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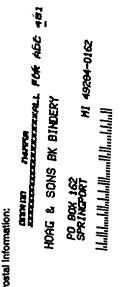
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By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

The Northville Township Board of Trustees Thursday night cleared the path toward 356 new homes on Detroit House of Corrections property east of

Developer Grand/Sakwa of Farmington Hills, with a purchase pending on the former

Detroit House of Corrections 307 acres, negotiated terms with the board on a planned-unit-development agreement. The 16-page document and amendments spell out conditions for development of a combination of single-family homes and condominiums on the former farmland now woodlands, wetlands and creek site.

Specifically, the concept plan

• at the north end of the parcel, along Six Mile Road, 170 houses with front-entry garages, on 75lots, for the most part. There are a few 70-foot lots.

• on the east side of the parcel, midway between Five and Six Mile roads, 82 houses with sideentry garages.

• on the central portion of the parcel, 104 duplex condominiums with half each side- and

front-entry garages.

• on the south end of the parcel, along Five Mile Road, research and development.

"I have heard that Pulte is going to be the only builder out there," said Jennifer Frey, township community development director. Specifics on home sizes and price range were not yet

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A ROYAL SENDOFF

By Chris C. Davis

The reign of Laurie Marrs ended in regal form last week, as a royal-themed party provided a fitting end for her service to the Northville business world.

Marrs, who had served as Northville Chamber of Commerce executive director for nearly 20 years, was sent off into retirement in grand style last week at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth Township. Marrs known for her high-energy approach to running the chamber saw that same energy come right back to her at the event.

A two-hour social meet-andgreet reception kicked off the celebration, interrupted by the booming voice of "Dr. Rudy," the famed medicine pitchman of the Northville Victorian Festival, who retired himself two years earlier. Coming out of retirement for the evening, Dr. Rudy played emcee for the evening's festivities.

Adorned with a crown and presented with a massive bouquet of flowers, Marrs was then treated to the thundering sound of the Northville High School marching band, which had managed to sneak into St. John's virtually drums rolled through the building's hallways. Band director Mike Rumbell stepped aside for a moment, allowing Marrs to play the role of director for a few parade favorites.

A parade of a different sort then ensued, when several groups associated with Marrs and the chamber took their turns at saluting the outgoing director and her contributions to the community, includ-

 The Northville Rotary Club, whose representatives said Marrs had never sold a hot dog at the group's annual sale at the Victorian Festival. Faced with that piece of information, Marrs was made to auction a hot dog for the Rotarians at that moment. It sold for more than \$150.

• The Parasol Brigade, which identified the leadership charac-

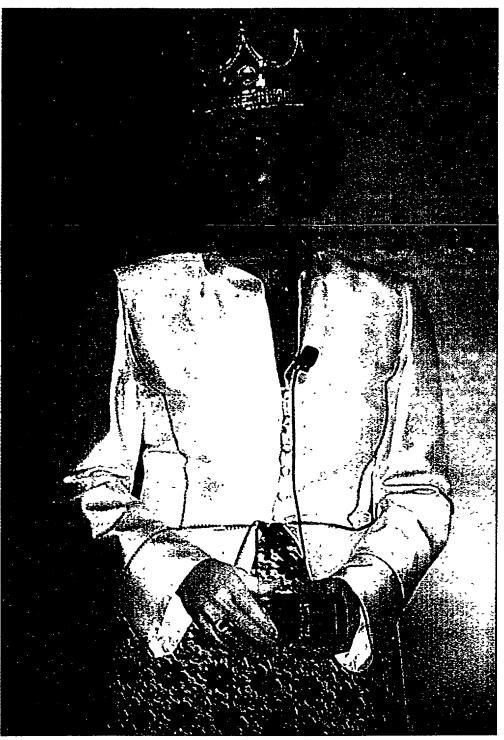
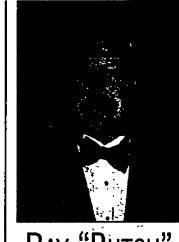


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Outgoing Northville Chamber of Commerce director Laurie Marrs looks on during a recognition reception held last week in her honor. Marrs had served as director of the chamber for nearly 20 years.



RAY "BUTCH" CASTERLINE

1947-2004

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

There were stories of his professional compassion, frequent golf games, out-of-the-limelight community contributions, and love for his family, first and fore-

Lifetime Northville resident Ray "Butch" Casterline, 56, died last Wednesday, March 31. Through the weekend, hundreds of area residents consoled his wife, Roxanne, and family at the Casterline Funeral Home, the legacy established by the first Ray, Butch's grandfather, in 1937.

After the funeral service Monday, Dunlap lot "Northville where Casterline treated the community ice

· lost a good friend." Chris Johnson

Northville mayor

cream each Memorial Day was filled with people pay-

ing final respects to his memory. Dunlap Street between Center and Wing was closed off to contain the funeral procession of vehicles to Casterline's final resting place at Rural Hill Cemetery.

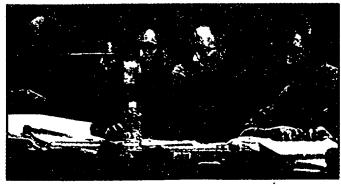
Throughout his funeral home, there were tributes to Casterline's attention to arrangements: a floral arrangement shaped like a golf ball, a suitcase packed with clubs, and his "ratty" coffee mug, handy for his trip to heaven. Some of the ally gathered for coffee on Dunlap Street that morning shared their last donuts with Casterline, said life-time friend Fred Fisher. Visitors for the 11 a.m. service

filled every chapel, foyer and hallway of the funeral home. The family that for generations has comforted Northville in its time of grief in turn was enveloped by the community. Rev. John Hice and Rev. Jennifer Bixby of the First United Methodist Church of Northville led the words of com-

Four friends — Ted Mitchell, Scott Livingston, Andy Genitti and Ron Pannucci - delivered the eulogy, combining anecdotes to re-create the image of the man who touched countless lives during his own, cut short too soon. They also recalled Casterline's new lease on life when he over-

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City planners review grounds for school rejection



file photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville Planning Commission members ponder the fate of OLV's proposed school expansion plans during a public meeting at Hillside Middle School earlier this year.

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

After two hours of discussion and three split votes Tuesday night, Northville's planning commissioners assembled the facts to back up their rejection of Our Lady of Victory's special-land-

use permit application. Following a clerical tidy-up. the commission will forward the resulting resolution — with its six "whereas'", eight findings, and 14 points of general consensus — to the city's attorney for final review. It was the attorney's suggestion that the planners prepare a "finding of fact" document to support their March 2 vote to deny the church's application. 'You've got to tell the world

why you've reached the conclusion you've reached," city manager Gary Word told the commission Tuesday night. This is simply a clarification of the motion you made on March 2. Planning commissioner

Christopher Gazlay said that night he deliberately worded his motion, supported by commissioner Nancy Chiri, and felt the exercise was unnecessary. However, Gazlay said he understood the task at hand and led discussion of the resolution the commission adopted, which the group will supply to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

That city body will hear Our Lady of Victory's appeal of the planning commission decision, likely at its May 5 meeting. Counsel for the congregation March 30 appealed the 6-3 vote rejecting plans to build a kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school on the west side of

Orchard Drive. Michael Nedelman, who specializes in land planning and use issues for the Farmington Hillsbased firm of Nedelman and



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Casterline remembered for compassion, humor

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

Words of "shock," "unexpected," and "loss" murmured through the crowd gathered Monday morning to honor Ray "Butch" Casterline.

There's nothing he wouldn't do for someone," said lifetime friend Fred Fisher. "He was like a brother to me. He was a brother to me."

Many commented on Casterline's low-key community contributions, such as the cider and donuts provided at the Northville Fire Department's annual Halloween party. Another example was the tradition of free ice cream treats in his Dunlap Street parking lot after the Memorial Day parade each year.

"He never wanted accolades," said long-time family friend Jennifer Paciocco. "He did it out of

the goodness of his heart."

Among his efforts were helping with the community's annual Victorian Festival, building the original Santa's House, and selling sausage for the Kiwanis, Fisher list-

"He did things out of the light," agreed Toni Genitti, a friend of 30plus years. "What he used to do for people, people didn't know."

"He didn't care who he was talking to," she continued. "He treated everyone the same. He was a special, kind-hearted person."

Maureen D'Avanzo, a family friend of 25 years, said, "I bet everybody in the community would have a different story about what he did. He loved his community." Roxanne and Ray opened their home like it

was a community center, she said. "He loved his family first and

foremost," D'Avanzo said, "He was so proud of his daughters."

And he told us so, said Lindsey Casterline-Dogonski. She shared the memory of her father taking his girls golfing at a very young age. Eventually, they too enjoyed the sport their dad adored.

"He was the best brother-in-law I ever had," Rhonda Atchison recited one of her shared jokes with Casterline. "It was kind of a standing joke - he was the only brotherin-law I ever had. He always had that dry sense of humor."

When visiting her sister, Atchison said she could count on being teased with his greeting, "Are you here again?" She also said, "He was a very giving person. He did so many things for the community no one

Tom Handyside called Casterline

"one of the biggest-hearted people you'll ever meet."

said. "We played a lot of golf together."

Fire Chief James Allen said he He's done a great job following through on the family tradition."

Mayor Christopher Johnson echoed the compliment, recalling Casterline's handling of his parents'

munity has really lost a building block," he said. "Butch was one of the most warm-hearted people I know. His care and concern for people are legendary."

"He always had a way of getting you through those very tough times," Johnson said. "I know he's going to be missed terribly by everyone here."

Joanne Inglis, who met Casterline how his genuine concern for her well-being at the time of her hire

impacted her life.

The only word I think the minister missed is 'gracious,'" Inglis said of Monday morning's service.

Allen Terrace residents have asked the director how they can honor the memory of the man who has led their commission for so long, she said. "He'll be missed in a big, humongous way and I've only know him 4% years."

Casterline's aunt, Madeline Penney, said, "He was a great nephew. He was always there."

MASON ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

The Northville Masonic Lodge members recently honored two of their own who have served the fraternity a combined 125 years.

Fellow Masons lauded Herman Wedemeyer for 65 years and former Northville mayor A. Malcolm "Mike" Allen for 60 years during a March 1 special ceremony at their Main Street facility. More than 100 family members and fellow club members watched Grand Master of Masons in Michigan Lary Smith present a plaque to past worshipful master Wedemeyer and a pin to Allen to recognize their longevity with the organization.









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available.

There still is work to be done by developer Grand-Sakwa before passers-by see any progress. "The best-guess sce-

nario would be several months out," Frey said. The developer still needs to seek approval of plans from county, state and perhaps federal agenshe explained.



After that, the planning commission and board need to approve a final site plan. A construction review process is further down the road.

"It's my understanding they will submit something today for the planning commission's April 27th meeting," Frey said. "Preliminary or final, I don't know what it's going to be yet."

It will look a lot like the planned-unit-development concept plan the board endorsed March 18, she said. Acting on the Planning Commission's recommendation, the trustees expressed their preference for the PUD plan over the standard single-family-only plan Grand/Sakwa concurrently pre-

The board vote last Thursday was on terms that will govern

agreement, there is language regarding setbacks; open space; storm water, utilities and infrastructure; roadways; natural features, and other conditions.

To current Northville-area residents, the agreement will mean 350 new families to meet on local roads. schools. church and the grocery store.



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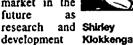
property, and have access to a new park.

There are several elements of the agreement that were beneficial to the township, according to Mary Gans, who has for months has watched the plan take shape in his roles as a board trustèe and as planning commission liaison. First, he cited Grand/Sakwa's donation of 125 acres, as in 24 acres for a linear park, 71 for open area/wetlands, and 30 acres for future research and development.

The linear park along Johnson Creek, which traverses the property northeast to southwest, will provide overlooks to the creek for walkers and bikers who use the path, Gans explained.

At each meeting up until board action April 1, members of the Johnson Creek Protection Group presented their concerns. about preserving the waterway, the environment around it and species in it. The township now will rely on the state to ensure the developer's proposed methods are appro-

Another plum for the township was the property the township will be able to market in the future



Local leaders have long discussed their goal of diversifying the township tax base, easing emphasis on residential property taxes.

The developer also will pay half the cost to pave Ridge Road south from Six Mile to the first subdivision entrance, with the condition that it take place within five years of the date of the agreement. If the county or other entity does not pave the road within that time frame, Grand/Sakwa gets its letter of credit or escrowed funds back, the agreement says.

There is a separate provision for the developer's involvement in paving a road that travels in front of the homes on the southeast corner of the parcel into A. Single Family Lots B. Duplex Units E. Future Research & Development F. Community Park

Concept Plan for Dehoco Property

SOURCE: Robert Leighton Associates Northville Community Park where the board agreed April 1 to expand facilities — turning south to allow access to Five Mile Road.

Gans also noted that Grand/Sakwa will run a water line from Beck Road west to where the developer needs it for the project. Although the company has to do that anyway, the trustee explained, the park benefits from the line access. For traffic-calming effects, the - rather than curved roads . straight-aways - laid out in the PUD agreement will benefit the neighborhood, Gans said.

In the 5-2 decision to approve the agreement, township clerk Sue Hillebrand and Trustee Shirley Klokkenga cast the "no" votes. They cited feeling rushed to make a decision on such an important matter, as well as concern about the benefit to the township relative to the concessions to the developer.

Grand/Sakwa has been involved with in the past speak for themselves," township supervisor Mark Abbo said. "I think they've done a very fine job."

"I'll let the developments that

Grand/Sakwa projects include the commercial shopping center at Six Mile and Haggerty roads, and residential developments Northville Ridge, Parkstone and Brooklane.

The city of Detroit-owned parcel, between Five and Six Mile roads east of Ridge, is the second largest parcel of township property yet undeveloped, behind only the state-owned former psychiatric hospital site on Seven Mile Road.

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Park expansion OKd; financing plan waits

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

If you build it, they will come. Weaver, Northville Township's director of public serv-

ices, took a turn at fantasy when he told the Board of Trustees he had fielded an offer to pay for park operations for 50 years. Alas, it was April Fool's



The board, in Mark Abbo a series of split

votes, agreed April 1 to approximately \$3 million worth of improvements to Northville Community Park. Self-described "fiscal conservatives," township supervisor Mark Abbo and treasurer Dick Henningsen, voted against the expansion. Both were in favor of the "Field of Dreams" scenario, but not without identified, ongoing operational resources.

"I cannot in good conscience vote for this particular item, but I'd sure like to see it done," said Henningsen. "But not at this par-ticular time."

Northville's population is grow-

ing by 815 residents per year, Trustee Brad Werner countered. "We have a definite need to service our population now."

Trustee Shirley Klokkenga echoed that sentiment. "I think that we have made a

promise to our community. We said we will expand as The board

quickly as possible. consensus pro-Phase One plan

ceeded with the bandied about Dick

in recent weeks Henningsen for the existing park on Beck Road, between Five Mile and Six Mile roads, and then some. For example, improvements

to existing soccer fields at the

park, and sodding four of the new

ones will allow play there as soon as May 2005. "The intent is to put infrastructure in now so we do it in a quality way," said trustee Mary Gans. "Why cheapen it, and have to come back and do it again. Otherwise, we'll be doing ourselves and the community an

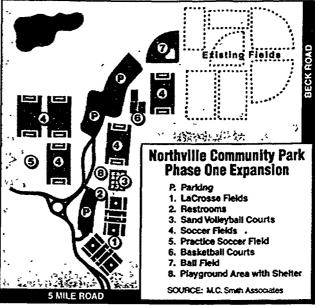
injustice. Specific improvements the board endorsed in the 40-acre Phase One area are:

- · six soccer fields (five game, one practice)
- two lacrosse fields
- three basketball courts six sand volleyball courts
- a baseball diamond · a picnic shelter
- restrooms
- a playscape area paved parking areas.

Another substantial portion of this first phase will be creating the infrastructure for the entire 100plus-acre park site, which entails construction of drainage and water retention systems.

Representatives from the township's landscape architect, M.C. Smith of Grand Rapids, in February reviewed for the board the top contenders among the dozen-plus bids submitted for the expansion.

The board Thursday awarded the contract to DeAngelis Landscaping of Woodhaven, the original contractor for the park 10 years ago, the low bidder at just under \$3 million. Weaver led the board through estimated costs of additional aspects of the projects. The board added the following aspects to the project at the respective costs:



 sod lacrosse field #2 (\$19,500) and soccer fields #1-4 (\$96,000) add drainage to the two exist-

ing soccer fields (\$34,800). · commit to the concept of a dog park. The board voted unanimously to work with the dog park committee, maintaining a board liaison, developing means to be selfsustaining, considering the noise level, and examining potential

Aside from dollars and cents of the facility construction - for which the township has funds available through a land-acquisition and park development millage - discussion in recent weeks has focused on 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.

With the series of state cuts in revenue sharing, representatives from the budget-strapped city have said consistently they would not be able to chip in for additional operational expenses. Some board members Thursday voiced their reluctance to hold up the expansion on that count; Abbo proposed a future meeting to discuss options there.

After the board members agreed to proceed with the expansion, they in a separate vote allocated approximately \$500,000 in landsale proceeds to the recreation shared-services fund.

"We're still cutting off a piece of the pie to pay for operations," Abbo said. "It's coming from fund balance. I would prefer operations be funded from a permanent and recurring source, not a one-time

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WEDDINGS



McQuaid-Heldke

Michelle McQuaid of Novi and Barton Heldke of Dearborn were married Sept. 6, at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth. Rev. Joseph Mallia officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dan and Mary Ann McQuaid of Northville. She is employed by Ford Motor Company. The groom is the son of Paul and Patricia Heldke of Rice Lake, Wis. He is also employed

Ginta Kukainis of Northville, friend of the bride, and Suzanne McQuaid of Chicago, sister of the bride served as maids of honor. Best men were Brian Lemmer and Tim Smider, from Dearborn, friends of the

A reception was held at Northville Hills Golf Club. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and will make their home in Novi.

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GET CRAFTY DURING SPRING BREAK: Kids of all ages are invited to make some special springtime crafts in the library's meeting room on April 13 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Just drop in and have fun being cre-

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AND TV TURN-OFF WEEK: It's time to celebrate libraries with a special musical performance by Dr. Dave. Kids of all ages are invited to this fun-filled show on April 20 at 4:15 p.m. Free tickets will be available five minutes before showtime, but not earlier.

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



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By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

It was more than 20 years ago that a train whistled past the landmark local diner to signal its name to a new owner.

The Northville Crossing restaurant, a familiar sight on Northville Road, just south of the tracks at Seven Mile Road, still offers a cozy cup of coffee, vinyl booths, and order-by-number breakfasts.

Now the third generation of the Alexandris family visits the "second home" of patriarch Alex and his wife, "Effie" Afroditi.

Already owner of a restaurant in Detroit, Alexandris in 1975 moved his family of five to Northville, when the family restaurant was called "Mynx." Patience for his daily commute downtown was rewarded seven years later when he purchased the local diner in the fall of 1982.

In the years that followed, the

little restaurant established a tradition of opening its doors to community groups, watched the tremendous growth in the Northville area, and kept serving, as the pace of everyday living accelerated on the road out front. Behind the familiar windowed facade, there have been a few menu revisions to reflect changes in eating habits. The appeal to patrons has stayed the same.

"This is almost like a hangout," said Alexandris daughter Pauline "Pam" Avdoulos. Some of the same people who came to the restaurant when her father purchased it still are regulars, she said. They get their coffee and their newspaper. They know everybody.'

Alex chimed in, "That is why it's a family restaurant. The clients are like an extended family. It's my second home."

Lately, Avdoulos added, a newer, family clientele is discovering the long-established eatery. Friends of the Alexandris grandchildren come in to find "Grandma."

Effie's warm hello and aromas of Alex's cooking greet Northville

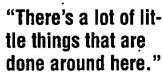
A Northville Crossing regular might steer a newcomer to the blueberry pancakes or an omelet as the restaurant's specialties. During the week, the owner whips up soups, hot sandwiches, and specials, such as beef stew, ten-derloin tips and pot roast. And he does it the old-fashioned way, he said proudly, without a recipe. "That's how we learned in those days," Alexandris said in his soft Greek accent. He also said once he exits the restaurant, he is done cooking for the day.

As for offering low-carb this and fat-free that, Alexandris is not interested. "If you want to eat homecooking, you go to this kind of restaurant," he said. "There's a lot of franchises you can go to for that kind of (low-carb) stuff."

The appeal of her father's food is timeless, Avdoulos said, based

Restaurant owners, patrons share tradition

Northville Crossing



Pam Avdoulous Northville Crossing

on the line waiting for booths to clear last Sunday. "Comfort food is the only way I can describe it.' There also is the prices — \$5 for an average lunch and less than \$4 for most breakfasts.

The owners trimmed their hours of operation to 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. "That's what he considers retirement," Avdoulos teased her 69-year-old dad.

The First Presbyterian singles, Kings Mill homeowners, and local senior citizens are among the groups the Alexandris family welcomes on a regular basis. Next week, Northville Crossing will host a spaghetti dinner to help raise funds to rebuild the living farm at Maybury State Park.

"There's a lot of little things that are done around here," Avdoulos

The Formica-table booths, stainless-steel counter stools and rows of planters provide a timeless flavor. at the same time vintage and vogue. The 95-seat diner — expanded three times — was built as a house, then became a truckstop before its latest format, Alexandris said. "This has been a restaurant here since 1940,"

Son-in-law John Avdoulos came up with the name when Alexandris purchased the place, the owner recalled with a smile. "He was sitting back there and the train was going by. 'Here's a name,' he said."

The three Alexandris children Tom, Tina Souphis and Avdoulos - grew up in the restaurant, each taking turns at duties from cleaning to serving to cashiering. The three children remain on call for special events and on the rare occasion their parents take a break.

Crossing visitors who know their "We, all have other jobs, but servers on a first name basis?" We all have other jobs, but we're allest life round." Avdoulos "Liz," "Fleanor," and "Wendy", and The three children and now served there for a combined 40 four grandchildren, attended years.

Northville Public Schools.

They thought about retiring," Avdoulos said. "It's not going to happen. They're happy, we're happy. We always know where to

Alex said he and 64-year-old Effie plan to continue to host their extended family. "I'll stay here until I can't work anymore," he

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Gina Habboush, Alex Alexandris, and Shari Forbes of the Northville Crossing restaurant.

Northville Crossing restaurant next Thursday will host a fundraiser to help

rebuild the living farm at Maybury State Park. Thirty years of friendships in the Northville community connected the Alexandris family with Farmer John Beemer, long-time supervisor of the unique operation at the Beck Road park; which was destroyed by fire in

February 2003.
Proceeds from the April 15 spaghetti din-ner will go to the Northville Community Foundation's Rebuilding Fund for Maybury Farm. The non-profit agency, which is leasing the farm land from the state, has cohosted a series of events to raise money toward returning the structures, as well as generating funding for ongoing operations.

Dinner planners timed the event to coincide with the day taxes are due filed, as a reminder donations are tax-deductible. The \$12 dinner will include salad, spaghetti; breadbasket and beverage: Restaurant owners invited purchase of one ticket for children

who can divide the dinner.

Dinner will be served at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m. Farmer Beemer is planning

advance, are available at:

- Community Financial, 400 E. Main.
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- Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S.

• Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 1 Northville Road. Or, contact the community foundation at (248) 374-0200.

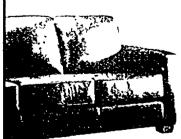
Restaurant owner Alex Alexandris and his Dinner will be served at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 wife, Effie, support the efforts to rebuild the p.m., and 7 p.m. Farmer Beemer is planning farm, he said. I want the farm to be out to attend the fundraiser. there," he said. I've got grandkids, I want to see, too.

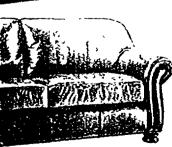
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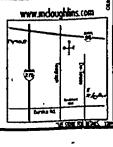
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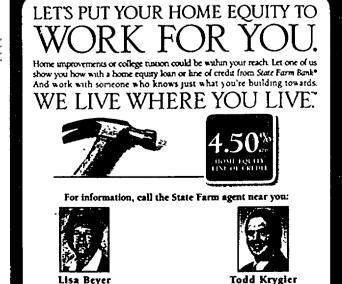
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Livonia duo nabbed for attempted tool theft

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

Northville Township police offi-cers were led on a multi-city chase last week after two Livonia men broke into a construction trailer, police said.

Larry William Trueblood, 39, and Terrance Alan Stoner, 20, were charged with larceny over \$1,000 and possession of burglar tools, a 10-year

The larceny charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Police said Trueblood is also being charged as a habitual offender and with fourth-degree fleeing and alluding, a two-year felony.

Trueblood is accused of leading four police agencies on a chase through the Township and on to nearby interstates during the early hours of March 31.

Both men waived their rights for an April preliminary exam, police said.

The initial call came into the Nonthville Township Police Department

shortly before Larry Trueblood midnight March 30, when a resident called 911 saying

two people were stealing tools from a construction trailer in Jamestown Circle, just west of Northville Road.

Ray Garbarino of the ille Township Police Northville Department said as officers Paul Tennies and Carrie Gehner left their

vehicles, the suspects attempted to leave in a Ford F150 pickup truck, nearly striking Tennies.

"The officer narrowly escaped being hit by the suspect vehicle,"

Gartarino said, In his report, Tennies wrote "the driver then

accelerated mc, Terrance Stoner towards causing the vehicles tires to squeal. I quickly moved to

Trueblood was arrested for felonious assault on an officer, but not charged by prosecutors with the crime

be struck by the vehicle."

my right believing that I was going to

Police said as the truck fled from

Jamestown Circle, other Northville Township cars arrived and the chase began.

Northville officers followed the two suspects as they exited onto southbound Interstate 275 from the Six Mile Road exit and onto I-96 eastbound toward Detroit.

The pursuit ended at the Telegraph Road exit, when the left front wheel of the truck came off the axle and began rolling down the expressway.

There is no telling whether we would have been able to catch them or not, but that is the benefit of radio communication, to get other people involved," Garbarino said. "We had three agencies offer help and they all assisted."

Livonia and Redford police departments along with the Michigan State Police helped with the chase and no injuries were reported.

Redford Township police officers attempted using "stop sticks" at I-96 and Inkster Road, but the truck was

able to avoid the impediment. Both suspects were apprehended

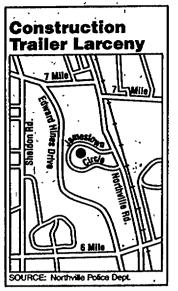
without incident, police said. Northville Township officers recovered about \$2,000 in stolen tools.

theft, including construction trailers, homes under construction and tool boxes, is prevalent in the vicinity. "I would say it is one of the bigger

Garbarino said construction-site

problems in the Western-Wayne area right now because there is so much construction," he said. Garbarino said Trueblood and

Stoner are being considered for other Northville Township constructionsite larcenies, but so far detectives have made no connections with other



NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORTS

SUSPECT NABBED: A detective from the Novi Police informed Department Nonhville Township Police Department late last month they had a suspect in custody, confess-ing to several Northville High School thefts. The township police department received the call I p.m. March 31. The Novi detective said the female minor with her attorney confessed to multiple larcenies of cash and credit cards from the girl's gymnasium locker room. Credit cards taken from the high-school locker room were used in Novi. Multiple reports were made prior to the apprehension by students stating cash and credit cards were stolen from their wallets while their purses and backpacks were in the girl's locker room.

WHO'S YOUR OWNER? Northville Township police officers took a stray dog to safety last week after they were unable to locate the dog's owner. The tan terrier-mix dog was found about 11:40 a.m. April 2 in the area of Seven Mile and Ridge roads. The male dog weighed about 30 pounds and was wearing a blue collar with no tags. The animal was taken to Parkway Veterinary Clinic.

TWICE ISN'T A CHARM: A Plymouth man learned if you drink and drive two times and get caught, it means you lose your license plate on the spot. A Northville Township police officer was patrolling the

area of Five Mile Road and Marilyn about 12:40 a.m. Friday, April 2 when a GMC Sierra went by at 60 mph in a 40 mph-zone. The officer stopped the 30-year-old Plymouth male, immediately smelling a strong odor of intoxi-cants and noticed the man's eyes were glassy and his speech was slurred. The man told police he only had four beers. According to the police report, when the man was asked to exit the truck for field sobriety tasks, he "staggered as he walked back to the rear of the truck." The man was unable to count backward from 89 to 73 and failed the heel-to-toe walk. After checking his driving record, the officer found the man had one prior arrest and his license plate was confiscated at the scene. The driver's blood alcohol level tested at 0.202. He was arrested by police.

MY BABY NEEDS FOOD: Northville Township police were called to Farmer Jack on Haggerty Road following an alleged theft. The police department received the call about 2 p.m. April 2. Witnesses told police an unknown male wearing a baseball-type hat loaded a hand-held shopping basket with Simillac baby formula and walked out the doors without paying.

Mitthesses said the man then left in a red vehicle driven by another person. According to the police report, the vehicle was running while the man was inside. While the officers were at the grocery store, they

received a call from the Livonia Police Department saying they believed they found the suspected shoplister. A detective from the Northville Township Police Department escorted some witnesses to the scene where the 34year-old Garden City man was identified as the formula stealer. He was driving a red 1990 Oldsmobile

U- M FAN: An unknown person stole one set of golf clubs from a Northville Township home while leaving another set behind. Northville Township officers were called to a home in the 45000 block of Riviera at about 8:30 p.m. April 2. The home owner said his University of Michigan golf clubs were taken from his garage, but his wife's clubs were still there. The 37-year-old male said sometime between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. the clubs were stolen. The man said he was having work done on his home so he left the garage door open all day. According to the police report, the man's wife was home with the exception of a short walk and did not see anything suspicious. Stolen were about 13 Callaway golf clubs and an Odyssey putter.

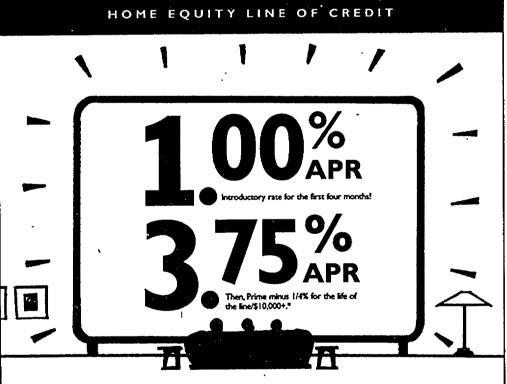
MISSING MUSIC: Members of the Northville Township Police Departifient responded on three vehicle burglaries on April 1. The first break-in occurred in the 40000 block of Meadow Trail. Two of the home owner's vehicles were broken into while parked in the driveway. The man said he was sleeping when he was woken up by his car alarm at about 1:30 a.m. The man went to check his vehicles and found both were broken into. One

of the vehicle's windows was smashed and a compact-disc wallet containing 300 compact discs was taken.

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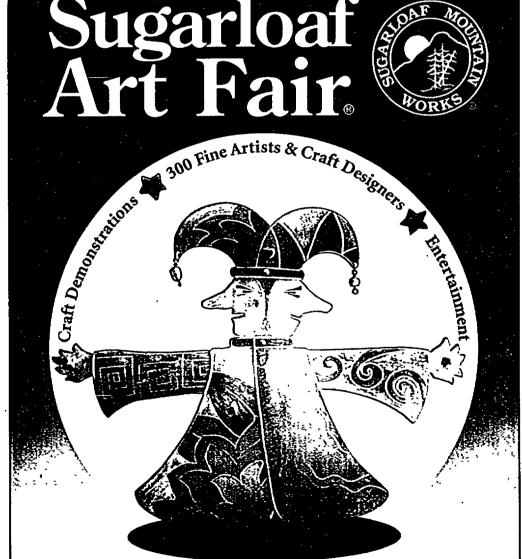
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issues for the Farmington Hillsbased firm of Nedelman and Pawlak, will join local attorney Don Samhat to present the church's case to the board.

Those words are what the nine appeals board members await, according to BZA chairperson Rolland Stapleton. An appeals veteran of 20-plus years, he said. the process is all about bringing the facts to light.

"We need to hear the applications de novo (from the beginning) before we form our opinion," Stapleton said. "By and large, I think the board does a good job of that. We don't make up our minds until we hear their presentation."

Documentation of the planning commission proceedings will be another information source for the appeals board. Referring to criteria in the city's zoning ordinance, the commissioners' resolution Tuesday encapsulated as support many of the comments made by neighboring property owners

opposed to the project.
"I'm assuming we'll be looking at anything either side presents to us," Stapleton said. "It will be new to us, but part of our task will be to review what the Planning Commission did."

"There are certain statutory bases on which they can appeal things," he continued. "I don't know yet on what basis they are making an appeal."

Crowded hearings in January, February and March allowed public comment on the proposal for a 77,000-square-foot school, between Main and Thayer streets. While proponents described an overcrowded, outdated existing facility, opponents stated their fears about increased traffic congestion and negative impact on neighboring property values.

The appeals board in recent years has hosted a number of well-attended gatherings, covering discussions from rear-yard setbacks to facility expansions. City officials next week will be able to confirm the likely relocation of the May 5 meeting to the Hillside Middle School auditori-

"We recognize that there are some strong feelings out there," Stapleton said. "Part of the process is making sure everyone gets heard and then the members of the board can make up their mind. I will expect the people to offer their views and not discuss personalities."

"It's about the application that's before us.

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Edna Mae Croteau

Edna Mae Croteau of Northville died March 28 in Westland Convalescent Center, Westland. She was 94. She was born on June 12, 1909 in Elba Township, Mich. to the late Elgin Hurshburger and Edna May Sharp Hurshburger,

Mrs. Croteau was a homemaker and a resident of Northville for many years. She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic

Survivors include one son, Gary (Sue) Croteau of South Lyon; twelve grandchildren; twenty-seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchil-

Her husband, Bernard Croteau and one son, Gerald Croteau preceded her in death.

A funeral service was held April 7 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville with Father Paul Czarnota from Our Lady of Victory Church officiating. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery of Alpena.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice

Arrangements were made by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral

Ray J. "Butch" Casterline

Ray Casterline of Northville died March 31 at the University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor. He was 56. Mr. Casterline was born October 4, 1947 in Northville to the late Fred A. Casterline and Emily Saner.

He was born and raised in Northville and graduated from the Indiana School of Mortuary Science. He was a licensed funeral director and owner of Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. in Northville and in South Lyon. Mr. Casterline was a member of Lakélands Golf and Country Club, Northville Kiwanis Club and the Huron Valley Hunting and Fishing Club. He was the President of the Northville Housing Commission. He was an avid golfer-he had a hole-in-one at Fox Hills Country Club-and he also enjoyed woodworking.

Survivors include his wife, Roxanne Casterline of Northville; four daughters, Courtney (Erich) Ross of South Lyon, Kelly (Patrick) Montgomery Ferndale, Lindsey (Brian) Dogonski of Northville and Whitney Casterline of Colorado; and two grandchildren, Gavin and Caden Ross.

A funeral service was held April 5 at Casterline Funeral Home with Rev. John Hice and Rev. Jennifer Bixby of the First United Methodist Church of Northville officiating. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery.

· Memorials may be made to the Northville City Fire Department, Utility Rescue Vehicle, 215 W. Main, Northville, Mich. 48167 or the Allen Terrace Trust Fund, Attn: Library Fund, 401 High Street, Northville, Mich. 48167.

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

Luella Kehrl

Luella Kehrl of Northville and Salem Township died April 3. She was 96. Mrs. Kehrl was born May 27, 1907 in Rasin Township, Mich. to the late Elmer G. Miller and Effie Sampson.

She lived in the Northville and Salem Township area since 1927 before moving to Florida a few years ago. She graduated from Eastern Michigan Normal College with an Education Degree and was a teacher at Thayer School before becoming a homemaker. Mrs. Kehrl was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth for over 50 years, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and greatgrandmother.

Survivors include her daughter, Dorothy (Thomas) Homrich of Florida; two grandchildren, Gregory (Pat) Homrich and Thomas (Pam) Homrich; and four great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Steven, Nathan and Matthew.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy R. Kehrl.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 9 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. A funeral service will be held Saturday, April 10 at 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., Northville with Pastor Larry Mattis of Briarwood Baptist Church, Ann Arbor officiating. Interment will be at Thayer Cemetery, Northville Township.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the givers choice.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

Ernie Harwell

In baseball there is an old saying that if you get three hits out of 10 times at bat, you're a big league star. A guy who in his whole career makes seven mistakes out of 10 is considered a superstar.

I think we all have to remember that we all make mistakes. We just have to accept them, hitch up our britches, pull up our socks and go ahead and get to the next

A perfectionist really has a tough time in life, because we're all human and we're all going to fall short once in a while. If we just realize that,

we can save ourselves a lot of worry and stress that can affect our mental

and physical health. That doesn't

mean we don't try to do our hest. But if we accept that we can't always be perfect, we can keep our feet on the ground and

our heads up. We won't always get a hit, but we can keep on

swinging. And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers," retired after 55 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, 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 at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.



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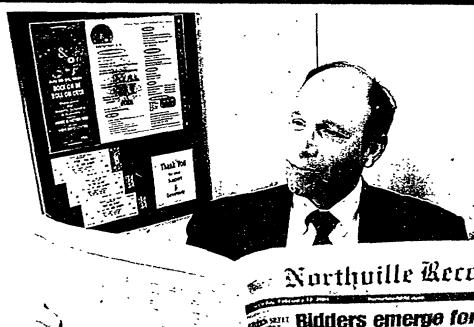
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Taste of medieval times invades schools

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

The hallways of Meads Mill Middle School were transformed into a ninth century castle last week in celebration of the school's Fourth Annual Medieval Festival.

The walls were covered in fauxcobblestone, student-made cost of arms hung from the ceiling and all attending the April 1 event were greeted by a creatively designed mote and drawbridge.

The event was reintroduced with the intention of meaningfully concluding the sixth-grade students unit on the middle ages.

"We feel many times when you do something like this, it will imprint or make a lasting impression with the students," said Larry Rowland, sixth grade social studies teacher and event organizer.

During the students' course of study they sat in their classrooms learning a wide-range of facts and philosophies including religion and

The importance of how the past has impacted society today was also highlighted.

But during the day of the festival, everything was magnified.

The sixth graders, parent volunteers and educators all donned their favorite Medieval costumes, walking from activity to activity.

"We want to show the students they may have lived many years ago, but they were not a whole lot different from us," Rowland said, 'This makes history real to the kids."

The days events included simulated stain glass making, including a real demonstration of the craft by Denise Cunningham of Tecumseh; virtual castle tours in the "Ye Olde Computer Lab;" a Medieval Jeopardy-style trivia game; food tasting; an opportunity to play games, including scarf juggling, chess and checkers; archery; music; calligraphy; and a weapons demonstration and instructional assembly the Blue Dragons from Kalamazoo.

Blue Dragon Sergeant-At-Arms Mark Edwards said he has been coming for the special day since his nephew was a student at the school.

The theatrical Middle Ages Reenactment group, normally appearing at Renaissance Festivals state-wide, explained the history of

tion the kids have for what we do," Edwards said. "It makes us feel



photos by VICTORIA SADLOCHA

Members of the Theatrical Middle Ages Reenactment Group the Blue Dragons demonstrate weapons and armor to a group of students during Meads Mill Middle School's Fourth Annual Medieval Festival.



weapons and armor including a Meads Will Middle School sixth-grades student Lindsay short fight demonstration. Gourek watches a presentation of weapons of the middle of the school's Fourth Annual Medieval Festival ages during the school's Fourth Annual Medieval Festival.

demonstration, Edwards passed dents, showing how heavy it actual-During the group's weapons around pieces of armor to the stu-

"You wonder why the average height of a man was 5-foot-6-inches back then," Edwards joked with the group. 'That is what I feel like when

This year marked the second year Cunningham came, showing students how stained glass projects are created.

"I hope it gives the students an idea of what stain glass is about," she said. "I hope it may spark an interest and inspire their creativity."

Student Kelsey Tajer, dressed in a

pink and purple Medieval gown, was happy she didn't have to wear her normal school clothes that day.

"I like the fact we get to dress up," Tajer said, "It is fun."

Fellow student Lindsay Gburek made her own costume in about three hours. She was dressed in a green and '

purple jester outfit with yellow hat and gold bells on her shoes.

The only thing Gburek didn't like about the day was the scarf juggling. "I didn't really like it because I

couldn't do it," she said. "It was

The whole day was made possible by the entire sixth-grade social studies team including Rowland, Laurie Masi, Tina Bozarth, Amie Ernst and Tonya Traylor.

Parent volunteers additionally made a large contribution.

"The parent participation is tremendous," said Sue Meyer, principal of Meads Mill Middle School. "We could not pull this off without







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Northville School Briefs

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.

NHS INFORMATIONAL FAIR: Northville High School will be hosting an evening event to inform incoming freshmen and their parents of the various athletics and activities offered by the school. The fair will take place 7 p.m. April 29 inside the high school cafeteria. Representatives from each sport and club will be at the event, providing information and answering ques-

. MEADS MILL PTSA: There are open positions for the Meads Mill Middle School PTSA Board for next year. Anyone interested in the opportunity should contact Ann Makinen at (248) 348-0167.

SELF-DEFENSE CLASS: Northville Youth Assistance and the Northville PTSA Parent Awareness Committee are sponsoring a free self-defense class for parents and their children 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 26 in the Amerman Elementary School gymnasium. All participants must pre-register by Monday, April 19. To register, call

(248) 344-1618 or send an e-mail to youthassistance@northvillemich.co

COLLEGE FUNDING: Meads Mill and Hillside middle schools' PTSAs present College Funding Night 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22 in the Hillside Middle School forum. American Express Financial Advisor William Mullally will focus on different college funding options during the hour-long program. The program is free and coffee and refreshments will be served.

SENIORS' PROM: The 14th Annual Senior Citizens Prom will take place 4 to 6:30 p.m. April 28 at Hillside Middle School. This year's theme is "Under the Sea." Students will serve as waiters, waitresses, event decorators and senior dance partners. Entertainment will be provided by the NHS Jazz Ensemble. Hillside Middle School Assistant Principal Laura Kelly is working closely with the life-skills classes, art classes and physical education classes to make the event possible.

EVERYDAY ANGELS: The 2004 Everyday Angels Bowling Tournament is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. April 25 at Novi Bowl. The fund raiser takes place each year with proceeds benefiting Michigan kids with disabilities. Last year, the event raised more than \$2,500. This year, the friendly tournament will offer attendees prizes, jackpots, food and some surprises. Entry is \$25 per bowler and registration is due by April 11. For more information, call Everyday Angels at (313) 387-1190.

DRIVER EDUCATION: Applications for Segment One driver education classes are now available in the Northville High School office. There is a fee of \$315 that covers Segment One in the summer 2004 and Segment Two in the fall and winter 2004-2005. Application deadline is April 23. For more information, call Linda Murphy at (248)

NOMINATING PETITIONS: Northville Public Schools is accepting nominating petitions or filing fees for two open school board seats up for grabs during the Monday, June 14 regular school election. The last day for filing or payment of the \$100 filing fee is 4 p.m. April 12. The last day residents may register to vote in the regular election is Monday, May 17. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch or Northville clerk's office.

ALL NIGHT PARTY: The Northville High School Senior All Night Party will take place from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. June 5 inside the school. Although party details are kept secret until the event, some features will include great entertainment, food, games and fun. Tickets are \$80 and checks made payable to Northville Senior Class Party may be dropped off at the High School office or sent to Fran Oakland, 21958 York Mills Circle, Novi, Mich. 48374. Parents interested in helping with the event may call Helen Detrych at (248) 348-7543.

CLASS REUNION: Northville High School's Class of 1984 is looking for members of its graduating class. A 20th anniversary reunion is planned for Aug. 7. A time and location have yet to be determined. Members of the class are asked to contact Arny Knoth at 349-8885 mamy@yahoo.com.



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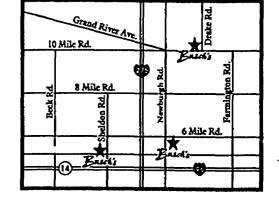
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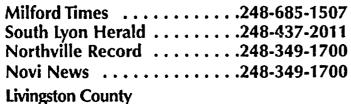




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FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21260 Haggerty Rd., Northville Good Friday - no service Easter Sunday -10:30 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

200 E. Main St., Northville Good Friday - 7:30 p.m. (at First United Methodist Church) Easter Sunday - 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 777 W. Eight Mile Rd.: Northville Good Friday - 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday - 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY 41335 Six Mile Rd., Northville ;

Good Friday - 12:30 p.m., 7 p.m. Easter Sunday - 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

OAK POINTE CHURCH Northville High School, Northville Good Friday - 7 p.m. Easter Sunday - 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

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ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 201 Elm Street, Northville Good Friday - 1 p.m., 7 p.m. Easter Sunday - 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville Good Friday - noon to 3:30 p.m. Easter Sunday - 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:05 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Summer self-defense class

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April 26.

Parents and children are invited

Similar self-defense training in the past was well-received, said youth assistance coordinator Mary Ellen King. Previously offered to moms and daughters, the program this time is open as a

Even after a two-hour session. lessons take hold, King said. "They start out very timid. At the end of the class, they're screaming, 'fire.'"
Instructors show the partici-

pants how to land blows, the coordinator said. But they also stress the lessons are for attack situations only.

of years and I thought it was time

TAKE A BOW - STANDOUT STUDENTS IN NORTHVILLE

Hillside Middle School seventh-grade students Kevin Mantay, Mark Jackson, Sarah Koupal and Drew Currie participated in activities at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference held March 6 through 11 in Washington D.C. Along with examining notable U.S. leaders and historic figures, the students learned the impact of leadership during periods of American history from the Civil War through the Civil Rights Movement. All of the Hillside adolescents were nominated by their teachers.

The state-level winners of the 2003-04 Parent Teacher Association Reflections Contest were announced with many victors from the Northville Public School District. Receiving awards of merit in the music category are Austin Kittrell, first grade at Amerman; Brianna Bayles. kindergarten Amerman; Annelle Herrmann, second grade at Moraine; and James Naigus, 11th grade at Northville High. Receiving an award of merit in the literature category is Jean Livingston, third grade at Silver Springs. Receiving awards of excellence in the category of literature are Susan Doong, second grade at Ridge Wood and Terese Myers, 12th grade at Northville High. Receiving an award of merit in the photography category is Michael Hagan, seventh grade at Hillside. Receiving awards of excellence in the photography category are Lauren Colasanti, fifth grade at Amerman and Kelsey Prochazka, sixth grade at Meads Mill. Receiving an award of merit in the visual art category is Sarah Close, fifth grade at Moraine. Receiving an award of excellence in the visual art category is Heather Stanecki, 10th

grade at Northville High. Receiving the ArtServe Choice award is Layne Scherer, 12th grade at Northville High. Works by students Terese Myers and Kelsey Prochazka were chosen for entry into the National Competition.

Two Northville residents are the proud recipients of the Third Annual Knights of Columbus Essay Contest. The winners are Courtney Carmona, a sixthgrade student at Hillside Middle School and member of St. James Church and Ashley Brennan, an 11th-grade student at Northville High School and member of Holy Family Catholic Church. This year's essay topic was Why I am Proud to be an American. Essays were judged on writing style, idea development, content, original thought and insight. Both students won a \$100 U.S. Government Savings Bond, two BD's Mongolian Barbeque dinner gift certificates and an award of merit. Carmona and Brennan along with their families will read their essays at the Knights of Columbus April council meeting.

The Meads Mill Middle School Sixth Grade Knowledge Master Open team placed fourth out of 25 Michigan teams and 28th out of 370 middle schools around the world in recent competition. The team consists of Ameen Al-Khafaji, Christopher Chou, Connie Fu, Claire Hannum, Alex Kanya, Nessel Kurzava, Ian Lovdahl, Victoria Posa, Sueann Shiah, Stephanie Takacs, Lin Zhang, Brian Zinser, Sarah Carlin, Thankful Cromartie, Carolyn Gohl, Robert Hanpeter, Eugene Kim, Hetali Lodaya, Angela Park, Hana Rademacher, Michelle Steslicki, Danielle Wesolowicz and Meichen Zhu. Team captain Hetali Lodaya received the highest score.

Michigan State University inducted four Northville High School graduates into the Mortar Board Honor Society for 2004-05. Julia Ecclestone, Christine Delano, Sarah Sebastian and ZumBrunnen were Mary among those honored at the March 21 induction ceremony in the Kellog Center. The Mortar Board is an elite senior honor society based upon the principles of scholarship, leadership and service. It was founded nationally in 1918 at Ohio State University, originally honoring female college seniors on their entire scope of accomplishments while in

Michigan Superintendent of

Public Instruction Tom Watkins announced the state finalists for the 2004-05 Michigan Teacher of the Year Award on March 22 in Lansing. Hillside Middle School teacher Heidi Capraro was one of the five finalists. Capraro teaches science and recently played an instrumental role in bringing a cast skull of "Stan" Tyranasaurus Rex to Northville Middle School along with presentation by paleontologist Neal Larson. Teacher of the Year state finalists are selected by a committee that reviews applications from teachers throughout Michigan. Applicants submit biographies and written essays describing their educational history, professional development activities, philosophy of teaching and thoughts on emerging education trends and issues. Interviews of the final five candidates by a panel of experienced educators will take place this month, and the announcement of Teacher of the Year will be made in May.

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longer hours as warmer weather approaches, this is the time to teach them how to handle themselves in potentially dangerous

That thinking motivated two local youth-advocacy groups to bring to town a night of self-defense training. Northville Youth Assistance and the Parent Teacher Student Association awareness committee are hosting a free two-hour class Monday,

to learn techniques from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the gym at Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center Street. Advance registration is required by calling 248-344-1618 or e-mailing youthassistance@northvillemich.com.

family activity, she said.

"We hadn't done it in a couple

to do it again," King said.

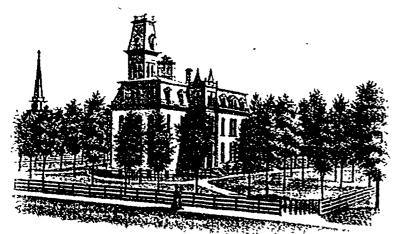
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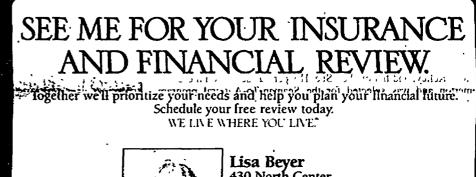
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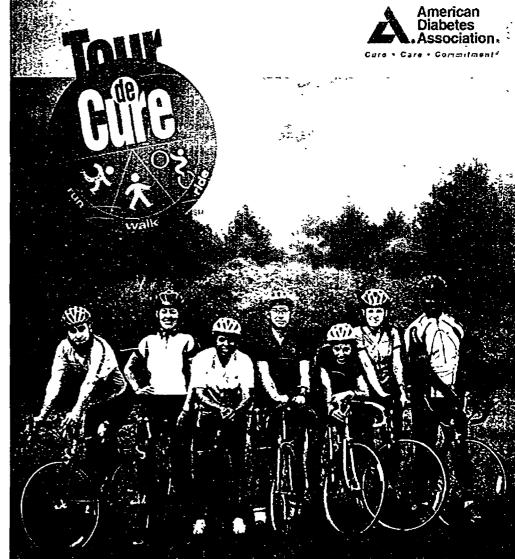
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Johnson Creek Protection Group meeting DATE: April 19 LOCATION: Northville High School forum room TIME: 7 p.m. **DETAILS:** Ryan O'Connor, associate program leader from the Michigan Natural Features Inventory program will talk about the Johnson group and how its local efforts fit into stream preservation. PHONE: (734) 761-1010

Rummage sale DATE: April 23 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Congregational Church (21355 Meadowbrook Road) TIME: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. DETAILS: Call for info PHONE: (248) 348-7757

Presentation: Jews For Jesus

DATE: April 24 **LOCATION:** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road)

TIME: 9 a.m. DETAILS: David Brickner, executive director of Jews For Jesus, will speak about the history of the interdenominational group and what it stands for. PHONE: (248) 374-5909

Elementary students' artwork to grace Lansing museum

The artwork of three Northville elementary .school students was chosen for state exhibition at the Michigan Historical Museum and

Library in Lansing.
Second-grade students Jackie
Heinonen and Meg McPherson of Moraine Elementary School and fourth-grade student Jonothan Bowen of Silver Springs Elementary will have their work included in the 2004 Michigan Art Education Elementary State Exhibition.

Top artwork across the state is chosen for the exhibition on display April 24 through May 6. The students artwork was sub-

mitted by Debra Pares, an art teacher at Moraine and Silver Springs elementary schools.

This is the third year artwork belonging to students in Pares' classes has been accepted and recognized at the state level.



Johnathan Bowen of Silver Springs Elementary School works on his art



Moraine Elementary students Jackie Heinonen and Meg McPherson use pencils and markers to dress up their work for the Michigan Art Education Association state exhibition, slated for April 24-May 6.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions signed by the record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 51% of the total record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 51% of the total records. area of the hereinafter described Quall Ridge Subdivision Road Improvement special assessment district, the township Board believes the project to be in the best interests of the subdivision and the township; and to create a special assessment for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the

foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are proposed to be assessed is more particularly described

as the: Quali Ridge Subdivision.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township Board has received costs for the improvements in the approximate amount of \$3,308.00 per parcel, per year; has placed the same on file with the township Clerk, has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District and has further tentatively found the petitions to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

That the Supervisor has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such

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—FURTHER that the Board of Trustees, of the Charter Township of Northville, Michigan on Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment role and hearing any objections thereto. Said role may be examined at the office of the township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing, held to confirm the special Appearance and protest at the hearing, held to confirm the special assessment role, is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner, or party of interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance of protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required.

(4-1/8-04 NR 121471)

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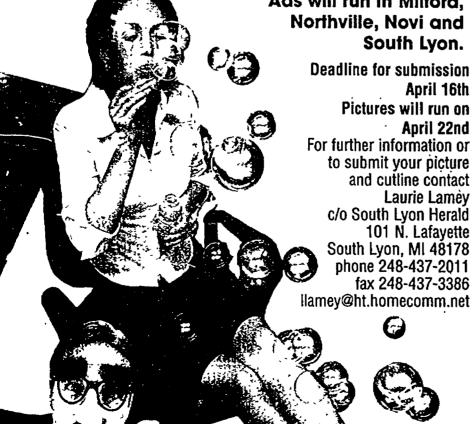
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Oh, jolly — Holly is city's Lucky Dog

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER-

A faithful companion named "Holly" is the city's top dog.

Lifelong Northville resident JoAnn Snage recently took her two-year-old golden retriever to the Main Street City Hall to conduct their yearly business of license renewal. To the pet owner's surprise, she learned her Holly's tag number had been randomly selected as winner of the Lucky Dog contest.

Because they came in person for the renewal, the pet took home a treat, said dog license clerk Wendy Gutowski, who enthusiastically conducts the contest each year. The staff seven years ago implemented the idea as a fun incentive for the owners of the approximate 500 dogs in the city. Police Chief James Petres draws the winning number randomly from the list of dogs licensed the previous

"The woman at the desk was like, 'oh, my gosh, you're the lucky dog winner," Snage said. Holly still is working on the box of biscuits she won. "She likes

The pet owner laughed at the fuss about Holly's status. "She's very, very lovable. She loves everybody, other animals or her own family," Snage said. "She's just a really good dog, a sweet

Holly came to Northville as a seven-week-old pup from a Lansing-area breeder. Snage through May. recalled looking for a replacement for her deceased companion of 12 years, a retriever named Katelyn, when an aunt helped her locate Holly.

"I liked her coloring," she

"When you get another animal, vou're never sure how they'll fit in, but [Holly] fit in quite nicely."

> JoAnn Snage Northville dog owner

said, selecting from Holly and three siblings. "She was a good temperament." Her name has no particular significance. "I just like the name Holly," she said.

While the pet owner works, her dog stays at home with 'Grandma," Harriet Snage.

"My other dog was my companion," Snage said. "When you get another animal, you're never sure how they'll fit in. But she fit in quite nicely.'

The retriever is gentle with her two fellow furry housemates, for example. "She loves playing fetch with the baseball, running in the backyard, and playing

with her cats, too," Snage said.
State law, revised last year, requires dogs to be licensed at four months. Tags for 2004 will be valid through Feb. 28, 2005. Northville Township residents

have another month before the annual ritual. The township dog license ordinance runs June

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

mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The City of Northville's 2004 "lucky dog" Molly, a golden retriever stands next to owner JoAnn

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The following Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, April 9, 2004 in observance of Good Friday.

Township Croic Center Township Financial Center

41660 W. Six Mile Road Township Public Services/ Water & Sewer 16225 Beck Road

The Department of Public Safety and the Fire Department will

All township offices will re-open on Monday, April 12, 2004 at 8:00

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

(4-8-04 NR 123036)

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK CHARTER TOWNSHIP JAMES ALLEN OF NORTHVILLE

CITY OF NORTHVILLE UTILITY TYPE RESCUE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Northville for the purchase of a new Utility Type Rescue Unit. Bids must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk located in Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street. Northville, Michigan 48167 on or before 11:00 a.m., local prevailing time, on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid specifications may be obtained at the Office of the City. Clerk. All bids must be sealed and marked "Utility Rescue." The City of Northville reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid in interest of the City.

FIRE CHIEF (4-8-04 NR 123432) DIANNE MASSA

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2004, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Charter Township of Northville, Michigan to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done.

The above notice is issued pursuant to the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Northville, Chapter 58.2, Article II, Property Maintenance Code.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

(4-8/22-04 NR 123021)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION **AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 58, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

Date: April 15, 2004 Time: 7:30 p.m. Place: Northville Township Hall 41600 W. Six Mile Road

The adoption of amendments to the Building Construction Ordinance, Chapter 58 will be held at the Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Hall, 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

The amendments include Article III, §58-4 Nuisance Animal and Pest Prevention, Article IV, §58-5 Notice of Violation and §58-6 Penalty.

The public is invited to attend and express their comments and ques-

tions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Clerk's Office, 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND,

(4-8-04 NR 123733)

CLERK CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO THE **ZONING ORDINANCE** Chapter 170

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 27. 2004 at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M... The Planning Commission will consider a series of amendments and reformatting to the

The amendments include, but are not limited to: Relocating graphics and tables that were placed in the incorrect location during the township ordinance codification process Clarify language and clear up inconsistent language and

references throughout the document

Delete sections that have been replaced through previous amendments and insert amendments that have been adopted

Revise and update the overall Purpose and Objectives Revise uses requiring a special land use permit Giving the planning commission authority to interpret 'similar uses'

in zoning districts Removal of reference to woodlands map and replacing it with

township wide replacement provisions Reorganize the Zoning Board of Appeals section

(4-8/22-04 NR 124325)

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

GEORGE McCARTHY, CHAIR PLANNING COMMISSION

The City of Northville Planning Commission will consider a request for a special use permit to allow the continued use and redevelopment of a gas station and convenience store located at 510 S. Main Northville, Michigan (Lots 110 and 111). The property is zoned General Commercial (GCD). Gas station/convenience stores are allowed as a special use in accordance with Article 11 and Article 16 of the City of Northville Zoning

The proposed special use will be considered by the Planning Commission at the April 20, 2004 meeting at 7:30 p.m., at the City of Northville City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167, (248) 349-1300. The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive public input on the proposed use. The complete application can be reviewed at the City Hall during normal business hours. Written comments will also be received at the above City Hall address.

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(4-8-04 NR 123731)

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NORTHVILLE COMMENTS CONTROL CONTROL PARKS AND RECREATION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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Notice is hereby given that the Northville Parks and Recreation will accept sealed bids until, *Tuesday, April 13, 2004 11:00 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: Interior Furnishings Purchase

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 PO # 04-23

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 170

Article 20 Development Options, Section 20.4 Standards for Site Design for all Development Options J. Architectural Design, 3.

An Introduction and First Reading of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance will be held at the Board of Trustees meeting on April 15, 2004 at the Northville Township Crvic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville,

The amendment is Article 20 Development Options, Section 20.4 Standards for Site Design for all Development Options J. Architectural

The public is invited to attend and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Clerk's Office, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. Complete copies of the proposed changes are available at Township Hall from 8 30 A.M. to 4.30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

(4-8/15-04 NR 124327)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

NOTICE OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING **ORDINANCE CHAPTER 170**

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

Date: April 15, 2004 Time: 7:30 p m.

Place: Northville Township Crvic Center 41600 Six Mile Road

The Second Reading and Adoption of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance will be held at the Board of Trustees meeting on April 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

The amendments include:

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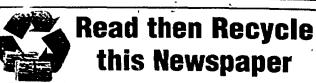
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Loss of friends hurts community

retirement of

"Butch"

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the death of Ray

Northville ran the gamut of emotion last week, moving from celebration to mourning. We think it's only appropriate to reflect for a moment on the career of Northville Chamber of Commerce director Laurie Marrs and the

Casterline Funeral Home director Ray "Butch".

Casterline.
Ms. Marrs
helped develop a business comthat. Laurie Marrs and munity well...really wasn't a community. Under her leadership, the chamber's membership grew in number and in stature.

and hundreds

she provided. Her background in education gave her insight into getting the most out of people and in helping business owners find the right way to go about doing their jobs. Even with the stone markers, governmental proclamations and designated books in libraries — all of which is very much deserved, by the way — Ms. Marr's presence in the Northville Chamber will be missed for a long time to come. Her successor, whoever it may be, has big shoes to fill.

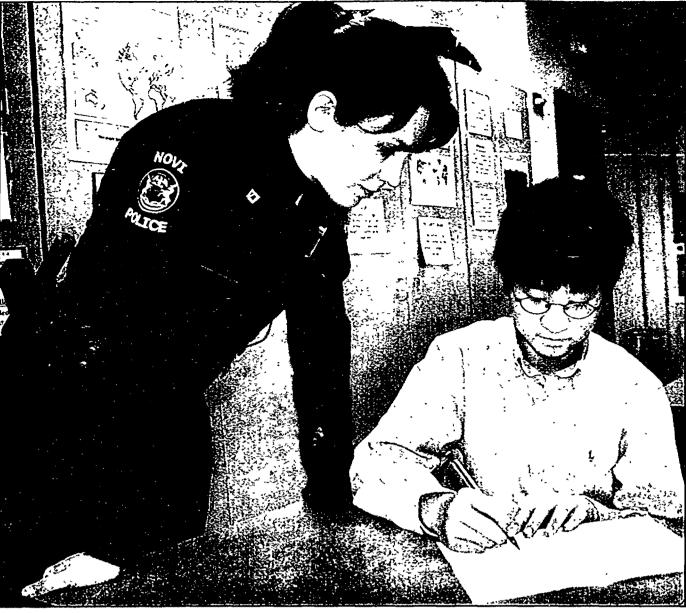
Sadly, on the same day when Northville was celebrating the end of Ms. Marrs' 20 years of service, the community was dealing with another loss — this one permanent. Mr. Casterline, one of Northville's jewels, died Wednesday at the age of 56.

Northville ran the Casterline approached his gamut of emotion business with and grace last week with the humbleness

could few offer. His smile warmth brought comfort to those grieving the death of a friend or loved one. His sense of community manifested itself by the

of storefronts were made better places thanks to the guidance cream to Memorial Day paradegoers, as well as working to make funerals affordable for

everyone. Those who had the chance to meet Ms. Marrs or Mr. Casterline can feel good knowing they dealt with two of Northville's treasures. We salute Ms. Marrs for a job well-done, and offer our condolences to the friends and family of Mr. Casterline. In both cases, these are individuals who will be sore-



Novi Police Officer Kristle Gruenwald talks with Novi Middle School student Steven Huang during last Friday's Career Day seminar. Novi PD's Lt. Tim McNamara talked to the class and told them of the importance of maintaining consistently good character as a student: when he applied for a job as a police officer, his junior high academics were researched.

Thanks for help with Reading Month program

For Winchester, this March-Is-Reading Month was the grandest, most extensive, and greatest number of reading minutes on record. Books were donated for a local cause, \$599 was collected for a world-wide cause, authors and illustrators visited, there was a Book Exchange, and students read a recordbreaking 9,342 hours. An incredible "Around the World Tour" of the seven continents was provided by parent volunteers all day in the gym on March 31. And the culminating "Oh! the Places You'll Go!" Balloon Launch was absolutely breathtaking.

Events of this magnitude could never occur without the generosity of many people and businesses. We'd like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed (and apologize if we inadvertently leave anyone off this list).

Jim DeLano of Pizza Cutter who supports reading in Northville every year by supplying free pizzas to all students who reach their goals, Jeff and Chris Speaks of Highland Landscape, Inc., Donna MacDonald of Chocolates by Donna, Barnes & Noble, Advance Novelty in Livonia, Brian and Brandon Makowski's grandpa, Susie Pool, Jeannine Makowski, Shirley Oryschak, Andrea Cattani, Debby Duvall, Cheryl Goodbred, Janine Myers, Karen Rittershaus, Mardi Vargo, Fran Hayh, Amy Marmaduke, Lynn Thomas, Nancy Griffiths, Roberta Eis, Mary Lippert, Raika Abkenary, Sheri Patrone, Teresa Osterhoff, Laura Kronner, Cindy Schmidt, Nancy Chesney, Karen Heiser, Rose Lerner, Melissa Mistak, Jill Wylie, Linda Zalewski, Heidi Erlandson, Ann McCutcheon, Mary Ann Raphael, Leslie

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> Pat Messing Jay Hillard

Winchester Elementary

No-poppy-sale stance isn't very patriotic

July 3 will be the Fourth of July this year and the Northville Community Foundation has issued a firm 'no' to the request by David Wilder of the Northville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4012 to sell poppies during

our traditional patriotic parade.

Because the Fourth of July falls on a Sunday this year, Community Foundation director Shari Peters, reasonably citing traffic and other conflicts with local churches, decided to host our popular parade on July 3. This has been done before without noticeable ill results.

More than 25,000 men, women and children will line our streets along the parade route. Early arrivers will bring chairs, cushions and blankets to mark their preferred viewing spots while those who arrive just a little bit later will politely navigate for what will quickly become 'standing room only' sometimes three or four deep - along much

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of the route.

There will be a myriad of commercial and non-profit group floats; local and guest bands; horses and dogs; marching, dancing and singing groups-veterans proudly included; antique cars, trucks, tractors and wagons; police and fire vehicles, and probably even that popular bunch of older guys with the odd-shaped hats and the big wooden swords on those teeny little motorcycles, not to men-

But no poppies? This position doesn't seem to sit right, and in fact it may be properly ales to aid veterans — including those who are disabled, ailing and aged and have given their personal measure toward the original Fourth of July dream that has come to mean so much to all of us and our families - is not on the same level as a pizza coupon.

Northville mayor Chris Johnson and city council acknowledged the propriety of poppy sales-at least for an hour before the parade

Hopefully the Foundation will not disregard that Saturday is a key business day for most central business district businesses, but for this event they have unreservedly turned over the streets (and parking) for a few hours to accommodate the rescheduled Foundation parade.

Wilder will return to council on April 19 with a revised request for poppy sales dates and times. We support both pre-parade and post-parade sales for this event. We also hope the Community Foundation will revisit its position here for this and future parades.

> Ron F. Bodnar Toni Genitti Co-Presidents Northville Central Business Association

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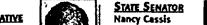
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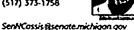
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I need energy to figure this out

You've probably seen the ads DTE Energy (formerly Detroit Edison) has been running in the papers lately. They talk about the wolf being at Edison's door. "Because of flaws in the electric deregulation law, Public Act 141," one ad says, "out-of-state companies are coming, snatching up the biggest electricity customers and leaving the rest of us to pay the



price to keep the entire system running." I had regarded this campaign with mild curiosity until last Friday, when I read a letter from an outfit with a Southfield

office that explained "fully 25 percent of DTE's large commercial electricity customers have begun to reduce and control their electricity costs by participating in the Electric Choice Program established by the Michigan Public Services Commission." The letter helpfully included a form authorizing Detroit Edison to release my company's electric consumption history, so they could examine the details

and show me how to save some money. By chance, DTE Energy chairman Anthony Earley and Eric Schneidewind, a lawyer representing the Customer Choice Coalition, had arranged to meet with a group of our editors that same morning.

Their discussion was illuminating. Basically, DTE contends that the Michigan deregulation law allowing industrial, commercial and residential electric users to choose their electric utility has resulted in the loss of 12,000 customers, a 20 percent drop in business, and an 18 percent decline in earnings from the previous year. "We're a fixed cost company with a declining customer base," Earley explained, 'so that with some of our large customers leaving the system, it's the residential and small commercial users that are left. They

could see electric rates going up by as much as 30 percent or utilities like Detroit Edison winding up bankrupt."

What's causing large customers to leave the Edison system? Public Act 141, passed four years ago, allows it. Indeed, the act requires Edison to make available to competitors details of its customers' usage and bills. And the act also allows those customers that leave the Edison system to return at its most favorable rates.

Earley argues that Edison has to operate in a regulated manner, generating electric power (including a 15 percent margin of reserve) and maintaining its entire distribution infrastructure to deliver electricity to all customers in the region. Its competitors operate with none of these requirements. They are essentially electricity brokers that buy electricity from the national electricity pool and cherry-pick Edison's best cus-

What's the solution? Earley argues that big issue should be doing everything we can to avoid a repeat in Michigan of the electric utility disaster in California that resulted from a botched attempt to deregulate the market. He says Edison is perfectly prepared to operate "on a level playing field" — a market either completely dereg-ulated or entirely regulated — but argues that as a regulated company, Edison can't compete with electricity brokers that are largely unregulated.

He proposes amending Public Act 141 to create an

electricity market split Basically, DTE into two parts: One contends that the unregulated market for Michigan deregbigger cusulation law has tomers who are presumresulted in the ably more sophisticatloss of 12,000 ed and able to shop for customers — a electricity from 20 percent drop among a range of in business, as providers well as a loss in and separate regulatearnings. ed market

mercial customers who are not equipped to survive in an unregulated market. He suggests an easy demarcation line is one megawatt (about the amount of energy a big Meijer store uses in a year) which would leave about two-thirds of electric customers in the regulated market and about one-third

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She's Michigan's political Superwoman

Everyone knows that Gov. Jennifer Granholm is the most powerful female politician in the state. But who is the most politically potent Michigan woman who has never been elected to anything?

Logically, you might guess Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan. Not even close, political insiders say. The right answer: Debbie Dingell, a tiny, intense blonde dynamo who runs cam-

paigns, does

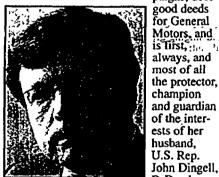
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champion and guardian of the inter-ests of her husband, U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Dearborn. "She is the

cally powerful non-elected official in Michigan," noted Melvin "Butch" Hollowell, state party chair, carefully

searching for the right words.

He likes her. But not everyone does. When you ask some politicians for a comment they roll their eyes. Uh-uh. Some plainly don't care for her because, as the party chairman said, "She is no shrinking

"Sometimes you have to have somebody who is willing to knock heads together," he notes. That was the case four years ago, when she was put in charge of the Democrats' somewhat muddled presidential campaign in Michigan. She ran it like George Patton, and in the end, Al Gore won a surprisingly easy victory in the hotly contested state.

When the governor's mansion was in

need of renovation and repair last year, and the state budget was strapped, Debbie took the lead and managed to raise a few million without much muss, fuss or bother.

Nobody disputes her skills. But some complain — always off the record — that she has the influence she does only because of who her husband is.

That wounds her. Privately, Deborah Insley Dingell is surprisingly sensitive. "Discrimination still exists. ... A man can be tough and effective. A woman who shows the same qualities is a b----." She

shrugs is on lev no made see in the still care. That goes with the territory, ill still care about what people think, but you can't be effective and let how people think impact your dealing with the problem," she said, in what sounded partly like an attempt to convince herself.

Her devotion to her husband is unquestioned. But she was not at his side the day he was first swom in as a congressman, taking over a seat held for decades by his father, who died in office. Debbie was not there largely because she was only 2 years

John Dingell had been divorced for some time when he met her on an airplane in the mid-70s. Anybody who assumes she was a golddigger looking for a rich and powerful nusband is way oil. He had only his salary and custody of four small children. She, on the other hand, was descended from the Fisher brothers of General Motors fame. She was a Republican and hated guns.

He is a staunch New Deal Democrat and loves blowing away large animals. On some issues, they agree to disagree. They had fierce arguments while dating, and resolved them only by getting married in

Neither has seemingly had a regret since. "I adore him. There is no reason that we are together except that God wanted it to be," she said.

"But I do believe that. We are each other's other hand. We have different

strengths but we make each other whole. Hé has allowed me to be who I am, to grow and develop ... I worry about him non-

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Listening to her talk in their Dearborn townhouse, John Dingell grins. "I am mar-

ried to a beautiful woman. I don't have any prob-

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He has, however, had a few health problems, including two heart procedures last year. This November, he will roll over some token Republican opponent elected to Congress

for the 25th time. If his health holds and he stays in Congress until March 2009, he will become the longestserving member in history. Should Democrats take the lower house back Big John will be, once again, the immensely powerful chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

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But nothing is forever. What both Dingells also know is that he will be 78 this summer; Deborah is 50. When the time comes, will she try to succeed him?

"I do not know what my future holds," she says, measuring her words. "This is

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GUEST COLUMN

Liberation is a liberating feeling

There is a powerful theme in many of the world's religions: it could be called "liberation". That is a term for being set free. In the spring it seems we are set free from the bleak and gray winter, the cold



Paul Melrose

out into new life, as flowers begin to blossom. leaves return to the trees and the birds return or fly through on their way to their summer home. Whether we think of the Jewish Festival of Passover, the

freeing of the slaves from Egypt, the Christian Celebration of the Resurrection, Christ's triumph over death, or similar themes in other faiths these festivals seem to capture a truth, that we can move to a better place

As a pastoral psychotherapist the impor-

tance of this theme both psychologically and spiritually, is a tremendous guide for my work with people. First these themes tell us that life has its dark times, places, moments. A fight with a friend, a break up with a loved one, a child who rebels so strongly because of too tight a control on the part of anxious parents, a remark, that is critical or prejudicial of another race, faith, style of life, are all indications of the human capacity to not only live in darkness but to perpetuate darkness. There is a kind of childish approach which might say that if life has to be bad for me than I will make it bad for the other one, too. Depression may take over, there may be a set of circumstances in my life which leads me to become very angry quickly, or I may want to the world to serve me because I deserve it. These and many other attitudes and the lifestyles which emanate from them all seem to be in the thinking of many of us and sometimes turn to action or

The above list of circumstances and approaches to situations are all limiting. The hurt and pain of one gets thrust upon another because one cannot behave any other way or think any differently. The more I learn about the darkness in one's life the more I understand how these forces and influences are so powerful. But this is where the spiritual/psychological theme of liberation, supported by the seasonal change, becomes the second part of the helpfulness. A combination of stories, religious and spiritual truths, and historical documents

tell us that liberation is In the spring, real and opens up we're set free possibilities for life to from the bleak go on, in a new way. There can be freedom bondage. The gray of the winter sky and the

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and gray winter and brought into life anew.

bleak bark of a tree trunk give way to the beauty of new leaves or the bright sun and warmth of the weather change. So, with patience, understanding, and the ability to appreciate the particular circumstances of a person's prison it is possible to discover the key to

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Schneidewind, in opposing these proposals, argues that Edison, instead of facing the wolf at the door, is crying that the sky is falling. A temporary dip in earnings is not conclusive, he points out, and in any event, the Public Service Commission could easily intervene if Edison begins to look as though it could go bust under present market conditions.

Maybe so, but the PSC has never been noted for acting quickly or timely, even in dire situations. And once a large,

fixed-cost firm like Edison starts getting in trouble, the downward spiral can accelerate very quickly. Plainly, nobody wants to see here in Michigan a repeat of California's experience, where one of the state's major electric utilities went bust and customers were faced with blackouts and enormous rate increases that will saddle them for years with very expensive

To my mind, Edison's Earley makes a lot of sense. Public Act 141 should be amended to solve this problem before it gets out of control. State Senator Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township.

who chairs the Technology and Energy Committee, is holding hearings around the state, asking both utilities and their customers for their input. Good. Possibly the state senate, instead of obsessing over worldshaking matters like the hunting of mourning doves, ought to turn its attention to something genuinely important for everyone in this state. Or would that seem too much to ask?

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either

JACK LESSENBERRY (CONT'D)

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what I know right now. I know that as long as the people of this district want John Dingell and he is in good health, that is what he should do."

And after that? "I don't know. I would like to be in public service of some kind," she says. There has been a Dingell in that congressional seat ever since 1932. I wouldn't bet on that changing soon.

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open the door to get out. It takes courage and time and patience to move into a new life situation. It is not only anger management which supports a change in behavior. That is a first step until the forces which shaped one's anger are understood and worked through. Similarly other life situations require that same approach but the hope of new life gains more power as just a little light is shed on the subject, or the first

breath of fresh air is taken. In the early days of civilization the religious or spiritual leader of the community was also the medical, psychological, emotional and relational healer for the people as well. So, in the work I do it is as important to help one with their sense of belief and how they make sense of the world as one way that they can be a partner in the freeing of themselves from a life of darkness to a life of light. May the change of seasons' bring you a new look on

your life.

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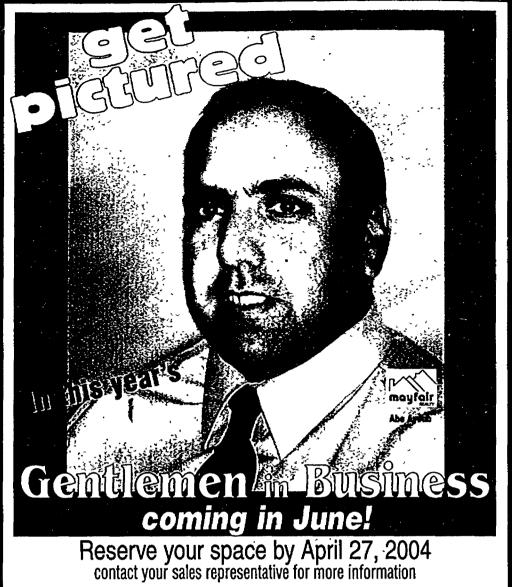
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On Campus

Northville resident Thomas Llewellyn II was named to the Dean's List for the February 2004 session at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

Northville resident Natalie Wooderson was named to the dean's list at Michigan State University for the fall 2003

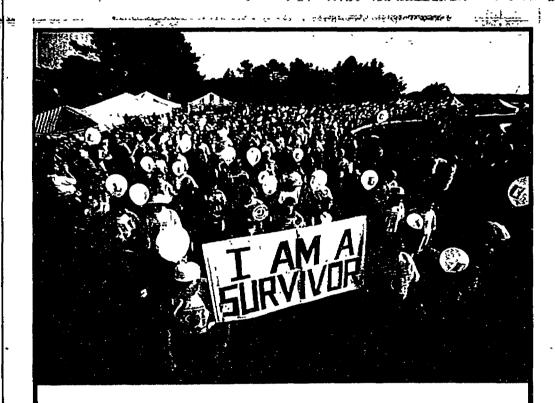
Northville residents Carianne Chrenko, Kristen Tomakowsky and Karen Van Slyke were named to the dean's list at Spring Arbor University for the fall 2003 semester.



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Noted funeral home director Casterline dies

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overcame health problems more than five years ago.

The hour-long tribute alternately forced laughter and tears from Casterline's friends and family members sitting, standing and leaning on relatives.

Calling Casterline his "back-up dad," Genitti described the fun and lessons shared over the years by the extended family creby the Casterline, Handyside, Livingston and Genitti clans. "He made everyone feel like part of the family,"

Casterline was born Oct. 4, 1947, in Northville to Fred and Emily (Saner) Casterline. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Roxanne, and four daughters and two grandchildren: Courtney (Erich) Ross of South Lyon; Kelly (Patrick) Montgomery or

For more comments on Ray Casterline's death, see page 2A.

Ferndale, Lindsey Dogonski of Northville; Whitney Casterline of Colorado, and Gavin and Caden Ross.

Casterline, owner of funeral homes in Northville and South Lyon, followed his father and grandfather in their family business. The licensed funeral director attended the Indiana School of Mortuary Science.

The avid golfer was a member of the Lakelands Golf and Country Club, and the Huron Valley Hunting and Fishing Club. A member of the Kiwanis Club, Casterline also was president of Northville Housing Commission.

Members of the city council at

their Monday night meeting acknowledged Casterline's passing. They concurred on preparation of a resolution recognizing his 25 years of service on the Housing Commission.

"Northville lost a good friend," mayor Christopher Johnson said. He reminded the audience the library in Allen Terrace was named in Casterline's honor.

The family requested memorial contributions be made to the Northville City Fire Department, Utility Rescue Vehicle, 215 W. Main, Northville, Mich. 48167 or to the Allen Terrace Trust Fund, Attn: Library Fund, 401 High Street, Northville, MI

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file photo by JOHN HEIDER Ray "Butch" Casterline, works alongside his daughters at Casterline Funeral Home in this 2000 photo.



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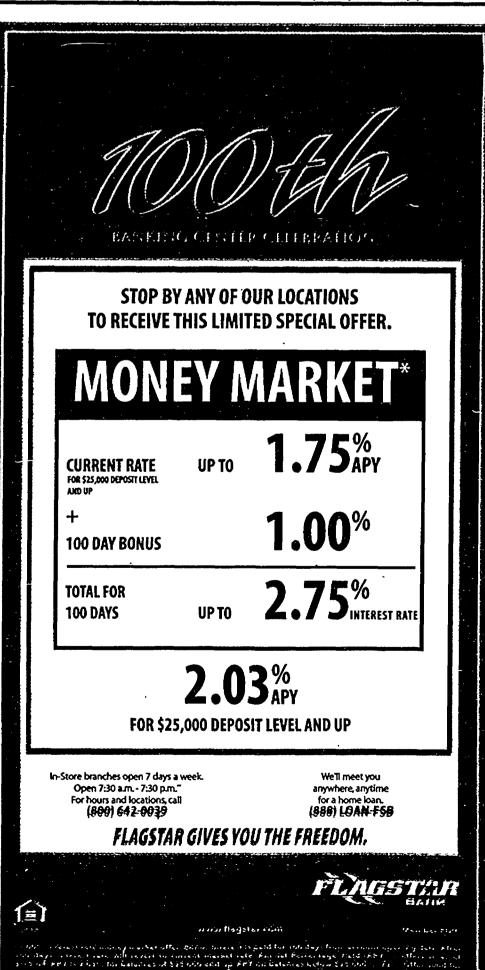
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Marrs sent retiring in style

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characteristics a chamber director needed to have. Members presented Marrs with a parasol of her own.

• The Northville Farmers Market participants, who thanked Marrs for helping bring the market to

• The Northville public school community, represented by school board president Joan Wadsworth superintendent Leonard Rezmierski. The two thanked Marrs - herself a former Detroit

educator --- for her service to education, and gave her a special wizard's hat to be worn when reading to children.

• Sponsors of the chamber's golf annual golf outing, who took advantage of the spotlight by offering up lighthearted observations of Marrs and the manner in which the social event was organized.

• The Northville Department of Public Works, which saluted Marrs by informing her that a stone marker would be placed near the bend at Northville Road and Main Street in

her honor.

· Elected officials representing Northville Northville and Township. Under the guidance of Dr. Rudy, officials were made to read their proclamations simultaneously, creating a sea of garbled

• The Northville Chamber of Commerce board of directors, who offered up their own words of congratulations.

Following a short video presentation detailing the highlights of life and career, Marrs responded, holding back tears. She said the decision to leave the chamber position behind had been a difficult one, but that the death of her father in 2003 forced her to reassess values in her life. She expressed gratitude to her family and the hundreds who'd gathered at the event.

Chamber president Mike Haggerty said a search is underway for a new chamber director.

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ing, and lots of marketing.

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Dr. Rudy Medicine Man — a known figure of Northville's Victorian Festival for many years — made a special reappearance at Northville Chamber of Commerce director Laurie Marrs' recognition reception. Here, Dr. Rudy singles out an attendee in the front row, while Marrs and her husband, Terry, watch.

Chamber narrows search for new director

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

And then there were the shoes

Laurie Marrs' departure as president of the Northville Area Chamber of Commerce effective at the start of this month left a gaping vacancy that the agency's board of directors deliberately declined to rush filling. The retiring leader announced her decision

Jan. 13. "We have made an offer," Steve Fecht said early this week. The board vice-chair has headed the search committee to find Marrs' successor. "I don't think anything's going to happen until next

Identification of the board's candidate is contingent on that person offering notice to his or her current employer, he explained. So, the full-time desk at the Main Street office currently

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is unoccupied.

Marrs, who grew the chamber from 125 to 525 members during her 20-year tenure, celebrated her departure and final work day March 31.

"It's hard to fill the shoes of a living legend," Fecht said. "We're working as prudently, but as thoughtfully as we can to get the best candidate possible. To think someone is going to replace her, to be her, is hard. We're being very deliberate about every step that we take."

The committee invested nine weeks in narrowing the field from 150 applications, Fecht said, before taking the finalists to the interview committee. "We've had some people with some very impressive credentials," he said. The resumes have been very strong.'

The board vice-chair declined to say whether the lead applicant was from the Northville area, cit-

ing applications from throughout metropolitan Detroit. Marrs' 30year ties to the community also helped make her a unique fit for the position, Fecht said.

Because of her efforts, there exists a good relationship among the businesses, school district, city and township that the chamber community encompasses, Fecht said. Marrs' successor will step into that role with a good staff in place, he said.

Up next on the chamber schedule is Art in the Sun June 19 and 20. The downtown art show coincides each year with Father's Day. "As you might imagine from Laurie, everything pretty much is in place for that event," Fecht

In addition to the art show, the

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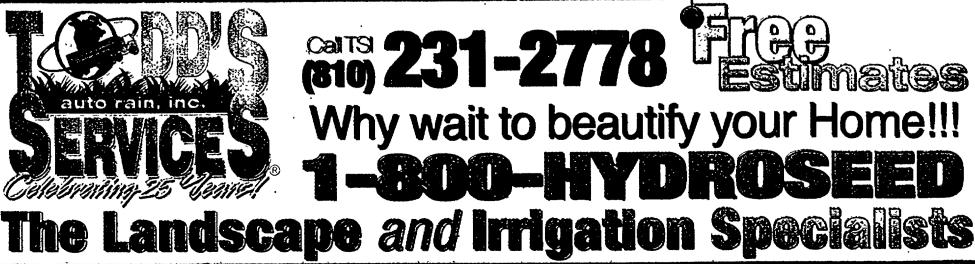
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Correction

Senior golfer Allison Grant's name was spelled wrong in the preview article last week. Also, sophomore Katelyn Naber's name was omitted. She is also a member of the varsity golf team.

April Fools!

Um, can we just

pass that off as an April Fools' Day prank? Though we advertised the complete spring preview on the front of the A-section as well as here in sports, it was brought to our attention that Northville baseball and Northville-Novi rugby man-

aged to escape being printed. All apologies from the sports department and we invite you to see your local previews in the paper here today. Northville baseball is eying the division and maybe the conference this year. Rugby - well, they're just as rag tag as ever, but probably more talented than they may have ever been. Expect some good things from all of these teams.

Yearning for the good days

Remember those days in school when you'd line up to get picked for teams and then get on the diamond for a mean game of kickball? Well, those days don't have to be just memories anymore. Thanks to Northville Parks and Recreation, you can relive those days on the new adult coed kickball league. The league starts May 14 with an entry fee of \$240 per team and a minimum of 15 games being offered to the teams that participate. Umpire fees, however, are extra. And for those faithful diehards, have no fear, doubleheaders are even expected in this season of all out kickball

We don't know about you, but the memories of being beaned by the biggest kid on the block with a ball that may feel soft when you hold it but stings like heck when it ricochets off your head are enough to keep us off the fields of play - but each to their own,

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Oh, and for those of you that are like us and don't feel like being on the wrong end of losing in kickball yet again (we were always picked last!), there are also softball leagues, golf leagues and even badminton for those who like to hit the shuttlecock back and forth.



A week away from sports

When spring break rolls arounds, writers like Sam Eggleston have to find things to do. Luckily, he's one sports writer that has a few tricks up his sleeve to help him fill the sports pages during this break in the action.

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Baseline Battles

Boys' track edges Novi in last race

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

It's always a showdown when these two teams face off and that can be in absolutely any sport you can think of.

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Track and field is no exception, and the Northville and Novi boys' track and field teams were eager not to disap-

With all of the events behind them except the two mile run, the Wildcats and Mustangs found themselves tied up in scoring. When all was said and done, it was Northville that

escaped with a 73-64 victory.
"As the starter told the two milers to take their marks, I went up to Jasen Turnbull in lane one and told him that he had to take at least second place if we were going to win the meet," Northville coach Bill Cornelius said. "Jasen looked shocked, then he took a big gulp, the gun went off to start the race and Jasen took off like a rabbit and led the first two

According to Cornelius, things got quite heated during thee run. With two All-State cross country runners in Mark Moore and Amol Huprikar, beating Novi was no small task. Turnbull, who is a freshman, looked poised to do just that.

"During lap six, Novi's Moore lost his cool and elbowed Jasen 10 feet off the track," Cornelius said. "He

should have been disqualified, but the official didn't see it."

And even if the contact between the two runners was deliberate, it didn't slow Turnbull any. The young distance runner kept running and finished a strong second place in a time of 10:21.3. Moore finished first in 10:18.5.

"It was quite a race," Cornelius commented.

Though the Wildcats weren't able to pull out the win in their opening track meet, Novi coach Bob Smith said there wasn't anything to be ashamed of.

"I am very proud of them," he said of his team. "We are more than 50-percent new, so I suspect that the learning curve will be great for our next meet. It would have been good to win the first one, but it's not too high on our priority list."

The entire meet was a back and forth affair for both squads and a good showing on either side of the victory. The first race of the day, the 3,200 meter relay, found Northville winning by over 11 seconds, but Novi fought back in the second race with a second and third place finish in the 110 high hurdles. Northville's Momchil Filev took first in 15.9 seconds, while Jerod Schell and Mark Saurer took second and third with times of 16.6 and 17.2 respec-

In the 100 meter dash,

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Photo by BARBARA HERBST

Everything Is just a blur as Northville's Whitney Guenther takes the ball up the field against Novi.

Kickers can't get through Novi

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Early season tests either equal jubilation or disappointment — the first was the feeling that the Novi Wildcats soccer team walked away with April 2 and the latter was the feeling the Northville Mustangs received.

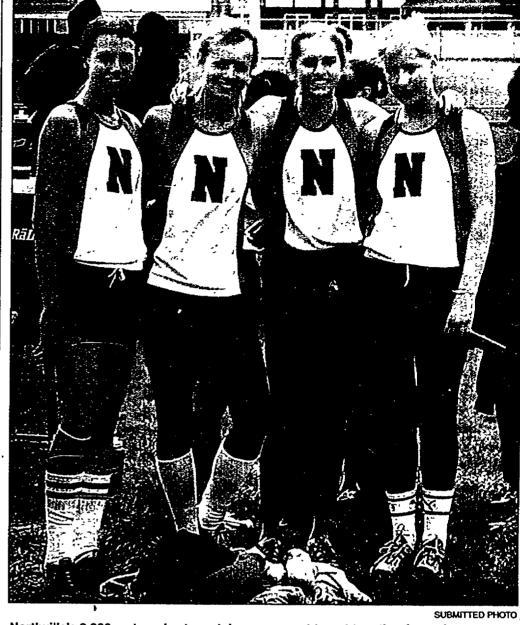
The Novi Wildcats earned a convincing 4-1 victory over their cross-town rivals on their home turf.

The Mustangs were the first to get on the board, scoring just 1:30 into the game.

"I was very happy with the way we reacted," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

It was a reaction O'Leary and the Wildcats weren't sure they could muster. Just a few days prior against Canton, the Wildcats allowed a score and soon found themselves falling further behind

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Northville's 3,200-meter relay team takes a moment to get together for a photo.

Girls power past Wildcats

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Their spirit wasn't dampened by the rain, that was for sure.

The Northville Mustangs girls' track and field team made short work of their cross-town rivals as they topped the Novi Wildcats, 82-

"Despite the cool, rainy conditions, the Mustangs stepped on the track determined not to lose to their cross-town rivals," Northville

The Mustangs went out right away and put points in their favor as they scored 19 points and earned points in all events. Freshman Liz Watza, who is a promising young athlete in the field events as well as other sports,. threw the shot put 27-feet-6-inches for first place in the season opener.

In the discus, Jenna Sieloff took second with a hurl of 64-feet-10, while Diana Deaibis took third with a 64-8.

The high jump found Andrea' Watts going 4-8 for second place and Julie Foucher leaping 4-6 for third in the event behind Novi's stellar Christina Lis, who was second in the state last year.

Rounding out the field events was Erica Dobson, who put forth the best long jump of her career with a 15-2 for first place. Laura Keys took third with a jump of 13-

'This was a great start considering we have always had a difficult time scoring in the field events," Smith said. "We can only look to

Bryn Smetana and Devon Rupley took first in the event with a time

In the hurdles, Kari Oshanski took second in 17.7 seconds and Watts took third in 18.06 seconds in the 100 meter event. IN the 300, Watts took first and Oshanski took second with 52.4 and 54.3 times respectively.

In the sprints, the Mustangs snowed their youth is not a factor. Freshman Emily Kreichelt took second in the 100 meter dash with a 13.3 and first in the 200 with a 28.4. Foucher took second in the

Rupley finished in first in the 400 dash to give her team an edge with her finish coming in just 1:03, while the 800-meter relay team of Kreichelt, Keys, Oshanski and Foucher took first with a 1:53. "The sprint times are impressive

this early in the season," Smith said. 'They are much faster than last year's times and the amazing thing is these girls are all freshman and sophomores, which looks great for the future. In the mile, Molly Gavin took

first with a 5:45, followed by McClymont, who took second in six minutes flat. Gavin also took a first in the two-mile event, running a career-best time of 12:25 for the top spot.

The 800 once again found the Mustangs being extremely dominant. Rupley took first in 2:35, while Ashley Flohr took second in 2:39 and Keiffer was third in 2:41.

The meet ended with the 1,600meter relay team taking first place. Gretchen Warner, Flohr, McClymont and Annic Kirkpatrick won the event in 4:47.

improve throughout the season.

The running events were just as fruitful for the Mustangs. The writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104

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Potential is high for track

By Sam Eggleston

They can sense just how good they have the potential to be this year.

The Northville Mustangs girls' track and field team continued their winning ways at the Crestwood Invite in Dearborn April 3. Out of the 15 teams that attended, Northville rose to the occasion and tied for first place with Ypsilanti with 93 points.

The squad, which is coached by Nancy Smith, did a great job all the way across the board to show their true competitive In the field events, Laura Keys

placed sixth in the long jump with a season-best jump of 14-feet-5-inches while senior Amanda Crawford placed sixth in the pole vault with a jump of

"Our field events did a good job today we were missing some girls because of ACT testing and the competition was much stiffer than previous years," Smith said.
In the running events, the

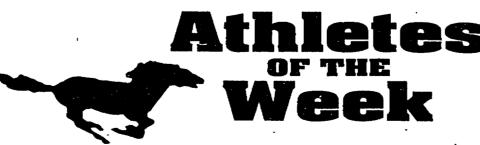
3,200 relay team of Ashley Flohr, Bryn Smetana, Meaghan Keiffer and Devon Rupley started things off by taking first with a season-best time of 10:12.

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Tim Dalton Senior Track and Field

Dalton is the kind of athlete you can depend on. He pushes himself to the limits, tries his best and rises to the occassion and thanks to some impressive running by Mustang, Northville was able to pull ahead and top their cross-town rivals in the Novi Wildcats





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Layne Scherer Senior Golf

final year.

Scherer is the kind of golfer that thrives competition. When the courses get rough, she's at her best. That was once again made clear as she finished in the top-10 at the highly competitive Grosse

Ile Invitational Golf Tournament last week. Expect to continue to see great things from this Mustang through the rest of her

Lacrosse makes example of Romulus

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

There's really no better way to open up the season other than with a win. The Northville Mustangs lacrosse team did just that as they went into a very cool weekend and walked away on fire with two impressive victories.

Their second victory of the season was more of a slaughter than anything else, as the Mustangs punished Romulus with a 15-1 spanking.

Against Romulus, the Mustangs took a bus ride and found themselves taking their first steps of the season onto artificial turf --- a venue the squad probably won't mind seeing again.

Northville had just a 2-1 lead over the Eagles at the end of the first quarter following scores by Tim Arnold and Zach Elker to give

their squad the lead.

The second quarter was a slightly different story as the Northville Mustangs showed complete dominance as they racked up six more

Mike Monticciolo took a pass from Andrew Kemmer and danced through the Romulus defense for the score. Minutes later, Nick Thurber took the face-off, scampered down field and fired home a shot for the 4-1 advantage.

The following two goals for the 6-1 lead came off the stick of Mike Bernabei, who took assistance on both scores from Arnold, before Monticciolo and Andrew Melie notched the final two tallies of the quarter.

With an 8-1 lead heading into the second half of play, the Mustangs could have easily slowed their aggression and taken a few deep breaths - but Northville was hungry and eager, which proved to be a deadly combination for the Romulus defenders.

The Mustangs went on to score seven more goals in the second half as Chris Folas, Jackson Doyle and Nick Kuneman scored a goal apiece. Elker made it a four-goal night as he slammed home three shots in the half to help seal the Northville victory.

The final tally of the game came from Bernabei for his third goal as be rocketed home a shot over the left shoulder of the Eagles' goalie for the 15-1 final.

Andrew Buran played in goal for Northville, allowing just his second goal in as many games.

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Mustangs top Avondale

Aggression. It's not something that's always considered to be the best way of dealing with life, but it sure doesn't hurt to have a ton of it during a sports season.

The Northville Mustangs lacrosse team has plenty of aggression to pass around, and they didn't mind sharing that with Avondale April 2 when they pounded out their first win of the season, 4-1.
With cool temperatures and

not-so-dry conditions, the Mustangs jumped into action and took an early lead in the contest as senior attack Richard Grajewski took a pass from Zach Elker and fired home a hard shot for the 1-0 lead.

a swift pass from midfielder Mike Bernabie and launched a goal for the 2-0 advantage.

The third goal was another smooth operation by the Mustangs. Nick Thurber, a midfielder, slipped a pass to Mike Monticciolo, who made his way past a defensive front and notched the third goal of the game for the 3-0 lead. With their fourth and final

goal of the game, the Mustangs showed the patience is indeed a virtue on the playing field. Thurber took the ball down field before passing off to Monticciolo, who then found a streaking Grajewski heading towards the goal. Grajewski

drew back and launched a rocket into the back of the net for his second goal of the game and a 4-

0 lead. The Yellow Jackets weren't going to be denied though, and with just 30 seconds left in the game they managed to put on enough pressure to collected a goal of their own to end the con-

test, 4-1. Andrew Buran, the Northville goalie, played an outstanding game between the posts. He had a remarkable amount of assistance from the defensive corps, which was headed by junior Ryan Wales and sophomores Grant Ponte and Tim Street.

- By Sam Eggleston

Baseball team has plenty of experience

By Sam Eggleston

There's no doubt about it this Northville Mustangs baseball team has a ton of promise.

The Mustangs, who are coached by Mickey Newman, return a slew of talented and experienced players to the team this year. They've got strong bats, good fielding and talented pitching — the only thing they are missing is a few more southpaws.

"We only have one lefty on the entire team," Newman said. "Steve Besk is our only lefty hitter and our only lefty throw-

But that shouldn't slow the Mustangs down too much. This squad is just about as deep as they come.

Nearly every name on the roster is a whos-who of WLAA baseball it seems. Mark Sorensen will be the premier hurler on the mound this year, while junior Matt Williams will be backing the team up behind the plate.

Expect to see some big time play from first-baseman and pitcher Brian Tellish this year, and Brett Asher will get some looks on the mound as well as some play at various points on the field.

Brenden Buckley will resume his role as the team's shortstop. His bat speed has reportedly improved over the summer and he will be looking to get some big hits this year.

Jimmy Cicala is another name baseball fans will recognize as he's been a member of the Mustangs as well as the NABF Proncos during Series runs.

Jake Dumbleton returns and will be getting time at second base, while Doug Thomsen will get time on the mound during his senior year.

Juniors on the team include Dave Van Horn, Tyler Laing, Andrew Smith, Rick Birdsall and Jeff Richards while the only sophomore on the squad this season is the all-too-familiar name of Charlie Thomas.

The squad isn't just full of talent — they're full of collegebound athletes as well. Sorensen is poised to sign his name on the dotted line, while Tellish and Asher will no doubt land themselves somewhere.

Matt Williams is a sure thing in the college world, having major universities and Division I schools falling all over themselves to gain his interest.

Not so surprisingly, Buckley has been getting some looks as well, and it's rumored that Concordia has taken an interest in the stellar senior.

But a team can't operate on talent alone. Coaching is just as important to a crew such as this one - and the Mustangs have plenty of that as well. Newman is a veteran in the game and well known in the conference and beyond, while his assistant is a name that pretty much anyone who follows sports probably knows. Aaron Gallogly not only participated in athletics while still at Northville High School, but is known to be one of the biggest Mustang fans around.

COURTESY PHOTO

The baseball team has a ton of experience and talent returning this season. Can anyone say division title?

said. "I love having him as an assistant coach. He's just great to have around."

This year, the Mustangs will be looking at Livonia Franklin, Churchill and Canton to be tough teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association, while their non-conference schedule boasts some of the toughest teams around. Novi, Hartland and Brighton are going to be the top three teams in the Kensington Valley Conference this year and are all on the schedule, as is the alwaysstrong Clarkston squad and Lake Orion as well as West Bloomfield. Northville will also

take on Saline this year. This is one of the toughest schedules we've ever had," Newman said. "We've really revamped the schedule this

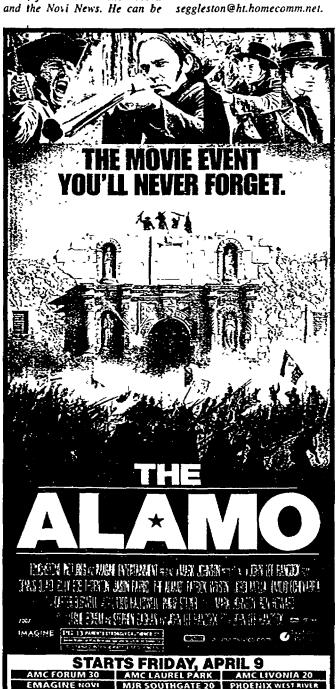
But the Mustangs will have their eye on the prize nonethe-

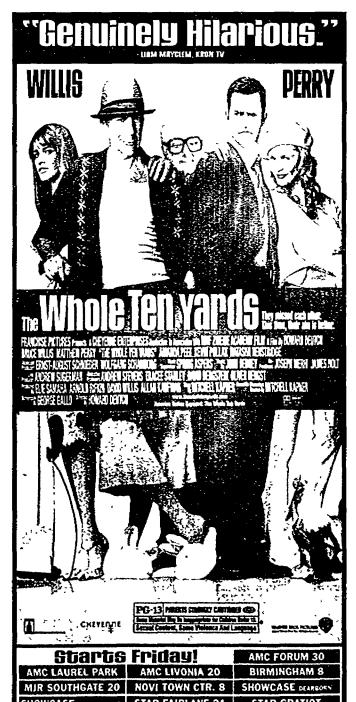
"Our goal is to always compete for the division," Newman said. "Once we win the division, we'll worry about the conference championship."

The Mustangs will once again have all their home games at Hillside Field --- a change in venue was planned for this year but the squad was adamant.

"That field is great," Newman said. "We love it. I played there in high school too. It's just a great field and a great place to play. You'd be lucky to find a better field anywhere near

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Mustangs edge rival Wildcats

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Northville's Bill Brown took first in a blazing race that found him finishing in 11.1 seconds, while Novi's Justin Davis took second in 11.3 and Mustang senior Tim Downing took third in 11.5.

The 800 meter relay found Novi winning in 1:36.4 before the field events began to make all the difference.

Novi won the pole vault with Alberty clearing 9 feet. Northville's Mike Yassay went 8-feet-6-inches and Brad Larson, a Novi Wildcat, took third with a vault of 8-0.

The shot put and discus both found Novi's Ryan Pritchard taking first with throws of 44feet-10-inches in the shot and 123-7.5 in the discus.

Taking second and third in the shot were Novi's John Brown and Trent Sisson with throws of

39-3 and 38-10 respectively.

The discus found Ken Schleh
of Northville taking second with a throw of 113-8, while fellow Mustang Matt Simich unleashed a 109-0.5 throw for third.

The high jump was one of the closer events of the day as Northville's steallar jumper Alan Shanoski only managed a leap of 5.8 for first and Novi's Brad Spisich took second with a 5-4 jump.

Northville's Bill Brown took

third with a jump of 5-2.
In the, long jump, Brown escaped with an 18-10 jump and

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Novi's David Carnegie took second with 18-7. Scott Hammerle, a Northville senior, jumped 18-0.25 for third.

In the 400 meter relay, the Mustangs took first in 45.2 seconds and Novi finished in 45.5 for second.

The 1,600-meter run found Northville's Tim Dalton taking first in 4:44, while Moore took second in 4:48.4 and Huprikar took third in 4:51.5.

The 400 dash resulted in Rob Steiner of Northville taking first, Sisson taking second and Northville's Colin Keiffer taking third.

In the 300 hurdles, Novi's Carl Yui took first in 42.8 seconds, Filev took second in 43.4 and Saurer finished third in 44.1. The 800 run ended with Dalton taking first in 2:08.8, Novi's Spencer Ornes taking second in 2:11.1 and Northville's Buroski taking

The 200 dash was a close event of it's own. Josh Woods sprinted to a 23.3 second victory and Northville's Downing took second in 23.8. Mike Cornelius finished third in 24.3.

"We needed to get a good look at our team and this gave us plenty of information," Smith

"I really enjoyed the meet. Northville is a good, solid team. They have their holes, so do we. It ended up coming down to the last race, so that's quite exciting from a fan's point of view."

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Undefeated Wolfpack

Northville's U13 Western Wayne Wolfpack AAU basketball team remained undefeated at 10-0 after topping the Downriver Ravens in a recent tournament. Prior to that victory, the squad was undefeated at the Adrian Tournament in late February and defeated the Southfield Heat in an overtime period of the championship game. Annie Tasse was selected as tournament MVP while Brittany Birdsall and Allison Holmes were named to the All-

Members of the Wolfpack include: Casey Neville, Hillary Weaver, Megan Brennen, Coach Jeanne Holmes, Marie Hourolan, Brittany Birdsall, Jackie Blasius, Allison Holmes, Annie Tasse, Mackenzie Lebels, Kelsy Whelan, Coach Mark Stern, Kelsy Lewis and Sarah Stern, who was absent from the above photo.

Rugby team boasts talent

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

This year won't be a repeat of last year for the Northville-Novi Knights rugby football club - at least not of the players on the team have anything to say about it.

This year is one of rebound for the Knights. They may not have the numbers that the squad has boasted on the roster in years past, but they have just as much true athletic ability as before if not more.

'We've got a good, talented team albeit not a lot in numbers," Knights coach Ron Cornell said.

The Knights return a slew of players as well, and those who

aren't returning are pretty stacked in athletic talent.

The squad is full of names that many will recognize as impact players in a variety of other sports.

Nathan Cramton, Shadi Deaibis, Liam Dillon, Patrick Harris, Brandon Heffernan, Dana Hlavaty, Taylor Lebeis, Amir Makled, Ben Mason, Jack Mason, Maxwell Mayer, Mike Menghini, Steve Minier, A.J. Morris, Ian O'Gieblyn, Dave Okster, John Postema, Joe Prain, Bill Riegner, David Ruprecht, Jake Simkins, Mike Subu and Kyle Teevens will take on the task of playing some of the toughest teams in

the state this year. "We're stacked against the compared to a tough year in the

toughest teams and in the toughest division again this year," Cornell said. "We'll be facing most of our traditional rivals in Brighton, Washtenaw

Other teams in the division along with Northville-Novi are Dearborn and Anthony Wayne. Their division, known as the East "Blue" team is among two others along with the East "Green" with Birmingham, St. Josephs, Livonia, Berkeley and

and Howell."

CC, Traverse City, Forest Hills, Rockford and Battle Creek. The Knights will be looking to challenge the top teams again this year — a difference

Lakeview. The West division is

comprised of Grand Rapids

2003 campaign.

"Last year we didn't fare to well," Cornell said. "It was the first losing season in my six." The Knights have plenty to

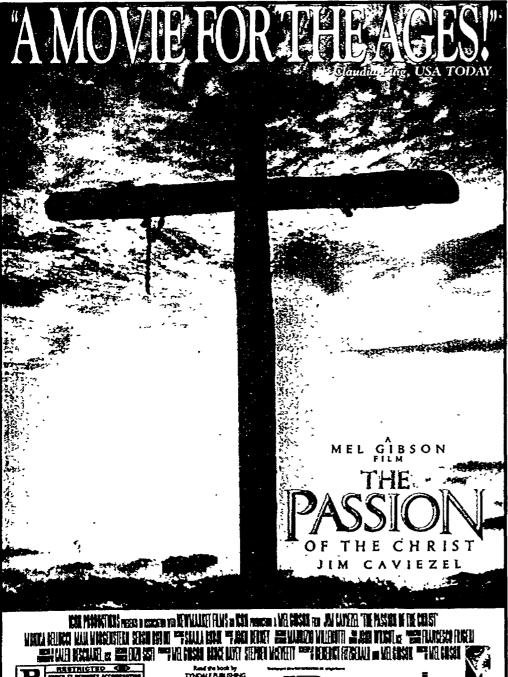
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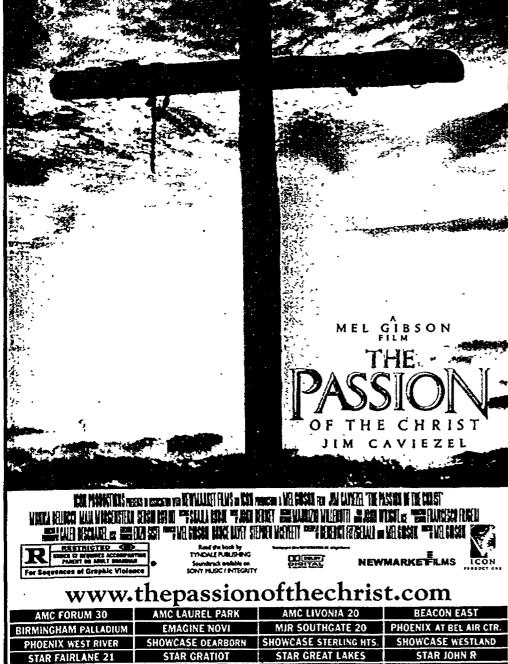
"I' is inis year."
Corne., noted. "We're smaller in numbers, but have plenty of quality, experienced players to help us do very well this year.",

Northville-Novi will have opened up their season yesterday at Washtenaw, and will be back in action when they host Dearboin April 21.

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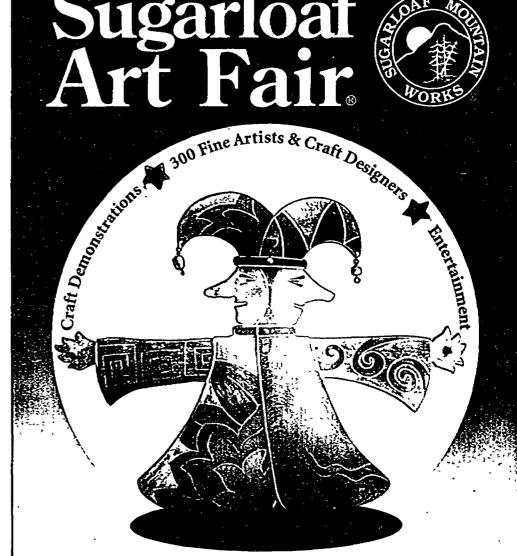




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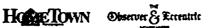


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Golf has top-five finish in tourney

By Sam Eggleston

It was the kind of weather that could be incredibly deceiving. There were few clouds in the sky, a bright sun over head and nottoo-chilly temperatures.

A great day for golf — well, it is if you like wet and soggy cours-

The Northville Mustangs golf team, coached by Trish Murray, had to endure a beautiful Saturday and not-so-beautiful course conditions as they earned a fourth-place finish in the Grosse Ile Invitational.

Northville shot a 353 for the

top-five finish out of 12 teams in attendance, while Grand Blanc carded a 321 for first, Grosse lle took second with a 333 and Ann Arbor Pioneer recorded a 338 for

"We were basically just going down to see what we could do," Murray said. "We definitely have to work on our short game. It's pure and simple. We're striking the ball pretty well, but once we get around the green we're just not putting it away.'

The course conditions didn't help the cause, but Murray said that wasn't an excuse for the lack of adjustments throughout the day.

"If you weren't picking it clean,

"They tell me I ing it," Murray said of the course. "But, can't do that, but we have to adjust and the I'm a teacher so I girls should can give them known have that by the first homework." or second hole.

This team knows how to do that." Mustangs had a

top-10 individual finisher on the day as well in 95. Rounding out the Mustangs Layne Scherer. The senior put up a 38-46 through the front and back Fillipps, who shot a 56-55 for a

nine for a total of 84 on the Marie Snyder shot a 46-41 for an 87, while

Trish Murray Northville Golf Coach

Therese Juthage recorded an 89 with a

46-43 showing. Andrea Fillipps carded a 45-48 for a 93, while Allison Grant recorded a 45-

50 for a total of scores for the day was Brittany

The Mustangs will have quite a break in the way of Spring Break to put a cramp in their season but Murray said that better not make too much of a difference with her senior-heavy scoring

"I usually give them the Spring Break talk, and the prom talk and when I coached the boys I gave them the Homecoming talk," she said. "I hope they'll use the time to get in a little practice and they'll be getting some home-work from me as well."

Homework? From a coach? "They tell me I can't do that, but I'm a teacher so I can give

them homework," Murray said. "I have them do a rules test and a skills worksheet."

Lucky for many of the golfers going on vacation, there will probably be a beach close by - a perfect place to practice some

"They're a good group," Murray said. "They've got a lot ahead of them this year and I'm sure none of them will go out and do something stupid,"

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Pawlak, Novi top Mustangs

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"That was not the case tonight," O'Leary noted. "We kept playing our game and were rewarded."

Down 1-0, that reward came in the form of a tie game at the 20 minute mark. Maureen Pawlak added to her 100-plus career goals as she took a pass from Nikki Hermann and fired it home for the I-1 knot.

Just five minutes later, Pawlak fired a hard corner kick towards the Northville goal and Nicole Barndt showed off her impressive vertical ability before heading the ball into the net for Novi's first lead of the game, 2-1.

The Mustangs, who have a slew of talented players returned from last year, just couldn't seem to get their offense rolling in the right direction. The Novi defense was able to stall the Northville charge on more than one occa-

"Our defense once again played a very strong game," O'Leary noted.

The Wildcats basically controlled the second half, scoring twice to secure their victory. The first came as Sarah Schmitt slid a cross to Kristi Timar, who fired it home for the 3-1 lead to mark her third goal of the year.

The fourth and final goal for Novi came with just six minutes left in the game. Chelsea Atiyeh fired a through ball through the Northville defense and watched as a foot race burst into action between Pawlak and the Northville goalie. Pawlak won, taking the ball and firing home a shot for the 4-1 decision and the

The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats will be off for spring break and will not return to action until late in the month.

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Novi's Maureen Pawlak, who has over 100 career goals, helped bring down the Northville Mustangs last Friday.

Northville tennis takes care of non-conference Hartland Eagles

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs boys' tennis team held the broom tightly in hand as they swept the Hartland Eagles aside last week.

The Mustangs, who are coached by Chris Ford, earned a foes, 8-0.

"Those are always nice," Ford said. "It's good to get off on a nice, strong start. With so much inactivity during the winter season because of the weather, you just never know what you're going to get."

The Eagles, who are always a tough team in the Kensington Valley Conference, gave the Mustangs a good match in the opening days of the season.

"Hartland is a pretty decent KVC team," Ford said. "We see such tough competition in the WLAA that it's nice to start off

"It's good to get off on a nice, strong start. With so much inactivity during the winter season because of the weather, you just never know what you're going to aet."

> Chris Ford Northville Tennis Coach

with a team like that."

The Mustangs came out of the gates in a full gallop as Jason Spruit earned a 6-2, 6-2 victory at one singles and Jon Lee won in three sets, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. At third singles, Brian Bensette took a 6-2, 6-0 win and Chris Irvine, playing four singles, won

The doubles teams were just

as potent as Matt Lewicki and Jackson Knoll combined their talents to earn a convincing 6-2. 6-0 win over their Hartland foes. Colin Ackerman and Jeremy Reisman earned dual 6-1, 6-1 victories, while Lance Dehne and Nate Mehill notched a teambest victory with 6-0, 60 wins at

third doubles. Ashton Saltz and Varun

Shekhar went 6-1, 7-6 (7-2) for their victory at fourth doubles.

One thing that was certain when the Mustangs took to the court was that they were in a condition to win.

'We started a pre-conditioning program in late January," Ford said. "About 17 varsity and junvers showed up. That definitely helped."

And if nothing else, it aided in their play this year.

"It helped them with their flexibility and they have more stamina now," Ford noted. 'Hopefully they keep it up after the season is over and into the summer months for those who are returning next year.'

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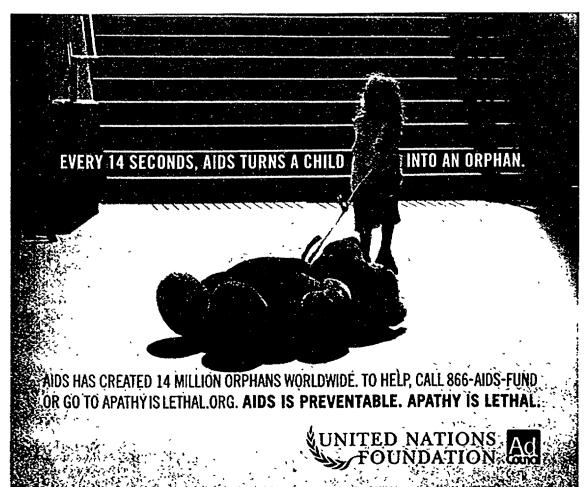
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Mustangs girls' track has a ton of potential

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"They ran a great race and ended up running the exact same time as last season here," Smith

In the sprint events, the Mustangs scored in every individual event. Emily Kreichelt had another amazing day, placing in third in the 100 in 13.6 seconds and third in the 200 in 27.5.

"Emily is an amazing runner

as freshman," Smith said. She is always ready to compete and always gives a great effort. Throughout the day she clocked some great times. By the time she went home she had run 1100 meters with her combination of preliminaries, semis and finals."

Also having a great day was Julie Foucher, who placed sixth in the 200 with a time of 28.8. In the hurdles, the team of Kari

Oshanski and Andrea Watts came

up big again. The 100 hurdles all three open sprints. It looks found Oshanski finishing in great for the rest of the season as 18.09 seconds for second and Watts was third with 18.42. In the 300 low hurdles, Watts took second — this time with 51.1 and Oshanski was third with

"We did great in all of the open sprints," Smith said. "These girls each made it to the top six to compete in the finals. I am not sure when we last had scorers in

great for the rest of the season as these athletes continue to improve."

The 800 Meter Relay placed third with a season-best time of 1:53. The team consists of Kreichelt, Keys, Oshanski and Foucher.

Devon Rupley and Flohr went first and third in the 800. Both runners put in season best times as Rupley went 2:23 and Flohr

In the mile, Kate McClymont and Molly Gavin both had great McClymont captured fourth with a season-best time of 5:39 and Molly took fifth also with a season-best time of 5:41.

Gavin wasn't about to rest though. She continued her outstanding performance and took second in the two mile with a career-best time of 12:12.

"I have never seen Molly look

so strong and healthy in the three years I have coached her," Smith said. "She looks great right now and is on the way at breaking her

time each meet.' Meghan Sheremet also competed in the two mile and ran a

career-best time of 12:55. The day ended with the 1,600 relay team of Rupley, Flohr, Watts and Gretchen Warner taking fourth with a season-best time of 4:29.



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Novi's Emily Esbrook takes the ball down field in a match earlier this year. She and the other Wildcats are looking at being the top team in the KVC this season.

Win some, lose some

It's amazing how a team can control every aspect of a game and still end up on the losing end when all is said and done.

That happened to the Novi Wildcats girls' soccer team, which is coached by Brian O'Leary. After taking on the Plymouth Canton Chiefs, the Wildcats found themselves leading in every category but one - the score. Novi lost the game, 3-1. .

"Never in my 11 years of coaching have I experienced such domination by a team that lost," O'Leary said.

The Wildcats out shot the Chiefs an amazing 25-3 but found themselves on the wrong end of the loss.

"We possessed the ball about 75-percent of the time," O'Leary said. "Obviously, our finishing needed improvement.

The only Novi goal came off the foot of Kristi Timar as she notched her second score of the season. She took a pass from Maureen Pawlak and fired it home to cut the Canton lead to 2-1 with about 25 minutes left in the game.

played, for the most part, in he said. "With players like

Wildcats dominate Chargers

It really wasn't too much of a challenge and proved to be one of the quickest games any of the Novi Wildcats girls' soccer players have been a part of.

The Wildcats, who are coached by Brian O'Leary, took a mercy-rule victory over the Churchill Chargers with over 20 minutes left in the contest

"The game was called with 20 minutes left due to the 10goal mercy rule," O'Leary noted.

The star of the game was no doubt Maureen Pawlak, who notched her 100th and 101st goals of her career with two shots against the Charger's goal. The feat made her just the eight

player in the history of girls' soccer in Michigan to accomplish the century mark.

Though the two goal performance made Pawlak the queen of the ball, it was Nicole Barndt who led her team in scoring as she notched three to help decimate the Chargers. Sarah Schmitt tapped in two of her own in the winning effort, while Lauren Troher, Stephanie Crawford and Emily Esbrook all scored the first goals of their

high school careers. Stephanie Crawford had two assists, while Pawlak and Schmitt each had one.

Freshman Colleen Dougherty

earned the shutout in the goal. - By Sam Eggleston

Canton's end. The Chiefs scored the final goal of the game on a free kick from 30 yards out with just three sec-

onds left in the contest. Though his squad lost, O'Leary said it's not something

he's going to lose sleep over. "It's not something I am The rest of the game was tremendously worried about,"

Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.

Maureen Pawlak and Kristi Timar, it's only a matter of time before we start scoring

some goals." The defense, led by Lauren Marchioni, Jessica Barndt, Kelly Hebert and Kelli Corless were key during the game and played, according to O'Leary, outstanding."

- By Sam Eggleston

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Watch for new features coming to sports pages

things seems to start rolling along again, it all comes to a sudden, screeching halt. Of course, I'm talking about Spring Break and how it just loves to pop up early in the spring sports season.

Sure, it must be nice to get away to Palm Beach and Orlando for the week, but for sports writers like me this whole week is just a drag. There's absolutely no sports coverage to write about and, for the most part, not an athlete to be seen.

Thankfully, I have a pile of stories that I've been trying to find the time to do - and I'm sure there will be a lot of good features waiting in your mailbox or at the newsstand for you when you pick up the paper next week.

With so many sports and so much to write about in the way of coverage from week to week, it's a wonder that there is ever any time for feature stories and things that are just a little off the beaten path for the most part. Thankfully, breaks such as this upcoming one are just what the sports writer ordered to get on top of this stack of story ideas.

Hopefully, you the readers

ries as much as I'll enjoy writing them. This is a good week for this too, as one of my edi-tor's is preparing to make a departure for a calling away from this office, and the other editor is away on vacation to sunny North Carolina. That means I'll be helping get one paper out the door while wishing a good friend of mine the best on his way out the door.

As many of you have probably noted, I've done a lot of tinkering with the overall look of my sports pages since my arrival here. A tweak here, a tweak there and adjustments here and there as well. Not all of them have worked out and some have gone the way of the dinosaur, but an upcoming feature shout catch every one's eye and will, hopefully, become a permanent feature on these pages. I'll reveal more as we move along in the season, but I think you'll notice it when the new arrival lands in the sports section.

I hope everyone enjoys the non-sports coverage stories that will be in the paper next week and I hope all of the athletes enjoy their spring break - but hurry back. I can't wait to get back to game stories and all the



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wins my teams are going to rack up this spring.

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Novi tennis wins tournament

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats tennis team knew that if it wanted to make everyone realize how serious they were in their pursuit of another state berth this year, they would have to start the season off strong.

They did just that. The Wildcats, who are coached

by Jim Hanson, scored 20 points to edge out Brighton's 19 to take the top spot in the Holly/Grand Invitational Tennis Tournament.

"We won first, second and fourth singles and third doubles." Hanson noted. "We played well for our first tournament of the sea-

The Wildcats found senior Suraj Ramachandran making his way though his first foe from Holly, 6-4, 6-2, before topping Evan Palpas of Carmen Ainsworth in three sets, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1 to advance to the finals. There, Ramachandran topped Brighton's Jeff Lislecki, 6-4, 6-1, to take the top spot.

In two singles, Prasanna Venugopal earned his win with some impressive play of his own. The first round found Venugopal topping Port Huron Northern's Nate Labelle 6-4, 7-5 before moving on to beat his next foe 6-2, 6-2. In the final round, Venugopal made short work of his opponent from Holly in Jason Lambard, 6-

2, 6-1. "Obviously, Prasanna and Suraj have plenty of experience," Hanson said. "They've both improved and are already getting rewarded for their hard work."

In fourth singles, Kyle Goodman went on a winning streak as he pounded out a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Jon Walker of Brighton before topping Amogh Naik from Grand Blanc, 6-1, 6-4. Goodman earned the finals victory as he topped Bill Derocha of Port Huron Northern, 6-2, 6-4.

The third doubles team of Richie Fetters and Jeff Korby earned a first-place finish as they beat Flint Powers, 7-5, 6-3, before topping Brighton 6-3, 6-4. In the final game, the Wildcat duo beat Carmen Ainsworth's Adih Suthar and Kyle Blarloney in three sets, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

At four doubles Heffernan and Mike Mehl marched to a third-place finish with a win over Holly's four doubles team, 6-4, 6-2 before they fell to Port Huron Northern. The duo went on to defeat Grand Blanc's duo of Alex Elboth and Kyle McGriggor 6-4, 6-2.

At fifth doubles, which was played to help the various players

earn experience, Novi took fifth place with the team of Lei Bei and Solomon Zheng — both seniors. The duo fell to Port Huron

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Teach kids value of money

Mary Davis MICHIGAN CREDIT UNION LEAGUE

High school seniors are graduating with few of the personal financial skills they need to support themselves, according to a 2004 survey by the Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, a conglomeration of organizations-public, private and non profit-that works to improve the financial literacy of youth.

A similar study was conducted with Michigan high school students in 2001. The statewide survey sponsored by the Michigan Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy and conducted by the National Institute for Consumer Education (NICE) looked at 12th graders' level of knowledge within four areas: income, money management, saving and investment, and spending. Students were asked questions on a wide range of topics and concepts such as taxes, retirement, insurance, credit use, inflation and budgeting. On average, survey participants answered 49 percent of the questions correctly - a failing grade based upon the typical grade scale used by schools.

Here are simple ideas collected from sources like the National Youth Involvement Board (NYIB) and NICE that parents can employ.

Get them saving at an early age

When your kids are young, about 3 or 4, show them how to tell coins apart. Then give them three clear piggy banks-label one for saving, one for spending and one for charity.

Give allowances on a regular basis

Regular allowances give children ample opportunities to practice saving and spending. When deciding on an appropriate amount, be sure to include enough money for some discretionary spending on top of what they'll need to cover lunches and bus fare. A popular idea is to give kids a weekly allowance of \$1 per age.

Central to the process of making wise spending decisions is being able to differentiate between wants and needs. Each time your child wants something, such as a pair of expensive jeans, ask if she really needs the jeans, or if she simply wants the jeans because her a friend has a pair. Your intention shouldn't be to say "no' each time she asks; rather, you should want to get her into the habit of asking herself: "do I need this" or "do I want this."

Open a savings account for them

pen a savings account in your child's name. Many banks and credit unions have special youth savings programs for kids 12 and under. Accounts typically only require a \$5 deposit. In addition to earning dividends on their savings, kids can participate in a variety of fun activities designed to educate them about the wise use of money. Participation is key to instilling lifelong money lessons.

Make saving a routine

Make it a rule that your kids save a percentage of their allowance, birthday money, or part-time neighborhood job earnings.

Craft a bedget

Before doling an allowance each week, have your kids write down what they expect to purchase and spend for the week. Include both necessities such as lunch and discretionary items like comic books or games. By regularly budgeting, they learn early on to spend within their means.

Set goals

Have your kids write out a wish list of all they wish to purchase this summer, and rank them according to importance. Then, help them determine how much they need to save each week to reach their goals.

Encourage them to work

When your child is old enough, encourage him to find creative ways to make money. Suggest he do some extra chores, walk a neighbor's dog, baby-sit or rake leaves. When he gets paid, take the opportunity to talk about the exchange of money for wages.

Habit of spending responsibly

Have your child plan a family meal, and then take him to the store with \$25 and have him buy the food. Encourage him to compare prices for the best deal.

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Keith and Debra Paul stand in front of one of their HandyPro vans that are equipped to provide home improvements and repairs to people in southeastern Michigan.

HandyPro offers handyman services

From painting, to remodeling HandyPro gives professional help

By Duane Ramsey SPECIAL WRITER

What began as a local handyman service, HandyPro Handyman Service of Plymouth has evolved into a business that is now offering franchise opportunities nationally. The business continues to provide affordable handyman services to homeowners in the metro Detroit area.

A local couple, Keith and Sebra Paul of Canton, began the business in 1993 as a referral service for home improvement contractors. Having received so many calls they couldn't keep up with the demand for handymen,

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they hired a handyman and now have 12 full-time employees to provide those services directly to customers.

With the slogans, "every home needs a handyman" and "let us finish your 'to do' list," HandyPro has provided home improvement and repairs for more than 15,000 residents in southeastern Michigan with locations in Plymouth, Ann Arbor and St. Clair Shores.

"The handyman service appeals to the growing whitecollar society of people who are not inclined or equipped or don't have the time to do it themselves," said Keith Paul, president of HandyPro Handyman Service, Inc.

"Cable TV shows like 'Trading Spaces' make people realize they can get this kind of

work done for them," he added. HandyPro provides nearly everything from carpentry, drywall, painting, remodeling, minor electrical and plumbing for home improvements and repairs in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties. It offers free estimates and guaranteed, on-time service for all work that is bonded and insured.

The work completed at my home was truly professional. I would recommend this company to all my friends and neighbors," said Matthew Keil, a banker from West Bloomfield.

HandyPro also cleans and repairs gutters on homes or will install new seamless gutters to prevent leaky gutters. It offers year-round, one- to two-day gutter installation service.

"We also do a lot of insurance repair work for homeowners," Paul said.

HandyPro is a member of the Better Business Bureau with no complaints and participates in CARE, the BBB's Customer Assurance Program. It was voted one of the "101 Best Companies to Work for in Detroit" in 2002.

The handyman business has been referred by Joe Gagnon, the "Appliance Doctor" on television and in newspapers.

"We couldn't do it without the dedicated people on our staff," Paul said. "We put our customers and employees first."

HandyPro now offers **Home Seller Program**

The handyman service recently began offering the new HandyPro's Seller Home Program for people who are selling their home and need to fix it up first.

HandyPro will fix and repair things for the homeowner who doesn't pay for those services until they close on the sale of their home.

HandyPro provides a list of the top low-cost, highest return improvements and repairs before selling a home. They will provide free estimates with no obligation to anyone interested in the Home Seller Program.

Paul pointed out that homes sell faster and for more money if they are well polished and maintained, according to the National Association of Realtors. HandyPro is currently promoting the Home Seller Program through local real estate firms.

"HandyPro is a company you can trust. I've even used them on my own home," said Sandy McKolay, a real estate agent in Canton.

Franchises now available for handyman service

HandyPro also offers franchise opportunities for individuals to operate a proven, professional handyman service. The business franchise is developed for entrepreneurs with a drive to succeed using a complete turnkey operation, Paul said.

"We worked with a management and franchising consultant who helped us set up our program," Paul said.

HandyPro opened its first franchise in Ann Arbor in March 2001 and the business continues to grow there. Paul is traveling to Honolulu on April 5 to open its first franchise in Hawaii and fifth overall. It also has franchises in St. Clair Shores, Dallas and Minneapolis.

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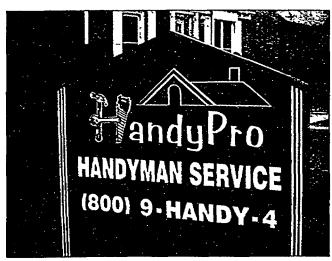
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one in Oakland County," he said. HandyPro was featured among the listing of Top Low Cost Franchises of 2003 in Your Own Boss." annual edition.

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Utilize dividers to create a new 'room'

By Rose Bennett Gilbert COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: My stepdaughter visits regularly — her job brings her to town for a meeting one day every month. She stays with us on the sofa in my office. I'd love to give her some privacy, but we only have two bedrooms. Our options are really limited there's not even room enough to open a sleep sofa in my office. What else can you suggest?

A: Stand a four-panel screen around the sofa. Install an accordion blind flush on the ceiling and lower it to form a room divider when your stepdaughter comes. Or steal the idea in the



Create the illusion of privacy with floor-to-ceiling fabrics. Use a ceiling-mounted rod and drape the fabric around a small bed pushed against the wall.

photo we show here and create the illusion of privacy with floor-to-ceiling fabrics.

This couldn't be simpler: Use a ceiling-mounted rod and drape the fabric (here it's Waverly's "Rosebank" pattern) around a small bed pushed against the wall. A shelf, mirror and chair are the only other furnishings necessary in this little "room," where privacy is truly a matter of mind over matter.

Q: What's new underfoot? A: What's new is actually one of the oldest decorating materials known to humankind: ceramic tile.

New colors, new sizes, fresh new ways of designing with tile. The 2004 Coverings show in Orlando, Fla., which is largely devoted to ceramic tiles, was a real dazzler.

Some highlights: Are you ready for deeper, richer colors - even red? They're finally coming into focus after decades of beiges, quiet earth tones and gently colored neutrals.

New technological breakthroughs make fire-engine red tiles possible for the first time ever (the firing process used to burn out most red pigments). Look also for lemon yellow, acid lime and orange — tile industry expert Patti Rasan calls them "optimistic colors."

New shapes and textures: Collections come in multiple sizes with trim pieces in varying widths so you can compose no-two-alike floors and walls. Tile surfaces are also sculptured to create interesting, eye-fooling dimensions on hitherto flat surfaces.

New materials: Glass rules. Now you can have it on your. floors, too. Or have glass with iridescent highlights, with molded-in patterns, glass recycled from used Snapple bottles.

High-tech methods are important to real estate

By James M. Woodard COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

High-tech methods to market property and solicit new business are becoming increasingly important to real estate brokers.

A recent study by the National Association of Realtors revealed that Realtors plan to spend 50 percent more time on technology-related activities in 2004 than they spent in 2003. Also, they plan to spend more than \$1,300 on high-tech products, services and training in 2004 - a 52 percent increase from \$900 in 2002.

"In 1997, only 26 percent of the nation's Realtors had Internet access. Now, about half of all Realtors have their own Web page," said David Lereah, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors.

"With almost all real estate listings now available on the Internet and seven out of 10 buyers using the Web as a tool to search for a home — we can't even imagine a working business model today without this technology."

NAR president Walt McDonald, a Realtor in Riverside, Calif., said that the use of high-tech products has become so prevalent that Realtors can no longer be as productive without them. He cited the fact that 95 percent of all Realtors now use a cell phone, 77 percent use a digi-tal camera and 41 percent have a Direct Service Line, or DSL connection, for their computers.

Even though Global Positioning System technology is relatively new, 7 percent of Realtors already report using it.

"Real estate professionals are embracing state-of-the-art technology that allows them to be more productive and focus on serving their clients," McDonald noted.

The survey also shows that 96 percent of today's Realtors use email and spend 4.6 hours per week checking and sending Work-felated e-mails. One in four uses an e-mail account through their firm, and 62 percent pay for their own account.

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Many Realtors use technology products offered by their regional Multiple Listing Service, such as using e-mail messages to alert prospective buyers about newly listed properties. The most frequently used MLS services are for sales statistics, online data entry and "comparable market analysis" data for determining a realistic market value of a property.

The survey was the largest ever conducted by NAR. It was sent via e-mail to about 270,000 members and generated 11,800 usable responses.

High-tech methods are also growing rapidly in the mortgage industry. In 2003, technologyrelated budgets for mortgage lending firms increased by 24 percent over 2002, and mortgage executives expect it to increase by an additional 47 percent in 2004, according to Mortgage Bankers Association survey.

"Among our top originators and servicers, we see a commitment to technology spending that has result-ed from five key factors," said Doug Duncan, MBA's chief economist.

The first factor is industry consolidation. This has left companies in the position of needing to merge multiple systems into one for the sake of efficiency. Second, we see business realizing the need to eliminate manual processes that lead to errors and increased costs.

Third, we see the continuous drive to integrate technology solutions from borrower to investor. Fourth is the new regulatory and compliance requirements with more detailed reporting. Fifth, we see an increased focus on customer retention initiatives in the face of increasing competition."

The bottom line for the move to enhance high-tech capabilities is probably that more and more people are relying on the Internet as their primary source of information about home buying, selling and financing. Nearly three-quarters of all Americans, 204.3 million people, have access to the Internet from their homes, according to Nielsen/NetRatings.

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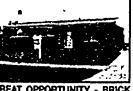


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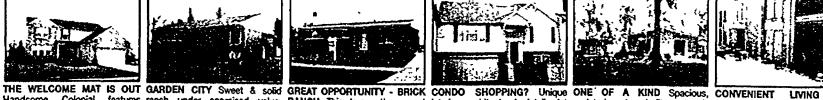


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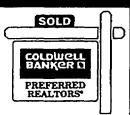
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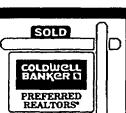


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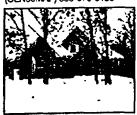
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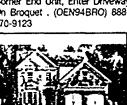
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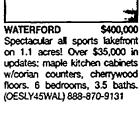
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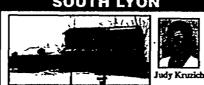
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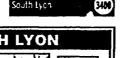
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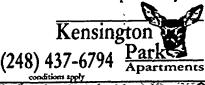


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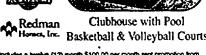
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Adult 55+ community. Lake front w/gor-geous views. \$185 association fee includes taxes, heat, water, and mainte-

nance. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 700 sq ft.

SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS

(24014685)

\$149,900 Lovely home for 1st time buyer. Walk to downtown Howell and enjoy the quaint shops, restaurants and Borany. West St. Park also close-by for family fun. Entry level master, pretty hardwood floors, 1st floor laundry, close to schools, large corner lot, 4 bed-



REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS

Sparkling clean Bungalow ready to move right int 3 bedrooms, office, playroom, liv-

ing room, & finished basement, Newe

spnnkler system, and morel

\$70,000

PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$149,900 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with a full basemed 2 car garage, 1,300 sq.ft. on almost a 1/2 acre of land. Needs new carpet & paint. Large deck at the rear of home. (24023008)



BYRON SCHOOLS \$126,900 Welcome home to this 3 bedroom, 1 bath Colonial located in the charming village of Byron. This home is on a double lot which features a one car detached garage. New flooring in dining area, beautiful fiving room what-



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$149,900 Great equity building opportunity! 3 bedroom, 2 bath Bungalow in Howell. Walk to shops, library, and more. New roof, carpet, and paint. and immediate (24015310)

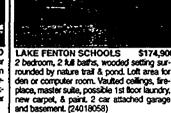


End unit ranch. Master bedroom whath & walk-in closet. Cathedral ceiling in great room, close to

\$129,900

HOWELL SCHOOLS

LAKE FENTON SCHOOLS \$165,900 Pulider will help wicksing costs. A great split floor plan rounded corner beading (drywal), oak bitchen opens to great room, full wallout besement widaylight windows, ready for limishing. Wooded back-yard, 2x6 construction, 1st floor laundry, master bath wigarden tub, and much more. (24020720)



Move-in and enjoy spring on Lake Chemung-deeded access. This 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch

style home has a partial basement, an

office/library, and a totally remodeled lotchen. Freshly painted and newer carpet. Home war-

HOWELL SCHOOLS

ranty provided, (24020337)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS Lake privileges to quiet & clean Appleton Lake. Private road, 6 miles from expressival. Peacelul Private road, 6 miles from expressivay. Peacelul home is on over a 5 acre lot, 900 sq.ft. w/530+ sq.ft. seasonal porch w lots of windows! Natural fireplace. open floor plan, full basement, 3 bedrooms, il bath, & a 2 car detached garage. (24018901)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$177,900 Great home in family sub offers walking trails & playground. Perfect location just south of Grand in Howell. Storage abounds plus lower level for more fiving space. Beautifully land-scaped and treed backyard wifenced area. Move in now, all appliances included. (24022399)



ROMULUS SCHOOLS \$179,900 This home is in a very pretty upcoming area whots of new houses. Very clean and spacious 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, built-in china cabinets, built-in bunk beds add to the detail of



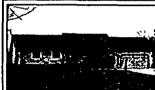
PINCKNEY SCHOOLS PHINNET SCHOOLS \$189,900 New construction? Haycreek Development. Specious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home writage country latchen, full basement, 24x24 gdfage. Great area close to schools and recreation. (24023601)



Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2-story home w/full basement, 24x24' garage. Great area close to schools & recreation. (24023601)



large deck, and patio area. Newer construction, 4



FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$190,000 Neat & Clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch. Beautifully landscaped. 1.06 acres. Delightful 3 season room off dining area. Clean, dry full basement partially finished. Quality workmanship Beautifully land-scaped (a.it whit peach & play steks; raspheritis, f spawbernes, and wild bluebernes, (2472004)







LINDER SCHOOLS \$204,900 basement with daylight windows on .89 acre corner lot. Fenced backyard, built-in cabinets in basement, oak cabinets, 55-gallion built-in aquarium included. [24017665]



Million dollar views right out your front windows! This completely remodeled home is a must see! Open bright & cheery. This home is ready to move night in close to everything, yet has lake privileges on all sports Lake Cheming, Just in "Strigging, Sessings of Section (24026005)" (24026005)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$219,900 beautiful acre. Has a wonderful lotchen with



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$224,900 beautiful wooded acres! This neat and clean home is ready to welcome new owners. Enjoy the lovely news from every window, nature at its finest is offered here. Extra deep 2.5 car garage, roomy clos-ets, copy family room, natural gas, 1 year home war-ranty. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1 680 sq ft. (24)20265)



FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$229,000 PINCKNEY SCHOOLS 1,650 sq.ft. ranch w/walkout basement on 2+ acres. Gorgeous inside! Split floor plan, fire-place in living room, cathedral ceilings in living room & master bedroom. All appliances included. Move right in-you don't have to do a thing. (24023156)

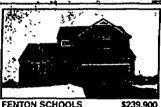


, & family room. A ss with dock to all

\$229,900 Still like new 2001 built Colonial, large pole barn, pond view and access, beautiful kitchen w/wood floors, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, walk to downtown Princkney, dining room now being used as an office, great front porch, shared driveway, one year home warranty included. (24018604)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$239,900 i bedroom brick ranch w/water privileges on Hamburg Lake, a stones throw away. Full wall fire-place in family room, over a 1/2 acre lot, completely fenced in. Newly resurfaced circular drive, new viriy! frim, new floor in killohen, 16x12' shed w/loft. Perfect home for a large family. (24024324)



FENTON SCHOOLS \$239,900 Large country lot, 1st floor master bedroom suite w/private bathroom, loft area-great for home office or computer/TV area. 3 bed-rooms, 2.5 baths, 2,090 sq ft., 3 car garage, and more. Quality construction throughout (24021006)



2.47 beautiful acres w/pear trees. Mint condi-

tion 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home whew totchen & baths. Fully fenced yard. All neutral

\$244,900

HOWELL SCHOOLS



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$249,500 Now under construction! Large family Colonial on a nice 2.4 acre parcel. Excellent vate setting yet close to pavement, shopping, & freeways. Secure this home now pick colors and customize 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2,234 sq.ft. (24016282)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$252,900 rene view of natural Finished bright and any walkout. Marble foyer, 1st floor den, hardwood flooring in kitchen and breakfast room. Large Tiving/dining room w/lots of windows. Natural fireplace in fiving room w/marble surround. Neutral décor and much more, (24015608)



WATERFORD SCHOOLS \$264,900 2-story Colonial built in 1992. 4 bedrooms, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, 2151 sq.ft. on a large wooded lot. Home warranty included. (24020295)

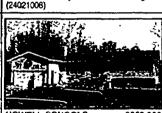
some 2,462 sq.ft., 4 bedrooms & loft, 2.5

baths, 1.5 story w/vaulted ceilings & fireplace in great room, 1st floor master bedroom.

Nicely landscaped w/perennial garden &



HOWELL SCHOOLS 8-month old "new" 2-story that has all the upgrades! 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, open floor olan, glamour master suite, and more, Backs to park in a wooded sub. Great expressway access. (24026055)



HOWELL SCHOOLS This ranch style home was finished walkout is ideally situated on 5 acres only 4 miles north of Kensington Outlet Mall, it offers 4 begrooms including lower level, open floor plan, and an awesome above ground pool w/extensive declong. This prop-erty is cleared & suitable for horses. (24017931)



SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS Impressive master bedroom suite. 4 bedrooms, 25 baths, finished basement. Large deck for entertaining. Impressive master suite. Other bedrooms with vaulted ceilings. Freshly painted with newer flooring and carpet. French doors that lead to large deck with built-in benches. Almost 2,500 so.ft. of fiving space, (24027838)



HOWELL SCHOOLS

Why not spread out...in this spacious family home. Situated on 3 1/3 acres. Features are sure to please. Over 2,000 sq.ft., 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, vaulted ceilings, family room wfire-place, full basement, 2+ car garage, large deck, and much more. (24026151)



HOWELL SCHOOLS

WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS \$299,900

End unit on Faulkwood Shore #17 Farmay. Solid oak

trim throughout. Beautiful open cak staircase! Kitchen

3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths wformal dining room & fiving room. Open floor plan whitchen, family room, & breakfast room. Professionally landscaped, huge deck, gazebo, & 10x10' brick paver patio (24017951)

HOWELL SCHOOLS Outstanding home on over 3-4 acre cul-de-sac cor-ner lot w/pond. 2,540 sq.ll., 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths,

pond. (24018824)

\$269,900



large 1st floor master bedroom, professionally fin-ished lower level walkout. Huge finished bonus room which could be 5th bedroom, 3 car side entry garage & additional large shed for storage, (24024585)



home on 3.75 acres featuring a 26;13 sur-room whot tub overlooking heated in-ground pool. Garden w/paver walk-way & patio. 2-story barn 24x32. (24016787)

HOWELL SCHOOLS

Such a Pleasure." 1,800 sq.ft.,

Fabulous home on wooded lot. Open floor plan, 1st floor launding 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, 11x11' workshop. Formal dining room, gournet itchen wisnack bar, butter's paritry, hardwood floors, all appliances included. Family room writeplace, and more. Too many features to list (24027145)



Spectacular Cape Cod with 4 generous sized

bedrooms on large country setting lot. Minutes to I-96/Burkhart exit and located in award winning Howell School District. City

sewer and water, paved roads, 2.5 baths.

2,152 sq ft., and much more (23121619)

Gated community in Hartland, Contemporary 1.5 story, 4 bed room home. Open living area, gas fireplace, cathedral cellings, floor to ceiling windows. Kitchen & loyer notify accented whardwood floors, cherry cabnets, 1st floor master has an elegant tray ceiling. 3 car garage, trailiout besement, bonus toom. Home warranty and much more. (24028827)



Fabulous 1,810 sq ft., 2-story home features: fireplace, full walkout with 9 walls & 4th bath roughed in, deluce master suite w/Jacuzzi, 3

bedrooms, all located on 2.69 sectuded

acres. Still time to choose colors! (24019556)

bedroom, 3.5 bath, 3000+ sq.ft. home not including the basement. Featuring main floor master suite, large lotichen, hardwood floors, full finished basement wirec room, wet bar, office, daylight windows, and more. One year home warranty. (24018825)



LAKE FENTON SCHOOLS Quality, Quality! The best percoamic views on Lake Fertion! 4 baths, all filed, bides in two, 2 brick fire-places, cherry cabinets in main latchen, cak cabinets in the summer kitchen. Andersen windows, sauna room, oak floors, garage floor tiled, paved drivew muta-level declong, and much more. (24019607)



Beauthii sectuded setting on 2.88 acres. Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch

whotchen featuring an island. Large window allows views of nature Fireplace in living

room. Partially finished lower level. Must see this home! (24028643)

HARTLAND SCHOOLS

PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$389,900 Forget your chores and play god? Eleganly apported builder's model on the golf course. Features include gournet laboren wityrania countertops, & appliances Master both wimarble countertops & Jacuzzi tub. Extensive crown molding, breath-talong view of staircase as you enter. (24020788)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$434,900 Sprawling 6 bedroom country estable Completely updated since 1999. Sunning 1st floor master subs 8 bath fit for a King, Mother-in-law subs w/full kitchen & bath in the finished walkout lower level, 2 master bedrooms, beautifully landscaped

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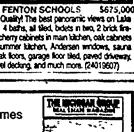
bentier to a service and sports Ore lake. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1,621 sq.ft. Ranch with many updates including newer furnace, certral air, kitcher appliances, flooring, carpet, lighting, and more. (24017850)



This 15+ acre horse farm is a must seel its 30x40' all aluminum, 4 large stall barn wiwater & electric is a horses dream. The 1,700 sq.ft., 4 bedroom ranch overlooking the riding area w/extras like 2 firentaces, walkout lower level. hot tub, & above ground pool. (24019686)



Great attention to detail. Inlaid ceramic tile in domed loyer. Tons of living space (4,650 sq.ft.), brick paved courtyard, extra 2 car garage, beautiful views of all sports private take. 1st floor master suite, 3 additional bedrooms, 3 full baths, and more. (24025691)





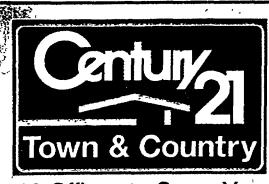
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DEARBORN A Perfect 10!

3 BR, 1 BA bungalow with loads of updates. Some of them are hardwood, all newly painted, updated its barn newer furn/ACHWH, front porch wirecessed lights viryl siding, newer doors, the list goes on. Large yard (F33CHE) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE Beautiful Lot 38R.15 BA home, recently updated wicarpeting fresh part, crown moutdings & ceramic bath. Kit has it oak cab's & ceramic floor On approx 1/2 acre, brick paver patio Short walk to elem. schi Easy access to x-ways (F47CHI) 248-349-5600 \$259 900



SOUTH LYON Trotter's Pointe Village Super sharp 1999 boilt colonial. 2 car attached parage, FFL Basement, fareplace in FR. Hardwood fir, sprinkers, dock MBR w RA jetted tub & sep shower Appliances & home warranty.

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ROMULUS Brand New Model Home Golf course community 2-story with quality upgrades. Side car garage, sprinklers wifull landscaping ceramic, premium kinchen, C/A, designer wallpaper. Other homes 8 sites available.

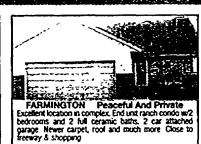
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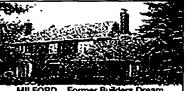
SOUTH LYON Location, Location, Location Charming 3 BR, 1 5 BA home with remodeled kitchen and battis. Most applis stay Metally landscaped, family community lenced yard newer root, him, HMH, C/A, 2 car gair Close to shopping parks, schools & churches. (F36HAR) 248-349-5600



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Prime 3 BR, 2.5 BA end unit that backs to private
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HOWELL Cozy Ranch Near Town 3 bedroom home w/arge lotchen w/eating area & dining room open to lotchen. Basement & room for garage of carport. Fence of trees in back and side. Home warranty included



GREEN OAK TWP. Crooked Lake Condo 55+ community offers this 2 BR, 2 BA 1-story w/Ronda room, single car garage, larger intchen & extra craft room in lower level. Clubhouse and beach on Crooked Lake.

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NORTHVILLE Beautiful
Updated 5 BR, 3.2 BA colonal on approx 5 wooded acres. Updates include, lxf, Boonng, roof, furn, AC & more Great floor plan. Fix wirple, formal DR. Lig media rm. All season room w/lrplc & wet bar 5+ car gar



SOUTHFIELD Views Of Your Own Forest 1999 built 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath raised ranch w/DR, FR & large eat-in latchen. MBR winaster bath. Built in gas fireplace in FR. 2 car garage Sliding doornall off the dining room. Backs to natural forest, sits back off road. (F51NIN) 248-349-5600 \$234,900



CANTON Wow, What Hasn't Been Done in this 2 BR, 1.5 BA end unit condo? From the new doors/moldings, cerame floors in loyer, both baths, kothen, all newer appliances plus washer & dryer, newer windows & roof Across from golf course. (F23ORC) 248-349-5600

PLYMOUTH Updated Plymouth Charmer Absolute move in condition. Spacous 4 bedroom home woak cabs & Pergo floors. Newer windows, entry & pato doors. Top rated Plymouth schools. Walk to elementary school (F530RE) 248-349-5600 \$205,000



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PLYMOUTH Beautiful Detached Condo Decorator perfect - mint move-in condition. This 2 bedroom, library, 2 bath detached ranch condo has it all. From the elaborate crown moldings, to the Conan counters & howel Booning to soaring high ceilings. (F71PLY) 248-349-5600 \$369,900



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Your search is over for a luxury home. 4 BR suite
w/private battls. Neutral with Brazilian cherry floors on
man level. Grante brichen w/tumbled marble FP.
Spacious hearth room. Custom lighting. Spectacular.



Neat & clean 3 RR, 2.5 RA 2-story time. Neutral decore to DR has doorwall legading to large deck. Parhally finished basement wired fin & addition for office or extra



CANTON - Great Yard With Large Deck 4 BR, 2 BA home with all the newer amendes. Some of them are, roof with arransferable warranty, windows also trans warranty, gutters 2003, garage door, fireplace in lamily room. Remodeled kitchen '99 All appls stay



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SALEM TWP. Beautiful Country Home 5 bedrooms, 2 full & 2.5 bath, 19th century colonal o approx 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom, hardwood foors, country totchen & formal dinning room. Large pole barn, pond, deck & gazebo. A must see! (F66TER) 734-455-5600 \$599,900



PLYMOUTH Cape Cod On Premium Lot 1st floor master w/WC, close to pool 8 tenns ct. FTL den, ears deep benn w. washout, gas trpic in GR, island in lot, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, formal dining area, C/A, howd firs in lot & halle-all appts inclu, deck + 2 car gar. (F57NOR) 734-455-5600 \$372,500



Updated 4 bedroom bungalow whewer entry doors, furnace, A.C., carpet & fresh paint. Oak krichen whardwood floors, FFL, big deck & 2 car garage (F45SIB) 734-455-5600



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condo. Kitchen has light cabs, partry & Spacious rooms, dining room over area, large basement & carport.

DEARBORN HGTS. Relax & Enjoy Perfect starter home whall major updating done, windows, lutchen, rool, furnace, A/C, electric & plumbing Flonda room, covered deck & 2 car garage

NOVI Nestled in Novi
Updated, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage,
Furnace & U/A '99, shingles' U2 virby windows, family
room wiferplace, oak inten wiPerpo Boor, doorwal to
bered deck, DR, ceramic in loyer & baths, newer carpet.

CANTON Important Work Done
Spacous home has much to enjoy such as the newer
root, windows, lumace, carpet & ceneral. Fireplace in
family room, doorwall to backyard, treshly painted &
ca-peted this March, Fenced yard & warranty

LIVONIA Location, Location, Location Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath tri-level w/2 car attached garage, family room, dining room, furnace '95, Waltside windows, C/A, all appliances included, immediate occupancy Backs to school.

CANTON Charming Ranch
3 BRs & 1.5 BAs. Large updated latchen w/newer appts.
Open family room w/brick fireplace. Doorwall leading to
patio w/inground poot, finshed basement w/rec room,
wet bar. Newer root, windows, some carpet & all appts.

GARDEN CITY Absolutely Fabulous You won't find a cleaner, more cared for home. New construction w/popular spirt ranch fir plan w/3 BRs, prof fin LL, neutral decor, newer Berber carpet, freshly painted, vinyl windows less than 1 yr. Oak lutchen cabs

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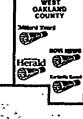








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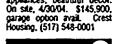
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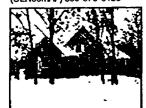
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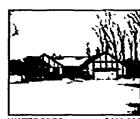
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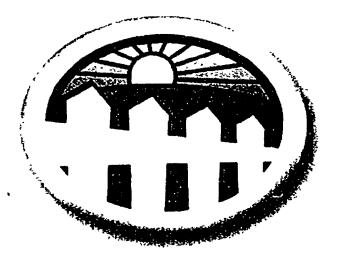
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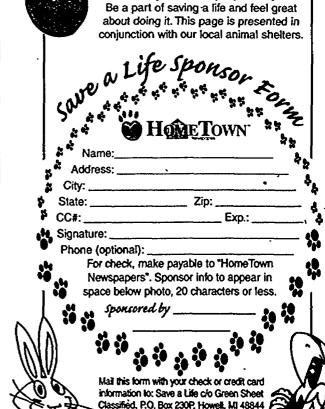
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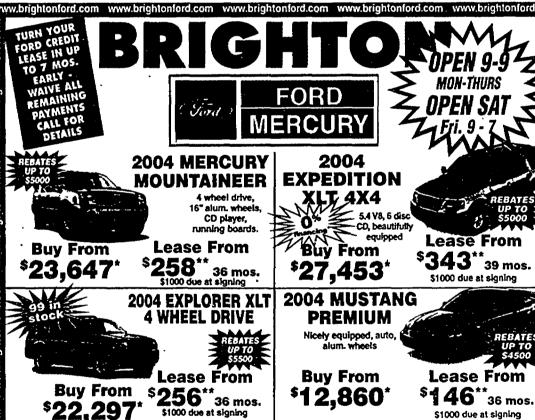
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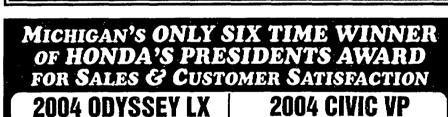
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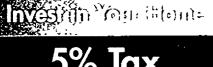
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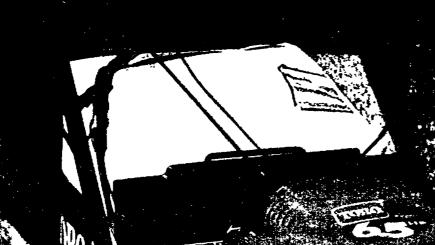
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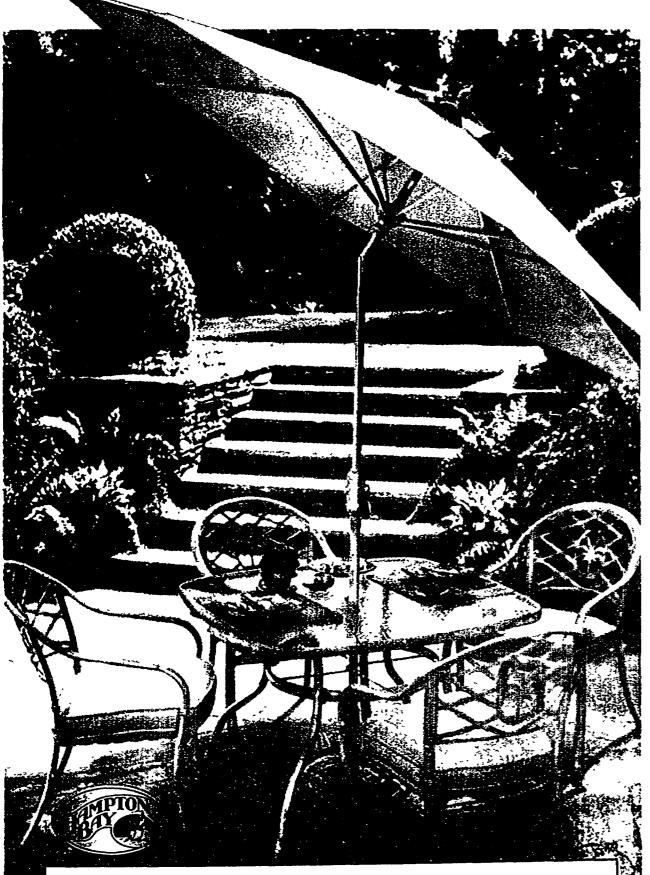
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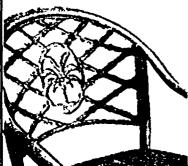
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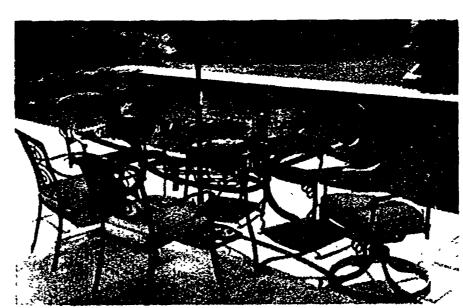
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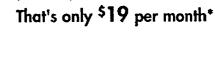
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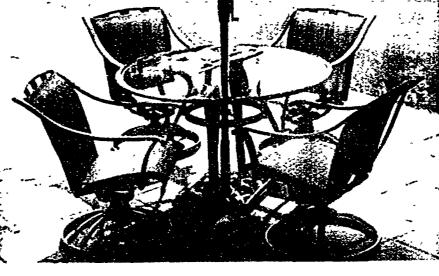




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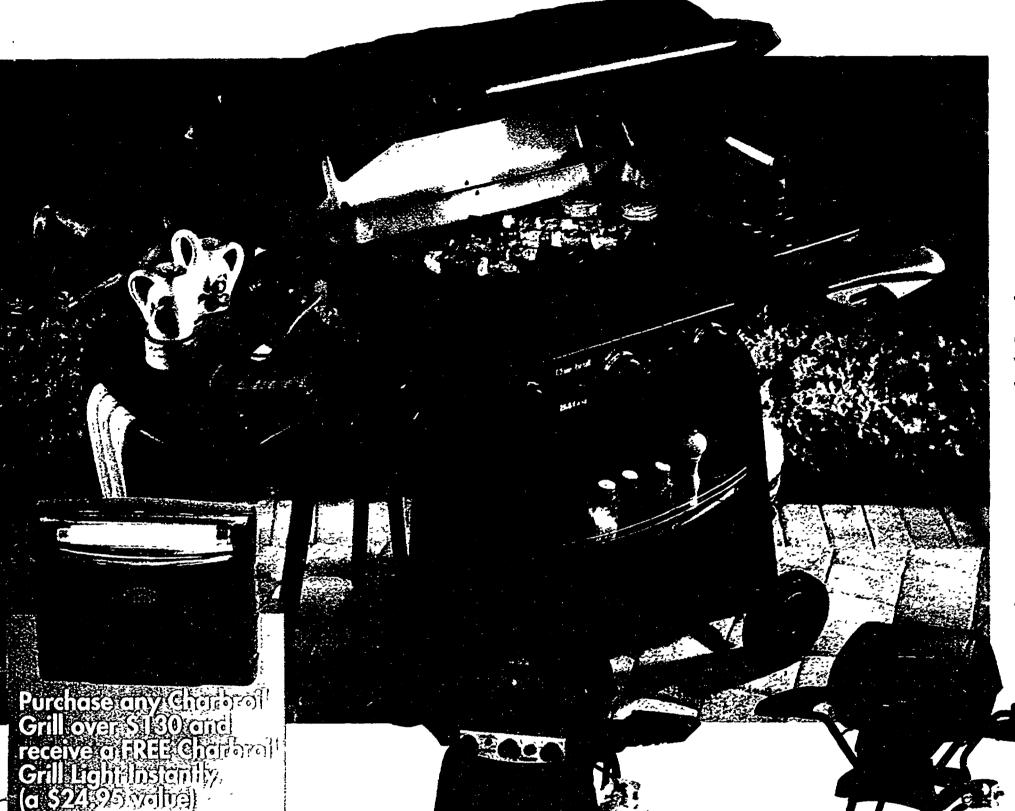
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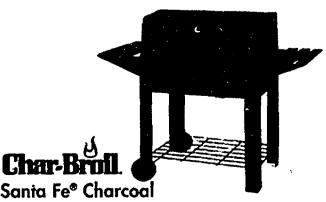
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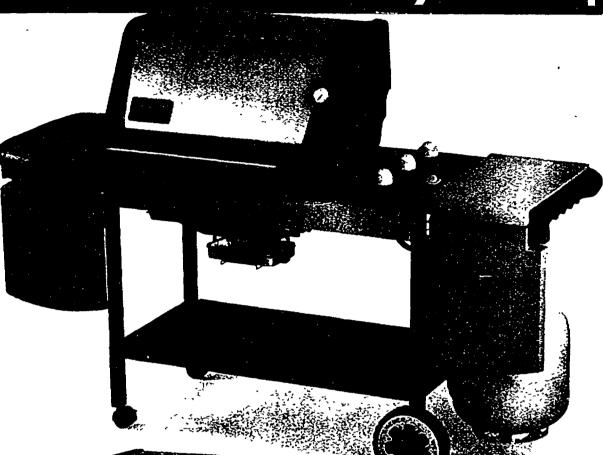
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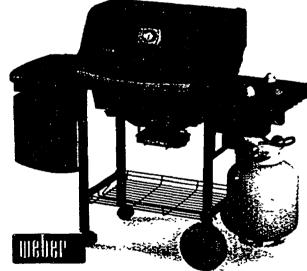


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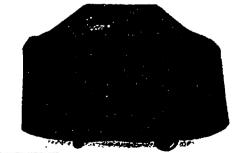
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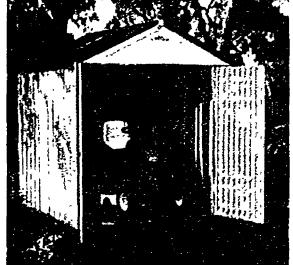
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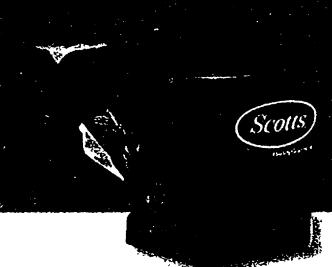
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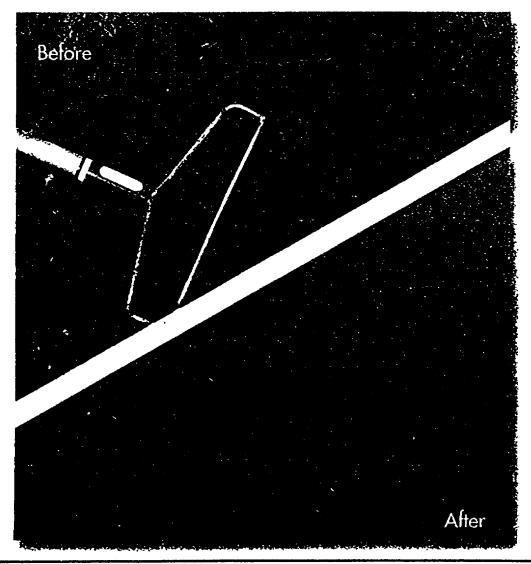
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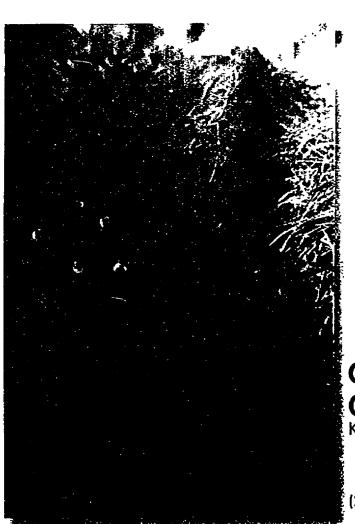


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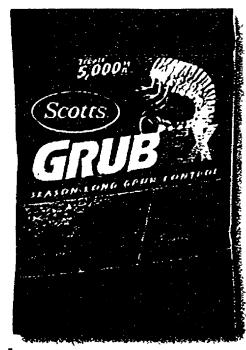


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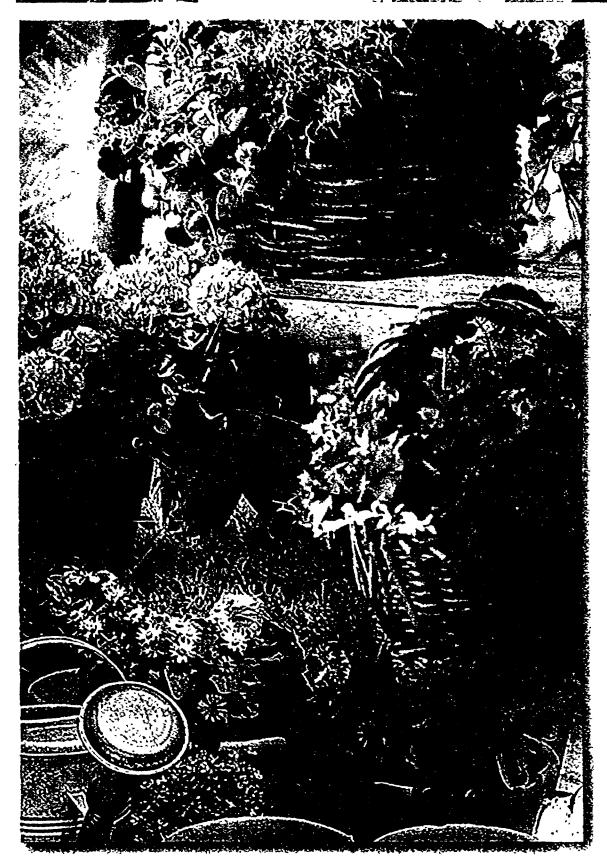
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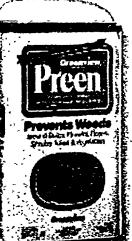
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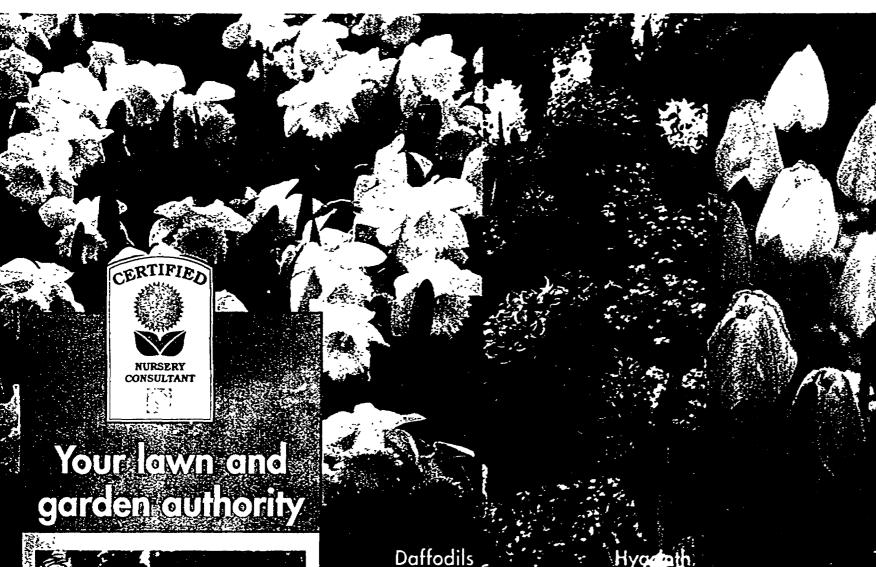
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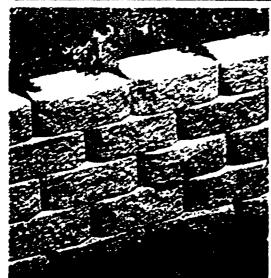
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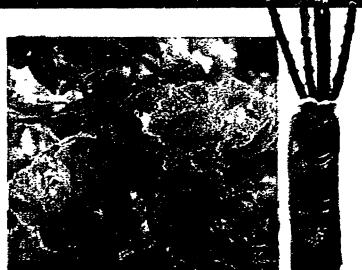
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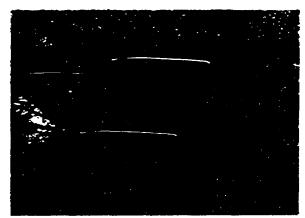
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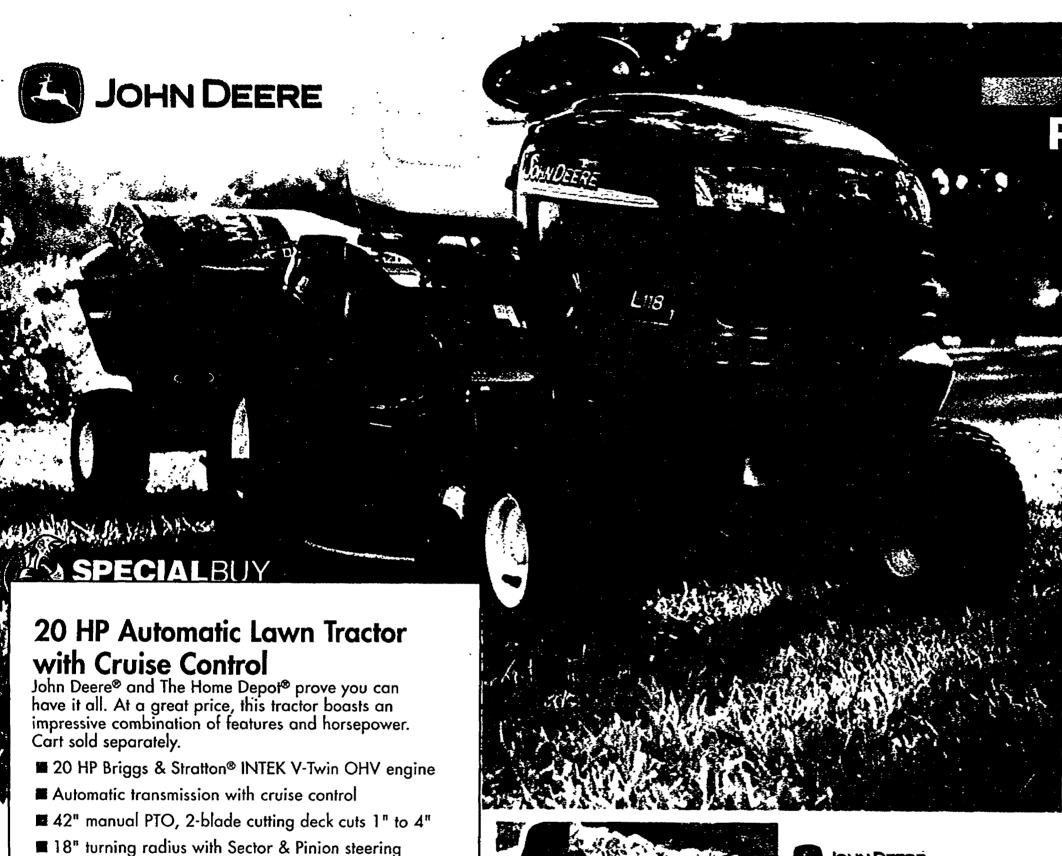
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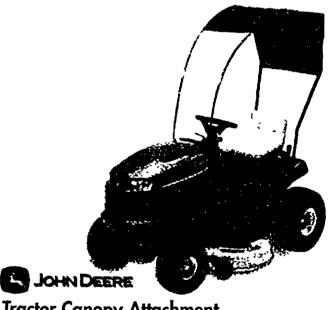
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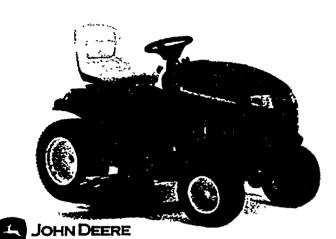
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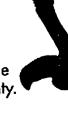
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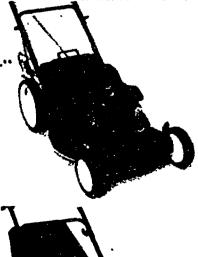
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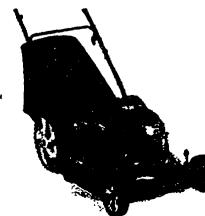
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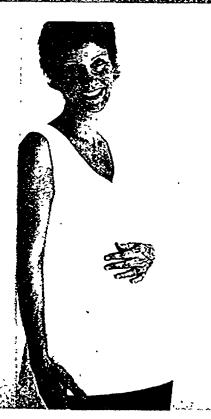


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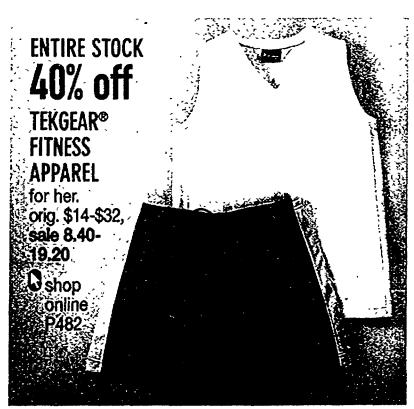










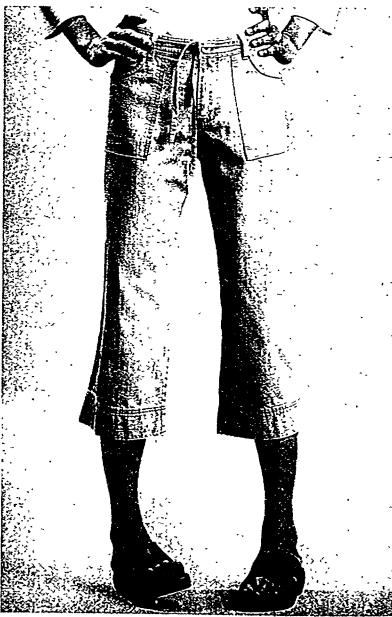


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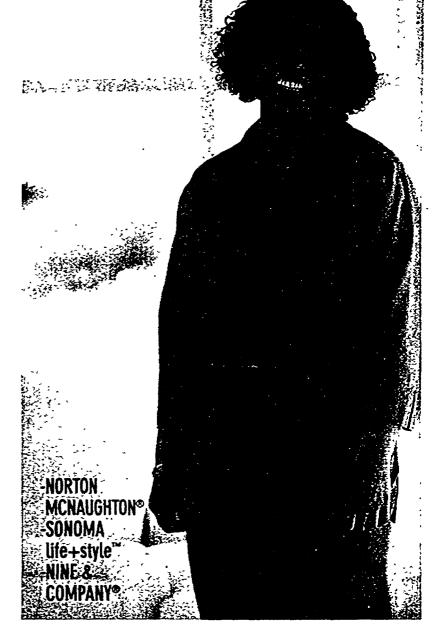
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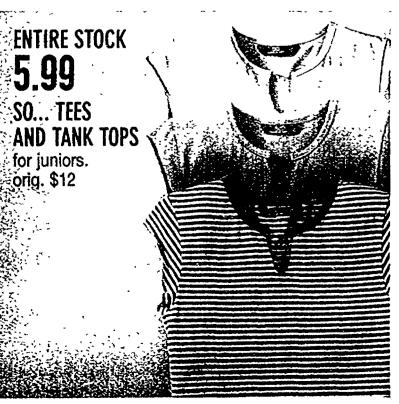
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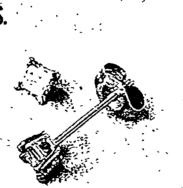








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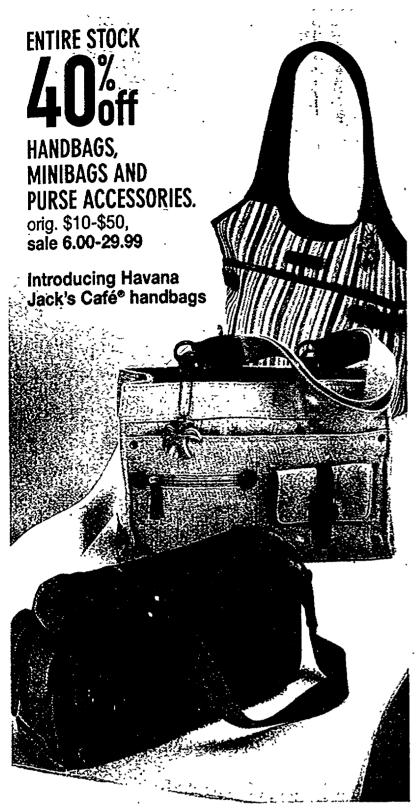
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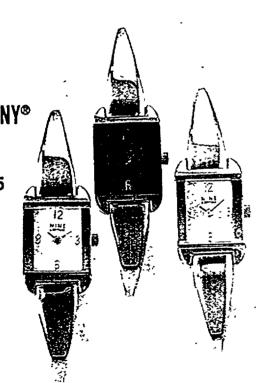


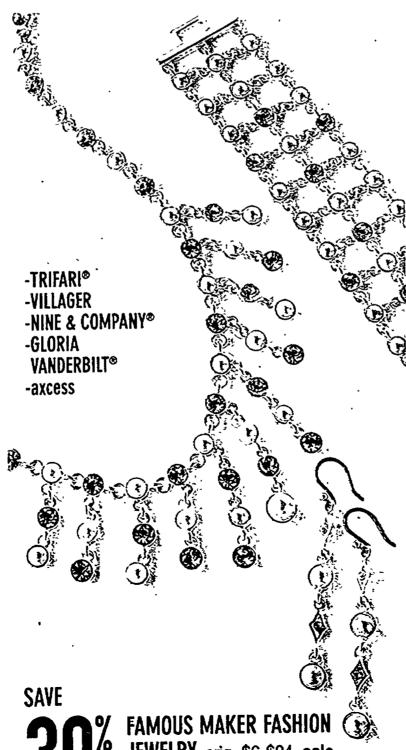






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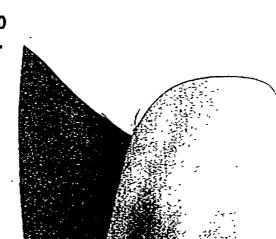


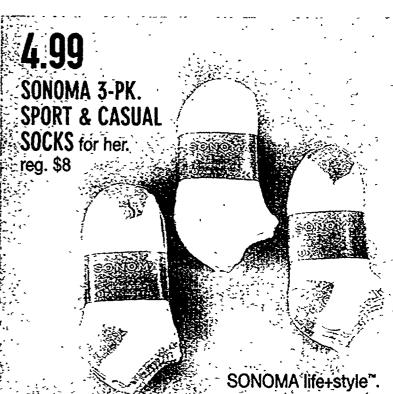






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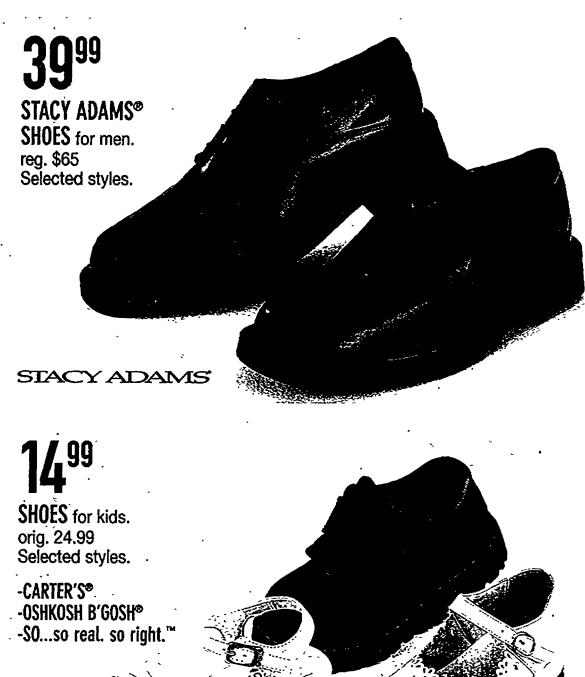


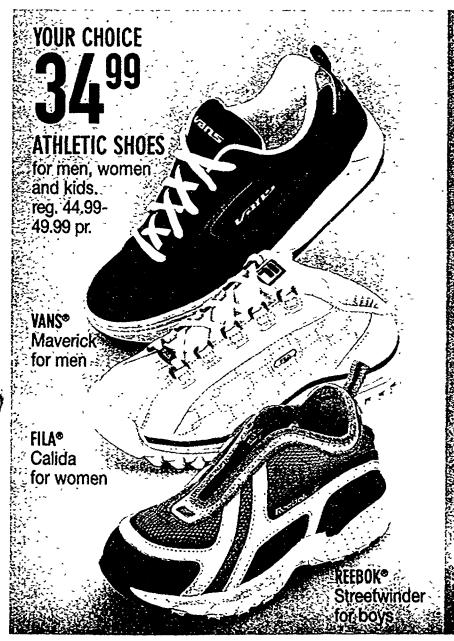


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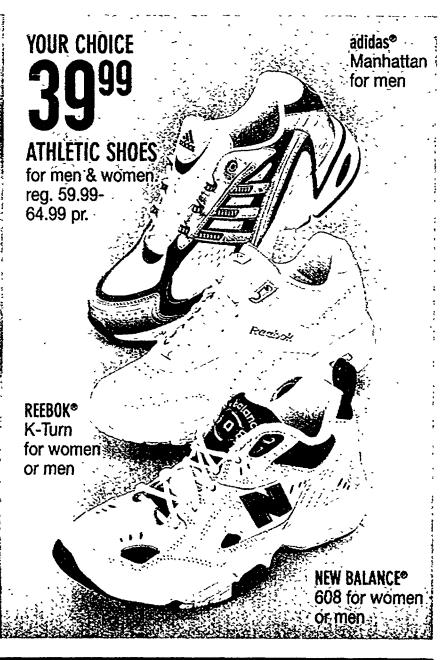
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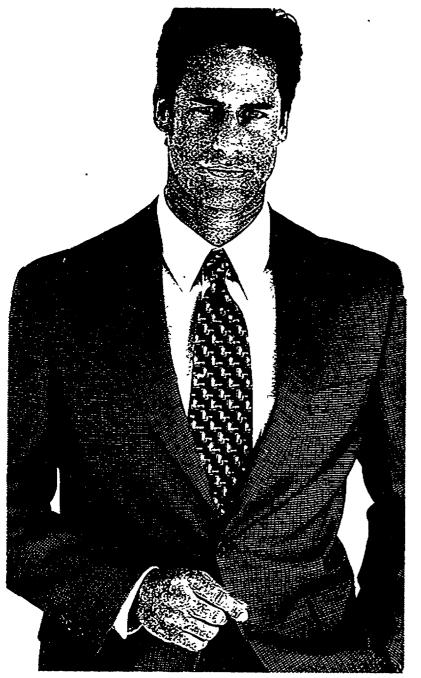






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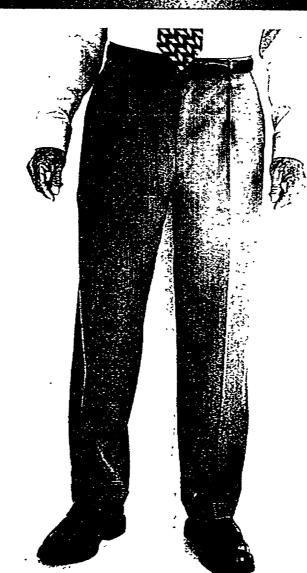


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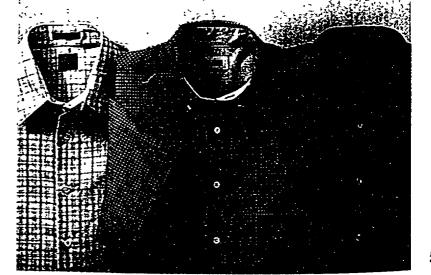
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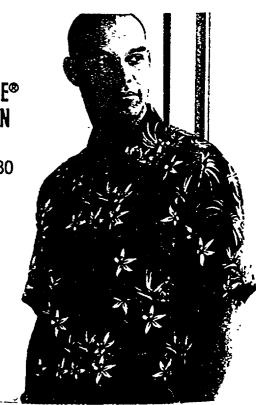


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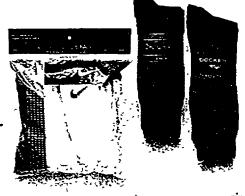


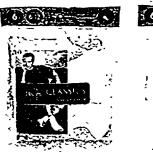
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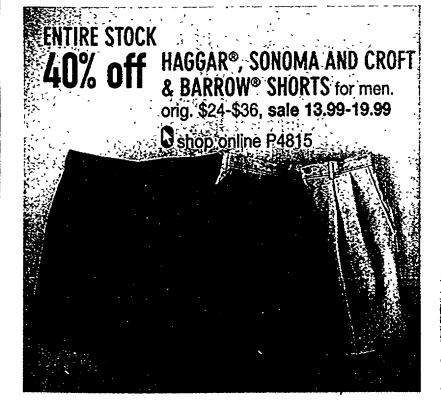
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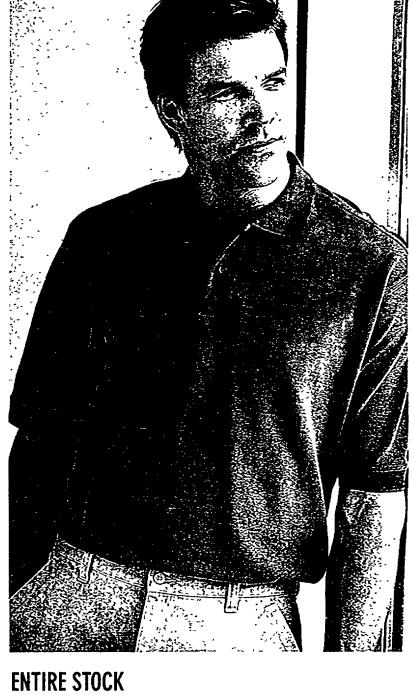




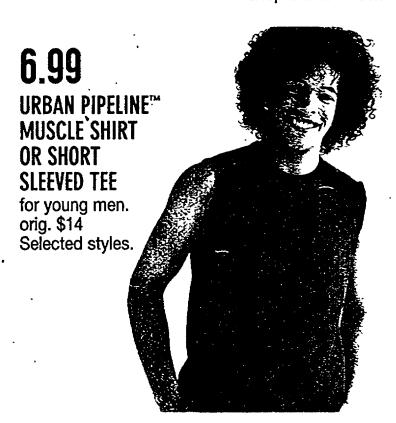
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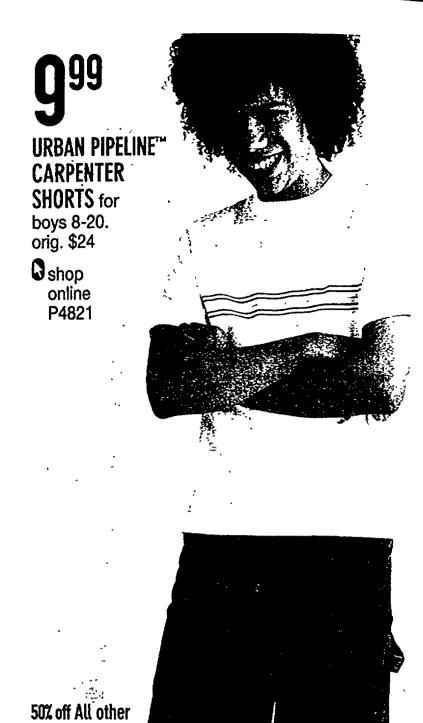
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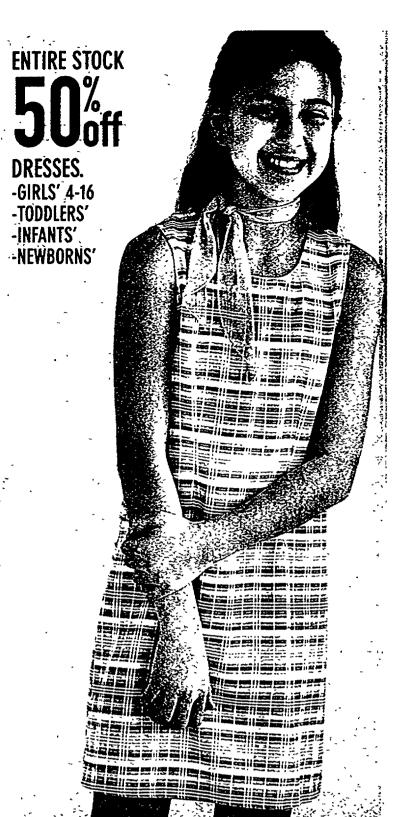


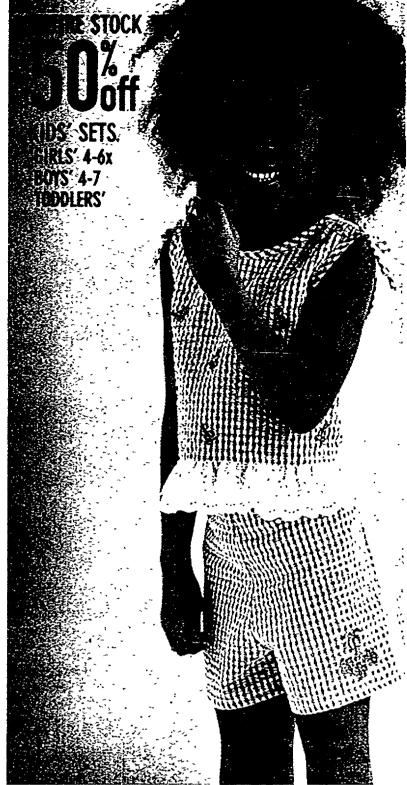
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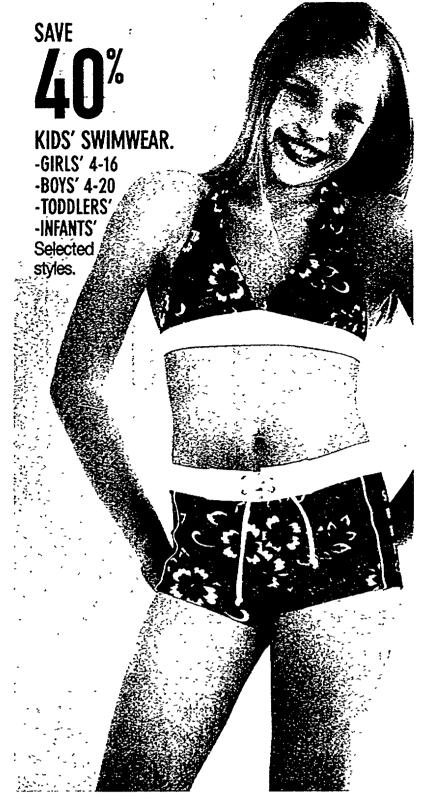
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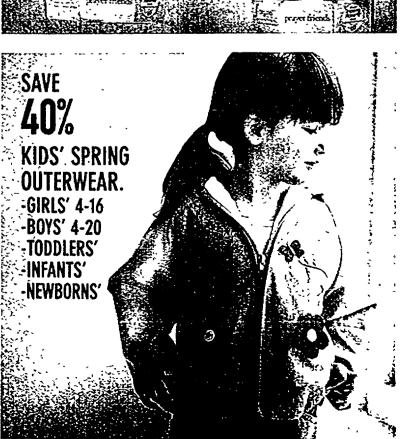










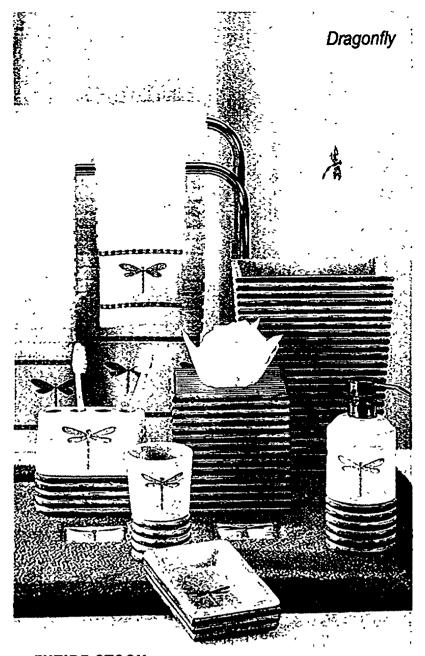


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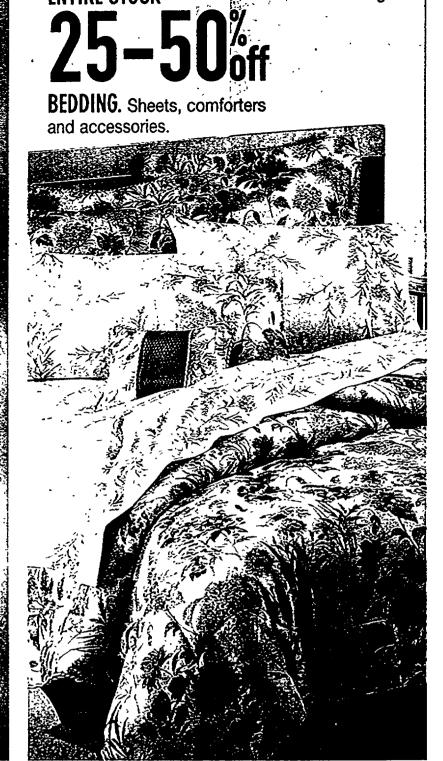












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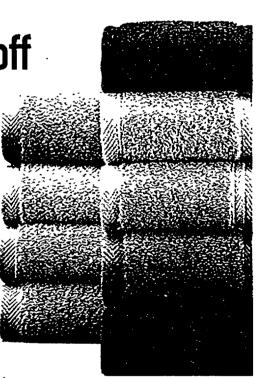


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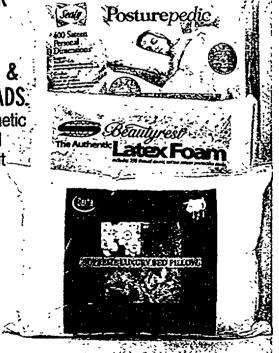




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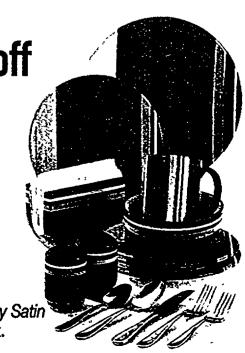
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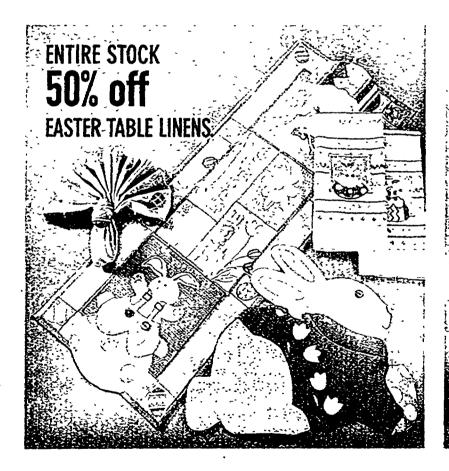
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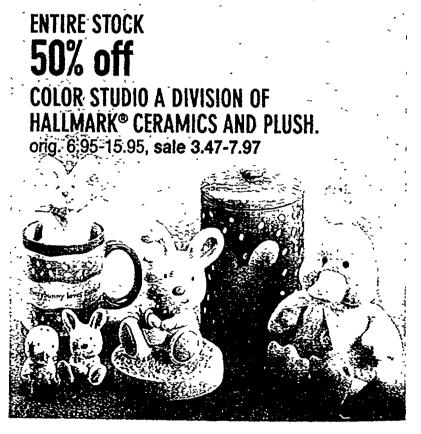


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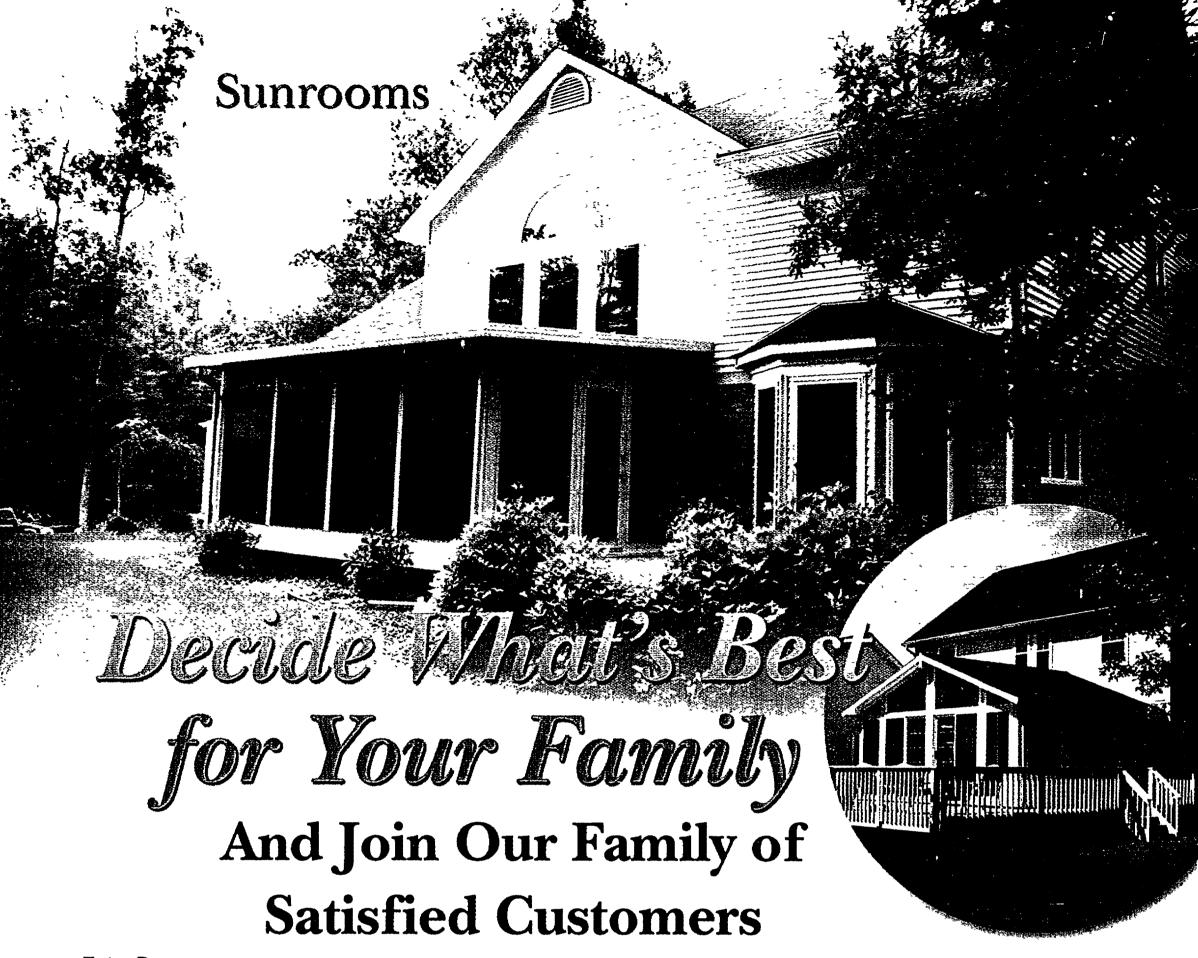
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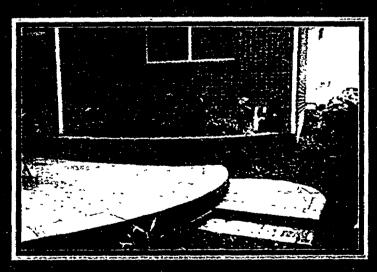
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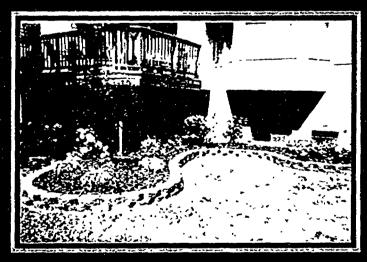












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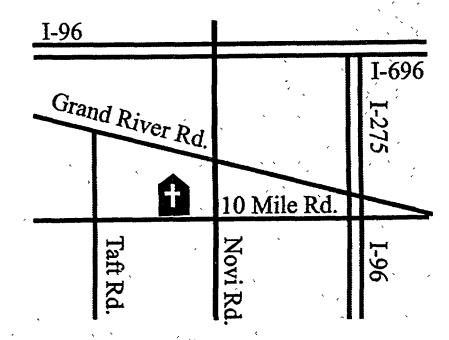
Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 11, at 7:30 AM

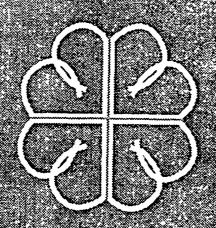
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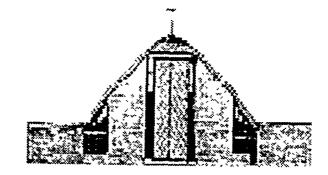
Topic: Above and Beyond the Call of Duty: Ruth's Continuing Relevance.

Speaker: Dr. Carol Bechtel, Professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary.

Date: Saturday, May 1, 2004 at 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

Cost: \$49, includes continental breakfast and lunch

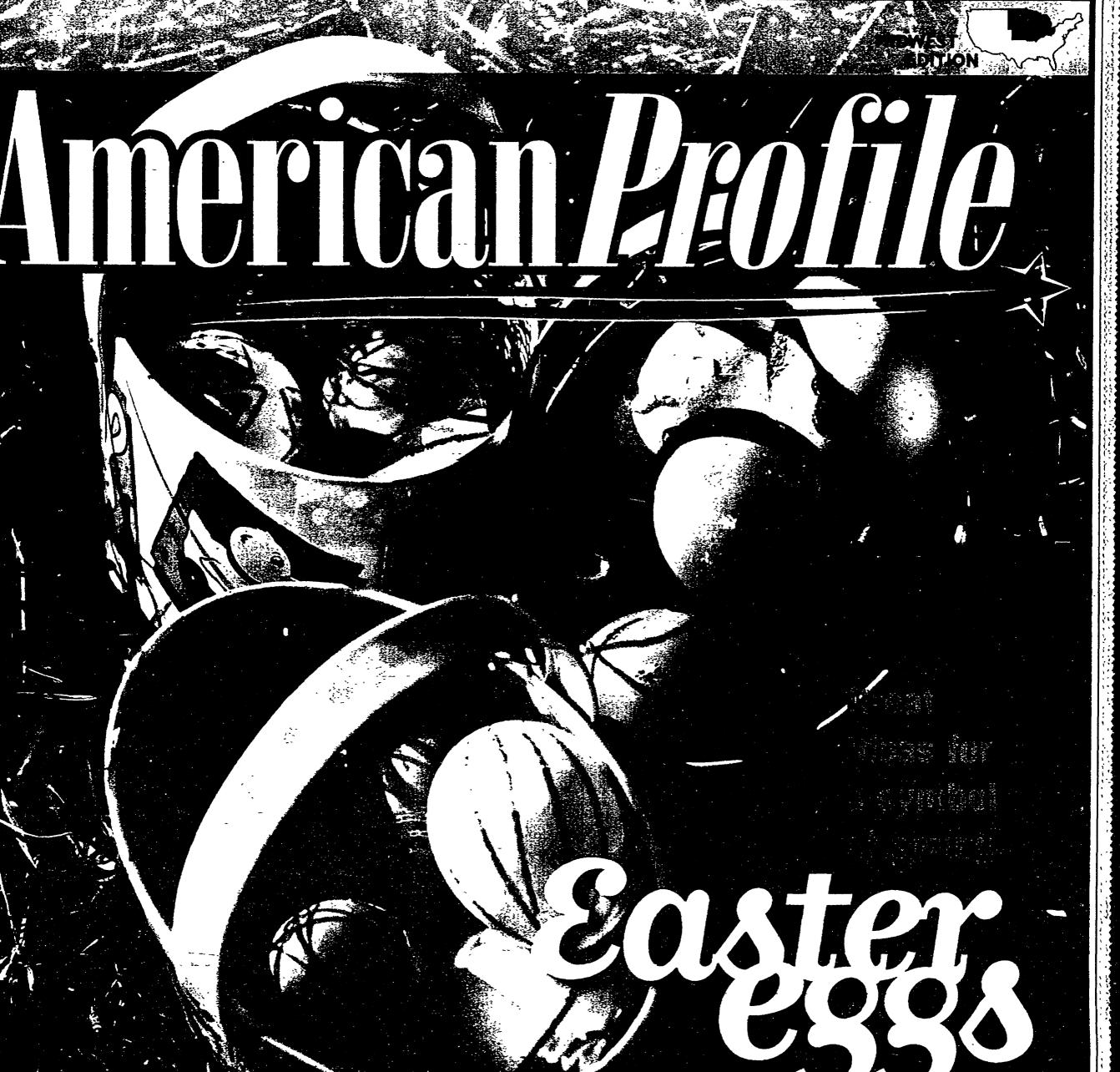
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I would like to know about Wanda Jackson.

—Vernon B., Tennessee

The rockabilly princess, who growled the 1960 hit song Let's Have a Party, has a new album called Heart Trouble that features guest artists Elvis Costello, Rosie Flores and Dave Alvin. A native of Maud, Okla., (pop. 1,136) Jackson has been singing and performing since she was a child. "My mother used to ask me to go outside a little while and play with somebody because I was getting on her nerves singing and playing the piano," she recalls with a laugh. She started out as a country

music artist, until Elvis Presley told her she should try rock 'n' roll. She recorded both country and rock hits over the years, concentrated on gospel music in the '70s and never stopped performing. Rockabilly revivalist Rosie Flores asked Jackson to sing on her album in 1985. That led to a wildly successful tour across the United States and new recognition for Jackson, 66. "I thought I'd be slowing down. Instead I'm enjoying this big revival in America and

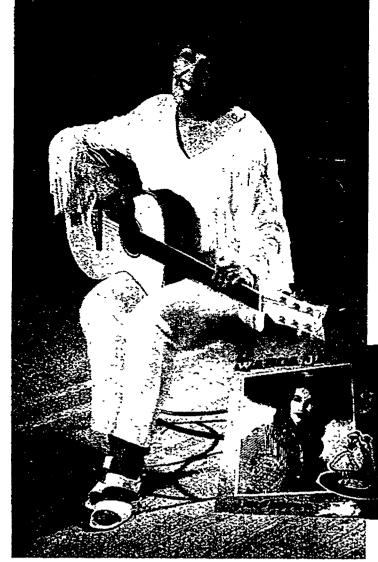
> I'm basking in all this glory and enjoying it." She and her husband live in Oklahoma City, where she can be close to her two children and four grandchildren.



-Ken D., Nevada

Best known for being co-anchor of Access Hollywood, O'Dell is just beginning her second season as host of Nashville Star, USA Network's country music talent contest that airs on Saturday nights.

"The main difference between Nashville Star and Access Hollyuvod is that Nashville Star is live!" she says. "That gets the adrenaline going, and Nashville Star is not scripted, so there are great unplanned moments and an opportunity to play and interact more." Her favorite part about the show?



Singer Wanda Jackson, a rockabilly pioneer.

"The country music, of course! I grew up in South Carolina, so I am a huge fan of country music. Also, I love the fact that all of the contestants are songwriters as well as singers. What credibility that gives them." In addition to hosting Acess Hollywood and Nashville Star, the Clemson University graduate contributes to NBC News' Today show and Dateline and hosts numerous awards shows surrounding the Emmys and

Golden Globes. The award-winning journalist began her career at WPDE-TV in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and worked at stations in Charleston, S.C., and Miami. "In my spare time, which there is not much right now, I love to play tennis and basketball," she says. "I grew up on the beach, so I enjoy sitting on the California beaches while doing a

good crosswood puzzle with my boyfriend."

I was a teenager in the late 1940s and Gisele MacKenzie was my favorite female singer. I would appreciate anything you could tell me about her.

-Arthur W., Arkansas

The singer/actress who made a name for herself on the TV show Your Hit Parade died in September 2003 at age 76. MacKenzie, born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in Canada, showed an affinity for music as a child. She sang, played the violin and the piano, and studied music formally at the Royal Conservatory in Toronto. Gisele MacKenzie.



She had her own radio show with the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. by age 19, and soon thereafter moved to Hollywood. She immediarely found work at radio, eventually landing a spot as a featured singer on The Mario Lanza Show. Jack Benny became a fan, and she appeared regularly on his TV show in the early 1950s. He recommended her for the show Your Hit Parade, which featured a cast of singers performing the top pop songs of the day. MacKenzie had her own hit, Hard To Get, in 1955. She continued to perform through the years, appearing on TV shows such as Murder, She Wrote and Boy Meets World. Married and divorced twice, she is survived by her daughter, Gigi, and son, Mac. \$\frac{1}{2}\$

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Sailing for Solomens Island

It's race day at the Calvert Marine Museum

in Solomons Island, Md. Tension builds as skippers test the wind, trim the sails, and jockey for position behind the starting line. Yet no one is actually aboard any of the sleek Chesapeake Bay skipjacks.

The handsome, faithfully detailed sailboats—replicas of the once ubiquitous

working boats of Chesapeake Bay-are radio-controlled miniatures made from plans drawn by the late Leroy "Pepper" Langley, a master ship carver and one of the museum's founders. Langley's vision and love of Chesapeake Bay boats has ensured a rich heritage for those who appreciate watercraft. He built six boats for members of the Solomons Island Model Boat Club and his own beauty, the Lady Katie.

Whether it's the creeks that feed into Solomons Harbor, or the Patuxent River, water is the town's lifebloodas evidenced by the community's adaptations to shifts in fortune. It's made a successful transition from oystering and shipbuilding to marine activities and tourism. Building on its seagoing heritage, the town has weathered economic change.

Solomons Island, called Bourne's Island in 1680, was renamed for Isaac Solomons, a Baltimore businessman who bought 80 acres just after the Civil War and opened an oyster cannery. The village—known to newcomers as Solomons is at the tip of Calvert County on the mouth of the Patuxent. A shallow stretch of



Sandy and Tom Younger with their model boat.

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the years with oyster shells. Restaurants at the town's lower end serve seafood specialties and offer views of the harbor and river.

Miniature skipjacks set sail in Solomons Island, Md., as race day begins.

water that once separated it from the mainland has been filled in over

In 1880, there were 237 residents and a fishing fleet of twice that number. The current population is 1,536, but boats of all sorts—not including the miniature skipjacks—still outnumber people.

The gem of Solomons Island is the museum that preserves and interprets the area's history. Exhibits, chronicling life from the 17th

century to the present, include restored boats such as the graceful skipjack. Established in 1970, the museum includes a woodshop, a model-making shop, and paleontology displays of Miocene fossils from nearby Calvert Cliffs.

The museum even boasts a lighthouse on its grounds. Drum Point Lighthouse, a sixsided dwelling, was decommissioned in 1962 and moved to the museum in 1975, where it opened for tours. A restored oyster dredger, built in 1899, takes visitors on an hour-long cruise of Solomons Island waters.

The water's edge at the museum is the site of the skipjack races held the second and fourth Sundays of each month, weather permitting. The Model Boat Club has about 100 members, of whom 10 or so sail their skipjacks. Models are 5 feet long and can weigh no more than 22.5 pounds, and most honor actual skipjacks whose oyster dredging numbers they bear.

"It's like racing a larger boat. You want to hit the line at the right time and avoid contact with other boats. It's pretty exciting," says club member Tom Younger, 64, builder of several boats. One is for his wife, Sandy, 63.

"If you watch the owners of the boats, you can see them lean and follow the boats with their bodies during a race," Sandy says. "They really concentrate."

around Solomons Island. "I believe salt water is in my blood," says Sandy, whose father ran fishing charters out of nearby Flag Pond.

Solomons Island exerts a powerful draw on its residents. Both Youngers volunteer at the museum and are on the board of directors of the local American Cancer Society and they're active in their church.

Alton Kersey, a resident since 1956, calls the area a garden spot. "Solomons . . . is one of the prettiest spots on Earth. The people are friendly, and it's a nice place to raise a family."

"The museum and the Catholic Church are important in sustaining that strong bond," Tom says. "Indeed, the museum helps to keep our history alive and pass it on to the young people."

Freelance writer Paulette Dininny writes from her home in Washington, D.C.

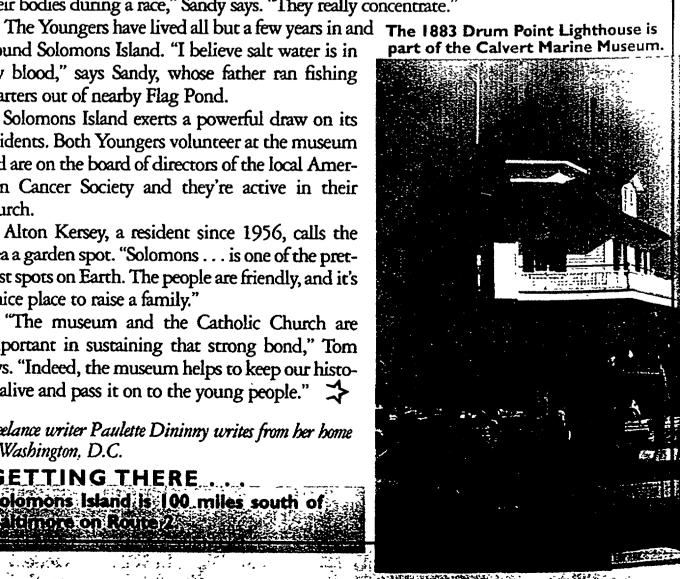
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ILLINOIS—Built by Frederick Graue in 1852, Graue Mill near Oak Brook (pop. 8,702) is the state's only operating water-powered gristmill.

INDIANA—Opened in 1818, the Madison-Jefferson County Library in Madison (pop. 12,004) was the first public library in the Northwest Territory. Twenty-five subscribers paid \$5 yearly to borrow books.

IOWA—In 1906, schoolchildren in Clarion (pop. 2,968) gave four-leaf clovers to Superintendent O.H. Benson during a visit and inspired the emblem for the area's agriculture clubs: 4-H.

KANSAS—The coolest museum in Andover (pop. 6,698) is the Museum of the American Fan Collectors Association with 350 rare electric fans dating from the 1850s. The fans are on loan to the museum from private collectors.

MICHIGAN—Paw Paw (pop. 7,091) was so named because of its abundance of native paw-paw trees. The fruit is a cross between a banana and a papaya.

MINNESOTA—The 1993 movie Grumpy Old Men and its 1995 sequel Grumpier Old Men, starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, were filmed in Wabasha (pop. 2,599).

MISSOURI—Crevice Cave in Perry County is the state's longest cave with 28 miles of passageways.

NEBRASKA—In 1987, the Czech community of Prague (pop. 346) sweetened its centennial celebration by baking the world's largest kolache. The cherry-filled pastry weighed 2,605 pounds and measured 15 feet in diameter.

NORTH DAKOTA—Singer-songwriter Peggy Lee was born in 1920 in Jamestown (pop. 15,527) and purred her way to the top after joining Benny Goodman's band in 1941. Lee recorded some 600 songs, including the 1969 Grammy winner, Is That All There Is?

OHIO—Opened to the public in 1994, The Wilds is the largest animal preserve in North America and encompasses almost 10,000 acres of reclaimed mined land near Cumberland (pop. 402).

SOUTH DAKOTA—Bob Barker, host of *The Price is Right*, grew up on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in Mission (pop. 904) where his mother taught school.

WISCONSIN—Myron "Grim" Natwick, the first animator to draw Betty Boop, was born Aug. 16, 1890, in Wisconsin Rapids (pop. 18,435).

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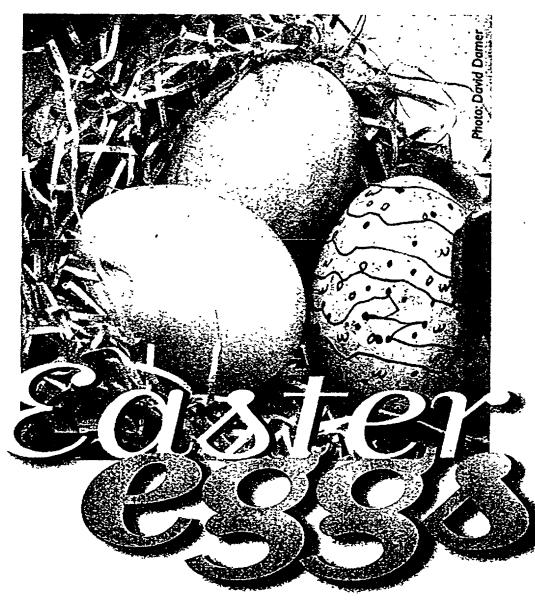


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The egg has been a symbol of new life and hopefulness in many different religions and cultures. Springtime, baby chicks, bunnies, and eggs all symbolize new life.

Coloring Easter eggs with your kids and playing games with the colorful creations are fun family activities that can provide lasting memories long after the eggs are eaten.

Celebrating Easter is a family affair for the Golightlys of Maryville, Mo. (pop. 10,581). On the Saturday before Easter, Brian Golightly and his wife, Rachel, get everything ready to color eggs with their three children. They use an egg coloring kit (available in most supermarkets) and coffee mugs. Brian and Rachel first use vinegar to dissolve the disks of color in the coffee mugs. Then, they add water and mix with a spoon. Rachel boiled the eggs earlier in the day so that they would be cool enough to handle. (See boiled egg recipe on page 7.)

When everything is ready, they call in the kids,
Shelby, 9, Jackson, 5, and Jaren, 2. With the hard-boiled
eggs and a box of crayons on the kitchen table, Shelby and
Jackson begin by writing their names on an egg. Rachel
writes Jaren's name. The kids make crosses and designs
using different colored crayons.

"White crayon shows up with any color dye," Rachel says. "Or use opposite colors. Orange crayon



Brian lends Jackson, 5, a steady coloring hand.

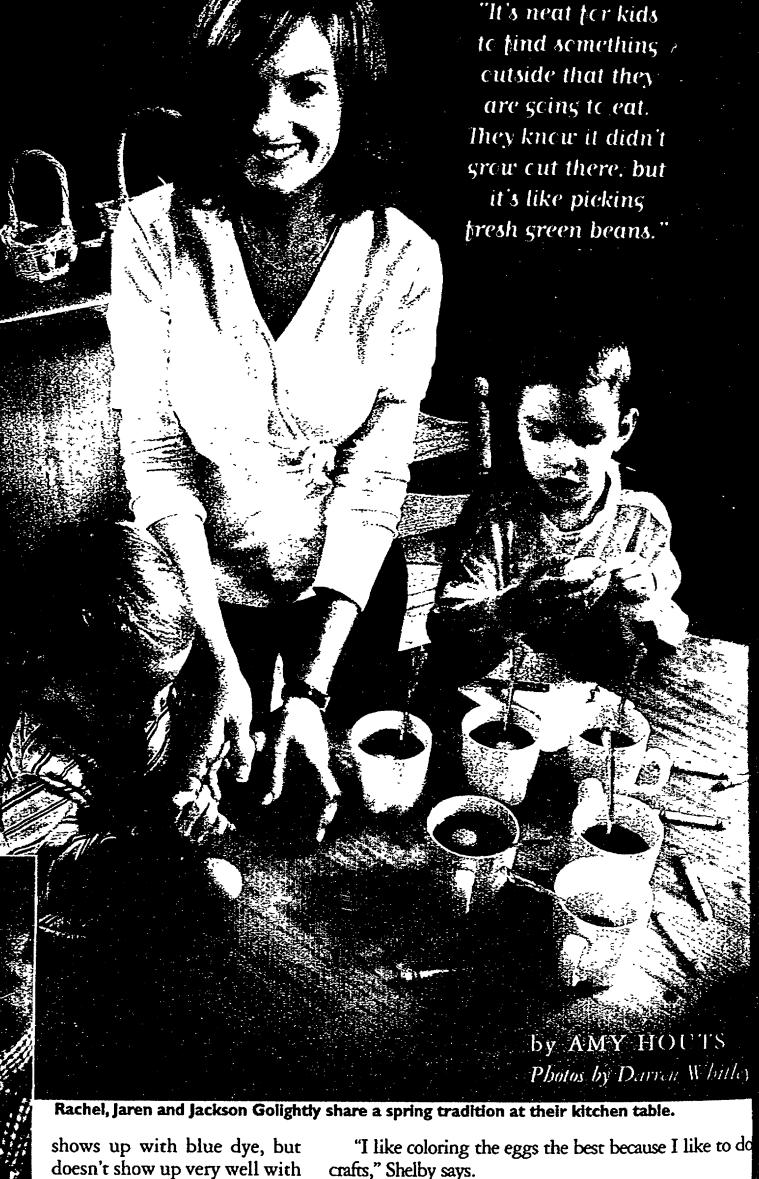
shows up with blue dye, but doesn't show up very well with pink."

Then they gently drop the

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eggs into the mugs of color and stir with a spoon. (The Golightlys find that using a spoon is easier for their children than the wire holder that comes in the kit.) The longer they stir, the darker the color. Continual stirring gives an even color. Jackson is absorbed in stirring his egg in a bowl of blue dye.

"I love the coloring," he says.



"The younger kids like it to go faster," Rachel says "The older ones will take more time."

When the coloring is complete, the eggs go back into egg cartons to be stored in the refrigerator. They color at least a dozen or two, enough to last several days.

Easter morning, Shelby, Jackson, and Jaren look through their Easter baskets. Rachel likes to fill the baskets with nonfood items such as coloring books, paints, or a CD, rather than candy. Then they get ready for church, dressing up in their Sunday best.



Continual stirring in mugs of dye gives Easter eggs an even color.

A great way to use Easter eggs!



Stuffed Eggs with Cheese Sauce

4 stuffed egg halves, any recipe 4 green pepper slices, in rings 1/3 cup milk I tablespoon flour I tablespoon butter cheddar 1/2 pound sharp cheese, shredded Salt and pepper to taste tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped 2 slices bread, toasted and cut in half

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, Place toast points on a baking sheet. Place an egg half and a green pepper ring on each piece. Bake just until warm, while making sauce. Melt butter in a medium saucepan. Stir in flour, over medium heat, until well mixed. Add milk and stir until mixture is thick and free of lumps. Add cheese and stir over low heat until melted. Season with salt and pepper. Place warmed toast, egg and green pepper on two plates. Quickly pour 1/4 of the sauce mixture over each egg. Garnish with chopped parsley. Serves two.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen: Season sauce with a teaspoon of curry powder, or try a bagel or English muffin in place of the



Thanks to reader Audrey Misner of Price, Utah, for her recipe.

"While I'm getting the kids ready for church," Rachel says, "Brian hides the eggs. When we are all ready, the kids go out to find them. I tell them to find a certain number of eggs. They always find the one with their name on it."

Rachel especially likes hiding real eggs outdoors. "It's neat for kids to find something outside that they are going to eat," she says. "They know it didn't grow out there, but it's like picking fresh green beans."

When they come in after the hunt is over, the children sit at the kitchen table and play a game, called "Top and Bottom." First they carefully choose the egg they are going to eat for breakfast. They tap the top (the pointed end) of their egg with the top of the egg of the person to the right, then tap the other end of the egg (bottom) with egg of the person to the left. The person remaining with the uncracked egg wins. Then everyone peels and eats their egg. This is usually the time Brian or Rachel explains the religious symbolism and springtime meaning of Easter eggs.

"Everyone started from an egg," Rachel says. "Eggs are like babies. They mean new life, new birth." ᄎ

Amy Houts is a freelance writer in Maryville, Mo.

See page 15 for more Easter egg ideas!



Jimmy Dean's Recipe for Any Excuse to Celebrate (and Breakfast Casserole)

1 pkg. Regular Flavor Jimmy Dean^e Pork Sausage

10 eggs, lightly beaten

- 3 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 cups cubed bread
- 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- (optional)
- 1 medium tomato, seeded and chopped (optional)
- 1/2 cup thin-sliced green onions (optional)

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Thether it's Easter, Arbor Day or your pet goldfish's birthday, you can always find a reason for a family get-together. Remove tarp from patio table and dust off patio chairs. There is a cool spring breeze just screaming "outdoor dining." Preheat oven to 325° F. In large skillet, cook sausage over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until no longer pink. In large mixing bowl, combine eggs, milk, mustard and salt; stir well. Distribute half the bread in a buttered 9"x13"x2" baking dish. Sprinkle with half the pepper and half the cheese. Top with half the sausage; add half of each optional ingredient. Repeat layering using remaining bread, cheese, sausage and optional ingredients. Pour egg mixture over casserole. Bake uncovered 60 minutes or until eggs are set. Tent with foil if top browns too quickly. By this time the aromas will have found their way upstairs, and your family should be

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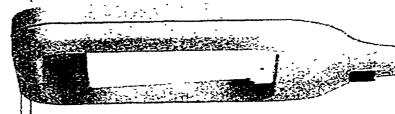
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MICHIGAN

Art Attack—New Buffalo, April 23-25. This event throughout Harbor Country features gallery receptions, artists' workshops, interactive exhibitions, open houses, "fun with art," music and food. (800) 362-7251.

MINNESOTA

Fitger's 5K Run—Duluth, April 17. Join in this 5K race and walk and receive a free T-shirt. Trophies will be awarded to the top competitors in each age category. Fitger's Brewery Complex. (218) 727-0947.

MISSOURI

Just Girls Getaway—Hannibal, April 23-25. Local businesses host cooking demonstrations, mini-seminars on women's topics, a sockhop and costume contests during this downtown event. (573) 221-2477.

NEBRASKA

Train Show and Swap Meet—North Platte, April 17-18. This 10th annual event features four model train displays, model train items for sale and swap, and a tour of a train yard. D & N Event Center. (308) 386-4616.

NORTH DAKOTA

Home and Garden Show—Harvey, April 17-18. Features more than 30 home design and gardening vendors, spa, air purifying and landscaping exhibits, and demonstrations at Harvey City Hall (701) 324-2604

OHIO

Indian Arts & Crafts Show—Dayton, April 22-25. This show and sale features American Indian jewelry, blankets, rugs and kachina dolls at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. (937) 268-8199.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Quilt Show—Brookings, April 24-25. Quilting buffs can get their fill during this event featuring a quilt display, silent auction, vendors, a fashion show and luncheon at the Swiftel Center. (605) 692-7539.

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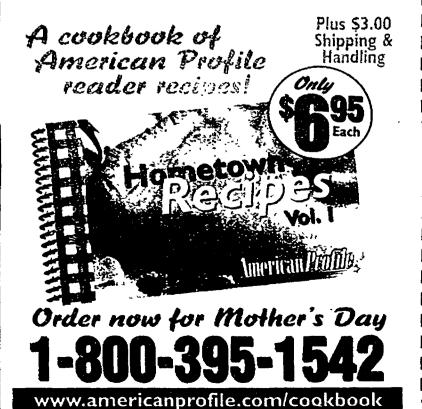
Them Eat Cake! Family gathering great time.

Family gatherings are a great time to bring out old family recipes. It seems that every clan has a favorite cake recipe that gets passed on to the next generation of bakers.

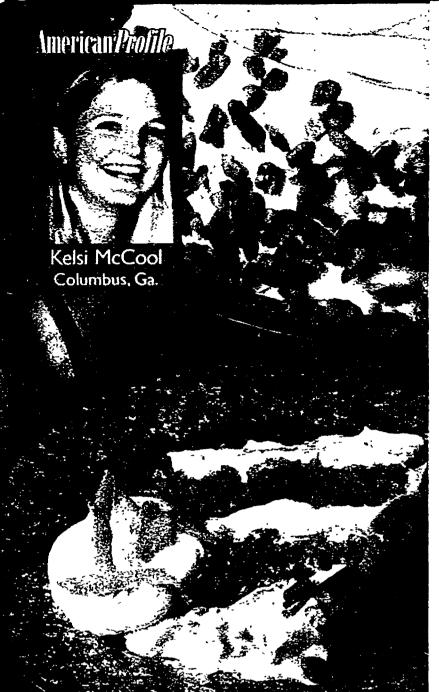
Miss Grace's Carrot Cake is such a recipe. Her granddaughter, Kelsi McCool, a Columbus, Ga., newlywed, submitted the recipe in honor of her grandmother. "She recently passed away," McCool says. "It would have made her happy to know that her delicious carrot cake lives on. She baked it for so many celebrations and special family times. We all love it, and will continue her baking tradition."

The super simple recipe for Poke Cake is a longtime favorite with the McCarthy family. "My five grandchildren ask for this cake often," says Maxine McCarthy of Naper, Neb. "I usually have it on hand when they visit, and it never lasts long."

Both recipes are ideal to top off an Easter brunch or dinner. They are not as sweet as many cakes because they contain cream cheese, whipped topping, or pudding as a frosting base.



RECIPE: Miss Grace's Carrot Cake



Miss Grace's Carrot Cake
I and 3/4 cup sugar
4 eggs
I and I/4 cup cooking oil
3 cups grated carrots
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons cinnamon
I teaspoon salt
I teaspoon baking soda
2 cups flour

1/2 cup pecans, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour three 8-inch, round cake pans. Cream together sugar, eggs and oil. Sift together dry ingredients in a separate bowl. Combine creamed mixture with dry ingredients and stir until blended. Gently stir in carrots and pecans until evenly distributed. Pour into pans and bake about 20 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean from center. Cool before frosting.

Frosting
12 ounces cream
cheese
1 1/2 16-ounce boxes
powdered sugar
6 tablespoons
margarine
1 1/2 cup chopped

pecans

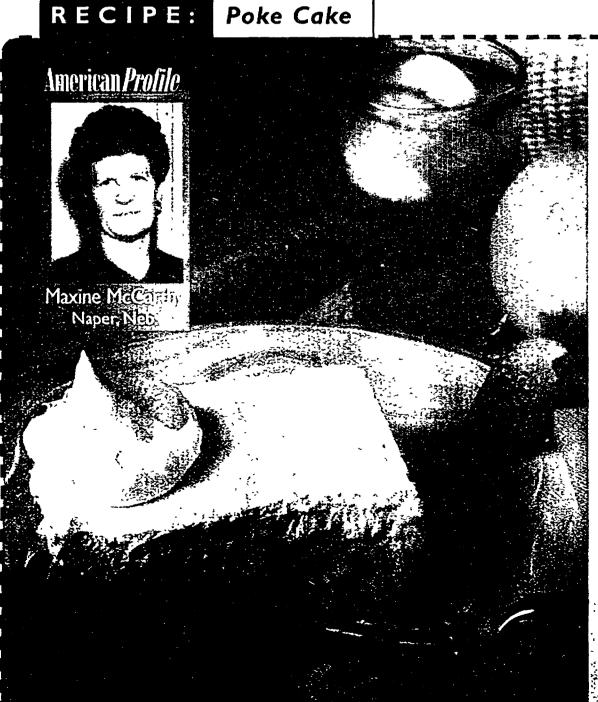
Soften cream cheese and mix with margarine. Stir in powdered sugar and blend until creamy. Add pecans and frost.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

For a spicy cake, add a teaspoon of ground cloves and powdered ginger. A dash of vanilla can be added to the frosting.

Photo: David Damer Styling: Mary Carter

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Poke Cake

I box white cake mix

I cup orange soda (any brand)

1 3.12-ounce box vanilla

instant pudding
I I/2 cups milk

I 8-ounce tub whipped topping

Bake cake according to package instructions in a 9-by-13-inch pan. When cool, poke holes all through the top of the cake with a butter knife or fork. Pour orange soda evenly over the top. Mix pudding and milk together until well blended. Fold in whipped topping until smooth. Spread pudding mixture over cake and store in the refrigerator until serving time.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

This cake also is good with cherry or strawberry soda. Garnish with a generous dollup of whipped topping and fresh fruit.

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Hometown Heroes

A Haven for RODGERS Hummingbirds

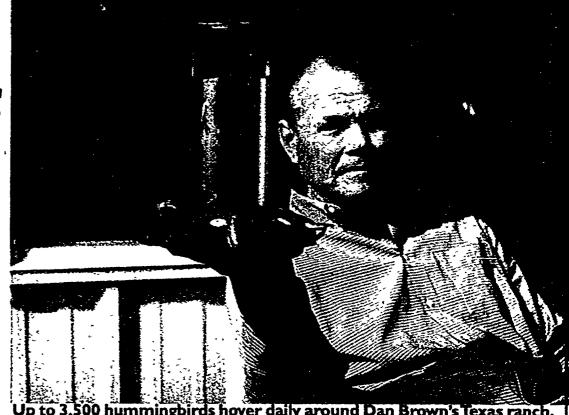
Each summer, bird watchers journey to the west Texas town of Christoval (pop. 422) for one reason—to see thousands of hummingbirds that swarm feeders at the ranch of Dan and Joann Brown.

From mid-March through late September, the couple keeps as many as 18 large feeders filled with fresh sugar water for the tiny birds that, all together, can consume three gallons of the sweet liquid a day. Last summer alone, the Browns used 725 pounds of sugar.

"We just find the birds so intriguing," Dan says. "Every spring, we always look expectedly for the first arrival." But, as Joann says, "It's a pretty dam full-time job."

The couple's devotion to the humming birds up to 3,500 a day—that feed and nest around their home hasn't gone unnoticed. Since 1995, Texas Parks and Wildlife officials have billed the Browns as the state's top hummingbird feeders.

"Their yard is definitely a mega-feeding station," says Brent Ortega, a biologist with the parks department. "It's very impressive."



Up to 3,500 hummingbirds hover daily around Dan Brown's Texas ranch.

Bird watcher Serena Flynn, who comes from nearby San Angelo, Texas, each year says it is common to see one or two hummers around a backyard feeder. "But when you go to Dan's, there are just too many to count. It's so amazing to watch as they zip back and forth to the feeders and the trees."

This hummingbird haven began as a hobby 43 years ago. "I put up a hummingbird feeder and before the week was out I had three feeders, then four feeders up," he recalls. "It wasn't long before that wasn't enough."

The birds multiplied with each additional feeder, and so did the number of bird watchers. In 1996, the Browns built the Hummer House, a cottage just a short walk from their home that they rent to birders. Two years later, they built an observation room between their home and the Hummer House. The metal-roofed building, which can accommodate 60 birders, has large plate-glass windows for viewing. They charge \$5 per person to use the observation room.

The primary species of hummers is the black-chinned, however, five other species have been sighted—ruby-throated, rufous, broad-tailed, Allen's, and a few Calliope (the smallest hummingbird in the United States). Like clockwork, the first black-chinned males arrive in mid-

March. Large numbers of males and females follow from their Mexico wintering grounds, and mating begins

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almost immediately. The Browns place cotton (unbleached so there are no toxins) around the yard for the birds to use in nest building. In late July, the male black-chinned hummers depart; the females take flight later. Migratory hummers continue to feed at the Browns' through late September.

Dan expects the numbers to grow each year. "Birds have recall memory," he says. "Of the birds that hatch here, a large percentage return to this general area. That's what's helped build this humongous amount of birds."

Dan and Joann don't take all the credit for their hordes. The tiny birds most commonly seen with their beak in flowers, also require protein, which they get from an ample supply of small insects that inhabit the surrounding woods and nearby Concho River Valley.

Other birds and animals also thrive on the Browns' 580-acre ranch. To date, more than 100 species of birds have been sighted in their yard. In the last seven years, volunteers interested in bird populations have banded more than 16,000 birds, including more than 1,000 cardinals.

Wild turkey and white-tailed deer also stop by to graze in an adjacent oak-shaded field. To encourage regular visits, Dan-accompanied by his Border collie, Trey—scatters corn on the ground every evening.

While he tends the outside chores, Joann mans the telephone and manages their wildlife-viewing business. "We get about 39 phone calls a day," she says. "We're busy folks, but I love it. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Sheryl Smith-Rodgers is a writer in Blanco, Texas.

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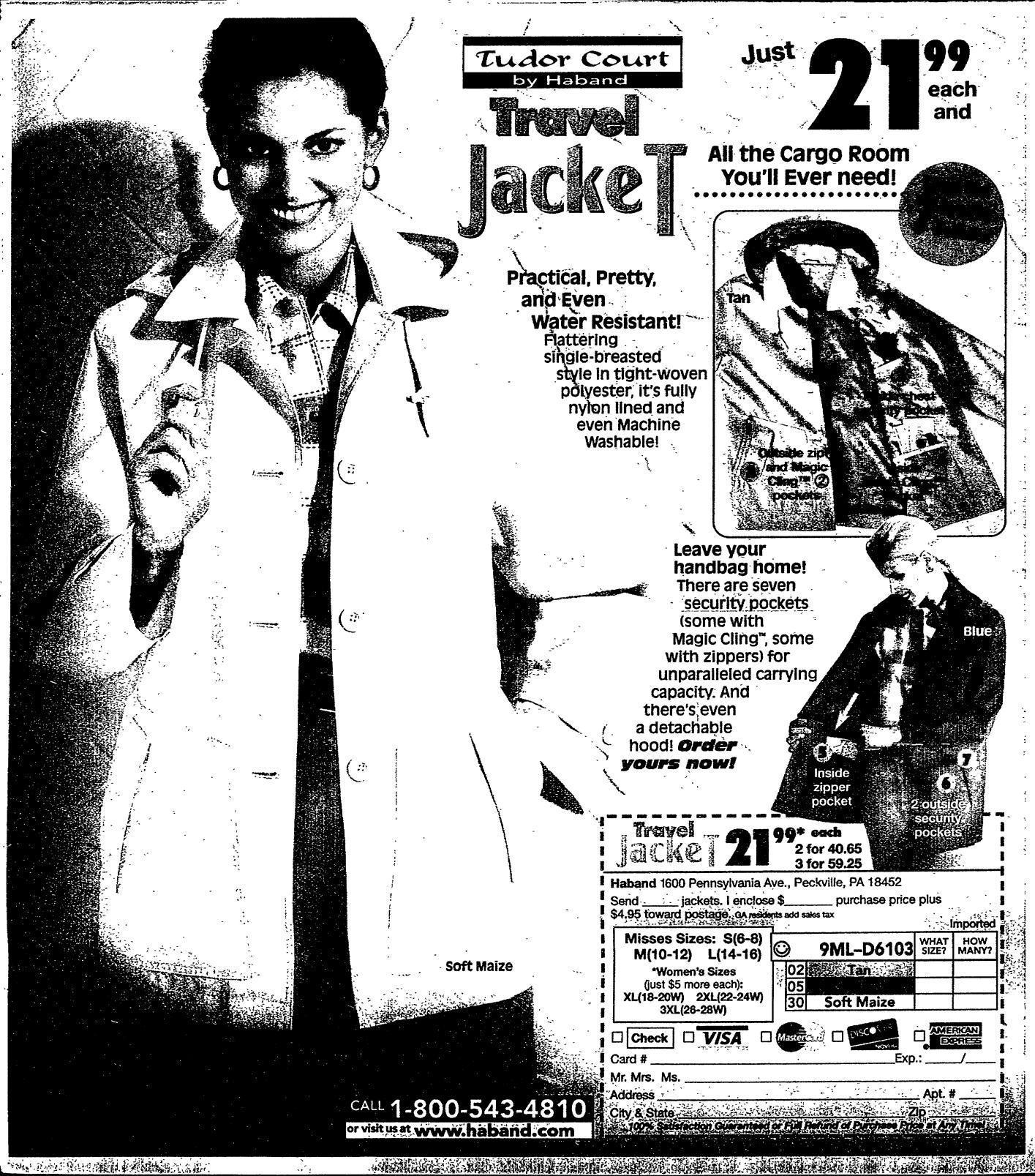
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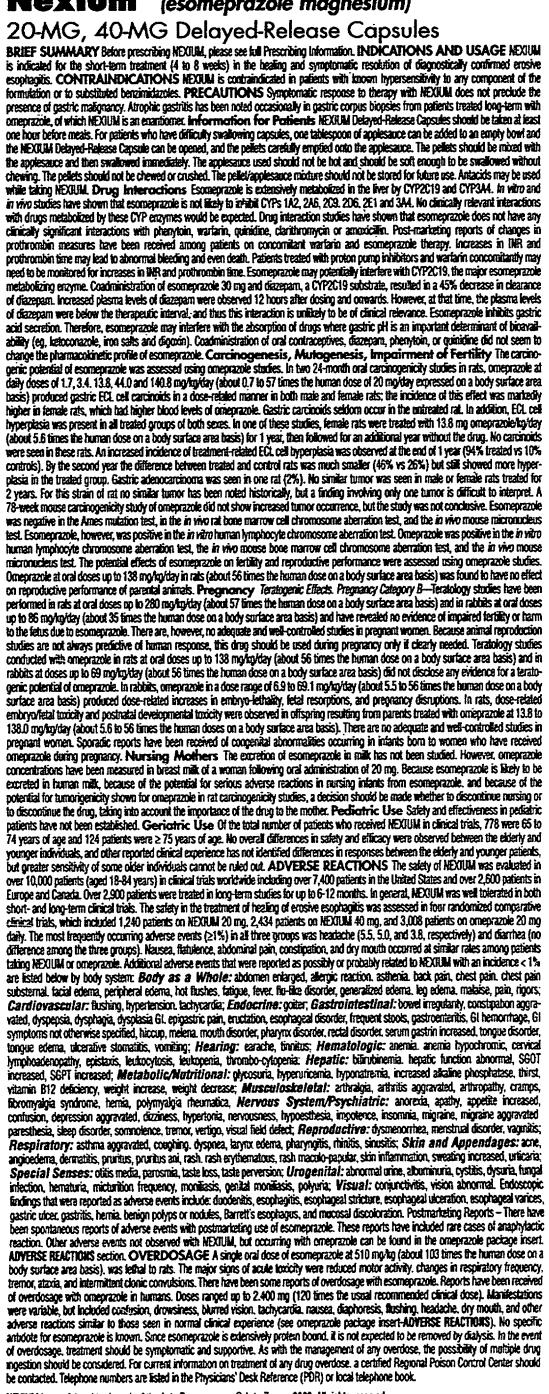




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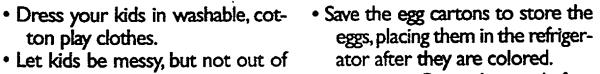


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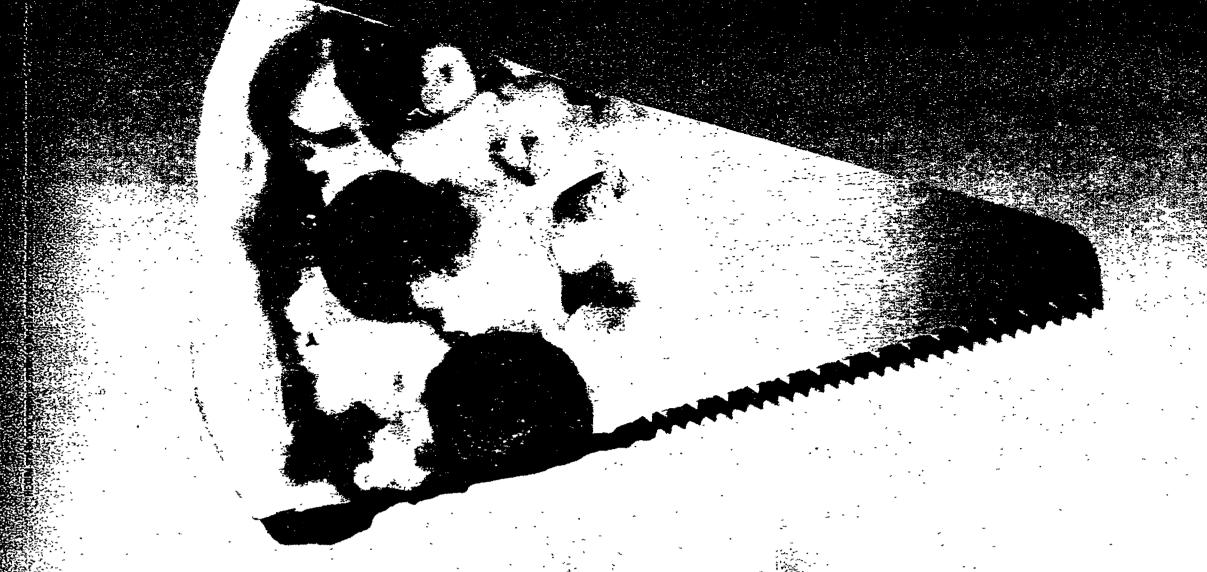
• Let kids be messy, but not out of control.

- Put down newspapers to protect the work surface.
- White crayons work the best with any color dye.
- Use a different stainless steel spoon for each color dye.
- Have a roll of paper towels nearby for wet hands and for spills.



- Count the eggs before and after you hide them.
- For young children, "hide" the eggs on the grass where they can easily be found; for older children, hide them out of sight.
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