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# **Improvements** eyed for Moraine Northville schools' \$35.7 million bond issue goes to voters on June 14

### **By Victoria Sadiocha** STAFF WRITER

The proposed improvements for Moraine Elementary School may not be sexy, but according to school district officials are truly needed.

That is why on June 14 Northville Public School officials will ask voters to approve a \$35.7 million bond proposal for improvements and in some cases additions to nine of the district's buildings along with purchasing 10 new buses.

If approved by voters, residents



value of \$200,000 will pay about \$100 a year for 20 years.

Elementary School.

Like Amerman Elementary student-impacting improvement is fixing the existing playground.

toward a play structure and ground improvements, including leveling the play-area property. "Students are constantly trip-

ping and falling down," said David Bolitho, Northville Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, "The area is also not wheelchair-acces-

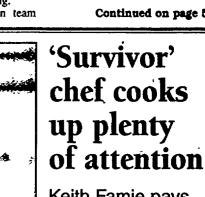
There is a little bit of history with the playground at Moraine," she said. "We did Phase I already with money that was allocated from the board of education and with lots of parent donations and parents help. We've gotten quite a bit done on our playground and we have Phase II remaining."

The playground design team

additionally submitted a grant proposal to AT&T and received \$15,000 that will also go toward Phase II of the playground.

"I really feel our playground has been a collaborative effort on the part of many parties — the Moraine PTA, the board of education, Moraine parents and the help from AT&T," Gallagher said. "So we really have this remaining piece to finish and that is what the bond issue will allow us to do." Gallagher said from a Moraine

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Keith Famie pays visit to town May 4

### By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

Chef Keith Famie - restaurateur, "Survivor" star and now author --- will bring tales of his adventures in and outside kitchens to a local audience May 4.

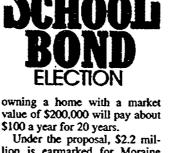
Friends organizations that support Canton. Northville, Novi and Plymouth district libraries will host the chef at noon that Tuesday."



Keith Famle The \$25 tick-

ets for the luncheon and talk are available only at the four libraries through April 30 and will not be for sale at the door.

The fund-raiser will be at the Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial in Plymouth. Those attending the open-to-the-public event will be served a tossed salad, chicken cordon bleu, and strawberry sundae.

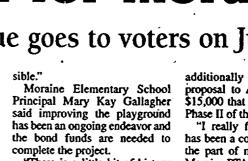


Under the proposal, \$2.2 mil-lion is earmarked for Moraine

School, the money will be used for capital improvements and upgrades in technology. A more noticeable.

More than \$38,000 will go

complete the project.



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By Victoria Sadlocha

Scouting for many families in

For many it is a way of life and

Northville resident Michelle

an opportunity to give back to the

Grimmer, recently received the

Gold Award - Girl Scout's high-

As part of the award's commu-

nity-service requirement, she

developed a Web site created for

guardians of handicapped adoles-

cents to find sitters for their chil-

By accessing www.handi-cappedchildren.4t.com, Grimmer hopes parents will find more than

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stress relief and a moment to go to

the movies or run to the store, activities parents of handicapped

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Northville means a lot more than

STAFF WRITER

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Northville resident George Gallagher goes into his wind- plex in Wixom. The camp, which ran three days, taught speed timed by coach Todd Miller at the Total Soccer com- ing proper fielding techniques, hitting, and throwing.

she said.

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First Presbyterian Church of

Northville for earning the highest

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up as he and other baseball campers have their pitches campers ages 7-14 the fundamentals of baseball, includ-

### Scouts are making around the area ground with handicapped children, so parents will have a resource finding someone to help them out," Grimmer said. The Northville High School senior said her friend has a handicapped sister and the family's experiences gave her the idea. Grimmer, 17, said she has baby-sat for the family, but she can't really do much - and realized the value a network of experienced watchers would provide. "I know how hard it can be," As of mid-April, the Web site had 11 contacts listed in the Detroit metropolitan area. "It's exciting," Grimmer said. "It's a good contribution to Northville and other cities around Mark Lee Morrow, 16, is another of Northville's scout devotees. On March 7, the Northville High School sophomore was rec-

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Eagle Scout Mark Morrow stands next to one of two bat houses he's constructed and placed in Northville's Ford Field. Morrow said that the total project (eight bat house complexes were built) took more than 100 hours to complete.

"I'm excited about it," said Northville Friends member Jeanne Storm. "I think he will be very interesting because he's such a personality. I think you'll have a wonderful afternoon.

Since library supporters initiated the series in 1987, they have hosted as many as 300 for the annual author event, Storm said. Famie's fame could draw that many again.

The charismatic cook first hit the local scene when he landed the role of chef de cuisine at the former Chez Raphael in Novi. After earning awards for creative fine dining during his tenure at that restaurant, he founded his own restaurant in 1988, Les Auteur in Royal Oak.

Garnering accolades and celebrity in subsequent years, the chef in 1998 formed the multimedia entertainment company which to this day manages all aspects of his career. The cook trained in historic European kitchens in the late 1970s now is involved in television production, special appearances, product development, his adventurechef.com Web site and cookbook publications.

Famie's 2001 appearance on the highly rated television program Survivor II: The Australian Outback," led to a show series that enabled him to travel the world in search of new cuisines and cultures.

Sleeping Bear Press in 2001 published Famie's "Adventures in Cooking" cookbook, and "Yes, I Can Cook Rice and So Can You." "You Really Haven't Been

There Until You've Eaten the Food" is due out in May from publisher Clarkson Potter, a diviion of Random House.

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## Wedding

### Smeikal-Oleksinski

Maria-Nicole Smejkal and Nicholas Alexander Öleksinski were married Oct. 25, at St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church in Davison, Mich. Rev. Andrew Czajkowski officiated the ceremo-

ny. The bride is the daughter of Frank and Maureen Smejkal of Burton, Mich. She graduated from The University of Michigan. She is currently employed by BankOne. The groom is the son of Donald and Susan Oleksinski of Berkley, Mich. He graduated from U-M. He is employed by LSI Logic.

Jennifer Geller served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lynne Oleksinski, Emily Synk and Patty Corbett Green. Best man was Benjamin Ross. Groomsmen were Mark Oleksinski, Kevin Smejkal and



A reception was held at St. Michael Byzantine in Flushing,

Mich. The couple honeymooned in BoraBora, French Polynesia and will make their home in Northville.



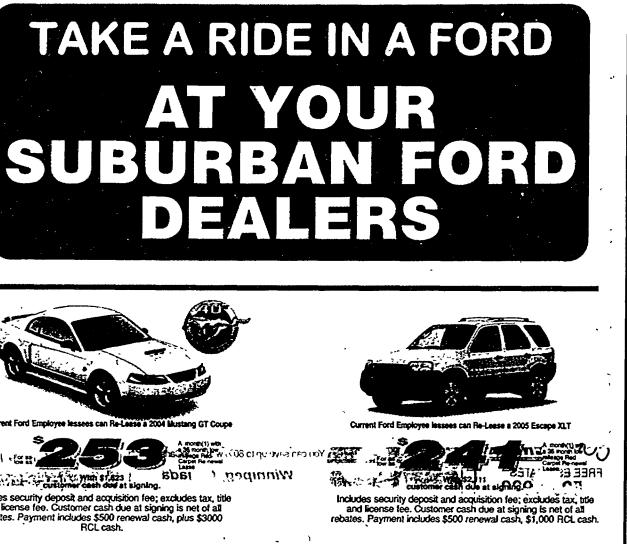
### Mad Science Spring Break '

Mad Science Spring Break 3 Earth Awarness campers Puja Nair, 8, Olivia Nelson, 7 and Olivia Vitali, 10, right, work together to figure out the best way to clean up ' an "oil spill" of molasses and vegetable oil during last week's activities at the o Hillside Recreation Center. The week-long camp, 🔅 taught by Cheryl Cahill, focused on the environment with plenty of handson experiments. Campers learned about geological formations, voicances, and it how best to clean up oil a spills with absorbents, oil booms, and suction devices.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER



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# Spaghetti dinner supports community goal

### By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

People came from in and around the Northville area to eat spaghetti, spend time with friends, and support the return of Maybury Farm.

The Northville Crossing restaurant last Thursday served up dozens of dinners during 4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m. sittings. Restaurant owners Alex and Effic Alexandris agreed to host the event to support rebuilding the vintage farm destroyed by fire in February 2003.

The Northville Community Foundation, which is leasing the farm property from the state, collected proceeds from the fund-raiser, including the tips donated by the restaurant staff. The non-profit agency is leading efforts to return the 30 working (farm) potention? through community contributions.

"I can't thank them enough, Alex and Effie" said Foundation president Shari Peters.

Money collected from the \$12 ticket sales that night would bump up the approximate \$128,000 that individuals, businesses, classrooms, service organizations and other entities to date have pitched in to return the farm to the educational and entertaining attraction past visitors remember.

"We grew up going there," said

Michele Cadaret after finishing her spaghetti dinner. The Northville resident attended the event with her 3-year-old daughter Madilynn, her mom Carol Andrikides, also of Northville, and her sister Angela Jones of Franklin, who brought her infant son, Spencer.

Experiencing the lessons of the fann became a local family tradition, the three women agreed. "I think the community really wants it (back)," Andrikides said.

The two young moms, both first-grade teachers at Dolsen Elementary School in the South Lyon school district, recalled Maybury memories — at the farm, as well as fishing, bike riding, rollerblading and walking — from their youth that they hope to share with their own children. In fact, Cadaret had hosted in her classroom a year before the fire a representative fibin the faint who described the operation, the importance of farming, and the products from animals and the harvest.

"I'd love to take (Spencer) to the farm to see the animals," Jones said. "It influenced our love for animals, too. We grew up with horses and pet rabbits."

When Cadaret told her little daughter about Thursday's outing, the youngster was ready to get to work that night. "Maddie said she wanted to help build the barn," her mom said, laughing.

Anne Kohls and Kathi Brandi, a foundation volunteer and Peters' assistant, helped guide the stream of ticket holders arriving on the hour. There was a combination of people: Northville Crossingregulars, those who came in the first time for the cause, and others prompted in by the sign at Northville Road entrance, Brandi said.

City Manager Gary Word and his wife, Denise, and city Department of Public Works director Jim Gallogly and his wife Lorna, opted for the 5 p.m. sitting. They praised the efforts to rebuild the farm, the service and the food.

"It was very good," agreed Kay Richardville of Northville. She said she and her husband Dennis visit the Northville Crossing restaurant on a regular basis. Raising money for a good cause gave them another reason to dine there.

Lloyd and Betty Leach of Northville dined on pasta purely in support of the farm's return. "The two of us don't go (alone), but we take the grandchildren," Betty said. "We did go shortly before the fire. We hope it comes back together again."

Farmer John Beemer, a face that meant Maybury Farm to visitors for so many years, greeted patrons Thursday night. Thirty years of friendships in the Northville community connected the Alexandris family with Beemer, and produced the idea for the spaghetti fund-raiser



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Revel family of Canton enjoy a spaghetti dinner at the Northville Crossing restaurant during last Thursday's fundraiser event for the Maybury Farm reconstruction effort. From left are Andy, Alex, 10, Andrea, 11, and Renee. The Revels came out for the event as their children had enjoyed many visits to the state park's living farm.

The state Department of Natural Resources and community foundation last September inked a renewable 15-year lease for the farm property: The state will continue to own the park land, while turn-

ing control over to the local agency. Maureen Johnston is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 or by e-mail at mjohnston@ht.htomecomm.net.

# Efforts to rebuild farm continuing

By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

For those looking to signs of hope this spring — Farmer John Beemer is in the fields planting.

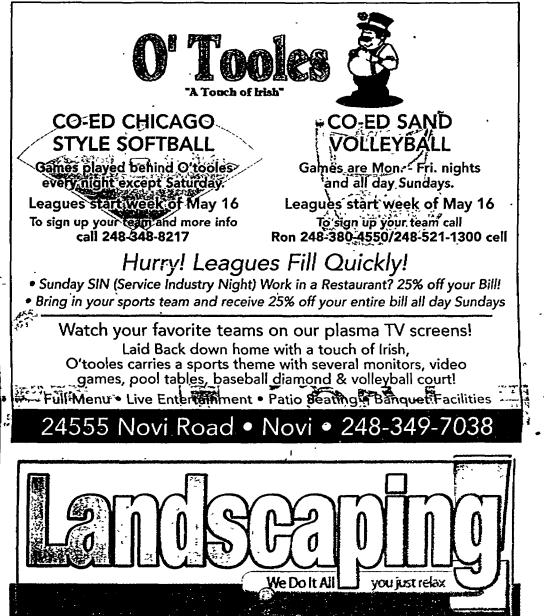
The night of the spaghetti dinner fund-raiser at the Northville Crossing restaurant, Northville Community Foundation President Shari Peters celebrated the acquisition of a "new" used tractor for use by Beemer, who directed the farmhands at the local facility from 1978 until 2002.

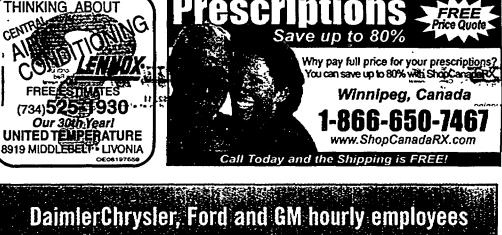
Continuing the tradition of the original farm, Beemer will use a team of horses to plow and plant seed, the foundation president said. A donated double-horse harness also helped make that happen, she said.

The non-profit Foundation, which has taken on the task of returning the living farm to Maybury State Park grounds, in January hired back the personality identified with the living farm. Beemer had retired at age 55 in 2002 from Maybury and moved his family to a 17-acre, open-to-the-public farm. The time has arrived for him to return his attention to the approximate 40-acre local site.

Meanwhile, work continues on efforts to replace the vintage barn that burned, with the pre-1900 hulking structure donated by local developer Toll Brothers. The goal is placement in another couple of months, Peters said.

The builders agreed to donate the barn, located at their Island Lakes development at Nine Mile and Napier roads, as well as the cost to move it, Peters said. The mission statement guiding efforts to return the Maybury Farm is operation in accordance with early-1900 practices. Through interpretive programs, the original farm off Eight Mile Road for years had been a field trip destination for Metro Detroit school children where farm hands performed day-to-day duties as done in the old days — plowing by horse, hefting hay bales and gathering eggs from the coop.





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## Mill Race Matters

While you are doing your spring cleaning, keep the Northville Historical Society in mind if you have some treasures you have finally decided to let go of. We are gathering pieces for our annual auction held at Mill Race Village on the Fourth of July. So if you have any items that you once loved and the love affair is over, please contact us — maybe it could become the love of someone else's life.

On Saturday, May 29, come and join gardeners in a friendly morning (8 a.m. to noon) of swapping plants and information. Bring whatever excess plants you may have. If you have no plants to bring, donations will be cheerfully accepted. There should be a wide variety of Perennials, Annuals, Wild Flowers, Shrubs and Trees. Northville Department of Public Works will again be supplying their "Black Gold" composted leaf

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**Business Brief** 

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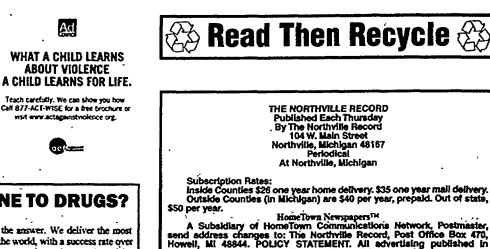
As a result, Hayes Lemmerz will permanently close its Howell manufacturing facility and transfer that plant's production to other manufacturing facilities in the U.S. The plant currently employs approximately 180 people, including hourly and salaried staff, who

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manufactures aluminum wheels for domestic automotive customers

"This has been a difficult but necessary decision for the company and we regret the effect it will have on our employees, their families and the Howell community," said Curtis Clawson, Chairman and CEO. "We have determined that this was the most effective course of action to better align our available capacity with the market, and make our overall cost structure more competitive."

James Stegemiller, President of Hayes Lemmerz's North American Wheel Group, said, The closure is a result of industry-wide overcapacity and is not a reflection on the workforce of management team in Howell. However, changes in business conditions have made it necessary to reduce the number of our facilities in order to reduce costs, improve efficiencies and capacity utilization, and thereby optimize our North American Wheel business."



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# **Bond issue will fund Moraine improvements**

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PTA perspective, if they continue raising money for the playground, it will seriously impair their opportunity to provide enrichment for classroom materials.

Moraine's playground is on about 10-acre site, similar to other Northville elementary schools with the exception of Thornton Creek and Ridge Wood.

"By industry standards, these are too small," Bolitho said.

The assistant superintendent said industry standards - recommend a 20-acre site like the district's two newest elementary schools.

Higher costing bond proposal items include replacing a portion of the building's roof, lighting, existing unit ventilators at \$15,000 per room and the 'sole' boiler.

Bolitho said the building's efficiency will improve by taking out the existing boiler and adding two smaller units.

That way if one goes out then the other will work," he said. Gallagher said all of the items

on the bond proposal list are necessities.

"All of these things, although they are infrastructure kinds of things, do have an impact on learning," she said.

The elementary school principal explained if a room is too hot or too cold or a clock is showing the wrong time, learning is effect-

#### Items included in the replacement Moraine remodeling:

Items included in renovation

- Replace existing unit ventilator
- Unit ventilator piping • New temperature controls
- and thermostats
- Replace existing boiler and add second boiler
- AC piping .
- Replace lighting
- Occupancy sensor and emergency lighting controls
- Fire alarm system Clock and PA system

ed. One item not on the Moraine list is carpeting. The building received new floor covering as

part of the 1997 bond issue. Georgiana Rushing, president of the Moraine PTA, said the parents' preliminary reaction to the proposal is favorable.

We have not done a survey, but I have heard only positive remarks as it (the bond) is a necessity," she said. "It is necessary because of all the budget cuts we've had."

Rushing said the elementary school parents she has spoken with also seem satisfied with the proposed improvement list for the school.

- New building alarm system Roof replacement
- Replace ceiling tile and grid Asbestos abatement
- Phase II playground
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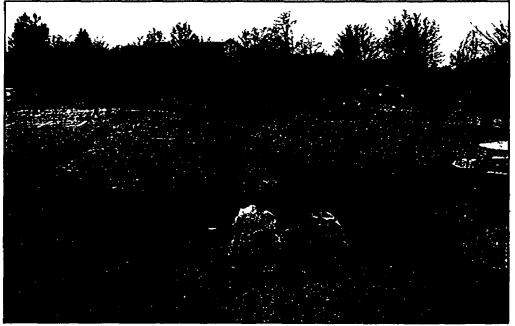
"Not everything got on the bond that we had asked for, but we are happy with what got on there," she said.

Rushing did say a PTA meeting has not yet been held to directly discuss the bond.

Moraine was built in 1966, and has received two additions since its opening.

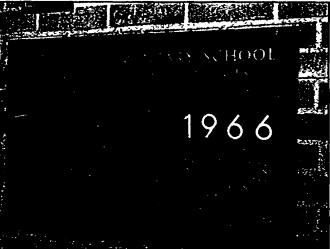
The first addition came in 1970 with another opening this past August.

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Photos by MARK A. HICKS

The playground at Moraine Elementary School is one of the items district officials propose improving if voters approve a \$35.7 million bond proposal in June.



Built in 1966, Moraine **Elementary School is** scheduled for improvements under Northville Public School's June bond proposal. The building has received two additions since first opening, one in

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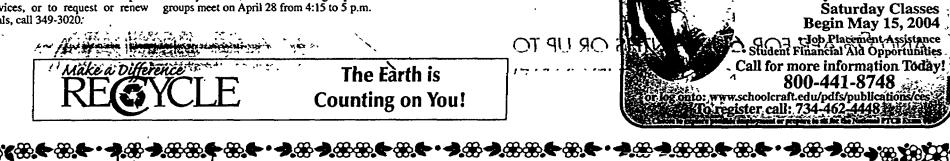
The Northville District Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 am. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The library will be closed on April 30 for a staff in-service. The library is located at 212 W. Cady St., near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady St. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call 349-3020.

### YOUTH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Join us for a lively discussion of popular titles each month on the last Wednesday. Kids in 4th and 5th grade are invited to attend "Junior Books, Chat and Chow" to discuss "Secret School" by Avi. Middle and high school students will be talking about "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury, in the monthly "Books, Chat and Chow" group. Both

### LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

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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# Scouts making their mark Engagement

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For Morrow's project, he supervised the construction of eight bathhouses placed in Ford Field, Waterwheel Park and at Six Mile and Napier roads.

The idea came from Mark's dad, Brian.

"We were trying to figure out what to do for my echo project, my family and I, and my dad showed up and said you know this would be kind of an interesting idea - building bat houses," Mark said.

The project continued as a family effort. "Total with myself, my dad, my mom, my

sister and other scouts combined, we worked on the project a little over 100 hours," Mark said. "It started in the summer and ended in the late fall."

Mark's mother Mary Morrow said the project served the dual purpose of creating a suitable habitat for endangered species and reducing the mosquito population carrying diseases like West Nile virus.

Now that Mark has achieved his Eagle Scout goal, he will keep the recognition for life, a path he began in about first grade with support from his family and the scouting societv.

"Scouting is just a great organization," Mark said.

"For the most part it is all-inclusive for males. It is just a great opportunity to learn leadership and fellowship."

Grimmer feels the same was about scouting. "I've been in Girl Scouts so long," she said. "It is something I really wanted and it has all paid off in the end."

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

## Carter-Arrotti

Robert and Joyce Carter of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Garrett Cleland Carter, to Cynthia Marie Arrotti, daughter of Drs. John and Albertina Arrotti of Burr Ridge, 111.

The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Northville High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University in 2000 and his Jurist Doctorate from Loyola University Law School in 2003. He is currently employed by Connelly, Roberts & McGiveney, Chicago.

The bride-elect is a graduate of , Hinsdale Central High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Tulane University and her Jurist Doctorate from.



Lovola University Law School in S 2003.

She is currently employed by/ Bollinger, Ruberry & Garvey, Chicago. ... A July 2004 wedding isl:

planned.

Chef Famie coming to town

# Northville Eagle Scouts are flying high

Other area Eagle Scouts are making their mark:

Brian Bagian: Reaching the rank of Eagle Scout in the eighth grade is a tough feat, but not tough enough for Northville resident Brian Bagian. On March 7, Bagian was recognized at First Presbyterian Church in Northville during a court of honor ceremony for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Mother Tandi Bagian said she is proud of her son for setting such a tough goal for his age, reaching it and surprising even himself with the achievement. Brian, 14, is a member of Troop 755 and for his project he put a path in through Hillside Middle

School's woodland grove on a Difference and president of his Eight Mile Road. Brian is the son of Jim and Tandi Bagian.

Andrew Roberts Moore: Andrew Moore was recognized March 7 at First Presbyterian Church in Northville during a court of honor ceremony for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Moore is a member of Troop 755 and for his project he cleaned up the area on the riverbank adjacent to the Mill Race. Moore has served as senior patrol leader and historian for his troop. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and active in various Northville High activities including National Honor Society, Make

senior class. Moore is the son of Jeff Moore and Mari Anne Guidobono.

Mike Dulzo: Helping other students is the idea behind Mike Dulzo's Eagle Scout project. Dulzo constructed a garden and courtyard area at Hillside Middle School, benefiting the students in Mr. Bartlett's special education classrooms. With help from Bartlett, Dulzo's design included wheelchair access for students, planting beds cleared of debris and a hedge around the perimeter to contain the children. The project was made possible through more than \$2,600 in community

donations and 431 hours of work by Dulzo and other volunteers. Dulzo is a junior at Northville High School and a member of Troop 755.

He was honored with the Eagle Scout recognition on March 7. Dulzo is the son of Jeff and Dana Dulzo.

To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully complete a community, church or synagogue related project. Previous Eagle Scouts include former President Gerald R. Ford Jr. and astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and Brian Bagian's father, Jim Bagian.

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Famie's books will be on sale at Fox Hills Country Club, Storm said. A Northville Library friends member for nearly 10 years, she said the chef will autograph copies purchased that day or previously.

The four facilities target a variety of projects for proceeds from the luncheon, Storm said. Past uses outlined by each library include:

• Plymouth -- support for 5 youth and adult programming. 346 • Canton - support for specialprogramming.

• Novi -- support for scholar-7 ships and audio visual equipmentri purchases.

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



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# Spring Beautification event set May 21 at high school

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

Members of the Northville Athletic Boosters and PTSA are working together toward making the high school grounds a spiffy site.

The groups' goal will be carried out with the first Northville High School Spring Beautification Event, taking place Friday, May 21, from 10:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

During the event, volunteers will take on many tasks ranging from weeding to planting trees on the school's campus, including the athletic fields.

Northville High School Principal Dennis Colligan said the motivation for beautification day came about through a collaborative effort.

"Members of the athletic boosters were talking about cleaning up around the fields behind the school and doing some landscaping and having things look a little better and a little more presentable," Colligan said.

"At the same time, there were discussions at the PTSA meetings about potential projects they could do around the school, talking about landscaping in particular."

'The talks snowballed from there as parents stepped forward, forming a beautification committee followed by Colligan declaring May 21 as an early release day so students may lend a hand.

"We are going to help out schoolwise by encouraging student groups and encouraging a work force that day because the sludents will be out at 10:15 a.m.," he said. "Any time you can get buy-in from the students, it's their building, and they can take the pride to make the flower beds Here's how you can help

Donations of cash or manpower are sought for the Northville High School Spring Beautification Event 10:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 21.

Volunteer of manpower: • Volunteers may chose between three shifts: 10:15 a.m. to noon, noon to 1:30 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.

• Workers should bring gloves, shovels, rakes, wheel barrels, weeding utensils, paper recycling bags and pitchforks.

Financial donations: • Four levels of financial con-

look better and making the landscaping in and around the building look better it is a plus-plus."

Students donating time to help improve the grounds will receive community service credits and organizers of the committee encourage parents to accompany their children.

Colligan said the improvement effort will be gradual and may take more similar events and further work, but taking the first step is important.

"We are not going to be able to do a complete makeover with the high school like we see on TV with some of these reality shows," he said. "We are going to take it a step at a time and we are going to kind of work from the building out."

Organizers of the Northville homecomm.net.

tributions are available: \$125 Evergreen Level, \$75 Shade Tree Level, \$50 Bush Level and \$25 Ground Level. • Other dollar donations will

be accepted.

 Checks should be made payable to PTSA with a memo for Beautification Day and mailed by May 1.

• Checks may be deposited in the PTSA box at Northville High School or mailed to Mary Ellen Darish, 47085 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

For more information, call (248) 348-8764.

High School Beautification Committee said success of the event is also in the hands of those willing to donate time or resources.

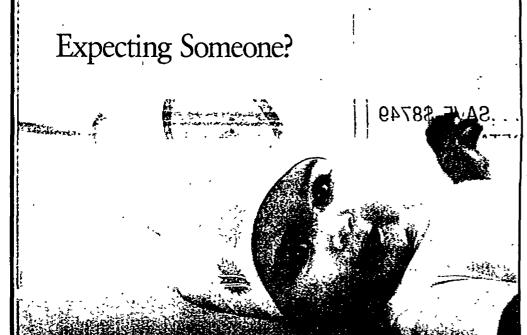
Beautification Committee volunteer Kathy Harkness said help from the community, including businesses, is essential for reaching the groups' goals.

Organizers are seeking monetary donations for greenery and other expenses or donations of time.

Harkness said she hopes the event will turn into an annual or semi-annual occurrence.

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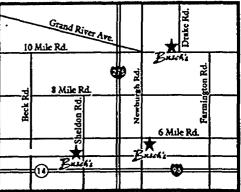
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### **Obituaries**

#### **Carl Adler**

Carl Adler of Plymouth Township died April 12, 2004, at his home. He was 80.

Mr. Adler retired in 1985 from Boise Cascade Office Products in Warren. He brought his family to Plymouth in 1970 from Redford Township, was a Sergeant in the United States Army during World War II and was very active in the VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth, where he served in numerous leadership positions.

He was committed to serving others and did so by delivering Meals on Wheels for nearly 20 years. Mr. Adler was an avid golfer and a devoted husband, father and grandfather. His family meant everything to him and his wonderful sense of humor will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include three children, Tim (Barbara) of Ann Arbor, George (Sandy) of Niles, and Scott (Teresa) of Northville; two grandchildren, Christopher and Lindsay; and two siblings, Edward (Edna) of St. Joseph and Marilyn McKinley of St. Joseph.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Joyce and two siblings, Robert and Carol.

A funeral service was held April 16, 2004 at Vermuelen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the VFW Post 6695, 1426 Mill Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements were made by Vermuelen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

### Marie E. Fox

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Marie Fox of Westland died April 14, 2004, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. She was 88. Mrs. Fox was born Aug. 15, 1915, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the late John Olds and Mary Franya.

She had lived in Westland for 42 years, previously from California. She was a bank teller at NBD,

which is now BankOne, and was a member of the Cherry Hill United Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. Mrs. Fox enjoyed reading, was devoted to her family and had a

great love for her granddaughters. Survivors include one daughter, Mary (Gene) Messenger of Northville; one sister, Margaret (Wally) Eschenburg of Saginaw and two granddaughters, Sarah and Emily.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Charles "Al" Fox.

A funeral service was held April 20, 2004, at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville, with the Rev. James Russell of First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiating. Interment will be at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the giver's choice.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

### Molly L. Notarianni

Molly Notarianni of Plymouth died April 19, 2004. She was 81. Mrs. Notarianni was born June 29, 1922, in New Rochelle, N.Y., to the late George Logan and Ponder Burden.

Mrs. Notarianni had lived in Plymouth for the past four years, and prior to moving to Plymouth spent the past 20 years in Richmond, Va. She grew up in Ridgway, Pa., and after she was married moved to Warren, Ohio. She was a graduate of Ridgway High School and a homemaker. She was a member of the Episcopal Church and while living in Richmond, she was active in the Commonwealth Women's Club. Mrs. Notarianni was a devoted wife and mother.

Survivors include four children, Robert G. (Suzy) Notarianni of . Augusta, Ga., George L. (Susan) Notarianni of Farmington Hills, Margaret J. (J.B.) Reed of Wayne, Pa., and James E. (Tam)

Notarianni of Northville; and six grandchildren, Christina and Stephen, Molly and John, and Emilia and Henry.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Edward Notarianni.

A memorial service will be held Friday, April 23, 2004, at 6 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville, with the Rev. Karen Henry of the Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal, Novi, officiating. A time of gathering will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2004.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association, 18860' W. Ten Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075-2689.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

### **Everlyn Thomas**

Evelyn Thomas of Plymouth died April 17, 2004, at St. Mary's Hospital. She was 84. Mrs. Thomas was born in Birmingham, Mich., to the late Gorge and Celia (Jacobs) Gross.

Survivors include three daughters, Margaret (Ralph) Spigarellli Northville, Norma Jean (Phillip) West of Canton, and Carol (Allan) Nash of Farmington Hills; one son, Douglas (Cynthia) Thomas of Greenville, S.C.; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister. Helen Whitbeck.

Her husband, Douglas Thomas, preceded her in death.

A funeral service was held April 21, 2004, at First United Methodist Church of Northville with a grandson, the Rev. Michael D. Thomas of the Community Baptist Church of South Bend, Ind., officiating. Interment will be at Parkview

Memorial Cemetery of Livonia.

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

Angela Hospice volunteers are busy planning the organization's annual golf outing, and early signs seem to indicate that their hard work will produce a successful fundraiser for the hospice's programs benefiting incurably ill children and adults.

Now in its 16th year, the Angela Hospice Golf Outing has attracted a regular following of golfers and local businesses that support the outing through a variety of means, including registering for individual, business, or corporate golf packages (\$200-\$1,500) purchasing hole sponsor signs (\$150); attending the dinner reception (\$75); or making a donation.

We are grateful for Angela Hospice's loyal friends who so generously show their support each year," said Alice Barringer, Development Manager at Angela Hospice. "We are also pleased to see that we have some first-time participants who have already registered for this year's event."

The outing will be held on Monday, May 24, beginning at noon, at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, where Angela Hospice guests have enjoyed great hospitality in past

years. . "We are encouraging golfers to register now for this event," said Bob Marten, an Angela Hospice volunteer and member of the golf committee. "Not only is this the perfect opportunity for golfers to experience a beautiful private course, but they will also be helping a very important cause."

Community members will find many opportunities to show support for this event. Even those who don't know a bogey from a birdie will appreciate the outing's Spectacular Spring Raffle, in which one lucky individual will win a multitude of prizes, includ-



Angela Hospice volunteer Bob Marten of Northville, a member of the golf committee, sits outside the Angela Hospice Care Center. As acquisitions chair, Marten has been busy throughout the community, collecting raffle prizes and silent auction items.

ing a Tigers Suite for 18 at Comerica Park, a helicopter ride with WJR's Joel Alexander, a Cadillac Deville rental for two weekends, gift certificates to 15 local restaurants, golf packages and more. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold (\$25 each) for this drawing, which will be held during the dinner reception following golf.

Golf outing on tap to

benefit Angela Hospice

Fundraising events such as this outing are vital to ensuring that hospice care will continue to be available to those who are diagnosed with a terminal illness. Because insurance reimbursements cover only a portion of the costs of hospice care - which includes physical, emotional, and spiritual support for the patient, as well as bereavement services for family members - not-for-profit hospice programs depend on community support in order to provide these specialized servic-

For more information about how you can support the outing, or to learn more about the compassionate services that hospice provides, call 734-HOSPICE, or visit www.angelahospice.org.

### NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS ANNUAL ARBOR DAY SEEDLING GIVEAWAY

The Beautification Commissions for the City of Northville and the wnship of Northville will jointly host the annual "ARBOR DAY Seedling Giveaway" which will be held on:

9:00 a.m. to noon (or unbliseedings are gone) The Township Hall Fire Station 41600 W. Six Mile Road

Residents of the City and Township of Northville are eligible for the free seedlings which will come with planting and care instructions. You must attend in person to pick up your seedlings, requests by phone or mail cannot be accommodated, nor large requests for groups.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE** NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

FILING DEADLINE FOR \$5.2.9

A candidate who wishes to seek a position on the Charter Township of Northville Board must file a nominating petition and Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. A candidate who seeks a township office must file with the township clerk's office; a county clerk is not authorized to accept filings from candidates who seek township offices.

Candidates who wish to run for Precinct Delegate must complete and file an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 and may file at the township clerk's office OR the Wayne County Clerk's Office located at 207 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit.

Petition and affidavit forms can be obtained at the Clerk's office located at 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A notice will be published and posted in the Clerk's office of the list of

the candidates, for township offices, who have filed nominating petitions as they will appear on the official primary election ballot (168.554) and the same will become records open to public inspection. (168.555). SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE** "NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS"

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May, 1, 2004, it shall be the duty The every twine, occupant or person having cherokol any land within the "Crimer township" by Normville, Michigan to cut, and destroy, noosus "Weeds before they reach a seed bearing section 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 (4-8/22-04 NR 123021)

OF NORTHVILLE (4-22/29-04 NR 125814)

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION** 

### **CITY OF NORTHVILLE** NOTICE OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will consider a request

(4-15/22-04 NR 125130)

### OF NORTHVILLE

### SYNOPSIS APRIL 15, 2004 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, April 15, 2004

TIME: 7:30 p.m. PLACE: 41600 W. Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Supervisor Abho

ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Supervisor, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, Richard Henningsen, Treasurer, Marjorie Banner, Trustee, Marv Gans, Trustee, Brad Werner, Trustee, Shirley Klokkenga, Trustee. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- 1. Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas approved with corrections
- Appointments, Petitions, Resolutions & Announcements: 2. A. Citizens Award - Chief Werth presented 3 citizen commendations
  - B. Re-appoint Paul Slatin to ZBA (alternate) approved C. Green Ways Initiative Grant Resolution approved
- 3. Public Hearing:
- A. Public Hearing for Quail Ridge Road Improvement approved Approve plans and authorize Bid - approved
- Brief Public Comments & Questions: Senior Center update New Business: 5.
  - A. Municipal Building Project Progress Payment #13 approved B. Municipal Building Project - Change Orders #18 & #19 - approved
  - Community Room Audio Visual Equipment approved
  - D. Hidden Ridge Final Site Plan at Grande Vista Estates approved
  - E. Steeplechase Subdivision No.1 Landscape Maintenance Agreement - approved
  - F. Independence Day Parade approved
  - G. T & T Auto Plaza Stormwater Maintenance Agreement-

  - H. Neighborhood Watch approved . Playground Equipment Purchase approved
  - 2005 Budget Parks and Recreation /Seniors approved
- J. 2005 Budget Parks and Fiberball from the second state of the
- Unfinished Business: None
- 7. Ordinances:
  - A. Adoption of Animal Nuisance Amendment to Building Ordin-
  - ance approved B, 2nd Read / Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendments approved
  - C. Introduction and 1st read of Zoning Ordinance amendments to Article 20 - approved
- Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,744,751.03 approved
- Board Communication: Reports from the following were given: 9. Mark Abbo, Sue Hitlebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Snider, Marv Gans, Marjorie Banner, Brad Werner.
- 10. Any Other Business that may property be brought before the Board of Trustees: None.

MARK J. ABBO, SUPERVISOR

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

#### (4-22-04 NR 127096)

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ANIMAL NUISANCE AMENDMENT TO BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CODE

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

**OF THE** 

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP** 

OF NORTHVILLE

The Board of Trustees, at their regular meeting on April 15, 2004, approved the adoption of the Amendment to the Building Construction Code to be effective April 22, 2004.

The Township hereby assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement within the Township of the State Construction Code Act, Act No.230 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1972 (MCL 125.1501 et seq.), as amended, and the building, residential, uniform energy, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical codes promulgated hereunder, as amended. The amended changes are contained in Article II, Section 58-2, Article III, Section 58-3 and Section 58-4, and Article IV Sections 58-5 and 58-6.

This ordinance can be viewed in its entirety at the following five locations, and the entire code is available on the Township web site at www.Northvillemich.com under the Clerk's Department category

Northville Township Public Service Building, 16255 Beck Road, Northville

Northville Township Financial Building, 41660 Six Mile Road, Northville

Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville Northville Township Fire Station, 48515 Seven Mile Road, Northville Northville Parks and Recreation Office, 700 W. Baseline Road, Northville SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE** ì 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 Zoning Ordinance.

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

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 Reorganize the Zoning Board of Appeals section 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 Ended Friday.

GEORGE MCCARTHY, CHAIR

PLANNING COMMISSION

(4-8/22-04 NR 124325)

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(4-22-04 NR 126978)

for appeal of a special use permit which was denied by the City of Northville Planning Commission for the Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School. This special use permit application was denied on March 2, 2004 based upon standards as contained within Section 16.01.C of the Zoning Ordinance.

The school proposes to relocate from the current site to property located at 116, 224 and 132 Orchard and property located on Main Street (for lots 48,49,50,51,52 and 53 Orchard Heights Subdivision –Tax Parcel ID numbers 48-003-02-0053-001, -48-003-02-0053-002,48-003-02-0052-002 and 48-003-02-0048-000) Northville, Michigan 48167 The Board of Zoripo Aprophe Schull most approximate the mount for

The Board of Zoning Appeals shall meet and consider the request for appeal on May 5, 2004 at 7:30 PM at Hillside Middle School Auditorium,

777 North Center Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 The complete appeal application can be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00am until 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments will also be received at the address listed below.

This notice is sent as required by Article 25, Section 25.03 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance to all persons to whom real property is assessed within three hundred (300) feel of the boundary of the property in question, and to the occupants of all structures within three hundred (300) feet.

RICHARD STARLING, BUILDING OFFICIAL CITY OF NORTHVILLE 215 W. MAIN ST. DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK CITY OF NORTHVILLE 215 W. MAIN ST. NORTHVILLE, MI 48167 NORTHVILLE, MI 48167 (248) 349-1300 (248) 349-1300

(4-22-04 NR 126681)

### NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP **OF NORTHVILLE** ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO GENERAL PROVISIONS AND TEMPORARY USES

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(4-22-04 NR 127242)

Northville Township Fire Station, 48515 Seven Mile Road, Northville

Northville Parks and Recreation Office, 700 W. Baseline Road, Northville

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### **Northville Township Police Blotter**

MISSING MAIL: A resident living in the 44000 block of Cypress Point Drive came to the Northville Township Police Department last week reporting someone tampered with his mail. The 43-year-old male told police on Tuesday, April 13, that he believed an unknown person was stealing his mail. The man explained the subdivision was under construction and a set of temporary boxes was erected by management. The resident told police when he went to his mailbox and didn't find the documents he was waiting for, he didn't panic at first because he thought maybe the letters had been placed in another box by mistake. But when his documents never came, . he knew something wasn't right. The missing documents included pay stubs and credit card invoices.

STOLEN WALLET: A Northville Township woman called police last week after realizing someone had stolen her wallet from inside her vehicle. The 39-year-old female told township

officers her automobile was parked in her garage in the 17000 block of Summit on Wednesday, April 14, with the purse inside. According to the report, the attached garage door was left open all night and the vehicle was unlocked. Taken from the wallet was credit cards, \$100 and her license. Two of her credit cards had been used the next day.

ANOTHER GOLF CLUB CAPER: A Northville Township man called police on Monday, April 12, explaining his golf clubs were stolen.' According to the township police report, the man living in the 46000 block of Crystal Downs said he noticed his clubs were gone on Tuesday, March 30, at about 3 p.m. after placing them in his garage on March 29. The man said the clubs were removed from a hard traveling case and taken from his unlocked garage. The man's golf bag had his name on the side and contained many Callaway clubs. Contact letters were sent out to local resale shops by police. This

is the third reported golf club bag theft in the township this month. Bags were reported stolen in the 15000 block of Bay Hill Drive and the 45000 block of Riviera.

GYMNASIUM CAPERS: A Northville High School student is out a wallet, cash and credit cards after someone allegedly stole the items from the gymnasium locker room last week. The student told township police he placed his wallet in a high-school gym locker on Monday, April 5. When he returned after gym class, he found his leather wallet containing credit cards and \$150 was gone. The student told police it is possible the locker door may not have been latched, since his lock was still fastened. The 17-year-old said he had his shorts stolen by not completely shutting his locker before.

WHERE'S YOUR WHEELS: Northville Township police officers responded to a residence last week following a report of four missing wheels. On Tuesday, April 13, officers went to the

18000 block of Innsbrook and spoke with the owner of a 1999 Jeep Cherokee. The 42-year-old male said he parked his vehicle in the parking lot at about 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 12. After returning to his Jeep the next morning, the vehicle was up on blocks and all the wheels were gone, According to the report, a neighbor had seen his sport utility vehicle around midnight on April 13 and the tires were still there. The theft was val-ued at about \$400.

FOILED: A Northville Township woman may have saved another resident's wheels after startling a potential thief. A woman living in the 19000 block of Northridge Drive returned home, parking her car in the car port at about 9:30 p.m. Monday, April 12. While the township woman was walking toward her residence, she heard rustling in the carport. According to the report, when she turned around to look, she saw an unknown black male enter a newer model gold Ford Explorer and drive off.

Police said the woman didn't for criminal enterprise and multithink anything of it until the next morning when she noticed her neighbor's wheel covers and "lug nuts" on the ground near where the Explorer was parked.

WHOPPING WARRANTS: A Northville man was arrested on Wednesday, April 14, after police determined he had numerous outstanding warrants. An officer was patrolling the area of Seven Mile Road and Innsbrook Drive at about 1:45 a.m. when a silver Ford Explorer went by matching the description of a vehicle possibly wanted in connection with a theft from auto complaint. According to the report, the license plate was partially covered, so the registration was com-ing back as an improper plate. The 26-year-old driver told the officer he didn't have a drivers license nor did he have a social security number and gave an alias. After the township officer determined his real identity a slew of warrants were discovered. They included a felony warrant

ple identities, a felony bench warrant for failing to appear on a charge of larceny by conversion of more than \$10,000 and other warrants for larceny and driving with a suspended license. The driver had his license suspended six times. The man was arrested by township police.

ROLL OVER: When a 20year-old ,Wixom male's pickup truck ended up on the hood instead of its tires, Northville Township officers were led to a drunk driver. Police responded to the scene of a rollover accident on Friday, April 9, in the township. According to the report, when they arrived, they noticed the truck on its roof along with skid marks leading up to where the vehicle was off the road. Police said after approaching the driver, he had glassy eyes and spoke with slurred speech.

After failing field sobriety tasks, the man registered a bloodalcohol content of .24 and was arrested by police.

### **Court Proceedings**

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 12.

 Marjorie Ann Crabtree --- controlled substance-delivering and manufacture (narc) L/50 grams, enhancement/second sentence offense.

Cameron-Michael Paul Dunivant --- larceny from a motor vehicle, sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.

• Samuel Arthur Little, II -

alcohol/per se-third offense felony. These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 13.

• Marilyn June Tudman ---police · officer assault/resistance/obstruction (2 counts).

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 14. Donald Gilbert Fisher

unlawful driving away automobile, operating under the influence of sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.

Jackson Shelia possession/controled substance under/25 grams, retail fraud/third offense, sentence enhancement/third offense.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 15. • Tammie Sue Whitmore •

embezzlement-greater than \$1,000 - less than \$20,000.

 Heather Lorraine Krawiec operating under the influence of alcohol/per se - third offense felony.

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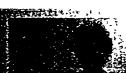


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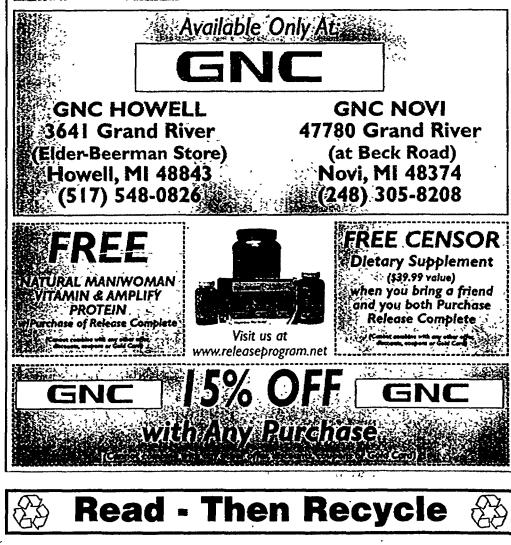
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# What's cookin'? You'll find out on May 2

Kitchen Tour shows off the latest gadgets and more

### By Maureen Johnston STAFF WRITER

That extensive home renovation passers-by have watched for months on West Main near the corner of Orchard will be open to the public May 2.

The curious will be able to gawk at the kitchen anyway. The product of Custom Homes by Edward Funke will be one of six kitchens featured on the second annual tour to benefit O.U.R. Camp for Children with special needs

All proceeds of the \$25 tickets go to the local Opportunity, Understanding, Recreation camp, which has a parent-volunteer board that for the second year organized this unique fund-raiser that showcases the hottest gathering spot in local homes. Like last year, visitors to homes in Northville and Plymouth will view vintage to the very-latest.

In addition to admission to the homes, tickets include a luncheon buffet at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall. They are available in Northville, at the 108 E. Main St. restaurant, as well as the Kitchen Witch and the Northville Chamber of Commerce; in Plymouth, at Haven, or by calling tour organizer Kathryn Peltier at (248) 348-7026.

The event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., was switched to Sunday this year from its inaugural Tuesday in 2003. Even with the weekday, the first-year fund-raiser drew a couple hundred people interested in viewing kitchens in their neighbors' homes.

Homes on the tour this year are: Chip and Ellen Grimes on Arselot; Ann and Garry Harris on Linden; Ed and Barb Funke on Main Street; Nancy and David Sabol on White Pine Circle; Trina and Mike Miller on Horton, and Marv and Karen Moran on Charnwood Drive in Plymouth.

The home styles range from a 1960s quad-level to a new Victorian to an Arts and Crafts,



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Ellen, right, and husband Chip Grimes (not pictured) will be opening up their Edenderry, suburb kitchen to a fundraising tour to benefit O.U.R.) Camp for Children on May 2. Helping to organize the kitchen tours will be Kathryn Peltier, left. The Grimes' kitchen features a solarium roof and handmade Amish kitchen cabinets.

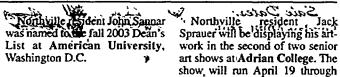
#### Peltier said.

Merchants contributing time and accessories for the tour day are Northville's Ronnie Cambra of the Kitchen Witch, Donna Cullinan for Center Street Design, and Plymouth's Nancy Sutherland of South Living at Home and Nancy Sabol of Haven.

Local businesses benefit through exposure of their decorating expertise and merchandise. Tour attendees will be able to check out the styles down their street, glean new ideas for their own homes, while supporting a non-profit organization. Tour tickets would make a nice Mother's

### **On Campus**

Jenniter Singer, a senior at Grænhills School in Ann Arbor, was chosen as a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist. The Northville resident is honing her skills in forensics. Singer has qualified for the state finals for the past three years.



Scott Bennett of Northville has been named to the fall 2003 Dean's List at Denison University, Granville, Ohio.



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April 30 in Stubnitz Gallery.



A detail of the Grimes' kitchen showing its Amish-made cabinets and marble countertops.

Day gift, suggested Peltier.

All, proceeds from the tour go toward covering expenses of O.U.R. camp, the organizer said, primarily rent. Hopefully, the event also will help provide "camperships" to cover for need children the \$400 cost to attend.

Parent volunteers operates the camp for children ages 3-9 with special needs, explained Peltier. Their mission is to offer a funfilled, appropriately structured program at the lowest possible cost.

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O.U.R. camp, which greets 50-60 children primarily from western Wayne County each season, is organized into two sessions of three weeks each, starting in June. Many of the children attend both sessions, to be held this year at Northville Christian School on Six Mile Road.

Groups of six children, each wit; two counselors, rotate throughout the day a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, water play, large motor play, and dramatic play. If the May 2 tour goes like

last year's, the event will continue as the camp's annual fund-raiser, Peltier said.

With the current, continuing interest in kitchen remodeling, she said, the group is hoping the event will sell out this year and continue to grow. "We're hoping for bigger and better this year."

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





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# Northville Community Calendar

• Northville City Council of the interdenominational group Special Meeting

DATE: Thursday, April 22 TIME: 6 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall

DETAILS: A study about local government budgets, with the Michigan Municipal League/Plante & Moran presentation "System Failure: Michigan's Broken Municipal Financial Model" by Frank Audia.

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

• Presentation: Jews For Jesus

DATE: April 24 TIME: 9 a.m.

LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road) DETAILS: David Brickner, executive director of Jews For Jesus, will speak about the history

and what it stands for. PHONE: (248) 374-5909

•Marquis Theatre Presents "The Shoemaker and the Elves" DATES: Saturdays, April 24 and May 1; Sundays, April 25 and May 2

TIMES: 2:30 p.m. LOCATION: 135 E. Main Street, Northville.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$7:50. no children under age three. PHONE: For info. call Marquis Theatre at 248-349-

8110. Northville Arts Commission presents Under the Tuscan Sun (Florentine Experimentalists) DATE: Wednesday, April 28 .

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Northville City Hall, Council Chambers

DETAILS: Speaker will be renowned Art Historian, Michael Farrell. Fee is \$10/adults, \$5/students.

PHONE: 248-449-9950

• First Presbyterian Church

Women's **Retreat-Walking** With Jesus: A Spiritual Journey DATE: Saturday, May 1

TIME: 8:30 a.m to 3:30 p.m. LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville

**DETAILS:** This retreat is designed to renew your strength and deepen your walk with Jesus through inspiritational praise and worship and words of encouragement to enrich your spiritual journey. Early registration through April 25/\$25. After April 25/\$30 per person.

PHONE: email registration inquiries fpc@firstpresnville.org.

 Annual Arbor Day Seedling Give-away

DATE: Saturday, May 1

DETAILS: Sponsored by the Northville and Northville Township Beautifucation Commissions. Bring proof of residency.

 Northville Co-op Preschool **Open House** 

DATE: Saturday, May I TIME: 10 a.m.-noon

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Rd. **DETAILS:** Applications for the 2004-2005 school year will be

accepted for our 2, 3 and 4 year old programs. PHONE: Contact Colleen for

more information, 248-374-3460. • American Red Cross Blood

DATE: Sunday, May 2

TIME: 8 a.m. 2 p.m. LOCATION: Northville First

United Methodist Church, 777 W.

**DETAILS:** Appointments pre-

ferred. PHONE: Call Janet, 248-349-

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• Friends of Maybury State Park Meeting

DATE: May 6

LOCATION: Northville

Community Library **TIME: 7:00 PM** 

DETAILS: To finalize sum-

mer activities at the park. PHONE: (248) 349-2687

• 5th Annual Juried Student Fine Arts Show

DATE: Saturday, May 8-Thursday, May 13

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, downtown Northville.

DETAILS: 200 pieces of art representing drawing, painting, photography, mixed media, ceramics, sculpture, graphics, and metals from grades 6 through 12. PHONE: For further information call 248-449-9950.

### **ON-GOING**

• Grief Support Workshops for Adults

DATE: 7 weeks starting

Thursday, April 22od. TIME: 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. LOCATION: North Northville

Senior Citizen Center located at 215 W. Cady Street. DETAILS: This workshop will

meet for 7 consecutive Thursday evenings and will help participants deal with normal grief responses, combining education and an opportunity to share with others their own experiences. Sponsored by New Hope Center for Grief Support and Northville Senior Citizen Center.

PHONE: For further information about other grief support groups offered or to register for this series call the New Hope office at 248-348-0115.

Northville Farmers Market DATE: Thursday, May 6 through Thursday, October 28\ TIME: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville Downs Parking Lot-Corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon Road

DETAILS: Sponsored by The of Northville Chamber Commerce. Bedding plants, potted plants, Arts and Crafts, Garden Art, Baked Goods and various handmade items are for sale

PHONE: For more information, contact the Chamber at 248-349-7640 or visit www.northville. org.

# Author Lynch sets free lecture

On behalf of Livonia's Angela Hospice, renowned author and funeral director Thomas Lynch will present a free lecture on the topic "The Good Death, Good Grief & Good Funerals: finding our place in the continuum of care.

Lynch will share from his 30 years of experience as a funeral director in his presentation, which is open to clergy, hospice and healthcare workers, caregivers, students and the community at

The are happy to be able to extend this invitation to our community friends, as well as our staff and volunteers," said MaryAnn Dobbs, Spiritual Care and Bereavement Manager at Angela "Several Angela Hospice. Hospice employees have already had the privilege of hearing Thomas Lynch speak, and they have highly recommended him as an animated and insightful speak-

Colettes Church Jocated m Livonia, will host this event, Tuesday, May 18, from 6-7:30 p.m., with an afterglow and book signing following from 7:30-8:30

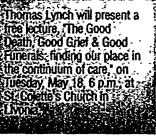


**Thomas Lynch** 

p.m. "St. Colette's parish has shown their support to Angela Hospice throughout the years," said Dobbs, "so we are pleased that they will share with us the opporspeak We are grateful to them for this support."

Lynch is the author several works of poetry, as well as an essay collection, The Undertaking

Thursday, April 29, 2004 \*



-- Life Studies from the Dismal Trade (W.W. Norton, 1997), which won The Heartland Prize for non-fiction, The American Book Award, and was a Finalist for the National Book Award. His second collection of essays, Bodies in Motion and at Rest (W.W. Norton, 2000) won The Great Lakes Book Award.

Speaking engagements have taken him throughout Europe, The United Kingdom and Ireland, Australia and New Zealand and across the United States.

For more information an this event, or to RSVP, Contact MaryAnn Dobbs 4734-953-6024. Fliers are also available for download at www.angelahospice.org.



7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Seminar

The 3Ds: Depression

Guest Speaker, James Karagon, MSW

6:30 pm to 7:00 pm Tours and Refreshments

Drive Eight Mile Rd.

LOCATION: Northville Township Civic Center TIME: 9:30 a.m. - noon



### **Delirium and Dementia**

Do you know the difference between depression, delirium and dementia? Do you suspect that your loved one suffers from any of these conditions?

James Karagon has 25 years of social work experience and is an Associate Professor of Social Work at Marygrove College in Detroit. He holds a Masters degree in social work and is certified by the Academy of Certified Social Workers. He is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and holds a specialized certificate in gerontology. During this interactive seminar, James Karagon will help each participant learn, through actual and case examples, to recognize and distinguish between depression, delirium and dementia.

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### **School Briefs**

FAMILY CONCERT: Area residents are invited to a family concert celebrating April is the Month of the Young Child with a special performance by the Gratitude Steel Band. The event sponsored by the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center, will take place 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Main Street band shell in downtown Northville.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Moraine Elementary School needs volunteers for its upcoming spring Fun Fair. Organizers estimate it will take about 100 volunteers to make sure the 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, June 4, event is a success. Along with volunteers, the fair also needs a clown. No experience is necessary and the uniform and job training will be provided. For more information about becoming a clown or volunteer, call Corinne Madias at (248) 449-9322 or Cathy Doolittle at (248) 344-4663.

**COLLEGE FUNDING: Meads** Mill and Hillside middle schools' PTSAs present College Funding Night 7:30 p.m. today 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.

**REGISTER TO VOTE: The** last day residents may register to vote in the June 14 annual school board election is Monday, May 17. Citizens may register at a Secretary of State branch or Northville clerk's office. Absentee ballots will be available in the Northville Public Schools business office Tuesday May 25. An absentee ballot may also be requested by calling (248) 344-8444.

INFORMATIONAL NHS 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 at 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 questions.

**EDUCATION:** DRIVER 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) 344-8427.

SCHOOL BOARD MEET-ING: The next regularly scheduled school board meeting will take place 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27 at Ridge Wood Elementary School. The public is invited.

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, MI 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. Contact Amy Knoth at (248) 349-8885 or mamy@yahoo.com.

# **First Presbyterian hosts** women's retreat May 1

A day-long retreat hosted May I by First Presbyterian Church will offer local women an opportunity to re-focus from their busy, daily routines to their peaceful walk with their Savior.

"Walking with Jesus: A Spiritual Journey" is the title of the Saturday event, open to women of all ages. The cost is \$25 per person for registration prior to April 25; after that date, the cost is \$30.

Bobbie Murphy, co-chair of the women's retreat committee with Lori Danes, invited women interested in registering to e-mail fpc@firstpresnville.org or call (248) 349-0911.

Beth Weber is the keynote speaker for the retreat. Married 29 years, the mother of four grown children is an associate teaching director for the evening community Bible study in Brighton. She will draw on her personal experiences to help others find joy in Jesus Christ through the trials of life, Murphy said.

Weber, leading small group discussion, will offer hope to her audience through the word of God and encourage perseverance in faith, Murphy said.

In addition to the speaker and discussion, the retreat will include musical performances and shared meals. "Remnant" is a ministry team of four friends that will provide the music. The group members selected their name from a Bible passage that reflects their goal to help others grow in their faith.

The event opens with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by morning sessions from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and luncheon from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The retreat will conclude at 3:30 p.m. after a two-hour afternoon session, closing worship and communion.

"We're doing things a little bit differently this year," the organizer said, referring to the retreat format

More than 40 women already

have registered, Murphy said last week. Similar retreats First Presbyterian Church hosted in the past have drawn as many as 120 people, she said.

As always, there will be a message for participants to take home. "It is a spiritual restoration of

your walks with Jesus," Murphy said. "It's difficult in this busy world that we live in to always stay on the right track." High school through senior citizen women will enjoy the retreat, she said.

"We're all at different points in our walks --- it's about how God guides us to stay on our own path."

The location within the 200 East Main Street facility will depend on attendance numbers, Murphy said.

Signs posted that Saturday will guide participants.

Northville Record staff writer Maureen Johnston compiled this report.

## **Construction continues on bank**

#### By Duane Ramsey SPECIAL WRITER

Fifth Third Bank is proceeding with its current expansion in the local market with plans to open two new banking centers in Northville and Wixom in June.

Construction continues on the new Fifth Third branches located on Grand River just west of Wixom Road in Wixom and on Haggerty Road just south of Eight Mile in Northville Township.

Fifth Third Bank broke ground on both locations in January. They plan to open the Northville center in early June and the Wixom loca-. tion later that month, according to Jeff Wagner, vice president of corporate real estate at Fifth Third for eastern Michigan and northwestem Ohio

Both locations will include 4,200 square-foot, full-service banking centers with feller and the continue to Wagner. safe denote service four drive in The bank of ins to break ground through lanes and drive up ATM in May for one center on the site

service. Mortgage, investment and small business representatives will be located at each center.

Fifth Third currently operates two branches in the area with an office on Center Street in downtown Northville and another on Novi Road near the entrance of the Novi Town Center. Wagner said the bank is currently looking for additional locations in the Northville and Plymouth areas.

The new location in Northville will eventually replace the storefront banking office downtown, Wagner said. The bank is looking for another location to maintain ATM service downtown, he added.

Fifth Third is also expanding into Washtenaw County with plans to open banking centers in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti later this year and three additional branches in the Ann Arbor area in 2005,

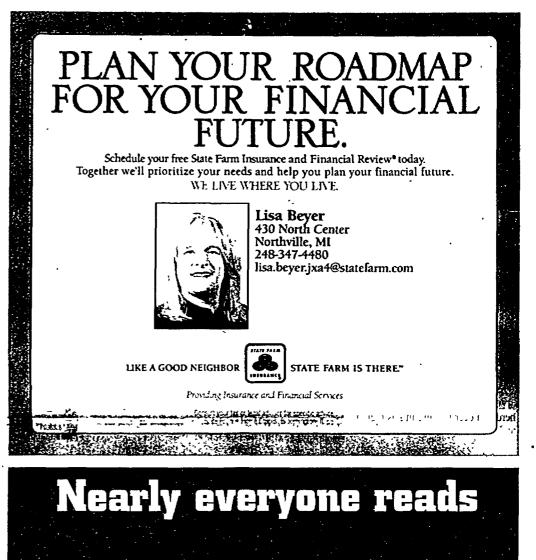
of the former Big Boy Restaurant on Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor and another in the Kroger Shopping Center on Whitaker Road in Ypsilanti Township. Wagner said they plan to open both locations in October.

Fifth Third Bank acquired the Grand Rapids-based Old Kent Bank operations in Michigan in 2001.

The bank also has branches in Brighton and Hamburg in Livingston County and Canton in western Wayne County.

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#### Thursday, April 22, 2004-NORTHVILLE RECORD 13A

# Parents' time — just how valuable is it?

I've heard from quite a few of you the past couple of weeks. Let's see; our most recent articles have been about dating issues, and date rape, and chatting online - everything to do with relationships. Interesting - that these topics would hit such a nerve.

I hope this week's article hits home with you as well. And here it is (this week's theme, I mean...smiling). "Parents staying involved in teens' lives."

Just how important is it for parents to spend time with their teenagers? Very important, I would say. Imperative, in fact. So important that the fate of the next generation hangs in the balance. depending on how much time parents spend with their kids.

Now, as every good writer knows, it's easy to make a state-ment. That's my "opinion." But when I back up my opinion with a generation's affirmation, it

## Grant will preserve farmland

The Novi-based Americana Foundation is awarding HeadWaters Land Conservancy a \$30,000 grant to preserve farmland and ranchland 2004. HeadWaters Land in Conservancy helps private landown-ers protect land in the eleven-county region of northeast Lower Michigan. This large landscape region is often referred to as "Club Country" due to the large number of hunt and fish clubs, some containing the largest parcels of undivided private land left in the Lower Peninsula.

Ranchlands are large parcels of private land that support agriculture, forestry, and wildlife and provide the wild and rugged landscapes defining northeast Lower Michigan.

Large farms and hunt clubs still are the prevailing landscape in north-

(TB) has negatively affected the deer



Teen Talk

### Pastor Sam Belanger

becomes a reality. Not just an opinion. Many times I give my

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opinion in this column. Today, though, I have researched. I have talked with teens. Listen to THEIR responses, not just my humble, little ol' opinion.

Pastor Sam: Would you say that you are happy with how your parents are "staying involved in your life?"

Response #1: Yeah, because if they don't stay in your life, you make bad choices that you don't want to make. If they don't, you might want to try drugs and other stuff.

Pastor Sam: Would you say that you are happy with how your parents are "staying involved in your life?

Response #2: Yes, I am glad. Things look a whole lot different when you grow up, so I'm glad they were there and we have that relationship.

Pastor Sam: Would you say that you are happy with how your par-

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ents are "staying involved in your life?

Response #3: Yes, because it keeps me out of trouble, and because they come to my sports events and things like that. That

lets me know they care. (Last, I asked a lady in her 30's to think back...) Pastor Sam: When you were a

teen, would you say that you were happy with how your parents 'stayed involved in your life?"

Response #4: No, because I was doing things to get acceptance. My dad (step-dad) came to almost all of my games. Mom only a few, at least that is what I remember. But then again, maybe I really wouldn't have cared then. BUT, I would have to still say that I really, really wish that my biological father hadn't missed out on so much of my growing up years. He has never seen me play (basketball). He's never seen me dressed

up for one of the formals (high school dances). He didn't even get asked when my fiancée wanted to marry me. The great thing is that now he's a bigger part of my life than ever, and even better than that, he's seeking God. Yes, O Loyal Reader, I have to

say (in my humble opinion and others') that parents staying involved in their teens' lives is of the utmost importance.

Remember the old adage? "The family that prays together, stays together." Let me add one I heard not too long ago. "The family that plays together, stays together." And another - "The family that eats together, stays together." (Sorry. That one doesn't rhyme!) One more - "The family that stays together, STAYS together."

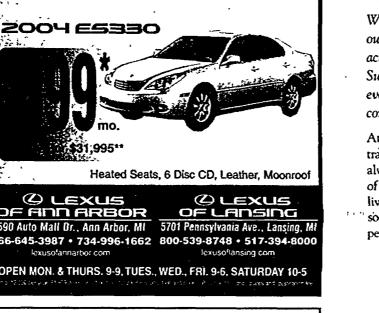
I've heard of some families that never let their kids do anything extra-curricular because it's ALWAYS "family time." Those

families are definitely the extreme. There aren't too many of that kind. Most families never do much together. Today's families seem to be the most splintered in the past several hundred years.

Parents and teens, something has to be done about this. It's amazing how much there is being written about this very topic. Do your own search on the Internet search engines. Look up - "fami-lies doing things together." I did. It's amazing how many responses I got. Why? Because it is a HUGE issue in people's lives, probably yours in fact.

Parents, the next time you have a choice to make - "Should I take an afternoon off work to springclean the garage and basement? Or should I spend time with my 15-year-old, deprived of your time?" - make the right choice.

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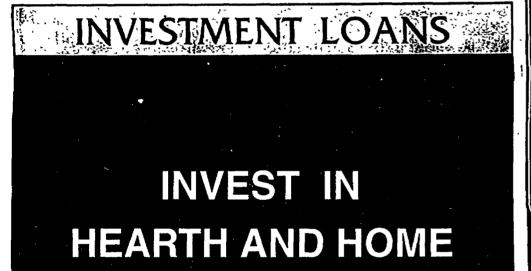
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## A dog-gone nice addition

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand Park up and running. Ashley, on display in stands next to "Ashley" a wooden dog Hillebrand's office, was carved out of one sculpture donated to the township in of the many ash trees that's recently appreciation of their efforts to get the Dog expired by a local artist.



# St. John Health launches new Six Sixma program

As the saying goes, nobody's perfect. St. John Health (SJH) is taking bold steps to come very close to near perfection with the launch of Six Sigma, a management philosophy and process that employs rapid, evidence-based decision-making that pursues 99.99966% effectiveness. The central idea behind Six Sigma is that if you can measure how many "defects" you have in a process, you can systematically figure out how to eliminate them and get as close to "rero defects" as possible. St. John Health is the first health

system in the state and one of only a few health systems in the country to embark on the revolutionary process. Coached by experts from General Electric (GE) whose CEO Jack Welch championed the philosophy during his tenure as head of the company, St. John Health leaders and staff are embracing the process and tools to achieve sustainable and measurable change in improving patient care and performance. Some of the key commitments

St. John Health has made in adopting Six Sigma include: • Pursuit of perfection in patient

care delivery · Measuring everything that is

done Tying together cost, quality these, every time • The customer (patient) dic-

tates quality · Senior management is intimately involved in the quality of

care and its improvement · Six Sigma permeates everything that is done, from one-onone discussions with employees to building new facilities

"Our vision is to be the preferred healthcare provider in southeast Michigan by consistently providing the highest quality patient care experience in all that we do," says Elliot Joseph, president and CEO of St. John Health. "We are investing significant financial and human resources in Six Sigma to achieve our vision," he says.

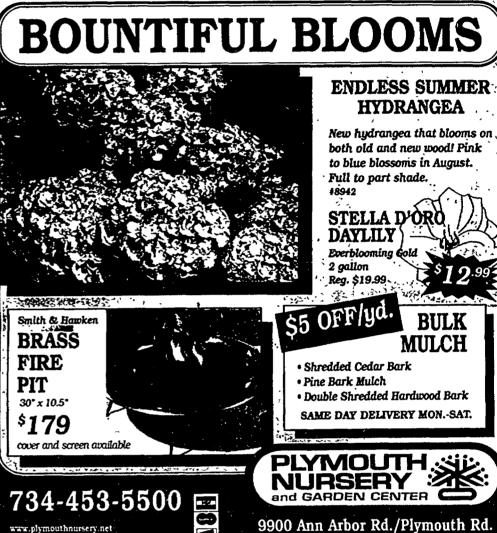
James Tucci, MD, chief medical officer for St. John Health and a key member of the Six Sigma project team says Six Sigma, which has been used with great success in other industries, is based on a scientific process of decision-making that is driven by data, not guesses or anecdotes.

"The Six Sigma process improvement relies on hearing the voice of the customer to first understand the customer's "critical to quality" (CTQ) expectations. This is being done through

and service - committing to all of customer telephone and written surveys, interviews, and observation," he said. " For example, we know that on average hospitals across the country take up to nine hours for a patient to be seen from the triage area where they are evaluated to admission to the hospital," says Dr. Tucci.

"A critical part of Six Sigma is to ask our customers their expectations for a particular process. If the customer says that the time should take no more than six hours, our goal and process for achieving success will be six hours," he adds.

Dr. Tucci says Six Sigma methodology teaches that the most effective way to improve complex processes is to accurately focus on one aspect of the problem where there is the greatest opportunity for improvement. To that end, St. John Health is launching four projects at Providence Hospital and Medical Center and St. John Hospital and Medical Center to reduce average wait times and to decrease variation in wait times for the emergency departments, operating room and patient discharge. During the next fiscal year the remaining St. John Health Hospitals will identify people trained as facilitators to lead process improvements.



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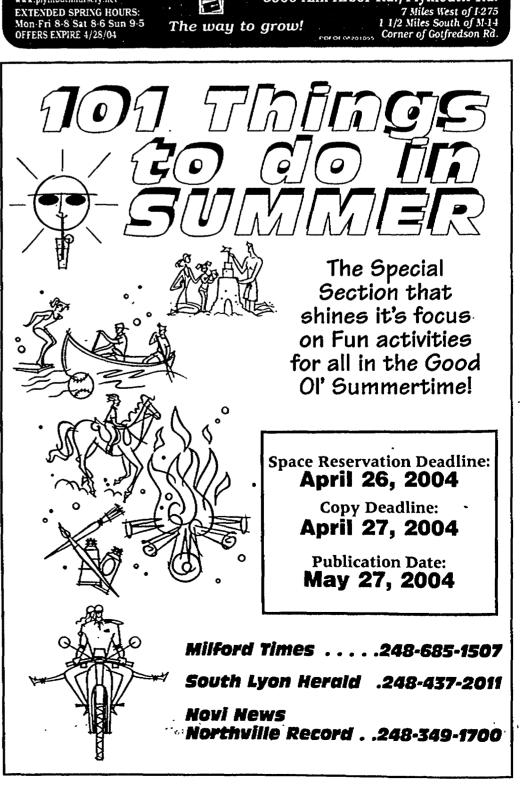




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# Area restaurants joining the low-carb trend

### **By Pam Fleming** STAFF WRITER

Dr. Robert Atkins, the late physician who virtually started a new industry with his low-carbohydrate diet, has had quite an effect on our society. It seems that everyone - even fast-food restaurants - have jumped on the lowcarb bandwagon.

In response to this phenomenon, local businesses have started promoting no-carb or low-carb dishes and items.

Cutting out carbohydrates can be hard when ordering lunch or dinner at your favorite restaurant.

But Chef. Mary Brady, who owns Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro at Novi Town Center and teaches cooking classes through the Novi Community Education, has responded to the Atkins/South Beach craze at her restaurant.

"What we've seen over the last nine months to a year is a tremendous number of orders coming into the kitchen with requests for no starch and extra vegetables," Brady said.

There has been a decrease in the amount of starches that we're serving," she said.

One change that may occur with

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many restaurants across the country is the appearance of bread baskets.

"We automatically provide them to each table. But, I might have to rethink this, because many times the basket isn't even touched. So then, I'm throwing out the bread and the butter, Brady said.

A few months ago, Brady started featuring an Atkins or South Beach diet dish every week.

"We start offering it on Friday and it's offered until Thursday. Then we offer a new entree on

Friday," she explained.

There are so many people looking at counting their carbs, and this gives them options when eating out," Brady said. The bistro's carbfriendly menu items include "South Beach Sea Bass Amandine" and "Arctic Char a la Dr. Atkins." Char is a fish similar to salmon, but more mild and tender.

"This gives people something special. Although our menu is very adaptable to the low-carb diets, it's nice to have entrees just for these people. We sell a lot of them. I could go through 100 from Friday through Saturday," Brady said.

Brady does not necessarily endorse the low-carbohydrate craze herself, however.

"People love it because the initial weight loss is fast. But I have honestly not spoken with anyone who has not gained weight back after they return to a more traditional diet," she said.

Brady thinks people also love the Atkins diet because they can eat "bad" foods.

" "There's no limit to the amount of fat you can eat on this diet. I'll have men order two filets with bacon on top and then they throw a pat of butter on top. The bottom line is most people get bored pretty fast with the diet. It's very limited," she said.

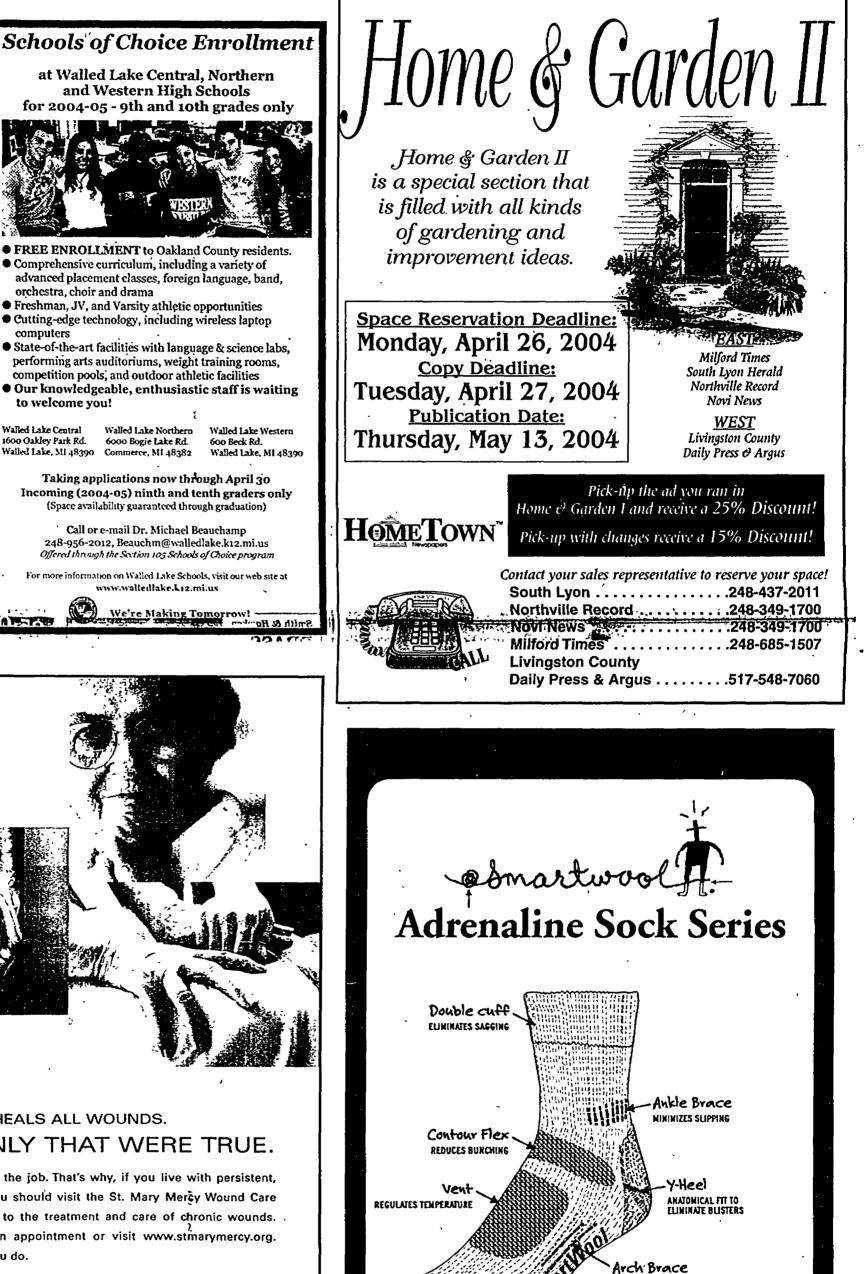
She doesn't see the popularity of the Atkins and South Beach diets ending, however, any time soon

"These diets are fads to an extent, but I think they'll be around because it's a fast fix ----

especially for people planning a vacation, a reunion or something where they want to look good," Brady said. As far as nutritional advice for

weight loss, Brady said: "My belief is to eat the least processed, freshest food in moderation. Organic and wild is better. And increase your exercise."

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

# Parents, don't let kids drink

isn't enough. And so rightminded people must do for others what they cannot seem to do for themselves.

Most, Don't Be a Party to Teenage Drinking" partnership recently forged by officials in

As a collective group, the Highland Township Coalition for need one fewer Youth and Families, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department,

Huron Valley Schools and local municipalities have banded together to thwart what should be a common sense decision: don't host alcohol parties for underage young adults.

The group is particularly concerned with the advent of prom and graduation season. They fear that parents inclined to do a memorable thing for their children will instead do something far more catastrophic. Some well-meaning parents will host alcohol parties for just might.

Sometimes common sense underage kids, believing that they are far safer at home than if left to hop one party to the next.

Such thinking is troubling Take, for example, the and misguided. Resourceful "Parents Who Host, Lose the teens - prom royalty or recent high school graduate - will always find a way to commandeer a vehicle once parents the Milford and Highland area. have gone to sleep. Providing

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them alcohol only such a trip Drunk teens don't more deadly. Drunk teens don't need one inhibition when fewer inhibifacing serious tion when facing adult choices. adult choices such as casual

> potential spread of sexuallytransmitted diseases. They need better options.

Parents who extol the brightness of their young adult children this time of year would be wise to practice what they preach. Parents, be smart this time of year. Don't host alcohol parties for underage young adults. It's just not worth it. Because if the fines and penalties awaiting you don't kill you, then someone driving drunk



Tony Spinelli, 9. shows off some of the "slime" that he and other participants made during last week's science camp at Hillside **Recreation Center.** The spring break camp, organized by Mad Scientist Inc., taught the kids how compounds worked together to form new creations. The slime was made, among other ingredients, with polyvinyl alcohol, sodium, and latex paints.

Thursday, April 22, 2004

# The legacy of Columbine High

Columbine High School was closed Tuesday, allowing students, educators and members



Victoria Sadlocha

Klebold and Eric Harris made the tragic decision to bring guns to the school and open fire.

Twelve of those killed were students and the 13th victim was a teacher.

Klebold was 17 at the time of the themselves after the massacre.

Ten of the victims were shot in the school's library that now stands as an open atrium as a new library takes the old memory-laden ones place.

It was reported in 1999 the two students shot more than 200 round of ammunition and four of the guns used at Columbine were bought from unlicensed sellers at a gun show.

Included in the Tuesday commemorative activities were speeches given by those who survived being hit by bullets, in some cases multiple times.

Parents of the victims also spoke, revealing pain and lobbying for tougher gun laws

Here at home. Northville High School Principal Dennis Colligan said the day ranks with other somber days such as when the Oklahoma City federal building blew up or 9/11 — the kind of days where you remember where you were when you heard the news.

"I think what the Columbine incident did do kind of nationwide and for peo-

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tion to detail and certainly a tragedy like that is something that doesn't go unnoticed," Colligan said.

The high school principal said in the past five years since the shootings he has seen more procedural changes than changes in students' behaviors.

"I think since then, every school has probably modified by some degree-its security measures and its safety measures and its whole outline on how things are approached," he said.

For Northville High School, meeting the needs of the students, educators and community while making sure safety is at the forefront of importance remains key.

"You can't help but be affected when you are in the school business," Colligan said. "And does it change you? Yeah, it probably makes you change a little bit.

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## Say no to Art House

The Northville Art Commission wants to use the building at 215 W. Main as an "Art House." Most of the usages they have in mind for the building are being provided for, often times, by taxpaying businesses. Let's look at the uses they have in mind, and who is already providing that service.

enjoy the Northville Record, I think its reporting on this issue could be much more probing and critical.

While I'm not closely involved with the issue, I have it on good authority that the board basically "rolled over" for the developer and doesn't have the stomach to stand up to them.

While it appears that there were conces-

was new and in need of so much, he rallied the community to donate their goods and talents to ensure that the building was the best it could be for its residents. An example of this is the Allen Terrace library, which was built by the Northville Kiwanis Club, with Butch at the lead.

In 2002, the Housing Commission honored Butch's 25 years of service by naming the

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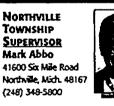
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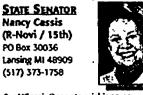
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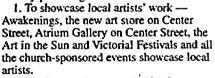


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2. To give art classes - Awakenings provides art classes.

3. To provide a coffee house setting for readings - Ever think of having these in a coffee house like Tuscan Cafe' or Starbucks? 4. To house a small retail location --- We

already have art retail locations. These people are asking local taxpaying art stores to pay taxes to support a non taxpaying competitor.

Before we get the government involved we should ask the question "are our community arts needs being met by the current configuration between the Arts Commission and the private sector?"

To this question I answer yes, so therefore I have to say no to the art house.

Mike Ladwig The UPS Store

### Missing Butch

We were so saddened by the passing of Ray "Butch" Casterline.

In 1996, unexpectedly, we were sitting in his office at the funeral home. He offered us council, comfort, concern and hope. He listened to us with open ears and shared stories of his family.

Our interaction with him was a couple of hours, out of many, in our lifetimes but we have never met such an "angel" here on Earth. We will never forget him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his fam-

ily and friends.

Doug and Shannon Moore Northville

### DeHoCo mistakes

I'm disappointed with the Northville Township Board of Trustee's decision re: the DeHoCo site. Also, as much as I generally

sions made to the Township, on closer examination (not mentioned in the Record article), the losses with this plan are considerable. Gone forever will be portions of a large, dramatic ridge and many large, irreplaceable, landmark trees.

When developers "replace" trees, such as at several existing Northville developments, it is usually with just a few common, inexpensive species (promoting pest and disease susceptibility). These trees are then usually neglected after planting (just look at the dead and dying trees along Sheldon Road and between Five and Seven Mile Roads.) Large old trees simply cannot be replaced, especially with the apparent lax standards and enforcement that the Township seems to be applying.

Fast buck artist developers always have a song and dance about environmental concerns. It is the responsibility of the Township and the Record to not take them at their word.

Once these resources are gone, they are gone forever. Does Northville really benefit from more characterless mass housing tracts? At this stage in the Township's development, one would think that the Board would be in a strong negotiating position. Apparently, this is not the case.

No more caving in to developers. No more softball reporting on these issues. Protect our irreplaceable local natural treasures.

They paved paradise and put up..."-condos. For shame.

James Porterfield Northville

### Butch was the best

By now, most people in the Northville community are aware of the loss of Ray "Butch" Casterline. Articles and farewells share what a friend he was to everyone he met and what an asset he was to this community. For Allen Terrace and the Northville Housing Commission, over the past 26 years, Butch gave much of his time, intelligence, and compassion.

Butch served as President of the Housing Commission for 20 years. When the building

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library for him. Butch fought to establish the Allen Terrace Trust Fund, to ensure that all Northville residents could move to Allen Terrace, regardless of their income, and to provide a souce of revenue to finance unforeseen needs.

He animated Housing Commission meetings, brought levity into difficult discussions, and led with professionalism. He insisted that Allen Terrace be "home" for its residents, with a sense of respect and caring.

Residents ask, "what will happen now?" now that Butch is gone. The Northville Housing Commission is committed to honoring Butch's memory and legacy by ensuring that all we do for Allen Terrace and its residents is to the best of our abilities, the way that Butch would want.

City of Northville Housing Commission Bill Robertson, Sue Ellen Hooper, Charles Jerzycke, Bob Buckhave and Joanne Inglis

### Family says thank you

On behalf of the entire Casterline family. we are taking this opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude to the communities of Northville and South Lyon. The messages of sympathy and condolence were simply overwhelming.

To those of you who personally helped us get through this period of grief, we say thanks. To mention every one by name would be an impossible task. Simply stated, we couldn't have made it without you.

We're sure that Butch would have been proud of the outpouring of affection that was expressed by so many people in both communities. To many, it was a way to say thank you for the service that he had rendered over the last 35 years. To others, it was an opportunity to say goodbye to an old friend. For some of us it was an opportunity to realize that there was a sense of loss far beyond that of a husband, father or grandfather.

With the most sincere and heartfelt thanks,

Roxanne, Courtney, Kelly, Lindsey and Whitney



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# Partisan politics and elections

Many years ago, when President Lyndon Johnson was attempting (unsuccessfully) to recruit me for his staff, I spent the best part of a day with him in the White House. Naturally, we



talked about politics from time to time. "I don't care who votes, just so long as I get to count em," the President said at one point. He then launched

expert discussion of how best to spoil paper ballot votes made with a balipoint pen. Turns out you can smear them with a swipe of your thumbnail so as to extend the mark outside the little box, thus disqualifying the offending vote.

Fast forward to the 2000 election in Florida, where Katherine Harris served as both the state's top election official (she was elected Secretary of State as a Republican) and also as the co-chairwoman of the state Bush-Cheney campaign. Mrs. Harris had a lot to do with the way the Florida election turned out and, hence, with who is President today.

By now, the evidence is pretty clear. Mrs. Harris aggressively purged some voting rolls of voters who were likely to be Democratic, she allowed confusing "butterfly ballots" to be used in some counties, and she allowed (and disallowed) some polls to stay open past closing time to accommodate lines of voters. And she was the state official who made the original rulings about the celebrated "hanging chad" on the punch card ballots. No wonder she went on to receive her reward: A safe seat in the U.S. House of Representatives from a nice Republican district.

Florida is not alone in selecting the top election official on a partisan ballot and in seeing secretaries of state involved in highly partisan roles during election season. In Michigan, Candice Miller, having been twice elected secretary of state as a Republican, also served as the co-chair of the Dole for President campaign in Michigan in 1996. While Dole went down to disaster, she went on to win her customdesigned seat in the U.S. House in 2002. Former Secretary of State Richard Austin, a Democrat, was involved in various partisan activities

during his long tenure. So it comes as no particular surprise that the current Michigan Secretary of State, Terri Lynn Land, also elected as a Republican, signed on this year as co-chairwoman of the Bush-Cheney campaign in Michigan. What is surprising is that the obvious conflicts between service as the chief election official of a state and active political partisanship have been largely overlooked. They shouldn't be. Where voting and vote counting give even the appearance of having been finagled by a partisan pol, ordinary citizens are going to wonder audibly about the integrity of the ballot box.

Secretaries of state can, for example, decide which newfangled electronic voting machines to use. Some of the com-panies that make those machines are partisan themselves; according to the New York Times, the chief executive of Diebold, one of the leading manufacturers of electronic voting machines, wrote a fund-raising letter saying he was committed to President Bush's reelection. I wouldn't be all that surprised if Mrs. Land (Republican) and Governor Jennifer Granholm (Democrat) wound up with differing views about the relative merits of installing Diebold equipment in Michigan.

Part of the reason there has been no particular uproar about Mrs. Land's ... potential conflict is that Michigan has a very different (and much better) election law than Florida, one that restricts

the influence of any secretary of state in counting and recounting ballots. Going way back to the flerce fights over vote counting that regularly took place when G. Mennen Williams was being re-elected governor of Michigan by cliffhanger margins, our law is very detailed and specific about vote counting. Wherever there is a conflict, the issue goes to the Board of Canvassers; if the four-member (2 R's, 2 D's) board is deadlocked, the matter goes to the courts.

office, the Bureau of Elections is responsible for conducting elections in Michigan. That Board is run by Chris Thomas, a long-time (24'years, through three secretaries of state) and able career civil servant, who holds the statutory authority to supervise and manage elections. Thomas told me that through his entire career, "Every secretary of state has respected the firewall between their partisan affiliations and what I do to manage elections." So, thankfully, we've been spared the nasty mess Florida went through four years ago

All the same, the fact that a sitting secretary of state can engage in overthy partisan activity, raise money and help manage political campaigns in Michigan represents an unseemly conflict of appearance that neither secretaries of state nor Michigan voters should want. Asked about this, Secretary Land responded that the overall integrity of the Michigan election system immunized her -- and her predecessors — against such a conflict. Maybe so. But at the very least, it

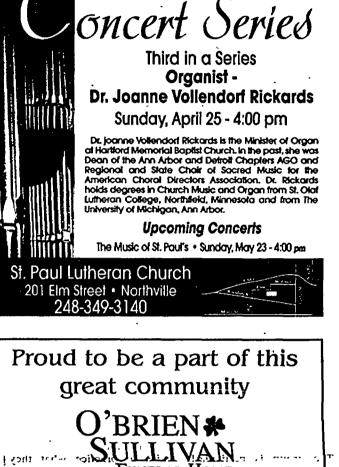
still looks bad. The commonsense solution: No state official who has anything to do with elections should be allowed to lead political campaigns or indulge in any other overthy partisan activities.

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

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# Michigan's maverick attorney general

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox's relationship with the Governor, Jennifer Granholm, was wary at best during their first year in office. He is the first



ambitious. Jack Lessenberry She was also his immedite predecessor as a

general in half a century. She's the first Democratic governor in more than a decade. Both are young, hungry and

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goal of recovering \$10 million in delinquent child support payments by the end of 2004. His office is running behind that pace, he admitted over

"My thought was that if we can get it <sup>ju</sup>ing. up to \$10 million, it will act as a (deterrent) because they'll see that we are serious about coming after them," the attorney general said. The issue is one in which he has a personal stake; as a young man in the Marines, he ended up as the sole support of a daughter, Lindsay, something that wasn't easy, financially or otherwise.

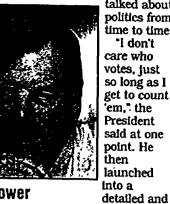
Not all his actions have been as popular. The morning I met him for breakfast, the Detroit Free Press had a front page story saying that the state police claimed that the attorney general's office had hampered their nvestigat last year of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. All Detroit was abuzz for months with lurid claims that the mayor threw a wild party in late 2002 that ended with an exotic dancer beaten up (in the most popular version by the mayor's wife.) Cox launched an investigation, which speedily concluded that there was nothing to it, though he chided the mayor for running a sloppy and disorganized administration. The state police did their own considerably longer probe — and concluded the same thing. They wanted a sixmonth investigation," said Cox, who indicated that he thought his office had better things to do than wallow in the mayor's sex life. Politically, beating up on the mayor of thoroughly Democratic Detroit might have been tempting for a Republican, who depends for most of his votes on places where Detroit is seen as Gomorrah.

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Likeable, with piercing eyes and spiky hair. Cox is a sometimes halting breakfast, with barely \$1 million col- ... speaker who has been known to man-lected through March 2 leut bus second swgle a hame of two, but who is improvision

He was born the day after Frank Kelley became attorney general, and never met a Republican who served in the office before him, mostly because they were long dead by the time he was grown. But he says Kelley, who still practices law in Lansing, has been helpful.

These days, he has personal concerns of an international nature. His daughter, who followed in her fathers footsteps, is now Marine Lance Cpl. Lindsay Cox — and is serving in Fallujah, doing logistics for a communihe can e



and spent much of her single four-year term as the state's top lawyer getting ready to run for governor. There was lots of speculation Cox would follow her lead and take her on in 2006.

But early this year, he quietly called and told her not to worry, he wasn't running. Instead, he'll run for re-election as attorney general two years from now.

His election two years ago was a cliffhanger and an upset. Cox, a prosecutor in charge of Wayne County's tough homicide division, won the statewide race by a mere 5,200 votes. Since then, however, he has shown considerable political skill, and is likely to be a heavy re-election favorite.

Cox, who is just 42, has somewhat reoriented the office since taking over in January 2003. Democrat Frank Kelley, who was attorney general for 37 years, emphasized consumer protection, a tradition Granholm continued.

But while maintaining that consumer protection is still important, the current AG has made parents who don't pay child support his signature issue. At the start of this year, he set a

But he resisted. Cox doesn't always take the predictable path. Though a conservative, and a firm supporter of President Bush, he is from workingclass Irish immigrant parents who still once a week," her dad says.

He doesn't think she is in a lot of danger. At least he hopes not. "I really hope she is back by the end of August, so that I can take her to the Republican convention in New York." her proud father says.

Not only is he no longer not the only Marine in his family, he is no longer the only politician. His wife Laura, a former undercover customs agent, is running for a open seat on the Wayne County commission - the only seat Republicans expect to win in this overwhelmingly Democratic county.

Of course I support her, but I am staying out of it," he grins.

Don't expect him to stay out of races forever. His not running against Granholm "doesn't mean I don't find the governor's office intriguing," said Cox mischievously. He has, he believes, plenty of time.

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# The way you walk says a lot about you

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something about a person. I think that as you get older and you don't want to appear old, one of the

most important things is to police the way you walk. If you have a spring in your step, you give people the idea that you're optimistic and that you're having a good time. You don't want to slouch and shuffle around. (I've found that even when Im a little down, walking with a little more energy actually makes me feel better.)

There's even talk that people in the workplace draw conclusions about their coworkers based on how they walk. A brisk walker is viewed more positively than a leisurely one. The idea is that a brisk walker is on his way to accomplish something, to meet a deadline.

I always encourage people to walk whenever possible because it's great exercise.

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While you're at it, think about whether the way you walk says what you want it to.

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

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 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, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

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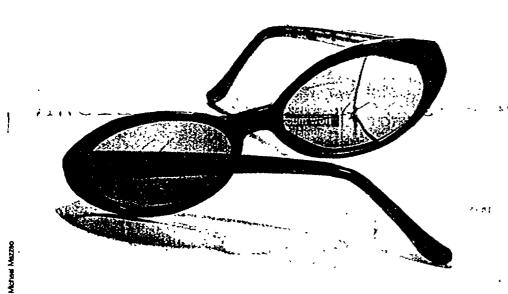


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# At age 96, area woman graduates from college

### By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

If you really believe in the saying, ' "You can't teach an old dog new tricks," don't tell Merle Lambertson.

Because at 96 years young, this Novi resident recently received an upgraded diploma from Cleary University.

Thomas Sullivan, president of the university, and Janet Filip, director of alumni relations, drove all the way from the Ann Arbor campus to Novi to present the framed new diploma to Lambertson in person April 7.

The university, which was Cleary College when Lambertson graduated in 1924, also has a campus in Howell. The college became a university in 2002.

The new diploma states that Merle Flick-Lambertson received a Graduate Course I in Business Services from Cleary University instead of Cleary College.

This would be the equivalent

of a general business major today," Sullivan said.

Lambertson's late husband, Franklin, also graduated from Cleary.

Sullivan said, if he's not mistaken, that Lambertson is currently the university's oldest alum.

"I think our second oldest is Jack McGuinn, one of our alums who lives in Florida and is in his early 90s," Sullivan said.

Lambertson even knew Patrick Cleary, the school's founder, grandson, Patrick, is whose involved in the university today. Lambertson, who has a daugh-

ter, Lynne Partington, of Beverly Hills, worked for an attorney right out of college, and then worked doing payroll for Drake Print in Detroit.

"I was never out of a job," she said. She also worked as a secretary for a county judge in Boone County, Ky., for seven years after the company her husband worked for, Square Deal Electric, transferred him to Kentucky. She took

a break from the workforce for a while, however, after Lynne was born.

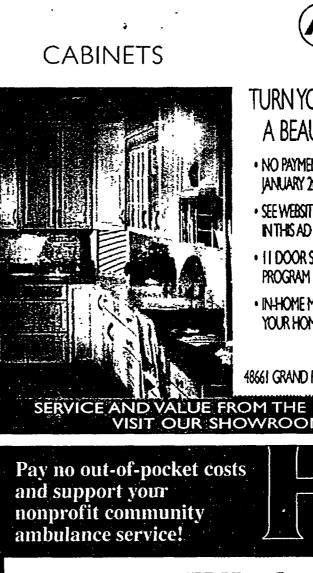
Lambertson still drives and brags that her license doesn't expire until 2007. She enjoys going to Twelve Oaks Mall and attends services at the United Methodist Church in West Bloomfield.

She said the new updated diploma will hang next to her other prized possession --- a framed poster of the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor presented to Lambertson last year on the theater's 75 anniversary.

Sullivan said that university staff members enjoy presenting the updated diplomas to their long-time alumni.

We love our alumni and enjoy listening to stories about their lives," Sullivan said.

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# Heart 'n' Sole race raises money for charity

### By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

It's time again to hit the track running and raise money for a good cause.

The Northville High School Rotary Interact Club is sponsoring the fifth annual Heart 'n' Sole charity race Saturday, May 8, at the Hillside Middle School track.

"It is a charity race to raise money for the Good News Gang of Detroit," said Ali Hedke, Northville High School Rotary Interact Club member.

The Good News Gang of Detroit is a children's outreach organization dedicated to serving disadvantaged children ages 6-12

What: The Fifth Annual Heart 'n' Sole Charity Race When: Saturday, May 8

Where: Hillside Middle School track, corner of Eight Mile and enter .

Time: 8 a.m.

Courses: 5K, 1 mile and sprints

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in greater Detroit based on Christian programming.

The organization provides children the opportunity to link up

with mentoring, religious, educational and civic organizations. Hedke said the group was cho-

sen because it helped children in the area. "Last year, money went toward

Children International and we just decided to help out more local than international kids," she said. Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and three courses will be offered.

Entrants may choose between a 5k run, 1 mile or sprints. All area residents are encouraged to enter and the fee is a donation of the runner's choice.

Entrants are encouraged to raise pledges, but any donation will be accepted.

Runners will receive awards at the charity race and everyone is entered into a raffle upon registration.

Local businesses have donated prizes for the raffle. Some of the prizes include a \$25 gift certificate to Sparr's of Northville, \$40 gift basket from Pamplemousse, \$20 gift certificate to The Bamboo Club and one free hair cut from the Cutting Edge of Northville.

T-shirts will also be available the day of the event for \$10 and food and drinks will be provided for the runners.

Hedke said last year's race brought about 60 people, with a lot of entrants from Northville

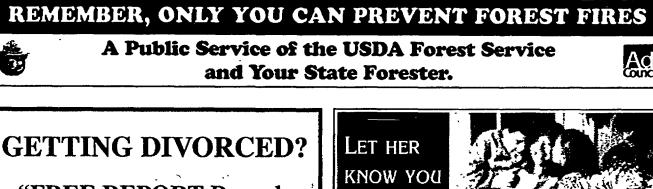
High School. The high school junior said she won't be actually running, but will be helping out the day of the event.

"It is fun to volunteer and do community service," she said. "It is just fun to help out."

Rotary Interact is a high-school club, striving at improving the community by completing various service projects.

Anyone with questions can call Ali Hedke at (248) 344-7450.

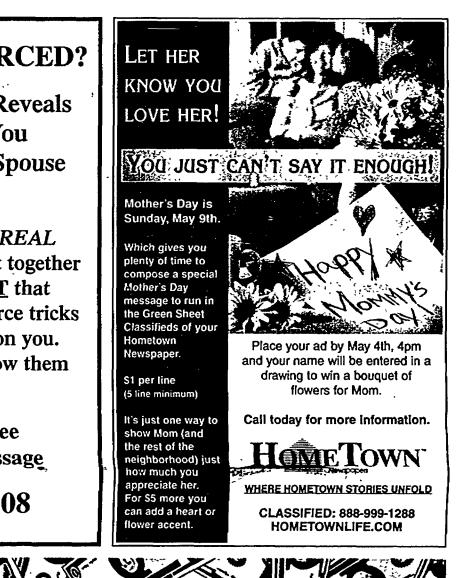
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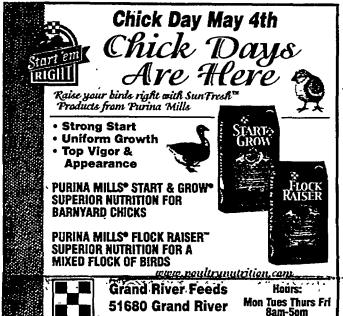
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# **Tips for** saving money on insurance

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The onus is on the homeowners to shop around for the rates and coverage that are best for them. Companies offer several types of discounts, but they don't offer the same discount or the same amount of discount in all states. That's why you should ask your agent or company representative about any discounts available to you.

From the I.I.I. (www.iii.org) here are some tips that may help you save money.

### Raise your deductible

The deductible is the amount of money you are responsible for paying toward a loss before the insurance company starts to pay a claim. Deductibles on homeowners policies typically start at \$250. If you double that deductible you could save up to 12 percent on your annual premium. Raise your deductible to \$1,000 and you could save as much as 24 percent.

#### Buy home and auto policies together

Some companies that sell homeowners, auto and liability coverage will give you a 5 to 10 percent discount on your premium if you buy two or more policies from them.

### **Consider insurance when buying**

. The price you pay for homeowners insurance depends on how much it will cost to replace your home and the likelihood it will burn down or be damaged by a natural disaster. The chances of your getting a break on your insurance are better if you buy a home with electrical, heating and plumbing systems that are less than 10 years old. Your insurance may also be cheaper if your home is close to a fire hydrant and is located in a community that has a professional rather than a volunteer fire department.

#### Improve home security and safety Ask your agent how m



Erin Snook and her father, Ken Snook, are now delivering the fresh meats customers have come to enjoy from Snook's Butcher Shoppe. The shop is located inside Colasanti's at 468 South Milford Road in Highland. Call (248) 887-3205 or visit www.snooksbutcher.com.

# Snook's delivers to your door

Family butcher shop offers, the finest in meats, seafood, convenience foods

### By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

When you walk into Snook's Butcher Shoppe, you can feel there is something different in the air - this is not a typical meat department that you would find at the grocery store. The counters are neatly stocked with a wide array of the finest fresh meat, poultry and seafood. Snook's employees are talking and swapping recipes with their customers as they w each item according to their customer's specifications. Butchers in crisp white coats are visible in the back room as they grind fresh hamburger and cut steaks to order. Indeed, this is no ordinary shopping experience - it seems that old-fashioned values like service, quality and attention to detail are alive and well at Snook's Butcher Shoppe. Ken Snook of Snook's Butcher Shoppe began working in the meat industry when he was 13 years old. In 1979, he and his wife, Barb, opened Snook's Butcher Shoppe and began working to make their meat market a household name in the Highland and Milford area. Over the years, Snook's has relocated from its original location at M-59 and Duck Lake Road to where it now resides - inside Colasanti's Plants and Produce.

beef, honeybaked hams, prepared dishes, and fresh seafood are just some of the items that cater to the discriminating customer's needs.

"We don't carry run-of-the-mill products in our store" explains Ken. "We' know our customers have high expectations for the food they serve to their families and guests."

Aside from a great selection of steaks, chicken and pork, Snook's offers many items that you simply can't find at other stores. Items like Tomato-Basil Marinated Chicken, Lemon-Orange Herb Crusted Pork Roast, Apple Almond Pork Chops and Homemade barbecued beef and pork are just some of the items that make Snook's Butcher Shoppe unique. One great feature that was just added at look's is a recipe on every label. You don't have to know how to cook anything they sell - you just have to want to cat it. Each package comes with a label explaining how to cook the item you purchased. Ken hopes "this encourages people to try new things when creating meals for family or guests and makes preparing dinner even easier!" Convenience has undoubtedly been a top priority at Snook's Butcher Shoppe, and their most recent addition --- online ordering and home delivery - is no exception. Ken's oldest daughter, Erin, has decided to follow in her father's footsteps and carry on the family business ---with a bit of a twist. "A few years ago, we began to realize many of our customers were making a weekly drive from cities such as Waterford, Clarkston and Lake Orion. Driving for over a half hour to buy meat was not only time-consuming, but sometimes impossible for so many of our customers. After some thought, the idea to do the driving for our customers and bring our store directly into their homes through the internet came about," says Erin. After months of website design and brainstorming, Snook's Home Delivery Service began offering online ordering and home delivery through their website,

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snooksbutcher.com. Erin explains, "Using the online store is no different than if you were to come in to our physical location. Every single product you would find in our store is listed online with a photo and proper portion and ordering guidelines."

One great aspect of shopping online with Snook's is that they use "Estimate Ordering" for all orders. While other companies offering similar services charge a set price for each item (example: \$10 per 8-ounce steak), Snook's simply gives you an estimate of your order total when you check out. Your actual total is not computed until each item you order has been individually weighed and packaged fresh.

"What estimate ordering does," plains Erin,"is it only charges ur customers for what they receive. We cut everything by hand at our store, so of course each steak is going to vary slightly in weight. We don't believe our customers should pay for anything more than they receive.

butcher.com. Click on the "Let's Shop" icon and browse through the categories of items in the online store, adding items to your "cart" at your leisure. Once you have added all of your desired items to your cart, and reached the \$75 minimum order requirement, simply "check out." During the check out process, there is a space where you can indicate any special cutting or wrapping instructions as well as your desired delivery time.

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you'll save if you install simple safety devices like smoke detectors and dead-bolt locks. By installing a sophisticated sprinkler system and a fire and burglar alarm that rings at the police station or other monitoring facility, you save as much as 15 to 20 percent on your annual premium.

A system like this can come with a hefty price tag. Before you make such a purchase, find out what kind your insurer recommends. Then determine how much the device would cost and how much you'd save on premiums.

### See if you can get group coverage

Alumni and business associations often work out an insurance package with an insurance company, which includes a discount for association members. Ask your association's director if an insurer is offering a discount on homeowners insurance to you and your fellow graduates or colleagues.

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You may be able to save on your premiums if you make your home more resistant to disasters. Ask your agent what kind of discount you can get if you install storm shutters and shatterproof glass, and reinforce your roof, or replace it with stronger materials.

#### Look for private insurers first

If you live in an area that's vulnerable to coastal storms, fires, or crime, and you've been buying your homeowners insurance through a government plan, consider looking into private insur-ance. You could find that there are steps you can take that would allow you to buy insurance at a lower price in the private market. Log onto OFIS' Web site at http://www.michigan.gov/cis/0% 2C1607%2C7-154-10555---

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"We decided to move into Colasanti's approximately 12 years ago in an effort to create a 'one stop' shopping experience for our customers. We wanted to offer services that were both high end and convenient," notes Ken.

Snook's is known for offering only the best of the best when it comes to their products. Items such as Bell and Evans Natural Chicken, Piedmontese Natural Beef, Grade "A" pork, U.S.D.A Choice

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### They've seen better days

There have definitely been better ways to start the season out than the way the Novi-Northville Knights Rugby Club did. They went out WASHTENAW 41 and took a beating, 41- KNIGHTS 0, against division foe Washtenaw. Sure, Washtenaw returned 12 of their 15 starters from last year, but there are definitely things that need to be fixed if the Knights hope to get their season back on track.

- See Page B3 for story

# Boys have two solid track meets

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

For the Northville boys track and field team, heading into Spring Break on a positive note was a nice experience -- but getting a positive note when they got back was nice too.

On April 8, the squad earned an 83-58 victory over conference rival Stevenson before having an impressive showing in the Eastern Michigan Invitational April 16.

Stevenson, 'Against the Mustangs benefited from some big victories --- including all four relays. In the 4-by-800, the team of Brandon Barkoski, Rob Steiner, Colin Keiffer and Tim Dalton put up a time of 8:39 for the win. In the 4-by-200, Tim Downing, Justin Lockwood, Mike Cornelius and Ryan Lionas recorded a 1:33.8 for the win.

That wasn't all for the Mustangs. Downing, Momchil Filev, Cornelius and Bill Brown combined their talents for a win in the 4-by-100 with a time of 45.1 seconds. Steiner, Keiffer, Alan Shanoski and Filev all ran well for a time of 3:35 in the 4-by-400 for the win.

In individual events, the Mustangs showed some impressive talents as well. Filey won the 110 high hurdles in a time of 16 seconds, while Brown notched a 10.94 in the 100 meter dash for the victory in that event. In the 300 hurdles, it was all about Filev again as he won in a time of 41.5 seconds and Brown added another victory of his own in the 200 with a 23 second showing as well as the long jump with a leap of 19-feet-11-inches.

In the 1600, Barkoski showed that he has what it takes in the mile run, winning it in 4:55.4 in his first-ever running of the event. Steiner earned a win in the 400, recording a time of 52.57 seconds in the event, while Dalton won the 800 in 2:07. Jasen Turnbull, a freshman, had one of the most impressive performances of the day, winning the two-mile run in 10:24.9 to dominate the event.

# Hill inks with University of Maine soccer

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

For Northville senior Lindsay Hill, the chance to play soccer at the next level was definitely something she couldn't pass up.

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The invitation was one that no doubt had her arching her eyebrow in thought -- the University of Maine wanted her to come on a visit to their campus and think about playing soccer for them.

"T know it seems random," Hill saide "I didn't know what to think about going to Maine at first either, but after I visited it I really, really liked it. The team is so close they're like sisters and the entire campus in compact and you can walk across it in 10 minutes."

Maine --- a Division I university boasts approximately 10,000 people with both graduate and undergraduate programs and was a school that seemed like a perfect fit to Hill

"I wouldn't feel like just another number there," she said.

Hill said the decision wasn't really an easy one. She had three colleges that she seriously considered out of state as well as numerous in-state ones. Vermont, Colorado College and the University of Maine were what she narrowed it down to and then quickly narrowed Vermont out of the picture as well after she visited the campus.

And then there were two.

"I always wanted to go out of state and see the sights," Hill noted. "I went but to Maine on a visit a couple of months ago and I loved

The university if in Orono ---

"I didn't know what to think about going to Maine at first either, but after I visited it I really, really liked it."

> Lindsay Hill Northville soccer player

which sounds like it is in the middle of the weeds compared the Hill's home in Northville.

"It does sound like that, but it's right outside of Bangor, Maine," she said. "It's definitely right in the heart of nature though. A river runs right by it and the school is about 40 minutes from water and there are some mountains nearby.'

A true nature lover's dream which explains perfectly why the school's mascot is the Black Bear.

Even before she had considered Maine a possible location for her collegiate career, Hill was being considered by them. The Director of Coaching for the Michigan Hawks, Brian Doyle, had coached with Scott Atherley of Maine and Hill's name was one that was passed along. Her prowess on the defensive side of the ball as well as at midfield make her a good fit with

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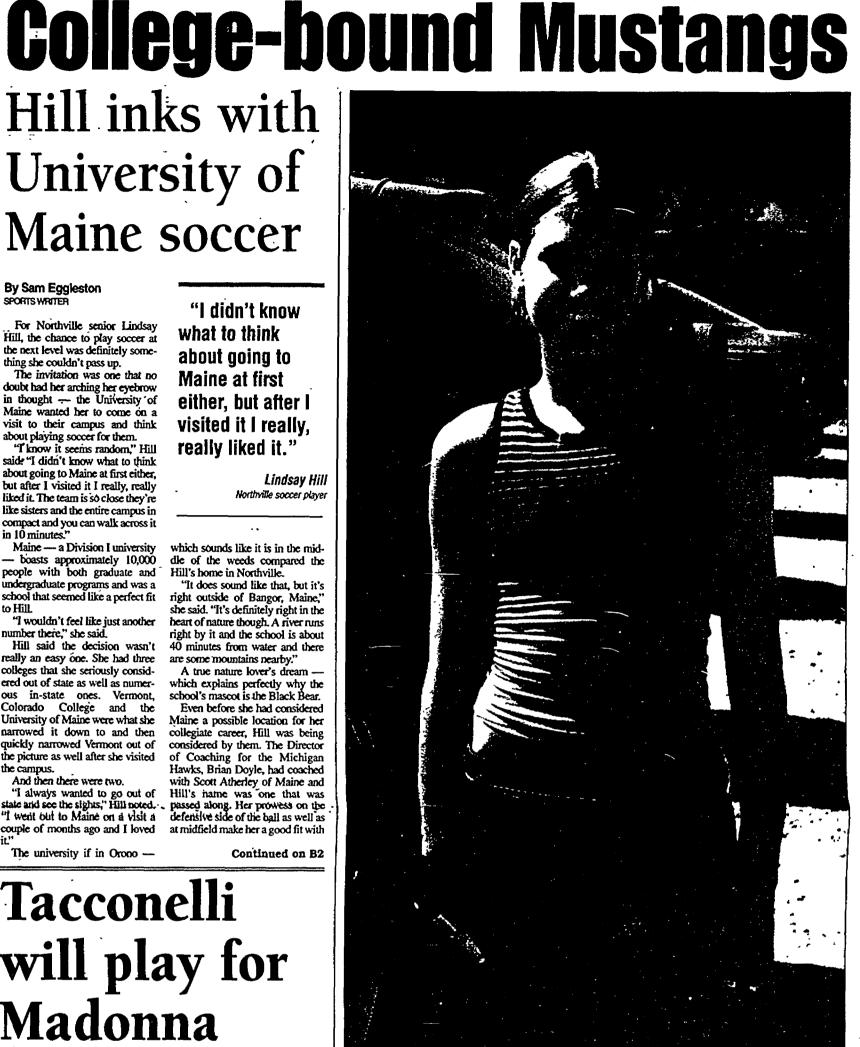
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The ever consistent Shanoski was once again aiming high as he cleared the high jump bar with a winning leap of 6-5

At the Eastern Michigan Invite, Shanoski was golden once again, clearing the same height for the same victory. Filev was also impressive in his showing, running a 40.7 second time for a fourth-place finish in the 300 hurdles.

Turnbull showed that he's here to stay, running a 10:19.5 for seventh place in the two-mile event.

In the 4-by-400, Shanoski, Steiner, Keiffer and Filev placed fourth with a time of 3:28.1.

Not a bad showing, considering there were approximately 60 competitors per event.

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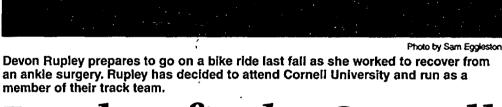
Beyond playing for the Nonhville Mustangs varsi-

squad, Loren Tacconelli tv Tacconelli is Northville soccer player also a member of the Michigan Hawks soccer

squad that won the state championship team. Tacconelli noted that she has

always planned to play in college

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# **Rupley finds Cornell** to be a very good fit

### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

There's no doubt about it ----Devon Rupley is one heck of a catch and it was Cornell University that reeled her in.

Rupley, a senior at Northville High School and one of the top 800-meter runners in the state, has decided to take her athletic and academic abilities to Cornell University in the fall.

"I'll be running next year, but I'm not going on a scholar-ship," Rupley said, noting Ivy League schools do not offer athletic scholarships.

In her first year, Rupley will ive it a go in the 800 as well as the mile and some relays. Though she is easily one of the best 800 runners in Michigan, Rupley finds herself an incoming freshman among some of the top 800 runners in the

nation.

"I think my coach said that I would run the relays right away," Rupley said. "There are some really good 800 girls coming in with me. I love running the 800 though and I just plan to work hard and see where I fit in."

Cornell women's track and field coach Lou Duesing said

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### Jackson Knoll

### Senior

### Tennis

Knoll is the kind of athlete that doesn't care what venue he's playing, he's always going to give it his best. That was the case when he and his partner, Matt

Lewicki, took on and beat the first doubles squad from Novi recently. This duo is no

doubt going to accomplish some big things this year.



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### **Matt Lewicki**

Senior Tennis

Lewicki and his partner, Jackson Knoll, made sure that no one doubts where they'll be in the conference and region this year - ranked very, very high. The duo took on and



defeated Novi's very tough first flight doubles squad recently and will be looking to do the same against pretty much any squad they go against this year.

# Knights get beat up by Washtenaw

■ There is need for improvement if Knights hope to live up to potential before season is through

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

There's a good way to start a season off and a very, very bad way — unfortunately, the Northville-Novi Knights Rugby Football Club went the latter route in their season opener.

The Knights, who are coached Ron Cornell, took on Washtenaw and ended up on the wrong end of a beating, 41-0.

"The score was not indicative to how hard we played in the Cornell game," said. "Unfortunately, things weren't as well as I thought they were."

The Knights just couldn't get anything going against a strong Washtenaw squad that returned 12 of its 15 starting players from last season. Northville-Novi returned just four.

Washtenaw also brings to the table a rather unique style of play for rugby here in the United States. They run a kicking game similar to that found in Europe, Africa and New Zealand. To break it down --- it's rather hard to defend even for an experience squad.

"Our inexperience and our lack of conditioning showed more than anything else," Cornell noted. "We just didn't come out ready to play."

According to Ben Mason, a starting senior from Northville,

there is a simple solution to all of it.

"We definitely need to get everybody out to practice every single time," he said. "Basically, that's what needs to happen so we can start to work more on our drills and on our plays."

Mason and Cornell both noted that the truly dedicated athletes have been making regular appearances to the practices but without all of the players coming they end up with just a handful of reserves. In fact, one spectator noted that the Knights had just five players standing on the sideline - not near enough to compliment a competitive rugby team.

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> Ron Cornell Northville-Novi Rugby Coach

Though the Knights' roster is "No matter how good you are packed full of names that have individually, you need to know proven to be talented athletes, it the team game when it comes to takes more than the ability to rucks, mauls, scrum downs, run or kick the ball in rugby if a line-outs and stuff like that."

Cornell isn't ready to give up

on his squad as of yet. He still believes the talent base and the drive in the athletes who have been making the practices is enough to build a successful team on.

"I'm still optimistic on the season and think these boys have a real good chance at having a very successful season," he said. "We took it on the chin and I hope the guys respond to that."

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# **Rupley finds Cornell University a good fit**

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Cornell wasn't the only uni-

versity that Rupley had consid-

ered for her post-high school

career. Instead, she focused on

it along with Duke, William and

"I cut Duke out early," she

The other three schools led up

to a very tough decision — and Cornell was lucky enough to

win out. The Big Red has the

competitive edge Rupley was

looking for as well as the factor

she based her decision on first

program, which is what I plan on doing," she said. "The size is great too, with 13,000 students.

That is big enough that I will

meet a ton of new people and

"They have a great pre-law

and foremost --- academics.

said. "I don't know what it was,

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there are indeed some impressive runners coming in for that event.

"Even with her 2:13, she's not the fastest incoming freshman," Duesing said. "There's a girl with a 2:12 at an indoor meet and I expect she will only get faster. There are also a couple who have 2:15s right now."

But that doesn't mean the Big Red aren't looking forward to having Rupley in their midst.

"We're very excited to have her," Duesing said. "It's been a great experience getting to know her and her family. She came here on a visit and got along great with the other girls on the team. There's no doubt that she'll be a good fit here at Cornell."

Though Rupley had the option of running with the cross country program in her fall session, she chose not to.

"I'd like to adjust during my first semester," she said. "I'll be doing a training program for those who aren't in cross country and that should get me ready for track."

Rupley's times her senior year=have been a little higher than what she hoped they would be. After having surgery on her ankle last summer, she sat dut



She's a runner and everyone who has bothered to read the Northville Record sports section is very well aware of that. But, it came as a surprise when Devon Rupley announced she wouldn't be pursuing athletic endeavors this summer.

"I'm going to be working as a camp counselor this summer," Rupley said.

At a track camp? A cross country camp? An 800-meter camp?

"At a horse camp," she said. "It's up in Port Huron. I've been going there the past nine years but my first year working there was last year.

Horses? Yeah, they run hard and have great endurance, so it's easy to see where Rupley feels a connection with the animals.

"I love horses," she said. "I had a horse all the way until my sophomore year and then I had to focus on my studies and my running."

Rupley will no doubt make the best of her time at the camp, where she will be working with kids and the animals she has been a fan of her whole life.

"Horses are definitely a passion of mine," she said. "I love to ride them and just be around them. I just love them."

No wonder Rupley has made such a career as a Mustang --- it's just a natural fit for her.

- By Sam Eggleston

### Reality:

and is currently working at getting her time down in her favorite event.

"I'm trying to work my way down with my times," she said. It would be great to get 2:10 and I'm working towards that as my goal. 1 just have to try hard and continue on with the season and run my best."

The ankle surgery hasn't

during the cross country season made an impact on Rupley as far as problems. In fact, she said the only noticeable difference at this point is the fact that she has to tape her ankle now and probably for the rest of her running career.

"Taping is a bit of an annoyance," she said. "I don't know how to do it myself, so I have to go in there (to the trainer) and get it taped every time I want to

#### small enough that I won't feel like just a number." Rupley's focus isn't going to be so much the athletic endeavors - though she'll still give her best each and every time she competes.

"I want to be a student first and then an athlete," she said. "I definitely chose Cornell not just based on track. They are the bet in the lyy Leaguer which gives me the computition I was hoping for as well as time to still focus on my studies."

Duesing agreed with Rupley's

approach to the situation. 'If an athlete arrives on campus with a career-ending injury, is Cornell a good place to be?" he asked. "If the answer is no, then that athlete shouldn't be here. Our first and foremost goal here is to offer a great education. The coaches and the team place a strong emphasis on being a successful student as well as an athlete. We expect the girls to do both at a very high level.'

From Cornell, Rupley said she wasn't sure where she would attend college for law --if she even kept that as her intended major. She does have some influence from a parental source on the subject of law schools though.

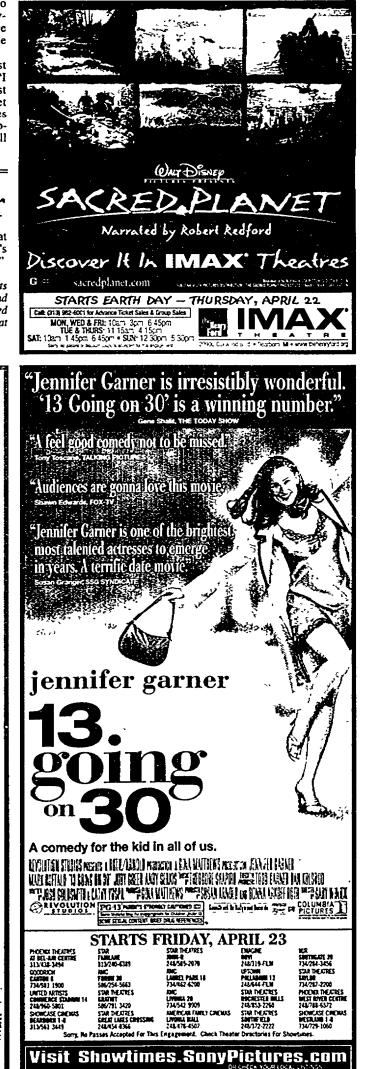
"My dad (Jerry) is a Harvard alum, so he'd probably want me to go there," Rupley said of her father, who is a lawyer. Her mother, Mary, is a veterinarian who graduated from Michigan State University.

Hopefully her time at Cornell and beyond will lead up to what Rupley wants to do the most work with the government.

"I've wanted to do that for the past few years," she said. "More specifically in the court system."

No matter what Rupley ends up doing, her time in Northville has been well spent - and that will no doubt carry over to her time with the Big Red as well.

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Hill excited about being a Maine Black Bear plays her position with the perfect

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the Black Bears, who will be graduating nine this year. Two of them are defense and three are midfielders in that class.

"I'm hoping," Hill said when asked if she would be able to slide

blend of patience and aggressiveness. Lindsay also possesses phenomenal speed, making it difficult for attackers to get behind her."

Hill is one of five incoming signees to the University of Maine and the only one from the United States. The other four hail from Canada.

Hill has been accepted into the honors college at Maine thanks to her impressive 3.8 grade point average as well as serving as a member of the National Honor Society. She plans on majoring in social work with a minor in psychology.

I am and a long process. Now that I've finally made my decision, it's a huge weight off my shoulders."

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in and make a name for herself right away. "The coach gives all the new recruits the same chance. We all have to go in and work ard when we get there and anyone who wants to start will have to really perform."

Last year, the University of Maine went 13-3-3 on the year.

Hill is expected to arrive on campus for an August 17th preseason event, but she and her family will hit the road a week prior to that.

"We're going to drive out together and see the sights," she said. "Hopefully I'm all ready by then."

The trip will include her father and mother - Brian and Karen - as well as little sister, Lauren, who is also on the Northville Mustangs' varsity team.

"She's a really good player," Hill noted. "I don't know if she really needs me around. I'll miss her a lot, but I think she'll do real well while I'm gone."

And Lindsay should do well herself. The University of Maine's head coach was quick to point out her strengths.



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"I'm really excited," Hill said. seggleston@ht.homecomm.net. "It's been a long road to get where

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# Softball ready to win

The Northville Mustangs softball team isn't kidding around this year - they want to win and they're going to pound out more than a few victories over their opponents this year.

One game coming up that I think the Mustangs will chalk up as a victory will be that against the Walled Lake Northern Knights April 28 with a 4 p.m. start time.

The girls will play host to the Knights squad and will no doubt be kind hosts - of course, how kind can you be when you send a team home with a loss? That shouldn't deter the Mustangs though as kindness only goes so far any way. Might as well earn that win instead.

Northville comes to the game showcasing some impressive play already this year and will bring plenty of talent to the field against the conference foes. The 'Stangs have depth on the mound this year which is very nice — and bats that are eagerly awaiting, some pitches to crank. This squad has an impressive supply of dedication. heart and determination as well and with coach Jean Calabrese at the helm, I have no doubt they will make this game one to remember for Mustang fans.



### Sam Eggleston's GAME

Northville has had a couple of rough seasons and there are plenty of girls on this squad that remember all too well what that is like. I really can't see them wanting to experience that again and from what I hear they have taken steps to avoid it. Off-season training and plenty of time in the batting cages is going to give this squad the edge of plenty of teams this year. Expect : to see these Mustangs breaking : loose as they jump into action and look to surprise more than one team this year with some hard-

nosed play. I'm calling Northville the winners in this contest and I don't expect that they are going to let me down. The Mustangs are a whole new breed this year and have the winning attitudes that could take them quite a way into a winning record.

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# **Tacconelli signs with Madonna**

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since she started playing in the higher levels of soccer.

I've put my whole life and time into this sport," she said. "I've just go to keep continuing with it and see where it goes."

Tacconelli noted that she was more than happy to have soccer help her pay for college. "Soccer is definitely a great

way to help me get into college and to help me financially," she said. "It has really helped me a lot."

Besides Madonna University, Tacconelli was eying the University of Toledo as a possi-

ble place to call home for her soccer career. Something about Madonna and the team there just drew her in though.

"I was looking for more of a laid-back atmosphere," she said. "I've been playing such competitive soccer my whole life and I just wanted a change of pace. The team atmosphere was exactly what I was looking for and I really liked the coaches too."

Once Tacconelli finishes her college career and moves into the next part of her life she hopes to eventually become a coach.

"I've always wanted to give back to the sport," Tacconelli

said. "That's something that I would really like to do. Though Tacconelli hasn't

had the opportunity to play with any of the Madonna players as of yet, she did say that she has seen them play and believes they will bring the same style of play that she is used to.

Even if they don't, Tacconelli is used to making adjustments to her play.

"Mr. Meteyer changes our style of play depending on who we are playing each week," Tacconelli said. "I'm used to pretty much any formation by now.

With the majority of her senior season still sitting in front of her with the Mustangs, Tacconelli said that she thinks this could prove to be a good year for the Northville soccer team.

"I'm really excited about this season," she said. "We have a lot of strengths and I think if we work hard every game we should play well. We just can't let what the other schools are saying about us get us down."

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# Coach returns to Novi lacrosse team

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

For Novi assistant lacrosse coach Kelly Kroll, coming back to help bring the Wildcats up to the level they competed at in the past wasn't so much of a difficult decision.

Instead, it was a decision that was made much easier by the man who would be taking the head coaching position and the helm of the program.

Quite honestly, there are few folks that I would help and support and Brad Muston is one of them." Kroll said of the current Wildcat head coach. "He was a -

fabulous player, a nice kid and he turned into a great young man."

The result? Novi has started the

season at 2-1, even defeating

Catholic Central -- which just

happens to be the high school

from which Kroll graduated from.

Kroll said of beating his old high

school, "That was a feat we

couldn't muster while I was

coaching 10 years ago, but the

Catholic Central program was

considerably stronger. On the

"That's a double-edged sword,"

When Muston asked Kroll to come back to Novi and help restore the faith in the program, order." the retired coach thought it over and then accepted.

other side, it's hard to see the program is still struggling to keep itself up. We wish them the best of luck, considering they are going to be our neighbors in short

Kroll did more than just graduate from Catholic Central. The veteran coach played defense for the school and was named to the All-State team three times. After graduating in 1985, Kroll went on to play lacrosse and football for Yale University before graduating from the Ivy League school in 1989.

As the lacrosse program in Novi grew to the point that it would become a varsity-status

The camp, which costs \$121

per player, focuses primarily on

the fundamentals, but advances

further for the older players to

the point that the incoming

freshman will be taught the

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and will be taught by varsity

coach Bill Kelp as well as the

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sport, Kroll took the reigns and held on tight for the next three years as he coached them in 1993, 1994 and 1995. In hi final season, he helped lead his squad to a state championship and was named Coach of the Year.

"10 years ago is a long time," Kroll said. "The entire program changed and things are complete-ly different. Now I'm coaching with one of my former players, and that makes me feel old."

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## **SPORTS SHORTS**

### **Coaching positions** available

The Northville Mustangs football program is looking for interested candidates to fill two positions on their staff. The freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams have openings for interested candidates.

For more information, please call Clint Alexander at (248) 344-8420.

### **Northville Mustangs** ifootball meeting

The Northville Mustangs football team will hold a meeting for players and parents April 27 at 7 p.m. in the forum at Northville High School. The meeting is open to all interested players, as well as interested eighth grade students. It is a chance to meet the coaches and to learn about the Northville football program.

For more information, call Bill or Judy Prain at (248) 348-2073.

is starting this session on Thursday from 6-7. All classes are eight weeks ending June 5th, 2004.

Call (734) 487-7777 for more information.

### Ice Skating Workshops

The Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club is presenting a series of seven ice skating workshops for adult ice skaters interested in synchronized skating. Sessions are held at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Drive in Ann Arbor on Sundays through May 16th. Skating times vary from week to week.

Additional information is available from AAFSC Synchro Director, Erin Donovan at erin@hockettes.com or Debonaires team member Donnie Durant at (734) 434-7076.

### **Kickball League**

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 Parks Northville and Recreation, you can relive those days on the new adult coed kickball league. The league starts May 14 with an entry fee just south of Taft and at the

and Saturday. A new Adult class 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 action.

For more information, call Northville Parks and Recreation at 248-449-9947.

### **Baseball Tryouts**

The NOYS Basketball Club will; hold-itsmannual-itryouts April 271 and April 28 at Northville High School. Players currently in grades 5-7 tryout from 6 -7:30 p.m. each night while current 8-11 graders from 7:30-9 p.m. Questions? Call (248) 348-6677.

### **Colts expanding**

The Northville Novi Colts Youth Football and Cheerleading programs are expanding for the 2004 season to allow for more participants! This educational and fun program is available to boys and girls from ages 8 through 14, with certain weight and residency restrictions. New registration forms will be accepted to fill available spots effective through May 1 at 11 a.m. Registration forms are available at both the Novi Civic Center located on 10 Mile Road Northville Parks & Recreation Department located at Hillside Middle School at 8 Mile and Center You can also download registration forms from our Web Site at www.northvillenovicolts.com and mail them to the designated registration individuals.

A lottery drawing will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center. All new registrations will be drawn randomly. If a team becomes full, the remainder of registrations will be placed 'on' a' Waiting 'list. "All individuals will be notified of the results of the lottery drawing. You need not be present to participate in the lottery process.

Members of the Colt's organization will be present at the Novi Civic Center May 1 from 9 a.m. until noon to answer questions. You may also contact the following individuals with questions about the program and registration process:

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through fifth grades — will run from 8:30 a.m. until noon while the second — for sixth through ninth — will run from 1-4:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the high school field house each day.

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# Review insurance for peace of mind

If you haven't reviewed your homeowners insurance policy in a while, you might consider taking a few moments to reacquaint yourself with the specifics of your coverage. Changes can be accomplished by a review of your policy and a phone call to your agent.

### Changes in your insurance needs

Certain events should precipitate a call to your insurance agent. If, for instance, you've recently married or divorced, made your home safer by adding an alarm system, or upgraded your home's heating, plumbing or electrical system, you'll want to notify your insurance company to find out how your homeowners insurance will be affected. You'll also want to notify your insurer if you've put an addition on your home. You don't want to be underinsured.

### What are you covered for?

A standard homeowners insurance policy, typically provides coverage for the structure, personal belongings, liability for causing bodily injury or property damage to other people, and the living expenses — hotel charges, and meals - you incur while waiting for your home to be rebuilt.

A standard policy covers the structure of your home in the event your home is damaged or destroyed by fire, hurricane, hail, lightening or other disasters listed in your policy. It won't pay for damage caused by a flood or earthquake; you'll have to buy separate policies to cover these disasters. The policy won't cover routine wear and tear either. Most standard policies also cover structures that are detached from your home such as a garage or tool shed. These items are covered for about 10 percent of the amount of insurance you have on your house.

### Your personal belongings

With a standard policy, your clothes, furniture, appliances, sports equipment and other items are also covered if they are stolen or destroyed by fire or other insured disasters. Generally companies will provide a significant percentage of the amount of your dwelling coverage limit, sometimes as much as 70 percent, depending on the insurer. And unless you've opted against offpremises coverage, your belongings are covered anywhere, though they may not have the same level of coverage. Coverage on big-ticket items like jewelry is limited. To insure these items for their full value, you can purchase a "floater" or "property endorsement" policy for each item, which will reimburse you for its appraised value even if you lose it. If the item is new, hold on to the bill of sale to provide to the insurance company. Older items will need to be appraised.

# Jim Seghi takes the headaches out of home remodeling By Annette Jaworski

SPECIAL WRITER When it comes to the makeover mania, an obvious place to start would be your home. If you live in a great neighborhood, have a nice lot and enjoy the community, why move? Jim Seghi of Jim Seghi

Renovations in New Hudson says you can love your home, too! Instead of moving, you can update your existing home and avoid the headache of selling, financing and building.

There are so many homes out there in great communities that are 15 to 25 years old, that need a little facelift," said Seghi, who's ready to turn your dreams into reality.

This year is a landmark celebration of their success, when Jim Seghi Renovations will recognize their 15th year in business.

In an industry where competitors can come and go, he is proud of the reputation and longevity of his business. He's happy to use his experience to achieve the customer's goal. Not only is the business well established, he's been a member of the local community for 18 years.

Using a reputable contractor assures the client of a successful project. Seghi's expertise benefits the customer in many areas, such as creativity, down to basics like safety.

With spring on the way maybe it's time to update your home with a new kitchen or add a bath to the master suite, he suggests. It'll not only improve livability, it will increase the value and beauty of your home.

Don't underestimate the impact of even small improvements, he adds. Even small improvements can impact the livability of your home and it will increase the market value. Jim Seghi Renovations is able to handle any size job from major renovations of 2,700 square feet to a kitchen backsplash. He tries to think in terms of what's best for his customers.

# **Renovations add value to your home**

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Jim Seghi of Jim Seghi Renovations in New Hudson offers design and remodeling services to help people improve the value of their homes and make living in their homes more enjoyable.

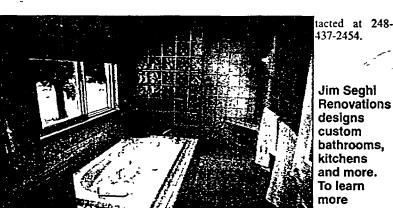
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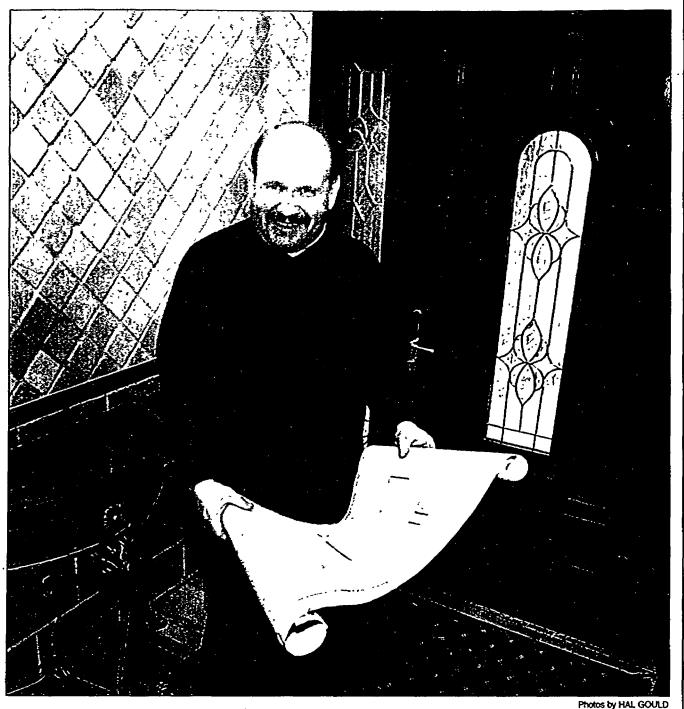
ect to the homeowner. Is it money well spent? I like to get them the best bang for their buck," said Seghi.

He also understands that each person's ideas, concerns and needs are unique and is happy to guide those who are uncertain with his knowledge. He takes his time to carefully go through each project with his client so there are no surprises. He believes his

customer deserves his undivided attention. "Some people come in and have no clue where they want to go with a project.

And some people have the entire project laid out down to the faucets and the color of tile."





#### **Liability protection**

Standard liability protection covers you against lawsuits for bodily injury or property damage you or your family members cause to other people. You're also covered if, for example, your dog chews your neighbor's Persian rug. If you're sued, the liability portion also pays for the cost of your defense as well as a court award. Ask your agent how much your liability limit is. If it's \$100,000 you might consider buying more coverage. Should you ever find yourself in a drawn out legal battle, your legal fees alone could add up very quickly.

Standard policies provide limited medical coverage for a person or persons who are accidentally injured in your home. Coverage may also apply if the injuries happen off your property, except in the case of an automobile accident where liability may be covered by your automobile insurance.

### Living expenses

The living expenses you incur while your home is being rebuilt are covered under a standard policy. These include hotel and meal charges and additional living expenses for which many companies will provide about 20 percent coverage of your dwelling cover-age limit. You can ask your agent to increase your coverage, with the understanding, of course, that your premium will increase.

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League. Send questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 8054, Plymouth, MI 48170-8054, or mcd@mcul.org.

### Jim kept our renovation in budget and on time

### He even brought homemade lasagna

### Testimonial by Julia Cerra A SATISFIED CUSTOMER OF JUN SEGHI RENOVATIONS

Many happy customers throughout Seghi's 15 years have helped build his business through referrals. That includes Juliana Cerra, who hired Seghi in 2002 for a spacious new kitchen upgrade and addition. They selected Seghi on the basis of his straightforward assessment of the project and down-toearth attitude. He listened to their ideas and made useful suggestions that showed he understood their goals.

We wanted to stay in budget and have a seamless addition. Jim planned each step of the process and work progressed on the site every day ...

Exterior construction began in May and the renovation was complete in September. He even brought us homemade lasagna to ease the strain of being without a kitchen for 12 weeks.

Now Rob and I have the gourmet kitchen of our dreams, complete with "Thor" a 48" Viking range, two double sinks and a custom solid cherry bar built by my husband to match the new cabinetry. We are planning another phase of construction in the future to include a woodworking shop and textile art studio. No worries, we'll just call Jim Seghi.

said Seghi. He's also an

important liaison between an architect and a homeowner when it comes to major projects. Many don't work directly with the consumer.

"I spell it out code- and structure-wise as a builder and bring the two parties together," he explained.

The company also offers design services that focus on unique and creative use of space and exciting finishes with attention to detail.

### Details

Want some ideas or inspiration? Why not visit their helpful website at www.jimseghirenovations.com for more information on their business and coupons for other local merchants.

Jim Seghi Renovations is located in New Hudson and covers the greater Metro Detroit Area. The company can be con-

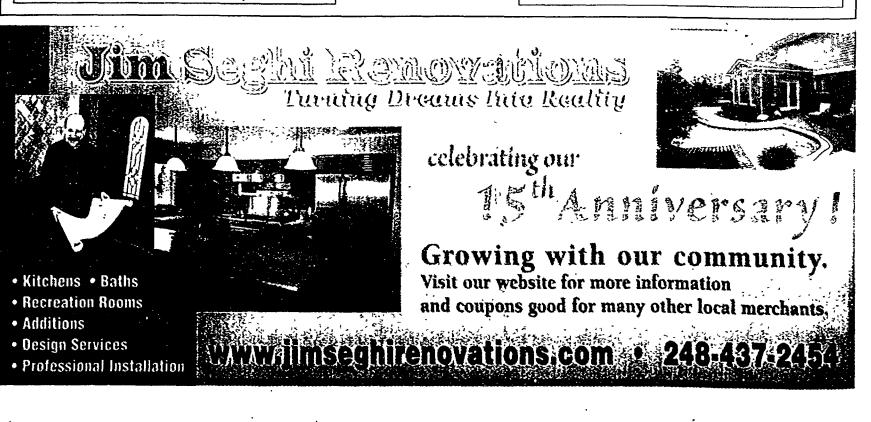
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### RENOVATIONS MAKE DOLLARS AND SENSE

Even if you're not in the market to sell, it's nice to know that a renovation adds value to your home. Below is a list of basic renovation projects and the percentage (compared to cost) that they commonly return to the homeowner upon sale.\*

Kitchen Remodel (200 sq. ft.)		87 percent
Bathroom Remodel (5X9 ft.)		80 percent
Attic Bedroom (15X15 ft.)		73 percent
Home office		54 percent
Two story addition (24X16 ft.)		83 percent
Bathroom addition (6X8 ft.)	,	81 percent
Family room addition (16X25 ft.)		78 percent
Sunroom (200 sq. ft.)		60 percent
Deck (16x20 ft.)		75 percent
Exterior paint 2 story		74 percent
Siding replacement (1,250 sg. ft.)		73 percent
Window replacement 10		68 percent
Re-roofing (3,000 sq. ft.)		60 percent

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# If you want flowers, wait to prune forsythia bush NO SMOKE, all mirrors

, Q: I have a really over-grown forsythia bush. I need to get this to look a lot neater. I was told that I could just cut it to the ground. Can I do this now or there other less drastic options?

> A: To flower or not to flower, that is the question. That's a direct quote from the Shakespeare School of Pruning. If you want to see flowers this year, wait a bit before performing surgery on your forsythia. It's a pretty unimpressive shrub for the rest of the growing season, and all those yellow flowers can be cheery. Once the forsythia has presented its flowery gift for the season, decide on the pruning job. You can cut the plant down to a few inches of the ground. This is called renewal pruning. There won't be anything to look at for awhile. If the shock of the missing bush isn't going to create a disturbing landscape view, then off with their heads. As shoots begin to grow, you might need to thin the shoots to a reasonable number. If this is way too drastic for what you had in mind, then go with your other hot choice: rejuvenation pruning. Use your lopping shears and remove a third or so of the oldest canes or stems. Those are the biggest, fattest, coarsest canes in the shrub. Cut them out to ground level. Some of the longer canes can be shortened up if the plant is still too ungainly. Next year, chop out another third of the big boys. Year three, get the rest of them. Your shrub reduces each year but not radically at one time. Forsythias are beginning to bloom all over the county, so pick your favorite and prepare for action.

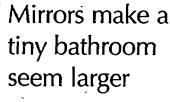
Q: I have ladybugs and boxelder bugs all over the side of my house. How do I stop them from getting in?

A: What you're seeing is not a Going In Party; it's a



Coming Out Party. All these insects were enjoying the bottom side of your house siding or wall void over the winter. They have now all determined that spring has come and they are going on to bigger and better things outside. You still have a bunch in the wall void that are confused as to the location of the great outdoors. They continue to pop up inside around windows. They want to go outside, but they're dumb. You can ignore the ones outside. They have found the light. Two words for the ones indoors: shop vac. This amazing tool can suck the offenders off the walls at about 60 miles per hour. Empty the canister into a bucket of soapy water and let insects marinate there for a day. They will sink to the bottom of the bucket, never to invade another home again.

Q: I want to put in a lowmaintenance lawn with a native grass called buffalo grass. How will this do as a lawn in Michigan? A: This depends on you definition of the word "lawn." If you are dreaming of an emerald, velvety carpet, you are going to be incredibly disappointed. If your dream includes small tufts of slowgrowing, skimpy grass that never quite fills in, your dreams have come true. The words of lush, green and no maintenance can't exist in the same lawn area. Define what you want and buy seed to fit our new lawn. Greichen Voyle, MSU Extension-Livingston County horticulture agent, can be reached at (517) 546-3950.



### By Rose Bennett Gilbert COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: What can I do with a really tiny guest bath? It's tucked under the stairs and about the only thing it has going for it is a small window. Please, any ideas that will stop me from being embarrassed every time someone goes in there.

A: First, think big about your small bath. Just because your space is limited, there's no need to hold back on grand gestures. Case in point: Here's an entire little room that overflows with inspiration. No smoke; it's all done with mirrors on the walks and ceiling, too -plus a smart choice of wallpaper. The overall blue-and-white floral pattern flattens architectural problems, fooling the eye into seeing more space that actually exists.

The designers (from Greenbaum Interiors, www.greenbauminteriors.com) made their grandest gesture with that elegant boutique sink. It has a tiny footprint, but makes a great statement about luxury and stylish living.

Everything else in the room is understated, from the plain white toilet to the window simply covered with a stretch of sheer fabric. Uncluttering is always a great visual space-stretcher. So are light colors, such as white and pastels.

On the other hand, you can also enhance the illusion of space by going in the opposite direction dark and warm. Envelope your small bath in deep colors and rich patterns, and watch boundaries flex and blur and walls fade away. The room begins to feel large on luxury. If you are actually remodeling

your bath, you have still more\_ options. One space-maker to look for: scaled-down fixtures that are more in proportion to the limited size of your room.

Q: I resent comments made in your column recently about fake' ivy. I have severe allergy problems that rule out most "live" plants.

In my home, I have a hanging basket of fake ivy and long-stem "fake" roses in a vase in my bedroom. Both have been watered by friends and my maid because they look so real.

Anyone will tell you I have a beautiful, tastefully decorated home. No one has ever criticized my silk plants! Perhaps they don't realize they are silk.

A: Mea culpa. Right you are. The time has come to accept better living through technology.

Your point about allergies is certainly nothing to sneeze at. Besides, today's home has already been invaded by legions of lookalike products, from pretend-marble countertops to "leather" chairs that never wrapped a cow. I suppose that if I can accept "hardwood" floors that are really made of ceramic tile or vinyl resilients, I can deal with bouquets of wellcultivated silk flowers. Today's look-alikes have come a long way. indeed, from the florid plastic pretenders of yesteryear.

Still, there's something special and magical about real, living plants Blue and white small bath has

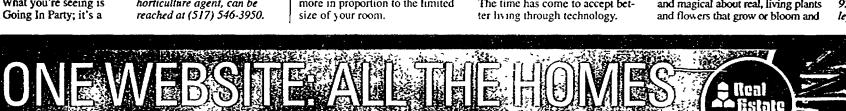
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fade as nature has always intended. Is our pleasure heightened because they are so fragile and short-lived? Do we lose interest because the faux can sit around gathering dust for

Well, I'll leave the existentialism to others and the silk flowers, however lifelike, to you. Give me the garden variety, or give me a dearth of posies

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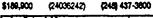


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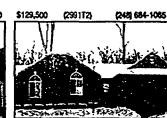


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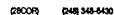
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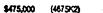


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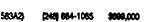
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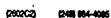
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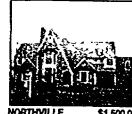
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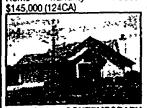
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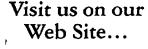
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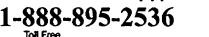
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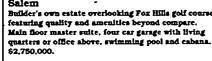
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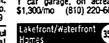
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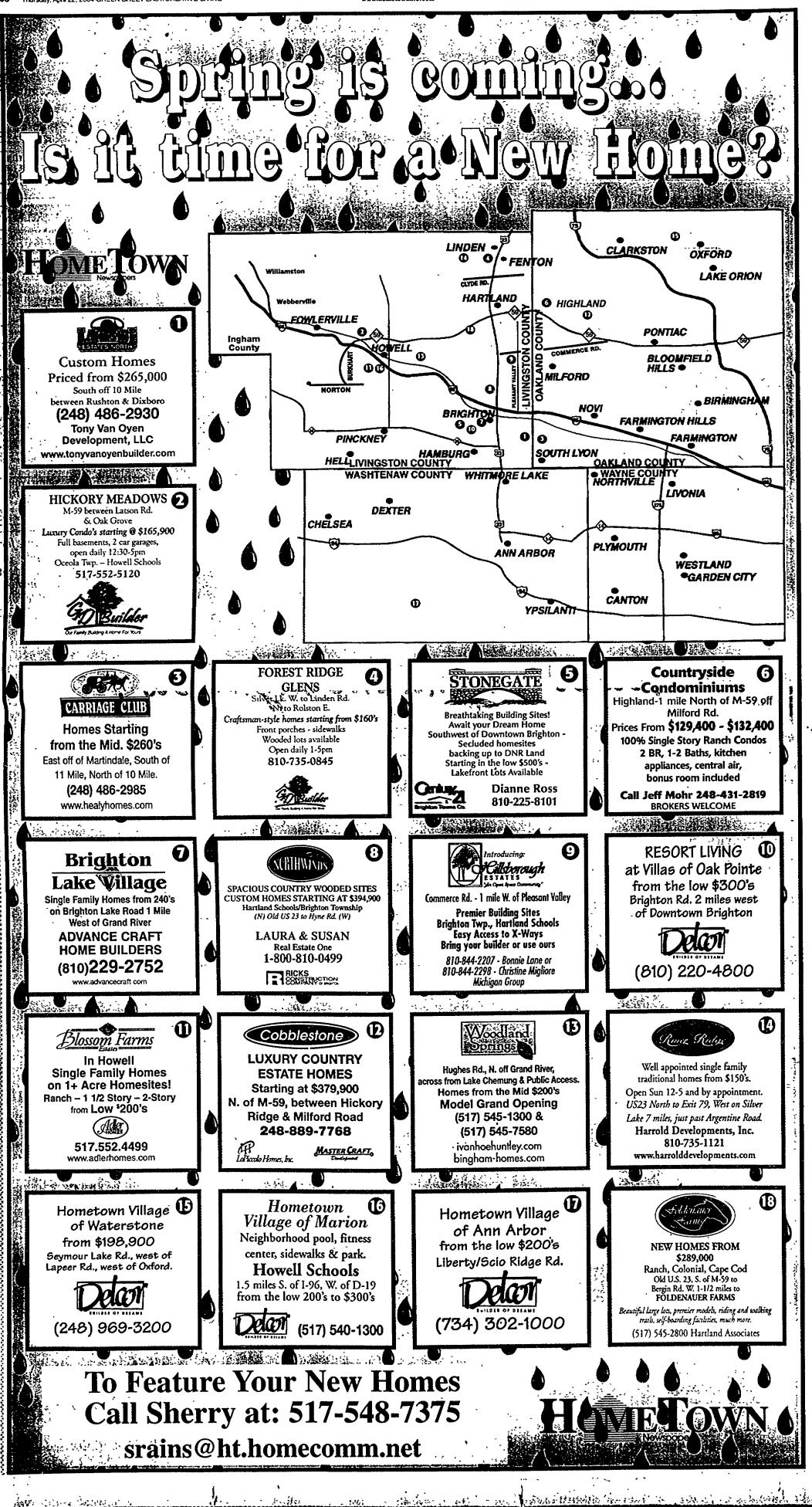


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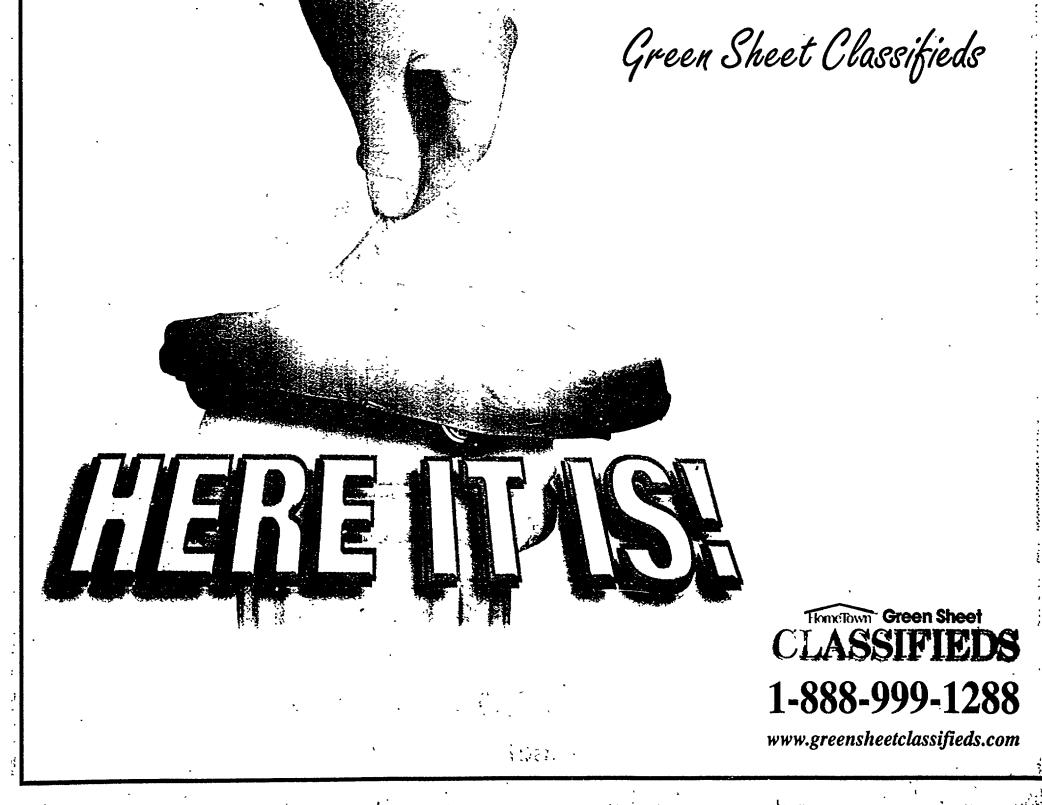
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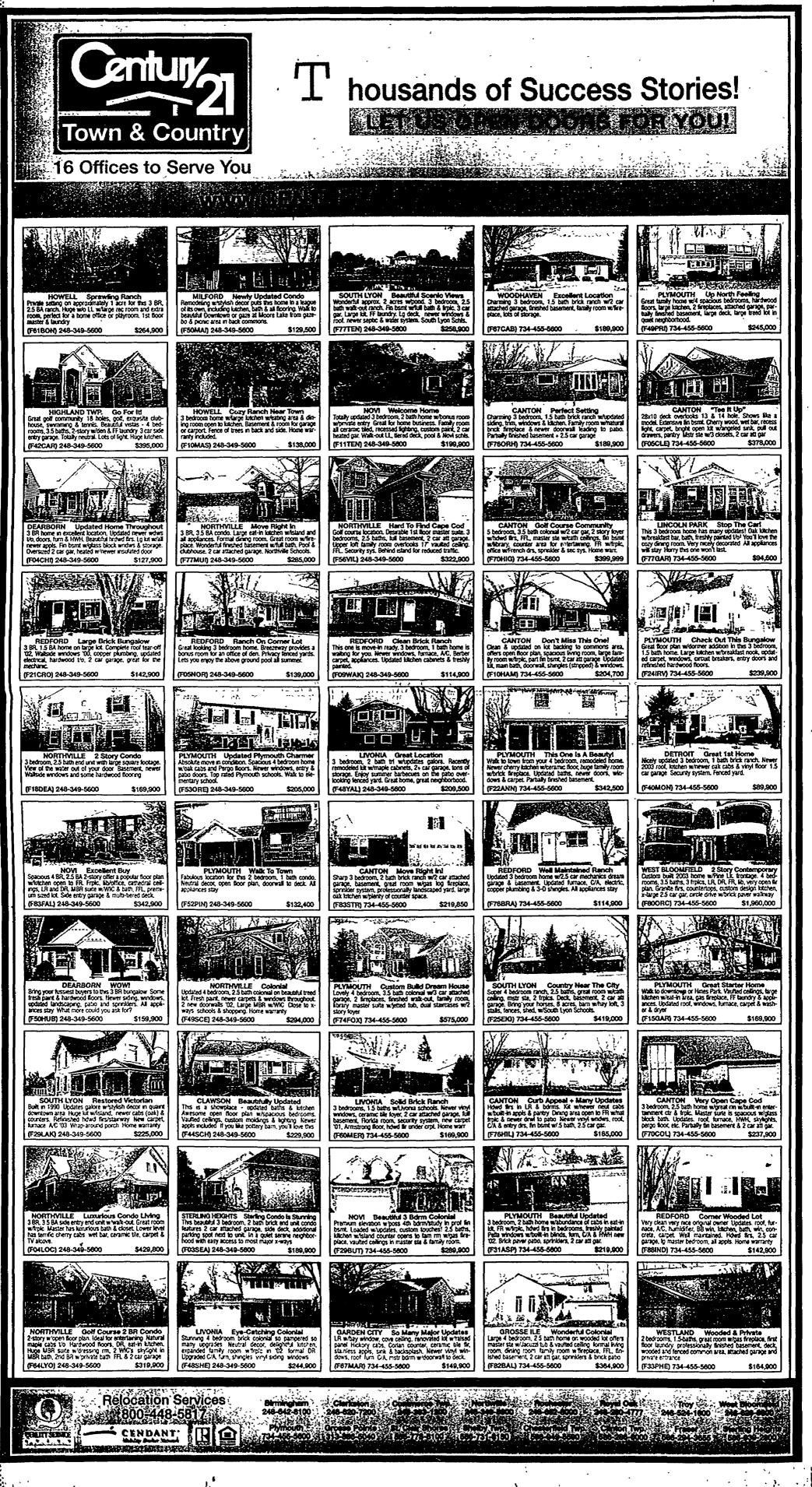
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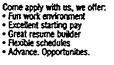
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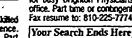
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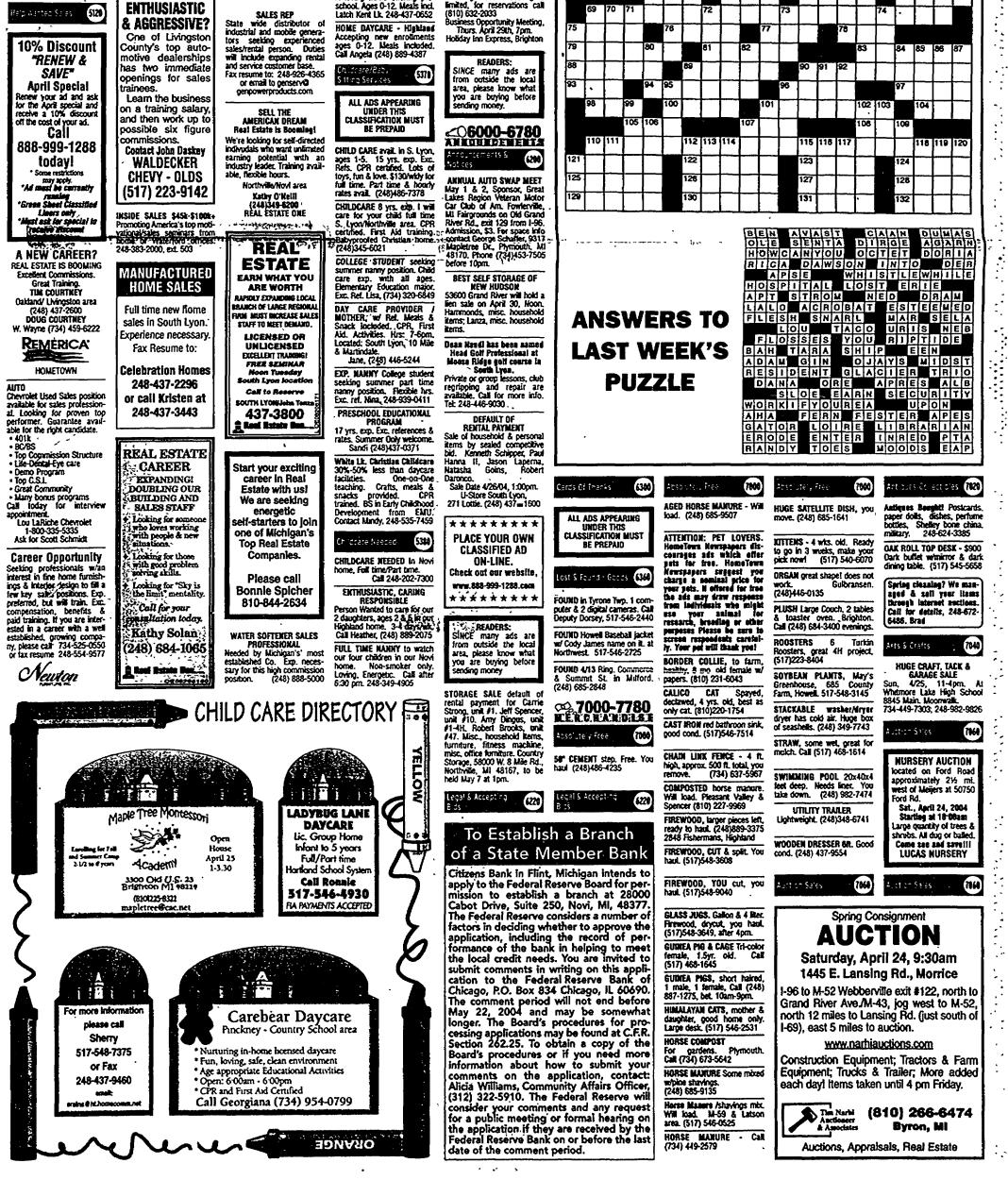
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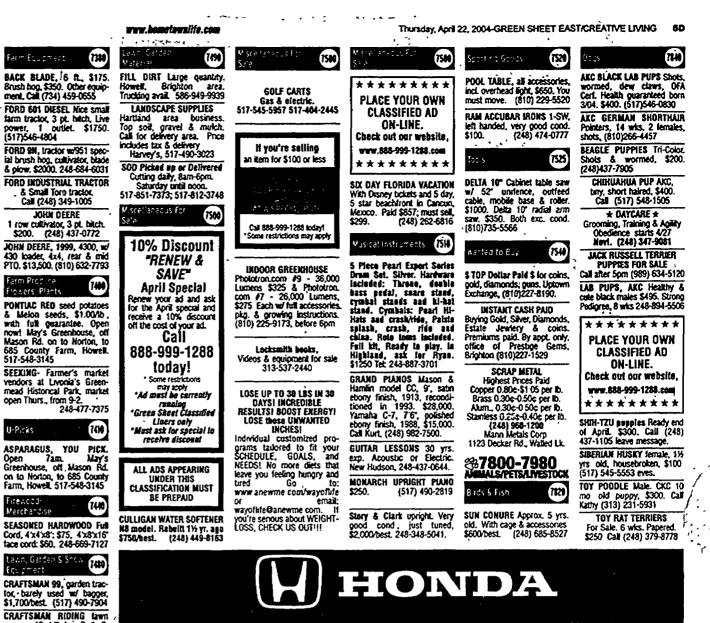
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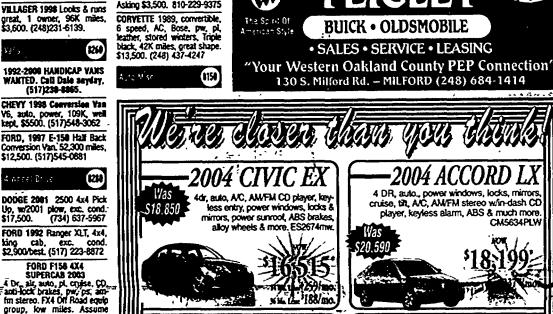
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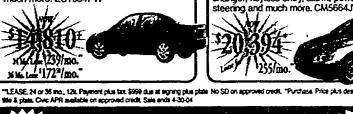
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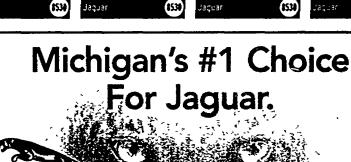
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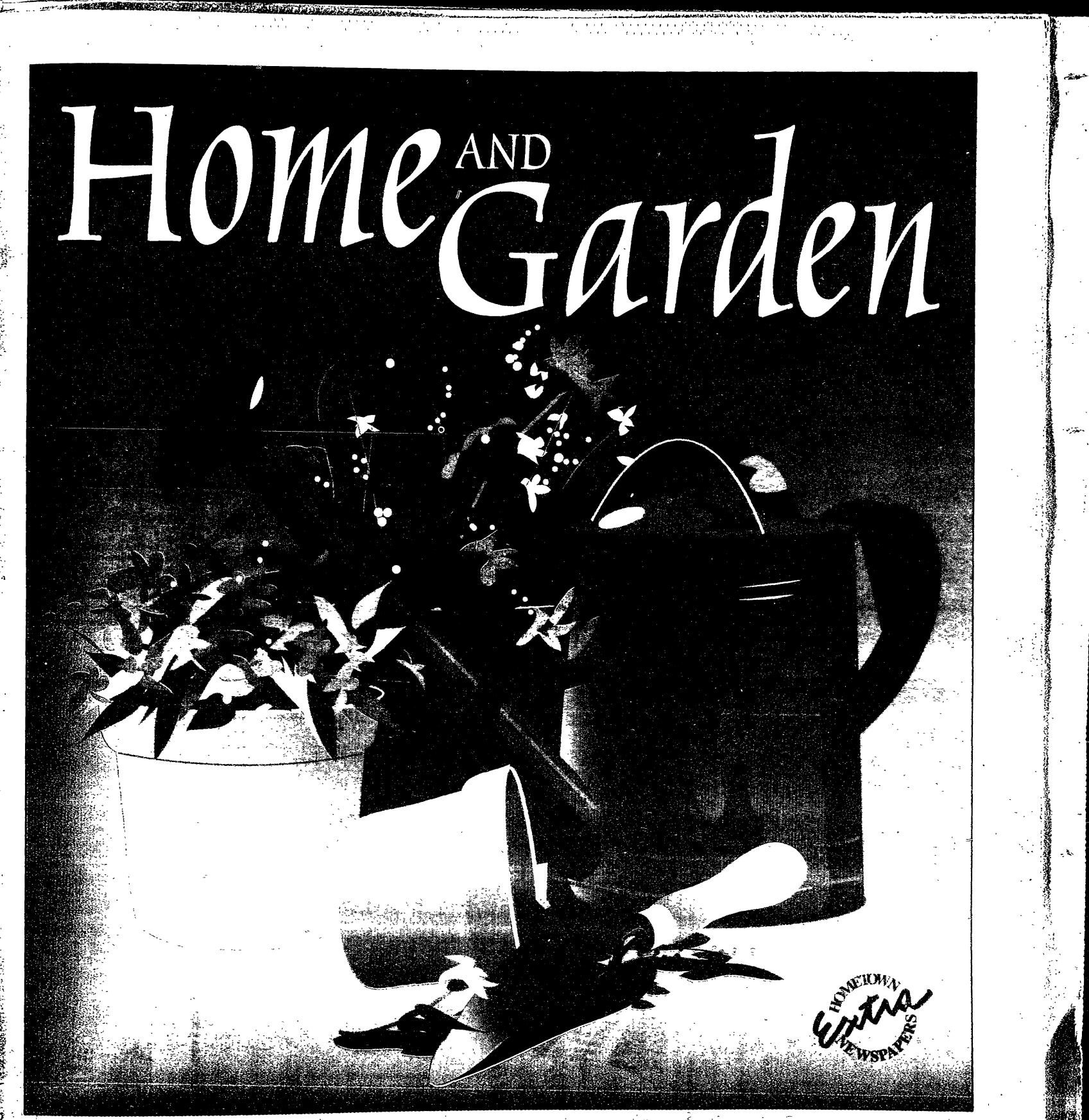
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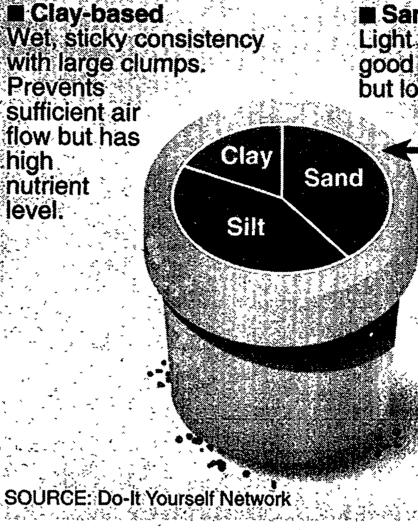
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# Put a little spring in the house Latest decorating trends call for chocolate brown and spring colors

#### By Candy Parent DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Spring has arrived and it is time to put a fresh, new look on the house.

"Last year it was the strong reds and blacks, but now it is brightening back up again," Chris Meredith, interior designer and owner of Your Nesting Place in Milford, says.

She says chocolate brown has replaced black and it is accented with all sorts of 1950s-era colors including spring green, raspberry, aqua, sky blue, pink and robin's egg blue.

"Pink is definitely in," Kristina Ayers of Our Blessings Consignment, Inc., says.

Fabrics with lots of texture — like those resembling men's suits — and animal prints are also popular. Animal prints, Meredith says, are considered neutrals and go with everything:

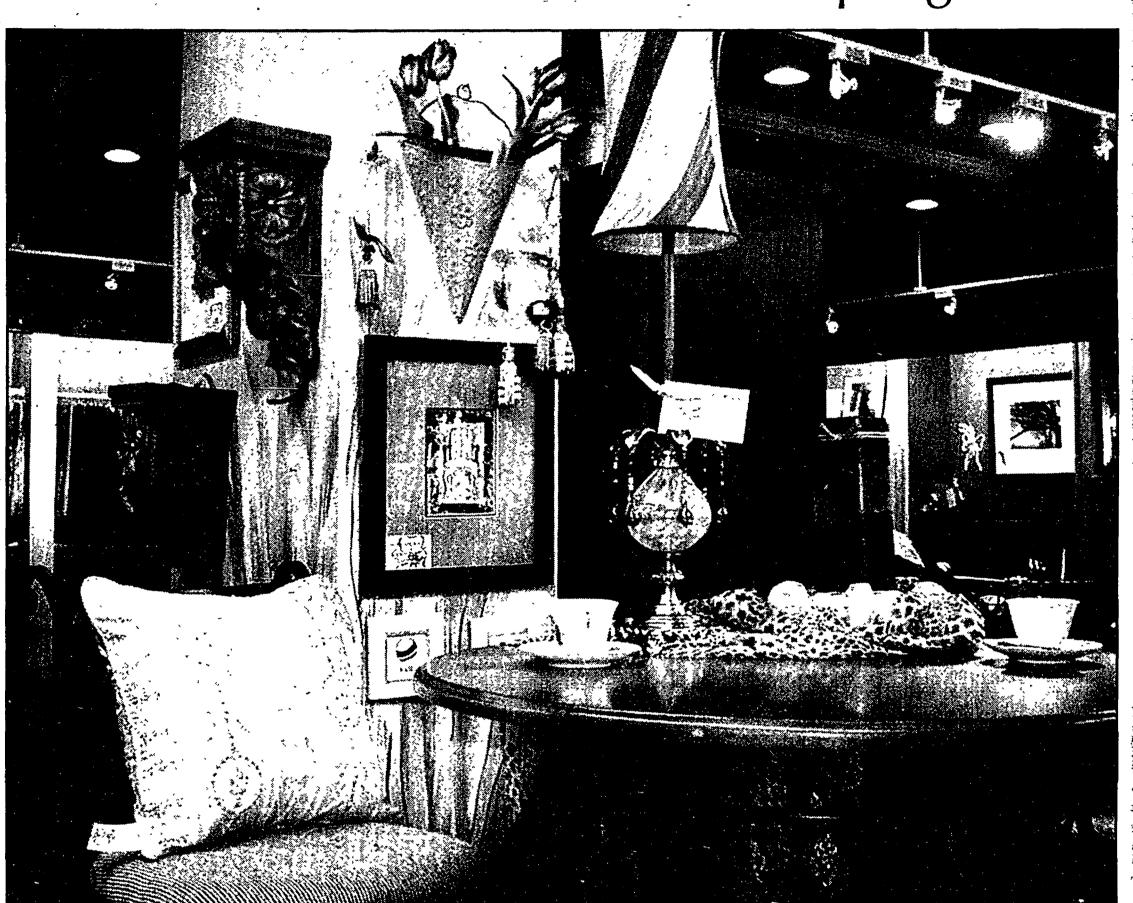
And, while shabby chic and French country are still popular designs, Meredith says the whitewashed furniture is being replaced with black distressed furniture. Angela Kunst of Our Blessings says country and contemporary furnishings aren't selling well anymore, but antiques, wicker and French Provencal are very popular.

"The main focus is mixing pieces for an eclectic look," Meredith says.

Homeowners no longer request a home decorated exclusively in the Federal or Queen Anne styles. Instead, they are mixing antiques, vintage items, collectibles and other things they enjoy or that have special meaning to them. This creates a unique, one-of-a-kind home.

"Surrounding yourself with what you love is the bottom line," Meredith says.

Updating the house to include the latest trends, designs and colors doesn't have to



be expensive or overwhelming.

Meredith suggests bringing one of the new colors into an existing color scheme by adding new pillows, a rug or a new picture. She recommends looking for things that have colors already used in the room, but have a splash of one of the new colors like spring green or raspberry.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

■ Your Nesting Place, located at 150 W. Summit St., in Milford, offers everything for the home. For more information, call (248) 685-7314.

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Your Nesting Place in Milford offers everything for the house. "Decorate your entire home or buy yourself a little treat," Chris Meredith, owner, says.

"Mix it up," she says. A designer room, like those featured in decorating magazines, typically has seven different fabrics, a strong wall color, three different wood tones, a hand-painted piece, non-matching upholstered furniture and different style tables. "No matchy-matchy," Meredith says.

# Follow these tips to great designs

The secret to a good design, according to Chris Meredith, interior designer, is to mix up different styles, colors, patterns and fabrics to create an eclectic room filled with the things the homeowner likes.

Meredith, owner of Your Nesting

Place, offers the following decorating tips:

• "Be brave."

- "Trust your instincts."
- "Don't overthink it."

• If you see something you love, don't worry about where you are going to put

it. Many people pass up the things they love because they don't know where they will go. "If you love it, you'll find a place."

• "Make your home interesting by filling it full of love."

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# Latest trends add enjoyment to backyard

#### By Brandon Coutre COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

For many people, their back yard isn't just a place for swing sets anymore.

Recently, the landscaping and garden industry has seen a resurgence of interest in developing back yards, especially among the baby boom generation, said landscape designer Bob 'Streitmatter.

"The kids have moved away and they're looking for a new outlet. They feel the need to get back to nature," said Johanna James, also a landscape designer.

Not only do homeowners want their back yards to serve as serene areas in which to relax, but they also want them to be functional. Many people also want to use their outdoor spaces to entertain guests, Streitmatter added. He said some people develop full kitchens on the patio or deck outside.

"I think a lot of people are cocooning and staying closer to home. A lot of couples are just relaxing and want to be able to entertain outside," Streitmatter said.

Regardless of what's done to the back yard, low maintenance is key, said landscape designer Conrad Garrett. Maintenance can be minimized through the plants chosen and materials used in patios and retaining walls.

The landscape designers offered the following trends in gardening and landscaping.

• Ponds in back yards are becoming more commonplace, said Garrett. Maintenance and the cost is becoming easier for many to handle.

• The use of roses in gardens is exploding.



Photo by COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Increasingly, homeowners want their back yards to be serene places in which to relax. Ponds are becoming more commonplace.

Streitmatter said there is a nostalgic aspect to the use of roses. New hybrid roses are being produced that can live longer and adapt to the sea-

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• Gardens that are functional at night, dubbed moon gardens, offer enjoyment even during the

evening hours.

"Other senses are more acute in the evening," Streitmatter said. "It's just a completely different imagery you get in the evening."

The use of fragrances, sounds, bold colors and lighting are highly considered in developing a moon garden.

• Many people will try to match their interior space with the exterior. This could include outdoor furniture patterns that match with those from inside.

• Specialty gardens are often created using a portion of one's entire garden. A salsa garden, where peppers are grown, is one common theme.

Plants can be used to attract certain insects, too, most notably butterflies.

"I've been doing a lot of specialty gardens. It's not usually the entire garden, but just a section for their relaxation place to escape from the typical run-of-the-mill day," Garrett said.

Developing a back yard not only makes it more enjoyable to the homeowner, but it may also help increase the home's value.

"When you're buying or selling a home, it's all about the curb appeal. If you have it, the person may want to buy the home before they even get in the door," Garrett said.

Whatever work is done, Garrett said it is important to get multiple referrals from different landscaping companies and to look at the quality of work and materials being offered.

"Never let the money be the biggest deciding factor," Garrett said.

Bad landscaping could end up costing quite a bit more in the long run, he said.

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## **Rose pruning tips**

It's vital to prune your rose bushes. Pruning renews the plant by encouraging new growth from the base and allowing air to circulate, resulting in less disease. It also trains the bush to grow the way you want it to. Here are some tips:

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# Make lawn healthy, green

#### By Cheryl Walker COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

It's high time to get that yard in shape. Whatever lawn path is taken, there are some good tips to follow.

Before deciding on a type of grass, a few environmental questions should be answered. Will the lawn get a lot of sun or shade, and will irrigation be needed? Probably one of the most important factors that should be considered is the amount of foot traffic on the lawn. If there are still youngsters who are going to play outdoors, a sturdier grass should be considered. Grasses are generally divided into two classifications — cool season and warm season. In climates where there are freezing temperatures and frost for a good part of the year, cool-season grass is the way to go. One of the most popular cool-season grasses is Kentucky bluegrass. After the grass is chosen there are some steps to take to get it to grow well and keep it in good shape. Sunshine is probably one of the most important things a good lawn needs. It should receive a minimum of six hours a day. According to Douglas Green, author of "The Everything Lawn Care Book," the first rule in taking care of a lawn is food. "You only have to feed your plants if you want flowers, fruit or growth," he said. "Remember that lawns are composed of thousands of individual grass plants. If you want them to grow, you have to feed them." Nitrogen is an important ingredient in lawn food, as it is considered the engine of plant growth. Grass uses a lot of nitrogen and if it

does not have the right amount, the lawn won't look its best or grow very well. A sign of an underfed lawn with a deficiency in nitrogen is grass that turns yellow and does not grow very fast.

Although nitrogen is a good thing, it can be harmful too. Just as people sometimes overeat, grass can also be overfed. Too much nitrogen will burn the grass and it will die. Of course the most obvious nutrient a good lawn needs is water. This is one of the most difficult tasks in taking care of a yard because there is no easy answer. When watering a lawn, many things have to be taken into consideration: the amount of sunshine, the type of soil and the climate. Green's rule of thumb on watering is that most lawns require between "1 and 1% inches of water a week to thrive." Now that the turf is growing and doing well with food and water, upkeep comes into play. While we think that mowing the lawn is good, grass doesn't liked to be mowed. As Green puts it, "it just happens to be good at recovering from this abuse." When a lawn is mowed, it cuts off the tip of the grass blades and leaves it open to disease. It also reduces the grass's ability to feed itself. But nonetheless, lawns still have to be cut to keep from growing too tall. Again Green offers a rule on this procedure: "Never cut more than 30 percent of the height of the grass at any given mowing." And don't feel like you have to pick up those lawn clippings after the grass is cut. Leaving them on the lawn allows the nitrogen in the leaf ends to be absorbed back into the grass.

Cuts should be properly angled – slanted at almost a 45 degree angle. Upper point is 1/8-1/4 inch above growth eye with lower point slightly above level of eye on opposite side of stem.

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■ Rose bushes should be pruned to a vase shape with the middle left open.

Strip all leaves from the bush.

Remove all dead and diseased wood by cutting at least one inch below the damaged area.

Remove all weak shoots and those growing toward the center.

■ If two branches rub or are close enough that they will do so soon, remove one.

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# Color plays an integral role in home decorating

(MS) — In an uncertain world, a home is more than just a house. It is a place where you find security, surrounded by the people that mean the most to you. It is where you can create an environment that reflects your personality and interests.

Color plays an integral role in decorating your home and setting the mood of a room, whether your goal is to create a dramatic visual statement or a peaceful environment to escape to at the end of the day.

"When most people look to decorate with color, they look at paint, wallpaper, curtains and upholstery," says Kaye Gosline, director, contract fibers for Solutia, Inc., makers of Wear-Dated® carpet fiber. "With the hundreds of colors that are now available for wall-to-wall carpeting, the floor can be the starting point for adding dramatic color to any room."

According to the Color Marketing Group, a not-for-profit association of color designers

that predicts yearly color trends, new carpet colors for 2004 are bold and sophisticated to enliven home decor.

"Some of the most popular, dramatic new shades include deep blues, rich, deeper-toned beiges and true reds," says Gosline. "Instead of visualizing dark walls and light, neutral carpet, why not create a dynamic look using deep blue or red carpet with complementary off white or beige walls?"

Even shades such as sky blue and burgundy carpet have been remixed creatively to appeal to consumers not satisfied with the status quo.

For those looking to create serenity rather than a bolder color statement, there are plenty of new, calmer colors to choose from.

"Comfortable colors such as neutral taupes, beiges and creamy corals provide subtle color for cozy, stress relieving spaces that calm the senses," says Gosline.

But muted colors are not the only calming shades. Even bolder, new colors like aloe — a

leafy green — or lavender fields — a bright but calming blue — can be combined harmoniously to create a look that refreshes and rejuvenates the senses.

Nature also provides inspiration for some of the new colors and textures. Mossy greens, deep reds and autumn golds combine beautifully, bringing the splendor of the outdoors inside. Textures also take their cue from nature, according to Gosline.

New technology in carpet manufacturing actually tufts patterns and shapes — including nature-inspired floral shapes and leaves into the carpet, providing dimension and a shadow effect to enhance any color.

Besides the trend in new colors, ultra- soft carpeting, such as Wear-Dated® DuraSoft® carpet fiber is becoming more popular. Ultrafine fibers give these ultra-soft carpets a luxurious feel and a luster that provides a rich look without the shiny effect associated with some other synthetic fibers. "There is definitely a trend towards wall-towall carpeting that feels more comfortable," says Jim Williams, manager of commercial development for Solutia. "When you think about how much activity occurs on our carpeting — playing games, watching television, roughhousing with the kids — it's no wonder there is such a demand for softer carpet."

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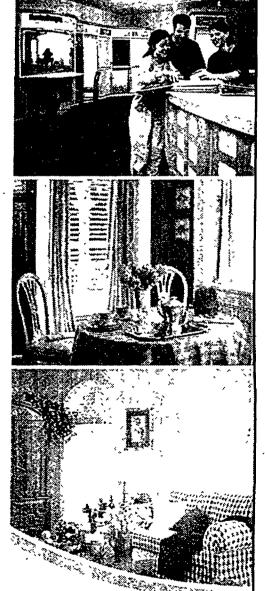
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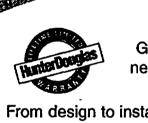
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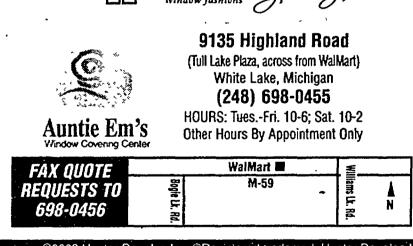
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## Play it safe when improving house

Spring home-improvement projects can be exciting, especially when they involve changing the decor of the home.

Whether you plan to make a minor change, like hanging new drapes, or you have something extensive in mind, it is important to consider your health and safety in the process.

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• Increase the ventilation in the room to reduce the effects of dust and fumes.

• Wear a mask to minimize the amount of dust and fine particles that you inhale.

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• Wear gloves to protect skin from injury and irritation.

• Keep all chemicals and tools away from children and pets, and out of the way of corridors in your work area.

#### **Following instructions**

• Always read manufacturers' operating instructions before using any equipment.

• Make sure that you use any materials or chemicals safely, complying with statutory legislation regulating the use of hazardous substances.

#### **Dealing with electricity**

• Disconnect any electrical equipment when it is not in use, even if it is for a short time.

• Switch off the power supply when decorating around switches or wall outlets and when cleaning them.

• Consider using a ground-fault interrupter to prevent electrocution.

# Apartment dwellers: Check these tips before tackling home improvement projects

In nearly every state across the country, there are tenants and there are landlords.

Whether you rent a three-bedroom duplex in a high-rise or a bedroom in someone's house, there are certain do's and don'ts when - it comes to renovating the space. Here are some handy tips to get you by.

• Do ask your landlord his or her opinion. Find out if improvements are even an option and what exactly can be done. Some landlords and buildings have strict restrictions that must be followed or you could lose your security deposit, and even be sued.

• Don't assume that if you like it, your landlord will also. Avoid dark or loud paint colors that will be difficult to paint over. And be considerate with the holes you make in the walls, which will have to be patched later.

• Do use fabrics, posters and furnishings to represent your personal style. Removable

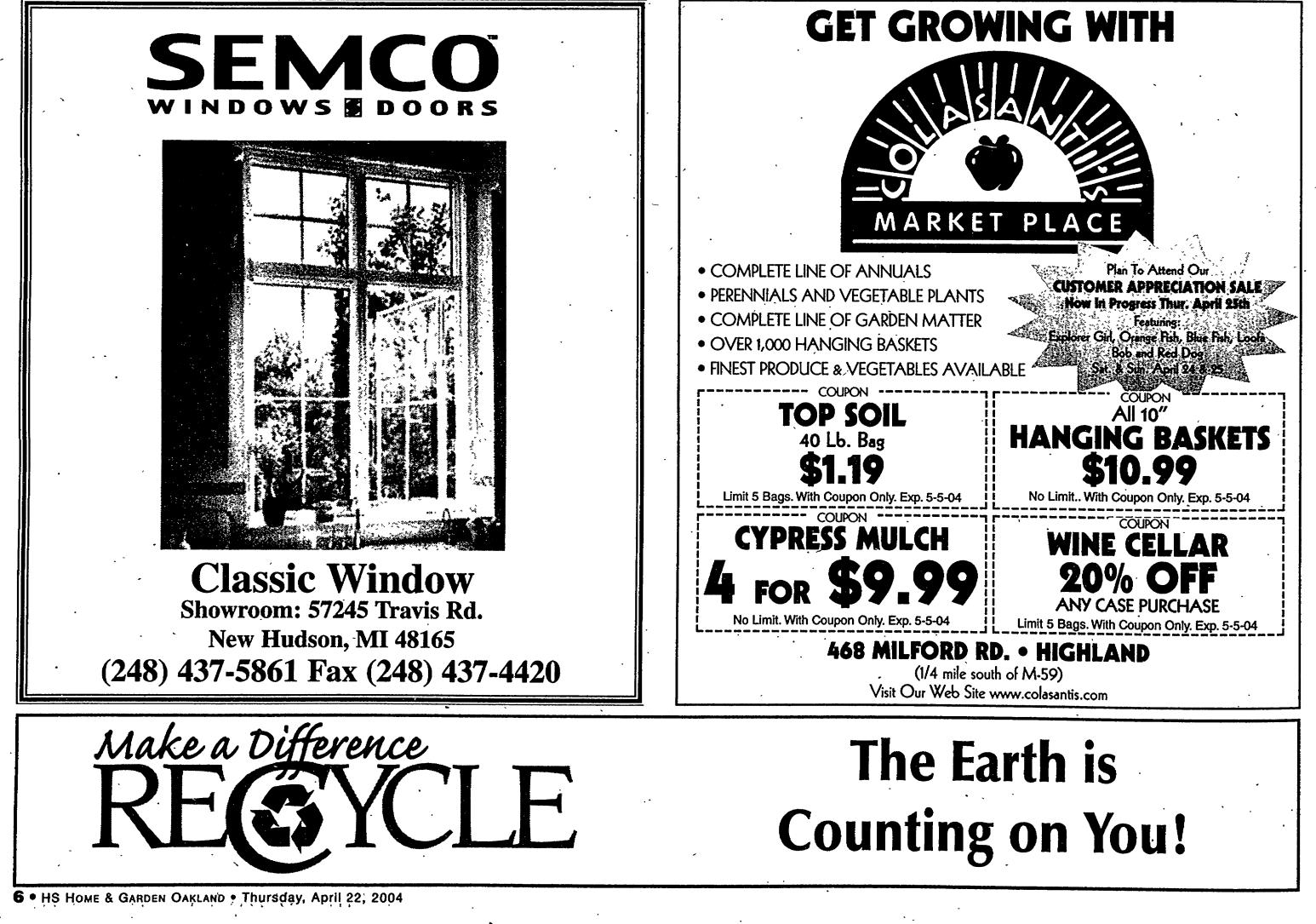
items are best for apartment living. They can add a needed splash of color and then be quickly changed the next time you feel spontaneous.

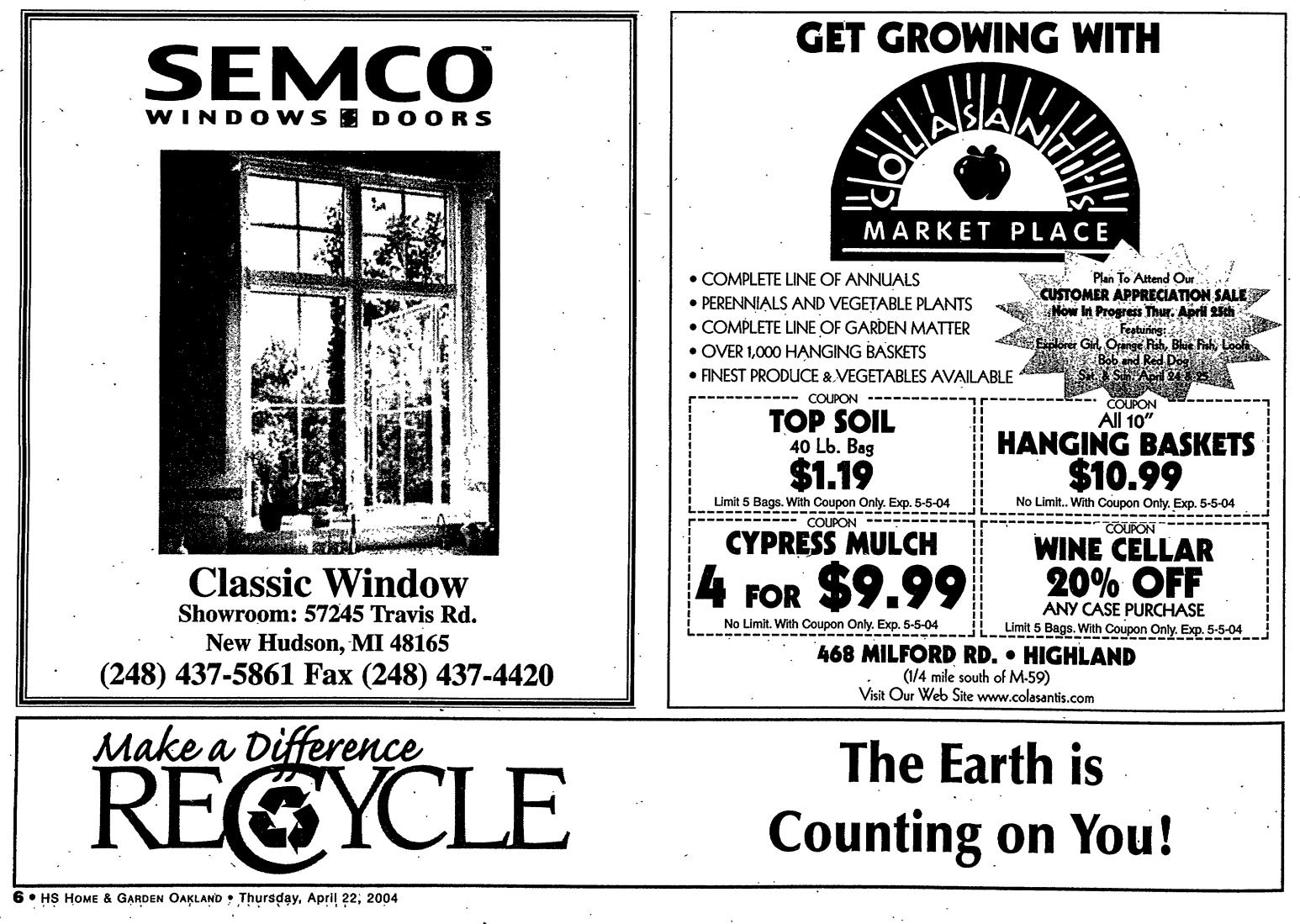
• Don't wallpaper or make structural changes. It is time-consuming to remove wallpaper. Most landlords would prefer you don't use it at all. Consider instead removable borders that can easily be torn down when you move. Also, don't knock down walls, cut holes in walls or install permanent structures like moldings, without prior permission.

• Do ask your landlord to make repairs. This way you won't be responsible if something goes wrong.

• Don't hammer, saw or drill during late hours, disturbing your landlord and neighbors. You might get evicted.

• Do remember that although you live there, it is not your house, so be considerate.





# **Tools of the trade** The right equipment keeps yard looking great

#### By Eilene Zimmerman COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

When you're ready to tackle the lawn and garden, you'll need more than just gloves and a sun hat. Using the right tools can make gardening less of a chore and with care, high-quality tools can last for years.

A mower is essential for lawns — and they have come a long way from the belching, gas-powered model your dad trotted out each Sunday. Lawn mowers can be push-style rotary, gas, battery or electric. Lou Manfredini, ACE's Helpful Hardware Man and host of the radio show "Lou Manfredini's Home Improvement Minutes," says if you have a small lawn a quarter acre or less — you can get a healthy workout from a rotary lawn mower.

If you want an electric mower, Manfredini suggests cordless mower model like the one Black & Decker makes.

Gas mowers, also a good choice, are more efficient and cleaner than they once were.

"Sharpen the blade at least once a year; if it's not sharp, it won't be efficient," says Manfredini.

Clean out the rotors and beneath the blades to remove caked grass and use a little lightweight oil on all moving parts. When you store it for the winter, oil the moving parts well, wife the body clean and keep it in a dry place like a garage or shed. If it has to be outside, cover it loosely with a waterproof tarp.

Make sure you've also got a spade shovel, a rake and a set of smaller, hand-held tools such as a trowel and hoe. Buy a metal rake, which is longer lasting than plastic. If the tines on the end become misshapen from use, they can be straightened with pliers.

· Choose tools with a fiberglass or composite handle. Wood handles aren't as durable and without proper care become brittle and break. Manfredini suggests using a rag soaked in mineral oil to wipe down wood handles.

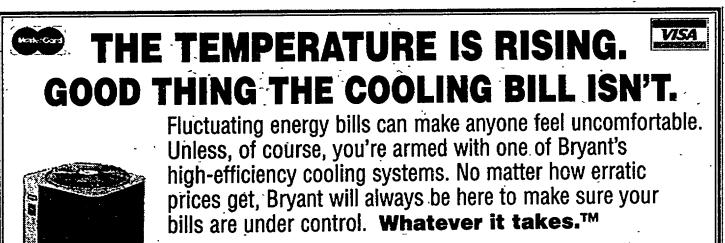
Mineral or vegetable oil can also be used for the blades of spades, hoes, shovels and trowels to protect them from rust - but don't use motor oil, advises the experts at Smith & Hawken, because it harms microorganisms in the soil.

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A mower is essential to keeping your lawn looking good. To keep the mower in top shape, sharpen the blade once a year, clean the rotors after use and oil all the moving parts before putting it away for the season.



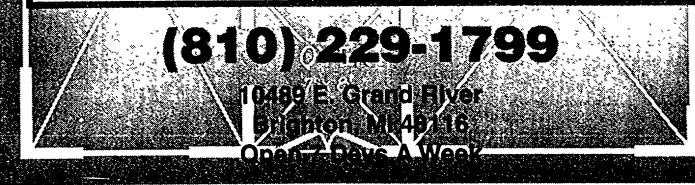
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# Masonry projects add beauty

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#### By Doris A. Black METRO NEWS SERVICE

A stone retaining wall, a brick patio or a flagstone walkway are examples of backyard masonry projects that will add beauty and charm to the landscape.

With careful planning and installation, your projects will last for years to come. Whether you install the project yourself or hire a professional, you'll view your project with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

If you're considering any of these types of projects, you probably already have a landscape plan in your head. The process of visualizing the plan in your head, transferring it to paper and marking it off in the yard will help you finalize details as your project comes to life.

The most commonly used masonry materials are concrete pavers, concrete, flagstone and brick.

• Concrete interlocking pavers are all the rage right now for several reasons:

They're available almost everywhere ----home improvement stores, big-box stores, landscape companies and even your local market may sell them.

They're durable and lightweight.

They come in a variety of styles, shapes and colors.

They're less expensive than most other masonry materials.

Their versatility makes them useful for edgings, sidewalks, patios or retaining walls.

Because of their interlocking design, these pavers have proven to be extremely stable even under heavy weight and extreme weather conditions, making them the number one choice of homeowners in recent years. Many homeowners prefer to do their own installation, using a four-inch gravel base topped with two inches of sand. This is a doable project if you have the time and are willing to learn the ropes.

• Poured concrete has been a standard for patios and walkways for years. The advantages of poured concrete are:

It can be formed to any shape, making it extremely versatile.

It is strong enough to support thousands of pounds.

• Decorative finishes can be applied to add color and texture.

The downside to poured concrete is that it's not easy to handle. Most homeowners don't even try. The professionals, however, with the proper skills and tools can complete a project in one day.

• Using flagstone in the landscape sets a casual, informal tone. Flagstone is not a type of stone but is actually a process in which a variety of stones are cut into flat slabs. Most commonly used are redstone, bluestone, sandstone, limestone, slate and granite. The advantages of flagstone are:

It can be cut to rectangular shapes or irregular shapes.

It is extremely durable and long lasting.

It requires no routine maintenance.

On the downside, flagstone is extremely expensive, more than double the cost of other masonry materials and the surface is rougher than brick or concrete. Installation is like a jigsaw puzzle, fitting pieces together based on shape. However, flagstone makes a wonderful addition to the landscape and adds value to the home.

• Brick has long been a favorite among homeowners. Its warm colors add an elegant touch reminiscent of old-world courtyards. The advantages of brick are:

It is available in hundreds of colors, styles and sizes, making it the most versatile of all the masonry materials.

Your project can be designed using the brick in an infinite number of patterns.

It is durable and maintenance free if installed properly.

It is easy to install because each brick is a uniform shape and size, making estimating quantities and installation a breeze.

Prices for brick range from inexpensive for salvage brick to high priced for custom colors and sizes.

Brick can be used for almost any landscape project you can think of. Most homeowners who do the installation themselves set the brick in two inches of sand with a four-inch gravel base for stability.

Visit a brickyard to view colors and sizes. For small projects, handpick the bricks you want, looking for color uniformity and shape regularity.

# Make house into a home

It's not hard to create a comfortable home out of a house.

It can be as simple as displaying family photos, adding throw pillows to the sofa or placing a favorite quilt on the bed.

Other ideas, listed below, can add a decorator's touch to the home, make life a little easier and make you smile each time you walk in the door.

Try one or more of these ideas to make your house into an elegant home:

Change your cabinets

Get new kitchen or bathroom faucets

**Use a space-saving microwave** 

□ Install storage aides like organizers and pull-out baskets for pots and pans, groceries and cleaning supplies inside kitchen cabinets

Put small lights on the floor behind plants and trees

Decòrate rooms with candles

Add interest to rooms — even bathrooms, bedrooms and an office — with vases, books, statues, floral arrangements





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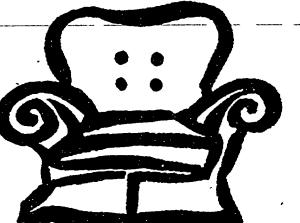
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## Feeling blue: Cool color complements other blooms, soothes eyes

#### By Mary Hellman James COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

In the garden, blue is the color of desire. Blue blooms are in such demand, writes British horticulturist Christopher Lloyd, that nurserymen rush to put the name blue on any flower with the slightest hint of its namesake color.

Why? Because like blue jeans, blue flowers are a fashionable foil for other colors. They mix handsomely with bold oranges and yellows, as well as delicate pinks, lavenders and silvers. Combine blue with red and white for flag-waving flair, or with chartreuse and orange for shocking beauty. Or deftly style an all-blue border, for what colorists Nori and Sandra Pope describe as "a cool pool in the storm of ferocious color." -

In polls of favorite colors, blue generally comes out on top, no doubt because of its link with the sea and sky and its ability to evoke calm. In history, it's the color of purity and power — infant pharaohs and the Virgin Mary, were cloaked in blue. In more recent times, blue has hip charm.

In the garden, it's all this and more.

"I just worked with a client who wanted as much blue and purple in her garden as I could use," said landscape designer Ingrid Rose. "She had a lot of blue in her house. It was just a favorite color."

Rose likes blue-flowering plants mixed with silver-foliaged plants such as Artemisia Powis Castle and licorice plant (Helichrysum petiolare). Often she adds a



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Blue flowers come in a range of shades — the palette runs from pale blue hydrangea to royal blue iris to the cobalt blue of this scilla siberica.

touch of pink and white "to make it pop." A springtime-fresh combination starts with towering candle delphinium (Delphinium elatum) in shades of blue.

"I would add pink foxgloves and perhaps a pink rose on a pillar frame with white clematis climbing through it," Rose said. "Plus a touch of yellow, perhaps from coreopsis or yarrow."

In her own garden she grows Hydrangea macrophylla Nikko Blue, frosty blue sea holly (Eryngiúm amethystinum), royal blue cineraria and lobelia, and blue-purple plumed pride of Madeira (Echiumcandicans).

Gardener Chris Wotruba says she turns to blue "not to satisfy a feeling, but as a foil for all the yellow in my garden. Because my garden is so full of yellow, there needs to be a calming and cooling effect."

In the spring, she likes bearded and Dutch iris in delicate blues, especially in combination with pastel pink and/or white roses. Another spring bulb, spring star flower (Ipheion uniflorum), bears icy blue flowers above a carpet of grasslike foliage. When it dies back in summer, Wotruba lets sages (salvias) arch over the bare spot.

"Salvias are great," she says. "Their palette of blues goes all the way from a touch of blue to the deepest blue/purple."

A favored ground cover is Veronica Waterperry Blue with tiny, true-blue flowers on a low-growing, dark-green leafed plant.

"It's excellent on walls and steps and that sort of thing," she says.

Two long-blooming vines sporting blue flowers also have earned a place in her own garden as well as gardens she designs. Perennial morning glory vine (Ipomoea) climbs an arch in semi-shade. It's not as invasive as queen's wreath or s \_\_\_\_aper vine (Petrea volubilis). It has showy purpletinged blue flowers that resemble wisteria, but unlike wisteria, it is evergreen.



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# What's your junk worth? Top 10 mistakes made when spring cleaning

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You could be tossing out a small fortune when you clean house.

The values of ordinary looking items has skyrocketed in recent years according to Tony Hyman, host of "What's It Worth?" features on CBS-TV network news.

Because most folks don't realize how valuable these items have become, they get thrown away or sold on lawns for pennies.

Top 10 items you should never sell at a yard sale include:

1. Perfume bottles: The record price for a 20th century perfume bottle is \$43,000; lots of them are worth \$100;

2. Fountain pens: A New England church rummage sale sold a \$15,000 pen for \$55 not long after a \$42,000 pen turned up in a Midwest dresser;

3. Costume jewelry: Costume isn't junk. A \$10 box of costume jewelry bought at a Palm Springs yard sale brought the new owner \$75,000;

4: Marbles: Twentieth century machine made glass swirls can be worth hundreds of dollars each; \$2,500 for a coffee can full is not unusual;

**5. Baseball gloves:** Gloves you played with in the 1960s can be worth up to \$2,500;

6. Fishing Tackle: Rods, reels and lures have all topped the \$1,000 each mark; a \$14,000 reel was sold by a Chicago area antique dealer for \$1; 7. Balloon tire bicycles: Boys' bikes (1934 to 1960) are worth \$100 and up; your newer banana seat bikes bring \$500 and up; a 1936 Elgin Bluebird worth \$3,500 was found in an Ohio trash can;

8. Toys of the '60s: GI Joe<sup>©</sup>, Barbie<sup>©</sup> and space toys of all sorts bring \$15 to \$500; be especially careful of items still in the box;

9. Advertising and packaging: cigar boxes, coffee cans, cereal boxes, tobacco tins, signs ... any colorful product more than 20 years old;

10. Cast iron cookware: One of the biggest surprises is that 400 different cast iron pots, pans, skillets and lids can put from \$40 to \$1,000 in your pocket if you sell them right.

Hyman says a "Top 50 Never Sell at a Yard Sale List" would include Hawaiian shirts, pocket knives, musical instruments, briar pipes, old toasters, typewriters, war souvenirs, transistor radios, calculators, 78 and 33 rpm records, auto owner's manuals, cap guns, cartoon glasses, cookie jars, nodder dolls, Disneyland souvenirs, electric trains, rock and roll posters, lunch boxes, lace, yoyos, TV board games, china, pottery vases and cigarette lighters, among other items.

To find out if you own one of these valuables you need expert advice and to locate who wants to buy your item at a fair price. There's only one good buyer of cigar boxes

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in the country, and people who buy sewing machines, BB guns and cocktail shakers can be equally hard to find.

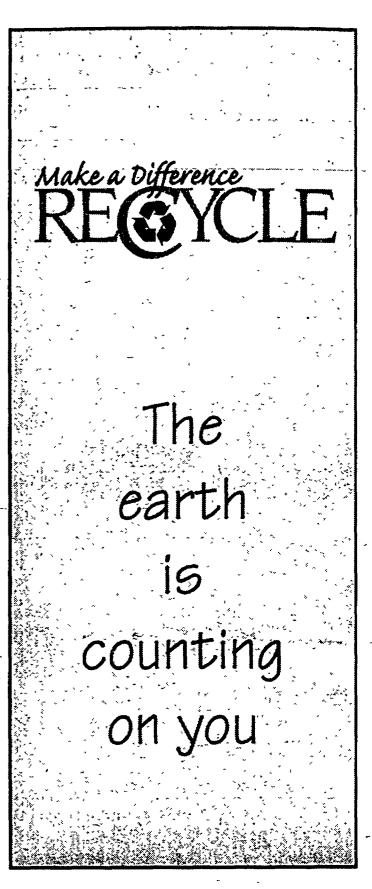
The way to make the most money, according to Hyman's viewers, is to contact buyers and appraisers by mail and e-mail. For 24 years, Hyman has been helping amateurs dispose of their possessions by publishing the names, addresses, phone numbers and now email addresses of experts like those you see on TV appraisal shows in his books.

"It's like having your own private Roadshow in your home," said one reader, "even better, because I didn't have to stand in line for hours and could ask about hundreds of items, not just two."

"People are a lot richer than they think," Hyman says, "but until now they haven't been able to cash in on what they own because they didn't know what they have, who wants it, or how much it's worth."

You don't need to know whether you have a \$5 fishing lure or a \$500 lure, Hyman says, as long as you deal with honest experts. Ask them what you have. Experts will know, he says, and pay you fairly.

"Something as simple as a plastic Pez© candy dispenser is worth \$400 to one person and 10 cents to another," Hyman points out, "and a 1966 Hot Wheels® Volkswagen toy can be worth twice as much as the real car to the right buyer."









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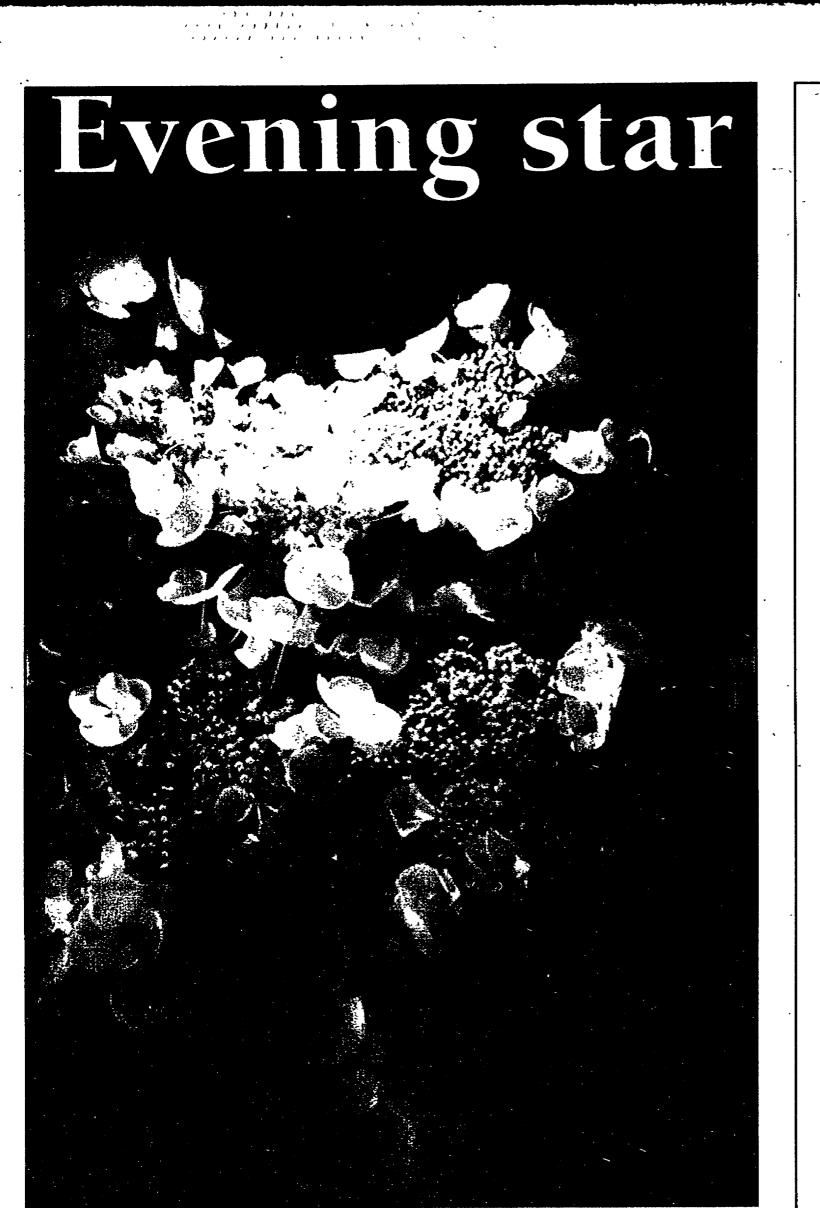




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A perfect moonlight garden is sensual and tranquil, offering an oasis of aroma, sound, shadow and silvery-white colors.

# Moon gardens shine long after the sun goes down

#### By Clare Howard COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Moonlight dapples and dances over the ground, the scent of jasmine hangs in the night air.

Silvery-white bark of alder and birch trees recede into the distant blackness, glowing in reflective light from moon and candles.

Lamb's ear marks the garden edge with silvery softness.

Silence engulfs the garden, save for the gentle rustling of bamboo grass and trick-

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ling water from the fountain. A feeling of mystery prevails, piquing senses that lie dormant by day.

A perfect moonlight garden is sensual and tranquil, offering an oasis of aroma, sound, shadow and silvery-white colors.

It's a gardening concept easily within reach of everyone from homeowners with extensive property to urban dwellers on tiny lots.

Even apartments with balconies or decks. have moonlight garden potential.

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The experts at Marburn Curtain Warehouse have created a glossary of curtain terminology to end the confusion and make shopping for curtains easier than ever.

**Balloon Curtain:** Single-panel curtain which is adjusted by gathering vertical rows of rings to create a scalloped bottom.

Blinds: Window coverings made of horizontal or vertical slats that rotate for light and privacy control.

Button-Hole Curtains: Panels with evenly spaced button holes through which a rod is threaded.

Button-Hole Valance: Valances with evenly spaced button holes through which a rod is threaded.

Café: Traversing or non-traversing drapery designed as a tier. Heading can be various styles. Can be set at a variety of heights to control ventilation, view and light.

**Cascade:** Fall of fabric that descends in a zig-zag line from a drapery heading or top treatment.

**Center Draw:** One pair of draperies which draws open and closes exactly at window's center point.

**Center Support:** Metal grip used to support traverse rod from above. Prevents rod from sagging in the middle, but doesn't interfere with rod operation.

**Crescent Valance:** Valance shaped like a crescent.

**Door Panel:** Curtain panel with two rod pockets, one top and one bottom. Made to cover glass on door. Wider than sidelights.

Draw Draperies: Panels of fabric featuring pleated headings.

**Droopy Tab Curtains:** Tab-style curtain with tabs spaced widely, creating a soft fold or droopy effect when pushed back.

straight sides on outside and softly curved inside, creating an open airy look.

**One-Way Draw:** Drapery designed to draw one way in one panel.

**Panel:** Expanse of fabric hung directly on a rod, opened and closed by simply pushing or traversing the fabric from side to side.

**Pinch Pleats:** Drapery heading where basic pleat is divided into two or three smaller, equal pleats, sewn together at bottom edge on right side of fabric.

**Pinch Pleat Curtains:** Identified by pleated fabric at top of curtain (there is no rod pocket). Also called draperies, they are attached to a traverse rod or pole rod with rings by using drapery hooks.

**Pin-On Hook:** Metal pin to fasten draperies to rod; pins into drapery pleat and hooks to traverse carrier or café rod.

Puff Valance: Simple rod pocket valance which can be hung like traditional tailored valance or puffed (poufed), gently softening its appearance.

**Ruffled Cascade:** Top treatment that can be draped over swag holders, holdbacks or over length of rod (finials hold up fabric). Rectangle of fabric with ruffles attached to three sides.

Ruffled Curtains (also called Cape Cods or Priscillas): Classic ruffle that's found on two or three edges of curtain. Mostly used with



matching valance and tiebacks.

Window coverings not overwhelming

Sash Curtain: Any sheer material hung close to window glass; usually hung from spring tension rods or sash rods mounted inside window casing.

Sash Rod: Small rod, either decorative or plain, usually mounted inside window frame on sash.

Scalloped Valance: Top treatment featuring a semi-circular bottom.

Scarf: Top treatment that can be draped over swag holders, hold-backs or over length of rod, or threaded through sconces.

Shades: Window coverings made of material that rolls, gathers or folds both up and down. Can be raised for light and view and lowered for privacy.

Sidelight: Curtain panel with two rod pockets, one top and one bottom. Designed to cover narrow windows at side of doors

Stationary Balloon Valance: Valance with scalloped bottom, similar in appearance to a balloon curtain.

Swag: Draped one-piece fabric valance thatfalls gracefully from top of window, swooping in downward direction.

Swag Set: Window covering consisting of left and right panel. Some sets include a festoon.

Tab Curtains: Known by tabs (plain, button, tie-tabs, droopy) positioned on upper edge of curtain. Tabs look best when used with a wood or decorator rod since rod will be exposed through the tabs. Rod should be mounted high enough so window or glass is not visible above top edge of curtain.

Tailored Curtains: Named for their clean lines, they can be found plain or with trimmed edges. Used alone or with coordinating valance, they can hang straight or be tied back.

Tapered Valance: Top treatment whose , sides gradually come to a point at the center.

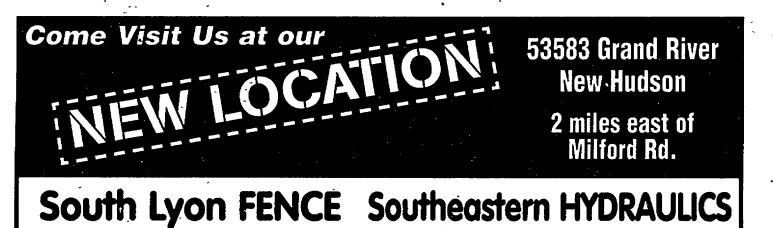
**Tiebacks:** Decorative pieces of hardware (sometimes called holdbacks) designed to hold curtains or draperies back from window to allow light passage or to add an additional decorative touch to window treatment.

**Tie-Tab Valance:** Top treatment with ties at top which allow you to tie them onto rod as tightly or as loosely as desired. Controlling the length creates a more casual look.

**Tie-Up Curtain:** Tailored panel gathered softly from the bottom by using ribbons or straps.

Top Treatments: Decorative treatments mounted above window, including cornices and valances.

Valance: Top treatment used over curtains or tiers on their own rod. Sometimes used alone on a door or small window.



End Bracket: Two supporting metal grips which hold a drapery rod to wall or ceiling and control amount of projection.

**Festoon:** Decorative drapery treatment of folded fabric that hangs in a graceful curve and frames top of window.

**Finial:** Decorative end piece on café rods or decorative traverse rods.

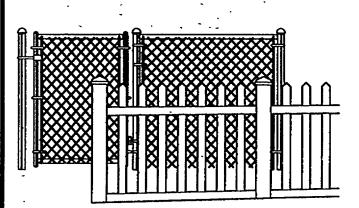
**Insert Valance:** Manufactured to fit between the pieces of a swag as an insert to cover a wider window; can also be used alone.

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Lace Panel: Openwork cloth with a design formed by a network of threads made by hand or on special lace machinery with bobbins, needles or hooks.

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# Potted herb garden takes advantage of small space

By Deirdre O'Shea COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

There is a feeling of self-sufficiency in growing your own herbs.

Culinary herbs have wonderful freshness and taste, losing none of their flavor going from the garden to the pot. And plants can be grown chemical-free and chosen to provide the ingredients you use most often. Aromatic herbs like sage and lavender give off heady fragrance and some, like chives and bergamot, are worth growing for their flowers alone.

"Herb gardens can create a wonderful small-space garden harvest," says Maria Rock, a horticulture environmental consultant who shares her garden advice on National Public Radio as "America's Royal Gardener." "My small courtyard where I grow landscape material has herbs tucked beside them. Condos, apartments and even a studio dwelling can be perfect places for a tiny herb garden."

From the bewildering array of herbs (there are hundreds of varieties), Rock has chosen 10 that are easy to grow and can be used in containers.

The first five are familiar even if you don't recognize their official names:

• Ocimum basilicum: Sweet basil, an annual and the basis for pesto.

□ Rosmarinus officinalis: Rosemary, an evergreen shrub that can be shaped as a topiary and blooms blue or pink in spring or sum-

#### mer.

□ Salvia officinalis: Sage, an evergreen shrub with gray-green leaves and spiky violetblue flowers in early summer.

Thymus: Thyme, an annual or perennial that with some 350 species, but two are best for cooking, "common thyme" (T. vulgaris) and "lemon thyme" (T. x citriodorus).

☐ Mentha: Mint, a hardy, invasive perennial that can be used to fill up a pot. Apple mint (also know as pineapple mint), lemon mint, peppermint and ginger mint are just few of Rock's favorites.

The second group of winners includes fragrant and visually interesting herbs:

□ Borago officinalis: Borage, an annual, blooms with a blue (sometimes pink) starshaped flower that can be frozen in ice cubesor used as a garnish in drinks or salads. The leaves have a faint cucumber flavor.

Calendula officinalis: Pot marigold, another annual, has been prized since early civilization. It has cheery, long-blooming orange-yellow flowers with a spicy flavor that, fresh or dried, add color to rice dishes and salads. It is used commercially for color in butter and cheese.

☐ Monarda didyma: Bergamot, a perennial, has red-to-purple flowers that are a late-summer delight. With a citrus aroma, bergamot is used for tea and fruit drinks, and in salads.

□ Pelargonium: Geraniums have scented leaves and many hybrids and cultivars with different foliage and fragrance. The leaves of are used to flavor cakes, or for potpourri and in anti-moth sachets.

☐ Viola odorata: Sweet violet can be considered invasive, but its white and deep-purple flowers are lovely. The lightly sweet blooms are candied, made into jam or added to salads.

Plants can also be combined for effect.

"Just make sure the moisture requirements are similar for the plants in each container," Rocks says. She suggests buying a home dripirrigation system found at your local nursery, hardware store or home-and-garden center.

Mobility is one of the best things about gardening with containers, so look for plants that do well in sun or part shade and you'll have some flexibility in where you place them. Herbs are available from seed or in 4inch or one gallon pots and should be replanted with potting soil, not a planting mix, says Rock. Good drainage is essential to healthy herbs. There should be a large hole in the base of the pot, or several in a plastic pot or trough. Place broken pottery (from terracotta pots) on the bottom before adding potting soil.

"Knowing the prime growing conditions for each herb you plant creates successful herbs in any space," says Rock. "A windowsill can overflow with your favorite herb to pluck a leaf for a special recipe."



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Growing herbs in a container garden can be a treat for all your senses. Sweet basil, rosemary, sage, thyme and mint are among the easiest to grow.

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# Even apartment dwellers can enjoy evening gardens

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The evening garden is becoming increasingly popular as a respite for working people who otherwise enjoy gardens only by day, only on weekends and primarily through vision. In a moonlight garden, vision is just one often minor tool of perception.

The design of a moonlight garden is less dictated by color than the typical garden keyed for daytime enjoyment. An evening garden teases all the senses. Unlike viewing the garden by day, the evening garden does not depend primarily on visual perception. Sound and scent are equally important at night. The total experience of a welldesigned evening garden can be therapeutic and relaxing at the same time it stimulates often under-exercised senses.

"People are so busy. Everything is fastpaced. Evening is the only time many people can enjoy their gardens," said landscape architect Bob Streitmatter.

Some of Streitmatter's principles for designing a moonlight garden include:

□ Selecting plants and flowers with white and silvery colors that glow in subdued light. Color may be flowers, foliage or bark. Some plant species bloom only at night.

Incorporating water, which is an important sensual element. Underwater

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> -Bob Streitmatter landscape architect

lighting is especially soft and muted, adding to the feel of mystery. Keep water bubbling or trickling. Avoid standing water or replace standing water often to eliminate the problem of mosquito breeding. Encourage birds and bats for effective insect control.

□ Enhancing the moonlight with candlelight or low-voltage lighting. Some directional lighting high in trees can create a glow on the ground like moonlight. Avoid runway lighting along garden paths. Uplighting into trees gives a dramatic effect. Shadow is an effective tool in the evening garden. Plan to create shadows along a wall or silhouettes of plants along a path. Play down the fixture. You want to see light rather than the source of light.

Draping structures like a pergola or pavilion in fabrics that glow in subdued light.

Using a variety of plants, including annuals such as white impatiens, flowering

tobacco, dusty miller, cosmos, moonflower vine; perennials like anemone, artemisia, white aster, candytuft, Mount Hood daffodils, deutzia, foxglove, globe thistle. goat's beard, hostas with white flowers or variegated leaves, white iris, lamb's ear, lavender, white Asiatic lilies like "Casablanca," lily of the valley, white peony, phlox "David," shasta daisy, sweet woodruff, white bleeding heart, anthea yarrow, "The Pearl" yarrow; trees and shrubs including white butterfly bush, dogwood, flowering crabs, hawthorn, hydrangea, white lilac, magnolia, "Starry Nights" rose, serviceberry, snowmound spirea, Grefsheim spirea, viburnum.

Container gardens can bring together all the principles of a moonlight garden in spaces as small as a balcony or deck. Streitmatter said small can actually be better because much less maintenance is involved in a small space.

But don't skimp on the planning time involved in either a small or expansive garden. The more thorough the planning, the less time spent later on modifying the garden, he said, noting that a moonlight garden requires multi-sensual stimulants.

"Memory is a powerful tool in the evening garden. Scent and sound in the evening garden trigger memories that you may not think about during the day," he said. "I truly believe in the therapeutic value of gardening and the moonlight garden is a wonderfully restorative tool."







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# Follow these tips, ideas from professionals

#### Hanging wallpaper

(MS) — Wallpaper can add style and elegance to any room in your home. And wallpaper hanging is easier than you think if you follow a few tips from the pros, and use tools designed to make the job easier.

Follow these simple steps to transform your home with wallpaper:

The key to a quality wallpaper job — surface preparation. Most people spend more time selecting wallpaper than they do on surface prep. Yet it's an essential first step to a successful project. Before you hang your wallpaper, especially on new drywall, porous paint or spackled areas — or, if you're hanging it over a colored or patterned surface — prime with a pre-wallcovering primer. The primer creates the perfect surface for hanging any type of wallpaper, which makes wallpaper easier to position, improves adhesion to wall and makes it easier to remove when redecorating.

Prepare wallpaper for hanging. Carefully measure the wall and, using scissors designed for wallpaper, cut wallpaper to length, adding 2 inches to the bottom and top for trimming away when hanging. If you're hanging prepasted wallpaper on painted walls or on vinyl, use PREPZTM One-Step Wallpaper Prep and Adhesive to prepare the paper for hanging and eliminate the need for sizing, adhesive and water trays.

Apply PREPZ to the back of the wallpaper with a roller designed to easily fit in corners and to coat the edges of wallpaper neatly. Fold the wallpaper back to itself (paste side to paste side) and book wallpaper as per the manufacturer's directions.

Now, you're ready to hang. Align the wallpaper to your plumb line, overlapping it on the ceiling by a few inches. Smooth it out using a plastic smoothing tool. Trim the overhanging paper at the top and bottom, and you're ready to install the next piece.

#### Five Reasons to Use a Primer Before Painting

(MS) — A common misconception among do-it-yourselfers is the expectation that two coats of quality paint will be sufficient to cover previous wall problems.

In reality, if a wall is not prepared properly, even multiple coats of expensive paint cannot cover the surface adequately.

"Primer and paint are not the same," says Mike Walsh, vice president of marketing and new product development at Masterchem Industries. "Primer is specifically formulated to seal unfinished or finished surfaces and make sure the topcoat of paint adheres to the surface to create the best-looking, longestlasting finish. You are wasting your time, paint and of course, money if that topcoat begins peeling or soaks unevenly into the surface because you didn't use a primer."

Walsh says primer is essential for the following reasons:

1. Priming seals the surface, assuring a smooth base for your topcoat of paint. Because primer is formulated to seal the surface, its application will make it easier to apply the topcoat. Primer seals the base, preventing uneven absorption, which leads to uneven paint color.

2. Priming maximizes topcoat hide, so it's ideal for color changes. Want to go from cranberry red to sunshine yellow? Even two or three coats of quality paint may not completely hide your previous color, whether it's lighter or darker than your new choice. One coat of primer will hide the previous color, ensuring that the color on the paint chip matches what ends up on your walls. Stainblocking primer such as KILZ Original or KILZ Premium will hide stains on the walls such as crayon, marker, water, smoke and grease and will prevent these stains from resurfacing in the future.

3. Priming increases paint coverage and topcoat adhesion. Many household surfaces are either too porous or too slick to allow two coats of paint to adhere properly. Porous surfaces like wood, drywall and masonry soak up paint unevenly and require multiple coats to achieve the desired look. Slick surfaces such as glass block and ceramic tile, and even previously painted glossy surfaces such as cabinets and furniture could cause the paint to flake if not primed first.

4. Priming promotes a consistent sheen and uniform finish. Once you have chosen the paint sheen (flat, satin, semi-gloss, high gloss) that best meets your needs, prime the area first to ensure that the topcoat is uniform and will stay true to the finish you have chosen.

5. Priming seals stains from mold and

water damage so they don't bleed through your new paint. Bathrooms, basements and other moisture-prone areas are liable to have mildew growth. KILZ Premium contains a mildewcide to help retard mold and mildew growth on the primer's surface.

Primers are available in oil and waterbased formulas, for interior and/or exterior applications. Odorless formulas for interior use also are available.

To find what primer best suits your household needs, visit www,kilz.com.

#### How to display collections

What would the house be without all of your knick — knacks, treasures, collections and photographs to make it truly home?

As you go through life you manage to collect all kinds of objects to put on display. Oftentimes you cannot display it all, so it's best if you determine before you start to decorate what has potential and what should be put into storage.

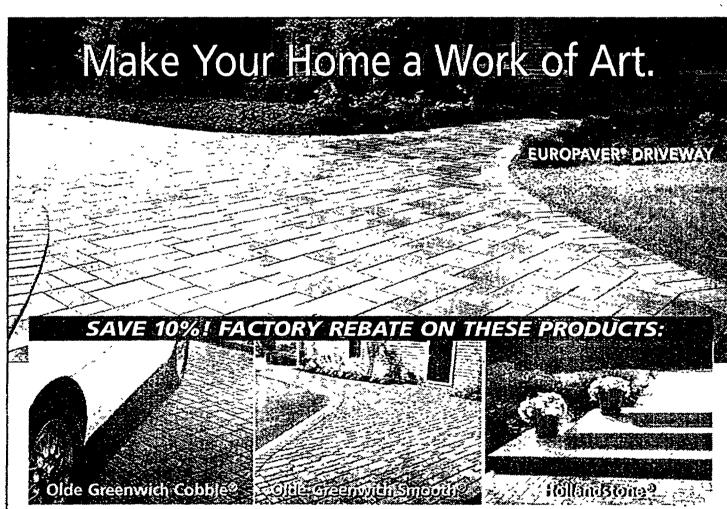
Arranging accessories does not have to be difficult. With a few guidelines you should be on the road to success.

Here is what you should look for, courtesy of WomensForum.com:

1. Evaluate items for color, perspective and height.

2. Accessorize one area at a time from the collection.

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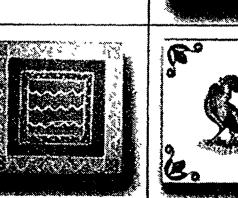


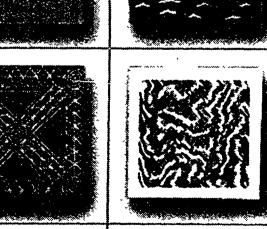


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# Follow these additional tips from the pros

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3. Vary the heights of the objects to be used together to stagger the altitude. Groups of three often work best. One of these can be greenery.

4. Do not line up two or more items of the same size unless you are arranging the interior of your china cabinet. Even if you were in the china cabinet, you would want to break up the line of plates by placing teacups in front for dimension.

5. A clever way to add height to an item that is too small is to sit it upon two or three stacked books or a box.

#### How to Remove Wallpaper

1. Mix together  $\frac{1}{6}$  cup fabric softener with  $\frac{2}{6}$  cup hot water, or add a cup white vinegar to a gallon of hot water.

2. Pour solution into a large spray bottle and moisten the wallpaper. Let stand 15 minutes or until wallpaper is loosened enough to be peeled off. (Remember — vinyl wallpaper will need to be scored before you apply the wet solution, so it can penetrate the paper.)

3. Remove the wallpaper, starting at the bottom and lifting toward the ceiling. If it resists, use a scraper.

Source: www.handymanwire.com

#### Cleaning wallpaper

Use care when cleaning wallpaper. According to handymanwire.com, never clean old wallpaper with water. Try a dry sponge or a 5-by-7-inch pad of virgin rubber about an inch thick that works like a giant eraser.

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For stubborn spots of crayon or wax, gently rub with a steel wool pad, followed by a dry cleaning solvent.

Only try abrasive cleaners as a last resort.

#### Secrets to Solving Any Carpet Stains or Spills

(MS) — With proper care, carpet can provide beauty and comfort in your home for many years. Although spills are inevitable, today's carpet technology combined with prompt treatment can ensure full removal of many stains.

The carpet experts at Solutia, Inc., makers of Wear-Dated carpet fiber, offer effective solutions for your next spill.

For big spills, a wet/dry vacuum is the prime weapon for use in stain removal strategy.

Use the attachment on the vacuum, and vacuum out as much of the liquid as possible. Add water to the spot as you continue to vacuum. If needed, apply a sparing amount of detergent to the spot.

After the stain is removed, rinse the affected area by slowly pouring water onto the carpet as you work the vacuum's wand back and forth over the detergent.

For stains not involving a lot of liquid, or, if you do not have a wet/dry vacuum, follow these guidelines:

1. Remove solid materials with a tablespoon, spatula or dull knife to avoid spreading the stain.

2. Blot spills with clean, white absorbent\_ materials such as a cloth or paper towels. Press

# Follow these tips to get stains out of the carpet

Think that catsup Billy spilled while eating a hamburger in front of the TV is there forever? Think again!

The experts at Wear-Dated are here to help you get rid of even the toughest of stains.

THE STAIN: blood, catsup, cheese, chocolate, cola, cough syrup, mixed drinks, soft drinks, soy sauce, toothpaste, watercolor and white glue

USE: 1 tablespoon of clear household ammonia per 1 cup of water

THE STAIN: beer, coffee, perfume, tea,

down hard to remove as much liquid as possible, but do not rub, which will cause lasting damage to the carpet.

3. If a spot removal solvent is necessary, apply several drops to a clean, white cloth and blot the carpet in an inconspicuous area to ensure it doesn't affect the color of your carpet. Use the solution sparingly. Consult a professional carpet cleaner if a color change occurs.

4. If one spot solution fails to work, try another one until the stain is removed.

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USE:  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of white vinegar and  $\frac{2}{2}$  cup of water

THE STAIN: egg, excrement, urine and vomit

USE: Ammonia solution above. If stain remains, moisten stained tufts with 3 percent hydrogen peroxide, and let stand one hour. Blot and repeat.

THE STAIN: rust

USE: Saturate the spot with lemon juice. Let stand five minutes.

5. Always rinse the area with water to remove as much detergent as possible. Incomplete removal of the detergent will cause dirt to stick to the carpet and the stains will return.

6. Absorb all of the moisture after rinsing. Leave a towel on the carpet under a weighted object overnight to ensure absorption of all of the water, again to prevent recurring stains.

For specific spot cleaning procedures for additional stains, consult the Wear-Dated spot cleaning guide available at weardated.com.



# The right tools make job easy

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Remove rust as soon as it appears using a wire brush or pliable sanding block and sharpen blades with a file or sharpening stone.

You'll need a pair of hedge shears and pruning shears, which are smaller and resemble scissors.

Higher-quality hedge shears have bumpers or metal shock springs to take some of the shock out of the cutting action and a high-carbon steel blade that will hold its edge a long time.

Sharpen blades periodically and keep the joints where the blades come together oiled.

Finally, you'll need a hose and spray attachment.

Most people walk into a store and buy a cheap, nylon mesh hose, says Manfredini, and those kink and break constantly. Instead splurge on a much more durable poly-blend hose — a combination of nylon and rubber.

Always roll up the hose, ideally on a

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wheel. Never wrap it too tightly because it won't perform well; instead keep the loops about the size of a hula-hoop.

For about \$15 you can buy a good-quality multiple-setting spray attachment giving you the right water pressure for washing the car or watering tomato plants.

If you want a watering can, get one that is a lightweight plastic, because each gallon of water in it weighs 8 pounds.

If you must have metal, Smith & Hawken advises choosing one that's been hot-dipped in molten zinc. Avoiding the kind that have been cut out and pieced together from pre-galvanized metal.

When you finish with it, turn the can upside down so it can drain and dry completely.

When choosing tools, one rule of thumb is that heavy is good.

"In almost every instance, the heavier tool is the better," says Manfredini.

Choose those with a lifetime warranty. "Manufacturers give you a lifetime war-

ranty because they are betting on the fact their product won't fail."

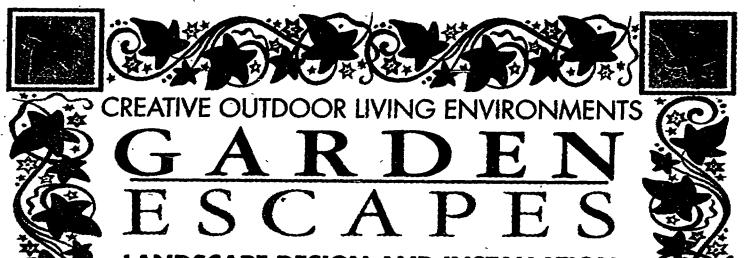
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### Good bugs vs. bad bugs

Not every bug in your garden is a pest, and not every solution needs to be a pesticide. Here's a list of plants you can grow to attract beneficial insects and repel the nasty ones:

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Assassin bugs	Alfalfa, carrot, goldenrod
Damsel bugs	Alfalfa
Lacewings	Carrot
Laty beetles	Alfalta, yarrow, goldenrod
Syrphid fly Tachinid fly	Buckwheat, candytuft, fennel
Yellowjackets	Conancer, fennel, white sweet clover, lvy, sweet white clover, carrot
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Ants	Marjoram, mint, oregano, onions
Aphids	Chives, garlie, mangolds, mint
Moths	Sage, rosemary, thyme
Cabbage worms	Tomatoes, celery
Colorado potato bugs Flies	Green beans, marigold, flax
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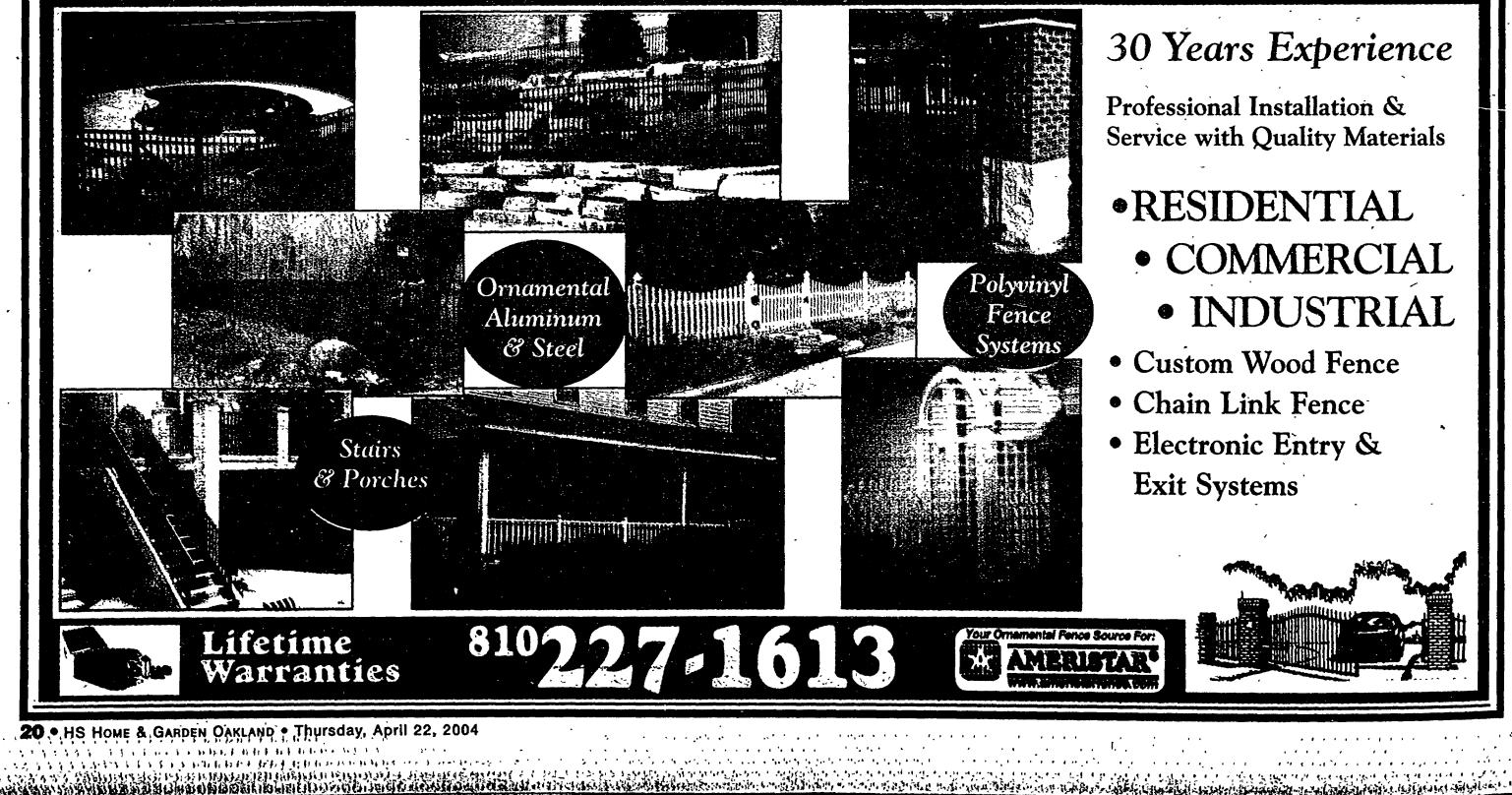
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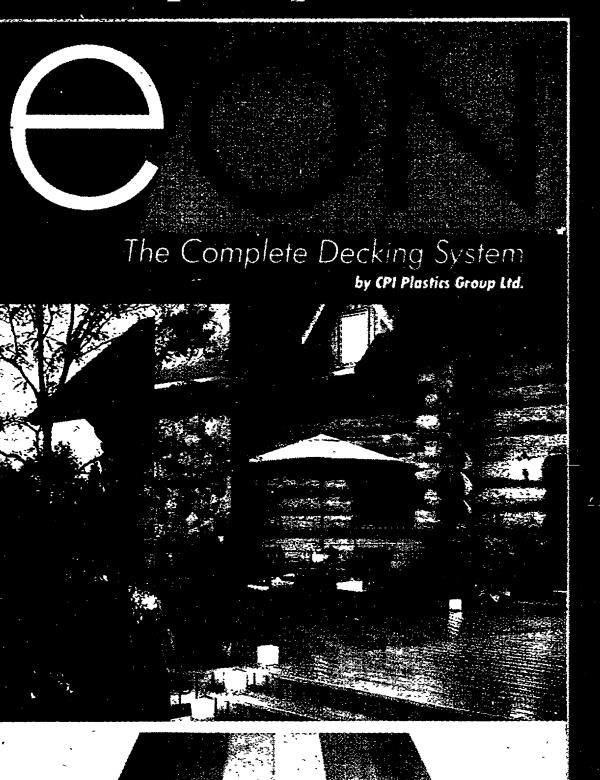




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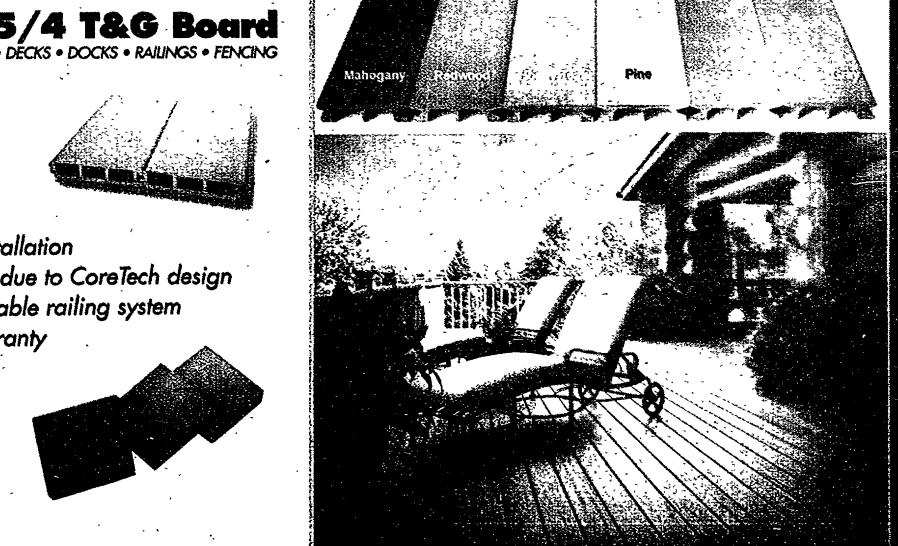
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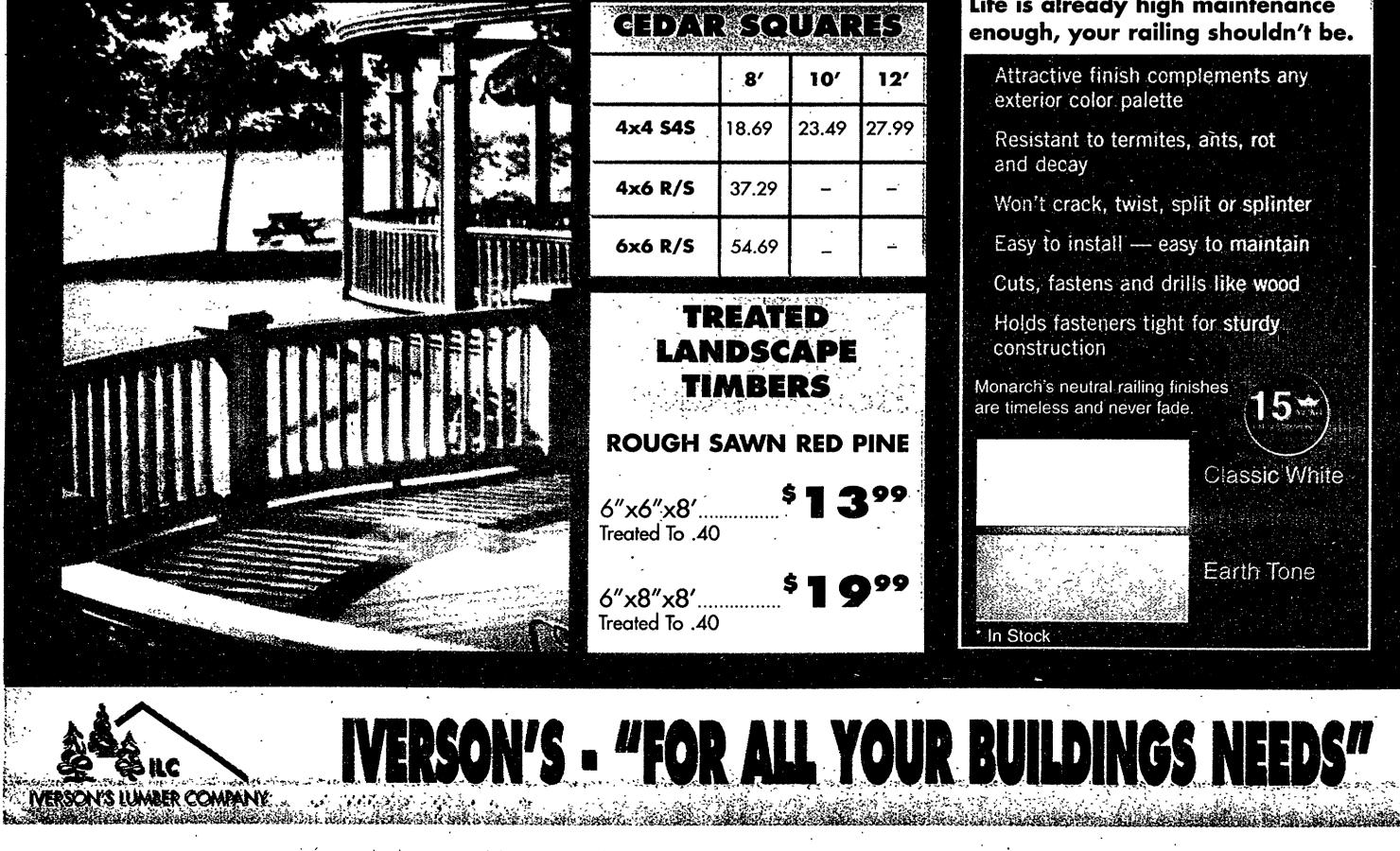
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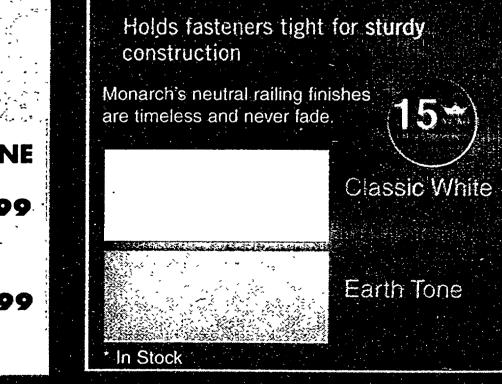


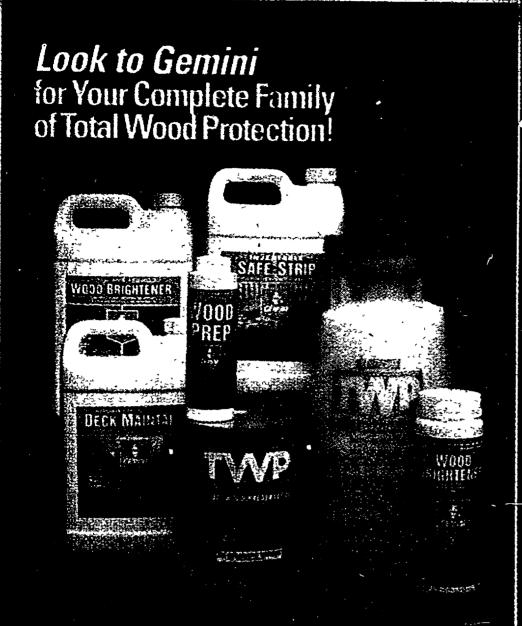
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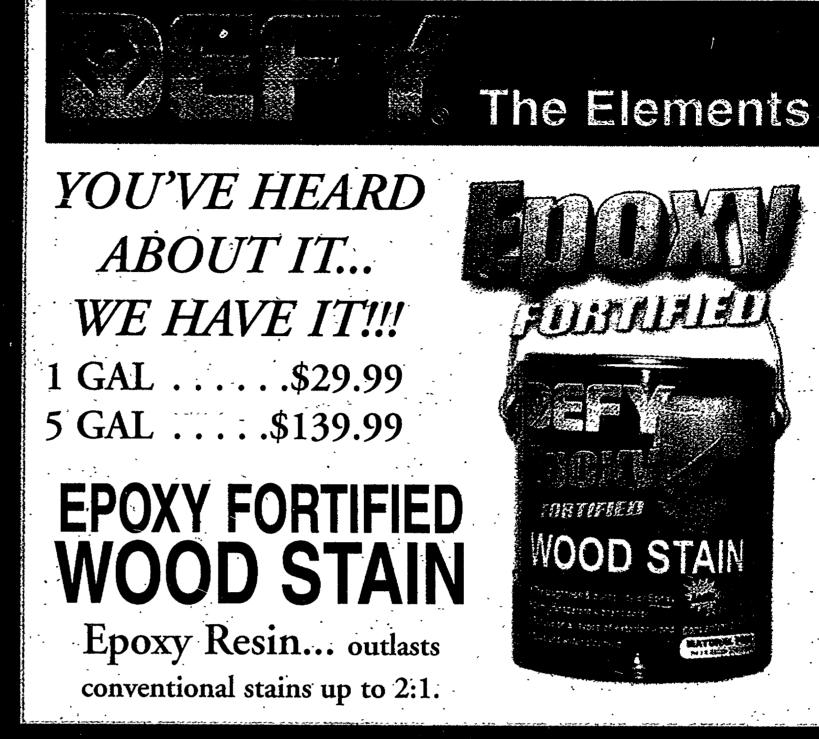


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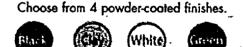


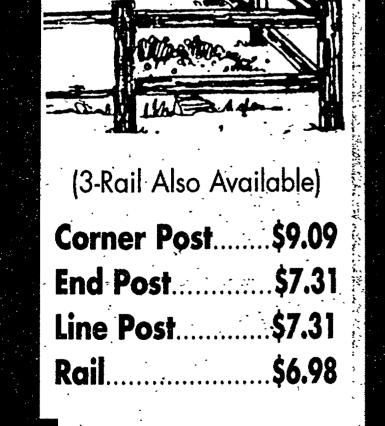
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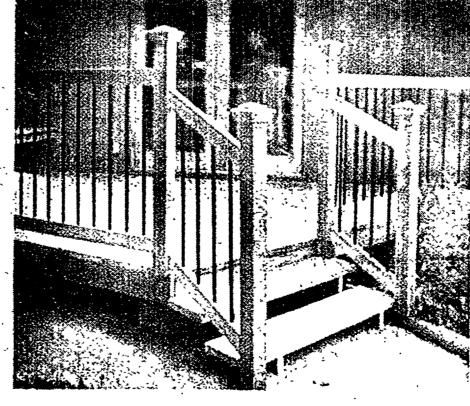


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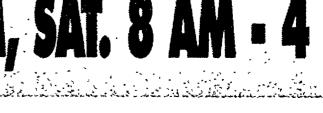
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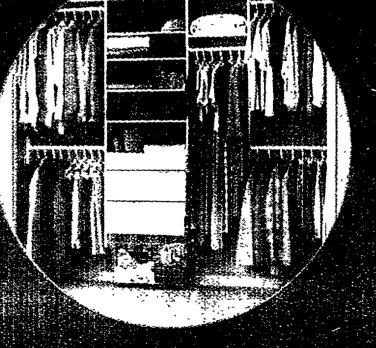


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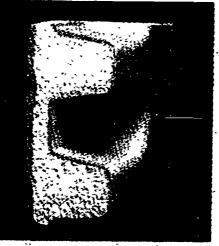


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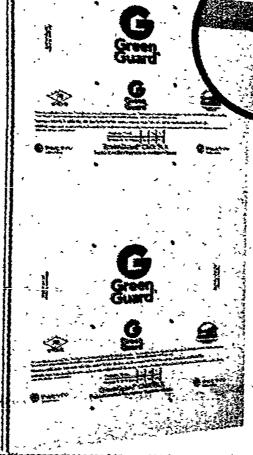
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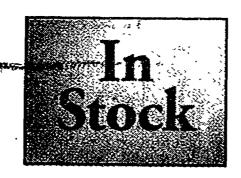
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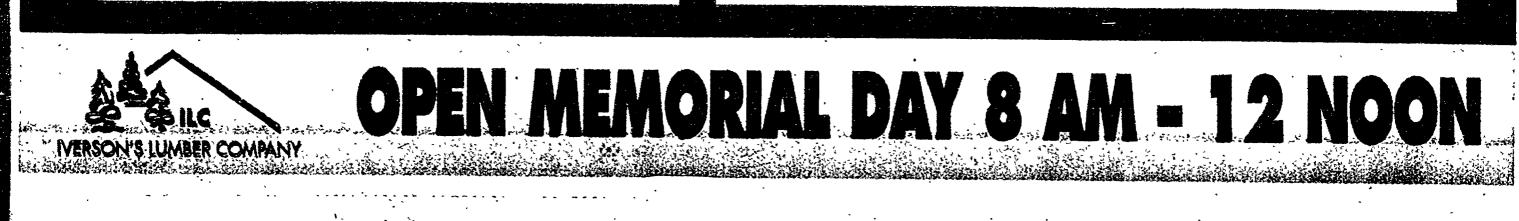
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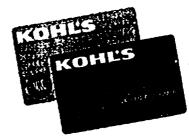




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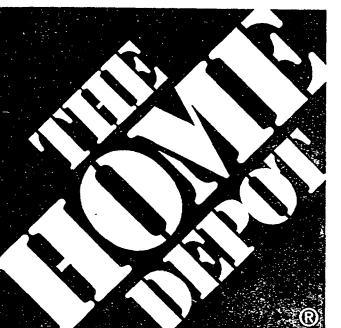








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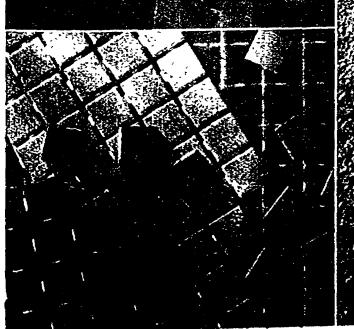
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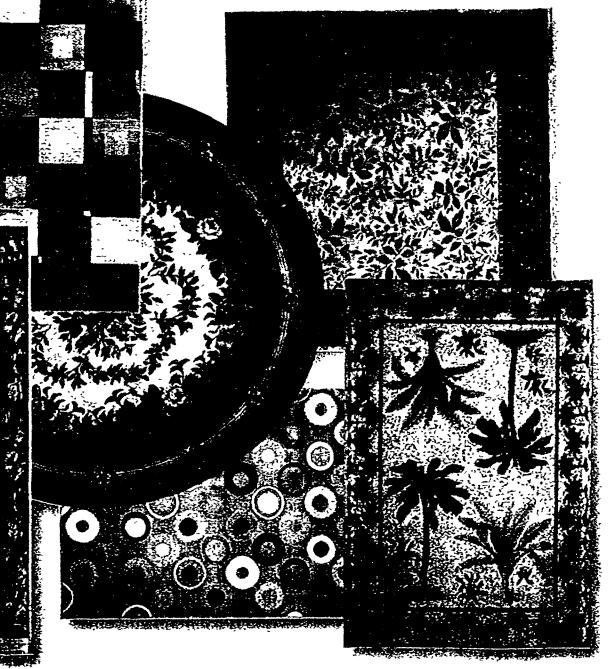
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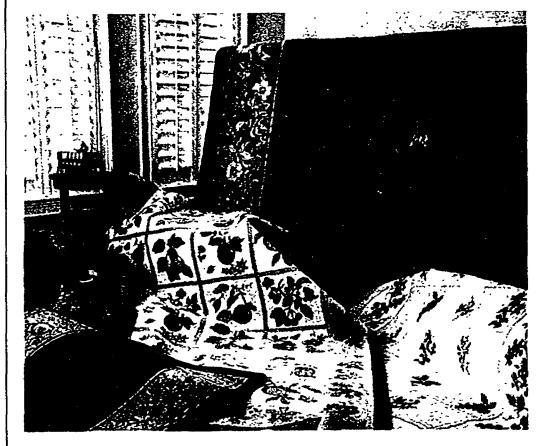
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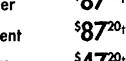
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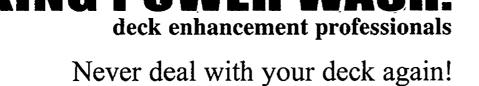
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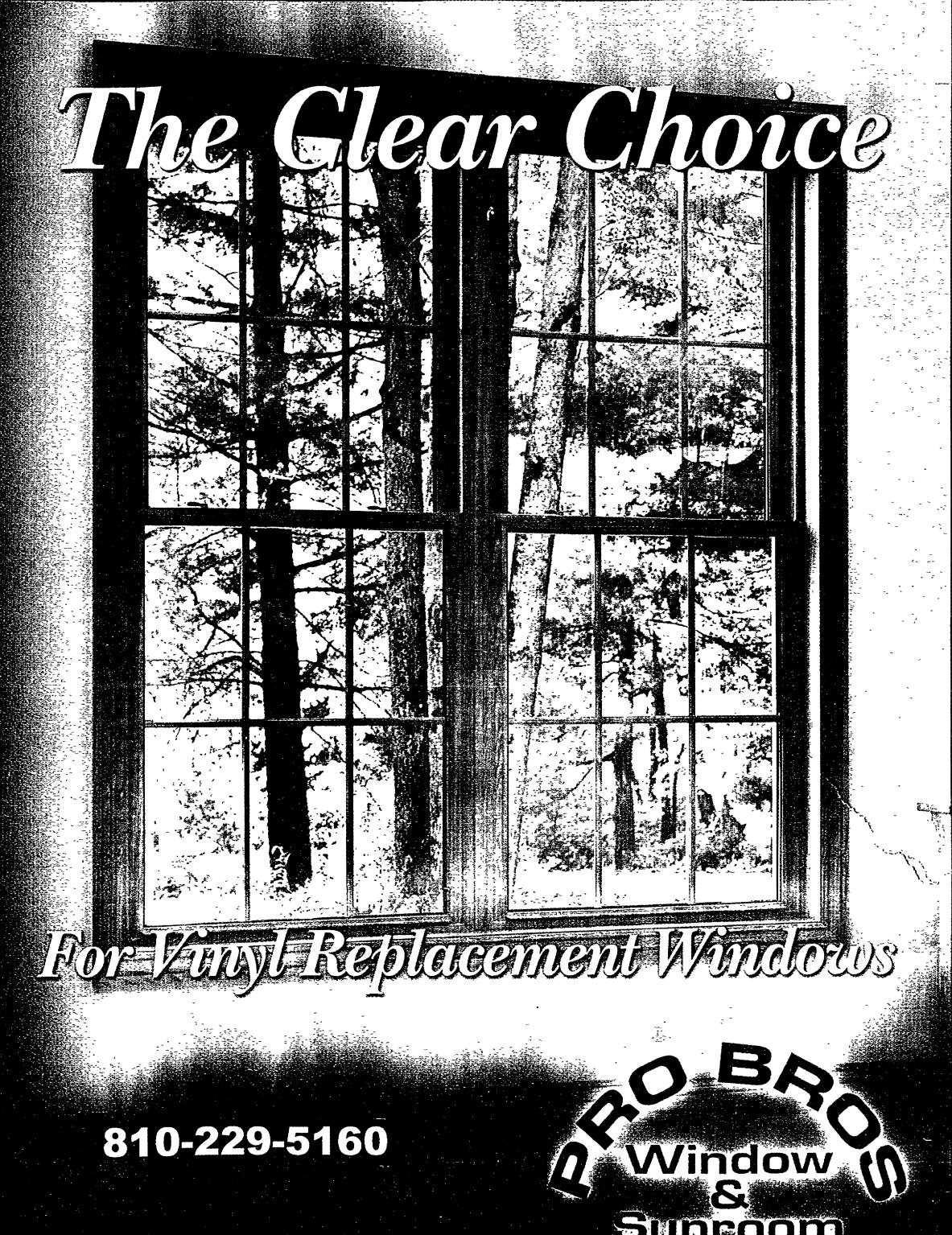


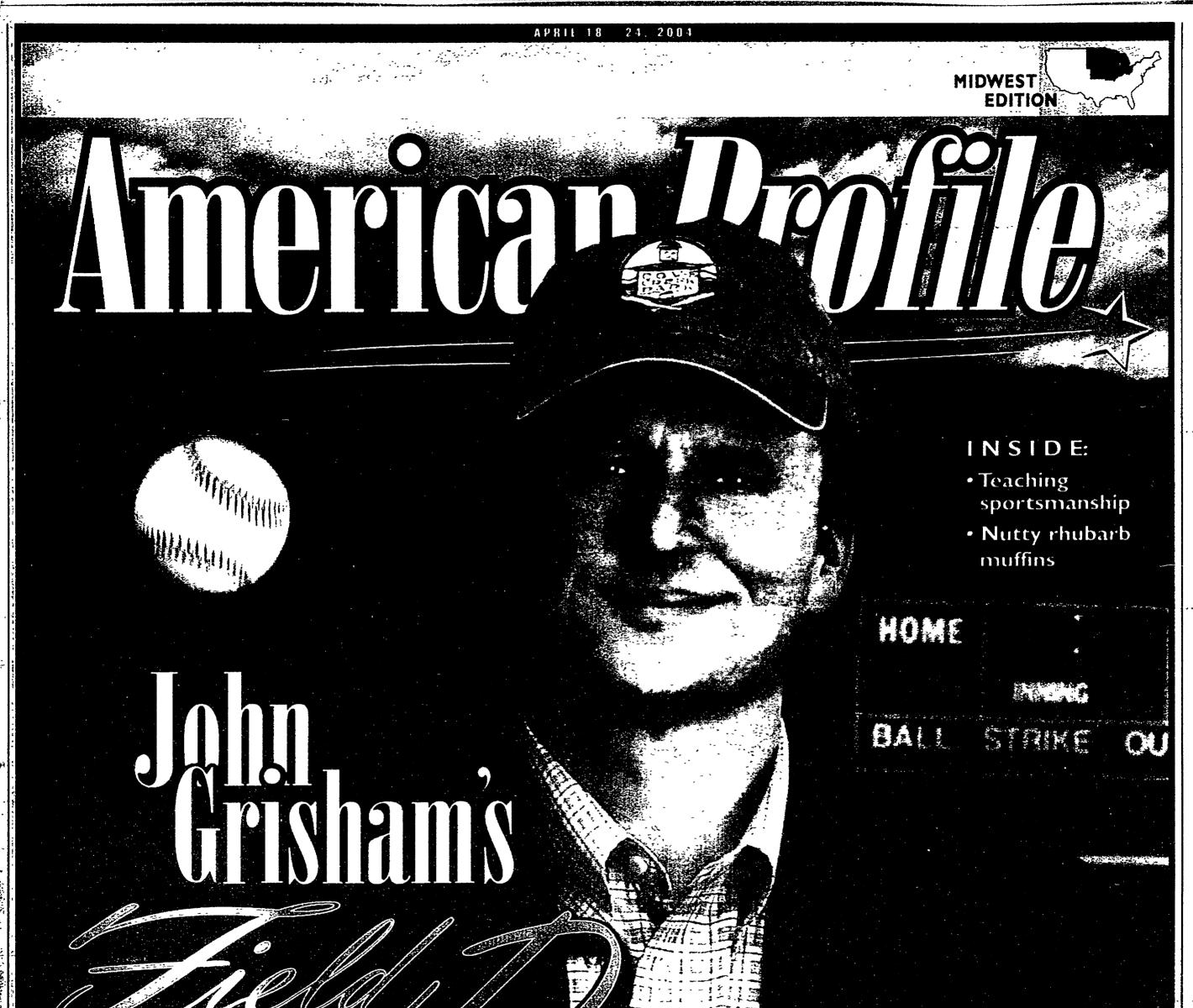
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### Ask American Profile

I would like to write to Dick Wolf, the creator of Law & Order. May I have his address? What can you tell us about him? ---Thelma D., Virginia

A New York City native, Wolf got his start as an advertising copywriter, and eventually turned his talents to writing screenplays. He made his first foray into television police drama as a writer for Hill Street Blues, and went on to work on Miami Vice as executive producer. He also wrote the prep school-based movie School Ties. (Wolf has his own prep school background, attending Andover at the same time as

President George W. Bush.) But it was Law & Order and its multiple spin-offs that have made him a household name. "When I was growing up," Wolf told The Baston Phoenix a few years back, "there were cop shows like The Defenders and Naked City, and the great thing about them was how real they were. Law & Order is a direct descendent or those shows, and it's the most ambitious show I've worked on. But

beyond that, it has been an instrument for telling stories in a totally different way than I've ever been able to tell them before." You can write to Wolf at Universal Studios, 100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA, 91608.

#### I read that Vince. Gill is stepping down as the host of the annual Country Music Association awards. Why?

-John R., California

The affable Gill, the award show's host for 12 years, says he's stepping down to concentrate on his music. A song from his

2003 album, Next Big Thing, was nominated for a Grammy, but ignored by

duties. But, Gill, a father of two daughters who is married to singer Amy Grant, promises with a hint of Arnold Schwarzenegger, "I'll be back!" In the meantime, he's involved in a number of projects, including a studio reunion of the Cherry Bombs, Rodney Crowell's old backup band, with Crowell, keyboardist Tony Brown, and steel guitar player Hank DeVito. The idea sprung from Crowell's appearancé on a Gill showcase in 2002. "Rodney called the next day and said, Hey man, I was so inspired last night," Gill recalls. Then the band jammed for a music industry function, and they all knew they wanted to make an album together. "There's something about being with those guys that makes me the most comfortable I ever feel playing music," Gill says. "Rodney's my hero." No release date has been announced.



Selma Blair stars in three upcoming films.

Ullman, Johnny Knoxville and Chris Isaak. Blair says she yearns for more dramatic parts, but has learned to appreciate her affinity for the lighter side of life. "I feel like nothing's worth telling unless it haunts somebody," she explains, "but I know I'd rather laugh than be haunted, so I need to keep that in mind." ≯



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#### What's happened to Selma Blair? I haven't seen her in anything since last year's A Guy Thing.

-Louise S., Pennsylvania She's been busy. In January, after a six-month courtship, the 31-year-old actress married Star Search judge Ahmet Zappa, 29, son of the late rocker Frank Zappa. And, the Cruel Intentions star has a trio of films scheduled for release this year-the comedyromance Hating Her, with Bridget Moynahan and Blythe Danner; Hellboy, an action-adventure/sci-fi flick co-starring Ron Perlman and John Hurt; and the comedic A Dirty Shame, with Tracey

Vince Gill is ending his CMA hosting duties to focus on music

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CMA voters, who perhaps take the easygoing entertainer for granted. "My greatest fear is that I'll walk out there and people will start rolling their eyes like, 'Oh great, not him again," he joked last year about his hosting

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### Cover Story The hit novelist builds a ballpark

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Although novelist John Grisham has created some unforgettable places in his best-selling legal thrillers, perhaps none is more magical than Cove Creek Park, the reallife Little League baseball park that he built amidst Virginia's Blue Ridge mountains.

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Cove Creek Park, where Grisham serves as commissioner, is heaven on earth for the boys and girls in "It's like walking into a dream, really," says Jennifer Williams, park manager. "People who just enjoy baseball will come out on a Saturday and watch a game. They'll come get a hot dog or hamburger because the atmosphere is good. That starts with him and his expectations and it trickles down to everyone else."

However, Grisham's field of dreams was not created from fantasy, but frustration. After he and wife Renee moved their family from Oxford, Miss. (pop. 11,756), to Virginia's rural Albemarle County, he discovered that he would have to drive his son Ty about 20 miles to play Little League.

"It was born out of anger about 10 years ago because there were no fields in this part of the county," says Grisham, 49. "There were a lot of kids here who were not playing baseball, and fellows come up at closing ceremonies, pull on my leg and say,

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there is not a lot of flat land, so there were not a lot of fields. Some of the leagues here, I thought, left a lot to be desired. I got mad and started building this place."

> He purchased 100 acres, dynamited the hilly terrain and opened Cove Creek Park in 1996. His son played baseball and his daughter, Shea, played softball there until they got too old for the youth

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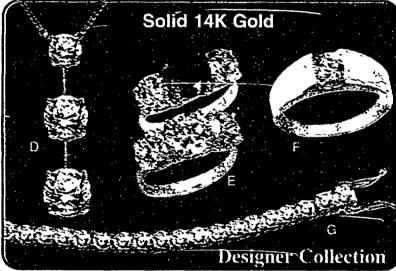
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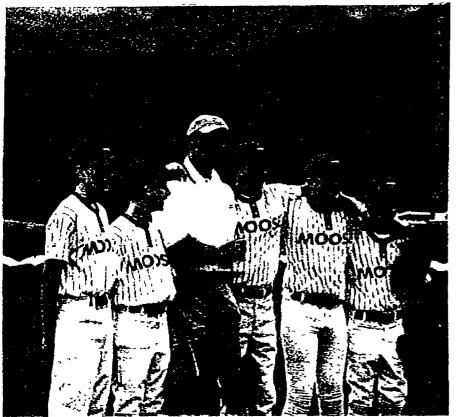




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Grisham joins young actors during a break on the set of Mickey.

leagues. Grisham has footed the entire bill for the multimillion dollar project. "Every year, there's a nice deficit and I cover that and I'm happy to do it," he says. "It's never going to break even; I gave up that dream a long time ago."

Commissioner Grisham kicked off the opening ceremonies of the 2004 season this month after several months of coaches' meetings, player tryouts and drafts-all of which he conducts. "I stay pretty close to it," he says. "I still sign every check and see every invoice." He's been known to line the fields himself, and has a friendly competition with Jennifer over who can create the straightest base lines. Neither poor sportsmanship nor profanity is tolerated in the ballpark. At the end of the season, every one of the 450 girls and boys will receive a trophy.

"I am lucky to be able to spend a lot of hours at the ballpark," he says. "I really stopped working 13 years ago. I mean, I don't consider writing to be heavy lifting, and I don't write during baseball season. I write in late summer and throughout the fall and finish a book by Thanksgiving, so when the season starts, I don't do much writing."

#### Dreaming of Cardinals

While Grisham was growing up in small Southern towns such as Jonesboro, Ark. (pop. 55,515), and Crenshaw, Miss. (pop. 916), baseball was the center of his universe. "The whole world was at that ballpark," says Grisham, the son of a construction worker and a homemaker. "We went there almost every night, A conference at the mound. either to play or to watch.

"The old men would line up behind the



Although Grisham was forced to set aside his childhood dreams of becoming a professional baseball player, and instead found his phenomenal success in penning irresistible novels, baseball still has a firm hold on his heart. "First of all, it's the oldest organized sport; it goes back generations," he says. "The history of baseball is also the history of our country. There are records of Civil War soldiers playing baseball. Also, in areas like race relations and desegregation, baseball mirrors what happened in the country."

After working long hours as a lawyer in Oxford, Miss., Grisham's life was changed forever when his second novel, The Firm, became the best-selling novel in 1991 and a suc-

> cessful movie starring Tom Cruise. He followed that with The Pelican Brief, The Client, The Chamber, The Rainmaker and other bestselling books. Grisham's 17 books have sold more than 150 million copies in nearly 30 languages, while seven of his novels have been turned into films.



"I kind of got away from baseball until my son came along," he says. "When he was 7, he wanted to play baseball. I had no idea what was coming and how much fun it was going to be. I coached him every year until he was about 15.

Harry Connick Jr. stars in Mickey.

"It's a special time in a father's life; it takes you back to your childhood," he adds. "You get to relive a little bit of your childhood in such a positive way with your own kid."

He still vividly recalls the last game of the season when Ty was 12. "We were living in Oxford and I left the field and thought, 'Gosh, I can't believe this is over.' I think every serious Little League dad secretly dreams of just one more year because you just don't want your kid to grow up.

"The age of 12 is a magical year for boys playing baseball. It's the last year the kids are on the small field and they know the game and they are still little boys. After 12, they go to the big field, which is the same size field that the New York Yankees play on. So once they leave this field, they are in a whole different world of baseball."

Spurred by emotion, Grisham started wondering, "How could I do one more year?" That brainstorming led to Mickey, a movie starring Harry Connick Jr. as a Little League father who conspires to have one more year of Little League by concealing his son's age. Grisham wrote the screenplay and it was directed by fellow Albemarle County resident Hugh Wilson. The duo financed the movie themselves and will release it later this month.

"I don't know what we were trying to do except make a real good baseball movie that both kids and adults would enjoy," he says, noting that Mickey was filmed at Cove Creek Park and baseball fields in Petersburg and Richmond, Va., and Williamsport, Pa.

While he's begun the outline for his next legal thriller, he'd like to write a baseball story for kids and a great baseball novel for adults. "I have been desperately waiting for the inspiration for a long time," he says. "I'm playing around with an idea right now that might work or might not work. The literature of baseball is so rich and it goes back 150 years. So many of the stories have already been done."

Despite his international acclaim, one of Grisham's proudest accomplishments is Cove Creek Park. "I don't think about a legacy," he says. "I write popular fiction and by its very nature, it tends to be forgotten fairly soon. I have no illusions of being remembered after I stop writing. I hope this place will always be here. "I have been blessed beyond my wildest dreams, so it's easy to give back. This place is a lot of fun." 🖈

backstop in their lawn chairs and correct the umpires and yell at the players. The ladies would be off in the bleachers watching, shelling peas, knitting quilts and talking about all-the social activities. It's just where the whole town went."

Like every other teammate on his Little League team, Grisham dreamed of being a g St. Louis Cardinal. "Always in the back-2 ground, there were two or three radios with (announcer) Harry Caray bringing us the § Cardinals every night," he recalls.

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### A Little League life

Although he quickly became a household name, Grisham didn't allow the demands of fame to come before his family. In fact, he bypassed fancy awards dinners honoring him to coach his son's Little League team.

Beverly Keel is an American Profile editor.

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tost people don't understand the concept of cisinarchip," Lievellyn says." They think that if ou win you're humble, and if you lose, so what ortsmanship is learning how to accept winning also how to accept losing, it's basically learning W to respect other people's talent."

former Green Bay Packers linebacker Brian oble, now head coach of the Green Bay Blizard Arena Football League team, feels the mise of sportsmanship is an outcropping of ciety itself.

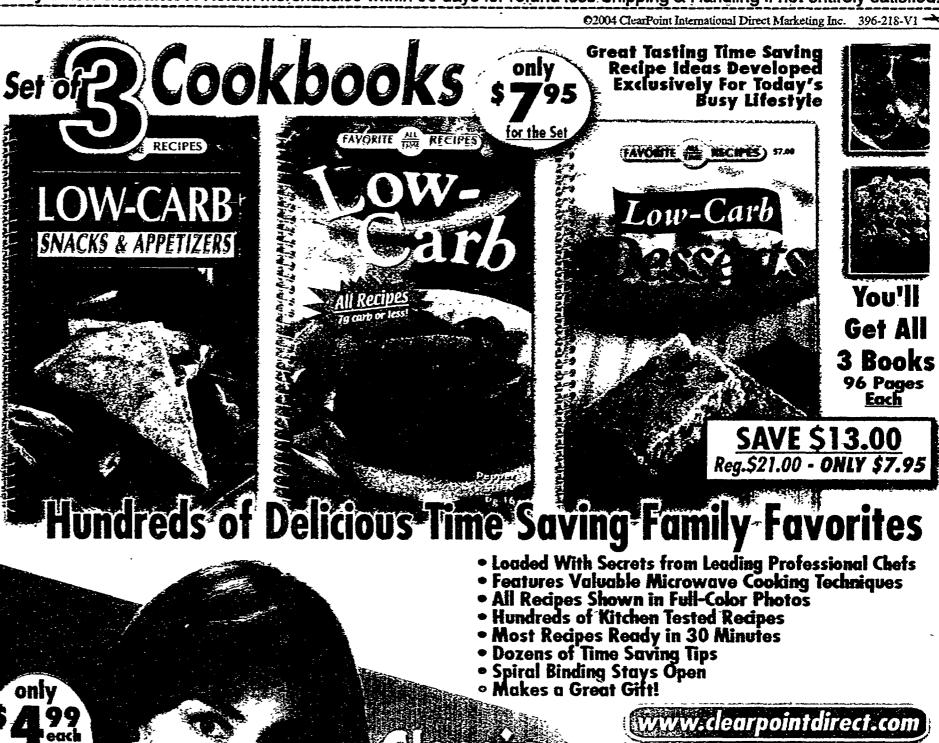
When kids watch athletes today, they see fillionaires disrespecting other millionaires," loble says."I'm coaching guys who are trying to professionals, but I will not allow that here showboating, trash talking). I will not stand for ays taunting and disrespecting their opponent. o much of what we grew up with was about team.' The team wasn't better because you were part of it, you were better because you were a part of the team."

In his book Let 'em Play, Llewellyn cites ways in which good sportsmanship can be recaptured. "It should go back to the basic levels," he says. Kids learn from adults. If when a kid loses we can take him aside right then and sit down and talk about something he or she did well, that's the best way to deal with it. You caught the ball in the outfield. Sure you threw it to third. It was the wrong base, but you still caught the ball. And you've got to do that before you throw it. We can work on throwing it. But you caught the ball and that's a great thing.' Then kids learn to have a good time and learn to have fun."

Below are a few suggestions-and reminders-for how coaches and parents can promote good sportsmanship among young athletes:

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· Parents should understand that coaches are trying to teach skills useful in life and sports. · Parents and coaches should meet periodi-

cally and maintain an open dialogue.

· Young athletes should be taught off positive-not negative-experiences and be reminded that not all behaviors they see in the media are acceptable.

· Players should be taught to commend the other team or player after a good play and line up after contests for handshakes. ≵

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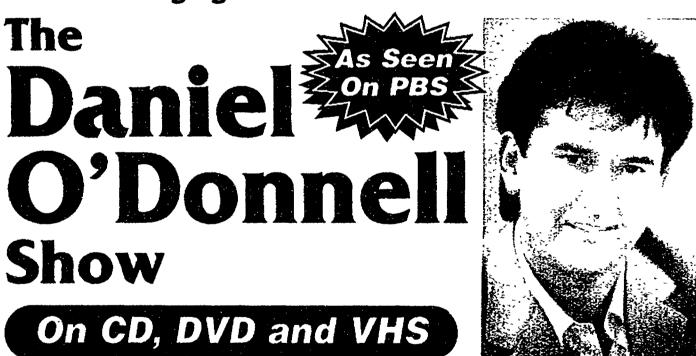
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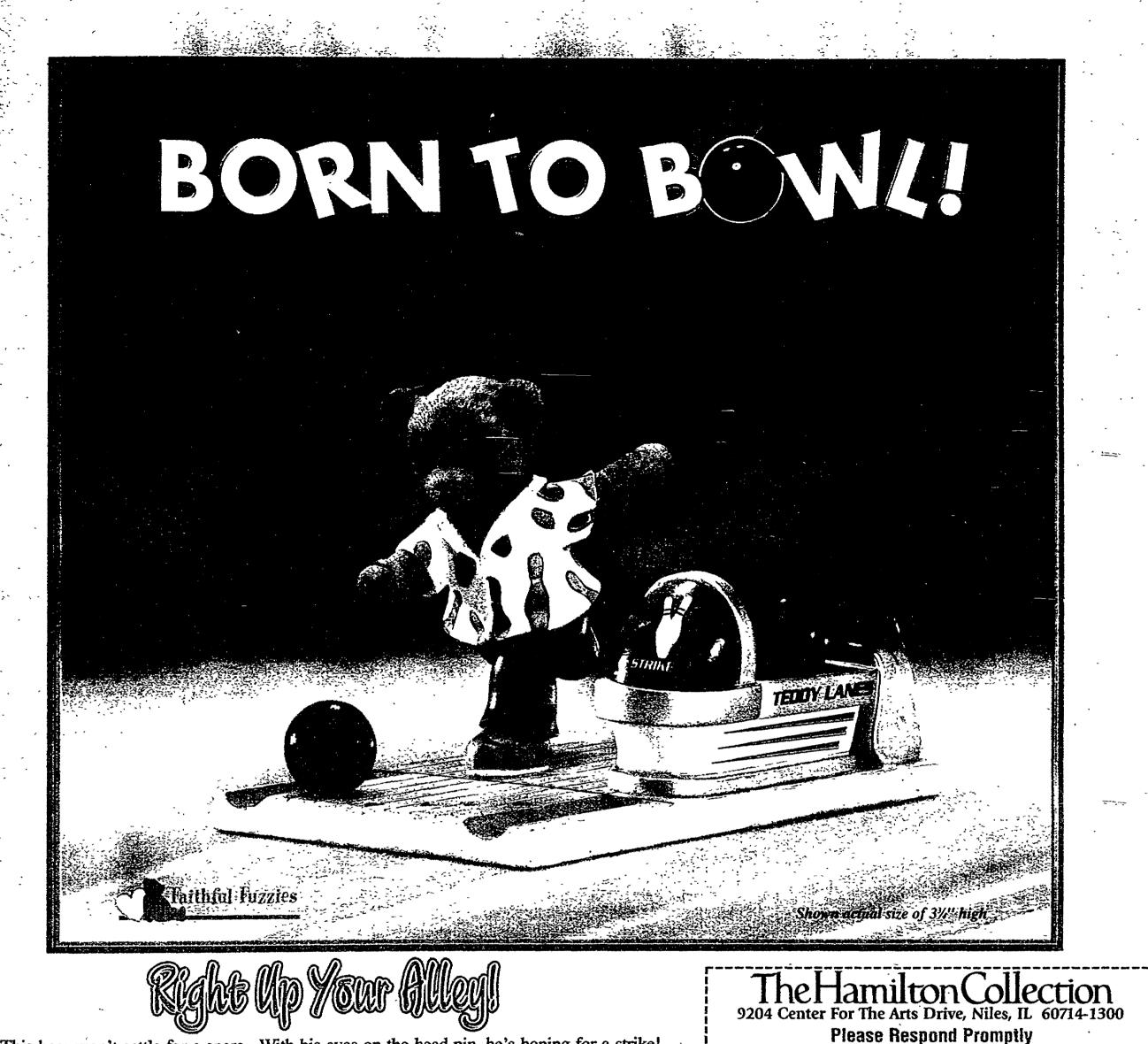


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Zeus, a 510-pound lion, sprawls on his back with his legs in the air while Pat Craig talks to him and scratches his belly. The lion is one of the dozens of animals Craig has rescued and provided a home to at the 120-acre Rocky Mountain Wildlife Conservation Center in Keenesburg, Colo. (pop. 695).

Craig believes in making the animals happy at the center, one of only 17 sanctuaries in the United States that is federally licensed to house exotic felines and bears. The center, which is closed to the public, is more like a retire-

ment home than a zoo.

Craig focuses on the well being of each animal. The big cats are released in groups or individually in a 65-acre fenced play area. The tigers swim and play with their toys in a specially designed "Tiger Pool."

Craig believes in "affectionate training." He cuddles a baby bobcat in his lap, or strokes a Siberian tiger under the chin as if it were a household tabby."

With abused animals, Craig works on getting them to trust people again. Entirely self-taught, he admits he's been "knocked down, ripped up, and bit," but each time he says the animal was only issuing a warning and wasn't intending to kill him.

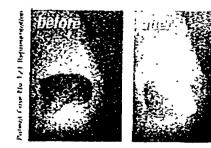
Craig's devotion to saving captive wildlife began 24 years ago when the 19-year-old college student took a tour

Interacting with Zeus.



of the back of a zoo. What he saw behind the main exhibit appalled himtiny, cramped cages with a surplus of lions, tigers and bears facing euthanasia. Determined to help, he sent a letter to the nation's zoos asking if they had excess animals. He got 300 responses, which moved him to take





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Pat Craig cradles a black leopard at the Rocky Mountain Wildlife Conservation Center.

in a few creatures on his parent's farm near Boulder, Colo. He now has more than 85 animals at the sanctuary in Keenesburg, 30 miles northeast of Denver.

The center often takes in animals that authorities have confiscated from roadside 2005 or unlicensed individuals who attempt to keep them as pets. For instance, Zeus, was found starving in a garage in Denver, where he was fed only cat food.

Craig says more than 15,000 large exotic animals live outside the zoo system. Returning them to the wild is not an option, because they lack hunting. skills and are accustomed to people. "There is a crisis in the captive animal population in our country today," says Craig, who gives presentations to educate the public about the issue. In addition to running educational tours for schools, the center sends out a study curriculum to groups and teachers. When the center was moved to Keenesburg 10 years ago, Craig invited residents to visit. Ken Barney, who's lived in Keenesburg since 1934 and %has made several donations, calls Craig, "a good fellow with a good heart."

Rob Pippin, a former center volunteer, agrees. "He's working for a good cause out there, and I just wanted to help out."

Volunteers and donors such as Barney and Pippin are the mainstays of the laborintensive program, which has an annual budget of \$400,000-one-third of which goes to feed the animals. Prior to forming a nonprofit organization, Craig and his wife, Shelley, spent their own money to fund the center because they couldn't say no to abused animals like Romeo, a 5-year-old mountain lion.

> Several years ago, Romeo was found chained by his neck in a Montana backyard. Today, Romeo leaps and bounds in his 90-footlong cage and stalks rabbits on the play area. When his topaz eyes spot Craig and he begins purring like a giant kitten and rubbing against the fence, it's hard not to imagine that he is expressing his gratitude. Karen Karvonen is a freelance uriter in Englewood, Colo.

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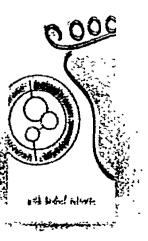
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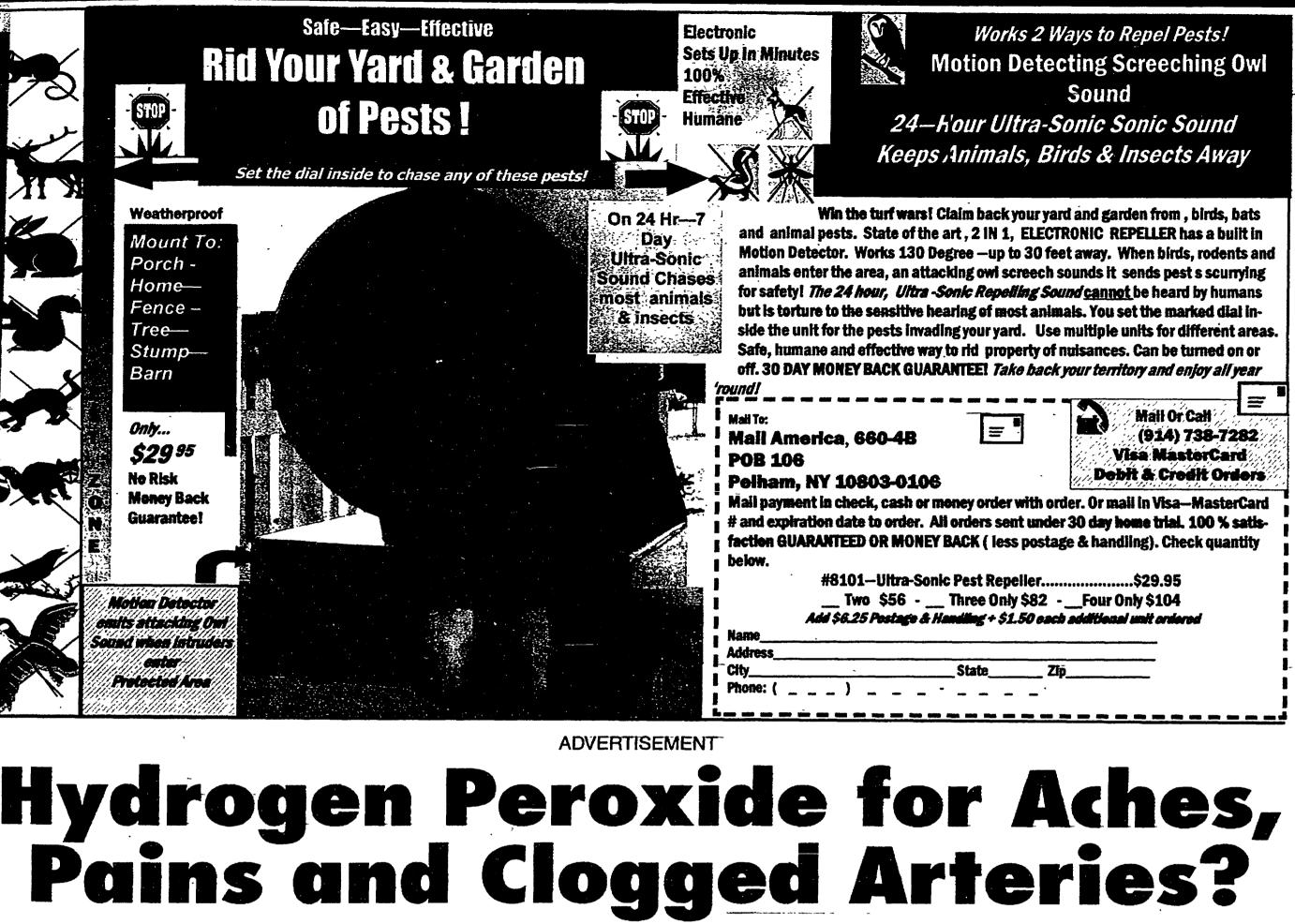
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It may be springtime by the calendar, but it's not official in Stanton, Iowa, until sundown April 30. That's when a group of men will stroll through the streets singing a Swedish folk song heralding happier days, chirping birds, and budding flowers.

The singing of Skona Maj or Beautiful May has been a tradition in Stanton for 100 years. Donovan Sellergren, 87, knows firsthand about the last 75 and his brother, Leland Sellergren, 86, has harmonized nearly that long. So has cousin Darland Sellergren, 83. "We don't know of anyone else in the United. States doing this," says Don Peterson, 76, president of the Stanton Historical Society. "A woman from California heard about us and asked if we had a tape of Skona Maj so her 94-year-old mother could hear it one more time."

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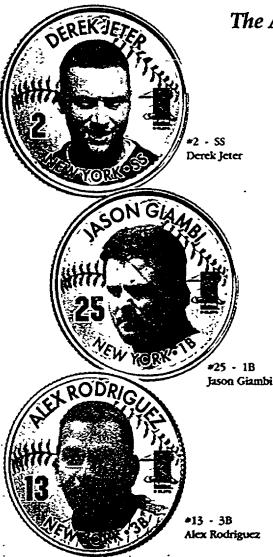
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Peterson's son, Stuart, 47, strolls the hilly streets with his son, Neil, 12. "People want to know where

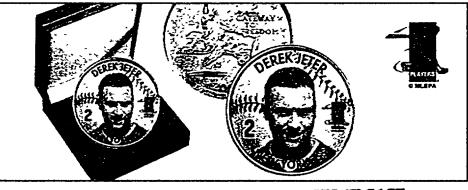
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Balladeers herald spring with a Swedish folk song in Stanton, lowa.

they come from and this is tradition with a capital T," Stuart says. "It's one of those things that makes small towns great."

Neil makes no secret of his favorite part: "free food." Indeed, food and fellowship go hand in hand in the community of 714, which prides itself on its hospitality and staying connected to its roots. About 60 percent of the residents are of Swedish ancestry and downtown shops display Swedish and English signs: Charkutteriaffar (Model Meat Market); Sakerhet State Bank (Security State Bank), and Susie's Kok (kitchen), where \$3 buys a platter of Swedish pancakes.

Even the skyline shouts Välkommen (welcome). The town painted its two water towers to resemble a Swedish coffeepot and coffee cup. The towers honor native actress Virginia Christine, who portrayed Mrs. Olson and dispensed advice to newlyweds in 1960s Folger's coffee commercials.

Coffee, Swedish coffee cake, salmon, and heaps of hors d'oeuvres greet the singers throughout the evening. Myrna Johnson fills plates at Halland Village, a senior citizen housing complex named after town founder, the Rev. Bengt Magnus Halland. Johnson's late husband, Bob, was an active member of the chorus.

"I had labor induced so our daughter could be born on April 29," she says. "Bob couldn't miss singing. That would have been treason."

She adds, "This means a lot to us. We want our children to know the traditions and to do them. At home, we do our prayers in Swedish."

The town celebrates its heritage with festivals year-round. Midsommars Dag (Midsummer's Day) in June marks the arrival of summer with singing and folk dancing. Svenska skolan (Swedish school) is held in June for children, grades second through sixth, to learn the language, crafts, and culture.

The highlight of the Santa Lucia Festival in December is the crowning of the Santa Lucia queen, a high school girl who marches into the school gym wearing a crown of glowing candles and carrying a coffeepot. She spends the holiday season caroling and visiting homebound residents.

As the evening progresses, singers visit the Stanton Care Center. They stroll around town. Residents step onto their porches to listen. Irene Lindner leans on her walker, smiling. Carl Johnson steps outside.

"I'm a better listener than singer," he says and claps.



Thirty-five years ago the celebration continued until 3 a.m., says John Schultz, a retired music teacher who directs the group. Farmers didn't finish in the fields intil 9 p.m. so the group started late. Today, few singers m and they're getting older. By 10 p.m., they sing one last enthusiastic round of 'Welcome, beautiful May!" and head toward home. A chill is in the air, but make no mistake, it's springtime in Stanton, Iowa. 🍣 men Marti Attoun is a freelance writer in Joplin, Mo. on For more information on Stanton, call vn the Swedish Heritage and Cultural Centine ter at (712) 829-2840 or log onto . Olson. www.stantoniowa.com. 1, 14 9.0

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INDIANA—Don Mattingly, six-time All-Star and nine-time Gold Glove winner for the New York Yankees between 1982 to 1995, was born April 20, 1961, in Evansville.

IOWA-The nation's first female lawyer, Arabella Babb Mansfield, was born May 23, 1846, near Burlington (pop. 26,839), and was admitted to the Iowa bar in 1869.

KANSAS—Black squirrels are protected in Marysville (pop. 3,271), where they are the town mascot. It's believed that the critters escaped from a traveling carnival in the 1920s and proliferated.

MICHIGAN-Students at Paddock Elementary School in Milan (pop. 4,775) set a world record for the biggest hug in June 2001, when 1,478 student and adult huggers stood hand-to-shoulder for 10 seconds.

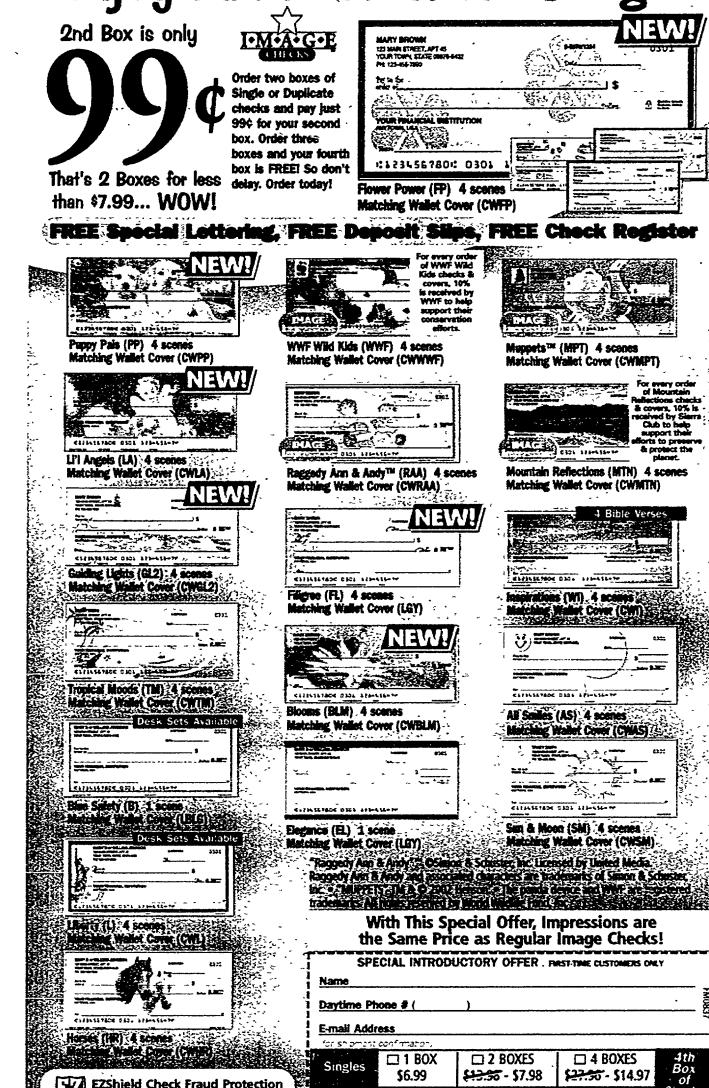
MINNESOTA—Snowmobilers race on grass each September at Hay Days Grass Drags, a popular competition begun in 1967 by the Sno Barons Snowmobile Club in Blaine (pop. 44,942).

MISSOURI-In 1935, Lester Dill opened Meramec Caverns in Stanton and promoted the attraction nationwide by painting barns for free in exchange for their use as billboards. Dill also reportedly wired ads for the cavern onto car bumpers, creating the first bumper stickers.

NEBRASKA-With 450,000 square feet of retail space, the Nebraska Furniture Mart in Omaha is among the nation's largest home furnishings retailers.

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SOUTH DAKOTA—Horseback riders and bicyclists share the 114-mile George S. Mickelson Trail, which follows an abandoned railway track from Deadwood (pop. 1,380) to Edgemont (pop. 867).

WISCONSIN --- Actress Ellen Corby, who played Grandma Esther Walton in the 1970s television series The Waltons, was born June 3, 1913, in Racine.

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Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a small bowl, mix sugar, egg, vanilla, oil, and buttermilk. In a medium-size bowl, mix flour, baking soda and

salt. Stir sugar mixture into flour mixture and blend until evenly moistened. Stir in rhubarb and nuts. Spoon into well-greased and floured muffin tins. Stir together topping ingredients and sprinkle evenly over the top of each muffin. Bake about 20 minutes, or until center springs up when touched. Makes one dozen muffins.

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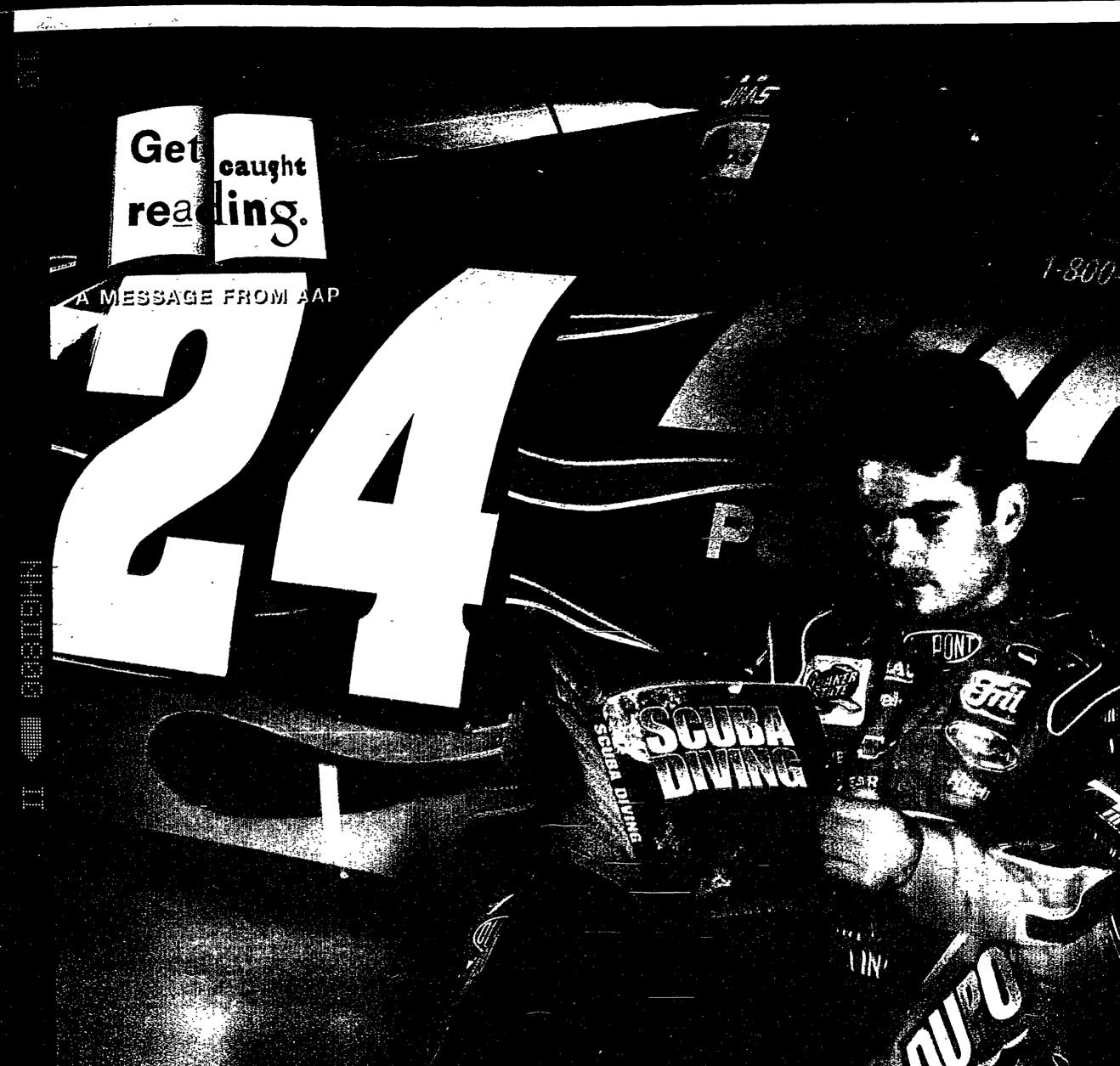
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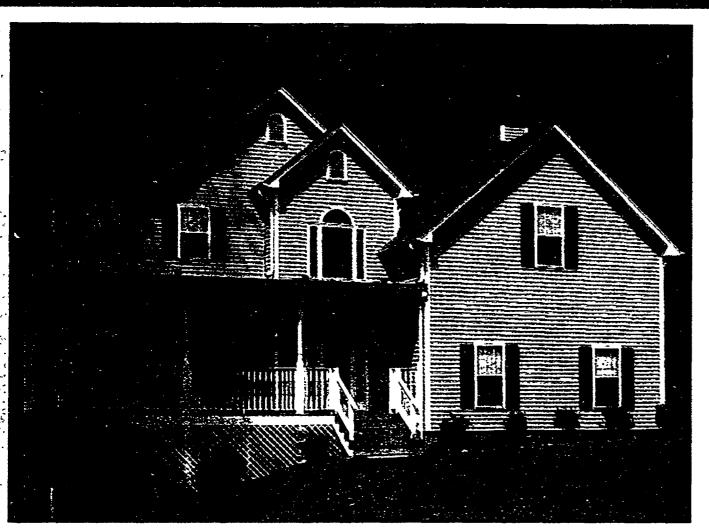
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