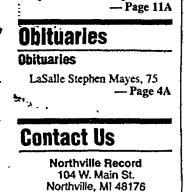




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New 'merit exam' may be Michigan standard by 2007

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By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

A new standardized test called the Michigan Merit Exam may replace the Michigan Assessment Education Program test.

Pending Gov. Jennifer Granholm's What's happening with your OK, a package of five bills favorite high approved last school week sports Michigan's legteam? See islature would page 9A. change the format --- and

impact - of the MEAP by 2007. If made law, the new test will

be on par with standardized col-

lege admission exams like the ACT or SAT.

In addition to English, math, reading and science, it will include social studies and a possible workplace readiness section.

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said Tuesday he wasn't aware of the exact details.

"What I understand, apparently, if the governor signs it, it will go into effect in '06-'07," he said. "I don't have any new information. We have a series of questions and we don't have answers to them."

According to the bills, a sampling of 11th graders identified

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SANTA CLAUS stopped in Northville this week to make last-minute holiday preparations. He visited local shopkeepers and left behind his coveted gift list for those still searching for just the right present. See Santa's special gift section, Page 1B.

\$370 million state revenue shortfall leaves Lansing lawmakers puzzled — again

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

A \$370 million state revenue shortfall has once again left state legislators scrambling for answers and local officials concerned about the prospect of diminished local funding.

A recently released financial report revealed the state is currently collecting fewer revenues than originally forecast by the state treasurer and legislative

fiscal agencies.

Now with Gov. Jennifer Granholm hinting at possible spending cuts, Northville city and township officials are concerned state revenue sharing could once again be a prime target.

Commonly, local municipalities rely on state revenue sharing funds to help fund public services such as police and fire departments.

Township Manager Chip Snider said the township has done well during past budget pare backs. He said township officials already anticipated further state cuts in its 2005 budg-

et, approved Oct. 21. "The township has managed to sustain all levels of service

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Township unveils new municipal buildings tonight

Grand opening will showcase township hall, fire station

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

All snarly memories of delay will be swept away tonight as the ribbon is snipped to Northville Township's new municipal buildings.

"Eye appeal is everything," said Bob LaPlante, township maintenance department. "We want to really impress our residents as they walk through and let them know that their tax dollars are well spent."

The event, which begins at 3:30 p.m., includes bus transportation and self-guided tours

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RIBBON CUTTING

What: Northville Township welcomes the public to its new hall and fire headquarters for self-guided tours and a ribbon-cutting ceremony this evening.

When: Building tours last from 3:30-6:15 p.m., starting at the township hall. A municipal senior bus will transport guests to and from the fire station every 20-30 minutes. The ribbon-cutting is at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Township hall municipal offices are located at 44405 Six Mile Rd., southwest corner of Sheldon and Six Mile roads. The fire station is at 45745 Six Mile Rd., south side of road, next to Millennium Park.

Details: Call township hall at (248) 348-5800

of the township's hall and fire station headquarters, located minutes apart on Six Mile, near Sheldon Road.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony takes place at 6:30 p.m. just outside the community room in the hall.

"The thought is the community room was to become the jewel

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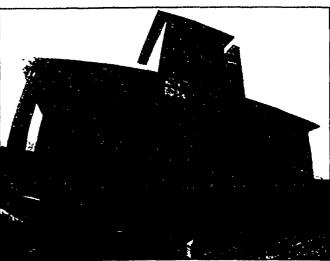


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Local residents will view Northville Township's new municipal hall tonight during an official grand opening.



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BUDGET: revenue shortfall poses renewed local funding concerns

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programs to the residents during the first line of cuts," Snider. "We begin the belt-tightening process now in preparation of situations such as this."

Salary increases are one area that's been scaled back, he said. Snider said increases next year are budgeted at 3 percent, down from 3.5-4.5 percent.

"We also will eliminate any redundancy within departments. Any costly programs that are not well-attended or well-received will be re-visited," Snider said. "It will be areas that are either drawn from millages that will soon expires, such as recreation; any areas that are subject to depleting the general fund."

Possible areas might include the clerks' office, internal staffing and non-union department heads, Snider said, as well as staff increases and new programs or jobs.

One area not expected to feel the pinch, Snider said, is public safety, which is funded via a dedicated millage. Three fire fighters were hired this year, and a new police officer is on tap for next year.

Trimming personnel

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The city of Northville already has adjusted some staff assignments in response to anticipated cuts, said Finance Director Nickie Bateson.

The city and state are on different fiscal schedules, she said. Depending on the formula to calculate cuts, she said the expected \$20,000 reduction in the city's revenue sharing likely will be spread across the next two years.

Bateson said the administration has reduced expenses by subcontracting services, such as public safety dispatch, eliminating half a tax and finance position by department re-organization and cutting a public works position.

"Workers are cross-trained," Bateson said. "The overall workload is distributed over less people. "Every time there's a chance to evaluate our

costs and programs we do it to see if there's a way we can do the same thing for less.

The city had hoped to escape another round of Lansing revenue sharing cuts, Bateson said. "I'm speechless. I'm not surprised either, based on the overall state's economy.

"It just makes it more and more difficult each

"... We must all put our heads together and not play the blame game. (We must) form consensus as to how to raise the revenue so there are no cuts for revenue sharing and the foundation grant for education."

> John Stewart R-Plymouth

long-term plan how to address how to fix the Michigan financial model."

In need of a plan

In Lansing, Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) has been feeling the pinch, too. Chairman of the judiciary committee, he said a surplus of \$5 million in the judiciary department was transferred to offset the anticipated state shortfall.

"They raided all the other budgets, anybody that had a positive balance of anything sizable," Stewart said. "This is the old John Engler tactic: You borrow from the other funds and you transfer them into the general fund."

He said the twice-increased cigarette tax has helped on a small scale. Long-term, he wasn't able to project a plan.

'I have to have the patience of Job to wait for Gov. Granholm," Stewart said: "I have to wait for the January revenue estimating conference. I have to wait for the February budget presentation.

"Then we must all put our heads together and not play the blame game. (We must) form consensus as to how to raise the revenue so there are no cuts for revenue sharing and the foundation grant for education.

Northville Record staff writer Maureen Johnston contributed to this report.







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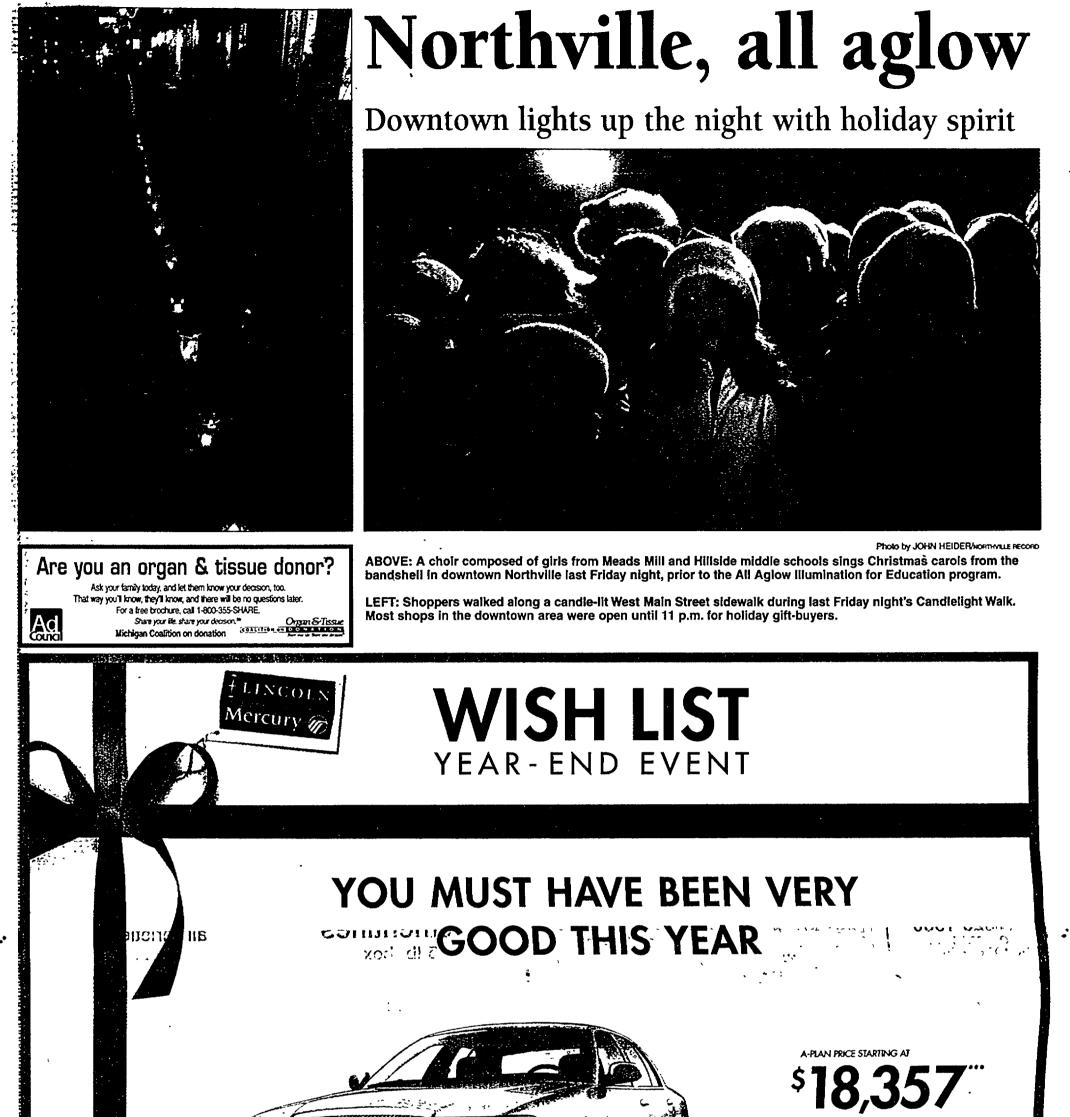


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OBITUARIES

LaSalle Stephen Mayes, 75

LaSalle Mayes of Northville died Dec. 7, 2004. He was 75. Mr. Mayes was born July 2, 1929 in Centerline to Raymond and Cecelia (Dzerzinsky) Mayes.

LaSalle went to grade school and high school in Detroit. He began work in his father's level factory, R. Mayes and Son, where he ran the office and advertising for the company. LaSalle twice won the Harry Suffrin Award for his advertising work. He attended Meinsinger's Art School and Society of Arts and Crafts in Detroit. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Detroit in 1958. After receiving his degree, LaSalle taught English and journalism for six years at Central High School in Detroit and Henry Ford High School in Detroit.

LaSalle had a significant career in the arts. Among his accomplishments, he painted the portraits of all of the past and present University of Detroit Presidents, which are displayed in the U of D Library. He painted and sculpted numerous works for St. Maurice Catholic Church including nativity scenes, Stations of the Cross and statues.

From 1962-69, LaSalle was the summer camp director for VFW Camp Woodbury in Dexter. In 1964 he received his masters degree in English from Wayne State University. He then joined the faculty of Schoolcraft College as chair of the English department. He co-authored and published the textbook Writing Concepts in 1978. He created the Writing Concepts Center at Schoolcraft and worked in the English department until his retirement in 1992.

He lead an active life of golf, travel and visits with his children and grandchildren. He had a significant impact on the lives of all he touched and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Lichty Mayes; six children, Maura Millbern, Michael (Carol) Mayes, Sheila (Peter) Mayes, Timothy (Laura) Mayers, Thomas (Sara) Mayes and Matthew (Melissa) Mayes; eleven grandchildren, Adam, Kylie, Trevor, Gavin, Taylor, Ally, Chloe, Thomas, Alex, Carter and Madison; and two sisters, Audrey Groulx of Roseville and Marlene (John) Bruce of Harrison Township.

A memorial service was held Dec. 22, 2004 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central 1 Station, P.O.Box 4777, New York, NY 10163.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

Widow guilty of first-degree murder

Wife of former Northville business man faces mandatory life sentence

By Kim Kovelle **RECORD STAFF WRITER**

More than a half-year after Northville business owner Robert Seaman was brutally killed in his Farmington Hills home, his wife was convicted of the crime.

After nearly five hours of deliberation, an Oakland County jury Tuesday found Nancy Seaman guilty of first-degree murder.

According to the prosecution, on Mother's Day afternoon, May 9, Nancy Seaman, an award-winning fourth-grade teacher at Longacre Elementary in Farmington Hills, used a recently-purchased ax to repeatedly stab her husband.

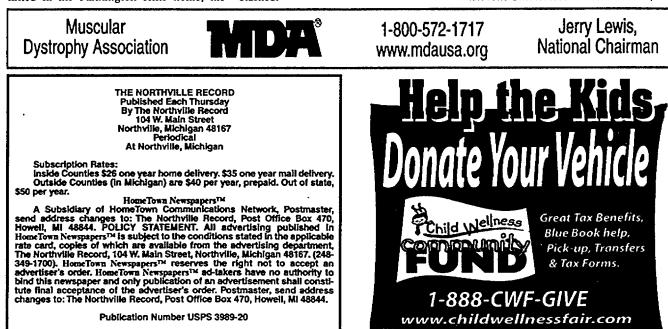
She was arrested two days later after police discovered the body, covered in blue tarp, in the back of the family's Ford Explorer, where it had allegedly been stashed.

The jury disagreed with Seaman's defense argument that she was a battered wife who lashed out at her husband in self-defense.

The guilty verdict carries a mandatory life sentence without parole. She will be formally sentenced Jan. 24 before a circuit court judge.

Robert Seaman owned and operated the Upper Deck baseball facility in the restored Ford factory at Main and Griswold streets. which he co-owned.

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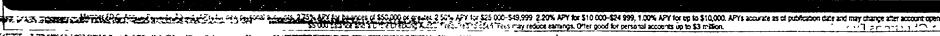
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Hosting the holidays not always a simple task

Prepare for, handle holiday guests with grace, politeness



By Kim Kovelle **RECORD STAFF WRITER**

It/would try the wits of any holiday host: entertaining and feeding 62 Christmas guests packed under one roof.

But for Laurie Marrs of Northville, it's a tradition she's whittled to a science.

"Christmas Day is a huge event for us because I am from a very large family," she said. "Our house is rockin', I have to say.'

From food and festivities to lodging guests, she and other Northville party-organizers offer tips on how to keep holiday hoorahs hopping - yet manageable.

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Feeding the masses

If they come, you must feed them. Therefore, knowing your audience and space limitations is critical.

"Always start your menu at least a week in advance," Marrs said. "I do a timeline of what things can be made ahead of time.

Dips, for instance, can be started four days early, at most. Make sure the wine opener, good china, ice supply and centerpieces are set. Consider allergies and vegetarians, too.

Early food orders are a must. The "mobile buffet." from tenderioins to shrimp seafood cocktail, is popular for bigger groups, said Mary Pearce of Northville's Edward Caterer.

"People are kind of getting away from the heavy, sit-down dinner," Pearce said. "You can fit a lot more people in your house if they don't have to have a place for everyone to sit."

Lois Presley of Northville provides main Christmas Eve entrees, but encourages her 17 guests to sign-up and pitch in. "Last year, I e-mailed all the

kids who are now in the 30s -my nieces and nephews --- and said, 'Here's what you can bring,'" Presley said. "We enjoyed trying each other's recipes."

And to keep things cool, use garages, cars and even snow clumps by the backdoor.

"The good thing about this issue, at different sides of the me of year is the whole world's table." time of year is the whole world's a cooler," Pearce said.

On with the show

The key to keeping things going is to foster a mingle. friendly environment.

"In general I would keep the bar area or the service for drinks over away from the food," Presley said. "You want people to mingle and you don't want to put everything all in one spot."

Besides presents, keep children busy with videos and plastic tea sets. This year, Presley's considering a colorful tableand-chair set and star-shaped sandwiches.

For big and little kids, local events like carriage rides, caroling groups or bell choirs can sometimes be blended into holiday events.

But if political differences, bragging spats or other tensions sour entertainment, act fast.

Marrs tries to cut down the audience by asking people to help in the kitchen or telling parents their child needs some attention.

"If there's no children ... and it starts to get too heated, I have no qualms saying, 'This conversation belongs in a political arena," Marrs said. "I think it's more how you say it."

Added Presley, "I would keep people, if I know there's an

Putting on the breaks

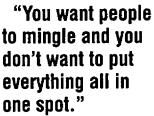
When weary, plump-bellied guests bunk for the night, take the advice of Marrs' father: "Anybody that stays longer than three days starts to smell like a fish.'

front. Maximum is three days, and we stick to it."

work. Divide the labor, whether washing dishes or picking wrapping paper from the carpet. Finally, treat yourself once the chaos is through.

"All the women get up really early and go into downtown Northville and hit all the after-Christmas sales," laughed Marrs. "We leave all the men home to baby-sit the kids. We have a great time."

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Lois Presley Northville Resident

Laurie Marrs

Northville Resident

There are nine days to go, and 90 things to do for your Christmas party. Try some of these tips to get you through: Make a list or two; put vital

REMINDERS

things at the top

 Arrange easy-access meat, cheese and vegetable trays; offer non-alcoholic options like coffee, hot chocolate, punch, eggnog

 Consider lower-stress catering or restaurant/convention room rental

 Clean out the refrigerator: have spare coolers and ice on hand

. Don't be afraid to ask for others' help, whether it's bringing food or cleaning up

. For fun and when appropriate, hang up the mistletoe

 Don't allow anyone to drink and drive; stop serving alcohol an hour before the party ends and provide a designated driver/cab phone number

Source, www.christmas-celebrations.com





"I'd say, 'What is your time frame?" Marrs said. "I am up Be firm — and make them



Pam Comben, a worker in Plymouth's Parkway Veterinary Clinic, stands by her English springer spaniel "Dewey," showing the identification many runaway dogs don't have --- preventing their safe return home.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

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- City of Northville police: (248) 349-5100
- Northville Township police: (248) 349-9400

Pets require more than poetic license

Pet licensing required; helps if Fido runs away

By Kim Kovelle **RECORD STAFF WRITER**

Linda Daul was certain the mildmannered, collarless West Highland Terrier she found near her Pheasant Hills home belonged to someone.

"I just really had a thought that the owners were going to come," said Daul, who found the dog more than two weeks ago. "I did put fliers throughout my neighborhood. I just was confident because she was just such a good dog."

It can happen quickly: pets without proper identification wander off and owners can't locate them. Moreover, beyond a name tag, pet owners sometimes aren't aware they need to license Fido --- yearly.

In Northville, officials said owners are diligent, but suspect many dogs aren't registered. Wendy Gutowski, who maintains the registration database at the city of Northville, said that the 500 licenses issued this year probably represent half of all dog owners.

"The other half feel they don't need to, probably," she said. "It would be my guess a lot of folks come to license a dog only after the dog has been picked up."

The city's licensing year is March I through the last day of February, Gutowski said. The cost is \$8 if the dog has received its shots and \$11 if not; fees double after March 1. Renewal reminder letters are sent out in January.

Township applications are due on or before June 1 every year, with sales starting March 1. Owners must provide proof of rabies vacci-

nation. The cost is \$5 for renewing and new residents; after June 2, renewals increase to \$7.

See Spot run... away

If Spot scoots away, the first stop for the owners or finders should be local police.

Township and city officials keep tabs on reported stray and missing dogs. When a dog's brought in, township Police Chief John Werth

said the license tag is checked. "Sometimes we get the license in from surrounding communities," Werth said. "If we're able to locate where the dog belongs, we will take that dog to the home."

Added City Police Chief James Petres, "We'll be sure to pick up the dog and we'll be sure to take it to the vet?

Stray dogs are delivered by police to the Parkway Veterinary Clinic in Plymouth Township. There, stray animals are kept in one of seven indoor, kennel-like 12-by-5 foot dog runs.

Pam Comben, team leader at the clinic, said Northville residents are typically good about tracking lost, mostly tagless pets.

'They have five business days to claim them," Comben said. "Then we try to adopt them out. We don't want these animals getting cagecrazed."

Dr. Charles Bares said coded microchips, typically installed between a pet's shoulder blades at a \$45 fee, offer another way of tracking lost animals — and preventing unnecessary grief.

'There's a reader that we have that scans it, sort of like your bar code in the grocery store," Bares said. "It's permanent identification.'

Neutering also is vital. Male dogs travel miles seeking a female, Comben said. Some strays with vicious temperaments may be euth**KEEP PETS WARM**

Falling snow and temperatures can assault household pets just as much as humans.

"If it's uncomfortable for you, it's probably uncomfortable for your dog," Michigan Humane Society spokeswoman Nancy Gunnigle said. "If your dog is shivering, it's a sign that it's time to go inside and warm up. Always error on the side of bringing your dog inside.

For outdoor pets, or if taking your best friend for a walk, don't forget:

In severe or inclement weather, don't leave pets outside.

. Bring small or short-haired dogs inside at 15-20 degrees Fahrenheit or lower; larger breeds and thick-coated dogs at zero degrees. Consider precipitation, wind.

· After walks, wipe dogs' paws, especially between toes, to dry snow and wipe away salt.

· Cats should be kept permanently indoors or in a warm, animalproof garage during severe weather.

· Roaming cats seek warm car engines; knock on the car hood and honk the horn before starting your car.

· A well-built, insulated, slant-roofed shelter is required by Michigan state law for dogs remaining outdoors.

. In shelters, use clean, dry straw rather than towels blankets that may quickly freeze.

 Increase food and water 10-20 percent for outdoor dogs during winter.

. If a pet is cold to the touch, or paws and ears are bright red, it may be frostbite; move animal to a warmer area and contact your veterinarian.

Source: The Michigan Humane Society

anized, but in rare cases when dogs aren't adopted, the clinic seeks breed rescue missions.

"We get on the phone with people and we plead," Comben said. We beg. I e-mail everybody I

know. Somebody always steps forward. We've never been stuck with

one." Fortunately, in the case of the white terrier, that won't be necessary; Comben said people are already interested in adopting the

"My goal was to find the owner," Daul said. "She has definitely been on my mind."



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Rounding up Ruggles

Lost dog returns home after 23 days in woods

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

Joe Dalsasso knew before leaving for a Las Vegas vacation leaving the family dog at a friend's house was a gamble.

"I just thought something would happen," Dalsasso, 13, said. "She's never been in anyone's house before.'

His premonition came true: Ruggles, his one-year-old Maltese-Shitzu, fled the sitter's yard.

But 23 days after Ruggles ran, she was returned to her Northville Township home with the help of fliers and a retired Plymouth couple.

Catching a late "red eye" flight home, Joe and his mother, Robin, posted and handed out 200 handmade fliers, targeting churches and mail carriers alike. The family saw the white dog by the Phoenix Yard and called her name, but to no avail.

"She was... in a tunnel view," Robin said. "Noise just meant 'run.' She was scared to death."

That's when Danny and Lucile Roose, a retired Plymouth couple, stepped in.

Spotting Ruggles in the woods near Independence Village, Danny Roose called the Dalsassos and launched a search of his own.

"We'd stay there five to six hours a day sometimes," Roose said. "We had two cold nights. I said, 'That dog's gonna die if we don't catch it.

The Rooses' poodle, Spanky, recently died at age 17. Even before that, they've helped track down and save dozens of pets.

Roose figured out the dog's trail, and tried to lure it with hot

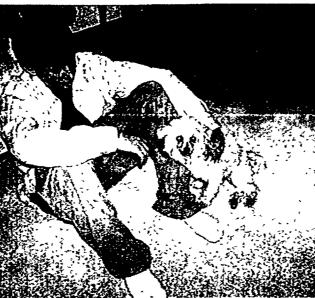


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Joe Dalsasso recently was reunited with his puppy Ruggles. Escaping from a sitter, the Maltese Shitzu survived outdoors for 23 days before she was caught.

dogs and turkey spam. Once, he had Ruggles in his arms, but she wriggled away.

Using a fishing net, he trapped her again. Again, she escaped. That night, with two animal

traps set in the woods, Roose was ready. By dinnertime, Ruggles was caught.

Me and my wife was sitting up there in the van under the ed a half hour." Then, they checked the trap: "We screamed bloody murder, 'She's in there!" It was kind of really a good feel-

ing." Joe was reunited with his dog, covered with thistles. "She recognized me. I just hugged her. I just stayed with her the whole day," he said.

From plane tickets to traps, the search cost \$720, Robin said, but the Rooses "would not take a penny.

"There really isn't no thanks necessary," Roose said. "We love saving animals. We just did what we had to do.'

"She recognized me. I just hugged her. I just staved with her the whole day."

> Joe Dalsasso 13-year-old Meads Mill student reunited with runaway puppy

Last Friday, with his parents, Ruggles and 13-year-old dog Pixie nearby, Joe was grateful. "They were just so helpful," he said.

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'Challenge' honor

ambitious goal and is trying this year to earn the "Challenge Honor Troop" distinction.

The troop, whose members are in the first grade and many of whom attend Northville Public Schools Thornton Creek Elementary School, will com-plete specific activities to fulfill the requirements of this highest

A "Challenge Honor Troop" standard ties. These include having at participating in programs to

learn about different cultures.

Bartlett, Erica Meister.

Top Row: Maren Simonte, Leah Tappan, Colleen Hadley,

Row: Kaleigh Carlone, Laura Trumbore, Claire Matthews.

Emily Duckworth, Becky Henning, Lily Roush. Middle

Olivia Hoffman. Bottom Row: Brooke Allgeier, Andrea

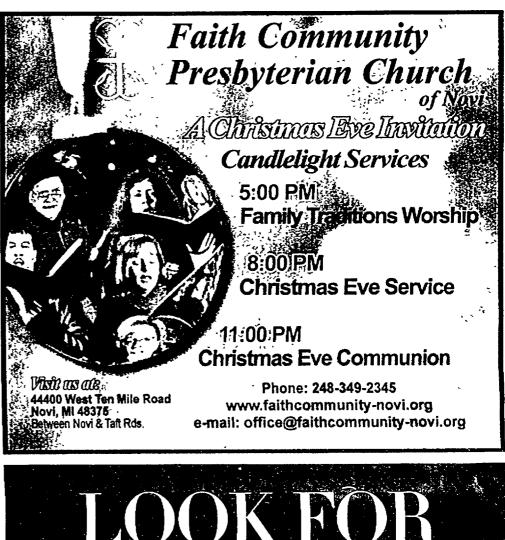
"Our troop is having the best time completing these additional activities. One that we really enjoyed was a field trip to FOX2's news station to see a live newscast and learn about all the different careers for women available at a news station." Carlone said

All troops receiving the award are presented a special ribbon at

an annual ceremony. The ribbon is attached to the troop flag.

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completes the 'Growing for Success'' troop program requirements, plus undertakes 25 additional activileast half of the troop members attend a Girl Scout overnight camp, a troop outing to visit a worksite to learn about career opportunities for women and

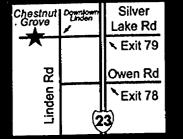




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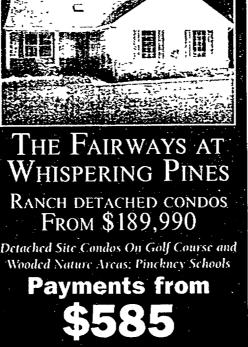
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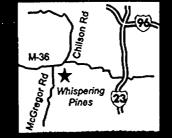


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Book fair

A book fair benefitting Northville High School Library will be held Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m.-11 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Six Mile and Haggerty. Anyone purchasing books, magazines, newspapers,

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Spanish videoconference

Spanish students in Mrs. Walters' and Mrs. Sadikots' 3B classes will be putting their

ing in songs, plays and oration.

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knowledge of the Spanish language to the test when they participate in a videoconference with students in Valencia, Spain on Friday, Dec. 17. The students from each country will be able to see each other while they ask and answer questions about their

respective cultures. Both English and Spanish will be. used during the hour-long videoconference as the participants enchange information about their cities, climates and typical dishes. All students have generated their own questions ahead of time based on what they want to know more about.

October 2004 session at the

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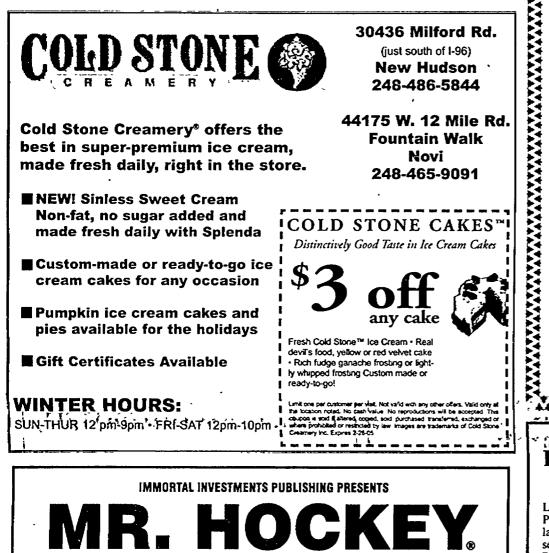
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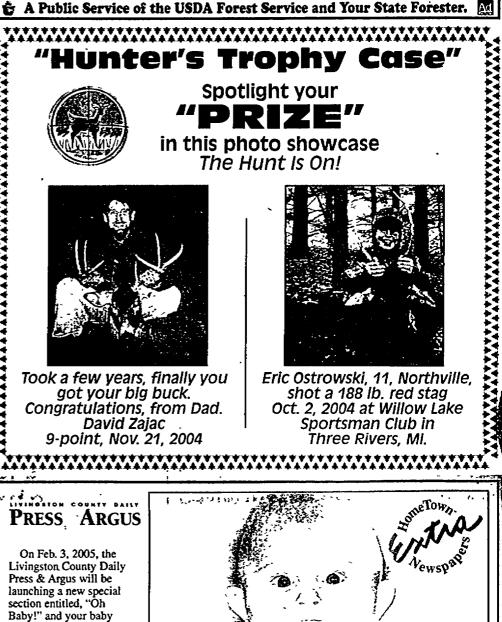


Northville Brownie Troop 1050 and Dalsy Troop 1039 sing Christmas carols for residents of Alterra Wynwood of Northville. The two Girl Scout troops, whose members attend Ridge Wood Elementary, hosted a holiday party for Alterra residents Dec. 11.

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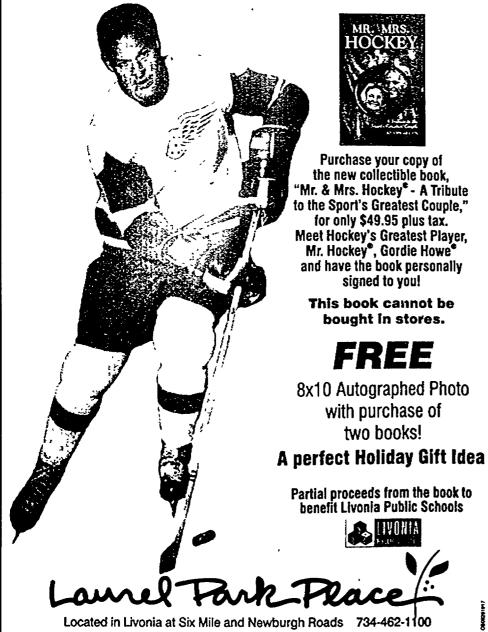
Her speech was titled, "A New Type of Engagement." Lara is Western Michigan the daughter of Kenneth and University Barbara Wagner of Northville. Joseph Freeman, She is a 2003 graduate of Mercy John High School. Middlemis, Kari Nelson, Melissa Akins, Cheryl Fox, Jeanne Myers, Catherine Timco and Jeffrey Wetzel, all of University of Northwestern Ohio Northville, were among the Northville resident Dale Bara summer term, 2004 graduates at has been named to the dean's list Western Michigan University the University during commencement exercisof





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SPORTS

Northville Record

Cagers edge South Lyon

The Mustang boys varsity basketball team won their home opener against the South Lyon Lions 56-51. Sophomore Alvin Storrs made his first varsity appearance and certainly made his presence known by scoring 16 points. Seniors Alan Shanoski and JD Gerblick also had good starts by scoring 16 and 19 respectively. The first quarter proved a difficult one for the Mustang offense. The Lions scored 14, giving themselves a healthy five-point lead.

In the second quarter the Mustangs were beginning to find their rhythm. Senior Mike Jameson helped Northville take the lead with two consecutive three-pointers. This gave the Mustangs' the momentum they needed to finish cut the half strong and head into the locker room with a 29-26 Northville lead.

"It's still too early for every player to know exactly the role that he is going to fill," said coach Darrel Schumacher. "We definitely have some work ahead of us."

Mustangs pound Hartland

In their second game of the week the Mustangs defeated the Hartland Eagles 54-43 this past Friday. JD Gerblick flexed his offensive muscle scoring 17 points in the first half and 23 points overall with eight rebounds. Alvin Storrs was right behind him with 15 points and Mike Jameson had 13 points. Northville is now 2-0 overall, a great way to start out the season.

Gerblick fired up Northville by coring the first seven points for the Mustangs.

"Defensively they were trying to ntimidate us with their size and strength," said Schumacher. "JD did a great job of answering back." The rest of the team kept pace earning a total of 12 points for the quarter. The Mustangs defense only allowed seven points giving them a healthy lead at the end of tie first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Mustang cagers carried over the first quarter energy. Northville's dfensive efforts put them far out of tie Eagles reach as they scored 16 nore points. The Mustangs held a comfortable 28-15 lead over



Hartland at the end of the second. With the first half behind them, Northville was looking to finish off the Eagles but Hartland would not go down that easily. Aggressive play by the Eagles shooting guard brought them within a couple of baskets. Northville finished out the quarter by a 34-27 lead.

"We came out strong in the first half," said Gerblick. "In the third quarter we fell apart a bit but the team pulled it together and we walked away with the win."

Volleyball has strong start

The Northville volleyball team started their season on a positive note by earning a winning record in a tournament that has often found them struggling in past years.

Last season, the Mustangs came away from the Carleton Airport Tournament with a 0-5 record. This season, they were 3-2.

"It was great to see the players respond so well to the challenges faced at such a tough tournament on the opening day of the season," said first-year coach Steve Anderson.

Leading the way for Northville throughout the day was Diana Deaibes, who had 70 assists, 21 digs and eight aces. Evonna Karchon wasn't far behind, netting 24 kills, seven digs and eight aces of her own.

Also putting up some strong numbers for Northville was Krysta Cicala, who had 21 kills, 12 digs and seven aces while Laura Garbarz notched 22 digs and seven aces on the day.

Northville took a loss in their opening games, falling to reigning class D state champion Lenawee Christian, 25-16 and 25-22. In their following game, the Mustangs

bounced back, earning a long 10-25, 25-21, 15-10 win over Divine Child.

In their remaining pool play, the Mustangs earned a 25-23, 25-10 win over Lakeville while Madison fell under Northville's onslaught, 25-12 and 25-10.

In the semi-final match, the Mustangs bowed out against the Titans of Lumen Christi.

Northville came out strong with a convincing 25-10 first game victory but cost themselves with seven missed serves before losing 20-15. The thirdgame found Northville coming up short, 15-12, after some unforced errors.

Despite the loss in the playoff bracket, Anderson said he was happy with his team.

To see an improvement on the team record from last year's showing at the same tournament is a positive indicator," he said. "I am hopeful that the players will continue to make those forward strides as a team."

Hockey still winning

The Northville hockey team has continued to find ways to win despite some breakdowns in their team game.

The squad, coached by Brad O'Neill, earned a convincing 6-1 win over previously undefeated Chippewa Valley before edging Plymouth, 4-3.

frustrated because once we get a lead it seems that we start to play a little selfishly," said O'Neill. "We're just not doing what we need to do.'

held a 3-0 lead before the Wildcats skated back into contention with two break-away goals. Northville notched another tally, but allowed the Wildcats to score to lone goal of the third period to keep the game close.

Northville out-shot their opponents 59-15.

Scott Ozog earned the victory in the net.

Against Chippewa Valley, the Mustangs had a bit more moxy. They led 3-0 in the second period before Chippewa Valley notched their lone goal. Northville went on to add three more.

Ken Papich was the only Mustang to score more than one point on the day. He had one assist and two goals.

"It was nice to see him get those," said O'Neill. "He's worked hard this summer to get ready for this season" Jimmy Gates earned the win

between the posts.

Swimmers full of potential

Every year Northville swimming and diving coach Rich Bennetts comes into the season hoping to find a way to beat perennial powerhouse Livonia Stevenson.

This year, if the WLAA Relays are any indication, it's going to be close.

"It's going to come down to the wire," Bennetts said. "It's definitely going to be an interesting season.

Northville took second place behind Stevenson, scoring 236 points to the Spartans' 250. Taking third with 214 was Salem.

The Mustangs took first in the Backstroke relay with a time of 1:45.16 with the team of Brad Farris, Jonathan Bardsley, Hunter Schwartz and Chris Keady. The old record was set in 1998 by Canton's squad.

Northville also set another record, this one held since 1988's Salem squad. Joe Hogan, Chris Culkin, Farris and Keady combined their talents to win the 500 crescendo relay with a time of

"It's always nice to break a record that has been standing that long," said Bennetts.

place finish in the 400 individual medley relay as well with a time of 3:58.67. Brody Blickle joined his brother Will Blickle to combine their efforts with Schwartz and

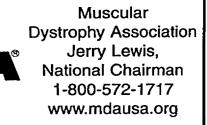
Northville's other top finish came from Hogan, Colin Smith, Ryan Smith and Culkin in the 200 butterfly where they took second in 1:46.75.

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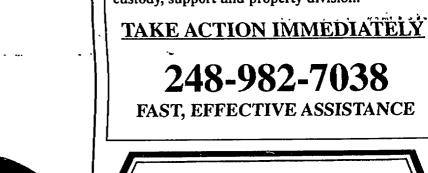
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Northville's Justin Swanson, right, lifts Novi's Jon Favorite over his shoulders during last week's match at Novi High School. Northville lost to Novi, 60-13.



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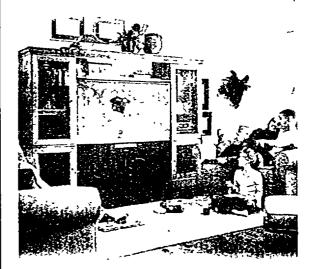


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MEAP: has state test run its course?

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by the state would take the exam during the 2005-06 school year.

It would become standard the following school year. The exam's costs would be covered by the state.

No Child Left Behind

Rezmierski said last January-February, 91 percent of Northville High School students took the MEAP. The national standard, mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, is 95 percent.

"We have a fairly good rate of students that take the test," he said. "They're doing extremely well in meeting, if not exceeding, the state guidelines.

Rezmierski said MEAP has been useful in helping make appropriate adjustments to high school curriculum.

"It's been in existence for 30 years. It's one that is highly regarded around the country, Rezmierski said, adding that the school has been considering making the test a graduation requirement.

That could be a moot consideration if the Michigan Merit Exam becomes law.

Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) said his vote was "по.

"We wanted a little more time to evaluate," Stewart said. "I am 100 percent behind social studies being incorporated into whatever test.

"We wanted to know, 'What was going to be the replacement?' We wanted to know what this was going to cost the state. This kind of quietly went through."

Stewart said he's heard estimates in the \$5 million range. Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi),

Make a Difference

"We have a fairly good rate of students that take the test. They're doing extremely well in meeting, if not exceeding, the state guidelines."

> Leonard Rezmierski Northville Public Schools Superintendent

who voted "yes," said it's a matter of priorities.

"It raises the bar, the level of expectation," she said. "The MEAP just was not recognized anywhere as being helpful in college admittance."

Cassis said the bar still may not be as high as the ACT or SAT, giving students a new source of college accreditation.

"The value of this certainly is worth the expenditure," Cassis said. "We already commit fund-ing to the MEAP testing. Yes, there is going to be a cost difference. If the governor signs this, the money will be found."

Sources may include the state's school aid fund and department of education, she said.

The new exam will still be connected to the Michigan Merit Scholarships, which currently are \$2.500.

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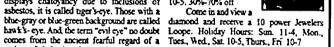
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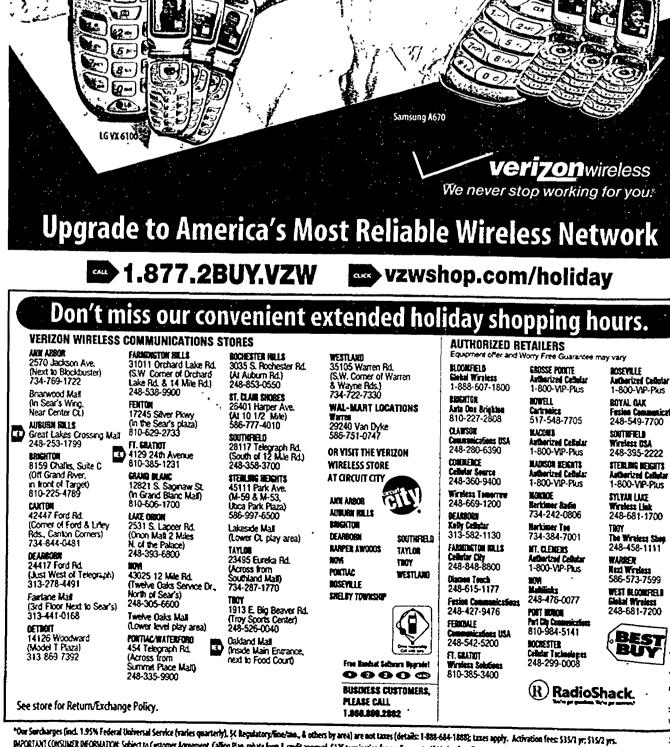
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Fourteenth Annual Hearts of

Remembrance Program

108 E. Main St.

Feb. 27.

Winter Concert Series

Judy Nakdimen, a volunteer with Northville Civic Concern, makes a decorations for the non-profit charitys' upcoming Christmas party Monday, Dec. 20 at the former Northville Township Finance Building. The party will be hosted for all Civic Concern clients and will distribute gifts and food items to those who can use them.

Local Events

Daughters of the American Revolution

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Plymouth-Northville, are hosting a Christmas Tea 1 p m., Monday, Dec. 20. This will be at Greenmead, Hill House, Livonia with Sue Daniel as the speaker.

Marquis Theatre Presents

This holiday season enjoy a musical adaptation of "Rumplestiltskin" at Northville's historic Marquis Theatre, through Jan. 16. Performances occur at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Dec. 18 and Jan. 8, 15; Sundays, Dec. 19, 26 and Jan. 2, 9, 16; and weekdays, Monday-Friday, Dec. 27-31. Tickets are \$7.50. Please no children under the age of three. The Marquis Theatre

"Babes in Toyland," **Northville Youth Theatre**

This holiday classic will run at the Senior Community Center on Dec. 17-19. Tickets are now on sale. Presented by Northville Parks and Recreation and Serendipity Productions.

Daddy-Daughter Princess Ball

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The royal court of Prince Charming announces its 21st Annual Ball and cordially invites all of the princesses of the land to attend. Ask that special gentleman in your life (your kingly father, princely brother, Duke uncle, etc.) to an evening of enchanting music, wonderful food and elegant dancing. Prince Charming will be there, too, so don't be surprised if he asks you to dance! Make sure you RSVP, as this ball frequently sells out. Call Northville Parks and Recreation to register at (248) 349-0203. Event occurs 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Feb. 26. at the Recreation Center at Hillside. The cost is \$20 per couple and \$10 per additional person.

Jeff Daniels

Famed actor and musician, will be signing copies of his new CD, Jeff Daniels: Live and Unplugged," at Barnes and Noble in Northville on Saturday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m. All proceeds from the sale of his CD will benefit The Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea. Daniels will be happy to sign other material with the purchase of his CD. For more information, contact the store at (248) 348-0696.

Michael Farrell Lecture Series

Learn about Islam and arts at "Lecture on World Religions: Art

and Architecture --- Islam and the Mosque." Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world. The most characteristic example of Islamic architecture is the mosque. This lecture will trace the evolution of the mosque from origins in Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Spain, Iran and Turkey. For more information, call (248) 449-9950. To be held at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 25, at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. in Northville. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Library Lines

Now through the holidays, Arbor Hospice and Home Care is pleased to offer the community an opportuopen 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Mondaynity to honor or remember a loved Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m., one this holiday season through its annual Hearts of Remembrance Program. More than 30 Arbor

Sundays. The library is located at 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall, with parking off Cady Street. For 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 at

7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. The public is welcome.

Holiday Crafts for Kids

Children of all ages are invited to make a fun holiday card, paper bag reindeer puppet and gingerbread man magnet at 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16. Children younger than age 5 must be accompanied by a caregiver. No registration is required for this free, one-hour program.

Visit the Friends Store for Unique Gifts

Looking for unique stocking stuffers or a gift for that literary person on your list? Stop in at the Friends Store for great gift ideas. All proceeds from this volunteerrun store benefit the library.

Library Holiday Closings

The library will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 23; Friday, Dec. 24; Saturday, Dec. 25; and Sunday, Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday. It will also be closed for New Year's on Friday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The library will be open on Sunday, Jan. 2 from 1-5 p.m.

Mill Race **Historical Village**

Mill Race

The Mill Race office will be closed for Christmas and New Year's from Dec. 23-Jan. 2. Scheduled events are as follows:

 Thursday, Dec. 16: Brownie Scouts, 3:30 p.m.; rehearsals, 5 and p.m.; Northville Historical Society Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

· Friday, Dec. 17: Gazlay photos, 2 p.m.; wedding,* 4-6 p.m.; rehearsal, 7 p.m.

· Saturday, Dec. 18: wedding.*) 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19: Mill Creek,

10 a.m.; wedding,* 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Venture Scouts, 3:45 p.m.

• Monday, Dec. 20: Junior Scouts, 4 p.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:15 p.m. • Tuesday, Dec. 21: Stone Gang,

9 a.m.; Daisy Scouts, 4 p.m.; Weavers Guild, 6:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Dec. 22: Mill Creek, 7 p.m.

• Thursday, Dec. 23: office and archives closed.

*Grounds closed to public

Maybury Farm Tree Decorations

From 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 20, children may bring homemade ornaments to help decorate the tree at Maybury Farm. There will be stringing of popcorn and Christmas carols. Please enter off of Eight Mile Road.

Maybury Farm Wreath Sale

Wreaths may be purchased from 1-4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 20, at Maybury Farm. Prices range from \$20-\$25. Please enter off of Eight Mile Road.

Maybury Farm Hayrides and Sleigh Rides

Weather cooperating, hayrides and sleigh rides will be offered on Saturdays and Sundays. For additional information, call (248) 374-0200. Please enter off of Eight Mile Road.

Looking for You

Volunteers Wanted

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available for all age groups. Assignments include: Senior Community Center front desk, special assistance and special park projects. High school volunteer hours and scout badge projects are welcome. Please contact us at recreation@ci.northville.mi.us for more information.

Bell Ringers Needed

The Salvation Army Red Kettle bell-ringing season began Nov. 22



in Northville and continues until Christmas Eve. Four locations are available: Hiller's on Center Street, the Northville Post Office, Great Harvest Bread Co. and Farmer Jack on Haggerty. Groups or individuals are welcome. Call Judy Kohl (248) 348-2678 to sign up. Donations are always appreciated. Checks should be made out to Plymouth Salvation Army.

An Elegant Holiday Tea

Ladies, invite your closest friends to a charming little tea to celebrate the holiday season and host one of our tables in the elegant banquet room at the newly renovated Senior Community Center. This tea is sure to be a welcome festive occasion and in time a favorite holiday tradition. Join the fun Thursday, Dec. 16 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$65 per table of eight.

Camera Club Meeting

Join the Northville Arts. and Northville Commission Camera the second Tuesday of each month to show your work. Next meeting is Jan. 11 at the Art House, 215 Cady St. Meetings will feature a "technical tip of the month" and a "member's forum" where everyone shows one image. This month's theme is "holidays," where Camera Club members will display holidaythemed images. All are welcome. For more information or the cost of yearly dues, contact Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net; Ken Naigus of the arts commission at kdn@Comcast.net or call the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950.

American Spoon

Every Saturday in December American Spoon will be demonstrating how to use select store products. American Spoon is located at 105 N. Center St. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Personalized Letter from Santa

Give a gift that will last for only \$5.99: a personalized letter straight from Santa on high quality paper. Letter comes personalized with child's name, city and state. For information, e-mail more sales@upzones.com

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Northville's Christmas tree was illuminated last Friday night in downtown during the "All Aglow" event.

is located at 135 E. Main St. more information, call (248) 349-**38110**.

Genitti's Dinner Theater

"Cowpoke Holiday" showing at Genitti's. Cost is \$45 per person for Edinner and show. Call for reservations, (248) 349-0522 or visit www.genittis.com. Also showing: For widowed men and women, scome see "Michigan Hold 'Em" at this Northville interactive dinner Theatre and meet new friends at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 8. The cost is

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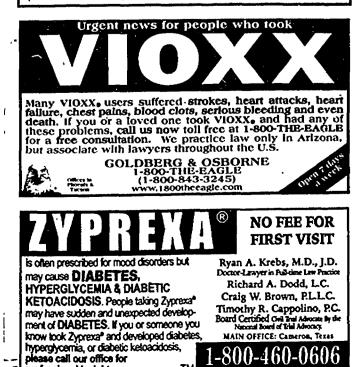
Individuals wishing to purchase an ornament may do so by contacting Arbor Hospice and Home Care at (888) 992-2273, ext. 152. Minimum suggested donation is \$20. Arbor Hospice has two Northville locations: Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 331 N. Center St., (248) 348-4980; Braveheart, 126 MainCentre, (248) 449-8232.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP **OF NORTHVILLE**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville Cordially invite you to the "Open House" of the new Township Hall & Fire Headquarters Thursday, December 16, 2004 Building Tours from 3.30 p m. to 6 30 p.m. Ribbon Cutting at 6:30 p.m. 44405 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48167 (S W. Corner of Six Mile and Sheldon Roads)

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The City of Northville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 4, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. at the City of Northville, City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan. The purpose of this public hearing will be Main St., Northville, Michigan. The purpose of this politic relating will be to solicit public comment of the proposed rezoning of a parcel of land zoned First Density Residential (R-1B) to Professional Business Office (PBO). The parcel is located at 113 Walnut and includes the west 73 feet of parcel 571B, Northville, Michigan (Tax code # 48-002-01-0571-004). This proposed rezoning will allow the construction of a parking lot for disconting from the second sec adjacent office use.

Proposed concept plans for this project are available for review through the City of Northville Building Department during normal busi-ness hours of 8:00am until 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, local prevail-ing time. Written comments will also be received at the address listed below.

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

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will close at 1:00 p.m. Friday, December 17, 2004 for an Employee Appreciation

The administrative offices are located on the S.W. corner of Six Mile and Sheldon Road, 44405 Six Mile Road.

The Department of Public Safety and the Fire Department will remain open. All offices will re-open on Monday, December 20, 2004 at 8:00 a.m.

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It's Girl Scout cookie time!

Local troop takes on Northville "PR" role

By Kim Kovelle **RECORD STAFF WRITER**

This year, 9-year-old Girl Scout Kristen Zayan has her goal set at 200.

That's how many boxes of Girl Scout cookies she's hoping to sell between tomorrow and Jan. 16.

"I go around in my neighborhood," Zayan said. "I call my friends. I have three sisters --they'll usually buy a lot of cook-ies. 1 think it's fun."

This year, in addition to selling peanut butter, mint, caramel and other favorites, Zayan and her eight friends have a new responsibility.

The fourth-graders of Troop 71 are the "public relations" girls representing Northville's

"it's a good opportunity for them. They really want us to focus with the girls on the career. It helps them explore."

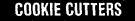
From marketing the treats to calculating order costs, selling cookies gives these girls - and hundreds of others in Northville a taste of many skills.

They also can earn points for awards including backpacks and clothing.

Another goal of the "PR Troop" is getting out the word on how \$3.50-a-box cookie costs primarily go back to the Valerie girls. Niemiec, Northville's area cookie manager, said.

"Only 83 cents goes to the manufacturer, 10 cents goes for distribution and the entire other \$2.57 stays locally in Girl Scouts," Niemiec said. "That's one of the things that they want to clarify."

Last year, about 877 Northville girls received orders for 41,000 boxes of cookies, Niemiec said. This year, they'll



What: Northville's Girl Scouts, along with all the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council, are selling Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Caramel deLites, Animal Treasures, Shortbread, Iced Berry Piñatas and Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Gremes at \$3.50 per box. When & Where: Available Dec. 17-Jan. 16 exclusively through individual Girl Scouts; Feb. 19-Mar. 20 at local cookie booths.

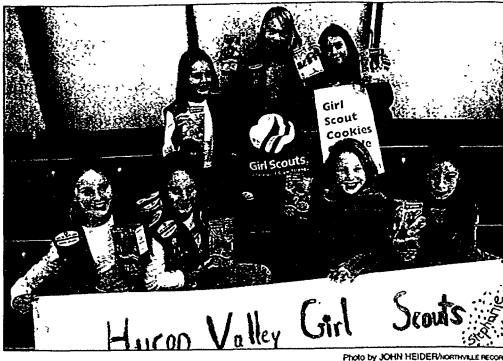
Learn more: www.girlscoutcookiesabc.com; (800) 49-SCOUT

In the meantime, the girls will keep up the "PR." Stephanie Rogish plans to hang fliers in her neighborhood.

"I go door to door," Blair Winkler added. "I want to sell at

e-mail at





Thornton Creek and Amerman Elementary Girl Scouts will soon be knocking on front doors during their annual cookie sale: Girl Scout Troop 71 includes: Allyson Green, Shelby Gregory, Stephanie Rogish, Blair Winkler, Kristen Zayan, Changler Hilton and Anna Kilar.





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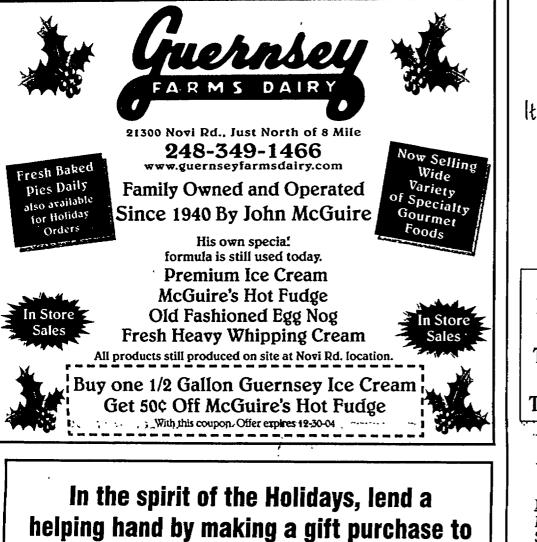
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Holiday movies for troops!

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Northville's Center Stage Dance Studio has collected almost 100 DVD movies and dozen of pounds of candy, popcorn and other goodies they will on send to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center army personnel in Germany for the holiday season. From left are dancers Jessie Stadnika, Katherine Reaume, Svaja Mikulionis, and Courtney Siracusa.

Home inspection investment yields valuable dividend

A home inspection has always been a valuable'tool to help determine a home's condition prior to purchasing a home. As winter approaches, many homeowners are having regular home inspections to ensure their home is properly maintained and protected against the weather.

According to Michael Goewey, president of Property Facts, a home inspection company in Plymouth, many of the home inspections his company does are for homeowners who want to make sure they stay up-to-date on their home maintenance and to help them avoid any potential problems. By using home inspections to keep homes maintained, homeowners could avoid spending money on major problems that would have developed had small problems gone unnoticed.

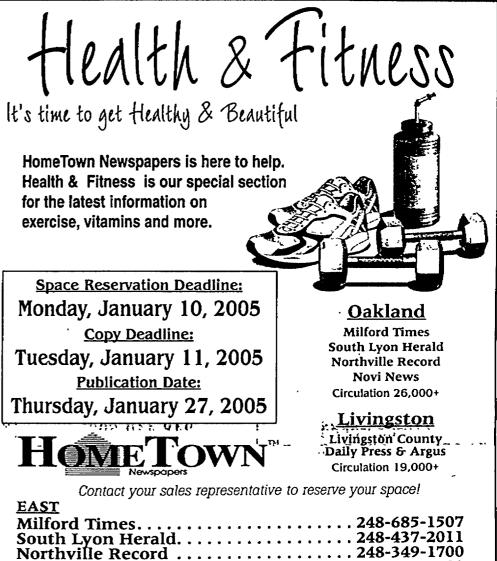
"A home inspection is vital for home buyers, because they want an independent, unbiased opinion and report of a home's condition prior to purchasing," Goewey said. "But many people today get home inspections even when they aren't selling a home, so they can determine their home's condition and find out if there are any defects that need repair before they become a problem."

Goewey said a typical home inspection should include a complete written analysis of the home's

features, tips on energy efficiency and home maintenance. The home inspection will also provide a detailed report on the condition of a variety of interior and exterior areas, including electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling, fireplace, structure and foundation, roof, gutters, draining and grading.

"When you are buying a house, you don't want to move in and then find out you have a leaky roof or faulty plumbing." Goewey said. "But the same is true for people who have owned the home for years. Problems can develop in a home's interior or exterior condition over time, and a home inspection can help pin point any specific problems that need repair before they become major concerns."

Goewey said that homeowners who want a home inspection should always look for inspection companies who follow the standards and code of ethics set forth by the National Association of Home Inspectors or the American Association of Home Inspectors. He also suggests that homeowners make sure the inspectors are licensed, fully insured and bonded. For more information about home inspections, or to ask questions regarding home maintenance, homeowners or home buyers can call Property Facts at (734) 207-9004.





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of this building for community use," Manager Chip Snider said. "We're going to have the flags inside.

Members of American Veteran Post No. 171 will post the col-ors, led by Color Guard Commander Gary Sienko.

Leading the invocation will be Rev. Otis Buchan of Northville Christian Assembly, while Rick Pasquale of Northville's Revival **Outreach** Center International Church will intone a dedication prayer.

Dignitaries including representatives and senators have been invited, but since there's no RSVP, it's uncertain who will show up.

"We will entertain those that want to take a look at our new station," Assistant Fire Chief David Carignan said. "There will be some basically static displays. We will have people there to explain them.

"This will be an excellent opportunity not only see the new fire station but also to get to meet the firefighters."

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Architect French Associates will provide complementary refreshments; township consultant Plante Moran also will help with expenses, Snider said. There will be no cost to taxpayers.

"We don't want it where it's all champagne and bon-bons." Clerk Sue Hillebrand said. "It's going to be real simple and scaled down.

"We just didn't want to spend a lot of money on that. There's a lot of other needs.'

After months of postponing, township hall opened Nov. 18. The fire station prefaced it by several months, operational July 30.

The board of trustees will meet after the event at 7:30 p.m. for its last meeting of the year.

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Engagements 🕓

Sekerka-Morante

Karl and Beth Sekerka of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Anne Sekerka, to David Silvestre Morante, son of Luis and Judith Morante of Novi.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School. She is also a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan (B.A.) and a 2002 graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law (J.D.). She is employed by Bowen, Radabaugh, Milton & Brown, P.C.

The groom-elect is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School. He is also a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan (B.B.A.) and earned his M.B.A. in 2002. He is employed by Ford Motor Company.

A December 2004 wedding is planned in Maui, Hawaii.



Mothers' Club event!

Chairperson Bonnie St. Thomas, left, and Linda Clark were joined Dec. 4 by 300 guests for the annual Mothers' Club of Northville life members holiday open house. The event raised scholarship money for Northville High School students.





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Meads Mill Trots

Every year, on the day before Thanksgiving break, you can see children running around a local middle school. This may seem odd, but to the students and staff of Meads Mill Middle School, it is an annual tradition.

The Turkey Trot, as this tradition is called, is held every year to raise money for the American Heart Association. This year, the 12th annual Turkey Trot was held on Nov. 23. Also during this time, the students were educated about heart risks through the daily morning announcements. In addition, the Turkey Trot raised \$912 in donations, which was collected in two days.

Also on Nov. 23, all the students and staff of Meads Mill walked. ran, or "trotted" around the school for one mile. Each grade had eight male winners and eight female winners.

After the Turkey Trot, a raffle was held. Some prizes included: movie tickets, T-shirts, soccer balls, and even Piston tickets. Caring. generous individuals donated all these items.

All in all, the Turkey Trot was a success for both Meads Mill and the American Heart Association. This annual tradition plays a vital part in the Northville community.

> Meads Mill Physical Education Department 7th and 8th grade Leadership classes.

Northville needs outdoor rink

For years I have dreamed of an outdoor skating rink smack in the iniddle of downtown Northville at Ford Field. There is nothing more Victorian than old fashioned skating with your family, and no better' location than right next to Mill Race Village and the castle playground. What better way to bring families to downtown Northville in the winter! I'm sure many will spill out onto the streets of our quaint town to shop and dine. This would only add to the charm of Northville and become a destination place in the cold months when shopping tends to drop off. The skating rink will only be successful if it is located at Ford Field with historic downtown Northville as its backdrop. You need only to look at the enormous success of the skating rink in downtown Detroit at Campus Martius, the newly opened rink atop the Eiffel tower in Paris and the rink at Rockefeller Center to see that this would be the heart and soul of our beautiful city in the winter. I can think of no better way to market Northville and bring people out of the malls in the winter and into our town.

> Janet Junca Northville

Ruffled feathers

Thank you for telling Northville residents about my efforts to end KFC's egregious cruelty to chickens ("Northville resident cries fowl;

Brains, not brawn, key to Michigan's future

"When I graduated from high school, lots of people felt that a (high school) diploma was the ticket to a good job with good pay. Today, that's simply not the case. The economic future of Michigan's citizens depends absolutely on getting post-high school education."

-Lt. Gov. John Cherry

He's right, of course. And so the big idea to come out of Cherry's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth, which will release its final report this week, is that Michigan should guarantee "univer-sal higher education" for all students.

The product of six months of work by a 41person commission (full disclosure: I was one of 'em), the report is a collection of ideas on how to Phil Power achieve Gov. Jennifer CHAIRMAN, Granholm's goal of doubling the number of people

with post-secondary degrees within 10 years. This comes at a time when Michigan is losing high-paying manufacturing jobs, average wages are dropping and unemployment remains stubbornly high.

Some examples of our recommendations:

• Require school districts to adopt "rigorous high school standards," whether graduates are headed for college or a vocational career. The Commission also endorsed junking the MEAP test in favor of the more college-oriented ACT.

· Create an emerging economy initiative" by supporting the Technology Tri-Corridor. We also recommended creating a "21st century research fund" that matches dollars invested in any research that could have commercial applications, although the report didn't mention any specific numbers.



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• Encourage a "culture of entrepreneur-ship" by offering courses in high school and college in investing in venture capital opportunities.

· Allow community colleges to offer fouryear baccalaureate degrees in highdemand areas such as heating and cooling technology.

The Commission's research concluded that family incomes are directly linked to post-high school education. Each year of college brings an annual increase in earnings, on average, of 10 per cent. But the Commission also found that Michigan's relative standing in per capita personal income had fallen sharply. We ranked 20th among the states in 2001, but from 1969 to 2001 our income dropped nearly 12 percent, 47th worst.

The Commission endorsed the idea that Michigan's economy badly

needs to make the transition from "brawnbased" to "brain-based," but it found our state woefully unequipped to do what needs to be done. Fewer than one-quarter of Michigan adults have a BA or higher, far lower than high-growth states like Massachusetts and California. where the figure is one-third. Tragically, while 90 per cent of the state's ninth graders say they want to go on to college, only 41 per cent enroll directly after leaving high school, and less than half of those emerge four years later with a bachelor's degree.

The underpinnings of the Commission's report is an emphasis on changing Michigan's culture in by promoting a "new compact" that would provide all children access to higher education. How that would be paid for is not clear, although the Commission talked about repackaging existing state and federal aid programs. I expect Gov. Granholm will propose more details in her State of the State and budget messages early next year.

All told, the Commission's report points in exactly the right direction. Michigan must do everything in its power to "transform itself once again to be a leader in an era where knowledge is the key ingredient to economic success.

But there are problems, especially with money and focus. Michigan has cut state support for higher education by more than \$200 million in the past two years, and the budget outlook this year and next is dire. I don't understand how we can endorse the Cherry Commission's call for doubling post-secondary degrees in 10 years at the same time we tolerate a state that is dangerously withdrawing support for our pub-lic universities. It just doesn't add up.

As to focus, I fear political correctness required the Commission to say nice things about schools, community colleges and the various universities around the state. Certainly, each of them has a role to play in helping us to a brain-based economy. But anybody who knows anything about economic development, high-tech growth and entrepreneurship knows that it is the state's research universities -- the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State and Michigan Tech - that are going to play by far the most important role.

Having the political courage to focus resources where they will do the most good is always tough. We've been "eating our seed corn" for the past few years by cutting appropriations to our best universities, and I hope Gov. Granholm and the new legislature have the wisdom - and the guts -- to do something about it before it is too late.

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.

Shoestrings bind Michigan's 'Humane' society

Jan Cantle has coped with snakes and swans and your odd peacock, potbellied pigs and legions of iguanas.

But she won't ever forget the armadillo. Someone in Westland was keeping it in a drawer and it tunneled out," so eventually it was brought, as are thousands of illegal or discarded exotic pets, to the Michigan. Humane Society's wildlife department in this northern Detroit suburb.

It is safe to say that when would be dealing with the problems of a southwestern mammal far away from

Welcome to Michigan's Ellis Island for animals. Tragically, their efforts amount to barely a drop in the bucket. Contrary to what most people believe, the Michigan Humane Society, which serves perhaps 100,000 animals annually on a shoestring budget of \$10 million, doesn't get a dime of tax dollars. Instead it "depends 100 percent on the support of individuals as well as businesses," said Cal

Morgan, the society's executive director.

Without this support, we would not be able to continue our cruelty investigation and rescue services or animal sheltering operations," he said. Not to mention the humane education programs of veterinary services,

Nor do they really operate

bring in animals, particular-

ly injured wild animals,

from as far away as

Traverse City or Monroe.

for fighting," said Jennifer Rowell, who manages the Detroit shelter, where animals are crammed into every nook and cranny of a century-old building where the humane society has been sheltering animals since the depths of the Great Depression.

For some, there is a happy ending. Nearly all the pupples and kittens considered adoptable go home with someone, minus their ability to reproduce. In the last few years, there seem to be fewer unwanted pupples being born, though the lives of many are nasty, brutish and short in the grim streets of Detroit, where large sums are bet in secret, illegal exhibitions where pit bull terriers fight to the death.

But the Michigan Humane Society, which is in the process of building a new shelter in Westland, needs all the help it

be destroyed.

she was a little girl in England, Jan, who now manages the humane society's Rochester Hills shelter, never imagined she his native soil. But sl

thrown into Vietnamese jail," 12/2/04).

In their natural surroundings, chickens spend their day foraging for food, making nests, roosting in trees, and taking sun and dust baths. They exist in stable social groups and can recognize each other by their facial features. They can feel love, happiness, fear, and pain, just the same as dogs, cats, and humans.

People need to understand that if they're eating chicken, they're supporting cruelty to animals, and if they're eating at KFC, they're supporting a company that has done nothing to prevent some of the worst abuses of chickens on the farm, during transport, and at slaughter.

KFC's suppliers slit open the throats of conscious animals and often scald them alive, chop the beaks off of baby chicks, and drug their chickens with antibiotics to keep them alive through conditions that would otherwise kill them. I encourage all my old friends and neighbors in Northville to visit KentuckyFriedCruelty.com for more information and undercover footage of the abuses KFC supports.

Jason Baker Northville

Wrong 'Lady'

I am a long-standing member of the Our Lady of Victory and live within one block of the parish. After careful study, I believe the proposal for the school expansion will damage my neighborhood. Many of my neighbors believe the same, including the majority of Catholics.

The huge building will overwhelm the existing church and school. There will be significant increases in traffic and noise. OLV's own traffic consultant suggested closing Orchard to protect the school children.

It is expected that fifty-plus off-site activities will come to the Parish Life Center (school), which will then have operations that may extend to 14 hours a day and seven days a week.

The value of homes around the school will likely be reduced because the impact of those operations. Many of these homes represent the lifetime savings of working class Catholic families that can ill afford to make such a forced contribution to the parish.

Some of the methods used by the parish to accomplish its goals are offensive to me. Many know that OLV filed a lawsuit against the city. The suit alleges financial damages for construction delays and attorney fees. Yet the parish is still millions of dollars short of starting construction, so how can the city be responsible? The suit also named nine individual members of the planning commission, but I understand that there is no legitimate basis for this action under Michigan law. It is my belief that this filing was done simply to harass and threaten the commissioners into approving the site plan. Although the commission approved a plan on Nov. 2 (already appealed), OLV has not yet dropped the suit. Is the suit being held over the head of the city, as the site plan appeal comes before the board of zoning appeals?

In a separate case, OLV last week filed an "emergency" request to the courts. It claims that the neighborhood residents who filed the appeal of the special use permit do not have legal "standing" to pursue this appeal. But OLV has been part of this case for months, and the circuit court judge already ruled on the same motion. The case was scheduled to be heard in Jan. 2005, so why are repeated attempts made to prevent the case from being heard on its merits? Should not justice be allowed to prevail?

Like many of my neighbors, I am ashamed at the "whatever necessary" tactics being used by parish leadership. They see only the vision of a new school, and are blind to the interests of so many neighbors, Catholic or otherwise. Letters to the Bishop and Cardinal have been

resourceful.

She found a sanctuary in Oklahoma that would agree to take the 'dillo, who by that time everyone was calling Chuck. Finding an airline that would take him was a trille harder, but one finally surfaced.

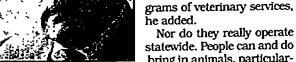
Armadillos, however, have to fly in a specially made carrier of a precise size. So they found someone to build one.

Then all that mattered was Chuck's ticket - \$200 or so, and he was off.

"That's one story that has a happy ending," she laughed with a lilting British accent. Too many other stories don't.

For in this throwaway society, too many people regard animals as disposable. If Easter is the season people buy pet bunny rabbits, this is the season they dump them off at the humane society.

"We keep all the ones we have space for." she said. Thirteen came in one recent day. Jennifer Sullivan, a young woman who gave up a real salary and a potential career in TV production to work for the humane society, became a foster parent to a mother and four babies, taking them to her small apartment so they wouldn't have to



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Some dogs even came in as a result of the Florida hurricanes. But their anti-cruelty "animal cops," who are featured regularly on TVs Animal Planet. only venture into Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck.

he added.

They have three major shelters, in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland, where they serve perhaps 100,000 animals a year. But that's just a drop in the ocean, noted Amy Johnson, the society's a volunteer coordinator and community relations specialist. The state is being overrun with colonies of feral (wild) cats.

The estimates are that there are as many feral cats as house cats in the country," she said. Many are sick and ill-nourished. Even their kittens cannot be domesticated in any real sense. When they come to the shelter, they have to be put down, as do any and all pit bulls. "No, not all of them are vicious, but they have been bred

on to can get. Log www.Michiganhumane.org and get a load of what they need, and how you can help. Or call (248) 852-7420. One minor way is by not keeping so-called exotic animals. Every year, they have to dispose of many unwanted baby alligators, who have no business in Michigan.

As for Chuck the armadillo ... some time later, Jan Cantle got a picture from Oklahoma, Not of Chuck, but of a hole he had dug for himself. Not a hole in a dresser drawer, or in a cage, but in his natural climate. And every time she thinks of that, it makes her happy.

Elephant update: Remember Wanda and Winky, the elephants the Detroit Zoo wanted to send to a sanctuary, a move opposed by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, which wanted to send them to Columbus? Detroit won, and the pachyderms will live out their old age in a sanctuary in California.

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met by form letters, or silence. My only recourse is to withhold my contributions to the building fund, and also my weekly contributions for the Christmas collections, since they will also be routed to the building fund. I beg my fellow parishioners to take a long and hard look at what is going on. Seek out parishioners in the neighborhood around the church. Ask them what they think about the actions of the parish. Ask if they still contribute, or if they still attend. Ask if they are still willing to take communion at OLV. You may be very surprised at the answers.

Perhaps, with understanding of what is being done in the name of Our Lady of Victory, some parishioners will follow my lead, so that the parish does not make the mistake of building in the wrong location, and on the backs of its neighbors.

> Maureen Ryan Northville

Thanks, Hillers

I think Hillers deserves a special "thank you" for allowing the Salvation Army bell ringers to be at the store. And allowing them to be inside the entrance made the assignment more enjoyable than in prior cold, cold years. The willingness of the residents in the Northville area to contribute to the Salvation Army makes collecting a very rewarding experience.

I also think Hillers deserves special recognition for the excellent

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remodeling of the store. We are fortunate to have it located so conveniently for most of us.

A Merry Christmas to you and your staff.

Bob Russell Northville

Goodfellows say, 'thank you'

The Northville Rotary Club would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time last Saturday, Dec. 11 to "sell newspapers" for Civic Concern. This year we raised over \$6,800 for this cause.

We appreciate everyone's contributions, including: Busch's Supermarket, Genitti's, Northville Pizza Cutter and Hiller's Shopping Center Market, among others. Contributions by the Northville city and township fire departments were invaluable. (The firefighters always collect the most!)

Thanks to all the Rotarians, Northville Rotary Interact Club (Northville High School) and the Jaye Family. Finally, thanks to the City of Northville for the use of their facilities during the day, which allowed us to stage the event. Good job, Northville - thank you for your generosity.

> Steve Hoppens Chairman, Northville Rotary Goodfellows Campaign, 2004

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NORTHVILLE: **THE NUMBERS**

The following was compiled by the Gibbs Planning Group and included in last week's presentation:

I mostly shop in downtown because:

Food - 38%

Restaurants - 33%

Gifts - 12%

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Apparel - 2%

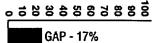
I visit downtown:

Daily - 48% 1-2 times/week - 33% 2-3 times/month - 12% 4 timès/year - 6%

I mostly visit downtown during:

Weekdays 65% Weekends - 35%

My favorite apparel store is:



Kohl's - 15%

Target - 12%

Parisian - 10%

Talbot's - 6%

I mostly visit downtown:

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Evening - 30% Afternoon - 28%

Morning - 12%

Noon - 5%

SOURCE Globs Planning Group



Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/RECORD EDITOR Downtown Northville faces a number of development changes during the coming years, including how best to expand and at what pace.

Crossroads & Consensus

Thirty years after finding its feet, downtown Northville once again looks to chart a new direction — but down which street and at what cost?

Northville faces uncertain future Future plans NORTHVILLE:

range from modest growth to 'junior anchor'

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As presented by retail consultant Bob Gibbs:

Assumes: parking, open space; landmark buildings and surrounding neighborhoods static; Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall expands or a new lifestyle center opens in the next two to three years.

Forecast: Northville remains viable commercial district: existing neighborhood services (Hiller's and CVS) remain; small independent business owners still attracted to downtown; 30-35 percent of the downlown's existing specially o and apparel stores replaced by neighborhood services or professional services such as offices, personal care businesses and carry-out foods.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

onsultant Bob Gibbs last week explained how he thought Northville's downtown

space in place of boutiques be acceptable? How stores for specialty groceries and jeans on Main Street? Would five-story buildings be OK?

By Maureen Johnston

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THREE MODELS

Status Quo Model Time: five years

NORTHVILLE: FOCUS GROUPS

The following statements were given during focus group sessions conducted by the Gibbs Planning Group:

 The stores are always closed when I want to shop.

The downtown merchants need to keep longer or more common hours.

· I can't purchase basic items, such as hardware, socks or children's clothing downtown.

· Parking is a major problem downtown.

· Parking is not a major problem downtown.

• I really dislike the new national coffee house opening downtown.

• I love the new coffee house downtown.

· There is nothing to do downtown.

· I wish that there was larger park, like Plymouth's downtown. · I love to shop at Barnes & Noble, Costco, Target, Kohl's, Old Navy, Gap, Talbot's, and wish that I could purchase this type of

merchandise downtown.

• I love the farmer's market.

· I don't want any more secondhand stores downtown, but I like to shop at the ones that are presently there.

· I do most of my primary shopping at Twelve Oaks and Laurel Park Mall, in Plymouth or along the Haggerty Road corridor.

• I would like the downtown to remain the way it is, but to start selling the goods and services that my family needs and desires.

When can I view the report?

City Manager Gary Word said the Gibbs Downtown Retail Market Study is not yet ready to post on the Internet.

"I'm at a loss to tell you when," he said. "It's really a draft at this time. It will be made available to the public when it's acceptable to the city and DDA."

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questions. Bob Gibbs, the retail consultant who studied Northville during the

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past three months, Thursday night handed his data to the city, along with the task of developing a direction for the commercial district's future retail identity.

A steering committee representing a variety of local interests Monday night took over, discussing for two hours how to draft a consensus development model. When they meet again Jan. 5, the volunteers will fine-tune their mission and process.

Ready for the bigs

The dozen city and township residents and property owners repeatedly referred to the Gibbs Planning Group's forecast of stiff competition from well-organized national retailers threatening downtown as we know it.

It is "highly likely" developers and real estate brokers will pursue the untapped luxury retail market by building a "lifestyle center" within five miles of the city in the next 24 months, Gibbs said.

"Now is the time to plan ahead," he said. "You have a lot of options in front of you.

"You can't do it all right away ---it's too expensive," he said. "But, you can set priorities."

Led by Joan Wadsworth, longtime resident and Board of

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Northville's Downtown Development Authority's steering committee will meet again after the holidays. They are planning ways to solicit resident comments during January and February on Northville's future identity and direction. The committee members targeted April 2 as the due date for their report after consideration of community input, additional research, trips to comparable communities and further discussion.

Small Town Expansion Model

Assumes: Northville residents shopping for general goods downtown, rather than shopping centers and big box retailers; Twelve Oaks Mall expands or a new lifestyle center opens in two to three years; downtown's charm and scale maintained; marketing and management policy revisions rather than building expansion.

New businesses: apparel, jewelry, shoes and accessories, specialty food market, wine and cheese shop, restaurants, specialty book store, electronics, health and beauty aids, home accessories, outdoor sporting goods, optical/vision care, personal services, specialty pet supplies, sports apparel, a tobacco shop.

Needed: junior anchor tenant, construction of a new streetscape, a Wing Street parking deck, complementary township retail growth, surrounding roads improved.

Maximum Growth Model

Reflects: Full growth potential, if major land parcel became available in or adjacent to downtown, such as Northville Downs property, for development of a major mixed-use lifestyle center.

Assumes: No additional major shopping centers constructed outside downtown; new parking structures built; road network upgraded to provide better local and regional access; some of Northville's existing retailers forced to either close or relocate; new streetscape constructed downtown; new parking program implemented, including metered onstreet parking and paid off-street parking; building heights increased to five levels; complementary Northville Township retail growth.

remain viable and vibrant long-term.

GIBBS: report prompts local debate

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Now, the hard part

The \$38,500 report includes findings intended only as a planning guide for the development authority, not a recommendation for a specific growth model to pursue, Gibbs said. He stressed the next step is for local stakeholders to decide on a direction.

For developers desirous of highincome demographics and smalltown flavor. Northville is a coveted push-pin for several national retailers wanting to tap into the area's buying power, Gibbs said.

Northville's earnings are among the top in the country, including one area near Five Mile and Beck roads boasting an annual median income of \$379,000; the median household income of the primary trade area is \$87,141, he said.

"While the surrounding Northville area has recently experienced a major influx of new luxury households, little has changed in the downtown's commercial core since Gibbs Planning Group's 1996-1997 analysis," Gibbs said.

"As a result, this study finds that the greater Northville area is significantly under served by many types of retailers and department stores."

He said whether Northville embraces significant change or not, corporate nameplates will affect the community's long-term identity in some way. Gibbs said those effects are best absorbed by being proactive.

The remaining question: how much change will local residents, business owners and elected officials embrace - and at what pace?

Void in offerings?

Greg Presley, a local architect and development authority board member, said one of the most interesting points in the report was Gibbs' division of Northville businesses into three categories. Residents polled by Gibbs visit-

ed neighborhood businesses such as CVS, Hiller's, hair salons, banks and coffee shops. Another core group of shoppers spent time leisurely walking from shop to boutique downtown.

Gibbs said focus group members want to see more businesses like those emerging in downtown Northville. Those shops sell goods and services typically found in department stores or shopping malls, including: art supplies, bicycles, jewelry, photography, men's and women's apparel and shoes.

"That's a very important distinction made in the report," Presley said.

Many of Northville's residents are disappointed their downtown does not offer goods and services targeted to their lifestyle, Gibbs said. Meanwhile, many of Northville's merchants complain the surrounding residents do not support them.

Self-scrutiny

Parking remains one of the critical issues facing downtown, Gibbs said. Without more stringent enforcement of existing parking regulations, proprietors and their employees will continue to squeeze potential shoppers out of downtown slots.

"Many of Northville's shoppers prefer to run in and out of specific retailers and are unwilling to park in remote lots," he said. "This double standard held by American consumers in not necessarily fair to the small downtown merchant, but the behavior is a reality that must be addressed."

Inconsistent store hours is a "major weakness" of the downtown, Gibbs said.

"One of the top complaints of most focus group participants was that they could not shop downtown paint, he said. during the evenings and on

WHO IS GIBBS?

Who: Bob Gibbs, Gibbs Planning Group, Birmingham Expertise: Retail consulting

services. The Gibbs Planning Group in 1997 prepared a retail planning study for Northville. Since then, the company has gained public and private sector experience across North America, Europe and the Pacific Rim.

Clients: (Public) Cambridge, Chicago, Knoxville, Madison, Miami, Naples, Portland and Seattle; (Private) EDS, General Motors and The Taubman Company.

Contract: Northville's Downtown Development Authority retained Gibbs in August for \$38,500 to update the 1997 study. His analysis and series of tasks included a retail market analysis, retail regional and local inventory, focus group interviews, merchant meetings, development of economic growth and master plan models and report preparation.

Sundays," he said.

He said national surveys indicate over 70 percent of all retail shopping occurs after 6 p.m. and on Sundays.

Downtown Northville's businesses offer a unique collection of goods and services that are generally attractive and well-merchandised, Gibbs said. "Most of the downtown's storefronts, signage and window displays meet or exceed normal business practices for similar types of retailers."

Most stores could be improved with a cleaning and fresh coat of

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GUEST COLUMN

Christmas

What thoughts do you have at Christmas, when you're hurried and harried, As you rush through the malls to become

- worried and carried.
- From one store to another to find "just the right gift."

For that special person or to give someone a lift.

Christmas is the time for giving, but it's zotten out of hand.

For it seems we have forgotten the reason

for Christmas in this land. Yes, we should stop and see what

Christmas is really about, And think of Joseph and Mary as they

traveled that route. To the city of Bethlehem many years ago, With Mary on a donkey that carried her so slow.

Mary, in pain, traveled as long as she could.

Then finally stopped at a stable made of wood.

- Mary gave birth to the Christ Child that jolly ole elf, night,
- And as a cry pierced the air, she held Joseph's hand very tight. "The baby is born," she heard people say,
- And rough shepherds filed in to see where
- He lav. There are no sounds like we have, as we rush through the malls,
- Only the lowing of cattle as they rested in their stalls.
- If the people had only known what a celebration there could have been,
 - That the King of all mankind could be
 - found in the manger behind the inn. And we, in our mad rush to out-give each
 - other, Should take time to reflect and see what
 - we could discover. We should slow down and really "just
 - pause.
- And see that Christmas is more than Santa Claus.
 - Oh, I don't mean we should abandon that

- Kids love to believe, and I believe myself! The gifts we give for Christmas should be

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- given with no strings attached, But no matter what perfect gift you give,
- here is one that is still unmatched -The priceless gift of our Savior was given
- to us that night, With Mary holding her baby, "Oh so
- tight!"
- Yes, Jesus was given for all, as your gift to receive,
- And the only thing you must do is open your heart and believe.
- So, if you are down a little this Christmas,
- I'll give you a lift. Just open your heart to Jesus, and receive "God's greatest gift!"

Organ & Tissue

Warren Parkyn

you park your car by noting the Northville color and pole number and by

Parking tips for the holiday shoppers at Twelve Oaks

• Never leave children or pets unattended in your car.

 Don't leave packages, cell phones, or other valuables in plain view in your car.

· Keep your purse closed and close to your body when walking in the parking lot.

· Park in heavily traveled and well-lit areas, for example, under a light pole.

 Keep your keys in hand when returning to your car.

· Don't burden yourself with too many packages at one time. It's better to make two or three trips with fewer packages than trying to juggle too many packages at once.

· Be alert to your surroundings. If you feel uncomfortable, return to the nearest store entrance and have the store call for security to escort you to your car.

· Valet parking is available at the green canopied entrance, located on the lower level between JCPenney and Lord & Taylor. If you're in a hurry, have lots of bundles, or just need some pampering, the charge is only \$4 and free to handicapped visitors.

· Always lock your car when you leave it, even for a brief time.

Twelve Oaks Mall has more

than 7,500 free parking spaces in

a well-lit lot patrolled by uni-

formed, professionally trained

security staff. For ease in traveling

to and around the mall property

(or at any public parking lot), con-

Twelve Oaks can be reached

by: Exit 162 (Novi Road) off I-96

West; Exit 159 (Beck Road) off I-

96 East, continue east on Twelve

Mile; or Twelve Mile Road Exit

off M-5, go west on Twelve Mile.

. There are two entrances to the

mall parking lot off of Twelve

Mile Road, in addition to the two

· Light poles in the parking lot

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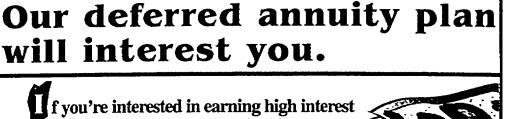
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your car.

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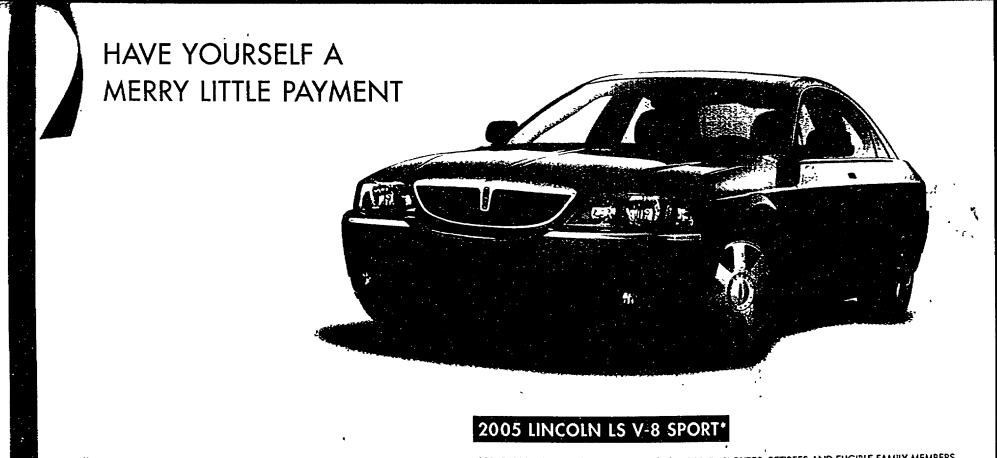
Ask your family today, and let them know your decision, too. That way you'll know, they'll know, and there will be no question later.

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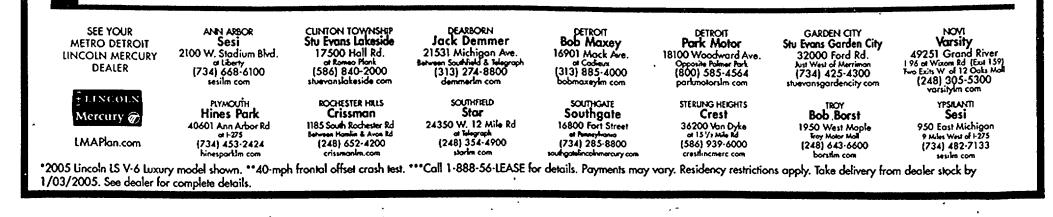
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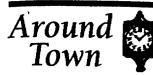
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City Hall notes

City hall offices will be closed for the season's holidays: Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23-24 and

· Thursday and Friday, Dec. 30-31.

Merchant honored

Theresa Schierion, owner of the Dancing Eye Gallery and Across the Street, recently was honored for her newest store, a second Dancing Eye Gallery in Walled Lake.

The Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority Urban Design Committee recognized the store as business of the month, commending the transformation from the former Charlie's Barber Shop into an eclectic gift shop.

Located at 133 E. Walled Lake Dr., Dancing Eye was cited for its mosiac-framed doorway, creative signs and other elements. Joe Demski was the architectural designer. The gallery is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesdays-Saturdays, and noon-4 p.m., Sundays.

Art House update

Renovation progress continues at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. The joint enterprise between the Northville Parks and Recreation Department and Arts Commission continually adds activities to the schedule.

Volunteers ask as you finish your. Christmas lists and shopping, keep in mind the Art House's "wish list":

- a canister vacuum
- · cookie sheets
- a small stool or little step ladder
- a slide projector
- an 8-10 cup coffee pot

an outdoor extension cord with

a portable outdoor light to illuminate the sign.

The facility's grand opening is set for March 4.

Maybury holiday

Santa will be at Maybury Farm 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. Children of all ages are invited to bring homemade ornaments for the farm's Christmas tree.

Maybury Farm is selling fresh greens shaped as candy canes, swags and wreaths this holiday season. The wreaths, ranging from \$20-30, are available through Dec. 20. Each wreath purchased will have hung on one of the Maybury Farm barns. The welcome center also has a variety of candles, votives and other items for sale.

If you have one of those "very hard to get" people on your holiday list or would just like to give a lasting gift, purchase a board to help rebuild Maybury Farm. Boards are \$250 each and your name (up to 23 characters) will be placed on a plaque to be hung permanently at Maybury Farm. To order a board, call the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

Maybury Farm recently put together a holiday "wish list":

- haybine (7 or 9 feet) complete horse harness set
- 32-foot hay elevator
- pond benches
- concrete
- maple syrup evaporator
- indoor heating
- indoor plumbing
- screen doors

Maybury Farm is located on Eight Mile Road, 1.5 miles west of Beck Road. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

Buy a flake

Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Rd., is selling snowflakes to raise cash for Northville Civic Concern. They also are collecting gift cards, toys and clothing through Dec. 31 for the local agency. For more informa-tion, call (248) 348-9120.

Call for artists

The Northville Arts Commission requests submissions from all Northville area artists, age 18 and older for inclusion in "Celebrating Northville Arts and Community" at the Art House grand opening March

Artists may submit one or two photos of recent work in any medium (JPEG file format preferable) to artcommission@ci.porthville.mi.us by Jan. 15. Several pieces will be selected for exhibition and all pieces will be shown via computergenerated slide show during the grand opening reception and through the month of March.

Artists are asked to include their name, address, phone number, email address, artwork medium, size, title, a brief biography and a



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville Gourmet pastry chef Sue Poster created this three-by-two-foot candy-covered gingerbread house which will be given away Dec. 23 to someone who registers at the shop located at 680 Eight Mile Rd.

two-sentence artist statement. Questions should be directed to the above e-mail address or (248) 449-9950. Watch the Northville Arts Commission website: www.northvillearts.org for upcoming exhibition, consignment and teaching opportunities at the Art House.

Donation drop-off site

The agents at Century 21 Town and Country are working with Northville Civic Concern to provide food and household items of needy local families.

The real estate firm's 175 CadyCentre office will serve as a drop-off point for donations through December. The lobby door is accessible from the public parking area off Mary Alexander Court, just east of Center Street.

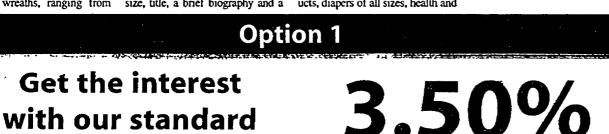
Items needed are: household cleaning products, baby care products, diapers of all sizes, health and grooming products and non-perishable food.

For more information, call Amy Zubor or Karen Woodruff at (248) 349-5600

Blankets needed

Edward Jones investment representatives David Boyd, Todd Knickerbocker and Chris Willerer are supporting the American Red Cross Blanket Days program by using their offices as a drop-off location for this year's blanket drive. Local residents can help the homeless in the area by bringing in a new blanket to their Northville offices at 117 E. Dunlap, 128 N. Center St. and 1039 Novi Rd. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through Jan. 31.

To contribute an item for consideration in this column, e-mail mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.



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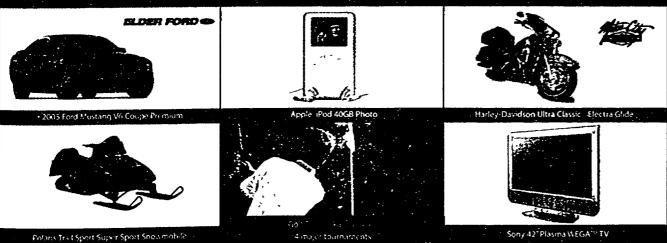
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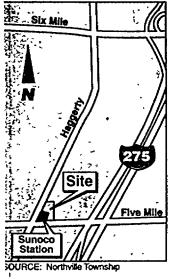
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Haggerty Five Gateway



Retail, bank pitched for **Five and Haggerty**

"Haggerty Five Gateway Plaza," a retail project on 4.5 acres that would wrap around the Sunoco gas station at the Five Mile and Haggerty roads, was proposed to the planning commission Dec. 7.

Pitched by Investico Development Corporation, the preliminary plan included two buildings: a bank and a retail strip mall. Both would total 34,461 square feet, whittled down from a previously suggested 38,606.

Commissioners expressed concern over traffic flow around the bank. Progressive AE, the township's traffic consultant, said in a memo that although the bank's

drive-thru meets requirements, "r peak hour lines could get too long The planning commission opted 6-0 to table the issue, encouraging the developer to, meet with the township's architectural committee. Kent

Township office closings

Anderson was absent.

Northville Township Municical offices have several upcoming closures.

Tomorrow, Dec. 17, offices will open at 8 a.m., closing early at 12:30 p.m. for an employee appreciation luncheon.

On Thursday, Dec. 23, Friday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 31, all offices will close in honor of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Board meets tonight

After the grand opening festivities are over for township hall and the fire station, Northville's board of trustees will meet for the final time this year. Tonight's meeting takes place in the hall community room, 44405 Six Mile Rd., 7:30 p.m. It will be the first meeting for new trustee Chris Roosen, who won the primary election in August. Former trustee Shirley Klokkenga's last meeting was Oct. 26.

Coldwater Springs considered

A master plan for Coldwater Springs Nature Area and its linear park received approval from the township's planning commission Dec. 7.

Located on the west side of Ridge Road between Five and Six Mile roads, the nature area will cost an estimated \$650,000 by architects M.C. Smith Associates' initial estimates. A Smith linear park on the east side of Ridge Road may be about

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\$630,000.

Partially abutting the future Arcadia Ridge subdivision, the parkland was donated to the township from the developers of Nonhville Ridge.

The township's plan included pedestrian walkways with some elevated boardwalks, a shelter area and habitat enhancement near Johnson Creek. Survey and grading work, utilites, parking and signs also are factored in the cost.

"It would become part of our recreation master plan and therefore eligible for grant funding," said Traci Sincock, director of parks and recreation. "The largest figures... are the boardwalks.

The commission approved the plan 6-0 but asked for further study on the number of parking spaces, location of some boardwalks and permits from the Department of Michigan Environmental Quality. Kent Anderson was absent.

Arcadia Ridge wants changes

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding the future home of the Arcadia Ridge subdivision, Pulte Homes requested changes to the 356-lot site plan.

Coming before Northville Township's planning commission Dec. 7, the developer and its engineer, Atwell-Hicks, proposed replacing five total lots with a clubhouse and new detention pond. The pitch also included a new single family lot on land previously designated open space.

An Atwell-Hicks memo said the pond would mean a net loss of open space and vegetation, but still would exceed a 20-percent open space requirement by several acres. The MDEQ hosted a public

hearing Oct. 27 on the site, home to a 20-acre watershed of Johnson Creek, several endangered species and remnant peat bog, according to the Johnson Creek Protection Group.

After a 90-day period following that meeting, the MDEQ must make a decision on whether or not to approve the developer's While awaiting word from the permit application for these wet-

lands.

The changes got a 6-0 commission "OK," pending information from the department's decision. Kent Anderson was absent.

Hayes Lemmerz in the news

News has been hot at Hayes Lemmerz, the Northville-based supplier of automotive and commercial highway wheels, brakes, powertrain, suspension and other components

This Monday, the company announced it moved Marc Hendrickx to vice president of the company's international wheel group effective Jan. 1, 2005. He'd previously been the group's vice president of sales and marketing.

On Dec. 7, Hayes announced its steel wheel manufacturing operation in Sao Paulo, Brazil received the DaimlerChrysler Brazil "Interacao Award" for light, quality, cost-effective commercial trunk wheels for Mercedes-Benz.

Hayes last week announced its sales for the fiscal third quarter ended Oct. 31 rose 4.8 percent to

\$556.2 million, while year-todate sales were up 8.1 percent. Also on the horizon is a \$75 million receivable securitzation program and potential in the

commercial highway hub and

brake business, Hayes reported.

Wendy's shakes the fries

Northville's Wendy's has started offering different sides to substitute for fries.

Starting Dec. 6, hungry patrons now can order a small chili, baked potato or one of two side salads - Caesar or regular - at no extra cost.

Instead of the traditional eight combo meals, that brings Wendy's possibilities to 40. This follows up a July launch of mandarin oranges and milk for kids. Visit the township's Wendy's at

17899 Haggerty Rd.

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'Northville, to me...'

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Neil and Nikki Greenfield like to listen to the downtown Northville clock chime. They attend concerts and parades. They buy bread, coffee and ice cream.

For 25 years, the couple has alternated monthly dinner invitations with friends who reside in Dearborn. The 17-year Northville Township residents suggest comfortable meals at Tirami Su, Poole's Tavern or their own Blue Heron condo.

"The first thing I think about is having them out to our place or to Northville," Neil said. "It's our hometown.

When the Greenfields drive downtown for dinner, they traverse the sidewalks afterward. During the summer, they bicycle from their Seven Mile and Beck road address and hang out on park benches.

The retired couple regularly walks around town when its warm and sometimes when it's not. "We might even come in to walk around in the fresh snow, if the wind isn't howling," Nikki said.

The Greenfields, who own retirement property in South Carolina, said they love downtown Northville. They dine at a variety of restaurants; and occasionally purchase items from local specialty shops.

But much of their everyday shopping is done elsewhere.

"It's very hard for us to leave here," Nikki said. "I don't know if

Education member, the commit-

tee talked about Gibbs' forewarn-

ing as an opportunity. Lori Ward, director of

Development Authority, last

Friday distributed drafts of Gibbs'

report to the steering committee

members so they could review the

contents over the weekend. She

and her committee peers wanted

to get to work on translating the

study's results into an action plan.

mation in here, we don't want to lose momentum," she said. "With

the (Jim) Long building under

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Profiles of Northville

In many ways, the Greenfields mirror local residents who were recently asked to share their opinions of downtown Northville as part of a retail study conducted by retail consultant Bob Gibbs of the Gibbs Planning Group.

Results of that study were released last week.

Part of the information Gibbs shared with the city showed the Greenfields resemble about a third of their neighbors.

According to the study, nearly 28 percent of what is considered the greater Northville trade area are "In Style" segment households.

"Although they live in the suburbs, this group favors the life of city dwellers. They are professional couples with few children and are welleducated. They prefer townhouse to traditional single-family houses.

"They are computer savvy, and use the Internet for everything from computer equipment to travel. Physical fitness is a high priority and they enjoy rock concerts and scuba diving. Nordstrom, Ann Taylor and LL Bean are their shopping preferences."

Value conscious

While the Greenfields may not match that profile precisely, they did repeat a refrain common among

ty rights, resident apathy --- the

town's long-term identity.

Pro-active planning

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Gibbs' focus group participants: years in Northville. With their two They would like to shop in downsons grown and gone, the task of town, but they cannot find the everypicking up groceries has evolved into stops at Hiller's, Costco and

Busch's. If she could dictate what filled downtown storefronts? Pear-Aphernalia, Traditions, VanDam's and Kitchen Witch are Nikki's favorite stores, she said.

"I would love to have a movie theater," Nikki said. Without young children, she said she does not attend Marquis Theatre productions. "I would like to see a woman's

they're rather high-priced."

grown and changed.

ing," he said. The steering committee members concluded the public has to be drawn in early to the planning process so the community will throw its collective support behind the target model that emerges.

The volunteers committed to traveling to similar cities and researching the impact of alternate scenarios, in addition to reviewing Gibbs' analysis of the area's retail projections.

LIFESTYLE CENTERS: ON THE WAY SOON?

The location could be off M-5 in Commerce Township, near Godfredson Road and M-14 or in northeast Ann Arbor.

Retail consultant Bob Gibbs of Birminghambased Gibbs Planning Group said he could not disclose developers' specific target for a "lifestyle center" in this area. He told independent Northville retailers they need to plan for its arrival in the next two years.

Instead of yesteryear's indoor malls or strips of stores, developers are targeting upscale shoppers with the latest commercial configuration known as "lifestyle centers." They are open-air centers with luxury retailers grouped in a setting similar to a main street.

Lifestyle centers have begun to include residential, office and civic uses.

Many popular retailers are likely to deploy new stores in the Northville area, Gibbs said, including Crate & Barrel, Polo, Pottery Barn, Nordstrom's and Saks Fifth Avenue.

The "Village of Rochester," a lifestyle center opened in Rochester Hills in 2002, has reported higher than average retail sales, the consultant said. The Village is said to have adversely affected downtown Rochester's retail stores and restaurants.

Gibbs recommended Northville's Downtown Development Authority meet with Rochester officials to gairran understanding of how a lifestyle war center could affect Northville's downtown.

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As recently as 30 years ago, downtown Northville was the source for surrounding residents' every day necessities. Today,

focus groups Gibbs polled cited the lack of businesses serving their primary shopping needs for items such as apparel, hardware, shoes, sporting goods, toys and furniture.

In the 1970s, shopping habits changed with the advent of malls like Twelve Oaks and Laurel Park. They represented an alternative with easy access to a variety of stores, shelter from the weath-

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committee batted around the and services, and recreational abundance of issues that would shopping, Gibbs said. Another big come into play while trying to plus for the traditional crossroads reach a consensus goal for downis the city's maintenance of civic facilities like the post office, library, churches, public safety departments and community center, he said.

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Nikki recalled being able to stop

in the hardware store, dime store

and bookstore downtown. Target,

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Neil buys his clothes at Laurel Park

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removed those options, she said.

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But retail strategists tracking consumer trends have again changed the game. Northville can either be pro-active or react, the committee members concurred.

Time to study

A range of models outlined in the draft report - status quo, small town expansion and maximum growth - will serve as a starting point for the community's discussion.

The imminent competition will mean change; degree of action by local leaders will determine in large part to what extent. Ward said she was encouraged

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Neil and Nikki Greenfield, downtown Northville regulars

since 1974 and seen here strolling down its Center

Street, have many fond memories of the town as it's

Northville Median Yearly Household Incomes 2005

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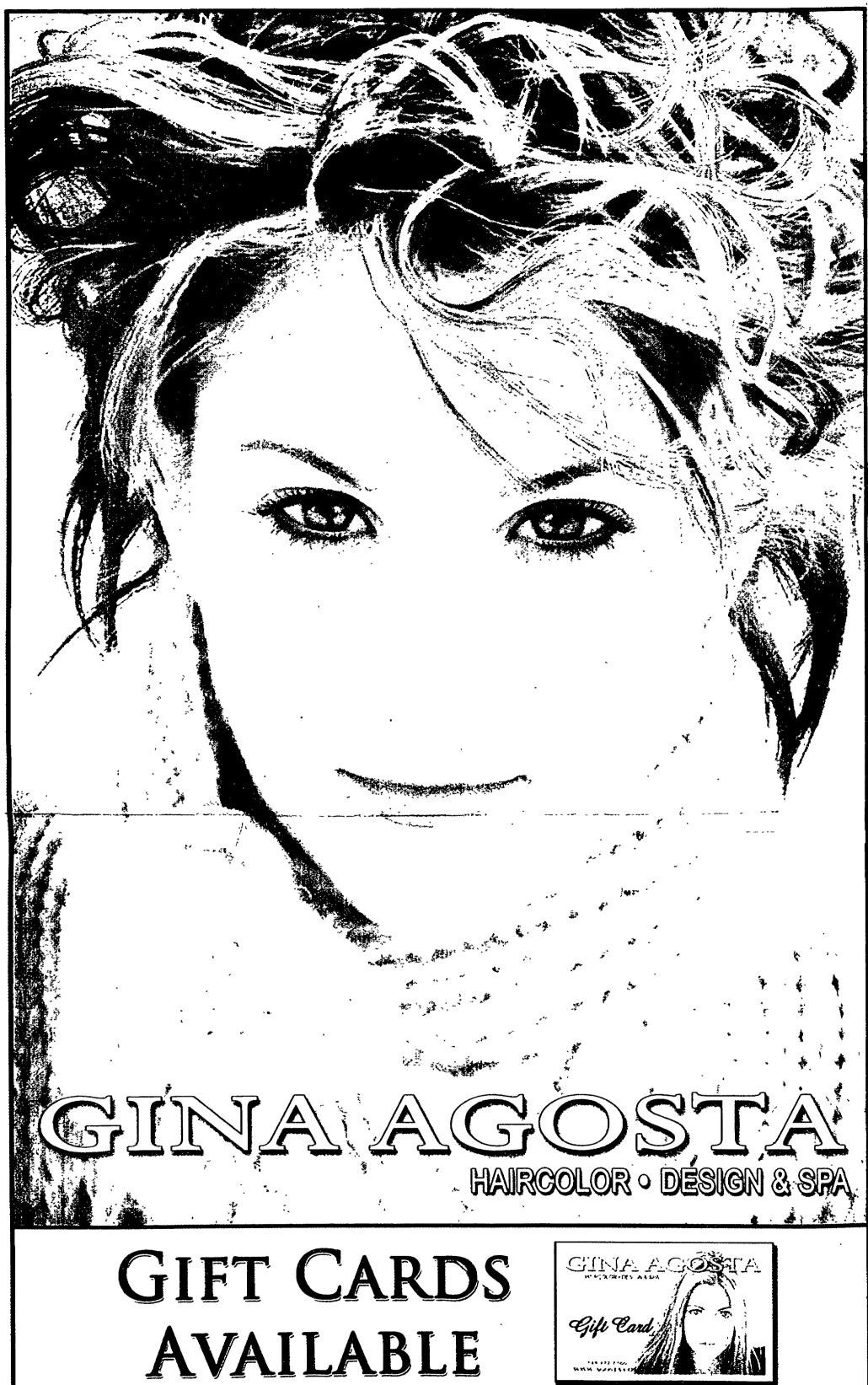
by the report. "There was no doomsday scenario," she said. Gibbs' forecast supplied information for the community to form a plan, said Tom Gudritz, a member of the Historic District

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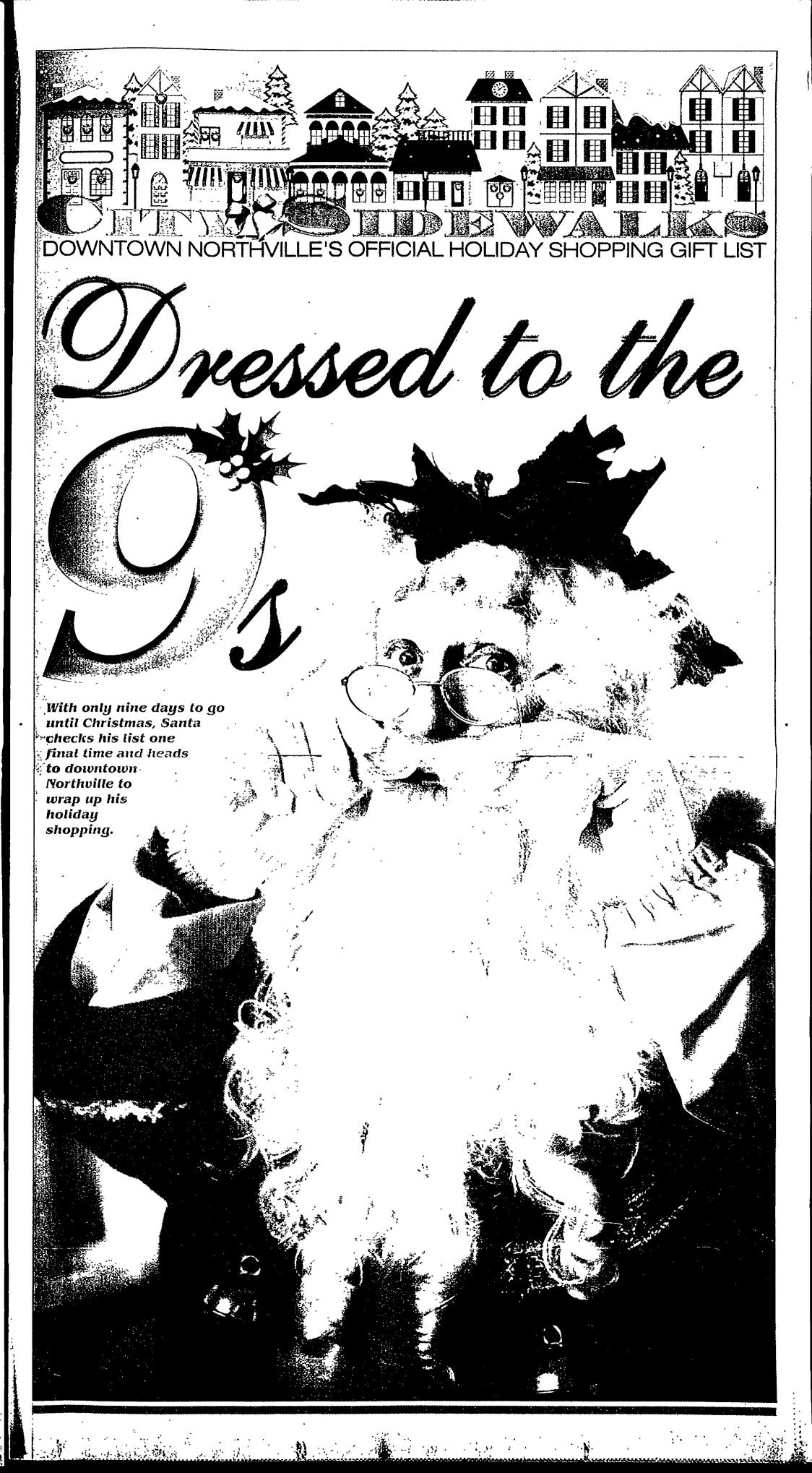
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store that has name-brand clothes. "I don't really frequent the cutesy, trendy places," she said. "I think NORTHMILLE RECORD-Thursday December 16 2004



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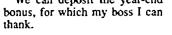
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DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE SHOPPING GUIDE: STORE BY STORE



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This weekend, you'll have to



'Northville has everything I want'

Santa will spend final nine days at center of 'whirlwind shopping spree'



City Sidewalks OF NORTHVILLE

Santa's Secret List

Across The Street

102 E. Main

(248) 449-7086

Hours: Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fri 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m.

Specialty: Handmade gifts and clothing.

Gift certificate: Yes

American Spoon

105 N. Center

(248) 347-1643

Web site: www.spoon.com Hours: Sun noon-4 p.m.; Mon-Fri 10

a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Specialty: Michigan made gourmet preserves, jams, relishes, salsas, and grilling sauces. Gifts of Great Taste!

Gift suggestion/price: Salsa Lover's Gift Pack, \$22.95-29.95

Gift certificate: Yes

Anne's Crafts

- 110 N. Center (248) 348-6810
- Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 10 a.m.-5

p.m.; Fri 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5

p.m.; Sun 12-3 p.m.

Hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Specialty: Assta truffles; mild and dark chocolate covered nuts and cremes; pecan, cashew and macadamia mammoths and gourmet apples.

Gift suggestion/price: Wonderful hostess gift, \$6.95

Gift certificate: Yes, for Tea Time Treasures coming in January.

Dancing Eye Gallery

101 N. Center (248) 449-7086

Web site: www.dancingeye.com

Hours: Starting Dec. 13; Mon-Thu 10

a.m.-7 p.m.; Fri 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat 10

a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m. Specialty: Handmade ceramic tiles,

ornaments, jewelry and other unique gifts.

Gift suggestion/price: Measuring spoon set, \$46, top seller this season. Gift certificate: Yes

Elizabeth's Bridal Manor

402 S. Main

(248) 348-2783

Hours: Mon, Wed, Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Specialty: Doll houses and dollhouse Fri 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

pound boxes for \$11 or a sleeve of

Wine: Traditions, 120 N. Center

St., offers several selections,

including decorated wine bottle

bags for \$13.50 and Christmas

theme ceramic bottle toppers for

Dept. 56 ornament: At Gardenviews, 202 W. Main St., a

Dept. 56 omament makes a good

gift. The store stocks a variety of

truffles for \$7.95.

\$11.50 and \$15.

Santa Claus will be staying in Northville during the final nine days before Christmas, getting ready for his "final-push" holiday shopping spree.

Good guests don't forget their hosts

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Heading out for a holiday party, or family gathering?

Don't forget to thank your host or hostess, the person who's invested so much time and effort in creating the festive setting. The following are gifts available locally which make perfect gifts:

Pewter cocktail napkin holders: a variety of decorative weights -grapes, skis, star, Christmas tree to hold them in place. Cost: \$42. Kitchen Witch, 134 E. Main

Bread, cookies or muffins: You can always run in for a bread loaf of at Great Harvest Bread Co, 139 E. Main St. Also available are Rocky Peanut Co. snack treats pistachios, cashews or Dickens Delight for \$12.49 --- or Stonewall kitchen jams for \$6.57.

Greeting books: Northville Candle & Gifts, 124 N. Center St., features Christmas greeting books that include poems, scripture quotations and seasonal stories Christmas Blessings for You, Star of Wonder, 'Tis the Season - for \$2.97 with envelope. There also are small candles in gift boxes priced at \$8 and \$15 or pre-packaged "gifts to go." Priced from \$13-22, those range from a packed mug to plates and a spreader to a nail polish-lip color-eye shadow combo.

Ceramic ornaments: It is the Christmas season after all, why not add a one-of-a-kind ornament to your hostess' decorations? Dancing Eye Gallery, 101 N. Center St., has a huge assortment of ceramic ornaments handmade by local artists priced from \$6-20.

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Pretzels & toppings: American Spoon, 105 N. Center St., provides perfect treats. Try the Eastshore dipping pretzels packaged with the American Spoon barbecue mustard for \$13.95 or the three-jar gift pack of compote and fruit toppings for \$26.95.

Glass & jar candles: You can't miss with the selection of aromatic candles at Your Michigan Connection, 136 N. Center St. The oversized glass jar candles, priced at \$19.50, feature scents like banana nut bread, toasted marshmallow and vanilla hazelnut.

Chocolates: If you know your host or hostess has a sweet tooth, head into Chocolates by Renee, 118 E. Main St. You can create your own assortment of chocolates or choose pre-packaged half-

sizes and price ranges — \$12.50, \$15, \$22.50. "They make great hostess gifts," Betsy Holda said. "They're so gorgeous. They're almost like Faberge eggs. You really do have to see them." Another option: beaded windchimes made from pounded antique sterling silverware priced from \$30-120.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/ NORTHYALE RECORD

Santa Claus sends Christmas and holiday salutations to those who've been nice - and even those who've been naughty - thanks to Salutations, located in downtown Northville at 115 E. Main St.

Salutations SHOP WHERE SANTA SHOPS Cards, Gift Wrap & More

20% OFF TOTAL PURCHASE 115 East Main St. Excluding sale ficms, rously purchased items & in house imprinting. Expires 12-31-04

Downtown Morthville 248-349-3537

kits, stencils and faux finish supplies and classes.

Gift suggestion/price: Dollhouse kits and finished models, \$89.95-\$1200. Gift certificate: Yes

Carmine's Elegant Design, Distinctive Gifts

125 W. Wing (248) 347-7723

Hours: Mon-Thu 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri 9

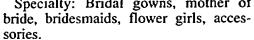
a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Specialty: Interior design and landscape architecture.

Gift suggestion/price: Variety of house blessing for men and women, \$45, Hand forged metal boxes by artist, Jan Barbolid Gift certificate: Yes

Chocolates by Renee' 118 E. Main

(248) 349-6362



Gift suggestion/price: Purses on sale, \$25

Gift certificate: Yes

Fine Threads

105 E. Main (248) 349-5097 Hours: Mon-Sat 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m.

Specialty: Mens clothing, upscale suits, shirts, sport coats, slacks, leathers, top coats, sweaters, (custom suits and dress shirts).

Gift suggestion/price: Mock turtleneck, \$69

Gift certificate: Yes

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Stocking stuffers mad easy, thanks to local merchants

By Maureen Johnston **RECORD STAFF WRITER**

Your stockings are hung the chimney with care what do you put in them?

A quick stop into your do town Northville stores can the bill. Local merchants gest:

Potpourri

Preferences, 103 E. Main has bags of potpourri with sonal scents like "Smell Christmas" and "Smell of Tree" for \$12.50. There also candles and sprays that com ment those aromas.

Body glitter & bubble ba

If the young lady on your has been sugar and spice all year, you can pick up everyth nice for her at Girly Girl, 12 Main St.

Stocking size selecti include roll-on body glitter \$2.75, bubble bath shaped li fish, purse, crown or perfu bottle in a variety of scents \$2 or a playful "grow a boyfriend" gift for \$2 50.

Essential oils

The soothing aroma of jasmine, relaxation of lavender or the invigorating effects of eucalyptus can be found in the stock of essential oils at Healthy Solutions, 137 E. Main St.

The 100 percent pure oils, price from \$7.99-14.25, can be used for aromatherapy in the bathtub, in a water spray to mist the scent or in massage.

Eresh coffee beans

A cup of Joe, hot chocolate with whipped cream, high- and low-carb bakery treats, prepackaged candy or cookies, all the equipment a coffee mayen can handle --- it's all there. It would be hard to miss with a gift card with the familiar green seal of Starbucks, 302 E. Main St.

Hand therapy

Specialty: Vitamins, herbs, bath and body.

Gift suggestion/price: Sambu Guard by Dr. Dunner Immune System Formula (liquid); \$14.60 or chewable lozenges, mixture of elderberry, zinc, vitamin C, propolis, and echinacea, \$4.99

Gift certificate: Yes

The Kitchen Witch 134 E. Main (248) 348-0488 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m; Sun 12-4 p.m.

Specialty: Kitchenware, gadgets, cutlery, cookware, bakeware, pot racks, tabletop butcher blocks, gourmet foods-Spring/Fall cooking classes.

Fri 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat 10 Eldreth Potter Santas, a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun 12-4

p.m. Specialty: We carry American antiques, carvings, Williamsburg foods and candles, brass, primitives, jewelry, books and many holiday items.

Gift suggestion/price:

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Hours: Mon-Fri 10

\$7.50-\$24 Gift certificate: Yes

New 2 You 120 E. Main (248) 735-2YOU (968) Hours: Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun 12-4

Specialty: Inexpensive holiday gift ideas. New and gently used furniture, home decor, children's clothing, toys and accessories.

Gift certificate: Yes

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Girly Girl

125 E. Main

(248) 380-8881

Hours: Mon-Fri 10

a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-

5 p.m.; Sun 12-5 p.m.;

Dec. 16, 17, 22 and 23,

Specialty: Home and

decor

Gift suggestion/price:

Wind sculptures from

reclaimed flea market

treasures, \$33-\$130.

Gift certificate: Yes

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inere's a full line of Crabiree and Evelyn products at Pearaphernalia, 107 N. Center St. Hand therapy is a sure-bet at-\$12 for the regular size and \$6.50 for the purse size. Also check out the scented drawer liners, soaps, body lotion and bath and shower gel.

Vintage brooches

Bellerose Antiques, 147 E. Main St., has the most beautiful vintage-look brooches for \$18-\$28. The pins come in a variety of shapes and sizes with clear or colored rhinestones.

Lip balm

Miniature lip plumpers with names like Water my Melon, Razz my Berry and Tutti my Fruity are available at Pamplemousse, 116 E. Main St. The lip balm trios, from The Balm, are \$22.

Coffee, etc.

Downtown's cozy coffee house, Tuscan Cafe at 150 N. Center St., offers a range of treats for the java fan in your family.

Suggestions include a pound of coffee beans in a signature bag for \$8-10, stainless steel travel mugs for \$10, order-inadvance Zingerman's pastry products, coffee mugs for \$5, a variety of teas or gift certificates in any denomination.

Shoe care items

For the practical, look no further than the Cobbler's Corner, 104 E. Main St., for timeless and always useful shoe-care items. The shoe repair store offers paste wax for \$4.95, brushes for \$8.50 and \$13.50 and dobbers for \$4.

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103. or mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.

(248) 449-8890 Hours: Mon-Thu 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m.

Specialty: Gifts for the girl in all of us. A funky, fun place for girls of all ages. Specialty apparel, purses, jewelry, body care products, home accessories, gifty things. We саггу Lollia Line...Oprah's favorite things.

Gift suggestion/price: Vintage chenille backpacks from Ritzy Rags, \$49

Gift certificate: Yes

Great Harvest Bread Co. 139 E. Main (248) 344-4404 Web site: www.greatharvestnorthville.com

Hours: Open every day; Tue-Sat 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mon 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Specialty: Naturally fresh bread and baked goods every day. Peet's coffee and tea; lunch rolls and soups; Stonewall kitchen jams. Gift suggestion/price:

Northville Gift Basket, \$37.95

Gift certificate: Yes

Healthy Solutions 137 E. Main

(248) 305-5785 Web site: www.tmherbs.com Hours: Daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m

Gift suggestion/price: Madiera Harvest dinnerware-Casafina.

Gift certificate: Yes

Knightsbridge Antique Mall

42305 7 Mile (248) 344-7200 Hours: Daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wed 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Gift suggestion/price: Rhinestone jewelry, \$10-\$45 Gift certificate: Yes

La Corsetiere

123 E. Main (248) 449-6603 Web site: www.lacorsetiere.com

Hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m.

Specialty: We carry a unique and stylish selection of lingerie and intimate apparel including beautiful bra and panty sets, chenile robes with matching slippers, exquisite nightwear, warm flannel pajamas, and the world famous Hanky Panky Thong.

Gift suggestion/price: Hanky Panky Thong, \$18 Gift certificate: Yes

The Moss Rose

184 E. Main (248) 374-5586 Web site: www.mossroseshop.com Hours: Mon-closed; Tue-Thu 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/North-MLLE RECORD

Sanat Cluas will be staying in Northville the last nine days before Christmas, getting ready for his Christmas Eve spree.







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Northville Candle & Gifts 124 N. Center (248) 380-7059

Web site: www.northvillecandle.co

m Hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun 12-5 p.m.

Specialty: Ten fabulous candle lines and unusual gift giving items from A to Z, including Hanukkah items. Gift suggestion/price: Ornaments for every personality from \$3.95. Gift certificate: Yes

Northville Watch & Clock Shop 132 W. Dunlap

132 W. Dunlap (248) 349-4938 Hours: Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m. Specialty: Sales of all kind of clocks. Gift certificate: Yes

Open & Clothed 141 N. Center (248) 349-9900

Hours: Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m. Specialty: Unique

Specialty: Unique women's clothing, purses and accessories.

Gift suggestion/price: Typewriter key necklace, \$25, as seen in Simple Magazine. Gift certificate: Yes

Hours: Sun 12-4 p.m.; Mon, Tue, Wed, Sat 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thu-Fri 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Specialty; Davies Gate (an Oprah favorite), Burt's Bees, Get Fresh and Caswell-Massey. Variety of gift sets.

Gift suggestion/price: "Swoon" candles, \$28great scents and packaging.

Gift certificate: Yes



Gift suggestion/price: Christmas Clock, \$19.99



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Santa Claus shows off the new cashmere coat he purchased at Fine Threads in downtown Northville last week. "It gets cold Christmas Eve," the Great Elf said. Fine Threads is located at 105 E. Main St.



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Painter's Place 140 N. Center (248) 348-9544 Hours: Tue-Sat 12-5 p.m.

Specialty: Prints of various Northville scenes; \$15; Northville notes and Christmas cards, original watercolors, house portraits. Specialty: We carry home accents and gifts, such as: framed art and mirrors, lamps, accent furniture, baby items, Crabtree and Evelyn,

Gift suggestion/price: A Northern Light, Bul print of a Northville Frog, and Root Candles. scene, \$15 Gift suggestion/price Gift certificate: Yes 20% off Snowmen Plush-

Pamplemousse 116 E. Main (248) 449-5176 Pear-Aphernalia, Inc. 107 N. Center

107 N. Center (248) 596-1430 Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m.

Specialty: We carry home accents and gifts, such as: framed art and mirrors, lamps, accent furniture, baby items, Crabtree and Evelyn, Northern Light, Bull Frog, and Root Candles. Gift suggestion/price: 20% off Snowmen Plushregular price \$32 and under. Gift certificate: Yes

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

After a long night delivering gifts, Santa will this year enjoy the pampered luxury of a whirpool bath, thanks to Long's Plumbing and Bath Design Gallery, located at 190 E. Main St. in downtown Northville.



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When money's no object, try these gifts

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

World peace. That's what everyone says they want for the holidays. But if bank balance is no issue, what are the perfect gifts for those who've been especially good?

Jewelry: Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main St., suggests Hearts on Fire brand diamonds. Their three-stone rings — representing past, present and future — start at \$1,000. Other options are a Mikimoto 16-inch strand of pearls starting at \$2,000 or the familiar favorite, a tennis bracelet studded with diamonds ranging from \$1,000-\$1,500.

Stylish coats: Across the room from the designer shoes and purses, there are a lot of stylish coats to chose from at Veronica's Closet, 124 E. Main St. Your choice: an Italian-made Tadon full-length wool coat with animal print lapels and belt or a faux snakeskin full-

Handbag: At Northville's newest fashion-forward store, Sole Sisters, 142 N. Center St., owner Lauren Beras pointed out Tano's "Foldover" handbag for \$173. "You've just never seen anything like this before." The olive leather bag, made in Italy, has a zippered center compartment and brown leather accents.

Theater coat: The faux fur reversible theater coat on display at VanDam's, 111 E. Main SL, is an irresistible find for those who want to step out in style these cool evenings. Offered in wine or black, the Linda Lundstrom design is \$695.

Top coats, etc.: Your choice of Italian cashmere or black leather, Fine Threads, 105 E. Main St., has the man in your life covered in the cold weather. Longhi full-length top coats are priced at around \$1,000 while Lubiam fine leather

styles range from \$1,000-2,500. Metal sculpture: How about a one-of-a-kind handmade creation

one-of-a-kind handmade creation from Across the Street, 102 E. Main St.? You can find a five-foot whimsical metal sculpture — really a floor lamp — that looks like a mermaid holding a fish for \$425.

Snowhoard package: For the mature, experienced, freestyle snowboarder Town and Country Bike & Boards has what you need, 148 N. Center.

The top-of-the-line full snowboard package with board, boot and bindings will run about \$1,000.

Camera equipment: For someone looking to update their camera equipment, Northville Camera and Digital Imaging, 117 E. Main St., can help you make it happen this Christmas. A Canon 20D digital SLR camera kit with card, bag and batteries will cost \$1,800.

cold weather. Longhi full-length top coats are priced at around \$1,000 while Lubiam fine leather fortable and you will leave with the



exquisite gift of intimate apparel she is not expecting. How about a Claire Pettibone

How about a Claire Pettibone shimmy of handmade lace imported from Venice? The exclusive designs are available in sizes extrasmall to large. Shimmies are priced \$90-145; matching thong bottoms are \$45-50.

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From 'Santa' to 'Silent Night,' favorite songs ring in the holiday season

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

Most everyone has a favorite Christmas carol, whether harmonizing with the church chorus or humming along in the mall to ease the

last-minute pinch. For Sue Wright, children's pastor secretary at Northville Christian Assembly, it's "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

"We've always had fun with adding the little extras, 'Like Monopoly,'" she said. 'That has always been a special tradition." Warm up to these nine Christmas

classics:

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Any list calls for a melody about that jolly man in red and white. This Depression-era song, 1932 brainchild of J. Fred Coots and Henry Gillespie, still holds the same ultimatum for today's kids: "Be good, for goodness sake!"

Silver Bells

From the 1951 Bob Hope flick "The Lemon Drop Kid," this one's a slow-paced stroll through the hustle and bustle of city sights and sounds at Christmastime. Great mood music for the final shopping --- or present-wrapping - marathon.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Born of the traditional French carol "Les Anges dans nos Campagnes," this tune was first published in 1855. Its history is steeped in anonymity, but it's a jubilant tribute to the Bethlehem birth and a breath test control while singing, "Gloria, in Excelsis Deo."

The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an `

Open Fire) دست والمقافلة فرا It started as a poem written by Robert Wells to escape California heat. Since recorded by Nat "King" Cole in 1946, it's become a cherished, if somewhat schmaltzy. Christmas ballad. Perfect for sentimental family fireplace moments.

The Chipmunk Song

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Pendleton 117 N. Center (248) 596-9820 Web site: www.Pendleton-usa.com Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed 10 am.-6 p.m.; Thu-Fri 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m. Specialty: Classic men's and women's clothing. suggestion/price: Gift Washable wool men's shetland sweater

Gift certificate: Yes

Salutations

115 E. Main (248) 349-3537 Web site: www.salutationsnorthville.com Hours: Mon, Wed, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tue, Thu, Fri

10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m. Specialty: Invitations, stationery, holiday boxed cards, gift wrap, greeting

cards and unique gifts. suggestion/price: Gift Willow Tree Angels, \$7.95-\$51.95

Gift certificate: Yes

The Sawmill

316 N. Center (248) 349-8585 Web site: www.thesawmill.net Hours: Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-7.p.m.; Fri 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m. Specialty: Home of solid

wood furniture-finished and unfinished. Specializing in custom finishing. Gift certificate: Yes

Sole Sisters

142 N: Center (248) 348-9270 Hours: Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 12-5 p.m. Specialty: Women's shoes and accessories. Gift suggestion/price: Ulu boots, \$159 Gift certificate: Yes

Stampeddler & Memories by Stampeddler

· 145 N. Center (Old Church Square) (248) 348-4446 Web site: www.stampeddler.com Hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thu 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m.

amount. Gift certificate: Yes

Town & Country Bike and Board

148 N. Center (248) 349-7140 Hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m. Specialty: Snowboards, bicycles and accessories. Gift suggestion/price: Snowboard gloves. Gift certificate: Yes

Traditions, LTD. 120 N. Center (248) 349-0199 Hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun 12-5 p.m. Specialty: Home decor, furniture, unique acces-

sories, holiday accents. suggestion/price: Gift Decorative throw blanket,

\$52 Gift certificate: Yes

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141 N. Center, Suite 102 (248) 348-8886 Hours: Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m. Specialty: Home furnishings, accessories, interior design.

suggestion/price: Gift Italian Glassware, cordials, wine goblets Gift certificate: Yes

Van Dam's

111 E. Main

(248) 449-4282

Web site: DDA and Chamber of Commerce websites

Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thu 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 12-4 p.m.

Specialty: Ladies clothing, 'accessories and more from casual weekend/wear to evening wear. and a subart suggestion/price: Gift

Washable suede jackeets in fuschia, red, butter and black.

Gift certificate: Yes, also accept Chamber gift certificates

RESTAURANTS & COFFEE

Emily's Restaurant 505 N. Center St.

(248) 349-0505 Web site: www.emilysrestaurant.com Hours: Tue-Sat 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Specialty: Country French Dining. Gift suggestion/price: Gift

certificate-any denomination Gift certificate: Yes

Genitti's Hole in the Wall 108 E. Main (248) 349-0522

Web site: www.genittis.com Hours: Daily including

Sun 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Holiday gift certificate fits

everyone. A sure fit for everyone on your list. Gift suggestion/price: Gift

certificate for dinner theatre Gift certificate: Yes

Northville Gourmet and

Cicero's Pizza 680 W. 8 Mile (248) 349-5611 Hours: Mon-Sat 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sun 12-9 p.m.; Christmas Eve open

until 6 p.m.; Closed Christmas Day.

Specialty: Chicago Style pizza, homemade entrees, salads and pastries, liquor, beer and wine, full service catering.

suggestion/price: Gift Giant Gingerbread House given away Dec. 23, \$275 value.

Gift certificate: Yes

Starbucks

302 E. Main

gift pack, \$12.95

Gift certificate: Yes

SERVICES &

SPECIALTY

(248) 349-1133

Arthur Murray

#250

(248) 344-1875 Web site: www.slsb.org Hours: Mon-Thu 5:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Fri 5:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sat 6 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sun 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Specialty: Special blend coffees, sweet baked treats,

specialty coffee items. Gift suggestion/price: Starbucks Dawn & Dusk



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Santa Claus doesn't go anywhere during the holiday season without first making a visit to the Justin York Salon, located at 170 E. Main St. in downtown Northville. "They always treat me like someone special," he said.



248-349-2822

Hours: 1-10 p.m. Specialty: We specialize in adult social ballroom dancing. Learn all the latest moves in Latin, Swing, Country and Ballroom. Gift suggestion/price:

Special package, \$99 Gift certificate: Yes

Atrium Gallery

109 N. Center (248) 380-0470 Web site: www.atrium-

gallery.com Hours: Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fri 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Sun 12-4 p.m. Specialty: Atrium Gallery features original art, hand crafted jewelry, ceramics, art glass, and unique gifts. We also offer full custom

p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun 12-5 p.m.

Specialty: Fine Art Supplies; extensive line of children's art supplies and projects; fine art classes for children and adults.

suggestion/price: Gift Reeves Easel Sets-art studio in a box-comes complete with a tabletop easel; acrylic, oil or watercolor paint; canvas panels; mixing palette and brushes; super value at \$44.95.

Gift certificate: Yes

The Bee's Knees

141 E. Main (248) 347-6718

Web site: www.The BeesKneesPottery.com

Hours: Sun 12-5 p.m.; Tue-Wed 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thu-Fri 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Specialty: Make your own personalized gift of painted pottery or have it custom made to your specifications. Gift suggestion/price: "Handprint" plates with special quote, \$14 Gift certificate: Yes

Though listening to the entire "Chipmunks Christmas" CD may require aspirin, this nostalgic 1958 jingle can be fun. Join with Alvin, Simon and Theodore as they squeak about their dream toys, kept in line by David Seville. Eager kids relate: "Please, Christmas, don't be late!"

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

A well-known account of the Christmas-saving ninth reindeer, this tale was created by Montgomery Ward copywriter Robert L. May in 1939. Made famous in song by Gene Autry and on film in 1964, it's a sing-along treasure.

Jingle Bells

From Frank Sinatra to the kids of 'American Idol," artists of all walks have interpreted it. Another join-in classic, credit for this tune goes to Massachusetts native James Pierpont, a rebel in his own right, who penned it in 1857.

Silent Night

Another traditional carol with a peppered past, the most common tale is that Rev. Josef Mohr of Austria wrote this song around 1816. Now a popular hymn, it bears lullaby-like homage to the birth of Christ.

I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas

For all Michigan's snow, a white Christmas is still hit-or-miss. Invoke the cold stuff by song the way millions have since the Irving Berlin hit came out in 1942. Bing Crosby's 1947 version is still the biggest-selling single ever, by Billboard Chart accounts

To find lyrics to your Christmas favorites or for more carol history, visit

www.HymnsAndCarolsOfChristm as.com.

Kim Kovelle can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via email at kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net.

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Specialty: Art rubber stamps for making cards and invitations and scrapbook supplies for journaling life's special memories.

Gift suggestion/price: Gift certificates; We custom design our gift certificates, can be made for any

Vine 2 Wine

154 Mary Alexander Ct. (248) 465-WINE (9463) Web site: www.northvillewine.com

Hours: Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; ITEMS Sun 12-4 p.m.

Specialty: Stop in for a taste and have a great time. Then we'll put the wine together, work on it then you return to bottle and have a better time 6 weeks later.

Gift certificate: Yes, lovely handmade ones.

your list?

simply always wanted. Teens today have no problem

Senior Josh Cassidy simply wants a toothbrush.

"I've had the same one for like the past two years," he said.

Seniors Bill Brewington and Scott Mihalik both want CDs and DVDs.

"I want a Dragonforce CD," said Brewington.

"Oh! I want the 'Aqua Teen Hunger Force Volume Three' DVD," said Mihalik.

outrageous ideas of his own. "I really want a pony, serious-

ly," he said. "Or how about a glow-in-the-dark putter with a Seniors Katie Scott and Mike

Presley want legendary products from the past.

Scott said. Presley wants the original Nintendo system - and games to go along with it.

framing services.

suggestion/price: Gift Stunning hand-crafted Venetian Glass Jewelry (\$20-\$250) Gift certificate: Yes

Awakening The Artist Inside 111 N. Center (248) 347-0807 Web site: www.awakeningtheartistinside.com Hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-9

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Local teens request a Generation X-mas

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By Alexandra Hollmeyer SPECIAL WRITER

Less than two weeks until Christmas and you're still not sure what to get the teenager on

42000 W. Six Mile, Suite

Luckily, many Northville High School seniors know exactly what they want, whether it's something practical, something outrageous or something they've

telling gift-givers exactly what they want.

Senior Matt Roberts has some

toggle switch?"

"I want 'Moon Boots' so bad!"

"I want the old-school 'Duck Hunt' with the gun and everything," he said.

For some, teens are one of the hardest age groups to buy for.

Diana Birdsall, a Northville Township resident and mother of three high school students, agreed.

"There's not always a definite idea and the price plates are higher," she said.

She said shopping for girls was easier than shopping for boys.

"Girls make a list, boys don't," she said. "For the boys I have to be creative and come up with ideas they'd like. I ask their friends what they might want, such as a video game, and I look for new innovations on TV.

"Also my boys are driving, so I look for ideas related to cars," said Birdsall.

Even with direct input from high school seniors and a well experienced gift-buying mother, buying the right gift for that spe-

cial teen on your list can be tricky. Here are some local foolproof ideas:

Awakening the Artist Inside This small and friendly art store provides the perfect gift sets for the beginner to advanced artist on your list. (PrismaColor 120 Colored Pencil Set, \$119.95, Watercolor Brush Set, \$9.99).

Starbucks/Tuscan Cafe

You can't go wrong with a giftcard to either one of these local coffee shops. A reasonable \$20 amount is perfect for these hip hangouts.

Quizno's

Teens love food, and will especially love a gift-certificate to Quizno's for a fast meal. Then again, they'd likely love a giftcard from any place where food is sold.

What a gas!

For older teens on your list, nothing beats free gas. And a gas card from any of the locallybased service stations is the perfect way to deliver something practical.

Girly Girl

The most recent business addition to downtown Northville, Girly Girl has tons of trinkets, cute T-shirts and odds and ends to put a smile on any "girly girl's" face.

Alexandra Hollmeyer is a Northville High School senior and a Northville Record intern.

ing for Mrs. Claus. The relaxed atmosphere at Serenity, located at 142 MainCentre, is perfect for melting away the world's troubles and distractions. Gift Certificates Available

Following a stress-filled holiday shopping season, Santa

downtown Northville --- and even buys a day of pamper-

Claus spends time relaxing at the Serenity Day Spa in



142 MainCenter, Downtown Northville

248.465.1470

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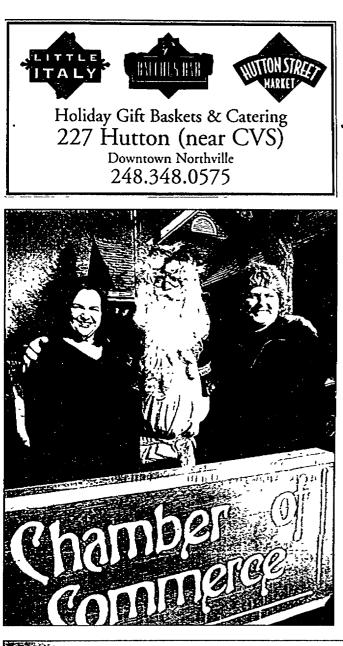


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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Whether it's for a bottle of wine and a gourmet pizza, or an intimate candle-lit dinner, Santa knows Little Italy Ristorante, located at 227 Hutton in downtown Northville, is the perfect place for a special meal.



City Sidewalks of NORTHVILLE

Amid chaos, recall the little things that count

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

Shop. Buy tree. String up lights. Bake cookies. Wrap presents. Write cards. Decorate house. Visit relatives. Sleep (if time).

With nine days to go, perhaps these are items you've checked off your "Santa-Do" list - or are scrambling to add. While heading down the holiday homestretch, step back from the commotion and revisit to some of the basics:

Food (and drink) for thought: Whether baking or buying, bear in mind vegetarians and the allergyprone. Learn limits ahead of time. Many allergies are tied to nuts, shellfish, milk or eggs and can be triggered by tiny amounts. Avoid cooking utensil "cross-contact." Label dishes. And remember, not everyone drinks alcohol. Offer bot-

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Cobbler's Corner

104 E. Main

(248) 348-6114

Web site: www.cobblerscomer.net

Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wed, Sat 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed Sun

Specialty: Refurbishing fine dress shoes since 1971, Alden "New England" shoes.

Gift certificate: No

CPG Northville Hills Golf Club ШC

15565 Bay Hill Dr. (734) 667-4653 Hours: Daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Specialty: Outstanding golf course with banquet

facilities that can seat 200. Gift certificate: Yes

Hair We Are

113 N. Center Photo by JOHN REIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

LEFT: Santa Claus Bloom, left, and Jody **** Humphries at the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Santa is a long-time member. "It just makes good sense," he said.

BELOW: All systems are 'Go!" - Santa checks his watch against the Main

tled water, fruit juices and soda pop. Give puppy love: Remember

pets' safety around holiday trimmings. Keep tinsel away from cats, flashing lights far from aquariums and toxic chocolate out of reach. If your friend doesn't fare well around noise, consider a sitter or trusted kennel until celebrating is done.

Honor unsung heroes: Teachers, postal workers, garbage collectors --- they and many others perform public safety daily. Why not make their day with a holiday greeting, thank you card or small gift of appreciation?

Help the less fortunate: Whether you donate time at a soup kitchen or visit a Toys for Tots dropoff location, it'll make you feel good, too. For non-profit organization ideas, visit www.GuideStar org and www.charitywatch.org.

Mind your vehicle: Shiny SUV

(248) 347-1750

Hours: Tue-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; evenings by appt. Specialty: All types of hair care; haircuts, rollers sets, hi and lo lites, tints,

perms and updos. Excellent manicurist and pedicurist. Gift suggestion/price: Special gift baskets (your

pick of products).

Gift certificate: Yes

Long Bath Design Gallery 190 E. Main

(248) 349-0373 Web site: www.longbathdesign.com

Hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thu 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Dec. 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Specialty: Complete bath and kitchen re-modeling showroom featuring fixtures, bath furnishings and accessories, mirrors, pictures, candles and home decor. Holiday gifts, decor and fragrances.

Gift - suggestion/price: Stained Glass Poinsettia Night Light, \$17 Judy start; Gift certificate: Yes

Margo's of Northville Salon & Spa 141 E. Cady (248) 348-9130

lon.com

or faded jalopy, it gets you there, so take time for winter check-ups on oil, engine, battery, radiator and transmission. Also, change wind-shield wipers, fully inflate tires, keep gas levels high to prevent gas line freeze, toss in sandbags if needed and store wiper fluid, jumper

Remember: Commemorate departed loved ones with flowers and a visit to the grave. For those many miles away, send a Christmas note with holiday wishes and photos. Know someone who's homebound or in a nursing home? Make

Health care: Take time out to take care of your own well being. Eat high-protein, fresh foods like brown rice, fish and whole grains; cut sugar and fats, and avoid adrenaline-taxing caffeine, tobacco and hard liquor. Keep Vitamin E, A and

cables and an emergency kit.

their Christmas season with a visit.



C levels up. Breathe deep.

Poise the camera: The holidays are a time for creating memories. Stock up on film and keep memory cards free. Batteries too are a must. If you don't have one, get a throwaway (good back-up, too).

Remember true holiday meaning: After all the insanity of shopping, decorating and preparing is done, keep in mind what it's truly all about: being with near and dear ones, embracing old traditions and creating new ones, having a giving spirit and, for many, observing the birth of Christ.



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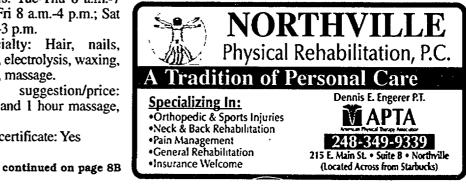
Even for Santa Claus, keeping fit and nursing sometimes weary legs and shoulders can be a daunting task. Thanks to the staff at the Northville Physical Rehabilitation center, located at 215 E. Main St., trekking through snow-piled driveways and sliding down Christmas Eve fireplaces is no longer any trouble. "I come in to keep fit and to get ready for the busy Web site: www.margossa- Christmas season," Santa said. "They're great!"



Hours: Tue-Thu 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fri 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Specialty: Hair, nails, facials, electrolysis, waxing, facials, massage. Gift suggestion/price: Facial and 1 hour massage,

\$125 Gift certificate: Yes



Don't forget gifts for the community

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Beneath the glitter and bright lights, there are momentary flashes of the true meaning of the holiday season.

Whether your motivation to share the proceeds from your prosperous year stems from a desire to help those less fortunate or to help with the April 15 bottom line, there are causes worthy of your generosity. Among them:

Your local church: Even if you make it to the pew simply for the season's greetings, local congregations depend on donations to provide the community's spiritual home year-round. In addition to worship and fellowship centers, churches are providing more and more specialty services such as counseling, care and creative programming.

Give blood: Give the gift of life - give blood. Every two seconds someone in America needs a blood transfusion - cancer patients, accident victims, premature infants, people with chronic diseases. Each donation has the power to save as many as three lives. Because whole blood has a shelf life of only 42 days, it is important to be a regular and frequent donor. Call 1-800-448-3543 or visit www.givelife.org to make an appointment to donate blood.

Northville Senior Community Center: Since the 303 W. Main St. facility reopened in May, resi-



dents are rediscovering the center that has served the community in a variety of capacities during its 50-year history. Donations toward center, like \$100 for an engraved brick, will help the staff little by little offer what the community is seeking. (248) 349-4140

Northville Civic Concern: 21-year-old assistance The agency helps Northville residents in need. Volunteers regularly distribute donated non-perishable food, household products and personal hygiene to local families who find their finances stretched too tight to cover necessary expenses. Headquartered in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza,

the number is (248) 344-1033. Mothers' Club of Northville: Formed in 1935, the local nonprofit agency is dedicated to the educational enrichment of, Northville school children through community service. (248) 348-3462.

Salvation Army: With the slogan Heart to God and Hand to Man in Western Wayne County, the non-profit agency's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The nearest location in Plymouth is (734) 453-5464.

Friends of the Northville District Library: "It takes more than books to make a good library," their slogan says. Through membership dues and fundraisers, the group helps buy equipment, expand services at the 212 W. Cady library. (248) 349-3020

Red Cross Blanket Drive: Edward Jones investment representatives David Boyd, Todd Knickerbocker and Chris Willerer are supporting the American Red Cross Blanket Days program by using their offices as a drop-off location for this year's blanket drive.

Local residents can help the homeless in the area by bringing in a new blanket to their Northville offices at 117 E. Dunlap, 128 N. Center St. and 1039 Novi Rd. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through Jan. 31.

Northville Community Foundation: Annual projects include the Independence Day parade, Holiday Home Tour and restoration of the working farm at Maybury State Park. (248)374-0200.

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103. mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.

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Holiday fitness, by accident?

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

So you want to stay fit during the holidays but you just don't have the time to do it?

Chris Klebba, owner of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville has a solution: accidental exercise.

"It's where you do something to help your body burn extra calories without really going out of your way to do it," he said. "No one wants to work out this time of year. They've got so much going on." He offered the following tips:

Enjoy!

Don't starve yourself during holiday feasts - moderate. "It's OK to eat what you want during the three main holiday meals," said Klebba, referring to Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Eve. "The key is not to make the holidays 30 days long by eating whatever you want each day. Take the other days in moderation and it will be OK to eat well for the holidays."

Snow Trek

A \$15 pedometer can complement the good news: most people are already walking as they shop. "Pedometers have had a lot of success," he said of the devices that record day-long steps. 'The goal is to take one more step each day than you did the day before. You're always forcing yourself to do just a little more exercise."

Stability balls

Stability balls, or fitness balls, are re versatile and easy to use and available at just about any sports store for about \$20. "The best way to use them during this time of year is to sit on the little rascals for an hour a day instead of using a chair," Klebba said. "Forcing your body to balance on them will burn calories more than just sitting in a chair."

But if you insist

Some people really don't want to sit on a ball to watch their favorite holiday movie, so Klebba had an answer for that too. "Sit with your back straight and with good posture," he said. "Don't let your back touch the chair. Try to pull your belly button toward your spine and hold it. That's will help you burn a City Sidewalks of NORTHVILLE.

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Marquis Theatre 135 E. Main

(248) 349-8110 Web site: www.northvillemarquistheatre.com Hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m-5 p.m.; Sat-Sun 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Specialty: Season tickets (great stocking stuffers), Victorian Christmas ornaments.

Gift suggestion/price: Tickets, \$7.50 each Gift certificate: Yes

Matthew Thomas Salon

330 N. Center (248) 449-9090 Hours: Tue-Thu 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Fri 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Specialty: We are a departmentalized salon. Style, color, estetian (facial wax-

ing), and nail technician. Gift suggestion/price: Pureology gift purses with 3 products and a candle, \$48 Gift certificate: Yes

Northville Camera & Digital Imaging 117 E. Main St.

(248) 349-0105 Web site: www.northville-

camera.com

Hours: Mon-Thu 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri 9 .m.-9 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun noon-4 p.m.

Specialty: Digital and film cameras, fine art, custom framing and portrait studio. suggestion/price: Gift Canon S1 IS digital camera, \$399

Gift certificate: Yes

Poise Pilates

186 E. Main, Suite 301 (248) 349-3100 Hours: Mon-Thu 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Specialty: Poise provides Pilates training, by appointment, on a full range of Pilates equipment and on the mat (private or small groups). One hour sessions. Gift suggestion/price: 90minute initial private, \$60 Gift certificate: Yes

Serenity Day Spa 142 Main Centre (248) 465-1470 Web site: www.serenitydayspa.biz Hours: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Specialty: Sponsor of Christmas for Kids. Special holiday services.

Gift suggestion/price: Massage and facial package. Gift certificate: Yes

Water Wheel Health Club

235 E. Main (248) 449-7634 Web site: www.wtrwheel.com Hours: Mon-Fri 5 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat-Sun 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 24, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Specialty: Premier health club for adults of all fitness

levels. Gift suggestion/price: Holiday gift membership Gift certificate: Yes

Utopia Salon & Spa

182 E. Main (248) 465-7700 Web site: www.utopiasalon.com

Hours: Mon 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tue-Thu 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Specialty: Hair, nails, facials, body treatments, massage, make-up, laser hair removal, foot treatments suggestion/price: Gift Foot treatment and manicure, \$87. Gift certificate: Yes

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD If there's one place Santa Claus loves visiting most. it's

the Great Harvest Bread Co., located in downtown Northville at 139 E. Main St. From cookies and sweet treats to fresh bread made daily, Great Harvest has what warms every holiday heart. "It's all so good," Santa said.





ton more calories than just sitting slouched in your favorite chair."

Frigid waters

This time of year the problem most people end up facing is dehydration. Water intake is often the last thing on people's minds. "They have to stay hydrated," Klebba said. "They need to keep an eye on how much they are drinking and keep the water intake high. Dehydration can even trigger false hunger."

Just one sip?

Moderate alcohol consumption. "For every gram of alcohol there are seven calories that are metabolized as fat," Klebba said. "That means for every gram of alcohol consumed there are seven less fat stores burned."

Loaded down with gifts

For all shoppers: carry your own bags. Klebba said the added resistance, or weight, helps burn more calories and aid in staying more fit. So instead of putting the shopping bags in cars or lockers with each store browsed, carry the bags.

Think of yourself first

Take care of your body's needs: "Make sure to take a good multivitamin this time of year," he said. "People are so busy and are often not eating their five servings of and fruits and vegetables. Multivitamins will give them the fruits things their body needs."

Additional advice

Don't go to a party hungry. The food there is likely not very healthy. Klebba suggests having a meal replacement shake or eating something light before heading out to the office social. "Don't skip meals and save up for that one feast," he said. "You need to eat during the day to keep your blood sugar stabilized, which will help you make better food choices throughout the party or your holiday meal."

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When it's time to deposit the year's candy canes or make arrangements for workshop eives' paychecks, Santa takes care of all his banking needs at Main Street bank, located at 201 E. Main St. in downtown Northville. "I like to deal with my hometown bank," Santa said.

From the North Pole to Northville ...

Santa Clause prefers to bank at Main Street Bank!

Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes

201 East Main Street, Downtown Northville 248-449-3700

Metro office of Right at Home (www.rahcare.com) ."Based on our experience, practical items seniors can use every day, a homemade coupon book for sharing some quality-time activities and even arranging for an extra helping hand around the house are smart choices for the seniors on your gift list.

According to Warburton, there are many products on the market that are specially designed to meet the needs of seniors. Telephones and remote controls with large buttons, subscriptions to large-print versions of favorite magazines, cuddly lap blankets, soft-handled garden and kitchen tools and gripping devices to help seniors reach items on high shelves help seniors accomplish and enjoy everyday activities safely and comfortably. Other safety-themed gifts can

item is added to the pages."

Gifts of time, companionship and assistance around the home are valuable to seniors as well. "Families and friends that live nearby can offer to give rides around town, schedule time for working on crafts and hobbies together, liven up a living space

to help with spring cleaning," said

"For time-crunched families or those that live at a distance, arranging for an in-home supportive care provider to come in for a few hours to help with household chores, hiring someone to shovel snow or mow the lawn, or paying for a grocery delivery service can take care of the tasks they wish they could."

ever, some of the most valuable gifts cost nothing at all. "This holiday season, we ask that people remember that patience, understanding laughter and the joyof their company is what matters to seniors the most," said Warburton. The simple gift of time shared together is truly the one way to show a loved one you care."

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HEALTHY LIVING

Staying fit is your best gift this holiday season

Here we are again - the holiday season. Work will slow down and food consumption will go up. We will eat many more calories than we burn, yielding a net gain in the waistline that carries over to our New Year's resolution to do something about the entire year's weight gain.

I have been helping people deal with this dilemma for the past 20 years and the same tips and suggestions keep showing up year after year. (Many, I confess, were written by yours truly in past columns).

You know the lectures: Plan to eat less during the holidays. Don't go to a holiday dinner starving, eat a snack first. Skip desert, bring a healthier snack choice, wear your tightest jeans to dinner, etc. etc. etc.

It is time for a whole new approach ...one that our readers should embrace vigorously. is no exception. If you are eating an average of four normal meals per day, that gives you a total of about Are you ready?

Eat all you want at any holiday celebration! That's right, go ahead and indulge at any special holiday gathering... guilt free.

Let's face it; to undo a long, deep seeded American holiday culture based around food just simply does not work. Many people experience further failure by going all holiday season feeling guilty about what they ate at a few celebration meals until they get so negative that it becomes more attractive to just say, "The heck with it! I will eat all I want and start back in January,"

As with anything sounding too good to be true, this

120 meal time options in a 30-day holiday season. Let's say you go all out on five special meal options during the next 30 days of holiday fun. So what! It is what happens at the other 115 meal options that will count. The other 115 meals need to be regulated portion sizes and somewhat balanced. Do you see the point here?

It is not the five meals of indulgence that are packing on the holiday pounds! It is the other meals which grow across the board for the entire holiday season that attacks our waistlines. To complicate matters, our activity levels are also decreasing.

This year follow a couple of simple concepts to help

you keep your weight gain to a minimum. Plan to eat guilt free at key holiday celebrations, but get right back on a reasonable food intake plan at your very next meal. Secondly, do anything and everything you can to stay active during the holiday season. Good luck and enjoy your holiday food!

Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, is a certified personal trainer, regular columnist and public speaker on health and fitness. For more information call (248) 449-7634 or log onto www.wtrwheel.com.

Want to get fit? Add some couch potatoes to your diet

That's right, I said it. If you want to lose weight, just sit on the couch. Turn on the television; there are plenty of good sports or talk shows on. Time to catch up on your soap operas. And while you're there, try reading the newspaper, drink a glass of water, think about what you're going to make for dinner, go to sleep. Either way, you're going to be losing weight. Make yourself a promise to not feel guilty.

Misconceptions exist in the health field all over the place. Some think that you must run for hours on a treadmill to lose weight. Others take the nutrition approach: remove all the foods that taste good, remove all the foods that contain high levels of vitamins and minerals, add the inconvenience of never ordering food without making endless special requests, and voila!. You're losing weight.

So how do I begin the Sit-onthe-Couch weight loss program? Add some weights to your workout. Weight loss happens when you burn more calories than you eat

and stays off by increasing your metabolic rate. So you need to be able to burn calories all day long. Even the most active exercisers will spend around four-six hours a week in the gym. Now compare that to the total hours in a week, 168. So you have an additional 163 hours that you're not actively working towards your goal. You can only achieve so much during your workout. So we need to be able to expend calories all day long.

Resistance training increases

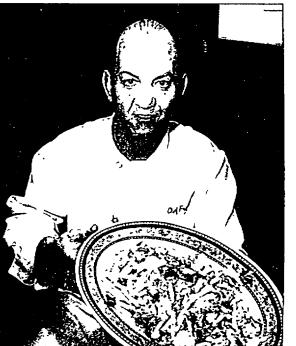
lean body mass. Lean body mass is what makes your body look lean and tone and gives you muscle definition. If you want to drop sizes in your clothes, increase your lean body mass. As this occurs, your metabolism will increase and your body fat will come down. Even with small composition changes, you will see dramatic reductions in clothes size. What sounds better, losing three pounds or six clothes sizes? You can make it happen.

By adding resistance exercises

to your workout, you will be burning more calories throughout the day. When you're working, you're burning calories. When you're shopping, you're burning more calorics. When you're even sitting on the couch, you're burning more calories and losing more weight.

The best thing you can do to start a program is to consult an exercise specialist. They will have the tools necessary to give you the best exercises for your goals and experience level. Safety is always the #1 concern, and they can provide a safe environment for you. With the busy holiday season in full swing, make time to keep yourself healthy and lean.

Aaron Pintar is the director of Fitness at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. He has been training for over four years and has contributed to multiple health publications. You can contact him at (248) 449-7634 and visit the Web site at www.wtrwheel.com



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Pennette Mari Monti (Land and Sea)

INGREDIENTS:

Ten rock Shome One Italian sausage cut into ten pieces One teaspoon of garlic V4 cup of roasted red peppers 1/4 cup of Portobello mushrooms 1/4 cup of crushed tomatoes 1 ounce of white wine pinch of basil

DIRECTIONS:

In a medium saute pan melt butter and tablespoon of olive oil. When hot then add shrmp, mushrooms, roasted red peppers, garlic, and sausage. Let simmer for about five marutes, then add one ounce of white wine and one ounce of crushed tomatoes. Simmer for another five minutes then toes with Bonorta nexts and a crowled of toss with Pennette pasta and a sprinkle of parmesan cheese. Top off with a pinch of fresh basil.



Executive Chef Roberto Caceres (left) and Ramzi Naber, director of operations

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Pumpkin Mousse

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 eggs 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup honey 1 cup milk 30 oz. unflavored gelatin
- 2 cups pumpkin puree
- 4 tsp. sugar 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon 1/2 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutrieg 1/2 tsp. ground ganger

DIRECTIONS:

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- Pour most of the hot milk modure into the egg yolks, whisking constantly, then pour this modure back into the pot and continuing heating until it thickens and
- Into the pot and continuing heating until it thickens and atmost boils. Star in the pumpkin and keep stirring until there are no big bubbles when you stop stirring for a few seconds. Remove from the heat and whisk in the vanilla. 5. Beat the egg whites until frothy, then start adding the sugar gradually beating until stiff peaks have formed. Fold a big spatula of the whites into the pumplon custard, then fold in the remaining egg whites. Turn the mousse into a 6 cup metal mold that has been rised with cold water Chail mousse overrught. To unmold, dip the proid in hot water for about 30 seconds then invert onto a serving platter.

platter. Makes 8 servings.

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main course



- Chicken Marsala
 - INGREDIENTS.
 - I cz. boneless slanless chicken breast
 - 1 ct heavy cream
 - /4 bottle sweet marsala wine
 - 1/4 bottle sweet marked 1/4 tsp. black pepper 1 tbsp. fresh garlic (minced)
 - 1 red onion
 - 1/2 tbsp chicken base 1 tbsp com starch

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Coarsley chop red onions and put in pot. Add 2 thsp. ofive oil and garlic and cook until onions are carmalized, add black pepper. 2. Add wine, leaving 1/2 cup of wine to thick-
- en sauce
- 3 Reduce wine down to 1/3 then add cream, chicken and beef base.
- 4 Let come to a simmer then make a skurry with the com starch and leftover wine, add to
- sauce 5 Strain onions and enjoy
- Chicken 1 Cook chicken breasts in saute pan, brown on one side and turn over 2. Add sliced red onions and mushrooms 3 Cook until chicken is cooked 4 Add sauce and heat until warm

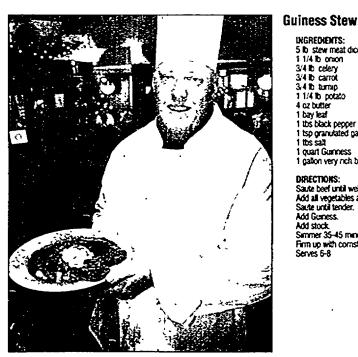
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Chef Ivan Bunjik

Maisano's Italian Restaurant

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Chef Michael Kuis

Gus O'Connor's Public House

Address: 42875 Grand River Avenue Novi Hours: Monday-Saturday 11-2 a.m.; Sunday noon-2 a.m. Phone: (248) 465-9670 Web: www.gusoconnors.com Reservations: Recommended for large parties Cost: Entrees \$8.99-15.99; Appetizers \$3.59-9.99 Credit cards: All major accepted Liquor: Full bar Smoking: Yes Holiday Hours: Christmas Eve 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Closed Christmas; New Year's Eve 11 a.m.-2 a.m.; New Year's Day 5 p.m.-2 a.m.

Liquor: Full bar, extensive wine list Holiday Hours: Christmas Eve 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Christmas; New Year's Eve 11 a.m.-2 a.m.; closed New Year's Day

main course

\$ 1/4 lb onion 3/4 lb celery 3/4 lb carrot 3/4 lb turnip 1 1/4 lb potato 4 oz butter 1 bay leaf 1 ths black pepper 1 tsp granutated garlic 1 tbs salt 1 quart Guinness 1 gallon very rich beef stock

INGREDIENTS: 5 Ib stew meat diced 1 inch

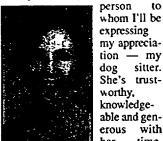
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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Don't be a Scrooge, but tip wisely

While you're shopping for your loved ones this holiday season, don't forget to say thanks to the people that provide you and your family exceptional service throughout the year. I know one



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In general, determining whether and how much to tip depends on the quality and frequency of the service, according to the Emily Post Institute. Other things to consider are your relationship with the service provider, where you live and your budget.

Whom should you tip?

Start with the people to whom you entrust your most valuable things — namely, your nanny or baby sitter, day care provider and housekeeper. And don't forget the people who regularly provide service to you like your hairdresser, personal trainer and yard or garden worker. Though, if you've regularly tipped these folks at the time of service, you may cut back on the amount, or forgo the holiday tip entirely. You may also opt to give a small gift.

How much?

Deciding how much to tip is a personal decision and should reflect the benefits you derive from that professional relationship. In other words, you'll want to give the most to the people whose services you value the most. In some instances a cash tip is not appropriate. For example, you don't want to give your child's teacher cash. Also, some companies prohibit their employees from receiving cash gifts. If you're unsure, check the company's policies, or provide a small gift as a gesture.

If you're considering giving your boss a gift, you may wish to rethink this gesture. A recent article in Parenting Magazine sug-gests that gifts should only be



The wife and husband team of Fang Tan and Dave Chou are pictured in front of the wine bar at Jasmine's in downtown Northville.

Jasmine's offers fine Chinese dining

Traditional dishes served with flair by Chef Chóu By Duane Ramsey

SPECIAL WRITER

Jasmine's, a fine Chinese dining establishment in Northville, offers customers a unique dining experience with an upscale beaten path of Main Street on Mary Alexander court downtown, but worth the effort to find it and sample the oriental cuisine.

The husband and wife team of Dave Chou and Fang Tan have owned and operated Jasmine's restaurant for the past three years at the Northville location. The couple works hard to provide a fine dining experience for all their customers.

"We serve unique regional Chinese food with a high-end menu and an ambiance for intiwho helps her husband manage

Dave Chou is a professionally trained chef who apprenticed with a well-known chef in New York City. After coming to the United States from Taiwan in 1987, he worked in the Szechuan West restaurant in Ann Arbor, owned and operated by his parents, before Chou and Tan decided to open their own place.

Using many unique recipes acquired from his experience and family, Dave prepares all of the delicious food served at

Jasmine's. He describes his culinary offerings as "common Chinese fare prepared with unique sauces.'

Specializing in Hunan and Szechuan regional cuisine, Jasmine's offers a large selection of dinners featuring beef, pork, poultry, seafood, and vegetarian dishes for an average price of \$10. The house specialties cost about \$13 and include Dave's Basil Chicken, Honey Walnut Shrimp, Salt & Pepper Soft-Shell Crab, and Red Snapper.

"My specialty is my creative presentation of the final product," said Dave, who can modify the dishes to individual tastes upon request.

Photos by DUANE RAMSEY

Jasmine's 146 Mary Alexander Court in downtown Northville (248) 465-9393

CHINESE CUISINE

Hours:

- Monday: Closed Tuesday-Thursday. 11
- a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday. 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday: noon to 8 p.m.

"Our retention rate is very high. About 80 to 90 percent of our

atmosphere. It may be off the mate dining," said Fang Tan, the business.

given down the corporate struc-ture, rather than up the ladder. In other words, no gift for the boss, only employees. Gifts for employees should be in the range of \$10 to \$25.

The Emily Post Institute has placed some tipping guidelines on their Web site at www.emilypost.com. Here's a sampling:

Baby sitter: one evening's pay plus a small gift from your child. Barber: the cost of one haircut

plus possibly a small gift.

Beauty salon staff: \$10-\$60, giving most to those who give you the most, plus possibly a small gift.

Day care providers: \$25-\$75 each plus a small gift from your child. If there are only one or two providers, you may wish to consider a larger amount. Letter carriers: The U.S.

Government permits carriers to accept gifts worth up to \$20 each.

Nanny: One week's to one month's salary depending on their tenure and customs in your area, plus a small gift from your child.

Trash collector: \$10-\$20. If you're unable to meet the truck, place the money in an envelope with a bow and tape it to the garbage can.

Yard worker: \$20-\$50.

If for financial reasons you can't be as generous as you would like this holiday season, even a small gesture - a personal, handwritten note, movie tickets or a bottle of wine — will go a long way in expressing your thanks to the people who make your life easier and more enjoyable.

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The interior décor at Jasmine's features a contemporary design with an oriental touch.

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The color contrast of how every dish appears on the plate is considered. The quality of the ingredients and fresh presentation makes their dishes not only pleasing to the eyes but also satisfying to the most sophisticated palate.

Besides serving many of the usual items found in most Chinese restaurants, they also offer an extensive list of appetizers. Lettuce Chicken is the alltime favorite appetizer at Jasmine's, while its Red Sauced Wonton and Seafood Roll Sticks are also popular.

Jasmine's also features a distinctive wine bar that serves as the centerpiece of the intimate dining room. With about 30 different varieties sold by the bottle or glass, the wine list includes champagne and oriental wines such as sake and plum wine.

They also serve alcoholic drinks, soft drinks and a variety of fresh juices, Fang said.

"We emphasize the quality of our food and restaurant so people want to come back," she said

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customers are regulars.

Jasmine's features an upscale atmosphere and contemporary décor with an oriental touch, according to Fang. The restaurant seats from 60 to 70 people for dinner and they take reservations throughout the week.

Jasmine's is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday and closed on Monday. On Sunday, they serve dinner all day with no lunch menu.

They also accept carry-out orders for both lunch or dinner and offer catering of their Chinese cuisine.

With their location on Mary Alexander Court behind Main Street, parking in front is limited but free parking is available in back, off of Cady Street, with a rear entrance to Jasmine's for their customers' convenience.

In addition to running a successful restaurant, the couple is raising three children who attend school during the day. Fang said she stays home with the children in the evening while Dave cooks and runs the restaurant.



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Looking for that perfect home

The number of first-time home buyers remains surprisingly high despite rising home prices. One explanation for this is the

one explanation for this is the near-constant desire of young singles and families to own their own homes. Another reason is that interest rates for home loans remain near record lows. And a third reason is that a growing number of special mortgage plans are making financing a home more likely for more buyers.

Today, first-time buyers make up about 40 percent of home sales. That's because young families are determined to enjoy "pride of ownership" as much as their parents and grandparents did.

did. "The market share of first-time buyers has been strong and stable since 1993," said David Lereah, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors. "Strong activity by entry-level buyers has provided solid and substantial growth to the housing market in recent years.

"The demographics of our country favor this trend going forward because echo-boomers, the children of the baby boom generation, will be in their prime years for buying a first home for the next decade. These findings demonstrate the underlying demand that will be driving the housing market at a higher plateau for the foresceable future."

Today, a typical first-time home buyers is 32 years old, says an NAR survey, has a household income of \$54,500 and makes a down payment of 3 percent to buy a home. The typical repeat home buyer is 45, has an average household income of \$79,100 and makes a 22 percent down payment.

About 94 percent of buyers believe their home purchase is a very good financial investment.

It's interesting to note that about 14 percent of first-time buyers declined to employ a real estate agent or other professional. That's a decrease from 1997, when they accounted for 18 percent of sales.

The NAR survey shows that 32 percent of sellers who sold their home without a broker knew the buyer in advance, meaning about one-third of for sale by owner, or FSBO, transactions involved properties that never appeared on the open market.

The median price for homes sold by their owners was about 15 percent lower than that of broker-assisted sales, the study found.

"It appears sellers wanting to save money by not using an agent may be losing money in lower sales prices, despite the fact many FSBO homes are likely to be smaller," Lereah said.

Selling directly can be viable for some homeowners, especially considering the available FSBOrelated Web sites. The downside is a lack of professional counsel regarding pricing, preparing the home for inspections, having the home listed in the regional Multiple Listing Service and in closing.

Many home sellers and buyers are seeking a middle ground by working with less costly discount brokers who offer partial yet key services.

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Q. What is the current Department of Veterans Affairs home loan limit?

A. Most veterans will be eligible for low-cost home loans under legislation recently approved by Congress. The law increases loan-guaranty limits on mortgages backed by the VA to 25 percent of the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac conforming loan limits.

The new guaranty amount will enable qualified veterans to obtain VA loans on homes priced up to \$333,700. The loan guaranty will be indexed to allow for annual adjustments. The National Association of Realtors estimates that by raising the loan limit an additional 90,000 veterans will be able to use VA financing to buy a home.

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A . Realtors spear one of ing recent campaigns. Their contributions to the Realtors Political Action Committee, structured by the National Association of Realtors, made it possible for NAR to donate nearly \$13 million to selected candidates and activities during the 2003-2004 election cycle.

The Realtors PAC provided funds to 439 candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. Of those candidates, 424 won their races, giving the PAC a 97 percent winning record.

About 400,000 Realtors contributed to their PAC in 2004, or about 40 percent of NAR's 1 million members. One issue that motivated Realtors to contribute was legislative proposals to allow banking conglomerates to enter the real estate business.

Apparently, NAR's rationale was: If you can't talk legislators into voting for a special interest, perhaps a large chunk of money will help.

Q: How will multifamily developments change in the future?

A. Future multifamily housing developments could differ vastly from today's, says John Burns, a noted housing consultant.

"The multifamily housing industry needs to prepare for a new tide of customer - those seeking housing specifically targeted to their lifestyles," Burns said. "Today, the most successful builders are building apartments and condos for affluent households that are not satisfied with the choices in the existing housing market. However, due to changing demographics, there will be a world of opportunity for multifamily builders over the next few years. "After years of declining

demand for apartments designed for young renters, demand will begin to rise. Also, demand for multifamily housing designed for older renters and buyers will continue to grow."

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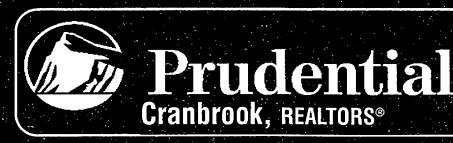
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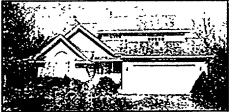
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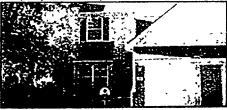


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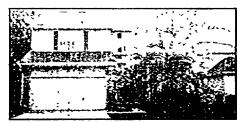
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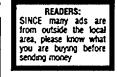
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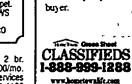
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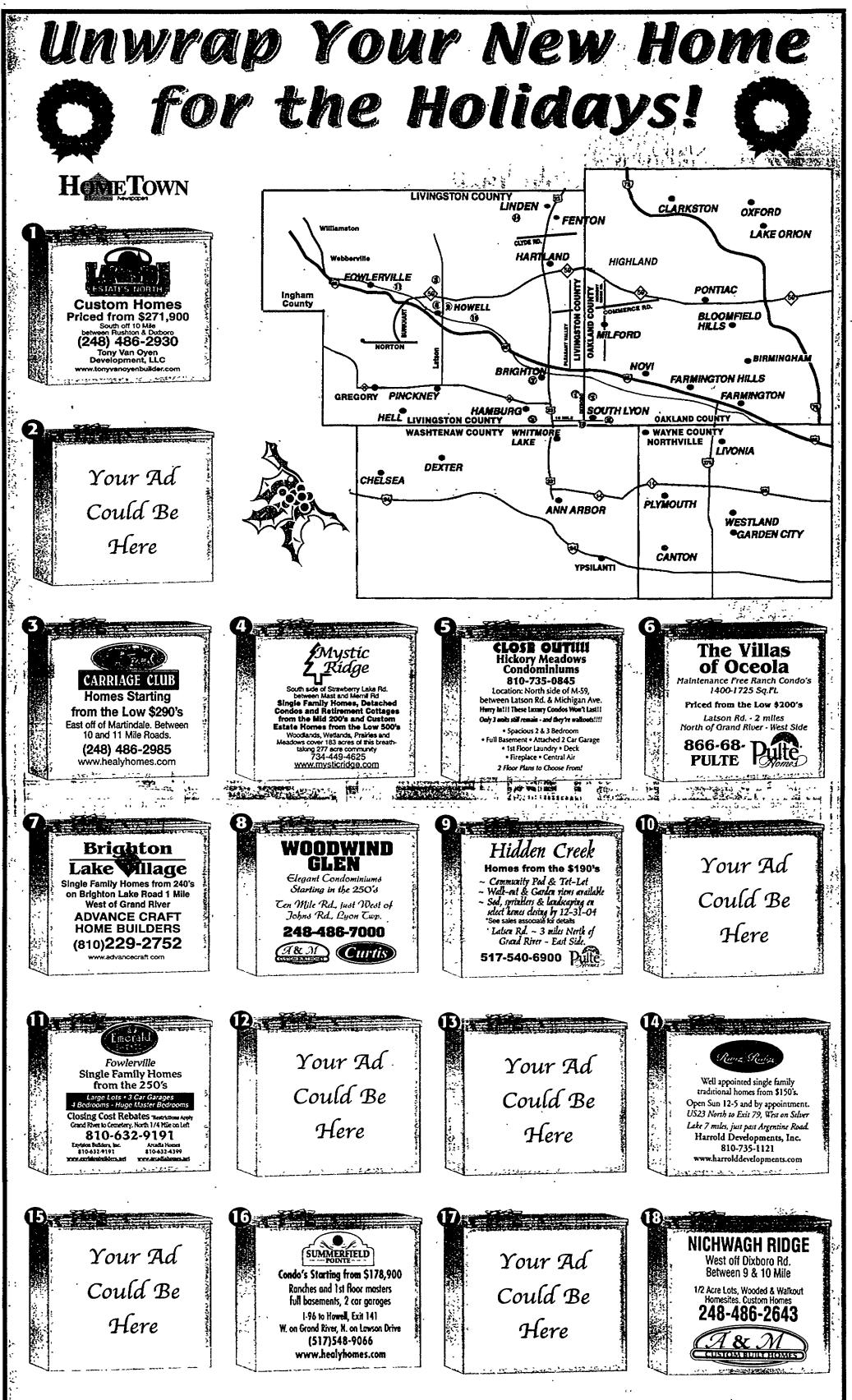


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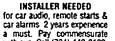
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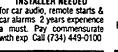
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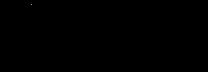
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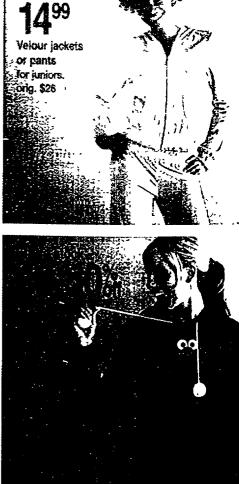
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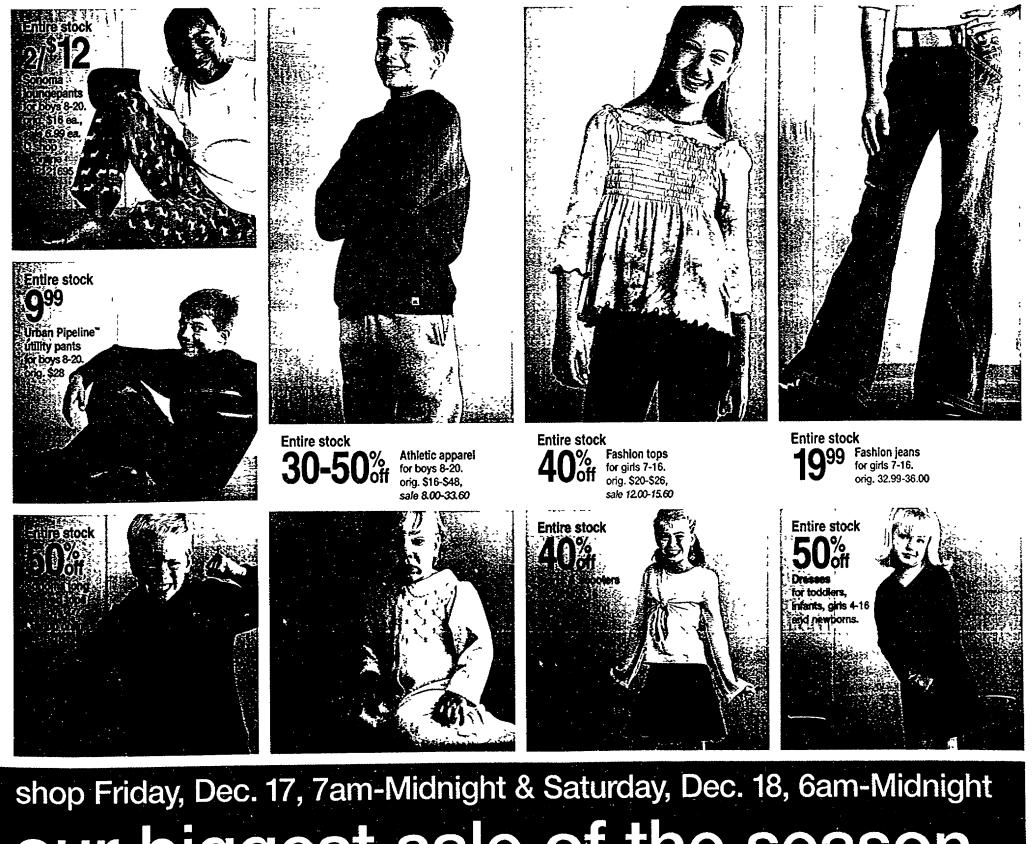


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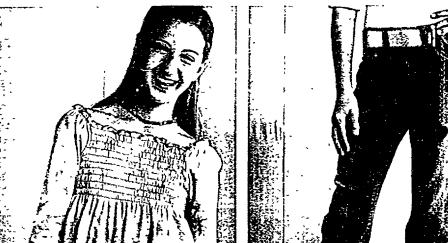












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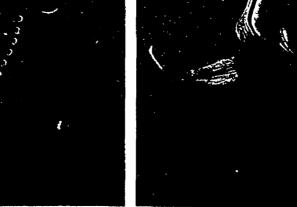
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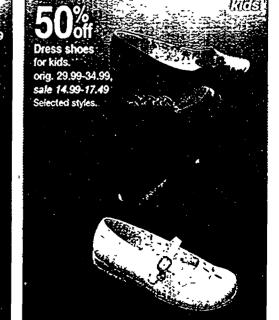
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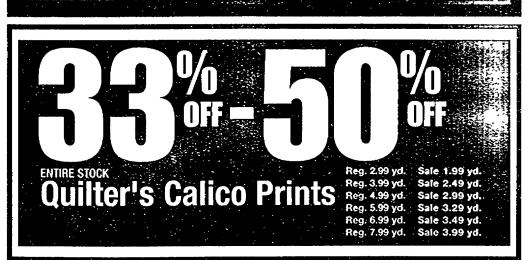
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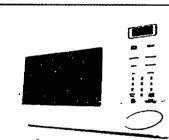
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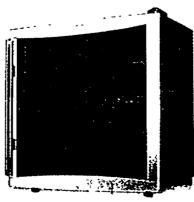


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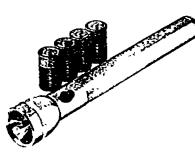
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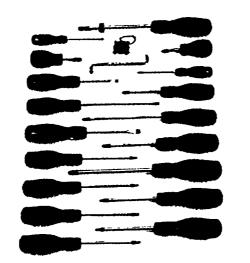
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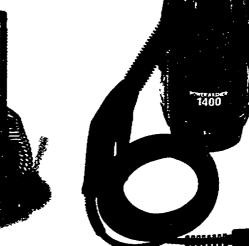
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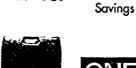
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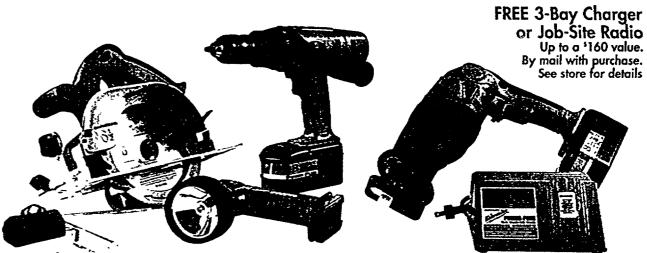
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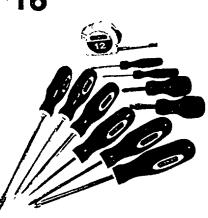
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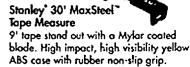
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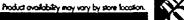




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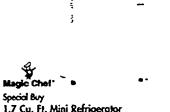
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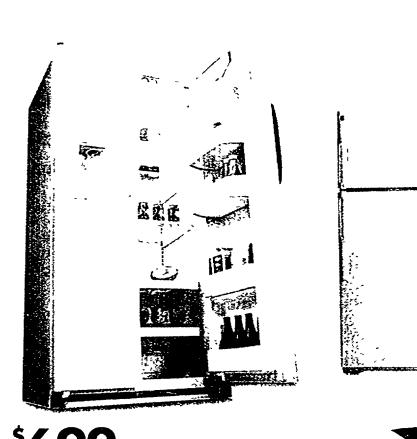


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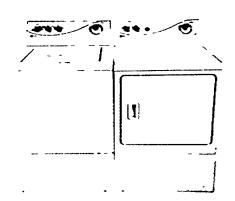
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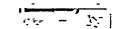
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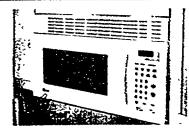
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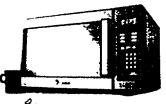




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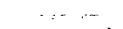




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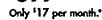
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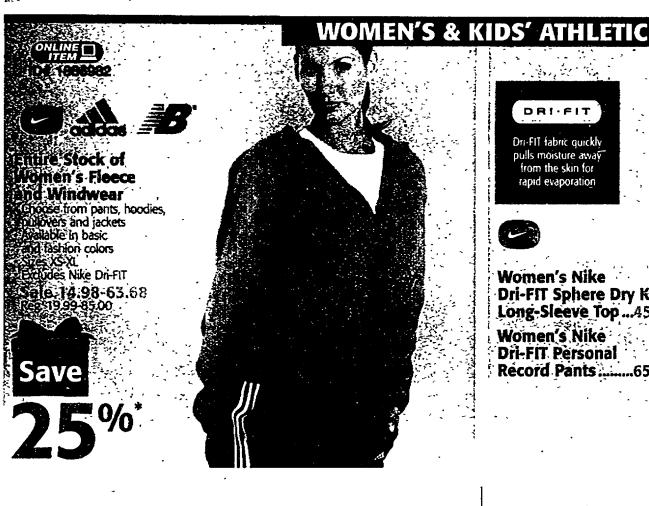
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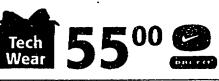
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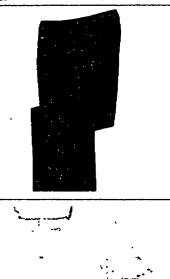


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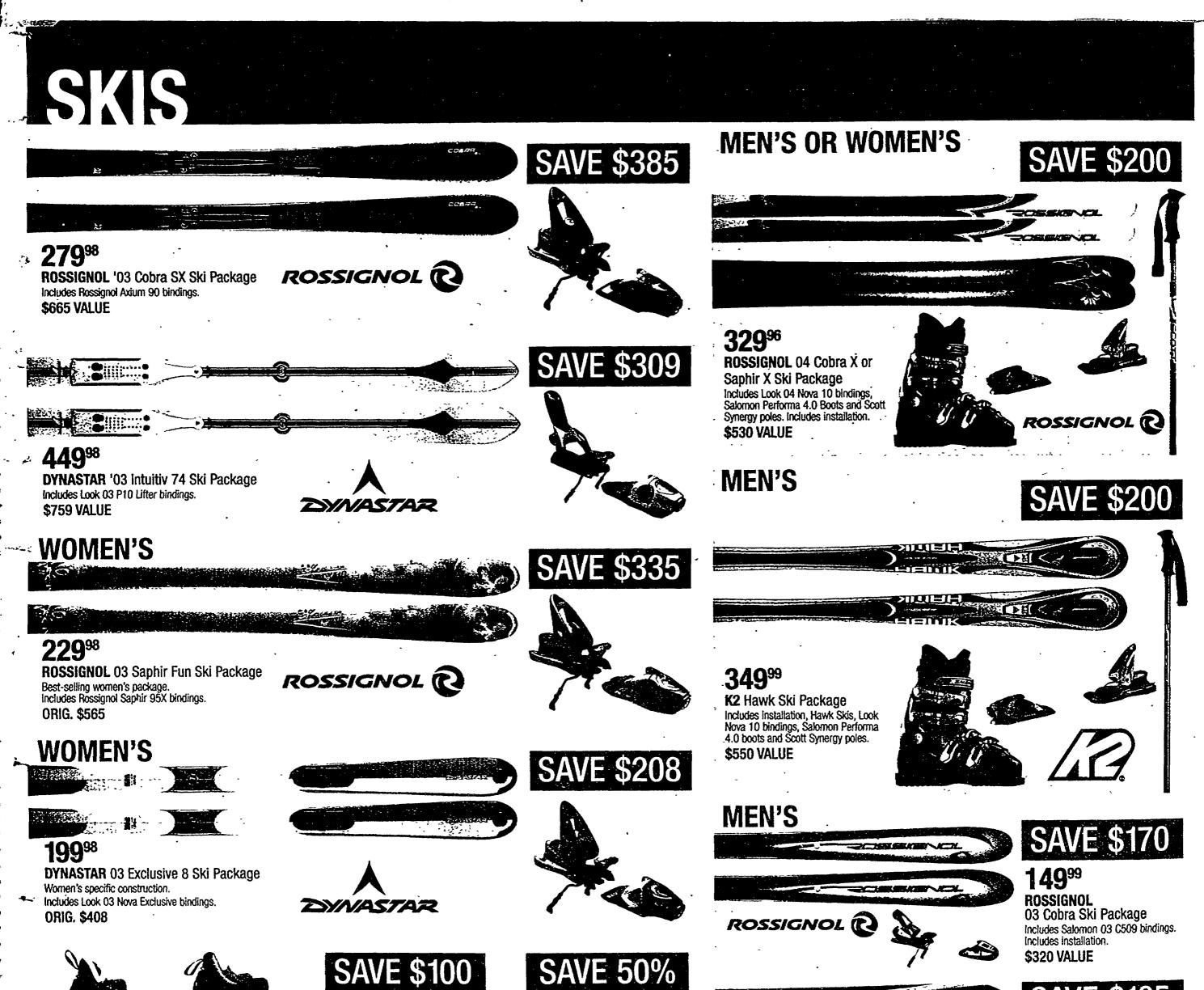


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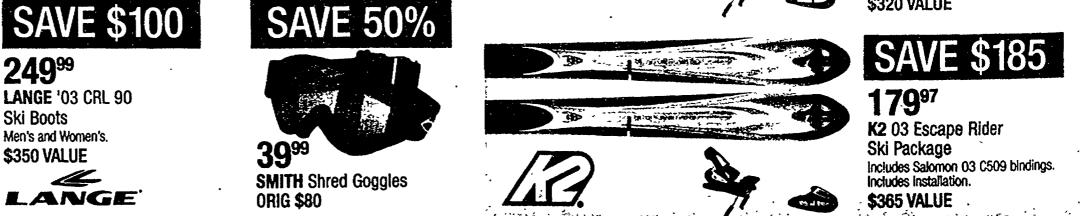
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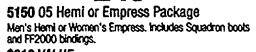
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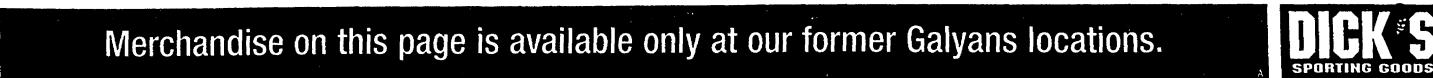
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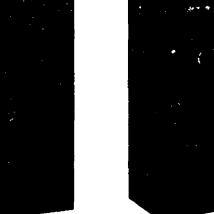


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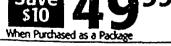
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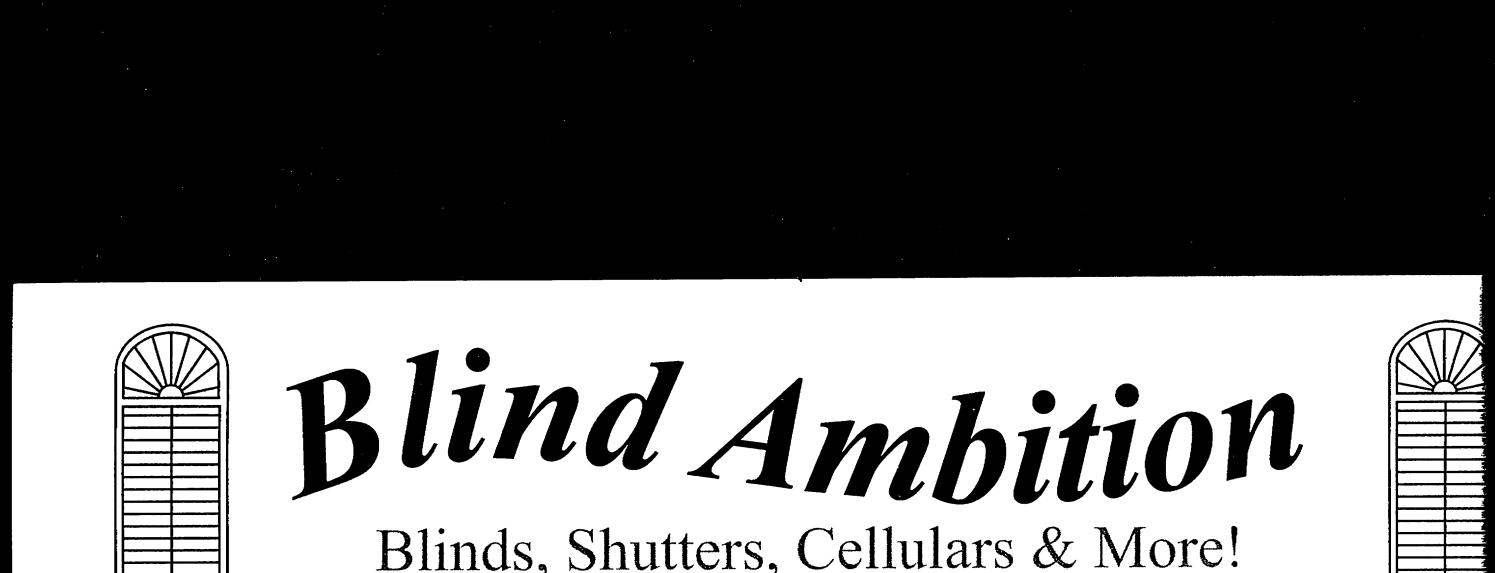
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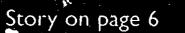
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Q I was watching a country music video recently that caught my eye. I noticed Blake Shelton's eyes. Are they really that blue?

---Louise M., New York

Shelton's blue eyes were enhanced with computer technology in *The Baby* video. "Being as simple-minded as I am, I haven't the slightest clue what they did to make them appear that blue," the country music singer says. "To me, it is more creepy than cool!" Shelton, 28, was raised in Ada, Okla. (pop. 15,691), and moved to Nashville, Tenn., at age 17 to pursue a music career. Known for hits such as *Ol' Red* and *Austin*, he recently released his third CD, *Blake Shelton's Barn & Grill.* "I like to think of my new CD as a place rather than an album," he says. "Thus the name, *Blake Shelton's Barn & Grill!* As you listen to this album, you can almost imagine yourself sitting in some old smoky bar, listening to the people's conversations around you." In 2003, he married his long-

time girlfriend, Kaynette Williams. "We went to a log cabin chapel in Gatlinburg, Tennessee (pop. 3,382). We wanted something that was just about us getting married and nothing else."

Pat Boone Celebrates 50 Years of Entertaining

To celebrate his 50th anniversary in show business, Par Boone has recorded five albums in five different genres: patriotic, gospel, country, adult contemporary love songs, and R&B classics. "My wife, Shirley, says, 'People don't know who you are. Are you a gospel singer, a rock and roller . . . just what are you?" he says with a laugh. He's all of those, even a heavy metal rocker, if you believe his 1997 album, In a Metal Mood: No More Mr. Nice Guy, which he promoted in leather. The Jacksonville, Fla., native, who was raised in Nashville, Tenn., is branching out again with special guests from



Singer Pat Boone

James Brown to ZZ Top. Now 70, Boone has run out of career aspirations. "This sounds crazy, but all my goals were accomplished before I was out of college," says the father of four who resides in Beverly Hills, Calif., and recently celebrated his 51st wedding anniversary. "I've lived three or four lives already."



Blue-eyed country singer Blake Shelton recently released his third album.

Q What can you tell me about Ben Johnson, who played Sgt. Tyree with John Wayne in She Wore a Yellow Ribbon?

-Sally G., Colorado

Johnson had been acting for 10 years, often as a stuntman and double for Gary Cooper and James Stewart, when he appeared in that famous 1949 John Ford film. Born in Oklahoma in 1918, Johnson was working as a rodeo performer when Howard Hughes asked him to take a herd of horses to California. He liked California, so he stayed and began

getting work as a stunt man and horse wrangler. The actor, who made more than 300 movies, many of them Westerns, lived by the cowboy code. As such, he first turned down his Oscar-winning role in 1971's *Last Picture Show* because the script contained too many curse words. With director Peter Bogdanovich's blessing, Johnson rewrote some of his lines, removing the offensive language. He died of an apparent heart attack in 1996 at age 77.

Q What happened to Marvin Rainwater? The song he was known for was Gonna Find Me a Bluebird.

-Kent B., Mississippi

Now 79, the rockabilly and country star still performs with energy and enthusiasm to audiences around the world. "I'm a health nut, take the right kind of vitamins and anti-oxidants," he says. "In fact, I'm a walking advertisement for antioxidants, because I just finished building a new house myself." The house has a room for him to work on his music, which he says still takes up 99 percent of his time. "The rest is fishing," he jokes. Born in Wichita, Kan., he often traveled to Minnesota on fishing trips and decided to stay. He and his wife of 22 years live in Aitkin, Minn. (pop. 1,984).

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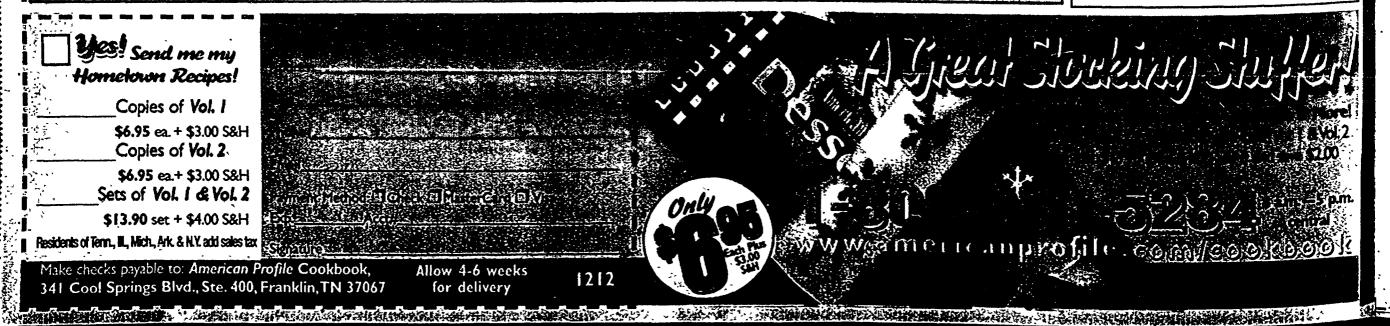


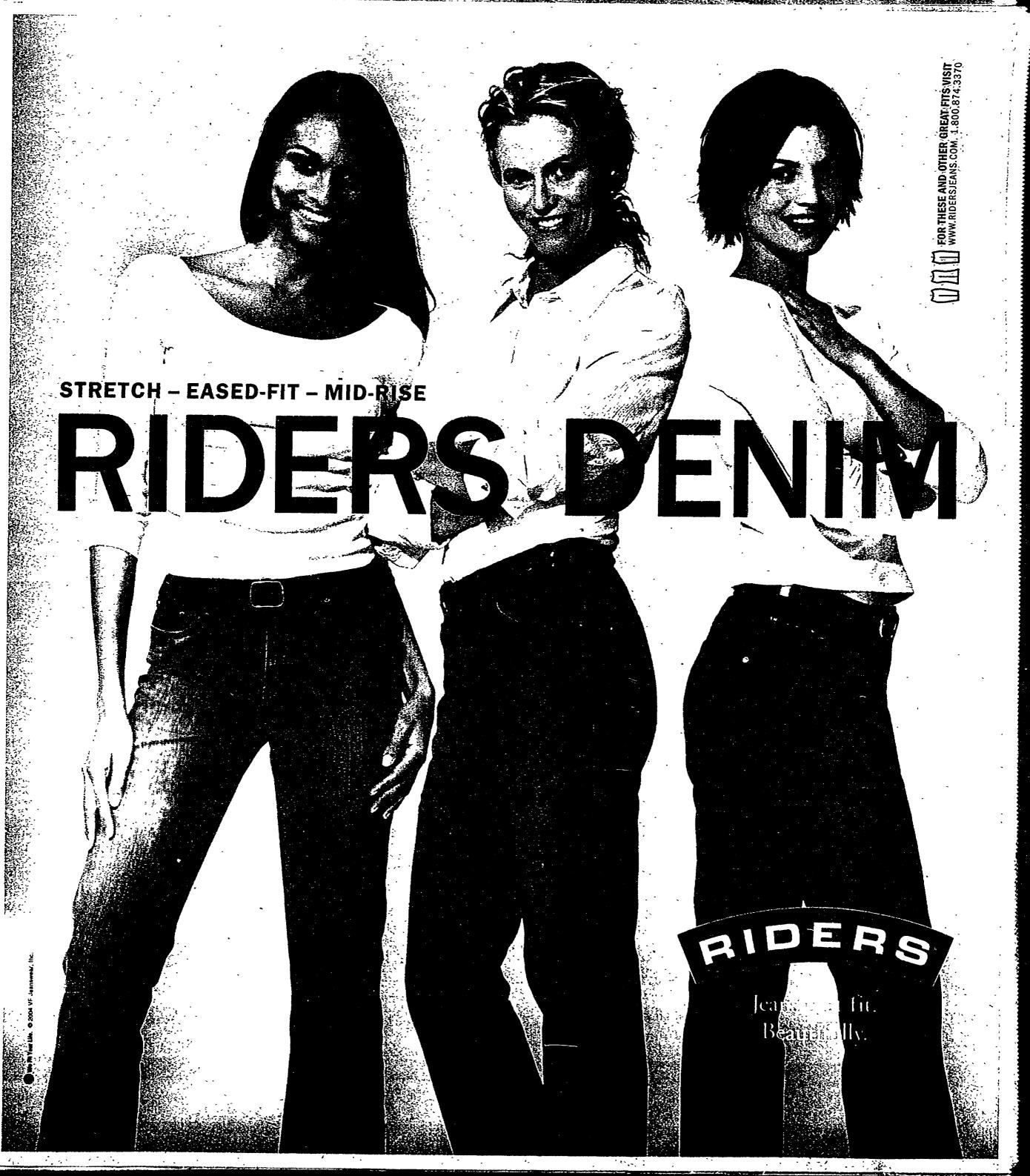
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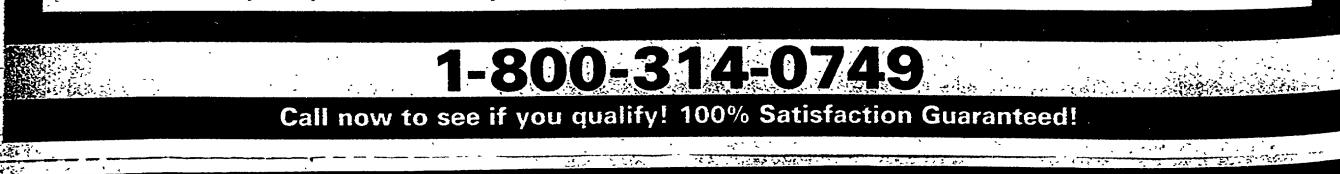


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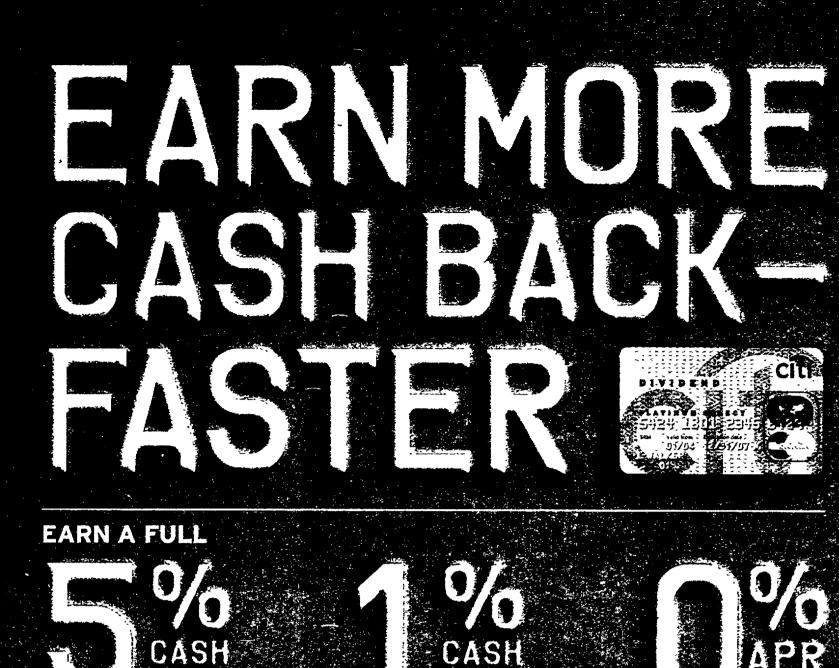
Although people frequently say, "Don't have a cow," why not have a whole book of them? Respected photographer Carl Hileman, who lives in Tamms, Ill. (pop. 724), has created a tribute to these docile creatures that are often overlooked by society. "I wanted to set the cows apart from the usual comic, even dumb portrayal we often see," says Hileman, who created a traveling exhibit called About Cows in 2000 to draw attention to society's reliance on cows. "My purpose was to make people aware of how important the 'lowly' cow really is. I wanted the visual images to elevate the cow in a way that hadn't been done." Hileman visited small independent farms, where farmers know their cows by name, to find his models. The farmers' personal stories shaped how Hileman photographed each cow, and the result is a collection of beautiful, respectful infrared portraits that shed new light on our old milk-making friends. He then issued a cattle call to a herd of celebrities, including singers Larry Gatlin, Tanya Tucker and Bill Anderson, who gladly shared their favorite bovine tales to accompany each photo. The result is a unique, amusing collection that you'll enjoy until the cows come home.

Kasey Chambers Wayward Angel Warner Bros. Records

Austrialian singer-songwriter Kasey Chambers, whose 2002 release



Barricades & Brickwalls earned her laudable footing in alternative-country's burgeoning arena, returns with an acoustic collection of sonic narratives on her third album, Wayward Angel.



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Intimately fashioned, Wayward journeys to previously unexplored musical frontiers with a vulnerability that's both haunting and amorous. Tracks such as Follow You Home and Bluebird flavor the album with accentuated bluegrass, while Guilty As Sin teases listeners with an undercurrent of '70s rock. Although Wayward's content contains Chambers' signature self-doubt, it's not enough to create a CD of lament. It's her personal evolution that makes Chambers an accessible storyteller, much like Lucinda Williams-a comparison of which Chambers' music deserves.

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Los Angeles gladly make trequent creks to Omana. Neb., to meet with him. Seemingly without fail, they always ask the same question.

"Before people come here, they're always wanting to know why I choose to stay here, in Nebraska," says Davis, founder of the New Age band Mannheim Steamroller. The Grammy winner doesn't even bother trying to explain his heartland headquarters to the city slickers anymore.

He simply invites them to his two-story home atop one of Omaha's Ponca Hills, the highest point in rural Washington County. As they get out of the car, deeply breathe in the pure air and look out over the Missouri River bluffs and Davis' rolling 100 acres, "They're not asking any more questions," says Davis, 57, with a grin. "By the time the visit's over, they don't want to go and are asking when they can come back."

Davis' expansive property, which includes a century-old barn and original farmhouse, and serves as home to two German Shepherds, a cluster of chickens, three horses and a pony, allows him to blend family, music and business ventures into one seamless life.

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His love for rural America runs deep, a feeling that was instilled in him while growing up in the Ohio towns of Hamler (pop. 623) and Sylvania (pop. 18,670). Childhood memories of neighborliness—and the scents and sounds of the countryside that was his playground—made an indelible impression on the man whose *Fresh Aire* CD series, which debuted in 1974, is credited with creating the Adult Contemporary and New Age musical genres. "It's in my nature. My grandfather was a country doctor, and he sometimes took me along on house calls," Davis says. "I prefer that my children grow up in this setting, too."

From Convoy to Christmas

Davis' career began when he wrote advertising jingles for a bread company that starred a fictional truck driver named C.W. McCall. The radio and TV ads became a phenomenon, and Davis and ad executive Bill Fries went on to produce the 1975 10-million-selling theme song of

Davis' gold record for the 1975 hit song Convoy.

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Chip and wife Trisha enjoy their property in Omaha's Ponca Hills.

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Chip Davis takes a break from his recording studio to enjoy a moment by the fireplace. the movie *Convoy* and other hits. Meanwhile, he kept tinkering with combining classical composition and rock, ultimately selecting the name Mannheim Steamroller for the new sound after the classical term, the Mannheim crescendo.

Vivid recollections of family and community, especially at Christmas, are a big reason that his musical compilations have consistently climbed the Christmas album charts for 20 years, beginning in 1984 with *Mannheim Steamroller Christmas*. Davis and his core musicians, and the ensembles and orchestras that often accompany them, infused new vitality into traditional carols, to the tune of more than 23 million Christmas albums sold. They perform the nation's No. 1 Christmas concert tour and will play to 200,000 fans in about 20 cities this year.

For Davis, it's all about the total sensory experience, so he launched Mannheim Steamroller Lifestyle Products, which includes coffees, candles, body lotions and barbecue sauce. And Mannheim Steamroller isn't just (Continued on page 8)

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From the studio to the stage, Chip Davis is the driving force behind Mannheim Steamroller, which concludes its Christmas tour Dec. 26.

Davis played

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Photo courtesy of Chip Davis

about Christmas music; the group has CDs for other holidays, including Halloween, Valentine's Day and Independence Day, as well as general New Age music projects. Davis' music, tours and products garnered \$23 million in sales last year.

The catalogs, products, music and some 50 employees are all plugged into the hub of Davis' creative empire, a small complex of buildings a few miles from his home. "It only takes me six minutes to get to the office," he says. "I get to work in some of the greatest cities in the world and still come home to the country at night."

Davis and his family—wife Trisha, daughters Kelly, 13, and Elyse, 5, and son Evan, 8—don't take the life for granted. The tight-knit family enjoys time together outdoors, whether they're roasting marshmallows at the permanent campsite Davis built in a wooded area near their home, or bow hunting life-size rubber animal targets he has strategically hidden in the brush.

Still, the Davis property is not without reminders of Dad's high-tech profession and spectacular musical career that make all this possible. Among the tall grasses, oaks and maples are mounted microphones, carefully placed 200 feet apart to record the wind, the birds and rustling leaves. The mikes are wired underground to deliver those sounds of nature to Davis' recording studio in his basement, where they become integral parts of his recordings, especially the *Ambience* series. Many of the scenes in Mannheim Steamroller's visual extravaganzas seen on DVDs or experienced at concerts come from spots right on his land.

A down-home determination

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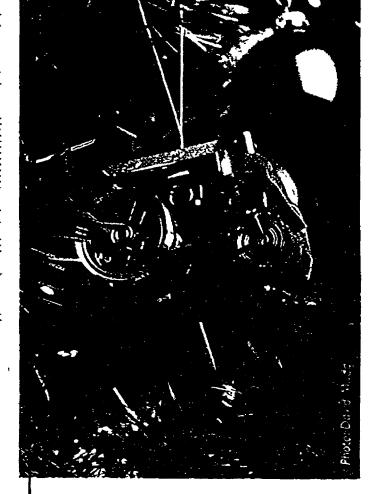
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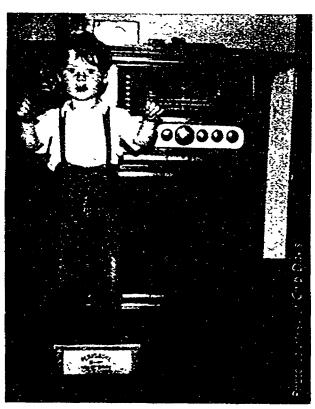
Because of that determination, Davis has been able to continually create new albums that sell in an industry where stars come and go quickly. "I'm not trying to create a fad. Most of my music is classical, so there is something in it that has longevity. It's hard for others to copy us, so we don't hit saturation," he explains. "People are still discovering us."

Somehow, Davis also finds time for philanthropic work. His concert and album project to benefit Yellowstone National Park generated more than \$500,000 and made him the largest private donor in the history of the National Park Service. His latest ven-

ture involves equipping hospital rooms with music from Mannheim's Ambience series. He says nurses in a pilot project in Minneapolis report that the music soothes the anxieties of child cancer patients.

Christmas 2004 finds Mannheim Steamroller releasing its fifth Christmas CD, *Celebration*, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of its explosion onto the holiday music scene. The annual Christmas concert tour, which started Nov. 19 in Billings, Mont., will end, as always, with a hometown concert in Omaha on Dec. 26.





As early as age 3, Davis was leading the band.

pastoral scene serve as a reminder of the anomaly Chip Davis is: Like many creative geniuses, he doesn't fit a mold. He's a *Billboard*-topping recording artist who is happy mowing 50 acres on his mid-size John Deere tractor. He's a classically trained musician, yet he's an astute marketer with uncanny business savvy. He can focus intensely for days on a project, but, at the same time, possesses a down-home, put-your-feet-up-ard-relax easiness.

Perhaps most significantly, he has sold more than 30 million albums his way—outselling Bruce Springsteen and Sting in the last 15 years—against the advice and

With books to complement his compositions and new CDs of patriotic and Halloween music, it seems there is no limit to Davis' creativity. "I love what I do," he says. "I love the creative process—making things that affect people and make their lives better."

Cindy Murphy McMahon is a freelance writer in Omaha, Neb.

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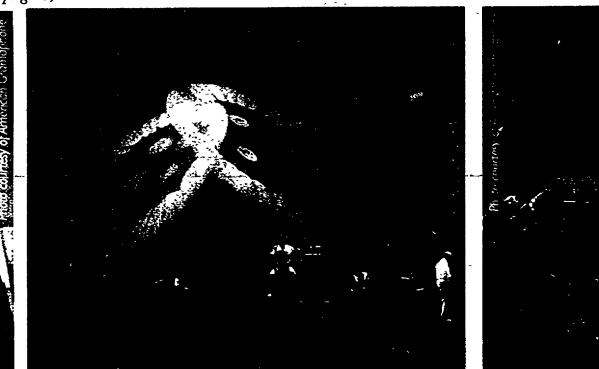
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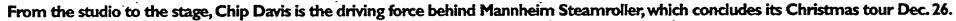
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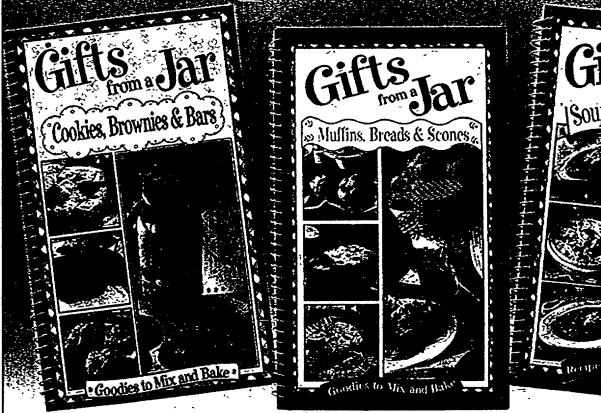
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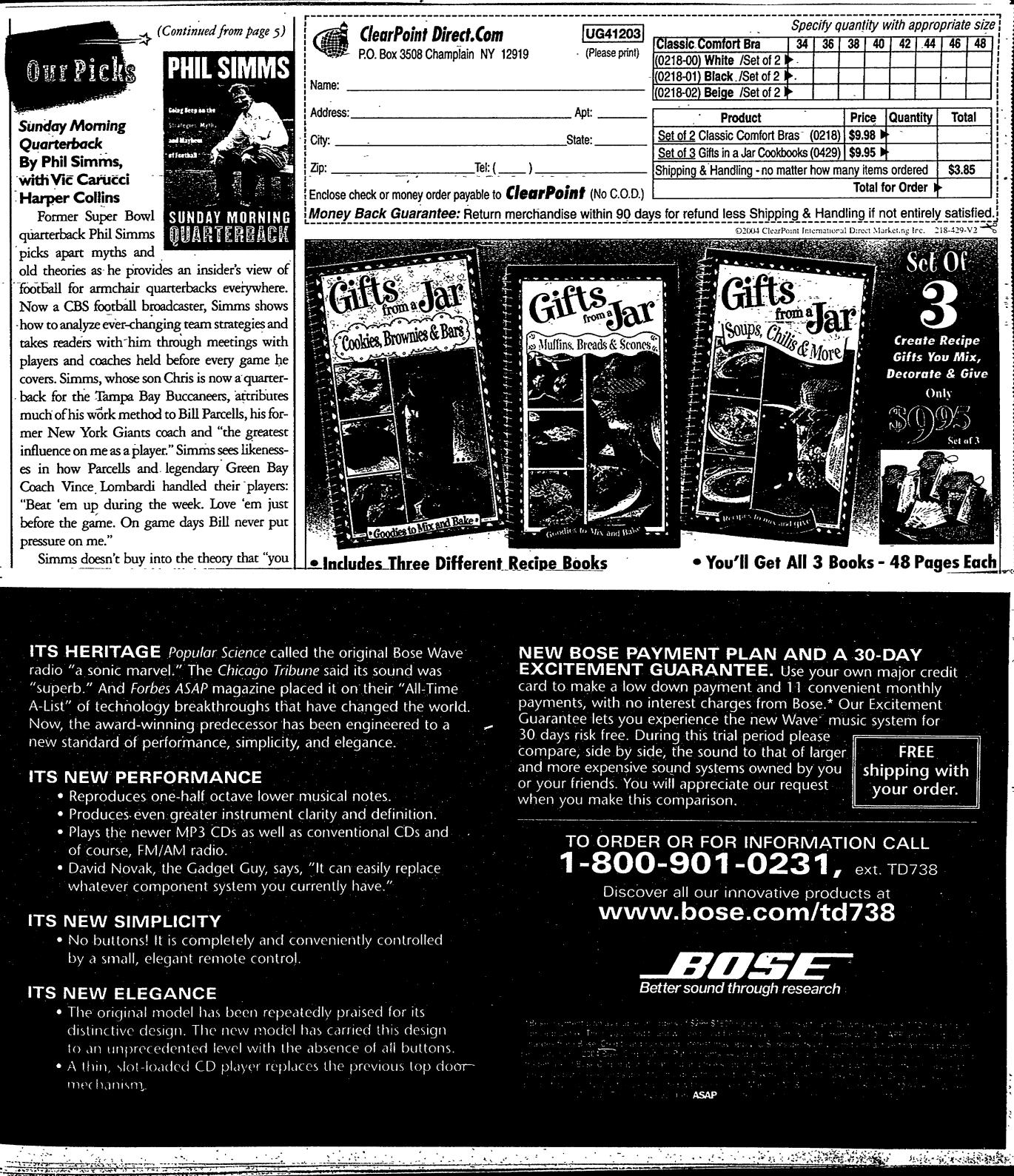
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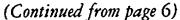
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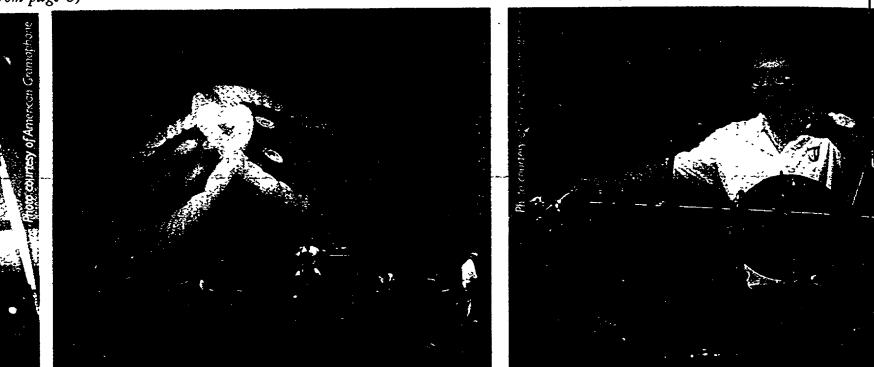
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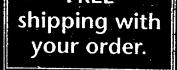
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Simms doesn't buy into the theory that "you shouldn't play a quarterback as a rookie because it might ruin his confidence." His response? "I'll show you a quarterback who had no business playing at all."

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In the late 1980s, Lower Broadway in downtown Nashville, Tenn., was "the place you most don't want to be alone after dark." But the area populated by street people was also home to a number of bars and stores, including the legendary Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, that served up hope to rising songwriters and musicians, all eager to work in the proving ground of country music's most famous stars. Bill Rouda's blackand-white photographs of that changing scenenow largely sanitized with a host of predictable tourist traps-recall the grittiness of bygone eras. His portraits of the pickers and bar flies capture a back-room intimacy, while the introduction (and singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams' foreword) sometimes speaks more eloquently than the pictures. The book's beauty is that it thrives with the promise of a place where anything could happen, and usually did, no matter if polite society quietly avoided it. \Rightarrow

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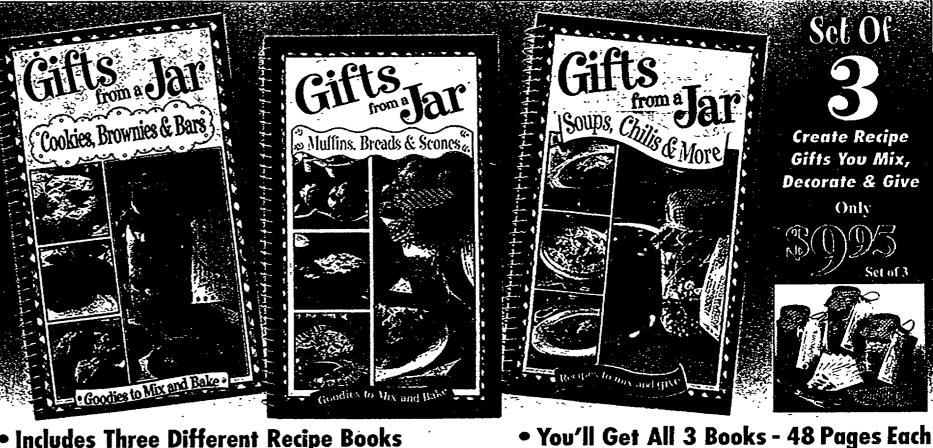
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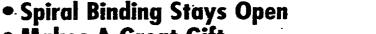
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Defending Mount Everett

Residents of the town of Mount Washington (pop. 144) have a fierce loyalty for protecting one of Massachusetts' tallest peaks and its surrounding forests from development.

When a proposal was floated for placing telecommunications equipment on a fire tower atop Mount Everett's 2,602-foot summit in the late 1990s, townspeople joined together to defend the mountain's largely undisturbed landscape, where stunted 170-year-old pitch pines brave fierce winter snow-storms and 250-year-old oak and hemlock trees cling to its steep ravines.

"People here are a feisty lot," says resident Eleanor Tillinghast, a member of the Mount Everett Research and Protection Fund, which successfully opposed the project.

Feistiness has a long history in the community, where few blink an eye at a rattlesnake slithering across town roads as it migrates from its winter den on Mount Everett. The town's





Guilder Pond, the highest freshwater pond in Massachusetts, provides an autumn

first settlers, Dutch farmers who fled the tenancy bonds of Hudson River patroon Robert Livingston, set a flinty tone in the late 1600s. Thugs sent to Mount Washington by Livingston murdered one of the settlers and burned several homes but failed to intimidate the locals.

Old-timers recall how townspeople in the early 1950s—all 32 of them demurred when a commercial airline, as a publicity gimmick, offered to fly them all to Miami for dinner, Tillinghast says. About that time, Mount Washingtonians gained notoriety for declining state assistance even though a percentage of the population fell below the poverty line.

Mount Washington is little changed today, perhaps owing to the fact that much of the surrounding land is protected from development in state forests and reserves. The town center consists of a three-way intersection, a nondenominational church and a town hall. Three-acre zoning has kept subdivisions at bay, although trophy homes are making inroads. Because of their small numbers, residents usually serve on at least one town board, When a proposal for a conference center on Mount Everett surfaced in the late 1980s, "literally every person in town wrote a post card opposing it," Tillinghast says. The proposal swiftly disappeared.

So it was no surprise that residents dug deeply into their pockets when the state floated the telecommunications proposal in the late 1990s. In one weekend, Tillinghast recalls, members of the protection fund raised nearly \$13,000—donations ranged from \$5 to \$6,000—to hire a lawyer.

In 1999, the effort got a needed boost when researchers suggested that Mount Everett might harbor old growth forests. Generally, old growth forests are woodlands that have remained largely undisturbed by human activity since before European settlement and whose trees have reached at least half their expected life span. While Everett's pitch pine community may not have reached an age considered old growth in the pine's usual, sandy coastal plain habitat, experts say that these trees have reached their maximum age because of harsh winter conditions

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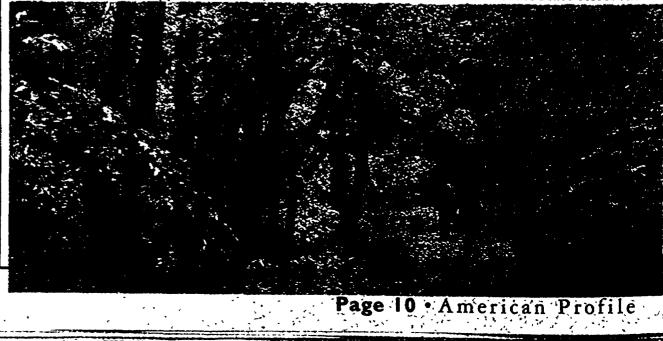
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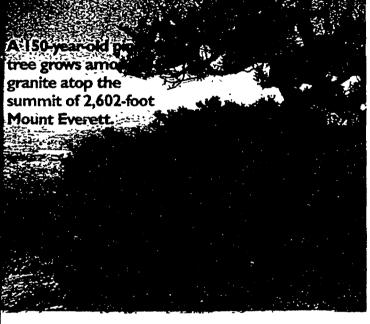
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Hikers descend the Appalachian Trail, which meanders across Mount Everett State Reservation.







A stream of scientists visiting the peak in recent years found not only ancient forest communities but also several rare and endangered species, including a potentially new plant species of lichen. More recently, forest ecologist Tom Wessels, author of *Reading the Forested Landscape*, spent time studying the ancient oak and hemlock forests just off the summit—with some surprising results.

"Everett may end up having the most extensive area of old growth anywhere in the Northeast," Wessels says. "This is something no one anticipated."

Last year, the fire tower was removed

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from the peak, effectively killing the telecommunications proposal. In the final tally, it may have been the feisty persistence of residents that tipped the balance. "The reason we've got all of this wild, open space here isn't because no one paid attention," Tillinghast says. "It's because a lot of people paid a lot of attention."

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Hometown Hero

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Trimming Tannenbaums

Christmas is a crazy time for Stephen Jackson. Literally.

Each year before Thanksgiving, the fun-loving home designer readies his quirky museum—the Aluminum Tree and Aesthetically Challenged Seasonal Ornament Museum (ATOM)—in the mountain town of Brevard, N.C. With the help of about 50 volunteer elves, he assembles a silvery, indoor forest and stocks up on packets of aluminum "seeds" for the gift shop. Despite the museum's strange theme, no one has called Jackson nuts, at least, he says with a grin, "Not to my face."



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Inside ATOM, revolving color wheels spotlight the tacky and tinseled. An Elvis tree sports cutouts of the rock 'n' roll icon, 45-rpm records and a Burger "King" crown. The towering Toile-Tree is adorned with copper tank valves, a toilet-brush topper and a garland of shower curtain rings.

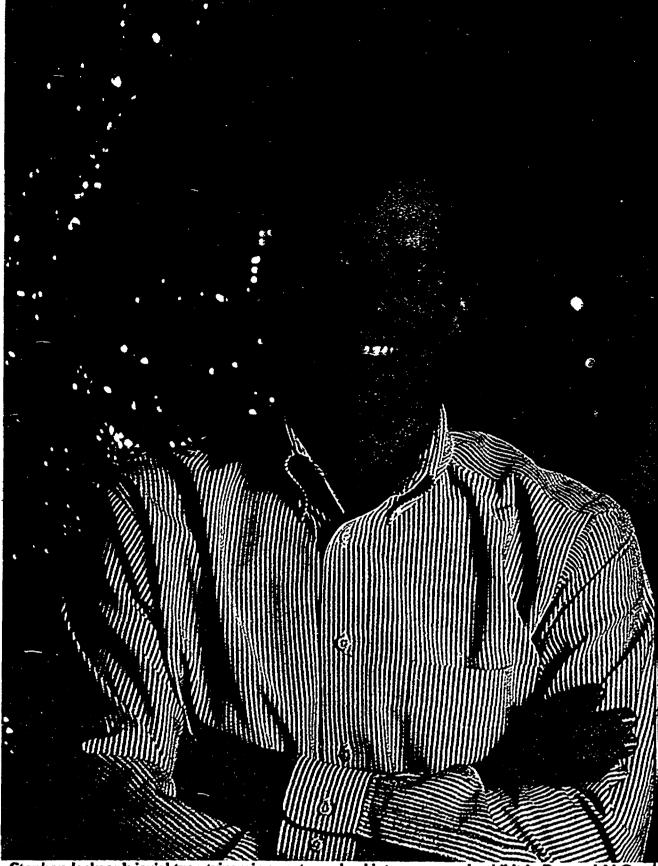
A lanky fellow with a zany sense of humor, Jackson, 48, was living in Charlotte, N.C., in 1991 when a friend jokingly gave him a tattered aluminum Christmas tree pilfered from a garbage heap. Remembering the silver tree in his childhood home, Jackson threw a party and invited guests to bring the "most aesthetically challenged" ornaments they could find. The gathering was a big hit.

Just before Christmas of 1993, Jackson, an avid mountain biker with a thirst for outdoor adventure, moved to

Brevard (pop. 6,789) and held another treetrimming party to help make new friends. It worked. The next year, someone gave him a second tree unearthed at a yard sale and by 1998, Jackson owned seven. "It was just too many trees to fit in my house," he recalls, so he hosted a one-day exhibit at the local American Legion hall. About 150 curiosity-seekers showed up.

Over the years, the Stephen Paul Jackson Aluminum Tree & Aesthetically Challenged Seasonal Ornament Museum and Research Center snowballed as friends nabbed more trees from

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Stephen Jackson's jovial tree-trimming party evolved into a seasonal exhibit in Brevard, N.C.

so did the number of makers offering selections such as "Silver Glow," "The Sparkler" and "Holi-Gay." By the early 1970s, however, the aluminum craze came to an end.

Still, each year ATOM draws about 4,000 visitors and dozens of volunteer elves who set up and man the museum. Some simply want a good laugh, while others wax nostalgic recalling the aluminum trees of their youth.

"We have two kinds of visitors," says Zoe Reidinger, 18, the museum's head docent. "One group, when I take them through and tell them about harvesting aluminum trees, they're like, 'Okay, this museum is crazy.' Other people come back year after year and they love it; they may have had aluminum trees, and they take it more seriously. We kind of have a following."

Asheville, N.C., residents Malcolm McDonald and his wife, Connie, have displayed the same 4-foot silver aluminum tree for the



each year) from Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve and features nearly 60 trees, including one from Australia adorned with kangaroos, koala bears and a Tasmanian devil. The name of the place has been simplified; even the acronym, SPJATACSOMRC, was a bit much, Jackson admits.

Museum visitors are also apt to glean a few science lessons from the display. One exhibit shows an aluminum tree's evolution from silver seed to spiraling sprout to 6-inch-tall sapling. "These saplings are 10 years old, so you can see it's a very slow-growing tree," Jackson says, straight-faced. "If you plant the seeds, you're probably not going to get any results for a while." Most of his adult specimens, of course, came from old-growth aluminum "forests."

The founder of ATOM has, understandably, become quite an expert on the history of aluminum trees. The first Japanese-manufactured tabletop models emerged after World War II and were introduced in the United States in the late 1950s. The trees grew in size; past 45 years, ever since they were newlyweds. It's no wonder, then, that they fell in love with Jackson's museum.

"It's a celebration of American tacky," McDonald says. "He (Jackson) knows it, and everybody who walks in there knows it. It's just fun, and that's all there is to it. There's no profound meaning at all."

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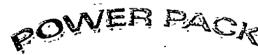
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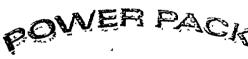
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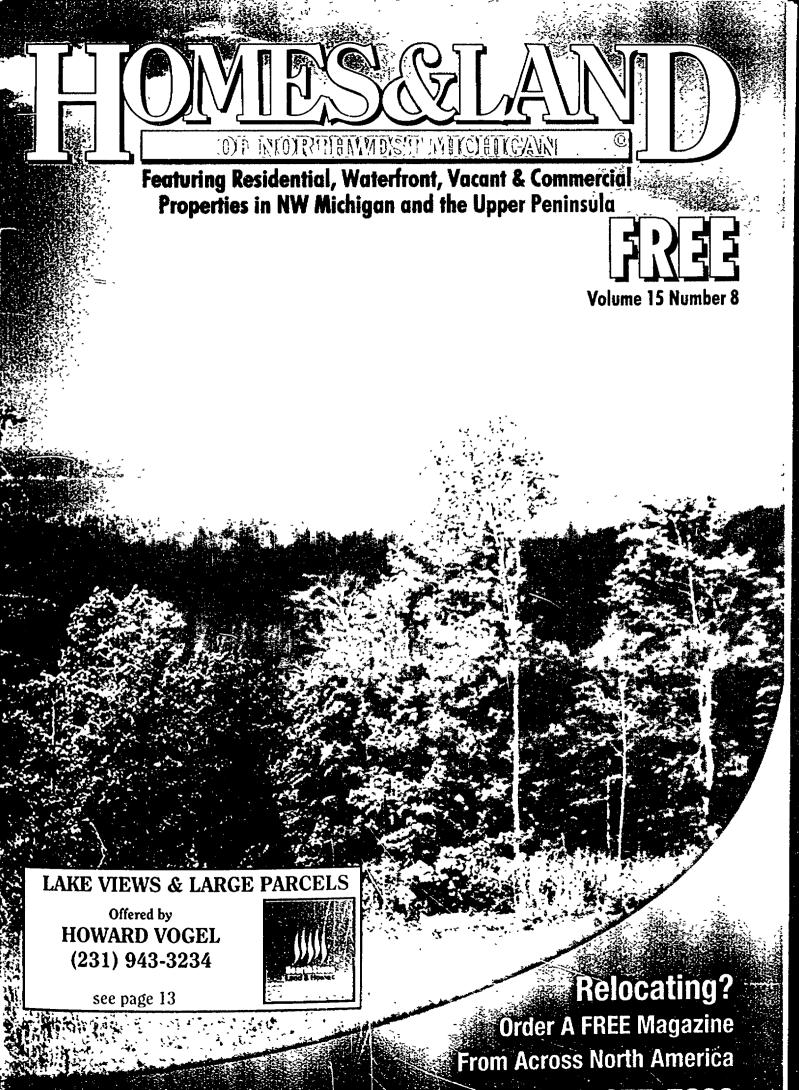


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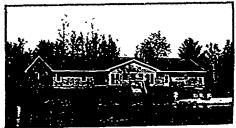
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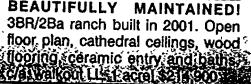
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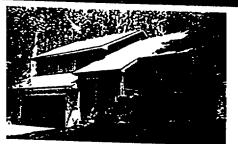
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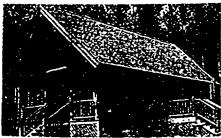
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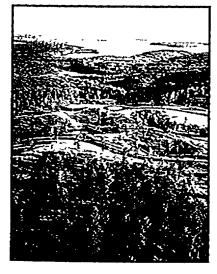
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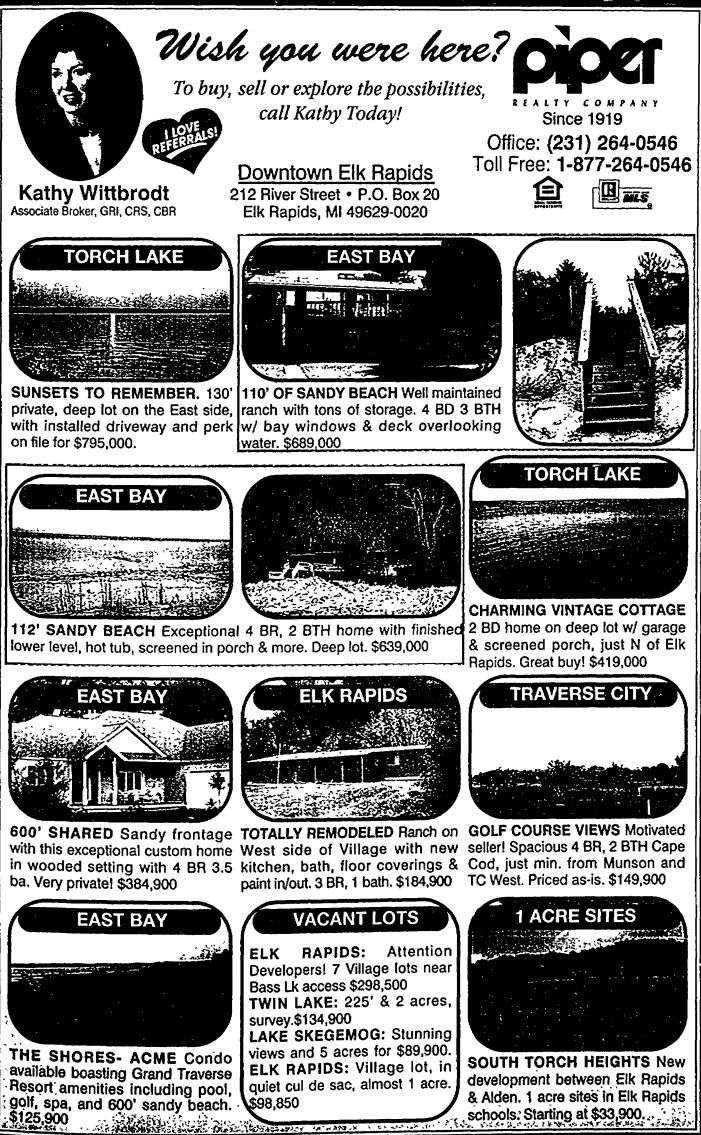


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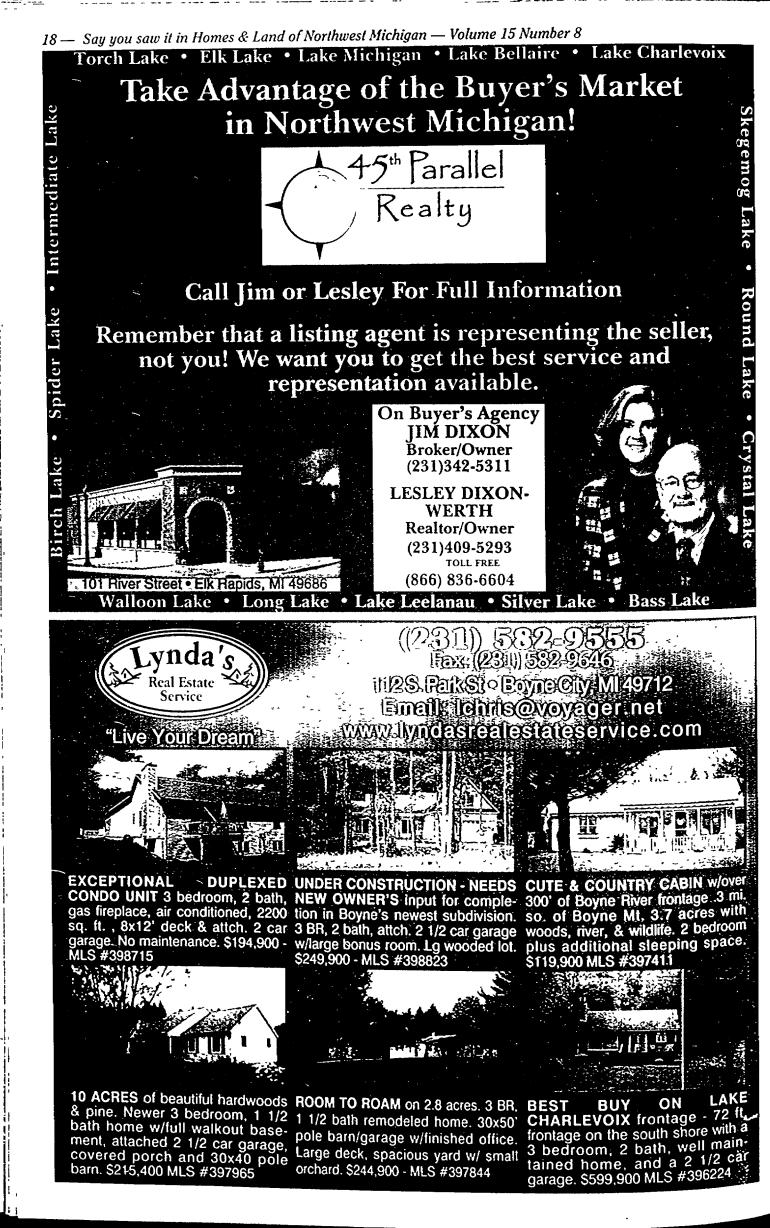
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8.47 ACRES ON MANIS-TEE LAKE! Beautiful sandy frontage, heavily

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fronts on the north branch of the Manistee River Truly unique parcel offering a little of everything. Includes a two-car garage with small finished, insu-lated heated bunk area. \$117,900



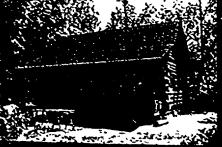
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QUALITY HOME ON 20 HARD-WOOD ACRES! 3 - 4 bedroom home, w/walk-out basement, stone fireplace & many updates. Includes extra large heated garage. Ideal location w/easy access to Traverse City ski resorts & Torch Lake area. \$249,900



ONE HAS IT ALL !!! THIS Remodeled home, rustic appeal, maint free bsmt, 5 acres, 2 detached garages, plus 24x36 pole barn set up for horses w water & elec. Perfect setting. wooded for privacy. Just a few feet to State Land. Neat & Clean \$145,000

SHARP GETAWAY OR HOME ON 19.7 ACRE! Perfect for the winter snowmobiler. Well maintained, stone hearth w/pellet stove, 30x40 polebarn, some furnishings, desirable setting close to trails, State Land, & lakes. \$158.900



BEAUTIFUL UNFINISHED LOG CABIN! Near Starvation & Big Twin Lakes, nestled in 2.5 acres of hardwoods! 10x8 logs, upstairs loft, shell is ready for finishing elec to property, septic in, cov-ered porch & perfect all season location near State Land & Blue Bear Snowmobile trail \$89,900



MANISTEE RIVER AREA!! Get-a way for the outdoor enthusiast way for the outdoor entrustast. Short walk to Manistee River of Big Cannon Creek for fishing & State Land for hunting. 2BD & garage for toys. Great canoeing, kayaking & ideal snowmobiling in winter. \$82,900

CRAWFORD LAKE WATER FRONT!! Great starter cottage. Nice 60 beach front, all sports lake, knotty pine interior, enclose front porch. large lakeside yard for the kids to play Includes a detached 2-car garage Needs a little TLC Nat'l gas avail. \$129,900







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ADORABLE 2BD, 1BA! Hardwood floors, knotty pine walls, Wojan windows & Yodel woodstove. Situated into a hillside on 6.5 acres. Minutes from Torch Lake & Shanty Creek. S119,900 MJ4484MR



67' ON EAST LAKE!! Beautiful open floor plan. Large rooms, 2 fireplaces, lots of storage, full bsmt. Great location, big front-yard & wooded backyard. \$189,900 GB1088ELD



6+ ACRES OF SECLUSION! Near State Land, paved drive, heated polebarn. Finished walkout bsmt. loft. hot tub. pond. & professional landscaping. \$269,900 APG5312SR



VERY CUTE CABIN! Near Manistee River & Smithville Landing Hunting getaway w path & cutside pump Nice setting lots of potential. Porch & 1 rm cabin ready for getaway \$19,500 SGlund



BASS LAKE!! home w/ spectacular view of the lake. State Land around the corner. Morning coffee & watching the sun come up.. it doesn't get much better than this \$169,900 BK6745BLR



VILLAGE HOME! Spacious 4 BR, 1.75 bath house on 4 lots with full basement. Large backyard which is partially fenced, & an oversized 3 car garage. S122,000 SV608PPS



A MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE! Back deck w/built-in hot tub, frpl, full walk-out plumbed bsmt, 10x40 front deck. Custom concrete & lawn, front breezeway, custom cabinet, \$239,900 DB5404SR



WHY RENT! You can buy this 3BD 1 5BA home on a full bsmt_garage 2 lots_20 minutes SE of Traverse City_\$74,900 IB4837CS



VERY SOLID 3BD, 1.5BA VILLAGE HOME! Over 1/2 acre lot, basement, new elec. & appliances, fireplace, att. garage, wheel chair friendly & access. Seller has relocated, priced to sell. \$79,900 GR511MS



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50' ON DESIRABLE FIFE LAKE! Enjoy quiet moments watching the sunsets & listening to the loons. Knotty pine interior, would make the ideal vacation or year round home. \$269,900 AL11613LSD



RARE FIND!! Square 40 acres, borders State Land. Excellent hunting pheasant. deer, & grouse. Great investment. Sectuded & woodsy, perfect for home or cabin. \$99.900 LMtyler

RARE OPPORTUNITY! 37 acres. 987 on the Manistee River wa beautiful building site. State Lang across the road abundant wildlife & fishing on one of MI finest trees streams \$475,000 11J6180RR





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AKE CHARLEVOIX 3 bedroom, bath home sets on 77 feet of ake Charlevoix frontage. Full wer level, att. garage & mature indscaping. MLS# 398061 419,900



OME ON 5 ACRES 5.2 mostly rooded acres, well maintained ome with extensive updates. 4 drms. 3 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, valkout lower level. \$249,900 ILS# 396636



ECENTLY UPDATED 3 BR. 2 A home. Cathedral ceilings. ardwood floors. 1 blk from Lake harlevoix public beach & downown amenities. \$189,900 ILS# 398573



LAKE CHARLEVOIX ACCESS Beautifully decorated 4 bedroom, 3 BA home, 2 fireplaces, 4 seasons sunroom, wooded lot & boat slip. MLS# 397376 \$449,900



LAKE CHARLEVOIX! 3 BR, 3 bath furnished Landings Condo. Boat slip, walking distance to downtown Boyne City. \$400,000. MLS# 391705



SIX MILE LAKE cedar home on a private 22 acre waterfront parcet with 5 other water residential building sites. Walkway leads to Club House & individual dock. MLS #398836 \$239,900



NICE HOME 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large 2 1/2 car garage. Walkout lower level with family room. Close to Avalanche Park. MLS# 396211 \$159,900.



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VIEWS LAKE CHARLEVOIX! Chalet style home on 100' of frontage. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, fireplace, large deck, paved drive & 2 1/2 car garage. \$435,000. MLS# 394889



JORDAN RIVER WATERFRONT Cabin sets at the river's edge. Fishing from your doorstep. 2 BR, 1 bath on 5.3 acres w/663' of frontage. A setting not duplicatable. \$289,900 MLS# 395067



HERITAGE HILLS SUB Home with 3 BR'S, 2 BA'S, deck, 2 car garage, paved drive & close to the South Arm of Lake



LAKE CHARLEVOIX! New large Full Scribe Log Home! 5 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, 2 fieldstone fireplaces, private setting, and large 2nd garage for the toys. MLS# 396621



HARBORAGE CONDOS on Lake Charlevoix, sandy beach, marina, tennis court, walk to downtown amenities, 2 BR, 2 BA \$399,900, 3 BR, 2.5 BA \$624,900.



HOME ON 17 ACRES Newer 3 BR, 2 BA ranch with wood decor. Spacious kitchen and DR. Large master BR, wood burning fp. Large pole barn w/ heated workshop MLS#397267 \$389,900



108 ACRES The perfect hunting land. 108 acres of mixed rolling hardwoods and cedar swamp. New 2 BR cabin, trails, blinds and 1200 ft of frontage on Deer Creek. MLS# 398792 \$299,900



3 BEDROOM 2 BATH Park like setting. Emaculate energy efficient home, 36x48 storage garage for all the toys. For vacation or retirement. MLS#397944 \$214,900



LAKE CHARLEVOIX VIEWS 2 Lake Charlevoix view building sites just minutes from Boyne City. \$159,000 & \$114,900 MLS# 390994 & 395303



6 ACRES Absolutely perfect! This 4 BR, 3 BA home with custom kitchen, spacious family and great rooms, mature landscaping all sets on approx 6 acres. MLS# 397582 \$398,500



LAKE CHARLEVOIX ACCESS Custom built 3 bedroom, 2 full/2 half bath home on 2 large lots, hardwood floors & granite kitchen counters. MLS# 396937 \$374,900



SIX MILE LAKE Located on Six Mile Lake, 3 bedroom, 2 bath Log Sided home with 100' of frontage. MLS# 397503 \$249,900



LAKE CHARLEVOIX access with this Villa de Charlevoix 2 BR, 1 BA tri-level home. Home has cathedral ceilings, wood floors, 12x27 storage barn all on 2 lots. MLS#398838 \$169,900



HORTON BAY 2 BR, 1 BA authentic Log cottage, sportman's paradise, within walking distance to Lake Charlevoix, furnished & ready to move into. MLS# 397078 \$114,900

LAKE CHARLEVOIX private 25ft access w/ view, shared dock & a place for your shore station. This 5 Bedroom, 2Bath home has many recent renovations. MLS# 398391 \$392,900

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LAKE CHARLEVOIX Beautiful 4 BR 2 BA on Lake Charlevoix's

sugar sand beach. Everything

you need in a neat package with special amenities MLS# 397166





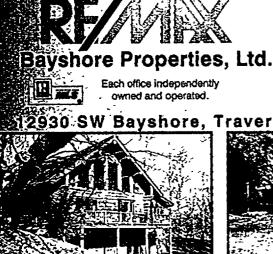
SIX MILE LAKE Located on a Private Lane. 92' of frontage. New 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, decks, gas fireplace, dock. S229,900 MLS# 394527



GREAT SETTING with all the fixings. 3 BR. 1.5 BA home on 5 acres. Lots of extras, barn perfect for horses, heated garage & greenhouse & wildlife galore. MLS# 398785 \$164,900

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OLD MISSION PENINSULA Log Home. Old world craftmanship in this 4 BR, 4 BA home on 6.7 folling acres. Screened in porch. walkout LL. Apartment/ office in the det garage. Seasonal East Bay Views. \$559,000 (1635038)



EXPANSIVE WEST BAY VIEWS 5 BR, 3.5 bath home w/ an open floor plan, fieldstone 3-way FP, master suite with adjoining hot tub, & walkout basement with game room, hot tub, & gym. \$515,000 (1621179)



Sec. Shirt Start **FOXCRAFT ESTATES** French Tudor features 4 BR w/possible 5th BR or office, 2.5 baths, family room w/fireplace, & open kitchen/ eating area leading out to a large deck. Hiking/biking trails nearby. \$239,900. (1630102)



BREWERY CREEK Development in Greilickville on M-22. Office/ retail/residential space for sale. Several free standing structures with a nautical theme, town center, and wharf along Brewery Creek. From \$301,205 (1612875)



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GREEN LAKE WATERFRONT 4 BR, 2 BA Ranch w/ 150 ft of private Green Lk frontage. Natural fireplace, updated bathrooms, new windows, large family room and walkout bsmt. \$384,9000. (1637459)



SPACIOUS WEST SIDE HOME Large colonial with 3 BR, 2.5 BA, unfinished walkout, covered front porch, large back deck, and 150 ft. of shared Silver Lake frontage. \$209,900. 91638316)



SPACIOUS CONTEMPORARY 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bath home on 1.5 acres. Open & airy with cathedral ceilings, hot tub room. First floor is barrier free. Close to lakes, State land, and Interlochen Arts Academy \$209,900. (1631621)



WATERFRON LAKE LONG HOME Cedar sided features 5 BR, 2.5 BA, open living, dining room, and kitchen. Fieldstone fireplace, mudroom, and walkout lower level. 100 ft of private sandy frontage. \$795,000 (1640039)



LEELANAU PRIVATE LAKE WATERFRONT 4 BR, 2.5 BA ranch features two natural FP, full walkout basement, 40 x 36 ft pole building, with expansive lawn spreading down to the 100 ft. of private frontage. \$569,500 (1639070)



CHERRY RIDGE CONTEMPORARY 4 BR, 3 Bath home features living room with FP, cathedral ceilings, and balcony deck. Walkout bsmt w/ daylight windows and 2 BR. Professionally landscaped, corner lot. \$244,900. (1635502)



GALLERIES ON GARFIELD Unique development on Garfield and Carver. Small commercial & prof. bldgs for sale for retail shops & offices w/ parking, & pedestrian walkways. Lots begin at \$390,000. Bldgs from \$1,266,499. (1644644)





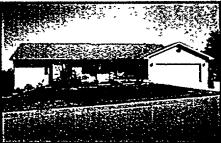
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RESTORED PENINSULA HOME. Beautiful 4 BR, 2.5 Bath farmhouse that sits high up on 10 acres with barn. Home features an open floor plan. Property can be split \$850,000



LAKE LEELANAU VIEWS AND ACCESS Beautiful 5 BR. 3 BA. ranch, sits high with lake views. Cathedral ceilings, bay windows, new carpet, & multi level decking. 875' shared frontage. \$303,000



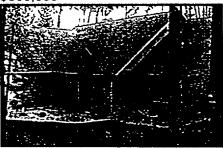
BEAUTIFUL VICTORIAN Fantastic large home in desirable South Creek subdivision. 9 foot ceilings, gourmet kitchen, hardwood flooring, covered porches and more. \$254,900



RESTORED IN-TOWN VICTORI-AN Beautiful home features a new kitchen, plumbing, electrical, bathroom, and new floor coverings. Original woodwork throughout. \$167,500



ROLLING 80 ACRE PARCEL Excellent maintained 3 bedroom home with an attached efficiency apartment and large barn. Acreage would be prime for developement. \$660,000



NEW BUILD CLOSE TO VASA **TRAIL.** Spectacular craftsmanship with this 4 BR, 2 Bath home. Wood flooring, stone fireplace, gourmet kitchen, and extensive tile work. \$299,000



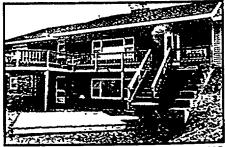
SPACIOUS 3000 SF RANCH Quality throughout this 4 BR, 3 BA. in beautiful South Creek subdivision. Hardwood and tile flooring, finished lower level on a corner lot. \$238.900



NEW completion. Home sits on a 1 acre built Tri-Level. Cathedral ceilings, lot with an open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, ceramic tile, oak trim. Large 1 acre lot, road to be kitchen and trim. Road will be paved. \$153,900



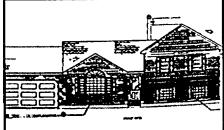
SPECTACULAR 4000 SF. HOME Beautiful setting of LaRiviera subdivision. 4 BR. 3 BA. cathedral ceilings, gourmet kitchen, extensive tile work, shared water frontage and so much more. \$549,000



PANORAMIC EAST BAY VIEWS Beautiful 5 bedroom home, cherry kitchen cabinets, oak flooring, formal dinning room with french doors, finished lower level, exten-<u>sive decking. \$269,000</u>



YOUR UP NORTH GET AWAY Beautiful 3 BR/ 2BA home close to Suttons Bay. Sits on 2.7 acres of hardwoods & features Maple floors, hickory cabinets, & knotty pine throughout. \$189,000



CONSTRUCTION Near NEW CONSTRUCTION Quality ceramic tile work, oak kitchen and paved. \$146,900



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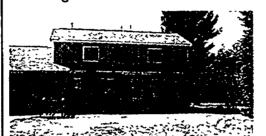
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NEW CUSTOM BUILT HOME on west side of Traverse City. Great country views from the covered porch and private deck. 2x6 walls, 1,894 sf (not incl. the unfin. bonus rm above garage or the unfin. space in the walkout lower level). Main floor mstr. bdrm. Mstr. bath has a jetted garden tub. Living rm w/fp, vaulted ceiling and open balcony to 2nd floor. Breakfast nook.



CEDAR SIDED R A N C H Approx. 1,476, 3BR, 1.75 baths. Fresh paint, new carpet and a new

roof! Cedar cabinets and some cedar paneling and trim inside. Paved driveway and a 24x30 garage with workbench. Quiet country setting, Kingsley School District. \$123,500



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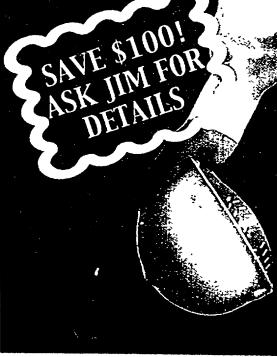


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Northern Michigan's affordable 'picket fence community' sites are available for preliminary reservations without deposits until final township approvals are met, according to the owners. Crystal Meadows - A proposed 38 acre Master Planned Community is only 20 minutes from downtown Traverse City. " Our emphasis will be on high quality affordable homes with an 'Up North' community atmosphere" said the developer. Many lots are heavily wooded. There will be paved roads, underground utilities including electric, phone and cable throughout the site. A commons area trail connects to State land which leads to walking & hiking trails and snowmobiling. The site is in the Benzie Schools System. Crystal Mountain Resort is only five minutes from Crystal Meadows for golfing and skiing.

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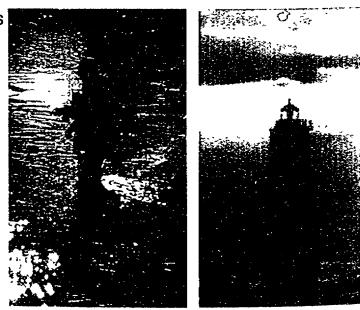




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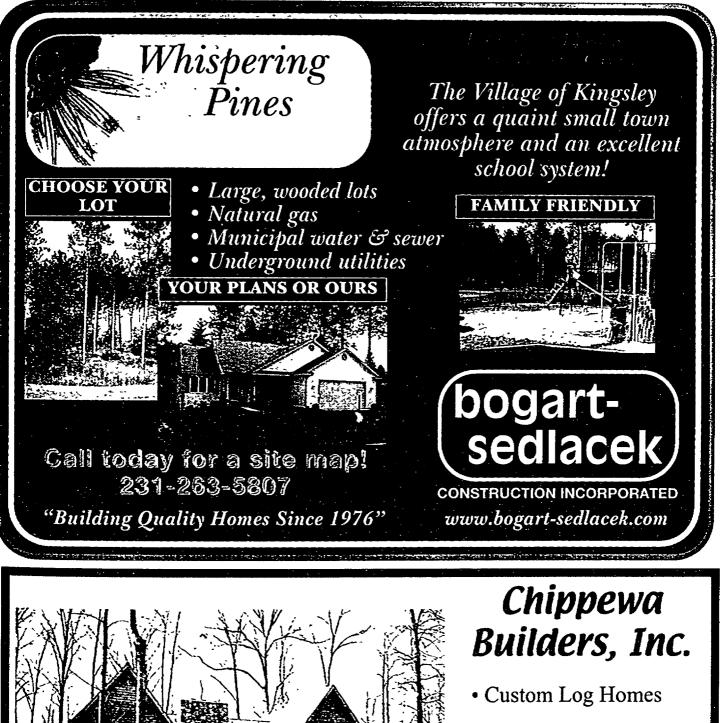
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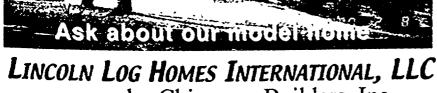
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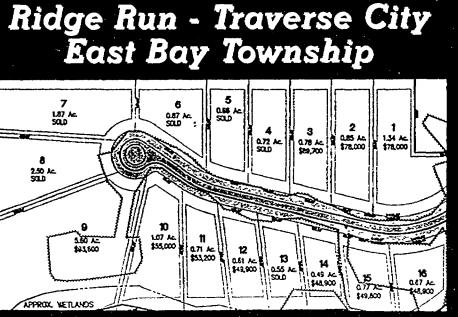


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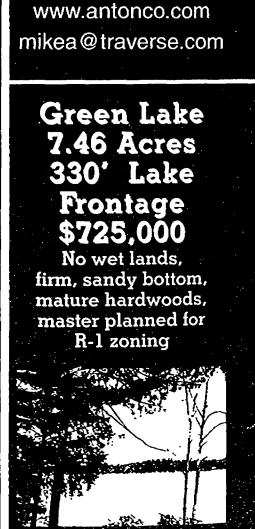
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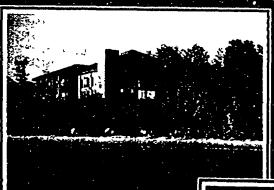


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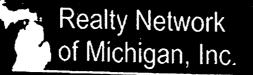
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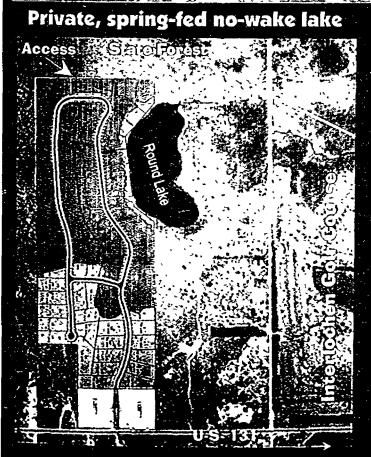




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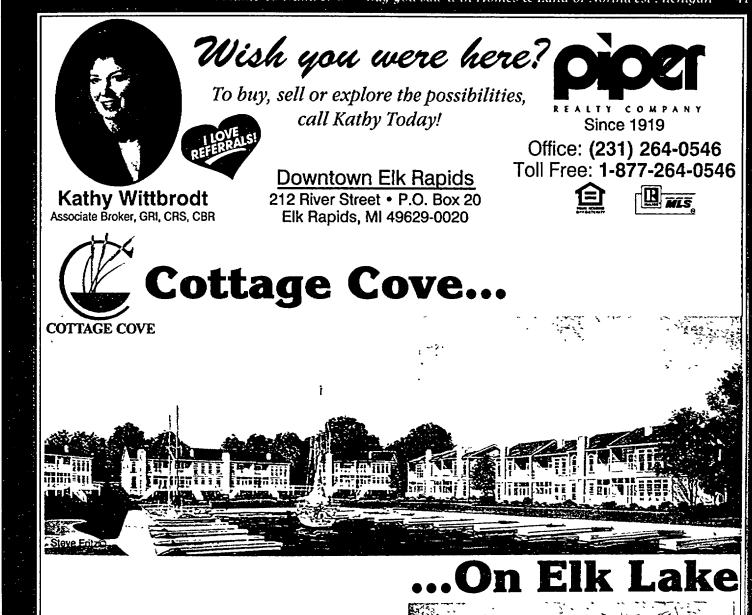
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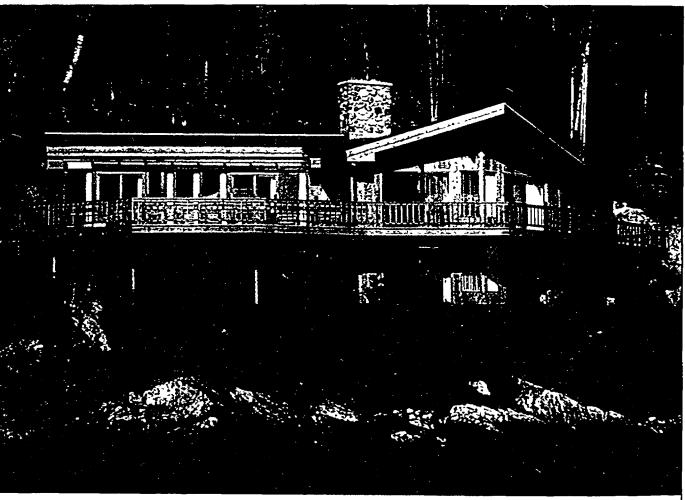
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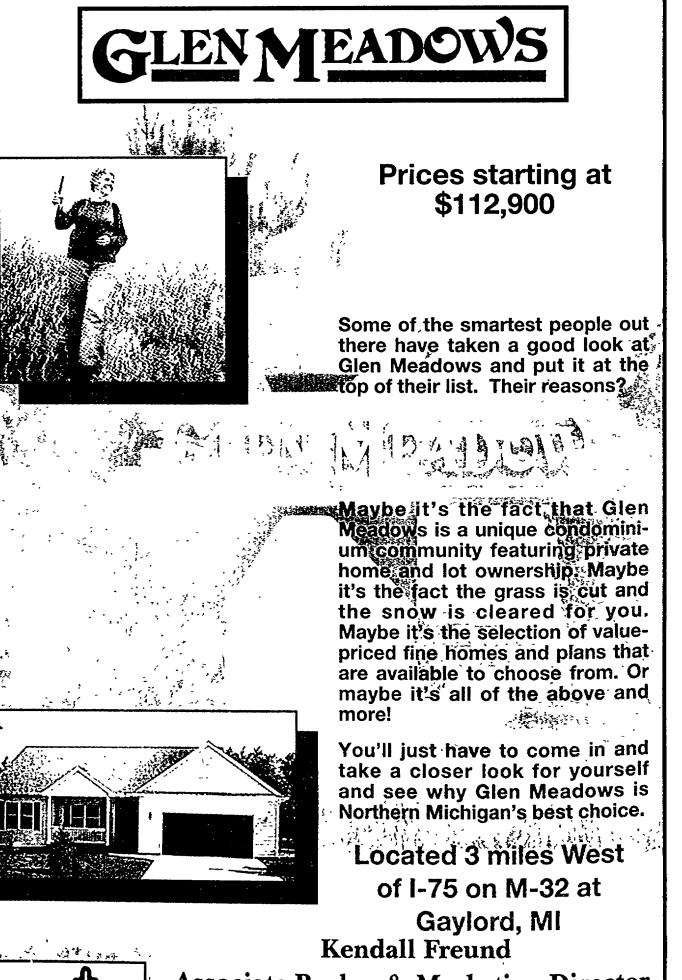
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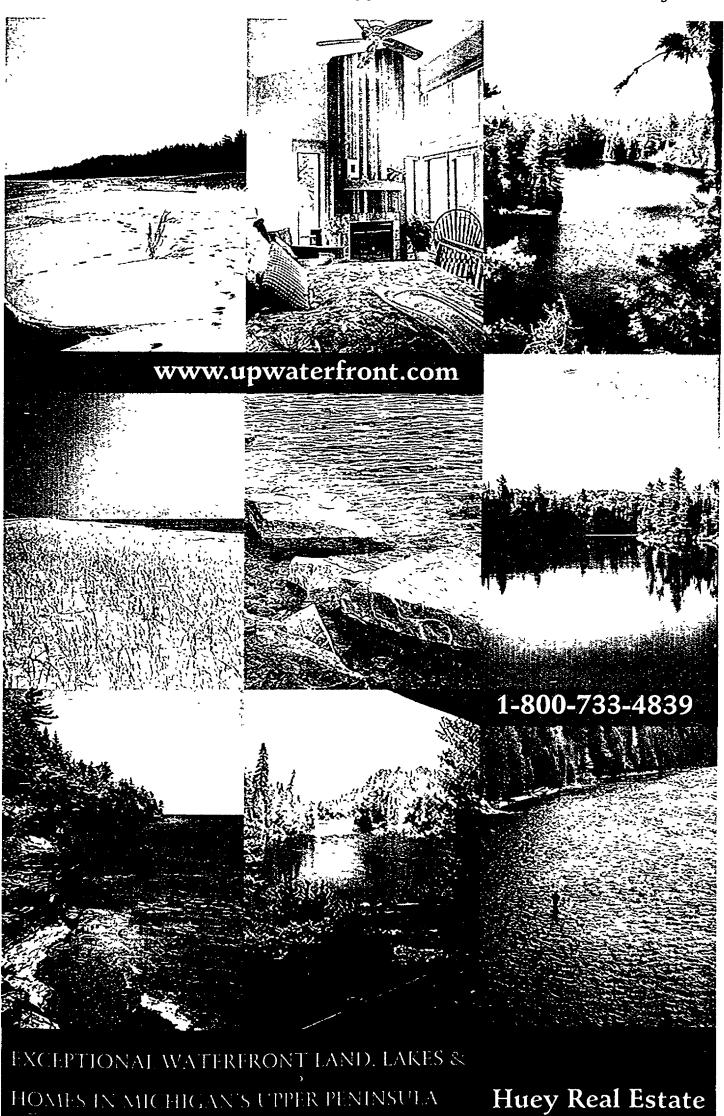
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ELK RAPIDS INCOME PROPER-TY Great location in the Village. Six rental units. Five one bedroom and one two bedroom units. Elk Rapids



CHARMING RANCH HOME in Bay Woods Estates. Spacious family home features cathedral ceilings, natural FP,bay window& deck. Maintenance free vinyl siding is an added extra. (D) \$289,900

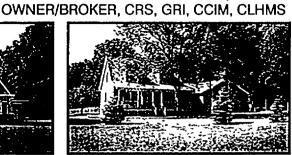


THE SANDS OF ELK RAPIDS Luxury condos w/ shared 500' waterfront on Grand Traverse Bay. Unit # 39, 1 BR \$299,900., Unit # 26, 2 BR \$395,000., Unit # 9, 2 BR \$ 425,000. 18. 4.100 State Later State State



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MICHIGAN SHARED LAKE ACCESS is included with this terrific contemporary home in desirable Inwood Harbor Subdivision just North of Elk Rapids. This is definitely one to see. (H) \$199,900.





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ON ACRET PARCEL! 3 BD Cape Cod home on landscaped parcel. Large family room w/wood stove, 1st floor laundry, French doors, deck & hot tub! Elk Rapids schools. Close to Flk and Torch Lake Lake.(K)\$179,000 MLS#1615000



MAKE ME AN OFFER - 100' ON ELK LAKE W/SUNSET VIEWS! 1,640 s.f. Ranch home w/100' of Lake frontage! Cement seawall, boat house converted to large storage garage. Lots of parking. 2 f/p. (S) REDUCED TO \$529,000 MLS #1633801



AN OFFER - 3 BD, 2 BA gargues nouse w/bd and full w/o bsmt w/bd, wood stove, appli-ances incl,central vac,cathedral cell-ings, extensive decking & screen soliti gazebo! (B) \$197,500 MLS #1653654



GRAND TRAVERSE BAY Three BD, 3 BA home on 1.49 acres. Central vac, f/p, wet bar, built-in cabinets, wood stove, whirlpool tub, a/c. (G) \$759,900 MLS #1636574



MAKE ME AN OFFER! 120' PRI-VATE TORCH, LAKE FRONTAGE! Three BD, 3 BA Ranch w/ full walkout basement. Woodburning stove, 3-car garage, and appliances are included. Move-in condition. (N) REDUCED TO \$659,000 MLS #1615329



MAKE ME AN OFFER - GRAND TRAVERSE BAY/INWOOD HAR-**BOR 115' Private frontage w/direct** access to Grand Traverse Bay! Home remodeled in 95'. 2-car att gararge, appliances fireplace.U/G sprinklers (K) \$369,900 MLS #1633505



MAKE ME AN OFFER - POPULAR NEW LISTING CHESTNUT HILLS CONDOISTNO BD, 2 BA condo w/gas t/p, a/C lands water neater care laundry room, walk-in closels Jacuzzi lini krichen Strommpaved tub, cathedral califings 2-car att new landscalables & kitch tub, cathedral ceilings, 2-car att garage & u/g sprinklers! (D-T) \$199,900 MLS #1634591



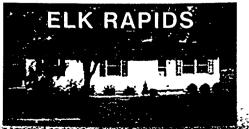
NEW LISTING! Four BD home w/f/p, hardwood floors, full basement, den, main floor laundry, a/c, fenced yard and more. Too much to \$349,900 mention! (0)MLS #1636369



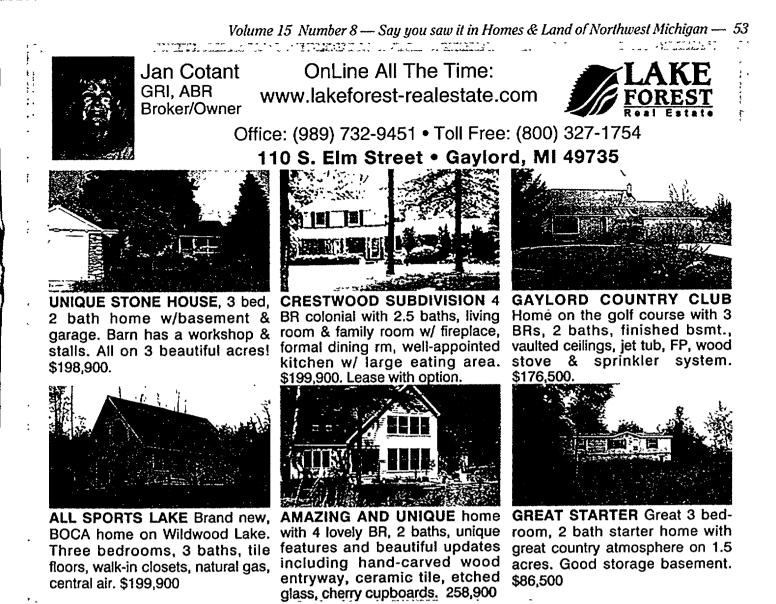
GRAND TRAVERSE BAY - 4 BD, 3 BA home w/fp, oak cabinets, built-in hutch, bookcases, wood burning stove, paddle fans, ceramic tile, cedar closet, most appliances incl., & 2-car att garage w/opener. Sandy beach! (C) \$625,000 MLS #1632617



MAKE ME AN OFFER - VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS Four BD, 2 BA home w/main floor laundry, fireplace, 2-car attached garage w/opener, most appliances included & close to lake access, schools & churches. (W) \$195,000 MLS #1634049

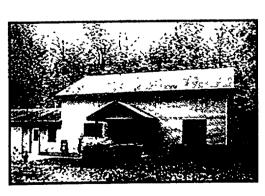


يتعاديه والم new landscaping & kitchen appliances included + washer/dryer! (P) \$149,900 MLS #1639573





ELK RAPIDS SCHOOLS Spacious home with many special features. Sixpanel cherry doors, hardwood floor in den/office, full basement, all appliances, attached and heated double garage, 'bonus' rooms on upper level and MORE! \$179,900



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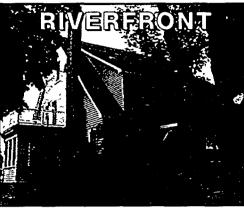
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BR, 2.5 BA, radiant heat, fireplace, security system and air. 38 x 42 boat house, concrete boat well and seawall. 2 car garage and apartment. \$280,000



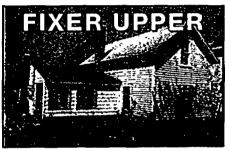
DOUGLAS LAKE ACCESS 1 block to lake. Corner lot. 3 BR, 1 BA, New roof, flooring, kithcen & BA. Cedar paneling in LR. Cozy summer or winter get away. Ask for Gary Scallen. \$115,000



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HISTORIC GRIST MILL on Thunder Bay River. Refurbished 6 bedroom farmhouse. Hardwood floors, fireplace, hot water heat. Seller says deeded damming rights with over 2000' frontage. Out buildings include barn, giftshop, storage building plus original 4 story grist mill. Built in 1870s. Artifacts still in building! All this on 91+ acres with

nearly 40 acres mature hardwoods. \$549,900. Will sell with 16.81 acres for \$300,000



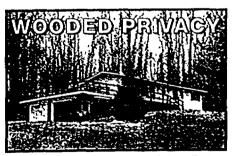
RENTAL OR RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITY Solid but needs help. Investment, rental or retirement in Village of Pellston. 1100 sq. ft. Only \$44,000



NEW HOME 2,800 SF. 3 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, harwood floors, ceramic tile & carpet. 2 car attached insulated garage. Lower walk out w/full bath. Expansive deck overlooks creek and hardwoods. Exceeds code. \$249,900



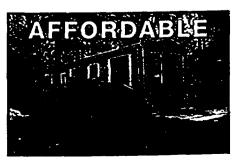
HUNTING & FISHING OPPORTU-NITY State land on 2 sides. 8 acres of mature hardwoods. Sleeps six. Town & Country log sided, year round retreat. Just yards to O'Neal Lake across State land. \$115,000



YOU CAN'T FIX PRIVACY Enjoy views from your deck. 1056 sq ft. home tucks into hillside on wooded 4-acre parcel. 3 BR, 2 BA, walkout basement, across from Burt Lake. \$132,500



3 ACRES 1,440 SF, 3 BR home with 1 full bath. Large two car insulated garage w/workshop. Beautifully landscaped yard with garden area & grove of mature maples. Between Indian River and Alanson. Just \$115,000



HOME AWAY FROM HOME Own the lot and home for \$43,500. El Rancho Condo Association amenites include club house, pool, tennis and much more. Close to skiing, snowmobile, boating.

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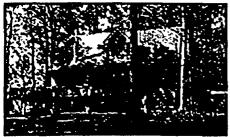
mal arched entry, bayed living room, 5 BR & 4.5 BA. A must See!! MLS#1619673 \$1,200,000



many improvements and a very garden shed. \$695,000. large yard. \$248,000

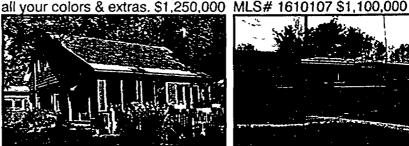


CUSTOM HOME ON TORCH TORCH LAKE VIEWS AND WALK NEAR ALDEN. Open kitchen w/ LAKE Beautiful custom built home TO ALDEN Rare property on wood flooring. LL with family room on 100' frontage. Lots of knotty Alden's desirable terrace over- & built-in wet bar! Premium surpine, and stone work. Hardwood looking Torch Lake & close to Park round sound system, built-in with floors, walk in closets, skylights, & lake access. Remodeled 3 BR per-room controls, built-in gas grill. natural fireplace. \$1,500,000



TORCH LAKE AND LAKE MICHI- NEAR TORCH LAKE totally INTERMEDIATE LAKE RESORT a Rapids. 5 acres. Walkout is ready \$219,000 to finish. \$289,000 MLS# 1635694

TORCH LAKE Home by Porter BRAND NEW Torch Lake water- ON TORCH LAKE in the Village of Builders. Cedar sided colonial, for- front home under construction now Alden. Beautifully designed cus-



VERY QUAINT HOUSE in the TORCH LAKE FRONTAGE Open BASS LAKE WATERFRONTAGE



by Porter Builders, Inc. Beautiful tom home with cathedral ceilings, sunrise location. Custom Cedar gas stone fireplace and walkout and Stone home. Come pick out basement to a lovely sandy beach.



Village of Alden with a stone floor plan with 5 BR, 2.5 BA. Very nice location in Elk Rapids fenced yard within walking dis- Sandy beach, nicely landscaped. with 90' frontage on all sports Bass tance to Torch Lake and Parks. Recently remodeled and freshly Lake. The home is being remod-Recently upgraded home has painted. 3 car plus garage and eled. Includes dock, and heated garage. \$225,000



home w/ inground pool. \$350,000





\$320.000



GAN VIEWS Gorgeous view remodeled and updated home in rare opportunity. Nice sandy acreage in North Antrim County the village of Alden. Corner lot with beach for four 2 BR cabins and minutes to Charlevoix & Elk extra garage. 3 bedrooms. duplex with 3 BR each. All units renovated. Year round use and MLS# areat rental history.

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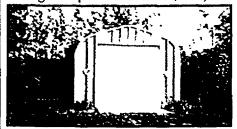
TORCH LAKE HOME/WALK TO ALDEN 4/BR-3.5BA. Finished walk out bsmt. Nat. F/P, 2 car gar. plus 3+car det. gar. w/ finished FR above. MLS# 1636193 \$1,550,000



TORCH LAKE PRIVATE SHARED ACCESS UNIQUE wood home. LAKE VIEWS with deck & hot tub Walk to Torch Lake sandy beach. overlooking Torch Lake and coun-Cedar stairway, tiled floors & BA. tryside. Fin bsmt w/ 4th BR & full Jacuzzi. \$259,900 MLS#1614456



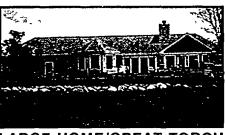
BEAUTIFUL TORCH LAKE VIEW high on a hill, overlooking the 'sand bar', Torch River. 160' of shared Torch Lake beach w/ a private gated park & beach. \$114,000



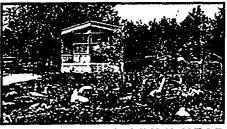
steel garage is on a beautiful lot near Torch Lake. Sectional lighting, concrete floors, domed ceiling for added height. \$48,900



CUSTOM CLAM LAKE HOME Large Master Suite. Cathedral ceilings, Stone FP, Large country Kitchen. Work shop. Screened in Porch. MLS#1636184 \$895,000



LARGE HOME/GREAT TORCH bath. \$585,000 MLS#161634



AFFORDABLE MOBILE NEAR **TORCH** spacious describes this cozy home with 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 outbuildings, above ground pool. \$49,900 MLS#1611091



STEEL GARAGE This galvanized ON THE 7 TH HOLE of Schuss steel garage is on a beautiful lot Mtn Golf Course. Beautiful 3 BR Cedar Sided Home overlooking Schuss Mtn Golf Course. Very peaceful setting. Enjoy the amenities of Schuss and Shanty Resorts.



QUALITY HOME ON TORCH LAKE Beautiful Torch Lake home. Nat/FP, 3 car plus gar, landscaped yard, Skylite, Hardwood floors. MLS#1637110 \$1,500,000



MAGNIFICENT ELK LAKE HOME Sandy beach. Beautiful home with Designer's touch. Most furnishings stay. 5 BR, 3.5 baths. Extensive decking & landscaping, \$2.2million



WOODED ACREAGE Beautiful hardwoods on 5 acres close to Torch Lake. Electrical & Phone avail. Call listing agent for appt. \$32,500



GREAT FAMILY HOME Very nice area of homes. 2BR, 2BA home with 2 car attached garage. First floor laundry, mud room, brkfast nook. Many extras. This is a must see! MLS#1639777 \$122,000

LOTS & ACREAGE

12+ ACRES w/4500 s.f. pole barn w/ 1,500 sq ft apt. close to chain of lakes \$290,000. ALDEN MEADOWS \$48,900-\$105,500 (Torch Lake View Lot).

5 ACRES-beautiful hardwoods near Torch Lake \$32,500.

2-3/4 ACRE LOTS near Torch Lake \$32,900.

PINE CIRCLE LOT \$14,900.

ELDER RD (Must sell)10 Acres \$35,000. 10/ACRES near Shanty & Schuss view & creek for \$75,000.

CORNER LOT near Torch Lake access/nat gas available \$18,000.

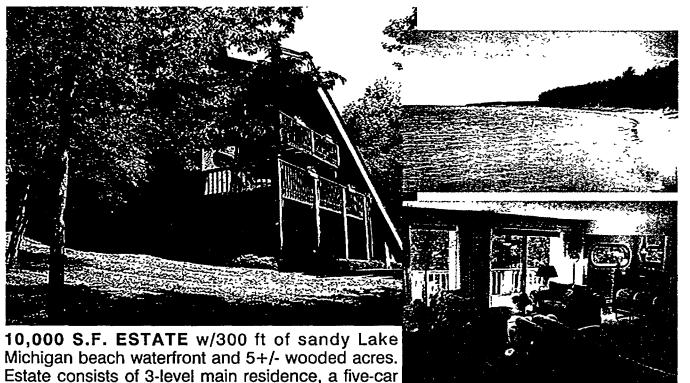
30 X 40 POLE BUILDING warehouse, 14x14 door \$36,000.

ALDEN HWY-20 acres \$69,900 Lot#38 ALDEN MEADOWS \$49,900 58 — Say you saw it in Homes & Land of Northwest Michigan — Volume 15 Number 8



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garage and a completely equipped machine shop. Custom built home w/4 BR, 4 baths, 2 fireplaces, walnut paneled den, large custom kitchen and formal dining room, bar area, first floor laundry. Fully furnished with quality, tasteful decorating. (2-1636691) \$3,500,000. Bill Edwardson, 938-2660. See Virtual Tour at www.billedwardson.com

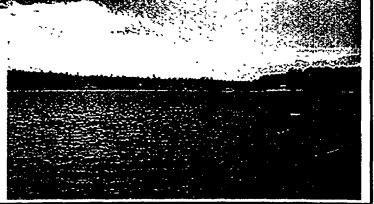
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LOTS OF ROOM INSIDE AND OUT. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, full partially finished basement and 2 car attached garage on large nicely landscaped lot. \$149,000

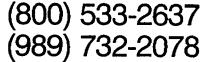


TONS OF ROOM Family room with woodburning stove, hardwood floors, storage galore, walking distance to schools on almost an acre of trees & manicured lawn. A spacious home. \$198,000



EASY ACCESS COMMERCIAL location, 7000 sf of top quality construction in the Air Industrial Park. Close proximity to Dickerson Rd and I-75. \$299,000 Adjacent lot available for \$40,000







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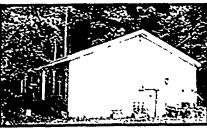
80 ACRES of hunting/recreational property in the heart of the Huron National forest. Includes 32x24 cabin w/ gas lights & hand pump water will. High rolling hardwoods & lower wet areas. \$179,000



FULL LOG HOME ON 10 ACRES. 1519 Sq ft finished; 1295 sq ft to finish how you'd like. Oak floors, Grand windows. High vaulted ceilings. Wonderful up north location & feeling. \$259,000



8 ACRES with brick ranch close to town on paved road. Nicely wooded acreage. Well maintained home includes 3 BR, 2 baths, 2 fp, 2 car attached garage & pole bldg. \$152,000



DEEDED ACCESS TO LAKE LOUISE Newer clean 1400 square foot, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home including a garden tub, skylights, walk in closet and a beautiful yard. \$83,000



DIRECTLY ACROSS from Otsego Lake State Park!! You can own your own established business. Party store includes liquor license, fixtures, equipment, & living quarters. \$220,000



10 WOODED ACRES and a 4 bedroom home with 1800 square feet great fireplace, cedar closets and knotty pine ceilings. Just moments from snowmobile trails, lakes and golf. \$169,000

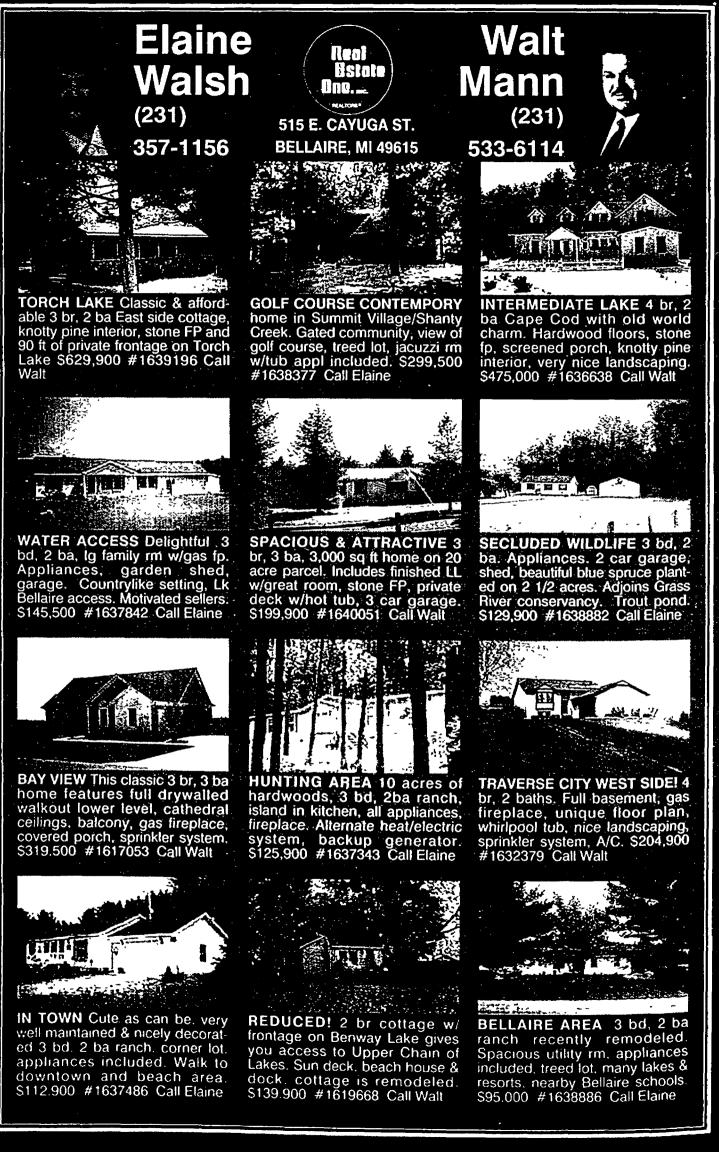


ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS!! Great starter home, or perfect for recreational use! Snowmobiler's paradise, large pole barn close to trails. knotty pine interior gives it the upnorth feeling. \$84,900



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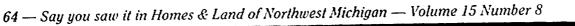
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SPECTACULAR TORCH LAKE HOME- 4 Bd. 3-1/2 baths, 101' frontage. Gourmet kitchen, spacious master suite, stone FP w/gas insert & glass doors to flagstone patio. Bonus guest area with private entry. \$1,150,000 (1635220)



WOODED NATURAL SETTING on Torch Lake. 3 bd., 2 bath contemporary w/multiple decks and gardens. 2,600 sq. ft. w/brick fireplace and raised, beamed, wood ceiling. 2 story det. garage with paved driveway. \$799,000 (1639481)



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ENJOY ELK LAKE SUNSETS 4 Bd, 3.5 bath two story colonial with 100' of frontage. Cathedral ceilinas. Curved oak stairway. Beautifully landscaped, 3+ car \$995,000 attached garage. (1633909)



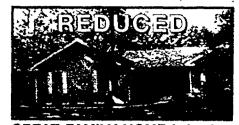
SPECTACULAR LK MICHIGAN **PROPERTY** Two Bd, 1.5 bath home on 130' of prime sandy beachfront. 2 car att garage. Appliances. Hardwood trees, overlooking water. 130 x 708 deep, secluded lot \$697,000 (1639599)

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GREAT FAMILY HOME Lake Ann area, 4+ BR, finished LL w/3rd ba, & craft room, 2-car attached garage & 24 x 26 2 story barn. Nat. gas FP, treed yard & decking. 15 min. to Traverse City, sand dunes & Lake Mich. \$254,900 (1631454)



EAST SIDE TORCH LAKE 4 hd 3.5 bath, log-sided home with 122' of water frontage. Remodeled in 1993. 2800+ sq. ft. with a full fin. bsmt. Double stone f/p, gazebo & hot tub. Multi-level decking &u/g water system. \$998,990 (1638650)

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COUNTRYSIDE VIEW HOME Like new 3 BR, 2 bath ranch on 2.34 acres in Kewadin. Open floor plan and cathedral ceilings. Full walkout. Oversized 2 car garage & all appliances. \$184,900 (1638823)

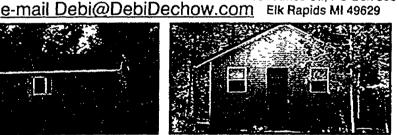


LK RAPIDS HEIGHTS, Well indinialned 3 BR, 2.5 bath ranch. cenariel doors, C/A; gas Fireplace, Service of the servic HE ACTION STAND

NICE STARTER HOME Enjoy this cozy 3 bd., 1 bath ranch near State land. Low maintenance with vinyl siding. Newer windows. Laminate floor in living room. Det. garage. \$79,900 (1639852)



BIRCH LAKE Two bedroom, 1.5 bath home plus loft on 70' of Birch Lake private waterfront. Updates include vinyl siding, roof, electrical, and more. Also includes 0x16 three seasons room 379,900,((6375:9)



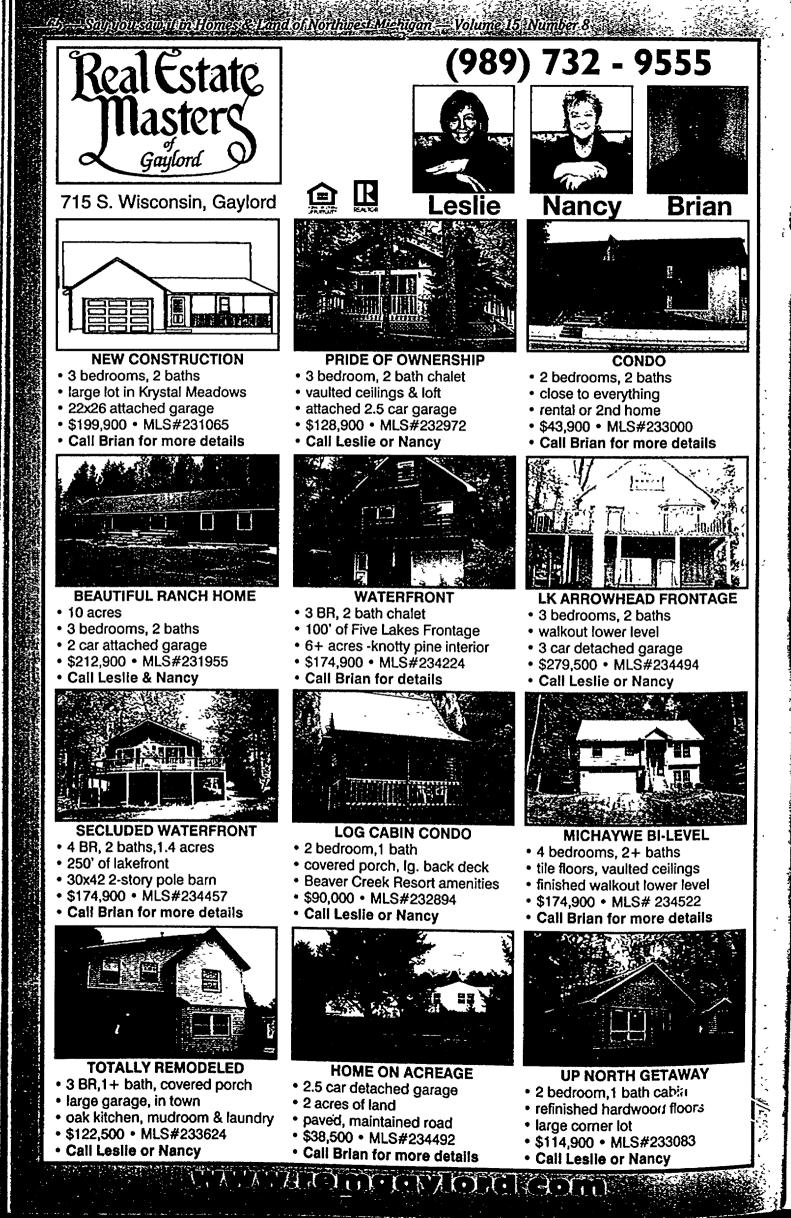
RAPID RIVER- cozy 2 bd., 1 bath low maintenance ranch with 153 of frontage. Registered trout stream and only minutes from state land, snowmobile trails and Rugg Pond natural area: \$114,900 (1636483)

UNIQUE ELK LAKE PARCEL Privacy and easy access to nature are yours with this 1.70 acre Elk Lake parcel. \$599,900 (1635089)

ELK LAKE -1/6th ownership of 120' of sandy frontage. Dock & boat slip. \$254,900 (1619392)

PARCELS ACREAGE in Kewadin. 4.25 acre -\$49,900; \$59,900 for 5.34 acres. (1630110 & 1630112)

ELK RAPIDS 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile in Vacation Village Senior Park. \$13,000 (D-300)



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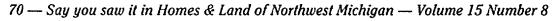
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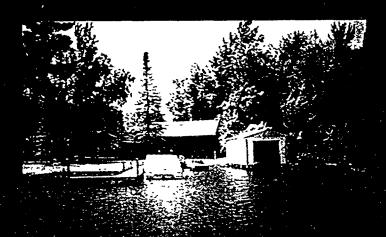






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BOIS BLANC ISLAND Custom built, year round home. South facing on the Straits of Mackinac. 3+ acres & 211' waterfont. Agent owned home. \$265,000. 229193CH



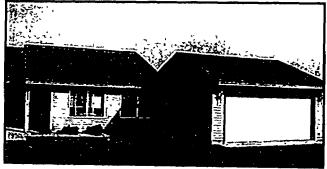
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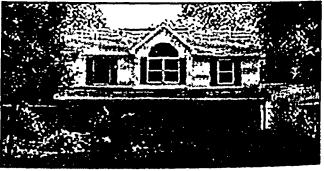
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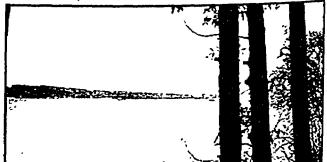
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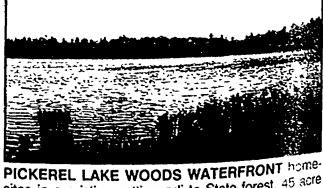
TRAVERSE CITY HOME w/new porch and ceramic tile, large eat-in kitchen, 4 BR, 2 baths, plus office den area. Close to Civic Center, shopping and schools. 2-car garage. (1-1639010) \$159,900. Karen Schmidt, 922-2364



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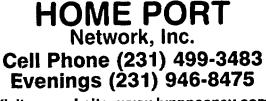
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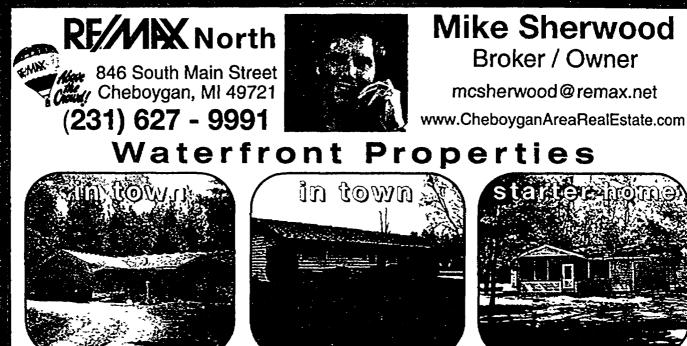
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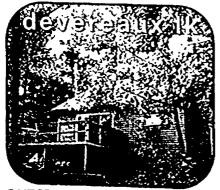
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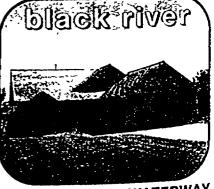
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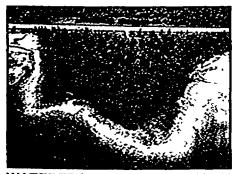
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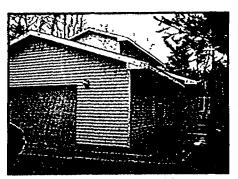
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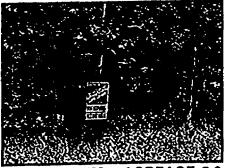
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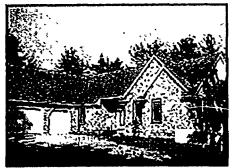
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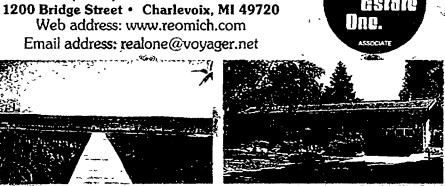
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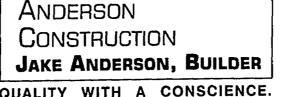
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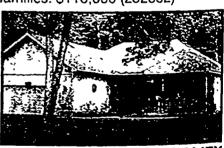
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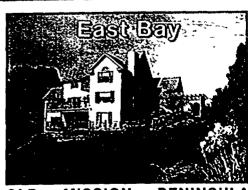
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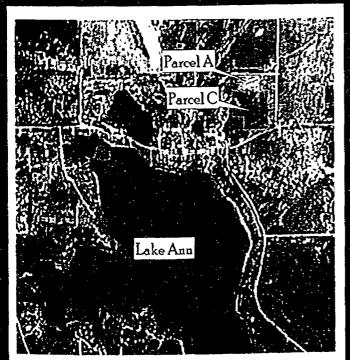
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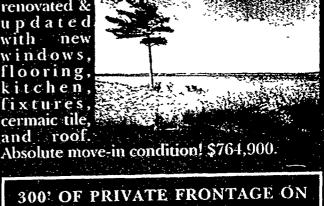
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EAST LAKE A little slice of heaven comes with this 3 BR cottage on this U.P. all sports lake just 25, min. from bridge. Cedar interior. comp. furnished, \$149.900



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HEART OF THF ΠN HIAWATHA Over 6000 s.f. lodge. 11 BR, 5 bath, vaulted ceilings/ beams, 9 acres, trails. Residential/ Comm. \$389,000



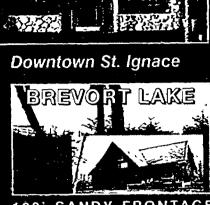
CARLTON BAY COTTAGE The charming village of Detour. Large red pines, cool rocks, partly fin. \$195,000 MLS#232490



338 FT. Sunsets and Bridge Views. Lovely 3 BR waterfront chalet on 9 acres, 3-car garage. vaulted ceilings, 125 dock, pole barn. \$399.000 #233242



OVERLOOKING BIG MAC &



100' SANDY FRONTAGE Price Reduced on this beautiful white pine log home w/glass vaulted ceiling, wooded lot, dock, stone FP. #228847



BREVORT LAKE HOME on the east shore. 4,400 acre recreational all-sports lake, 4BR, 85% Federal land area. \$275,000 MLS#231365



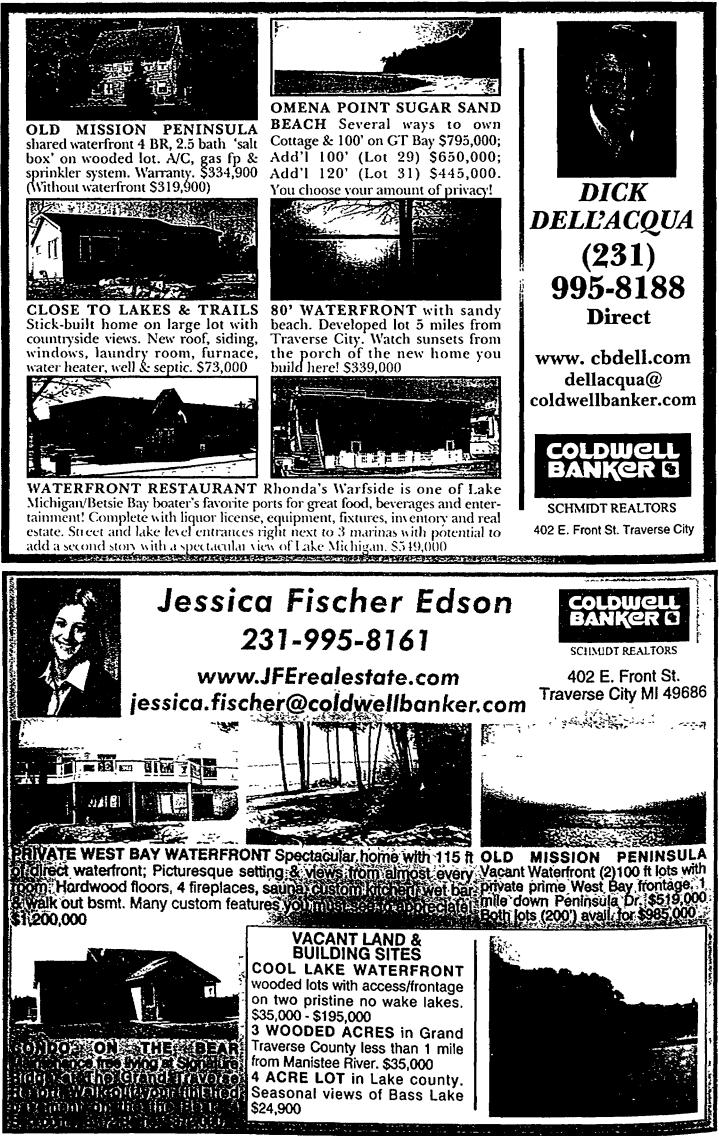
LAKE MICHIGAN LOTS w/ views of the famous St. Helena Island come with these 2 build-ing lots, 200 ft. each. Partial Big Mac Bridge views. \$250.000



HURON BEACH HOUSE LK Well maintained home & sandy beach facing Mackeac Island Garage willoedal fin isleeping auarters valutera en \$275.000









BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED West Side home in Elk Rapids. Two blocks from downtown, beach & harbor. Features 4-5 BR, formal din-ing room, 2.5 BA, gournet kitchen. This home is a must see! \$279,000



CHECK OUT THIS NEWLY listed affordable 4 BR 2 ba Elk Rapids west side home! This 2,100 sq. ft. home has many upgrades and is waiting for your personal finishing touches. Only \$159,000





MAKE AN APPOINTMENT to see this one of a kind European style home. 3 BR including domed ceilings, wall murals, built in bookcases, balcony off kitchen, hardwood floors and more. \$180,000



DON'T MISS THIS beautiful, well decorated country home in Elk Rapids School district. New kitchen, windows, baths, hardwood flooring, an attached studio and workshop. Only \$199,900



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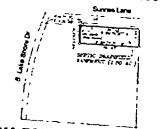






BD Cape Cod.(Unfinished upstairs-space for 2 BDs & bath). Well built, open floor plan. \$165,000 1639456

Wooded & open 2-8 acre parcels, private paved road, u/g utilities including natural gas, some restrictions. Convenient location, Suttons Bay Schools, only 8 lots. \$79,000 to \$109,000 1638464-70

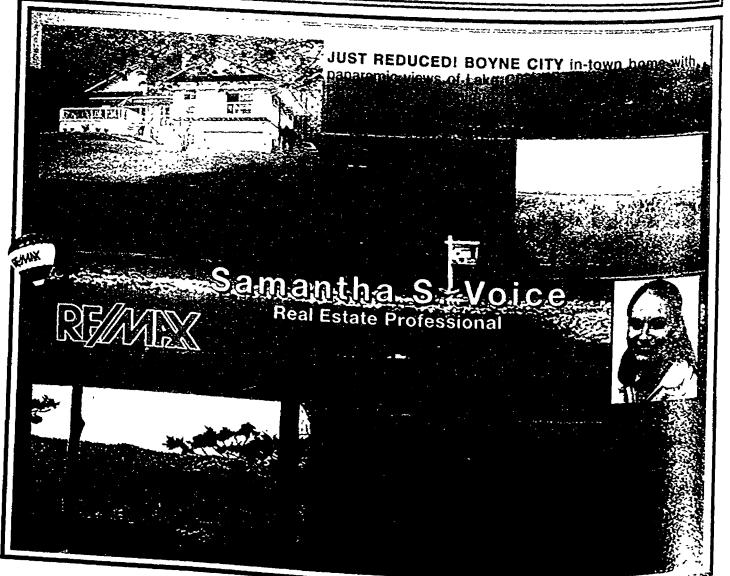


ROOM FOR HORSES... 10 acres EMPIRE-FOX HILLS Nice develon W side S Lake Leelanau, room opment with 20 acres of commons for storage bldg, septic easements public access. \$120,000 1639206

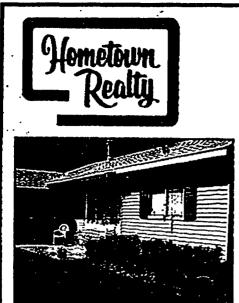


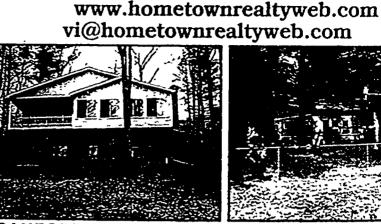
(behind house). Main floor living, and/or home. No restrictions. Near fireplace, full LL, covered front porch & a/c! \$210,000 1640034

NEAR THE LEELANAU TRAIL Hop on the Trail, cause you are about halfway bet. SB & TC. 10 ac of rolling land, horses, home or hunting. No restrictions. \$79,000 1637520









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2 BEDROOMS, 1.5 BATHS Full basement, 1.5-car garage, large lot w/maple & oak trees. Central air. Walking distance to shopping, handicap acces-sible. \$129,000 SANFORD LAKEFRONT 4 100' ON TURTLE LAKE 2 BR BR, 2 baths. 2 woodburning year around cottage. fireplaces. Walkout basement Completely remodeled in to lake. Oversized 2-car 2004. Natural fireplace and garage. 60' private sandy lake-front! \$298,000

GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP .82 acre on nicely wooded development. Underground utilities, paved road. \$28,000

LARGE BUILDING LOT 2.21 acres in development near State land. Öwner financing available. Hurry! \$39,000

VACANT LAND

SHARED ACCESS TO **DUCK LAKE** comes with this .72 acre parcel. Nice view of lake, all utilities available, \$269,000



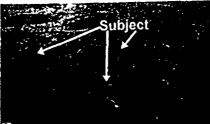






estate sized parcel. \$94,900 FINCH CREEK ACREAGE 199' 3 acres on Finch Creek, btw Bellaire & Alden. One of the State's BEST Trout streams. \$57,900

SHANTY CREEK LOT At the west entrance to Shanty Creek. Lake Bellaire access. Great Bldg site. Land contract. \$29,900



DEVELOPERS DREAM or private secluded waterfront estate parcel just S of TC on Garfield RdI 450 +/- acres with all available splits & 15,000.ft. +/- of prime Arbutus Lake frontage \$10,500,000

here. Several to choose from. All have great views & offer lots of privacy. \$32,500-\$125,000

LEGEND GOLF COURSE LOTS in Shanty Creek. Great lots available! One of the best courses around. \$39,500 to \$72,500





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CUTE AS A BUG'S EAR! 2 BR knotty pine cottage with lots of updates and shared, deeded access to all-sports Duck Lake near Interlochen attached 2-car garage and workshop, too! Owner* Motivated \$125,000



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CLASSY RANCH HOME in country sub. Main floor offers 2 large bedrooms, and bath with remodelled kitchen, living room. Lower level is finished w/ family room and add'l bedroom spacious yardiand great neighborhood! \$120,900 as to b



Control of the setup for home business or hobbies. Close to town, yet private with 1.93 rolling acres with (9036 & heated 30030 pole barns, 3 BF 2 bath w/ family room, wraparound deck w/ hot tub. \$209,900.



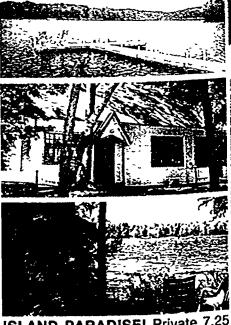
BAY VIEWS AND 4,080 SQ. FT. of newer home with 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths w/9 ft. ceilings, walls of windows to enjoy the view, custom tiles, cherry hdw floors,3-sided F/P, 32 X 16 Master suite, wired for home office & theater! \$364,900



Sports Silver Lake! You can cozy the fieldstone FP this winter an over the witerfront all sumin this 3 Bd 2 beth ranch home the 2-car derive, patio, decks, the beaching that sol \$289,000



TAKE A PERMANENT VACATION! Owner's home is 3 BR, 3.5 baths, 2 + car garage, 5 rental log cottages, 2,400 sf group rental w/ 3 BR, 2 baths, & 4+car garage w/workshop. 500 ft. of sandy beach on allsports LK George near West Branch.



ISLAND PARADISEI Private 7.25 acre island on all-sports BASS LAKE.4 bdr cottage w/Stone f/p, sandy beachs, docks, phone, electric, Furnishedl Near Traverse City! Only \$369,900 and You can't get void off!

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