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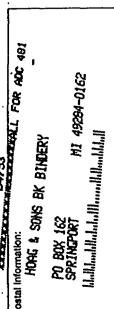
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Schools make the grade

Residents pass \$35.7 million bond by 839 votes

By Victoria Sadlocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville voters once again answered the call of the district, approving the school's \$35.7 million bond proposal.

Of nearly 23,000 registered voters, 2,534 voted for the bond Monday; 1,695 voted to deny the proposal.

The bond won favorable support in each of the district's eight voting precincts, along with cast

"We are obviously very pleased with these results and delighted with those who came out to vote," Leonard Rezmierski, Northville Schools superintendent. "We're delighted at getting that backing to continue our emphasis on quality education and excellence and that is what this will do for us."

The majority of the bond proceeds will fund capital improvements and, in some cases expansion projects, at nine of the district's buildings.

Bond spending will include new carpeting, lighting, cement repairs, playground equipment, the addition of six classrooms at Ridge Wood Elementary, a nineclassroom addition at Meads Mill Middle School, multi-purpose rooms for Winchester and Silver Springs elementary schools, a new roof at Hillside, 10 new, full-size school buses and about \$3.4 million in district-wide technology

Residents owning a home with a market value of \$200,000 will pay about \$100 a year, for 20

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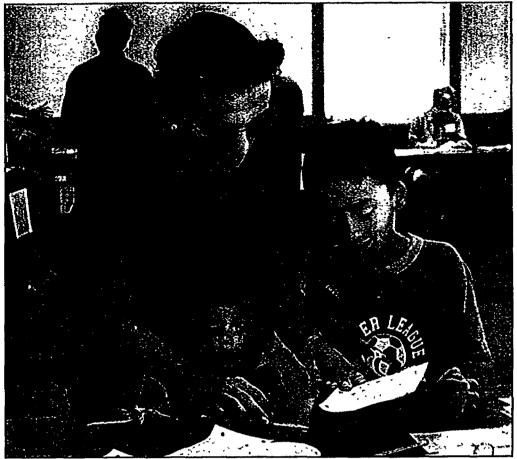


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Diane Scott prepares to vote in Monday's Northville school election at city hall with her children Brandon, 5, and Ryan, 2.

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"We're delighted at getting that backing to continue our emphasis on quality education and excellence..."

> Leonard Rezmierski. Northville Schools superintendent.

Northville **School Board Candidate** Turnout

CANDIDATE **TOTALS** Wadsworth 2802 Wollack 1873 Sochacki 1365 Drogosch 850

Wadsworth, Wollack retain school board seats

By Victoria Sadiocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

Monday was a good day for incumbents.

Current Northville school board president, Joan Wadsworth and trustee, Judith Wollack, were reelected for an additional fouryear term during the June 14 school board election.

Wadsworth led the group of four candidates with 2,802 votes. "I'm looking forward to it, but I'm especially relieved the bond

passed and by a large volume," she said. Wadsworth will complete 15 years as a school board member at

the end of her newly-elected term. Fellow incumbent, Wollack, received 1,873 votes. She won a second term on the school board, effective July 1.

Wollack promises she will continue her crusade of evolving the district to meet the needs of the continually evolving society in the next four years.

Challengers Robert Sochacki received 1,365 votes, and Cheryl Drogosch received 850 votes. Sochacki's total left his second school board trustee attempt 587 votes short.

Combined, Sochacki and Drogosch tallied 587 fewer votes than Wadsworth.

"Well I was disappointed, but not in the bond obviously," Sochacki said. "I was happy about

The Northville resident was also pleased with his third-place vote total, saying he only received about 500 votes in last year's school board election.

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Meads Mill parent files civil rights complaint

Mother says son was taunted for several months; officials offer different story

By Victoria Sadlocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

Michigan Department of Civil Rights officials are investigating claims made by a Meads Mill parent alleging her African-American son was racially discriminated against by fellow stu-

The child was recently suspended after allegedly spraying a student in the face with an aerosol

body deodorant. His mother claims the incident was provoked by students who have continually used racial slurs when referencing her child.

Michigan Department of Civil Rights spokesman, Harold Core, said contact was made with the department two weeks ago, and a formal civil rights complaint was signed by the youth's mother last

Meads Mill parent Katherine Kirk confirmed she called the department after learning disciplinary measures were not taken when her 13-year-old son was allegedly racially discriminated against.

Kirk said her son has been the focus of racial slurs, including the term "slave" for the past two

The Northville mother said

white, Arabic and African-American students have each taunted her son.

Kirk said what upsets her most is no disciplinary action was taken against a student who recently admitted to Meads Mill assistant principal Raymond Balutowicz he used a racial slur.

The Northville Record has chosen not to name the minor youths involved.

"Whenever this little boy admitted to calling my child a (expletive), he should have been out of that school," Kirk said. "I was like, okay, that is a problem. And (Balutowicz) was like, 'Well, I mean it is not the N-word."

Balutowicz said his decision not to suspend the student was based partly on an interview with

'Could I have suspended him

for it? Yeah, but (Kirk's son) didn't seem offended by it," Balutowicz said.

The assistant principal said his decision not to suspend was also based on the factor Kirk's son and the boy were friends and no other wrong doing was discovered. Leonard Rezmierski, superin-

tendent of Northville Schools, said principals have discretion when determining discipline.

The procedures are well documented and we have a very efficient approach to this and do not waver in the investigation process," he said. "But as you can imagine every situation has its own unique variables.

On the he-said-she-said scenarios, often times when kids are throwing out slurs or making inappropriate comments in some cases it is just absent-minded lack

"I think our racial tension here is minute. We take it very strongly."

> Raymond Balutowicz, Meads Mill Principal

of thinking, but then that is part of the investigation."

The student admitting to using the racial slur was lectured by Balutowicz. He said his parents were also contacted.

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Construction site backup Work lags behind on new township hall

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Behind-schedule penalties of \$750 per day are an added incento move Northville Township's new civic center and fire headquarters toward comple-

tion by the end of next month. Officials hoped that by week's end general contractor Usztan of Auburn Hills will wrap up work on the new fire hall on Six Mile Road, across from Northville High School. The firm had targeted an April 1 completion of the \$4.3 million project after earning the contract last March.

Penalties for missing the June 1 promised date for the \$7.9 million civic center will commence next week, said township manager Chip Snider.

Usztan's new target to open the 40,000-square-foot facility on the corner of Six Mile and Sheldon roads is July 28, he said.
"I've been told in the construc-

tion industry there's a tendency they'll run late," Snider said. He said the failure to encapsulate the buildings by Thanksgiving was the greatest cause of delay. Potential exposure to the weather prohibited work with temperature-sensitive materials, such as adhesivės, concrete and paint, he

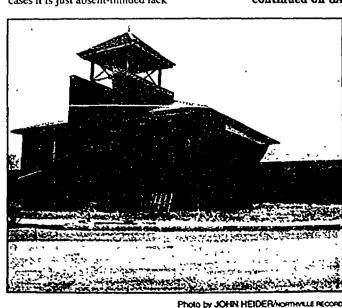
Joshua Every of Plante & Moran said bankruptcy by one of the contractors also was a big fac-

tor in the delay. The Corporate Real Estate Service Advisors arm of the Southfield-based firm is acting as the township's representative on the projects. Time was lost as the original

heating/ventilation/cooling company dropped out, and the replacement firm caught up, Every said.

"Their work ground to a halt," he said. "The sequencing was negatively impacted by that. We

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The new Northville Township government complex is nearing completion at the corner of Six Mile Road and Sheldon Roads.

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Father's Day gifts found locally

Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

There are officially less than 72 hours until Father's Day. Do you know what you're getting the patriarch in your life?

Before scrambling for a generic "Happy Father's Day" card, take heed of the gift ideas posed by local businesses - some of which even are open on the day itself (that'd be this Sunday, June 20).

In Novi, DC Sports offers a variety of autographed paraphernalia including pucks, football helmets, and jerseys.

"We have all the players" for jerseys, said employee Debbie Taylor. From \$70 to \$250, dad can sport his dedication to the Pistons, Red Wings or the "throwback" greats of yesteryear, such as Barry Sanders and Kareem Abdul

Team-themed license plate covers and socks are also available in the \$7-and-under bracket.

For the gent with refined taste. Fine Threads in Northville provides upscale men's attire.

"Men are re-dressing up for the workplace," said owner Mark Trudeau. "A dress shirt and tie for dad has been a yery popular gift."

A colorful variety of high-quality Italian silk ties are on sale at two for \$100 (normal retail is about \$65 each). For shirts, bring along neck measurements and, if possible, color of the rest of the attire, and Fine Threads will help from there. It even offers next-day alterations on any item it sells.

Yellow is this season's soughtafter shade, according to Trudeau. For slacks and shirts, he recommends the top-of-the-line Zapella

Inside Twelve Oaks Mall, Sharper Image manager Ray Adams touts several high-tech alternatives.

"We are the ultimate guy gadget store," said Adams. Topping the list this year is their best-selling personal entertainment center. A compact and portable "DVD player on steroids," it offers dad a seven-inch color TV, a radio, two headphone jacks, a "Sound Soother" alarm clock and more for \$599.95

In a similar vein, priced at \$89.95, the store stocks its OneForAll Kameleon universal remote control, which can be programmed to toggle up to eight home entertainment devices.

There's a place for the culinary man, too.

"Historically, it's a 'man's thing' to go out and do the barbecue thing," said Tom Vann, owner of Brookside Hardware of Northville. Although he's not sure this is factually the case, Vann's store will be hosting a sale on Weber grills just in time for Father's Day. They typically retail from \$200 to \$1,000.

For the truly last-minute, "impulse" buyer, discounted Timex and Victorinox watches are ready for purchase in the store's display case.

And finally, for the perpetually youthful dad, Northville's E.B. Games Manager Louis Jacobs has this recommendation:

"Definitely the Xbox," Jacobs said. "The Xbox system is huge with fathers," along with games like Full Spectrum Warrior, the Splinter Cell series and Grand Theft Auto series.

Microsoft's video game system runs about \$150 brand new, and games are in the vicinity of

"Dads like to take out some of their aggression on video games," added Jacobs. "Who can blame

After all the hard work dad's done, why not treat him to some-

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FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

Pilates: The popular body conditioning method provides a chance to stretch and elongate "core muscles" — abdominals, glutes and the lower back -- to produce a "long, lean toned look," says Sue Steinke at Poise in Northville. A no-commitment, 90-minute session with a private trainer costs \$50. Videos and at-home equipment are also available.

Get Crafty: For an original card, shops such as Stampeddler Plus in Northville supply rubber stamps ranging in price from \$2.25 to \$20; one even says "Happy Father's Day." Nearby Bee's Knees also offers the chance to paint ceramic "I Love Dad" or golf bag mugs. These might work as a belated gifts, since it takes an extra week to finish the product.

Fore: If Dad loves to spend time on the green, Motor City Golf of Novi suggests a wedge, which is an all-purpose utility dub: \$59.99 - \$129.99.

On the Road: Duffle bags are always handy. Gander Mountain in Novi carries the 40" X 18" size in black and camouflage for only \$9.99. Also, the MugMaster, which plugs into 12-volt vehicle outlets and maintains the temperature of a 20-ounce hot or cold beverage. It runs \$39.99.



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Northville's Fine Threads gentlemen's clothier owner Mark Trudeau has many options to offer those looking for Father's Day gifts including these two for \$100 Italian silk ties. Fine Threads is located at 105 E. Main St.



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Anywhere close?

Motorists passing the two conruction sites last week may have seen crews busy slathering paint on the walls of new fire headquarters, and smoothing driveways surrounding the angled six-acre site of the civic center.

The scheduling pressure for the

ownship comes from the immient need to shift staffs into the ew location. Southfield-based Premacon Inc. last month started digging behind the current township hall on Six Mile Road near Vinchester so start the \$2.4 million expansion to accommodate the new police headquarters there.

The department will be based at that location throughout the construction project, he said.

The final township Board of Trustees meeting in the 1972 building likely will be July 15, Snider said. Depending on progress of the new hall, the training room in the new fire hall might have to suffice as a temporary meeting facility.

Resident benefits

Timing aside, consolidated services in the new facilities will be more customer-friendly, Snider said. Taxpayers today conceivably have to make three stops to conduct township business, he said. paying a bill at the township hall, pulling a permit at the Beck Road public works building, and obtaining information at the

finance building. . "Everything now will be right

here," Snider said. The township likely will. require an additional small fire station in the next five years or so to service the rapid residential growth west of Sheldon Road, he said. Other than that, the township should be set for facilities for 40 years, he said.

"We're now ranking up there with mature communities who saw the need to consolidate departments," Snider said. Novi, Canton and Livonia also have combined campuses to a single setting, he said, planning facilities, for the long-term.

With Plante & Moran's help, officials looked at the township's current and projected size, the number of employees, and the space required for them to work efficiently, Snider said. "We didn't plan this by accident."

French Associates of Rochester served as architects for the township's current \$15 million projects. The two buildings they designed from the ground up are styled to compliment architectural elements of surrounding struc-tures, such as the peak and lines of the high school, Snider said.

The Community Room at the northeast corner of the new civic hall will be the new meeting place for the board, committees, commissions and homeowners groups, the manager said. The rounded room, with its custom acoustic system, will contain 138 fixed seats on an auditorium-type sloped floor. A wide hall overlooking a pond and patio leads to the wood-ceiling room, circled



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/ NORTHWILLE RECORD

Chip Shider, Northville Township Manager, right, gives a quick tour of the cavernous new facilities of the township's firestation on Six Mile Road between Sheldon and Beck.

with windows with a view of the foliage on the Pulte-donated site. "We built that as the jewel of the project," Snider said. "It's for

the public.' Behind the tall windows of the civic hall entrance foyer, a receptionist will direct visitors to the left for the building department, right for finance, or upstairs for administrative offices. Downstairs will be home to the information technology staff, training room, and employee dining room and

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

CIVIC CENTER

Civic Center Project cost: \$7.9 million Square feet: 40,000 Location: Six Mile and

Projected completion date:

Features: premier acoustics in community room, swipecard security system, heatedsidewalks, separate contractor entrance to building depart-

Facilities: Combined site of administrative, public works and finance departments

Fire Headquarters

Project cost: \$4.3 million Square feet: 24,000 Location: Six Mile Road between Beck & Sheldon Projected completion date: June 18

Facts: 24-hour shifts at headquarters; station at Seven Mile Road used for apparatus storage

Facilities: Training tower, 8 apparatus bays, training tower, o apparatus bays, training/administrative wing, day room, shower room, 8 bunk rooms, "Martha Stewart" kitchen, patio

Police Headquarters
Project cost: \$2.3 million Square feet: expansion from current 14,000 to 24,000 Location: Six Mile Road at Winchester

Projected completion date: May 2005

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Northville Township Manager Chip Snyder, right, meets with Plante and Moran employee Joshua Every inside the soon-to-open Northville Township complex on the corner of Six Mile and Sheldon Roads. Plante and Moran is coordinating the construction efforts of the new government office building. Behind the pair is the skeleton of the community meeting room.

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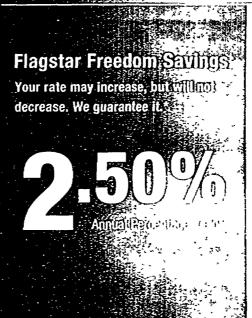
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POLICE REPORT

'Lazy' not the reason

A 26-year-old Clawson woman will face drunk driving charges next Thursday after her "lazy" explanation failed to satisfy Northville police.

Around 2:30 a.m. Saturday, a patrolling officer watched a white Pontiae sedan northbound on Center Street turn onto Eight Mile Road without stopping for the flashing red light, according to police reports. After the officer signaled the driver to the side of the road, he asked why she did not stop, the report said.

"I must have gotten lazy" was her response, according to reports. The officer reported the "strong odor of intoxicants" inside her vehicle. The driver told police she had nothing to drink, the report said.

The officer asked the driver to submit to a number of sobriety tests, including a preliminary breath test, which she refused, the report said. After inadequately performing the requested dexterity tests, she was then arrested and taken to the station where she later agreed to a breath test. According to police, the man registered a .14 blood-alcohol level.

She was held, pending sobering and posting bond.

Belated wisdom

A driver who had been drinking pulled himself off the road.

That was the explanation a 34year-old Walled Lake man offered Northville police around 2 a.m. June 5, according to police reports. According to police, the driver of a green Dodge pick-up was traveling on Center Street when an officer on patrol ran his license plate, which turned up

The driver turned into the parking lot of a grocery store, which was closed, the report said. When the officer questioned the man why he stopped there, he responded, "he realized he had too much to drink and was pulling into the parking lot to get himself off the road," the report said.

The driver said he had 12 drinks between 6 p.m. and 1 a.m., the report said. Police said the man registered a .132 blood-alcohol content.

Beers, and then some

The driver of a black Dodge

pick-up veered too wide to escape police notice at 2:30 a.m. June 4.

Northville police arrested a 30year-old Northville man for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, no proof of insurance and no proof of registration. His court appearance was scheduled today.

An officer reported seeing the truck turn westbound onto Eight Mile Road from Novi Road, swaying almost enough to strike the curb near Novi Street. He then accelerated to 60 mph in a 40 mph speed zone, the report said. When the officer stopped the driver near Beck Road, he smelled a strong odor of intoxicants, the report said. Also, he reported, the driver's eyes were "watery and bloodshot.

According to police, the man told police he had "a few beers" at a Novi bar. In subsequent questioning, he revised the number to one short and two tall beers, and then finally, three Southern Comfort and Cokes, the report

The preliminary breath test showed a .143 blood-alcohol content, police said. The man was arrested and held until he was sober and could post bond.

Local court sentencings

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 1, 2004:

· Douglas Allen King -Felonious assault.

 Michael David Gionfrido — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se, third offense felony; driving while license suspended.

· Michelle Marie Krull -Operating under the influence of alcohol/third offense felony; alcohol/open container in vehi-

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 2, 2004:

• Lajohna Bradley -- Uttering and publishing

· Tyrone Carlton Payton -Stolen property, receiving and concealing over \$1,000 but under \$20,000; failure to display license upon demand.

• Alan Gunner Lindbloom — Extortion; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent

· Bart Eric Mckrell - Ficeing and eluding, third degree; controlled substance/possession of marijuana.

• Jonathon Anthony Demont Larceny from a motor vehi-

· Michael Lloyd Smith -Two counts breaking and entering a vehicle to stealing over \$1,000 but under \$10,000; two counts breaking and entering a vehicle to steal property over \$200 but under \$1,000.

• Timothy Andrew Miller, Jr.

- Financial transaction device.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 3, 2004:

 Thomas Andrew Owczarzak Larceny over \$1,000; senenhancement/third

offense. · Justin Scott Dombey -Delivery/manufacture of mari-

• Donald Clifford Mayville -Fraudulent detention by con-

tractor.

a motor vehicle.

· Brian James Machesney -Accept after the fact to a felony. • Kennith Jerome Calhoun unlawful counts delivery/accept; two counts of stolen property, receive/conceal

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 4, 2004:

· Brian David Hartunian -Five counts possession child sexually abusive; five counts computers/using.

· Cynthia Renee Dickey -Unlawful use of a motor vehicle; sentence enhancement/third

OBITUARIES

Carol L. Crawford, 69

Carol L. Crawford of South Lyon, formerly of Northville, died at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce on June 8. She was

Mrs. Crawford was born in Lutcher, LA on December 21, 1934 to Gilbert E. and Beatrice A. Lirette Whitney. She was married to Thomas Ray Crawford on November 15, 1957. Mrs. Crawford was a homemaker and member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon.

Mrs. Crawford is survived by children, Caren (John) Owen of Wixom, Milissa (John) Penrod of Houston, Thomas of Madison, Wis. and Stephen (Lisa) of Bloomfield Hills. She is also survived by siblings, Joan Gonzalez of New Orleans, Mary Raymond of Baton Rouge, Marie DeRoche of Lutcher, Judy (Joseph) Cronin

of Metairie, LA, Timothy Whitney of Baton Rouge, and Wayne (Myra) Whitney of Pueblo, Colo. and 5 grandchildren. She was preceded in death In addition to her husband, by two brothers Gilber and

A memorial service was held June 11 at Casterline Funeral Home in South Lyon with the Rev. father Kenneth M. Chase of St. Joseph Catholic Church offici-

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, 18505 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, MI 48076 or the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Foundation, 18831 West 12 Mile Road, Lathrup Village, MI 48076-9806,

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The recently published report shows the township's water meets or surpasses all federal and state standards for quality and safety. The local department distributes approximately I billion gallons of water every year to 10,052 households.

Federal and state mandates require testing each year of contaminants flouride, nitrate, E.coli bacteria, lead and copper, among others. The township reports shows no violations in all categories.



The U.S. Postal Service is sponsoring a first-ever Northville Dog Bite Prevention first-ever Picture Contest. It starts Saturday and runs through July

The contest is open to all 48167 residents. The first step is to pick up an entry form at the Northville Post Office, 200 S. Wing Street.

Entries can be drawings or photographs. They will be judged on originality, clarity of the dog bite message, quality of the artwork, and correct answers to the questions on the

entry form. Winners will be notified by mail. Prizes will be awarded July 16.

Clock concerts continue

The Novi Concert Band will be the featured act under the Main Street bandshell tomorrow night.

Northville The Arts Commission hosts the free weekly concerts Fridays through August at 7:30 p.m.

Inaugural assembly

Northville Senior Advisory Council today at 1 p.m. will meet for the first time in the new senior community center at 303 W. Main Street.

Their meeting in the new facility will be held in the Russell Room, named for Bob Russell, immediate past president of the council. Russell, along with Jim and Martha Nield, and the foundations of Bernie Ebert and June Mainville, each contributed \$20,000 toward amenities for the new senior center.

The public grand opening of the building is set for Saturday, July 3, immediately following the Independence Day parade which starts at 10 a.m. down-

Get your tickets

The Northville Country Garden Club started this week selling tickets for the group's annual walk July 14.

The \$10 tickets are available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main St. The annual event, scheduled 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that Wednesday, will feature gardens at six Northville homes. "Country, tour's The Farmhouse" theme will include a stop for live music, square dancing, cookies, lemonade and fresh fruit at the Cady Inn at the Mill Race Historic

Logo contest continues

"The Art House," a new home for artist endeavors in the community, is in need of a logo. The partnership between Northville Arts Commission and the Northville and Recreation Parks Department will be located in the soon-to-be-former senior center at 215 Cady Street.

The Art House will offer a variety of art-related classes. workshops, exhibitions, recitals and shows to appeal to the entire community. The logo will be used on the facility's sign as well as marketing mate-

rials, letterhead and so on. For more information on submission guidelines, call the Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950.

Calling the creative

Crafters are invited to sign now for downtown Merchants' Northville Shopping Jubilee on Saturday, August 7. The cost is \$40 per 8-foot booth for crafters. Set up for the old-fashioned sidewalk sale is at 7 a.m. For more information, call Toni Genitti or Sally at (248) 349-0522.

Our Lady of Victory revises new school plan

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

A lower building profile, onsite parking, and detailed pickup and drop-off arrangements were part of a new school concept plan Our Lady of Victory Church representatives submitted to the city.

Architect Ron Cieslak and Father Terry Kerner presented revisions to the parish's original two-story rendering during a Planning Northville Commission study session June 1. The planners are expected at formally review the site plan.

The congregation is planning to build the new school on the west side of Orchard Drive, to replace the current kindergartenthrough-eighth-grade school built in 1952 across the street. A building campaign report shows Our Lady of Victory is almost half-way on collecting the approximate \$14 million cost to construct the 77,000-square-foot facility.

"We are encouraged by the comment of the planning commissioners, and appreciate their

their regular July 20 meeting to willingness to meet in a study session to discuss the conceptual plans," said Our Lady of Victory attorney Michael Nedelman. "The meeting provided OLV with an opportunity to gain the planning commission's input prior to formal submission of revised plans."

"While any plan submitted must and will meet all applicable legal requirements, this revised plan goes beyond the required objective standards and addresses many of the concerns expressed in the earlier

Public hearings the commission hosted in January, February and March aired numerous concerns by neighbors of the proposed school, including the mass of the structure, potential traffic problems, and lack of onsite parking. On May 5, the Northville Zoning Board of Appeals reversed the planning commission's March vote to deny the parish's special landuse permit application to build

on the site. Revisions to the original school plan include:

· removal of the rectory from

the corner of Main and Orchard. · one-story classroom wing and cafeteria.

• two-story gym on the north end of the building to take advantage of the property's downward slope.

• 87 on-site parking spaces. • student drop-off and pick-up on the west side of Orchard.

The commission allowed a handful of public comments at the study session. One commissioner likened the proposed building length to "a football field."

In a memo to the commission,

Don Wortman of the city's planning consultant Carlisle/Wortman advises, "we

understand the maximum lot coverage of 30 percent is maintained with this arrangement." Three homes, including the rec-tory, on the west side of Orchard will be moved to clear the approximate 3.5-acre site.

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MEADS MILL: parent's civil rights complaint draws public questions, private concerns

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The assistant principal said another part of the school's followup investigation included checking with Kirk's son and with teachers and counselors, to make sure there were no further problems.

"I think our racial tension here is minute," Balutowicz said. "We take it very strongly."

Rezmierksi said the prohibition of racial remarks is part of the district's student code of conduct.

Another story

Northville Grad

School officials said there is more to the story.

Those present at Meads Mill Middle School the day the boy was suspended, and when the youth was retrieved by his mother, reported to Northville Township school resource officer Larry Demeter that Kirk herself used racial slurs when she arrived to pick up her son.

Balutowicz, along with other witnesses, filed statements stating

Amy Eischen, daughter of Frank

and Marilyn Eischen of Northville,

graduated May 16 from the

University of Notre Dame with a

bachelor's degree in civil engineer-

ing. Eischen was named to the

dean's list at the university for out-

standing scholarship during the

spring semester. The dean's list is

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Kirk verbally and physically abused her son at the school. Balutowicz said Kirk grabbed the boy by the throat and grabbed him again while in his office.

"I told her she had to let him go," he said. According to police reports, another witness said she "observed Kirk drag (her son) out of the school by his ear and yell obscenities at him."

According to the reports, Kirk called her child the same racial slur she later accused other students of using against her child.

Kirk, who is also African-American, said she did use the same racial slurs, but did so in a different context. She said the context is racially accepted in her cul-

"This is not going to stop me," Kirk said. "I don't abuse my son." The police report resulted in a May 26 complaint against Kirk

with Child Protective Services.

Racial complaint

Meanwhile, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights continues ils formal investigation.

Core said the department will ask questions of those involved and perform site visits as part of the investigative process.

'The other service we provide is a mediation service," Core said. "We try to press for a resolution at all stages. We feel that issues are best resolved by both parties involved."

If civil wrongdoing is found, Core said the commission is qualified to award monetary damages, bestow penalties and rule on policy changes for offending institutions.

But that is not the main focus of the department, he said. What the focus is on is provid-

ing the claimant with justice and returning to the claimant what they lost as a result of the alleged discrimination," Core said.

Rezmierski said the district is unaware of the complaint and has not received any formal contact by the department.

"Investigations have went on to make sure there is no name calling,

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absolutely. I have nothing that would indicate there is a rampant problem there," Rezmierski said. "I have nothing formally to investigate other than this one singleton incident and assumptions or allegations."

Kirk moved to Northville with her son 18 months ago from Indianapolis when taking a job with Fox 2 News.

She said Northville was recommended by her employer.

Kirk said she regrets that her 13year-old son is enduring this kind of prolonged treatment.

'I suppose this is just a fact of life," she said. "He is one of few black children at the school. I just want some resolution from the school now that I know a student did something derogatory to my child."

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Northville diversity policy

By Victoria Sadiocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville Schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski stands behind the district' s diversity philosophy.

Currently, training on diversity issues is on an encouragement and volunteer basis.

"This is an issue that we are. through the office of instruction, looking at doing more of, but we have been fairly successful with the training we've asked people to go to or the training they have received," Rezmierski said.

The superintendent said diversity training is provided for staff members from time-to-time because it is difficult for the district to provide on its own.

"It (diversity training) is much more effective if we can join with other groups and then have the training or have as a volunteer training to go to if the staff wants to be brought up to date and resensitized," Rezmierski said. "It is a concern because any one of us can just as easily forget some good training tips or some good training issues and so we encourage people to go individually or we send people over.

"And frankly, at all of our buildings there is a built-in awareness of that sensitivity, I have no evidence to the contrary that our people are not compassionate and understanding and work on this. You would have to be from a different planet to know how sensitive these things

Rezmierski said the ability of

Northville schools to place even the most severely handicapped children in more traditional settings at schools like Hillside and the high school would be impossible if staff and students were not critically aware of how important it is to embrace diver-

"It doesn't mean we don't have to do training," Rezmierski said. "But you don't have that kind of attention without a good deal of sensitivity about what we are all about."

Dr. Casey Reason, assistant superintendent for instructional services, said diversity awareness is likewise taught as part of the district's social studies and foreign language curricula and part of the Northville School's core code of conduct.

Reason said there are programs specific to each school that additionally stress diversity awareness among students.

Moraine Elementary School was used as an example for actively promoting a culture of peace and harmony.

The school instituted a program titled, Stand Up for Justice that promotes eight principals in an effort to maintain a democratic culture.

The principals are caring and compassion, honesty, fairness, respect, service to community, non-violence, responsibility and courage.

"There are many other examples, including a number of clubs at the high school that address diversity awareness," Reason



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School board meeting

The next Northville board of education meeting will take place 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

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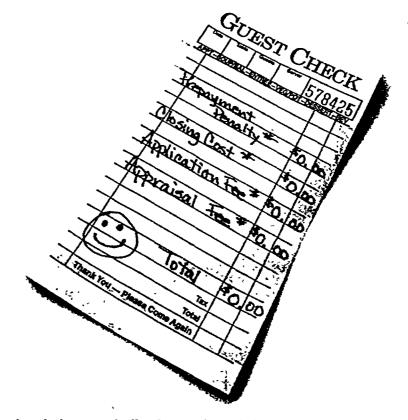
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Making the grade

Voters pass \$35.7 million school bond — now what's next?



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At city hall a little before noon Monday, seven-year Northville resident Delores Smith cast her vote Monday morning for the school district board and bond proposal.

Bond approval just the beginning; time to sell bonds

By Victoria Sadlocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

Now that voters have approved a \$35.7 million school bond, what's next?

Northville Public Schools director of business and finance, John Street, said the process begins when district officials begin talking with bond underwriters, negotiating a price.

Street said the bonds will likely be sold sometime in August.

The rest of the process may not be sexy, but involves the follow-

ing steps:
• The district will develop a prospectus, containing informa-tion for potential bond investors;

• A bond rating will be issued from Moodys and Standard and

• Next, the district will contact the underwriter and a sale will be negotiated;

• The underwriter will, in turn, purchase the bonds from the district at an agreed interest rate and the district will receive the \$35.7 million.

Street expects the district will receive the money by the first of September.

Some of it depends on what the market looks like," he said. 'You don't want to go out if you see interest rates dropping."

The district's advising underwriter, attorneys and financial advisors determine market attractiveness.

Street said another factor when determining involved demand includes checking if other district's are in the market around the same time.

"We don't want to be selling on the same day as someone else because that would put too many school bonds to be purchased on one day," he said.

"Maybe they could schedule us earlier or later so there could be

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more of a demand."

Once the lump-sum funds are received, the district begins the process of engaging contractors.

During hiring discussions, a schedule is devised detailing when particular sums of money will be needed for various proj-

Officials said the entire sum will be invested so maturities come due as project need dictates.

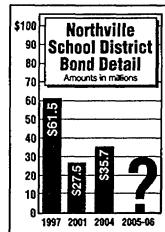
Northville assistant superintendent for administrative services, David Bolitho, said the specific process of carrying out the proposed projects is outlined in the bond application.

Acting within the school board's direction, administration will seek proposals from architectural and construction management firms.

Firm members will be inter-

"We will hit the deck running and get this out to the public."

> David Bolitho. Northville assistant superintendent for administrative services



SOURCE: Northville School District

viewed and chosen.

We need to get going right away on Ridge Wood and Meads Mill because we need to move in a year from this August," Bolitho

Other bond projects will also occur throughout the year.

"We will hit the deck running and get this out to the public," Bolitho said.

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Over a cup of coffee, current Northville School Board president Joan Wadsworth talks about her interests and life outside the school district.

Wadsworth wins, prepares for possible final term

By Victoria Sadiocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Joan Wadsworth finishes her newly-elected term with the Northville School board, she will have dedicated 15 years to the district and the community.

After that, she just may call it

Her youngest child, Virginia Calkins, attends Northville High School and will graduate in 2006, before the end of the current board president's new term.

"I think my inclination would be not to run again and just let some folks with younger kids step in," Wadsworth said. "I'm sure I'll do some things in the community still, but I think that would be the end of the school board."

Since moving to Northville the summer of 1985, she has been active with the Friends, of the Library, Odyssey of the Mind, programs at her church, the PTA and with her children's Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

Wadsworth, 50, said her community-focus attitude comes from growing up outside of Boston, in a small community not much different than Northville.

"I think I've lived in places where there is an expectation to pitch in, and certainly that is the feeling you have about Northville," she said. "You look around and there is hardly anyone who is not volunteering in some way, shape or form.

Wadsworth attended college at Wells College in upstate New York and worked in Washington, D.C. at The American University and for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities before settling in Michigan where she attended The University of

Michigan in Ann Arbor. She married her husband, Steve

Calkins in 1981. Eventually ending her professional career, Wadsworth made

fully to her family and their education. Now, she makes the Northville School District her job by attending meetings and keeping up with

the decision to dedicate her time

education publications. · Being the parent of one child working in New York City, one child entering college and one child about to receive her driver's license also has Wadsworth running at full speed and not a whole lot of time for extracurricular activities of her own.

When she does find time for herself, the full-time mom may be found reading.

"Fbelong to a couple of book" ibs and lenjoy doing that WadsWotin' said. "And Till still involved in kid activities, not leaving me with a lot of free time. l also do a bit of gardening."

Her most recent favorite read is "John Adams" by David

McCullough. "It is a very well written book, and I learned a lot about John Adams that I hadn't known," she said. "But I do read a lot, I read junk and a lot of higher class literature as well. And I read a lot of newspapers.

Attempting to squeeze in trips to her parents place in Cape Cod and summer trips near Traverse City are other goals Wadsworth attempts while balancing three busy children's schedules.

"I took Geoff (her son) and Virginia to New York City this spring and that was a lot of fun," she said. "So we do travel, but not

"I think I've lived in places where there is an expectation to pitch in, and certainly that is the feeling you have about Northville. You look, around and there is hardly anyone who is not volunteering in some way, shape 🛒 or form."

> Joan Wadsworth, Northville school board president

This summer will prove no easier as the newly-elected school board member will see her son, Geoff Wadsworth Calkins off to Yale, assist with Virginia's summer plans, including a trip to Germany and keep in touch with her oldest son. Tim Wadsworth Calkins as he moves into a new apartment in New York.

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BOND: voters approve \$35.7 million school plan

in huge amounts."

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District officials said the hard work is just beginning.

"Now we have to get started," Rezmierski said. "This is great news and now we have to pull this all off in 12 months. We will be in a flat-out sprint beginning June

Joan Wadsworth, president of the Northville school board, agrees it will be challenging, but a positive challenge.

"I'm very relieved," she said. As with the last two bond offerings, the yes votes secured a victory with less than 840 votes.

In 1997, a \$61.5 million bond was approved by voters followed by a \$27.5 million bond approval in 2001.

Monday's vote brings the total to \$126.5 million voters have approved for Northville Schools in the past seven years. Voter turnout however com-

pared to the last two elections has declined. In 1997, 7,102 votes were cast

at the polls. In 2001, 4.481 votes were cast followed by 4,279 votes in this year's election.

John Street, Northville Schools director of business and finance, said there about 23,000 registered voters in Northville, producing a

voter turnout of less than 20 percent.

Rezmierski exhibited concern with the decline in voter turnout, but did not let the fact overshadow the district's victory.

"The resilient issue is we are being supported by the community who in the main believes in how this district is running and where it is going and how it is achieving," Rezmierski said. "It is about kids that is what all this

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"At least the

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Robert Sochäcki 🔩

School board candidate

CANDIDATES: Wadsworth, Wollack win second school board trustee term

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Sochacki voiced pleasure knowing he came in second at precinct one - City Hall. There, he incumbent Wollack.

"At least the people who know me the best voted for me," Sochacki said.

What the former candidate said he has not lost fervor for is his dedication to the district's bond committee and his career pathways platform.

Muscular

He plans on spending the summer beginning work on what will be needed for the district's next bond proposal and meeting with the school's curriculum commitlater this summer regarding received three more voles than developing a career putility pro-incumbent Wollack. gram.

"Not many candidates can say their platforms may be adopted," Sochacki said.

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Jerry Lewis, National Chairman

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Students, educators and local dignitaries gathered together June 7 volunteering their time and planting trees at the Hillside **Woods Outdoor Education** Center. Hillside Woods is an outdoor classroom adjacent to Hillside Middle School and across from Amerman Elementary School. Due to the work of many volunteers, the project is a nature study area for local teachers. Site preparation **Included local Eagle Scouts Matt** Wine and Brian Bagian, the Tommy Tree Company, Hillside teacher Heldi Capraro's sixth-grade class, the City of Northville and the Northville School District. The project was also made possible through grants obtained from DTE Energy, the Michigan DNR, the Northville Mothers' Club and help from Amerman teachers Wendy LaValle and Robin Long. PIC-**TURED: Hillside Middle School** students Ally Weaver, left, and Charlotte Lichtman team up to plant a swamp white oak



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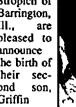


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Brian Christina Stropich of Barrington, pleased to announce the birth of their second Griffin Douglas



Stropich. born on March 25, 2004, at 3:14 p.m. in Barrington, Ill. Griffin weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces

and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth.

Griffin is the little brother of Logan, age 2; grandson of Doug and Sandra Goodman of Green Oak Township (formerly of Northville) and Steve and Diane Stropich of Escanaba; and the great-grandson of Helen Nalepka of South Lyon, Millie Goodman of St. Clair Shores, Merilyn Barnes of Escanaba and John and Arlene Stropich of Escanaba.

Olivia Alan Smith

Lynette (Gotthardt) and Jeffrey Scott Smith of Louisville, Ky, formerly of Northville are proud to announce the birth of their

daughter, Smith. She was born December 2003. Olivia weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18.5

inches

long.

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'A meaningful farewell

After 96 years of combined service, three Northville teachers bid district farewell

""They were all

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and leaders in the

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made a significant

children's' lives."

Cheryl Casterline

Thornton Creek Elementary Principal

"Ill miss the kids," Higbee said.

Teaching is a twelve-month job

and a 24-hour job and even when

I'm not here, I'm thinking about the

Culik spent her time at Thornton

kids and what I'm going to teach."

Creek teaching science to third

"Mary is just a master science teacher," Casterline said.

the school's science kit program,

inspiring the Thornton Creek out-

door classroom, serving as a men-

tor and providing workshops for

She spent 30 years in the district,

including 10 years as a high school

"I have very mixed feelings," Culik said. "I'm really happy that I

love my job and I'm leaving on a

positive note. The kids have always

Elick taught first grade speech

RETIRING

Culik is credited with adopting

grade students.

other educators.

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been great."

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By Victoria Sadiocha RÉCORD STAFF WRITER

The last day of school meant more than a summer break for three teachers at Thornton Creek Elementary School.

Judy Higbee, Mary Culik and Kathy Elick cleaned out their classrooms for the last time ending more than 95 combined years in the teaching profession.

"They were all master teachers and leaders in the building," said Cheryl Casterline, principal of Thornton Creek Elementary School. "They all made a significant difference in children's' lives."

Higbee spent nearly 36 years as a teacher in the Northville School District and taught fourth grade mathematics at Thornton Creek.

She has the longest service record out of the district's acknowledged 2003-04 retirees

Judy has been instrumental in implementing our trailblazer math program," Casterline said. "She expects the best from everyone."

Higbee started with the district two weeks before she graduated from college.

"When you are with a district for that long of a time, it is part of your life," she said. "It is more part of my life than it is not. Northville has really made me who I am. We are so lucky to work in such a great district, and I know that."

The fourth-grade teacher said retiring this year is in her life plan, but the tears still filled her eyes while she described the feeling as

"Kathy was known for her expertise in teaching language and meeting the individual needs of students in her classroom. Casterline said.

The seasoned professional worked 22 years as a speech therapist in the Northville School District before entering the class-

"I have lots of mixed feelings. I'm still having a hard time," Elick said through tears. "It is such a great career to be in, and I've really enjoyed it and really enjoyed the

She worked in most all of the buildings in the district before making a permanent home out of Thornton Creek.

"I know this is the right thing for me at this time, but it's really hard leaving the kids and the families," she said. "The families have been just some very special families that I will never forget.

This is the first group of teachers retiring from the elementary school in the past five years.

Their departure sparked a retirement party sponsored by the Thornton Creek PTA. An afternoon reception featuring students, parents, teachers' and administrators was held late last month.

"It will be difficult to find a replacement," said Donna MacDonald, president of the Thornton Creek PTA. They are such an inspiration to teaching and their departure is such a loss for the school.'

In honor of the educators time at



Surrounded by some of their many adoring students are retiring Thornton Creek educators Mary Culik, left, Kathy Elick, and Judy Higbee, right. The three, with a combined 96 years of teaching in the Northville school district, were recognized for their efforts and time last Friday during a party at the school.

the school, an outdoor education bucket was placed in the school's library. The bucket contains a purple martin book, binoculars, bird index cards, bird sound machine and a special dedication to the

teachers. "All three are great role models," MacDonald said. "They are so responsible and dedicated and you can only hope their children picked up on that."

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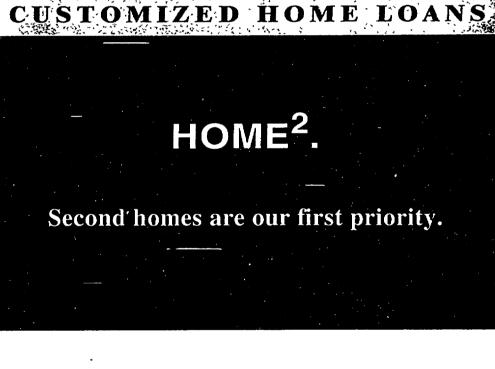
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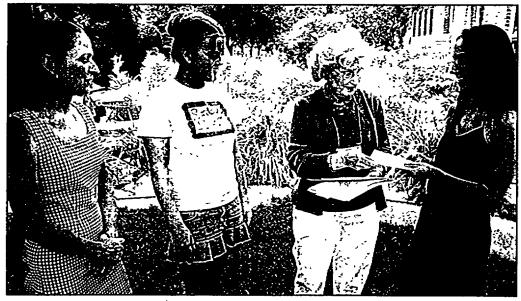
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Making a little piece of history

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYLLE RECORD Ridge Wood Elementary student Sarah Tuohy puts a DARE shirt into the school's first ever time capsule for the year 2004 in a school year-ending ceremony last Thursday morning. Other students put in books, class photos, origami swans, poems, a list of favorite games and a diary of some of the events of the Northville school in 2004.



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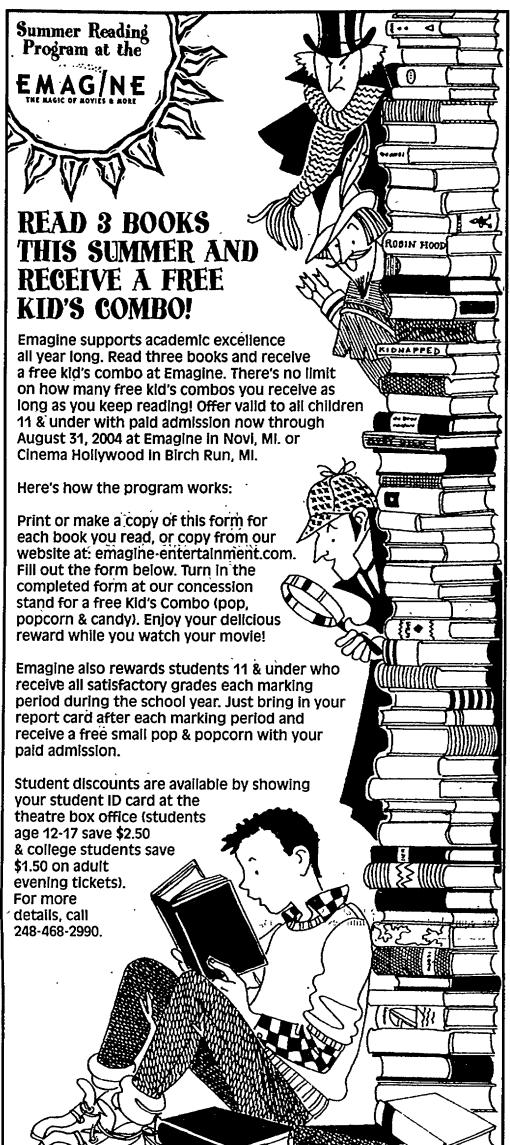


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• Tell students directly that your expectation of them is to not use alcohol during graduation

 In your words and actions, provide a positive role model for teens regarding alcohol use. This means not EVER providing alcohol to them under any circumstances and following your district's policies when you hear about an incident involving. minors and alcohol.

Be sure you know your school districts policies regarding minors found in possession of or under the influence of alcohol.

 Follow your school's policies regarding minors found in possession of or under the influence of alcohol.

Law enforcement officials:

 In your contact with high school students, tell them directly that your expectation of them is to not use alcohol during graduation time.

· Be sure you have a clear understanding of the laws and ordinances in your jurisdiction regarding minors found in possession of or under the influence of alcohol.

 During graduation season, be especially observant for businesses or other adults that may providing alcohol to minors and teens who may be in possession of or under the influence of alco-

Parents of teens:

· Tell them directly that you expect them to not use alcohol during graduation time.

• Let them know of resources they can use for a safe ride if they get into a situation where they do not have safe ride home from any

 Do not serve alcohol to your teens under any circumstances. In Michigan, it is illegal for parents to serve alcohol to those under 21 under any circumstances. It is not okay to serve your kids alcohol and take their keys.

· Provide safe, healthy alternatives to your teens during this time for their celebrations. Offer to host an alcohol free party or assist other parents who are doing the same.

· Support law enforcement and other authorities in the event that they are required to issue citations for teens who are breaking the law regarding providing alcohol to minors, or minors who are

in possession or under the influence of alcohol.

Business owners, managers, and clerks:

· Be sure that all of your employees are clear that you expect them to check identification and to NEVER sell alcohol to those who are under 21.

· Report any teens attempting to purchase alcohol to your local law enforcement. Also report any instances that you suspect adults may be purchasing alcohol for

Any adult that has contact with

· Tell the teens directly that your expectation of them is to not use alcohol during graduation

· Remind them that alcohol use can lead to unwanted behavior such as conflicts up to and including violence, emotional blowups, unplanned and unwanted sexual activity, sexual assault, motor vehicle crashes, and minorin-possession tickets complete with a court date, fines, community service, and points on their driver's license which will surely increase their insurance.

For more information about the Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking, call 800-968-4968, www.mcrud.org.

By Maureen Johnston

RECORD STAFF WRITER

As local art lovers roam the streets this weekend, promoters of the community's Art House are hoping to capture their enthusi-

Members of the Northville Arts Commission will man one of the 130 booths, offering face painting to children and information about their upcoming venture. The volunteer group targeted July 1 as the official occupation of 215 W. Cady Street, said commission secretary Kathleen Tabaczynski.

The commission and the Northville Parks and Recreation Department will launch a cooperative effort to expand the type of arts programs available in the community. As plans to relocate the area's senior program to a newly renovated Main Street facility became reality, the arts group eyed the former "Scout building" as a prime location from which to base their efforts.

The Friday night clock concerts, the public sculpture program, and plans for a slate of new offerings at the Art House are part of what the core group of local art lovers provide. The group has brainstormed a host of potential programs and invites suggestions, Tabaczynski said.

Tentative plans include classes and workshops, artist exhibitions, a brown-bag art lectures, and a teen acoustic series. Musicians could play year-round in a coffeehouse type atmosphere, she said, similar to the SKRUFF (Suburban Kids Rockin' Under Ford Field) concert last weekend, only yearround and indoors.

The group's presence at "Art in the Sun" this weekend will serve several purposes, she said, including raising awareness of the new venture, attracting volunteers, collecting ideas, and soliciting contributions. The group is starting the effort from zero, she said, so

they need everything from a personal computer and printer, to office supplies, to sound equipment, to home-improvement store gift certificates, to cash.

Most of all, they are seeking enthusiasm for the Art House effort, Tabaczynski said. Resident contributions could include: instruction, event planning, planning, fundraising and hospitality.

"This is a community-wide project to provide programs that the residents want," Tabaczynski said. "We have a model for what we want to do but we're anxious for people to contact us. We're looking for people to get involved."

Volunteers plan to start first on painting and landscaping at the Cady Street building. A tentative grand opening is set for Oct. 8, she said. For more information, call the Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950 or visit www.northvillearts.org.

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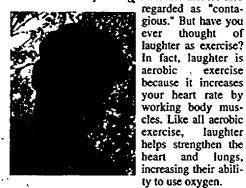
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Ernie Harwell

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Annual art festival heads to downtown Northville this weekend

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Saturday and Sunday more than 130 artists, musicians and vendors will once again draw the curious eyes of an expected 100,000 pedestrians who will line downtown Northville's picturesque

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 16th annual "Art in the Sun" juried fine art show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 19 and 20. The streets will be closed to traffic to allow leisurely browsing between booths of art, contemporary musical entertainment and concessions.

"We've got some really quality artists," said Chamber president Jody Humphries. "It's a great chance to get out and enjoy the day. Even if they just want to walk around downtown. It's a great time to come out."

In the past, the festival, which each year coincides with Father's Day, has drawn more than 150,000, said Janet Bloom, marketing and events director for the

Once again, Northville merchants will prop open their doors for the many additional shoppers who make their way downtown.

The chamber president suggested parking on the south side of town, along Cady Street east of Center. There also is a large lot behind the Michigan Gift Mart, at the corner of Wing and Cady. After unloading, those displaying their wares will park in the Northville Downs lot, she said.

Artists, local and from around

the country, will set up at the crack of dawn Saturday, Humphries said. Streets Main from Wing to Hutton, and Center from Main to Dunlap, will close to vehicle traffic at 5 a.m.

Northville's Art in the Sun Festivities on June 19-20.

Molly Nuzzo at the Atrium Gallery: (248) 380-0470.

"It's a great chance to get out and enjoy the dav."

Jody Humphries President, Northyrlle Chamber of

Saturday and re-open at 8 p.m.

Along those routes, will be a deliberate, interesting mix of media, Humphries said. A sevenmember jury throughout the year carefully considers which artists to invite, mindful that repeat show attendees like to see new things.

Again this year, there will be a mix of familiar and first-time dis-

The booths will be a feast for the senses with sights of water colors, metal, oils, pottery, photography, glass and textiles, Humphries said. The food court set up next to the bandshell will feature tastes from the crunch of corn-on-the-cob to the squish of Italian sausage to the slurp of smoothies. Performers at four corners will provide music Saturday and Sunday.

For months the Chamber staff has communicated with invited artists, scheduled street closures, and planned publicity to prepare for this weekend's event. And as ally systathe final detail is out of their hands.

"I've looked at the weather a little bit," Humphries said. "We're just going to keep our fingers crossed we get the rainy days out of the way earlier in the week."

Atrium Gallery will feature unique

The Atrium Gallery will be featuring exciting demonstrations by two local jewelry artists, as part of

Kristin Perkins will be showcasing her newest glass jewelry creations, while giving art enthusiasts a

chance to witness her lampworking technique first hand. Perkins uses colorful rods of Italian and German

glass and heats them with a torch until the glass becomes molten and runs like honey. Different colors are added as the beads are shaped, and then cooled, and made into necklaces, bracelets, rings and ear-

Erin Hood will also be presenting her latest beaded creations, as she demonstrates her skill in weav-

ing incredibly intricate designs in the latest color trends. Hood is a master of creating beaded jewelry

using a variety of ancient and modern weaving techniques that combine seed beads, semi-precious stones

and vintage buttons and embellishments. For more information please contact Kathryn Savitskie or

rings. Perkins will be available to custom make beads for customers on the spot, while they watch!

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Entertainment

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Roy Scoutz: June 19 and 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day, in front of Poole's Tavern (corner of Hune 20). Shelled and in Trips June 20.

Sheila Landis Trió: June 20, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Center Street, in front of Stampeddler Jeffrey Michael: on West Main Street

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Hutton and Main Food Court Area: street next to Bandshell (umbrella tables in bandshell area)

Mini donuts: made fresh on

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Cottage Inn Pizza: pizza and soft drinks Northville Lodge #186, Orient Chapter #77, and Walt

Disney Molay-Lemonade, French fries, com-on-the-cobb Northville Kiwanis: Italian

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Northville Township artist Paul Vertress is reflected in a mirror-stand whosé armature he crafted out of hinges from a coolant conveyor for a large lathe. Vetress will offer the mirror for sale at the upcoming Art in the Sun show along with the clocks seen in the background which are made out of gears and sprockets.

Metal creativity in full bloom during annual Art in the Sun event

Local artist has a 'gray' thumb for welding

Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

Amid the begonias, bamboo and other plant life thriving around Paul Vertrees' Northville home, several metal curiosities are also in full bloom.

The tallest sprouts from the front lawn and stretches several feet into the sky. Its "stem" is made of hollow piping; a garden hose serves as a "root system." Water shoots through 12 small holes in a stainless steel ball at the top, and an old farmer's disk below collects the excess.

The contraption? A hybrid sprinkler-birdbath.

Its creator will be joining in Chamber Commerce 16th annual Art in the Sun event this weekend. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, 131 juried artists will exhibit and sell their wares on Main and Center Streets to tens of

thousands of strolling pedestrians.

This year will be Vertrees' first. "I've been collecting things forever," said Vetrees, who has been welding for 30 years and creating art for about three. "It's all great

to me. A lot of people think it's strange what I do. It's a little

quirky, a little edgy. Vertrees materials include a garden variety of sprockets, pipe threaders and his trademark old lamp bases. These pieces are welded or screwed together, cleaned up and coated with a clear sealer to create functional and decorate art.

His primary supply stores are local metal recycling facilities.

"I could go to the recycling place today and find something, and I'll be busy for two days, Vertrees said.

The result is a look he describes as "whimsical but manly."

Vertrees' forte is clocks, mirrors and planters. He adoms them in everything from light fixtures and iron oil filler openings to pressure gauges and drinking faucets.

At Art in the Sun, Vertrees will also feature three to four sculptures paralleling his sprinklerbirdbath in design.

Formerly an underground pipeline construction worker, Vertrees, 57, retired in December as Northville's assistant director of public works. In the past, he helped with the set up and teardown of the event.

Other than a sculpture class at Henry Ford Community College years ago, Vertrees has no formal training other than "just kinda playin' around."

He stores his wares in his basement, garage and "all over." The only machine on-premise is a buffing wheel.

For a drill, saw and welder, he

"I could ao to the recycling place today and find something, and I'll be busy for two. days."

> Paul Vertrees Artists, Northville

turns to friend Dennis Vettes, who owns a nearby shop.

Looking only to cover the costs of material and labor, Vetrees charges \$50 to \$200 per item. Clocks typically run \$100.

His clientele is unpredictable. Once, for instance, when he was doing a small show, a "little old lady from Toledo" bought a very industrial-looking sculpture featuring an old tractor axle.

"If they don't stop, at least they smile," Vertrees said. "The real payoff is just really for me. Then it's an extra kick if someone likes it, and an ever bigger kick if someone buys it."

Vertrees' metallic potpourri will be available at his booth on E. Main in front of Joseph's Coney

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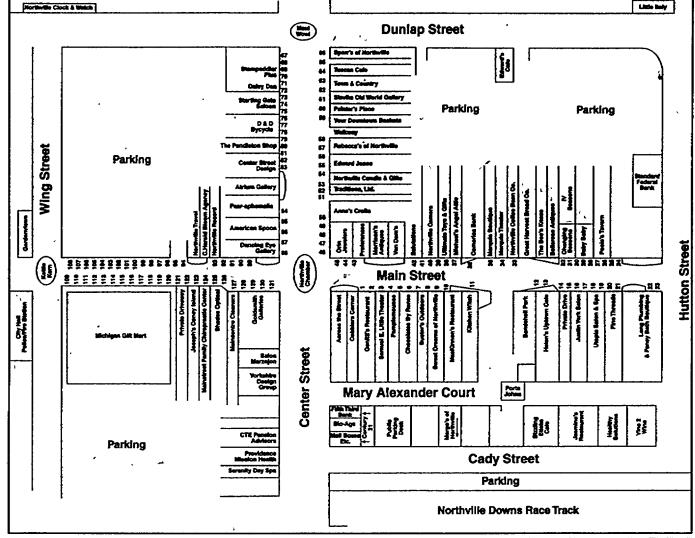
In his home studio on Summerside Lane in Northville, local potter Ken Barnes completes the final stages of "throwing" a large pitcher onto the pottery wheel. Barnes has been involved with Art in the Sun nearly every year since it began. He started working at his craft about 30 years ago in Derbyshire, England with his newly wedded wife, Linda. "I am still fascinated with the production of a thing of function and beauty from raw clay and a few chemicals," Barnes says. He emigrated to Michigan in 1981 and has fostered his "addiction to clay" ever since. Barnes describes his work as being functional yet having a traditional, "unique quality" enhanced by his "distinctive free-flowing glaze style." In his "real job," he serves as director of a local engineering company.



Art in the

ARTISTS BY BOOTH

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Wood	60	Photography	127
Painting	113	Glass	114
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Wood	69	Painting	6
Metal	51	Painting	45
Glass	62	Photography	5
Painting	7	Mixed Media	131
Jewelry	48	Metal	27
Photography	98	Metal	52
Jewelry	91	Mixed Media	95
Painting	83	Glass	123
Mixed Media	74	Metal	. 89
Pottery	36	Pottery	13
Metal	103	Glass/Pottery	11
Pottery	49	Painting	102
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Photography	80	Glass	126
Fiber	86	Wood	46
Jewelry	18	Mixed Media	129
Painting	109	Wood	85
Sculpture	61	Wood	14
Fiber	57	Stained Glass	3
Wood	58	Painting	28
Pottery	19	Painting	68
Wood	17	Painting	87
Jewelry	116	Painting	120
Jewelry	39	Jewelry	44
Mixed Media	111	Photography	118
Painting	104	Glass	4
Mixed Media	21	Painting	128
Fiber	93	Painting	97
Jewelry	59	Painting	90
Photography	115	Jewelry	2
Mixed Media	117	Mixed Media	40
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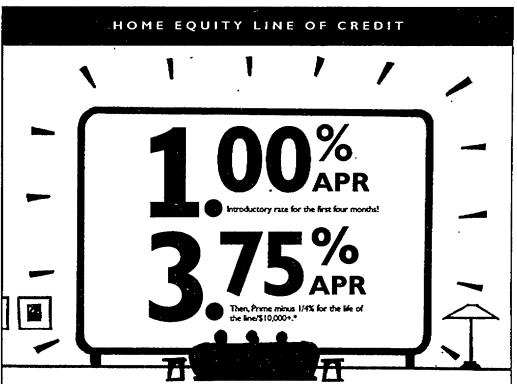
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By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Four-year-old Simmi Diwanji recently traded in her single-down-her-back-length braid for a stylish bob.

She was one of four family members who donated their hair on the same day to the non-profit organization, "Locks of Love."

The preschooler's interests run more toward catching her pals on the playground and an upcoming dance recital. But she understands that the dark wavy hair she watched cut by a stylist in the mirror will help other people, said her mom Madhavi Diwanji.

The Northville mother and daughter, and two visiting aunts, May 29 together went for haircuts, on a mission to aid others. They joined the "Locks of Love" effort to collect hair that will be used to make high-quality wigs for financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

The agency provides hairpieces to help restore self-esteem and confidence, enabling children to face the world and their peers, according to the website www.locksoflove.org. "Locks of Love" meets a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics.

The majority of all hair donat-

to help other children, the site says. Madhavi said she heard of the program through a former work colleague who donated herhair last year. Both she and her young daughter had long enough

hair to consider participating. Her sisters, Kannan Parikh, 20, and Rajavi Parikh, 18, who visited Northville from Buffalo for Memorial Day weekend, joined

When Simmi first heard of her mother's haircut plans, she was not interested in a similar trim, Diwanji said. After talking about it more, she understood, changed her mind and was excited about it, she said. That day at the salon, the youngest donor selected her mom as the one to go first.

"It's okay now that she knows we'll give it to kids 'who don't have hair," the mom said. "That's how she puts it."

Diwanji said her sister Rajavi previously had donated her fastgrowing hair to Locks of Love. In her own case, she said it will take her at least two years to return the mid-back length.

"I like long hair myself," she said. But, she added, this is a program worth supporting.

"Recently, I've heard of a lot of friends and family who have had cancer so it's the least we can do," Diwanji said.

The Visions salon, 26800 Beck Road in Novi, hosted the colleced comes from children who wish tive cutting. Stylists Cynthia LOCKS OF LOVE

'LOCKS OF LOVE'
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- See www.locksoflove.org.

Morianti, Laurie Yaroch and Stephanie Caudill trimmed their patrons' long tresses. "Locks of Love" has stringent requirements for submitting hair.

The Visions staff was familiar with the organization's guidelines prior to the Diwanji family's visit, said manager Tari Krupinski. The salon will continue to support the donation efforts with a "Locks of Love" Hair Drive June 25.

For more information, call (248)344-9944.

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Road worker request: 'Give 'em a Brake'

A memorial to those who lost motorist are included on the their lives in roadway work zones will be the centerpiece of the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) annual Give 'em a Brake kickoff for work-zone safety at the state Capitol on May 6. The memorial is a traveling exhibit called "Respect and Remembrance: Reflections of Life on the Road," and is sponsored by the American Safety Services Traffic Association (ATSSA). It includes the names of deceased workers, law enforcement personnel, emergency personnel, motorists and their passengers.

The memorial wall will be displayed outside the Lansing at the state Capitol news confer-Capitol for the 12605 conference, the conferences for then travel to the Clare Welcome Center on US-127 in central Michigan from May 7-12 so travelers can view the somber display. The names of 26 deceased Michigan road workers and one

seven-foot-high memorial wall.

"Work zones can be dangerous for workers and motorists alike." said State Transportation Director Gloria J. Jeff. "Last year, there were 5,800 crashes in Michigan work zones - an astounding number. It's early in the season, and already this year we have had several serious crashes including two fatalities, and injuries to several MDOT maintenance workers. We don't want this to be an indication of what this year's construction season is going to be like."

Jeff joined labor and engineering unions, law enforcement officials and the construction industry maintaining safe driving conditions throughout Michigan.

MDOT's Give 'em a Brake safety awareness coalition urges motorists to slow down in work zones or face tough penalties. In

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Michigan, those penalties may include: double fines, Andy's Law penalties (which include fines and prison time for anyone convicted of criminal or civil infractions in a work zone), and increased points on a driver's record (one point more than for speeding outside a work zone).

MDOT will spend \$517,000 in work-zone enforcement this year, bringing together the Michigan State Police, county sheriffs and local police to help track down offenders in work zones.

The Michigan State Police is pleased to announce that we are again partnering with MDOT to provide dedicated traffic enforcement in fan Effort to make Work!" and traveling through them," stated Col. Tadarial J. Sturdivant, director of the Michigan State Police. *Let this be fair warning: If you drive carelessly through a work zone, you may find a law

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enforcement officer waiting for you - with a ticket."

"The initiative to improve work-zone traffic, safety; is supported by a partnership of MDOT, state police, labor construction associations, and the public," said Bob Patzer, executive director of ÁUC – Michigan's Heavy Construction Association. "Out of these groups, the motoring public stands out as having the highest degree of control. We sincerely hope that the message gets out: Slow down while traveling

through work zones." The Give 'em a Brake coalition. will spend about \$170,000 on a public awareness campaign which includes billboards. zohes safer for those working in radio and television spois. An affin mated character named "Bobby the Barrel" warns people that speeding through work zones is dangerous and illegal. "Speedersput themselves, their passengers and workers at risk," reminds

Bobby in the public service announcement. Bumper stickers urge people to "Give 'em a Brake.

Highway work zones are considered the most hazardous place for workers in the United States roadway construction workers are killed at a rate nearly three times higher than other construction workers and eight times higher than general industry workers, according to an American Road and Transportation . Builders Association review of Bureau of Labor Statistics. The fatality rate for roadway construction workers is 32 people for every 100,000

ary Jofgensen, business had-District Council, and a member of the Give 'em a Brake coalition, urges, "Motorists compliance with Michigan work-zone safety regulations is mandatory to protect everyone."

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By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

The state Department of Management and Budget is expected tomorrow to select one of three area companies to develop the Seven Mile Road property surrounding the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

The firms that met last Friday's deadline to submit include: offers on the 415-acre parcel are:

• Konstar, LLC of Auburn Hills; just over \$36 million; · Real Estate Interests Group,

Inc. of Bloomfield Hills; \$55 million, and Rock Construction Company,

Inc. of Livonia; \$43.56 million. During the past week, the team the budget department assembled last year to supervise the sale have been evaluating the bids beyond their dollar value. Criteria they are considering

WHAT'S NEXT?

■ State Department of Management and Budget to decide by June 18 on the three bids.

Transaction deadline Sept. 30.

 Examples showing proven ability to work with local units of government in property develop-

· Land donation of not less than 40 acres to the township for

public use: • Experience with projects of

similar size and scope; · Verification of financial wherewithal to complete the transaction:

· Demonstrated ability to expedite due diligence and close on or before Sept. 30, and

· A list of members of the bidder and development team.

The two high bidders, Real Estate Interests Group and Rock, both have offered to purchase the property in the past. This is the fourth time the state has put the property out for bid. Twice companies that had been awarded the bid withdrew their offers after intensive investigation of the site.

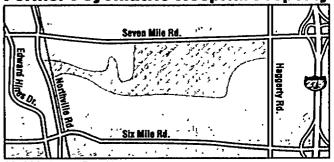
This is the first bid round that that budget officials did not attach a minimum dollar requirement. Also new is the provision for land to be donated to the township.

After the departure of the final patients and staff from the hospital in May 2003, state and local officials predicted plenty of interest and an expedient sale. While Lansing identified sale proceeds as partial relief for budget woes, the township

braced for imminent develop-ment of property at the center of the community's ongoing residential boom.

The deal drawn-out over several subsequent months prompted both to revisit their positions before the state again offered up the acreage this May. The budget department took out the requirement that bidding begin at \$65 million. The state also acknowledged the township's repeated requests that land be allotted for community use, and for a new school that all the predicted new homes would necessitate.

For their part, township leaders are expected at their regular meeting tonight to officially endorse the revised version of their plan to guide development on that south side of Seven Mile Road, between Haggerty and Northville roads. The new drawing includes "bubbles" of activiFormer Psychiatric Hospital Property



SOURCE: Northville Township ty'the township would prefer, instead of strict areas for retail, residential and other commercial

development.

When the state first offered the property for sale, the bids topped \$76 million. Estimates to clean up the site prior to development are nearing \$20 million, according to state officials. Costs include removing asbestos lining

from the complex's pipes and ceilings; cleaning up the soil contaminated by past illegal dumping, as well as demolition of the 29 buildings on the site.

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On Campus

Albion Dean's List

Gerard Kathryn Berger, Breitenbeck, Justin Ferriman, James Hice, Jenna McClure, Michael Melvin, Nicholas Moroz, Jennifer Phillips, Simeon Vincent, all of Northville and Charles Snearly, of Novi were named to the Dean's List for Albion College for spring, 2004.

Duke graduate program

Adam Harris, a senior biology major at North Central College, has accepted a graduate fellowship to Duke University in the field of developmental biology. He is the son of Bryan and Catherine Harris of Northville and a graduate of St. Mary's Preparatory School.

The highly competitive fellow-

ship program attracted 200 applicants for five positions, and Harris will receive a stipend, a full tuition scholarship and health benefits for his multi-year doctoral studies pro-

Harris has been conducting independent research at North Central on salamanders and how they are affected by an insecticide used for mosquito control. Salamanders are often used as ecological indicators to determine cause-and-effect relationships in the environment.

The opportunities at North Central to pursue my own research were really great experiences and helped me stand out above the other applicants at Duke," said Harris.

Harris was also honored as the "Outstanding Major in Biology" at North Central's Honors Convocation on May 18, an annual spring event that publicly recognizes student excellence in academic and co-curricular life of the College. During his career at North

Central, Harris played varsity baseball and his name appeared on the College's President's List, which recognizes undergraduate students who maintain a grade-point average of 3.6 (4.0=A) for the term.

Phi Eta Sigma

Northville resident, Julie M. Meisner, was recently inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National at Furman Honor Society University. Meisner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Meisner.

Hope Dean's List

Vicki Speyer, has been named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 2003-04 school year at Hope College. She is a Novi resident and graduated from Northville.

U-M Merit Scholarship

Northville residents, Christopher Berry, Brett Bezak, Nicole DiPaolo, Nika Frimenko, Shikha Ganguly, Sarah LaFond, Jessica Morga, Matthew Sestak, Lauren Slubowski and Matthew Tomes received the Regents Merit Scholarship for the University of Michigan.

Wittenberg honors

Wittenberg University recognized full-time students achieving an academic average of 3.5 or higher during spring semester by naming them to the Dean's List, Provost Kenneth W. Bladh announced. Honored students included Northville resident, Ryan Deutschendorf, son of Craig and

Joanne Deutschendorf.

Wittenberg University is consistently recognized as among the nation's leading liberal arts col-leges. During the early 1990s, U.S. News and World Report's annual higher education surveys placed Wittenberg as the top liberal arts college in the Midwest (including first in academic reputation and faculty quality.)

U-M Dearborn Dean's List

The following Northville students were among the 467 University of Michigan-Dearborn students recently named to the Dean's List in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters for the Winter 2004 term. Students on the Dean's List earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average while carrying at least

12 credit hours in a semester. Local students included: Christina Cabanero, Matthew Fix, Ayesha Siddique, Kristopher Kojian, Katherine Miller. Part-time students recognized included: Iren Assar and Gina Halicki.

The Dean's List in the College of Engineering and Computer Science included the following local residents: Kyle Grajek, Theodore Stapleton and Scott Piper. Northville residents, Anthony

Cabanero, Douglas Chenoweth, Eric Grezlik, Daniel Höffman. Rebecca Morello, Christina Murdock, Jerin Philip, Alvin Potti, Steven Schalek, Scott Schanne, Scott Taylor, Stacey Taylor and Robert Tymowski were named to the Dean's Honor List for winter term 2004 at the University of Michigan College of Engineering.

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OF NORTHVILLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, June 17, 2004

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

CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL:

Mark Abbo, Supervisor Sue Hillebrand, Clerk

Marjorie Banner, Trustee Mary Gans, Trustee Shirley Klokkenga, Trustee Richard Henningsen, Treasurer Brad Werner, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Agendas:

A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas.
Appointments, Petitions, Resolutions & Announcements:

Public Hearing: SAD - Quail Ridge 3rd Public Hearing. SAD - Vical Ridge - Award contract.
SAD - Northville Commons - 1st Public Hearing.
SAD - Northville Commons - authorize next step.

Brief Public Comments & Questions: (Anyone wishing to comment on an agenda item, or any other matter, may do so at this time. Critzen comments are requested to be limited to two minutes. Public com-

ment is generally not taken while the board is deliberating on agenda items). Municipal Building Project - Progress Payment #15. Municipal Building Project - Change Order - none. Municipal Building Project - Technology equipment. Northville Community Park - Progress Payment #1. Northville Community Park - Change Order A. Seven Mile Road - Request to waive fees. Five Mile Road Water Main replacement.

Ridge Hills Condominium - Stormwater Agreement. Seven Mile Road - PUD Concept Plan. MTA Dues. Seven Mile Road Water Main Extension. Northville Hills Golf Club - Lot 149 setback.

Unfinished Business: None. Ordinances:

Business License Ordinance - 1st and 2nd Reading. Balls payable in the amount of \$1,438,782.59.

Board Communication: Mark Abbo - Supervisor's Report. Sue Hillebrand - Clerk's Report,

Beautification Commission. Richard Henningsen - Treasurer's Report, Senior Advisory Council. Chip Snider - Manager's Report. Mary Gans - Planning Commission & E.D.C. Report. Marjorie Banner - Northville Youth Assistance &

Land Acquisition Report. Shirley Klokkenga - Z.B.A. Report. Brad Werner - Parks & Recreation Report.

Any other business that may properly be brought before the Board of Trustees: 11. Adjournment:

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PURPOSE OF SAD: ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (SAD)

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions signed by the record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 51% of the total area, of the hereinafter, described, Quall, Ridge, Subdivision, Road improvement special assessment, flistrict; the flownship Board believes, the project to be in the best interests of the subdivision and the township; and to create a special assessment for the recovery of the costs thereof

special assessment against the properties benefited therein. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as

follows: Quall Ridge Subdivision.

FURTHER that the Board of Trustees, of the Charter Township of Northville will meet at Township Half, located at 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan on Thursday, June 17, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. to review and hear any objections to the assessment roll for SAD District #21 P 4. (MCL 41.726). A person objecting to the assessment roll shall file the objection, in writing, with the Clerk prior to the close of the public hearing. Said role may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during reg-ular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing.

(6-10/17-04 NR 138655)

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

COMMUNITY PARK DRIVE ENTRANCE AND PROJECT: DPS BUILDING DRIVE ENTRANCES

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, OWNER: MICHIGAN 41600 Six Mile Road

Northville, Michigan 48167 Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. ENGINEER: 3959 Research Park Drive Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108-2219 PUBLIC OPENING: June 29, 2004 2:30 PM, local time

Charter Township of Northville 41600 Six Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48167 BASIS OF PROPOSALS: Lump Sum

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The work shall consist of, but not be lim-

ited to, the following approximate quantities: 967 FT 13,800 SYD Curb and Gutter Removal Pavement Removal Emhankment 605 CYD 1,282 Concrete Curb and Gutter FI SYD 1,916 Bituminous Pavement 12" Storm Sewer SYD 100 FT EA Drainage Structure

and all associated work.

BID SECURITY: Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order or bid bond, payable to the OWNER, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Proposal, as a Bid Security. The Bid Security of the Bidders under con-sideration will be returned after approval of the Contract by the OWNER. All others will be returned within 48 hours after the Proposal opening.

CONTRACT SECURITY: The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond, each in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of the Contract. DOCUMENTS ON FILE: Charter Township of Northville 41600 Six Mile Road

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Northville, Michigan 48167 DOCUMENT FEE: Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the ENGINEER upon the <u>non-refundable</u> payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per set. Document request shall indicate whether request is by: Prospective

Bidder, Prospective Subcontractor, Prospective Supplier, or other.
PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL: Withdrawal of any Proposal is prohibited for a period of 90 says after the actual date of the opening thereof.
OWNER'S RIGHTS: The OWNER reserves the right to accept any Proposal, to reject any or all Proposals, and to waive any irregularities in any Proposal, in the interest of the OWNER.

NON-DISCRIMINATION: Bidders shall not discriminate against any employees or firm due to origin, race, age or physical conditions. CONTRACTOR shall be an equal opportunity employer.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

(6-17/24-04 NR 141576)

OWNER BY SUE A. HILLEBRAND TOWNSHIP CLERK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 22, 2004 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at Old Village School, Northville, Michigan, the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools will hold public hearings to consider the district's proposed 2004/2005 budget.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED 2004/2005 BUDGET

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2004/2005 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours after June 16, 2004, at the Business Office, 501 W. Main St. Northville, Michigan.

Triệ property tạx millage rate propose to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject of this hearing.

This order is given by order of the Board of Education.

(6-17 NN/NR 141662)

KAREN PACIOREK, SECRETARY

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS**

PROJECT:

NORTHVILLE ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT OWNER: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

41600 Six Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48167

ENGINEER: Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc.

3959 Research Park Drive Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108-2219

PUBLIC OPENING: June 29, 2004

2:00 PM, local time Charter Township of Northville 41600 Six Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48167

BASIS OF PROPOSALS:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The work shall consist of, but not be limited to, the fol-

lowing approximate quantities:

12" HDPE DR11, DIPS, Directional Drilling - 1,539 LF Gate Valve and Well - 2 EA Fire Hydrants - 4 EA and all associated work

BID SECURITY: Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order or bid bond, payable to the OWNER, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Proposal, as a Bid Security. The Bid Security of the Bidders under con-sideration will be returned after approval of the Contract by the OWNER. All others will be returned within 48 hours after the Proposal opening.

SECURITY: The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond, each in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of the Contract. DOCUMENTS ON FILE: Charter Township of Northville 41600 Six Mile Road

Northville, Michigan 48167 Construction Association of Michigan 43636 Woodward Avenue Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302-3204

F.W. Dodge 25330 Telegraph Road, Suite 350 Southfield, Michigan 48034

Builders Exchange of Lansing and Central Michigan 1240 East Saginaw Street Lansing, Michigan 48906

Construction Market Data 40000 Grand River Avenue, Suite 404 Novi, Michigan 48375-2147

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, OWNER

(6-10/17-04 NR 140409)

BY SUE A. HILLEBRAND TOWNSHIP CLERK

OPINION

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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.

Bask in Northville's 'Sun' this weekend

Get out this weekend, and spend some time in the 'Sun."

Northville's annual Art in the Sun festival begins this weekend, and we strongly encourage local residents to join an expected 100,000 visitors who will peruse, scrutinize and, in many cases, purchase artwork crafted by local and national artists.

Truly, Art in the Sun is yet another in a long list of local events made possible by the joint efforts of an involved Northville Chamber of Commerce and local business

owners who work diligently to make such outdoor events memorable. Joint cooperation between each group, along with munic-

ipal officials who keenly understand the significance such events ultimately have "hen forging Northville's muta, signature is essential when organizing such

events. stepped up.

Chamber employees, and more than a few volunteers, have once again worked hard to make certain Northville

presents its best public face. As such, local business owners and residents should do whatever is possible to further affirm that Northville is a vital

community capable of wending its way through fast-paced development issues, yet one which remains intimately true to its historical origins.

We strongly encourage local residents to hit the sidewalk this weekend, peruse Art in the Sun booths, wander into local businesses and strike up sidewalk conversations.

Northville is, after all, among a diminishing number of areas which still offer the uniqueness of authentic Main Street life. Its Victorian sidewalks are decorated with both original and restored facades, and welcoming shopkeepers who value the currency of personalized customer service.

Fundamentally, that's what make small towns unique, and increasingly scarce.

Northville is fortunate to boast a vital downtown area. It is an area borne of much hard work, commitment and debate.

But on the verge of summer, Once again, each group has as the sun warms and the sidewalks beckon local residents to walk casually with children from one Main Street destination to the next, an intimate hometown address is easy to take for granted.

Art in the Sun arrives this weekend. Use it as an excuse to discover Northville, all over



Bye, Bye, Birdie

our delightful pical c

ly raise their young.

She too is being pressured.

become a rarity in the future.

Thank you. (David Amilar), for sharing

babies. Doves are wonderful parents and

unless calamity befalls them, they successful-

I hate to disillusion you however, this young

hatch is not destined for bigger and better

things. Their future has already been pre-

determined by our legislature. Pushed by hunt-

peace" from the songbird list, our fearless stal-

wart representatives and senators acquiesced.

The bill is now before Gov. Granholm to sign.

Our doves will soon become targets for

slaughtered-one county at a time. It is the thrill

of the kill, hunters preparing themselves by

shooting the dove for bigger and better game.

So enjoy your young family, that sight may

ia dove and her

ing associations to remove this "dove of " retirement and health care are overwhelming

proposed?

Concerned about other needs

Today voters will go to the polls and either support or deny a \$35.7 million bond request for the Northville schools. The Northville Record over several weeks has detailed how this money will fund capital improvements, buses, and technology in our schools.

Typical of women of my generation, I began my career as a teacher and have always supported public schools. However, I am concerned about other needs in my community as well (i.e., parks and recreation and library service) and believe voters need a better understanding of why our school district can no longer maintain its buildings or offer classroom supplies or provide field trips and athletic programs without increasing taxes or expecting parents to pay out-of-pocket. Since proposal A passed, the state has increased its

to be precise — I joined the editorial

team of the Northville Record and

dedicated newspapers.

in both areas.

growing passion.

my communications

Deserving of his

Northville resident Nick Krafft, 10, had a feeling Tuesday evening, less than 30 minutes prior to the start of what

Amerman Elementary student stood along an Eight Mile Road sidewalk, not far from his front porch, and gathered

public support for his favorite team. Krafft sald he had tried the same tactic for other NBA Finals games, and even

per pupil payment to Northville schools from

\$6,605 in 1994 to \$8,050 last year. This is a

mere 22% increase over ten years. However,

even at that rate my calculations show 24 stu-

dents bring over \$193,000 into our school sys-

tem. Why is that amount insufficient to pay

operating costs with some reserve left for

I believe the Northville Record would serve

the public well by writing more about the

school budget. We need to understand admin-

istrative costs and whetherincreases in teacher

our school budgets. The school board is nego-

tiating with the teachers' union this summer;

what are the demands and compromises being

Northville expects more development and

increased enrollment in our schools. If we

have money problems now, what does the

future hold? Are more and more local tax

increases the only answer? Should we push for

changes in our school budget or push our leg-

islators to change proposal A and increase

school funding to provide for capital improve-

ments and new buildings? A better understanding of how the Northville district spends

money would help with those decisions.

would ultimately be the Detroit Pistons NBA world championship victory over the Los Angeles Lakers. The

between games. Prior to Tuesday's game, a feeling: "I think they are going to win tonight," Kraft said.

building maintenance?

My husband (Michael Rumbell) is being honored this year by his peers for his accomtransferred from Cooke Middle School to Northville High School in 1979, there were 46 students in the marching band. Because of his dedication and hard work, there will be over

New Record reporter welcomes challenge:

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accolades

plishment in the field of music education, and it is my pleasure to tell you a little bit about why he is the recipient of this award. He has two degrees in music from the University of Michigan and has worked for the Northville School District for 32 years. When he was 230 students who will "take the field" this fall. The marching band has served the community under his direction in a variety of venues. They march in at least five parades a year, including the Memorial Day Parade honoring

Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/NORTHYLLE RECORD EDITOR

the brave men and women of Northville who have fought and died for their country. The band brings Santa Claus to the children of Northville every year. They were there to dedicate the new high school and performed

for Laurie Mars as she retired from community service. They also kick off the homecoming festivities at the pep assembly every year this to the core of the high school band program. The symphonic band programs at the high

school and middle school have consistently received praise and first division awards at both the district and state levels. The variety and depth of the music that the Northville students perform is second to none.

The Northville Jazz Ensemble I bands have demonstrated that Michael is one of the finest music educators in the state. The jazz bands have consistently been praised for their mature sound and outstanding playing ability. They are the only high school band that has been asked to return to the Détroit Jazz Festival every year for nearly two decades. Northville's jazz students are consistently invited to join

As for his own continued growth and development, Michael is the current president of the Michigan Unit of the International Association of Jazz Educators and he plays in the educators band every year at the Detroit festival. He is a respected member of the American School Band Directors Association and the International Trombone Association. He also writes reviews for the ITA journal, and he is a published composer.

Michael is constantly in demand as a performer in various jazz, pop and classical settings. This month, he was the lead trombone for the Tommy Dorsey Band and bass trombone for Frank Sinatra Jr.

Please help me in congratulating the 2003-04 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 12 Band Director of the Year, Michael Rumbell.

> Mary Rumbell Farmington Hills

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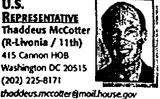






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newspaper reporting has been my quickly Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER Recently, I received

degree from the University of city's senior center. And, as the Michigan-Dearborn. During my four Northville Psychiatric Hospital land

Last week - at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dearborn Press & Guide, as well as the Observer Newspapers to the south and east of here. Since I'm also inter-Novi News as their newest staff ested in how government decisions

impact individual lives. I opted to minor in political science.

I thoroughly enjoy and am dedicated to reporting on all facets of the hometown scene, from the intriguing personalities events to the thriving neighborhoods and businesses.

I'm looking forward to covering a variety of these issues, as well as several topics on a more regular basis. In Novi, for instance, I'll provide information on the planning commission and weekly updates regarding the

years there, I interned at the issue unfolds, I'll follow that, too.

As a lifelong resident of nearby Livonia, I'm familiar with the terrain and appreciate the array of benefits that Novi and Northville offer. Similar to my hometown, both areas have rapidly developing amenities, as well as natural beauty and historic value.

This link between the new and the old piques my curiosity as both a reporter and a resident — and, I think, it's fundamental to this area (making it such a fascinating time to be here).

I'll strive to explore this balance.

I invite you to contact me if ever I can be of assistance with any community issue. Or, if you see me walking along the sidewalks of downtown Northville, please don't hesitate to say

Oh, and just for the record, I'm always up to chatting about Broadway musicals or hearing about your latest, greatest literary find.

I look forward to meeting youl

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COMMENTARY

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Birds of a feather, families should stick together

Richard wrote a wonderful column for our newspapers celebrating the conscientious fathering practiced by the male bluegill.

Now retired and living in

God's country North) (Up ⋅ Richard was one of the best reporters I ever knew ... and an acute and thoughtful observer of nature.

Tim's column began:From the boat launch, I looked into the shallows and spotted him less than seven Chairman, Hometown inches long, communications hovering over a saucer-shaped depression.

Earlier in the spring, the bull bluegili had scooped out the nest, herded in a female, then fertilized the eggs she

Phil Power

The bull bluegill, with his iridescent gill covers and yellow bowtie, will guard the eggs until they hatch. Let a minnow, beetle or another

A dozen years ago. Tim bull gill attacks, his sharp ichard wrote a wonderful dorsal fin flashing. When a slovenly carp or idiot speedboater stirs up the bottom, the bull gill fans away the silt with his pectoral fins ...
Other fish, like muskie and

salmon, scatter their eggs and spawn, then depart. Not the bluegill, who has an excellent reproduction rate and is

> Michigan's widemost spread successful species. The bull bluegill, though coldblooded and pea-brained, is

a better father than many human males. The importance of Father's Day isn't told in syrupy verses of Hallmark cards. It's found in the sociological statistics. Bad things happen to kids born into a household with no father.

The situation hasn't improved for the human species since Richard wrote fish venture too near and the those words. Scientists,

teachers, sociologists and cops all know it. Children who grow up in a household without a father:

 Have an infant mortality rate double that of their counterparts.

• Are likely to be raised in poverty. Around half the female-headed families in Michigan are below the poverty line.

 Disproportionately have difficulty in school, lack skills and don't do well in the work-

· Are three times as likely to wind up in prison as a kid from a two-parent home, according to a Michigan Department of Corrections

• Have trouble figuring out their social and sexual roles. Girls who grow up without fathers around have trouble dealing with boys and fatherless boys have trouble figuring out how to be secure. capable men.

Certainly, kids who grow up in a household headed by men experience many of the same problems. But there are single-parent far more households headed by women than by men, so the bad effects of fatherless fami-

lies are far more widespread. Either way, human biology and developmental dynamics offer conclusive evidence that

two-parent households seem better wired for success in raising children than singleparent families.

Of course, there are countless examples of single par-, ents successfully raising their children, but it's much tougher alone than with a partner. (I should know; I've been a single parent, and it's

I saw confirming evidence over the weekend as my wife, Kathy, and I watched a family of Canada geese at our place.

The adult birds are by far the most capable and conscientious parents we've seen in years, and watching them working to raise their goslings to maturity in the face of all the threats excites our admiration and pulls on our heartstrings all at once.

There they go, swimming across the pond. Mom is in the lead, looking right and left for the big snapping turtles that like nothing better than pulling a gosling down, while dad makes sure the five goslings keep up and stay

properly in line until they reach the shore.

Once up the bank, mom eats while dad keeps alert watch for foxes and coyotes; then, on silent signal, dad eats while mom keeps watch.

Daily they go about training their goslings in the skills of being a successful adult goose: How to stay in line and in touch with the flock. How to drink from the pond: first a delicate sip and then head up for the swallow. How to eat pond weeds from the bottom, white tails vertical in the air.

Just now, they're beginning flying lessons, which at this point consist in wing-flapping exercises and practice runs in the grass, but after a couple of weeks they'll be up in the air, working on turns and landings on water.

So for even a goose, grow-. ing up involves an awful lot to learn, and having two parents around to help seems an essential element. Just imagine how much more important two-parent families are for humans. With feathers or without, fathers (and mothers, too) matter - far, far more than the folks at Hallmark imagine. They fully deserve their day of admira-

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tion and respect, something they earn every day of the year.

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.

Sometimes renewal's about connecting the polka dots

Jenenne Whitfield, a conservatively tailored, rising young bank loan officer. couldn't believe her eyes. She happened to turn onto an unfamiliar street on Detroit's east side, and saw a riot of

color. She was surrounded by old, nearly fallingdown houses, covered with brightly colored huge 'm' polkadots. There were dozens of shoes hanging high in a tree; dolls and mannequins nailed to hous-

discarded with Jack Lessenberry toilets crosses and and HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS bibles, primitive-

appearing art on car hoods half-buried in the ground.

tall man she saw talking earnestly to a prominent local judge. The Heidelberg Project," he said with a slow grin. When asked who was responsible for it, he said "me. I'm Tyree Guyton."

"And that is how it all started," she grinned. That was nine years ago. Not long after that, she became executive director of the project, which is probably the most controversial artistic statement ever

made Detroit.

"I took a massive pay cut to do this," she said, laughing. But the more she - learned about it, the more she decided that what Tyree Guyton was doing was about far more than wild art. It was a political statement EDITORIAL VICE PRESIDENT, about the city itself.

Some of the symbolism is obvious; over and over, "What the hell is this?" she "1967," the year of the horrendou riots, appears in his painting. as do the themes of God and war; it seems apparent that Guyton doesn't think much of

Detroit's power structure

has been mostly not amused. Mayor Coleman Young sent the bulldozers in and destroyed some of the first decorated houses in 1991. He would have destroyed it all,

but he was prevented by the courts. Detroit City Council bulldozed more of it in 1999. But Tyree Guyton simply went back to work. Today, there is a large open-air exhibit of broken vacuum

cleaners; lined up like march-

ing soldiers, which his friends say symbolizes City Council. This is a mission. A mission about transformation, of the city and ourselves," said Guyton, a tall, soft-spoken man who was born in 1955 and grew up on this street. which is one of the last surviving remnants of Black Bottom, one of the first African-American neighbor-

Today, after surviving a toris doing has begun to a international notice. The city of Sydney, Australia, has commissioned him to help design a new city park, and decorate it with his famous polka-dots. He has been feted

hoods in Detroit.

in Europe and Japan. An award-winning video documentary, "The Faces of Tyree Guyton" has been widely shown on public television.

Each year, according to Whitfield, at least 275,000 people spend enough time strolling the street to sign a guest book that is displayed outside on sunny days. Collectors can buy some of the works; others deteriorate ator just fine.

"I want this to be a city where we care about our people, where you don't have to leave and go somewhere else to be recognized," he says.

Increasingly, it is a city that is accepting its most eccentric artist. Elementary schools bring their classes to Heidelberg Street to tour the

Unlike his predecessors, rent of criticism, what Guyton Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has about the Heidelberg Project — in large part perhaps because one of the mayor's heroes, rap impresario Russell Simmons, is a big Heidelberg fan.

This month, Tyree is on his way to Albuquerque to accept a major award for environmental design.

Jenenne, meanwhile, is hot on the trail of grant money which, she hopes, will eventually allow the Heidelberg Project to expand to encompass four square blocks. "Jenenne is a fighter," Tyree

said admiringly. Sometimes, it seems she is a bigger believfrom the effects of the ele-mer in his vision than he is. A ments, which suits the cre- couple of years ago, in fact, she further deepened her investment by marrying him. Currently, Tyree is working

on transforming what had been the "OJ House," which was largely a sarcastic statement about our media and cultural obsession with celebrities, into "The House That Makes Sense," which will be covered with 700,000 pennies (donations are wel-

And he believes deeply in that was partly inspired by his grandfather, Sam Mackey, who was also his best friend, and who inspired him during the darkest times, after the city destroyed much of his

"This is about community, and renewal."

> Jenenne Whitfield Director, The Heidelberg Project

When Sam died at 94, hislast words to Tyree were "Son, don't stop," His grandson then covered his casket, and later his house, with bright polka-dots.

"This is about community, and renewal," Jenenne Whitfield said, watching the tourists circle the block on a bright Wednesday morning.

After two decades, the city Tyree Guyton has always loved finally seems to be accepting him.

Jack Lessenberry is editorial vice president of Hometown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901-2561 or by e-mail at jlessenberry&homecomm.net.

ld newspapers conjure renewed belief: history matters

attic last week at HomeTown Newspapers' Howell office. when someone noticed a pile of old newspapers.

As it turns out, they were really old, some dating as far back as 1869. A call was made to the Northville Historical Society.

have something you like," might HomeTown employee Sandy Everly said to Sandy Basse, who for the past six years has served as the historical society's full-time archivist.

Turns piled in that attic were original versions of what was then the David Aquilar Wayne County NORTHVILLE RECORD EDITOR Record. There

were also original versions of the Northville Record.

Basse wasted no time arriving at HomeTown's Grand River Ave. office, leading a twovehicle caravan that included her family van and her son's covered pickup truck.

Up and down a narrow staircase, Basse, her son Matthew and her husband, Bill, each toted the newspapers streetside. Outside, a storm was gathering; rain was coming.

It didn't matter. Basse would not be deterred. History was coming home, one way or another. Like Fred Sanford,

They were cleaning out the she loaded up her modest caravan, and headed home.

Part of Northville's soul was being restored, an empty spot made whole again.

True, they're newspapers. not interest-bearing bonds grown fat with time. But for Basse, and those who painstakingly caretake

Northville's celebrated history, public every and private contribution makes a difference.

Northville is a beautiful community to live and work in. Grace Perry said. HomeTown's Northvillebased publish-

er. "it's history is what sets it apart from most communities. The Northville Record

pleased to be contributing to it's rich history."

And there it is, what journalists call the "peg," the heart of story: history is what we make it, what we contribute to it.

History is salvaged best with public contributions to organizations such as the Northville Historical Society. Want to know the history behind a local building, family or street?

That's where you turn.
Their meticulous collections are steeped with gracious contributions from local residents whose family photos, unique collections and artifacts now

comprise Northville's history.
"I'm thrilled," Basse said of

contribution. HomeTown's When I saw one issue was dated 1869, I thought, 'Oh, my God!' I just think it's very cool."

The contribution is one of many. Don't believe it? Visit the group's Cady Inn archive, available for public viewing Thursdays and Fridays, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

There, old photos mingle with newspaper clippings and old uniforms. Most have been donated by residents who realize Northville's history is all tied together. They have donated items for posterity.

And because of those contributions, the collection is now available for those gathering information for research papers, conducting genealogy searches or simply satisfying an insatiable curiosity.

Northville's history is on-call because a relative few have painstakingly done so much. But they need your help. After all, history is what you make it.

Have what you think is an interesting historical heirloom? Make a call. Donate it. Visit Mill Race Village, along Griswold Road.

A little piece of Northville's history made its way home last week, simply because someone made a phone call. It wasn't a long trip, as miles go.

But like most of life's more

significant journeys, it's the direction, not the distance, that mattered most: this one came straight from the heart. Contact the Northville

Historical Society at (248) 348-

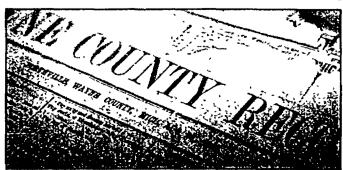


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(Top) Northville Historical Society archivists Pat Allen and Sandy Basse sit next to a Cady Inn fieplace, reading a vintage copy of the Northville Record. (Above) Basse needed her family's van and her son's pickup truck to retrieve from HomeTown Newspaper's Howell office donated historical newspapers, some dating to 1869.



Ponder-Fleming

Jim and Lynda Ponder of Novi, formerly of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter Melissa Lynne Ponder to Gavin John Fleming, son of John and Margaret Fleming of Liverpool, England.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School. She graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2001 with a bachelor's degree. In 2004 she graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with her Masters of Social Work.

The groom-elect earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 2000 and in 2003 graduated from the University of Michigan Law School. He is employed with the firm of Jones Day in Chicago.

A July 2004 wedding at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth is planned.



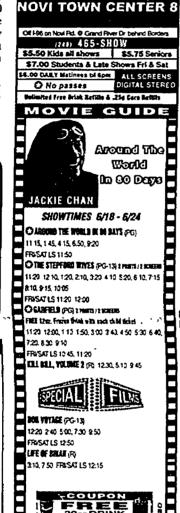
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Diamond, as well as other precious gem purchases, should always be handled by a qualified

P.S. In general, diamonds cut with smaller table (top facets) are more fiery while those with larger tables exhibit more brilliance.



Whitehead-Lower

Jim and Joan Whitehead of Dexter announce the engagement of their daughter, Christi Whitehead to Jeff Lower, son of Carole and Lynn Lower of

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Dexter High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently enrolled in Central Michigan University's Physician Assistant Program.

The groom-elect is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School, a graduate of Michigan State University and a 2002 graduate of Detroit College of

He is tax lawyer for Deloitte & Touche in Detroit. An August 2004 wedding is planned.

Gudritz-Corombos

Thomas and Justine Gudritz of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Gudritz to Mark Corombos, son of Ted and Mary Ann Corombos of Iron Mountain.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Northville High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently employed by Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP, Detroit.

The groom-elect is a 1991 graduate of Iron Mountain High School and a 1995 graduate of Hillsdale College. He is currently employed by Plante & Moran Family Wealth Advisors, Auburn

A September, 2004 wedding is planned.

NOTE TO NORTHVILLE

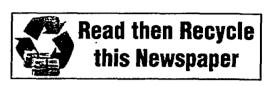
The \$15 million, two-year project to construct a new interchange at I-96 and Beck Road in Novi began Monday with realignment of 12 Mile Road. To accommodate the realignment to the north, 12 Mile Road will be closed between Beck Road and West Park Drive. Posted detours in each direction will utilize Beck Road, West Road and West Park Drive.

Throughout the 2004 and 2005 construction seasons, crews will construct a new Beck Road Bridge over I-96, build a complete interchange, and widen Beck Road between Grand River Avenue to just north of the freeway interchange. "The project will relieve congestion and create a

direct link for motorists on Beck Road over I-96, said Metro Region Engineer Greg Johnson. "The current configuration requires motorists to use 12 Mile Road on the north side of the freeway, which is not suitable for today's traffic volumes.

Father's Day Contest Winner

Hometown Newspapers announces that Mike Bellanti of Milford is the winner of the Best Dad contest and will receive four box seat tickets to the June 27 Detroit Tigers game. Bellanti was selected based on an essay written by his 8-yearold son, Andrew.



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Senior center on target for July debut

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

The carpet height was matched to the exact hearth height to avoid a trip hazard. Lounge furniture was selected to be easy to rise from. Faucet placement will not require hoses stretched across the sidewalk for landscape irrigation.

That attention to detail will pay off when the completely renovated Northville Senior Adult Center opens to the public July 3, according to senior advisory chairman Jim

Best of all, he said, the project is on-time and under-budget.

Nield credited the project's successful near-completion to a rare level of communication and flexibility by Southfield-based construction management firm, Skanska. "It's not only saved the community money, but it will be a better quality product. It's been a very, very good partnership."

Nield, along with Parks and Recreation Director Traci Sincock, acted as the Northville community's owner representatives during the past six months. On-site visits. phone calls, and late-night or earlymorning e-mails kept the pair in constant communication with Skanska project superintendent, Larry Zielinski.

The "very competitive" bids the company solicited fulfilled the original specifications outlined in the \$2.89 million project, Nield said, and then some. "We began to see opportunities as we started the project and were able to upgrade as we went along.

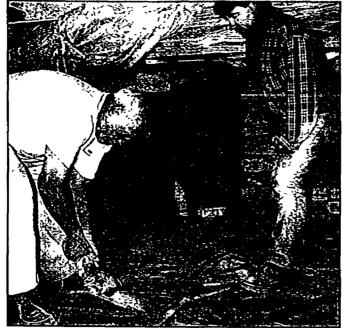
From helping to select the decor theme, to setting the fireplace stone, to fine-tuning landscaping last week, the advisory council chairman's role evolved into an enthusiastic, pitch-in, daily presence at the site. He saw behind-the-scenes how Skanska contractors followed the

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Bob Michlelutti, left, a specialist in tile, marble and terrazzo cuts a piece of Fond du Lac limestone as he works with Jim Nield on completing the fireplace of the new Northville Senior and Community Center on Main Street.

plans by architect Fanning and Howey of Farmington to transform the former community center, he

By communicating on-the-fly, they were able to earn back the several weeks the project was behindschedule early on. They had to remove an oil tank discovered beneath the site, they had to re-lay a too-small water line, and weather conditions held them up. But with the grand opening just over two weeks away, the advisory council planned to meet in the center's (Bob) Russell Room today.

Nield cited approximately 40 project add-ons/upgrades from the

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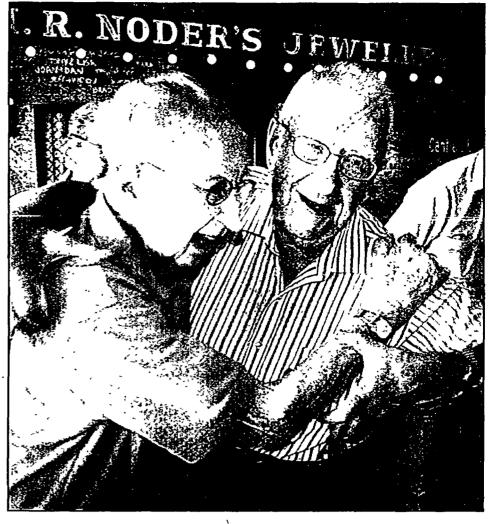
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Former Northville Presbyterian Church lead Reverend Lloyd Brasure. left. embraces John McGuire during last Tuesday's gathering at Genitti's of the Northville Old Timers group. Brasure, McGuire (who began Guernsey Dairy), former Northville mayor Mike Allen and Cris Hammond, all more than 90 years old, attended the gathering. Other Old Timers met for lunch and talked about growing up in Northville and the jobs, schools, and neighborhoods they shared in common. The group meets once a year with coordination from Dick Ambler.

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Mourners lined Washington, D.C. streets last week as former president, Ronald

Northville republican bids farewell to hero, Reagan

Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

The first time Brian Downs met Ronald Reagan, he was a 16-yearold republican enthusiast who ventured with his father to the former president's Los Angeles office. It was 1993.

Eleven years later, after Reagan succumbed to Alzheimer's disease, Downs traveled this time to Washington, D.C. to see for the last time the man he calls his "childhood hero."

That day when I met him my left leg was shaking," recalled

"The 'Evil Empire' was looming and everyone was paying attention to international politics. Reagan was the one who influenced me into politics."

Brian Downs

Downs, who has been politically involved with the Republican Party for two decades. "That same feeling came to me 11 years

After hearing of Reagan's passing, Downs quickly organized a trip to the National Archive with David Klocek, his political science professor at St. Mary's College of Madonna in Livonia, and fellow political science stu-

"We hopped in the car Tuesday night at three in the morning." said Downs. The trio arrived at 3 p.m. on June 9 and were among the first to line up along Constitution St. to witness the funeral procession.

Downs decided that since Reagan was "a man who never took his coat off in office," he too would keep his black jacket on despite the 95 degree heat.

After a brief Ruby Tuesday dinner, he and his friends waited more than five hours on the front lawn of the Capitol to pay their final respects to the 40th presi-

Passing the coffin, Downs prayed an "Our Father."

Growing up in an Irish Catholic house, his roots were split between the two political parties. However, Downs' mind when he was iust 7.

The 'Evil Empire' was looming and everyone was paying attention to international politics, Downs said, "Reagan was the one

"That day when I met him my left leg was shaking. That same feeling came to me 11 vears later."

> Brian Downs Northville

who influenced me into politics." He started with a call to volunteer for the Oakland County Republicans. Since then, Downs has helped organize local campaigns for John Engler, both George Bushes and many other Republicans. While finishing his degree. he works Congressman Joe Knollenberg in Royal Oak and tends to his grand-

mother - who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 1997. Downs returned home on June 11 with his photos honoring the man he credits with "bringing

been lost." Kim Kovelle can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107. Or via kkovelle@ht.homecomm net.

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Are we dreaming?

The HomeTown Newspapers All-Area Tennis and Golf Dream Teams have been announced. Check to see who was named as the best of the best. - Pages 2B and 3B



What's Going On?

Next weekend is Northville Solstice Run. Find out how to get involved, and get an advance peek at the downtown course. Also check out out the events happening locally. · Page 4B



Recreation

Want to learn how to play lacrosse? Two local brothers are bringing a training center near you. Also, find out what Northville's Parks and Recreation Department has to to offer. Page 6B

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SPORTS & LIFE

Enjoy the Good Life"

Move over, 'Samuel'

They're letting me eat cookies and pizza. Heck, they're even letting me slurp chocolate shakes. And get this: they expect me to lose weight

Good luck to me, it seems. It's all part of a fitness challenge members of the Northville Record have undertaken. It's part of "No stoppin' Northville," the local community fitness efort started last year and endeavors to make Northville a healthier community.

My challenge: lose weight, get fit. The plan: it has mostly to do with calorie-intake, of which I have for too long been taking in too many. For the challenge, I went to Northville's own fitness club, the Water Wheel, and talked to Aaron Pintar, the director of fitness. He poked me, prodded me, weighed me, polled me, took a personality profile, registered my favorite color and held up some ink blots, then asked me what I saw.

Well, maybe not that extreme,. But when I was done, Aaron knew what I liked to eat. knew my



what I refuse to ouch and what my ypical day's caloie-intake was. The number, it hapens, was the better part of 4,000. Then he meas-

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ured my body fat, my weight, my ability to stretch and bend, my

foods,

posture and even how well I can suck in my gut. If this had been a high-school exiting exam, I'd be a fifth-year senior next fall.

Wow, where to start?

The numbers aren't pretty; the truth is cold. But I know inquisitive readers want to know. Maybe my progress at the Water Wheel, and the program in which they have enrolled me — Apex — will provide readers with insight and a personal interest. On that note, cue the drum roll.

I weighed in at 345 pounds. My bending was horrible, as was my stretching. My posture, for the most part, wasn't horrible. But, I don't have good news about my body fat.

Maybe you should sit down for this. After zapping me with a laserguided fat detector, the computer coughed up a number that approximately 186.3 pounds of me is fat. That's about 54 percent.

In fact, that's a complete separate person, someone who weighs more than me. In fact, that proves what I've suspected all along. It's not my fault. It's the other guy's, the one holed up inside me.

I call him Samuel, the evil, notso-mini me. If he goes, I reason, gets evicted, gets his potato chip butt tossed to the curb, then I'll be fine.

Actually, I had anticipated 45-percent body fat, 155.25 pounds of excess jiggle. I know now I have more work to do than I first thought.

What's the skinny?

But, I'm ready. According to Aaron, I will shed myself of Samuel soon enough. The computer spit out a menu for me that actually includes pasta, pizza, tuna fish sandwiches. chips and even a chocolate shake referred to as an "Elvis," sold at the Frogger Smoothie bar (it's open to the public) inside the Water Wheel.

Aaron said that as long as I stick to the plan, work and educate myself about the importance of each specific food group, I'll lose about 35 pounds in 10 weeks.

I know, that doesn't sound like much to many people. But you have to start somewhere, right? After all, that's 10-percent of my current body mass. And that could easily lead to yet another 35 pounds. That's 70 pounds by Christmas! And that would leave only 275 pounds of me. I haven't weighed that since my senior year in high school.

Please check out the sports section (Page 2B) for a weekly progress report --- my own and my co-workers. We've each challenged the Water Wheel to help us adjust the way we live our lives --- and perhaps by doing so, provide you a tip or two about how you can do the same.

We think many of you can relate to our struggles. We'll be brutally honest when we report just how well our individual systems are working. Our mistakes can be your solutions. Our successes can be your inspiration. Our goal is to pitch in, do our share. After all, that's what commu-'nities do, isn't it?

Mustangs are regional champions!



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville's Lauren Hill, In black, comes in hard on a corner kick and tries to edge the ball around the dearborn goalie and a defender. The Mustangs won the game and moved on to defeat the Ann Arbor Pioneers in the Regional Championship game.

Making a lot of noise

Mustangs beat Pioneers for regional title

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

For a team as defensively minded as the Ann Arbor Pioneer Pioneers, taking on a squad as offensively ferocious as the Northville Mustangs is enough to

get them off their game in a hurry. Northville made a statement with a 4-1 victory, dominating the Pioneers on their way to their firstever Division

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Regional "It's been

while," Northville coach Ron

Metever said, thinking back to when the Mustangs were last this deep in the playoffs. "We've never won a regional championship Division I. I think before that we

were Division II." Northville has, however, been this far before. The year after Meteyer gave up coaching the first time around at Northville, the Mustangs won the state championship. That was 1985 - before many of the current Mustangs

were even born. Against Pioneer, the Northville Mustangs looked as though they were ready to prove their ranking of second in the state and claim a

state title while they were at it. Of course, they still have two more games to go. Northville was slated to take on the Brighton Bulldogs in the state semifinals yesterday (past press time). If they

won, the Mustangs will play Saturday at Troy in the state finals

'We played a very disciplined game against Ann Arbor Pioneer," Meteyer said. "We've been preaching that game all year long and finally they listened to us. I don't know if that's a good omen

or a bad omen? In the first half, Northville dominated the play and ended it at 1-0 to head into the locker room. Notching the first goal of the game was Lauren Hill, who put the ball into the back of the net at the 12-minute mark for the lead.

Coming into the second half, the Mustangs found themselves facing a new look brought on by the Pioneers. Ann Arbor took their best player in sweeper Sarah Burns and moved her to attacking midfield.

The tactic worked, setting up a score as Burns crossed the ball to a waiting Becky Prokopiak, who headed it in for the goal.

The Mustangs took advantage of the maneuver by the Pioneer coach and exploited it.

"Lauren Hill and Danni Toney were licking their lips," Meteyer said of having Burns move to the offensive end of the field.

Toney scored two goals on lapses by the Pioneer defense. First, she stole the ball off a pass back to the Ann Arbor goalie and shot it in for the score. The second was notched as Toney brought the ball around two Pioneer defenders and

fired the score home. Northville's final tally came off



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustang Whitney Guenther, right, seems to have temporarily lost sight of the ball as Dearborn Ploneer Jessica Sipperley moves in.

of the foot of Jen Kritch for the 4-

I final with a minute left. In the end, the Mustangs proved to be the deserving team.

"We ran into a better team," Pioneer coach Chris Morgan said. 'They capitalized on opportunities and we didn't."

Time for one final contest



The pitch. The swing. The crack of the ball as it is cranked over the fences.

It's time, once again, for the HomeTown Newspapers All-Star Classic baseball and softball games.

In its fifth year, the Classic has found a variety of top-notch stars come through and play. Such notables as Brendan Hadley, Mitch Maier, A.J. Rowe, Trey Simpson, Megan Colligan and Adam Haberman have played the game from the Novi Wildcats while Tim Edick, Tyler Carter, Roger Garfield, Lindsay Tomasak and Candra Nabozny have taken to the field for the Mustangs in years past.

Last year, the East squads split the Classic in their games against the West.

The girls earned a 7-3 victory to even the att-time record out at 2-2. The boys, however, fell 10-7 to put the all-time record at 3-1 in favor of the East squad.,

Comprising the West will be layers from Brighton, players Hartland, Fowlerville, Pinckney and Howell while the East will have players from Novi, Northville, Milford, Lakeland and South Lyon.
This season, Novi's baseball

team won the Kensington Valley Conference. The Northville baseball team won the Western Lakes Activities Association as well as their District before falling to the number one ranked team in the state in Ann Arbor Pioneer in the Regional.

The softball game is slated for 5 p.m. June 22 at Hartland High School. The baseball game will be played June 23 at Hartland with the start scheduled for 5

Baseball bows out in region

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Four years ago, a freshman right-handed hurler by the name of Mark Sorensen took to the mound and lost his first-ever high school baseball game.

Last Saturday, Sorensen, now a senior, went to the mound with an undefeated streak since that day on the line. Unfortunately, his senior season, the Northville playoff run and his undefeated streak all came to an end as he and the Mustangs baseball team fell 7-0 to top-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer in the Regional semi-final game.

"I think he lost that final one to the best team in the state," Northville coach Mickey Newman said. 'They're the best team I've ever seen as a coach. I've seen some great teams from Harrison, Farmington, Novi, Brighton and Walled Lake Western over the years and that Pioneer team is still the best."

And against the Mustangs, they played (their best 2 ach Putnam, one of the most highly regarded pitchers in the state, threw a complete game against Northville to earn the shutout. Pioneer went on to win the Regional and after the second inning against Northville,

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The best of the best 2004 All-Area

Golf Dream Team

Andrea Fillipps Senior Northville

• All-Western Lakes Activities Association

 Top-five finish

at Regional Threeyear starter on varsity with three trips to the state finals

Helped lead team to second place

Fillipps in state

• Co-Northville Most Valuable Player

• Fourth in WLAA overall

• 45.18 nine-hole and a 92.25 18-hole average

• Best nine-hole match was a 40 and best 18 hole was a 79

"Andrea is a very level-headed player whenever she's on the golf course," Northville coach Trish Murray said. "She's not one to take chances on her shots. More importantly, Andrea never gives up even when she's behind. She's not excitable, even if she has a real crummy round, and she never lets the world know how she did."



Novi

- All-Kensington Valley Conference
 - 47.8 nine hole average Took fifth in the KVC

"Laura was a steady player all year," Novi coach Deb Harris

played well and was been a big part of the success that our team had this year. Laura is a great leader on and off the golf course and is very coachable.



Vaughn

We're going to miss her now that she has graduated and it has been a pleasure working with her over the years."

Therese Juthage Junior

Northville

- All-Western Division • Top-10 finish at state finals
- Helped lead team to second place in state
- Three-year starter with three trips to the

state finals • 45.5 ninehole and an 88.88 18-hole

 Best ninehole match was a 39 and best 18 hole



has a lot of experience for being just a jun-ior," said Trish Murray, the

Northville coach. "She had an incredible finish at the state meet. She was in the right place and the right time and set herself up to be one of the top-10 golfers in the state. She'll be back next year, which will be a great asset for the team. That top-10 finish at the state kind of spurred her on and hopefully it put the fire back in her belly."

Allison Grant Junior

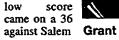
Northville · Tied for second overall in Western Lakes Activities

Association tourney All-Western Lakes Activities Association

Maintained a 46.58 ninehole average and a 92.85 18-hole average

low





Northville's Most Improved Golfer

· Helped lead team to second place in state

"She is such a great athlete," Northville coach Trish Murray said. "She has the competitive edge because of her experience playing other sports. That really helped. She was used to getting pushed around and pushing back. I've got a feeling this little one might be able to play college golf. She has the desire and has an absolutely beautiful swing. It's very natural and powerful too."

Adrianne Downing South Lyon

Sophomore

- · Finished second overall in
- · All-KVC
- Nine-hole average of 45
- Shot season-low 37

· Qualified for State meet by finishing in second-place tie at

Regional tournament
"Adrianne was our most consistent player," Lions head coach Tegan Higgins said. "She was someone we could count on all year long for low scores. She led her team well. She made a statement this year by going to the State tournament and by finishing in the top three of the Regional. She definitely made herself stand out as one of the best players in the state. She is very consistent with her irons and her drives are very long."

Melisa Mihalic South Lyon

Junior

- Second team All-KVC Nine-hole average of 47
- Shot a season-low 40
- "Melisa is a very hard worker," Lions head coach Tegan Higgins said. "She puts a lot of pressure on herself, and she definitely

Layne Scherer Senior Northville

- All-Western Division
- Four-year starter on varsity with three trips to the state
- Helped lead team to second place in state
 - Co-Northville MVP
- 42 nine-hole and an 85.6 18-hole average

· Best nine-hole match was a 40 and best 18 hole was an 81 "How do I sum it all up in one line?" Northville coach

said. "Looking back over the four

Trish Murray

Player of the Year

years she has played for me, I always think about what a balanced player she is and how dedicated she has been. She's a thinker too. She thinks her way around a golf course and rarely makes a bad shot."

Being a senior and a fouryear letter winner for the Mustangs helped make Scherer into one of the top golfers in the area and beyond.

"The underclassmen really look up to her," Murray said. "She really rubbed off on

Even the other coaches have noticed the kind of player Scherer has developed in to.

"The other coaches come up to me and tell me what a nice young lady she is and how nice she is," Murray said. "She's extremely well mannered. Though I'd like to take credit for that, I can't. That all starts at home."

And other coaches have noted her unselfishness as well. At the WLAA league meet, Scherer shot an 86 (43-43), which was more than she was hoping to get.

"She came up to me and said she didn't play well and then added that she was excited about how well the team did," Murray said. "Other coaches commented on how a lot of players wouldn't eyen think along those lines. Not many kids out there, aside from the Northville ones, are as much of a team player as Layne is."



R has Stauria irean ProduyJohn Hedernothale Record in June, Nev Mustang Layne Scherer chips out of the rough near the 12th hole during the state

goes out there focused for every match. Her strengths lie in her mental game. She had a couple times at both the Pre- and Post-KVC, where her first nine was not great, yet she turned it around on the second nine. She came back strong both times on her second nines, so I would definitely say that her mental game is trong.

Lindsay Pipkin Lakeland

Junior

· Individual champion of Kensington Valley Conference

 Nine-hole average of 42.8 • 18-hole average of 88

• Combined with teammate

Emily Tucker to place first with 76 at Hartland Best Ball Tournament

"Lindsay is very consistent," Eagles head coach Tom Milkovich said. "Her highest score in nine-hole matches was a 6. She's competitive and she's mentally tough. She keeps it on an even keel — she doesn't let herself get too high or too low. She keeps the ball in play and is smart enough to get herself out of trouble when she is in trouble. She doesn't take too many chances, and she's usually somewhere around the green."

Emily Tucker Lakeland

- · Finished third overall in Kensington Valley Conference
- All-KVC Nine-hole average of 45.3
- 18-hole average of 86.5
- · Qualified for State tournament, where she shot season-low

STAR FAIRLANE 21

STAR ROCHESTER

STAR GRATIOT

STAR SOUTHFIELD

· Combined with teammate

Lindsay Pipkin to place first with, 76 at Hartland best ball tourna-

"Emily worked really hard this year," Eagles head coach Tom Milkovich said. "She had a great." pro working with her. She saw . him at least once a week, and H that's one of the reasons that she came on at the end of the season. Her confidence was really high at the end of the year after working with him. She hits a long ball and she's got a good iron game."

Soccer edges Dearborn

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

It was the kind of game that Northville expected in the championship. Regional Instead, they had to play it in the regional semi-final.

The Mustangs, coached by Ron Meteyer, had to play their toughest game of the regional tournament first, taking on Dearborn and escaping with a 2-1 victory. "We actually had a harder

time with them than with Pioneer," Meteyer said. "They were a very balanced team, but we managed to keep the ball in their end most of the game." It was just another example of

how the Mustangs can win even with stiff odds trying to run them down. The Northville soccer players knew they had to keep winning if they hoped to keep playing. So win they did.

Amy Cauzillo notched the first goal of the game, taking the ball along the left side of the field with pressure from the Dearborn defense.

Though Dearborn had the advantage of an impressive goalie and a defender pushing the right-footed Cauzillo toward the lest side of the field, the Mustang managed to make it

"Sometimes, a keeper sees her defender hounding a player and forcing to the left and they relax a little," Meteyer said. "Amy might be right footed, but she can also deliver."

The shot caught the goalie by surprise, coming off the left foot

on a crossing shot and into the back of the net for the score and the 1-0 lead.

The goalkeeper realized it a little late," Meteyer said. "Then it was 'Uh-oh, there it goes.'"

Dearborn came back to score and tie the game, but Northville wasn't finished left. With 2:54 left on the clock, Danielle Toney brought the ball in on the defense before she began to draw herself back out of the

"Danni is very dangerous," Meteyer said.

And quick to boot. Toney faked a move to the right, cut to the left and fired a quick shot on the goalie who seemed as though she wasn't prepared for the rocket.

The ball hit the back of the net, giving the Mustangs the 2-1 victory and the berth into the Regional title game, which they

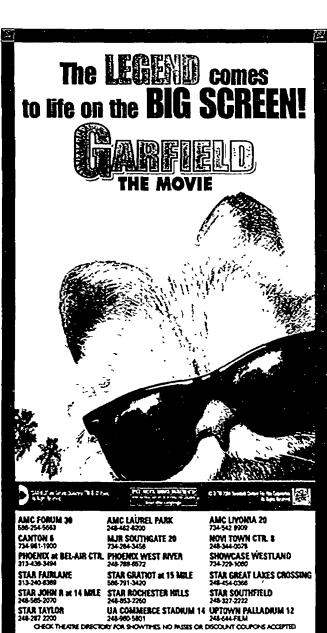
Northville out shot Dearborn 16-3 in the game and suffered through a lot of intense heat.

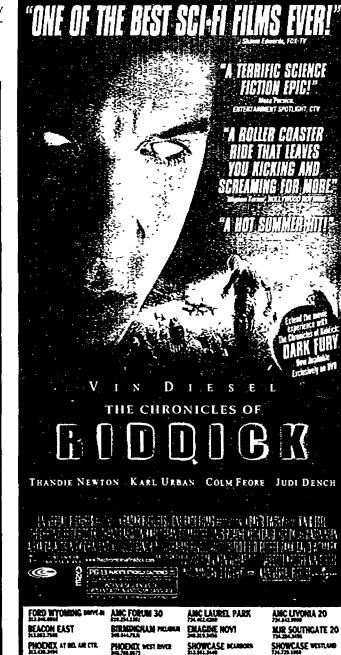
"It was one of those real hot nights and we were wearing our black jerseys," Meteyer said. "I told the girls that we have our old jerseys still and if it's hot like that again we'll be wearing

the orange ones."

Girls will be girls though, and no one has ever accused the girls of Northville that they

don't know their fashion.
"The girls complained, saying they were intimidating in their black jerseys," Meteyer said. "I told them they didn't look very intimidating with all of that sweat streaming off their faces."





STAR GREAT LAKES

STAR TAYLOR

STAR JOHN R

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Top area tennis stars

Brian Schubert Milford

Senior

· Individual champion at No. 1 singles for third consecutive season in Kensington Valley Conference

Finished runner-up at Regional tournament for third consecutive season

- Advanced to State quarterfinals for third consecutive season
- Registered 21-2 overall record Went 10-0 in KVC

"Brian's just the complete package," Mavericks head coach Rich Kynast said. "He showed up as a freshman and within a couple weeks proved to be our No. 1 singles player, even though the guy

he was competing with for the top spot had been a KVC finalist the year before.

Player of the Year

"He's strong off both sides. Unusual for a junior player, he's stronger off the backhand than the forehand. The forehand is bigger, the backhand he'll miss once about every three or four matches.

"He's always made improvements. As a freshman his serve was sometimes a liability - it wasn't that big and he'd double fault sometimes. But he came back his sophomore year just pounding the ball, and his first serve went from being iffy to a real weapon.

"His junior year he came back after having done some work on his volley game and started to win some points there. And then this year I can remember several dozen points that he won by coming in and finishing points at the net that

even during his junior year he wouldn't have won.

"This year, he added more facets to his game - he just had more of a complete game. He was finishing points by coming in as opposed to staying back and waiting for the other guy to miss whereas before he was construct-

ing a point from the baseline. "I thought he was really impressive as a high school team player. A lot of guys that are as good as Brian are just not going to buy into the whole high school team thing. They're going to win their matches and be done with it, but Brian was all about the team. He was real supportive of his teammates."

Brian Bensette Senior

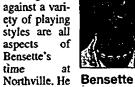
Northville

• WLAA champion · Helped team to WLAA title, Western Division title, second place in Region and 13th in Division I

Bensette is the kind of player that a team can build around. A leader,

strong tennis player and capable of winning against a variety of playing styles are all aspects of Bensette's time

has



proved

himself to be competent on the court as well as off and was an integral part of the successes

Northville enjoyed this year. His will be a tough role to fill come next season.

Brett Hawthorne

Milford Senior

• Registered an 18-3 overall

- record at No. 2 singles
 Went 9-1 in Kensington
- Valley Conference • KVC runner-up at No. 2 sin-

· Advanced to Regional semi-

"Brett is a great advertisement for high school tennis," Mavericks head coach Rich Kynast said. "He came out as a freshman, essentially starting from scratch after having had maybe a lesson or two. But he made the squad based on his athleticism and the fact that he could hit balls over the net. And by the time of his senior year he was one of the strongest No. 2 players in the area. He has just absolute crazy athleticism - he's very fast and very strong. He has a good, big forehand and a huge first

Jon Lee Senior

Northville

· Helped team to WLAA title, Western Division title, second place in Regional and 13th in Division I

Lee is capable of producing a quick and furious game against the most talented foes. He showed his moxy time and time again, taking on such strong players as

players and will return a slew of

talent for next year - a year

without their head coach. After the game, Newman announced

Not only was it the last game

for Sorensen and the other six

Mustangs, but it was the last for their coach as well. It was a fit-

ting end, considering the best

team in the Western Division.

Western Lakes Activities Association and in their District

fell to what could prove to be

"It was a great year," Newman said. "Great memo-

ries, great players and a great

team. I couldn't have asked for

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any more out of any of them."

the best team in the state.

his retirement to the players.

those that hail from Detroit Catholic Central and Novi as well as his play in the conference this season. Being a senior, Lee was looked to

as a leader and an example for the few underclassmen on the Northville squad. As one of eight seniors, he was also looked to as a friend and a steady player that could be counted on. He excelled in every aspect of what was expected of him.

Suraj Ramachandran Senior

- · Earned a 17-9 record at number one singles for Novi
- Helped squad to second place in the KVC, third in Regional and 12th in Division I
- · Lost in state finals to eventual champion, John Pelton of Midland

Ramachandran is a name that has become a household term in the tennis ranks of the Kensington Valley. Two years as a number one singles player and four total years on varsity have helped make Ramachandran a player to be remembered. His record against some of the best players in the Detroit Metro area helped solidify him as a force to be reckoned with through his senior stanza as well as his entire high school career.

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Prasanna Venugopal Junior

Novi

• Earned a 12-10 record in his second season at two singles

2004 All-Area

Tennis Dream Team

· Helped squad to second place in the KVC, third in Regional and 12th in Division I

In what could easily be considered one of the toughest years ever in the Kensington Valley Conference for two singles players, Venugopal still managed to shine despite taking some tough losses to players like Arvind Nagarasian of Country Day and Andrew Lulek of Catholic Central. Of his 10 losses, eight came against state-ranked players and one came against a fellow All-Area Dream Team player in Milford's Brett Hawthorne.

Richie Fetters, Junior Jeff Korby, Senior

• Put together a 19-5 mark this

· Helped team to second in the KVC, third in the Regional and 12th in Division I at the state finals

 KVC Champions What else can be said about this doubles pair other than wow? They came, they saw, they conquered nearly every foe they faced together as the most productive doubles team at Novi. Together, they earned a 19-5 mark on the year as they beat such strong duos as Ali Daneshvar and Chris Atallah of Catholic Central and Jake Izenberg and Zach Froelich of Ann Arbor Greenhills. Though Korby graduated to bring an end to the remarkable time these two spent on the

court, Fetters will return next season to no doubt be one of the top players on the Novi tennis squad in his senior year.

Matt Lewicki, Senior Jackson Knoll, Senior

WLAA Champions

• Helped team to Western Division title, Western Lakes Activities Association championship, second in the Regional and 13th in Division I at the state finals This duo made a point of mak-

nearly every team they faced together this The vear. WLAA practically dropped and howed at their feet as Lewicki they cruised through with little trouble to claim à regular-season victory over their conference foes as well as

ing examples



nament championship. The duo had great showings against every

team they faced, including those from Novi, Detroit Catholic Central and Ann Arbor Huron. Filling first doubles at Northville will be a challenge next year as they will leave a void that will prove difficult to replace.

Northville can't get past Putnam, Pioneer

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they didn't have a single runner reach second base.

"We only had six strikeouts though," Newman noted. "I think that's pretty good consid-ering who we were playing against."

Newman said that he had taken the time to do some research into Putnam and his ability. Some people said he could throw upwards of 92 miles per hour, but the majority said he had slowed down through the year and was at about 85.

"Everyone said he was hittable," Newman said. "He wasthat day. He was throwing

some gas against us." Putnam's reputation preceded him, but not the marks the hurler wore on his face. Eye black is one thing, but the design Putnam wore on his face looked like something out of a comic book.

"He had a bit of a Batman look going on," Newman joked when asked about the face paint. "Eye black or no eye black, Putnam is dynamite."

And so was the rest of the Pioneer squad. The number two hitter, someone Newman described as a "skinny little lefthander," cranked out a low and away fast ball that was practically in the dirt for a home run. "Ábout then, it was like 'Oh,

God," Newman said. The seventh hitter in the line-

up jacked a two-run homer of "They weren't even the good guys," Newman said, noting the

guys who cranked out the hits

weren't the names on his scout-

"Great memories," great players and a great team. I couldn't have asked for any more out of any of them."

> Mickey Newman Northville Baseball Coach

ing report, "Every player on that team can hit, play defense and win games. That's what makes them so good."

Northville was treated to a familiar scene. The Pioneers were taking six, seven and sometimes even eight pitches during an at-bat. They would foul off the ball and make Sorensen work for the out. It was a tactic the Mustangs were great at during the regular sea-

By the beginning of the seventh inning, Sorensen was all tuckered out. He had thrown his final pitches as a Mustang and was replaced by lefty Steve Besk, a junior who will most likely take the number one spot next season.

Besk went 2-for-3 with two singles off of Putnam, the best performance by any player that opposed Pioneer. Charlie Thomas, a sophomore, and junior Matt Williams each went 1for-3 in the loss.

Northville graduated seven





Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Ann Arbor Pioneer pitcher Zach Putnam was pretty effective against Northville in last Saturday's regional semi-final game played at Temperance High School.

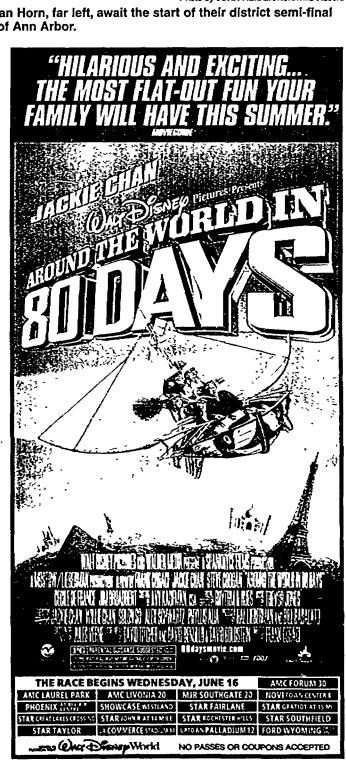


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Mustangs, inclduing Dave Van Horn, far left, await the start of their district semi-final game against the Pioneers of Ann Arbor.







WHAT'S GOING ON?

- Northville Record -

NORTHVILLE'S OFFICIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

— To submit information about local events to 'What's Going On?' please e-mail to nrevents@ht.homecomm.net. —

Charity Events

Soistice Run A 5K run/walk will be held Saturday, June 26 beginning at 7:45 a.m. at Ford Field in downtown Northville. There will also be entertainment, refreshments and raffles. Guaranteed shirts for all entrants if you register at solsticerun.org by June 20. Net proceeds will be donated to various local groups, including: Northville Parks & Recreation, Northville Schools Education Foundation, Northville Historical Society and the Northville Arts Commission.

Classes & Workshops

Yoga classes are available at the American Legion Hall through July 1 on Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. in eight class blocks for \$56. Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. for eight classes is \$56 and

7-8:30 p.m. for nine classes is \$63. Students can drop in for classes at \$10 each. For more information, call (248) 344-0928 or e-mail trianglesix@msn.com. The American Legion Hall is located at 113 Randolph.

Library Lines

Library Hours

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

Library Board Meetings

The Northville District Library **Board of Trustees typically meets** on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The public is

welcome to attend.

Summer Reading Program The Northville District Library

summer reading program is open to kids ages 2 to 12, and will feature a variety of fun activities including the "Discover New Trails ... READ!" Reading Game, and a weekly prize drawings. Register in person at the library to receive a Summer Reading Program activity guide. The program begins Friday, June 11 and ends July 31.

Arts and Crafts

Children of all ages can drop in at the Northville District Library to make a variety of fun crafts Wednesday, July 14 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Different craft projects will be featured for both programs. No ticket is required for the event 1:50 p.m.

Summer Storytimes

Summer storytime sessions will be featured as part of the

Youth Summer Reading Program on a "drop-in" basis with no need to register. The free 30-minute programs are best suited to children ages 3 and older, but everyone is welcome. Join us on the following dates: 11 a.m. on June 17 and July 12; at 7 p.m. on June 24 and July 21. The full schedule of storytimes will resume in September.

Puppet Show

The Northville District Library presents Fantasy E-Fex Puppeteers' musical puppet show "City Mouse, Country Mouse," Tuesday, July 20 from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. A limited number of free tickets available at the library's Information Desk at 1:50 p.m. Children of all ages wel-

Local Events

Truth and Myths of Weight

Presented by Aaron Pintar and

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Northville Solstice Run

Whitehead, left, logged

co-organizer Alan

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Chris Klebba Thursday, June 17 at 7 pm at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. An education seminar and workshop open to the public and free of charge. You do not have to be a member to participate. This workshop will cover the science-based facts behind how to lose weight and keep those pounds off. We'll sift through all the information to show you what really counts when it comes to losing unwanted body fat. At a time when fad diets (i.e. Low-Carb) are as popular as ever, it is important that you educate yourself about the food you eat and what is does to your body. This seminar will be led by Aaron Pintar and Chris Klebba and will be an open forum that will encourage class interaction and questions. Aaron and Chris are regular speakers and writers on health and fitness. Chris has written over 200 columns and has spoken to thousands on fitness topics. For more information, visit online at www.wtrwheel.com The class is

Farmer's Market

The Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. until October 28. Arts and crafts, garden art, baked goods and various handmade items are for sale. It is located in the Northville Downs parking lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon Road. For more information call (248) 349-7640.

limited to 20 people and will be held at the Water Wheel.

Registration is free. Call (248) 449-7634 to register today!

Family Night at Maybury

Maybury State Park is having a family night every second Sunday of the month at the Hickory Shelter from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. starting June 13 and ending October 10. Each night Ct features a new theme. Activities vary from crafts to stories and songs. Bring a flashlight, bug spray and blanket. The program is free of charge. The events are sponsored by the Friends of Maybury State Park.

Vintage Baseball

The Eclipse Baseball Club is playing Sunday, June 20 against the Mighty River Hogs of Midland. The game starts at 1 p.m. and takes place at Mill Race Village. The vintage baseball team plays by 1860s rules. For more information, visit eclipsebbc.com.

Open House

The BraveHeart Grief Center is having an open house June 17 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Drop in for light refreshments and art activities for kids of all ages. The BraveHeart Grief Center is located at 126 Main Center. For more information, call (248) 449-8232.

Lobster Dinner

The Northville Rotary Club is hosting, "Lobster on the Green." Saturday, June 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ford Field. There will be a lobster dinner, 50/50 raffles,

CLOCK CONCERTS

Rock Around the Clock

The Northville Arts Commission presents Northville Clock Concerts at The Banshell every Friday to the end of August from 7:30-9 p.m. The events are free and open to the public. For more information visit www.northvillearts.oro.

June 18: Novi Concert Band June 25: MB2 - 5 decades of hit song covers

July 2: Plymouth Community Band July 9: Rich Eddy's Rockin'

Saturday, July 10: Randy Brock Group, guitar driven blues

July 16: Schoolcraft Community College Winds Ensemble

July 23: Bugs Beddow, rockin' rhythm and blues July 30: Farmington Jazz

Band August 6: Oak Park Band - August 13: One Flight Up,

folk music

August 20: lck & Erk, pop/folk music

MARQUIS THEATRE

Theatre Day Camp for Children

Have fun while learning a wide range of theater skills and be part of a musical production. For children ages 7-14. • Session 2

July 5-16 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July 19-30 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

 Session 4 August 2-13 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuition is \$365 per session.

For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

entertainment and a cash bar. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. They are available at the Northville Chamber of Commerce; Main Street Bank, 201 E. Main; and Comerica Bank, 129 E. Main.

Bicycle Safety Rodeo

There will be a bicycle Safety Rodeo at the Northville Township Hall parking lot, 41600 Six Mile Road, Sunday, June 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your kids, bicycles and helmets. In case of rain, the event will be moved into the Fire Hall. For more information, call (248) 349-9400.

Garden Walk

The Country Garden Club invites you to attend the Eleventh Annual Garden Walk Wednesday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Six gardens will be featured, from pristine and expansive to quaint countryside. Cady Inn will be offering complementary homemade delicacies and lemonade will be served. Tickets are \$10 and available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main. No tickets will be sold the day of the walk! Call but (734) 591-0360.

Independence Day Parade

This year's Independence Day Parade will be held Saturday, July 3 in downtown Northville. The theme is "Heroes Past and Present." A 50-piece Military Band will also be part of the parade. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

Looking for You

Solstice Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to work on the Fifth Third Bank Solstice Run that will be held on Saturday, June 26 at Ford Field in

downtown Northville. Assignments include course marshals, refreshment stand workers, registration handlers, and water station attendants. All volunteers will receive an event Tshirt. Contact Traci Sincock at tsincock@ci.northville.mi.us.

Parade'Costume Sign-Up

If you would like to dress up as one of America's heroes for the Saturday, July 3 Independence Day Parade, pick up an application at the Northville City or Township Halls. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

Logo Contest

The Art House at 215 Cady Street is having an contest to design their logo which will be on the facility's sign, marketing material and letterhead. Submit all work in hard copy to the Northville Arts Commission at 700 W. Baseline. Entry deadline is Friday, July 9. For more information, call (248) 449-9950.

Grief Center Needs Volunteers

The BraveHeart Grief Center is having two, one hour informational meetings about their volunteer opportunities Wednesday, July 21 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday, September 23 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. RSVP to (248) 443-8232. The BraveHeart Grief Center is located at 126

Sidewalk Sale Vendors

Main Center.

Needed Vendors are wanted for Northville's Sidewalk Sale held August 7 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Thursday afternoon. Both will be competing in the various runs that will take place on June 26th in Northville beginning at 7:45 a.m. Summer 'Solstice Run'

Annual

Northville race takes its mark next weekend

By Larissa Barlow SPECIAL WRITER

The Solstice Run is returning to Northville, Saturday, June 26. And this time, they're bringing hula dancers.

"During the awards ceremony we're going to have hula dancers on stage," Alan Whitehead, executive director and founder of the Solstice Run said. "It's summer time in June, we thought, 'we can get away with

That's not the only new attraction Whitehead is planning to introduce at this year's Ford Field run.

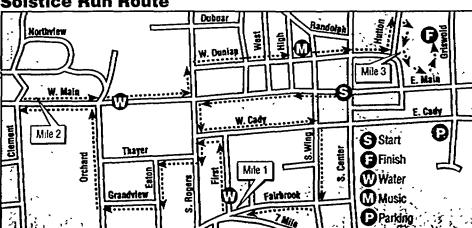
Whitehead said there will be hot air balloon rides, horsedrawn carriage rides, clowns, moonwalks and two live bands to go along with the run.

PAWS, the official mascot of the Detroit Tigers, will also be joining the festivities from 8

All entertainment is free to race participants and their fami-

We want people to run the race and then stick around," Whitehead said. Three races are being held in the midst of all the entertainment.

Solstice Run Route



SOURCE: Solstice.org The Mustang Mile is first on the list, kicking the day off at 7:45 a.m. at Hillside Middle

School. The race is down the area's steep decline, for which Whitehead promises will be a fast event.

There are people there who will try to break the four minute mile," he said. First prize for the mile race is \$400. The event is

\$13 to participate. Next, it's the Kids Fun Run, where children can get in on the action for \$9. Whitehead said this year all kids in the run will receive medals for participation.

At 8:15 a.m. the 5K run/walk begins at the corner of Center Street and Main Street, ending at Ford Field with \$1500 going to the first place finisher. There is a \$22 entrance fee.

"We've been planning since last year and are offering, across the board, a world class event," Whitehead said.

During the main 5K run, Whitehead said the bands will be playing, one at the finish line and the other at the two and a half mile mark.

It's to make the event more interesting, Whitehead said. And in addition to live music midway through the race, people dressed in Victorian outfits will be there to cheer on participants.

Last year, Whitehead said, 814 people took part in the event and this year he hopes to attract 1500.

The charity race donates all net profits to local organizations, including the Northville Education Fund, Historical Society, Arts Commission and Parks and Recreation Department.

"Forty-two percent of our participants come from Northville

SOLSTICE RUN Date: Saturday, June 26

Time: 7:45 to 11 a.m. Place: Ford Field Register at: www.solsticerun.org before June 25 for these prices: Kids Fun Run: \$9

Mustang Mile: \$13 5K Run/Walk: \$22 Race path roads will be closed until 9:15 a.m.

and Novi," he said. "It's really a community and family event. It's for everyone."

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The cost for an eight-foot space is \$40 per booth for crafters and \$100 per booth for food vendors. For more information, call (248) 349-0522.

Regional

Kids Club

Kids 12 and under can sign up for the Little Oaks Kids Club at the Twelve Oaks Mall Center Court Information Desk. The membership card gets you a free prize, quarterly newsletter with discounts and information on upcoming events and fun games. Twelve Oaks Mall is located in Novi at 1-96 and Novi Road.

Comedy Play

Northville native Andrew Huff is appearing in a comedy play by Timothy Campos called "Yard Sale," at the Hastings Street Ballroom in Detroit. Both men used to perform at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall. Tickets are \$15. Show dates are June 18 and 19 at 8 p.m., Sunday June 20 at 4 p.m. and June 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. The Hastings Street Ballroom is located at 715 E. Milwaukee, Detroit. For reservations, call (313) 873-2955.

Contract Seminar

Learn about opportunities for supplying goods and services to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at a Schoolcraft College seminar on Tuesday, June 29. Discussions will include effective marketing and development strategies small businesses can use to win contracts, future space missions and how to become a future JPL supplier. The seminar will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for a \$40 per person fee. For more information contact the Schoolcraft College Procurement Technical Assistance Center at 734-462-4438. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of 1-275.

Hip-Hop Camp

The Detroit Opera House is having a Hip-Hop music camp for kids 9 to 17 held July 6-17 from 10 a m to A b m. The camp will teach kids about the music business and focus on acting, singing, graphics and photography. All participants will receive a notebook, CD, lyric poster, Tshirt, video, play script and song lyrics book. The Camp fee is \$300. For more information, call (248) 545-4411.

SKRUFF concert provides music, good time

Photos by JOHN HEIDER/

DINNER THEATRE

 Bob Posch featuring John Cionca, a comedy and music show.
 Friday, July 9 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50, including meal and show. "Wedding Bell Blues," an interactive comedy. Saturday, June 19

at 6 p.m. Friday, June 25 at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 27 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$45, including meal and show.

• "The Trouble with 12," children's lunch theater. Saturday, June 19 at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 26 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$16.95 for adults and \$14.95 for children for meal and show. Reservations and more information, call (248) 349-0522 or visit www.genittis.com.



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/ NORTHYLLE RECORD

Michelle Gorton and daughter Sierra, 4, purchase some zinias during a visit to the Northville Famers' Market on a recent Thursday morning.

Piano Classes

Piano studen0ts from third grade through high school can enroll in Schoolcraft College's annual Summer Piano School from July 12 through July 23 for solo performances and piano duets. Classes meet at either 9 a.m. until noon or 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students take classes in composition, theory, rhythm and music history, and develop their sightreading and keyboard skills. Advanced players can receive instruction from July 26 through August 5 in theory, music history, skills and technique. They rehearse and perform with a professional string ensemble, the Ambassador Chamber Players. Tuition for each session is \$290. Fore more information, call 734-462-4403. Schoolcraft College is located at 18501 Haggerty Board, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

QuickBooks Seminar

Learn to set up your accounting system with QuickBooks at a Schoolcraft College seminar Tuesday, July 13. The seminar

John Campbell floats a

frisbee across Ford Field

THE BANDSHELL

Tunes on Tuesday is a concert series for kids held at The Bandshell from 11 a.m. to noon. It is sponsored by the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Northville Parks and Recreation. Rain location is Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall. For more information, call (248)

· June 29: Matt Watroba, folk music

Enjoy the sounds of folk music with an artist who blends charisma and humor into an entertaining presentation for the whole family.

 July 6: Rennie Kaufmann, family favorites

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 July 13: Wild Swan Theater Presents Frog and Toad An outstanding artistic theatrical presentation of "The Adventures of Frog and Toad" for children of all ages.

• July 20: Beverly Meyer the Music Lady

She's the Music Lady with plenty of charm and wonderfully interactive songs for little children and their families.

· July 27: Adam Mellema, imaginative story telling Fun, lively, inventive and

very original storytelling. August 3: Guy Louis and

the Chautauqua Express Active audience participation, expert musicianship and light hearted humor produce a thoroughly captivating performance that will inspire people of all ages.

will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center for a fee of \$60 per person. For more information or to register, call the Schoolcraft College Business Development Center at 734-462-4438. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.



As Nick Detrych, right, dances during last Saturday's SKRUFF concert, recent Northville grad Matt Tanski sits this one out. Tanski seriously injured his knee and needs to undergo surgery before he can cut a rug again. Tanski was also planning on playing percussion for the night's last act. The concert took place at Northville's Ford Field and drew upwards of 250 music fans over its five



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYLLE RECORD

"Thursday by Six" performs the second-to-last set during last Saturday's SKRUFF (Suburband Kids Rocking Under Ford Field) concert. First three musicians from left are John Bonk, Tim Muir, and Brendt Rioux. rides a re

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The Northville Garden Club walk at Mill Race Village.

Historic Mill Race Village open to public

Location: Mill Race Village is located on Griswold Ave., north of Main St. near Ford Field. Office: M-F 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Archives: Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More info: (248) 348-1845.

Immediately after the Independence Day Parade head over to the village for all kinds of family fun: children's games, balloon animals, bake walk, a Magic Show at noon, a Puppet Show at 12:30 p.m. and reading the Declaration of Independence at 1 p.m. The annual auction will start at noon. The auction benefits the Northville Historical Society in its work of maintaining the Village. Please consider donating any

antiques or garage sale items, just call the office. The Basket Guild, Rug Hookers, Loom Weavers as well as the Blacksmith will provide demonstrations Thursday, June 17: Wedding*

(noon to 2 p.m.), Rehearsal (6 p.m.), Northville Historical Society Board Meeting (7 p.m.)

Friday, June 18: Wedding* (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

Sunday, June 20: Mill Creek (10 a.m.), Eclipse Baseball (noon), King's 8th (1 p.m.), Village Open (1 pm. to 4 pm.)

Monday, June 21: Methodist VBS. (9 am.)

Tuesday, June 22: Stone Gang (9

MILL RACE

Location: Mill Race Village is located on Griswold Road, one-quarter mile south of Main St., near Ford Field. Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Archives: Thursday through Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. More info: (248) 348-1845

am.), Methodist VB.S.(9 am.) Wednesday, June 23: Methodist V.B.S. (9 a.m.), Mill Creek (7 p.m.) Thursday, June 24: Methodist V.B.S. (9 a.m.), Rehearsal (6 p.m.)

*Grounds closed to Public



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Northville Township residents Robert Mohn, left, and Kevin Mckay will be one of the many home of countries with the best with the best series with the summer's Northville Garden Club's garden tour. Tickets for the July14th event are now available at Northville's Gardenviews, located at 202 W. Main St. (248-380-8881). Here the two check out their koifilled pond with its lilly pads and tri-colored beech

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Pat Muston (above), along with his brother, Brad, will be hosting lacrose training center camps at Schoolcraft College this summer. For more information, visit online at www.lacrossetrainingcenters.com.

chool of hard knocks

Brothers combine knowledge, talent to create lacrosse training center

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It seemed like a natural step to take for Brad and Pat Muston.

They learned the game of school, high school and at the Division I collegiate level. And now they hope to teach it. . .

Brad is familiar with that portion of the game. He has coached at South Lyon High School in the past and last year at his alma mater of Novi High. Pat, on the other hand, recently graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County where he was an All-America East selection for his play.

"On the north side, up by Birmingham and Bloomfield, they've got some pretty good lacrosse camps," Brad said. There's nothing like that in this area and they basically have a bring it closer to home."

And, of course, make it bigger and better. The brothers, along with Jeff Blackledge, have assembled a company called Lacrosse Training Centers. The goal? To teach kids the funda-

mentals of the game. "Normally, someone drops a ball and lets the kids beat each other with sticks," Pat said. "We want them to learn the basics of the game before moving on to the more advanced tactics."

The company will begin with lacrosse camps, hosted at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Road. As interest grows, the will oring out coaches from the Virginia Military Institute, the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and even former players from the east coast.

The list includes a slew of talented and knowledgeable lacrosse entities.

They're interested to see what lacrosse is like in the Midwest," Brad said of those who will be teaching at the Lacrosse Training Center camps. "Getting the guys out here has been pretty easy

because Pat and I have a good relationship with them. They're pretty excited about coming out."

And the Muston brothers are excited to have them. Their Lacrosse Training Centers is the tirst of its kind in Michigan and will focus primarily on camps this summer before trying to find a more permanent, indoor venue for the winter months.

Pat said that nice thing about lacrosse as a starting sport for a lot of kids is the fact that it doesn't cost very much.

"It's rather inexpensive," he said. "Inexpensive and a lot of fun. Around here, a lot of kids have a hockey background. That's an expensive sport. Hockey is great too, because it's an easy transition from that to lacrosse.

One of the reasons the Muston brothers decided to open up their training center was because of the fact that lacrosse is growing in leaps and bounds in Michigan. In the high school ranks, the

sport was club throughout Michigan. Starting next year, it will be under the umbrella of the Michigan High School Athletics Association. The MHSAA is the governing body for almost all athletics in Michigan high schools.

"The sport is definitely expanding," Pat said. "There needs to be something out here

for the leagues and for when the season is over. Instead of doing nothing, this will allow the lacrosse players to have a place to go and work on their game. Hopefully, we can make this thing take off."

More information is available at the Lacrosse Training Centers Website at www.lacrossetrainingcenters.com. The forms to register for the camps, as well as the dates and times, are also available there.

The camps are open for children in first grade through their senior seasons.

Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

NORTHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

Activities

Aquatics

The Recreation Center at Hillside Pool will be closed for maintenance May 28-June 13. The pool will re-open on Monday, June 14, 2004. Registration is continuing for summer swim lessons. Days and times still avail-

Teen Volunteers Needed

The Safety Town program needs teen volunteers to work with the children as they learn their safety lessons. A terrific opportunity for youth groups, National Honor Society, Scouts, etc. We need volunteers for Sessions 2 & 3, a.m. & p.m. times. Call Pat Brown at (248) 449-9949 for more information.

Water Fitness

Immediate employment opportunity for a water fitness instructor. Must be certified. Day and evening teaching times available. Cal 1 indsey Butzin at (248) 349-0203 for details.

Instructors Wanted

Fun and rewarding opportunities are waiting for you at Northville Parks & Recreation. We are looking for people who would like to share hobby, talent, and meet new people and get involved in the community. We are currently seeking instructors to teach a class for Fall 2004. Call for details.

Summer Tennis Camps

Openings are available for our tikes and junior camps. Joe James & staff are back for another great year of tennis. Camps held at Fish Hatchery Tennis Courts, 641 Fairbrook.

Junior Golf Camps

New junior golf instruction at Salem Hills. This year it will be in a camp format. Minimum clubs required. Call the Recreation Center for details.

Claws, Codes & Constellations

Mad Science presents this intriguing camp where topics include earth awareness, space, mad messages and a lot more. For grades K-5th. June 21-25, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

Photography Camp

From June 21-25, students in grades 6-8 can explore the exciting world of photography. Campers will learn to shoot intriguing pictures, express themselves creatively, and integrate other arts such as papier-maché and calligraphy into their projects. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Summer Volleyball Camp

All skill levels ages 8 - 18 are welcome. Players will be divided into groups depending on skill level. June 28 - July 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fourth Annual Lacrosse Camp

June 21 - 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for ages 9-13. Beginners

are welcome. Fee is \$150 per person. Camp Director is John Beard, Head Coach of the Michigan Knights.

Cedar Point Escape

Only a few tickets left. Students in Middle School and up can travel to Cedar Point in luxury air-conditioned motor coaches. On June 11, we will leave from the Recreation Center at Hillside at 7 a.m. and return at 11 p.m. Students will not be under constant supervision.

Step Fit

A fun calorie burning, heart pumping work out. Step aerobics is suitable for all fitness levels. Classes are Saturdays, June 19 - August 28 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Sculpting/Boot Camp

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ing workout you will love. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Summer Open Sports Opportunities

Volleyball: Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.., \$3 per person. Badminton: Tuesday/Friday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., \$7 per person. includes bird fee.

Table Tennis: Thursday, 7 to 9:30 p.m., \$4 per person. 50+ Coed Volleyball:

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., \$1 per per-

Men's Summer Basketball Leagues

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays starting mid-June, \$345 per team for eight weeks. Referee and non-resident fees are extra. Call (248) 449-9947 for

Adult Coed Kickball League

Doubleheaders begin Friday, June 11, \$240 per team for a

minimum of 12 games. Umpire and non-resident fees are extra.

Birthday Parties at the Pool

Come ready to swim! All guests will enjoy splashing around in the water during the first half of the party. Then have all of your guests retreat to the balloon decorated party area. Children will receive a goody bag, party hat and a balloon. The birthday child receives a special T-shirt. Parties are available on Saturdays from June 19 -August 21, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Prices are determined by size of party.

Dance Bucks on Sale

Dance Bucks make taking dance lessons flexible and easy. Choose the number of classes you want to take and then buy that amount of dance bucks. Bucks are available in 30 minute, 45 minute or 60 minute time choices depending on the type of class you choose. Dance lessons begin in July and include Hip Hop, Rhythm, Ballet/Jazz Combo.

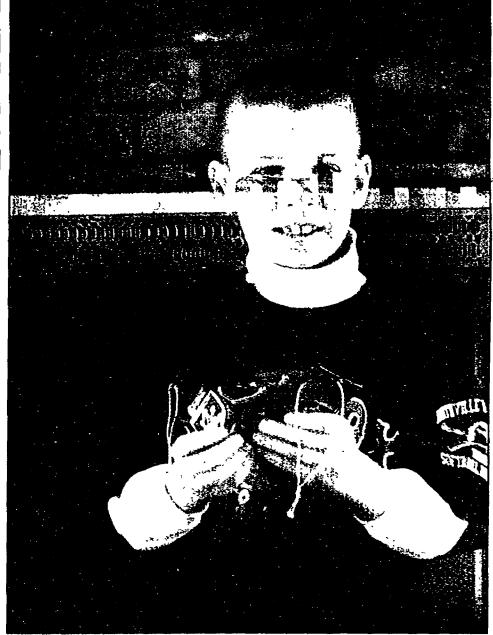
For more information about Parks & Recreation activities, call (248) 349-0203. Or visit online at www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

"Enjoy the Good Life"



Marlins dominate Pizza Cutter Tourney

The Marlins beat the Braves in the Pizza Cutter Tournament finals with a comefrom-behind surge to post a 10-7 score on Saturday May 22 at Northville's Henningson Field. Bottom row, left to right: Tyler Harrigan, Jon Sloan, Jared Myers, Ethan Price. Middle row: Emmett Zimmer, Jon Armaly, Chris Leja, Sean Wagner, Max Eitelman, Scott Matthews, Matt Glove, Andrew Slatin. Top row: Assistant Coach Jim Armaly, Max Grezlik, Head Coach Jeff Laya. H League (9-10 year olds) Northville Baseball Softball Association Pizza Cutter Tournament Champions.



Submitted Photo

Look at all those blue ribbons!

PARKING DISCOUNTS

Lincoln Boutilier, from Amerman Elementary in Northville won four blue ribbons at the Local Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run competition held at Novi High School on Saturday May 8th. He had the highest point total for 7 to 8 year olds in all three baseball skills events as well as the over-all points total. Lincoln plays for the 8U Northville Broncos and will be representing Northville at this year's Sectional Competition in Dearborn Heights on June 5th. the top scorers there will have the honor to compete at the Detroit Tiger team Championship at Comerica Park as part of a Tigers Game.

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Indoor Champions

Northville Premier U-9 girls won their last indoor session playing in the U10 Division. Their hard work and dedication paid off with 7 wins and 1 loss. Pictured front ro, left to right, Claire McHugh, Jenna Abraham, Bianca Sarrecchia, Megan Buckingham, Director of Coaching Mark Zathey, Kendra Brenner, Vanessa Cousino, Madeline Chiado, Suzie Clough, Gabrielle Guibord, Lianna Simms, Molly Reitman and Coach Mary Kay Hussey. Not pictured: Emily Bush.



Gymnastics squad takes second place at state-level competition

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Commerece Twp.: 4th place on

beam with a 9.25 and 5th place

Nicole Loechli of Fenton:

Sherbrooke

State Champion on bars with a

9.6 and 3rd place all around

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13 year old

Waterford: 1th place on bars

with a 9.2 and 10th place on

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Stefanie

with a 37.5

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Oakland Gymnastics Training Center placed second as a team at the U.S.A. Gymnastics Level Seven State Championships.

With a score of 113.375, Oakland placed second in the state out of 47 clubs represented. The team score is determined by a team's top three scores on each event vault, uneven bars, beam and floor exercise

Oakland Gymnastics Training Center is located in walled Lake, Michigan and offers both recreational and competitive team gymnastics.

Individually, gymnasts competed in their own age brackets. Meet highlights include:

10 year old

Krista Meiss of Commerce Township: 9th on floor with a 9.45 and 10th all around with a

11 year old

Kylie Fagan of Walled Lake: State Championship on beam with a 9.35 and State Champion all around with a 37.75.

Ellie Gosselin of Commerce Twp.: State Champion on bars with a 9.8 and State Champion on floor with a 9.375.

12 year old Caitlin Blue of Walled Lake:

State champion on floor with a 9.425 and 7th place all around with a 36.5

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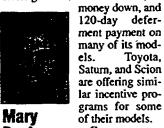
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Don't drive away with more than your budget can handle

Automakers continue to woo would-be car buyers with generous rebates and low interest financing on many popular trucks

They're also courting recent. college graduates with attractive manufacturer incentive programs that include cash rebates, deferred payment options and no down payment plans. Ford, for example, offers grads a \$400 cash rebate, no



Generous as Davis these incentives are, they should be used only after consideration of financial obligations and goals. Student loans, rent and utilities can quickly gobble up an entry-level salary leaving little money to save, or pay off credit card debt. Graduating students have an average of \$20,402 in combined education loan and credit card balances, according to recent studies. The average number of credit cards per college student is 4.25. Given this level of debt, it's not surprising that personal bankruptcy filings are growing fastest among people 25 years

If you're contemplating buying a new car, consider postponing your purchase until you're comfortable enough with your finances to save regularly in addition to paying your other bills. (You may also want to give some serious consideration to buying a late-model used car.)

of age and younger.

The following are some goals you may wish to accomplish before you make your purchase, whether new or used.

Before you can think about buying a car — or anything else for that matter - you've got to know whether you can afford the monthly payment. A budget will give you an understanding of the money coming in and going out of your bank account each month. Begin by listing all sources of income and then list your fixed expenses. Your fixed expenses remain the same from month to month; examples of these would be rent, utilities and student loan ayments. Next, list all of your fluid expenses, such as entertainment, clothes, dry cleaning, haircuts, etc. Now subtract your fixed expenses from your income. The money left over -- your disposable income - is what you can theoretically use for a car payment. Remember, you'll want some cushioning in your budgetmoney left over every month that you know you won't have to use to cover expenses. It's difficult to break the cycle of living paycheck to paycheck once you've begun.

Pay off your credit card debt

If you're saddled with credit card debt, set a goal for when you want your debt paid off, and figure out how much you have to pay each month to reach your goal. Have the money automatically deducted from your paycheck each month and deposited in a separate account. Don't use the account for anything else except to pay off your credit cards.

Establish an emergency fund

Once your credit card debt is paid off, you'll want to start building an emergency fund that's equal to at least three to six months worth of living expenses.

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premiums, apartment rent, and even certain employment opportunities are all influenced by credit. If you don't know your credit score, order your credit report as soon as possible. You can order credit reports online from all three credit reporting agencies-Equifax (www.equifax.com), TransUnion (www.transunion.com) Experian (www.experian.com). A single online credit report costs about \$9. To get both your credit report and your credit score, you'll pay about \$13. If your score is below 750, resolve to improve it by paying your bills on time and living within your means.

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



Dayn Benson, owner and president of the local branch of My Handyman, hires professional workers with years of experience to get the job done right. He also requires employee drug testing and often hires pros with 15 to 20 years of experience.

My Handyman solves problems

By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

Now that the warm weather is finally here, it's the perfect time to throw open the windows and tackle some of those indoor maintenance projects. Maybe you've put off those home repairs, or you've been thinking about painting those walls. Now you can get to the bottom of your to-do list without breaking a sweat, with one call to My Handyman. This summer, sit back and relax while they take care of all those time-consuming

And painting too!

To compliment their services, My Handyman now has added indoor painting to their list of repair and maintenance skills.

'It's really taken off, mainly it was by customers' request. We've had enough people asking about it," said Dayn Benson, owner and president of the local branch of My Handyman.

It made perfect sense for them to include painting in their repertoire, since they're capable of handling all those other miscellaneous tasks that somehow seem to crop up. They can complete the job from start to finish, because they can repair that drywall or fix the crown moulding at the same time.

Jack of all trades

My Handyman 'provides a one-stop shop where customers can get five different trades with just one visit. No need to call several tradesmen.

"In one visit we can do multiple tasks, such as fix drywall, minor plumbing or electrical, put up those shelves and clean the

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gutters," said Benson.

When Benson opened his business three years ago, he realized that many people lacked the skills or time to perform most of the everyday tasks needed to maintain their home.

Benson notes that customers have commented there's a true euphoria when their phone call is answered promptly and technicians do exactly what they need them to do, and more. It's why their motto is "On time, done

My Handyman provides a perfect way for working families to keep up with time-consuming or frustrating chores. When left unattended, those problems don't go away, they only grow more burdensome in size and

"Most of my customers are working couples, who have to get the kids to ballet and soccer. They just don't have the time,"

he pointed out.

Professionals only

Benson also realized that frequently the handyman trade lacked a level of professionalism. He decided to change that with the opening of his business. He's careful in selecting and coordinating employees with the appropriate talent and skills.

We hire a lot of guys with 15 to 20 years of professional experience. We screen them and require a drug test," he explained.

For an added sense of security, My Handyman employees wear truck. They're also geographically located throughout many local communities, and are often residents of the local neighborhood.

'We're different. We're different than the guy with the station wagon and a ladder," he added.

Benson believes in the simple courtesies of cleaning up after jobs as well. Most people are so happy with the results and relieved that their problems are solved, they wonder why they've waited so long.

Michael Brueger of Mercedes Benz in Ann Arbor was impressed at the level of professionalism he experienced when using My Handyman. He admits, that he doesn't have the time or skills for those projects, for example, some finish carpentry work they completed in his home. It's a relief to have someone with the proper skills that can be trusted.

"He's got professional help that takes care of all the things I need them to do. They're the kind of people you can let in your home, you know when they're done, they'll clean up,

lock up and they're gone," said

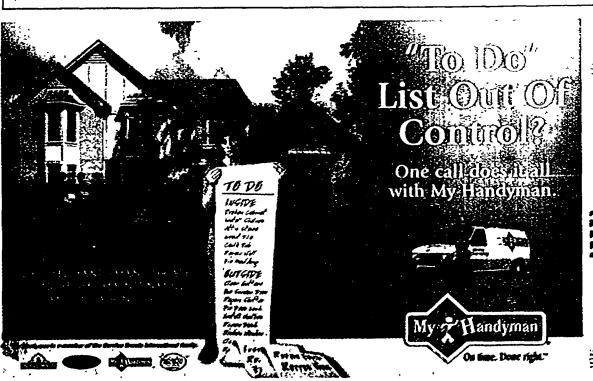
Benson is proud to note that one of their technicians was a national finalist for Mr. Handyman of The Year, Mike Morton. It's a prestigious honor for the local franchise that Morton was in the top 1 percent of all technicians nationally; judged on customer satisfaction. prompt arrival and experience. The Mr. Handyman franchise was also recently featured on a segment of the Oprah show.

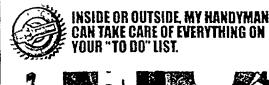
Benson notes they do more than repairs; think of them for routine chores. In fact, this time of year, they can tackle those warm weather tasks like installing screens on windows and doors as well as make sure those gutters are clean. My Handyman can handle

repairs for homeowners and commercial businesses in west-Wayne, Livingston, Washtenaw and Oakland County. Charges are by the hour. Small iobs don't lend themselves to estimates; however they can give you an idea about the cost of most routine chores. Call (877) MyHandy, (877) 694-2639 or visit their website www.myhandyman.com.



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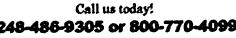














Save the chef's legs with laminates

By Rose Bennett Gilbert COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: My kitchen floor is shot, and I'm looking for ways to recover it without wrecking my (pitifully small) budget. What I really want is a brick or slate floor, but I can't afford it and I know they would be very hard on my feet.

I've always heard that chefs' egs are the first thing to go. 've looked at look-alike resilient tiles and linoleum but couldn't get excited. Is there anything else?
A: Think laminates. You're

probably familiar with laminates as countertop material. Tough and inexpensive, compared with other surfaces, laminates can be made to look like wood, natural stone, virtually anything ('50sstyle boomerangs are back, have you noticed?).

The same technology brings us laminate flooring, discovered by the Swedish firm Pergo and already available here for nearly 30 years. Today, a number of manufacturers offer laminate floors in different designs. Pergo, for example, has a faux slate that should satisfy your eyes while being much kinder to your feet than natural stone could ever be.

As you can see in the photo we show here, it's a look that goes well with other naturals. such as the cabinets and work island. Stone would be equally handsome in a contemporary kitchen. And it will even look good on your budget's bottom line: New technology makes it easier to install yourself. Have a closer look at www.pergo.com.

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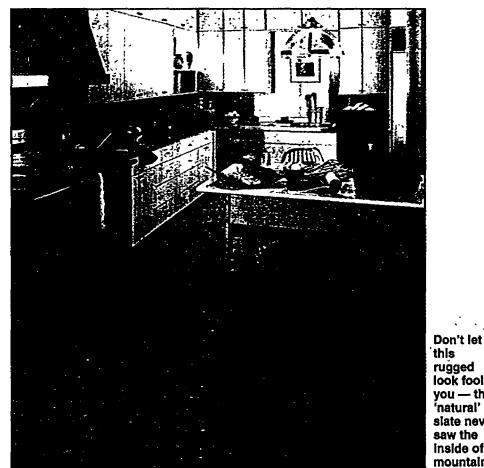
bedrooms to decorate, talk it

Tailored Fit Slipcover

largest, La-Z-Boy Inc.

Q: What's the quickest way to redecorate a room?

A: It's NOT trading your space for someone else's taste! Resort instead to an old-fashioned but still valid decorative device - slipcovers. Yes, . Great-Grandmarm relied on slipcovers to change the attitude of her sitting room every season - white linen for summer, something velvety for winter but the idea itself has never gone out of style.



this rugged look fool you — this 'natural' slate never. saw the inside of a mountain.

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ence. It's been 21 years since innkeepers Laurie and Michael Gibbs first matched wits with a wreck of a house in Ashland, Ore. One of the scariest places

I've ever seen," Laurie recalls. Today's guests pronounce it delightful, thanks in large measure to Laurie's sure hand at decorating. True, she's had a lot of practice: The Winchester Country Inn (www.winchesterinn.com) has grown from seven rooms in one old 1850s house to 19, divided between three other buildings they've gathered into their compound.

That's a lot of bedrooms to decorate and redecorate, and the Gibbses have three key tips to share with wannabe innkeepers.

1. Put comfort first: soothing colors, quiet carpeting, lush

towels and bed things. Laurie also makes great use of coordinated fabrics designed by professionals so that they're failsafe for home decorators.

One example: The bed in the Winchester's Queen Anne Room has a half-canopy headboard made by gathering plaid curtains under a floral-patterned valance. Their common color denominators make the different designs blend interestingly.

2. Furnish with antiques: They evoke feelings of other gentler times that let people really get away from it all.

3. Be sure that YOU, the

innkeepers, can get away from : it all, too.

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Twisted leaves may be due to broadleaf weed killer

Q: I have a small maple on one side of my property that has some really weird new leaves this year. The leaves are mainly on one side and they are very elongated and twisted. Some look sort of like a pig's tail in the way they twist. I have some raspberries near the tree and their leaves look the same. What do I do to save the plants? I think this is a virus.

· A: It's à bad news, good news

kind of thing. The bad news is that your diagnosis is incorrect and the good news is that it isn't a virus. Virus problems are very rare for homeowners, especially when different kinds of plants are affected. There are no cures for viral problems you would need to destroy the plants. This sounds much more like weed killer damage. Many broadleaf weed killers, especially those with 2,4D can cause bizarre growth on plants. These products don't harm grasses that are monocots but kill plants that are dicots. It's because monocots and dicots have totally different plumbing systems so one isn't affect and the other is killed. By very definition, maples and raspberries are broadleaf weeds. If weed killers were applied to your grass, especially during hot weather, or the neighbor next door sprayed and some drifted, it can affect plants. If you are using a sprayer around plants that was previously used to apply weed killer, there could be a remaining residue. If the plants got a big enough dose, they would be dead. If they got less, there could be wilting or discoloration of leaves. If they just got a touch, they can produce leaves like you describe. In most cases, new leaves will return to normal during this growing season. There is nothing to do at this point except contemplate if your use of weed killers was involved. This may be annoying, but in the amount your plants got, it won't be fatal.

Q: How do I get rid of grubs? I put a product on late last fall and early this spring, I've seen a mole tunnel and the grub products aren'i stopping it. Also, what do I need to do to kill the millions of cicadas that are coming?

A: Relax — the end isn't near. It

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isn't even close. My question to you is did you have lawn damage late last summer or fall? This is when grub damage would most likely be evident. If the lonely mole tunneling is the reason for the grub worries, they might not be connected. Eighty percent of a mole's diet is earthworms. The other twenty percent are soil insects and grubs. So a mole tunnel doesn't equal grubs. Dead areas of grass certainly could be. If you investigate and actually find grubs and want to treat the lawn, products like Bayer Season-Long Grub Control or Grubex should be used the first week of July. If you use them other times, control will be little or none. These products contain Imidacloprid or Merit, which are the same thing. These are most effective against European Chafer grubs, which are the biggest lawn damagers. Beware of the grub products that have an active ingredient of Halofenozide. They don't work well on our biggest pest. If there aren't grubs and just a wandering mole, there are mole repellants. Both Mole Med and Scoot Mole are liquid applications that are watered in. Mole Med also comes as a granular application that can be applied with a lawn spreader. These are repellants and not killers. These formulations contain castor oil that leaves the soil with an unpleasant odor that makes it difficult for moles to find food. As for the cicadas, if they aren't here now, they aren't coming by the truckload. Most of the "dire prediction" maps in the newspapers only touched the bottom two rows of counties in Michigan. Even those counties haven't been mobbed. So don't plan any cicada coming-out

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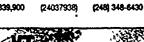
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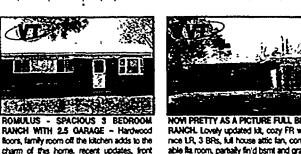
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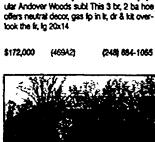


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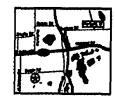
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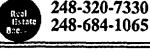


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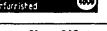
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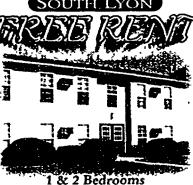
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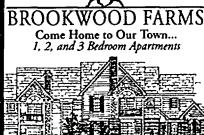
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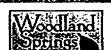
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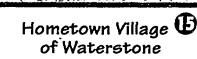
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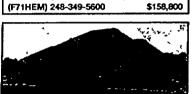
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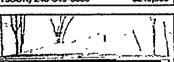
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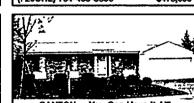




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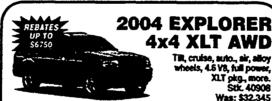
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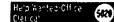
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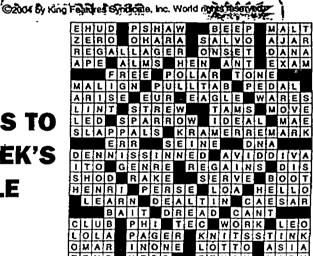
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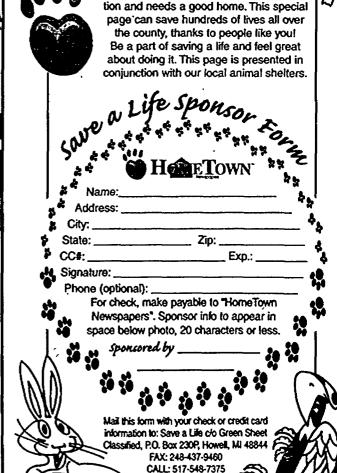
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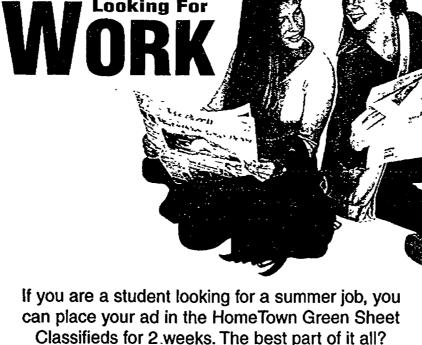
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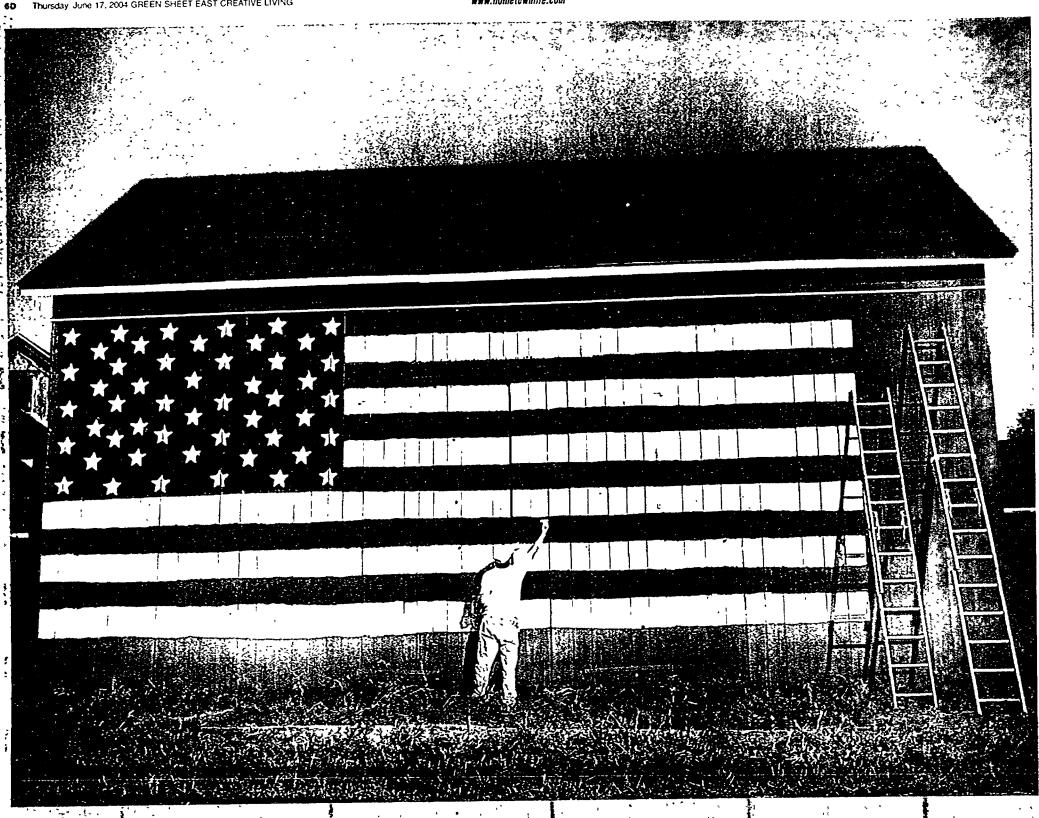
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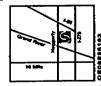
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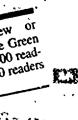
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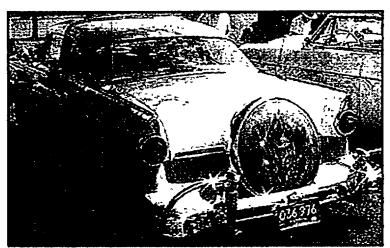
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At right, kids and adults participate in activities, such as this parachute game, hosted by Citizens Insurance, in the Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent. Below, the Wade Show Carnival offers fun all weekend. Bottom center, visit the Medieval Village for demonstrations and plenty of old-fashioned fun.

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At left, Jim Lykins will be unveiling his brand new balloon "B00!" during this year's event. Below, as a tribute to Elvis, this car will participate in the Antique and Custom Car Show.



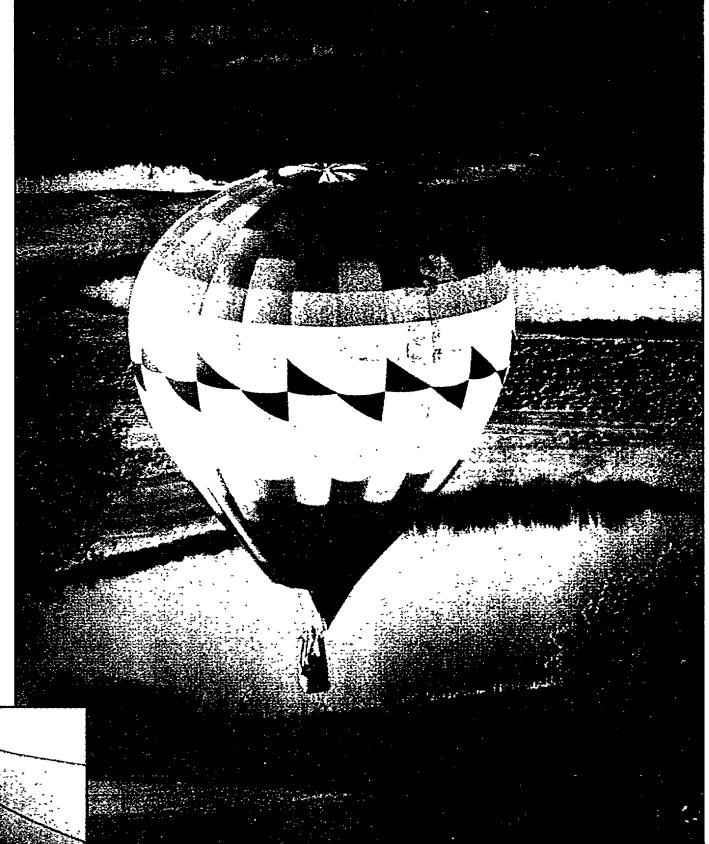
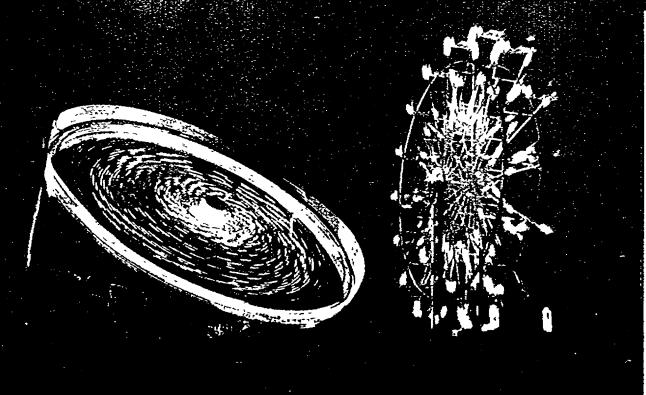


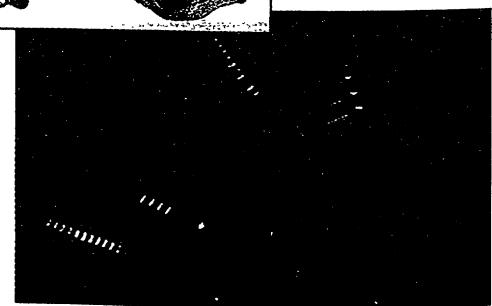
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Above, "Medalist" looms low over a lake as he prepares for a Splash-and-Dash during last year's event. A Splash-and-Dash is when the pilot descends until the basket touches the water and then quickly raises the balloon again. At left, Rick Kelley will have you dancing in

minutes. The E Team
Skydivers will jump as
Elvis impersonators and
perform a few songs.
Below, the Windjammers
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20th anniversary

Michigan Challenge XX comes to Howell

hink of summer — think of fun think of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest.

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"The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is a great way to kick off the summer, and has grown in its 20-year history to be one of the largest three-day events in southeast Michigan," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge manager. "Many of our visitors make this part of their summer vacations and travel to Howell from across the state and Midwest."

The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is held at the Howell High School complex, 1200 W. Grand River Ave. Events and entertainment are also held in downtown Howell, about a mile east of the high school.

The balloonfest is hosted by the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce. Major sponsor is National City bank. Supporting sponsors are Citizens Insurance, Tanger Outlet Center, Pepsi and Waste Management. Site host is Howell Public Schools.

Activities at the high school launch site include balloon fly-ins and launches, Comcast skydivers, skate board exhibitions, Windjammers stunt kite shows, a medieval village, a juried arts festival, Rock-N-Roll K-9s, music, Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent, classic cars, games, carnival rides, concerts, comedy and juggling.

Mass balloon launches take place, weather permitting, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, between 6 and 8 p.m. Early birds can arrive just after dawn on Saturday and Sunday to watch the pilots compete for the title of Michigan Challenge champion as they fly in to the site after launching their craft from locations in the countryside.

Serena's Song, the world's first handicapaccessible balloon, will take guests who use wheelchairs up for free tethered balloon rides during launch times.

WHAT'S NEW AT MICHIGAN CHALLENGE XX

People return to balloonfest year after year — for an up close and personal view of hotair ballooning and a chance to "experience" the event. It's an event where memories are made for the young and old.

This year to celebrate the 20th anniversary, there's more entertainment than ever including concerts on the main stage. Hear the hip sounds of the Jump Cats as they perform on the main stage at 8 p.m. Friday. Get up and dance with singer-songwriter-keyboardist Rick Kelley as he entertains and interacts with the crowd Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Other special activities include the E Team Skydivers, sponsored by Comcast, who get balloonfest started as they jump dressed as Elvis and take the stage to sing a few of the king's favorite songs. The E Team is presented by Paul McCowan Airshows at 5 p.m. Friday.

Then, it's a balloonfest first as the Windjammers Stunt Kite Team light up the night with colorful kite routines set to music at 9:45 p.m. The kites will be dressed up with lights and colorful spotlights will chase them through the sky.

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It's the high point of a spectacular weekend — the Balloon Glow and Skydiving Night Show on Saturday evening. The color and spectacle make this a not-to-be-missed

As darkness falls, more than 30 pilots will return from their competitive flights to inflate their balloons on the launch field. It is a never-to-be-forgotten sight as the many colors of the balloons are illuminated against the

Then, from about a mile above the ground, the Comcast Skydivers will perform a night jump, complete with pyrotechnics.

Relax, enjoy, and spend the day

With so much to see and do, visitors are encouraged to spend the day at the Michigan Challenge.

Come to the Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent on Saturday and Sunday afternoon for free, hands-on activities, games and crafts for all ages.

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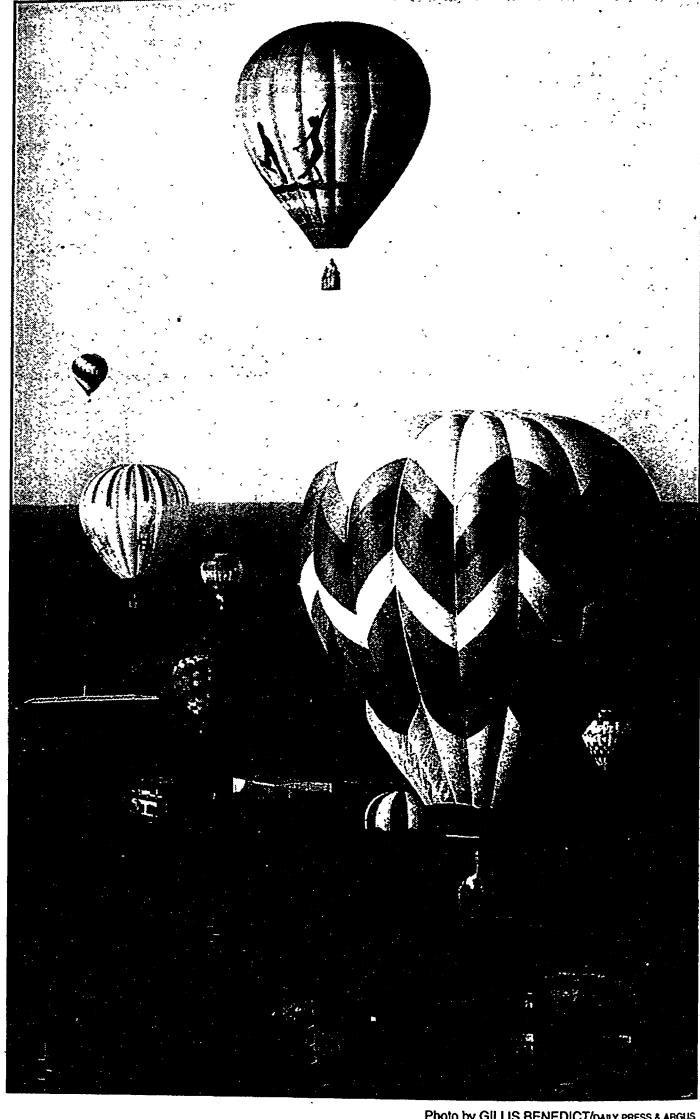


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the sneer number of balloons in the sky at one time makes balloonfest exciting for residents and visitors to the city of Howell and surrounding townships.

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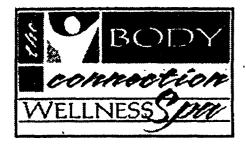
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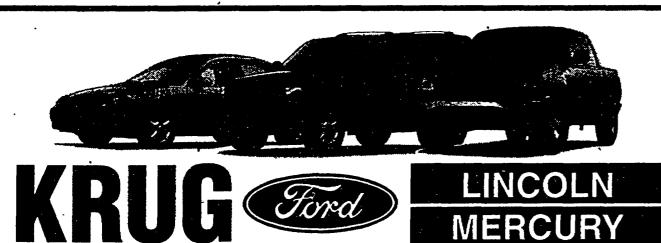


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Welcome to Howell

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This event is a personal favorite of mine since so many people in our community work together to make balloonfest the wonderful event that it is and to showcase



Geraldine K. Moen Mayor

Howell as a great place to live, work and visit. On behalf of the entire community, it is my

We're proud to be the host community for the 20th annual Michigan Challenge

ment planned for the weekend. Take a stroll through our beautiful neighborhoods. Visit our stores and dine in our restaurants. Take a carriage ride. You'll see why we're so proud of our city. I'd like to thank the hundreds of community volunteers who work so hard to make the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest such an out-

Balloonfest, the state championship of hot-air ballooning. It is always a thrill to see dozens of

beautiful balloons launching into the sky over

But balloons are just one part of this great

activities and fun. I hope you will come down-

weekend. The committee has planned lots of

town and enjoy all the great family entertain-

standing special event. I'd also like to congratulate the many city employees who help the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce stage this huge event. It would not be possible without their cooperation and help.

Enjoy your stay in Howell and return soon. We look forward to seeing you again.

Geraldine K. Moen, Mayor, City of Howell

pleasure to welcome you. Balloonfest is an exciting time in the city. Not only do we all enjoy this great event, but we are also pleased to show off our beautiful, historic town to so many first-time and returning guests.

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parking pass, and bring it to any balloonfest information booth. You'll receive three chances to win one of two sets of hot-air balloon rides.

Winners will be drawn at 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 27. You don't need to be present to win.

Sound exciting? Learn more about hot air balloon rides at the main information booth.

Balloonfest sure to be great

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Watch the Comcast Skydivers jump from the sky during five scheduled daytime performances.

Fly a kite with The Windjammers Stunt Kite Team, sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of Michigan, who dazzle the crowd with their spectacular kite performances, choreographed to music.

Serena's Song, the world's-only handicapped-accessible balloon will give free tethered balloon rides to children and adults in wheelchairs during launch times Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening and Saturday and Sunday morning, weather permitting. Serena's visit is sponsored by Wal-Mart and Health Care Innovations.

Pick up a gift or something to take home at the Arts Festival, an event of its own, with more than 200 artist booths and delicious food and entertainment. Enjoy live performances and entertainment at the arts festival and commercial vendor area, all sponsored by Krug Ford. Shake a leg and tap your paws to performances by the Rock-N-Roll K-9s, dogs that run through specially designed courses. Sponsored by Meijer, these performing canines certainly earn the title of man's best friend at balloonfest.

Take a trip down memory lane at the Antique and Custom Car Show sponsored by Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep. And take it to the extreme at the Skate Board Exhibition sponsored by Special Editions Skate Board Shop and the Lighthouse Skate Team.

There's just too much to mention it all!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For a complete Michigan Challenge Balloonfest XX schedule of events, see page 56 or visit www.michiganchallenge.com.

Check out the entire event schedule at

www.michiganchallenge.com. or on page 56.

DOWNTOWN HOWELL

Visitors to downtown Howell will enjoy great entertainment and activities, centered around the historic Livingston County. Courthouse and on the sidewalks of the city. Saturday, June 26, is Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kids Day, and Sunday, June 27, is Schafer's House of Music — Music Day.

The courthouse lawn will be filled with family activities including a Trunks to Treasures community garage sale, chalk art, a kids parade, dog show, bands and music and kids art projects. Capture the historic part of the city with a horse-drawn carriage ride through the streets of Howell, leaving from the courthouse.

The Michigan Challenge is an event to remember!

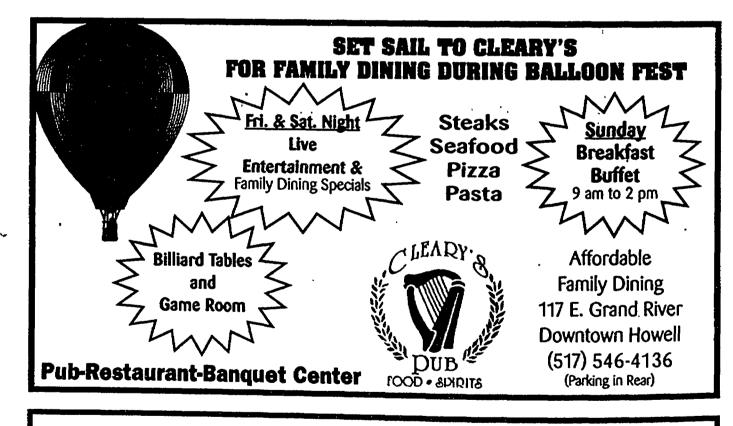
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A message from the chamber...

ime flies when you're having fun" the old cliché goes and that is certainly true when it comes to balloonfest. It's hard to believe that this year we're celebrating the 20th Michigan Challenge Balloonfest here in Howell. Balloonfest is fun for our guests, fun for our participants — even fun for the hundreds of people who volunteer their time

to make it a reality.

On behalf of the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce, host of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, we'd like to welcome you to another terrific weekend of high-flying fun and excitement here in Howell.

Balloonfest is truly a partnership among all those involved — businesses, volunteers and the community.

We'd like to extend our congratulations and thanks to the members of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest committee, chaired by Cathy Blight, who all work so hard to bring our thousands of visitors one of the finest special events in the State of Michigan.

We can't let this special 20th annual event pass by without giving special recognition to Dick Rudlaff, our Competition Director. Dick, a world-class balloon pilot, first brought the idea of hosting a state championship of ballooning to the chamber in the mid-1980s. The guidance and enthusiasm he's provided has



Bob Geinzer Chairman



Pat Convery President

been invaluable in the evolution of the Michigan Challenge from a small local event to a regional attraction that has helped put Howell "on the map."

Special recognition should be given to the sponsors that make this event possible. Our thanks go to our long-time Michigan Challenge Major Sponsor, National City bank; to our Supporting Sponsors, Citizens Insurance, Pepsi, Waste Management and Tanger Outlet Center; to Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of MI for its sponsorship of the Windjammers Stunt Kite Team: to Comcast for its sponsorship of the skydiving team; to Krug Ford for its entertainment sponsorship; to Meijer for its sponsorship of the Rock-N-Roll K-9 Show; to Health Care Innovations and Wal-Mart for their sponsorship of Serena's Song; to Eastern Michigan University for its sponsorship of the VIP/sponsor hospitality room and to Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep for its sponsorship of the Antique and Custom Car Show.

Sponsors contribute to balloonfest activities in downtown Howell as well. Thanks to Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital for sponsoring Kids Day on Saturday; and to Schafer's House of Music for sponsoring Music Day on Sunday.

The help and cooperation of the Howell Public Schools and the city of Howell are key in the success of the balloonfest. We could not do it without them. The staffs of both the city and the schools are enthusiastic partners in staging this event.

We'd also like to thank the many other area companies that have contributed to the success of the Michigan Challenge in countless ways, such as sponsoring individual balloons, advertising in this publication, providing product, allowing employees time off to volunteer or helping promote the weekend.

The mission of the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce is to "be a catalyst for a vital business environment and an exceptional community."

We feel the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest accomplishes just that, in addition to providing great family entertainment and a weekend of memories.

Sincerely,
Bob Geinzer, Chairman
Pat Convery, President
Howell Area Chamber of Commerce

Balloonist Prayer

May the winds welcome you with softness.

May the sun bless you with his warm hands,

May you fly so high and so well that God joins you in laughter and sets you gently back into the loving arms of Mother Earth.

MICHIGAN BALLOONIST PRAYER

May this beautiful peninsula With its many lakes so grand Always be the perfect place For our balloons to land.

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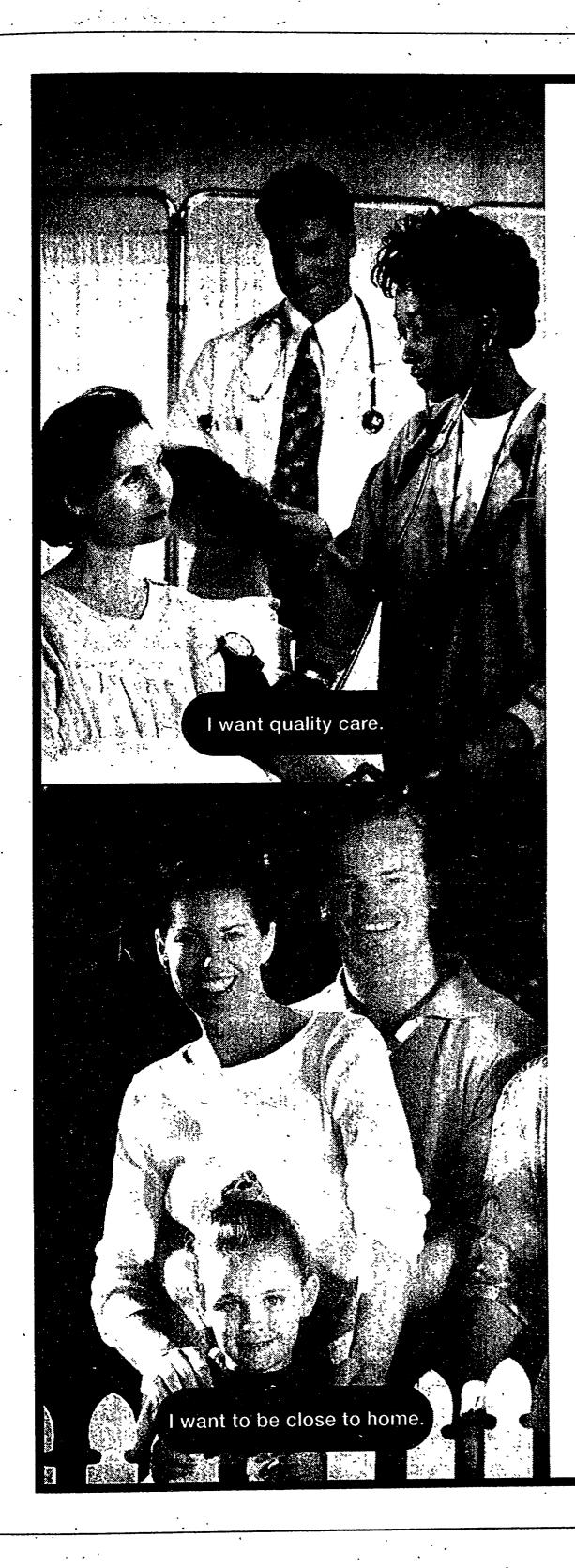
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The Michigan Challenge is colorful, eventful and artful.

Indeed, the balloonfest arts festival is full of handmade, original art in all media including pottery, glass, metalworking, fabric, jewelry, ceramic, photography, painting and sculpture.

"More than 200 artists are invited to the juried show," said Arts Festival Chair Gayle Down. "We look for originality in our vendors and select those with a true creative spirit."

Returning to balloonfest with his hand painted furniture and outdoor accessories is Charles Hicks from Flint, Michigan.

"Since balloonfest happens at the beginning of summer, people are looking for items they can use outdoors. Hicks' work is fun and practical," Down said.

Artists who participate in the Michigan Challenge offer unique items. For example, Huff-N-Puff Glassblowers from Mason, Ohio displays hand blown glass and demonstrations on site. Troika Gifts from Osceola, Indiana features handmade Russian wooden dolls and handpainted jewelry. Jewelry designed from beach glass and recycled stained glass is the specialty of Fran and Mike Hurst from Florida. Finally, Catherine Bur Pottery is high-fired

ARTS FESTIVAL

■ The Arts Festival is open from 4 p.m. to close Friday, June 25, and from 10 a.m. to close Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27, 2004.

stoneware that is wheel thrown and hand carved.

While viewing the arts festival, take a break with food and drinks sold by area nonprofit groups; or listen to entertainment located in the arts festival tent and sponsored by Krug Ford.

The arts festival opens at 4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and stays open until the day's events conclude. It is located at the east end of balloonfest grounds, just south of the Howell High School — look for the big blue and white tent.

The 2004 Arts Festival offers many treasures and one-of-a-kind items including, clockwise from top right, hand-painted chairs, decorated tin buckets, pink flamingos and handmade Russian wooden dolls.

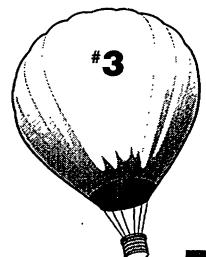


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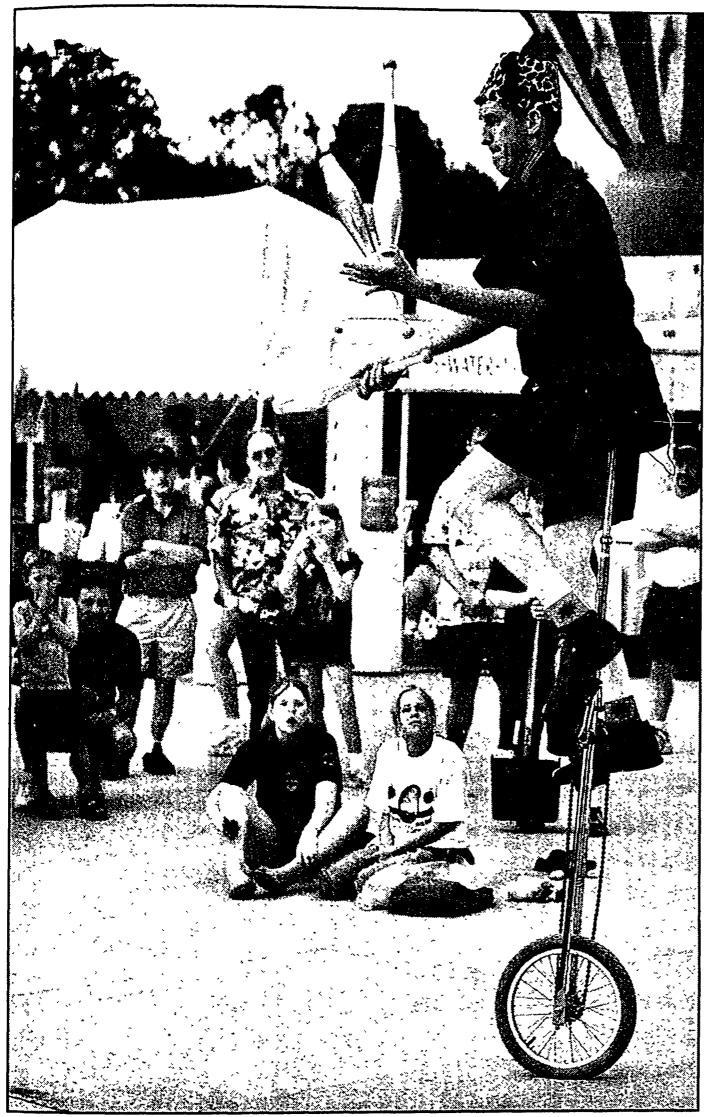


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Jonathan Park wows the audience by juggling while atop a unicycle nearly 6 feet tall.

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Guests to the Michigan Challenge are encouraged to stop, look and listen.

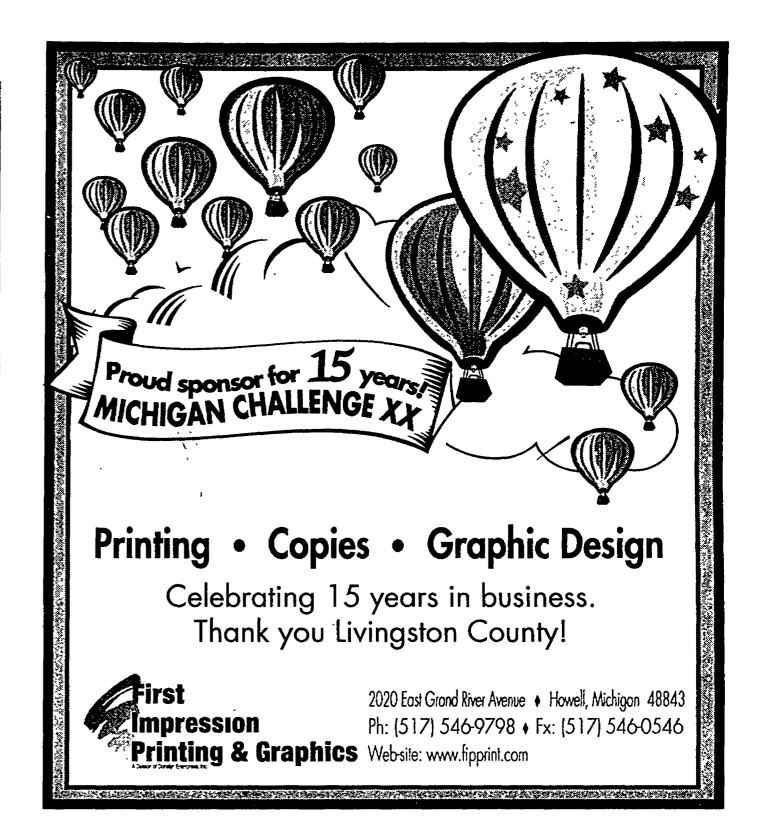
"Be careful not to miss a thing at the event," said Michigan Challenge Manager Michelle Tokan. "We offer entertainment and family activities from dawn to dusk. Come prepared for an action-packed weekend."

The Michigan Challenge features many live entertainment venues — arts festival, vendor area, dining area, main stage, launch field and in downtown Howell.

Map out your plans with the schedule below, and look for additional articles on balloonfest entertainment throughout this publication.

Entertainment includes balloonfest favorites Jonathan Park, Zeemo the Magnificent and African drummer Kevin Collins plus an expanded lineup of musicians.

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Entertainers keep the party going

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Juggler, comedian and unicyclist Jonathan Park amazes audiences. Don't miss his grand finale at the end of the show.

Ring of Steel travels across the site from the Medieval Village to perform at the vendor

Zeemo the Magnificent engages children of all ages with his yo-yo tricks, magic and juggling.

Refresh your creative spirit with art, entertainment and food prepared by the nonprofit groups in the arts festival on Saturday and Sunday.

Plan your balloonfest itinerary to enjoy entertainment in the vendor area and at the arts festival.

Entertainment is sponsored by Krug Ford.

FRIDAY EVENING

Vendor Area

6 and 8 p.m. Jonathan Park

After the balloon launch, hear the hip sounds of the Jump Cats as they perform on the main stage.

Then, it's a balloonfest first as the Windjammers Stunt Kite Team light up the night with colorful kite routines set to music.

SATURDAY **Arts Festival**

Alabar 12 p.m. McLaughlin Sisters 2 p.m. 4 p.m. Zeemo the Magnificent

Dining Area 2 p.m. Matt Watroba Alabar 4 p.m.

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Vendor Area 3 p.m. Jonathan Park 4 p.m. Ring of Steel 5 p.m. Jonathan Park

Zeemo the Magnificent 6 p.m. 7 p.m. Jonathan Park 8 p.m.

After the Saturday evening launch and before the balloon glow and skydiving night show, singer-songwriter-keyboardist Rick Kelly entertains and interacts with the crowd on the main stage.

Zeemo the Magnificent

SUNDAY **Arts Festival**

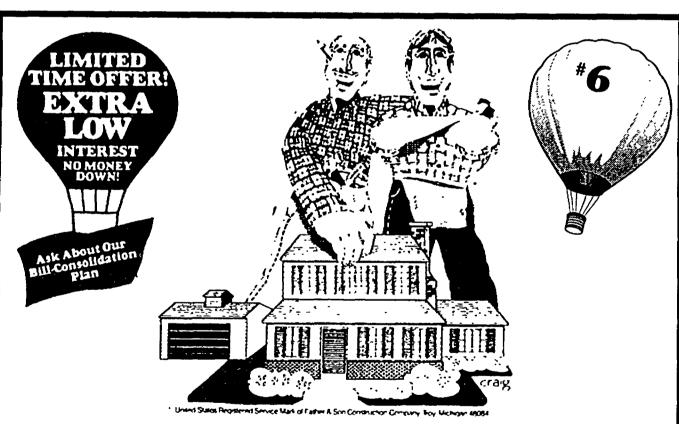
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The Jump Cats, a balloonfest favorite, will perform on the main stage after the mass balloon launch Friday night.

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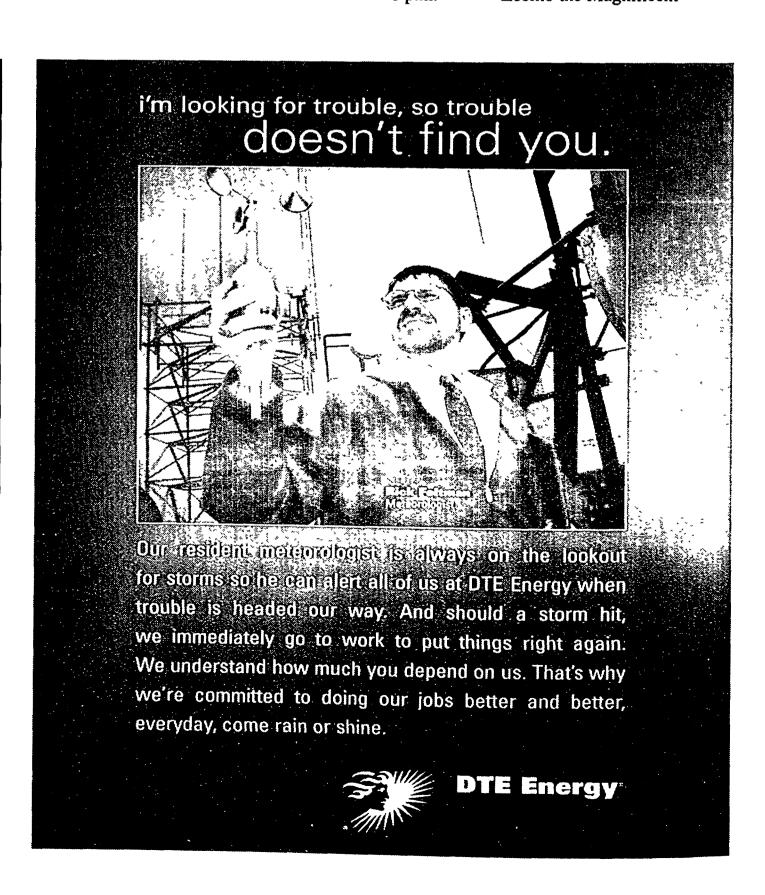
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Mattison Digue, 1, gets her own carnival ride from Dad, Dave, alongside the Wade Show Carnival during last year's Michigan Challenge Balloonfest.

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The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, scheduled for June 25-27, 2004, is a three-day event that features the state championship of hot air ballooning, sky diving, stunt kite demonstrations, arts and crafts, a medieval village, downtown activities, a car show and much more.

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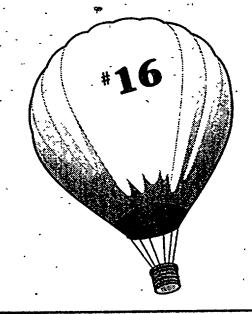
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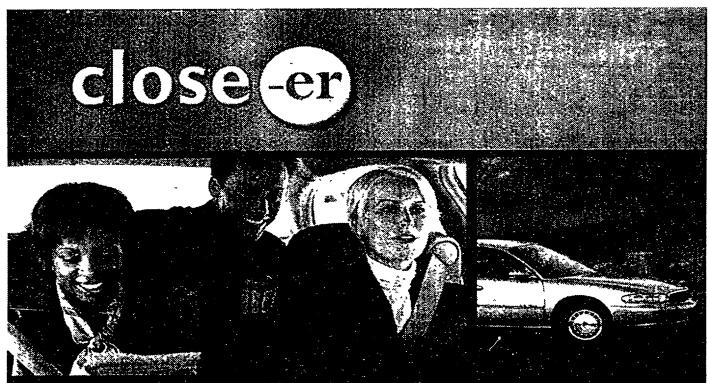
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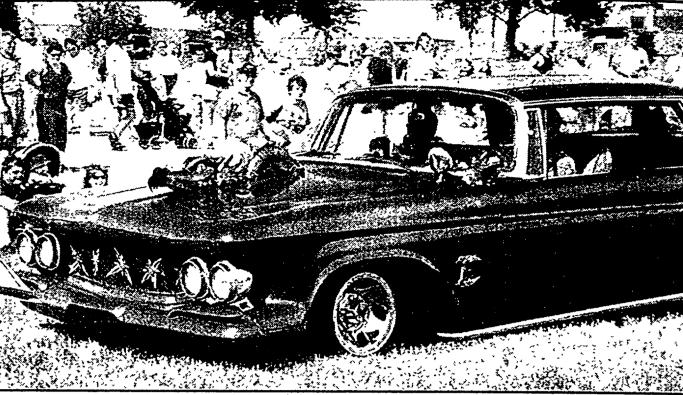
Pilots can't steer balloons, but guests to the Michigan Challenge can picture themselves behind the steering wheel of a classic car at the Antique and Custom Car Show.

Located north of

field, next to the Citizens Insurance
Family Fun Tent, the show features classics and coupes from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on
Saturday and Sunday
of balloonfest



weekend as



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well as a swap meet for car enthusiasts.

To help get the launch field warmed up for evening balloon flights, cars in the show parade around the field at 4:30 each day.

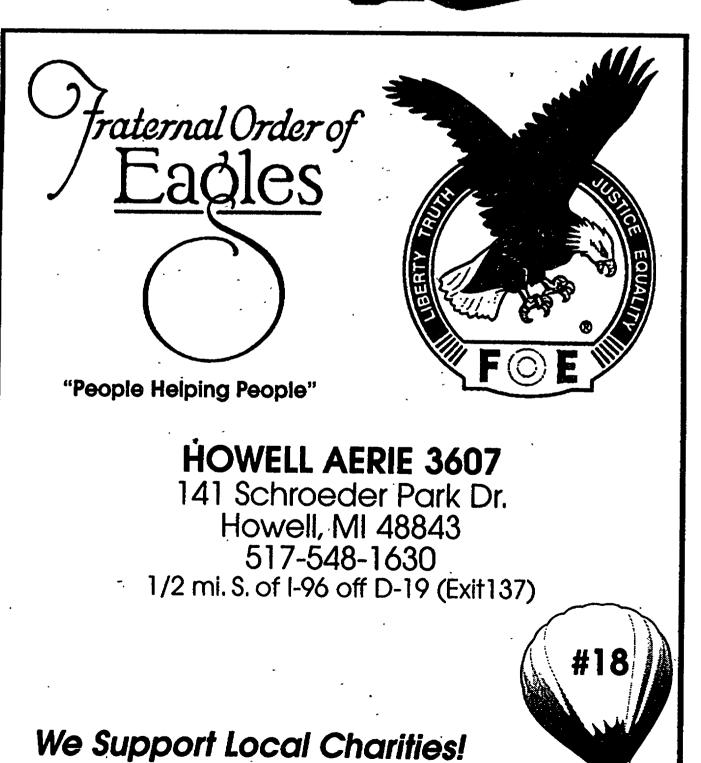
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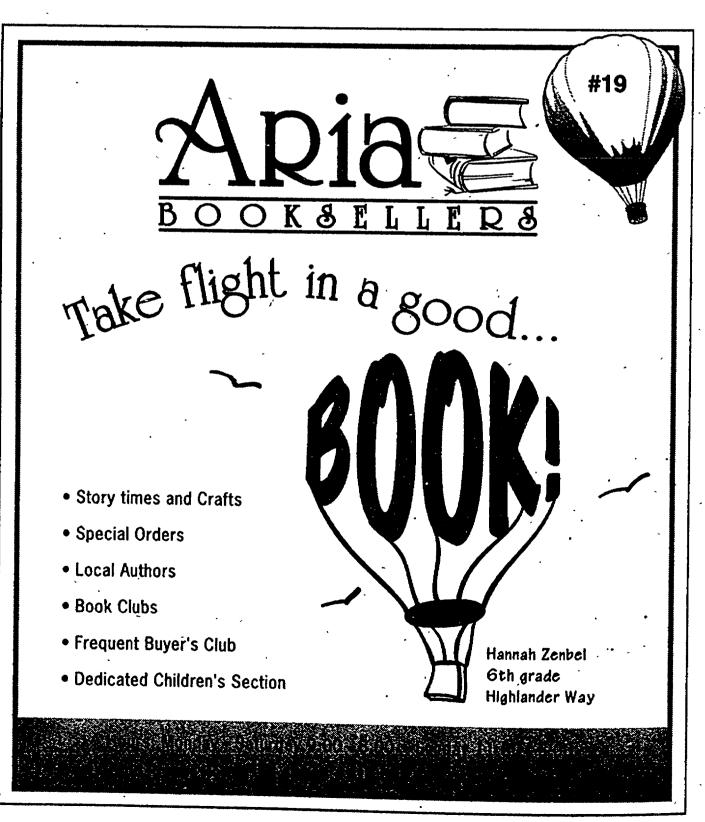
Dodge Jeep.

The first 100 car owners who bring their vehicles to the show before 1 p.m. and stay for the car parade will receive a beautiful brass dash plaque featuring the 20th anniversary Michigan Challenge commemorative pin.

Participants are asked to arrive at the Highlander Way gate of the balloonfest before 2 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday to qualify for the show and be directed to the display area.

Entrance fee is \$8 per car per day.





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he Family Fun Tent, once again sponsored by Citizens Insurance Company, is the perfect place for the entire family to enjoy the day's festivities. There's something for everyone—interactive games, arts and crafts, face painting and more—all at no cost to participants. Citizens volunteers will be there throughout the weekend to join the fun, lend a hand and pass out balloons.

The Family Fun Tent will be open on Saturday and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. The tent is located just north of the balloon launch field at Howell High School, near the Antique and Custom Car Show.

As one of the largest employers in Livingston County, Citizens is committed to improving the quality of life in the community by supporting local organizations, school programs and events like balloonfest. Citizens is also proud to welcome visitors from all over to this annual celebration and encourages newcomers to experience all that the Howell area has to offer.

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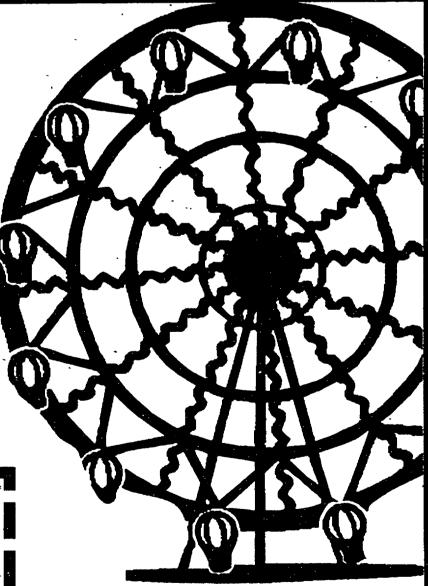
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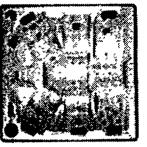
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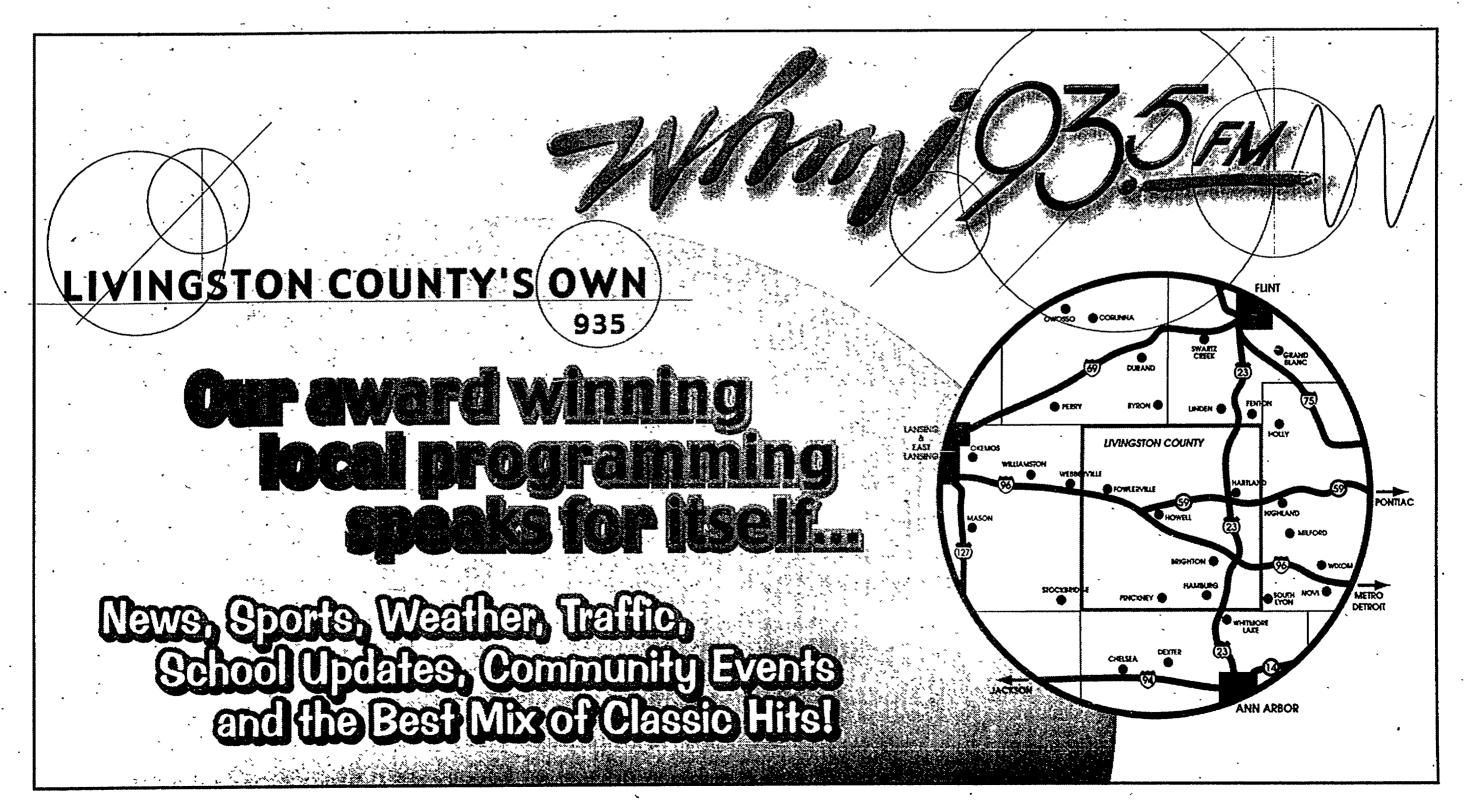




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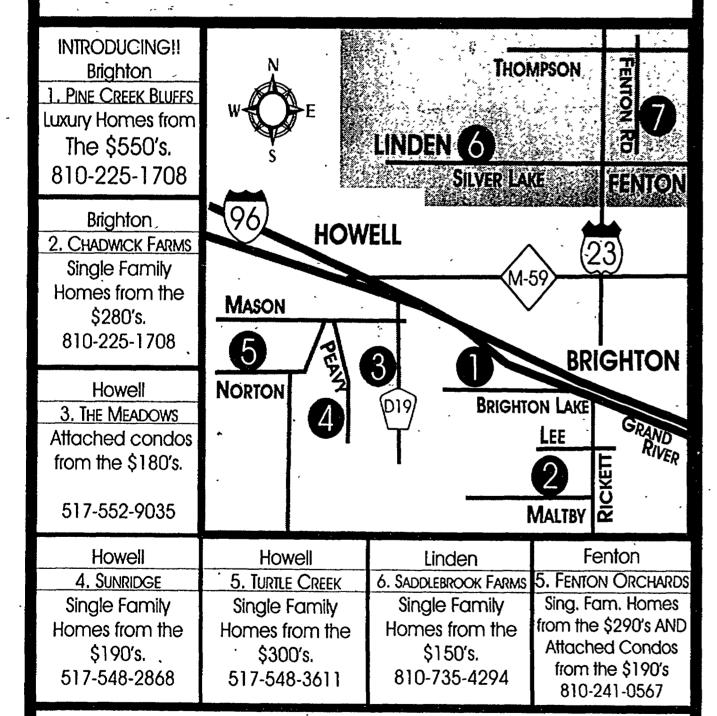


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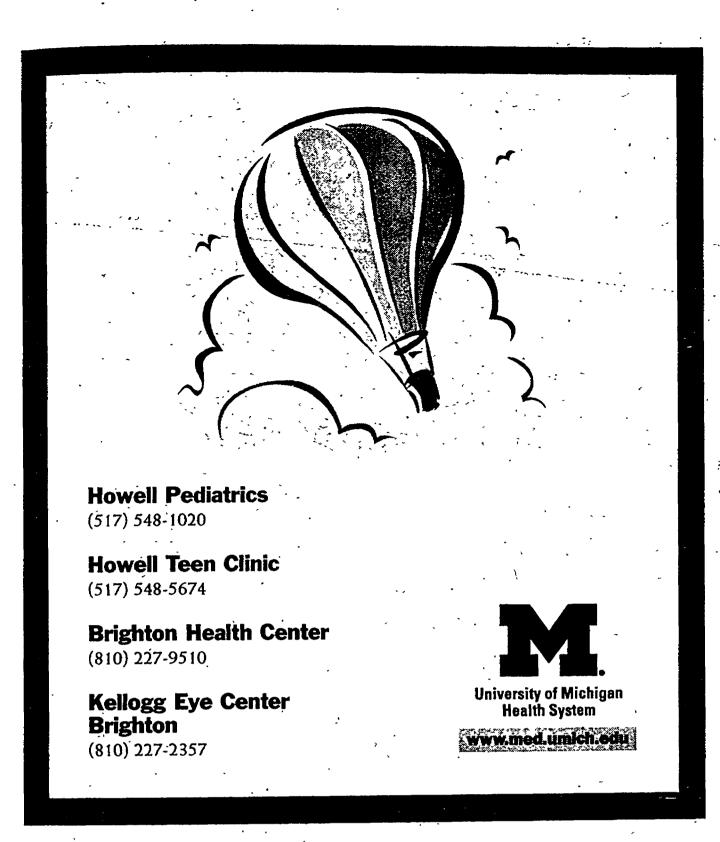


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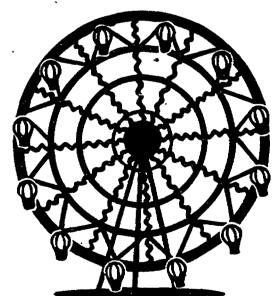


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Getting there

Finding Michigan Challenge is easy

apping out your Michigan Challenge weekend? It's easy to find your way to balloonfest and the city

■ Howell is located midway between Lansing and Detroit on I-96 and at the western end of M-59.

The Michigan Challenge takes place at the Howell High School complex, 1200 W. Grand River Ave., with entrances on West Grand River Avenue, M-59 and Highlander Way.

■ The best route to the balloonfest from I-96 is Exit #133 — the M-59 exit.

Take M-59 east for a few miles — there are several balloonfest entrances on your

Follow the balloonfest signs.

- M-59 travelers going west can take the highway into Howell to the entrances on the left:
- Coming from the north? Take I-75 to U.S. 23 south to M-59. Follow M-59 west about 12 miles to the balloonfest entrance.

DOWNTOWN HOWELL

During your visit to Howell, don't miss live entertainment, special events, great shopping and restaurants in the downtown central business district.

Downtown Howell is about one mileeast of the balloonfest grounds on Grand River Avenue.

Balloonfest parking passes allow you to re-enter the grounds as often as you wish on the day indicated on the pass.

Weekend parking passes are available at a discounted rate, and allow you access to balloonfest grounds Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

AFFORDABLE WEEKEND

The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is a great value and an affordable weekend

Parking passes are only \$10 per day and provide admission for all your passengers.

Weekend passes are available for \$15 or \$12 in advance at any National City bank office in Livingston County until June 24.

And if that's not enough to get you to balloonfest, there's more.

With paid parking, guests have a chance to win a hot air balloon flight for two,

courtesy of Renaissance Balloons of Brighton.

Just remove the Renaissance Balloons portion of your parking pass and bring it to any of the conveniently located information booths at the festival site or at the downtown entertainment site at the court-

Park and profit at balloonfest

Who are all those people in the orange vests?

They're all volunteers from nonprofit groups who are raising money for their organizations.

The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce, host of the Michigan Challenge, pays nonprofit organizations for each four-hour shift worked by a volunteer in the group's name.

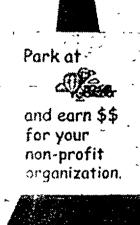
The pay for most shifts is \$16. However, a fee of \$20 per shift is paid for volunteers working premium shifts.

"We need more than 500 volunteers to help us park cars during the weekend," said Parking Chair Don Cortez. "Donating money to these nonprofit organizations is one way the chamber gives back to the community.

Plus, most volunteers have a great time being part of the parking crew at the Michigan Challenge."

Interested in getting your nonprofit group involved?

Call the chamber at (517) 546-**3920**.



When you trade it in, you'll receive three raffle tickets. The drawing will be held at the launch site at 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 27. You need not be present

Two lucky winners will be drawn; each will-win a flight for two.

Lots of Parking

Parking can be accessed from West Grand River Avenue, M-59 or Highlander Way.

Handicapped parking is available at all entrances of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest.

Guests in vehicles with a handicapped license plate or sticker should bring it to the attention of the parking attendant and will be shown to a special parking area where access to the launch site and festival grounds is completely paved.

NO PETS

For the comfort and safety of both our guests and our animal friends, the Michigan Challenge committee requests that spectators leave their pets at home.

Did you know ...

When the first balloon took flight in France in the late 18th century, it terrified the country folks, who thought the strange craft was some kind of monster.

After the first few unhappy incidents with landowners (who charged at the pilot with pitchforks and other farm tools), the pilots began carrying champagne — a French staple — as a sign of friendship and appearement for the landowners and farmers.

Today, the champagne represents a celebration of a safe landing and enjoyable ride.

■ Who has the right of way, airplanes or balloons?

With both craft converging on the same area, the balloon has the right of way, similar to power boats that give right of way to sail boats.

For safety reasons, balloons typically fly in wind no more than 12 mph.

That's why you'll see balloons flying only in the early morning just after sunrise and about two hours before sunset in the evening.

And that's why, even though it might be a beautiful evening without a cloud in the sky, the flight might be canceled because the winds are too strong.



Keith Harvey and his 2-year-old-daughter Kristen, watch the riders on the Ferris wheel while waiting for the balloon launch.



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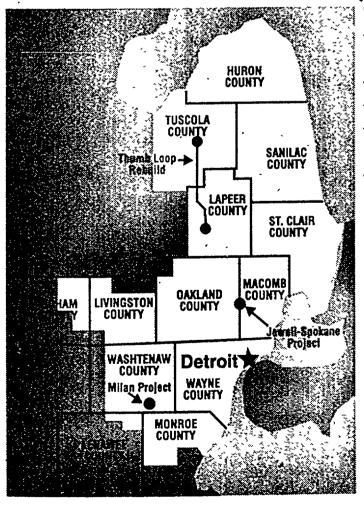
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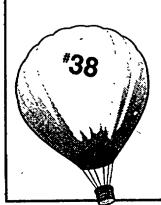
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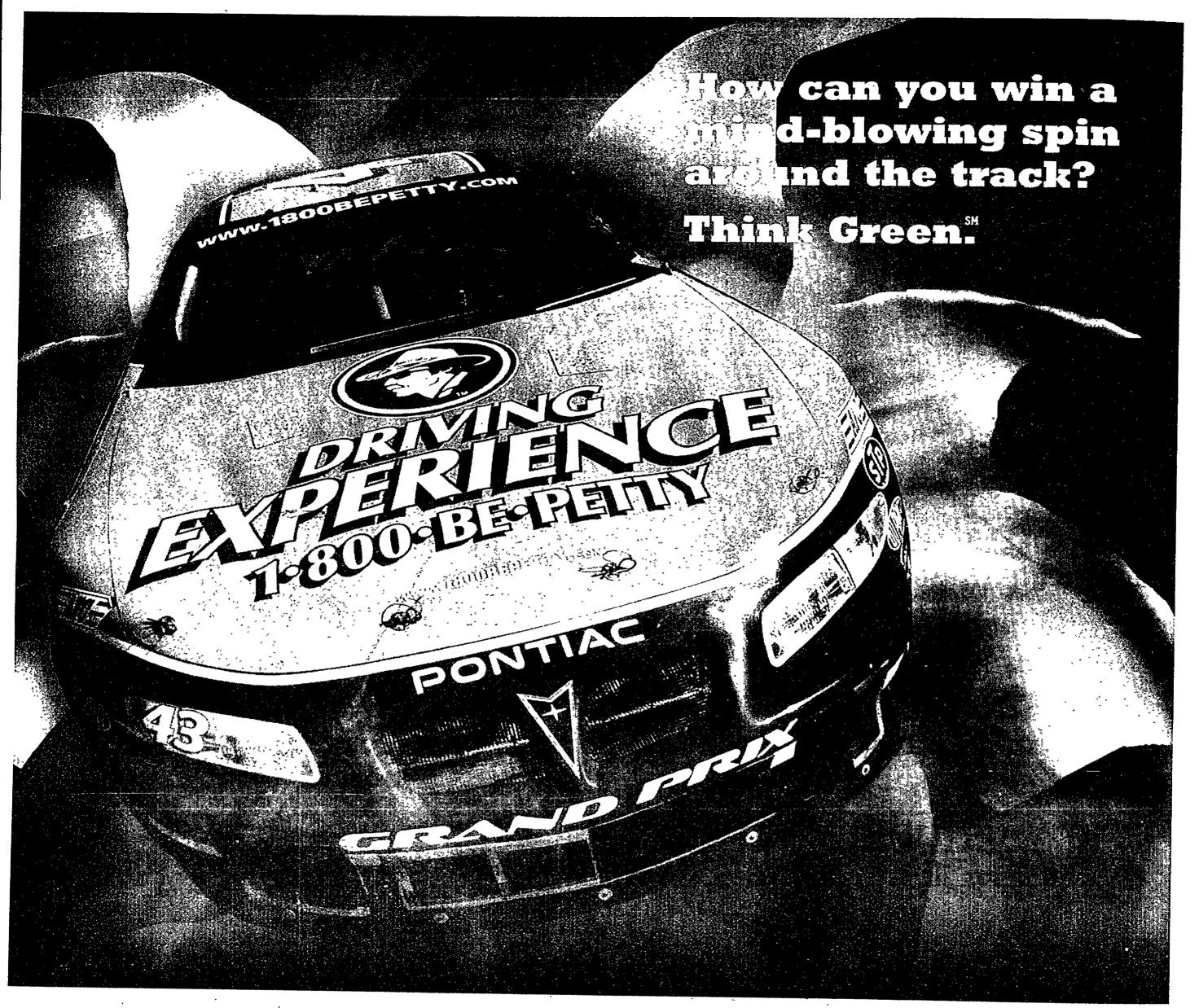
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Michigan Challenge celebrates 20 years

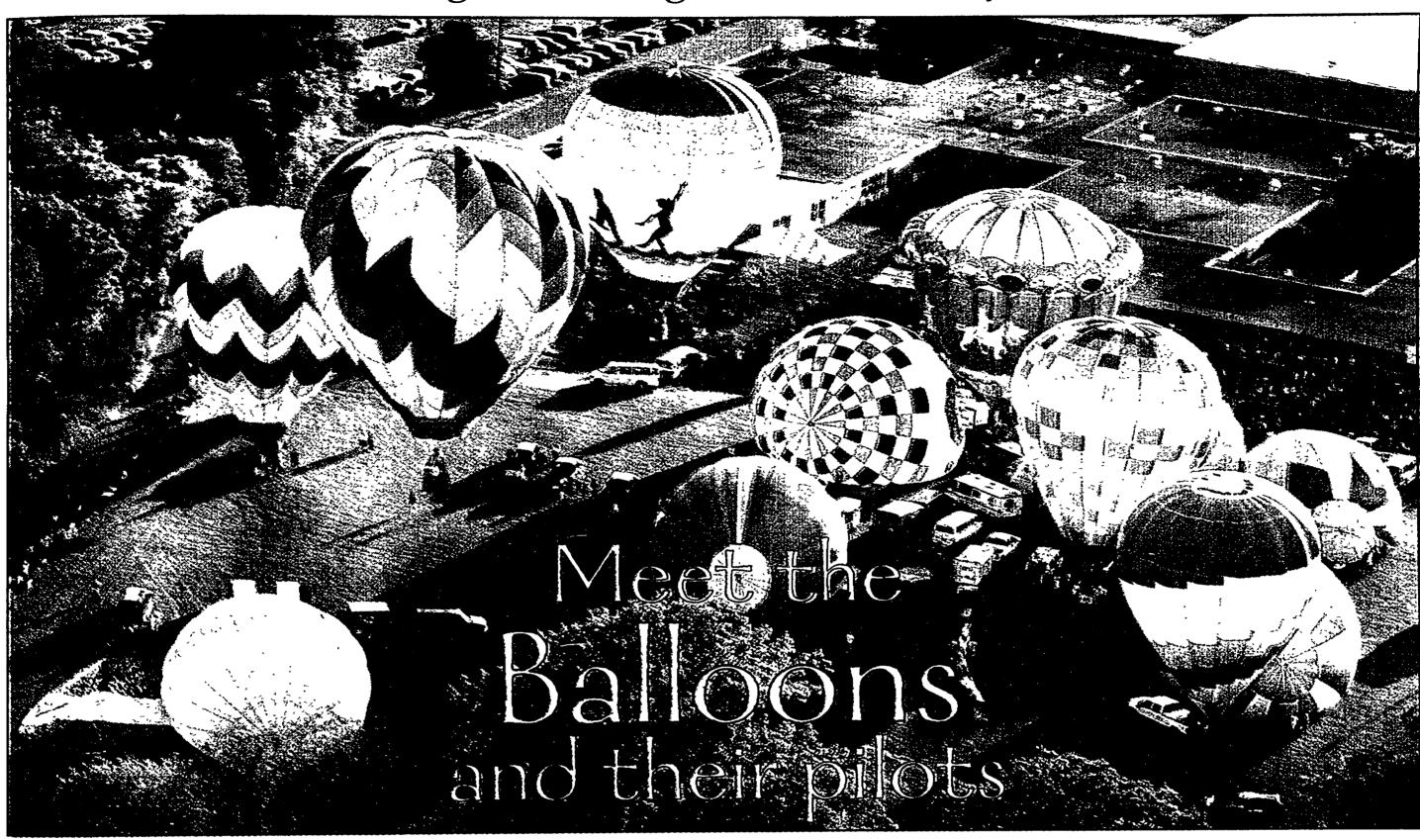


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The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus sponsors Andy Baird of Stockbridge. He pilots "Medalist" and is the defending 2003 champion of the Michigan Challenge. His balloon, made by Cameron, is a bright checker pattern of primary colors with a yellow equator and a black and white diamond pattern surrounding it. As last year's winner, "Medalist" is featured on the Michigan Challenge XX collector pin available at the

event.



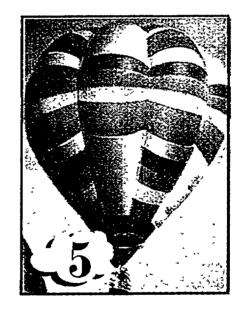
Jody Leatherberry from Stockbridge captains a perennial favorite "The Phoenix." The gorgeous firebird lights up the skies with its bright yellows and orange flames. As last year's second-place finisher, the balloon is also featured on the collector pin. Jody is sponsored by The Preserve at Mallard Pond.



Balloonmeister Jim Birk of Defiance, Ohio pilots "Pelo Deimos" and is responsible for determining the tasks used in the Michigan Challenge competition. Supporting sponsor Pepsi Bottling Group sponsors the balloon. Jim was the 1992 Champion.



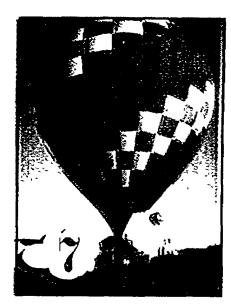
The founder of the Michigan Challenge Dick Rudlaff of Florida flies "Cat's Meow," a bright yellow envelope with cat shadows. Dick was the 1985 Michigan Challenge champion and has flown in all 20 of the challenges. He is sponsored by First Impression Printing & Graphics.



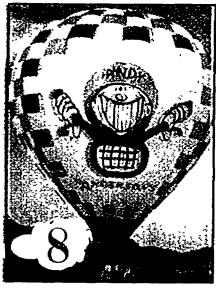
Larry and Sandi
Novotny, from Allen Park,
participate in the challenge
every year. Flying often
brings them to Livingston
County where their balloon
"Ditto" can be seen in the
countryside. They are sponsored by Dr. Ismael
Yanga.



Shawn Raya from Utica pilots the Father & Son Construction corporate entry at the Michigan Challenge. The bigger than life puppy dog coming out of his dog house always pleases everyone in the crowd. Father & Son was the first sponsor of the Michigan Challenge in 1985. Shawn and his father John, also a Father & Son pilot, have flown in all of the challenges.



Tom Roush from Tallassee, Tennessee, flew in the first few events and now returns for the third time. He thinks so highly of the Michigan Challenge, he brings friends from as far away as England. He flies "D Blun," a blue, yellow and green stairstep entry that is sponsored by DTE Energy.

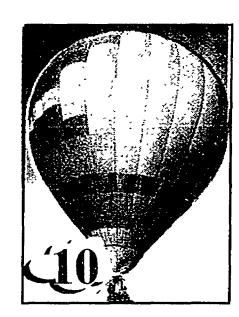


Ted Gauthier of Pontiac flies a bright yellow balloon depicting a friend "Andy" flying his motorcycle in the sky. Ted is the Weather Officer who checks for conditions that would affect flying like wind speed and direction. Mugg & Bopps sponsors his flight.



Dawn Gauthier, a member of the famous Flying Gauthiers and Ted Gauthier's daughter, is quickly taking her place in the rankings. Dawn lives in Royal Oak and pilots "Daydream," a pretty black balloon with a bar of vibrant colors. Dawn is sponsored by Lansing

Community College.



Munith sends up Chuck Walz who returns for the seventh time to attempt to fly home with the challenge trophy. "Sunny Trails" is bright yellow, orange and red. Ultra Diamond sponsors Waltz.



Roger Beebe, from Ceresco, has flown or crewed in many challenges. He flies "Skittles" this year. The bright red balloon has blue, green, yellow and orange horizontal stripes. Beebe's sponsor is Chem-Trend.



Best Western of Howell once again sponsors
Dennis Belger of Smith's Creek. Dennis flies
"Betsy," a red, white and blue entry. His balloon is made by the Balloon
Works.



Gordon Boring flies a delightful yellow balloon called "Boynton Critters" and is sponsored by Aria Booksellers. Gordon is from Wixom and his wife, Margaret, is his crew cheif for flying both hot air and gas balloons.



Steve King lives in Midland, but grew up in the Howell area and is excited to be flying in his first Michigan Challenge. His balloon "Blown Away," is a bright collection of blue, green and yellow with a diamond pattern.



Tim and Missy Midura, co-pilots from Barberton, Ohio, have flown in 14 of the challenges. Their balloon "Kismet" has a yellow top with vertical primary colored bars of different heights. This trip is sponsored The Marketeer.



Larry and Sandy
Sweerin from Portage have competed in many of the challenges. They fly "Second Child," a very pretty balloon that is deep navy blue with fuchsia and teal teardrops. They are sponsored by Quality Inn of Howell.



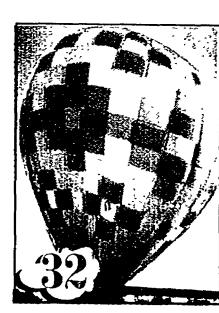
Bill Sterner flies a chevron patterned balloon called "Rejoice II" with white sections splashing through the colors in alternating gores. He is sponsored by supporting sponsor Citizens Insurance.



Dr. Mark Fraser whose home flying area is Middletown, Ohio, returns piloting "Release." Mark's balloon is yellow patterned with a multi-colored stairstep pattern. He is sponsored by Roman's Pool Supplies and Service.



David Mohr, who comes from Three Rivers, pilots "Rainbow Twist," a bright multi-colored, chevron-patterned balloon. Belle Tire is his sponsor. Dave's wife Cindy is his crew chief.



Flying "Mosaic Magic" is David Lowe from Brown Deer, Wisconsin. The balloon has a bright red background with contrasting colors of blue, green and yellow for accent. Delcor Homes sponsors David's return trip to Howell.



With spirals of dark blue, pink, light blue, green and yellow "Mo' Money" makes a splash in the sky! Chuck Owens from the western part of the state makes another trip to the challenge. He is sponsored by Spartan Tire.



The team of Marty and Rob Mihaly pilot "Boojum," a very pretty black balloon with bright multi-colored sections around its circumference. Rob and Marty hail from Lakewood, Ohio. Your Peace of Mind sponsors their appearance.



Grass Lake sends us Al Smith, flying "Calypso" which is described as vertical stripes of primary colors with white banana gores in between. This will be Al's sixth year and Ameritrust sponsors him.



Jim Lykins flies "BOO!," a hot air haunted house that debuts at the Michigan Challenge.
Screams Ice Cream & Halloween sponsors Jim's flights. His balloons have a long history at the challenge — once helping with a marriage proposal.



Land-owner relations for the Challenge are covered by Howell pilots **Daria & Jerry Stephen** who pilot "Jedami," a rainbow-colored stairstep pattern with matching teal pennants. They are sponsored by **MacDonald's Funeral Home** and have flown all 20 years.



Jim Neill from
Riverwoods, Illinois, tries to
win the 20th challenge with
"Stellar," a royal blue balloon with a smattering of
bright yellow stars. Jim has
come close a few times so
maybe he will win this year.
He is sponsored by Oh So
Clean Coin Laundry for
this trip.



Another of the famous "Flying Gauthier's" is Joey Gauthier from Waterford who pilots "Nudge Me," as in the morning ... to fly. The balloon is a beautiful purple and black.

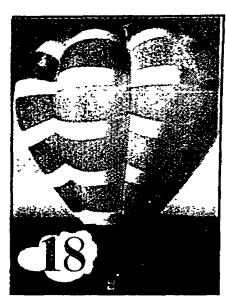
Kensington Inn sponsors his return trip.



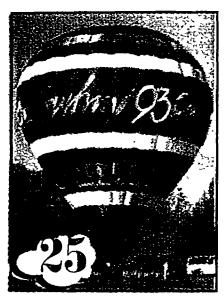
Balloonfest Crew School instructor Brian Prokuda pilots "Sunrise," a red, orange, yellow, blue, purple and navy balloon with a wave pattern. Walter's Home Appliance sponsors him.



Battle Creek sends us
Phil Clinger who flies
"The Jester." The balloon is
patterned in a tumbling
block design of purple, yellow and green and is sponsored by Avis Rent A CarBrighton.



David Seekell is from Jackson. His balloon, "Wind Dancer II" is a multi-colored spiral with white horizontal bands. David's wife Tina acts as his crew chief. David is sponsored by Fraternal Order of Eagles.



Livingston County's Own WHMI FM 93-5 brings a new balloon to Michigan Challenge XX. The blue and silver vertical gores with the station logo is a corporate entry and is piloted by Steve Davis, who has flown balloons all over the United States.



Wayne Warren, event safety officer, of Waterford, is responsible for making sure that everything is properly done on the field and during the various flights. U of M Health Systems sponsors Wayne, one of four pilots who have flown in the Michigan Challenge every year. His balloon "Junior" has stripes of black, yellow and pink.



Allen Yost of Midlothian, Illinois, flies "Spectrum" which is yellow with a red, blue and green zig-zag pattern. He is sponsored by Olinik Family McDonalds. Allen has participated in many of the Challenges and has worked with many of the pilots to show them the ropes.



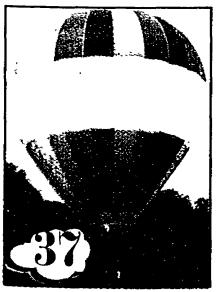
Wade Shows sponsors the 2001 champion of the Michigan Challenge, Paul Quandee, who is from Elkhart, Indiana. His new balloon is called "Cherry Bomb." Paul's wife Mary complements him as crew chief.



Ken Meyer, a local Howell resident, flies "Ralphie's Ride," a midnight blue balloon with bright primary colors. The balloon has flown here before and is now flying in honor of Ken's father. Auto One sponsors Ken's inaugural chance to win the Challenge.



Back for her sixth try at the challenge is Jan Knight who lives in Howell and is the only grandma flying in the event. She flies "Cloud Dancer," a green balloon with a gold lattice top and bottom. First National Bank in Howell sponsors her appearance every year.



Mike Howard from England flew at the Challenge in 2002 and is back again to try and take the trophy back over the Atlantic. "Rainbow Sunrise" has a yellow equator and vertical rainbow-colored gores. It is sponsored by International Transmission Company.



The 1986 champion of the Challenge, Rick Meteyer, returns to try and take another trophy home. He pilots "Mariah," a threetoned, blue and white stairstep pattern balloon. Rick hails from Davisburg and is sponsored by Primerica Inc.



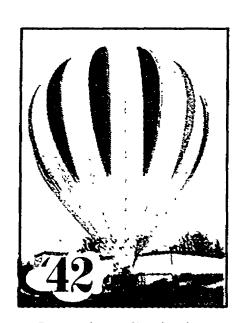
Pinckney sends us Dale Estes flying "Kids 2 Wishin," a balloon with horizontal bars of white, royal blue, light blue, red and pink. Senator Valde Garcia is Dale's sponsor. This will be Dale and Cheryl's second trip to the Challenge.



Tennessee sends another entry in Roy Smith. He flies a neat balloon called "Squirrel Hunter" The balloon has a green top, a white equator and a grey bottom. Cider Mill Crossings sponsors Roy.



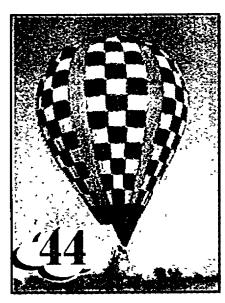
"Ocean Fantasy" features a collection of scuba divers, fish and all the things you would expect to see in the ocean. Don Wertman II is the pilot of this beautiful balloon and is sponsored by A & L Parts.



Long-time pilot in the Challenge is Ron Groce from Mason, Michigan. He pilots a gorgeous yellow balloon with vertical colored stripes. Metropolitan Title sponsors him.



Chuck Polonowski of Rockford flies "Double Yellow." The balloon has a stairstep design of black, green, red and rust against a vibrant yellow base. Get your sunglasses out for this one. McGowan's Mini Storage sponsors his second trip.



Bill Baker from Tyler,
Texas flies "Checkerboard,"
a bright rendition of a black
and white checkerboard
with red trim. Bill's flights
are sponsored by Dunham
Hills Golf Club. This will
be Bill's second visit to
Howell.



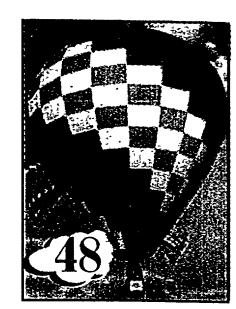
Milford pilot Wes
Dickerson flies "Fore"
which is yellow, black and red. He is sponsored by
Oceola Township. Carole acts as crew chief for this Lindstrand balloon.



Tom Bergeon from Mason pilots "Mighty Max," the RE/MAX corporate entry. Tom and his wife, Mickey, are seen flying all over mid-Michigan to represent this company.



Wayne Homes sponsors Jeff Pestun, a returning pilot to the Challenge who has flown corporate entries but this year pilots his own balloon called "Fantasy" which is blue with yellow and orange vertical bars. Jeff and Robyn hail from Zeeland.



Rick Kohut comes from Louisville, Ohio, and flies "Wind Trek," a teal, orange and yellow spiral. A. J. Danboise Son sponsors Rick. This is the second time Rick and Debbie have come to Howell.



Stephen Herbstreit comes to the Challenge for his second attempt from Battle Creek. He flies "Cloud Chase," a bright yellow and navy Cameron entry. He is sponsored by Miller & Co.



Donna Fox returns to fly competitively. This year she pilots "Bubba," a Lindstrand balloon that is yellow with green and red horizontal rings.

Livingston Antique
Outlet sponsors her.



Maury Petrehn won the 2002 Challenge and flies "Zuma," a brand new balloon which is black on the top and bottom and to quote the designer, "beautiful in the middle." Maury is sponsored by Kolt Jewelers.



John Derado, now hailing from Missouri, flies "Night & Day" which shows the gorgeous moonlit sky and a kite flying on a bright sunny day. He is sponsored by Masters Home Improvement.



Jeremy Fox, sponsored by Special Edition Skateboard Shop, comes to the Challenge from North Fairfield, Ohio. He flies "Inspiration," an Aerostar balloon that has a rainbow pattern.



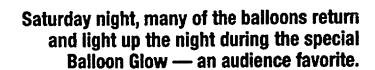
Frank Campanella from Orchard Lake brings the ever-beautiful envelope, which delights the crowds called "Carousel," which has wonderful designs of animals and children.

Adler Homes sponsors Frank.



Edward Jones sponsors Harry Goertz who pilots "Giddy-Up." The balloon is a spiral of red, yellow, blue and pink. Harry crewed for many years and liked us so much he decided to fly here. He resides in Granger, Indiana.

our pilots participated in the very first Michigan Challenge Balloonfest in 1985 and have returned every year since. Dick Rudlaff, Jerry Stephan, Shawn Raya and Wayne Warren will be celebrating 20 years of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, right along with the event organizers. The balloonfest committee and the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank each of these pilots for returning year after year.



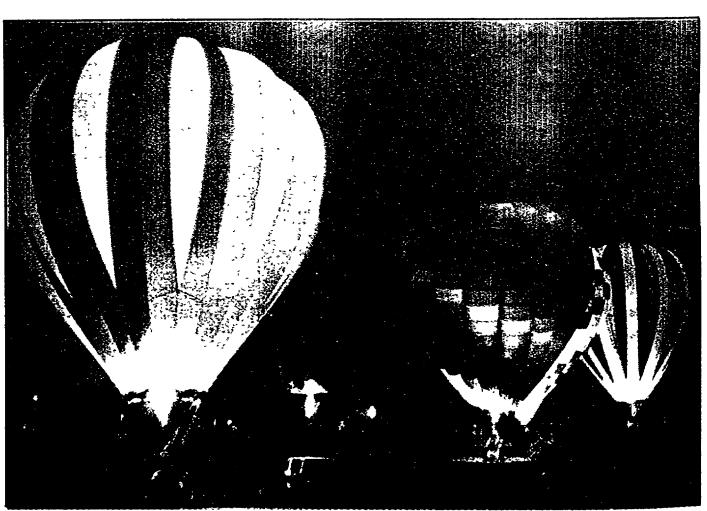


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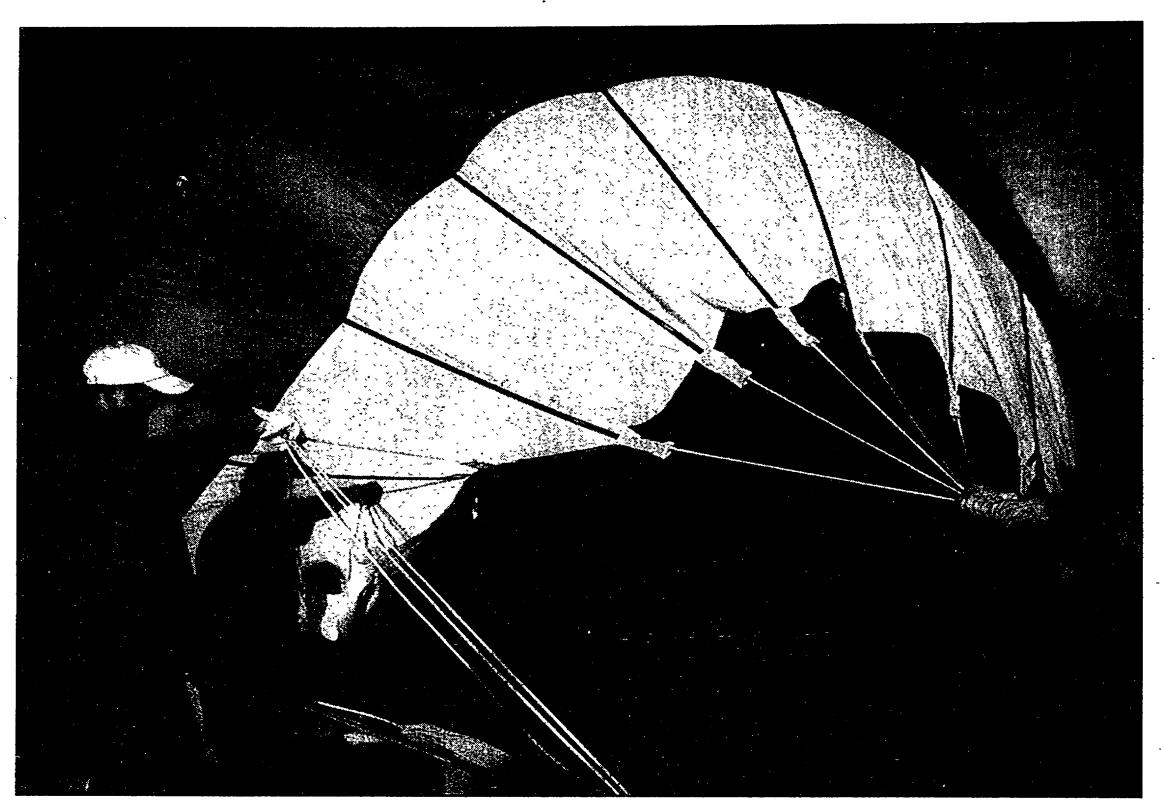
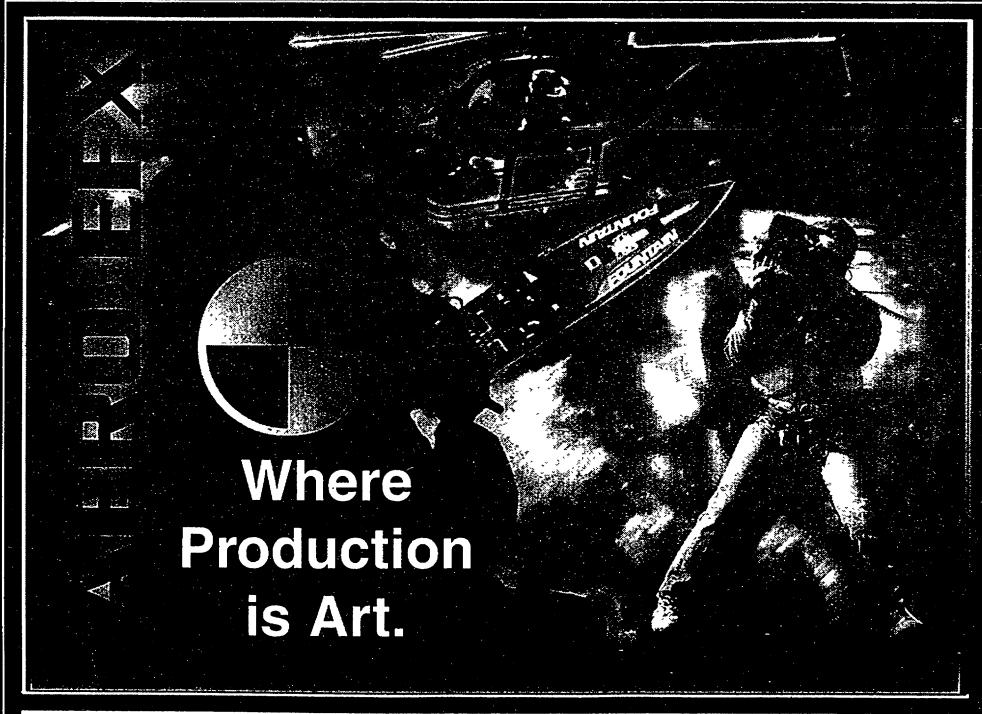


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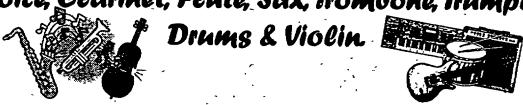
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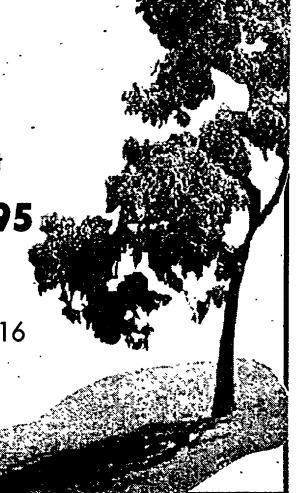


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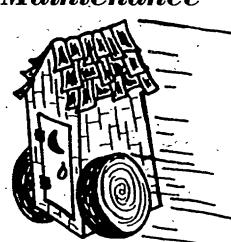
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Jessica Dail (seated, center) couldn't wait to get her chance to go airborne on Serena's Song, joined by siblings Michael and Marissa, and mom Cindi. Once pilot Phil Gray lit the burners, the loud noise caused Michael to cover his ears and Jessica to recoil from the surprise. The balloon lifts people confined to wheelchairs or with disabilities, while still tethered to the ground to keep their flight safe and controlled.

Serena's story offers faith

ilot Gary Waldman calls the 2004 touring season of Serena's Song "Our Tour of Faith."

However, the handicapped accessible balloon has given thousands of people hope, courage and joy throughout its 14 years of providing free tethered balloon rides to children and adults with special needs.

This special hot air balloon returns to the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest on June 25, 26 and 27.

The balloon was designed for Gary's daughter, Serena Waldman, 21, who was born with severe brain damage and cerebral palsy. She rarely showed any emotion and never said a word.

"One day I took her up in a hot air balloon. Far below, people shrank into specks.. Serena suddenly laughed and yelled in delight," said Waldman. "By the time we touched down I knew what I had to do."

With balloon pilot Phil Gray, he built the nation's first hot air balloon for disabled people, with straps to secure wheelchairs and a unique door on the side of the basket.

"We built Serena's Song to take Serena's friends on short rides, but it has become a much bigger project," said Waldman.

In fact, more than 10,000 children have been given a ride in Serena's Song. The balloon is a vivid blue with a huge wheelchair accessible symbol on the envelope. Access to the balloon is by a unique 48-inch door in the side of the balloon basket.

Recently in Nevada, Serena was presented with a new state of the art wheelchair in recognition of the contribution Serena and her Song has made to families in the Silver

FOR DISABLED GUESTS

A special tip to handicapped guests: The morning launch times on Saturday and Sunday (between 6-8 a.m.) are less busy and the lines are much shorter at Serena's Song.

This special opportunity is made possible by the sponsorship team of Health Care Innovations and Wal-Mart Stores.

Serena's Song first came to the Michigan Challenge in 1994. Since then, hundreds of guests with disabilities have enjoyed a tethered balloon ride. These special guests have seen the world from a perspective they never thought possible, in an airship previously unattainable to them.

If the weather cooperates with light winds (under 10 mph), Serena's Song will carry its special passengers up to 100 feet above the balloonfest grounds during launch times Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening and Saturday and Sunday morning. Serena's Song is located just adjacent to the main launch field, just west of the Arts Festival.

Guests at the Michigan Challenge will find handicapped parking at all three entrances. The Grand River and M-59 entrances are the two most convenient to Serena's Song. Guests who have handicapped identification on their vehicle should ask to be directed to the handicapped parking areas.



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Drew Heughens, one of the skateboard demonstrators at the Michigan Challenge, performs a manoeuvre as spectators watch in awe.

Grab your board and catch some air

uests to balloonfest will flip over the Michigan Challenge Skateboard Exhibition on Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Like many activities at the Michigan Challenge, skaters in the Skateboard Exhibition perform in the air as they demonstrate kick flips, grinds, board slides, backslides, fakies, healflips, ollies, nollies and noseslides.

The Lighthouse Skate Team will be featured

this year with members of the Daykare Team performing as well for the fourth year in a row.

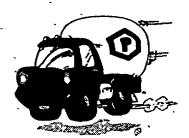
This year's show and skate will be north of the balloon launch area adjacent to the Howell Area Aquatic Center. Special Editions Skateboard Shop is proud to again be the major sponsor of the exhibition.

Want to do your own boarding? Bring-your skateboard and helmet to the exhibition area from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and all day Sunday. Call (810) 220-8095 for information.





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Take a step back in time

Medieval Village offers exciting look at middle ages



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Learn how to joust, watch blacksmiths in action and enjoy other demonstrations at the Medieval Village near the launch field.

nter the gate towers and experience the mystical magic of the Michigan Challenge Medieval Village.

Lords and ladies from every century can travel back in time and see what life was like in earlier days — knights in full armor jousting, chainmail making,

■ The Medieval Village is located east of

DETAILS

the launch field.

Look for signs announcing special events and demonstrations.

blacksmiths working at their trade, weaving, calligraphy and juggling. The Medieval Village features stage performances, and gives visitors a chance to learn to fence and take part in demonstrations and activities.

Located east of the launch field, guests to the village are greeted by medieval knights in shining armor, ladies and knaves. Watch the knights compete in sword fighting and see the artisans at their crafts. Activities will be listed, along with times, on signs within the village.

Members of the Society for Creative Anachronism and Ring of Steel, two historical re-creation groups will be on hand to answer questions and get visitors involved.



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Balloon glow provides spectacular fun

Tatching the balloon glow on Saturday night of the Michigan Challenge is like watching dozens of rockets launch at the same time.

In anticipation of each glow, the crowd shouts out the count: five ... four ... three ... two ... one ... GLOW!

As darkness falls, more than 30 balloons will inflate on the launch field, their colors glowing against the night sky. Announcer Tom Maynard leads the crowd in a count-down to the first "all glow"— and all the balloons simultaneously ignite their burners presenting an almost overwhelming display of color and light.

"Twinkle" glows will also be announced as spectators marvel to one balloon glow after another. It's a sight that outshines any stars in the night sky.

And then, from nearly one mile above the earth, the Comcast Skydivers perform a spectacular nighttime jump, complete with pyrotechnics.

Make sure you're at the launch field on Saturday night to see the balloon glow and night skydiving show. It's one of the most unique and thrilling sights of the Michigan Challenge weekend.

Over the years, hundreds of thousands of spectators have been dazzled by the glow at the balloonfest and many thousands more have seen it featured on TV news programs. Don't forget your camera.

The glow will be coordinated by the Glowmeister, Howard Steele of Clarkston.



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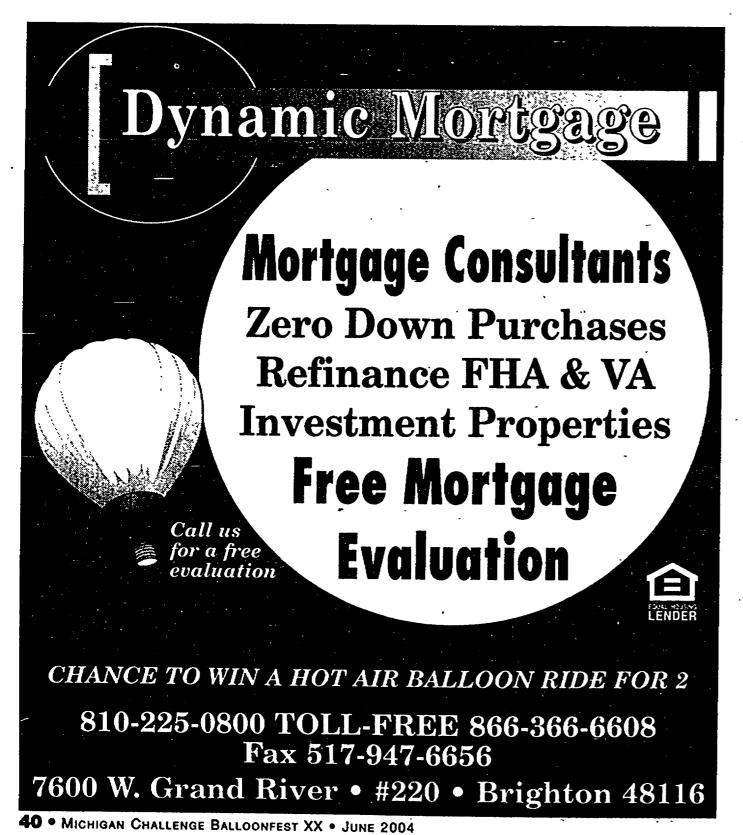
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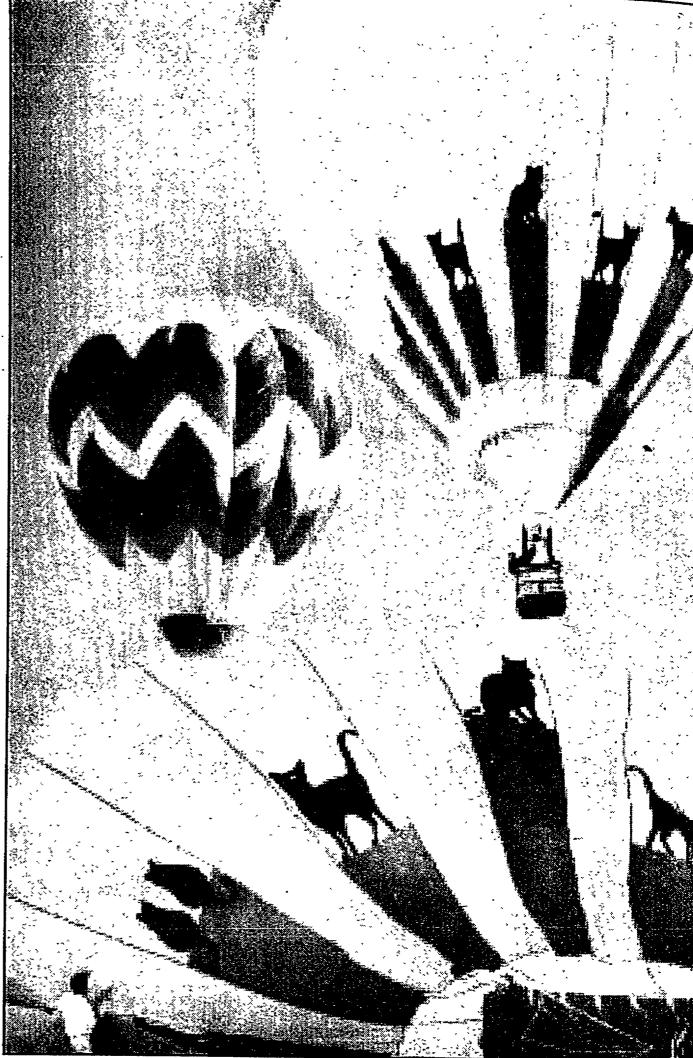


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What's that rope hanging from the top of the balloon? It's used to hold the balloon down during inflation and pull the balloon down after the final landing.

Competition makes festival unique

es, the weekend is filled with family events and activities; but the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is all that and more.

What is most unique about the event is that it is a competition. It fact, the Michigan Challenge is the state championship of hot air ballooning.

"The balloon pilots at our event compete for the title of Michigan Challenge Champion," said Michigan Challenge Manager Michelle Tokan. "It's a sporting event where pilots receive points for national ranking from the North American Balloon Association."

Although popularly called "races," competitions such as the challenge have nothing to do with how fast or how far a balloon travels. It's all a matter of skill.

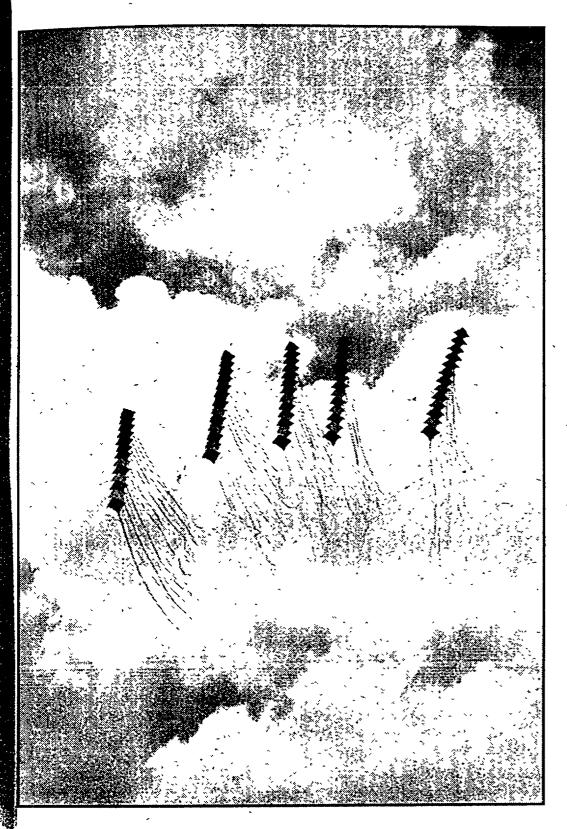
The competition is based on how well pilots can use wind currents and altitude to steer their balloons to a specific target. Pilots toss a numbered "baggie" onto an "X"-shaped target and aim to be as close to the center of the target as

"Once people realize the Michigan Challenge is a sporting event, watching the competition can be as exciting as watching a playoff game. The winner is not determined until the last baggie is dropped," said Tokan.

The competition takes place in the early evening and just after dawn because that is when the winds are the calmest. Winds over 12 mph, rain or lightning will keep the balloons

If the weather is favorable, after the launch the pilots will try to find the right wind currents to take them close to the target.

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Windjammers to perform all-new night kite show

eep an eye on the sky.
Balloons aren't the only things that soar at the Michigan Challenge.
For 15 years, the Windjammers
Stunt Kite Team has been a featured attraction to balloonfest with their star-spangled, patriotic stunt kite spectacular. New for Michigan Challenge XX is a night kite show on Friday scheduled at 9:45 p.m.

"The kites will have lights on them as they fly across the sky, and spotlights on the ground will follow the kites in the air," said Michigan Challenge Manager Michelle Tokan. "It's a balloonfest first, and a performance that's even more breathtaking than the Windjammers daytime shows."

In what could be described as "dancing" kites, the team performs on Saturday and Sunday with a routine set to the music of patriotic favorites to Motown and show tunes. The highlight of their performance is a stirring rendition of "America The Beautiful" with spectacular red, white and blue kites. And if the winds are right, the Windjammers will fly 78 kites at once, in six spectacular kite "trains." Ever fly a kite? At the Michigan

Challenge, spectators have a chance to learn basic maneuvers, join the Windjammers on the field and send a stunt kite flying. The Windjammers' kites are controlled with two or four lines, allowing them to be steered and "choreographed." Even in light winds, the graphite kites fly. Visitors will see kite formations and controlled power dives.

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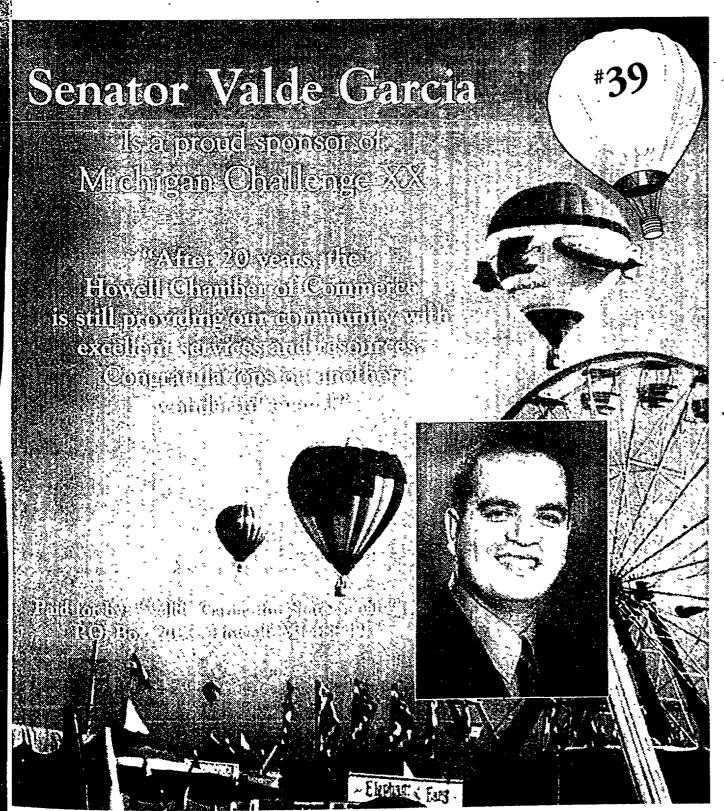
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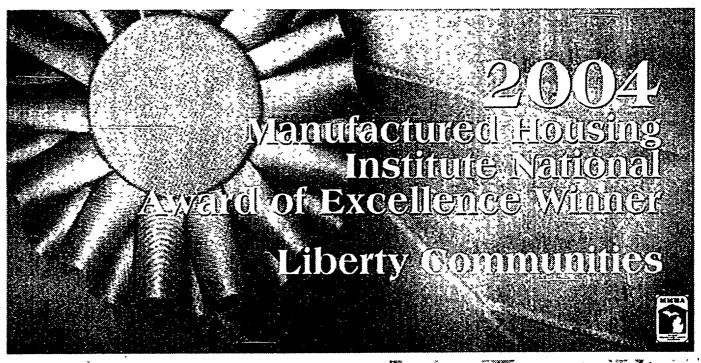
Members of the team are Gary Maynard, Nate Williams, James Kinsey, George Wright III, and Mike Carlisle. They've been flying stunt kites together for years.

For more information on the Windjammers and the sport of stunt kiting, visit www.windjammerskiteteam.com.



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ttending Michigan Challenge XX is an unforgettable event. Add a visit to downtown Howell on your way to or from the launch site and make it a historical adventure.

Right in the heart of downtown at the historic Livingston County Courthouse, balloonfest visitors can enjoy kids' activities, music, and entertainment.

Saturday, June 26, is Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kids' Day and Sunday, June 27, is Schafer's House of Music — Music Day.

The downtown venue — with shops, restaurants and entertainment — is a mile east of the Howell High School complex. where the balloons launch.

Activities are planned in the city throughout the weekend, June 25-27. FRIDAY

Friday evening shop and dine as you enjoy street entertainment.

Don't miss the bargains as Howell's downtown merchants open their doors from 7-11 p.m. for a twilight sale.

Then, have some fun and dance to the music at the street dance on Walnut Street from 7-11 p.m. sponsored by the Livingston Community News.

SATURDAY

Saturday of balloonfest weekend is Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kids'

Trunks to Treasures 9 a.m. to 3-p.m.

Dozens of community members will empty their car trunks of treasures for sale. This "community garage sale" is sure to

provide something to pique your interest. Want to be a part of the sale? Call the Howell chamber at (517) 546-3920.

Trunks to Treasures is on State Street, next to the courthouse.

Scribble the Sidewalk

The Howell Area Arts Council hosts this fun and creative opportunity for children to make masterpieces in chalk right on the sidewalk by the courthouse.

Show Me 20! Kids Parade

To help celebrate the two decades of the Michigan Challenge, kids are encouraged to take part in this parade dressed up using a balloonfest XX theme. Be creative and show the judges what 20 means to you.

Lowe's Craft Kits

Learn how to swing a hammer, nail some wood and create a craft you can take home and enjoy.

Howell Area Fire Department Canine Team ' 10:45 a.m.

Meet the fire dog and learn from its handler how they work together to keep people safe.

Carriage Rides 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take a leisurely ride through downtown in a beautiful Victorian horse-drawn carriage. \$3 per person/\$12 per family. The carriages depart from in front of the courthouse.

Glenn's School of Dance 11:15 a.m. Learn to dance and take part in the Hip Hop class.

Dog Show

The always-popular Dog Show is more bow-wow than high-brow and even offers a pet refreshment stand. Prizes will be awarded for the "happiest dog," "most extreme dog," and "best trick." Each participant will receive a doggie goodie bag and there will be trophies. Registration begins at 11 a.m. The dog show is presented by Town Center Veterinary Clinic.

AKC Canine High Jump Contest 1 p.m. Watch dogs of all sizes participate in a high jump competition.

Zeemo the Magnificent 2 p.m.

Yo-yo master, magician, and entertainer extraordinaire, Zeemo will delight young and old with his yo-yo tricks, juggling and antics. A balloonfest tradition!

Saturday Night AfterGlow!

Downtown Howell is the place to be on Saturday night! A special night of live entertainment like top-40, jazz, karaoke and keyboard in downtown Howell restaurants and pubs. Relax and enjoy the party after a great day at balloonfest!

SUNDAY

Sunday is Schafer's House of Music -Music Day downtown. Great live music will be the feature of Sunday's balloonfest activities, Children can paint at the art easels and design musical crafts.

Howell Sunday Farmers' Market 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stop by to purchase home grown, home baked and home made goodies. Many of the area's finest farmers and growers will have their produce for sale. The Farmers' Market is located on State Street, next to the courthouse

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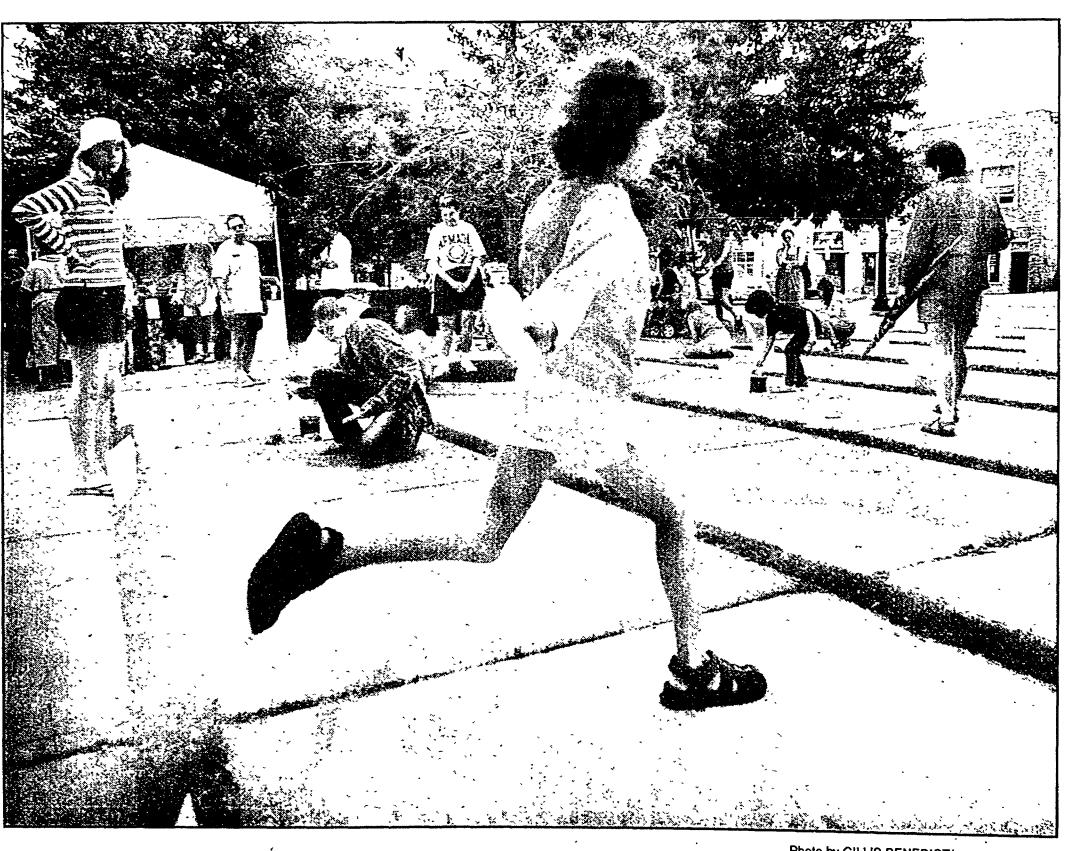


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Katy Makins jumps over her sidewalk artwork after fetching a windblown sponge she used to blend the chalk colors.

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oe LaVigne does a double-take at an unique artifact at the Trunks to Treasures sale as is wife Julie walks ahead.

Return to county for more family fun

aving fun at the balloonfest? Come back to Livingston County Lthroughout the year for our many other special events.

The Howell Sunday Farmers' Market is a weekly mini-festival that is opened from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 28. Located in downtown on State Street, adjacent to the Historic Livingston County Courthouse, it features the fresh produce of area growers, plus weekly entertainment and special events.

Contact the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce at (517) 546-3920.

Enjoy Concerts at the Courthouse at 7 p.m. on Friday nights in July and August at the Livingston County Courthouse Amphitheater in Howell, Hosted by the -Howell Area Arts Council.

Call (517) 540-0640.

Livingston County's Fowlerville Fair, July 10-17. Agricultural, 4-H and open class exhibits, a carnival, top name concerts and horse racing highlight the county fair. Hosted by the Fowlerville Agricultural Society. Call (517) 223-8186.

The Brighton Art Festival, Aug. 14-15, Brighton. A downtown art show, classic car show and parade sponsored by the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce. Call (810) 227-5086.

Howell Melon Festival, Aug. 20-22. A large parade, arts and crafts show, music and entertainment are featured during this weekend as the city salutes the delicious Howeli melon. Cali (517) 546-7477. Sponsored by the Howell Jaycees.

Fantasy of Lights, Nov. 26, in historic downtown Howell. This event begins the holiday season with a sparkling nighttime Christmas parade filled with dozens of illuminated floats and musical units. Hosted by the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

Call (517) 546-3920.

There's a wealth of activities and attractions in Livingston County.

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Pilots compete during Michigan Challenge

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Each pilot will toss a numbered baggie onto the target, usually a large "X" shape spread in a field or at an intersection, aiming to be as close to the center as possible.

You can easily watch this competition during morning flights at the Michigan Challenge when the "X" is located right at the launch field

the countryside

A baggie is made of rip-stop nylon, weighted at one end, with a long nylon tail that streams behind it as it descends. If during the competition you see a baggie on the ground or if one lands near you, please don't touch it. The scoring officials will need to accurately measure its distance from the target.

and the pilots take off from various spots out in

Balloonists will compete in various events during the competition.

- Judge Declared Goal a goal, perhaps a target or road intersection, declared by the balloonmeister.
- Hare and Hound the hare or lead balloon leaves the field first and the hounds, the remaining balloons, try to follow and throw a marker.
- Watership Down balloons fly into the main launch field and follow a hare out that takes off at a predetermined time.
- a fly in task, usually at the main launch field.

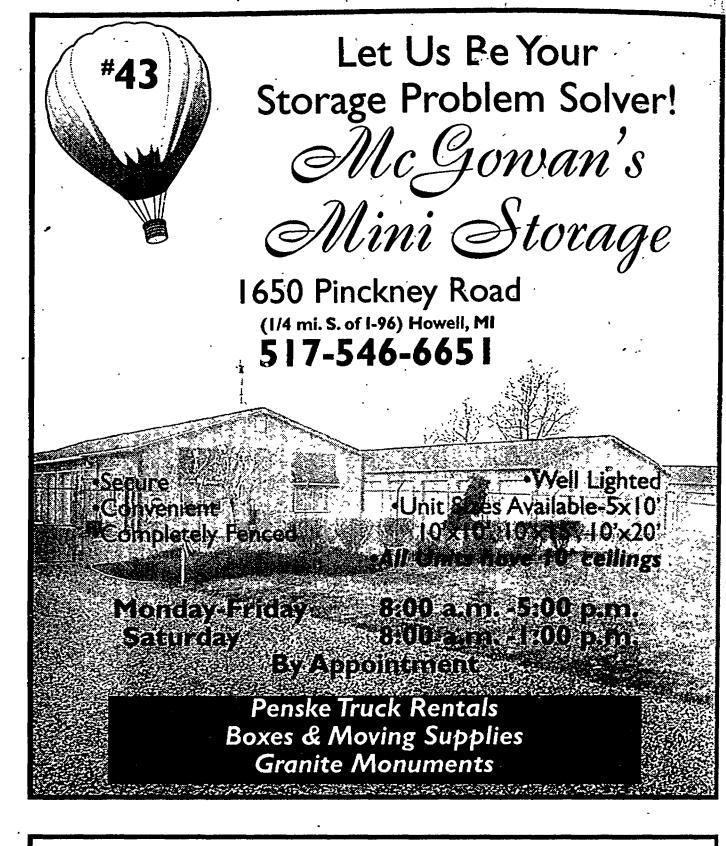
Each event will have at least one target (or task), sometimes two or three. The type of com-

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-Michelle Tokan Michigan Challènge Manager

petition will depend on the weather conditions and will be determined by Balloonmeister Jim Birk. Events will be announced at the pilot briefing prior to each launch. Spectators should listen for competition announcer Tom Maynard, who will supply the details of each flight.

During Michigan Challenge XX, balloon pilots will compete for a beautiful trophy, cash and prizes and bragging rights as the official Michigan Champion of hot air ballooning.





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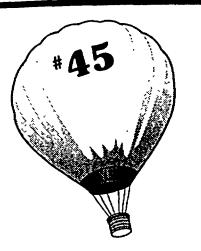
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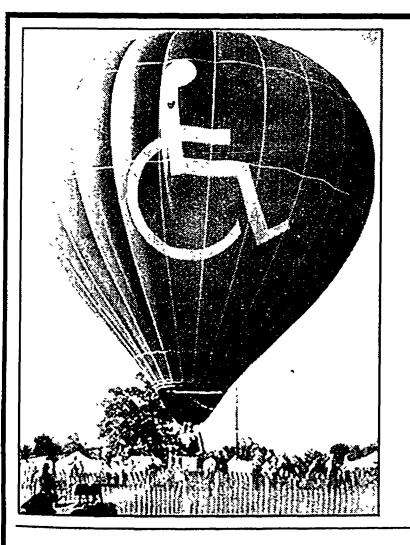
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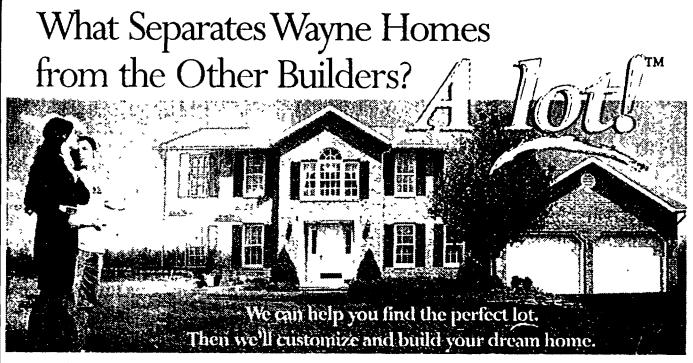


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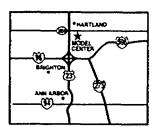
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t's a committee that reaches for the sky. For 20 years, volunteers on the Michigan Challenge Committee have been the real stars of the event, putting forth the commitment and enthusiasm that makes balloonfest one of the premier outdoor festivals in the state.

The Michigan Challenge is a year-long process, and work actually begins on the

Cathy Blight

Reed Kittredge

Vice-Chair

Don Cortez

Steve Barlow

Gayle Down

Chair



In addition to the committee chairs and leaders listed below, more than 700 volunteers work all weekend long to make the event a success.



Although this is her first year as chair, Cathy has served on the arts festival committee for many years.

Reed Kittredge, operations manager of WHMI FM 93-5, is vice chair and co-chair of the entertainment committee.

Don Cortez, owner of First Impression Printing & Graphics and Steve Barlow, Siemens, are co-chairs of the parking committee. They are responsible for the enormous job of directing parking for the thousands of cars

that visit the

Challenge.

Gayle Down of **Howell Public Schools** chairs the Arts Festival and is assisted by Karen Murdock of Livingston Diversified Services. The Arts Festival is one of the



Sandie Cortez

largest attractions at

Sandie Cortez, who

owns First Impression

Printing with her hus-

band Don, is in charge

of all signage for the

event. She also serves

as a parking gate cap-

Ron Ernst of

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Brighton, chairs the

skateboard exhibition

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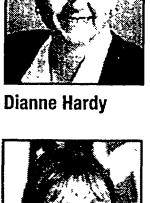
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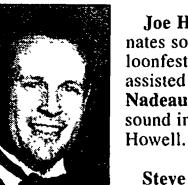




Harwood of the City of Howell Police Department acts as liaison between the city and the chamber, coordinates safety and security at the balloonfest site and is in charge of carnival activities.



Sgt. Becky Harwood



Steve Henrie



Victor Lopez

Joe Heslip coordinates sound at the balloonfest site. He is assisted by Mary Nadeau, who provides sound in downtown Howell.

Steve Henrie, director of development, Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital is co-chair of the entertainment committee that coordinates activities on the main stage, launch field, arts festival, vendor and dining areas.

Victor Lopez, owner of Active Bookkeeping Service,



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Martha McKenzie

keeps the books for the balloonfest, as head of the finance committee.

Martha McKenzie of the Howell Carnegie District Library coordinates site activities, souvenirs and the information booths at the Michigan Challenge. She has volunteered at the Michigan Challenge for 20 years.



Pam Rietsch

Jerry McKenzie, Martha's husband and also a 20-year veteran volunteer at balloonfest, supervises sanitation and clean-up of the site before, during and after the big bal-

loonfest weekend.

Jerry is assisted by Trevor Brooks, The
UPS Store.

Sue Tucker, a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, chairs the Medieval Village. This is her second year



Dick Rudlaff

Pam Rietsch is pilot liaison for the event. She runs the Livingston County Genealogical & Historical Web site. Pam has worked on the committee since its first year and is assisted by Ray and Gabi Bresett.



Gary Morris

Dick Rudlaff is the event's competition director and first had the idea of holding the state championship of hot air ballooning in Howell. A nationally known pilot, he will also compete in the Challenge.

Gary Morris chairs the Antique and Custom Car Show. Gary is very active in the Livingston A's Region Model A Restorers Club.

Paul Streng, former mayor of the city of Howell and an instructor at Michigan



Paul Streng



Gary Sumeracki

Gary Sumeracki of P&J Associates is vendor chairperson. He coordinates both food and non-food concessionaires on the bal-

loonfest grounds.

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relations for the event.

Jerry Stephan, Paul

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will help map out safe

Assisted by pilot

Sue Dolato, Howell City Council, chairs the balloonfest downtown committee. Sue is assisted by city of Howell Mayor Gerri Moen, Vickey Fabbo,

Professional Communications Services; Rick Dolato; Jackie Mullaney, owner of Livingston Business Forms; Rob and Sarah Scranton; and Barb Smith, of Howell's Downtown Development Authority.



Sue Dolato



Don Watson



Doug Hawes

Don Watson, retired from Howell Public Schools, is in charge of the balloonfest site. He makes sure everything is in place for the weekend. Don is assisted by Doug Hawes of WYM Consulting Services.

The balloonfest would not be possible without the cooperation of the Howell Public Schools. **Mike Peterson** of the schools provides outstanding support to the balloonfest and the committee as school liaison.





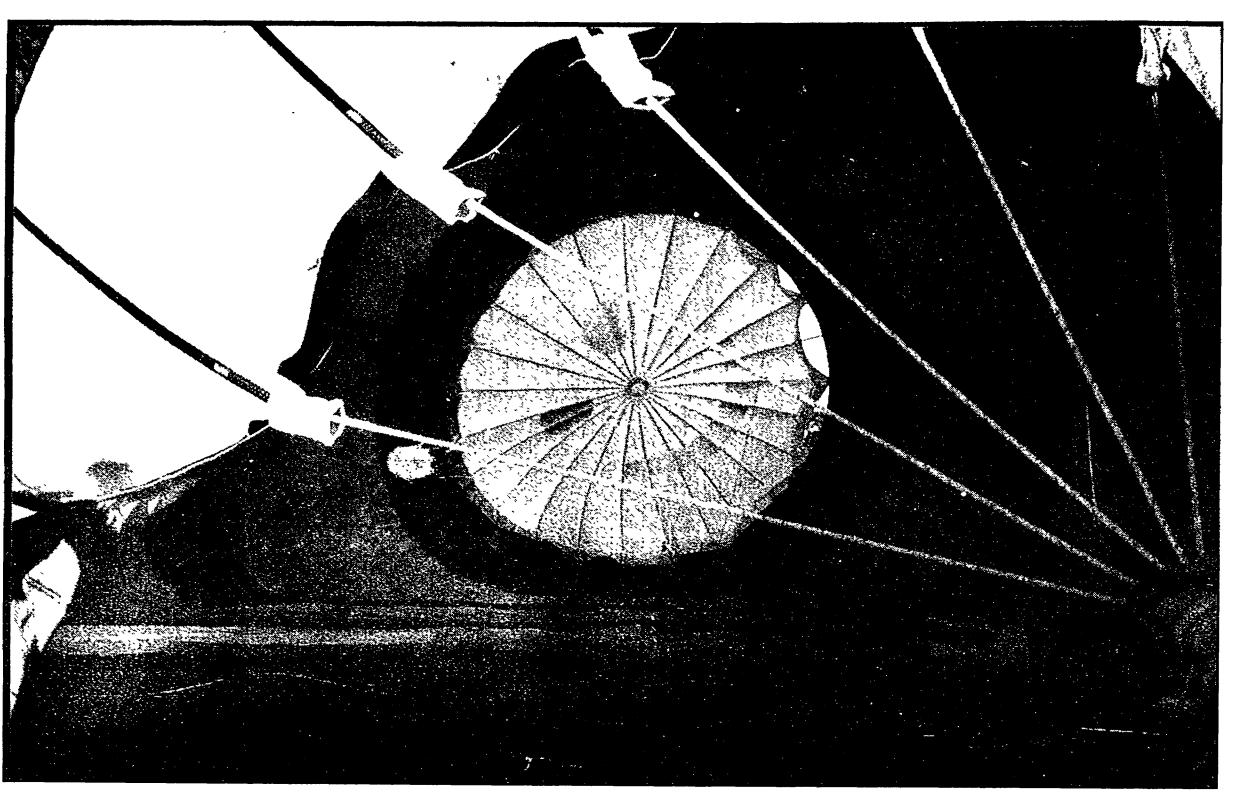


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Smiles are everywhere

Even the top of the balloon's envelope — the colored part of the balloon - can be decorated. "Sunny Trails," pictured here, features a smile face in the top of the balloon and on the top of the chaser van — the vehicle the crew uses to transport and chase the balloon. It is owned by Chuck Walz and is balloon No. 10 this year. In general, balloons hold between 30,000 and 800,000 cubic feet of air, depending on the size. Most standard balloons hold about 77,000 cubic feet. The average standard-shaped balloon costs between \$20,000 and \$30,000 brand new.







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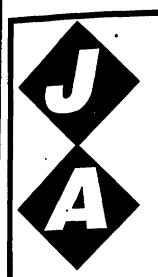
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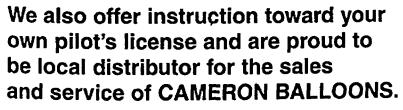
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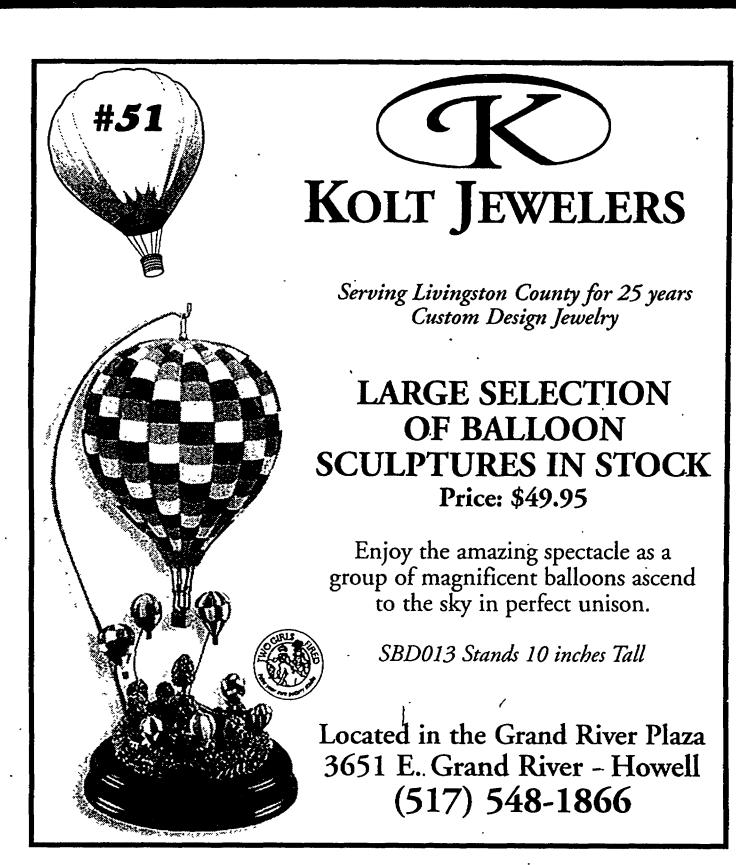




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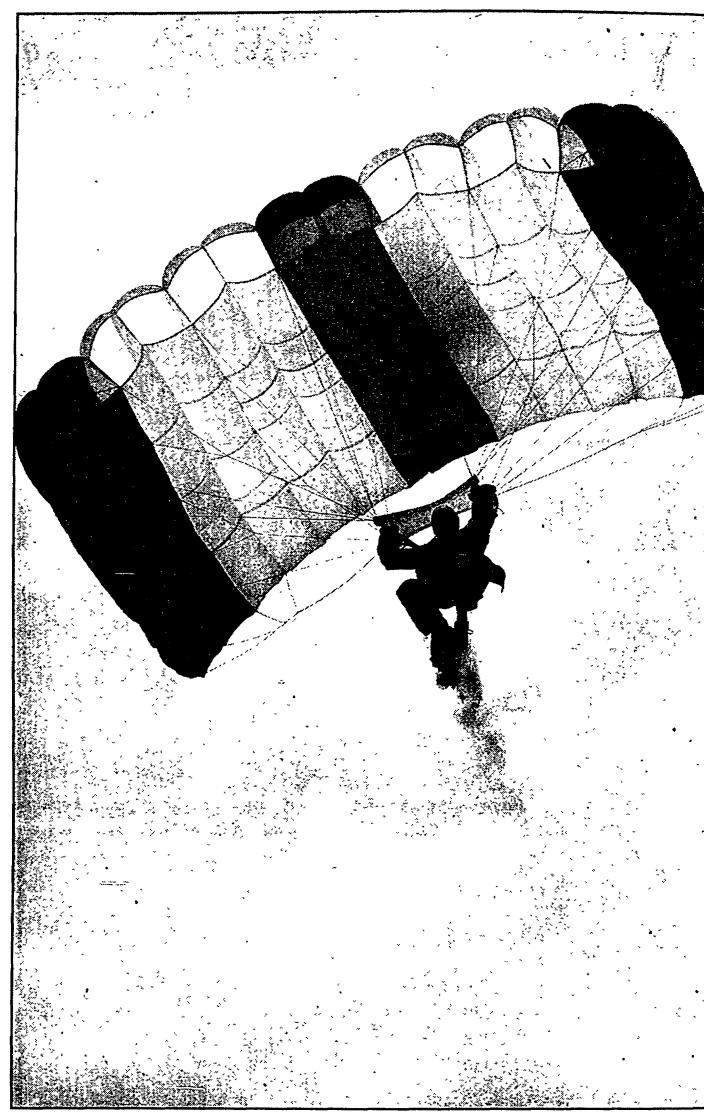


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A member of the Comcast Skydivers, presented by Paul McCowan Airshows, floats into the airfield at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest.

Skydivers' jumps rock

he Comcast Skydivers, presented by Paul McCowan
Airshows, join the Michigan
Challenge for the third year
as they "drop in" throughout
the weekend performing precision skydiving maneuvers.

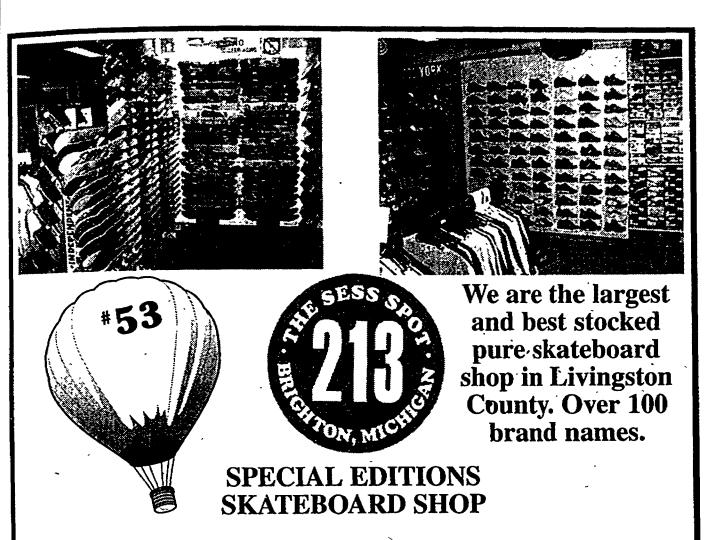
The Comcast Skydivers have become part of balloonfest's opening day tradition taking the event out of the chute, so to speak.

"Comcast is pleased to be a partner in this greater Livingston County community event. Like the Comcast skydivers, technology takes us soaring into the future," said Comcast's Maria Holmes. "Comcast is pleased to provide the latest telecommunications products and services that give our customers what they want when they want it."

The team's first performance is at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 25. This year, a special performance by the E Team skydivers, who jumped dressed as Elvis, is planned followed by a few favorite songs from the King.

Other memorable jumps are scheduled throughout the weekend including the spectacular Skydiving Night Show on Saturday evening during the Balloon Glow.

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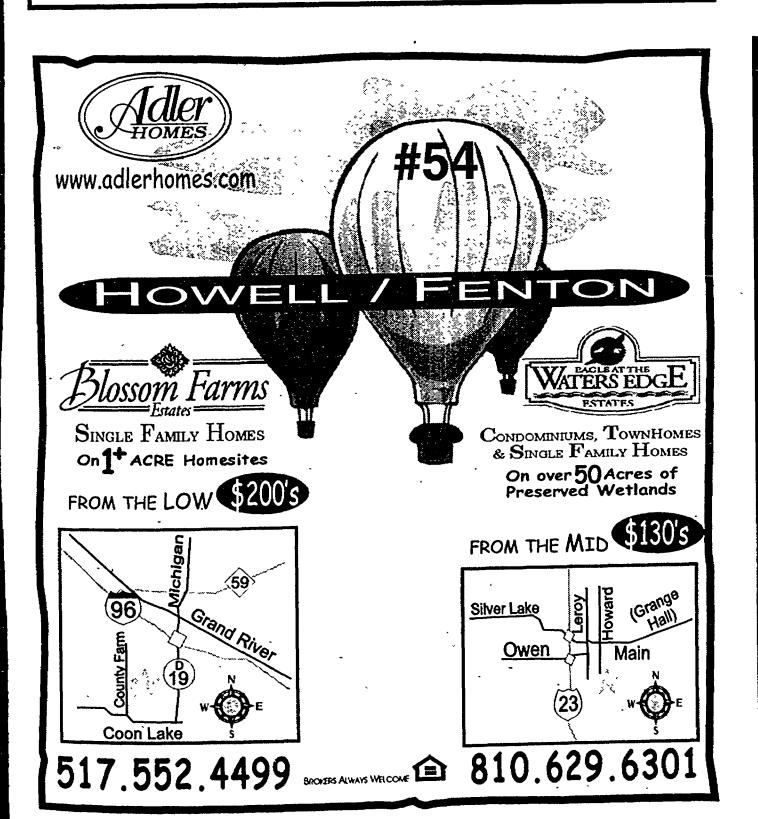
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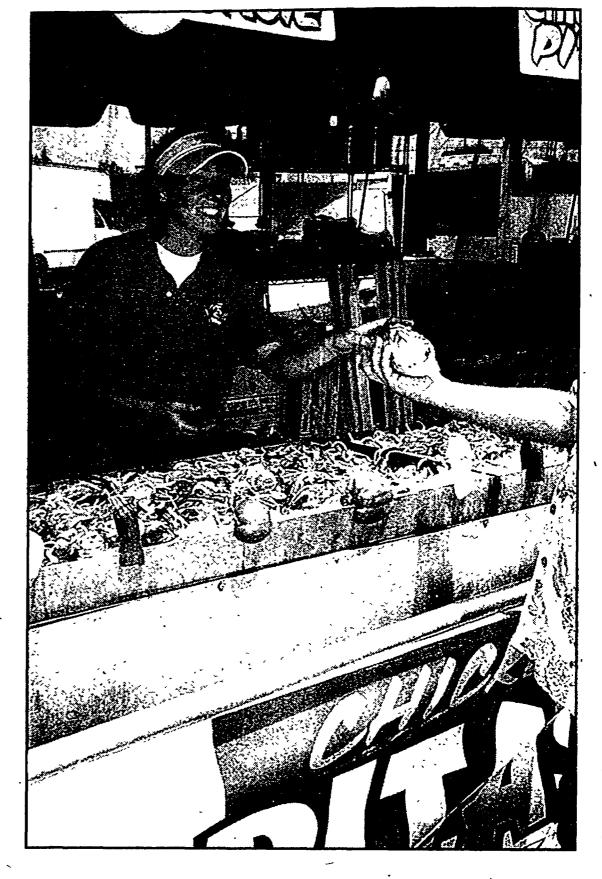


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And don't forget hot dogs, brats, sausage, sno cones, elephant ears, funnel cakes, steak subs and fries.

You may even find some of your favorite national chains at the Michigan Challenge.

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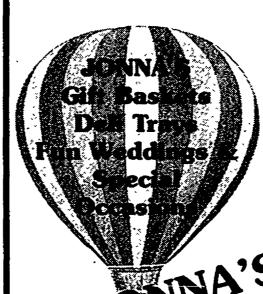
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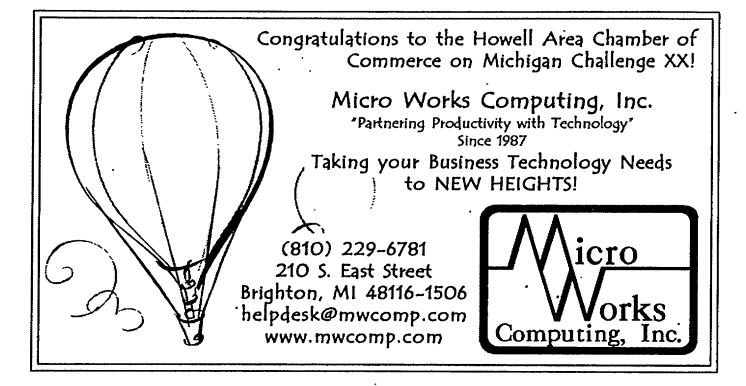
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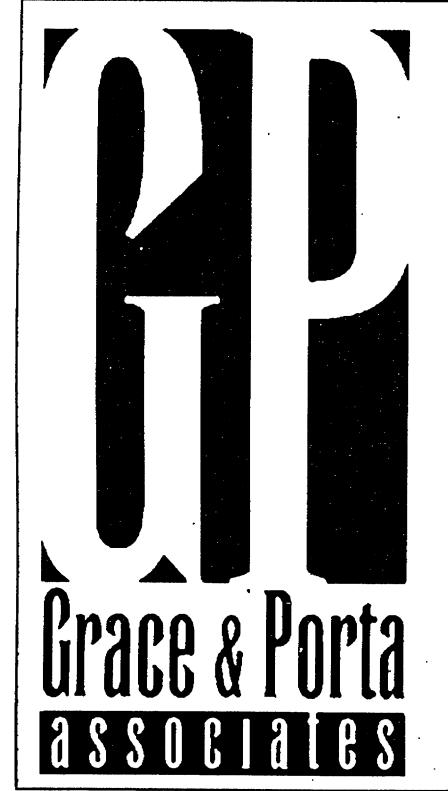






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Skydivers light up the sky

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During the night show, the team will exit their aircraft a mile above the earth, each with custom-designed special effects pyrotechnics strapped to their bodies.

After the canopies open and the ignition systems are armed, the fireworks display begins. Multiple system control modules electronically launch rockets, blazing comets, Roman candles, shooting stars and loud reports across the night sky. Brilliant strobes illuminate the canopies as the jumpers execute their final approach for landing.

During their day shows, the three-person team performs thrilling aerial maneuvers in freefalls and under canopy, using a huge American flag, canopy stacking, freefall formations and other unique acts. The gigantic flag is escorted by two jumpers patriotically displaying red and blue pyrotechnic smoke.

And when they're not jumping, the team members love to meet spectators, especially children. "We always encourage people to come up and say 'hi,'" said Paul McCowan, team leader.

In fact, the team may be found at the nearby Comcast tent, meeting kids and families and signing autographs.

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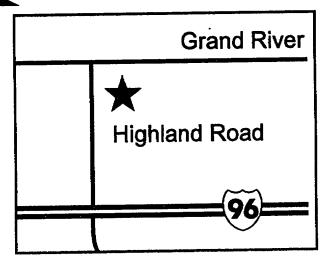
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FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Wade Shows Carnival 2-11 p.m.

Arts Festival 4 p.m.-close More than 200 artists will display and sell their work.

Comcast Skydivers 5 p.m. The E Team Skydivers sponsored by Comcast get balloonfest jumpin' dressed as Elvis impersonators and take the stage to sing a few songs from the king. Presented by Paul McCowan Airshows

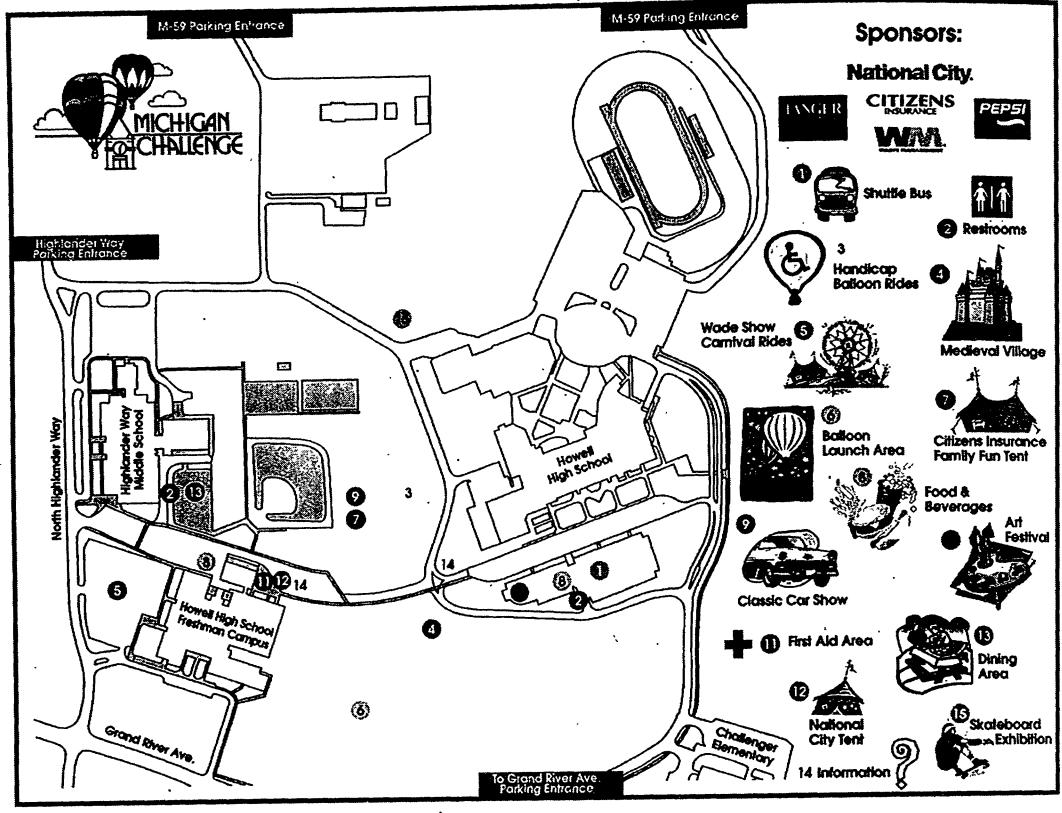
Juggler Jonathan Park 6-8 p.m. Park performs in the yendor entertainment area.

Mass Balloon Launch 6-8 p.m.* Hot air balloons launch in a spectacular

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SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Balloon Fly-in. 6-8 a.m.*

Watch as the hot air balloons compete at the balloonfest site

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9 a.m.* Comcast Skydivers Presented by Paul

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Medieval Village

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9 a.m.-2 p.m. Trunks to Treasures

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Scribble the Sidewalk 9 a.m.-noon

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10 a.m.-close Arts Festival

More than 200 artists will display and sell their work.

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Downtown Howell Entertainment

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10 a.m.-11 p.m. Wade Shows Carnival

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Go Fly a Kite! Open stunt kiting and demonstrations

11 a.m.-close, Antique and Custom Car Show

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Schedule of Activities and Events

Rock-N-Roll K-9 Show 11 a.m.

Watch as dogs of all sizes race through courses, compete in the high jump and run relay races. Sponsored by Meijer.

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Entertainment at the 2-6 p.m. Vendor Area

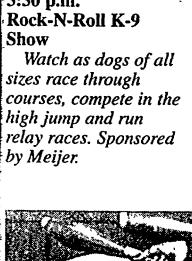
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2-8 p.m. Entertainment at the **Dining Area**

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2:30 p.m.* Windjammers Stunt Kite Performance

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Watch as the E Team, dressed as Elvis, fall from the sky and then perform a few songs.

4:30 p.m. Classic Car Parade

Look for your favorite dream machine or muscle car as the classic cars parade around the launch field.

5 p.m.* **Comcast Skydivers** Presented by Paul McCowan Airshows

6-8 p.m.* **Mass Balloon Launch** Hot air balloons launch in a spectacular display.

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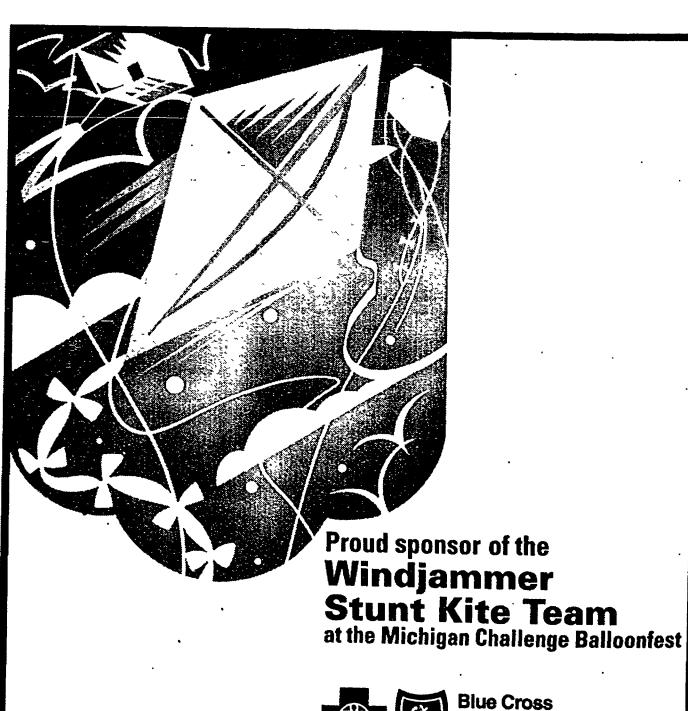
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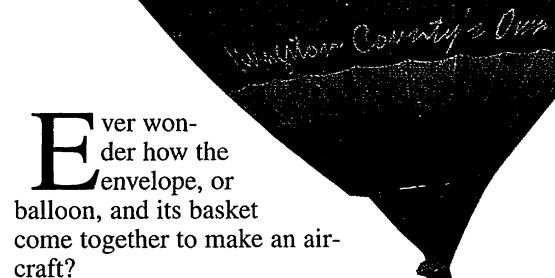
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Many balloons flying in the Michigan Challenge are born just south of Howell at Cameron Balloons in Dexter. Cameron is one of the world's largest manufacturers of hot air balloons.

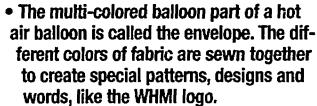
A new balloon at this year's balloonfest is the WHMI FM 93-5 corporate balloon. Sporting the colors of Livingston County's Own local radio station, the balloon is teal and black with the WHMI logo.

From concept to finish, it takes weeks to make a hot air balloon and test it for flying. Skilled specialists are involved in each step of the process including the design, weaving the basket and sewing the fabric. Then the lines, propane tanks and everything else needed to complete the balloon is put together.

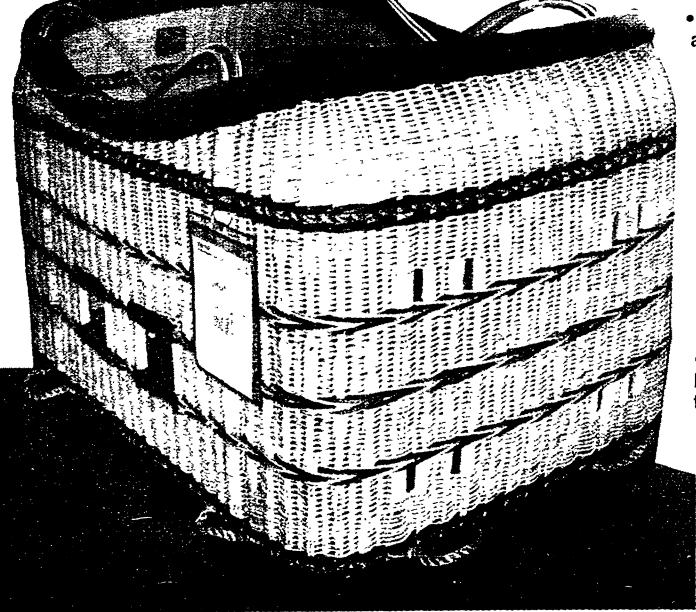
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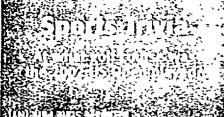
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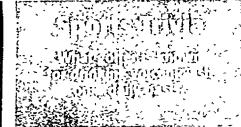
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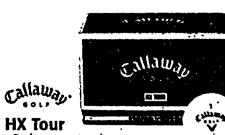
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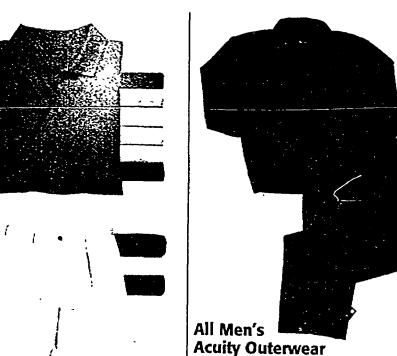


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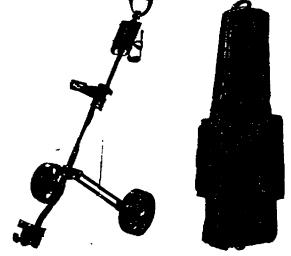
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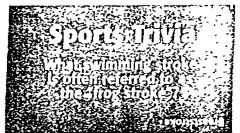
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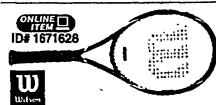


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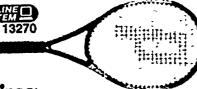


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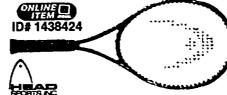




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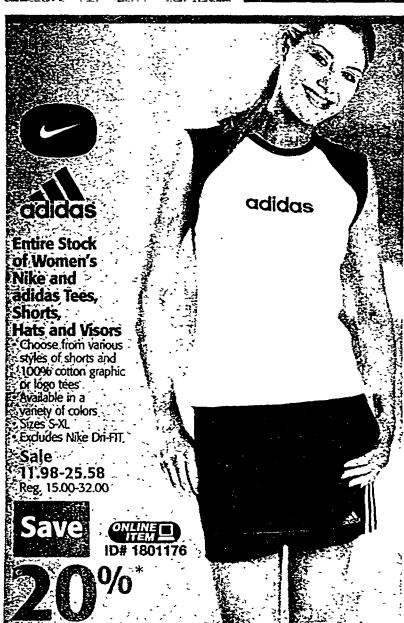


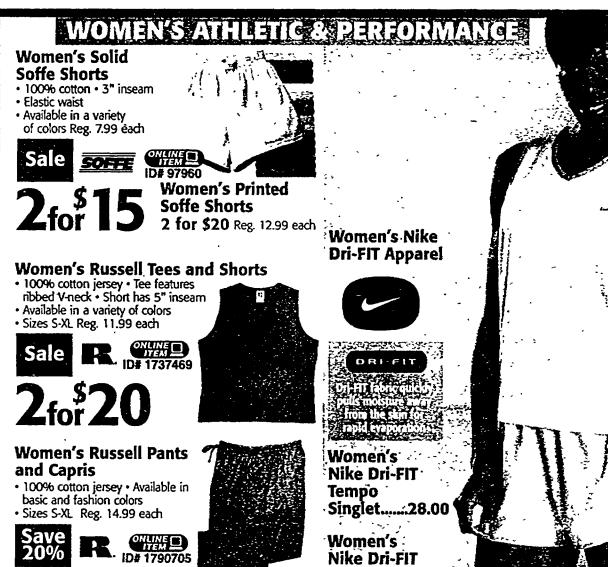


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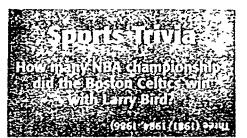






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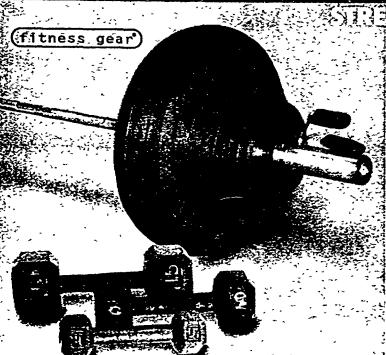


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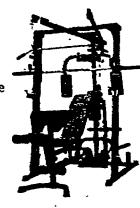
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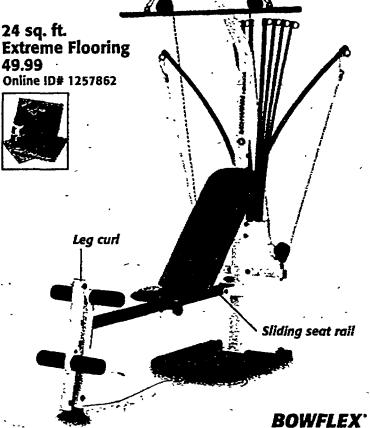
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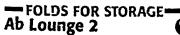
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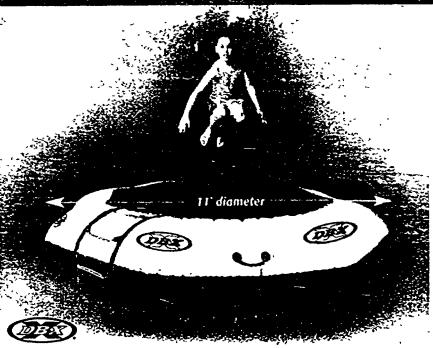
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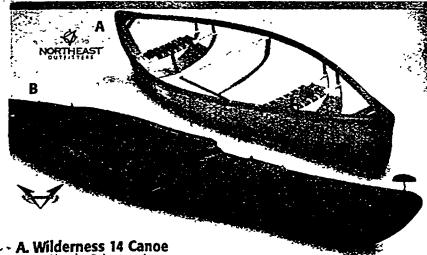


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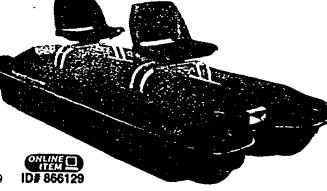


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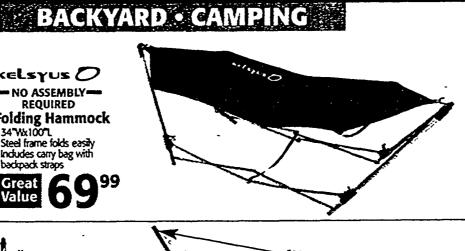
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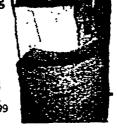
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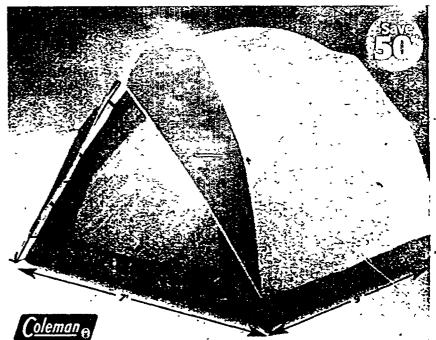
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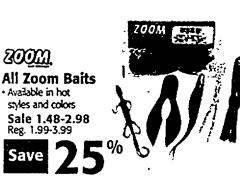


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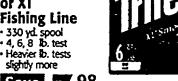
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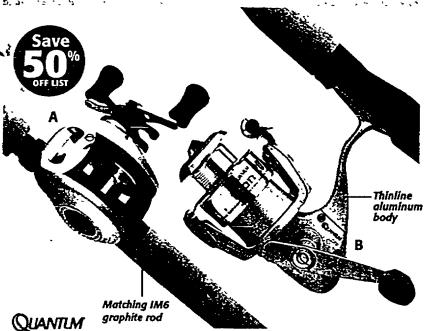
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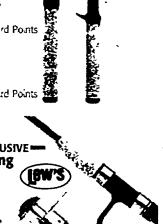
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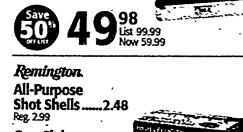


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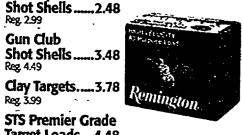
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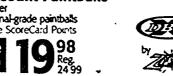


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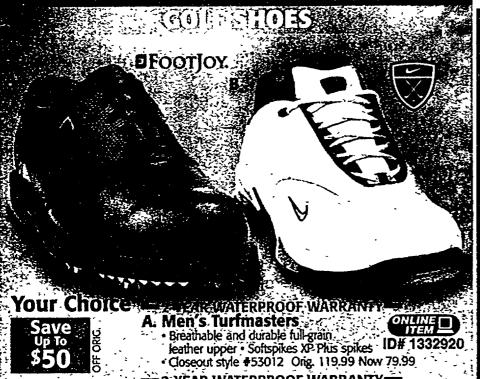


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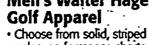
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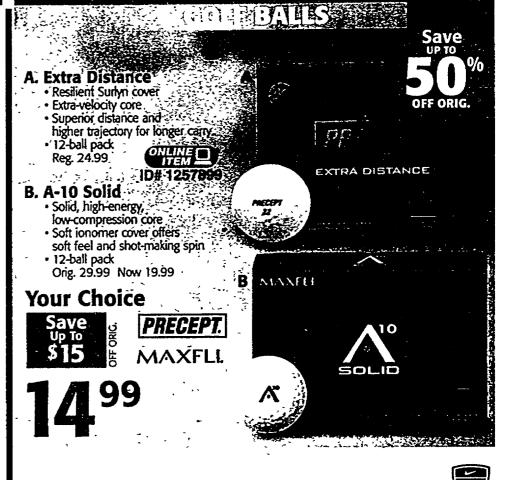
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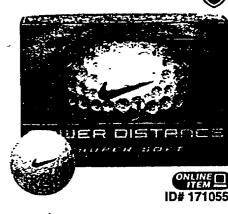


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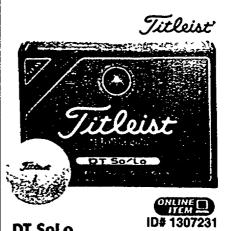


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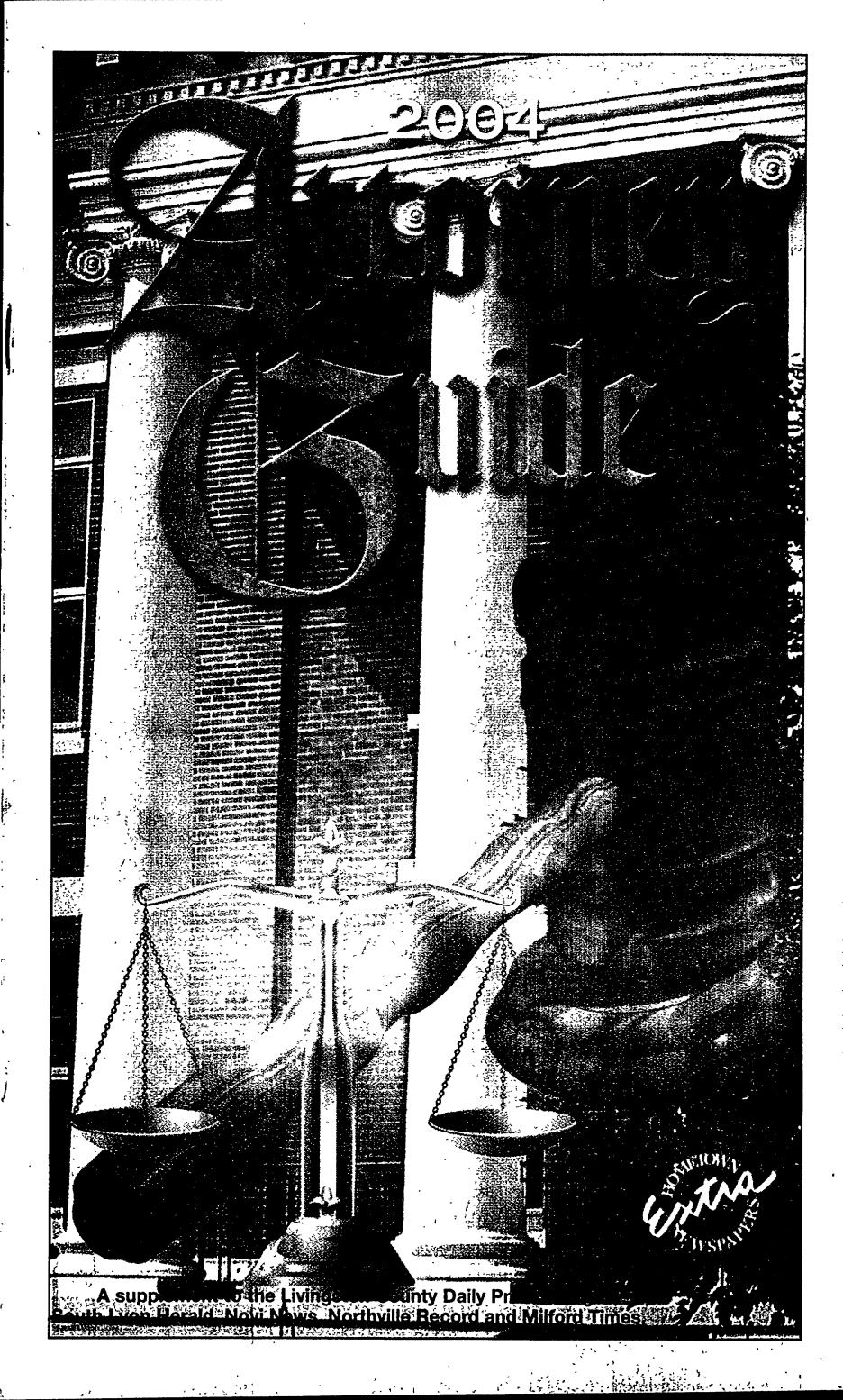


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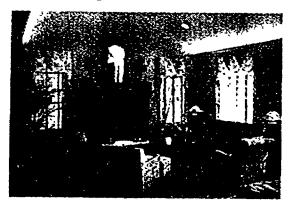
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Odd laws still exist on books

By Ronda Addy

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t one time or another most people have heard about some weird and unusual laws that are still on the books. Here is just a sample.

• In Alabama, it is illegal to drive while blindfolded.

- In Alaska, it is illegal to look at a moose from the window of an airplane or any other flying vehicle.
 - In Arizona, it is against the law to hunt camels.
- In Arkansas, it is illegal to keep alligators in bathtubs.
- In California, it is illegal for a car without a driver to go over 60 MPH.
- In Colorado, it is illegal to ride a horse while under the influence.
- In Connecticut, it is against the law to clam at night.
- In Delaware, it is illegal to fly over a body of water unless you are carrying sufficient supplies of food and drink.
- In Florida, it is illegal to sing in a public place while wearing a swimsuit.
- In Georgia, it is illegal to keep donkeys in bathtubs.
- In Hawaii, it is against the law to put coins in your ears.

- In Idaho, a citizen is forbidden by law to give another citizen a box of candy that weighs more than 50 pounds.
- In Illinois, the English language may not be spoken.
 - In Indiana, liquor stores may not sell milk.
- In Iowa, a man with a moustache may never kiss a woman in public.
- In Kansas, pedestrians crossing the highway at night must wear tail lights.
- In Kentucky, it is illegal to transport an ice cream cone in your pocket.
- In Louisiana, it is against the law to gargle in public.
- In Maine, it is illegal to catch lobsters with your bare hands.
- In Maryland, citizens may not grow thistles in their yards.
- In Massachusetts, it is illegal to have a gorilla in the back seat of a car.
 - In Michigan, a woman is not allowed to cut her own hair without her husband's permission.
 - In Minnesota, citizens may not enter Wisconsin with a chicken on their heads.
 - In Mississippi, no one may bribe any athlete to rig a game, match or tournament, with the exception of wrestlers.
 - In Missouri, it is not illegal to speed.

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Explaining legal terms

By Ronda Addy

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or most of us, the closest we want to get to a courtroom are reruns of Perry Mason, L.A. Law and Law & Order. Even then, legal terms are thrown around like John Q. Public knows what they mean.

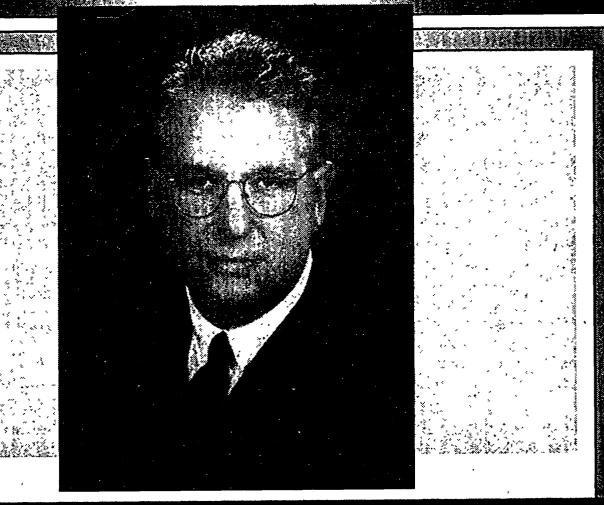
Lugging around a legal dictionary is not practical, so how about a crash course in legal-speak?

- An affidavit is a written statement made under oath before an officer or authorized magistrate.
- An appeal is a proceeding in which a case is brought before a higher court for review of a lower court's judgment for the purpose of proving the lower court's judgment was wrong.
- Arraignment is a court hearing at which the person enters a plea of guilty or not guilty to the charges that have been brought against them.
- Bail bond is given by a criminal defendant to ensure compliance with the terms of bail and with the requirement that the defendant appears in court as scheduled.
- A bench trial or a court trial is a trial held before a judge without a jury.
- Booking is when the details of who a person is and why they were arrested are recorded into police records. The person is usually photographed and fingerprinted at this time.
- A brief is a concise statement of a client's case written, usually by a law clerk, for the instruction of an attorney.
- A class action suit is a lawsuit in which one or more parties file a complaint on behalf of themselves and all other people who are suffering from the same problem.
- A complaint is the initial pleading that starts a lawsuit and begins the allegations made by the plaintiff against the defendant and the plaintiff's demand for relief.
- A defendant is the party against whom a criminal or class action is brought.
- Depositions are the part of the pre-trial process in which a witness testifies under oath. Depositions are held outside the courtroom without a judge.
- **Discovery** is when each party requests any relevant information and documents from the

other side so the pertinent facts can be discovered.

- Due process is guaranteed in the fifth amendment of the Constitution. It is a course of formal proceedings carried out regularly, fairly and in accordance with established rules and principles.
- Habeas corpus is from the Latin phrase, "you should have the body." A writ of habeas corpus is a judicial mandate to a prison official ordering that an inmate be brought to court, so it can be decided whether or not that person is unlawfully imprisoned.
- Miranda rights are: the right to remain silent, the right to an attorney and to have that attorney present during questioning, the right to have an attorney appointed to you if you can't afford one and the right to know that anything you say can and will be used against you. These rights are what must be read to the person being arrested.
- A misdemeanor is a crime punishable by a fine and term of imprisonment not to be served in a penitentiary and not to exceed one year.
- The plaintiff is the party who institutes a legal action or claim.
- A preliminary hearing is held after a criminal defendant's first appearance in court for the purpose of determining whether there is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the crime of which they have been charged.
- Probation is the suspension of all or part of a sentence and its replacement by freedom subject to specific conditions and the supervision of a probation officer.
- A public defender is a lawyer who is appointed by the court when the defendant cannot afford to pay for their own lawyer.
- Punitive damages is the sum of money awarded to a victim. It is intended to stop the person or business from repeating the behavior that caused the injury. It is also meant to stop others from attempting the same kind of behavior.
- A statute of limitations is the deadline for filing a lawsuit within a certain time period after an event has occurred.
- A summons is a legal document that informs a party that a lawsuit has been filed and tells them where and when they must appear to answer the charges.

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Consider mediation over litigation

By Ronda Addy

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ore and more lawyers are recommending ways to their clients other than lawsuits to settle disputes. These are called Alternative Dispute Resolution or ADR methods. Some of these methods, such as conducting a trial in a private court system, tend to be expensive and lend themselves more to disputes between businesses than to disputes between individuals. However, there are a couple of ADR methods that can save everyday citizens both time and money.

One popular method of ADR is mediation. In mediation, both parties select an impartial person trained in negotiation to help them arrive at a settlement that is satisfactory to both parties. It isn't the mediator's role to impose a solution but to help both parties find areas of mutual agreement and to help them understand each side's position. A good mediator helps each side determine what they really want to receive in order to come away satisfied with the settlement, instead of seeking the most they may legally be entitled to receive.

Mediation is often conducted informally. Sometimes both parties meet with the mediator at the same time or the mediator might meet with both parties separately to keep personality conflicts to a minimum. Mediation is a voluntary process and either party can decide to end their participation at any time.

If you decide to go with mediation, get a well-trained, qualified mediator to assist you. Just about

anyone can claim to be a mediator, but there are numerous former judges or lawyers who have established firms that just do mediation. It is best for both parties to interview several mediators before settling on one.

Arbitration is another form of ADR. In arbitration, your dispute is heard by an arbitrator who has been selected by both parties involved. The procedures aren't as formal as those used in a courtroom, but are much more formal than those used in mediation. Witnesses are sworn in and examined and cross-examined as they would be in a trial. Each side gets to make opening and closing arguments, and the party whose complaint led to arbitration gets to rebut the defendant's claim.

The arbitrator hears all the evidence and in most cases the decision is reached within a few weeks. The decision of the arbitrator is almost always final and the only basis for an appeal is if the arbitrator violated the rules of arbitration in reaching the decision. Since arbitrators don't issue explanations of their rulings, establishing a basis for an appeal is difficult.

In more and more contracts, including the warranty you received when you purchased a new car or major appliance, an arbitration provision is included. This means that if you and the company can't arrive at an acceptable resolution of a problem, you must take your claim to arbitration rather than filing a lawsuit. In many cases, the decision of the arbitrator is binding only with the company.

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Bankruptcy helps those in debt

By Ronda Addy

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hat can you do when the bills are piling up, the creditors are calling you at home and at work, and the money is just not there?

While it may sound like a drastic measure, filing for bankruptcy may be an option.

Bankruptcy is a federal court process that helps consumers eliminate their debts or repay them under the protection of the bankruptcy court.

Keep in mind there are disadvantages when filing for bankruptcy. If someone has co-signed a loan for you, they are liable for the debt if it is included in your bankruptcy. Not all bankruptcy cases are approved. If the judge feels that you have enough income to repay your debts, you have cheated your creditors or you went out and spent a large amount of money frivolously. before you filed, you may not be permitted to file. Filing for bankruptcy could also hurt your chances of getting a credit card.

Types of bankruptcy

A Chapter 7 or Liquidation bankruptcy is when you ask the court to wipe out or discharge the debts owed. In exchange for this, your nonexempt property is sold and the proceeds are used to pay off creditors.

A reorganization bankruptcy can be a Chapter 13 or Chapter 12. A Chapter 13 is for people with secured debts under \$871,550 and unsecured debts under \$269,250. A Chapter 12 is specifically designed for farmers and allows them to operate the farm while the plan is in effect.

Anyone who has debts in excess of the Chapter 13 limits can file for a Chapter 11, a much more time-consuming and expensive process.

With a reorganization bankruptcy, you file a plan with the court telling them how you are going to repay your creditors; a typical course of repayment is for three to five years. Some debts you must pay in full; others you pay only a percentage and some you don't pay at all.

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In a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, you usually have four months after you file before the court will grant the discharge (a release of personal liability) of your debts.

In a Chapter 11, the discharge starts upon the confirmation of a bankruptcy plan. In a Chapter 12 or 13, the court grants the discharge after the debtor has completed all payments under the

Dischargeable debts

You can usually get rid of most secured or unsecured debts, like credit card bills, department store credit card bills, medical bills, utility bills, signature loans or bank loans.

But there are some debts you can't get rid of without a specific request to the court, such as alimony or child support, debts for governmentfunded or guaranteed educational loans, debts from personal injury or death caused by driving while intoxicated, and debts for restitution or a criminal fine included in the sentence of the debtor's criminal conviction.

After you file for bankruptcy, an "automatic stay" goes into effect. This prohibits almost all creditors from taking any action to collect the debts you owe unless the court lifts the stay and lets them proceed with the collections.

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What to expect from a lawyer

By Ronda Addy

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V and movies give most of us a somewhat distorted view of the law. Not all legal problems can be solved in 30 minutes or less and not all problems with your neighbor need to be taken to court.

How can you determine if you need to hire a lawyer, and after you hire one, what do you do next?

The first thing you need to consider is whether or not you need a lawyer.

If you have a consumer-related complaint, you should first contact the company's customer service department. If an acceptable agreement still can't be reached, contact your state attorney general's office. It probably has a consumer protection department.

If you have a problem with a regulated industry, such as banking or insurance, contact the agency in your state responsible for overseeing the industry.

There are also many community groups, such as the Better Business Bureau, and civil rights groups that offer free or inexpensive legal assistance.

Mediation and arbitration are increasingly popular forms of litigation in resolving disputes.

If you have to go to court, it's time to find a lawyer.

After you have narrowed down the list of candidates and decided who to contact, you should write a short summary in advance of your case or situation.

You should also put together a list of questions you want to ask any lawyer before hiring them.

Before you hire ...

Here is a basic checklist of questions to ask before hiring a lawyer:

- What is your experience in this field?
- Have you handled many cases like mine?
- What are some possible outcomes of my case?
- Are there any alternatives in resolving this case?
- What about arbitration or mediation?
- How long will it take to resolve this matter?
- What are your rates and how often will I be billed?
- What approximately will be the total bill, including expenses and fees?
 - How will I be informed of any progress?
- Who else in the office will be working on my case?
- What approach will you take to resolve the case? Will you be aggressive or more inclined to take a reasonable settlement?
- Can junior attorneys or paralegals in the office handle some of the administrative work at a lower rate?

Once you have talked with a lawyer over the phone and they seem like someone you can trust, then will come the face-to-face meeting. Lawyers are not scary people and they can't all be Perry Mason. When you meet with your lawyer for the first time, bring your list of questions. If you have been served legal papers, bring them, too. Be sure to have your own copies and don't leave them with the lawyer,

Find lawyer early

The best time to find a lawyer is when you don't need one.

Then, you can take the time to interview several and find one you feel comfortable discussing personal legal matters with.

Sometimes lawyers chosen at the last minute may be competent and completely capable of helping you with your problems, but they may lack the experience you need and the personality traits you want.

One of the best ways to find a lawyer is through a personal reference from friends or family.

You may also want to consult with your accountant, insurance agent or another professional whose opinion you respect, especially if your case involves a tax problem, financial planning or a business transaction.

Your state and local bar association operates a lawyer referral service that can direct you to an attorney who practices law in the area where you need assistance.

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unless you feel strongly you are going to hire them.

Ponder these ...

After you have met with a lawyer, ask yourself these questions:

- Did the lawyer answer your questions about their education and experience without being offended?
- Did you feel comfortable with their personality and style?
 - Did the lawyer listen to you?
- Did you get an honest evaluation of the pros and cons of your situation?
- Did the lawyer know the applicable laws affecting your case?
- Did you get complete information regarding the fees and billing practices?

Keep this in mind ...

To keep a good attorney, you need to be a good client. Take these simple steps to ensure that you are on the same wavelength as your lawyer.

- Think through and articulate your objectives.
- Discuss the kind of approach you want your lawyer to take to resolve the matter.
 - Don't hold back any relevant information.
- Let your lawyer know what you expect in regard to being kept informed of developments.
- Keep your lawyer informed of any developments on your end.
- Discuss any questions regarding billing immediately.

Be comfortable with the lawyer you hire. You want the best lawyer you can afford who is competent, experienced and willing to communicate. You also want a lawyer who will work with you, not just for you.

Bankruptcy may be best option

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If you file for a Chapter 13, you lose no property. In a Chapter 7, you select the property you are eligible to keep from either a list of state exemptions or exemptions provided for by the court. Most of the time, debtors use the list provided by the state.

The exemptions are as follows:

- Equity in your home, called a homestead exemption. Under the bankruptcy code, you can exempt \$16,425 of equity. Some states have no homestead exemption. Some allow debtors to protect all or most of the equity in their home.
- Insurance. You can keep the cash value of the plans.
- Retirement plans. You can keep pensions that qualify under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. However, some benefits, such as IRAs and Keoghs, do not qualify.
- Personal property. You will be able to keep most household items, like clothing (not furs), appliances, furniture, books and musical instru-

ments. There may be a limit, however, as to how much jewelry you can keep. Most states allow you to keep your car if it has more than \$2,400 of equity.

• Public benefits. Welfare, social security and unemployment insurance are protected.

- Tools that you use for your job.
- Wages. In most states you can protect at least 75 percent of earned but unpaid wages.

After bankruptcy

Although filing for bankruptcy will limit your ability to get a credit card, it is not the end of the world.

Some creditors may give you credit during bankruptcy.

And, if after a few years your credit remains good, you may even be able to qualify for a home loan.

A Chapter 7 bankruptcy will remain on your record for 10 years.

A Chapter 13 is removed after seven.

Accounts included in either kind of bankruptcy should be removed after seven years.

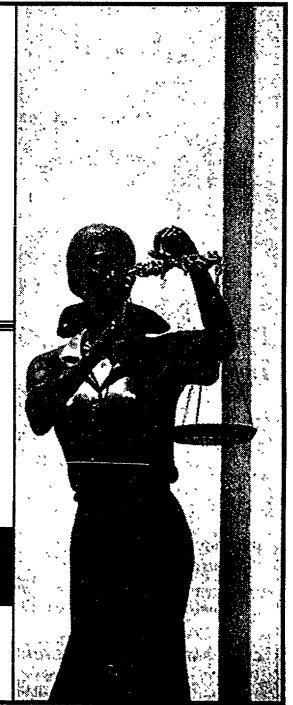
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Brief guide to Security Deposit Act of 1973*

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Responsibilities and Rights

A. Of the Landlord:

1. May require repayment of a security deposit for future damage repair, unpaid rent, unpaid utilities in an amount not to exceed 1½ months' rent (Sec. 2) (Sec. 7)

2. Shall keep any security deposit in a regulated financial institution (Sec. 4)

3. May use the money for his own purposes only if cash or surety bond is filed with Secretary of State. (Sec. 4)

4. Shall notify the tenant in writing within 14 days after the tenant takes occupancy of:

• Name and address where landlord will receive mail about the tenancy.

• The name and address of the financial institution of surety.

• The law mandating the tenant to furnish the landlord in writing a forwarding address within four days of leaving. (The writing must be in 12-point bold face type.) (Sec. 3)

5. Shall give the tenant, at the start of the lease, two blank entry inventory checklists to detail the condition of all landlord-owned items, such as carpet, appliances, walls, doors, electrical fixtures, etc. Such entry checklist to be completed and one copy returned by the tenant within seven days. (The writing must be in 12-point boldface type at the top of the first page of the entry checklist.) (Sec.8)

6. Shall notify the tenant in writing of the tenant's right to see the exit checklist of the last tenant.

(12-point boldface type.) (Sec. 8)

7. Shall, at the end of occupancy, complete an exit checklist of all damages claimed to be caused by the tenant. (Sec. 8)

8. Shall mail to tenant within 30 days of vacancy a list of unpaid rent, unpaid utilities, and/or damage and estimates of repair AND a check for any difference between the security deposit and the claimed amounts with a written notice that tenant must respond by mail within seven days of receipt or forfeit the claimed money. (12-point boldface type) (Sec. 9) (Sec. 7)

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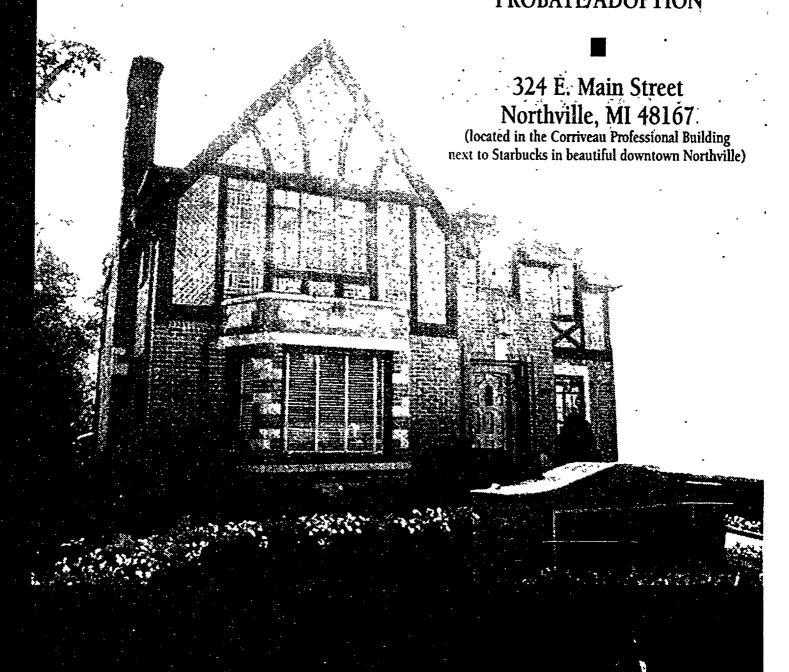
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9. May, within 45 days of vacancy sue the tenant to keep any portion of the security deposit that the tenant has objected to the landlord keeping or, in lieu of suit, the landlord returns all disputed money and keeps only undisputed money. (Sec. 13)

TIP: The best way to correspond is return receipt mail, keeping any unclaimed unopened envelopes.

Responsibilities and Rights

B. Of the Tenant:

1. Must return the entry inventory checklist within seven days of move-in. (SEC. 8)

2. Must notify the landlord in writing of a forwarding address within four days of move-out. (SEC. 11)

3. Must object in detailed writing mailed to land-lord's address (4a above) within seven days of receipt of any notice of damages. (Sec.12) Tenant should be able to prove date of mailing. (Sec. 12)

4. The security deposit is considered the lawful property of the tenant until the landlord establishes a right to it under this law. (Sec. 5)

TIP: The best way to correspond is return receipt mail, keeping any unclaimed unopened envelopes.

Consequences of Violation

A. Landlord:

1. Violation of Notice as to the name and address of the financial institution (4b above) arguably makes landlord lose right to require a security deposit. (Sec. 3) (Unclear working statue)

2. Violation of Notice as to tenant furnishing for-

warding address (4b above) relieves tenant of obligation to furnish in writing such address. (Sec. 3)

3. Failure to comply with notice of damages within 30 days (8 above) - constitutes an agreement by landlord no damage repair money is due and landlord shall immediately return the full security deposit. (Sec. 10)

4. If a dispute exists, failure to file suit within 45 days after vacancy bars landlord from retaining any portion of the security deposit for damage, waives any claim for damage and makes landlord liable for double whatever amount of security deposit landlord has retained for damage but, if the amount claimed is entirely for rent, landlord appears to be allowed to sue without penalty after 45 days. (Sec. 13) (Unpaid utilities are not mentioned in this section)

B. Tenant:

1. Failure to provide a written forwarding address in four days, relieves landlord of duty to mail notice of damages (Sec. 11) tenant can still claim return of security deposit (Sec. 11) in which case, a safe course for the landlord is to sue and cite Sec. 13(1)(a), which appears to say failure to provide forwarding address within four days allows landlord to keep security deposit.

2. Failure to object in detailed writing by mail to the notice of damages appears to entitle landlord to retain the claimed amounts out of the security deposit. Sec. 13(1)(b), silence seems to constitute consent by the tenants to lose the claimed amounts.

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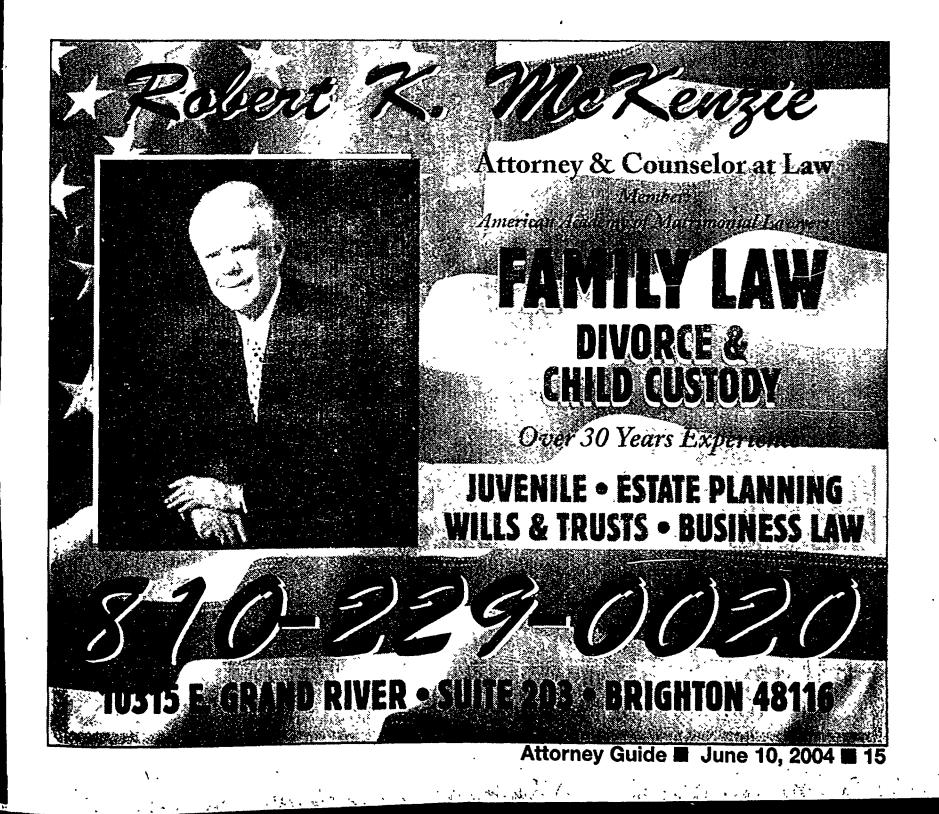
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- In Nebraska, it is against the law to go whale fishing.
- In Nevada, it is illegal to ride a camel on the highway.
- In New Hampshire, citizens may not tap their feet, nod their heads or in any way keep time to the music in a tavern, restaurant or cafe.
 - In New Jersey, it is illegal to slurp soup.
- In New Mexico, state officials ordered 400 words of a sexually explicit nature cut from Romeo and Juliet.
- In New York, citizens need a license to hang clothes on a clothesline.
- In North Carolina, it is against the law to use elephants to plow cotton fields.
- In North Dakota, it is illegal to lie down and fall asleep with your shoes on.
- In Ohio, it is illegal to fish for whales on Sunday.
- In Oklahoma, people who make ugly faces at r dogs may be fined and jailed.
- In Oregon, it is against the law to use canned corn as fish bait.
- In Pennsylvania, it is illegal to sleep on top of a refrigerator outdoors.

- In Rhode Island, it is an offense to throw pickle juice on a trolley.
- In South Carolina, it is against the law to keep horses in bathtubs.
- In South Dakota, it is illegal to lie down and fall asleep in a cheese factory.
- In Tennessee, it is illegal to use a lasso to catch a fish.
- In Texas, the Encyclopaedia Britannica is banned because it contains a formula for making beer at home.
- In Utah, it is illegal to fish from the back of a horse.
- In Vermont, women must obtain written permission from their husbands to wear false teeth.
- In Virginia, children may not go trick-or-treating on Halloween.
- In Washington, it is illegal to attach a vending machine to a utility pole without prior consent from the utility company. If permission is granted, the vending machine may not be less than 12 feet from the ground.
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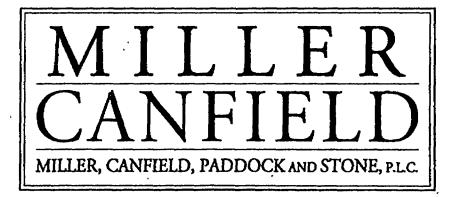
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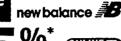
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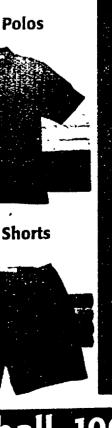


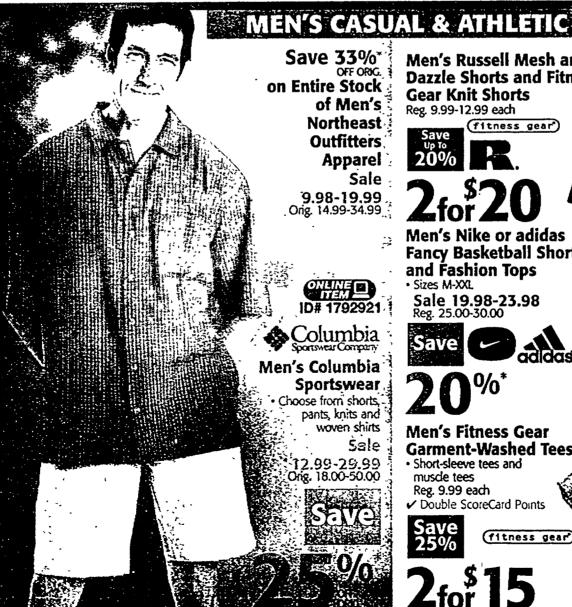
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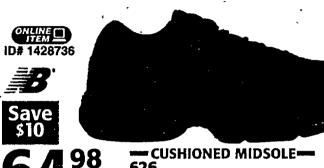


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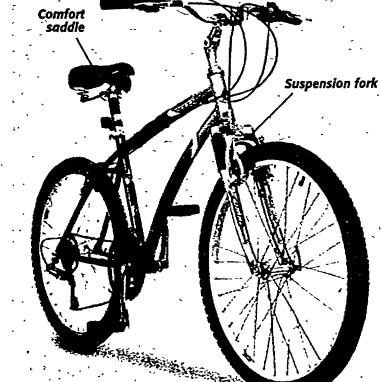
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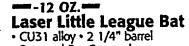
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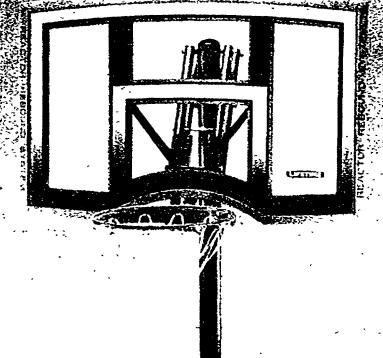
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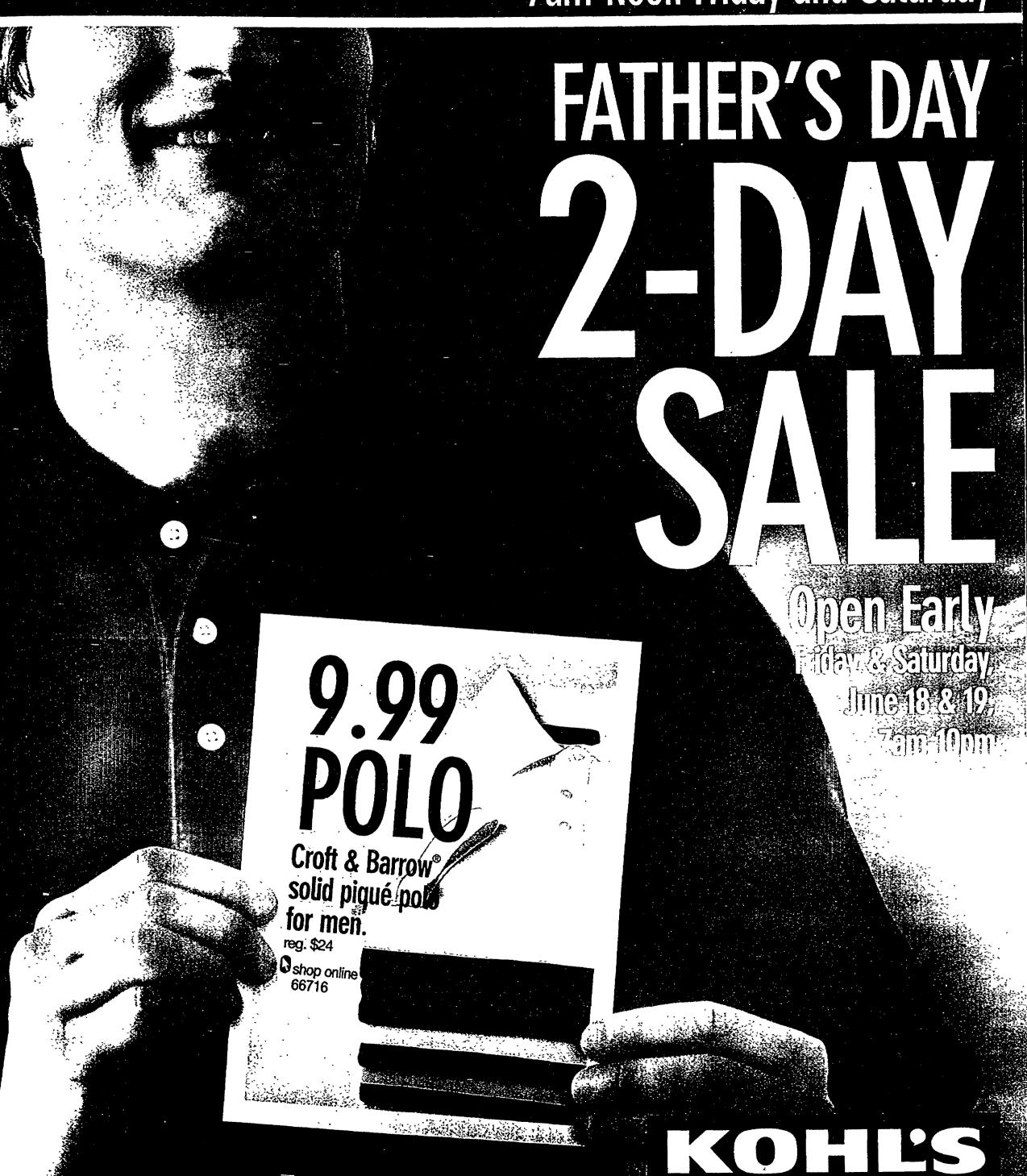


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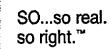
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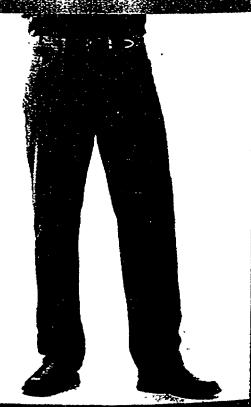
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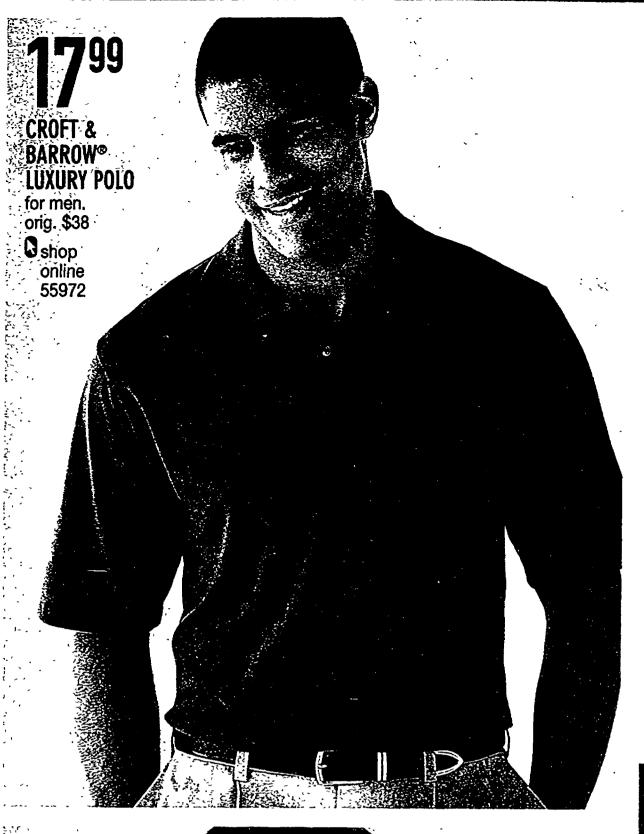












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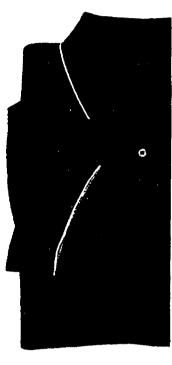


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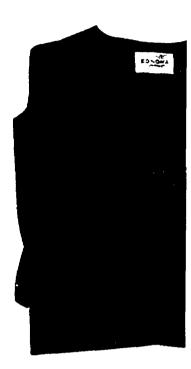


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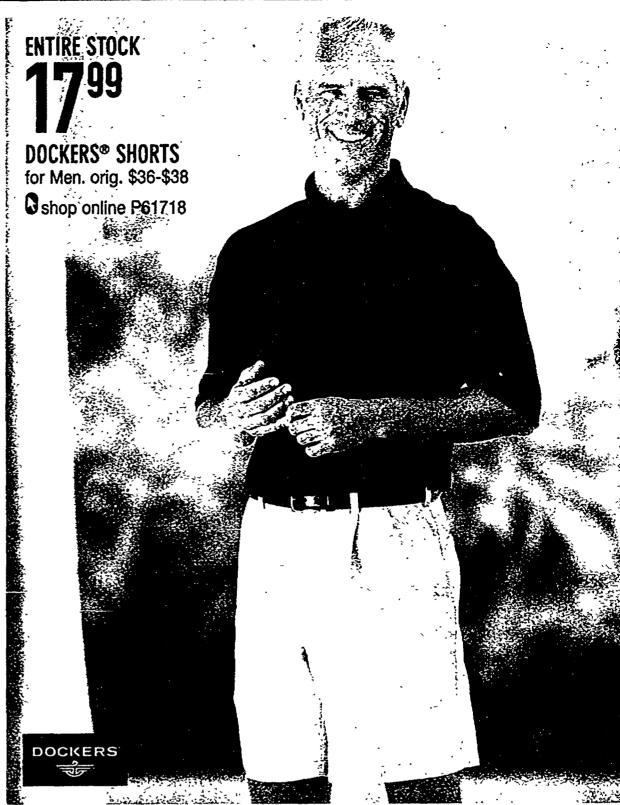


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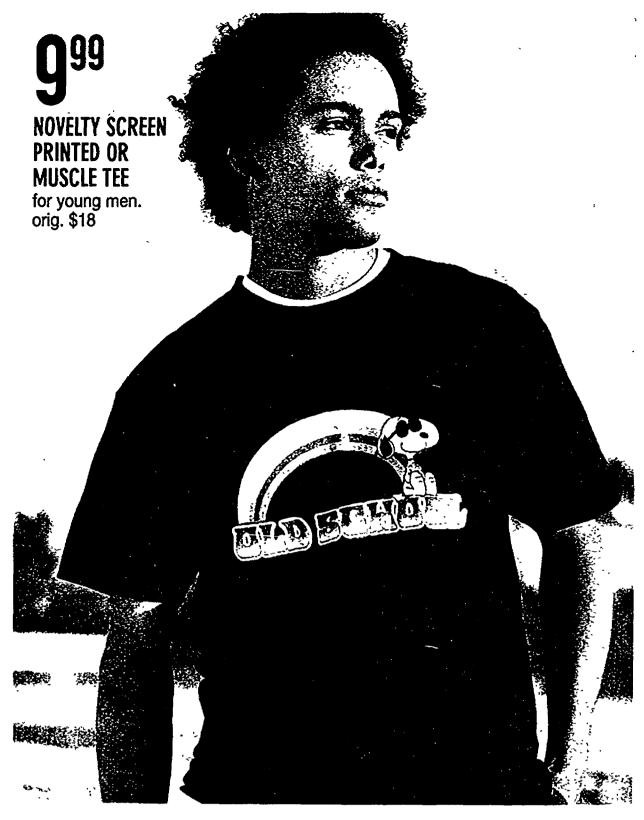


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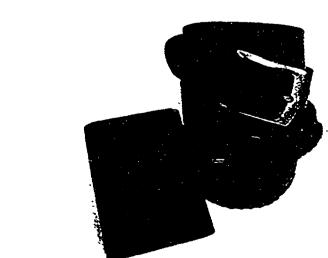
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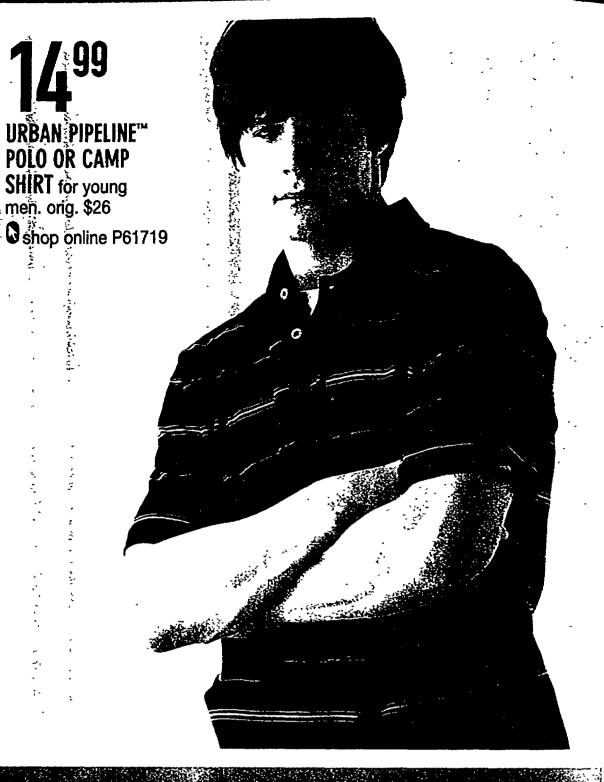








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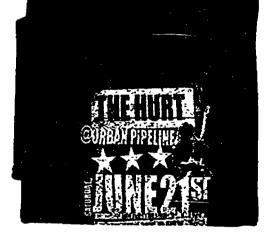
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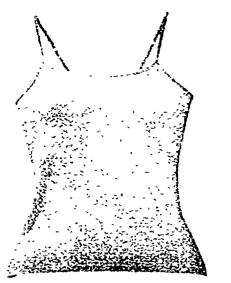
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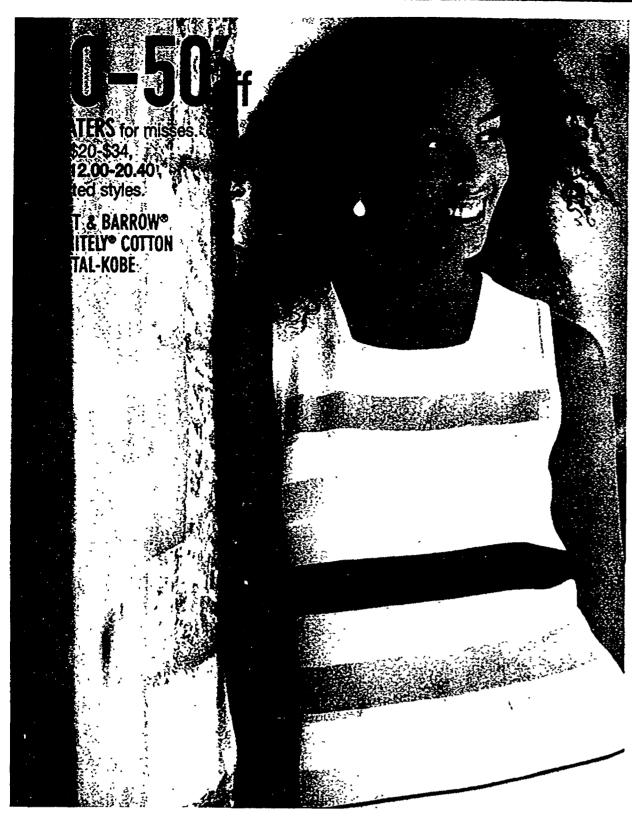
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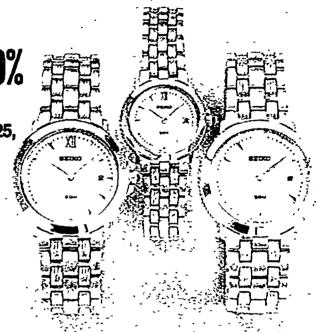
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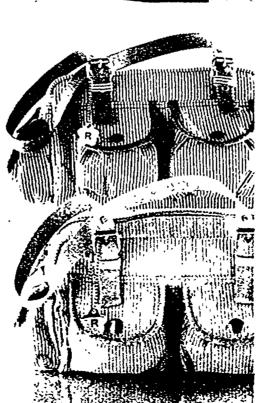
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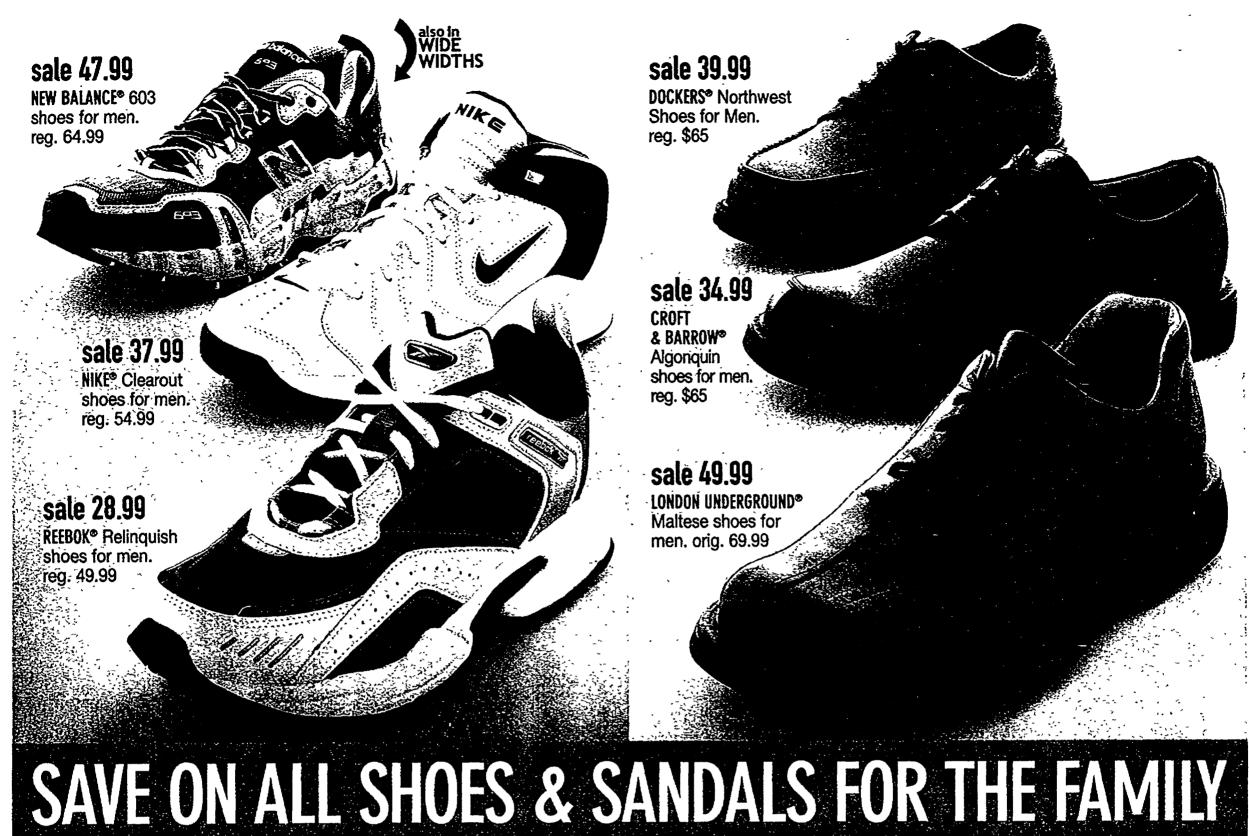


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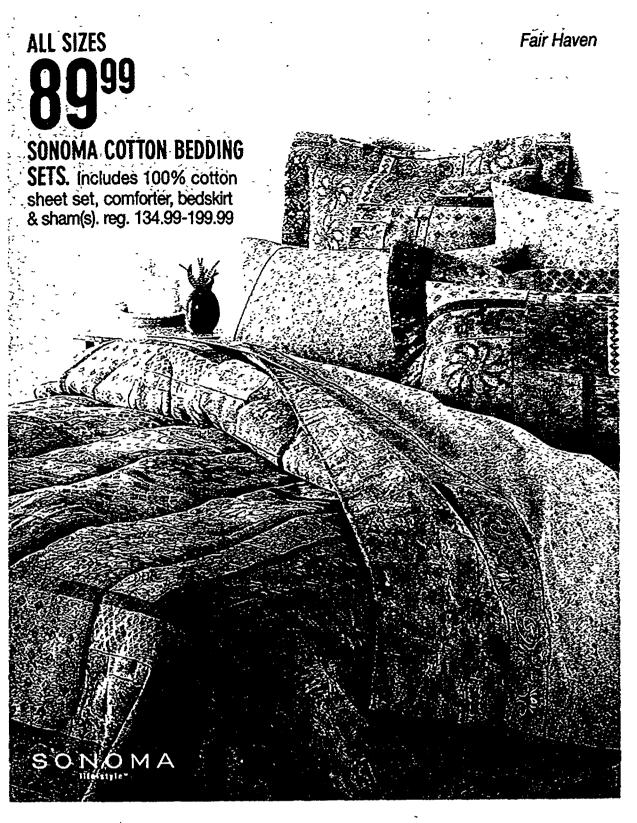


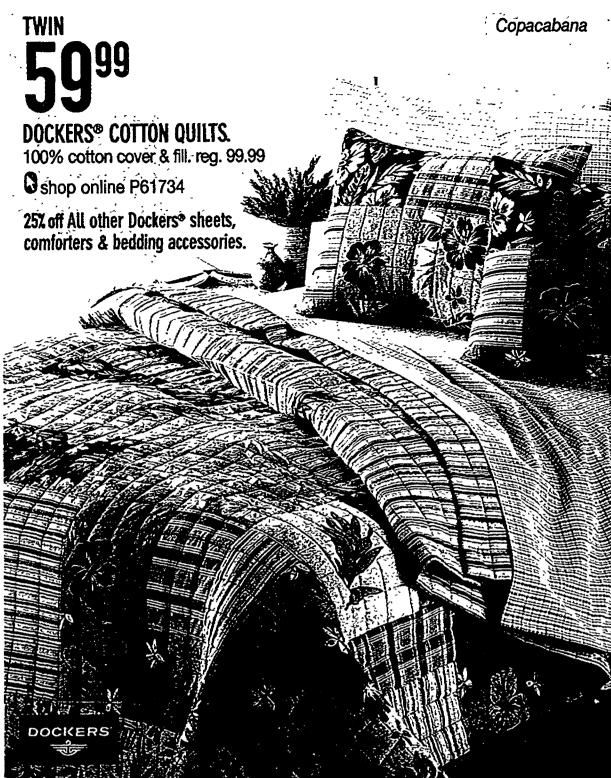














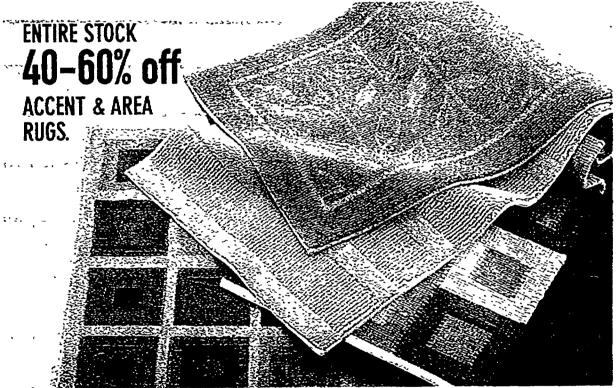
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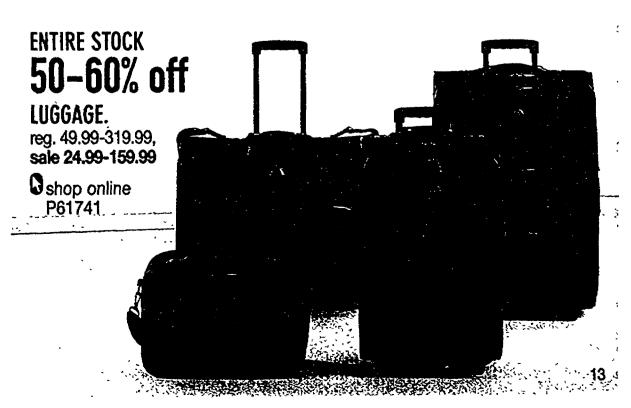
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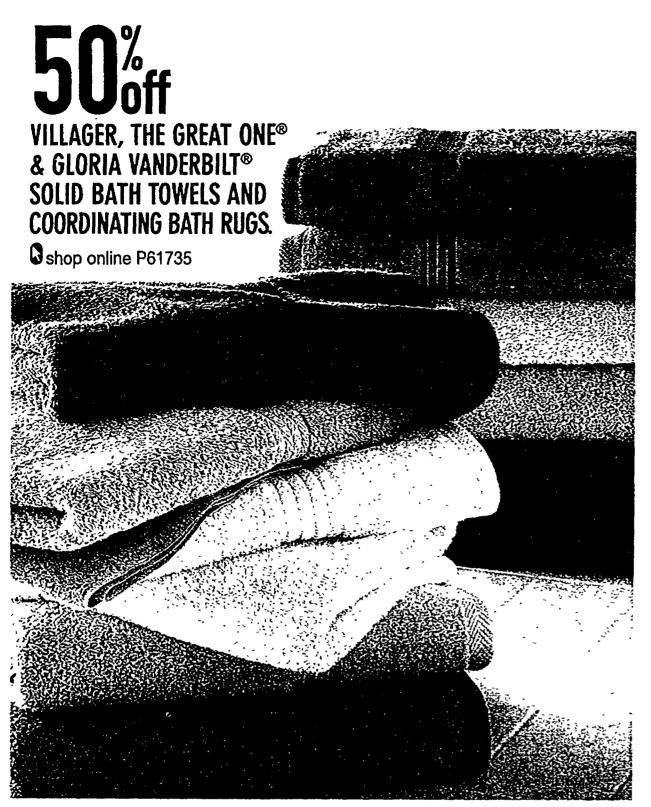


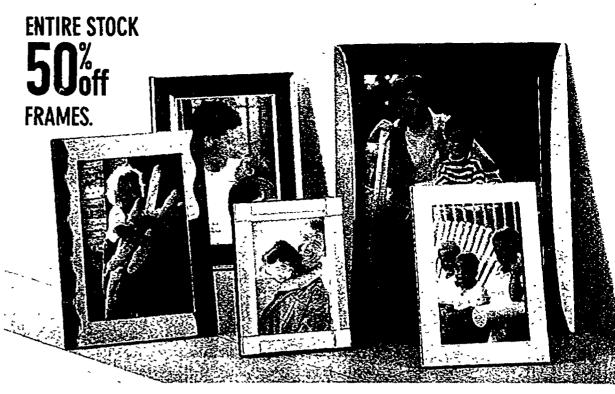






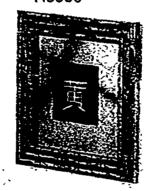






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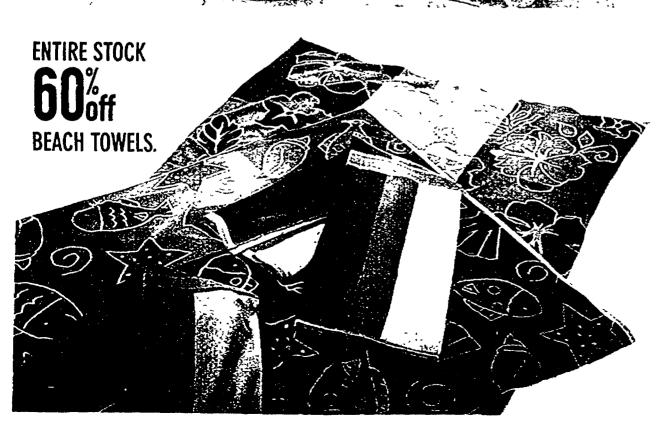






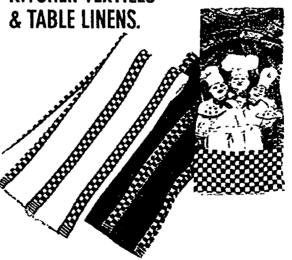
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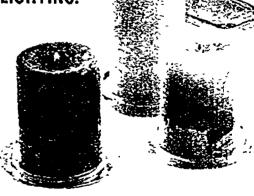


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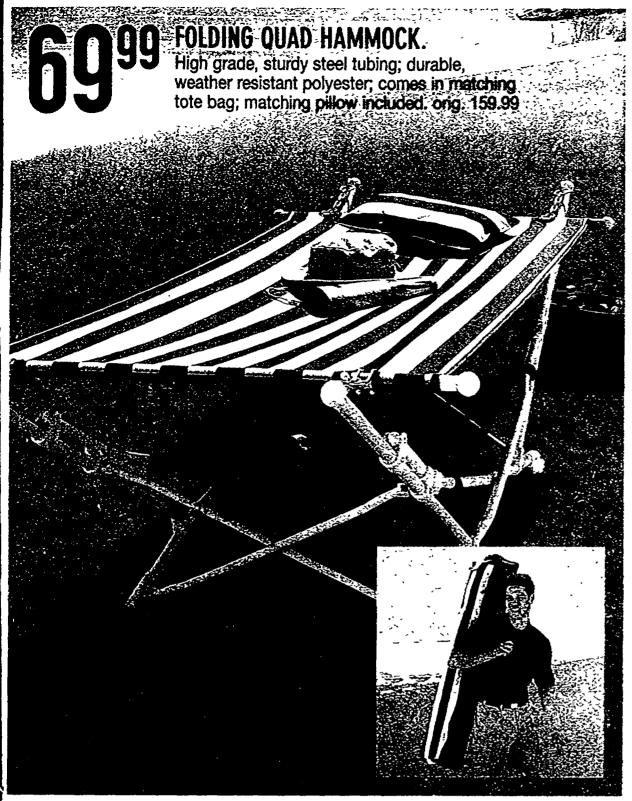
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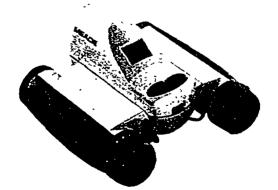
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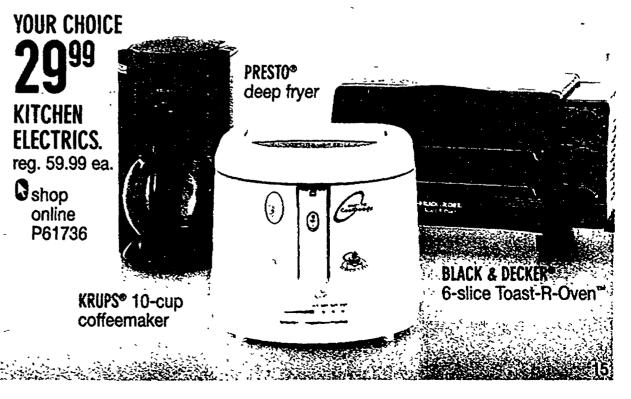


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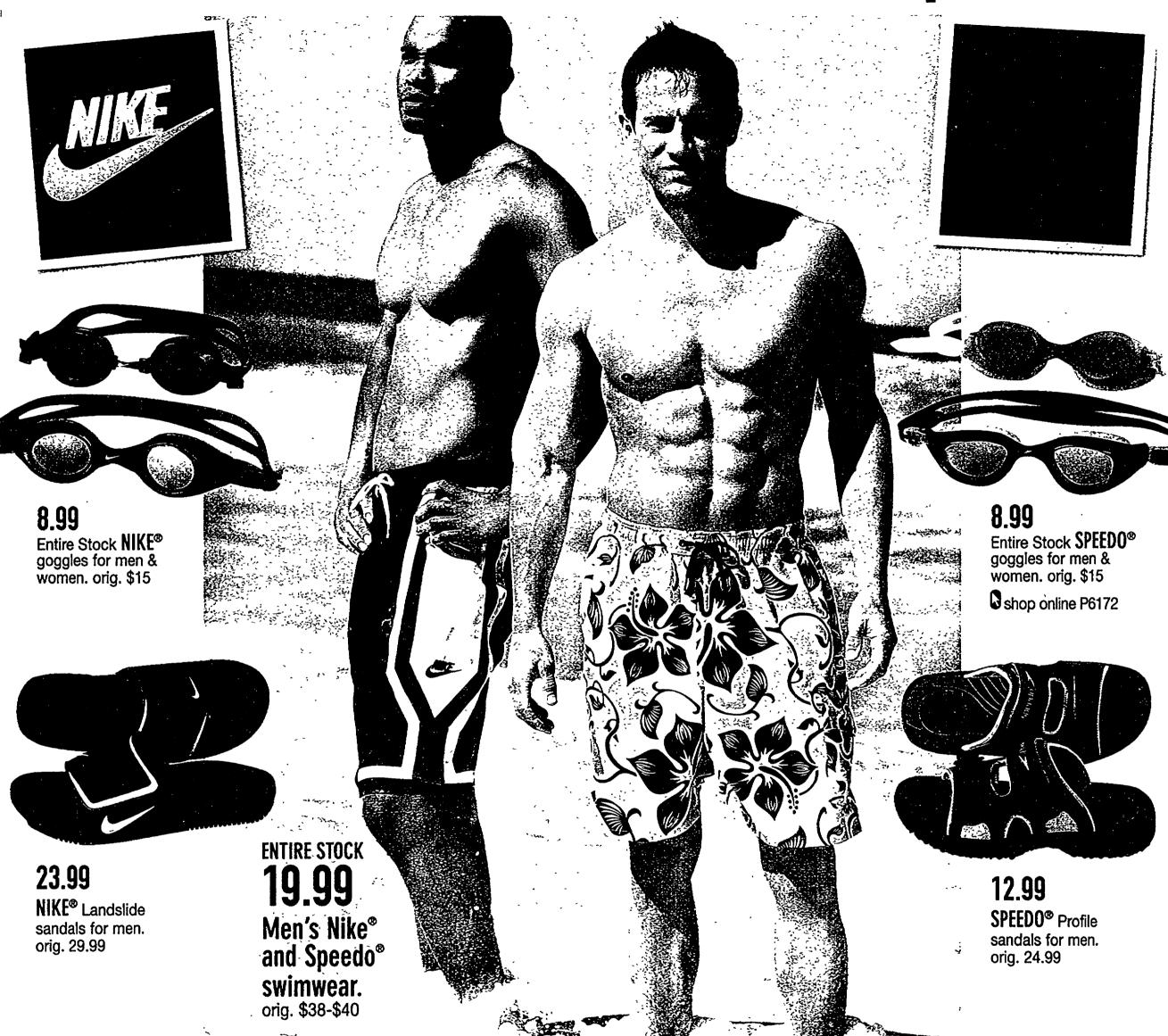


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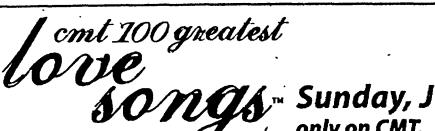
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I would like to know what happened to Bobbie Battista who was on **CNN News?**

—Robert J., Wisconsin



Bobbie Battista now works off-camera.

She recently joined other former CNN staffers to form a media relations firm, Atamira Communications. Battista, who broke new ground at CNN when she hosted TalkBack, an interactive talk show. says she saw the move

as a natural transition and a way to use the knowledge she accumulated over her 20 years in broadcasting. Battista says she doesn't really miss broadcast news that much—except for the daily coverage of politics. "I do miss getting my

hair and makeup done every day,

though," she jokes. Atamira Communications, which she formed with former CNN staffers David Bernknopf and her husband, John Brimelow, assists executives, corporations and politicians through media training and communications consulting. While at CNN, Battista anchored CNN Today, World News and Prime News. Battista and Brimelow live in Atlanta with their dog, Maggie, and cat, Timmy.

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Charley Pride's new CD is out next month.

and my family. The other loves in my life are music and baseball." Pride, a native of Sledge, Miss. (pop. 529), played baseball with the Memphis (Tenn.) Red Sox before he became a country music star, and every spring he shows up to train with the Texas Rangers. His other sport is golf, which he plays about three times a week.

> This year I am celebrating my 50th birthday, along with John Travolta and Howard Stern. What other celebrities are reaching 50 in 2004?

Oprah Winfrey threw herself a big 50th birthday celebration on Jan. 29, saying that she wanted to make everybody jealous and wishing they were turning 50. "What I know for sure as I crest this major milestone: My life is bigger than I can ever know or imagine. Finally, I feel grown—more like myself than I've ever been," she wrote in her magazine, O. Other notable half-century markers in 2004: from movies: Rene Russo (Feb. 17), director Ron Howard (March 1), Jackie Chan (April 7),

> Dennis Quaid (April 9), Ellen Barkin (April 16), Rick Moranis (April 18), Kathleen Turner (June 19), director James Cameron (Aug. 16); and Denzel Washington (Dec. 28); from music: Nancy Wilson of Heart (March 16), Ricky Skaggs (July 18), Elvis Costello (Aug. 25), Yanni (Nov. 4), and Annie Lennox (Dec. 25); from TV: Jerry Seinfeld (April 29), Al Roker (Aug. 20), The Sopranos' Lorraine Bracco (Oct. 2); and from sports: Tony Dorsett (April 7), Marvin Hagler (May 23), Chris Evert (Dec. 21). 🖈

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I'd like to know what country singer Charley Pride is doing. —A.S., Ohio

Charley Pride, 66, is still working, though he does mix in some playing when he gets near a golf course. Unfortunately, he had to take an unexpected break from the road after undergoing emergency surgery in May for a blood clot in his brain. He plans on resuming his schedule as soon as he's able. He recently released an album, Comfort of Her Wings, with the title song written by Darryl Worley of Have You Forgotten? fame, and has another album, 20 Classics, coming out next month. He's also got another album in the works; in other words, he's a very busy man. "I am fortunate at this point in my life that thanks to all the success I have enjoyed, I could sit back, but what keeps life interesting is to be able to do what you love," he says. "I have three loves in my life. The number

one love of my life is my wife, Rozene,

—Michael W., New Mexico

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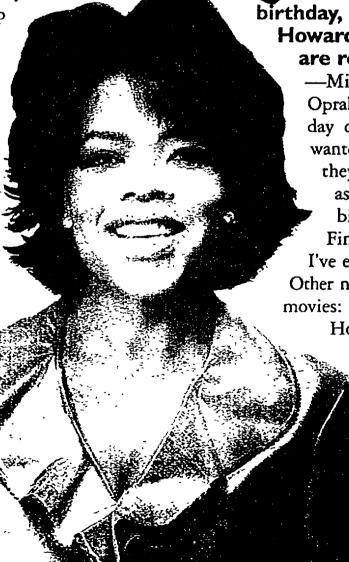
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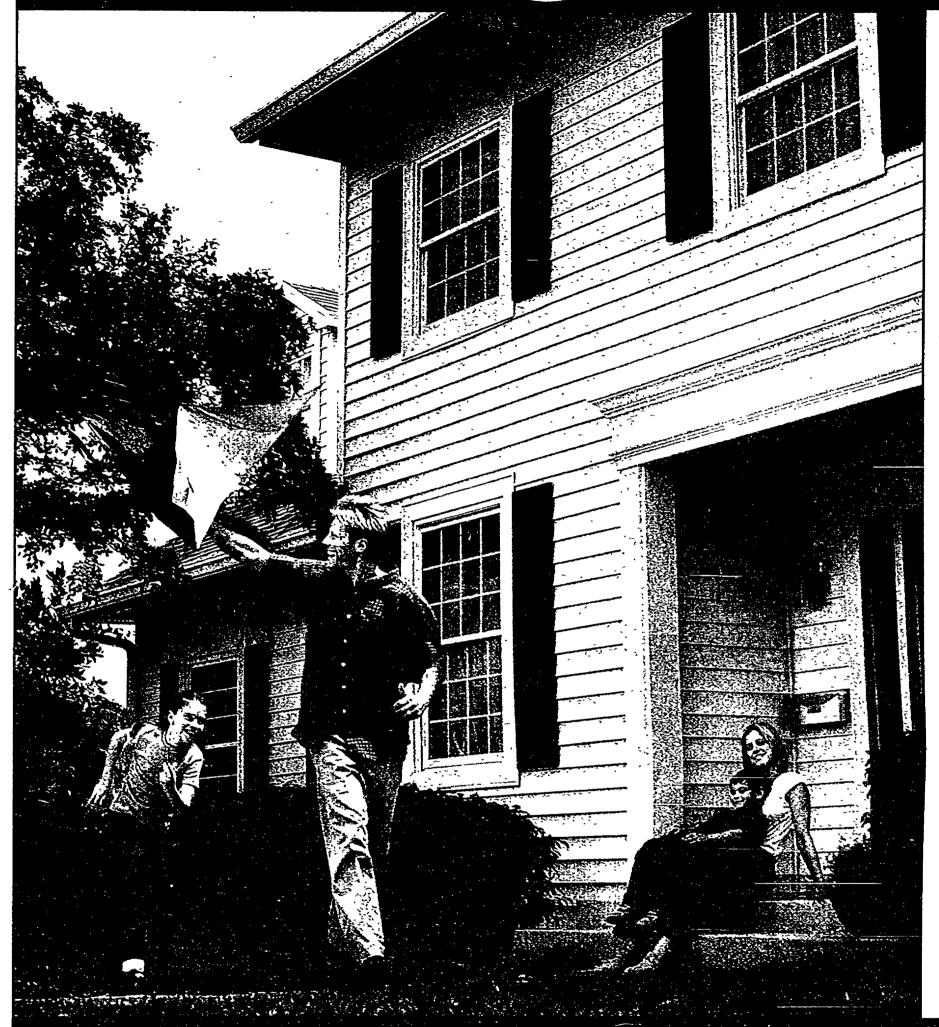
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Auctioneer JillMarie Wiles of Canby, Ore., has put her fast-paced banter to use for benefit auctions since 1996.

JillMarie Wiles doesn't mind being labeled a fast talker—it helped her win a trophy.

The 38-year-old auctioneer from Canby, Ore., (pop. 8,983) won the women's division of the 2001-2002 International Auctioneer Championship, a competition sponsored by the National Auctioneers Association. With the title came a silver trophy, a cash prize and, most importantly, the opportunity to use her year in the spotlight—and her auctioneering skills—to promote charities near to her heart.

"Ten years ago I had no idea I would become an auctioneer. I didn't even know what one did," Wiles says with a laugh. Then one evening in 1994 she attended a consignment auction and became intrigued. She understood the auctioneer's motives completely, she says, because they were identical to what she did in her retail management job.

"We both were bringing buyers and goods together, but he was making buyers compete for the highest price with this sense of urgency. I said to myself, "This is a brilliant method of market-

ing,' and then I thought, 'I International Auctioneer Championship winner.

After graduating from auction school, working as an apprentice auctioneer and continuing her education at Indiana University's Certified Auctioneers Institute, Wiles opened her own company, Beneficial Auction Services, which specializes in benefit auctions.

As for nailing down the chant—that sing-song rhetoric all auctioneers use to coax higher bids—well, that took hours of practice. One helpful drill utilized a tape recording of her husband shouting "yep" at short intervals. After a while

she was able to fill in the pauses with high-speed, fluent banter.

"I learned right away that it doesn't matter how fast you go; if the audience can't understand you, they're not going to bid," she says.

Fellow auctioneer Mike Jones, a past men's division winner who witnessed Wiles' presentation at the competition, says she wowed the judges with her rapid-fire chant and rapport with the crowd. "Her enthusiasm really shows through," Jones says. "JillMarie exudes an air of self-determination and confidence that so many people in our business would love to have. She makes it look easy."

As champion, Wiles traveled the country making personal appearances, giving speeches and showing off her bid-calling prowess. The best part of it all, she says, was being able to help raise awareness and money for children in need.

"I love working with the kids," she says. "It's not work. The tradeoff of doing something good for somebody else and learning something about yourself in the process has been very fulfilling. Winning

the championship and working with these charities, it makes you feel you can make a difference."

One of her career high-lights occurred at a charity event in Memphis, Tenn., where she officiated a toy auction held at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. "The kids were given play money and they got to bid on toys. Those kids were some tough bidders," she says. "That was one of the best auctions I've ever conducted. The energy in the room was amazing."

"She really has a soft spot for children," says friend Kendra Mikulec, adding that Wiles is a big supporter of Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, Ore. "She is totally selfless and always puts others before her. She is a soaring spirit."

The two friends teamed up in 2002 to form Ponytail Roundup, which raises funds and awareness for Locks of Love, an organization that pro-



Wiles celebrates a successful bid by Tony Davis, a patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in Memphis, Tenn.

vides hairpieces to children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment or other medical conditions. In fact, one year Wiles raised \$450 by auctioning off the chance to clip Mikulec's waistlength curls at a chamber of commerce meeting. The two have since collected more than 630 ponytails to help the cause.

Although Wiles' championship reign has long since ended, she's still busy offering her services to help others, and is already booked through the end of the year. As for being a role model for auctioneers and an advocate for St. Jude and other children's charities, well, JillMarie Wiles is still going ... going ... strong.

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Dream 170 Come for Trace Adkins

"There's a satisfaction that I have with taking something raw and turning it into something that is more aesthetically pleasing, something that is beautiful."

When Trace Adkins first took his

wife, Rhonda, to see a 62-acre Tennessee farm he wanted to purchase in Rutherford County a few years ago, she took a long look and exclaimed, "It's a dump!"

"There was trash everywhere," says Adkins, agreeing with his wife's assessment. "It was an old dairy farm, and it probably hadn't been worked in 20 years. It was an overgrown mess. It had three old, dilapidated barns. An old house had burned down out front. It looked horrible."

But for Adkins, 42, it was his dream come true. Ever since he left his family's cattle farm in Sarepta, La., (pop. 925) in the early 1980s to pursue his dream of becoming a country singer, he had fantasized about the day that he would be able to afford to buy his own farm. And finally, thanks to hits such as *The Rest of Mine* and *Every Light in the House*, he was able to see his dream become a reality in 1999.

"The place where I grew up in Louisiana backed up

to a wildlife reserve," he says. "I had thousands of acres of pristine woodlands and bayous and I just spent so much of my time out there. I never really wanted to go anywhere else. I was, quite frankly, intimidated by the city; my old man too. He never had any need to go to town, he always said."

His father, Aaron Adkins, worked in a mill and instilled a dedicated work ethic in his young son. "There was always work needing to be done," he says. "My father was a quiet man and you did what was expected of you, and there was no questioning his orders or suggestions. That's where I learned the rewards of honest, hard work. You could always see the results of your efforts.

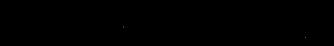
"That is one of the things that has always worn me out about the music business. I can work all day and at the end of the day, you look back and there's nothing that you can stand back and say, 'Yeah, I did a good job today.' Working on a farm gives me that. I don't feel like I put in a good honest day's work if at the end of the day I'm not exhausted or dirty."

A hard years' work

There was plenty of opportunity for Adkins to get both dirty and exhausted after he purchased the run-down property five years ago. "Despite its condition, when I walked in, I could see the possibilities," he recalls. "It had a little creek going through a valley and a spring coming out of a hill. I could see the hill was big enough to have a great view when a home was built onto it. I knew it was what I was looking for."

Adkins examines a piece of farm equipment.

Trace Adkins has earned one platinum and four gold albums, including his most recent, Comin' On Strong.



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After several years of hard work and a couple of dangerous accidents, it has begun to look like the showcase property the singer imagined it to be. A five-acre pond that Adkins dug with a bulldozer sits just off the two-lane entrance road. A new barn with a long front porch and small living quarters sits about 40 yards from the pond. Adkins, who single-handedly hauled off a ton of trash and cut a road, will finish building a two-bedroom guest house this summer, then move on to a 5,000-square-foot family home at the top of the hill.

Unfortunately, he's invested more than just money. A tractor and a mule have rolled over on him while he was working on the farm, and his injuries have included a separated sternum, a broken leg and crushed fingers. "I've hurt myself bad out here. But it's because I work hard. I still work like I did when I was in the oil field in my 20s."

A long journey

Roughing it also comes naturally to the former Louisiana Tech University football player. At 23, Adkins took a pipefitting job on an off-shore drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico. He also sang in a gospel quartet that recorded two independent albums in the early 1980s.

While working at sea, he played his guitar and sang gospel and country songs. A fellow worker introduced him to a band in Lafayette, La., that hired Adkins as its singer. Against the wishes of his mother, Peggy Adkins, he quit the gospel group and joined the country band, which toured widely before breaking up.



Brianna (left) and Mackenzie play with their father.

Adkins returned to oil-rig work, but, as a final stab at country music stardom, he sold his house and moved to Nashville, Tenn., in 1992. He worked construction jobs during the day while singing at night. He was performing in a small, blue-collar honky tonk in 1995 when a Capitol Records executive discovered him.

"This (career) is a hobby that got horribly out of control," he says. "It has made my life so much better and sweeter and I've experienced things that I never would have had a chance to experience. If it ended today, this has been the coolest thing. These last seven or eight years have been the highlight of my life."

His goal now is to spend as much time on his farm as possible as he finishes it and begins adding horses and cattle. "That piece of ground is really therapy for me," he says. "It allows me to put everything into perspective and just get back to nature and a good honest day's work. It is just absolutely a necessity for me. I couldn't imagine my life without that escape."

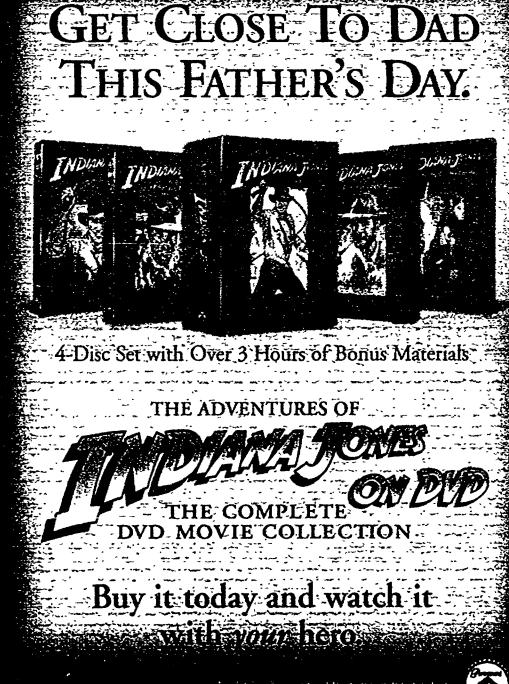
He also sees the effect the farm has on his relationship with his father. "He's still got a farm he works, and it would drive him crazy to come up here and be stuck in the house," says Adkins, who lives in a Brentwood, Tenn., (pop. 23,445) house about 25 miles away. "Now when he comes to visit, he's irritable until we can get out here to the farm. He just wants to be on the land with his muddy work boots riding on a tractor. He absolutely loves this place, and I'm just like him."

His wife, Rhonda, and the couple's two girls—6-year-old Mackenzie and 2-year-old Brianna—now love the place, as do his two teen-aged daughters, Tarah and Sarah, from a previous marriage. "We cook out and fish. The girls ride the four-wheeler and the mule. They love it out here. They're always talking about getting the house built, so we can all move out here and make this our home. It's where I plan to spend the rest of my life."

Michael McCall is a freelance journalist in Nashville, Tenn.

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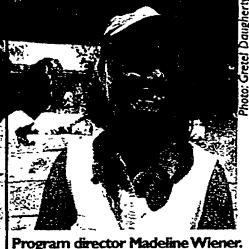






The Marvels of Marble

by JUDITH D. MILLER



Each summer, about 150 sculptors from around the United States and as far away as Japan, India, and Australia travel to Marble, Colo. (pop. 105), for one reason,—to sculpt marble in

the shadow of the mountain where it is mined.

The gathering is the brainchild of Madeline Wiener, who savors the few days each year that she spends setting up camp, preparing tools, and double-checking supplies for artists traveling to her Rocky Mountain retreat. Artists learn sculpting techniques, experiment with various stone-cutting tools, and exchange ideas in what was once one of the nation's most significant marble-quarrying regions.

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J.D. Adcox sculpts marble in the town that bears its name-Marble, Colo.

Named for its valued rock, the town of Marble has been home to the Marble Sculpting Symposium, also known as MARBLE/marble, since 1989. Wiener, a Denver sculptor, was inspired in the late-1970s when she came to a fair in Marble and watched friends carve a sculpture.

"They were in such harmony with the whole setting that it was the first time that I thought I wanted to do that also," she says. "Ever since, I had this dream to start this program of carving marble in Marble."

The idea remained a dream for more than a decade until Wiener, who was teaching at the Art Students League of Denver in 1988, asked the institution's Board of Directors if she could organize a workshop in Marble. She expected about 12 sculptors at the inaugural symposium in 1989, but ended up with 48. In 1996, Wiener formed The Marble Institute of Colorado, a non-profit organization that now operates the symposium, which has grown to three eight-day workshops with 35 to 65 sculptors attending each session.

The sculptors work just west of Marble's old mill site, once the world's largest marble finishing mill. The walls and roof were removed when the mill was abandoned in 1941, but several old marble columns and two marble firewalls still stand, and large marble slabs lay strewn along the banks of the nearby Crystal River.

"Being located in the mountains with all the huge marble pieces was just amazing," Texas sculptor Kelly Borsheim says of the symposium.

When the sculptors arrive, the serene mountain setting becomes a center of creativity. "Initially you might think you're at a giant dental convention," Wiener jokes, describing the noise of the power tools and the fine residue that fills the air.

Toward the end of each session, the group is taken on a tour of the local quarry, The Colorado Yule Quarry, which has a rich history. Marble deposits were first discovered in the area in 1873, and the town was founded eight years later. The first major project to use the area's stone was the Colorado State Capitol in 1895. In the early 1900s, the area's marble was used in hundreds of landmark buildings and structures across the nation, including the Lincoln Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. However, in 1941, due to the war effort and a move toward other building materials, the quarry closed. Reopened in 1990, Sierra Minerals Corp. now operates the quarry.

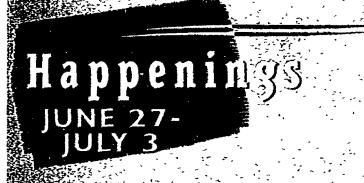
During the tour, sculptors gain a better appreciation of the stones they're working on. "It gives everybody a humbling experience and a lesson in geology and technology," Wiener says.

for more information on the Marble Sculpting Symposium. heduled July 2-9, July 15-22 iki fuly 29-Aug.5, log on to

Wiener is still dreaming, though. She hopes the institute can eventually build an indoor facility at the Marble site where sculptors can meet in the winter. "A different experience from the very outdoorsy summer program," she says. Until then, Wiener looks forward to the summer programs in a town that is rich in marble heritage.

"This is a pretty powerful place and program, and it has overwhelmed many folks in the most positive way," she says. "I count the days until I go back."

Judith D. Miller is a freelance writer from Grand Junction, Colo.



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Route 66 Classic Car Festival— Litchfield, June 25-27. Start your engines and drive the historic route to this cruise-in and show for cars, trucks, and motorcycles built in or before 1979. (217) 324-5253.

INDIANA

Warsaw Sesquicentennial—Warsaw, June 25-26. Features entertainment, arts & crafts, history displays, kids' activities, a parade, triathlon, and car and motorcycle show on the Kosciusko County Courthouse square. (574) 267-6419.

IOWA

Sesquicentennial Celebration—North English, June 25-27. Celebrate the town's 1854 founding with live music, contests a carnival, parade, and Civil War re-enactment: City Park and Fairgrounds. (319) 664-3810

KANSAS

Banner Creek Antique Festival—Holton, June 26. This event at the Banner Creek Reservoir features a variety of antique items as well as food and live bluegrass music all day. (785) 364-4727.

MICHIGAN

Michigan Challenge Balloonfest—Howell, June 25-27. Features more than 50 hot air balloons, as well as a carnival, medieval village, car show, and crafts at Howell High School Complex. (517) 546-3920.

MINNESOTA

Cloquet Centennial Celebration—Cloquet, July 1-4. The town celebrates its 1904 founding with a parade, historic tours and re-enactments, and a logrolling and lumberiack show (218) 879-3806.

MISSOURI

Lake Fest 2004—Blue Springs, June 26. Celebrate summer at Lake Jacomo with live music and entertainment, contests, children's games and rides, boar trips, and fireworks. (816) 795-8200.

NEBRASKA

Old Mill Days and 2004 Chautauqua—Neligh, July 2-6. Features portrayals of life on the Lewis and Clark expedition, along with a parade, dance, children's games, and fireworks at Riverside Park. (402) 887-5140.

NORTH DAKOTA

125th Anniversary Celebration— Tower City, July 2-4. Observe the 125th birthday of this home of the North Dakota State Horse Pull with a Veteran's Memorial dedication, parade, and horse pull. (701) 749-2343

OHIO

Balloonfest—Ashland, July 1-4. Hot air balloonists from around the country participate in balloon glows and races during this festival, which also features fireworks and children's activities. (419) 281-1144.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Black Hills Heritage Festival—Rapid City, July 1-4. Features local and regional artisans, live music and entertainment, children's activities, food, and fireworks at Memorial Park. (605) 209-4339.

WISCONSIN

Country Fair with a Norwegian Flair—Wautoma, June 26. Features a Norwegian bake fair and baking demonstrations as well as a variety of arts & crafts at Hope Lutheran Church. (920) 787-3920



Did You Know...

ILLINOIS—The nation's first African-American priest was Father Augustine Tolton, also known as Augustus. Tolton celebrated his first mass in his childhood home of Quincy (pop. 40,366) in 1886 at St. Boniface Church.

The infield of Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet is so large—measuring 1,200 feet by 2,850 feet—that it could accommodate four Soldier Fields, home of the Chicago Bears football team.

INDIANA—From 1886 to 1919, industrialist Andrew Carnegie built 1,679 public libraries across the United States. Indiana reaped the most with 164 libraries.

IOWA—German immigrants named the town of Guttenberg (pop. 1,987) after Johann Gutenberg, who invented movable type. Ironically, a lithographer printed an extra "t" with the town's name on an 1848 plat.

KANSAS—Bethesda Hospital, established in 1899 in Goessel (pop. 565), was one of the nation's first Mennonite hospitals.

MICHIGAN—Allan Williams, an Ionia County engineer, built the first picnic table on a highway right-of-way along U.S. 16 in 1929. Other states soon copied his refreshing idea.

MINNESOTA—From 1910 to 1925, the nation's shortest interstate street-car line zipped 1.14 miles between Breckenridge (pop. 3,559) and Wahpeton, N.D. (pop. 8,536).

MISSOURI—In 1857, Gen. George Smith platted and named Sedville after his daughter Sarah, whose nickname was Sed. Friends convinced him that "ville" should be replaced with the more melodic "alia," thus Sedville became Sedalia (pop. 20,339) in 1860.

NEBRASKA—State Poet William Kloefkorn of Lincoln also used his distinctive voice to win the 1978 state hog-calling contest.

NORTH DAKOTA—After Roger Jensen and Jim Oliver of Wahpeton (pop. 8,586) restored the 1926 Prairie Rose Carousel in 1992, local volunteers ponied up to build a shelter for the attraction.

OHIO—The state's first television station, WEWS-TV in Cleveland, began broadcasting in 1947 and carried its first live remote of a Cleveland Indians baseball game the next year during the World Series.

SOUTH DAKOTA—L. Frank Baum, author of the Wizard of Oz books, published the Aberdeen Saturday Pioneer newspaper in 1890 in Aberdeen (pop. 24,658).

WISCONSIN—On Feb. 12, 1930, Jennie Kelleher of Madison became the first woman to bowl a perfect 300 game in a sanctioned contest.

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At 214 years old, King Arthur is America's oldest flour company, and New England's oldest food company. The

Sands family's involvement began in the early 19th century, when the company was headquartered in Boston. "My great-great grandfather, John Sands, came down from Maine in 1820 and joined the company as a salesman," says Sands, who has worked in the business since he was a kid delivering bags of flour to customers.

It wasn't until 1896, however, that the company, then known as The Sands, Taylor & Wood Company, took on its famous brand name, King Arthur Flour. "That name came from the honesty, the goodness, the chivalry—all the attributes associated with King Arthur," Sands says.

In 1984, he moved the company to its cur-

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According to the 67-year-old Sands, the company's longevity has been tied closely to the quality of its flour, which contains no chemical A vintage advertisement touts the centuries-old product, milled since 1790 additives. "Quality is what has sustained us," he says. "About 10 years ago, I sent back 11 freight cars from a mill because it didn't meet our quality standards."

"The quality is the best you can get," says P.J. Harnel, who has worked for the company since 1990. "The flour

you get today is the same as what your grandmother got, and her recipes will still work with your recipes."

Hamel edits the company's popular Baker's Catalogue, which offers customers baking supplies and free recipes. She also has authored The King Arthur Flour Baker's Companion All-Purpose Cookbook and works closely with customers. "When I turned 50 last July, I must have gotten 300 birthday cards from our customers," she says. "That's the kind of relationship we have. Customers feel like they're part of the company."

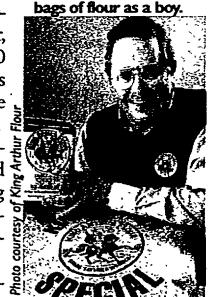
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Feeling part of the company is something that the 160 employees at King Arthur Flour know well. In 1996, with Sands' children not looking to take over the company, he decided to make employees owners, and initiated an employee stock ownership plan. "We didn't want to just sell the company and have somebody move it away," Sands says. "These people here are great employees. They're creative and excited about the business."

"We all feel like we're working for one another," Hamel says. "It's nice because we all put our shoulders to the wheel and push together, and we're not doing it for some stockholder in Los Angeles. We're doing it for us and for our customers."

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IOWA

A Renaissance Affaire—Osceola, June 19-20. Q Pond Park. For more information, call (319) 846-4411 or log on to www.arenaffaire.com.

lowa Renaissance Festival and Harvest Faire—Amana Colonies, Sept. 4-6, Middle Amana Park. For more information, call (641) 357-5177 or log on to urvw.festint.com.

KANSAS

Kansas City Renaissance Festival— Bonner Springs, weekends Sept. 4-Oct. 17, 628 N. 126th St. For more information, call (800) 373-0357 or log on to www.kcrenfest.com.

MICHIGAN

Northwood Renaissance Festival— Interlochen, weekends June 12-27, Interlochen Eagles Arena. For more information, call (231) 885-1540 or log on to www.northwoodrenfest.com.

Michigan Renaissance Festival—Holly, weekends Aug. 14-Sept. 26, Dixie Highway. For more information, call (800) 601-4848 or log on to www.michrenfest.com.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota Renaissance Festival— Shakopee, weekends Aug. 14-Sept. 26, 12364 Chestnut Blvd. For more information, call (952) 445-7361 or log on to www.renaissancefest.com.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Renaissance Faire and Medieval Pageant—Ashland, Sept. 25-26. C.J. Holling Camp. For more information, call (641) 357-5177 or log on to www.festint.com.

Great Lakes Medieval Faire—Geneva, weekends July 3-Aug. 8, seven miles south of Interstate 90 on State Route 534. For more information, call (440) 474-4280 or log on to www.medievalfaire.com.

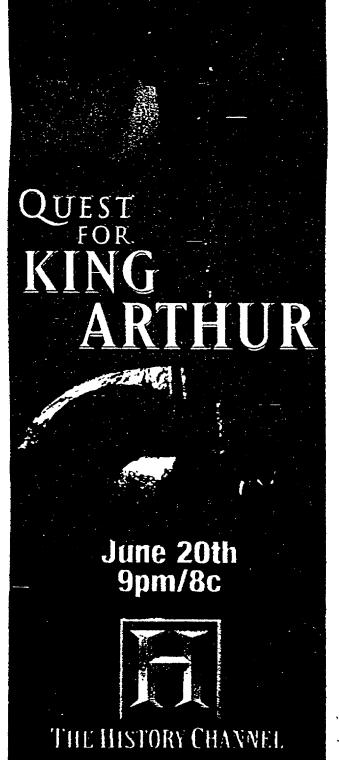
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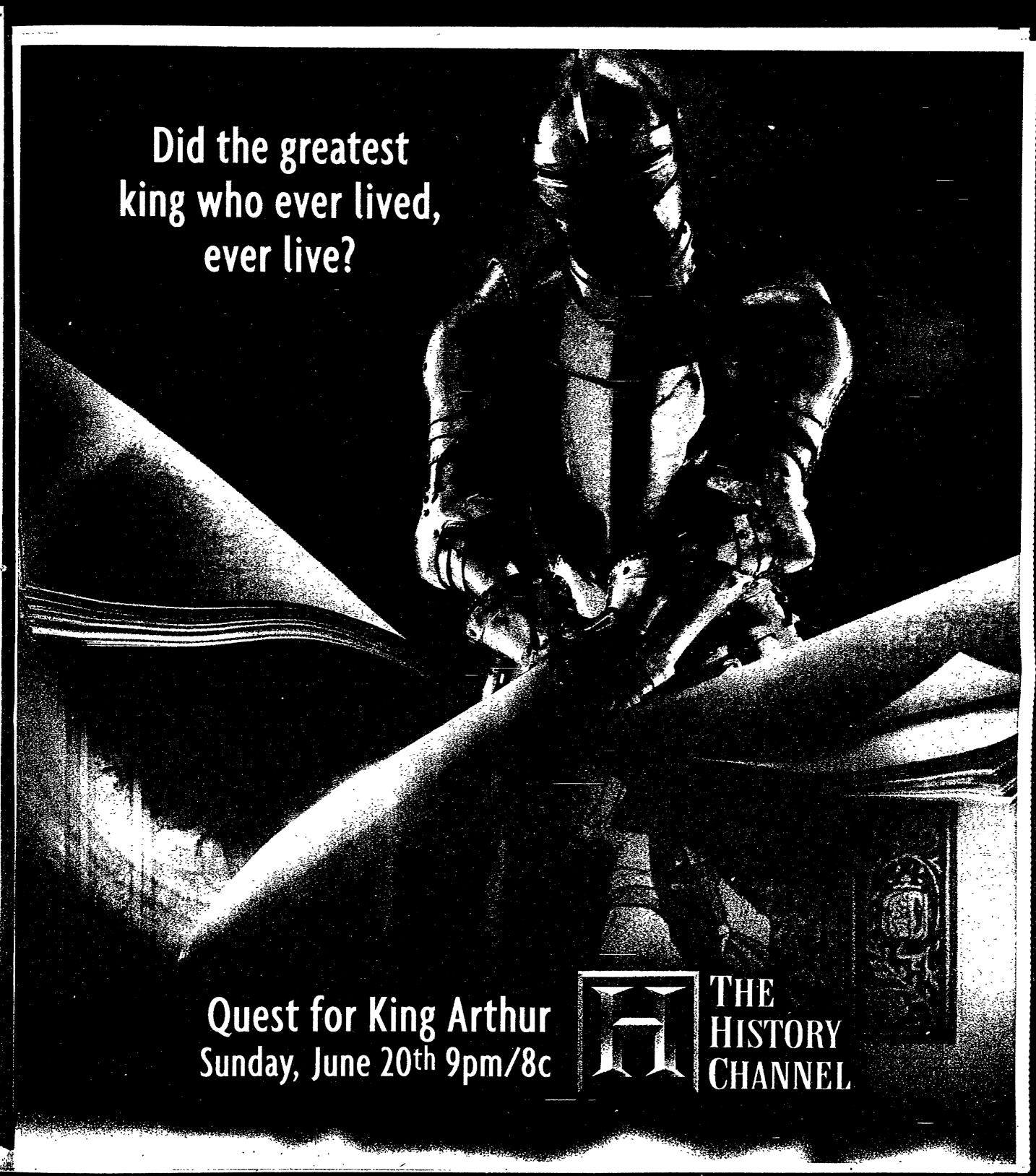
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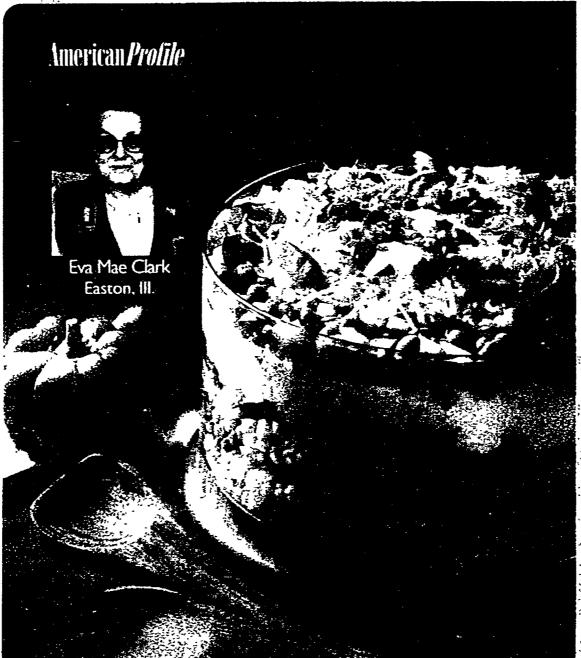
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Cornbread Salad

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I cup mayonnaise

1/2 cup green pepper, chopped

1/2 cup sweet red pepper, chopped

1/2 cup onion, chopped

3 large tomatoes, chopped

I 16-ounce can pinto beans, drained

2 cups fresh, or frozen, corn

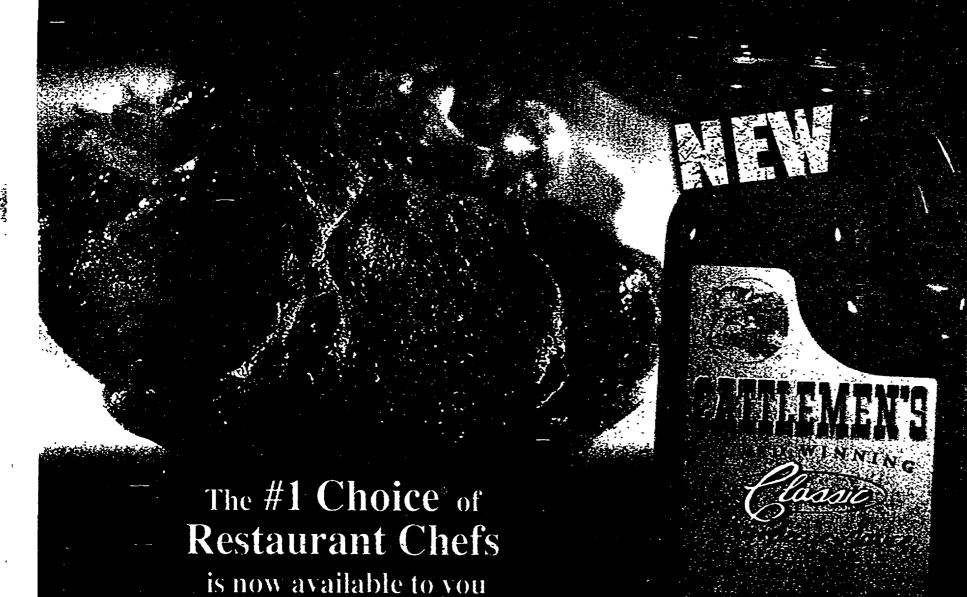
2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded

10 slices cooked bacon, crumbled (optional)

Bake combread mix according to package instructions and crumble. Combine ranch-style dressing mix, sour cream and mayon-naise in a small bowl. In another bowl, mix together peppers, onion, tomatoes, pinto beans and corn. In a 3-quart salad bowl, layer 1/2 of the combread, 1/2 of the vegetables, 1/2 of the cheese, 1/2 of the bacon and 1/2 of the dressing Repeat layers with remaining ingredients. Cover and store in refrigerator until ready to serve.

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chies and place brisker back in skiller, bring to a stormer. Cover and cook fire 2 hours.



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Our Picks

Small Ball: A Little League Story PBS Video

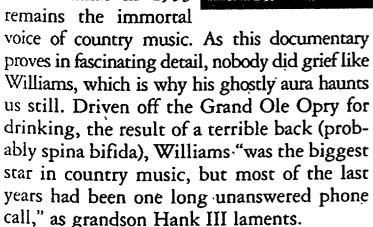
"Little league SIVIALI baseball is a very good thing," Yogi Berra once said. "It keeps the parents off the streets." That quote from the New York Yankees' legend runs as a post-script to this fun documentary as

script to this fun documentary about a team of 12-year-olds from Aptos, Calif. (pop. 9,396), who make it to the 2002 Little League World Series.

This portrays the Herculean odds that the Aptos Little League All Stars beat in competing against 6,400 teams to be one of eight to go to Williamsport, Pa. Coached by a semi-conductor salesman and a retired major league pitcher (who also does a mean Donald Duck impersonation), the kids revel in their unexpected celebrity that includes signing autographs and grinning on ESPN. But it's the adults who crack, with one parent warning, "Boys, we haven't asked much of you, but you need to win tonight, because us mothers are going to have a nervous breakdown!" Now, do they really capture the trophy? You'll have to watch to find out. (To order, call (800) PlayPBS.)

Hank Williams: Honky Tonk Blues PBS June 23 (check local listings)

Hank Williams released just two albums in his 29 years, but the skeletal singer who died in the back of a powder-blue Cadillac in 1953 remains the immortal



The film makes wonderful use of footage of Williams' funeral and family home movies, and offers the first on-camera interview with his widow, Billie Jean. "I see Jesus comin' down the road, and he's comin' after ol' Hank," she quotes him as saying just before he died. "He was in too much pain to live."





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