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Expansion talk rolls on

Our Lady of Victory church / school decision may come at Tuesday night meeting

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

When people pull into their Orchard Heights driveways late Tuesday night or drop their pupils at the Our Lady of Victory entrance Wednesday morning, they will know whether a new school is on the way to the neighborhood.

The Northville Planning Commission will host its final public hearing on the

Catholic church's application for a special-use permit at 7:30 p.m. March 2, in the Hillside Middle School auditorium at the corner of Eight Mile Road and Center Street.

"It would be my hope that we would conclude that part of it that night," planning commission chairman Jay Wendt said Tuesday. Pending the outcome of a vote on the church's request of permission to build on the specified Orchard Street location,

the commission would proceed to the next step of the proposal process — or not.

"If the special use is turned down, that's the end of it," Wendt said. "If it is accepted, then site plan review. That may or may not be concluded that night."

The nine-member panel for the third time will accept resident comment on the plan to build a 77,000-square-foot kindergarten-through-eighth-grade facility in the long-established residential neighborhood.

Dozens of property owners who live near the proposed site, as well as parishioners and parents of students have voiced opinions for and against the project at hearings in January and February, through yard signs, via the Internet, and in conversation around the community.

The 50-year-old facility is located on the west side of Orchard between Main and

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Totally loose



The cast of "Footloose" completes its energetic finale number during a rehearsal for its upcoming early-March production. For more photos of the production, see page 10A.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Leaders consider parking options

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

When members of the Northville Downtown Development Authority returned their attention to parking expansion last week, they focused on smaller scale structures — two of them — to serve the east and west ends of town.

The group of downtown property owners and city administrators, led by DDA Chair and mayor Christopher Johnson at their monthly meeting, reviewed conceptual drawings, potential spaces added, and preliminary pricing. The two locations they eyed are current surface parking lots off Wing Street between Main and Dunlap, and off Dunlap Street, west of Hutton, behind the Marquis Theatre.

Public input is important before moving forward, members concurred. DDA members will exam-

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PAY-TO-PLAY ATHLETICS

Sports programs save district money

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

The current climate of education funding for Michigan public schools is murky at best.

Ever changing per-pupil cuts play large roles in school district budgets and Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently proposed a 2005 state budget, angering surrounding districts with what they call taking from the rich for the benefit of the poor.

Amid the debates and penny

pinching lies what some Northville registered voters feel is a possible solution to save district dollar: Charge a fee for participating in high school sports.

Implementing pay-to-play sports was the top suggestion given by a small portion of 378 registered Northville voters in December who responded when asked how to manage per-pupil cuts in state-aid funding.

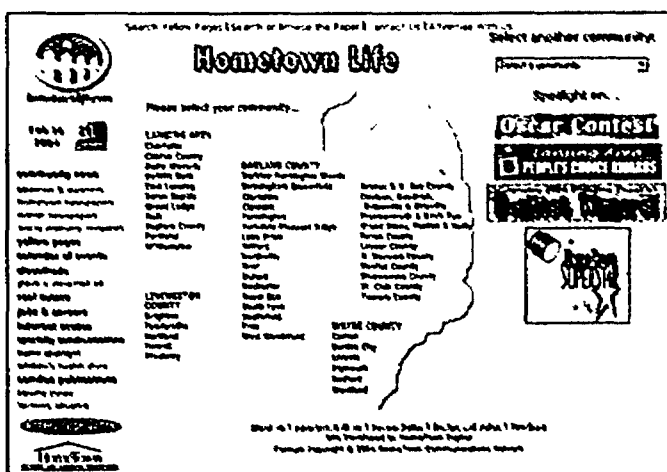
The independent, biennial opinion study conducted by School Public Relations Consultant

Services of Lansing and Williamston, indicates out of the 49 percent of respondents who made a suggestion regarding cuts, utilizing pay-to-participate sports and reducing athletics tied as the top two suggestions.

When breaking down the vote among those respondents with children in Northville Public Schools and those without, implementing a fee was still the top suggestion for both groups.

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| School District | Pay-to-Participate | Cost Per Student |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
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| Livonia | No | — |
| Novi | No | — |
| Walled Lake | Yes | \$100 |
| Farmington | No | — |



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HomeTown Digital, Inc. manages the HomeTownLife.com site," Power added. "As of this week, we have outsourced the back end operations of the site to On Line Technologies Corporation, of Ann Arbor. Our relationship with On Line Technologies will bring our users a steady stream of new, user-friendly features for our users. For our advertisers, the relationship will bring access to better technology and new, improved Internet products that will provide increased user traffic growth."

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Planners consider city parking options

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ine more specifics at their next meeting at 8 a.m., Tuesday, March 16, in the council chambers at City hall on Main Street. They will follow up with a joint meeting of the council, DDA, Planning Commission, and Historic District Commission, at 7 p.m. March 23, also in the chambers, to allow evening public comment.

Authority members contrasted each aspect of the two-level-garage plan with the deck proposal they floated last fall: opponents' connection of the Wing Street multi-floor \$5.4 million deck to the development authority's November bond-issue ballot proposal to fund parking expansion plans ultimately halted those efforts. Early estimates put the cost for the two low garages close to the single deck, with the city netting approximately 150 spots.

The so-called "table-top" or "sloped-floor" garages include concrete slabs at ground level, and a ramp up to a second level. Proposed variations to the sketches presented by Matt Jobin of the city's architect Rich and Associates, Inc., of Southfield, include an expandability option, partial excavation to take advantage of a grade change at the Wing location, and added roof spaces on the Marquis site.

Group discussion covered relative height of the proposed garages, agreeing that it was less of a factor at the Dunlap location — behind commercial buildings — than at the Wing location — where it borders the historic residential streets. They also recalled a concern that the outline of a garage not conceal the American flag mural painted on the rear wall of the Marquis Theatre.

Jobin's presentation included specifics about entry/exit locations to the two decks, the cost savings of stairways versus elevators, square footage of each proposal, and briefly, appearance. The deck walls would not be solid, therefore allowing natural light, he said. Neither would they be a "vanilla box," meaning there would be some

Long project to proceed this summer

On the north side of Main Street, a block west of Center Street, across the street from the Michigan Gift Mart, a new building will rise from the pavement this summer.

It will be a dramatic revision of the cityscape and of a familiar parking spot. Property owner Jim Long, who has allowed public parking on the site since acquiring it years ago, said he hopes to wrap up a outstanding issues in time to proceed with construction by mid to late summer.

Long said he is working with city officials on how to lessen the impact of the \$2 million construction project on surrounding businesses. "We're going to need a staging area for materials. That final detail has to be worked out."

The Northville Planning Commission last week granted the local businessman and developer preliminary and final site plan for his 22,000-square-foot brick and limestone retail and office building. He will seek final approval from the Historic District Commission at its March 17 meeting, and then permission to proceed from the city building department.

"I was very pleased with the results of the Planning Commission," Long said. Concerns yet to address include resolving environmental concerns related to Phil's 76 that formerly sat on the site, seeking parking credits from the city, and moving electrical and cable utility boxes located on the southeast corner of the property.

"He's got some issues before he goes ahead," Planning Commission Chairman Jay Wendt said. But, the commission was satisfied with the presentation by his designer and project planner last Tuesday.

The three-building facade Long submitted was preferable to the rendering he initially submitted, Wendt said. "It fits more within the downtown, particularly the west side of downtown."

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element of style incorporated into the facade.

The architect representative also fielded questions about the feasibility in the future of adding floors to the garage designs he described. It can be done, he said. For example, his firm is wrapping up an addition of two floors to a 12-year-old Beaumont structure in Royal Oak, he said.

The imminent construction by DDA member and local businessman Jim Long's of a commercial building on west Main Street, along the southern edge of the proposed Wing Street deck, surfaced in discussion in several contexts. Most emphasized was that his plans to begin construction this summer mean 40 or so public parking spaces on the west side of town are about to disappear.

From his seat in the audience at the DDA meeting, Old Church Square owner Bob

Buckhave asked about the prospective timing of the garage construction projects. Patrons of his businesses and tenants park in the Wing Street public lot, he said, and even if the contractor broke ground today, completion is 16-18 months away.

"It's certainly a concern for us, what can we do for our people with parking," Buckhave said.

In response to a question, city staff said the funding source for a parking expansion program would be the same as when last proposed. In addition to the \$1.2 million the DDA has set aside, voters would be asked to approve a proposal for the city to issue bonds, which would be repaid by DDA members.

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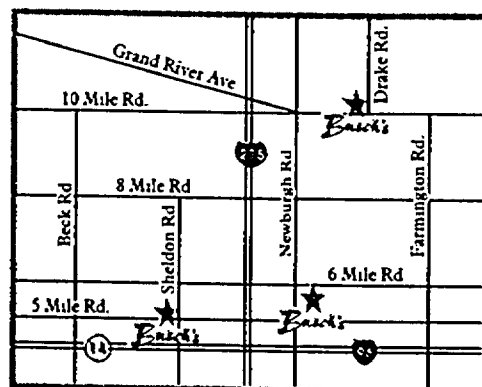
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Oops — spill wins TV prize on 'Regis' show

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Two-year-old Eve Corriveau turned a couple of bottles of lotion into a Magical Disney Cruise for her family this week.

Corriveau was announced as the winner of the *Live with Regis & Kelly* "Babies Gone Wild" video contest at the end of the show Tuesday.

Her video, which the show titled "Oops, I Did It Again," featured Eve with lotion she had spilled all over the Corriveau's bedroom floor and a good deal of it in her hair.

"I can't believe that she won," said mom, Wendy, after the show. "It's surreal. We're thrilled. That she was even on the show at all was unbelievable. Then to be one of the top 20 seems impossible. To have her win today just doesn't even seem real. It seems like a story. The phone's been ringing nonstop. We're still trying to fathom the fact that she won."

"I'd like to thank everyone who voted for her. We really appreciate their support and involvement."

The family, which also includes Marc, an attorney at the Corriveau Law Firm in downtown Northville, and their 4-year-old son, Luc, already won a 15-inch flat-screen TV and Samsung duocam when Eve's video was selected as one of the four finalists.

They have up to a year to go on the week-long Magical Disney Cruise.

"My husband and I went to Disney World on our honeymoon, so it's been a special place for us," Wendy said.

As the winning entry in the ABC-TV contest, Eve's video will also appear on the show "America's Funniest Home Videos."

Wendy, who owns Club Elite Fitness for Women in Novi at 22018 Novi Road in the Oak Pointe Plaza, said she learned about the contest while watching the show about three or four weeks ago.

"I heard that they were having the Babies Gone Wild Contest. Then, the very next week — on Feb. 2 — Eve made this huge mess in our bedroom. She had spilled my body lotion all over the floor and was rubbing it into

her hair like shampoo.

"We still have the stain on the bedroom floor," she said.

"I got the video camera and taped her in action so I could show Marc. Later, I thought about sending it to the show. I went online and got the information, not knowing if the deadline had passed," she said.

The deadline was actually that Thursday (Feb. 5). "I didn't mail it until Tuesday, so I didn't even know if it would make the deadline," she said.

"I sent it express mail, because I couldn't overnight it since it was being sent to a P.O. box," she noted.

The video was placed in the contest category "It's Tough Being a Kid."

Twenty semi-finalists, including the Corriveaus, were contacted by phone the week of Feb. 9.

"The phone rang on Friday morning, Feb. 13. It was a woman from the *Regis & Kelly Show* saying Eve was one of the possible semi-finalists. We had to sign a lot of paperwork and return it before they could air her video," she said.

Five finalists per day were aired over a four-day period, and the finalists didn't even know which day their baby's video would be on the show. Eve's video appeared Feb. 19, and Regis and Kelly announced that she was one of the top four finalists Feb. 20.

"We got lots of phone calls that Friday. I had friends that I hadn't been in contact with in three years who called to say that they'd seen Eve on TV. Our families were all excited, too," she said.

"What's amazing, too, is that even though our family members are spread out across the country, everybody in our families could watch Eve, whether she's their niece, granddaughter or cousin," Corriveau said.

Chris Van Dam, owner of Van Dam's, a women's clothing boutique at 111 E. Main St. in downtown Northville, even offered to give Wendy Corriveau a dress valued up to \$200 to wear on the *Live with Regis & Kelly* show should she be asked to make an appearance. No personal appearance is scheduled at this point, however.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER
The Corriveau family in their Northville home: Eve, 2, Wendy, Marc, and Luc, 4. Wendy recently entered a video of her daughter in the *Live with Regis and Kelly* "Babies Gone Wild" contest.

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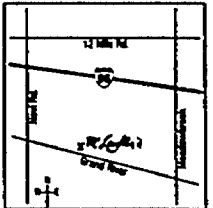
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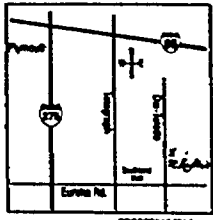
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No Stoppin' contest gets a little sticky

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Temptation has many faces. And it can come in the form of chocolate.

Participants in the first phase of the "No Stoppin' Northville" health initiative learned this recently in the Northville Pedometer Challenge between City of Northville and Northville Township employees. City and township employees have attempted to sabotage each other during the pedometer contest.

The challenge was made during the kick-off event in November at Northville High School. Winners will receive trophies. The goal is to rack up the most miles from Dec. 1 through Feb. 27.

"No Stoppin' Northville" is a year-long community-wide collaborative effort chaired by the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville and includes the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, Northville Chamber of Commerce, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Providence Hospital in Novi, Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Hillside Middle School Physical Education Department in Northville and Main Street Chiropractic Center in Northville.

An event will take place each quarter. The first leg of the initiative was the kick-off event at Northville High School when health screenings, fitness demonstrations and health education were presented to close to 500 people.

The next event, Leap into Fitness Triathlon will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. tomorrow at Hillside Middle School. The event will consist of a two-person team relay with a Big Wheel race, basketball free-throw challenge and mini-masters four-hole golf tournament.

"Each side will have a chance to face off again in the relay," said Chris Klebba, owner, Water Wheel Health Club.

The third and fourth events in the fitness initiative are still in the planning stages according to Klebba.

The triathlon is open to the public, and all ages are welcome. Cost is \$5 for those who prereg-

"We tried to tell [city officials] that we actually walked over with the cake, but I don't think they believed us."

Chip Snider
Northville Township manager

ister per two-person team or a \$10 fee at the door. Entrants can register at the club at 235 E. Main St. in Northville. Or, information is available at the club's Web site, www.wtrwheel.com.

The battling city and township employees in the pedometer challenge recently decided a little sugar might slow the other team down.

Chip Snider, Northville Township manager, had his staff deliver a chocolate sheet cake to Gary Word, City of Northville Manager, during a full-blown staff meeting in January.

"The mission in delivering the sheet cake to Gary was to encourage him and his staff to sit back, eat that chocolate cake, slow down and quick racking up all those miles. We tried to tell them that we actually walked over with the cake, but I don't think they believed us," Snider said.

The offices are about 2.5 miles apart.

In retribution for the chocolate cake delivered to City of Northville offices in January, Word had Wendy Gutowski from the City of Northville clerk's office deliver a box of candy from Northville's Chocolates by Renee Feb. 13 to Snider's office.

About 25 to 30 workers from city and township offices are involved in the fitness program.

Cheating will not be tolerated.

"The city would never do that. I don't know about the township," Word said.

And, remember, it's not pounds lost, but steps taken.

"I walk the dog every day, and I jog a little bit, too. It adds up," Word said.

Word said he appreciated the

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township's sentiments on the cake delivery.

"It was very nice on the township's part. We're glad the township spent so much money to make our day as sweet as it was," Word said.

And, even though he was out of town the day of Northville's delivery to Snider's office, Word made sure it happened.

"Not wanting to be outdone, we made sure they had plenty of chocolate with lots of love before the Valentine's Day holiday," Word said.

Snider feels the township has an advantage because their employees get more "on-the-job" walking.

"I try to walk anytime I can to log those miles. Our building is in what they call a campus setting, so I make a concerted effort to walk back and forth to the various buildings," Snider said.

"I log the prior day's walking at 7 a.m. each morning. I've got to stick with the routine," he added.

Word said he hopes the candy dropped off at township offices will push his team to the top in the pedometer challenge.

"We just hope they eat a lot of it," he said.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville City Hall worker Wendy Gutowski, left, tries to tempt Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand with a box of goodies from Chocolates by Renee in an escalating war of tempting calories between city and township. It began with the fitness challenge of "No Stoppin' Northville" coordinated by the Water Wheel Health Club and ramped up when township manager Chip Snider brought a chocolate cake to city manager Gary Word awhile back.

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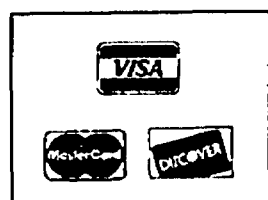
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Public invited to see artists in their element

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Shoppers downtown this Saturday will be able to watch artists weave beads into bracelets, create from clay three-dimensional animals, and paint impressions and expressions with all types of color.

Kathryn Savitskie, owner of the Atrium Gallery at 109 N. Center Street, is hosting the mini art fair to entertain, educate and encourage ownership of original artworks. Jewelry artist Erin Hood, clay artist Eric Evans, painter Chuck Parsons will be at the gallery from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 28.

"It's something for everyone all in one day," Savitskie said. The three featured Saturday are among Atrium's most popular artists, she said, and she regularly carries their works.

"It's affordable, original art for what they might spend on a print, or mass-produced jewelry," she said. "They can customize color, style, size."

Owner of the Frame Factory in Ann Arbor for 15 years, Savitskie is familiar with a range of talents and media through her first store, and experience with art fair clientele. When the merchant a year and a half ago purchased the 15-year-old local gallery, she came in with the shared goal of neighboring shops to increase within the Northville community the presence of higher-caliber art offerings.

Providing opportunities for the customer to meet the creator is an extension of that concept, the gallery owner said. "You learn so much more by talking to the artist and seeing them actually work. That way you appreciate the piece more when you see what goes into it."

Atrium visitors Saturday will enjoy watching the nimble fingers of jewelry artist Hood, Savitskie predicted. "It's really an unusual technique."

The Westland woman creates one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces by combining intricate weaves with a variety of materials — beads, crystals, vintage buttons, clay and hand-blown glass embellishments. Hood

will have with her a variety of materials to demonstrate her craft.

"For me, beading is a passion," she said. "Most of all I enjoy the creation and design of unique pieces of jewelry."

Ypsilanti resident Evans makes playful 3-D animals, characters and cityscapes from clay. His huge wallscapes of life-like standing butler or maid characters may price out at \$3,000 or more, Savitskie said, while his eight-inch tabletop creatures begin at \$30-50. "In comparison to other artists of his caliber, he's quite reasonable," the shop owner said.

The artist's demonstrations never cease to amaze his audience, Savitskie said. His subjects include whimsical elephants, giraffes, cats, dragons and cowboys. The gallery owner has hosted both Evans and Parsons for individual exhibits in the past.

Painter Parsons in town from Holland, Michigan will demonstrate his varied subjects and techniques. "I don't like labels or being categorized," he said. "Impressionism, abstract expressionism — if anything, I'd like to be thought of as a colorist. Utilizing color harmony is the most essential element of my work."

The artist said he works with oils and acrylics to create an overall mood rather than overworking the painting with details. "My goal is to allow the viewer to participate by using his or her imagination in interpret the painting," he said. Parsons' paintings are found in private and corporate collections.

"What our customers really enjoy about him is he does commission work," Savitskie said. "The people who have commissioned pieces have been very comfortable and pleased with the artwork they bought."

For more information, call the gallery at (248) 380-0470 or visit the website www.atrium-gallery.com

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

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

AWARD WINNER: Northville resident Kathryn Monthei was the winner of the W. Oren Parker Award for Scene Design, by the United States Institute for Theatre Technology. Monthei is a senior at Wayne State University and the first woman to win the award. The honor is presented to one designer annually who demonstrates excellence or outstanding potential in scene design for the performing arts. Nominees are judged on composition skill, graphics ability, working with the director, craftwork, computer applications, rendering, effective use of resources, research and personnel management. Assistant Professor of Theatre at WSU, Fred Florkowski, said Monthei is able to read a script and pull out from it the playwright's vision, turning it into a stunning and emotional visual. Monthei will receive the award at the USITT convention in Long Beach California this spring.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: St. Paul's Lutheran School is accepting enrollment applications for the 3-year-old and 4-year-old preschool program. The school is located at 201 Elm Street in downtown Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-3146.

PARENTING SEMINARS: Speaker Jim Fay will present two parenting seminars Monday, March 8 inside the Northville High School Auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road. The first program will occur 4:30 to 6 p.m. and is titled Parenting with Love and Logic. With this respectful approach to raising children, adults learn to set firm limits in a loving way. The second program will be held 7:30 to 9 p.m. and is titled Children of Affluence. This lecture will address children who have been prevented from making mistakes by overly protective parents and in turn may not have learned to think ahead. A suggested donation of \$5 will be collected at the door.

KOHL'S KIDS: Kohl's Department Store kicked off its fourth-annual Kohl's Kids Who Care Program recognizing youth who contribute to the community. The goal of the initiative is to recognize and award young citizens with college scholarships who have demonstrated a strong sense of giving through community volunteer work. To nominate a volunteer age 6 through 18 for a Kohl's Kids Who Care scholarship, complete a nomination form at any Kohl's store or at www.kohls.com/corporation.com. The nomination

deadline is March 15. Entries will be judged in two age groups — ages 6 through 12 and 13 through 18. Additionally, two winners will be selected at each store to receive a \$50 gift card. Those winners will go on to compete for one of 114 \$1,000 regional scholarships. Regional winners will then compete for one of the 10 national \$5,000 scholarships. National winners will be announced in July.

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 cdavis@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.

ACT NEWS: The registration postmark deadline for the April 3 ACT is tomorrow. 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 PTAs.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2004 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2004 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

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| TUESDAY | MARCH 9, 2004: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY | MARCH 10, 2004: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| MONDAY | MARCH 15, 2004: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | MARCH 23, 2004: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Administrative Meeting |

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

ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to review their taxable value or assessments with the Board of Review will be seen by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Appointments must be made on or before 4:30 p.m. EST, Friday, March 5, 2004. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2004 taxable or assessed value.

BOARD OF REVIEW
KAREN WOODRUFF,
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MAUREEN RYAN

(2-19/26 & 3-4-04 NR 112797)

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:

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| 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.

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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 St., near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady St. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

EVENING BOOK 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.

MARCH IS READING MONTH: Kids, preschool age through those in sixth grade, get hooked on books during March is Reading Month. Beginning March 21, pick up your "Get Hooked on Books" Reading Log at the Information Desk. When your reading log is full, you've earned the prize of a paperback book. This activity takes place throughout the month of March.

SPRING TOT STORYTIME: The TOT storytime is specially designed for 2 and 3 year olds with a parent or caregiver, and runs for six weeks. The half-hour sessions are structured to help this age group gain the most from this fun and important library experience. For this reason, please bring only age

appropriate children who are registered for the weekly programs. Please choose from one of the following four sessions: Mondays at 10:15 a.m., from March 29 through May 3; Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. or at 11:30 a.m., from March 31 through May 5; or Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. from April 1 through May 6. Registration begins March 10, and can be done in person or by calling the library at (248) 349-3020 starting at 10 a.m.

SPRING KIDS CLUB FOR 1ST AND 2ND GRADERS: First and second graders are invited to join this fun six-week series of 45 minute after-school programs featuring stories and fun activities. Sorry, additional siblings and non-registered children may not attend. The program includes 20 children and is held in the library's meeting room. The Spring session will be on Thursdays at 4:15 p.m. from April 1 through May 6. Register beginning March 11 in person or by calling (248) 349-3020.

DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE BOOK SALE: The Friends of the Northville District Library will be holding their Spring Used Book Sale on March 12 through March 14.

They will be holding a special drop-off day on March 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations of books (in good condition), videos, CDs, games and audiotapes are welcome. All proceeds from the sale of used books are used to benefit the library.

MILL RACE MATTERS

The Mill Race Quarterly, a Northville Historical Society will be mailed soon, if you have not yet joined or renewed your membership with the Historical Society, please contact the office at (248) 348-1845 or stop in any week day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to make sure you receive your copy in the mail.

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| 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 |
| Feb. 27 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6 p.m.-7 p.m. | Archives Open to the Public Rehearsal | Cady Inn Church |
| Feb. 28 | 4 p.m.-6 p.m. | Wedding | Church |
| Feb. 29 | 10 a.m.-noon 1 p.m.-4 p.m. | Mill Creek Community Church King's 8th | Church Cady Inn |
| Mar. 2 | 9 a.m.-noon 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. | Stone Gang Country Garden Club | Buildings & Grounds Cady Inn |
| Mar. 3 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 3:45 p.m.-5 & 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m. 7 p.m.-9 p.m. | Mill Race Basket Guild Brownie Scout Meeting Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service | Cady Inn Cady Inn Church |
| Mar. 4 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.-10 p.m. | Archives Open to the Public Brownie Scout Meeting Mill Race Questers | Cady Inn Cady Inn Cady Inn |

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT OLD VILLAGE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Notice is hereby given that the Northville Parks and Recreation will accept sealed bids until, **Tuesday, March 16, 2004 10:30 a.m. local time**, at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, at which time all bids received shall be publicly opened and read aloud for:

Old Village School Playground Equipment

Specifications, bid documents and proposal forms may be obtained from the Northville Parks and Recreation Department by calling (248) 449-9941.

The City of Northville reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities in the best interest of the project

TRACI SINCOCK,
DIRECTOR
NORTHVILLE PARKS
AND RECREATION

(2-26-04 NR 114753)

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INVITATION FOR BIDS SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The City of Northville, Michigan is soliciting sealed bids up to 2:00 P.M. Local Time, Wednesday, March 17, 2004, for a small Sidewalk and Curb Replacement Project. This project seeks a contractor to provide all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to perform quality concrete sidewalk replacement along W. Main Street inside the City of Northville. This project includes approximately 850 square feet of concrete sidewalk removal and replacement, along with 150 lineal feet of concrete curb and gutter.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do. A bid document may be examined at the City Clerk's Office at 215 West Main Street, and can be obtained from the Department of Public Works by calling (248) 449-9930.

All bids must be completed on the Bid and Award page found in the contract documents and submitted in its entirety, in a properly identified and sealed envelope to the City Clerk's office at the above address bearing the inscription:

"Bid for Sidewalk & Curb Replacement Project"

Each bid must be accompanied by an acceptable bid security in the form of a certified check, cashiers check or standard form bid bond made payable to the City of Northville in the amount of not less than five percent of the base bid submitted.

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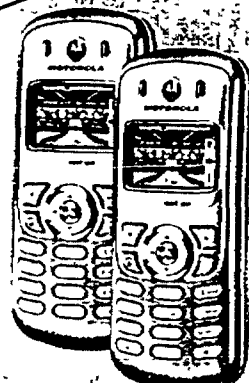
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One of the ways Blue Cross is helping our members save out-of-pocket expenses is by urging everyone to get the facts about generic drugs. The FDA requires generic drugs to meet the same standards for strength, purity and quality, and to contain the same active ingredients as the brand-name drugs.

Which means that generics give you the same therapeutic effects—for less. Last year, Blues members saved more than \$4 million in out-of-pocket costs due to lower copays for generics. There are times when a generic equivalent is not available. But choosing a generic when possible can help hold down rising health care costs—and can add up to extra money in your pocket. To learn more about what generics can do for you, visit our web site at www.theunadvertisedbrand.com.



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Friendly advice on staying healthy.

Look for Ernie’s new column on healthier living each week in this newspaper.

For easy-to-follow advice on staying healthy, look for “Take It From Ernie.” It’s a new column sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan with words of wisdom from Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

Each week, Ernie will highlight simple steps we can all take to improve our health and our quality of life. You’ll find entertaining information on the benefits of walking, the value of using less expensive generic drugs and simple ways to stay healthy and fit. And nobody’s a better example than Ernie himself, Blue Cross Blue Shield’s Health and Fitness Advocate, who makes healthy choices and exercises every day at 86 years of age.

So read “Take It From Ernie,” and as Ernie says, “Take care of your health before it’s lonngggg gone.”

The truth about regular physical activity – at any age.

By Ernie Harwell



While it’s not uncommon for some adults to think they’re either too old or too frail to exercise, nothing could be further from the truth. Regular physical activity brings health benefits and greater well-being at any age.

Regular physical activity helps improve muscle strength, stamina, balance, joint mobility, flexibility, agility, overall physical coordination, metabolism, blood pressure, weight control, even the treatment and prevention of heart disease. It also helps slow bone loss and lowers the risk of developing adult onset diabetes. It even improves your mood.

Of course, I recommend three simple rules for regular physical activity in life’s later innings: Have a physician on your team, take a lot of intentional walks and remember that, as Yogi Berra is fond of saying, “It ain’t over ‘til it’s over.”

And please remember to take care of your health before it’s lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, “the voice of the Detroit Tigers” for more than four decades, retired after 54 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie’s days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with “Miss Lulu,” his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled “Life After Baseball,” is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.



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Aiden Thomas Osbourne

Dr. Joseph and Andrea Osbourne of Northville announce the birth of their son, Aiden Thomas Osbourne at Providence Hospital, Southfield on Jan. 23. He weighed 9 pounds and was 20 inches in length. Aiden is the grandson of Dana and Rita Thomas of Amherst, Ohio and Pat and Leona Osbourne of Merrill, Michigan. He is the great-grandson of Naomi Thomas of Columbus, Ohio.

Demmer wins car dealer award; recognized by peers in Vegas

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Northville resident Bill Demmer is definitely a known entity when it comes to local auto dealers.

With his heavy involvement in the North American International Auto Show and the Detroit Auto Dealers Association over the years, his reputation precedes him.

Recently, Demmer received national attention by becoming one of only 63 nominees from a pool of nearly 20,000 new car dealers nationwide to win the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award.

He received the attractive acrylic award at the recent National Auto Dealers Association Convention earlier this month in Las Vegas.

One of the most important awards an auto dealer can receive, it recognizes the "best of the best" among dealers and has been presented for 35 years.

Demmer and his wife, Shirley, have lived in Northville since 1979. Their daughter, Jackie, is a junior at Northville High School. Their youngest son, Mark, attends Michigan State University. Their oldest son, Matt, graduated from MSU last year and joined the family as a sales consultant.

Jack Demmer, Bill's father and



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Auto dealer Bill Demmer of Northville shows off the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award he received earlier this month at the National Auto Dealers Association Convention in Las Vegas.

founder of the company, though retired, is still involved in the family business. Jim Demmer, Bill's brother, serves as vice president.

Bill is president of the Jack Demmer Automotive Group, which includes Jack Demmer Ford and Jack Demmer Leasing in Wayne and Jack Demmer Lincoln Mercury in Dearborn.

Bill served as chairman of the 2003 North American International Auto Show and is a former president of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association. He noted that the auto show's 2003 Black Tie Charity Preview raised \$6,125,000 for 11 charities. He considers this as one of his most important civic accomplishments.

The Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award is displayed at the Ford dealership in Wayne.

"I was quite surprised and honored when I learned that I'd received the award," Demmer said. "This is a first for me."

Demmer said he knew as a boy that he wanted to join his father's company.

"I've been around the dealerships since I was 14. I kind of knew right off the bat that's what I wanted to do. I really like the business, even though these days it's taking a few twists and turns," he said.

"We remodeled the Wayne Ford store last year in June. We're looking to do some expansion and renovation at the Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Dearborn next year."

Demmer is currently the third vice president of the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association and is a board member and director of the Community Bank of Dearborn.

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Footloose

Watch out Kevin Bacon — there's a new Ren McCormick in town and it's time to cut Footloose in Northville.

More than 60 students are combining efforts for the 2004 Northville High School spring musical production "Footloose," taking place 7 p.m. March 4-6 in the auditorium.

"The plot is exactly the same [as the movie] except for it is adapted for the stage," said director Karin Pearson.

Stage adaptations include melodic scenes by the cast accompanied by a rock-and-roll band in the orchestra pit.

Casting for the musical took place before Christmas break and features Michael Howell as Ren McCormick, Carmen Gillespie as Ariel Moore, and Geoff Calkins as the Rev. Shaw Moore.

Pearson said attendees will get a great kick out of the play.

"They'll enjoy hearing the 80s music again and a lot of the decade's nuances," she said.

Items like leg warmers, side pony tails and off-the-shoulder sweatshirts will reappear along with the energizing and talented cast.

"It's a great new show," Pearson said. "A lot of people say it will be the next 'Grease.'"

Tickets are available now and cost \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults.

Persons interested in attending Footloose may purchase tickets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the Northville High School box office or by phone at (248) 344-8420.

Tickets purchased by phone will be placed at will call.

Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile Road, west of Sheldon Road.

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Jenny Dillard, center, and other cast members rehearse a scene from Northville's "Footloose" musical.



Ren (Mike Howell), right, dances with Urleen (Laura VanValkenburg) during a rehearsal for Northville's upcoming production of "Footloose".



Rehearsing a scene from Northville High's production of "Footloose" are (from left, front row) Laura VanValkenburg, Jenny Dillard, Kristen Knisley, and Allison Hedke.

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Grant paves way for anti-smoking campaign

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Today, nearly 6,000 children started smoking.

According to statistics released by the American Lung Association in November 2003, 2,000 of those — all younger than 18 — will become regular smokers.

Further data provided by Ilana Tabak, spokeswoman for the association, shows the number of high school student smokers is more than double of those in middle school.

The solution at Meads Mill Middle School is combating the epidemic before it begins, an effort made possible by a \$1,500 tobacco grant through the Northville Community Foundation.

"We're getting them before it's a habit," said Sue Meyer, principal of Meads Mill Middle School. "This helps them make better choices."

Operating within grant restrictions, an anti-smoking program themed "The Impact of Smoking" was originated by English language arts teacher and team leader Shirley Klokenga for the school's eighth-grade student body.

Activities included a video showing the effects of smoking, a poster design contest and guest speaker.

The guest speaker, Al Oshinsky, made a dramatic guest appearance showing in person the damage caused by second-hand smoke.

Speaking through an artificial electronic larynx, Oshinsky discussed both his battles with cancer as a non-smoker in a smokers world.

Oshinsky taught student Marisa Woloszyn, if your parents smoke, you can have just as many health problems.

"He had a hole in his heart," Woloszyn said. "His voice sounded kind of robotic, but he said not to feel bad for him."

Near the end of the week, students were given one-hour to create a poster indicating their insights into smoking.

Poster content and winners fell into the four categories of English language arts, science, math and social studies.

A portion of the grant money is earmarked for nominal Blockbuster Video gift cards for the winning students and each winner already received an official certificate.

Klokenga, who also wrote the

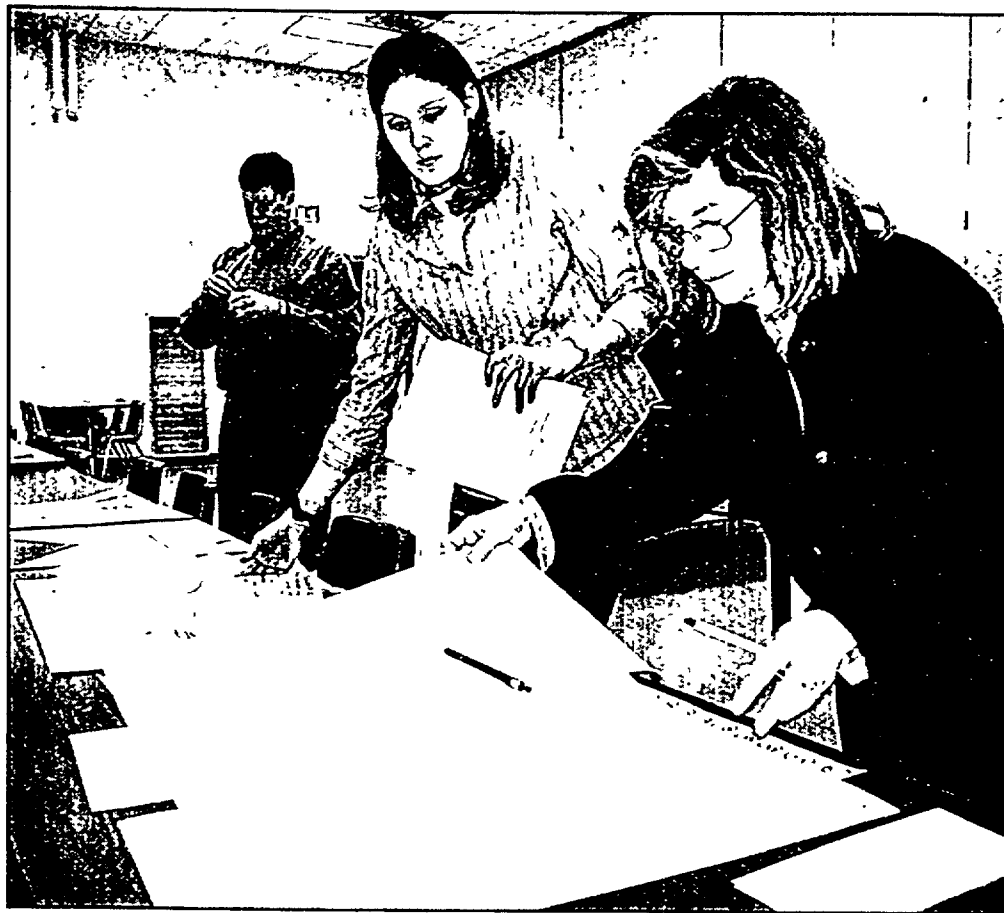


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Meads Mill Middle School teachers James Chabot, Kristy Bilbie, and Shirley Klokenga team up Thursday afternoon to judge a raft of anti-smoking posters created by their students.

tobacco grant application, hopes some posters will relocate to the sixth-grade wing of the middle school while others will be placed in fifth-grade areas of Northville's elementary schools.

A substantial portion of the grant money is also going toward the goal of creating a human anatomy health lab consisting of equipment demonstrating the effects of smoking on human beings.

The plan is each year one piece of equipment will be purchased.

In prior years, the students took a field trip to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital's health lab, but due to bus- ing cuts, the visit was canceled so the idea is to recreate the area inside the school.

"What we're looking for next year is a little more interaction, possibly make it hands-on," said science

teacher Todd Gudith. "If we can expand it that is our goal."

Despite future plans for upgrading the initiative, instructors involved with the project agree this year's program exceeded their expectations in the student impact area.

"I didn't know smoking could cause foot problems," said student Alex Kaszuba. "It affects more than just your lungs — it affects your entire body."

Students also learned the power of just saying no.

Student Mazen Mourad knows what he would do if placed in a compromising position.

"I'd tell them smoking is bad and to take it outside," he said.

Student Beth Nichols wonders why any of her peers would start smoking just because someone else

was having a cigarette.

"Peer pressure isn't strong enough to ruin your life," she said.

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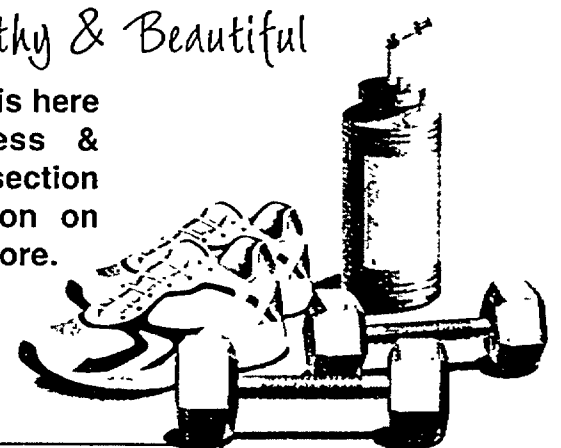

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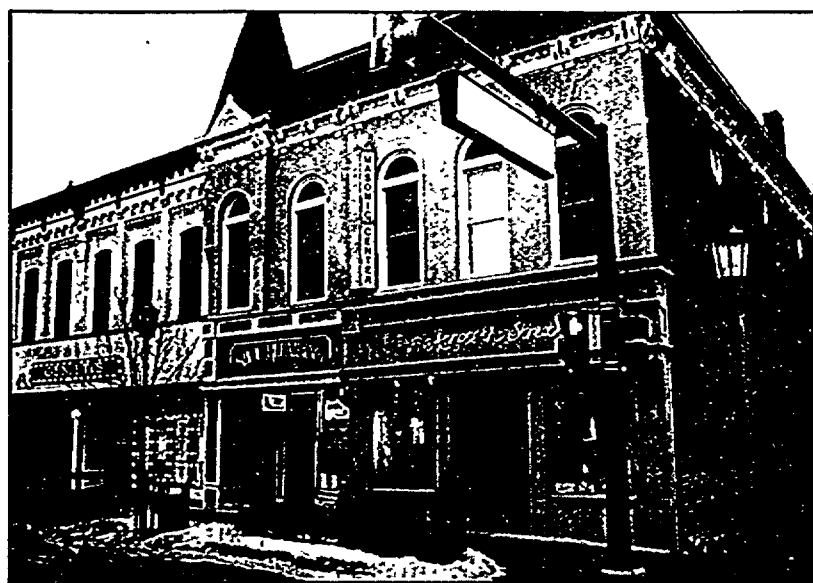
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Just how much has this southeast corner of Main and Center changed from this circa 1946 photo? Styles of passing autos aside, it's interesting to match up architectural details. Looked up lately? The round windows on the west side of the building still are there; billboards are not. The peak still rises above the roofline. Gunsell Drug Store is

replaced by Across The Street, with the landmark Cobbler's Corner just to the east in the more narrow store front. Match the masonry detail and window count with the adjacent buildings - you will find Genitti's stretches past Ellis Electronics into the building now missing its peak.

POLICE REPORTS

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORTS

NIGHT IN: It doesn't matter whether or not a 14-year-old Novi resident was collecting goods for an illegal night out because she ended up at the Northville Township Police Department, anyway. Meijer loss prevention detectives called police at about 9 p.m. Feb. 21 reporting a shoplifter in custody. The detectives told officers they watched the girl enter the liquor aisle and grab a bottle of Apple Pucker and Smirnoff vodka. According to the report, she then selected a Strawberry Shortcake shirt, lip gloss, eyeliner and a Red Bull energy drink before stuffing everything into a large purse. The 14-year-old allegedly walked out the store's doors without paying before being apprehended. Township police officers arrested the girl and called her mother.

NO TUNES: A young man living in Northville Township lost his music after an unknown person broke into his car, stealing stereo equipment and compact discs. The township police department was notified of the alleged theft at about 10:30 a.m. Feb. 20. The 18-year-old male living in the 17000 block of Rolling Woods Circle, told police someone entered his car and stole the stereo face plate and four com-

pet discs. The resident said his vehicle was locked. According to the report, also stolen was a laser radar detector. The man said he was not sure who is responsible.

SILENT CALLER: A Northville Township woman notified police last week of a suspected prank phone caller contacting her home. The 36-year-old female told officers on Feb. 19 at about 9 a.m. someone was calling her house and "not saying anything." According to the police report, the woman said the quiet caller had been calling for the last month and she had already received 10 calls that day. She tried to identify the caller with caller identification, but the number kept coming up as private. Township officers advised her to contact her telephone provider and then have the representative contact the police

department for further information.

SLOW GOING: Driving below the speed limit landed a Redford woman in jail last week, tipping police off to a more serious offense. A Northville Township police officer was monitoring traffic in the area of Seven Mile and Silver Springs roads at about 1:15 a.m. Feb. 18 when he noticed a Dodge Intrepid go by traveling in the far right of the lane at about 28 mph in a 40 mph zone. As the vehicle entered into a 45 mph zone, it accelerated to about 40 mph before being stopped by the officer. Police said the 55-year-old female behind the wheel was very slow while looking for her driver information and spoke with slowed, slurred speech. During field sobriety tasks, the woman was asked to recite the alphabet. According to the report, she tried

several times, but couldn't make it past "R" and finally said, "OK, I'm stuck." The woman's blood alcohol level tested at 0.103 and she was arrested by police. In Michigan, drivers may be prosecuted for drinking and driving if they have blood alcohol content levels of .08 or greater. This was the Redford woman's second offense for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

BOLD MOVE: A 37-year-old Dearborn Heights male landed himself inside the Northville Township Police Department, after township officers were called to Meijer at about 5 p.m. Feb. 14 for a shoplifting attempt gone bad. Meijer loss prevention officers told police they watched the suspect load a RCA home theater system and a JVC DVD/VHS system into his car. The man then allegedly pushed the cart

right out the door. The equipment was valued at about \$350. According to the report, when the man was approached in the parking lot, he attempted to flee and a struggle broke out between the Dearborn Heights man and the Meijer loss prevention detective. Police said a witness at the scene recalled the man eventually fell to the ground

and kicked the female Meijer employee in the chest before being detained. Both reported injuries to police. The man said his shoulder area was injured and the female said she injured her finger and had a small cut on her knee. The man was arrested by police.

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"Each of the sports, lacrosse, bowling, equestrian, figure skating, and two hockeys - club boys and club girls, have some fees attached," said Robert Watson, Northville High School assistant principal and head of club sports. "For example with hockey there is ice time, coaches and referees. For lacrosse there is uniforms, referees, coaches and things like that."

Boys varsity and junior varsity club lacrosse costs \$300, girls varsity club hockey costs \$750 and boys and girls bowling costs between \$2 and \$2.50 per game at matches.

Most of the club sports receive minimal dollars from the high school's student activities fund and other more substantial dollars from fundraising.

"Athletics is only allowed to fund so many sports. They only have so much in their budget, so if we add sports, we have to add money to the budget," Watson said. "There is no budget to add to athletics, we can't add more money, so what we do is create these sports under the club heading where they can participate, but they do have to pay to play."

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What some may not know is Northville Public Schools already charges students to play varsity sports sanctioned by the Michigan High School Athletic Association sports.

"In the district, the school board instituted a pay-to-participate fee this year. It is \$50 for the year so [students] can play as many sports as they want, but they have to pay \$50 if they are going to play on a team," said Brian Masi, Northville High School athletic director. "The cost is a lot less than most districts who institute pay-to-participate."

The athletic director said the fee includes equipment, although many students prefer to purchase their own gear or apparel.

"I think [pay-to-participate] has been pretty fair to us because it is not an exorbitant amount. I know other districts have charged a lot more and we may in the future if our budget continues to be hit," Masi said. "But we haven't had many complaints. I think people think it is pretty fair."

Walled Lake Consolidated School District also voted in favor of charging a fee for MHSAA sports.

"It was instituted this year, this is the first year we have ever had it," said Walled Lake Consolidated Schools athletic

director David Yarbrough. "It is for the high school only — grades 9-12 — and the fee is \$100 and that is for the year. They can play one sport or three sports and still pay the \$100."

Salem High School athletic director Tom Willette said charging students for MHSAA sports was Plymouth-Canton School District's only answer.

"We were asked to cut \$200,000 out of our athletic budget from the three schools and that is the way we made up the money. If we wouldn't have charged that, we would have had to make the cuts somewhere else in regards to potentially not buying equipment, or maybe we would have had to cut down on the number of games we play," Willette said.

Other districts like Novi have not instituted a pay-to-participate program at the high-school level, but do not rule the option out.

"We haven't discussed it formally, but there is no question like every other school district in Michigan we are going to be looking for different revenue streams, and I'm sure that will come up, but it has not come up yet," said Curt Ellis, Novi High School Athletic Director.

Northville Public Schools administrators do not currently have a proposed play-to-participate rate increase on the table.

Members of the Northville

School board approved a framework of possible reductions and revenue sources in direct relation to recent rounds of state foundation cuts during the Feb. 10 school board meeting, not including school program deletions or teacher layoffs.

The framework includes reductions from the \$500,000 Durant fund, 2003-04 balance, federal grants, substitute teacher costs, health insurance, utilities and conference fees.

Revenue sources include taking from the early childhood fund balance, selling a portion of the Garfield and Eight Mile roads property, allocation of county special education revenue and citizen contributions to an educational foundation.

Other possible areas of reductions discussed include technology, textbooks, supplies at all levels, cell phones and position freezes.

John Street, Northville Schools director of business and finance, estimates total student state foundation cuts for the current year at \$449,106.

Street said further budget amendments will be presented in the future as necessary.

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

PARKS & RECREATION BRIEFS

POM & CHEER: This fun clinic will promote fitness, dance routines, stretching, jumps and cheers. Poms available for purchase for \$10 or bring your own. For grades 1st-8th. Monday, March 1st-5th. Preregister at Parks & Recreation. For more info call (248) 349-0203

KID'S NIGHT OUT: February 27 & April 30, 2004, 6:00-9:00pm (March 26 date has been cancelled) Attention parents, spend an evening out while your kid's enjoy swimming, movies

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Holocaust survivor continues to tell his story

By Stephanie Rutherford
STAFF WRITER

At 20 years old, Marion Szczepanski was fit and quick. When the Germans came to take him, he should have been able to climb to the roof and jump across the buildings, like he had planned.

It was his kindness that kept him from escaping Auschwitz.

"My friend was with me and I helped him out to the roof first. I didn't have time to save myself. They came too quick," Szczepanski said. "They found me hiding in a cupboard and beat me. They took me to the death camp."

Szczepanski's words ring out as clear as a gun shot in the silent auditorium. He is reciting a story - one he has told many times - to students in a history class at South Lyon High School.

Though the 83-year-old Northville resident has visited many students over the last 50 years, his pain has not faded. As a Polish citizen, Szczepanski was one of the first groups to be taken by the Germans to die at Auschwitz in 1940.

Except he lived. And now he makes it his purpose in life to share his story with others.

South Lyon High School history teacher Mike King was intrigued by Szczepanski's story and brought him to speak to students.

"He has an amazing story and is an incredible speaker," King said. "It's an important lesson to share with students."

Szczepanski's story begins in a packed cattle car. He was a bright and well-educated young man who had served in the Polish military. To the Germans, he was among hundreds of faces being shipped like livestock to the infamous death camp.

"Auschwitz was hell. I could take 24 hours to describe the torture we endured," he told the students. "We were starved, beaten, attacked by dogs and forced to work 13 hour days for the Germans. We worked through two of the coldest winters of the century with barely any clothes."

Szczepanski told the shocked auditorium that we survived by finding ways to sneak extra

food, wrapping himself in old potato sacks to stay warm and even stealing clothes and shoes from dead prisoners.

Most important to his survival, he said, was the desire to escape and avenge what was done to his people.

"I saw my mother beaten in the street by soldiers. I saw my people killed," Szczepanski said. "I made a vow that I would make it through alive to stop the Germans from hurting and killing more people."

Szczepanski made it through, though he was weak and nearly starved to death. In 1942 he was released, for reasons still unknown to him, by the head of Auschwitz, Rudolf Hoess.

"He pointed to the smoke rising from the crematorium and told me that if I left and fought against the Germans, he would find me and my bones would be a part of that ash," Szczepanski said. "I left and immediately joined the Polish underground army to fight. I had no fear left in me anymore."

He returned to Warsaw to continue his education and also participated in the highly dangerous underground army.

In 1944, Szczepanski fought in the Warsaw Uprising, which he described as 63 days of continuous fighting against German SS troops. He was taken as a prisoner of war, which he described as "paradise" compared to Auschwitz, despite beatings.

In April, 1945 he was liberated by United States troops and aided the U.S. in fighting during the end of World War II. There he learned English and in 1946 moved to London to earn his degree in mechanical engineering and metallurgy. He married, had a son and came to America in 1957.

"You young people take for granted what a great country the USA is," he told the students. "You have so much freedom and there is peace. Don't take your freedoms for granted and don't take life for granted."

Szczepanski created his success in America by founding the successful Detroit Die & Steel Company and publishing a well-known science book on metals, "The Brittleness of Steel." He has lived in



photo by STEPHANIE RUTHERFORD
Northville resident Marion Szczepanski continues to tell of his experiences in Auschwitz during World War II.

Northville for 43 years.

Still, despite his professional success, he said his greatest accomplishment is speaking to students about the Holocaust and Auschwitz.

"I will keep telling my story and educating people about the atrocities of war until I cannot speak," Szczepanski said. "I will share my story until I am dead."

Stephanie Rutherford is a reporter for the South Lyon Herald. She can be reached at (248) 437-2011 or srutherford@ht.homecomm.net.

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- \$34,000 Public Services**
These funds will be used for on-going Senior Citizen programs, such as, but not limited to; bus services, tele-care, newsletter and program coordinator.
- \$11,000 Comprehensive Planning**
The 2001 Comprehensive Planning issues to be addressed are sub-area master plans for parks, ordinance revision and other planning issues
- \$40,000 American with Disabilities Act Requirements**
for the Renovation of Police Headquarters
The renovation to the current township hall as a police headquarters will require compliance with ADA. A lift for use by disabled residents will be purchased with these funds.
- \$11,300 Handicap Accessible Equipments** as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act for the renovated Senior Center
Certain equipment to assist seniors and handicapped residents at the Senior Center will be purchased with these funds.
- \$12,000 Administration**
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• THIS WEEK •

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DATE: Ongoing
LOCATION: Northville Senior Center (215 W. Cady)
TIME: Variable
DETAILS: Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to check on their well-being or just to hear a friendly voice. Participants must give their approval before signing up for the free-of-charge program.
PHONE: (248) 349-4140

Northville Parks & Recreation
youth basketball league sign-up
DATE: Ongoing through March 12
LOCATION: Northville Recreation Center at Hillside (775 N. Center Street)
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: Leagues will be divided for boys in grades 8-9 and 10-12, and for girls in grades 9-12. Each league will run an eight-game schedule running March 30 through May 27. Costs range from \$100 to \$110 per player. A \$10 late fee will be assessed for registration after March 12.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405

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 Mulenbein will be speaking on residential restorations.
PHONE: (248) 347-4922

• COMING UP •

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

Religious study for singles — "Perplexity & Passion of Relationships"
DATE: March 4, 11, 18
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: J. Harold Ellens will facilitate the discussion. Registration is required.
PHONE: (248) 349-0911.

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.
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ON CAMPUS

Northville resident Surce Kang was granted the Matthew Rex Kimball Memorial Scholarship from Northwood University for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Northville resident Elizabeth Baiocchi was named to the dean's list at Harding University (Searcy, Ark.) for the fall 2003 semester.

Northville resident Aimee Anthony was named to the dean's list at Marquette University (Milwaukee) for December 2003.

Northville residents Eryn Duffield, Kristin Kirk, Christopher Kuneman, Nicole Probst, Megan Roney and Lynn Szynal were named to the dean's list

at Grand Valley State University for the fall 2003 semester.

Northville resident Carolyn Dobson was named to the dean's list at Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tenn.) for the fall 2003 semester.

Northville resident Joseph Heathcock was named to the dean's list at Wittenberg University (Springfield, Ohio) for the fall 2003 semester.

Northville resident Andrew Stahl was named to the dean's list at the University of Dayton for the fall 2003 semester.

Northville residents Kavon Roshanger, Nicholas Schoendorf

and Ian Shook were named the academic honors list at Ferris State University for the fall 2003 semester.

The following Northville residents were named the dean's list at Western Michigan University for the fall 2003 semester: Daniel Arnold, Claire Bacigal, Danielle Barkoski, Andrew Basse, Julia Bozyk, Jonathon Campion, Lindsey Carlson, Brandon Ferriman, Andrew Fielhauer,

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There really are no excuses for adults who fail to do all they can when it comes to early child reading. The Huron Valley is wealthy with public libraries

which boast impressive and varied collections. Today children's books of all kinds are available to local residents at no cost.

There are big books, small books; colorful books, puzzle-filled books. There are books with pictures, even books that talk. But what are they all for, if adults merely balk?

Reading is steeped in self-esteem that can be carried over into daily life.

Every reader must start somewhere. Some start here. Some start there. Be that starting point. Help someone read today.

Reading is steeped in self-esteem that can be carried over into daily life. Those who make the path easier — for children, adults with learning disabilities or for those who are learning English as a second language — should be lauded.

Make someone's path clearer today, make a future brighter. Read to someone. Help them discover something new.

Communities are built one person at a time, from fence line to fence post, by neighbors who reach out and give back. March is Reading Month. Reach out. And spread the word.



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Northville Township firefighters Hugh Jordan, left, and Phil Sutherland brought their version of "firehouse cooking" to the Friday afternoon meeting of the Northville Women's Club at the First Presbyterian Church. While dispensing tales of their roles as firemen, Jordan and Sutherland also talked about the challenges of feeding a fire station of hungry people and prepared their culinary masterpieces of turkey sausage casserole and stuffed green bell peppers.

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There's something Grinch-like in this story

After reading my fellow parishioner Chris Steffes letter from Feb. 19, I could hardly avoid seeing and hearing that all-too familiar phrase from the Christmas Classic "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" — "All the noise, noise, noise!" Seuss quickly shows the laughter and playing of the Whoville children.

It's hard not to compare this to the neighbors surrounding Our Lady of Victory feeling the same way about our children on the playground. I can see his twisted green face — one that has made me laugh for so many years. Unfortunately, I hardly think I would laugh at this sad story, even if Dr. Seuss had written it. I'm almost positive he wouldn't have I'm certain that his love for children was abundant. The comments made at the last [city of Northville] Planning Commission meeting regarding the children's laughter were incomprehensible. Even the Grinch, fictional as he was, learned that loving these sounds made his heart grow 10 times larger. I can think of nothing much sadder than human beings up in arms against each other, even though I am aware that it is a true reality of life. That much I am not ignorant of. What I am ignorant of, is understanding the minds and hearts of the neighbors surrounding Our Lady of Victory who have gone to such lengths to attempt to end such a wonderful "asset" to their neighborhood. The adults and children of OLV from infants to the elderly are our neighborhood, too.

We are the people who stand with you in the lines at Hiller's Market and the post office. We walk the downtown streets with you during the parades and holidays. We are the people you smile at, the people who hold the door for you when needed. We are the very same people who shared your sorrow, and held you hand in prayer in the center of Main and Center streets on Sept. 14, 2001. Your very neighbor, Chris Steffes, also from OLV, went to Iraq last spring, leaving his wife and two young sons. He went to defend your country with love and pride, only to return to our very own Northville, to find his children and wife fighting his neighbors for a Catholic school, that his children already have the right to have.

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Why wouldn't Dr. Seuss write this book? It's simple. The whole story makes no sense, and it truly isn't funny at all. I, along with 3,000 other families at Our Lady of Victory hope that the planning commission does the right thing and allows the future of OLV children to continue.

Denise Brown
Northville

Abortion issue raises questions of privacy

The war on terrorism by the Justice Department seems to be slipping into reverse gear, threatening to terrorize U.S. citizens by scrutiny of their very private reproductive matters. U.S. Attorney General Ashcroft has issued subpoenas of confidential medical records pertaining to so-called partial birth abortions from at least five hospitals, including the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology of the University of Michigan Hospital. Forty patients at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago were temporarily spared this intrusion into their privacy by U.S. Chief District Judge Charles Kocoras, citing Illinois medical privacy law. Whether patients in other states with different laws will be protected remains to be seen. But the compassionate conservative message to unwillingly pregnant women is clear: the Ashcroft men may get your name and medical details of your reproductive history if you have a certain safe abortion, so if you value your privacy, do it yourself and risk dying for "Pro Life."

My recollection is that, many years ago when I was an Ob/Gyn professor and abortion was still illegal, one hospital in Detroit, Hutzel, had about eight deaths per year of women coming in after unsafe abortions. Now the death rate after safe abortion is close to zero, not for just one hospital but for the whole country. Accordingly, experience suggests that impediments to safe abortion, including federal invasion of medical privacy, are not good public policy.

Bent G. Boving
Northville

Abortion letter didn't follow logical sequence

Mr. Bent J. Boving of Northville recently wrote that we are "objects of trickery" by use the term "partial birth abortion" and "late term abortion."

So let's turn to an expert regarding abortion, an individual who has performed over 75,000 abortions and one of the founders of National Association for the Repeal of the Abortion Laws, recently renamed Pro-Choice America, Dr. Bernard Nathanson.

He says "A favourite pro-abortion tactic is to insist that the definition of when life begins is impossible; that the question is a theological or moral or philosophical one, anything but a scientific one. Foetology makes it undeniably evident that life begins at conception and requires all the protection and safeguard that any of us enjoy."

He states "As a scientist I know — not believe, know — that human life begins at conception."

He further states, "It is clear that permissive abortion is purposeful destruction of what is undeniably human life."

Dr. Nathanson has revealed that the promoters of abortion fabricated the results of fictional polls, fabricating the number of illegal abortions, and fabricated the number of women dying from illegal abortions — 200 to 250 annually as opposed to the figure of 10,000 fed to the media.

Dr. Nathanson says one tactic used and by Mr. Boving is vilify the Catholic Church. Dr. Nathanson states "We fed the media such lies as 'we all know that opposition to abortion comes from the hierarchy.'"

And Mr. Boving is upset that people use the common term "partial birth abortion" as opposed to the medical nomenclature.

Using his logic we should use the term influenza instead of flu, pharyngitis instead of sore throat, otitis media instead of an ear ache, and tendonitis instead of tennis elbow.

Thomas Horrigan
Northville

OTHER OPINIONS

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Thursday, February 26, 2003

Straight from the column file...

Like most folks who write columns for newspapers, I have a file labeled "column ideas." That's where I put noteworthy clips from other newspapers, reports of various size and interest, striking quotes, notes from conversations with news sources, half-finished columns...and God knows what else.

As with most files of this sort, mine tends to bulge and needs periodic pruning.



Phil Power

were recently invited to break bread with Karl Rove, President Bush's master political strategist. Rove's message: The country is divided right down the center.

Something like 45 percent of the voters love Bush, 45 percent hate him and about 10 percent are squeezed in the middle. How come Bush's ratings are dropping? Lots of media attention has been devoted to the Democratic contenders, but the Bush political machine will start to move once it's clear who the opponent will be. The Republican secret weapon: A well-funded,

highly-targeted get-out-the-vote operation aimed at mobilizing every GOP activist and getting every potential Bush supporter to vote.

On the other side, within the past week I've had two friends approach me about politics. Both are distinguished professionals — one's a lawyer, the other a surgeon — in the prime of their careers. Both told me they plan to take a sabbatical this fall to volunteer full-time to work against Bush. This is the first time since the Vietnam War I've seen such passion in national politics. Even though Bush is the incumbent, has tons of money and sits atop the most politically competent White House in memory, the intensity of feeling against him is quite remarkable ... and could be a force this fall.

My own view? I still think the election is Bush's to lose, but I no longer think it'll be a landslide.

Good book: I've just finished Tim Skubick's new book, "Off the Record," published simultaneously late last year by the University of Michigan Press and Petoskey Publishing Co. (418 pages; \$29.95) The longest-serving reporter in the state capitol's press corps, Skubick is the host of the public television show, Off the Record, is a political reporter for WWJ and WJIM radio and writes a syndicated column for various Michigan newspapers.

Over the past 34 years, Skubick has covered four Michigan governors — Bill Milliken, Jim Blanchard, John Engler and Jennifer Granholm — and an amazing slew of legislators, politicians and activists, some classy and some not, who have rotated in and around Lansing. Skubick has seen it all. He writes in a breezy and quick style. He's funny. And he's very well informed. Anybody who has more than a passing

interest in Michigan politics should read it.

Something very odd is going on with the federal guidelines for the No Child Left Behind Act, which is supposed to increase quality and accountability in schools. Turns out that some top-ranked Michigan schools that received National Blue Ribbon awards failed to meet the federal guidelines this year for showing adequate progress in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program.

President Bush himself visited Southfield's Vandenberg Elementary School in 2002, hailing it as a model school that "is not afraid of accountability and as a result is excellent." Vandenberg scored two As and a B on the state report card, but failed according to the federal guidelines because it didn't have a 95-percent MEAP participation rate. And Avondale High School in Auburn Hills and Avondale Middle School in Rochester Hills both

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This Land is your Land...and mine

When you talk to Terri Lynn Land, who just finished her first year as Michigan Secretary of State, you get the distinct impression that she doesn't like her job. She absolutely, positively loves it. "Oh, I'm running again, yeah!" she says with an enthusiastic little laugh. What makes that declaration remarkable is that her next election is not in November, but nearly three years away.



Jack Lessenberry

Fact is, she is a no-nonsense type of woman, and doesn't see any point in being coy. Besides, "I really want to finish this project," she adds.

What she means by that is a complete revamping and updating of Michigan's voting technology. That is happening, thanks largely to nearly \$100 million the state is getting from the federal government under HAVA, the Help American Vote Act passed in the wake of the mess left by the punch-card and butterfly ballot hurricane in Florida.

Republicans are often portrayed as not being eager to spark massive turnouts, especially among reluctant voters, who, if they do show up, are likely to vote Democratic. But though Land is a 45-year-old mom from suburban Grand Rapids, she is something of a technology wonk, and bubbles with enthusiasm as she talks about equipment that makes it possible for the blind to vote in secret.

"There is a lot more that we have to get started on. I encourage everyone to vote," she said. "When people vote, we get the best possible decision."

Her department, which oversees vehicle and driver licensing and elections, is the oldest cabinet post in the state — and the only one that touches the life of virtually every Michigander. Mitten staters can go their whole lives without encountering a governor, or, if they behave themselves, an attorney general. But if you ever want to vote or drive a car, you become one of Terri Land's customers. And she is big on customer service.

"When I was Kent County clerk, I sometimes worked the counter, because people expected that," she said, noting accurately that Grand Rapids has evolved into a big city whose residents still expect small-town service. During her first year in office, she visited every one of the state's 173 branch offices. And yes, she worked the counter in a few.

Traditionally, Michigan politicians have regarded secretary of state as either a stepping stone or a retirement home. From 1955 to 1995, the office had only two inhabitants, one of whom was finally ousted when it was clear his faculties were slipping.

Terri Land may be the first to have wanted the job for its own merits. "After I had been (Kent County) clerk for a year, I saw that if I really wanted to make any changes they would have to be statewide." That was in 1995, just after her fellow Republican Candice Miller had won the job, and so she knew she'd have to bide her time.

Fortunately, she wouldn't have to wait decades. Michigan's constitution had been changed to limit any secretary of state to two four-year terms. Land had a tough battle for her party's nomination in 2002, and when she finally won it, her chances looked bleak. Jennifer Granholm, the Democratic nominee for governor, seemed to be headed for a landslide win. Land's opponent, Detroit lawyer Melvin "Butch" Hollowell, was smart, well-connected and charismatic.

Yet she had a few things going for her, namely money. Her father and husband

have a prosperous development business, and the family put well over \$1 million in her campaign. Land's pleasant blond features gazed at the state from a forest of billboards, and a flurry of TV ads sealed the deal. On Election Day, she won a 57 percent landslide, running far ahead of Granholm, the woman who got all the press attention.

"What was funny in that race was all the people who would come up and tell me they hoped I became governor," she said, breaking out again into her frequent and infectious laugh. Though she is ambitious, she has done something that both suppressed her ego and saved the taxpayers money. She is the first SOS in memory not to have ordered large expensive signs with her name erected in every branch office.

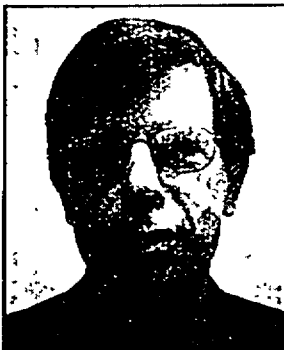
Not that she isn't ambitious. She has been hooked on politics since her hometown hero, Gerald Ford, suddenly became an accidental president and was locked in a tight race with Jimmy Carter in 1976. Still in high school, Terri traveled across the country as a "scatter blitzer" urging people

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GUEST COLUMN

Here's the hot tip o' the week: talk!

When I see a couple in counseling the issue that they say they must work on is communication. As a friend of mine has noted it is ironic that we struggle, in an age when we have made so many communication advances, with cable, cell phone, electronic communication and other technologies that we seem not to understand



Paul Melrose

those with whom we live. Communication is at the heart of relationships; hearing, understanding, and speaking clearly feel to some like lost arts.

As someone has written there are two things that seem to have happened. Our new and advanced technologies of communication do not lead us to talk to each other face to face; they use other means. Even when we have the opportunity to have a

face to face conversation we seem to put something else, like TV, or a rush to the computer to check email, in the way. It is no wonder we have trouble communicating. It is, it seems, a lost art. When we do communicate we seem not to do it very well. Unless one points out the reasons for a couple that communication is not going well people often just feel frustrated and hopeless.

One study done by the New York Times indicates that couple married more than 10 years spend an average of less than 30 minutes a week talking to each other directly. Other descriptions of both couple and parent child relationships also indicate that the subjects of conversations is more about things to be done, deadlines to meet, and topics of conversation that don't necessarily require or need a knowledge or insight into how one thinks or feels. Yet, these last two issues, how one thinks and feels, offer the foundation for troubled relationships and the kind of issues which may bring one to a therapist. Because if one does not know how you think and feel, and you do not have a chance to talk about that with your loved one, you will not feel understood. To not feel understood is often the breakdown of communication, which can lead to a troubled relationship.

Try these ideas: Make and take time to talk to your partner and other loved one about how you feel, think, even what is important to you and why. This has nothing to do with male or female styles of communication in the sense that both men and women want and need to be understood. Speak from yourself, i.e., identify how you feel and think, using "I" statements. Look at the other person and show them your interest in what they have to say. Don't be critical and blame; don't use hurtful or wounding language. When you describe your own feelings take responsibility for them. If these don't work look for a good book on

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Salem resident hits century mark

By Stephanie Rutherford
STAFF WRITER

Gerda Gearhart can sum up 100 years of living into one simple word.

"Blessed," is the word she answers when asked how she feels to have lived an entire century.

The Salem resident celebrated her 100th birthday on Feb. 21 among a handful of family and friends at the Salem Home, a private adult care facility.

Gerda wore a fancy purple dress and looked impeccable, like she always has, according to her great-niece Judy Burns.

"She has always been every bit the lady," Burns said. "She has always loved fancy things and dressed in pressed cotton dresses and heels and her hair in a bun. Everything about her has always been so elegant."

Gearhart was born in 1904 to German parents in Mexico. Her family ran a successful publishing company in Germany and Gearhart grew up with a taste for the finer things in life.

As a young woman she competed in tennis and gymnastics, attended classical music and opera concerts and studied English and French.

Her family lost much of their fortune and belongings during the Russian occupation of Germany in World War II.

Gearhart had a tragedy of her own. Her only true love was lost in the war.

In 1947, Gearhart boarded a boat to the United States to start a new life.

"She went from leading a privileged life to finding work cleaning houses," Burns said. "But she said she enjoyed the work, that it kept her active. She loved the United States."

Gearhart never married or had children, but kept busy by being a devoted aunt to her brother Roland's children and traveling. She lived on her own in Rochester Hills until 1998.

She said she loves living in her home in Salem, under the care of Anne Sheard, Alice Wade, Denise Tomavick and Janet



photo by HAL GOULD

Salem resident Gerda Gearhart says living to age 100 is a 'blessed' event.

Zimmer. She counts fellow residents 89-year-old Orlo Brown and Edith Liebart, 92, as good friends.

Though she has lived 100 years, she still has good health and a youthful zeal about her. The first time she ever visited a doctor was at age 84.

"I knew she would live a long life because of how young she has always seemed," Burns said.

"At age 80 she would go on vacation to the lake with the family and go running up and down the shore. She amazes me."

Gearhart has a few tips for staying young. She still perks up with a good cup of hot coffee and likes to laugh. Her favorite television show is "The Late Show with David Letterman." She said that watching his antics "rejuvenates her."

"She inspires us all," Burns said. "It's all about her attitude. She is young at heart."

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Decision on church may come Wednesday

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Thayer streets.

After comments went past 11:30 p.m. Feb. 3, Wendt recessed the meeting by inviting the final audience members who did not yet speak to sign up for the chance Tuesday. The only exceptions for additional comment would be for Donald Wortman of the city's planning consultant Carlisle/Wortman, or Ron Cieslak, architect for the applicant, he said. "I have not heard from any party that they have anything to add," Wendt said.

The chairman said his plan next week is to hear the final dozen folks, then proceed to deliberation among the commissioners. "We'll discuss it until someone makes a motion."

Wendt has stressed at each hearing the commission's interest in facts, rather than emotion. The plan the congregation submitted to the city calls for an approximate \$12 million, two-story school and gym on an approximate 3.5-acre parcel, scheduled to

open in the fall of 2005. Comments have ranged from concern about declining property values to overcrowded classrooms to increased traffic congestion to opportunity for religious education.

Many members of the grassroots group named for the Orchard Heights 1920s residential development

surrounding the Thayer Boulevard church and school have addressed at the earlier forums the seven criteria for granting a special-use permit, such as harmony with the city's Master Plan; harmony with the existing character of the general vicinity, and compatibility with adjacent land uses.

The planning commission's job is to do just that, Wendt said, look at the proposal relative to city ordinances. "If they follow it, we

"People think we can sit up there and do whatever we want, but we don't have that latitude..."

Jay Wendt

Planning commission chairperson



Jay Wendt

have to approve it," he said. "If they don't, we have to turn it down."

"People think we can sit up there and do whatever we want, but we don't have that latitude people think we do."

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Township weighs Community Park expansion

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

More parks, more recreation means more money for programming

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On the surface, a study session next Tuesday for the Northville Township Board of Trustees is an evaluation of Northville Community Park construction bids, while underneath lie implications for future recreation spending overall.

The board will host the session, followed by a special meeting that would allow formal action, at 7:30 p.m., March 2, at the Township Hall, 41600 Six Mile Road. The trustees at their meeting Thursday —



Mark Abbo



Brad Werner

still able to meet statutes requiring award or rejection of bids within 45 days of their Feb. 3 opening — opted to postpone discussion on the planned expansion until the dedicated meeting.

Township supervisor Mark Abbo said the trustees have a number of directions to examine that night. "It's an opportunity to get the issue fully vetted." In addition to the board, the township will host representatives from the Recreation Commission and City of Northville, which jointly provides recreation programming through a shared-services agreement with the township.

"Do we want to table it for a year or longer, proceed as previ-

At the bottom line, striping a soccer field, taking a gymnastics class application and setting up tables to play pinocle all mean recreation dollars spent somewhere.

Where those dollars are from and ensuring there are enough to provide the level of service demanded in the Northville community are the issues before the city and township leaders, who allocate support for the programs through a shared-services agreement.

"I think it's important for the entire community to recognize that the standards here are very high, and rightly so," Northville parks and recreation director Traci Sincok said. "To maintain that high level of standards you need the financial resources to back you."

Potential added facilities at Northville Community Park on Beck Road, continued huge demand for the soccer and baseball programming, as well as the expansion of the senior services in the renovated Main Street community center are among the factors today squeezing the community recreation program financing.

For example: the Phase One Community Park expansion the township is exploring would add responsibility for the grounds personnel, who handles irrigating, fertilizing, mowing, trimming, field striping, upkeep of the playground and trash disposal.

"We're maintaining 100 acres of park with two people," Sincok said. "Our architect has told us, you need two more people just to maintain this [new] park."

Northville's current park stock includes more than 75 active recreation acres, and four passive recreation acres. The city of Novi, by contrast, maintains five full-time maintenance staff members for their 200-plus-acre park system, including 88 passive acres, Sincok said.

Park maintenance costs account for approximately \$270,000 or 15 percent of the annual \$1.8 million parks and recreation budget, Sincok said. Other expenses by percentage include: recreation programming, 35; administration, 15; program services, 13; community center, 6; recreation center, 6; debt service, 5; other administrative, 3, and reserves, 1 percent.

User fees account for the largest chunk of parks and recreation department income at 43 percent. The city and township shared services agreement contributes 37 percent or \$673,000. Other revenue sources include Hillside Recreation activities at 7 percent; contracted services, such as baseball and soccer program administration, 5 percent; Community Center activities at 4 percent, with the remainder from park rental and other



Gary Word

sources.

"We need to evaluate whether we have those resources available to maintain the level of services people expect," Sincok said. To that end, she planned to meet earlier this week with city and township financial directors, as well as leaders of the baseball and soccer organizations, to look at how to fund the activities locally.

The city currently funds its portion of the shared-services agreement from its General Fund, recently strained by cutbacks in projected state revenue sharing income. City manager Gary Word said it is time for the communities to regroup and look at potential sources to fund recreation.

Township residents in 1994 first approved a dedicated four-year operational millage for the services shared with the city, including recreation, senior citizens and youth assistance programming, Sincok recalled. In 1998, they voted to extend it for eight years, so the .58 mills is set to expire in 2006. Those mills are allocated 0.4 for recreation, 0.08 for seniors, and 0.1 for youth assistance, she said.

The impact of that millage rate, factored at \$1 for every \$1,000 of state-equalized-value (approximately half) of township homes, would equate to approximately \$87 for a house with a \$300,000 market value.

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rooms, a plays cape area and parking, according to Parks and Recreation director Traci Sincok. Another substantial portion of this first phase would be creating the infrastructure for the entire 100-plus-acre park site, she said, which entails construction of drainage and water retention systems.

The phase is part of the \$11 million overall concept for complete development M.C. Smith presented to the board in July. Timing and specifics of subsequent phases have not been discussed, Sincok said.

Aside from dollars and cents of the facility construction — for which the township has funds available through a land-acquisition and park development millage — there looms the larger question of ongoing operational funding for the additional amenities. The township during the past few years has funded their share of recreation services through a series of millages — operational separate from land acquisition — while the city has contributed from its general fund.

"We just need some direction," Sincok said. "If the users of the park and the city and the township have the resources, let's do it and make it the greatest facility."

As part of a shared-services agreement, city and township residents currently use Millennium Park, Henningsen Park, Ford Field, a Cady Street dog park, Fish Hatchery Park, and paths throughout the community.

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Chill out: ice sculptures to grace downtown square

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The sight and sound of carvers busy with their grinders, chisels and chainsaws this weekend will fill the courtyard of Old Church Square for the first-ever "Ice is Nice in Northville."

Margene and Bob Buckhave, owners of New Church Square, invited 1998 Northville High School graduate Ben Romine to bring his team and talents to create one-of-a-kind carvings for the businesses downtown. The carvers will transform 20 blocks of ice from noon to 7 p.m. Feb. 27, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 28. "What I do is simple, but what it brings to downtown — like what it brings to downtown Plymouth — is unbelievable," Romine said. The culinary arts program graduate and his partner, Richard Barley, recently competed at the long-established, annual Plymouth ice event, wowing spectators and judges with their depictions of a bucking bronco and a duck in flight.

Old Church Square will provide a forum for the men to work and spectators to gather, said Margene Buckhave. And a successful event

"What I do is simple, but what it brings to downtown...is unbelievable."

Ben Romine
culinary artist / ice carver

this weekend could mean the start of a new tradition, she said.

"We're hoping that maybe it will get bigger and bigger," the Stampdeller owner said. "There's nothing going on in February. The big thing is going to be if our weather holds."

Warmer temperatures expected Friday will affect the event, Romine agreed, but he was proceeding with plans Tuesday, polling local merchants on themes for their carvings. The plan is to relocate finished products in front of respective sponsoring businesses, such as American Spoon, Jo Jewel, Traditions, Tuscan Café, Rebecca's, Great Harvest Bread

Company, Northville Candle, as well as Memories by Stampdeller. With 20 blocks of ice on order, more can still join in, he said.

"He will carve whatever each business wants him to carve," Buckhave said. "He's going to customize the sculptures."

The Oakland Community College graduate learned his craft as part of his culinary arts studies. One of his professors, executive chef Doug Ganhs, will join the ice carving demonstration downtown Friday and Saturday.

With a combined 14 years experience, Romine and Barley successfully have competed throughout the region in ice-carving contests. Most recently, the pair took first in Michigan, second overall in a national competition in Frankenmuth. Wielding their chisels, chainsaws, die grinders and angle grinders, the two participated in compulsory, freestyle and team categories over the three-day competition.

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flunked the federal report card. At Avondale High, 88 percent of students took the MEAP test, one of the highest participation rates for any Michigan school, but not high enough for the feds. And Avondale Middle, which won a national Blue Ribbon designation, missed the federal cutoff by 2.4 percent, the equivalent of three or four students.

I've always felt that a key to improving schools is setting standards for what kids are supposed to learn and then finding ways to measure actual learning, not artificial criteria. In fact, I spent years on the board of the National Center for Education and the Economy, which was the national leader in pushing school accountability. But the way this federal act is working gives me — and lots of other

school-oriented folks — pause.

• Cheers to the Granholm Administration for coming up with a \$1 million fund to help high-tech start-up companies compete for federal help. Even though \$1 million sounds like small change in such a context, it could leverage as much as \$25 million in federal money to do research and development for new products.

Thought for the day: A committee is a group of people who individually can do nothing, but together decide that nothing can be done.

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PAUL MELROSE (CONT'D)

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communication to guide you, find a class to help improve mar-

riages, or seek the help of a therapist. Communication is at the heart of a relationship. When it is lacking the relationship begins

to dry up and wither away.

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JACK LESSENBERRY (CONT'D)

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to vote for Ford.

That November, she cried in her Hope College dorm when her hero lost a squeaker. For him, it was over. For Terri, it was just starting.

Off the record, few Democrats expect to have much chance to beat Land in 2006. The interesting question is what will she run for after that. U.S. Senate in 2008? Governor in 2010? What is clear is

that — as she will cheerily tell you — she will run for something. "I'll only be in my 50s, and that's still pretty young," she says. If Democrats underestimate her, they do so at their peril.

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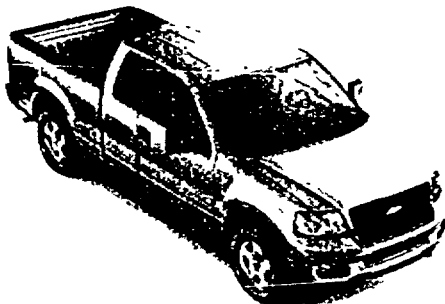


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Northville takes first hoops loss in Western Lakes

The Wayne Memorial Zebras were tired of hearing how good the Northville Mustangs boys' basketball team was, so they came into town and took home a victory to mark the Mustangs' first conference loss. It wasn't as though the Mustangs didn't put up a fight, but they couldn't seem to get around a tenacious defense brought by the determined Zebras.

WAYNE 58
NORTHVILLE 50

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Three wrestlers continue in individual Regional Saturday

Joe Schanne, Steve Minier and Jeff Ponder aren't afraid to flex some muscle. These three Northville wrestlers showed their ability by making it through the District tournament and earning a berth into the Regional tournament, which is scheduled to be held at Walled Lake Western High School Saturday with wrestling beginning at 10 a.m.

The team, as a whole, didn't fare as well. They were eliminated by Churchill following a win over the Novi Wildcats.

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Pom pon team takes 10th in state

The Northville Mustangs pom team, which is coached by Melissa Millgard, took a trip to Ypsilanti and Eastern Michigan University to compete in the state championship meet. The result? An applaud-worthy 10th place, making the Mustangs one of the top teams in the state. It took a team effort with a ton of support coming from each of the girls on the team to make it that far, and a 10th place showing just proves that Northville pom will continue to be one of the top programs the state has to offer.

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Ernie Harwell



Ernie Harwell is more than a retired baseball announcer — he's a living legend. Though he retired from calling the games, he's keeping busy as a health-column writer.

COURTESY PHOTO

He won't be calling games, but this Novi resident isn't done with the Detroit Tigers

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

When it came to being an announcer in baseball, Ernie Harwell is the first to say that it all came about by accident — but what a great accident it was not only for Harwell himself, but for the fans.

The first-ever Hall of Fame announcer, who was inducted August 2, 1981, said that the run was a great one, but he's not complaining about his retirement either.

"I've been able to relax," he said during a phone interview. "I loved being an announcer, but I just knew the time was right to retire."

Harwell's retirement has found a few changes in his life. Though he still spends his winters in Lakeland, Florida, a recent move from Farmington Hills found him becoming a Novi resident.

"Mrs. Harwell and I decided to sell the house in Farmington Hills and move," he said. "We live in a wonderful area. It's sort of a retirement complex that opened up last summer in July or August. We moved in around the middle of October."

He and his wife, Lulu, stay in Michigan until about the first of January before packing their bags up and enjoying a stay in Lakeland — which just happens to be where the Detroit Tigers hold spring training.

"They've trained here since 1934," Harwell said, calling on his vast baseball knowledge. "That's longer than any team has been at a spring training site."

Being in Lakeland does remind Harwell of his announcing days though — which had been one of the reasons he found a residence down there.

"Back in the days when I did the games in the spring, it was just a little easier to be around Lakeland instead of commuting

A legend in his own time

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

They say that to have longevity in a single career, you really have to love what you do — and Ernie Harwell makes no qualms about the fact that he loves baseball.

The Hall of Fame announcer, who retired as the announcer for the Detroit Tigers in 2002, said that baseball has always been a part of his life.

"I've been a baseball fan since I was a kid growing up in Atlanta," Harwell said in a phone interview from his winter home in Lakeland, Florida. "My dad was a big baseball fan. That's where I got my love of the game."

Harwell turned his interest into a budding career while in high school after writing a letter to the editor of the *Sporting News*.

"I suggested that I could be his Atlanta correspondent for the minor league baseball team there," Harwell said. "He didn't know I was only 16 and he gave me a job."

Harwell began his career in sports as a writer covering the Atlanta Crackers baseball team. When he wasn't writing for the *Sporting News*, he found other ways to keep busy such as filling in for

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from Detroit," Harwell said. Of all the weeks of baseball, Harwell joked that the first days of spring camp were his favorite.

"It's the best time of the year

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DIVISION CHAMPS!

■ Northville Mustang hockey wins outright Western Division title for first time in school history

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Can you say Western Division champions? The Northville Mustangs hockey team sure can. The skaters, who are coached by Brad O'Neill, clinched the title with a 6-4 win over the Walled Lake Central Vikings February 16.

"It's great for the kids and a great achievement," O'Neill said. "It became our goal halfway through the year and we're glad we accomplished it. We didn't get the conference title, but we didn't miss it by much either. The kids should be proud of what they've done this year."

And beating the Vikings was just the cherry on top of the sweetness that is winning the title. Northville suffered the loss of Max Lenn in a win against the Vikings earlier this year and they were determined to take another victory away from their conference and division foes again this time.

The Mustangs came out and scored right away as sophomore Derek Mohacsi took assistance from Blake Brattina and Nick Guerro with 3:51 left in the first to take a 1-0 lead.

Just about two minutes later, the Vikings — who are extremely senior heavy this year — came back and tied the game heading into the second period.

"We didn't get the conference title, but we didn't miss it by much either. The kids should be proud of what they've done this year."

Brad O'Neill
Northville Hockey Coach

Northville came out fired up and played some impressive hockey in the second. They kept the puck deep in the Viking zone and created turnover after turnover on their way to four goals through the period.

Troy Engelland, a senior, scored the second Mustang goal of the night off assists from Guerro and Pat Uetz before Brattina notched the third with Keegan Malone and Guerro earning the assists for the 3-1 lead.

The third goal of the period came from Malone, who skated in hard on the net and pounded the puck home for the score. Assists were credited to senior Nick Reuter and Mohacsi.

To end the period, the Mustangs took a book from last year's squad as Mike Monicciollo took a pass from Rob Riehl and scored for the 5-1 lead heading into the third.

"We played two periods of outstanding hockey," O'Neill said.

The third period started off well for the Mustangs as well. Joe Vitale skated in past the defense and slapped home a shot for the 6-1 advantage. Engelland and Guerro earned the assists on the play.

"Then we had a real mental lapse for about a minute," O'Neill said. "Central had some individual efforts and we didn't play well one on one."

The Vikings went on a 3-0 scoring frenzy in the final minutes to make it a 6-4 game, but the Mustangs were able to hold on for the win.

"I was a little disappointed," O'Neill said. "No matter how many goals we score, we have to play good defense."

Jimmy Gates earned the win between the posts for Northville.

The Mustangs will be back in action when they take on Hartland tomorrow at 6:10 p.m. before gearing up for the Regional tournament. Northville's first game will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday and could possibly play March 3 at 5:30 p.m. if they win.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mustang Ken Papich brings the puck behind the goal of Redford Unified during a home game in early February.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Northville Mustangs
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It's regional tourney time!

The Northville Mustangs hockey team isn't going to have an easy time in one of the strongest regionals they've ever played in, but they — along with Novi — should be one of the favorites to make it to the championship game.

Novi News sports writer Sam Eggleston tells of the tournament and the teams that will be playing as the Novi Ice Arena starts hopping with games being played on both rinks at the same time. Should be a great day for hockey fans.

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Derek Mohacsi
Sophomore
Hockey

It takes incredible play across the board for a team to win their division outright — but sometimes one or two players really stand out. Last week, it was Mohacsi who drew the attention to himself. He scored four goals and had two assists in two games — including a hat trick — to help the Mustangs earn the Western Division title.



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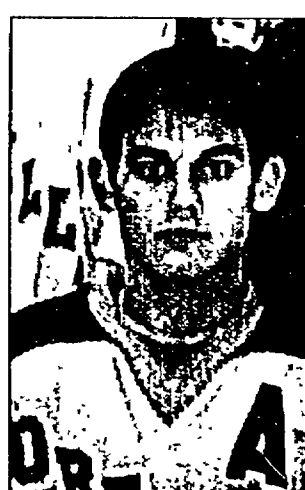
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Nick Guerro
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Great plays can't be done without assistance, and Guerro seems to be the king of that statistic lately. Five assists and a goal in two games last week helped the Mustangs earn the outright division title for the first time in school history — not a small feat. Guerro knows just as well as any skater that an assist is just as valuable as the goal.



Mustangs take first WLAA loss

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

Some people say that all good things must come to an end, but for the Mustangs varsity basketball team, falling to the Wayne Memorial Zebras was not the way they wanted to end their winning streak. The Mustangs lost to the Zebras at home February 17, 58-50.

Alan Shanoski won the tip-off for Northville but Wayne grabbed the ball and scored first. Brett Asher got the rebound off a shot that didn't go and put it up to score. The blazing pace of the defensive game for both teams was offset by the slow offensive play. The quarter came to an end with the Zebras ahead by three for a score of 15-12.

"Defensively they broke us down on the inside drives," said coach Darrel Schumacher. "They did an excellent job of taking away our weak side cuts. We just didn't adapt but it was nice to have some help from some of the other guys on the team."

Tim Downing came in during the second quarter to cover for Shanoski who got into early foul

trouble. Downing had three quick steals, being in the right place at the right time. Marcus Davis and Mark Sorensen put up some three-pointers to keep the Zebras on their toes. Unfortunately for the Mustangs, their free throws bounced off the rim and they only added another eight points in the second quarter. Wayne led going in to the half, 30-20.

The third quarter began with no scoring for the first two minutes. Sorensen saved a ball that was headed out of bounds and it wound up in Brian Tellish's hands. Tellish passed it forward to Asher who put it up and scored. On another drive, Asher stole the ball and tossed it to Tim Singleton for an easy lay up. But the Zebras continued to extend their lead and the quarter ended with the Mustangs behind by 11 points and a score of 41-30.

The Mustangs rallied in the fourth quarter to notch another 20 points on the board. Junior Mike Jameson came in to drop a three-point bomb from the corner and was fouled. Jameson sunk the free throw making it a four-point play. Seconds later

Jameson launched another three-pointer from virtually the same spot on the arc. Junior J.D. Gerblich put up a 12-footer to give the Mustangs another basket. Late in the game, junior Dave VanHorn came in to make some crucial free throws.

"Wayne worked really hard and came up with a victory," said Davis. "Our backups came in and did a really good job tonight. We just have to step it up and get our offense back in sync."

Despite the Mustang intensity, Northville fell short with a final score of 58-50.

Brett Asher was the scoring leader with 13 points. Sorensen chipped in 11 while Davis and Jameson contributed seven each. Davis also led the team in rebounds with 10.

The Mustangs will play their last home game against Walled Lake Western tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Matt Simich is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

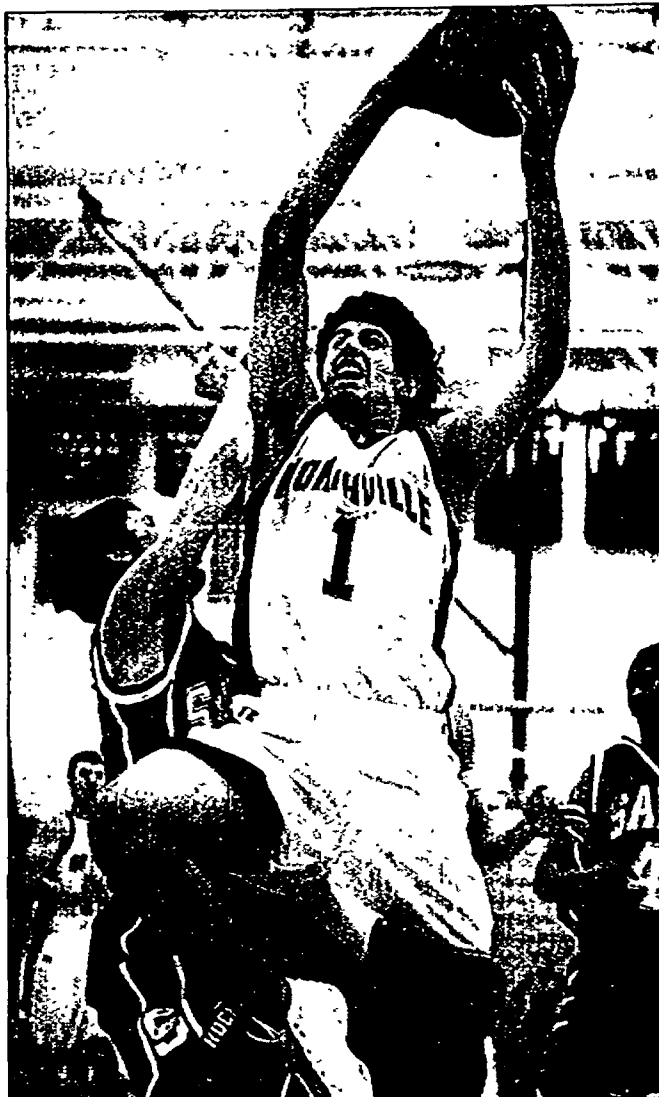


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Mustang Alan Shanoski runs into some resistance from a Salem Rock during a home game at Northville High.

SPORTS SHORTS

Baseball/Softball meeting

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) will hold a travel baseball meeting March 2 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Brighton High School.

This meeting is for the 2004 season and is for any new and returning U9-U18 teams. For further information, contact Jeff David at (810) 227-2332 or visit the website at KVBSA.com.

Girls' Spring Basketball League

The Northville Parks and Rec Department is currently accepting player registrations for a new Spring 2004 Girls' Youth basketball Program for students in 9th through 12th grade. Registrations will be processed through March 12th or until the league fills and a \$10 late fee will be assessed for all registrations after March 12.

The new league will play an eight-game schedule from April 1 through May 27 and practices will begin March 27. Cost for the spring program is \$100 for residents, \$103 for school-district residents and \$110 for non-residents.

Adult coaches are needed for the girls' and boys' youth basketball programs. Your child will play free if you volunteer to be a head coach. If interested, please call Dave DeMatteis at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405.

Adult Hockey League

The Novi Ice Arena will hold spring adult hockey leagues for adult teams, including 18 & Over "D" on Sunday nights, 18 & Over on Friday nights, 30 & Over "B" on Wednesday nights, 30 & Over "C" on Thursday nights, and 35 & Over on Tuesday nights.

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Maggie Mills has stellar day as Wild 'Stangs top Hartland

■ Combined
Novi-Northville
squad now
gearing up for
Regional tourney

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It has been one heck of a year for the Northville-Novi Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team — and it looks like it's just going to keep getting better.

The squad, which is coached by Lindsay Schultz, topped their opponents from Hartland, 146.425-139.05, February 17.

Leading the way for the Wild 'Stangs was Maggie Mills, who scored an overall first-place 36.80 points. On the beam, Mills took first for her squad with a 9.45, while taking second with the same score with her floor routine. On the bars, Mills notched a 9.15 for second before taking an 8.75 for third on the vault.

The Wild 'Stangs had some impressive performances across the board. In the vault event, Jacqueline Gazette took first with a 9.05, while Julie Foucher took second with a 9.0. Tying for third was Mills and Jenn Mehl with an 8.75, while Emma Platt took an 8.55 for fifth and Rachel Deneau took an 8.5 for sixth.

The bars found Sara Wilchowski taking a familiar first place with a 9.70, while Mills took second with 9.15 and Sara Ilkhani-Pour was third with a 9.10. In fourth was Emma Platt with an 8.70 while Foucher and Mehl tied for fifth with an 8.65.

On the beam, Mills and Wilchowski tied for first with a 9.45, while Deneau took third with a 9.0. Taking fourth with an 8.95 was Ilkhani-Pour while Tricia Brownfield took fifth with an 8.8 and Gazette was sixth with an 8.35.

The floor routines found Wilchowski taking first with a 9.58, while Mills was second with a 9.45 and Foucher was third in a 9.3. Taking fourth was Brownfield's 9.05, while Ilkhani-Pour was fifth with an 8.9 and Gazette was sixth in 8.45.

The Wild 'Stangs "B" team also earned a win in the meet as they topped Hartland 135.45-125.45.

Taking first in the vault was Jessica Glancy, who notched an 8.70 while Megan Wallen took second with an 8.55 and Adrienne McHenry was third along with Jill Guffey with an 8.20. In fifth was Kylea Pohl with an 8.15 and Erin Yankovich took sixth with an 8.10.

On the bars, Ann McQueen was tops with an 8.70, while Janna Ramsey took second with an 8.60 and McHenry took third with an 8.35. Glancy notched a fourth in the event with an 8.20 while Wallen took fifth in 8.05 and Lauren Duda was sixth with a 7.65.

The beam found Amanda Crawford taking first with an

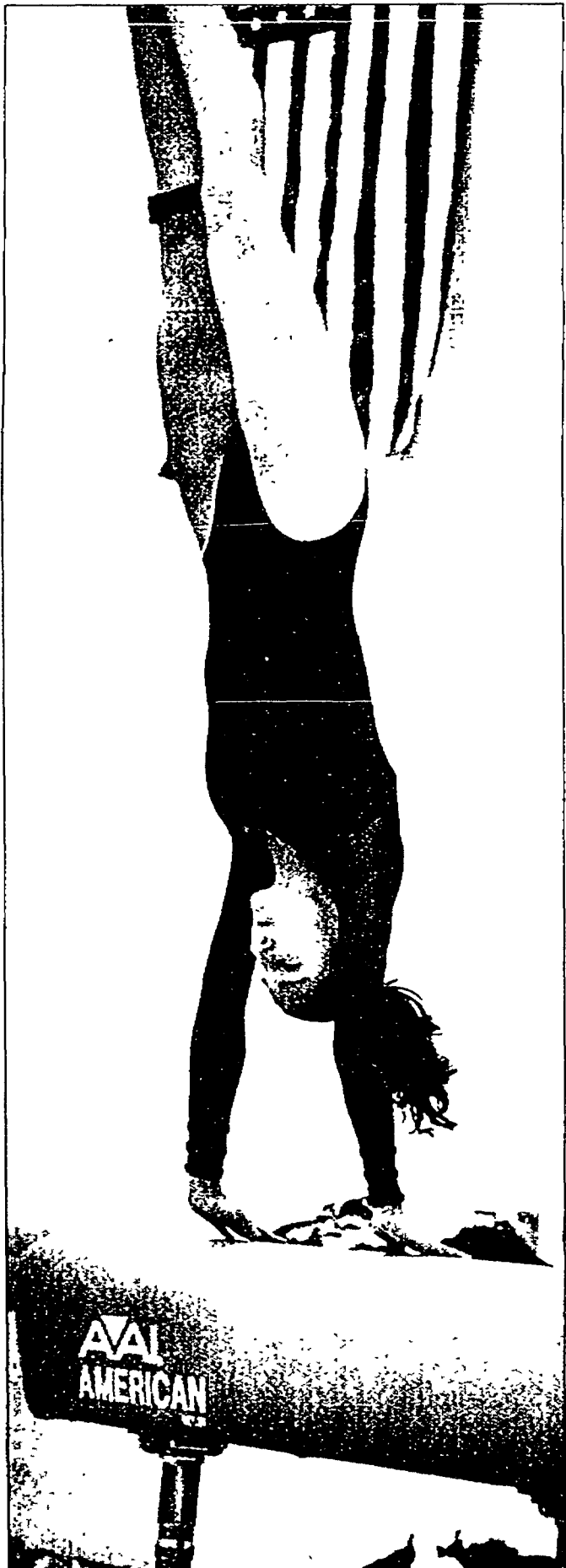


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Wild 'Stang Lauren Duda hits the vault during a home meet in late January.

8.65, while Ramsey was second with an 8.45 along with Brea Buffone. In fourth was Nika Frimenko with an 8.35, while McQueen was fifth with an 8.15 and Pohl was sixth with an 8.05.

The floor exercise found Glancy taking first with an 8.85, while Yankovich took second in an 8.55 and Marcie Fink was third with an 8.50. Taking fourth was an 8.15 from Frimenko,

while McQueen was fifth with an 8.0.

The Wild 'Stangs are scheduled to participate in the WLAA conference meet today at 5 p.m. before taking part in the Regionals March 6.

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MORE SPORTS SHORTS

Registration for Baseball-Softball Association

Baseball and Softball registration is now open at the Northville Recreation Center. Players that sign up before March 1 will receive a \$10 discount.

Mustangs host softball clinic

The Northville High School softball program will be sponsoring a softball clinic for all girls in grades 9 through 12 on Feb. 22, Feb. 28, and Feb. 29 from 9-11 a.m. at Northville High School.

Any high school age girl interested in playing for their team this year is invited to attend and they do not have to be a Northville student.

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

For more information, please

contact Northville softball coach Jean Calabrese at 248-344-8420 or through her e-mail account at calabre@northville.k12.mi.us.

Kids' Night Out

Parents: Spend an evening out while your kids enjoy swimming, movies and organized games along with pizza and drinks, which are provided by Northville Parks and Rec.

The dates for Kids' Night Out are Feb. 27, March 26 and April 30 from 6-9 p.m. Kids need to bring a bathing suit and towel.

Pre-registration required by 5:30 p.m. the day before the scheduled date.

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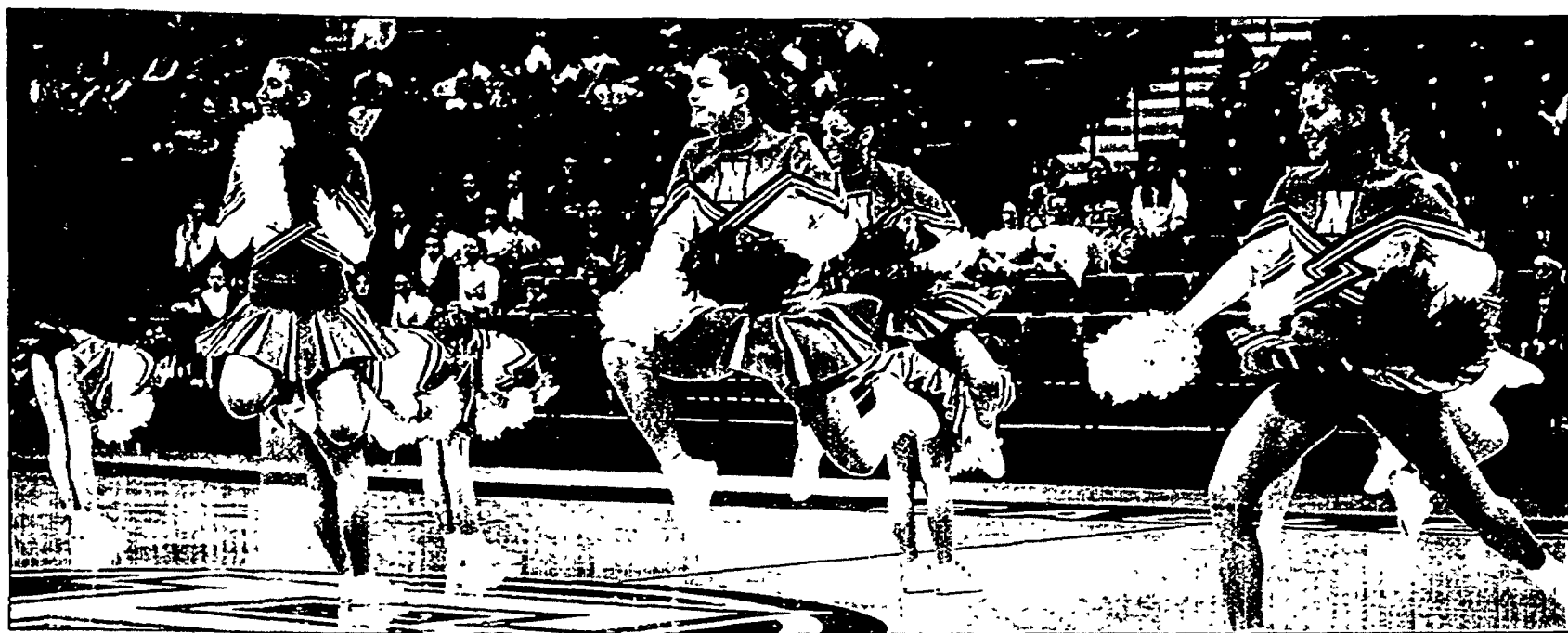


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Northville High School varsity pom-pom squad performs during Sunday's 2004 Statewide championships at EMU's Convocation Center. The Mustangs took 10th place in the state.

Mustangs take 10th in state meet

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was the kind of showing that a team can be proud to have had.

The Northville Mustangs pom-pom team, coached by Melissa Millgard, qualified for the state finals and showed that they are one of the top teams in Michigan with a 10th-place showing February 15.

The team put together a routine that had the judges nodding

in approval of and their final placing in the highly-competitive field showed it.

"The team had quite a day," Millgard said. "Their overall performance was very strong."

But, alas, not as strong as some others in the field. Garden City was the squad that escaped with the top spot this year — showing just how competitive pom-pom has become compared to the past. The Garden City team, which used to be a major competitor every year, fell off

the radar the past few seasons before making a surprise comeback and a successful run at the state title.

The Mustangs weren't shaken by the strong performances by their peers though, and came out with a strong showing of their own.

"Not only did the team show their strength in their performance, but the team's unity shined through during all of the events of the day," Millgard said.

And in this sport, team unity

is an absolute must. If a squad isn't together, they'll find themselves coming apart at the seams at the worst possible moments.

"Whether they were encouraging each other before going on or dancing it up before the awards, the girls really enjoyed this last competition together as a team," Millgard said. "It was truly a reflection of what a great group of girls make up the varsity pom-pom team."

The Mustangs will lose seven seniors to graduation this spring,

meaning that they'll have a strong base come the 2004-05 season.

Graduating from the Northville squad are Katie Spinale, Carolyn Kirkman, Andrea Petty, Erica Bivens, Kristi Wysocki, Ashley Dickenson and Amanda Kelly.

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Northville swimming and diving team tops Rocks

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

There wasn't a much better way the Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team could end the dual-meet portion of their season — with wins.

The Mustangs, who are coached by Rich Bennetts, took it to Plymouth Salem, 109-77, before topping Walled Lake Western, 122-62, in dual meets that were just two days apart.

"They had to get used to swimming two days apart," Bennetts said. "That's how the league meet is."

In fact, the league meet — which has the preliminaries today for swimming, the diving prelims tomorrow and the meet itself Saturday — should find the Mustangs challenging for one of the top spots.

"Stevenson has to be favored to win," Bennetts said. "They're undefeated in the league. Canton is probably favored for second

place, but we're going to have something to say about that. Our goal is to challenge Stevenson, but we know we can't count the other teams out either."

After a dismal showing at the highly-competitive MISCA meet two weeks ago, the Mustangs knew they had to bounce back with a big win — and Salem brought the perfect opportunity.

The squad made the best of that opportunity as they pounded out a big victory over their conference rivals.

In the 200 medley relay, the Mustangs started out on the right foot with a victory in 1:45.76 with the team of Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Chris Keady and Brad Farris earning the win.

In the 200 free, freshman Will Blickle took first place in 1:51.19, while Farris took first in the 50 freestyle in 23.40 seconds, while Hogan took second in 23.90.

"That was big," Bennetts said.

"Their two 50 guys had been faster than ours all year, and we beat both of them."

In the diving portion of the meet, junior Brad Lempke had a great showing with a 216-point performance — his best of the season.

In the 100 butterfly, the Mustangs came out strong as Chris Culkin took first in 58.49 seconds — a two second drop off his best time — while Kyle Mlinek took second in 59.54 seconds — a three second drop.

"Those were pleasant surprises," Bennetts noted.

In the 100 backstroke, Schwartz earned his state qualifying time with a first-place finish in 56.78 — a time that also set the pool record at the fairly young Northville High School.

In the 100 backstroke, the ever-consistent Laabs took first place in 1:07.22. The Mustangs finished the meet with the team of Farris, Hogan, Blickle and

Keady winning the 400 free in 3:26.61 — just over a second from the state cut.

The Northville tankers also had a season first against the Rocks as their "B" relay teams all took third.

"That was great," Bennetts said. "It was the first time we've done that this year. We got six points from it, and Salem had zero."

The biggest factors in those wins? Three seniors Bennetts said Harry Moroz, Aaron Hohr

and Rob Steiner were the keys in the six points from the relay team third-place finishes.

"The seniors really stepped it up for us," Bennetts said. "Every relay was really close, but we touched Salem out on all three of them. I think the team is really encouraged by that."

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Tankers dominate Warriors

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

What a way to end dual meet competitions — with an absolute domination over an opponent.

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team did just that as they crushed the Walled Lake Western Warriors, 122-62, February 19.

"It was the third year in a row we ended the season with a trip out there," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We're getting used to it."

The Mustangs must have felt comfortable, because they didn't hesitate to throw their feet up, fold their hands behind their heads and turned the Western pool into their house.

In the 200 medley relay, the Northville tankers took a first-place finish in 1:46.99 as the team of Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Will Blickle and Joe Hogan dominated their opponents.

The 200 free found Brad Farris getting his state cut with an impressive time of 1:49.42 to make him the fourth individual on the Northville squad to earn the honor along with Chris Keady, Blickle and Schwartz.

In the 200 IM, Hogan found himself swimming a race he's not accustomed to but pulled out a win in 2:12. In the 100 butterfly, Farris earned a victory in just 1:00.22.

A notable showing came in the 50 free as Jack Temple took fourth place in 24.88 seconds — shaving almost a second and a half off his time, which according to Bennetts isn't easy because the race is just two lengths.

Brad Lempke, a junior diver, notched another first-place. This time, he earned 202 points for the top spot.

In the 100 free, Keady took first in a time of 51.20 seconds.

Laabs had a great showing in the 100 breaststroke, taking first in a time of 1:07.02.

In the 200 free relay, the team of Farris, Keady, Hogan and Schwartz took first in 1:34.69, while the 400 medley relay team of Keady, Chris Culkin, Blickle and Farris took first in 3:26.66.



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Steve Minier (left), Joel Schanne (middle) and Jeff Ponder will all represent Northville as individuals in the Regional tournament, which will be held Saturday at Wallick Lake. Each of these three wrestlers should stand a good chance at making the state tournament based on this year's performances.

Grapplers bow out to tough Churchill squad

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Individuals will represent Northville at Regional tourney

The wrestling season for the Northville Mustangs as a team came to an end February 19 with a 28-42 loss to the Laona Churchill Chargers. Northville earned the right to face the Chargers after beating Novi 32-30 in the first round of the district duals.

A victory over Novi was especially sweet because of the loss to Novi early in the season. Both teams have learned and grown from that particular night.

For first year coach AJ Grant seeing the crop of seniors who have worked so hard this year graduate will be tough. He said he'll be looking for new recruits to fill some big voids.

It's been a long season, he said. We're losing a lot of seniors. Hopefully we can rebuild the team over the next couple of years — get some more kids out on the team."

The individual district started well for the Mustangs. First round puns were collected by Ben Mason (189) Minier Schanne, Adam Blank (119) and Nick Duda (170). Ponder made it out of the first round with a 9-0 win by decision.

From there only the strong began to survive as Schanne and Ponder made it out of the second round. Everyone else fell to the top seeds in their respective brackets.

"Joel Schanne is wrestling really well. Northville coach AJ Grant said. He's real coachable and adaptable to the guys that he wrestles. He's always been a leader. I expect Joel to do well in the Region."

The third round found

Schane losing to the second seed from Grand and Ponder winning a grueling double over time match against AJ Morris from Novi. The win over Novi earned Ponder the right to wrestle to his first place.

"Ponder is coming off an injury and doing well," Grant said. "He's attacking, more forward to see how far he'll go."

Minier was the only Mustang to make it out of the first round of consolation by punning the 215 from Pinckney.

Minier is calm, confident, in himself," Grant said. He's in the right weight class to do well."

Both Minier and Schanne earned their places in the second round by winning in the second round of consolation. Schanne had a 15-0 tech over the 112 from Novi and Minier scored a 3-2 come from behind victory over the 215 from Ann Arbor Huron with a two-point take down in the final second of the match.

— *By Sam Eggleston*

They earned the respect of their peers and the coaches who trained their opponents.

The squad's coach learned a lot as well — including the difference between being an All American wrestler and coaching those who wanted to strive to be All Americans.

Of the two Grant said being on the sidelines is more difficult.

"Other than the weight cutting coaching (is tough)," he said adding that there are always concerns when you're coaching the player on the mat instead of being the player on the mat. It's more frustrating and more rewarding. You get to win a whole, much more consistent in a day but you

also get to lose a whole lot more in a day."

The Mustangs will graduate a staggering 11 seniors, come the spring as Ben Mason, Bob Lacey, Bill Regner, Brad Ashley, Steve Minier, Adam Blank, Joel Schanne, Jon Munica, Nick Giammarco, Jeff Ponder and Stefano Giammarco will all earn diplomas this year.

"That's a lot of weight classes to fill — and a lot of heart and determination to lose in just one year."

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At this point, losers stay home while winners keep on playing

Is it play off time already? Though it seems like the season has just flown by when you when it comes to hockey this year. I'm sure the players are relieved that all of the time and effort they've spent on the ice is about to count. This time of year means one thing — you and you keep playing, lose and you go home.



Sam Eggleston

Neither the Novi Wildcats nor the Northville Mustangs want to end up going home but one of them will before this regional is all said and done.

The Northville Mustangs are easily the favored team in this tournament, but the Novi Wildcats have been their once.

The Novi Wildcats will be hoping for the chance to do it again. But first, both teams have to get past a slew of talented squads.

This year the action will start on March 1 at 5:30 p.m. when the A game features the Mustangs taking on the Warriors of Wallick Lake Western at 5:30 p.m. Wallick Lake Northern and Wallick Lake Central will face off in the B game at the same time.

In the C game, Waterford Kettering will try to top the Raisers of Ypsilanti Lincoln at 7:45 p.m. while the Novi Wildcats will take on a tough Livonia Franklin squad in the D game with the same start time.

On Wednesday March 3 the winner of the A game will take on the winner of the B game at 5:30 p.m. and the winner of C will play the D victor at 7:45 p.m.

The final game, which could possibly find the Wildcats and the Mustangs squaring off for the first time this year, will be Friday March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Unlike years past, these two teams making it to the finals definitely will not be a sure thing. Though the Mustangs are ranked and the Wildcats are as dangerous as ever the other

teams in this tournament aren't a bunch of pushovers. They'll come ready to play and every game should be some great ones.

I fully expect that this region will prove to be one of the toughest around and that whoever escapes will stand a great chance at making a run at the state title. This one is definitely too close to call, but I'm willing to say my guess would be that either Novi or Northville will be the squad representing this regional further down the line.

For those high school hockey fans out there, the seats are there for the taking. Don't miss out on one of the hardest regional tourneys to escape from and definitely don't miss out on seeing Northville and Novi end up tieing up at center ice in the final game. It will be one for the record books.

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CLUB HOCKEY RESULTS

Ann Arbor 4, Northville 1

The Northville High School boys' club hockey team had their winning streak snuffed when they went up against a tough Ann Arbor Gryphons squad at York for Ann Arbor.

The first period was evenly played until there were only minutes left in the first period. After coming back to full strength after a power play Ann Arbor conferred a turnover for a 1-0 lead Northville came back to tie the score in the second period when Dino Bernabe passed the puck to a teammate at the left side of the Gryphon net. Kurva clipped the puck over the goalie to make it 1-1.

However the Gryphons controlled the rest of the game beating the Mustangs to most of the loose pucks and outshooting them by a 2-1 margin. This led to three unanswered goals and the game ended as a 4-1 loss for Northville.

Northville led to 5-1

The Mustangs had a lead-out and allowed a goal on an odd man rush to cut their lead to 5-2. Later Robert Davidson made an outstanding stop as two more Dave players broke in alone. Finally Northville ended the scoring with a nice passing play from Nick Kurban and Jon Murry to Ann Arbor who backhanded a shot home for the final 6-2 Mustang victory.

Farmington 4, Northville 0

The next night the Mustangs went up against a united Farmington JV team at Farmington area. It was a long night for Northville as they suffered a 4-0 loss. The Mustangs played hard but the game was decided on special teams, with all of the Farmington scoring coming on special teams play. Three of their goals were on the power play and one was short handed.

Northville 7, Annville 2

The Mustangs rebounded for a victory on February 15 against Annville JV at Midland area. Center Northville opened the scoring as defenseman Grant Badas passed a 1 pass and backhanded a shot on the Annville net. Chris Perkowski was on the doorstep to

knock in the rebound for a 2-0 lead. Dino Bernabe made a lead-out and took the puck in on left wing, skated between the circles, and fired a wrist shot past the Yellowjackets goalie. Van Brin finished out the scoring for the Mustangs as he scored from Alexander Dobreff and Nick Karelsen. In the second period, Northville continued to press the attack and scored two more goals. Philipe Meek made a nice stop on a Yellowjackets breakaway and then Sean Hohl of the Mustangs was stopped on a break away of his own. Northville extended their lead to 4-0 on another goal off the stick of Bernabe before Annville scored on a one-timer to cut the lead to 4-1. However, the Mustangs came back with two quick goals before the end of the second period. Perkowski scored on a pretty pass as he faded the goalie to the left and then went right for a wrap around goal. Then they scored his second goal of the game from Karelsen to give Northville a 6-1 lead going into the third period. Annville scored once in the third period to cut the Mustang lead to 6-2, but Ryan Pyskalo closed out the scoring with the Mustangs shorthanded. The Yellowjackets pulled out the Yellowjackets goalie, and then backhanded a shot over the speckled goalie for the final goal in the 7-2 Northville win.

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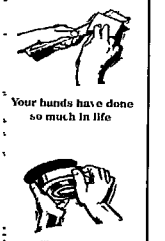
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Charitable giving can be rewarding

Each year, in efforts to help the less fortunate, millions of Americans contribute to charities. And those who give are rewarded with tax deductions in return for their generosity, reports The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Here is what you need to know to make the most of charitable contributions.

The Basics

Tax law permits taxpayers to deduct charitable contributions as itemized deductions, as long as they are made to a non-profit organization with tax-exempt status. To determine whether your chosen charity qualifies, visit the IRS Web site at www.irs.ustreas.gov/bus_info/efilesearch.html, where you can search by charity name or city and state. If you prefer, you may call 1-800-829-3676 to receive a free copy of Publication 78, Charitable Contributions: A Cumulative List of Organizations.

Because gifts to qualified organizations are tax deductible, your actual cost for the donation is reduced by your tax savings. For example, if you are in the 28-percent tax bracket, the actual cost of a \$100 donation is \$72 (\$100 less the \$28 in tax savings).

Timing, contributions are important

A contribution is deductible in the year you make it. As long as you date your check in 2000 and mail your donation by Dec. 31, 2000, you can deduct your contribution on your tax return for 2000, even if the charity does not receive your check until January. Similarly, a contribution made on a credit card before year end is also deductible on your 2000 tax return, even if you don't make payment to the credit card company until the next year.

Tax law allows you to deduct up to 50-percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI) for gifts of cash to most charities. If you give more than 50-percent, the excess may be carried forward into the next tax year. Lower limits may apply to contributions to certain types of organizations or for certain contributions of property.

Donations of property can save more tax dollars

When you donate property that has appreciated in value, you stand to save even more. That's because you get a deduction for the full fair market value of property you have held for longer than one year, and you avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciated value. The deduction is limited to 30-percent of your AGI. Any excess amount may be carried over five years.

For example, suppose stock you bought four years ago for \$5,000 is now worth \$15,000. First, you get a deduction for the full \$15,000 fair market value and, second, you are not taxed on the appreciation. In effect, you receive a deduction for an amount you never reported as income. For traditional non-cash donations (i.e., clothing or furniture) you can deduct the market value of the gifts -- what you might pay for them in a consignment shop.

Paper trails substantiate donations

For contributions of less than \$250, your canceled check is a sufficient record of payment. However, for contributions of \$250 or more, you will need a written acknowledgment from the charity showing the organization's name and address, the date of the contribution, and the amount of your cash contribution or a description of the property you donated. The letter must state whether if you received any goods or services in return for your gift.

It is the responsibility of the organization to inform you of the non-deductible portion of your donation. This will be provided in the written acknowledgment from the charity. For example, when you buy a ticket to a benefit concert or dinner dance, you can deduct only that part of the ticket price that exceeds the cost of the entertainment or dinner.

For property donations that exceed \$500, you must attach Form 8283, Non-cash Charitable Contributions to your return. If the value of the donated property is over \$5,000, you need a written appraisal an appraiser.

Taxpayers who plan to contribute large sums to charitable organizations should consult a CPA to discuss additional tax-savings strategies.

Visit the CPA Referral Service on the MACPA Web site, www.miccpa.org, to search for a CPA in your geographical area or specific area of expertise.

Advertorial

Miller Media captures life

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

If it has anything to do with video and photography, Richard Miller has probably done it. As owner and founder of Miller Media Vision, LLC, he's captured 20 years worth of memories with a career spanning from CBS News to children's charm. His background covers everything from NFL sports games, news events, right down to family fun.

The New Hudson business offers versatility within a complete range of media services including action and portrait photography.

Miller Media Vision, LLC, covers two separate areas, one dealing with sports action photography and the other offering traditional portraits. The portraits include all those special family events, like weddings, graduations or family portraits. Miller is ready to capture those special moments, giving you memories that will last a lifetime.

"So many people go to a department store or studio and there you have to go by their time and use their studio. Me, I'll go to a park or go to their home. They'll get multiple poses for the same price," he added.

Discounts are available for large packages. Since he works with digital equipment, his customers are able to view proofs immediately. Family portraits will make a great Mother's Day or Father's Day gift as well.

For that special event, the Premium Wedding Package is an incredible option where the client receives an engagement photo session that will be ready the day of the wedding. In addition to a generous package, they also receive a CD slide show of 30 selected photos. Many other combinations are available as well in a variety of price ranges.

Miller Media Vision also specializes in graduation photography for that special senior year. Their flexibility allows them to offer several packages including options for indoor and outdoor combinations. He won't hesitate to be creative. For example, a backyard photo shoot or a favorite hobby can be included in the portrait.

"I can pretty much do whatever they want me to do," he said.

One local client restored a vintage Mustang with her father and wanted that included in a photo as well as her pet rabbit. He was happy to cooperate. He's available to photograph the graduation party as well as portraits.

Miller Media Shoot is also equipped to shoot or edit all your video footage. Do you want a highlight tape of a sports season or an individual athlete, or how about a video portrait for anniversaries or graduations? They can put it all together for you.

"We have state-of-the-art equipment but not the state-of-the-art price," said Miller.

The other portion of his business is called Game Day Action Photos. It's a self-descriptive name of this part of the enterprise that covers sports photography from softball to snowboarding. A self-proclaimed "sports fanatic" Miller's background is a true plus when it comes to capturing sports action photography. He's been around youth and professional sports for 20 years.

"It helps when you know what's going on in the game," he adds.

He realizes that amateurs have a difficult time with action or sports photography. His service can capture those fleeting sport moments with professional results.

TIPS ON SELECTING A PHOTOGRAPHER

- Meet with photographer and discuss your needs beforehand.
- Find out exactly who will be photographing the event.
- Find out exactly what's included in the package so that you won't be surprised by extra charges.
- Get references from previous customers. Ask about their background and experience.
- Find out if they're insured.
- Make a list of photos you want included.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MILLER MEDIA VISION

This collage from Miller Media Vision shows the expertise the company offers. From portraits, to weddings, to sports photography Miller Media Vision offers state-of-the-art photography, video and more.

He's found most families would rather focus on enjoying the game without distractions.

"A lot of parents really enjoy this because they can actually sit down and watch the game without having to worry about taking photos," said Miller. "I can catch that fleeting moment when they're making the play."

It's been a popular service with the par-

ents of young athletes. He's enthusiastic about working with new clients in the sports area, whether high school or club athletes in the Kensington and Huron Valley area. Just contact him by phone or e-mail to discuss your event. Currently, he is working closely with Hartland and other high schools covering all of their sports. You might also find him or his partner, Edward Wheeler on the sidelines at Hartland Area Youth Athletics Association. Wheeler designs and maintains their website as well.

While they're working an event, there's no cost or no obligation to stop by. Just come by and say hello, tell them if you're interested in photos. They'll have a banner with Miller Media Vision that will identify them.

"Get us your player's number and we'll try our best to get a shot of them in action," said Miller.

Pricing and order forms are available on

line. Also available are buttons, magnets, magazine covers and CD slide shows to name a few. Look for Richard Miller March 21 at this year's Taste of South Lyon and Business Expo. Contact Rich Miller at Miller Media Vision at (248) 345-6741 or email at millermediavision@comcast.net and check out his website at www.millermediavision.com

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Rot only works when moisture, green stuff, warmth are present

Q: I have a large number of leaves that I have been raking up for a number of years. I keep piling them up with the hopes that I will get some compost. A few rot on the bottom but I still have piles of leaves. How do I make this pile of leaves into a pile of compost?

A: It's time to consult Doctor Science. Let us consider the components of Rot. For the compost pile, we need nitrogen sources and carbon sources. Or to get really simple, you need green stuff and brown stuff. All you currently have is brown stuff. You also have a pile of good-sized leaves that repel water like a little thatched roof. You need smaller pieces and you need to get them mixed with other material to break up the stack. For rot to begin, you need moisture, green stuff and warmth. Start by chopping up the leaves. Smaller pieces rot faster. You could put them through a shredder, which can be back-breaking, or you can spread them out and run them over repeatedly with the lawn mower. The riding mowers are really sweet. Don't run over so much that you plug up the mower. A couple of passes and all those little pieces are now begging to get composted. Mix your leaf chop with grass clippings or other green material. If you are a little short in the green-nitrogen department, sprinkle in a small amount of straight nitrogen fertilizer like 46-0-0 or 21-0-0. Don't use too much. Throw in some shovels of soil to bring microbes to the party. Sprinkle with some water to get the pile about as damp as a rung-out sponge. Let the sunlight heat your little heap of heaven and wait. In a week or three, flop the pile over. This remixes and adds air back into the pile. Dampen again if it's dry. In a couple of months, the pile should be shrinking if rot is going on. You could add peat moss to the pile or kitchen scraps for more green. Don't add any lime because it will slow or stop the decay process. You have been very bad to let this much accumulate. Your penance will be to chop and mix until it's all gone. Soon, you and Dr. Science will be the best of friends.

Home Grown

Gretchen Voyle



Q: Someone told me that Michigan Department of Agriculture will be cutting down every ash tree in the county because of Emerald Ash Borer. Is this true?

A: Relax, it's not true. What is happening over the winter is that MDA has expanded the original core area because of EAB finds. This means that more counties or parts of counties have been added. They are not planning to cut trees in those counties. Time and money will be spent on isolated spots away from the core. They will be cutting trees on the edge of the expanded core to prevent additional spread. The original six counties were Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, part of Livingston, Washtenaw and Monroe. Now, all of Livingston is now included — not just the eastern half. We are surrounded by EAB counties and are not on the edge of anything. All of Washtenaw, the southern half of Genesee and Lapeer are now included. The eastern half of Jackson and the eastern vertical edge of townships in Ingham are included. The southwest quarter of St. Clair is included. This is going to be a tough insect to defeat. If you have ash trees, spend the winter contemplating what you want to do. If you want to save apparently healthy ash trees, you must treat them by late April or May. There will be information in the next month on treatment or call us at (517) 546-3950. Also on the "not true" list is that free trees will be available or someone will treat trees for free or will be cutting dead ash trees at no cost. It's all falling on the tree owners.

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

Oriental rug transcends the ages

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We have a cool apartment, but my husband's mother is insisting on giving us an Oriental rug that has been in his family for at least two generations. It's nice, of course, and she says it's worth a lot of money. The problem is, we don't think it will work with our collection of mid-century modern furniture — you know, Barcelona chairs (black leather) and chrome tables. We even have two (new) Noguchi lamps. Should we just say no?

A: No. Traditional Oriental rugs have been classics with all kinds of decor since Marco Polo made his first trip East and back. Classics can hold their own in any setting.

Reversing time frames, your Barcelona chairs would add contemporary zest to a more froufrou traditional setting. You get the picture.

As design savant and editor Gale Steves puts it, "In a stark white or beige world, a patterned rug softens things, adds warmth and makes one feel at home."

Besides, she points out, almost one-third of any room is occupied by its floor. Why waste that decorative potential? A rug can also create a room-within-a-room, important in contemporary architecture where there are no walls to define different areas.

Gale also says that manufacturers like Karastan (www.karastan.com; that's a Karastan rug is on the floor of the very contemporary dining room we show here) have been recoloring traditional rug patterns so they blend more easily with other color palettes in the 21st century.

In short, keep your heirloom Oriental. Use it, cherish it and plan to pass it on to another generation. No matter what style of decorating will have evolved by then, that rug will still fit in beautifully.

Q: I need help. My 34-year-old son has recently divorced and won "custody" of the house (his ex-wife took a job in another state) and son. He's asked me to



This traditional area rug warms a very cool contemporary dining room.

CNS PHOTO

help him change things and make them more appropriate for him and his 11-year-old. Nearly every room in the house has wallpaper. Should I just have it scraped off so we can paint? I don't think I can find wallpapers in patterns appropriate for two males.

A: Then think again. In today's world, where definitions of gender are blurring everywhere, decorating is no longer a feminine thing. The wallpaper

industry has not missed the increase of men's interest in matters of interior design. As HGTV executive Michael Dingley says, "Witness the new success of such programs as 'Designing for the Sexes'... 'This Old House' and 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy.'"

Easier for you, contemporary wallpaper manufacturers offer numerous patterns, colors, even wall-sized murals designed with

men in mind. One to check out: Brewster Wallcoverings of Randolph, Mass., which caters to male taste with sport motifs, maps and animals, as you might expect, but also masculine stripes, damasks, paisleys and toiles. And if your grandson is into westerns, you can round up wall-to-wall cowboys in a large mural, called — no surprise — "Western Roundup." (www.brewsterwallcovering.com; 800-366-1700.)

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| <p>HAMBURG — This 2001 quality built home features 2 story foyer, great room with fireplace, vaulted ceiling & open floor plan. Oversized jetted tub & separate shower, open kitchen & nook with oak floors. Glamour first floor master suite features cathedral ceiling. 3 car garage.</p> <p>\$282,000 (23095414) (248) 437-3800</p> | <p>SOUTH LYON — New bonus credit offer to buyer at closing of \$2700. Charming Ranch in an adult community. Popular open floor plan, large finished lower level has spare bedroom, Cathedral ceiling in living room, skylight in kitchen. Master bedroom plus sitting room opens to sun porch, deck and large rear yard.</p> <p>\$99,000 (23058533) (248) 437-3800</p> | <p>BEVERLY HILLS — Spacious traditional residence with a court location and an excellent floor plan. Finished basement, large private yard and immediate occupancy.</p> <p>\$445,000 (80SHAZ2) (248) 349-6200</p> | <p>PERFECT LOCATION! — Stunning & beautifully cared for. Three bedroom Cape Cod, first floor bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, walk-out basement, finished 2 car garage, fireplace, court location. Move-in condition.</p> <p>\$442,900 (56WH12) (248) 348-6430</p> | <p>PINKNEY — Beautiful & spacious Colonial! Newer Coran kitchen with stainless appliances! Three bedrooms & 2 1/2 baths large great room with fireplace, formal dining room with bay window, master bath with Jacuzzi, finished basement, 3 car garage great dock, backs to commons!</p> <p>\$250,000 (87VIN2) (248) 348-6430</p> | <p>WATERFORD — Hidden pond Condo! Clean, neat, privacy plus! Serene view of sparkling pond. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Has 1,335 square feet, a lot of storage. Daylight window in basement too! Built 1998. Cooley Lochaven area.</p> <p>\$161,900 (112522) (248) 684-1065</p> |
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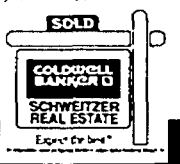


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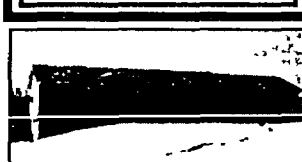
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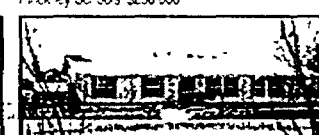
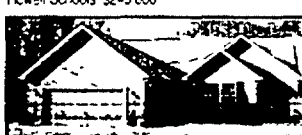


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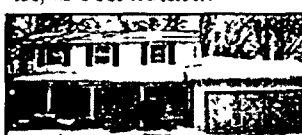
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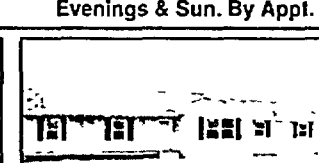
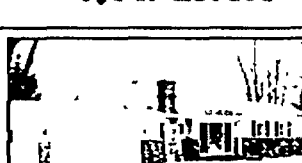
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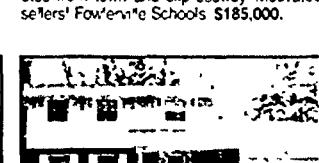
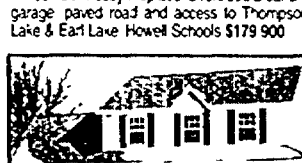
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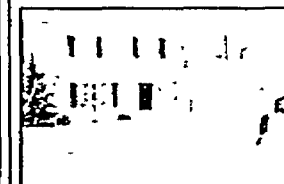
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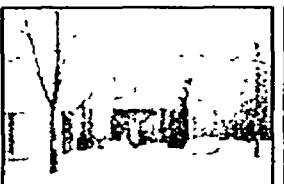
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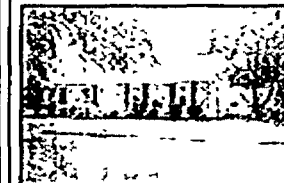
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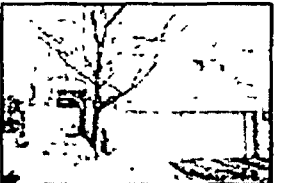
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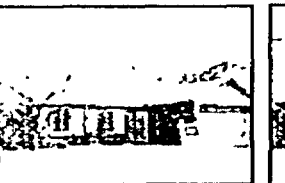
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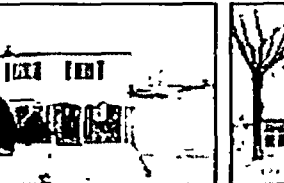
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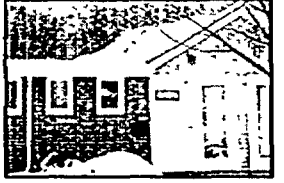
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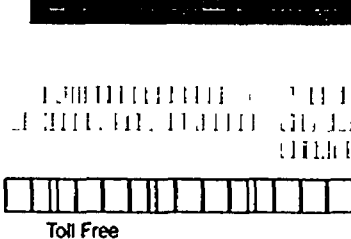


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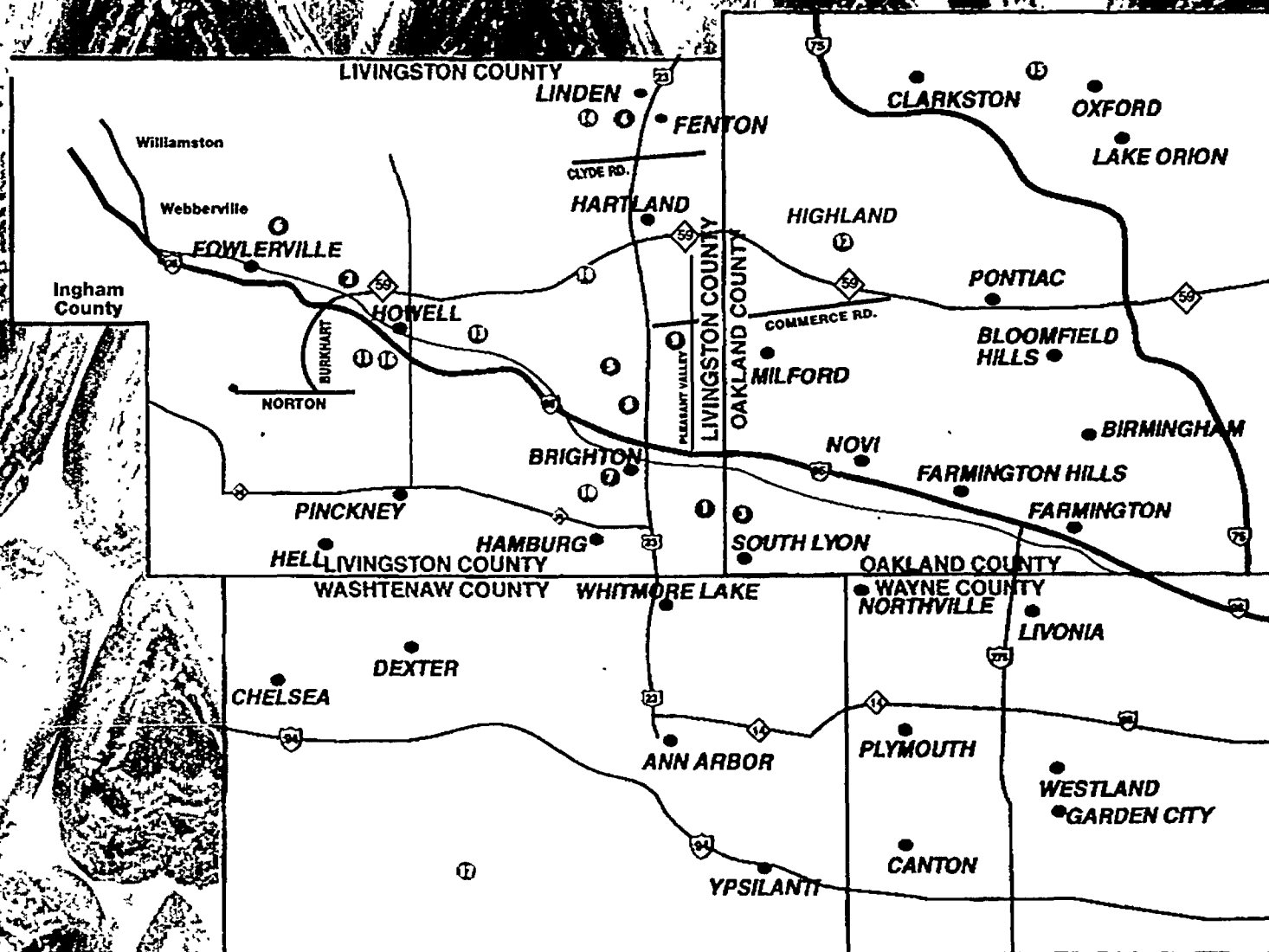
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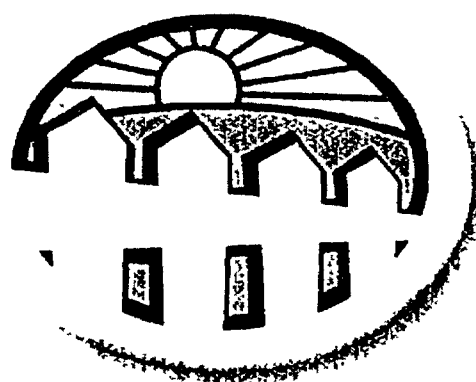
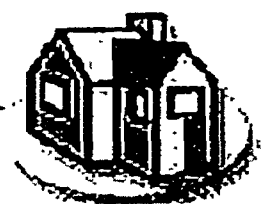
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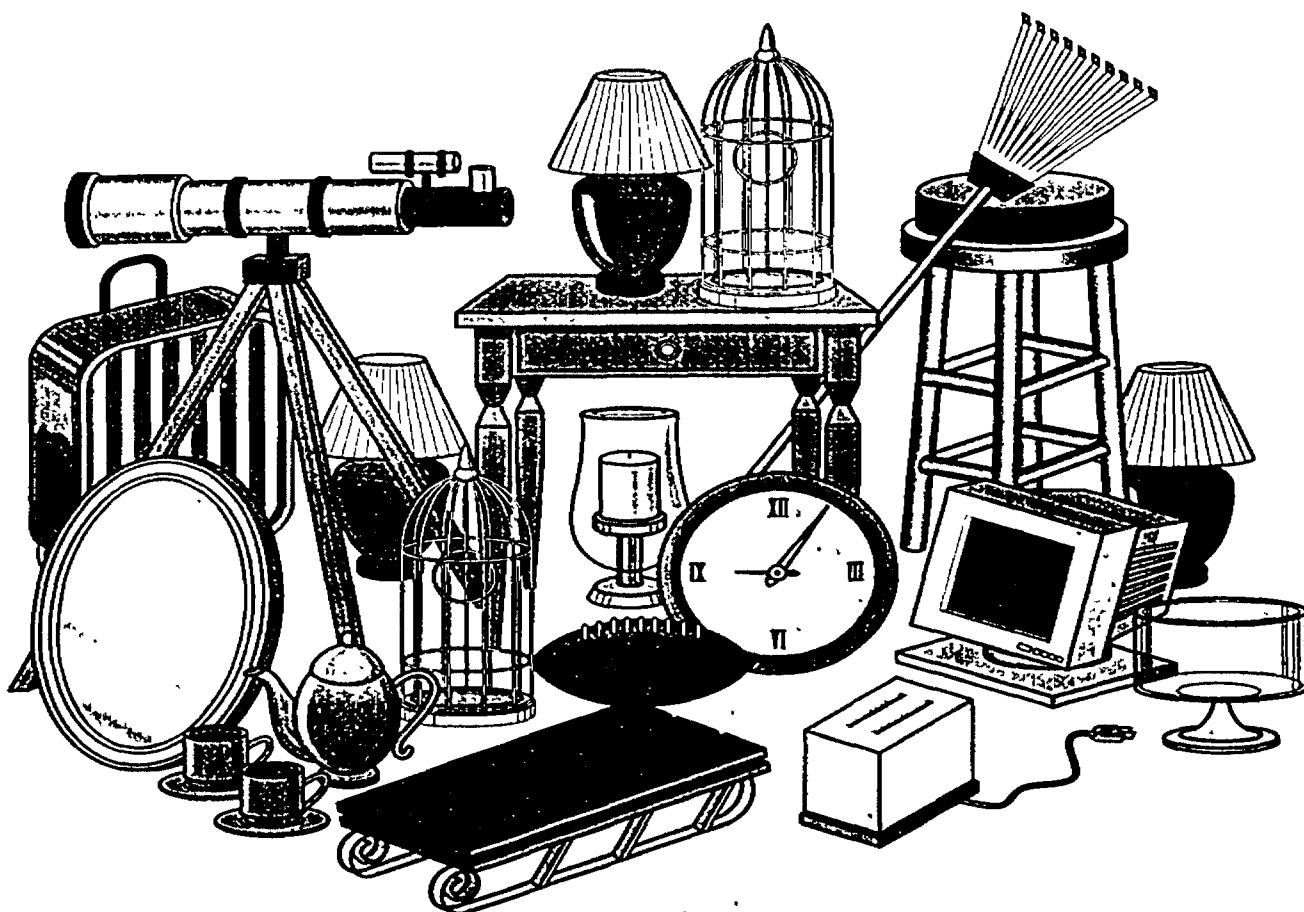
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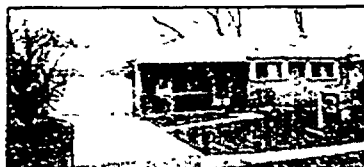

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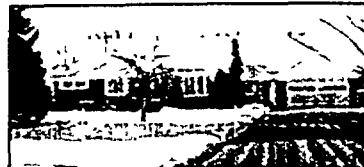
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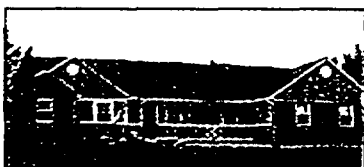
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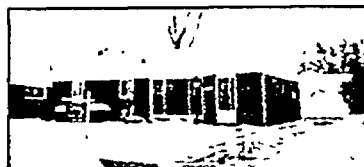
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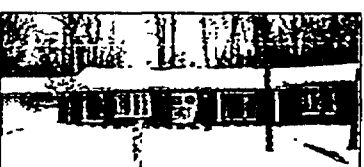
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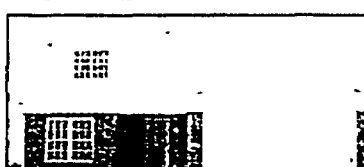
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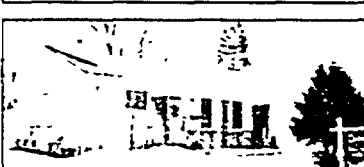
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This 3 bedroom solid brick home has been extensively updated with new vinyl windows, steel entry doors, Pergo floor in kitchen with newer cabinets & part finished basement with bar. (F23GLO) 734-455-5600 \$127,900



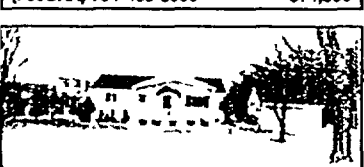
WOODHAVEN Excellent Location
Charming 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick Ranch with 2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room with fireplace, a lot of storage. (F67CAB) 734-455-5600 \$195,000



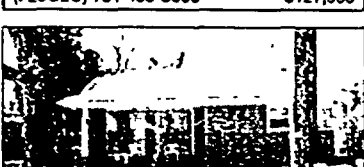
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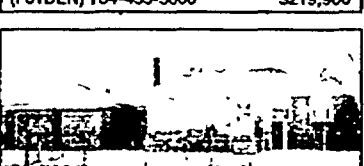
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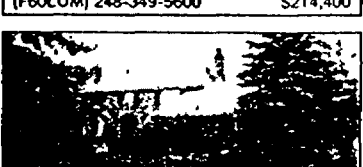
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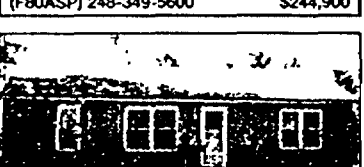
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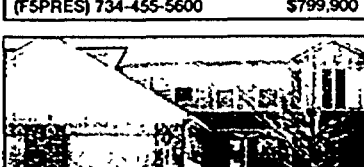
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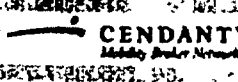


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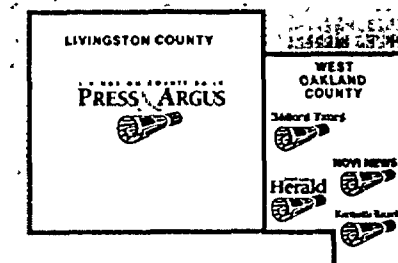
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for heavy metal industry. Must have own tools. Will consider training right person. 248-684-0555 Email: qualitysteelorgs@comcast.net

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Plumber Call UNIVERSAL (248)449-1737

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Senior Financial Analyst

Holmedics, a large supplier of personal care products, has a position available for a Senior Financial Analyst/Manager in Finance/Business (MBA/CPA preferred). 5-7 years experience in accounting/finance including 3+ years in financial analysis beyond actual vs. budget and trend analyses. A strong background in budgeting and forecasting is a must. Advance level skills in Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and Access. Experience with ERP a plus. To be considered, you must submit a resume with salary requirements to resume@holmedics.com.

SHIPPING MANAGER

needed for a Southeastern Michigan company. Computer and organizational skills a must. Also, must be able to pull orders, prepare Advanced Shipping Notice, Bill of Lading and have knowledge of customs procedures. H-1o experience also needed. EOE, benefits and 401K plan. Please fax resume to Human Resource Manager 1-810-632-9270 or mail Human Resource Manager, P.O. Box 500, Hartland, MI 48853

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ACCOUNTANT / ANALYST, Entry-Level Brighton Area Company seeking full time Entry-level Accountant/Analyst. Must be proficient in Excel. Please send resume & salary requirements to: LTC Financial Group - A/R, P.O. Box 2215, Brighton, MI 48116-6015.

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Administrative Assistant

Good attitude, PC literate, detail oriented 12/Halstead fax: 248-471-4553 ruthym@waserteam.com

Bookkeeper/Office Manager

for small firm, proficient w/accounting software programs, exp. communication skills needed. Generous compensation & benefits. Resume Mr. Stern, 39500 Highpointe Blvd #450, Novi, MI 48375 Fax 248-347-4444

CAR BILLER/

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TECHNICIAN Must have basic knowledge in electric 1, plumbing welding, pneumatics, and carpentry 5+ yrs exp. Fax resume and salary req. to: Attn. Mark (248) 960-9119

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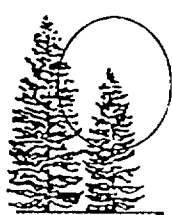
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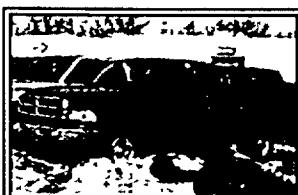
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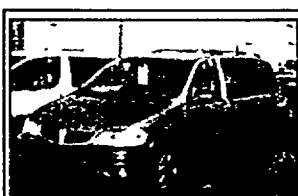
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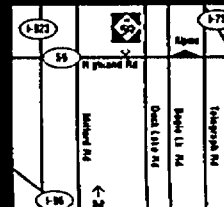


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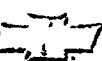
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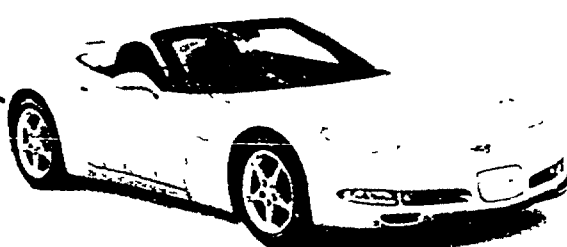


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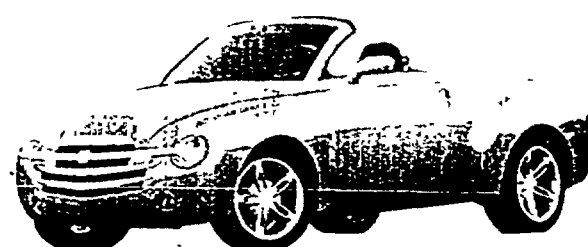
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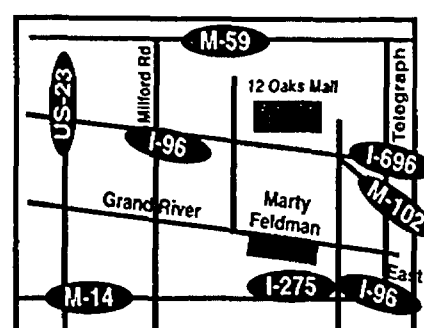
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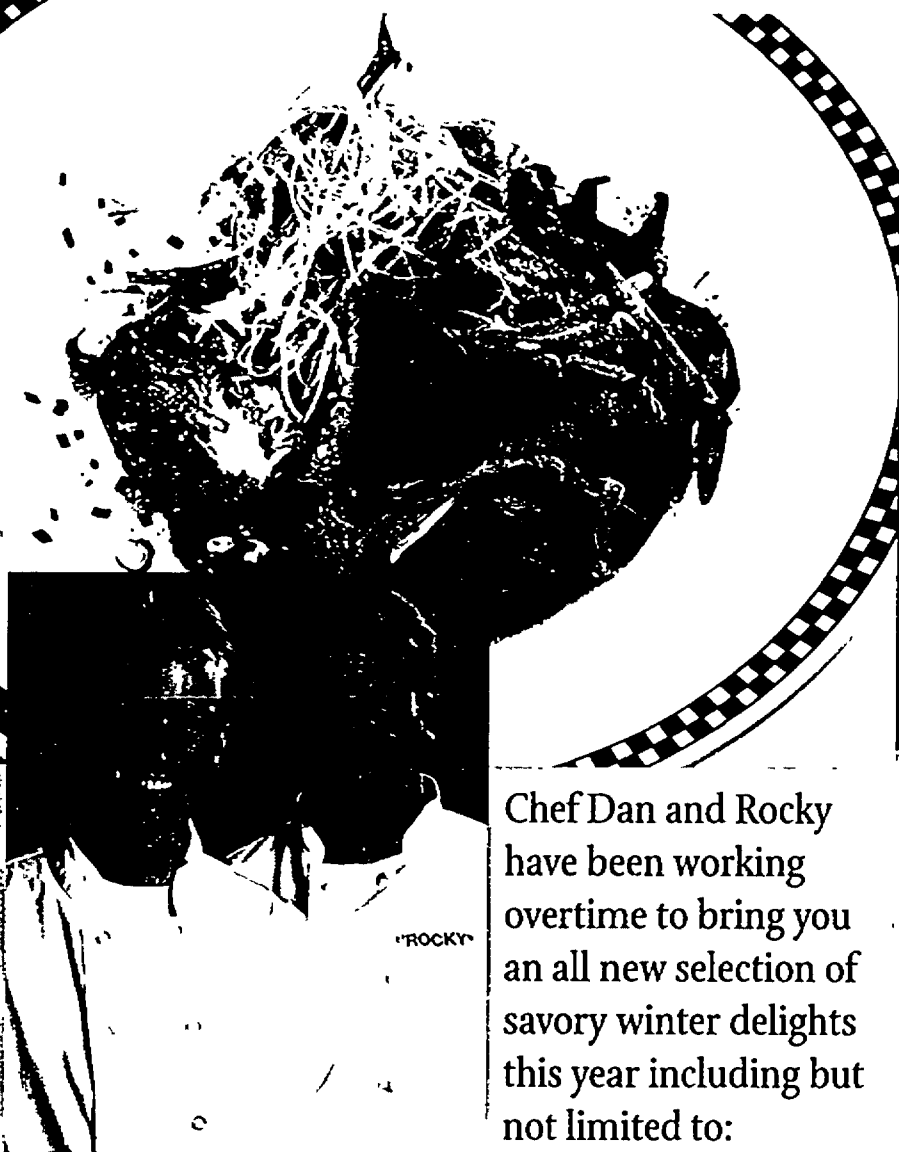
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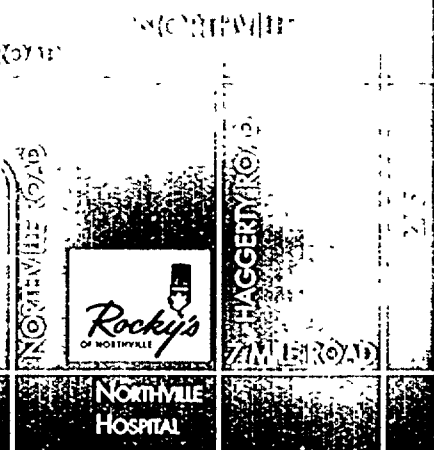
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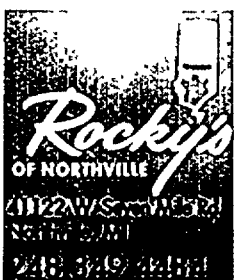
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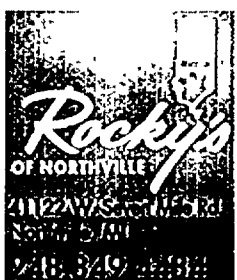
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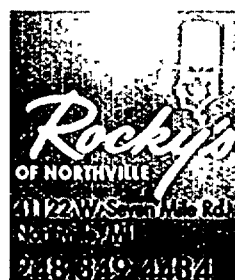
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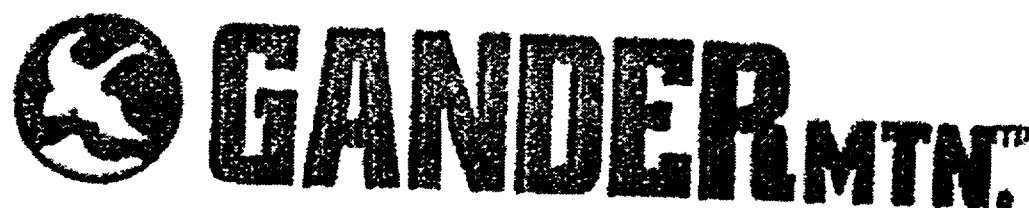
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Q Whatever happened to the country singer Norma Jean? She was on *The Porter Wagoner Show*.

—Edmund R., Ohio

Norma Jean moved to Branson, Mo. (pop. 6,050), about three years ago, where her big project is *The Cowboy Church*, a come-as-you-are, non-denominational church that provides a healthy dose of country gospel music. "It's more music than preaching," says Norma Jean, who also has a new CD, *I'm the Loneliest Star In Texas*, which includes her hits *Let's Go All The Way* and *Go Cat Go*, as well as some new material. Born Norma Jean Beasley, she started playing guitar at age 5 when her family moved from Wellston, Okla. (pop. 825), to Oklahoma City, where she grew up. By age 13, she had her own radio show on KLPR. She became a regular on Red Foley's *Ozark Jubilee* television show in 1958 and dropped her surname. She moved to Nashville, Tenn.,

in 1960, becoming the featured vocalist with Porter Wagoner on both his network television show and also on the *Grand Ole Opry*. She had several hits that charted before she married in 1967 and left the show. Most recently, she performed reunion shows with Wagoner and Buck Trent in Parsons, Kan. (pop. 11,514), and West Plains, Mo. (pop. 10,866).

Q I'm interested in knowing more about Richard S. Prather, who authored the *Shell Scott* detective books. These books were very popular when I was growing up in the 1950s and 1960s.

—David P., via e-mail

Richard S. Prather, who wrote 40 *Shell Scott* novels, is now 82 and very active. He and his wife have a home in Sedona, Ariz. (pop. 10,192), where he takes care of their organic garden, watches golf on TV and keeps up with cor-



Norma Jean now sings in Branson, Mo.



Actor Anthony Lapaglia and his younger brother Jonathan, above.

respondence from his fans. He's even working on another book in the *Shell Scott* series. "It's not 16-hour days like it used to be for me," Prather says of his current manuscript, "so there's no way to tell when it will be done." The last one, *Shell Shocked*, was released in 1987. Prather's books were notable for their light touch at a time when most detective novels were of the hardboiled variety. Though wildly successful, the books never made it into movies or television. "We had nibbles and options, but for some reason it never happened," Prather says, admitting that he'd be happy to see Scott come to life onscreen someday. All 40 *Shell Scott* books are available through the website: www.erasd.com.

Q I would like to know if Jonathan Lapaglia, who plays a detective on *The District*, and Anthony Lapaglia, who plays an FBI agent on the show *Without a Trace*, are related. They sure look alike.

—Margarer M., Tennessee

They sure do, which makes sense because they are, indeed, brothers. Born in Adelaide, Australia, Anthony and Jonathan originally had completely different career paths. Older brother Anthony was a teacher in New York, until he decided to try an acting career. It was a good move—he's worked in films and onstage, has a Tony award and was nominated for an Emmy for his role as Daphne's obnoxious brother in *Frasier*. He and his wife, Gia, live in New York. Jonathan, on the other hand, studied medicine and worked in Australia and London as a physician for three years. As he became interested in acting, Jonathan started taking classes during his off hours, eventually quitting medicine and moving to

New York to go into acting full force. After attending the Circle in the Square Theater School, Jonathan got a starring role in the TV series *New York Undercover*, and has worked steadily since. He is single and lives in Los Angeles. ☆

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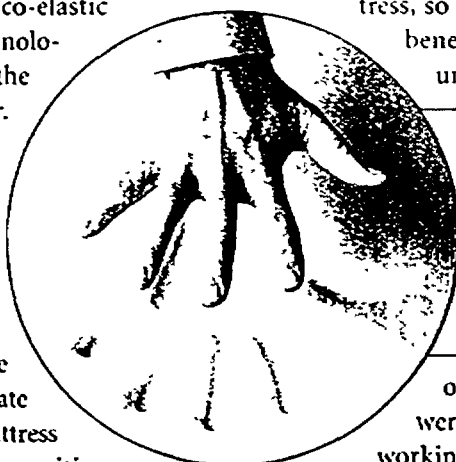
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Readers of the *Kansas Cowboy* newspaper don't want the latest news. They want the earliest, such as accounts of Capt. Eugene Miller and other famous cattle drivers from the 1870s.

Jim Gray publishes the bimonthly from an office inside Drovers Mercantile in Ellsworth, Kan. (pop. 2,965).

For each issue, Gray rounds up stories about characters like George W. Flatt, a Caldwell, Kan., constable who could fire two pistols at once, early cattle towns, and historic Kansas ranches.

Gray and his partner, Linda Kohls, opened Drovers Mercantile in 1995 to sell saddles, Western books, cowboy clothing, Dutch ovens and other cowboy gear.

"That first year, we kept having cowboys come in here who, like my own family, had cowboy his-



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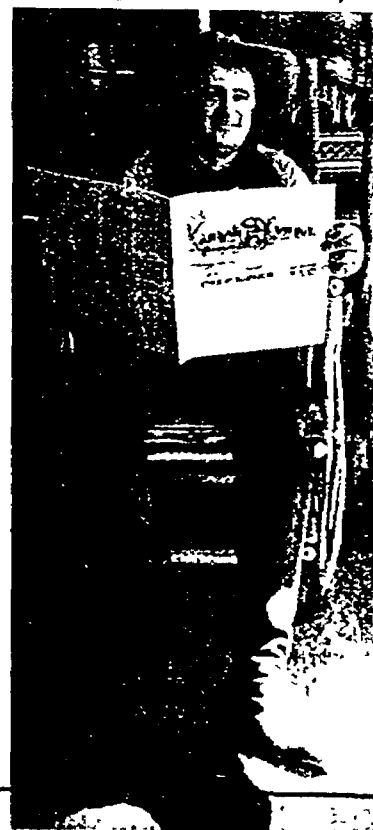
stories from the 1880s," says Gray, 53. "I remember one guy said, 'I didn't think anyone cared about these stories anymore.'"

The comment struck a chord with Gray, a fourth-generation cowboy who looks and dresses the part in his kerchief, pocket vest, corduroy trousers, and high-heeled cowboy boots and spurs. His great-grandfather, George Curtis Gray, brought the family to nearby Geneseo from Ontario, Canada, in 1879. Gray's family still owns the original ranch.

"There are literally thousands and thousands of stories out there," Gray says. "There were so many trials and tribulations to survive. My own family story reads like a novel."

Recognizing the need to preserve the stories, in 1996 Gray founded the C.O.W.B.O.Y. (Cockeyed Old West Band of Yahoos) Society, whose members have fun living and preserving the cowboy way.

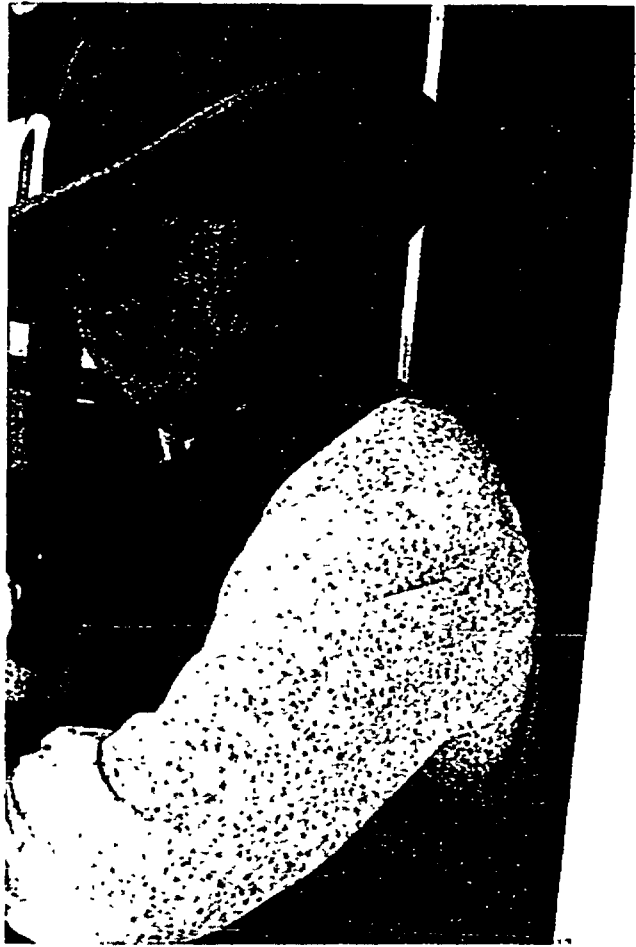
Reading the *Kansas Cowboy*.



The society's nearly 1,100 members keep in touch through the newspaper, named after the original *Kansas Cowboy* published in the 1880s by the Western Central Kansas Stock Association. It covered all aspects of the cattle business. The modern-day version, which prints 4,000 copies of each issue, covers upcoming cowboy events, such as trail rides, rodeos, and Old West re-enactments, as well as historical events, such as the birth of the Chisholm Trail.

When members meet for the fall roundup each October, cattle and horses once again fill downtown Ellsworth. Cowboy action shooting, gun fighting, trail riding, storytelling, cowboy poetry and singing are among the activities. At their spring gathering, set this year for April 16-17, members dress in 1870s garb for a cowboy ball with traditional dances, such as the Virginia reel.

The cowboy lifestyle has always appealed to Gray. As a young boy, he yearned to be a cowboy like Roy Rogers



West legends right under his spurs in Ellsworth, Kan.

or Gene Autry. "Then I discovered that the real cowboys lived right here in Ellsworth," he says.

Ellsworth was the end of the trail for cowboys driving longhorns up from Texas for shipment on the Kansas Pacific Railroad. In 1873, more cattle were driven to Ellsworth than any other railhead in the state.

Gamblers, adventurers and women of easy virtue crowded saloons and dance halls. Wild Bill Hickok ran for sheriff here and lost. One wag boasted that "Ellsworth has a man every morning for breakfast."

"Like all cowtowns, I think that Ellsworth wanted to cover up its past and pretend it didn't happen," Gray says. "We're a couple of generations away now and can talk about it."

And talk they do at Drovers Mercantile. Every Wednesday, for example, Jonathan Dahlke takes his lunch break there so he can swap cowboy stories.

"I just started hanging out and talking history," says Dahlke, an Ellsworth County parole officer. "There's so much history here. You can walk those trails and see the wagon ruts. If I went back to school, I'd major in history and it's all because of Jim."

The newspaper and mercantile interests "armchair cowboys, historians and serious researchers of the Old West," Gray says.

"Many young boys at the turn of the 19th century yearned to ride the trails," Gray says. "Few ever followed their dream, but enough did to help build a legend." He plans to keep telling their stories. ☆

Marti Atton is a regular contributor to American Profile.

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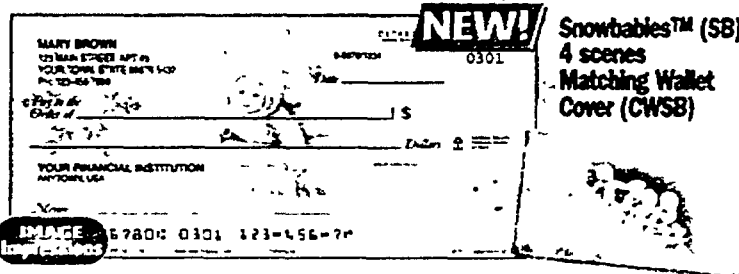
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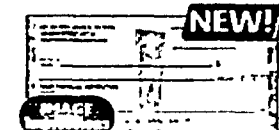
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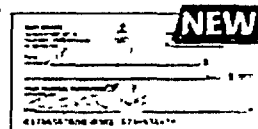


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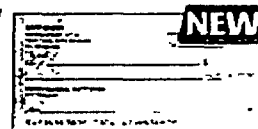
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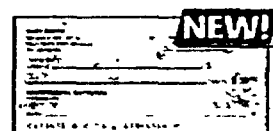
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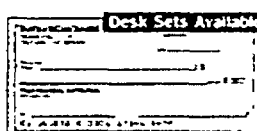
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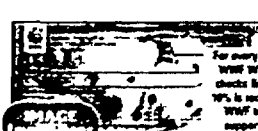
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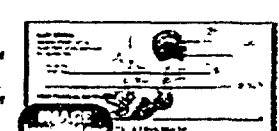
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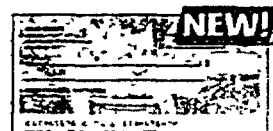
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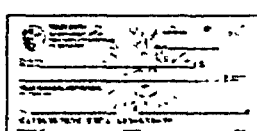
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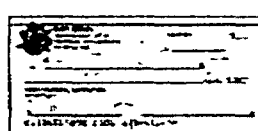
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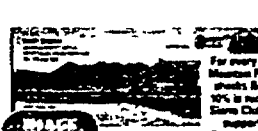
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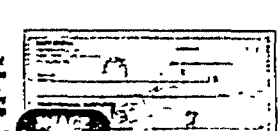
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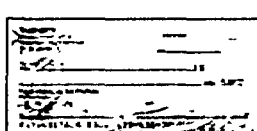
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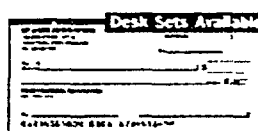
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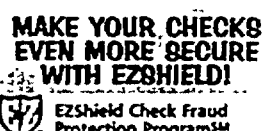
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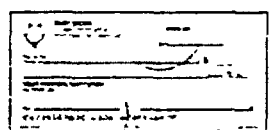
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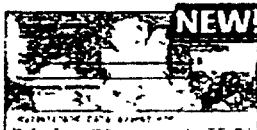
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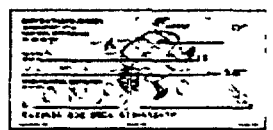
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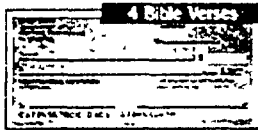
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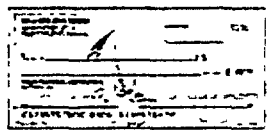
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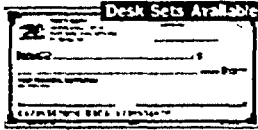
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An hour before his show, B.B. King relaxes in the back of his luxurious tour bus, his awe-inspiring hands resting atop a pile of tangled wires from his many electronic devices assembled on one table. At 78, the blues legend remains on the cutting edge of technology, as evidenced by his mastery of his Compaq laptop computer, mp3 audio player and satellite radio box.

Technology is just one of the numerous changes the former Mississippi sharecropper has witnessed while traveling the world, playing the blues over the last six decades. Born Sept. 16, 1925, on the bank of Blue Lake, near Itta Bena (pop. 2,208), in a

"I didn't start out wanting to be a blues singer," says B.B. King, shown playing guitar in 1967. "I started out wanting to be a preacher."

Photo: David Mudd

"As a little kid, the blues meant hope, excitement and pure emotion."

segregated Mississippi, King's boyhood home didn't have electricity until he was a teenager. Although King is rarely seen without his trademark tuxedo, his childhood years were spent clad in worn, ripped overalls and shoes patched with a clamp designed for pigs' snouts.

"If I had my life to live again, there's not much I would change," he says. "I would be born and grow up in the Delta on a plantation because there were a lot of good people there. I learned to live with them and work with people. I learned to take orders. I learned to get along. When I went into the Army, they said, 'If you don't know how to take orders, you can't give them.'"

During his childhood, he soon learned that what mattered most in Mississippi was work. For \$10 a month, he and his mother worked side by side in cotton and corn

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THEY SAY TO PLAY THE BLUES BB KING
YOU'VE GOT TO FEEL THE PAIN.

by BEVERLY KEEL

fields. By age 6, he was in charge of milking 10 cows every morning before embarking on his three-mile walk to a one-room schoolhouse. Before bedtime, there were another 10 cows to milk before his day's work was done.

As long as he can remember, King heard other workers shouting in the fields, singing the blues about the heat of the sun, the darkness of the approaching clouds or the savory meal awaiting after a long day's work. "No matter where you went, walking behind the plow or picking cotton, you'd be hearing beautiful voices," he recalls. "People today call it field hollering." King says his Uncle Jack's voice could be heard from two or three miles away. "It just sounded good," he says. "Most of the times I didn't know what he was saying. I like the tone of the way it sounded, the melodic line of it."

King disagrees with scholars who only associate the blues with tragedy and suffering. "As a little kid, the blues meant hope, excitement and pure emotion," he says. "You could almost

sum up the blues this way: 1. It's something you like; 2. It's something you dislike; 3. It's something you wish was, or would like to have, or would like to be; and 4. Something that you wish wasn't and wouldn't be.

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people, places and things. Most men always sing about the ladies. What else is there? I think secretly that the ladies think the same thing about us. As long as we have people, places and things, we'll always have the blues."

Since King battled with stuttering when he was young, the blues offered a satisfying form of expression. "I can say what I'm trying to say through song and never be ashamed of it," he says. "But if I had to sit here and say, 'She's down by the creek looking at the birds,' I'd feel stupid saying that. Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole could say that and they'd say exactly what I wished I could say, but all of the singers couldn't do that, especially blues singer. We're straight to the point."

Respect the blues

Although Congress declared 2003 as The Year of the Blues, King believes the blues still doesn't get the respect it deserves. "Not yet, but I think we're getting there," he says, mentioning the recent seven-part series on PBS titled *The Blues*. "I think each century that it takes somebody, like those directors and producers, to bring out whatever was in the woodwork in front of the people so they can see it."

"Knowledge is power, education is power," he says. "If you know something about something, you respect it. You might not like it, but you respect it. It all ties into where we

Indianola, Miss., has hosted a free B.B. King concert for 40 years.

came from and why the blues were then and why it is today.

"Listen, we've always paid attention to Brahms, Beethoven and Bach, and we still respect them, and some of them go back to the 14th and 15th centuries. But what about Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Woody Herman and Glenn Miller? Why shouldn't we know about them? When you analyze what they are doing, you'll find some blues. Blues is deeply rooted in the many types of music today."

While bluesman Robert Johnson has received mainstream attention, King would like the spotlight to be spread on others too, including Louis Jordan, Blind Lemon Jefferson, Lonnie Johnson ("Lonnie Johnson was what I hope to be before I die"), T-Bone Walker ("the epitome of the blues"), both men known as Sonny Boy Williamson, and Bobby "Blue" Bland, who is King's personal favorite.

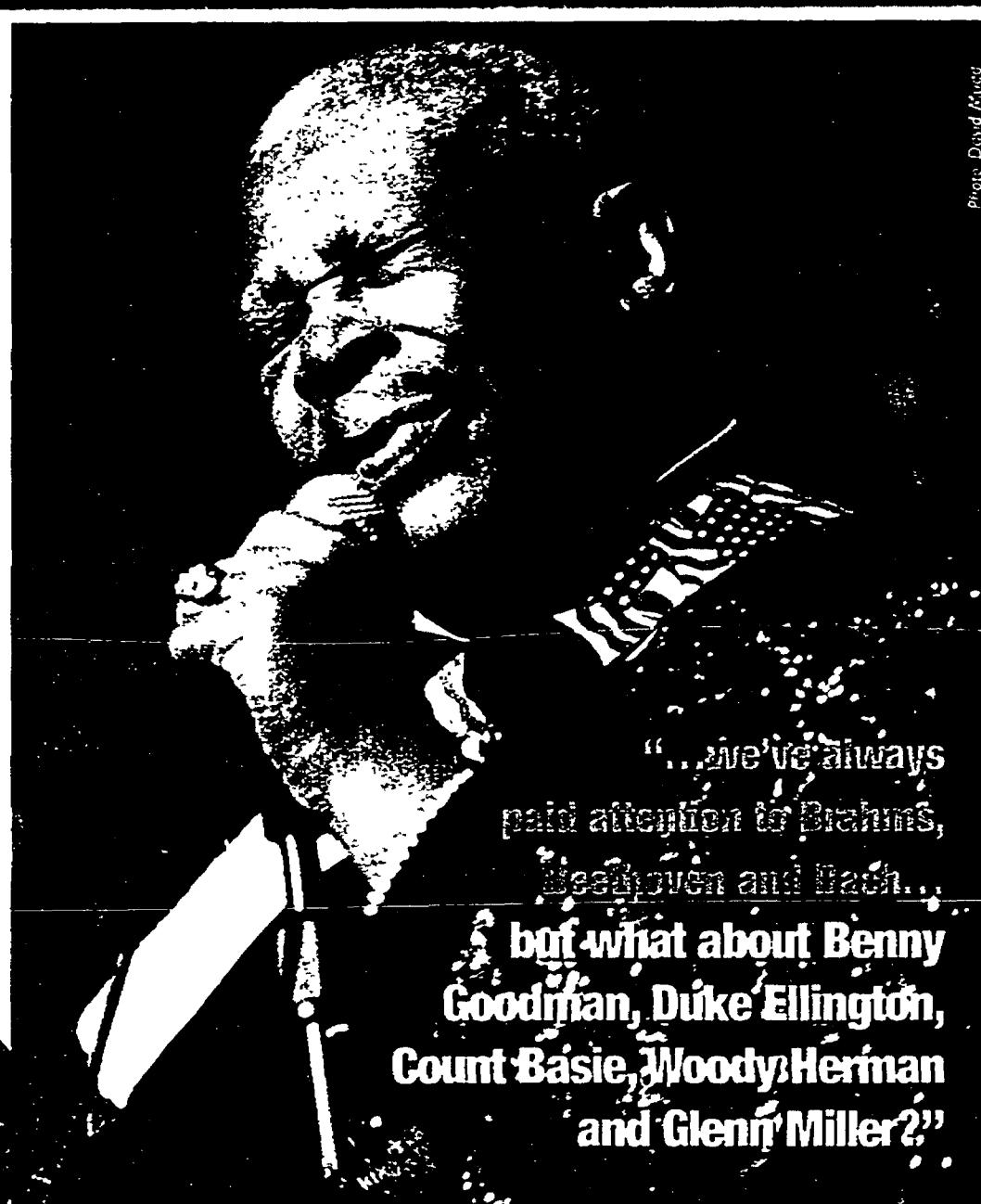
For decades, King was disturbed by the stereotype many held of a blues singer: "a guy sitting on a big bucket with a jug of corn liquor sitting beside him, a guitar laying across his right leg, a cigarette hanging on his lip and pants that were ripped half-open." He says, "It's a big myth and it hurts me deeply that they think of us like that, so I've tried most of my life not to fit anywhere near that category that I feel people felt."

"My cousin Booker White used to say, 'If you want to be a blues singer, try always to look like you were going to the bank to borrow money,' and that is, you want to look and act your best, because if you didn't, they wouldn't talk to you, and I've always tried to remember that."

No slowing down

King has always set high standards, both musically and appearance-wise, as he's released about 80 albums and traveled to 90 countries, performing with artists such as Luciano Pavarotti, Eric Clap-

King, shown here in 1948, got his start on Memphis, Tenn., radio.



"...we've always paid attention to Brahms, Beethoven and Bach... but what about Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Woody Herman and Glenn Miller?"

ton, U2, Stevie Wonder and John Lee Hooker. The high school dropout has received honorary doctorates from Yale University and the Berklee College of Music. He's been inducted into both the Blues Foundation Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Not content to rest on his laurels, he shows no sign of slowing down. The Las Vegas resident still plays about 200 shows a year. Diabetes has left him with bad knees, so now he sits in a simple metal chair onstage as he cradles Lucille, his large-bodied electric guitar, and passionately croons, "Nobody loves me but my mother, and she could be jiving too."

Last year marked King's 40th anniversary of returning home to Mississippi to play a free concert in Indianola (pop. 12,066). "I do it now because when I was growing up, I didn't have anyone that we could look up to. The only newspapers we saw that had a black person in it had committed some kind of a crime or was accused of it, except Joe Lewis and one lady who was an educator."

"But now when I was down there, 5-year-old, 7-year-old, 12-year-old kids say, 'Hey B.B., how you doing?' I get so proud because I can see them being proud little people, when I was quite timid. I didn't feel nobody really cared whether we lived or died. Today, they don't think like that. Today, when I go down there, I feel like I bring courage to all of them. I'm a great-grandfather and I feel like the grandfather of them. It makes me feel real proud." ☆

Beverly Keel is the entertainment editor of American Profile.

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Tidbits

Did You Know...

ILLINOIS—Of the roughly 150 different species of mosquitoes in the United States, about 20 live in northern Illinois.

INDIANA—Beanblossom, home to the Bill Monroe Bluegrass Festival, was named after a river that had been named after a person.

IOWA—Keokuk (pop. 11,427) was home at various times to John Wayne, Roger Maris, and Samuel Clemens.

KANSAS—Cattails are extremely common in the state. A single cattail head can contain as many as 250,000 seeds.

MICHIGAN—Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, on 35 miles of Lake Michigan's eastern coast, was established for its forests, beaches, dune formations, and ancient glacial phenomena. The lakeshore also contains an 1871 lighthouse.

MINNESOTA—The only operating steam-powered carousel left in the country runs every Labor Day weekend at the annual Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion in Rollag.

MISSOURI—Springfield's new American National Fish and Wildlife Museum and Aquarium—Wonders of Wildlife—features 160 live species of animals from otters and bobcats to sharks.

NEBRASKA—Milk is better than water for cooling your mouth after eating spicy food, according to the state's Department of Agriculture.

NORTH DAKOTA—The Badlands in the state's southwest corner is rugged territory formed by centuries of erosion, mostly from the Little Missouri River.

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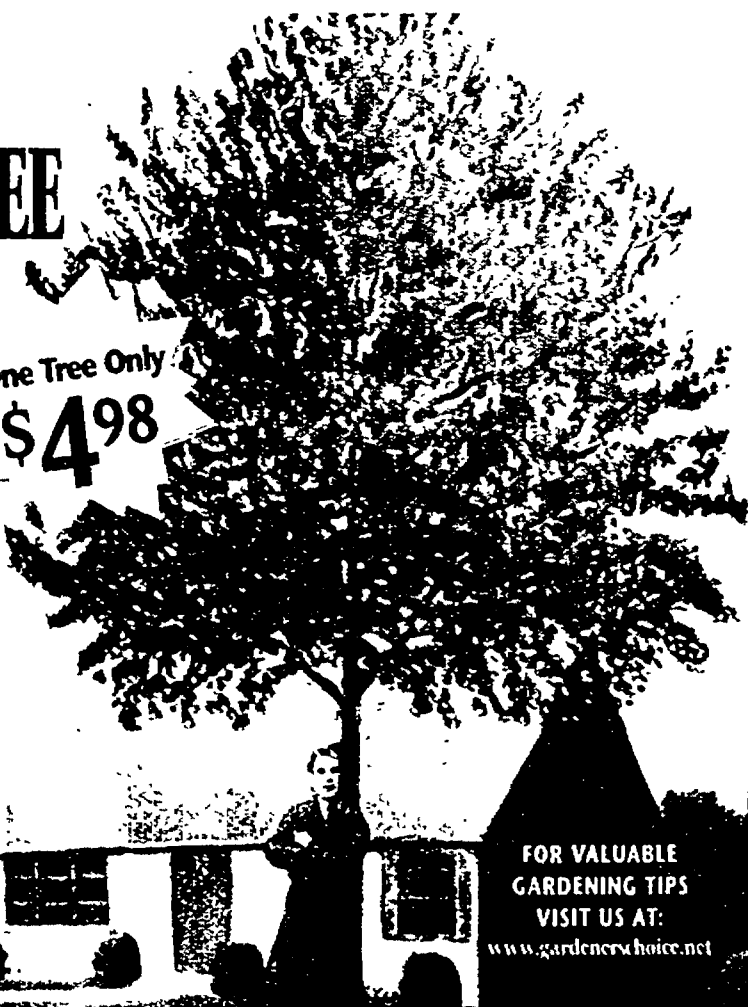
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Hometown Spotlight

The World's Leap Year Capital

by ELIZABETH JOHNSON

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Every four years, residents of Anthony, N.M., (pop. 7,904) and Anthony, Texas, (pop. 3,850) throw a birthday party for people born on Feb. 29, but they invite everyone to join in the celebration in the self-proclaimed Leap Year Capital of the World.

Anthony has claimed that title since 1988, when resident Mary Ann Brown—a Leap Year baby born in 1932—proposed the idea to the town's Chamber of Commerce as a way to promote the farming community that straddles the Texas-New Mexico border.

"I always thought that Leap Year Day should have more recognition," says Brown, who celebrates her 18th birthday on Feb. 29 (that's 72 calendar years to the rest of us). "It just came to me that it would be a good theme for the Chamber of Commerce to use—and we'd only have to work hard once every four years."

On Feb. 1, 1988, Brown and her neighbor, Birdie Lewis—who also was born on Leap Year Day—approached Chamber of Commerce officials with the idea of a Leap Year Festival, a Leap Year Birthday Club, and a new title for Anthony.

(The town had been calling itself "The Best Little Town in Two States.") The chamber agreed with the unique proposal, and soon, the governors of both Texas and New Mexico made proclamations declaring Anthony the Leap Year Capital of the World.

With only a month to prepare, the first festival drew only nine Leap Year birthday celebrants from neighboring towns in Texas and New Mexico, who shared a birthday cake at Brown's auto parts store. By the time the next Leap Year rolled around, however, a few thousand people came to Anthony for a two-day festival, including "Leapies" (also known as "29ers") from several U.S. states and as far away as Germany.

2004 marks Anthony's fifth Worldwide Leap Year Festival. Festivities will include a 10K race, chuck wagon breakfast, hot air balloon launch, crafts show, carnival, hayrides, golf tournament, concerts, a parade, and of course, a birthday party for those rare individuals born on Feb. 29.

"When you only get one birthday every four years, you want to make it special," Brown says. "Here in Anthony, we try to do everything we can think of to entertain the people who come to the festival."

Only about 4 million of the world's 6 billion people were born on Feb. 29; about 200,000 of them live in the United States. The odds of being born on Feb. 29 are 1 in 1,461, which means that less than 1 percent of the population are Leap Year babies. The Worldwide Leap Year Birthday Club, founded by Brown, has more than 400 members worldwide.

But the Leap Year celebration is not just for those born on Leap Year Day—after all, Brown points out, everyone gets to enjoy an extra day this year.

Teresa Gerber arranges potential birthday gifts.

"It's not just any old day," she explains. "Leap Year Day is important, because it keeps the calendar in sync with the rotation of the Earth. It's a very special day with a very special purpose."

Roman emperor Julius Caesar introduced Leap Year back in 46 B.C. as a way to account for the fact that the calendar was 365 days long, while the Earth's rotation is 365 and 1/4 days long. Because of that discrepancy, months on the calendar were no longer matching up with the seasons. But Caesar's calculations were a little off, and after 15 centuries, the dates were once again off kilter. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII tweaked the Leap Year rules a bit, fixing the problem and setting up the calendar system we still use today.

"Leap Year Day will never be 'just another day' for me," says Anthony Chamber of Commerce president Jonathan Boldt. "For such a small town to have such a distinction is a big deal. It's just like the Olympics—every four years, and it's happening right here in Anthony."

Elizabeth Johnson is a freelance writer in Lansing, Mich., and the mother of a son born on Leap Year Day.



Mary Ann Brown, 72, celebrates her 18th Feb. 29.



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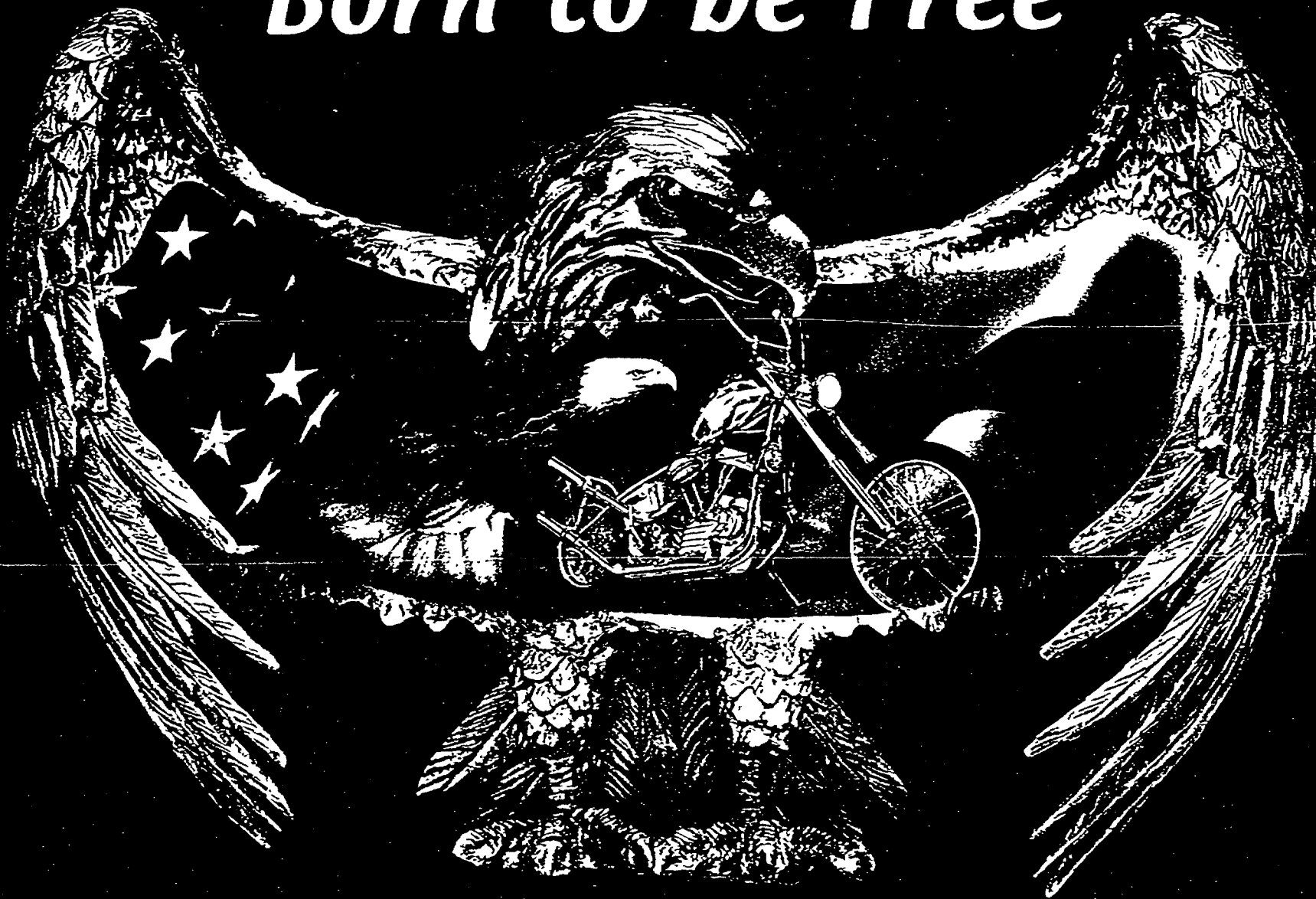
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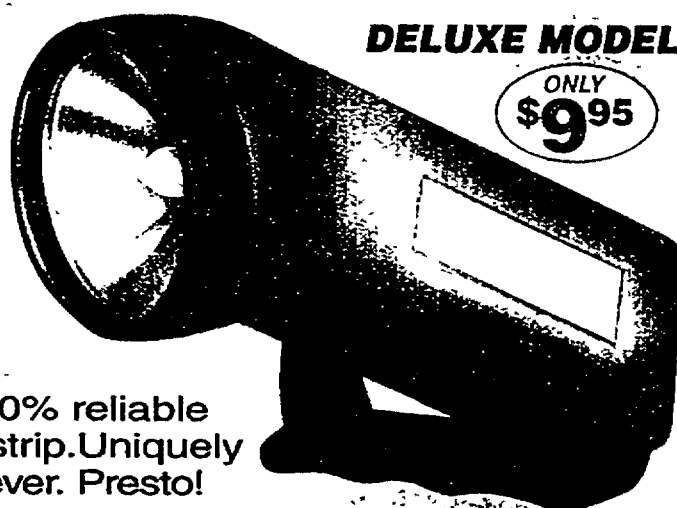
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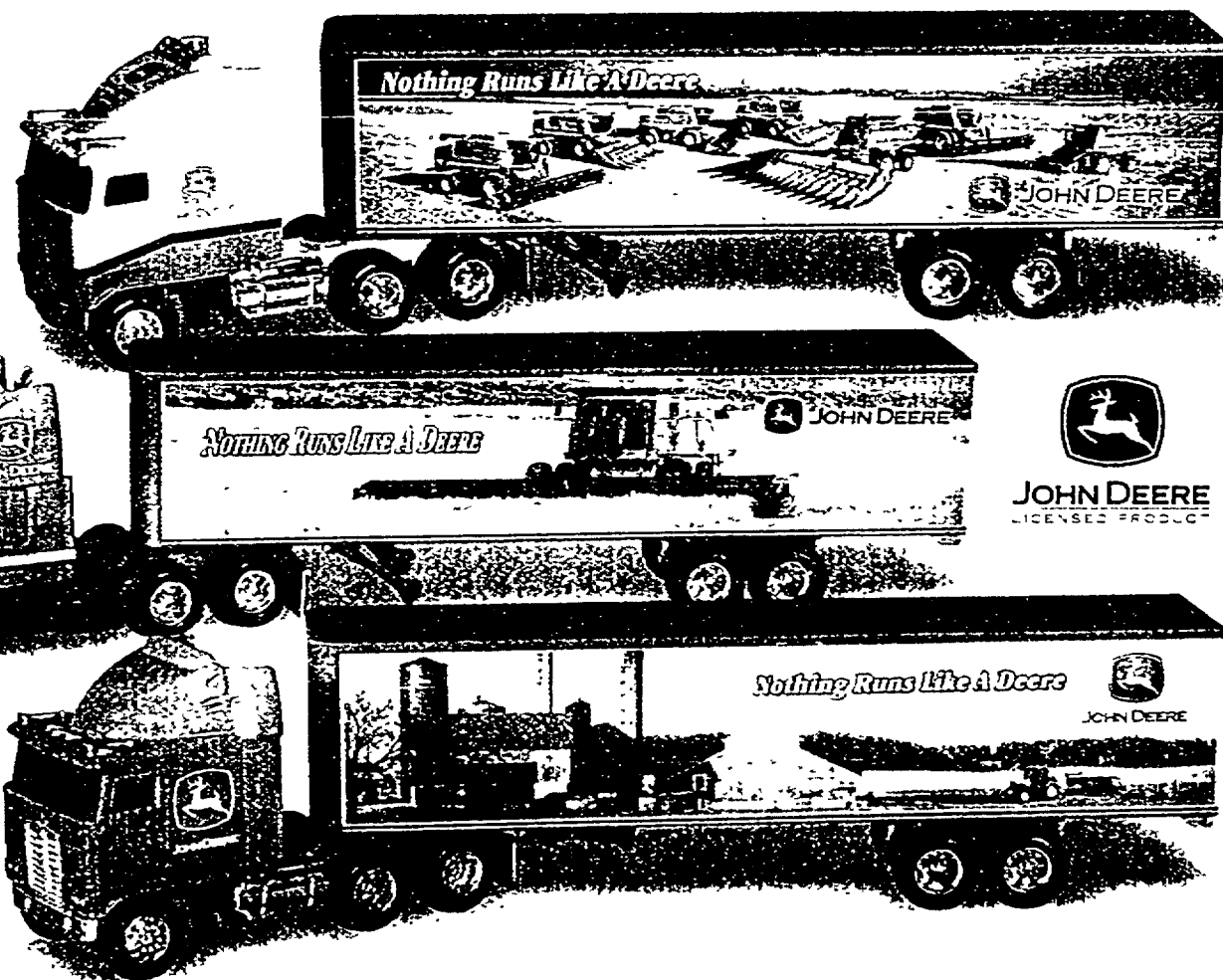


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RECIPE: Chicken Artichoke Pasta

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Chicken Artichoke Pasta

- 1 pound chicken breast
- 12 ounces artichoke hearts
- 1 cup Manzanilla, or other green olives, cut in half
- 1/2 cup black olives, cut in half
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 zucchini squash, sliced
- 2-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 ounces corkscrew pasta
- 1 cup Alfredo sauce, or 1 cup Italian dressing

Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces and pan fry in olive oil until cooked through. Season with salt and pepper. Sauté garlic, onion, squash, artichoke hearts and olives. Mix cooked chicken with sautéed ingredients. Serve over cooked pasta with Alfredo sauce, or toss with prepared pasta and Italian dressing for a delicious salad.

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