and we can use the money to plug a hole in the budget for Oct. 1, which is \$1.3 billion."

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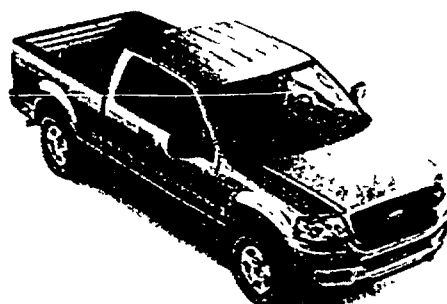


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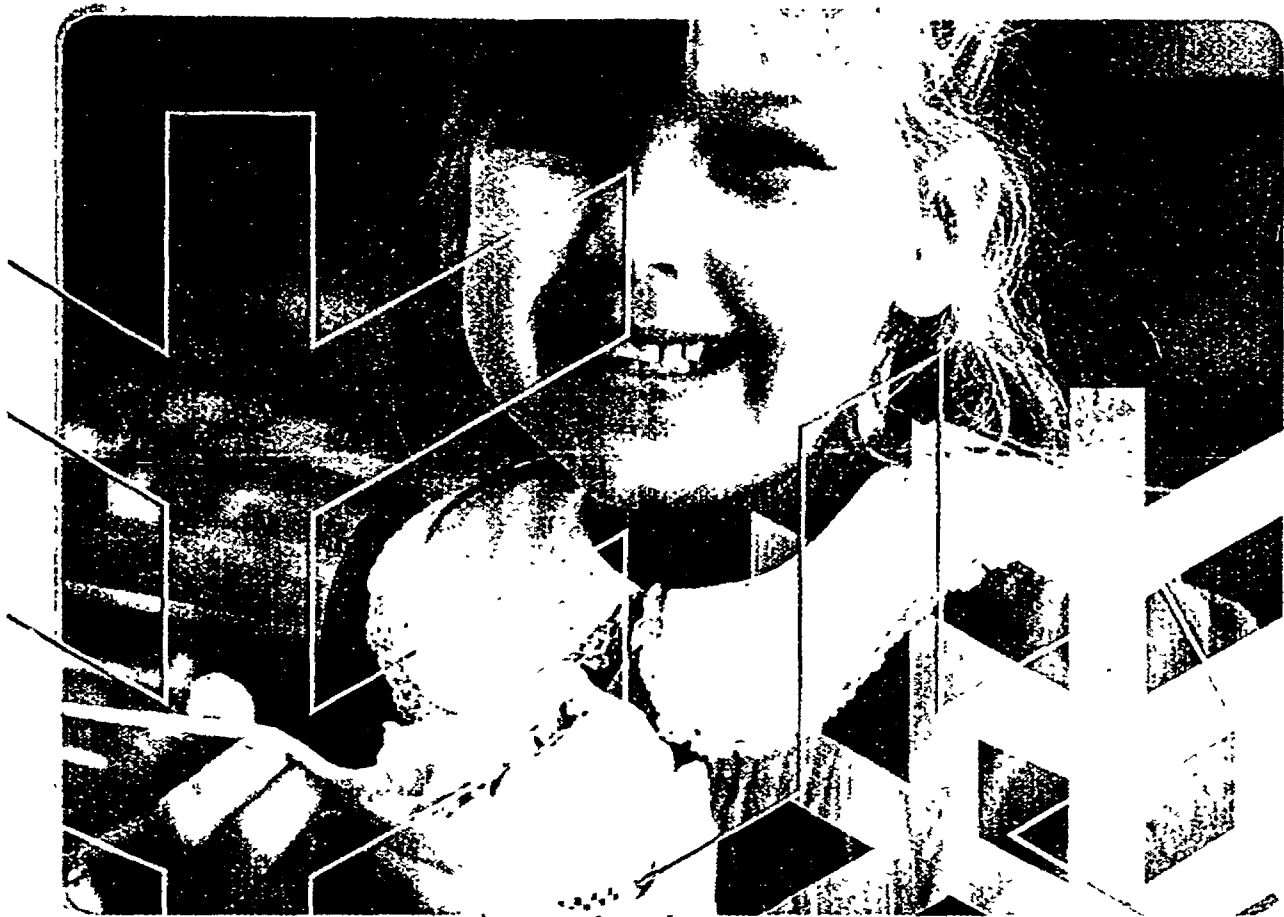
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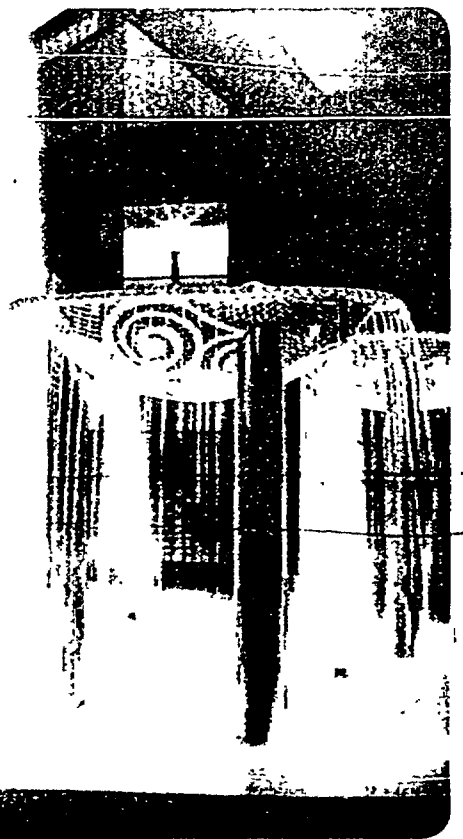
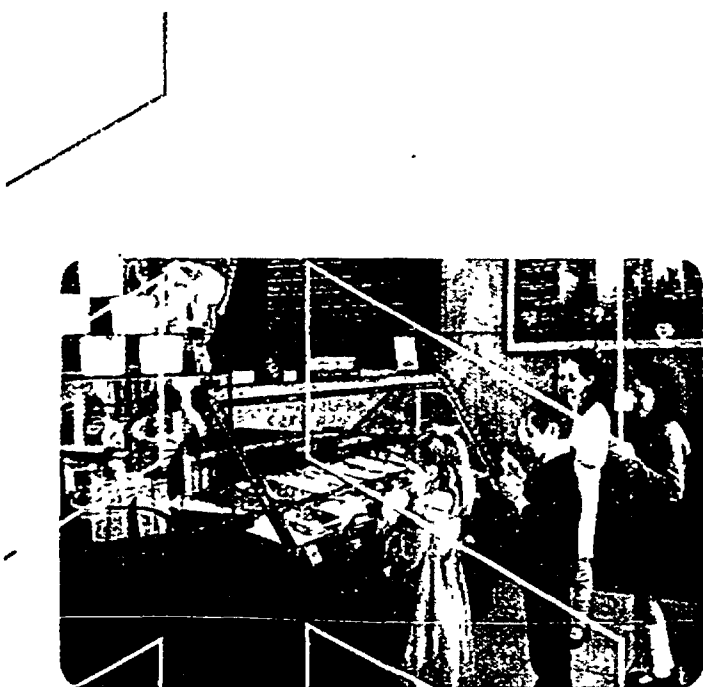
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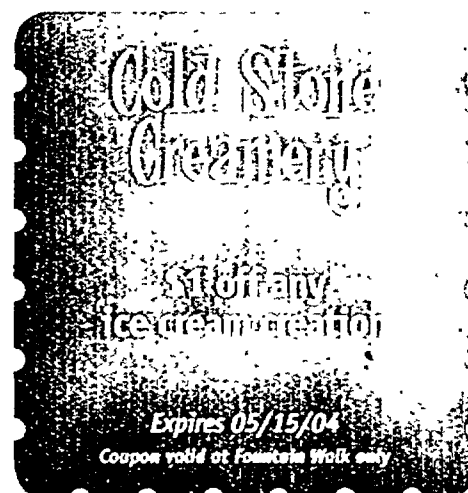
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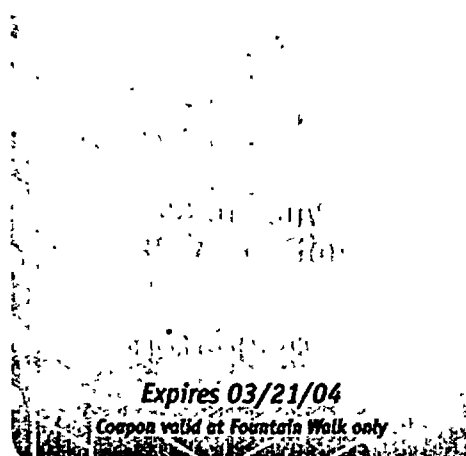
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Gymnasts dominate yet again

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was another impressive showing for the Novi-Northville Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team last week as they took on a conference rival and simply decimated them.

The gymnastics team, which is coached by Lindsay Schultz, cruised past the girls from Walled Lake, 144-123.4.

Though the Walled Lake gymnastics team had the three highest scoring girls overall, it was the depth of the Novi-Northville squad that prevailed in the end.

Leading the way in points on the vault was Emma Platt, who scored a 9.15 to lead all scorers. Jacqueline Gazette's 9.05 points was good enough for second overall, while Sara Wilchowski's 8.90 gave her third. Jenn Mehl collected an 8.60, which was higher than any Walled Lake scorer, while Sara Ikhani-Pour was fifth with an 8.35 and Rachel Deneau was sixth with a 7.95. Kim Stevenson had an 8.40 for Walled Lake's highest score in the event.

On the bars, the Wild 'Stangs were extremely dominant. Stefanie Schmalz led Walled Lake with an 8.0, which wasn't even close to the top score of 9.35 recorded by Wilchowski. Taking second for Novi-Northville was Ikhani-Pour's 9.15, while Platt took third with an 8.7. In fourth was Amanda Perelli's 8.6. Mehl took fifth with an 8.35, while Maggie Mills finished sixth with an 8.30.

The Wild 'Stangs had some good performances on the beam as well. Wilchowski's 9.70 was the top score in the meet, while Tricia Brownfield took second with a 9.20 and Mills was third with an 8.8. Taking fourth was Platt's 8.75, while Mehl was fifth with an 8.65 and Julie Foucher was sixth with a 7.65. Walled Lake's top score came from Stevenson, who had a 7.95.

In the floor exercise, the Novi-Northville squad didn't even bother to look back at the competition as they blew them out of the water. Mills took first with a 9.2, while Foucher's 9.15 was good for second and Brownfield's 8.95 earned her third. Adrienne McHenry and Ikhani-Pour tied for fourth with an 8.75, while Gazette took sixth with an 8.35. Kylie Leidich took the top spot for Walled Lake with an 8.45.

The Novi-Northville B squad had a good showing as well. On the vault, Marcie Fink had the top score of 8.85, while Kylea Pohl and Janna Ramsey took second with an 8.85. Ann McQueen was fourth with an 8.15 while Erin Yankovich took fifth with an 8.10 and Courtney Paul was sixth with a 7.95.

On the bars, McQueen was best with an 8.70, while Ramsey took second with her 8.45 and Paul was third with an 8.10. Jessica Glancy took fourth with her 8.0 and Megan Wallen was fifth with a 7.75.

Leading the way on the beam was Fink with a score of 8.9, while Amanda Crawford took second with an 8.65 and Nika Frimenko took third with an 8.40. Taking fourth was Ramsey with an 8.2, while Glancy took fifth with an 8.10 and Brea Buffone was sixth with a 7.4.

The floor exercise found Yankovich's 8.85 good enough for first, while Crawford took second with an 8.6 and Pohl's 8.4 was third. Taking fourth was Jill Guffey's 8.1, while Frimenko scored an 8.05 for fifth and McQueen had a 7.9 for sixth.

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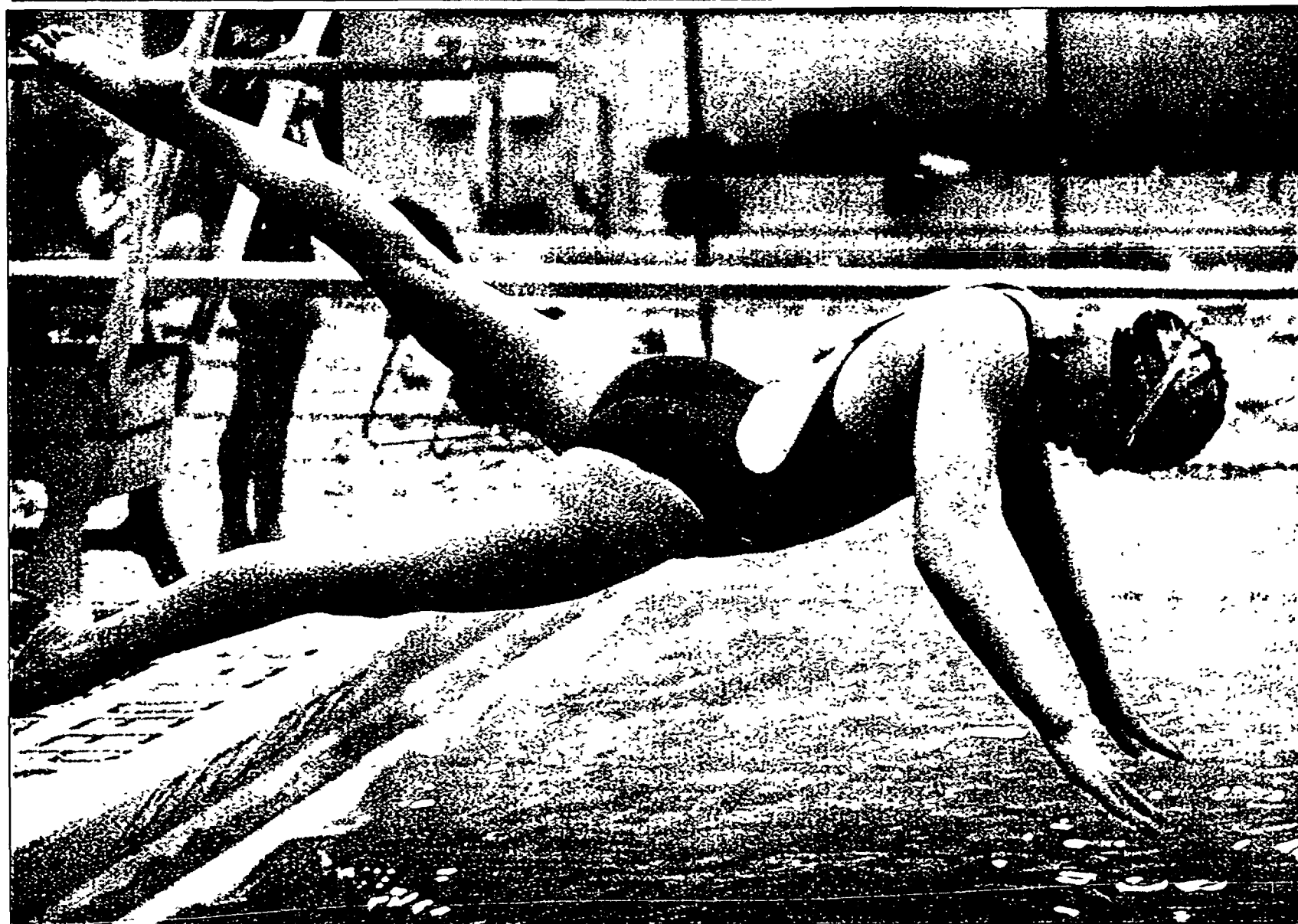


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Ava Ohlgren, 16, dives into the Schoolcraft College pool last Thursday afternoon at the start of her two-hour training session with the Bulldog Aquatic Club.

DEEP END OF THE POOL

Ava Ohlgren is always ready to dive right in

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

At the tender age of 15, Northville sophomore Ava Ohlgren found out she was going to try and make the cut for the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Ohlgren, who swims for the Bulldog Aquatic Club, qualified for the 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials in two events before her 16th birthday, which was January 31. "It's exciting," she said. "I never expected to make the cuts, but I did. I'm really excited to have the chance to swim the Olympic Trials."

Ohlgren qualified for the 400-meter individual medley while swimming the 2004 U.S. Open in Seattle, Washington December 5, 2003. Her time was 4:55.14, which was nearly a second faster than the qualifying cut of 4:55.89. Almost an exact month later, while swimming in the 2004 Queensland Open and Age Championships in Brisbane, Australia, Ohlgren qualified for the 200 individual medley with a 2:20.29 — exactly .20 of a second under the cut.

"Hard work pays off," Ohlgren

said after practice with the Bulldogs at Schoolcraft College's pool. "I'm just happy to be able to compete against athletes at that level."

Ohlgren, who has a modesty many athletes could learn from, isn't concerned if she'll make the 2004 Olympics.

"It would be nice," she said with a laugh. "To tell you the truth, my goal at this point is to make the 2008 Olympic team. If I were to make it this year, it would be great. If I don't, I have the experience for the next time I get the chance."

If Ohlgren hopes to make the team either this year in Athens or in 2008, she'll have to find herself finishing in the top two in either of her events. If she doesn't, then she said she plans on applying her experiences to her swimming with the Bulldogs and eventually in college. At the age of 16, Ohlgren doesn't have to worry too much about getting too old, too quick for the Olympics. The next opportunity for this talented swimmer will be when she's a sophomore in college at the age of 20.

But that doesn't mean she's going to squander this opportunity either.

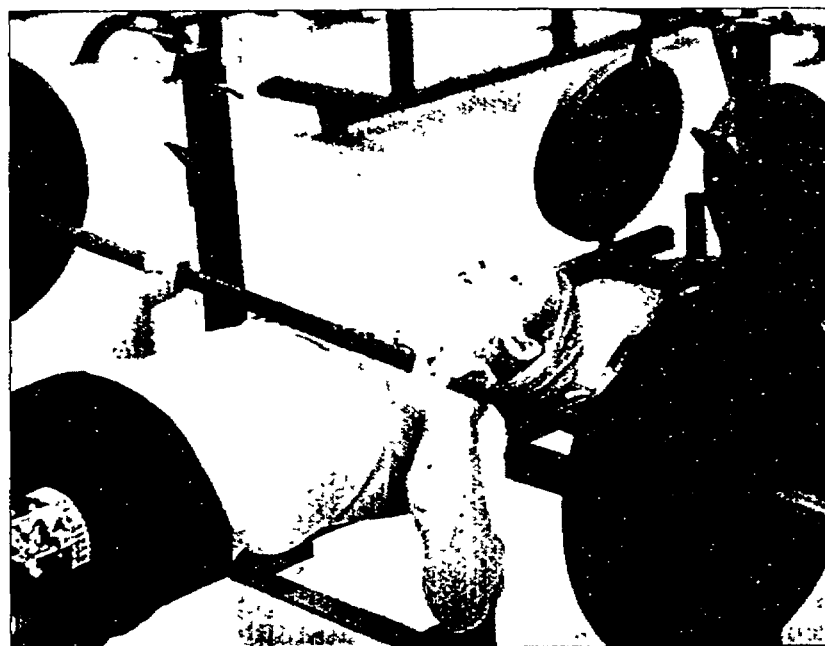
"I'm going to give it my best shot," she said. "I'll go in there with the same attitude I go into every race with. If I make it to the finals, I'll be accomplishing something. If I don't, I know that I tried my best."

For Ohlgren, that mind set has been something that has made her into one of the top swimmers in Michigan, the United States and even the world. As a member of the

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Sophomore Carly Forsthoefel does some bench presses as she weight-trains for the upcoming track season on a recent Thursday afternoon at Northville High.



Worthwhile endeavors

■ Strength program pays dividends

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

It used to be that people thought of weight lifting as just for the big body builders or football players. Turns out weight training can be used by athletes in all sports. Walk down the main hallway of Northville High School after school and the sounds of student athletes lifting weights is in the

air. The man behind the operation is Steve Mandreger.

Mandreger came to Northville High School a little over a year ago bringing with him his knowledge and experience as a certified strength and conditioning specialist. He has a degree in physical education and exercise science and is a certified personal trainer

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Joel Schanne
Senior
Wrestler

Why is Schanne a repeat member of the athletes of the week section of the newspaper? Quite simply, it's because he never gives up and always makes the best of the situation he's in. The top-rated wrestler proved he was one of the best with a win in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet at 112-pounds. We always knew he was the best, and now Schanne went out and proved it for us.



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Evonna Karchon
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This just must be the week of repeat athletes making an appearance here. Karchon, who was on the list as a basketball player for athlete of the week, had a team-high nine kills and four blocks when the Mustangs took on and defeated conference foe John Glenn in a recent match. Karchon, who has a bright future in the sport, also played a major role in Northville's performance at the Schoolcraft Tournament two weeks ago.



Earning back their respect

Northville's cheerleading team takes first in WLAA creative round

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Quite simply, it was a dream come true for the Northville Mustangs.

The squad, which is coached by Sarah Hawthorne, earned major accolades as they took first place in the creative round of the Western Lakes Activities Association league meet February 14. The squad took third place overall, but finished just 10 points out of first behind Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem.

"We were prepared and everyone was excited to get on the floor and show the fans and judges the routines we were able to put together," Hawthorne said. "Northville is always one of the top teams there, and this year was no exception."

Indeed it wasn't. The Northville Mustangs have had a tradition of not only being one of the top teams in the WLAA in the past, but often the top team. Last year, the squad fell out of competition for the title, and the girls knew it would take quite a bit of work to get them back into the running.

"I was so excited," senior Alli Gray said. "We worked really hard. It was awesome to be able to come back this year and get some of our respect back. That's what we wanted to do and I think we did it."

Earning back some respect in the league and earning a first place in one of the rounds was something that Hawthorne had hoped her girls would accomplish as well.

"The seniors on this team were a large reason that Northville was able to win back first place in the creative round," she said. "All six seniors are great leaders and overall wonderful people. I don't think the team could have pulled it off without all of them."

The Mustangs weren't without their surprises though. During the week, they thought they had lost two cheerleaders to unfortunate injuries. Instead, they found themselves without one in senior Juli Peterson, one of the six seniors on the team.

The Mustangs were forced to make corrections to their routine, which included dropping one of their stunts and rearranging the routine quite a bit — and just days before the biggest competition of the year.

"I've had plans since my sophomore year of how we were going to wow everyone at the league competition my senior year," Peterson said. "Then, I found out I couldn't do any of it. I couldn't do any of the things I had planned or expected to do. When I found out, I was so sad I started crying."

The entire competition wasn't a loss for Peterson, who had been an integral part of the creative round from the start. Instead of participating in that round, she was able to work in the flat cheer.

"I was thankful to be able to participate in one round," she said. "It was great just to be there."

The adjustments that had to be made to the routine were last minute, and everyone knew that it would take a total team effort.

"I'm really proud of us," senior Suzie Boll said. "We had two injuries the week before and everyone came together and

was working as a team to change a lot of stuff. Then, one girl came back and we had to make sure we still had room for her. I'm proud of how well we did."

The squad had to change their formations and stunts after a month of practicing the same routine over and over and over.

"We thought we were just going to have to clean things up a little," Boll said. "Instead, we had to change nearly the whole thing. It was hard, but we made it through it just fine."

Despite the six seniors doing their best to hold the team together in one of their most trying times in the team's history, it took a total team effort to make it work.

"It really did," senior Becky Johnson said. "We did what we could to bring everyone together, but they added their own personalities. If anyone knew something was wrong, they took steps to fix it and didn't expect the seniors to do everything."

The Mustangs weren't sure things were going to come together. After their first complete run through of the new routine, things didn't come together as they expected. It took a few prying eyes to get them ready for the real test.

"We performed the routine in front of our parents," Gray said. "They were so excited and something just happened that sparked our spirit. Throughout the year, we've been stressed and nervous at our other competitions, but I don't think any of us were worried about this one. Something clicked and we knew we were going to dominate."

And dominate they did as they competed with two of the best teams in the state — and even the country. Currently, Salem is ranked as the third best team in the nation.

"I am so proud of what this team has been able to accomplish," Hawthorne said. "Our season is going by so fast and these girls were able to maintain a strong work ethic and overcome many obstacles."

Tradition isn't built in a year, and the seniors are well aware of that. Though they have set the foundations to get the Mustangs back on track and into competition for the titles once again, they know it will take a few years until everything is back the way it used to be.

"It will take a lot of work," Boll said. "There are a lot of talented underclassmen though, and they know what it means to win now. I think they'll try to keep the tradition going."

In fact, nearly half the team is underclassmen. Out of 20 cheerleaders on the competitions quad, nine are sophomores.

"They're young, but they are dedicated," Peterson said. "Most sophomores are never on varsity, but they've done everything we've wanted them to and more."

The Mustangs will have two more chances to showcase their creative routine that won a first place at the league meet. Their first showing will be February 27 in front of the high school student body at the pep assembly before taking a trip to Michigan State University to compete in the final competition of the seniors' careers the following day.

Hopefully, they will be at full strength again and ready to wow the fans even more.

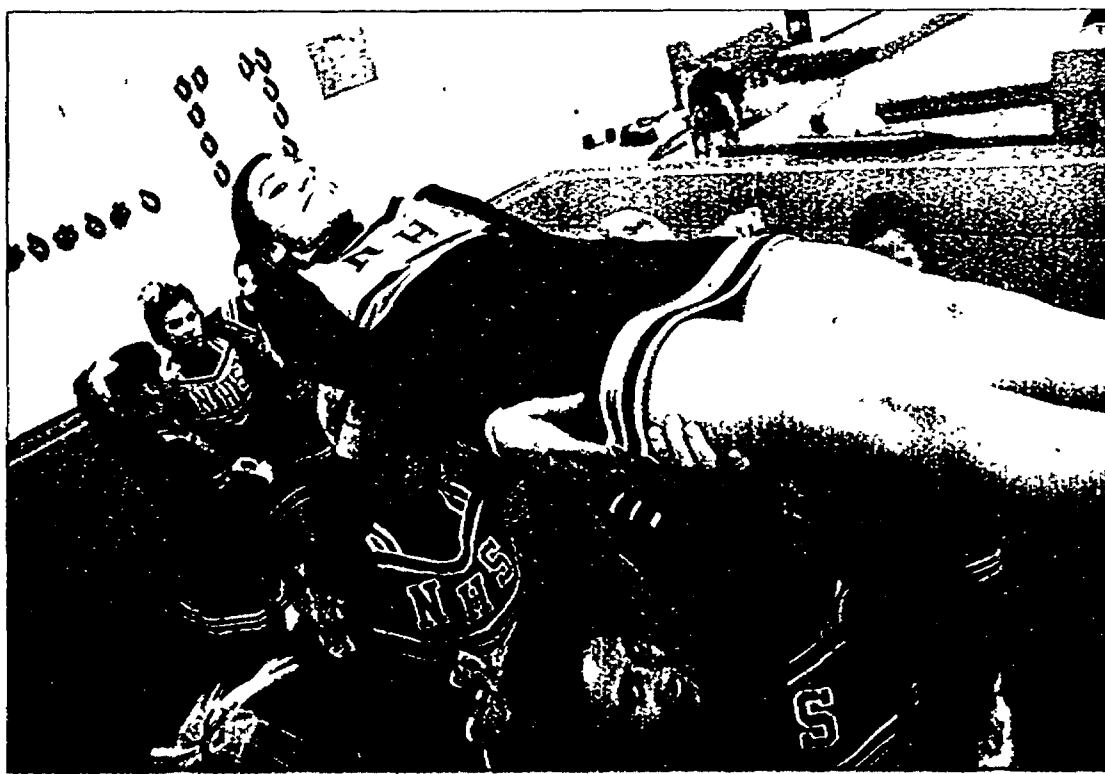
"If Juli can compete, we'll have an even better routine," Gray said. "We'll have another stunt group and a lot of added elements to the routine. I think we'll look great."



Above photo: The Mustangs' competitive cheerleading team practices a line formation on a recent Wednesday night. Below photo: Mustang cheerleader Julie Peterson helps to direct the squad.



Left photo: Mustang varsity competitive cheerleader Michelle Bacigal shows some spirit. Right photo: Mustang competition team cheerleaders form a trio of towers.



Left photo: Mustang cheerleader Michelle Pike lets her voice be heard during a recent rehearsal for the team's weekend competition. Right photo: As her fellow Northville High School varsity cheerleading team members hold her aloft, Jamil Thompson manages a smile during a recent practice for an upcoming competition.

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Northville still the kings of the Western Lakes

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

The Northville basketball team traveled to Walled Lake Central to take on the Vikings February 10 in a game that proved to be one of the toughest matches of the year. The reason? The quickness and shooting ability of the Vikings.

In the end, though, it was all Northville as the Mustangs came out on top thanks to some last-minute free throws, 57-48.

"It was a very physical game," said senior Tim Downing. "Things started out slowly but we got into it as the game went on."

The first quarter was intense from the beginning. The defense was hard to break through on both sides leading to a lot of action but not much scoring in the first five minutes. Not having success inside, the Mustangs tried their luck at taking the outside shots and it certainly paid off. The clock ticked its last second of the quarter leaving with the Mustangs on top by a score 10-6.

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Tim Singleton
Northville Basketball Player

middle which took away much of our cutting action and we could not post up very well," said Darrel Schumacher, Northville's head basketball coach.

Central carried over their intensity from the first quarter and took the lead back early in the second. But the Mustangs got in front of them again with Mark Sorensen, Tim Singleton and Downing each

scoring one three pointer in a row to make the score 21-13.

Central was forced to take an early time out and refocus. The Vikings didn't let this slow them down, as they came back within two. Marcus Davis helped put some distance between the teams thanks to his three-point play. But the Mustangs could not contain the Vikings and they headed for the locker room at the half trailing by one point.

When Northville took the court after the break, Brett Asher posted his way through the defense to score two points. Throughout most of this quarter it was a back and forth game and both squads butted heads until buzzer sounded with the Mustangs ahead by only two, 41-39.

Things really got down to business in the fourth quarter and the Mustangs were looking to make a profit. Sorensen stole the ball off of Central's inbound pass and drove in from half court for the lay-up but was intentionally fouled on the way up. He sank both free throws and the Mustangs had the ball in their

possession afterward.

"We knew what we had to do when got out there," said Singleton. "We didn't move as well as we have in the past, but we hung in there."

The Mustangs shot up to a six-point lead. Davis and Asher were doing their jobs down low while Sorensen, Singleton and Downing handled the ball out on the perimeter.

With the time ticking away Central's only strategy was to foul the Mustangs hoping to stop the clock and get possession of the ball. Unfortunately for the Vikings, the strategy worked to Northville's benefit as the Mustangs went into the bonus and sent the best shooters to the line.

Sorensen, Singleton and Asher did a great job on their free throws increasing the Mustang lead further. It was a long last minute but the game finally ended, 57-48.

"At first it just didn't seem like our night," said Chris Oakland. "But it showed a lot of character and determination to pull out a win tonight."

Mustangs dominate Chargers

When you're the top team in the conference, you're bound to have a couple of easy games.

The Mustangs went to Livonia Churchill High School February 13 and had some luck despite the traditionally unlucky day of Friday the 13th. The game was an easy match as the Mustangs put the Chargers away without much of a fight, 45-27.

"We were not shooting real well at the beginning but as the game went on we got better and pulled through," said point guard Ryan Hillock.

The leading point scorer was Brett Asher with 16. Marcus Davis notched in 10 and lead in rebounding with nine. Mark Sorensen and Alan Shanoski contributed seven points each. Shanoski had a stellar block in the third quarter to deny a Churchill scoring drive and stop any momentum.

"We've got the rhythm going. I'm felt really great about the game," said junior Dave Van Horn. "We're all working as a team and we are really clicking."

— By Matt Simich

Asher was the leading scorer of the night with 14 points with Sorensen and Singleton scoring 12 points each. Downing added five to the score board with Alan Shanoski and Brian Tellish having three and two points respectively.

"This was a great learning game

for us," said Schumacher. "We cannot have guys post up too far down or that will create some bad situations."

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Joel Schanne is a WLAA champion

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

What does it take to be a champion? Hard work, dedication and an unquenchable thirst to be the best — and it doesn't hurt to have a treasure trove of talent either.

Senior co-captain Joel Schanne is the WLAA league wrestling champion at

112 pounds thanks to all of the above. He's a hard working grappler with a dedication and desire to win that sets him apart from the rest of his peers. He proved his ability at the Western Lakes Activities Association Wrestling Individuals final held February 14.

You have to go back several years to find an individual league champ from Northville and those who follow Mustang wrestling would say that pound for pound, Schanne is one of the best they've seen. He's a tough competitor, a skilled wrestler, well conditioned and highly focused — a lethal combination. Now the rest of the WLAA knows it.

Schanne's path to the league's top honors started with a third seed in the tournament and he just climbed the ladder of success from there. He pinned his opponent from Walled Lake Central within the first period. Schanne took on and beat the two seed from Wayne Memorial in the second round of the tournament, setting up a championship match-up with the one seed, Rowdy Glasgow, from John Glen High School.

Schanne was never behind on points in any of his three matches. He set up his strategy carefully, executed with laser-like intensity and never looked back — all

marks of a true champion.

Northville entered the WLAA finals with a 3-3 regular season record. At the end of the day, as a team, Northville finished in sixth place in the 12 team WLAA.

Coach A.J. Grant was pleased with Northville's showing at the WLAA.

"We took some injuries this weekend that we need to get healed up before Districts," he said.

Other Mustangs medaled at the WLAA finals. Jeff Ponder, the two seed at 161 pounds, took second place on the day due to injury default. Ponder had set himself up to wrestle for the league championship with wins over Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem. Unfortunately, an injury kept him from wrestling in the championship round and he had to settle for second.

Bill Riegner took third place honors at the 171-pound weight class. Riegner was unseeded in a field of 10 wrestlers. He beat the four seed, Bryan Stolla from Walled Lake Central, in his first match of the day, and also again for third place. Between the face off with Stolla, Riegner lost to the one seed from Livonia Churchill, and won his match against Livonia Stevenson.

Ben Mason and Steve Minier both placed fourth in the tournament. Minier in the 189-pound weight class, and Mason as the smallest 215 pound wrestler in the WLAA.

Minier, the third seed in a field of 11, was upset in the first round by RJ Ramsey from Wayne Memorial. Minier proceeded to pin his second and third matches, and win his 4th match on points to set up a re-match against Ramsey

for third place over-all. Unfortunately, Minier had to default his final match due to injury, and had to settle for fourth.

Grant said he preferred Ponder and Minier taking injury defaults in their final matches than risk not having these seniors ready for the District individuals tournament.

Mason was surprised to find himself at the fourth seed spot in the 215-pound weight class. He was rewarded for stepping up and winning his share against the big guys throughout the season. Mason pinned Edgar Fuentes from Livonia Stevenson in the first period of his first match. This win gave him the right to face the one seed, Laurence Shunia of Walled Lake Western, in the second round. Shunia pinned Mason quickly. The grappler recovered from the loss to Shunia by beating Moody Mattan from Walled Lake Northern in the semi-finals. Mason used Mattan's size and weight against him by leveraging all that mass into take-down points from throws. Mason lost his final match which awarded third place to the three seed, Hafeez Queshi from Livonia Churchill. The 4 top seeds at 215 all held their places.

Junior co-captain Justin Swanson wrestled for and won fifth place in the finals for 135 pounds. Swanson beat Walled Lake Central in his first match, lost to the one seed from Plymouth Canton in the second match, and lost his third match to Wayne Memorial. Because of a 10 wrestler field, Swanson found himself wrestling Livonia Franklin for fifth.

Adam Blunk (119) and John Manica (140) also placed 5th. Blunk beat Canton in the first

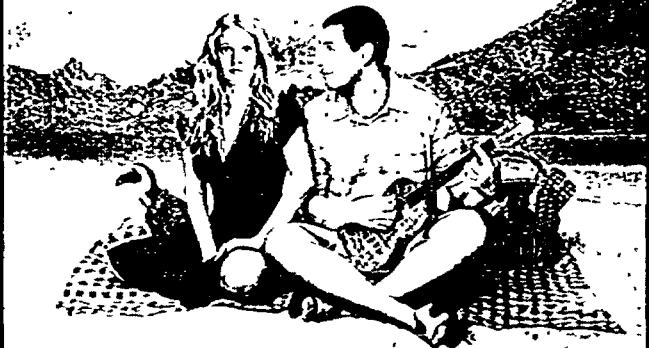
round, but lost to the two seed, Ryan Stump of Plymouth Salem in the second round. Blunk turned around and beat Plymouth High School in the third, beat Franklin in the fourth, and lost to Wayne Memorial in the fifth round. The loss to Wayne Memorial had set Blunk up to wrestle for fifth or sixth, but since they'd already wrestled the MHSAA match maximum in a day, Blunk and his opponent shared the fifth place spot.

Manica had the exact same experience as Blunk. Manica pinned his first round against Plymouth Salem, then proceeded to lose to Walled Lake Central. He then beat Walled Lake Western in the third round, topped Stevenson in the fourth round and lost to Franklin in his fifth match of the day. The loss to Franklin gave Manica a share of fifth place.

The Mustangs are back in action tonight when they take on Novi in the first round of the team districts.

"We're looking forward to a rematch with Novi Thursday night," Grant said following the WLAA meet

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Spikers win big

If anyone wondered just how the progress of Northville volleyball was coming along, they don't need to ponder it any more.

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team, coached by Rick Vander Veer, made a lot of noise as they pounded out a win over the John Glenn Rockets in league play after turning in an impressive performance in the Schoolcraft-Northville Parks and Recreation Tournament.

In the tourney, which was held February 7, the Mustangs finished the day at 4-2 in pool play before falling to a strong Fenton squad in the quarterfinals.

"The team played very consistent and solid all day," Vander Veer said.

Seniors Nicky Horn and Erin Fleishaker led the team in offensive production along with junior Evonna Karchon, who also led the Mustangs in blocks.

The back row for the Mustangs played some impressive volleyball as well. Kelly Wasalaski, Jessie Markstrom, Erica Dobson and Laura Garbarz all had incredible days to help the Mustangs.

Two days later, the Northville spikers took on and defeated conference rival John Glenn. The Rockets started the match off strong, winning the first game 15-9.

The Mustangs weren't about to be denied, especially when they knew they were the better team. Northville fought back nicely to earn the win as they topped John Glenn, 15-8 and 15-10, in the final two games. Senior Katie Kneisel fired up in the third game with three kills.

Leading the team on the day was Karchon, who had nine kills and four blocks. Dobson led the defense with four digs.

— By Sam Eggleston.

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Ohlgren swims with the big fish

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U.S. Junior National team, Ohlgren competed in the Queensland Open and Age championships in five different freestyle events, two individual medley events and even on the 400 freestyle relay team. With the relay team, she finished second against some of the best competition the world has to offer at her age level.

Obviously, Ohlgren's top events are the medley races – the reason for which she said has a lot to do with strategy. She starts off hard in the butterfly before pacing herself in the backstroke and breaststroke legs of the event. Then, she pushes herself to the limit in the final, freestyle portion at the end of the race.

"The 400 IM is extremely tough," Ohlgren said. "You have to have a lot of strength to work through it, but it feels great when you finish faster than the other swimmers."

Ohlgren works at being tough too along with the natural talent that courses through her veins. With the Bulldog Aquatic Club, Ohlgren and her teammates put in about 24 hours of practice a week during the high volume summer schedule. The rest of the year, they put about 12 hours in a week. Two-hour practices consist of swimming approximately 9,000 yards and once a week they lift weights for an hour and a half to keep their muscles toned and conditioned. The club boasts approximately 90 swimmers from communities such as Northville, Novi and Livonia.

Swimming has always been a major part of Ohlgren's life. In fact, she probably doesn't have too many significant memories from years she hasn't swum. Since the age of three, Ohlgren has been in the pool and by the age of four she was swimming competitively. Her older brother, Derek, and her older sister, Kathryn, were both swimmers and her parents, Teri and



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville sophomore Ava Ohlgren poses on the diving board at Schoolcraft College, where she and her Bulldog Aquatic Club practice each day. Ohlgren recently made the cuts to the Olympic Trials this summer.

Kurt, have always been major supporters of all of their kids – in and out of the pool.

"My mom goes every where with me," Ohlgren said. "She went to Australia with me, and so did my grandma. She also went to the U.S. Open with me."

Her dad, Kurt, is another story. Considered to be one of the most prolific stat keepers in Bulldog history, Kurt is the guy every one turns to if they need a specific time or result from his daughter's races.

"He has a computer program and spread sheets with all my times and places on there," Ohlgren said. "He's my biggest fan. I can't say enough about how supportive my parents have been."

No matter how many successes Ohlgren has in the pool, the whole idea is that she loves what she does and never wants to quit.

"I'd love to swim in college and the Olympics one day," she said. "I just love doing it. I love to swim and I love the challenges. I'll prob-

ably be swimming for the rest of my life."

But no matter how far she goes and no matter how well she does, Ohlgren said it isn't about the winning, or having her fans tell her how good she is.

"If you're good, you don't need other people telling you that you are," she said. "You go in the pool and you prove it. The harder you work, the better you're going to get. Anything you want in life, you have to work for. I want to swim, and I try to work hard each and every day."

That kind of hard work has definitely paid off. Ohlgren not only has qualified for the Olympic trials, but she holds six state records – five of which are in the individual medley and one which is a freestyle event – in the 13-14 and 15-16 year old age groups.

For being just 16 years old and for only getting her driver's license February 4, it sure looks like Ohlgren is going places.

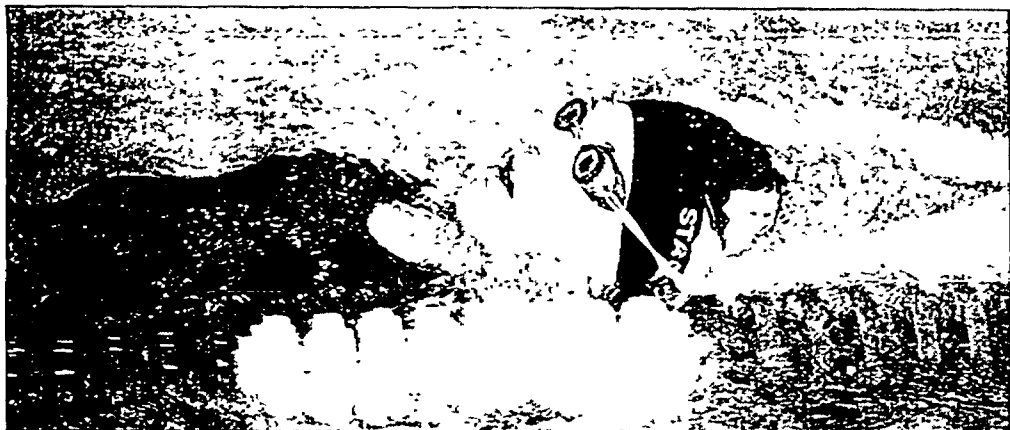


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Northville High School student Ava Ohlgren, 16, swims laps with the Bulldogs Aquatic Club at the Schoolcraft Community College pool last Thursday afternoon. Ohlgren, whose specialties include freestyle and butterfly, hopes to make it to the Olympics.

Mustangs top Novi, Franklin in dual meets

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was a week of positives and, unfortunately, negatives for the Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team.

The squad, which is coached by Rich Bennetts, made short work of both the Novi Wildcats and the Franklin Patriots in dual meet action. Unfortunately, their performance in the highly-competitive MISCA meet was less than favorable February 14.

"Hopefully, we can use it as an eye opener," Bennetts said. "I tried talking to them throughout the week about what they should expect and what goes on at the MISCA meet, but I was worried that it wasn't really sinking in. Basically, we just got overwhelmed."

Though the Mustangs had hoped to turn in some promising times by cutting a decent chunk of their season bests, that didn't turn out to be the case for the most part.

Freshman Will Blickle had the best overall performance as he set his season best time in the 200 individual medley with a 2:05.62 – just about one second off the state finals cut. The performance gave Blickle a 15th-place finish at the meet. He also took 25th in the 100 butterfly with a 57.14 second swim and was a member of the 200 medley relay team along with Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs and Brad Farris. The team set a season-best time with a 1:46.01 for 25th place.

Unfortunately, the rest of the squad looked as though they could

have had a better showing.

Chris Keady, also a freshman, was expected to put up some impressive numbers. Unfortunately, his 24th place finish in the 200 freestyle with a 1:51.56 and his 5:01.81 in the 500 free weren't the numbers most were looking for.

In the 200 free, Brad Farris had a time of 1:50.81, which was good for 19th, while Chris Culkin recorded a 5:06.07 in the 500 free. In the 100 backstroke, Hunter Schwartz recorded a 58.26 and Farris had a 58.64. In the 100 breaststroke, Laabs was 38th in 1:06.84.

"I wasn't too pleased with the way we raced over there," Bennetts said. "It's hard not to have a freshman or JV team. That means we have to deal with a lot of different things on this level, we just didn't deal with it very well."

The Mustangs, as a whole, had much better performances against the Wildcats of Novi and the Franklin Patriots. Against Novi, the Mustangs won 111-72 before topping Franklin 145-39.

Getting firsts against the Wildcats were a slew of different Mustangs. In the 200 medley relay, Schwartz, Laabs, Keady and Farris combined for a time of 1:47.32. In the 200 free, Keady, Blickle, Joe Hogan and Farris combined their talents for a win with a time of 1:34.66, while Blickle, Laabs, Culkin and Hogan won in 3:38.14 in the 400 free relay.

Individually, the Mustangs found wins coming from Blickle in the 200 free in 1:53.04, while Laabs won the 200 IM in 2:17.27

and Hogan won the 50 free in 23.93 seconds.

In the 100 free, Farris took first in 51.28 seconds, while senior Aaron Flohr won the 500 free in 5:26.85. Schwartz recorded a victory in the 100 backstroke with a 57.72 and Keady won the 100 breaststroke in 1:13.27.

"It was a good win," Bennetts said. "Any time you can beat your cross-town rivals it is worth it. But, we have to take it for what it is, a non-conference win. Any win is nice, but we'd rather have a win over Canton than Novi."

That a victory over Franklin, a conference foe, must have been just the ticket on senior night.

The Mustangs simply dominated the entire meet, and found plenty of Northville tankers placing throughout the night.

Some of the highlights from the meet include a 200 freestyle victory by Hogan in 1:57.45, while Schwartz won the 200 IM in 2:18.09. Culkin took home a win in the 100 free in 53.49 seconds, Laabs won the 500 free in 5:37.55 and Blickle won the 100 backstroke in 58.4 seconds.

The team of Chris Folas, Paul Young, Laabs and Culkin won the 400 relay in 3:51.09.

The biggest highlight of the meet was the one, two, three senior sweep of the 50 free. Northville has just three seniors on the squad this year, and they made a statement with a sweep of the event as Flohr took first in 25.27, Rob Steiner took second in 25.70 and Harry Moroz took third in 26.51.

The Mustangs will visit Waldo Lake Western today at 7 p.m.



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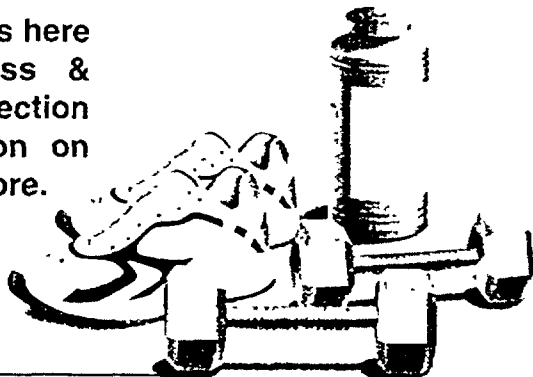
Great showing at the states

The Northville Junior Varsity Pom Pon team came in fourth place at the Statewide Pom Pon Championship at EMU on Feb. 15. Pictured front row left to right: Ali Evasic, Caroline O'Brien, Athena Kheibari, Jenny Squires, Captain Ashley Necci, Heather Quick, Kristin Delaney, Jessica Agoston and Captain Susan Cavicchioli. Second row: Lauren Bishop, Kristen deBear, Joan Barry, Katie Jingoian, Lauren Lutz, Danielle Boloven, Jessie Wayne and Katie Foley. Third row: Coach Heidi Krautner and Assistant Coach Heather McGinty.

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Northville endeavors

Northville's strength and conditioning paying dividends

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and Red Cross certified emergency response instructor. Mandreger not only has the book knowledge but also has some power lifting experience of his own. He has held power lifting records at the state, national and world levels. Mandreger spent four years in the Marines serving in Vietnam where he was wounded in battle. He also served for the Marines and at Eastern Michigan University.

"My focus when I first came to Northville was to assess injuries and make people more functionally strong to prevent injury," Mandreger said.

With the support of coaches in football, basketball, volleyball, swimming, gymnastics and other sports that is just what he did.

"I love the sport and discipline weight lifting can bring to your life, and I wanted to pass it on to others," Mandreger said.

Football injuries reduced from 43 to three

Maybe the biggest or most obvious difference is in the football program where injuries were reduced from 43 last year to only three this year. Strength and conditioning has now become a priority for players at all levels. They are not only building their muscles up they are also building friendships.

I can see what happens in the weight room transferring on to the practice field and in the games," said assistant coach Chad Dieken. You can see the cohesion coming together both coaches and students. We are growing and gaining ground. Every day I see more people in the weight room.

The Northville Athletic Boosters really came through for the student athletes by raising money for the platforms, squat racks and weight machines. This has allowed more students to participate and make the program a reality.

"The teams are making it a priority," said head coach Clint Alexander. It's important that the players work the core or their mid section and stabilize the weights with their body. This makes them faster and stronger. I am concerned that many of the kids don't have a 15 to 20 pound increase in muscle.

Everyday there are about 25 or 30 people in the weight room working out," said Stiller. The coaches gave us an article that said squats can help take two thirds of a second off your 40 yard time.

Mullen and Xuereb agree that they are both getting faster and stronger.

Racquet sports join the program

A sport that has recently added weight training to its program is tennis. The boy's tennis

team now has a work out plan of three days a week. The goal for tennis players is to increase agility and speed on the court and improve the forehand and backhand strokes.

"Last year I noticed the players weren't very flexible," said coach Chris Ford. "They were just using their arms and not their knees and hips which is really important."

Ford met up Mandreger to create a program to emphasize flexibility without adding bulk. The players do a lot of bench work with dumbbells as well as aqua and lunges for the lower body.

Sofball hit not soft muscles

The sofball season starts early in the springtime when it still can get a little cold. This can certainly have an effect on the players. Coach Jean Calabrese wants to prepare this year's players for the long season ahead. Getting the players in strength training is important to improving the hitting part of their game. Calabrese and

Mandreger came up with a program for stretching and speed development.

"Last year we had a lot of sore arms and we hit the ball but didn't have the power to make the ball go anywhere," said Calabrese. While it is still too early to tell Calabrese was impressed to see the improvement at their recently held clinic. Players were stronger and had more endurance. Sofball players go to the weight room at least three times a week.

"The season has not started yet but I do see improvements in the cages," said senior Suzie Boli. "They are hitting the ball harder and everybody is getting stronger."

The sofball workout includes front and back squats hangs clean to push presses and straight legged dead lifts. This coming season the girls' sofball team should pack a quite wallop.

The athletics trainer's outlook

Any Kirby the athletic trainer for Northville High School has seen a vast improvement in the condition of all athletes at Northville. The major injuries like torn ligaments and knee problems have decreased in all sports.

"Somethinging all the muscles around major joints is definitely going to reduce injuries," said Kirby.

Kirby attends all home events for Northville High School and treats both home athletes and any visiting team members that get hurt as well.

Putting it all together

Every high school in the Western Lakes Activities Association has a weight lifting program. With the help of Mandreger and the coaching staff at Northville, athletes are becoming faster, stronger, healthier and more competitive. Hopefully the dedication of the athletes and trainers will begin a new era in Northville sports. Parents that want more information about the strength and conditioning program are welcome to stop by the weight room and talk to the coaches.

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Mustangs tie Spartans

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

For the Northville Mustangs hockey team the truth of the matter is that every team that takes them on will be bringing their best game to the ice.

The Mustangs found themselves being forced to fend off an early Livonia Spartans goal February 9 but managed to escape with a 1-1 tie after three periods of play.

It was a tough enough game that neither team managed to get on the board in the first period—but that doesn't mean they didn't try. We had to sustain a lot of Stevenson pressure," coach Brad O'Neill said. Jimmy Gates had a terrific game, and played extremely well for the Mustangs.

And the junior goalie's performance through the rest of the game, went 1-0 (shabby) either way. The Mustangs' lead in the second period as Stevenson's pressure finally proved too much and

they squeaked one home for the score and the 1-0 lead.

The Mustangs were forced to kill a penalty later in the period after a two-minute call fouled Blake Bratuna smug in the box. At the end of his sentence, Bratuna broke out and dashed up the ice, just as Nick Gerro fed the puck forward on a long pass. Bratuna took the pass, skated one-on-one against the Spartan goalie and left with a goal in his pocket and a 1-1 tie.

It was a nice play," O'Neill said. "Bratuna got the pass just outside the blue line and took it in for the score."

In the third period, neither team was able to take advantage of the other though both had their chances. Stevenson's seemed to be the more potent threat, but Stevenson's defensive pressure kept them off the scoreboard.

At the seven minute mark, Northville drew a penalty for drawing another not long after to give the Spartans a 5-on-3 advantage. An impressive display by defender Denis Vobacek kept the Spartans from putting the Mustangs on their heels.

Girls hockey on fire

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

In just their second year the girls' hockey team is starting to look more and more like a veteran power team.

The squad routed the Rebels senior day with a 4-1 overtime victory. The first stanza of the game was back and forth with Rachel Reuter, Danielle Werner, Allie Spencer, Marie Melnyk and Kate Latham applying constant pressure on the Rebels.

On the Mustangs end of the score, goals, Danielle, Ben, make sure the Rebels were shut out an early lead by stopping a shot in the first seven minutes of the period. At the halfway mark of the first, the Mustang powerplay unit of Amy Cavillio, Sam Pope, Bridget Harkins, Andrea Soloko and Anna Kudpatrick went to work after Soloko was dragged down on her way to the Rebel goal.

The Mustang powerplay took only a minute to score when Kudpatrick passed to Pope. Pope unleashed a 40-foot slapshot which bounced off the Rebel goalie, and on to the stick of Hughes, who directed it into the goal for the only score of the period and a 1-0 lead.

The Rebels evened the score

midway through the second on a power play of their own to tie the game. The Mustangs went 1-1 about to be read, checked, and came back just minutes later as Kudpatrick made a perfect pass to Pope, who gave the Mustangs a 2-1 lead.

Three minutes later Carolyn Crawford stole the puck from a Rebel's defenseman and passed to Jean Foster. Foster took a case of business on a wrap-around goal, surprising the Rebels' goalie and giving the Mustangs a 3-1 lead.

The third period began with Emily Dorn taking a Caizullo pass and missing a goal by inches as the shot flew over the cross bar. Meredith Proulx missed a sure-goal seconds later when the puck bounced over the blade of her stick. But, as the last five minutes of the game began to tick down, the Rebels came to life. The Rebels scored two goals in two minutes and tied the score at 3-3 to send the game to overtime.

Less than two minutes into the overtime period, Caizullo made one of her defensive end-to-end passes that was seen as the Rebel's defenseman out of position. Caizullo skated around the defenseman and blasted the puck under the Rebel goalie and into the goal for the win.

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Consumers beware: all credit counselors are not equal

A new generation of non-profit credit-counseling agencies is preying on debt-choked Americans.

According to "Credit Counseling in Crisis," a joint study by the National Consumer Law Center and the Consumer Federation of America, these offending agencies are offering bad advice and socking consumers with high fees. They're also offering few debt counseling services — bad news for the 9 million Americans who seek assistance each year.

Consumer complaints to the Better Business Bureau (BBB) about credit counseling agencies have increased more than 500 percent since 1998. In 2002 the BBB reported receiving 1,480 complaints compared to just 261 in 1998. Complaints have focused on agencies' failures to make consumers' payments on time, deceptive claims about voluntary fees, and failure by the agencies to disclose the fees associated with setting up and maintaining debt management programs.

The emergence of low-quality, high-cost counseling operations is due in part to the credit card industry's reduction in funding to credit counseling agencies. As funding has decreased, agencies have cut their range of services and increased their fees. Creditors are also less willing to reduce interest rates for consumers in debt consolidation programs.

What can consumers do to protect themselves? The NCLC and CFA offer these suggestions:

- Say "no" to high fees. If it costs more than \$50 to set up a debt consolidation program, and more than \$25 a month to maintain, look for another agency. If the agency is vague about fees, look elsewhere.

- Ask the agency whether its fees are voluntary. Some agencies publicly claim their fees are voluntary but won't tell consumers they're voluntary. Or, they'll pressure consumers to pay the full fees even if they can't afford it. If the fee is too much, don't pay the agency more than you can afford.

- If you feel pressured into entering a debt consolidation program, walk out. Legitimate agencies will discuss a variety of options with you, including budget and financial management counseling and credit education.

- Inquire whether counselors are paid on commission. If they are, they may not be acting in your best interest.

- Administer the "20 Minute" test. If an agency offers you a debt management plan in less than 20 minutes, they haven't spent enough time reviewing your financial situation. A comprehensive counseling session will take anywhere from 30 to 90 minutes. Also, if the agency doesn't offer you educational options, such as budget counseling, consider one that does.

- Be wary of agencies that engage in aggressive advertising. It's likely these agencies will offer few options except a debt management plan. Without financial education and budget counseling, you might find yourself once again loaded down with unmanageable debt.

Look for an agency that meets your needs and makes you feel comfortable.

Now that you know the right questions to ask and the red flags to watch out for, ask your friends, family and credit union for referrals to a reputable agency. Consider contacting GreenPath Debt Solutions; it's a member agency of the National Foundation for Consumer Counseling (NFCC) also known as Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS), the nation's largest and longest-serving credit counseling agency. GreenPath's counseling services are offered in person, over the phone and via the Internet.

According to the NFCC, about one-third of all customers of its member agencies are recommended for debt management plans. The other two-thirds typically receive a budget review, financial education and possibly a referral to other social service organizations to address the underlying problems that affect their financial well-being.

GreenPath has 28 locations across Michigan. Phone them toll-free at (800) 550-1961, or contact them via their Web site at www.greenpath.com. To learn more about the NFCC visit their Web site at www.nfcc.org.

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Dr. Timothy Stroster and Dr. Tom Hamway and their staffs work to make their patients feel like family. "Our excellent personal service definitely sets us apart from many other offices," Dr. Hamway said.

Creating beautiful smiles

Orthodontists help patients' self-esteem, appearance

Dr. Thomas Hamway and Dr. Timothy Stroster understand that nothing makes a better first impression or gives a person more self-confidence than a beautiful smile.

That is why their work as orthodontists in the Brighton and South Lyon communities is so gratifying. The impact of their work is easily seen in patients of all age groups. People who were once self-conscious and uncomfortable with their appearance, become outgoing and self-assured when they see their gorgeous new smile. The end results of orthodontic treatment can be life-altering and truly amazing.

"It's very gratifying to get to the end of an orthodontic case and to see the impact that is has on our patients," said Dr. Hamway.

Dr. Stroster agreed, adding that "There's a definite improvement in self-image and self-confidence."

Dr. Hamway, Dr. Stroster and their staff do their best to educate patients as they go through the process of orthodontic treatment. They feel that informed patients are less apprehensive and feel much more at ease while going through treatment. Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster want their patients to understand that although a beautiful smile is a pleasure to own and a pleasure to see, it is not the only reason to pursue orthodontic treatment.

Some other benefits of orthodontic treatment are improved overall oral health, easier brushing and flossing, and improved

function. It's no wonder that orthodontic treatment is no longer reserved for children and adolescents. Every year Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster see more and more adults who want to improve not only the appearance of their teeth, but more importantly they want to correct their malocclusion (bad bite) in an effort to prevent excess tooth wear, relieve strain on their jaw joint, and maintain healthy teeth and gums. All of these wonderful benefits of orthodontic treatment assist people in keeping their teeth for a lifetime.

One question commonly asked by parents is, "When is the appropriate time to have my child examined by an orthodontist?"

The American Association of Orthodontics recommends children have an initial evaluation by the age of seven. This is a good age if there are any problems that may require an early phase of orthodontic treatment, commonly referred to as "Phase I." Years ago orthodontic treatment was put off until all the permanent teeth erupted, at which time many patients had to have teeth extracted to allow alignment of the remaining teeth.

Phase I treatment can correct many jaw problems before they become serious, and it can create more space for the erupting permanent teeth, therefore significantly decreasing the number of cases that require extraction of permanent teeth. Many young children do not require Phase I treatment, in which case they are placed on observation for possible orthodontic treatment in the future.

Patients of Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster are seen in their state-of-the-art facilities, in an open and relaxed atmosphere. The office is pleasant and com-

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fortable, which makes patients feel very at home. Because patients are seen approximately once a month during their treatment, they quickly become "part of the family."

Dr. Hamway noted "Our excellent personal service definitely sets us apart from many other offices."

"Our goal is to make the whole process as enjoyable as possible," adds Dr. Stroster.

Monthly contests make visits to the office fun and exciting. Patients take part in many activities and have an opportunity to win various prizes. Tickets to the movies, a free night of bowling, and a new sled to take advantage of our wonderful Michigan winters are just a few of the prizes recently won by patients in their office. Patients are also encouraged to wear their "Hamway and



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Stroster" T-shirt when they come in for their appointments. Having it on gives them yet another opportunity to win a prize. Keeping things lively and entertaining makes treatment time fly by.

Patients also enjoy the newest in orthodontic appliances. Braces used to be bulky and somewhat unsightly. Today brackets are much smaller and offered in several varieties. Standard silver braces are still available, but now Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster also offer a shiny new soft shade of gold, and for those who want their braces to be as inconspicuous as possible, clear brackets are available. Not only are there choices in brackets, but the office also offers a veritable rainbow of colors that can be added to the braces to individualize "your look." Children and adolescents find wearing colors on their braces to be great fun, as do some of the more adventurous adult patients.

Both Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster are graduates of the University of Detroit Mercy. They met while completing their residency and have been partners in their orthodontic practice for over ten years now. They are

active members in several dental and orthodontic associations. These associations keep them in touch with the many family dentists who entrust them with the orthodontic care of their patients.

Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster's orthodontic practice offers a complimentary initial evaluation. At that appointment a comprehensive exam is completed and patients are given ample opportunity to ask questions regarding any and all aspects of orthodontic treatment. New patients leave their appointment feeling comfortable and much more educated in the process of orthodontic treatment.

What are you waiting for? Call today for your complimentary exam. Dr. Stroster, Dr. Hamway and their entire staff are anxiously waiting to meet you!

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Preservationists versus progressives

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
 Copley News Service

Q: There's a real battle shaping up in our house. We're remodeling the kitchen at last (after only 23 years!), but my husband doesn't want to make many changes. He grew up in this house and loves it as is.

I love to cook and need space that works. We're almost not speaking over this. Please help and fast.

A: Ah, the eternal struggle between the preservationists and progressives. The difficulty is, you're both right. Thank goodness the preservationists have held on to some of the best things from America's past. And the progressives, thank goodness, have moved us forward into interesting new waters.

Finally, thankfully, it is possible to have it both ways: your modern conveniences coexisting peacefully with his retro atmosphere.

Let me offer up this photo of a remodeled kitchen as proof it can be done. The designer, Patti Ross, Certified Kitchen Designer, faced much the same conflict when she was called in to do over the kitchen of an early 19th-century farmhouse that belonged to an artist (him) and a professional chef (her).

Both points of view — his, conservative, hers, more function-oriented — were deeply rooted, but both of them cherished the unique character of the old house, which still had its original elements, such as moldings and floors.

Still, the chef (who owns another local landmark, historic Red Arrow Diner in Manchester, N.H., www.redarrowdiner.com) also needed a kitchen that really



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Careful attention to the original architecture lets a new addition blend seamlessly to a farmhouse dating from the early 19th century.

worked for her.

Pleasing them both was easier done than said, "by using wood beams, 12-inch-wide pine board floors and retro appliances," reports a happy Ross. She also relied on vintage-look cabinetry (by Wood-Mode) with antique-style hardware and open shelves for baskets. The retro-style stove and wall ovens (from Heartland) look like antiques but work like youngsters, so everyone's smiling.

Perhaps you should call in a kitchen professional for your own project. Along with good design advice, you just may need a referee.

Q: I have French doors in my dining room and don't know what to put on them. I love the daylight, and privacy is not a problem until dinnertime. I'm thinking of accordion blinds but don't like how they look pulled up. Any suggestions?

A: Something's new under the

sun just in time for you: French door panels printed on both sides so they look nice coming and going. Pull the panels up and they form a pleated valance at the top of the door. Waverly makes them (for less than \$40 a panel). Have a look at www.waverly.com under "What's New."

Oh, and installation is a snap: The blinds simply self-stick to your door frame.

Q: Who's scoffing at feng shui these days?

A: Certainly not the home building industry in California, not since a resolution was introduced into the State Assembly late in January, urging that the California Building Standards Commission adopt standards based on feng shui, the ancient Chinese idea that health and prosperity can be promoted through room arrangements and decorative items favoring chi, or the flow of positive energy.

The Chinese have been believers for thousands of years, and Westerners are catching on. For example, mega-designer Clodagh added a feng shui geomancer to her New York staff nearly two decades ago, and credible practitioners are springing up all across the country.

No scoffing. Feng shui is rooted in good, common sense. The placement of doors, staircases and furniture definitely affects harmony within the household. Ditto for other feng shui ideas, like murmuring fountains and the use of mirrors in dark corners.

The real mystery: Will the feng shui resolution actually make it to the Assembly floor?

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Rodents should be killed before they do more damage

Q: Something terrible is happening to some of my plants this winter. I dug around the base of a small maple and found all the bark gnawed off at ground level. I have a little greenhouse and something has gotten in and has chewed holes in the pots just where the side of the pot touches the ground. Many of the bulbs that I was trying to force are gone out of the pots. What kinds of animals do this damage and how do I stop it?

A: It's not "animals," it's "animal." This is one of the perennial favorites in the Small Rodent-Big Damage category. This is a vole or meadow mouse. They are prolific, numerous and voracious. There's no such thing as one vole. Your damage increases as your population builds. They chew the bark off the base of trees and shrubs. If there is snow, they will be working under the snow and don't walk over the top. When the snow melts, you could also find clipped trails on your lawn where the hungry voles grazed. The lawn will recover. The girdled trees and eaten bulbs won't. Your hungry munchers are small, chunky rodents that are about six inches long from head to tail. They have a shorter tail than a mouse and the tail is about one and a half inches long. They are a mixture of brown and black fur on top and dark gray on the stomach. A female vole can produce five to ten litters of babies a year with an average of five babies per litter. That's why they are prolific. Now that you know who, the question is how to reduce the population. There are several possibilities. Whatever the method, consider that you don't want to kill non-target critters. For trees and shrubs, the best defense is a fence. A cylinder of hardware screening around the base of trees installed in the fall can block voles and rabbits. Make sure it is very securely anchored to the soil surface. It's too late now. You can set snap mousetraps that are baited with crunchy peanut butter. The traps have to be protected from birds and other innocents. Take a cardboard box and tear a small, half round circle on each end. Flip the box over and place like a little house over the trap. Put a brick or rock on top to weight it down. Rodents don't mind going in. Others do. Check the traps daily. If you snap one, dispose of your trophy and rinse the trap under hot water to remove any evidence of disaster before reusing. In the greenhouse, traps, sticky boards and anticoagulant mouse baits can be used. Go after this immediately and aggressively. If you don't, you will have a whole lot more damage by spring.

Home
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Gretchen Voyle



Q: When we get a sunny day, I find a couple of those disgusting box elder bugs in my house. I know that they are in the wall for the winter but this is so dirty to find them. I'm going to put my house up for sale and I know that I can't sell it because of these bugs. Nobody will buy my house because of the bugs. What am I supposed to do?

A: Get over it. If having some of the overwintering insects in your home caused people not to buy, no houses would ever sell in this county or any other. It is really rare to hear from someone who never sees an insect over the winter. If you are convinced that the house has been rendered impossible to sell, wait until May. By that time, all your pets have escaped and nobody is in to traumatize potential buyers. You have until September to get it sold before some hapless bug will wander in for the winter. This is not like having termites, carpenter ants or head lice.

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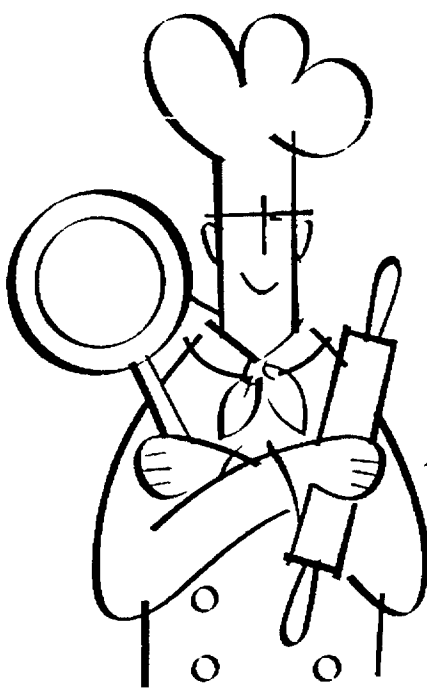
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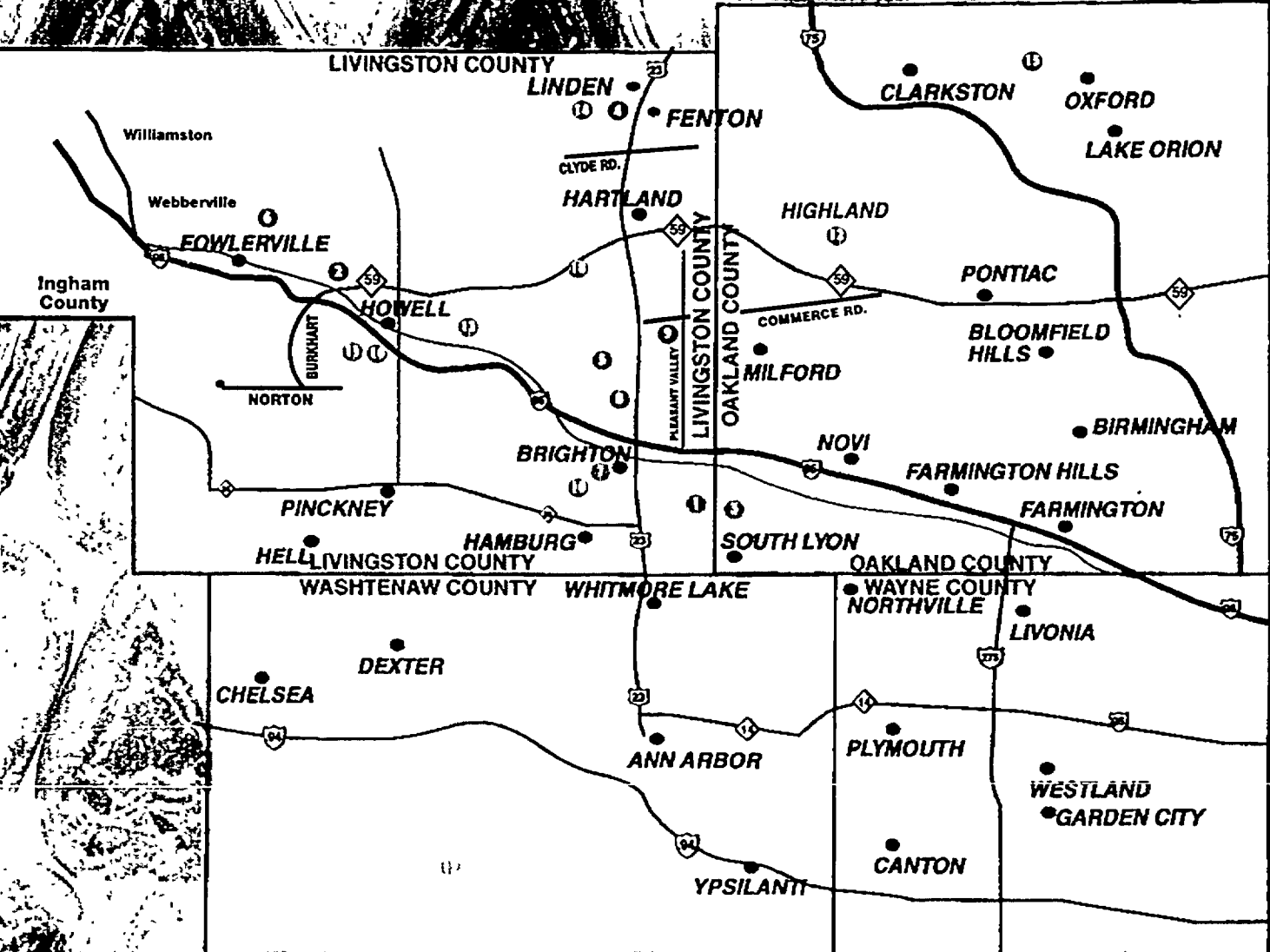
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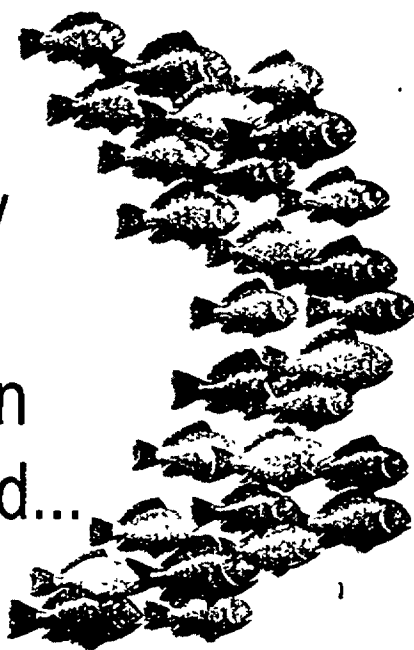
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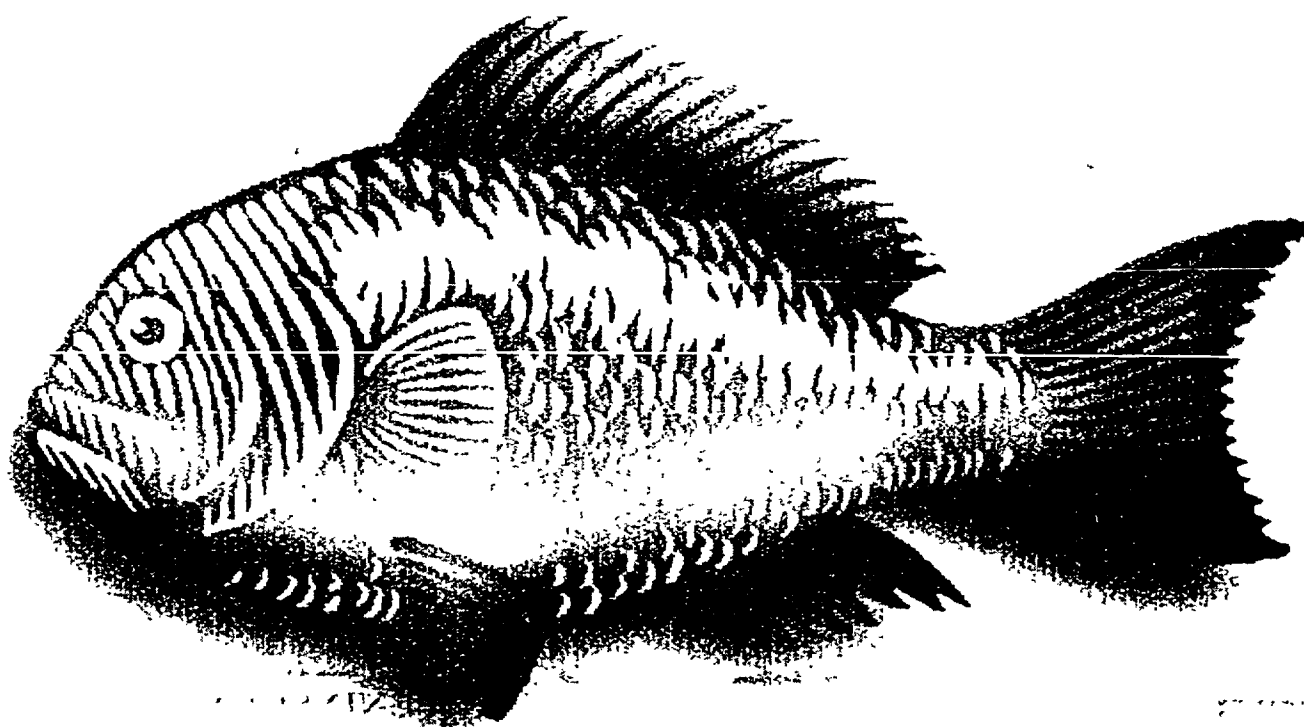
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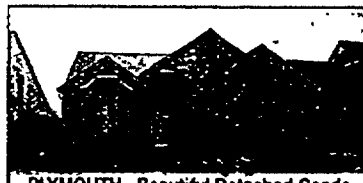
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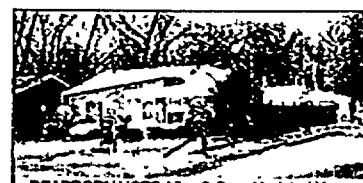
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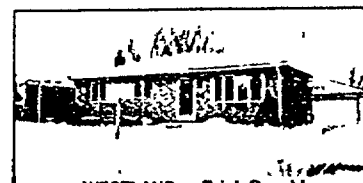
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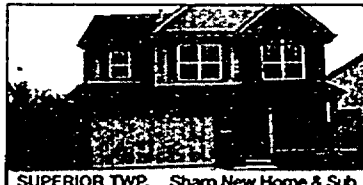
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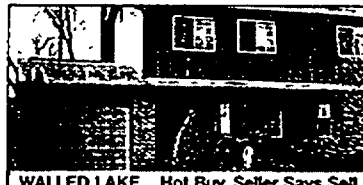
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PLYMOUTH Exquisite Entertaining Home
boasts 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, cth ceilings, hardwood floors, oak island, 2 way trpic bsmt & 3 c att gar. A wonderful find. You must see!
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WESTLAND Great Starter Home
3 BR, 1 BA ranch. Lge eat-in kitchen w/ceramic tile. First floor laundry. Large fenced in yard. Neutral throughout. Newer carpet, newer roof 5 yrs. Large fenced in yard.
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OXFORD Vintage Home in Oxford
3 BR, 3 BA colonial with walking distance of downtown. 10 ceilings. FFL built in bay window and huge old time covered front porch perfect for friends. One year home warranty included.
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WESTLAND Awesome Condo
Absolutely lovely and spacious ground level condo. Newly painted and carpeted with neutral decor. Large living room w/trpic door w/alc to patio overlooking beautiful pond with fountain, a/r conditioned.
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GROSSE ILE In A Choice Neighborhood
3 bdrms, 2.5 bath rambling brick ranch w/2 c att gar, bsmt, formal din rm, library w/bay window, vaulted ceiling in great rm w/trpic, 1st flr laundry, oak lot wrap-ups, 4+ season sun room.
(F06GLA) 734-455-5600 \$499,885



LIVONIA Great Investment
2 bdrm, 2 bath 2 c att gar full bsmt, FFL trpic in lv rm, CA. Must see inside this 1996 construction.
(F88HAL) 734-455-5600 \$165,000



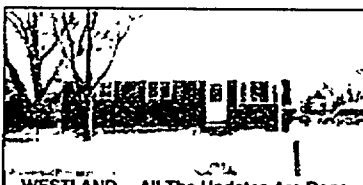
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Nicely updated 3 BR condo w/basement Park-like setting backs to commons area. Freshly painted. Newer HW heater windows, deck. Immediate occupancy.
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NORTHVILLE Historic Duplex
Can't afford Northville? Yes you can! Rare historic duplex. Wooded lot w/brook. Beautiful updates throughout. Live in main flat, rent upper flat & bonus studio.
(F10RAN) 248-349-5600 \$296,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial
This home has all the bells and whistles. Granite in kitchen, ceramic tiled & hardwood floors. W/O wooded lot, trpic in FR, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 3 car garage, grand MBR w/huge WIC & dressing area. Bonus Room, FFL.
(F80YAR) 248-349-5600 \$559,900



WESTLAND All The Updates Are Done
Livonia schools. 3 bdrms, 2 bath newer kit, ceramic baths, turn, ac doors, windows, gar door opener (lift-off) and gar. Brick paver patio porch & landscaped 2003. Fin bsmt w/rec rm & 4th bdrm.
(F06GIL) 734-455-5600 \$176,900



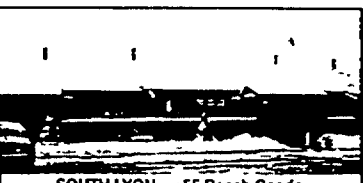
GARDEN CITY A Place to Call Home
Lovely 3 bdrm bungalow offers lv rm w/coved ceilings, plaster walls & bay window eat in kit + din rm, hardwood flrs under cpg. Newer vinyl windows, roof - CA, fenced in yard.
(F46JOH) 734-455-5600 \$143,500



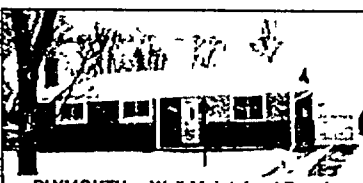
ROMULUS Golf Course Home
18th hole w/azalea golf course, 2 story, open floor plan, library & GR. Huge master w/whirlpool tub. Bridge Design. Many updates. Additional homes available in this sub.
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NOVI Rare 4 BR Ranch
Rossi ranch best of everything-quality ceramic, crown molding, 4BR, FR w/trpic, formal LR & DR. Never lit counters, part fin bsmt and much much more.
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SOUTH LYON 55+ Ranch Condo
2 BR, 2 BA with finished LL & loads of closets. Cathedral ceilings & appliances. Enjoy the clubhouse and pool. Close enough to walk to town.
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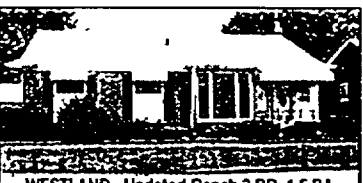
PLYMOUTH Well Maintained Ranch
Lakepointe ranch, 3 bdrms, 2 bath fin bsmt 2.5 c gar, newer roof, cpt, turn, AC windows. Updated ceramic baths & kitchen, overlook din/lv rm w/bay window. Priv fenced yard. Spotted & ready to move in!
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SOUTH LYON Custom Built
Hurry still time to make selections! 4 spacious BR's, 3 full and 2 half baths, 3+ side entry garage. Golf course community. Walk out lower level. Corner lot in great neighborhood. Builder uses only top quality materials.
(F91GRE) 248-349-5600 \$504,900



WESTLAND Updated Ranch 3 BR, 1.5 BA
home w/newer roof, windows, deck, furnace & AC. Hardwood floors, 2 car garage w/newer door & electric opener. Finished LL makes nice FR. Fenced yard & highly sought after Livonia schools.
(F50SAN) 248-349-5600 \$164,900



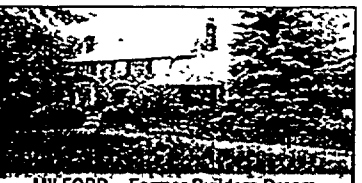
CANTON Beautifully Maintained
Cape cod backing to woods & golf course offers 3 bdrms, 2.5 bath, 3+ c att gar, bsmt, private patio, 1st flr mstr ste w/his & her WIC. GR w/gas trpic & cary ceiling.
(F36GLE) 248-349-5600 \$399,000



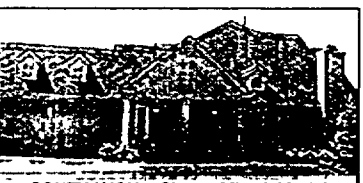
DETROIT Great Home In Great Area
Stunning 2 bdrms, 1 bath brick ranch w/full bsmt, gar w/newer roof, cpt, turn, AC windows. Updated ceramic baths & kitchen. Fully equipped kit in LL w/bsmt & office. Hobbyist or collector's gar w/3 c att gar.
(F11APP) 734-455-5600 \$79,900



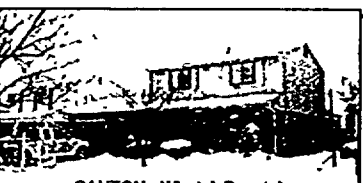
LIVONIA Just A Few Years Old
Charming 3 bdrms, 2 bath brick/vinyl ranch w/2 c att gar, part fin bsmt (plumb for 3rd bath), trpic in great rm, & CA.
(F60PIC) 734-455-5600 \$205,000



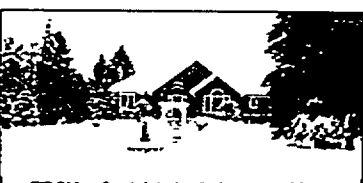
MILFORD Former Builders Dream
4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial located in Orchard Estates on approx. 1.6 acres. High quality T.O. 3 fireplaces. MBR suite w/garden tub & fireplace. Sunroom leads to secluded deck. State of the art kitchen & appliances.
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SOUTH LYON Shows Like A Model
Professionally decorated 3 BR, 3.5 BA, 1.5 story condo w/open floor plan. First floor MBR. Vaulted ceilings. Hardwood floor, fan lower level offers 4th BR and entertainment room w/wet bar & exercise room.
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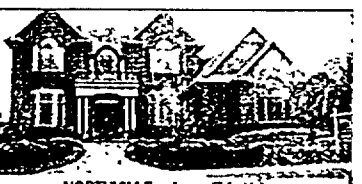
CANTON What A Beauty!
3 bdrms, 1.5 bath colonial w/ly cozy fam rm, w. trpic, doorman to deck & pool part fin bsmt, 2 c att gar.
(F45MOR) 734-455-5600 \$211,900



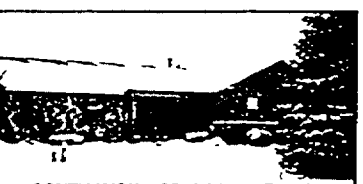
TROY Candidate for Architectural Digest
4 bdrms, 5 bath cust ranch w/over 5000 sq ft, spacious great rm w/cath ceiling, gourmet kit w/hexagon bltst, rm & cust cabinets. Fully equipped kit in LL w/bsmt & office. Hobbyist or collector's gar w/3 c att gar.
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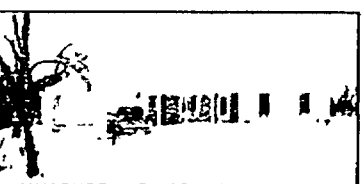
DEARBORN Spectacular & Tranquil
best describes the view of the 9th fairway from the soaring 2 story window, spacious lv rm, open flr plan, hardwood flrs in foyer, kit, & fam rm w/trpic, 2 car art, gar, bsmt & appliances.
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NORTHVILLE Incredible Value
Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub. Largest square footage built by Moore. Upgrades marble granite, cust. Cherry cabs 2 story enclosed porch, spa, star case, MBR w/3 way fireplace, sitting room + Glamor bath. Finished LL w/kitchen, bath & BR.
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SOUTH LYON 55+ Walkout Ranch
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VAN BUREN Feed The Deer At Home
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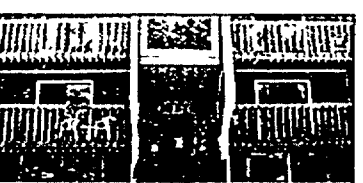
DEARBORN Hgts Cozy Bungalow
3 bdrms bungalow presents hardwood flrs, fin bsmt, lots of storage. CA, newer furnace & HW heater. Sellers motivated!
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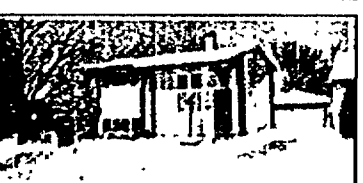
LIVONIA Wonderful Rosedale Meadows Ranch
offers part fin bsmt, gar, beautiful updated kit & din rm w/loads of oak cabinets, Pergo flooring & recessed lighting. Also hardwood flrs under cpt, ceramic bath, vinyl windows & updates elec.
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GREEN OAK TWP Crooked Lake Condo
55+ community offers this 2 BR, 2 BA 1 story W/Floors room, single car garage, larger kitchen & extra craft room in lower level. Clubhouse and beach on Crooked Lake.
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WESTLAND Spacious 3 Bedroom Home
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CANTON Beautiful 2 Story Condo
Lovely formal din rm w/bay window opening to deck. 2 bdrms open to huge bath w/extra deep garden tub & walk in shower. In lower level - loads of storage.
(F65HUN) 734-455-5600 \$161,000



CANTON Beautiful & Neutral
2 bdrms, 2.5 bath condo with additional 19x11 loft area. Kitchen offers updated cabinets. Newer cpt thru-out, recessed lighting, custom wood blinds, & gas fireplace in lv rm.
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PLYMOUTH Updated Charming
Absolute move in condition. Spacious 4 BR home w/oak cabinets and Pergo floors. Newer windows, entry & patio doors. Top rated Plymouth schools. Walk to elementary school.
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DEARBORN Great Starter Home
3 BR, 1 BA bungalow in west Dearborn. Roof & windows. 02. Tub enclosure, updated kit cabinets, freshly painted in neutral colors. Fenced yard, close to park & schools. Appliances stay.
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TAYLOR Great Home for Under \$100,000
3 bdrms, 1 bath ranch on lg lot w/fenced backyard. Newer Pergo floors, newer apt, windows, interior & exterior doors, newer kitchen kit, ceramic tile in updated bath. Newer CA & furnace. Home warranty.
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WARREN Beautiful 1st Floor Condo
Many updates in this 2 bdrms, 1.5 bath beauty. Newer cpt, paint, recessed lights, remarkable kit w/ceramic tile & light maple cabinets + ne counters, sink, microwave & dishwasher all in 2003. A must see!
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TAYLOR Fabulous Colonial
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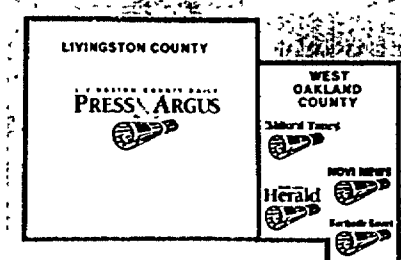
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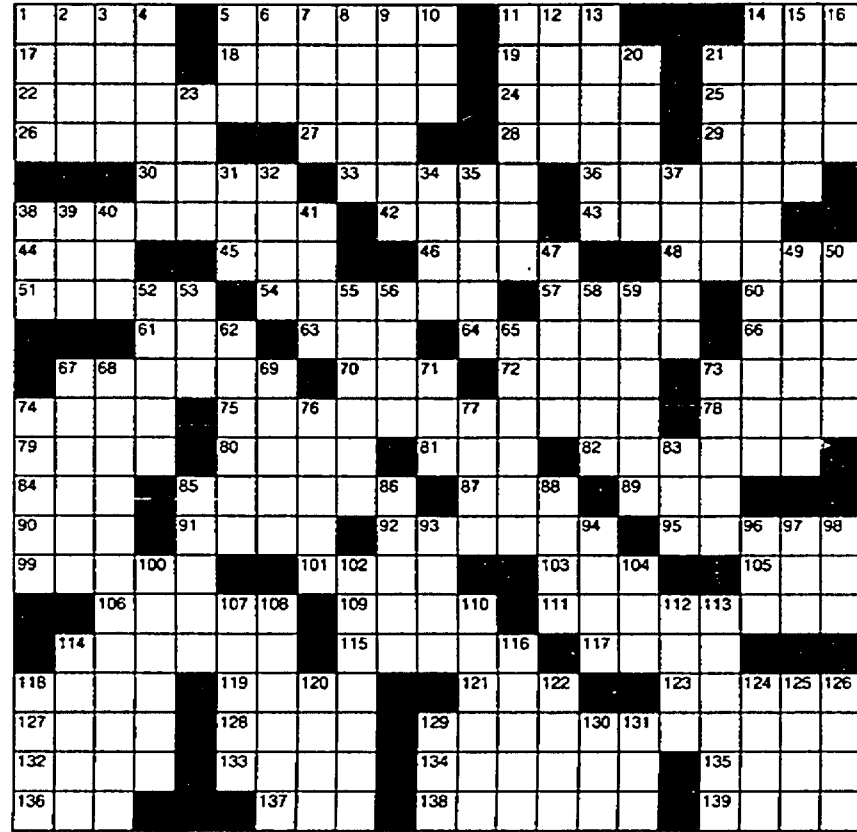
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119 "Green" (90 film)
121 Sweet place?
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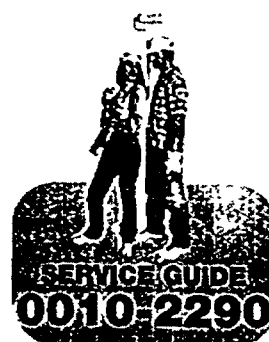
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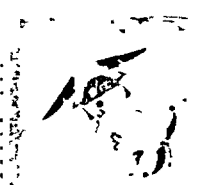
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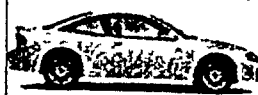
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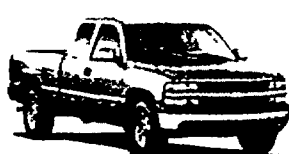
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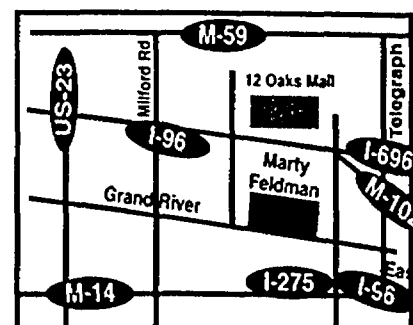
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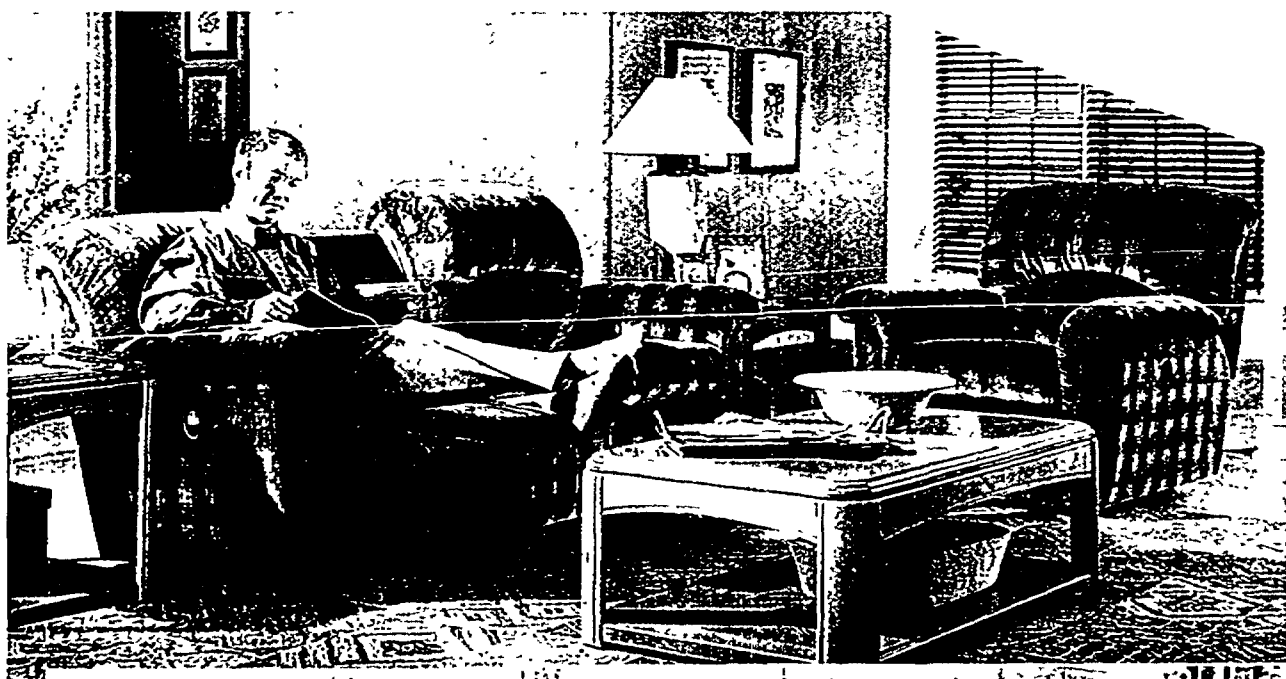
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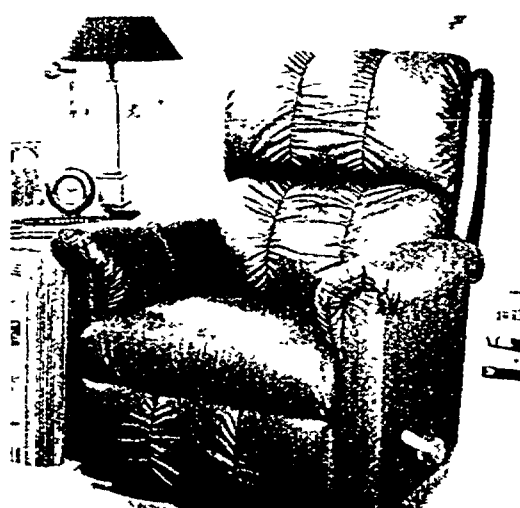
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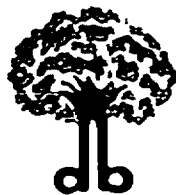
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Q Could you tell me whatever happened to singer Donna Fargo?

—Linda Q., New York

Donna Fargo, best known for the 1970s hits *Happiest Girl in the Whole U.S.A.* and *Fanny Face*, says she's concentrating on her writing career these days. She has published two inspirational collections of prose and poetry, *Trust in Yourself* and *To the Love of My Life*. Blue Mountain Arts, her Colorado-based publisher, also carries her greeting cards. "It's hard to plan for shows and rehearse when I'm writing," says Fargo, 63, although she may book some dates for later this year. Besides her chart-topping singles, Fargo starred in a syndicated television variety show in 1978-79. Her musical awards include a 1972 Grammy Award for the Best Country Vocal Performance by a woman. She is writing a third book and working on some songs. "I enjoy writing so much, I just kind of write what my heart tells me," she says. Fargo, who is married, lives in Nashville, Tenn.



Grammy-winning country singer Donna Fargo.

Q What is actor Willie Aames doing now?

—Ginny S., Virginia

Aames, 42, has traded places and is now working behind the camera, most recently as the creator of *The Missy Files*, a "feel-good dramedy" video series for young girls. "Missy Shannon is part Cyndi Lauper, part Anne of Green Gables," says Aames, who is best known for his starring roles on *Eight Is Enough*, *Charles in Charge* and the *Bibleman Adventure*. "She is the heroine that today's girl can appreciate." Aames got the idea for *Missy* after attending several Christian artists' concerts. "Missy was born from a

desire to create a show that profiled a "modern Christian" girl: one who may seem far from conservative on the outside but was spiritually solid on the inside. It eventually began to take on several personality traits, ones I hoped would make the character more intelligent." The videos feature his wife, Maylo McCaslin-Aames, and daughter, Harleigh Jean Upton. "They understood every aspect of the production and I fell more in love with both of them," he says. "Working together as a family was probably my most rewarding work." Aames, who also has a son from a previous marriage, lives in Kansas City, Kan. "Home is a biggie for me. I love to woodwork, making furniture and



Actor Willie Aames now works behind the camera.

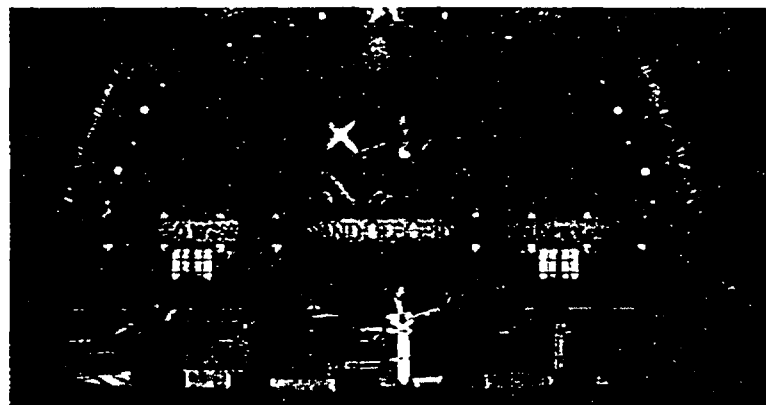
patio structures for our home. Hunting and fishing are also big on my list."

Q I would like to know what happened to the *Grand Ole Opry* that was on CMT every Saturday night.

—Elva U., Nebraska

In November, the *Grand Ole Opry* moved to the Great American Country (GAC) network. The *Opry* and CMT came to the end of its contract, and CMT did not want to continue broadcasting the show on a weekly basis. "The reason for the move was because we were given the opportunity to continue the *Grand Ole Opry* as a weekly series," says Pete Fisher, Grand Ole Opry vice president and general manager. "If you do not receive GAC, call your local cable or satellite provider and let them know you want to see your *Grand Ole Opry*. Ask them to add the network to their system." The *Opry* can be heard in

several other ways as well. "You can listen to the *Opry* on www.opry.com," Fisher says. "It is also carried on Sirius satellite radio on a channel called WSM Entertainment. Also, over 210 stations carry a syndicated radio program called *America's Grand Ole Opry Weekend*. There are more ways than ever to listen or see the *Grand Ole Opry*." Since November, the *Opry* has been held at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn., while the Grand Ole Opry House is undergoing renovations that include a new sound and lights system. The *Opry* moves back to its permanent home next month. ☆



The Grand Ole Opry's weekly show moved from CMT to the GAC network.

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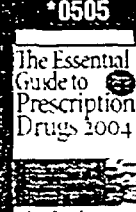
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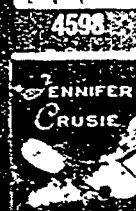
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The hairy woodpecker.

Ed and Elsie Bailey's little slice of heaven is hard to find—even with directions. Ed, 80, chuckles when he tells folks to follow a few sandy roads on down to the stretch of mailboxes before turning—then adds, "Everything's a hike from there."

The Baileys' 23-acre patch of land winding around Cedar Creek, just south of Milford, Del., (pop. 6,557) is remote, although beast and bird don't have a problem finding it. So many animals call the Baileys' land home that it's been designated an official nature preserve by Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. A certificate on their cabin door proves it.

Their property is a preserve because they volunteered to preserve it. The Baileys contacted Delaware's Land Preservation office in 1990 and committed themselves to caring for their land—which includes never developing it or changing its natural landscape.

"A lot of private folks aren't able or willing to do what it takes to commit to a nature preserve, but this is something the Baileys wanted to do," says Ron Vickers, land preservation chief with Delaware Parks & Recreation. "They signed a legal document putting a conservation easement on a portion of their property. It basically says they'll protect it ... It's the highest level of land protection in the state."

Part of their property is an Atlantic white cedar swamp, which attracts unique plant and animal species, Vickers says. "The wood is prized for its insect and weather resistance. If the Baileys weren't protecting it, we could never predict what someone might want to do—clear the land for a better water view or initiate logging."

When the Baileys retired in 1986, they moved from New Jersey to Milford, smack in the middle of dense woods bordering wetlands. They hadn't planned on creating a nature preserve and, according to Ed, the couple really doesn't consider themselves "official" bird watchers.

"If I had to guess, I'd probably have to say I've seen about 125 different species of birds visit since we moved here. We just like birds," Ed says. "We've always lived in a country setting, and we've always liked wildlife in general. When we moved here, we put up a couple of feeders."

But feeders were only the beginning. The pair planted serviceberry, blueberry and other bird-friendly plants, constructed ponds from stones they gathered from the Delaware River, and built 730-feet of boardwalk running through their wetlands. Some sections extend to watchtowers and blinds, one of them 14-feet high.

"Well, we needed to get there from here," Ed says, laughing. "It takes quite a bit of effort to maintain it."



The greenback heron.

The Baileys built 730 feet of boardwalk.



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Elsie and Ed Bailey's nature preserve near Milford, Del., is a bird watcher's paradise.

Birds come to the preserve from all over. "Most are migratory, some are native to the area," Ed adds.

Fall brings Canada geese, snow geese, mallards, black ducks, and wood ducks to the Baileys' area, and many spend their entire winter along the shore.

Spring and summer is always busy, with visits from red knots, sandpipers, and the like. Occasionally they spot pileated woodpeckers. Normally shy birds, the woodpeckers probably will live out their lives in the dense forest cover.

The Baileys spread mixtures of peanut butter, lard, and cornmeal along scraps of oak tree bark year-round. One feeder is surrounded by wire to allow in tiny fliers such as chickadees, thrashers, and phoebes, and to keep out squirrels. An extra wooden rail is just for the woodpeckers to peck on, and a suet feeder is nearby.

The Baileys, who are active members of The Sussex County Bird Club, occasionally have the whole membership over for bird watching, but often it's just the two of them, taking their morning coffee or afternoon tea on a large screened porch that gives them a bird's-eye view of the woods.

"We just love to watch the birds," says Elsie, 79. "That's why we do it." ★

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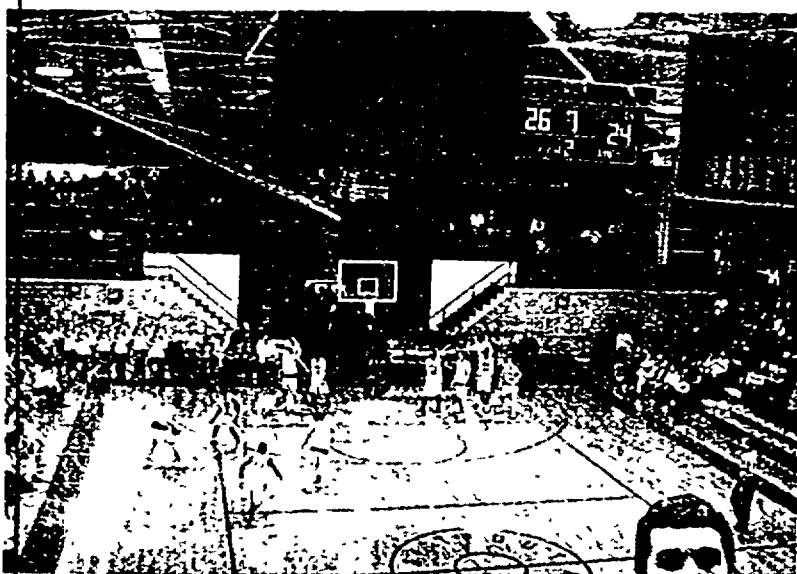
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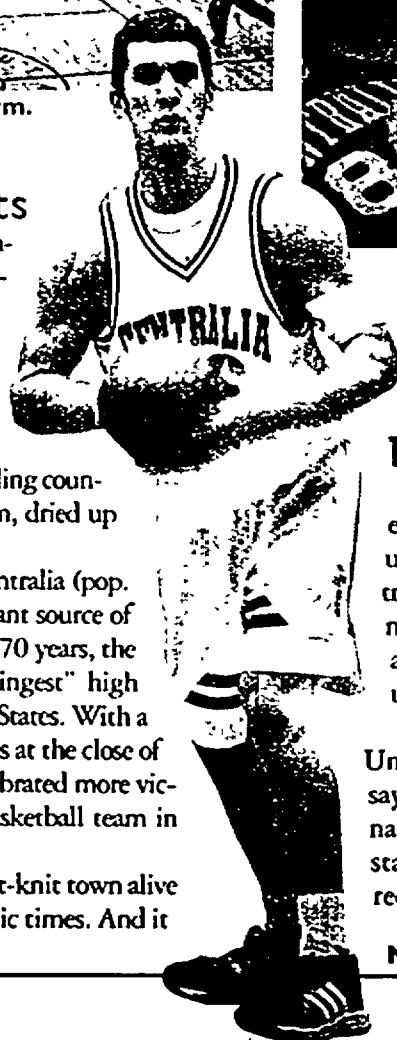
The Orphans play to win in A.L. Trout gym.

Over the course of its

150-year history, Centralia, Ill., has weathered more than its share of setbacks. The Illinois Central railroad traffic that put the town on the map in 1851 has long since disappeared. Coal mining virtually stopped overnight following a 1947 mine disaster that killed 111 miners. The oil boom, which at one time made the surrounding countryside resemble a derrick factory showroom, dried up in the 1950s.

But through good times and bad, Centralia (pop. 14,136) has managed to hold onto a constant source of community pride and pleasure. For nearly 70 years, the Centralia Orphans have been the "winningest" high school boys basketball team in the United States. With a lifetime record of 1,937 wins and 814 losses at the close of the 2002-03 season, the Orphans have celebrated more victories than any other boys' high school basketball team in the country.

That winning legacy has kept this tight-knit town alive and optimistic even through bleak economic times. And it



Coach Arthur L. Trout, shown in a 1948 photo, led his teams to more than 800 victories.

promises to be just as important in the future. Says one former player: "I want my kids to grow up to be Orphans."

THE FATHER OF THE "ORPHANS"

The Orphans, formed in 1906, first entered the national spotlight in the 1940s, under head coach Arthur L. Trout. Trout truly "made" the Orphans, leading them to more than 800 victories over a 36-year career and christening the team with its truly unusual name.

Centralia is the only town in the United States—it's probably even safe to say "in North America"—with a team named "Orphans." But the team didn't start that way. Early in Trout's tenure, the red-and-white-suited players were known

Centralia's Orphans have a one-of-a-kind name and a unique role in keeping their struggling town strong.

variously as Cardinals, Redbirds, and even Troutmen. But the coach apparently wanted something more distinctive.

According to some, Trout named the team after his favorite movie, the 1922 silent classic *Orphans of the Storm*. But the true origins of the name have become the stuff of local legend. In his book *Trout: The Old Man and the Orphans*, author Don Schnake suggests that some people thought the boys on the team looked "as sad as a band of unwanted orphans." It's also known that the frugal Trout had his players pick their uniforms from a stack of leftovers from past years. "When two players arrived on the floor at the same time in matching uniforms, it was by accident, not design," Schnake writes. Again, fans were reminded of poor, neglected orphans.

Whatever the origin, the moniker stuck. And although some opponents may snicker when they hear Centralia's cheerleaders shout, "O-R-P-H-A-N-S! Orphans are the very best," the players take pride in having a name unique in all of basketball.

Matt Shaw, Centralia's senior center.

HOME OF THE WINNINGEST H.S. BASKETBALL TEAM IN THE NATION

A sign just outside Centralia, Ill., touts the town's claim to fame.

THE TOWN'S ONE CONSTANT

You won't hear any snickering from long-time fan Bill "Pops" Taylor, who believes the Orphans truly are the very best. On a Friday morning, he sits in his neighborhood McDonald's—wearing a brilliant red Orphans sweatshirt and a tan Orphans cap—sipping coffee and nodding greetings to the many folks he knows that come through the door. "I've been an Orphan fan since I saw my first game in 1954," says Taylor, 59. "Orphans basketball is life. I live and die Orphans basketball."

"You ask anybody in here what the Orphans mean to Centralia and they'll give you the same answer. Our unemployment is really bad, people are leaving town, but we can still fill Trout Gym. We still have more requests for season tickets than we have tickets available. This is our pride."

"The high school definitely keeps the town alive," adds Matt Shaw, a senior at Centralia High School and, in the opinion of Pops Taylor, the best center the Orphans have ever had. "Sports in particular is very important to the town, and it's really a basketball town. If you love basketball you're going to want to play for the Orphans. I definitely grew up wanting to play for the Orphans."

Mike McManus, a 1987 graduate of Centralia High School and now a sports writer for the daily *Centralia Sentinel* newspaper, adds, "The one constant for this town has been basketball. It's the one thing that always brings us together."

"When these kids came home from a tournament in Peoria with their third place trophy in 2002—the first state trophy they'd won since they placed second in 1963—I literally saw grown men crying."

SUCCESSES—PAST AND PRESENT

Folks in town still get teary-eyed when remembering the extraordinary success of the Orphans' brightest star, Dwight "Dike" Eddleman, the team's all-time leading scorer. During his high school years in the 1940s, he was the subject of a feature article in *Life* magazine. Later, he lettered in three sports at the University of Illinois, competed in the Paris Olympics (high jump) in 1948, and played in the NBA in the 1950s.

Today, the corner of the downtown Centralia Area Historical Society Museum devoted to local sports features a veritable shrine to Eddleman and his accomplishments. But he isn't the only Orphan to move up to the pros. Others include Bobby Joe Mason, a Harlem Globetrotter for many years, and Dickie Garrett, who played briefly for the Los Angeles Lakers.

For most Orphans, though, basketball is not a career goal. "Basketball is a way to get them to college," McManus says. He believes the current crop of Orphans is particularly destined to excel when they reach the college level. "I think that in the next four to five years, you'll see a lot of talent run through here."



Bill "Pops" Taylor, a diehard Orphan fan.

"I think that as many as 10 of this year's freshman class are potential college basketball players," Pops Taylor says. "This year's freshman class has more depth of quality players than any other class in the history of Centralia High School."

A SPECIAL BOND

It's clear that the Orphans aren't coasting on the success of the Trout years. They continue to live up to their title as the nation's winningest team, finishing the 2002-03 season—in a region of the country where basketball is king—with a 17-12 record under interim coach Chuck Lane.

Former Orphan forward Jordan Queen, a 2002 CHS graduate, believes pride in the team's historic past plays a large part in driving its ongoing success. "We've always had pretty good coaches, and we've always had kids who were willing to work and be good. They don't want to let the tradition down."

That determination was one of the main draws for the team's new head coach, Gus Gillespie, who was hired at the end of the 2002-03 season. Although a newcomer to Centralia, Gillespie has already glimpsed what Orphans basketball means to this town. "Every time you turn a street, there's a basketball goal," he says. "The feeder schools all have teams, and there's a tremendous amount of youth involvement. I'm looking forward to working at a school and coaching in a community where people are excited about basketball."

"There's just a real special, small-town bond here," sportswriter McManus explains. And an important part of that bond—a shared passion for high school basketball—is showing no signs of fading. "They'll always love their Orphans here." ☆

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Hometown Spotlight

by LILY ENG

Saving the Hometown Depot

It's been 24 years since the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad closed its depot and substation in South Cle Elum, Wash., but if residents have their way, it's easy to imagine the area bustling once again.

The railroad once played an integral role in the history of the town of 453 residents 83 miles east of Seattle, providing passage for travelers and cargo through the mountain passes and a livelihood for many.



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"Friends" are returning the train depot in South Cle Elum, Wash., to its original 1909 form.

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The group, which also incorporated as a non-profit organization known as the Cascade Rail Foundation, plans to have the depot's interior completed this summer. The group's vision is to see the entire rail yard, including the nearby substation, resurrected—and transformed—into a place where travelers can rent bikes and skis, have a bite to eat, and learn about railroads and the region.

At its peak, the depot was the pulse of the town, which incorporated in 1911. Local residents would sit around the horseshoe counter in the depot's 24-hour cafe, drinking coffee and eating family-style meals alongside railroad workers.

Unlike other rail stops that have been abandoned and dismantled, South Cle Elum's wooden frame depot and striking brick substation were in relatively good condition.

"It's rare to see something like this standing so long," says Donovan Michael Gray, who organized the Friends of the South Cle Elum Depot after returning from a trip tracing the Milwaukee Road line, as the old Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad

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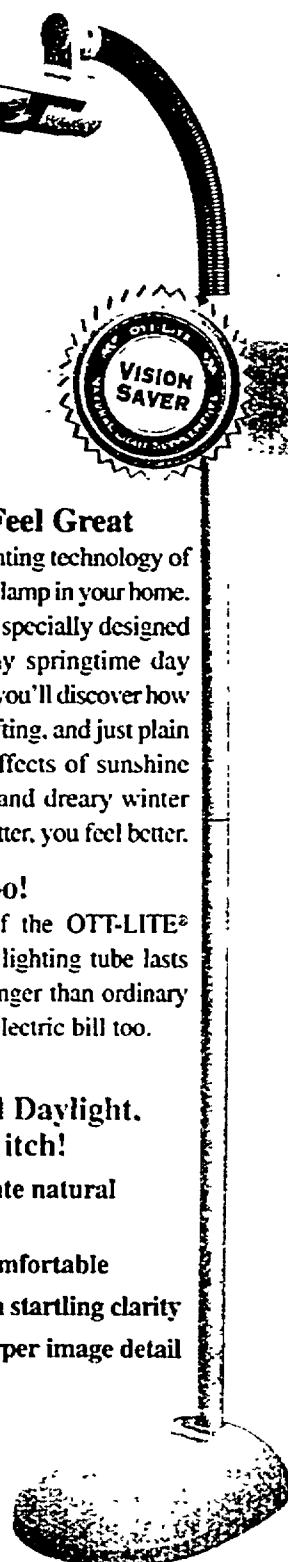
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was called. It was the last railroad built out to the Pacific Coast and was unique in railroad history, using electricity as power. At one time, it claimed to be the world's longest electrified railway.

The Milwaukee built South Cle Elum's electrical substation in 1919 for the huge transformers that powered the trolley lines. Crews also maintained trains at the substation. Today, the substation stands empty inside the cavernous brick building; the slightest whisper ricochets from wall to wall.

Rail enthusiasts are funding the depot's renovation, although the depot, substation, and yard site now are owned by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and are part of Iron Horse State Park—a 105-mile scenic trail that follows the route of the old Milwaukee Road line.

Near the depot and substation is the Milwaukee Road's old bunkhouse, since converted into the Iron Horse Inn—a bed and breakfast crammed full of local railroad artifacts that distinguishes each room with the name of a former Milwaukee crew member. In addition to running the inn, innkeepers Mary and Doug Pittis both volunteer with the depot project.

"The passion for the railroad rubs off on you," says Mary, who serves as treasurer of the Friends of the South Cle Elum Depot. "You can't help but get into it."

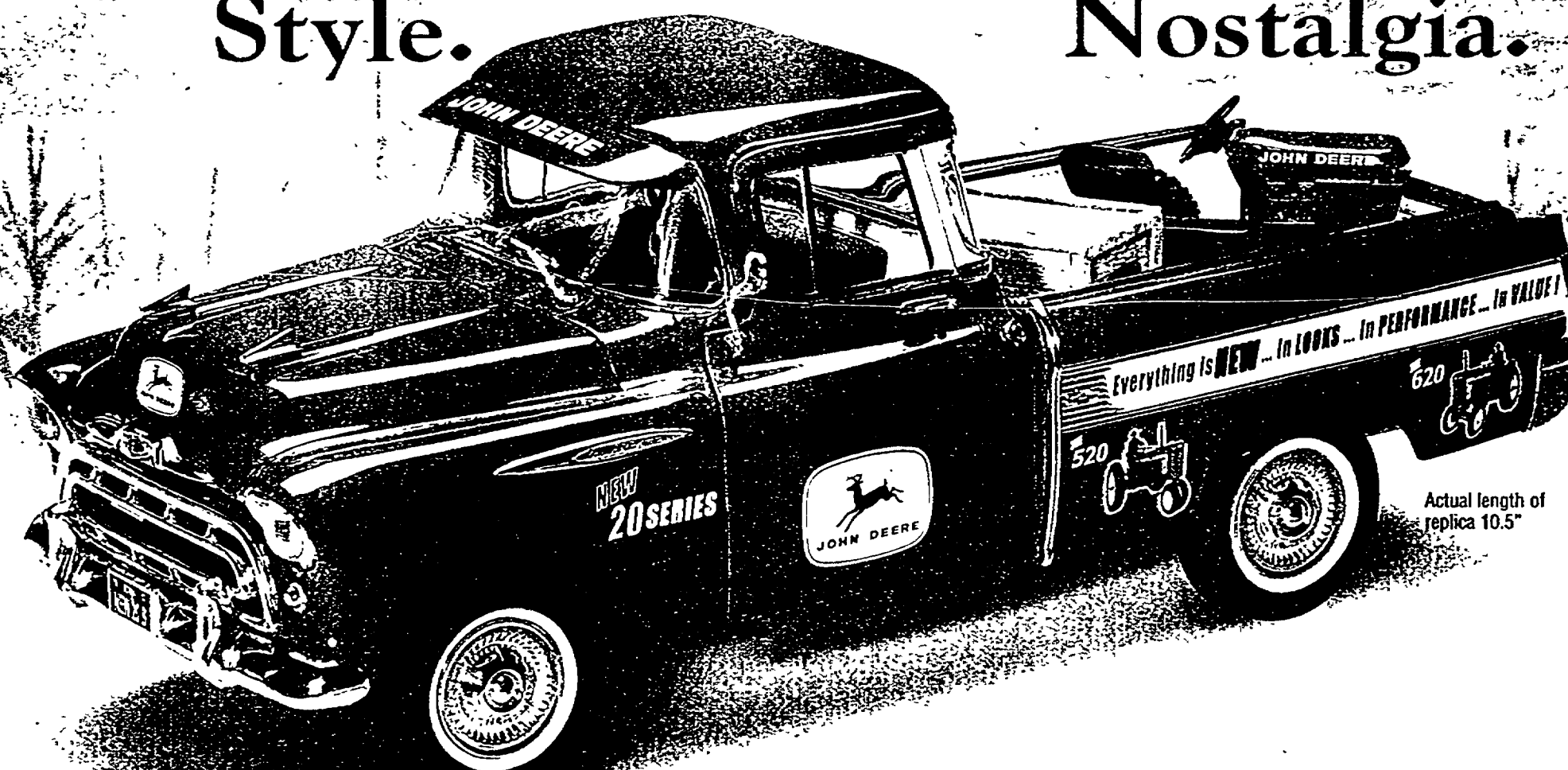
Today, South Cle Elum, whose name is derived from an American Indian term meaning "swift water," is a mixture of commuting workers and retirees. The local post office serves as the town center, where residents socialize when picking up or dropping off mail. And of course, the depot's restoration has become the heart of the community's efforts, says Mary, bringing townspeople even closer together.

In 2003, residents were honored to learn that their rail yard was added to the National Register of Historic Places. One more reason to preserve the hometown depot. ☆

Lily Eng is a Seattle-based freelance writer.

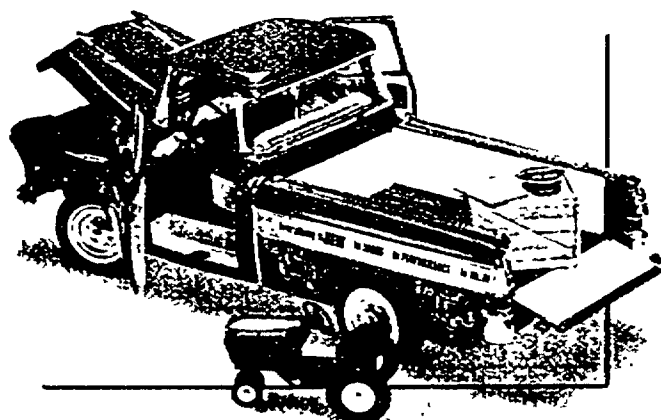
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IOWA

Rod and Custom Car Show—Monticello, Feb. 28-29. This 35th annual show features street rods, custom cars, racecars, pickups and motorcycles at the Monticello Berndes Center. (319) 465-5380.

KANSAS

A Journey into the Monastic Life—Topeka, through April 4. Learn about a monk's daily life with exhibits, displays and photographs of ancient monasteries. Heartland Orthodox Christian Museum. (785) 234-5993.

MICHIGAN

Home and Garden Show—Pontiac, March 4-7. Enjoy remodeling and interior decorating exhibits, gardening and cooking seminars, and landscaping exhibits at the Pontiac Silverdome. (800) 328-6550.

MINNESOTA

James Sewell Ballet—Rochester, March 5. This ballet features several dance pieces performed by members of the contemporary James Sewell Ballet at the Mayo Civic Center. (507) 252-1010.

MISSOURI

Artifact Show—St. Joseph, March 6. More than 25 collectors display American Indian artifacts, including axes, arrowheads, clay pipes, bowls and beadwork, at the Agency Community Center. (816) 253-9301.

NEBRASKA

Spirit of the Cranes—Grand Island, March 5. Celebrate the return of migratory sandhill cranes during this exhibit featuring photography, sculpture and paintings at the Prairie Winds Art Center. (308) 381-4001.

NORTH DAKOTA

Spring Arts and Crafts Show—Bismarck, March 5-7. More than 50 vendors display and sell handmade home décor, clothing, ornaments and floral arrangements at the Gateway Mall. (701) 222-8350.

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INDIANA—Ernie Pyle, the Pulitzer Prize-winning foreign correspondent in World War II, was born in 1900 near Dana (pop. 662), the only son of tenant farmers.

IOWA—*The Des Moines Register* has been published since 1849, and bills itself as "The newspaper Iowa depends upon."

KANSAS—Ernest Hemingway was a reporter at the *Kansas City Star* for a year before going off to World War I as an ambulance driver in 1918.

MICHIGAN—In 1872, Elijah J. McCoy, an African-American inventor from Ypsilanti (pop. 23,045), invented an automatic lubrication device for machines. It was so effective that imitations were soon considered not "the real McCoy."

MINNESOTA—The Land of 10,000 Lakes has one recreational boat registered for every six people.

MISSOURI—The state's tourism department is holding a 2004 photo contest with prizes of up to \$500 each in the categories of

"Family Fun" and "Recreation and Adventure." For details, log onto www.missouritourism.org.

NEBRASKA—The state has one pleasure boat registered for every 21 residents.

NORTH DAKOTA—Minnesota, Montana, and the Dakotas together produce 94 percent of the nation's hard winter wheat crop. The wheat commonly is used in bread-making.

OHIO—The 1938 edition of the *Ohio State Grange Cookbook* told readers how to determine temperatures in the new gas ovens by seeing how long it took to brown flour in the bottom of a pie pan.

SOUTH DAKOTA—The largest underground gold mine in the Western Hemisphere is the Homestake Mine in Lead (pop. 3,027).

WISCONSIN—The state won 49 percent of all awards given out in the 2003 United States Champion Cheese Contest, which included 681 entries from 21 states. ★

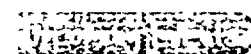
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- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 15-ounce can pork and beans
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup chopped nuts

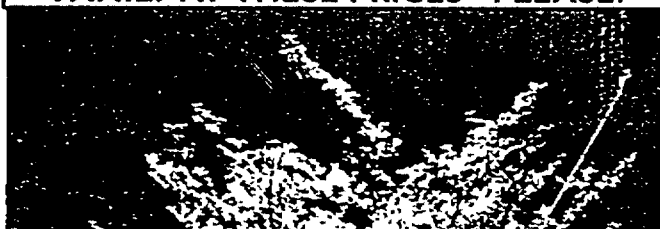
Add raisins to boiling water and set aside. Mash beans with a fork in a large bowl until very smooth. Add sugar, eggs, oil and vanilla. Mix well. Sift together dry ingredients and fold in. Drain raisins and fold in with chopped nuts. Spoon batter into three greased and floured loaf pans. Bake in a 325-degree oven for 50 to 60 minutes, or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

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A slice of this bread is delicious spread with cream cheese, butter or honey.

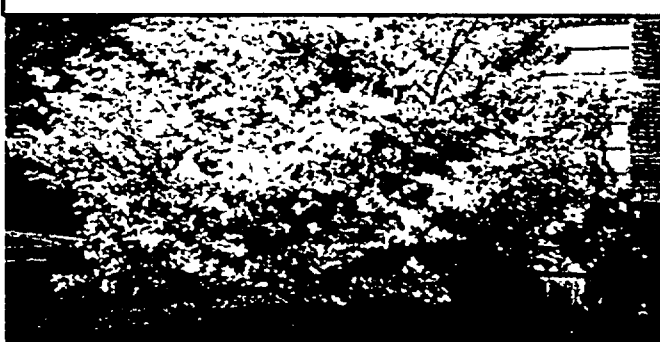
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- **Read aloud every day.** Kids love being read to. Curling up on the couch with a good book is an excellent way to discover reading is fun. You will find even older children like to be read to as well. Let your kids draw, play blocks, or do some kind of handiwork as you read aloud.

- **Make a book nook.** Fix up a cozy corner with large, overstuffed pillows, a few stuffed animal friends, and a small bookcase. Keep a tape recorder handy and a supply of books on tapes. When the kids get quiet and you can't find them, check here first.

- **Make books available.** Place books in every room in the house—the bathroom, living room, beside their beds, and beside the computer.

- **Let your children get their own library card.** Kids love anything that makes them feel grown-up and important. Having their own card and letting them check out books takes care of both of those.

- **Use your library often.** Schedule a regular library day, and just let them sit and read for a while in the library. Most libraries have special events such as story hour, book clubs, and speakers to help capture a child's interest in books.

- **Drop tantalizing hints about a book.** Start reading one yourself that your children might like and "share" some interesting tidbits. When they want to know what happens, offer to lend them the book when you're done so they can find out themselves.

- **Spice up a book with extra activities.** When reading *Treasure Island*, go on a scavenger hunt, make pirate hats, or draw a scene from the book. Cook a meal that goes along with the book.

- **Watch a classic on video.** Then say, "I wonder how close that was to the book? Maybe we should read that."

- **Make your own books.** Little people love this, but plan on the older crowd getting in on it too. Something as simple as plain paper stapled together becomes a timeless treasure when they write their own stories. Let younger children tell you the story and you write it out and they illustrate it.

- **Set an example.** Be a reader yourself. Children imitate what we do. If they see you enjoying a good book often, chances are they will too.

Belinda Mooney is a freelance writer in Oklahoma City.

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS TAKING CONCERTA® OR THEIR PARENTS OR CAREGIVERS

CONCERTA® (methylphenidate HCl) Extended-release Tablets (C)

This information is for patients taking CONCERTA® Extended-release Tablets CII for the treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, or their parents or caregivers.

Please read this before you start taking CONCERTA®. Remember, this information does not take the place of your doctor's instructions. If you have any questions about this information or about CONCERTA®, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

What is CONCERTA®?

CONCERTA® is a once-a-day treatment for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, or ADHD. CONCERTA® contains the drug methylphenidate, a central nervous system stimulant that has been used to treat ADHD for more than 30 years. CONCERTA® is taken by mouth, once each day in the morning.

What is Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder?

ADHD has three main types of symptoms: inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsiveness. Symptoms of inattention include not paying attention, making careless mistakes, not listening, not finishing tasks, not following directions, and being easily distracted. Symptoms of hyperactivity and impulsiveness include fidgeting, talking excessively, running around at inappropriate times, and interrupting others. Some patients have more symptoms of hyperactivity and impulsiveness while others have more symptoms of inattention. Some patients have all three types of symptoms.

Many people have symptoms like these from time to time, but patients with ADHD have these symptoms more than others their age. Symptoms must be present for at least 6 months to be certain of the diagnosis.

How does CONCERTA® work?

Part of the CONCERTA® tablet dissolves right after you swallow it in the morning, giving you an initial dose of methylphenidate. The remaining drug is slowly released during the day to continue to help lessen the symptoms of ADHD. Methylphenidate, the active ingredient in CONCERTA®, helps increase attention and decrease impulsiveness and hyperactivity in patients with ADHD.

Who should NOT take CONCERTA®?

You should NOT take CONCERTA® if:

- You have significant anxiety, tension, or agitation since CONCERTA® may make these conditions worse.
- You are allergic to methylphenidate or any of the other ingredients in CONCERTA®.
- You have glaucoma, an eye disease.
- You have tics or Tourette's syndrome, or a family history of Tourette's syndrome.

Talk to your doctor if you believe any of these conditions apply to you.

How should I take CONCERTA®?

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You may take CONCERTA® before or after you eat.

Take the dose prescribed by your doctor. Your doctor may adjust the amount of drug you take until it is right for you. From time to time, your doctor may interrupt your treatment to check your symptoms while you are not taking the drug.

What are the possible side effects of CONCERTA®?

In the clinical studies with patients using CONCERTA®, the most common side effects were headache, stomach pain, sleeplessness, and decreased appetite. Other side effects seen with methylphenidate, the active ingredient in CONCERTA®, include nausea, vomiting, dizziness, nervousness, tics, allergic reactions, increased blood pressure and psychosis (abnormal thinking or hallucinations).

This is not a complete list of possible side effects. Ask your doctor about other side effects. If you develop any side effect, talk to your doctor.

What must I discuss with my doctor before taking CONCERTA®?

Talk to your doctor before taking CONCERTA® if you:

- Are being treated for depression or have symptoms of depression such as feelings of sadness, worthlessness, and hopelessness.
- Have motion tics (hard-to-control, repeated twitching of any parts of your body) or verbal tics (hard-to-control repeating of sounds or words).
- Have someone in your family with motion tics, verbal tics, or Tourette's syndrome.
- Have abnormal thoughts or visions, hear abnormal sounds, or have been diagnosed with psychosis.
- Have had seizures (convulsions, epilepsy) or abnormal EEGs (electroencephalograms).

- Have high blood pressure.
- Have a narrowing or blockage of your gastrointestinal tract (your esophagus, stomach, or small or large intestine).

Tell your doctor immediately if you develop any of the above conditions or symptoms while taking CONCERTA®.

Can I take CONCERTA® with other medicines?

Tell your doctor about all medicines that you are taking. Your doctor should decide whether you can take CONCERTA® with other medicines. These include:

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You should not take CONCERTA® with monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitors.

While on CONCERTA®, do not start taking a new medicine or herbal remedy before checking with your doctor.

CONCERTA® may change the way your body reacts to certain medicines. These include medicines used to treat depression, prevent seizures, or prevent blood clots (commonly called "blood thinners"). Your doctor may need to change your dose of these medicines if you are taking them with CONCERTA®.

Other Important Safety Information

Abuse of methylphenidate can lead to dependence.

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Before taking CONCERTA®, tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan on becoming pregnant. If you take methylphenidate, it may be in your breast milk. Tell your doctor if you are nursing a baby.

Tell your doctor if you have blurred vision when taking CONCERTA®.

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What else should I know about CONCERTA®?

CONCERTA® has not been studied in children under 6 years of age.

The CONCERTA® tablet does not dissolve completely after all the drug has been released, and you may sometimes notice it in your stool. This is normal.

CONCERTA® may be a part of your overall treatment for ADHD. Your doctor may also recommend that you have counseling or other therapy.

As with all medicines, never share CONCERTA® with anyone else and take only the number of CONCERTA® tablets prescribed by your doctor.

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