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# 'Lady' gets circuit court blessing

## Judge's ruling clears the way for new Catholic school — or does it?

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A circuit court judge last Thursday cleared a path for Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church to build a new school on property it owns at the corner of W. Main Street and Orchard Drive.

What is now a forest of orange Xs — trees marked for removal — may soon be a con-

struction site littered with deep roots of neighborhood conflict.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge John O'Hare last week ruled in favor of plans to build a new school at the location, setting aside an appeal filed last June by six Orchard Heights residents.

The appeal attempted to stop construction of the school building some residents call "too big."

"I'd have to say we're extremely disappointed," said John Colizzi, a plaintiff and 34-year city resident. "We felt the judge didn't read all the information."

"He went on whether the (Board of Zoning Appeals) followed procedure."

"Our appeal was based on they made the wrong decision," Colizzi said. "I can't see how anybody can tell if a structure can be compatible, harmonious and have safe traffic

without looking at the site plan."

The city zoning appeals board members in May reversed the city planning commission's March vote to deny the parish's special land-use permit application to build on the site. A majority of the board members effectively granted a go-ahead, saying the application needed to be considered independent of the site plan.

Colizzi said the point many people are missing is this court view of the city's zoning ordinance affects not only Orchard Heights area residents, but the entire city. The ruling highlights a fundamental flaw that the ordinance can be interpreted in different ways, he said.

### Moving forward

Meanwhile, Our Lady of Victory represen-

tatives pressed on the past nine months, presenting preliminary and final site plans to the city planning commissioners. The final plan was approved in November.

That approval followed a separate July circuit court lawsuit filed by church counsel Michael Nedelman alleging the city was dragging its feet on approvals. That lawsuit still stands.

"We are making efforts to resolve those matters with the city and we're confident we will come to an amicable solution," Nedelman said Tuesday.

Pending construction-related approvals, officials will proceed with their building plans post haste, he said.

Our Lady of Victory children, parents and faculty are "jubilant" plans for the new school

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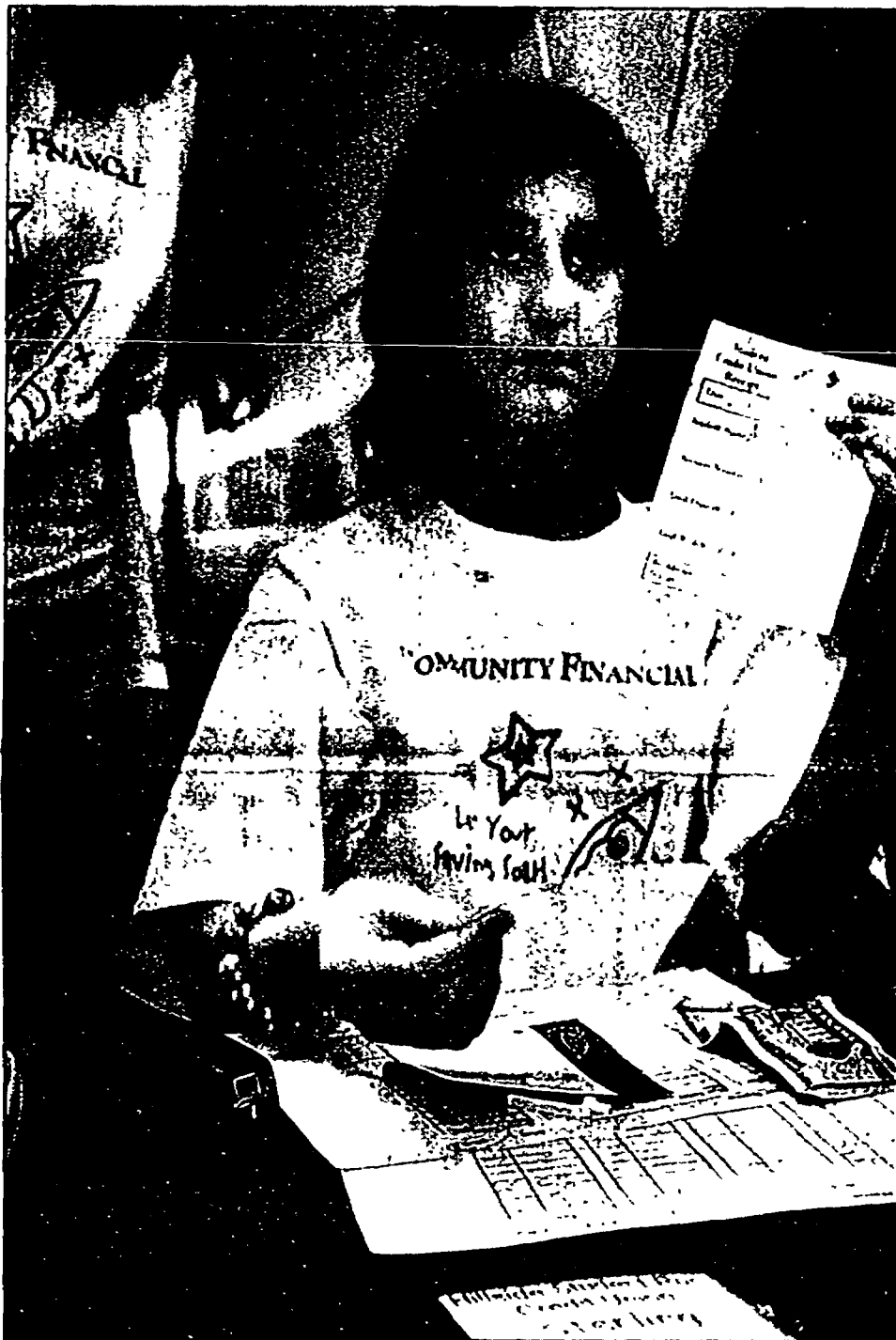


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Hillside Middle School seventh grader Courtney Carmona works as a teller at the school's recently-opened Community Financial Credit Union. Students can deposit up to \$20 at a time and are eligible to enter a drawing for movie passes. The credit union hopes to be part of students' financial education.

# McDonald site faces unknown fate

## Multiple owners ponder future of former Ford dealership

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

For more than half a century, drivers slipped behind the wheel of a new car on the landmark McDonald Ford lot now sitting vacant, awaiting its next incarnation.

The new and used car dealership's permanent close Feb. 2 affected many landlords who must now collectively decide whether to put the land up for lease — or sell the vacant buildings and lots.

"We're hopeful that something will take place," said Bill Sliger, who along his wife Marjorie, owns the showroom building facing South Main Street.

The glass-front building formerly showcasing the latest Ford model to southbound motorists sits on about a half acre.

"We've had some calls from several developers who are interested, nothing concrete yet," he said. "I think it will take a while."

"It is a good corner."

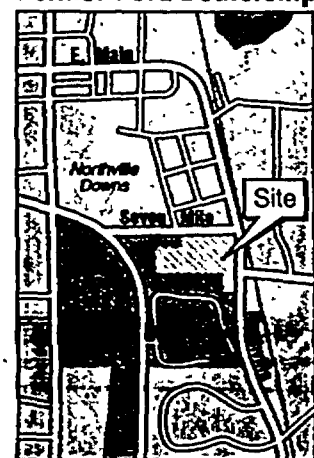
### What now?

McDonald Ford's Northville existence encompassed far more than its identifiable Seven Mile and Northville Road address.

Dealership operations encompassed 4.6 acres on the southwest corner of Seven Mile Road and S. Main Street, as well as other parcels across Seven Mile, on Gerald Street and Northville Road.

Six members of the Mach family own the largest parcel. The former dealership owners moved

### Former Ford Dealership



Ford sales from downtown to its most recent site

Lewis said the children of the late John Mach — along with their mother, Arveda Mach — have been discussing options to market the property. Mach children include: Bruce Mach, Nancy Lewis, Jane Schimpf, John Mach and Beth Cornelleir

Arveda Mach, 84, is the largest property share owner, Lewis said. "No one person is making the decision," she said. "The biggest thing right now is to make sure the future land use best serves the neighboring land owners and the community."

### Changing times

For the Machs, a pending decision regarding the Seven Mile

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# Dog park on the move

## Township OKs 3-5 acre park; public opening slated for 2006

By Kim Kovel  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Since Northville's temporary dog park opened nearly two years ago, Linda Barnes has faithfully taken the family's three dogs out to play.

"Two of them wrestle with each other," Barnes said. "Angel tries to run around herding them up. It's just been a wonderful thing to have this dog park."

Park users are adaptable, but the 215 W. Cady St. locale is small. "This place is great, but it's not

ideal. I would love to have a bigger park," added Barnes.

Her wish edged closer to reality last week, when Northville Township's board of trustees unanimously approved a \$23,155 budget to build a dog park in Northville Community Park.

With work proposed to start in spring near Beck and Five Mile roads, the park could open by next winter or spring.

When complete, it'll span 3-5 acres, said recreation director Traci Sincok.

"I think the users are excited about having a larger opportunity that's part of a park setting," she said. "It's a dog park within a larger park."

Currently, 250 passes are allotted for the temporary park, with a limit of about 20 dogs at a time.

Yearly passes are \$35 for one canine and \$10 per additional dog.

Three's the limit.

"We're planning to sell at this point 275 passes, and that's very conservative," Sincok said of the new park. "That's just what we based our budget on. The standard we've been going by is 100 households per acre."

Present park users will be given a \$20 discount for a dual pass, she added.

That'll help fund an estimated \$5,638 in yearly maintenance. Users still are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.

The township will waive liability for any possible injuries or fighting which, Sincok said, hasn't been a problem thus far.

"You have to sign a release of liability," Sincok said. "You're there at your own risk. We do have a set

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Linda Barnes prepares to throw a stick for one of her three dogs at Northville's Dog Park.

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# LADY: circuit court judge gives church green light

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can finally move forward, said Jaylee Lynch, principal of the parish's current 52-year-old school.

"There's so many emotions that are tied into it," she said. "It's gratifying to know that the court thought the way we did and read the Master Plan the same way, factually and not emotionally."

"It's going to be a wonderful thing for the community to have a new school here."

## Not over yet

While planners of the \$14 million project survey and clear the 3.56-acre site, project opponents said do not yet count them out.

An appeal of the Feb. 17 decision already is in the works, Colizzi said.

Orchard Heights residents also are appealing in circuit court the city Board of Zoning Appeals' Jan. 5 affirmation of the Northville Planning Commission's final approval of the 77,000-square-foot school's site plan.

"I don't think the latest appeal has any more merit than the first one did," Nedelman said. "We feel the court will affirm the decision with regard to the site plan."

"We're very confident there will not be any more impediments

to moving forward with the project."

Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson said he was not surprised at Thursday's ruling.

"Overturning a BZA decision is very hard to do," he said. "This has been a very difficult thing — each side has very legitimate positions."

The mayor also acknowledged last week's ruling did not end the conflict.

"Nothing is probably over until, as they say, the fat lady sings," Lynch said. "I'd like to think we're listening to her sing from across the street."

"With the legal system, there's always something that can be challenged."

## Different perspectives

The neighborhood's continued legal pursuits have not stopped progress on the kindergarten-through-eighth grade school the congregation hopes to start as soon as they gain appropriate permits and frost laws allow.

Meanwhile, passing pedestrians cannot overlook the recent orange marks, Colizzi said.

"It breaks everybody's heart to walk by them. Nobody talked to the neighborhood about what we want," he said. "We've always indicated we're not opposed to a school. We're in favor of a more

**"We're very confident there will not be any more impediments to moving forward with the project."**

*Michael Nedelman  
Our Lady of Victory Attorney*

modest school."

Colizzi said he and his neighbors are dismayed there has not been an attempt at compromise.

"Change is hard," Lynch said. "Once the school is here, they will understand that it's not something bad. The neighborhood keeps changing."

Church representatives said it's too soon to identify a project timeline.

"Everything has always been contingent on the lawsuit," Lynch said. The principal said she has heard construction estimates of 17 months from start to finish.

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# MacDonald: site's future unknown

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location marks turning a page in family history. John Mach owned Northville's Ford franchise 13 years before selling it to Joe McDonald in 1982, Lewis said.

"This has been our family operation since we came to Northville in '59," she said. "We grew up there."

Their neighboring property owners likewise have a long-time interest. Jim Allen owns the parcel behind Inch Memorials, 580 S.

Main Street, former site of his family's business. That land near the park line to the west served as dealership storage.

Sliger purchased the South Main Street showroom from Rathburn Chevrolet in the mid-1960s. He converted it to a printing production facility where he produced the Northville Record, Novi News, South Lyon Herald, Brighton Argus and college newspapers for Eastern Michigan University, the University of Michigan and Wayne State

University.

The building returned to its automotive showroom roots when Sliger later leased it to Mach, McDonald and finally, Ron Bleckmann. After working in the dealership with McDonald, Bleckmann was in the process of purchasing the franchise when the corporation announced the close.

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# Doctors, insurance companies face possible tax increases

Some worry costs will be passed onto consumers

By Kim Kovel  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A doctor's visit and insuring a family against medical emergencies may cost more next year, if Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed budget is passed.

Under Granholm's proposal, doctors face a possible 2.3 percent tax hit while Michigan insurance companies face a possible 2 percent increase, putting them on par with the national average.

## Doctors' dues

A possible higher tax on physicians would be aimed at funding Medicaid costs.

The rise, the first since 2001, wouldn't differ from similar taxes on HMOs, hospitals and pharmacies, said Greg Bird of the state's budget office.

"This is just another one of the industries we've assessed," Bird said. "Now we're looking for revenue from this source... to maintain our critical health care services for our most vulnerable citizens."

In addition, healthy 19- and 20-year-olds may no longer receive Medicaid coverage, nor chiropractic services.

That would keep \$2.2 million in the state's general fund, Bird said.

Kenneth Stopa Jr. of Northville's Main Street Family Chiropractic Center said the Michigan Chiropractic Society will combat the move, as in the past.

"We just finished getting it back from the previous budget," Stopa said. Some of his patients use the coverage to save money when they throw out their backs.

"It is a low volume but it's there and you've got to have it," Stopa said. "If they're going to knock this out, then what's

## What's proposed

While the manufacturing segment is slated for a tax break in Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed 2006 budget, some areas are tapped for increase:

- Insurance companies: replacing a 1.07 single business tax with a 2 percent insurance premiums tax.

Pro: The state says this will bring the premium closer to the national standard

Con: Insurance companies say costs will be passed onto policy holders

- Physicians: taxes for those who provide Medicaid and Medicare work are proposed for as little as 1 percent or up to 2.3 percent. Also, a Medicaid will no longer be available to healthy 19- and 20-year-olds and those seeking chiropractic services

Pro: The state says this will encourage more physicians to offer these services

Con: Critics say cutting some Medicaid services will hurt patients financially

For more information about the proposed state 2006 budget, visit [www.michigan.gov/gov](http://www.michigan.gov/gov)

next? Medicare?"

Sean Gehle, spokesman for St. John Health System's advocacy office said about 15 percent of patients system-wide receive such aid.

"We see a lot of emergency care provided," Gehle said. "We certainly support any program that would enable us to avoid additional reductions to the Medicaid program."

With a 1 percent increase, the state reported, \$94 million in taxes could be gathered for Medicaid services. About \$30 million in returns from federal Medicaid revenue would cover provider increases, the state budget office reported.

A 2.3 percent hike would reimburse doctors at Medicare levels.

Would this mean an increase for patients across the board?

"We certainly hope not," Bird said. "I think one thing it will do is encourage improved access to health care services. It will provide physicians with more of a reimbursement who see Medicaid patients."

"We are open to working with the physicians on this matter."

## Insurance impact?

Expected to generate \$255 million, the proposed insurance tax would generally erase a prior 1.07 percent single business tax.

The new premium tax would help ease the burden on manufacturing companies, the state's treasury department said.

"Insurance companies in Michigan paid the fourth lowest tax in the country," said Scott Schrager, special treasurer assistant. "The change will bring them up to be in about the middle."

Excluded would be non-profit health insurance and HMOs such as Blue Cross Blue Shield.

But Louis Isabell, who's sold health, life and disability insurance at Northville's Allchoice for eight years, said he's worried about a tax hike on top of yearly 18-30 percent insurance prices increases.

"Costs are always passed on to the person who's buying the product or service," Isabell said. "As time goes on, the 1 percent is going to have more and more of an impact just because the cost of insurance goes up."

Peter Kuhnmuensch, executive director of the Insurance Institute of Michigan, said the move would up the industry's contribution from 11 to 23.4 percent.

"Yet we only represent about 1.5 percent of the total state workforce," Kuhnmuensch said. "Insurance companies are required to pay into about six or seven state mandated funds. We get a tax credit for the money we put into those funds before we pay our single business tax. We're going to lose all those credits."

The institute says that will be a 160 percent tax rate increase. "It'll have to be passed on to policyholders," Kuhnmuensch said.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Main Street Family Chiropractic Center's Ken Stopa and medical doctors may soon feel the added sting of an additional tax 2.3 percent tax, if Gov. Jennifer Granholm's 2005-06 budget is approved.

As proposed by the governor, the move is branded a "revenue-neutral" tax shift.

"It's not intended to help the budget or at least not the immediate budget," Schrager said. "It's intended to make us more competitive over the long run."

He said life insurance rates likely wouldn't be affected because they're priced nationally. The tax would go towards the state's general fund.

The budget must be approved by the state legislature by Oct. 1.

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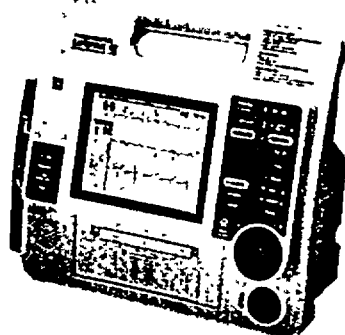
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Tom McGillis and daughters Meghan, 12, and Katie, 14, go to a spot in their Northville backyard where Tom recently videotaped a coyote in the woods.

## Coyote spotted in Northville neighborhood

### Residents asked to remain aware

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Christine McGillis couldn't believe her eyes when she looked out her kitchen window.

"When I saw it the first time, I freaked out — it's a wolf!"

Now, the McGillis family of four knows the wild animal wandering in their Galway Drive backyard Feb. 11 was not a wolf.

It was a coyote.

When McGillis hastily phoned her husband Tom, he assured her it was the smaller species rather than its endangered cousin.

Coyotes, ranging from 25-45 pounds, are found statewide, while wolves roam primarily in the Upper Peninsula, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

The family's golden retriever, Penny, may have frightened the coyote from the McGillis yard by the time Tom returned home that Friday. But armed with his video camera, the experienced hunter the next day ventured into the wooded area behind his house and waited.

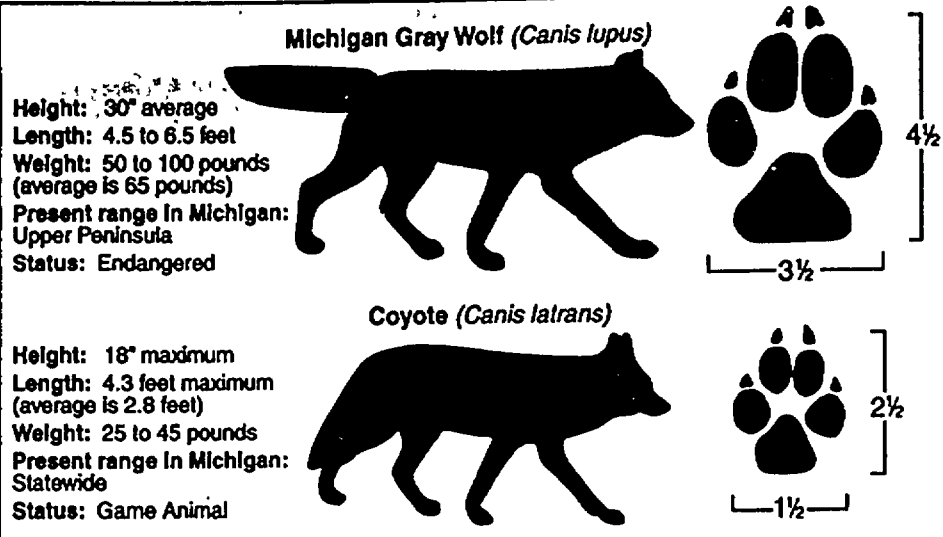
"I stayed downwind and in the shade of a tree," Tom said. Soon enough, the coyote emerged.

McGillis captured footage of the furry, long-tailed animal prowling through the leafless trees. He said he believes the coyote was in search of some winter fare — mice, vole, squirrel.

"There's no question — the way he looks and the way he walks, it's a coyote," Tom McGillis said. "He's about 40-45 pounds, but I'm no expert."

After the Saturday visit, the animal headed north of the McGillis property and hasn't been seen since.

## Differences between Gray Wolf and Coyote



SOURCE: Michigan Department of Natural Resources

### Just how wiley?

"It was scary at first," Hillside Middle School sixth grader Meghan McGillis said. Now, she and sister Katie, 14, said they know the animal won't hurt them.

The family room doorwall and kitchen windows give the family a clear view of the woods where they watch for the coyote's return.

"Coyotes are everywhere," Tom McGillis said. "You know how you always hear, 'they're more afraid of you than you are of them,' that's true."

"A coyote, I don't think it's too uncommon. Now a wolf would be a different story."

Regardless, the couple said they have mentioned the coyote sighting to their neighbors.

"One of them has a short-

haired Chihuahua," Tom said. "I told them you better watch out for the little guy."

The parents said they wanted to make others aware of the animal's presence, particularly after learning Our Lady of Victory School distributed a letter warning of a coyote or wolf in the area. The Northville Police Department Feb. 10 correspondence cited several wild animal reports in the wooded area between Grace and Novi streets and Maplewood and Hill streets.

"I think people need to be aware of it, so they don't let their kids go in the woods and play," Christine said.

She remembers her startled double-take when she spotted the grayish animal the size of the family dog.

"I honestly don't think he's

"A coyote, I don't think it's too uncommon. Now a wolf would be a different story."

Tom McGillis  
Resident, City of Northville

going to pose a threat," Tom said. "Penny's been a good alarm for us."

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## CHURCH EVENTS

The First United Methodist Church of Northville will be hosting a seminar, titled "From Apostle to the Apostles to Prostitute," Mary Magdalene and Women in the Early Christian Church, from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Feb. 26. The speaker will be Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon, president of the Ecumenical

Theological Seminary in Detroit. He is an author, a consultant and a narrator of films on the Russian Orthodox Church, which were produced for NBC and ABC television. The church is located at Eight Mile and Taft roads.

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# Historians launch effort to save Sheehan building

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

If the plan unfolds as local preservationists hope, they soon will be dismantling a downtown building one timber, one floor board, one window at a time.

The Northville Historic District Commission last Wednesday affirmed the validity of a 2001 permit to remove the Sheehan Building from 168 E. Main Street.

The group then endorsed the Daskal Corporations' proposed project to build a three-story brick commercial building in place of the deteriorating structure.

It was the news Northville Historical Society board members needed to launch their efforts to move and store the 150-year-old building they believe is the city's oldest wood-frame commercial structure.

Keith Paterson, director of building projects for the board, said the historical society hopes to eventually restore the structure as part of the Mill Race Historical Village on Griswold Road.

"As soon as Jeff Daskal closes on the property, he will allow the historic society team to start the investigative work," Paterson said. The board plans to contract J&E Construction of Livonia to provide the technical leadership and direction for the week-long initial \$1,000 move-feasibility study.

## Looking for donors

If the findings warrant proceeding, Paterson said he and his peers will ask the historical society board's approval to spend another \$6,600 to make the move.

Volunteers, directed by J&E owners, would be needed for the manual labor, Paterson said. The relocation experts would supervise labeling materials for reconstruction, photographs, field sketches, heavy lifting of the large

hand-hewn timbers, cartage and protective covering.

Tom Sheehan, representing the building's current owner Sheehan Property Management, as well as the soon-to-be new owner Daskal, are supporting preservation of the building. Historical society board member Mark Chester is coordinating the finance end of the costly, complicated undertaking; Paterson, the move's technical details and eventual reconstruction.

"We are forming a fund-raising effort and are open to any ideas — as well as dollar contributions — to make this happen," Paterson said. "Our desire is to make our effort consistent with the Mill Race Village values, beliefs and

charter."

In addition to the removal and storage costs, contributions would be needed to pay for building a new foundation and reconstruction at the Griswold Road park.

## Vintage location

Daskal said he will donate the building to the historical society. His wife, Tita Daskal, co-owner with Kelly Sesi of Utopia Spa and Salon, 182 E. Main Street, is planning an in-house fund raiser through March.

"It's exciting to see such a cross section of people interested in this effort," Paterson said.

The Sheehan building, between Helen's Uptown Cafe and the

## HOW TO HELP

Utopia Salon & Spa, 182 E. Main St., organized a raffle drawing March 1-31 to raise money to preserve the building next door.

A \$5 ticket will entitle entrants a chance to win a variety of prizes valued up to \$500, salon co-owner Tita Daskal said.

"All proceeds will go to the Historical Society," she said. "They can use it however they need for the building."

"Anyone can come in and purchase a ticket."

Long building, most recently was home to Justin York Salon and upstairs apartments.

Historical society archives show the building's earlier uses as Northville's first library, a feed store, steam laundry, bakery,

sweet shop, restaurant, tobacco shop and garage.

Saving the Main Street building is an exciting project the community can pull together on, Paterson said.

"This is all in the idea genera-

Daskal is appealing to her downtown neighboring merchants to contribute items for the drawing. Prizes so far include:

- a day at Utopia spa and a \$200-value basket of products,
- a custom window cleaning and piano tuning package
- a make-up application lesson
- two hours of reading and writing tutoring by a master's degree accredited teacher.

tion stage and not much is out of the question at this point," he said.

"It's a lofty goal, but if we put this together well and keep our hand on the tiller, we could be well on our way by this fall."

## ON CAMPUS

### Central Michigan University

Northville resident Michael Pilarz was named to the Dean's List for fall 2004 semester at Central Michigan University.

### Denison University

Scott Bennett, of Northville, was named to the Dean's List for fall 2004 semester at Denison University. He is the son of Northville residents Alan and Barb Bennett.

### Belmont University

Carrie Wernholm, of Northville, was named to the Dean's List for fall 2004 semester at Belmont University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wernholm.

### Western Michigan University

Northville residents, Melissa Applegate, Daniel Arnold, Claire Bacigal, Danielle Barkoski, Andrew Basse, Jonathon Campion, Thomas Carr, Brett Cheaney, Lindsay Cliff, Lindsay Conklin, Nathan Cramton, David Currier, Christopher Edson, Rebecca Eley, alexandra Elliott, Brandon Ferriman, Andrew Fielhauer, Kristin Gargaro, Sean Hafner, Robbie Harmer, Jill Kursa, Allison Long, Lisa Longeway, Jordan Marshall, Julie Matusz, Jessica Maynard, Lindsay Moore, Jeanne Myers, Jesse Myers, Chrystal Paiva, Sarah Poirier, Joseph Rohrhoft, Robyn Ryan, Kevin Schaefer, Scott Schueler, and Lisa Tellish were named to the Dean's List for fall 2004 semester at Western Michigan University.

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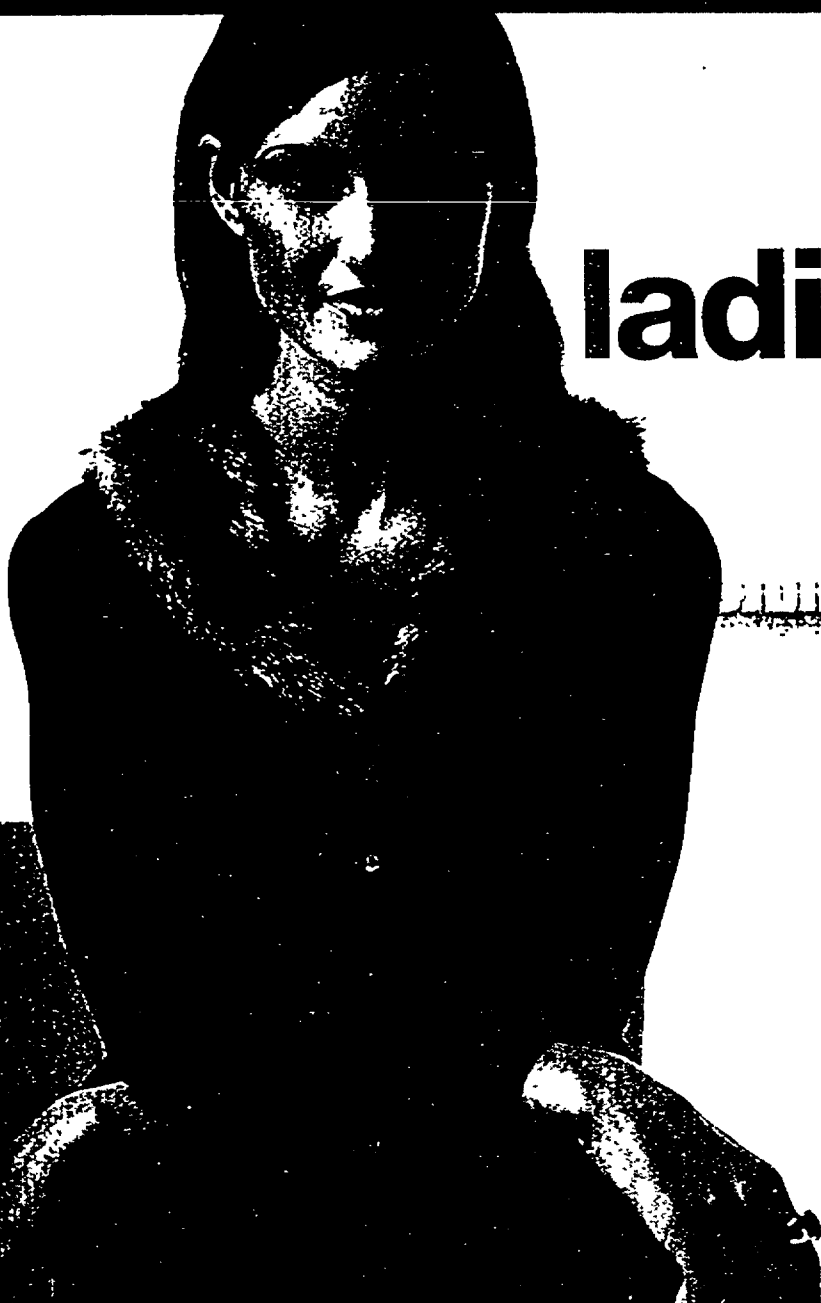
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## POLICE REPORTS

### Police bust alleged drug sale

An alleged attempt to sell marijuana at a Seven Mile BP Gas Station ended in the arrests of three Northville teens.

At about 7:37 p.m. on Feb. 15, an 18-year old Northville man reportedly approached a Dodge Ram in the station's parking lot.

Staked nearby, a township officer and Western Wayne Community Response team said they witnessed a hand-to-hand transaction of the drugs between the man and two other young Northville men.

When searching the vehicle, authorities reported finding a sandwich bag with marijuana seeds and stem, two pipes with drug residue, rolling papers and a battery-operated scale, among other items.

Police said narcotics-related activity in the same area has previously been reported.

### Pharmacy robbed again

For the third time in less than two months, Northville Township's Lake Point Pharmacy was targeted for theft, according to police reports.

At 12:25 a.m. on Feb. 20, the pharmacy's co-owner told police she found the front door pried open.

A reported \$400 in damages included missing heart and pain medications, along with antibiotics.

Two responding officers said they didn't see any footprints in the snow, and an exterior light near the entrance wasn't working.

Prior break-ins occurred on Jan. 2 and Jan. 5 or 6.

The owners reportedly had recently installed a closed circuit television, but police said it was unclear whether the equipment was activated during the incident.

### Van gets stuck at township hall

After she turned into the wrong driveway, a 76-year-old Northville woman's vehicle got stuck in mud near Northville Township Hall.

Shortly after 10 a.m. Feb. 16, the woman, reportedly traveling east down Six Mile Road, accidentally turned right into an old construction driveway outside the hall.

Her van made it about 300 feet before getting wedged, police said. An officer couldn't tell whether an underground sprinkler system had been damaged.

### Man survives rollover

Later telling police he'd tried to avoid hitting a semi truck, a Southfield man who'd allegedly been drinking survived a rollover accident last week.

At about 3:22 a.m. on Feb. 15, township police responded

to the accident at Six Mile and Waterford roads. Its horn blaring and headlights on, the SUV had rolled over several times, struck a telephone pole wire and ended up with its driver's side door on the ground, police said.

No other vehicles were involved.

Alone, the 42-year-old driver told police he was heading home from his sister's wedding in Toledo and had drank three "small beers."

Refusing a blood test, he reportedly later told attendants at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, "I didn't even realize how much I drank tonight."

Cited for operating while intoxicated, the man's court date is today.

### Students spat over note

A derogatory note reportedly passed to a Northville High School student ended with two students fighting last week.

While in a class on Feb. 16, a 17-year-old girl said she received a note saying "how ugly she looked with her hair the way she had it," according to police reports.

The girl reportedly confronted a 16-year-old female about the note after the class.

When the 16-year-old denied wrongdoing and started to leave, police said, the first girl reportedly grabbed the other's wrist to get her "to stay and talk."

From there, police said slaps were exchanged, and the 17-year-old reportedly ended up with two deep scratches and a bitten finger.

A teacher separated the two, who were turned over to the assistant principal.

No charges were filed.

## OBITUARIES

### MARY L. CROSS

Age 79, of Northville died Tuesday, February 15th. She was born on August 7, 1925 in Adairsville, Georgia to Elbert & Bessie (Parker) Robertson. Mrs. Cross has lived in the Northville/Plymouth area for most of her life. Her husband Calvin "Cal" owned Cal's Car Care in Northville from 1962 until 1992. Cal preceded her in death in 1992. Survivors include her daughter Jane (Jim) Daniel of Hartland; her brother Max Robertson of Florida; her grandchildren, Wendy Haas of Northville, Melissa (Kevin) Dunbar of Northville, & Doug Daniel of Farmington Hills; & her great grandson, Zachary Calvin Dunbar whom she absolutely adored. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Jack, Sam, Arvin, & Landy, & her sister Bernice Bearden. A Funeral Service was held last Friday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville (248) 349-0611. Pastor Don Magee with the Lakes Baptist Church of Walley Lake officiated the service. Mrs. White will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospice, attn: Gail Marie, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108 would be appreciated.

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# Around Town



## Movie night at NHS

The Northville High School Cheerleaders are hosting a fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow night, Feb. 25, in the school cafeteria, 45700 Six Mile Rd., featuring PG-rated, "Napoleon Dynamite."

A \$4 contribution covers one piece of pizza, pop and admission to the movie.

## Realtors for Relief

Remerica United Realty of Novi is hosting an American Red Cross fundraiser Feb. 25 with all proceeds going to the relief agency. The tickets, \$50 in advance and \$75 at the door, include musical entertainment, a silent auction, food and cocktails and dancing. The event begins at 7 p.m. at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. For tickets or information, call (248) 344-1800.

## Upcoming concert

The Northville Arts Commission Feb. 27 will host Robert B. Jones, a performer and teacher of both traditional and original blues, spiritual and folk music.

The latest installment in the group's 2005 Winter Concert Series is 7-8 p.m. in Genitti's Little Theatre, 108 E. Main St. Jones' performances, for audiences of all ages, have been praised for their entertaining and educational content.

Ticket costs for dinner and concert is \$35; contact Genitti's at (248) 349-0522. Concert-only tickets, at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, can be purchased in advance at the Northville Parks and Recreation Department in the Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road, or at the door.

## City news

- City ordinances require all sidewalks be cleared of snow and/or ice within 24 hours of a snow or ice event.
- Potholes in city streets will be patched as quickly as possible after being reported to the Northville Department of Public Works. To report a street hazard, call (248) 449-9930.
- Used city-owned computers and printers are available at auction. To place your bid, visit <http://my.bidcorp.com/NVMI/index.asp>.

## History and nature

A subcommittee within the Friends of Maybury State Park volunteer organization has taken on the project of developing a historic marker trail.

The stations tentatively identified for markers include sites of the former main hospital, doctors' quarters, children's hospital, water tower and old main entrance. Anyone interested in working on the project can call (248) 374-9928.

## Ready to retire?

Small business owners contemplating retirement can gather information at a seminar offered 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads.

Both new and existing business owners can learn about the need and importance of retirement planning; examine a variety of plans and their limitations; find out how effective retirement planning can help retain employees; and discover the tax advantages of various plans.

The seminar fee is \$40 per person. Reservations are necessary. For more information or to make reservations, call (734) 462-4438.

## Finishing touches

Artwork has been arriving this week in preparation for the grand opening of the Art House, 215 W. Cady St., 7-9 p.m., March 4.

The Northville Arts Commission will host Robert Maniscalco, nationally renowned portrait painter and host of PBS "Art Beat." Internationally renowned jazz harpist Christa Grix will provide entertainment. The event will include a local artists' exhibit and refreshments.

## Other art news

The Art House, 215 W. Cady St., is looking for help with exhibition hours during the month of March.

The Northville Arts Commission/Parks and Recreation Department joint effort will feature its first exhibition of area artists March 5-31 on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Volunteers are needed for open-to-the-public hours 1-4 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. Saturdays next month.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call or e-mail Ann Brenner at (248) 921-4832 or [annlillybrenner@yahoo.com](mailto:annlillybrenner@yahoo.com).

## Next stop, China

The Art House, 215 W. Cady St. will host Michael Farrell at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 15.

The latest two-hour installment in the travel lecture series on ancient cultures will focus on China and the tradition of painting. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the

Northville Parks and Recreation Department in the Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road or at the door.

Up next, Farrell will talk about Japan and the Shinto Shrine, April 19.

## Election deadline

Residents seeking a Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees seat have until March 7 to file a petition for one of three seats.

The three incumbents are seeking re-election May 3. Dr. Patricia Watson and Gregory Stempien are running for re-election to six-year terms; Dr. Philip Cascade is running to fill the remaining four years of a six-year term.

Candidates must be registered voters and residents of the college's district, which includes Northville city and township among 15 other municipalities.

The seven-member governing board holds regularly scheduled monthly meetings as well as special meetings as necessary. There is no compensation for these elected positions.

Schoolcraft is a public community college that serves about 32,000 learners through college transfer offerings, career programs, continuing education and community service courses and customized employee training for business and industry. The college has a main campus in Livonia and a center on Radcliff Street in Garden City. Schoolcraft also offers courses via the Internet.

Petitions are available at municipal offices and the president's office on the Livonia campus. The petitions bearing the required number of qualified signatures

must be returned to the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Dr., Livonia, MI 48154, by 4 p.m. Monday, March 7.

## The duel is on

Local seniors are looking forward to hosting their counterparts from neighboring communities for a first-ever spelling duel March 10 at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Senior Adult Services Coordinator Sue Koivula, organizer of the event, said centers in Novi, Highland, Milford, South Lyon and Wixom seniors agreed to compete against the hometown team.

"People can come and watch it," she said. "It's just for the fun of it."

Just like school spelling bees, contestants will stand for their turn to show their spelling prowess. Koivula said the competition rules — to be fine-tuned with the other center coordinators — likely will call for three-mistake elimination.

## Bubble and Squeak

The Northville Senior Community Center will host a St. Patrick's Day luncheon of corned beef and cabbage.

The \$12 event is 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 17, at the 303 W. Main St. facility. Musician/comedian Jim Lauri will entertain the luncheon guests. In addition to the traditional Irish fare, the afternoon will include beverages, dessert and prizes.

## Maybury donations

There are still ways to contribute as efforts to continue rebuilding the working farm at Maybury State Park continue.

The Northville Community Foundation, coordinating funding for the project, recently unveiled an "I helped rebuild Maybury Farm" mug featuring a barnyard and animals. The mugs are available 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for a \$20 donation at the foundation office, 18600 Northville Road, Ste. 275.

Those interested in contributing to the attraction's return also still can "Buy a Board," another fundraising campaign. A \$250 check will place the donor or designee's name on Maybury's Farm Builders Board to be displayed at the farm. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

## Join the fun

The Northville Newcomers and Neighbors is a social group welcoming new and established residents from Northville and surrounding communities.

A variety of interest groups, membership teas and ladies' and couple's events are scheduled each year. For membership information, call Andrea Sellers at (248) 446-1246. Members and residents interested in the group gather for coffee and socializing at 10 a.m., the third Tuesday of each month, at the Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center St.

To contribute an item for consideration in this column, e-mail [mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net).

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Rocky's remodeling complete

Rocky's of Northville has completed remodeling its 12-year-old restaurant.

Influenced by architect Frank Lloyd Wright, the project design was managed by Creative Design Group of Pontiac. Taking eight weeks, exterior changes include a new logo and signs in yellow and purple, fresh paint and a new roof line and entrance awning. Inside, the restaurant's "northern Michigan lodge" feel still is apparent, Rocky's reported, but includes new public washrooms, fabrics, artwork, etched glass dividers and a redwood mantel.

"Our goal was not to change the restaurant but to enhance it," said Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz, chef and owner.

Rocky's is located at 41122 W. Seven Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 349-4434.

### Sparkman featured at 'Studio'

The sports-themed artwork of Thomas Sparkman will be featured next month at downtown Northville's Studio 427, Regina Abraham Gallery of Art.

An award-winning South Lyon artist, Sparkman has provided paintings to professional athletes for their collections. The lifetime sports player also has created murals and paintings for businesses and private homes.

Available to the public, the exhibit opens the evening of March 4 and runs throughout the month from 5-9 p.m. The public is welcome.

Studio 427 is located at 141 N. Center St., Ste. 202. To learn more, call (248) 449-6501.

### 'LaSalle' new name for 'Standard'

By later this year, Standard Federal Bank, which has Northville branch offices, will take LaSalle Bank's name.

Troy-based Standard said the banks are unifying brands, not

merging. Both are indirect subsidiaries of Netherlands-based ABN AMRO Bank N.V. and will share the same corporate logo.

During this transition, customers can continue to use the banks' products and services with no disruptions, such as using pre-printed checks and ATM/debit cards with the Standard logo.

Checks with the LaSalle Bank brand will be issued with new orders, and new cards will be provided when current ones expire.

### 'Farmer' keeps prescription plans

Farmer Jack recently announced it would continue to fill prescriptions for all medical and drug plans covered by General Motors and United Auto Workers employees and retirees.

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### Jeep seeks heroes

Chrysler's Jeep brand recently invited Northville residents to nominate their heroes for a chance to receive a new Jeep Grand Cherokee.

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total nationwide winners — three in each category — will be recognized on Jeep's corporate Web site. Four grand prizes selected on Nov. 10, prior to Veteran's Day, will get the new vehicles plus \$500 towards merchandise.

Nominators must include an essay of 200 words or less. For more information, visit [www.jeep.com/nominate](http://www.jeep.com/nominate).

Compiled by Record staff writer Kim Kovel

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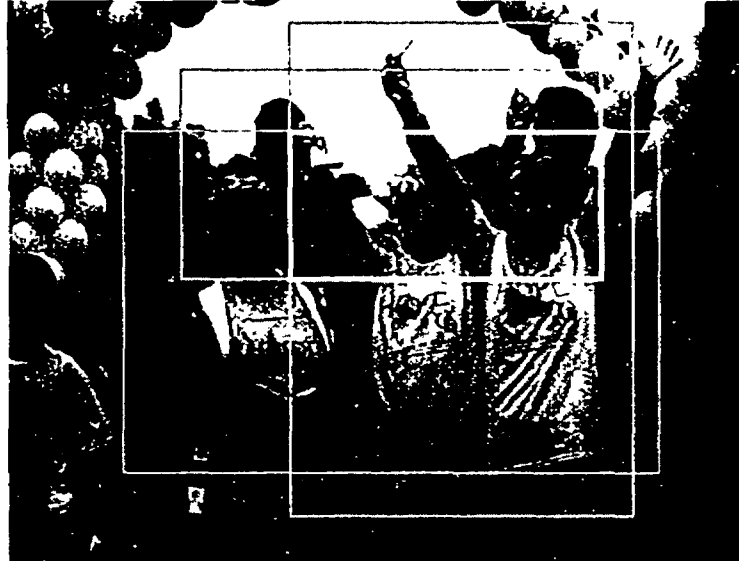
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# Watershed Alliance to streamline river efforts

## Act may help Northville's Johnson Creek, Rouge

By Kim Kovel  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville's Johnson Creek and other waterways are now better poised to get education and project funds.

That's the aim of the Watershed Alliance Act, passed by the Michigan Legislature Jan. 3.

It gives water-joined communities legal muscle to coordinate efforts to conserve natural resources and meet state and federal standards.

Northville Township's bi-annual household hazardous waste collections and storm water management programs may be fair game, said township engineering consultant Michelle West.

"The township's always working on projects for the watershed," West said. "The watershed alliance will definitely help."

Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), who penned the act, said the goal is jumping political borders.

"You have to ordinarily deal with a number of different municipal governments and agencies and boards and departments," Patterson said. "It does allow them to collaboratively work up plans, secure funding and then to execute plans."

"There might be an environmental pot of gold. They can act much more quickly."

Kurt Heise, director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, brought the issue to Patterson last spring.

The blueprint was the Assembly of Rouge Communities, created in 2001 to better address water quality and policies.

"We really lacked the legal authority to raise money to hire staff... and to do the other things," Heise said. "This a real grass roots opportunity for local governments to get together."

### What can be done?

Though alliances can't collect taxes, they can streamline water quality monitoring and informational material printing.

For instance, storm water can sweep oils, animal droppings and harmful materials into water. The public can help with safer fertilizers and water-

retaining ponds — if they're educated.

"A lot of it too is how we design buildings in the future," Heise said. "It's a long-term process."

Plus, state and federal mandates demand money for studies, projects and pamphlets.

Currently, local storm water permits are required in every municipality, said Thomas Biasell, the Rouge assembly's first chairman.

"Maybe we can have one permit that we all participate in," Biasell said. "That's a big thing with the alliance. It gives some continuity."

Even areas like Northville's Bennett Arboretum, a strip of natural land along Edward Hines Drive to be rehabilitated this summer, could benefit.

"That's an example of the type of project that the alliance could undertake in the future."

### Bennett Arboretum

What: Bennett Arboretum, a natural resource area along Edward Hines Drive in Northville Township, will undergo rehabilitation this summer.

How: a joint effort of Northville Township, Wayne County, State of Michigan and University of Michigan. Learn more: master plan presentation and town hall meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m., March 8; Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. RSVP at (734) 326-3936 or nmullett@co.wayne.mi.us

Heise said.

An alliance will be important in the face of future budget, revenue sharing and cuts.

"The communities have learned that on environmental issues, it really helps to work together," added Heise.

Kim Kovel can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via e-mail at [kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net).

"The township's always working on projects for the watershed."

Michelle West  
Engineering Consultant

## CLASS REUNIONS

### Churchill Alumni Summer Bash

For all Alumni of Churchill High School, Livonia, Class of 1971 to Class of 2005. Saturday, June 18, 2005 at the Waterford Bend Park, Six Mile and Northville roads.

There is no fee, but donations will be accepted. All proceeds over and above the cost of hosting the event will be donated to the Western Wayne Skill Center.

The pavilion, park and baseball diamond area will be available. There is also the disc golf

course right across the bridge and room for fun and games. The party starts at 11 a.m. and goes until 6 p.m. Children are welcome.

Attendees should bring their own food, beverages and sports gear. No glass bottles or alcohol are allowed. Charcoal will be provided.

For more information, contact Don Nicholson at [don@donnicholson.net](mailto:don@donnicholson.net), Gayle Nicholson at [gayle@donnicholson.net](mailto:gayle@donnicholson.net) or visit [www.churchillalumni.com](http://www.churchillalumni.com).

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# Class NOTES

## Parenting seminars

Author Jim Faye will present two parenting seminars Monday, March 7, in the Northville High School auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road. From 4:30-6 p.m. Faye will present "Parenting with Love and Logic," followed by "Developing Problem-Solving Skills and Self-Efficacy" from 7:30-9 p.m. No registration is required. A fee of \$5 per family is required at the door.

## Movie Night

Northville High School Students Against Destructive Decisions is hosting a Spring Movie Night 7 p.m. Friday, March 4 in the NHS cafeteria, 45700 Six Mile Road. The movie is "Monster's, Inc." (G) and admission is free. All children younger than 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Volunteers

Thornton Creek Elementary School is looking for volunteer artists to help create a rain forest theme for March is Reading month. Organizers are looking for individuals who can help draw animals to hang in the school hallway. For more information, call Dawn Carson at (248) 347-5859.

## Cabaret 2005

The Music Department at Northville High School presents "Cabaret 2005 - One Short Night in the Emerald City" 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 in the school cafeteria, 45700 Six Mile Road. The event will feature students from the high school choirs performing as soloists or in small ensembles selections of their choice. Tickets are available for \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Call Mary Morrow at (734) 420-3118 to purchase tickets now. Proceeds from the evening will support the NHS choir trip to Chicago later this spring.

## Hillside Carnival

The time is approaching for the Hillside Middle School Family Carnival. The annual event will take place 5-8 p.m. Friday, March

11 inside the school located at the corner of Center Street and Eight Mile Road. Organizers said the 2005 event is "new," appealing to people of all ages. The carnival will feature more than 30 games, clowns, a fortune teller, creative card making table, Velcro Wall, basketball shoot and arts and crafts. An International Food Court will offer lasagna, pizza, salad, tacos, nachos and vegetable lo mein. Another new offering this year, is a Tin Can Raffle. Items up for grabs will include Tiger tickets and MP3 and portable DVD players. The Northville Police Department will also provide free fingerprinting and ID kits while supplies last to children accompanied by a parent. The carnival serves as the PTSA's largest fund raiser of the year. For more information, call Carla Gaeta at (248) 465-0362.

## Kindergarten registration

The Northville Public School District is now accepting kindergarten registration forms for fall 2005. Parents of children 5 on or before Dec. 1 may contact the appropriate elementary school for kindergarten registration information. Phone numbers are: Amerman, (248) 344-8405;

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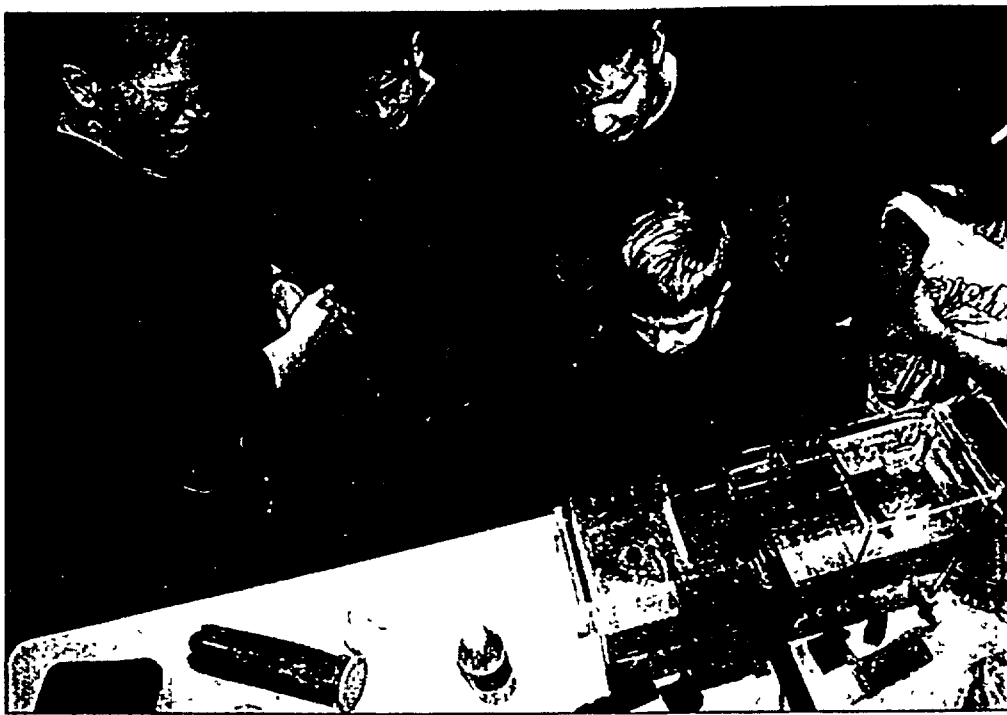


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Dawne Borsos, left, an Americorps volunteer with the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Council, presents a three-dimensional look of a typical groundwater system to Silver Springs Elementary students. Students learned how pollutants like oils, phosphates and chemicals seep into underground aquifers and eventually arrive at a drinking water source.

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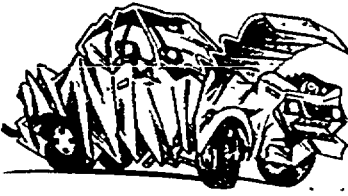
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NOMINATING CATEGORY: (Only one person nominated per category allowed)

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NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

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YEARS OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_ AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS WORKS PER MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_

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A type written essay on a separate sheet, up to one page (no less than 10 point font size). In the essay state the qualities that make this volunteer stand out from other volunteers and list any major accomplishments of the person's volunteer activities. Please give specific examples of how the nominee currently has helped someone, has made a difference for the non-profit organization and/or has had an impact on the community. Include a photo (no larger than 5" x 7") of the nominated person or group, or for Business nominees, include a photo of persons participating in the volunteer activity.

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### Early Childhood Center

Re-enrollment for Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center programs is March 1-10. Forms will be distributed through head teachers at each child's site. Paperwork and registration fees must be received by the deadline to secure a spot. New family enrollment will begin March 19. Registration forms are processed in the order they are returned with priority given to currently enrolled children. Summer program registration will take place during the re-enrollment period March 1-10.

### School board meeting

The next Northville Board of Education meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

### Logo contest

Northville residents 12 and younger are invited to create the logo for Johnson Creek Day 2005. This year's theme is Trees in the Johnson Creek Watershed and may focus on a part of a tree, one tree or many trees together. The design best representing Johnson Creek's unique character will triumph. The winner will receive the Johnson Creek Protection Group Environmental Artist Award for 2005 and a T-shirt with the chosen logo. First and second runners-up will also receive T-shirts. Entry forms are available at [www.jcpg.org](http://www.jcpg.org). Completed entries may be mailed or dropped off at Northville Township's Department

of Public Services, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Mich. 48167. Deadline for entries is March 18 and winners will be announced April 4. For more information, call Michelle West at (734) 761-1010 ext. 266 or e-mail [mwest@alm.com](mailto:mwest@alm.com).

### Frog survey

Friends of the Rouge seek volunteers for the 2005 Rouge Watershed Frog and Toad Survey. The survey helps raise awareness about the value of wetlands within the Rouge River Watershed and to collect information about frog and toad populations. The presence of many species of frogs and toads is an indicator of a healthy wetland, which is critical to the overall health of the watershed. Interested volunteers, including students, must attend a two-hour training session where they will receive a Rouge frog and toad compact disk. After learning calls, volunteers will visit an assigned survey block at night to identify which species are calling. Interested volunteers must pre-register for a workshop by calling, (313) 792-9621 or e-mail [piccoordinator@therouge.org](mailto:piccoordinator@therouge.org).

### NHS senior party

Tickets are on sale now for the Northville High School Class of 2005 Senior All Night Party. The event will begin 10 p.m. Saturday, June 4 and conclude 4 a.m. Sunday, June 5. Tickets are \$70 and checks should be made payable to Northville Senior Class Party and mailed to Jan Jameson, 583 Morgan Ct., Northville, Mich. 48167. Please write the student's first and last name and T-shirt size on the memo line. A Senior All Night Party payment box is also located in the high school office. Organizers are still looking for party volunteers. Those interested in helping should call Cayte Stille-Stevenson at (248) 348-9608 or e-mail [cestinum@aol.com](mailto:cestinum@aol.com).

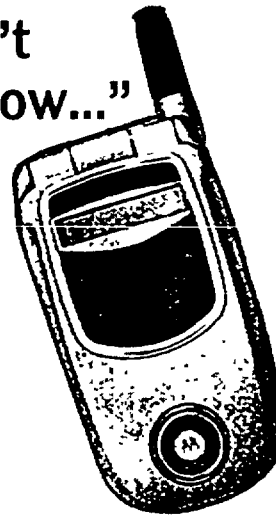


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Magician Chris Linn, left, gets a laugh from Winchester Elementary Schools student Diane Myers during his "Dollars and Sense" show. Linn tried to show the kids through magic and humor the importance of saving and managing money throughout their lives.

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**FEBRUARY 17, 2005**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF**  
**NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
DATE: Thursday, February 17, 2005  
TIME: 7:00 p.m. Closed Meeting (7:30 Regular Meeting)  
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road  
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner, ABSENT: Richard Henningsen  
CLOSED MEETING: Collective bargaining negotiations  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:  
1. Agendas: Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved with conditions  
2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:  
A. Grant Initiative for I-275 Bike Path revitalization - approved  
3. Public Hearings: A. CDBG Budget Public Hearing - opened  
4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: A resident spoke to the Board regarding Historical landmarks in the Township. Another resident thanked the board for a birthday resolution.  
5. New Business:  
A. Municipal Building Project - Progress Payment - approved with conditions  
B. Municipal Building Project - Change Order - approved  
C. Parks and Recreation - Community Park Expansion Project - Change Order J - approved  
D. Parks and Recreation - Community Park Progress Payment #9 - approved  
E. Dog Park Proposal - approved  
F. Temporary Gaming License - T.A.F.F.Y. - approved  
G. Public Safety - Mobile Digital Video Recorder (MDVR) - approved  
H. Northville Road Water Main Replacement Construction - approved  
I. CDBG Budget Approval - approved  
J. Election Equipment Grant - approved  
K. Community Park and DPS Driveway Construction - approved  
L. T&T Auto Plaza - Water Main Easement - approved  
6. Unfinished Business: None  
7. Ordinances: None  
8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,758,583.99 - approved  
9. Board Communication & Reports: Reports from the following were given: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Snider, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner  
10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees:  
A. Proposed collective bargaining Agreement - approved subject to legal review  
B. Annual Solstice Run for Charity - approved  
11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.  
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# 13

A closer look at what life is really like for local teenage girls.

**Tip For Parents: Helping Girls Cope With Emotional Safety**

Be proactive about asking how girls feel, even if they are reluctant to talk.

Realize that a safe location is not enough. Trusted relationships where girls feel valued and supported are what make girls feel emotionally safe.

Take emotional harm seriously. Typical environments, such as classrooms, sports fields or group meetings often create situations that cause anxiety in girls. Harsh teasing, gossiping, and name-calling should be addressed by both adults and girls together.

Make safety a shared goal—one girls don't have to deal with alone.

Adapted from "Feeling Safe: What Girls Say," a study conducted by the Girl Scout Research Institute in conjunction with Harris Interactive, Inc.



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## Teen talks candidly about gossip, cliques and bullying

By Victoria Sadiolcha  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Thirteen-year-old Michelle Wasenko wants adults to know life has its challenges.

Mostly, surviving gossip. But the seventh-grade Meads Mill Middle School student said it isn't the fault of the teachers and school administrators. Peer parenting with a dash of too much spilling is what she identifies as the culprit.

Wasenko's advice to parents: "Don't spoil your kids as much," she said.

The petite brunette talked candidly about one girl at her school who sheeps and talks about people all the time.

"I think, she thinks that is what popularity is about. Shopping and gossiping," she said.

### She did what?

Gossip is the harsh way the world goes around when you are 13.

Wasenko's advice to her peers: "Don't gossip. Just don't talk about people," she said.

She deals with gossip by ignoring those who practice it.

"I'm not friends with some people because of things that go on, and like I just don't talk to them at all," she said.

It isn't that hard to turn her back, Wasenko said because she doesn't want to be friends with people like that.

The only time she thinks it is OK to talk about others, is to vent because someone is being really mean.

### A baker's dozen

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### No pass for teachers

The seventh grade does not want to totally let teachers and administrators off the hook.

"In Meads Mill, teachers are supposed to talk about bullying and teasing and gossip, but really I only know of one teacher who does it," Michelle said.

"Like some teachers, they sometimes put down the kids, not put down, but they tease them and you laugh along with it because it isn't really mean meaning."

Wasenko's advice to teachers: Talk about how bad gossip is and let girls know they can talk to you if they have a problem, she said.

She cited seventh-grade science teacher Jennifer Miers as an example. She said Miers talks about bullying constantly, and really means it when she says students can talk to her if they have a problem.

"It is fun to be 13, but it is also, there is a lot more stuff that goes on. Sometimes good. Sometimes bad," Wasenko said.

The good includes hanging out with friends and going to the movies without parents.

"But there is also more responsibility and more gossip and more pressure," she said.

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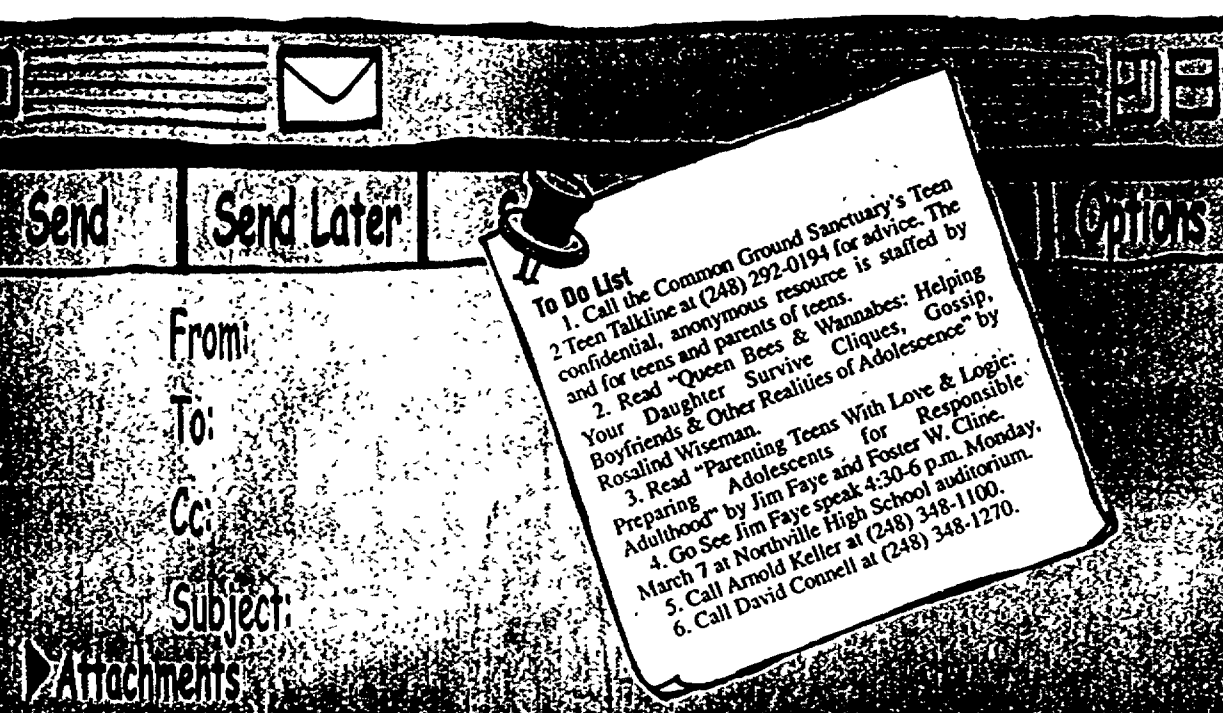
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## Expert: parents should be aware, available

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She talks a different language. She puts her hand on her hip to make a point. She shops like a pro.

And what's that on her cheeks? Your daughter is 13. Now what do you do? Northville psychologist David Connell has some difference-making tips.

Connell has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, 35 years experience working with children and a background in adolescent psychotherapy.

### Tip One: Communication

Open communication is important Connell said, but it comes with a caveat. Talking alone will not keep them on the straight and narrow. Take it up a notch.

"You have to (communicate) on more of a personal level. Kind of let them know who you are as a person," Connell said.

"Kids, teenagers really need to know who is behind the mom and dad."

Connell said one way of achieving this is to not always be above them, but also let them know you have your vulnerabilities and struggles and when you were 13 you had certain problems too.

"When you show them that you are human, at the same time, you expect them to respect your authority," he said.

### Tip Two: Be Involved

Connell said parents should have some level of involvement with their middle school child.

Go places, spend time at home or just top into a child's room sometimes and sit

down on the bed and chat.

"Not vicariously try to live your life through them like some moms may do with their 13-year-old daughters, but at the same time not be so assuming that everything is fine that you don't get involved with their lives," he said.

### Tip Three: Set Boundaries

Connell said setting boundaries is key, including setting limits.

### Tip Four: Hold teens accountable

A sign hangs in Connell's Northville office. It reads: "Do not handicap your children by making their lives easy."

"Kids don't like to see that sign, but parents love it," Connell said.

For example, if you want to buy your child a car, at least make them get a job and pay for the insurance.

The responsibility helps self-esteem and teaches kids to earn their way into some things they may take for granted.

"Parents can hold their kids accountable," Connell said.

### Tip Five: Limit Handouts

Another parenting tip Connell suggests is do not make the mistake of handing everything to your child.

He said many parents give too much to their children as a way of making up for not having as much when they were a kid.

"Especially in our sort of affluent society here in the Northville area, these are all kids that are used to having a lot handed to them. They haven't had to work for things sometimes as much as their parents have."

had to do when they were younger because parents often make the mistake of trying to fix in their kids what was broken in them," Connell said. "Whatever they didn't get, they try to provide for their kids."

Connell said parents should talk to other parents.

"That is a mistake I think a lot of parents make. They just take it for granted that what the kids says is what is going on," Connell said. "Without being too snoopy or too paranoid, I think it is important parents talk to each other." He said at 13, kids will start to play one parent off another and parents off other parents.

### Tip Six: Reserve Judgment

Connell said what teen girls need is one parent at least who is not judgmental so they can run things past them.

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### Tip Seven: Role Model

Finally, be a good model for your teenage daughter, Connell said.

"Kids learn how we are not how we speak," he said. "They learn from who we are, not from what we tell them. You can't have a cigarette in your hand and tell them they can't smoke when they grow up."

"Modeling is the most powerful teaching tool," he said.

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13. It's the conundrum of all conundrums. You're expected to have a strong sense of yourself while surviving the journey of actually finding yourself.

For many 13-year-old girls, becoming a teenager is the beginning of an explosive year.

"It is a very tender and treacherous time for some girls," said Northville psychologist David Connell. "They are trying to find their own identity but need their identity to feel confident in the sea of cliques, outing and popularity contests."

Connell said girl bullying is in some ways more brutal than male bullying.

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### Wait, there's more

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"So if a group is aggressively trying to out you, it is very painful," he said. And when you are 13 and female, peer groups are everything.

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Keller cites as a 13-year-old girl issue. "There is a term used nationwide to describe it," Keller said. "Body dysmorphic disorder. We see a lot of it with young females."

Keller said the term refers to a young girl's association with clothes, hair and makeup, but especially with being thin.

### And still more

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# WHAT'S GOING ON?

Northville's Official Events Calendar • nrevents@ht.homecomm.net

## Local Events

### Blood Drive

The First Presbyterian Church of Northville is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27. It will be held in the church's Christian Life Center on the west side of the building, at 200 East Main St. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 347-1063. Walk-ins are also welcome.

### Senator Patterson's Office Hours

Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) will hold office hours for all constituents of state senate District 7 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28 at the Canton Library, 1250 S. Canton Center Road.

### BWA Gallery showcases local artists

Northville Township's BWA Gallery will showcase and sell the paintings of four local artists from now until March. Charlie Aimone and Barbara Eko Murphy are from Northville Township. The others are Billie Thompson of Milford and Mary Schmidt of Livonia.

BWA, opened by husband-wife team Andrea Zastawny-Moreno and Alfredo Moreno, also will have a grand opening party from 1-9 p.m. this Saturday. From 7-10 p.m. an artists' reception will take place. The BWA Gallery is located at 43133 Seven Mile Road in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center. For more information, call (248) 449-6833.

### Awakening...The Artist Inside First Anniversary

Awakening...The Artist Inside is celebrating its first anniversary as a fine art supply and education class retailer. There will be a contest to

win an Elmwood Marin Easel. The winner will be drawn at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26; and from 2-4 p.m., there will be a "painting on clayboard" demonstration. Awakening...The Artist Inside is located at 111 N. Center St. For more information, call (248) 347-0807.

### Remerica United Tsunami Relief Fundraiser

This fundraiser will be at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. There will be musical entertainment, dancing, food and cocktails, and silent auction. Tickets are \$50 per person. Funds raised are for the American Red Cross Asia direct relief efforts for the victims of the tsunami disaster. For more information, call Remerica United Realty at (248) 344-1800.

### First Presbyterian Church Fine Arts Series

The Northville Concert Choral will perform Vivaldi's "Gloria" and American and African-American Choral Music at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27 at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St. The cost is \$14 per adult and \$12 per seniors, students and children. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

### Art House Grand Opening

The grand opening will be from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, March 4 at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. The featured artist will be Rob Maniscalco, nationally renowned portrait painter, owner of Maniscalco Gallery of Fine Art in Grosse Pointe, and Art Beat narrator. Entertainment will be provided by jazz harpist Christa Grix. Appetizers and drinks will be served. For more information, call (248) 449-9950.



Northville Historical Society Archives

A look along Main Street Northville, facing east from Center Street, circa 1882.

### Northville Youth Assistance mentor training

Northville Youth Assistance is an organization that matches youths from our community with volunteer mentors. The volunteer mentor meets with his or her assigned youth for one-two hours per week. Volunteers receive 15 hours of training. Future trainings will be from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

March 10-April 7 at the Northville Youth Assistance office. The office is located at 215 W. Cady St. For more information, call Mary Ellen King or Sue Campbell at (248) 344-1618 or e-mail the office at youthassistance@twpnorthville.mi.us.

### "In Motion" Class

Northville Parks and Recreation and the Water Wheel Health Club are offering a new class for ages 9-12 years old. "In

Motion" has activities that promote health, teamwork, strength, balance, and coordination. This class will be from 4-5 p.m., Thursdays through March 3 at the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School, is located at 700 W. Baseline Road. Call the Parks and Recreation office for more information, (248) 349-0203.

There will be an art exhibition of a local Novi artist, Darcel Deneau, through Feb. 28. Seventeen original art paintings will be on display at Picasso Cafe, located at 39915 Grand River Ave., Novi, in the Grand Oaks Plaza. Deneau is a commissioner for the Northville Arts Commission.

### Local Artist Exhibition

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## WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

### continued from 14A Marquis Theatre

Marquis Theatre is presenting "Peter Cottontail" at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, March 12, 19, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; Sundays, March 13, 20, April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1; and weekdays, March 28, 29, 30, 31 and April 1. Tickets are \$7.50 for all shows. No children admitted under 3 years of age. The theater is located at 135 E. Main St., Northville.

### Ward Presbyterian grief workshop

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. The workshop will meet from 7-8:45 p.m. for eight Mondays, now through March 21, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville. For registration information call Dorothy at Ward Church at (248) 374-5966. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support, call (248) 348-0115.

### Community Wide Healing Service

This service will be held at 4 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, Eight Mile and Taft roads. The service is open to all faiths.

### Northville Yoga Class

The American Legion Hall is sponsoring Yoga Classes 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays; or 9:30-11 a.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays through March 28. Start anytime, no charge for first visit, scholarships and senior discounts available. Contact Diane Siegel-DiVita at (248) 344-0928 or trianglesix@nvn.com

### Genitti's Upcoming Attractions

Come see "Michigan Hold 'Em" at this Northville interactive dinner theater, Fridays and Saturdays through June. The cost is \$45. Call (248) 349-0522 for times and reservations.

Attend a concert highlighting a Michigan performer Robert Jones,

from 7-8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 27.

Children will enjoy "The Dragon of Elderberry Castle" at the children's lunch theater, Saturdays and Sundays through June. The cost is \$14.95 for kids and \$16.95 for adults. Call (248) 349-0522 for times and reservations. Genitti's is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St.

### Daddy-Daughter Princess Ball

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Make sure you RSVP. 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.

### Library Lines

The Northville District Library is open 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m., Sunday. 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.

### March is Reading Month

Kids, preschool-sixth grade, can get hooked on books during March is Reading Month. Pick up your "Get Hooked on Books" Reading Log at the Information Desk. When your reading log is full, you've earned the prize of a paperback book.

### "The Book Celler"

Friends of the Northville District Library invite members and the public to visit "The Book Celler," the used book store located in the library, from 1:30-

4 p.m. every Sunday and from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesdays. The library is located at 212 W. Cady St. For more information, call (248) 349-3020.

### Internet 101

This is a free, hands-on class on the basics of searching the Internet. It will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2 at the Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St. For more information and to register, call (248) 349-3020.

### Investment database

Select stocks and mutual funds or track your investments, using Morningstar.com, a database which offers detailed information and independent analysts' reports funds and equities. Find out more information at the reference desk at the Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St.

### Northville Genealogical Society

Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in the local history room from 1-3 p.m. on Monday afternoons at the library located at 212 W. Cady St. For more information, call Grace Wilfong at (248) 349-9079 or check the Web site at [www.rootsweb.com/~mings](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mings).

### Winter Tot Storytime with Caregiver

Specifically designed for 2- and 3-year-olds with a parent or caregiver, this six-week series of half-hour sessions is structured to help this age group gain the most from this library experience. Please bring only age appropriate children who are registered for the weekly program. There are four sessions and each session includes 13 children accompanied by a caregiver. Register for one of the following: 10:15 a.m., Mondays, March 28-May 2; 10:15 or 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays, March 30-May 4; or 10:15 a.m., Thursdays, March 31-May 5. To register call (248) 349-3020.

### Kids Club for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Graders

The new Kids Club is an after-school program for first, second and third graders featuring stories, games and crafts. It is now offered

continued on 16A

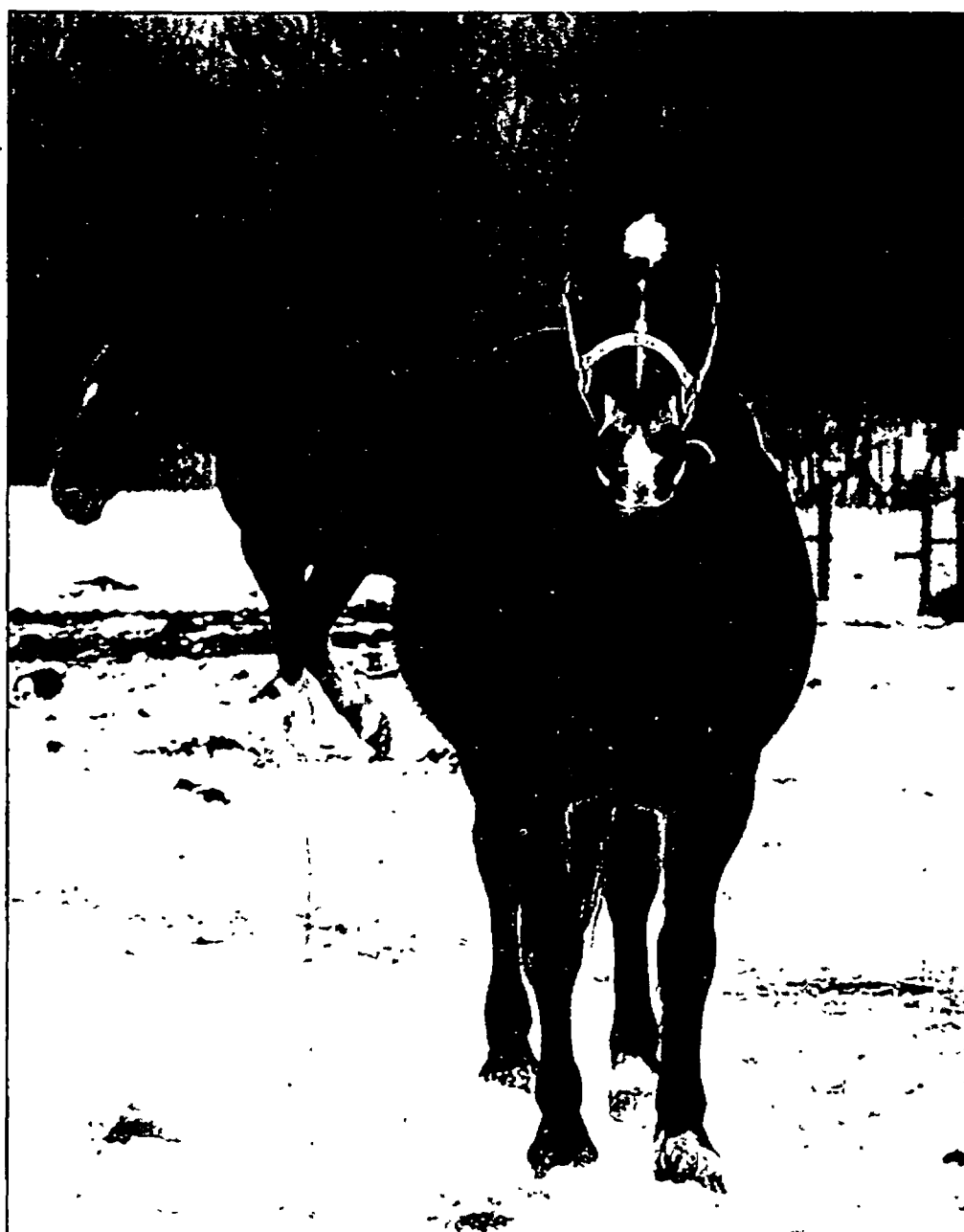


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Horses wait out the end of winter in a field near the Maybury Park stables. The horses, used during trail riding season beginning in April, are fed and watered daily and take advantage of a number of wooden wind breaks throughout the field.



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

## What we know: Our kids need us

What's most clear about school bullying is this: it's a community problem.

Too many parents have called the Northville Record office the past few weeks, sharing anecdotal reasons for "pulling" their child from the Northville Public Schools system.

Too many parents have voiced concern about rigid school policy which, in some cases, has left parents feeling set aside. And too many "anonymous" parents have called or written, voicing outrage about published arti-

is merely a customer service issue: acknowledgment of a concern coupled with a pledge to offer a good-faith remedy.

In too many instances, parents and school administrators have missed the mark.

When parents feel their best remedy is to remove their children from a public school — and still pay required public school taxes — something's wrong.

We have heard several such stories during the past few weeks.

Well-meaning parents and administrators, along with those who wave their fist anonymously, can continue to finger-point, deflect responsibility and imply the problem is beyond their practical reach.

Or they can join forces and act.

In the end, the marketplace will set things right. Open enrollment and private schools offer too many alternatives to those who feel jilted as customers and who possess the means to shop elsewhere.

Today teenagers spoke loudly within our pages about the realities and challenges they face daily. This is not unique to Northville.

It's our job to listen. And help make things better. Claiming the issue is non-existent or beyond our reach is inexcusable.

We need answers, not excuses. We need help, not finger-pointing.

Why? Because our kids need us. And more importantly, they're watching every step we take.

S.W. Knappe, Justice of the Peace (short term) W.T. Gurr, Constables — H.S. Green, Fred Tousey, E. Vradenburg.

No names were filed for nominations for long term justice, highway commissioner, school inspector or member of board of review.

For the Democratic ticket no entries at all were made and the problem of filling the vacancies on both tickets yet remains to be solved.

Although the period between the passage of the bill and the expiration of the time for entries in the political race was so short that few would-be candidates appear to have found out where they were at in time to do business, it would seem to a man, up a tree as if the folks who were so strenuously hollering for primary reform a few months ago ought to have kept posted and been ready to grab it when it came along.

It remains to be seen whether the difficulties of the situation will tend to make the innovation popular or not, but in the latter case a two-thirds vote of the township board can abolish the law as it applies to township offices. The single ballot is done away with, each party having its own ballot, and a member of any party must call for and vote the ticket of his party.

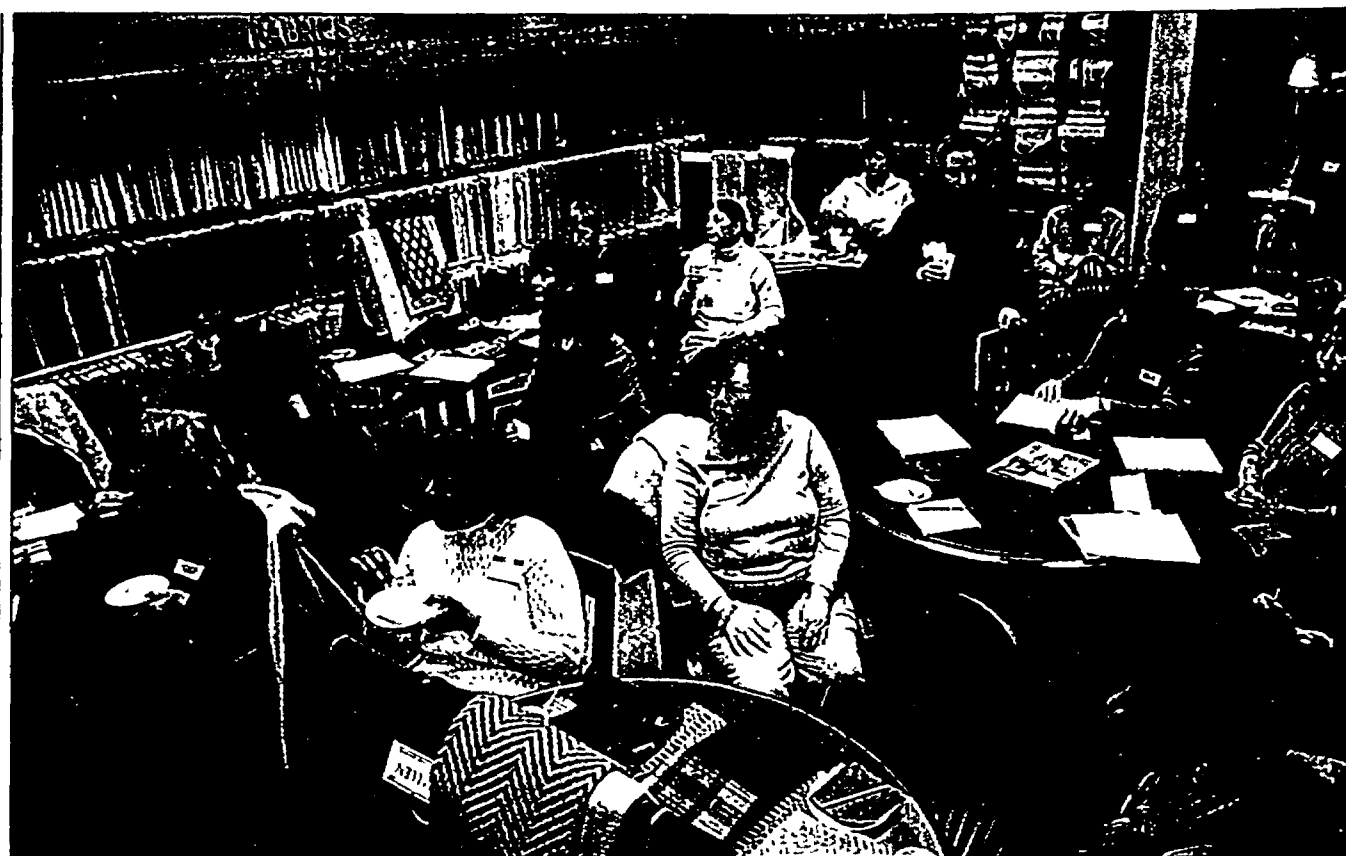


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Northville Newcomers club members attended a lecture last week at the Novi Ethan Allen furniture gallery regarding what homeowners may want to consider for interior fabrics, patterns and colors.

## Rep. John Stewart: wish him well

The new chairman of the higher education subcommittee of House Appropriations is one of the most powerful and consequential committees in the state legislature, is Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth. He's an interesting study — part evangelist, part hopeful Boy Scout, part calculating politician.

And he's got one of the toughest jobs in the state.

In case you hadn't noticed, state support for our colleges and universities — without doubt the absolute core of any plausible economic strategy for Michigan — has fallen for the past three straight years.

We now spend more to stockpile felons in the state's prisons than we do in educating our bright young people for high-paying productive jobs. And with our elected representatives united only in being — to a person — too timid to tackle our state's \$1 billion-plus chronic structural deficit, higher education appropriations — "apropos," to use the Lansing term — has become one of the most highly charged subjects in the Capitol.

Stewart is a real rarity these days: He's an unapologetic Republican moderate who admires former governor George Romney and Bill Milliken. ("We cannot let our party lose touch with the vast majority of solid, sensible people in the middle," he says.) He's an unabashed defender of our colleges and universities. ("Our great universities are the jet fuel for Michigan's economic takeoff, and we simply cannot afford to let them run on empty.")

And he believes that today's partisan poisonous atmosphere in Lansing will do nobody — least of all the citizens of Michigan — any good. ("We've got to find a way for the sensible center to work civilly together to get the public's business done.")

Not that he's all Boy Scout and no politician. "I want to reclaim the territory of higher education for the Republican Party. It's a core part of our values," he says. He recognizes that some day he and other Republicans will have to cut a deal with Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

But he wonders aloud about the governor's



Phil Power

Democrats, frankly, who have been wondering the same thing.

Dazzlingly handsome at 55 and possessed of a fine baritone (he sings in Plymouth's First Presbyterian Church, where he's been a member for 21 years), Stewart has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, a masters from Wayne State and a JD from what then was the Detroit College of Law.

He's practiced law in Plymouth for 25 years and has been an active Kiwanian. He served as a Plymouth Township Trustee for four years before being elected to the legislature in 2000. His smart and capable wife, Beth, is the Director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Stewart's interest in education runs deep in his blood. Counting his mother (a Vanderveen from Holland, Michigan) and his aunts and uncles, he has seven relatives, each of whom taught for more than 40 years in Michigan public schools. His uncles were superintendents in, respectively, South Lyon, Rochester and Mason.

All in all, he's what we used to know as a salt of the earth, Main Street Republican. Problem is Stewart's party has moved hard rightward in recent years. "Are you a tough, mean enough SOB to deal with your caucus?" I asked him. "No, but I can be hard-core. My values are unshakable," he replied. Then, no doubt to the pleasure of the GOP House caucus, he threw

"magnificent hyperbole" in talking about how important it is to double the number of college graduates in Michigan in a decade even as she is presiding over the greatest slide in support for higher education in modern times. There are a few

down the gauntlet to Gov. Granholm: "She talks the good talk about how important our universities are to the future of the state, but where's the walk?" Next, moments later, he looks forward to a time when sensible people can reason together: "I want to know what Jennifer Granholm needs politically for her to provide an increase in funding for higher education. I think education is at the core of her values, and I want to find a way that we can work together to mesh these values to help our state."

Stewart is nothing if not ambitious in his new committee assignment, undertaken with the explicit support of new House Speaker Craig DeRoche, of Novi. As part of the appropriations process, he has scheduled a set of hearings on the role of higher education in Michigan. The star-studded lineup for March 23 alone is impressive: University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman, Michigan State University President Lou Anna Simon, Wayne State University President Irvin Reid, and former Senate higher ed appropriations chairman and now, Congressman Joe Schwarz. "These hearings should be a seminar for my colleagues about how vital our great universities are to the future of the state," he enthuses.

Interestingly, Stewart says he gets his complex personality from his religious persuasions. He started out as a Methodist, which he thinks gave him his social conscience and his evangelistic tendencies. But when he married Beth, he became a Presbyterian and took on the church's orientation toward flinty intellectual honesty.

Personally, I think he'll also need the grit and deviousness of a Jesuit and the patience of a Buddhist in order to survive the ghastly supercharged atmosphere of Lansing during appropriations time. But I sure admire his instincts, and wish him well in his task. As should we all.

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.

## Now who will the Republicans run?

Here's what you can say about Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard's race for the U.S. Senate: It was short. It was sweet. It drew rave reviews. Nobody ever laid a glove on him. And then it was over.

Earlier this week, eight days after announcing that he would mount a major challenge to freshman Democrat U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, the Oakland County sheriff announced he was, ahem, dropping out, due to mysterious and unspecified health problems, which he said were not life-threatening.

"I am extremely disappointed at this unforeseen development," the 48-year-old Republican said in a statement after a series of medical tests.

Though nobody doubts his word, some wicked gossips were wondering whether part of Bouchard's problems might be a sudden case of cold feet.

And though Saul Anuzis, the new GOP state chairman, is talking as though he expects a large group of heavyweight contenders for the state's top jobs next year, the truth may turn out to be something else again.

The main problem for Michigan Republicans is the U.S. Senate, where in recent years, they have done about as well as the Prohibition Party. Democrats have won nine of the last 10 U.S. Senate races. Two years ago, Republicans couldn't even find a candidate to run against U.S. Sen. Carl Levin. In the end, an unknown state legislator named "Rocky" Raczkowski ran and was creamed.

Five years ago, Stabenow, now 54, narrowly defeated then-U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, who had been elected in the Republican landslide of 1994, even though she was outspent by almost two to one.

Traditionally, Michigan voters either toss their senators out after a term, or embrace them until they decide to leave or their teeth fall out.

In some respects, Stabenow ought to be vulnerable. No major legislation has been linked to her name, though her supporters say that there is little she could accomplish as a freshman mem-



Jack Lessenberry

ber of the minority party.

Her name is not yet a household word, and she has neither the looks nor charisma of Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Yet voters seem to feel comfortable with the senator, a motherly figure who put herself through Michigan State University partly by singing gentle folk ballads.

She's won favorable attention by leading a series of highly publicized bus trips taking seniors to buy cheaper medication in Canada.

So who will Republicans run against her? The two announced candidates aren't ready for prime time: Bart Baron, a perennial candidate, and The Rev. Keith Butler, a former Detroit councilman who now lives in the suburbs.

Increasingly, the party is focusing on Peter Cummings, a very, very rich real estate developer and the son-in-law of Max Fisher, the legendary Republican money man. Cummings, now 57, is perhaps best known as the former chairman of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Outside Detroit, however, he isn't known at all. He has never run for anything, is uneasy with the press, and is a completely untested campaigner.

To be sure, New Jersey elected a U.S. Senator a few years ago (Jon Corzine) who spent \$63 million, mostly his own money, to essentially buy the seat. But that seems unlikely to work in Michigan. George Romney, the former head of the former American Motors Corporation, did come out of the business world to be elected Michigan's governor back in the 1960s.

But he had blazed a trail just before that as leader of the state's constitutional convention, and had been a very visible corporate leader in a state where the auto industry was the culture.

Republicans, who tried to make an issue out of Granholm's Canadian birth, also would have to explain why Cummings, who is also a Canadian, didn't even bother to become a U.S. citizen till 1984.

Probably the strongest candidate the GOP could field is U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, a trim, handsome former FBI agent who holds Stabenow's old Lansing-based congressional seat.

Rogers, 42 this year, is a fast-rising star from Brighton who has proved adept at fund-raising. Put in charge of money efforts for House Republicans in the last election cycle, he boosted the take from \$141 million to \$175 million. This year, Speaker Dennis Hastert assigned him to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, a clear sign of trust and favor.

His seat has been redirected to make it entirely safe. Yet the U.S. Senate is a far bigger platform; Lyndon Johnson once compared the House and the Senate to the difference between chicken salad and chicken exhaust.

Should Rogers risk it all for a potential seat on the national stage? Last week, aides would only say "people were looking at it." Rogers has a considerable war chest, and might not need to make up his mind as early as some contenders. But he doesn't have all the time in the world.

Spencer Abraham spent \$16 million in losing five years ago. Expect Republicans to spend far more next year. If they don't beat Ms. Stabenow, there's the possibility Carl Levin will decide to retire in 2008, when he will be 75.

Or maybe not. At that age, after all, Strom Thurmond was just warming up.

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## Century ago

The following story has been excerpted from the 1905 Northville Record by Northville Historical Society member Mark Chester. With minor exceptions, the stories comprising this year-long weekly series appear as published 100 years ago today.

February 24, 1905

### PRIMARY REFORM TOO SUDDEN

Several Vacancies Are Left on the Republican Ticket And No entries Whatever Made by Democrats

Under the new primary election law it was necessary that all candidates for nomination at the primary election March 6 for township offices should file their names with the township clerk not later than last Saturday afternoon Feb. 19. The following names were entered for the Republican ticket:

Supervisor — W.J. Lansing, Clerk — Frank Carrothers, Treasurer —

# A matter of 'Wrath' and 'Death'

Township native found his fate on-stage

By Kim Kovelie  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

It's been a serendipitous ride for actor Andy Huff since a fluke performance in community college.

Telling the tale, the Northville Township native is at times nearly breathless.

"It's just a series of events I can't even believe," Huff said. "They were doing 'Grapes of Wrath' at the time and somebody dropped out. Really, from that play, it's been really non-stop."

The 33-year-old is now taking to the stage as leading man Willy Loman in a production of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre.

After a whirlwind decade of training and acting, Huff nearly has his master's degree.

"It's just kind of a really cool feeling to find what you love in life," Huff said. "I kind of stumbled, as it were, into the theater... and then never left."

## Finding limelight

The youngest child of an engineer and a singer, Huff's earliest influence may have been the latter.

Phebe Huff, a member of the Michigan Daughters of the American Revolution state cho-

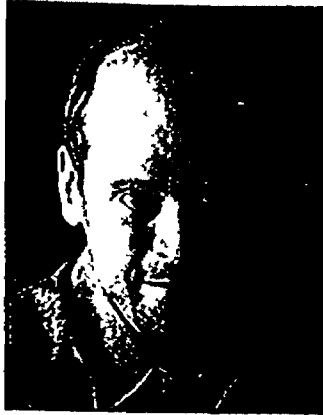


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Andy Huff, center, plays Willy Loman in Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," flanked by sons Bliff (Tony Bozzuto, left) and Happy (Christopher Bohan, right).

rus, made sure her three children learned to play instruments.

"I stressed the music," she said. "I guess it's because I grew up that way. My mother did college plays... (and) used to sing in church. It's kind of in the family to perform."

Northville High School's stage caught Andy Huff's eye at age 6, when he saw sister Patti in the musical "Once Upon a Mattress."

Huff took a drama class at school, but he was more focused on cement-floor stages and "Xevious," a four-piece hard rock band.

"I was in garage bands," he said. "I played guitar and sang. It's kind of funny to me, looking

back on my life now with some distance, you couldn't get me off the stage."

Huff attended Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, where he took a drama elective course leading to his fated audition.

"The only thing I did to prepare was I learned my lines. I watched and waited in horror and with dread," he laughed. "That's kind of where I fell in love with the theater. It was all brand new. The bug bit me."

Under the wing of theater arts director George Popovich, Huff learned the ropes. He went on to classical training at Wayne State, performing at the Bonstelle Theatre.

After training in Europe, Huff earned his union card in 2002. Then, the actor got his chance at Hilberry's coveted masters program.

Lavinia Hart, who had worked with Huff, had just become program director. She invited him to the Hilberry when — again — someone dropped out.

"I heard not only from the directors in the area but the designers," Hart said. "They talked about his authenticity being so strong. He also has an incredible range. Andy can play up in age and down in age, and that is a great gift for an actor."

In about 18 hours, Huff auditioned, interviewed and got the position.

"It was just kind of miraculous," Huff said. "My head was just spinning."



## 'A great thing'

After three years in "acting boot camp" and dozens of shows later, Huff will graduate this May.

While in "Death of a Salesman," which runs until March 24, he's preparing for a role in Shakespeare's "Henry IV, Part I."

A 12-year Detroit resident, Huff hasn't forgotten his roots. He's done work at the Marquis and Genetti's theaters.

"Northville is just wonderful," he said. "It's like the quintessential hometown." Huff quips about being the "bald guy" in the company, but considers himself a character actor ready to lead or support.

Phebe has attended most all her son's performances. "I'm totally

## Andy Huff as salesman

Who: Andy Huff, actor and a Northville Township native  
What: Huff performs as Willy Loman, the lead character in Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman"

Where: Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., at the corner of Cass and W. Hancock in Detroit

When: now through March 24; times vary

Cost: tickets range from \$13-\$22; group discounts are available

Contact: box office at (313) 577-2972; Web site

www.theatre.wayne.edu

impressed — amazed and impressed," she said.

As for Huff, the near future involves possibly rejuvenating a band — and seeing what other surprises this area has in store for him.

"I've been hopelessly poor and destitute, but I've been blessed

just to do what I love, which is a great thing," he said. "The Detroit theater scene has been really good to me."

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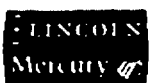
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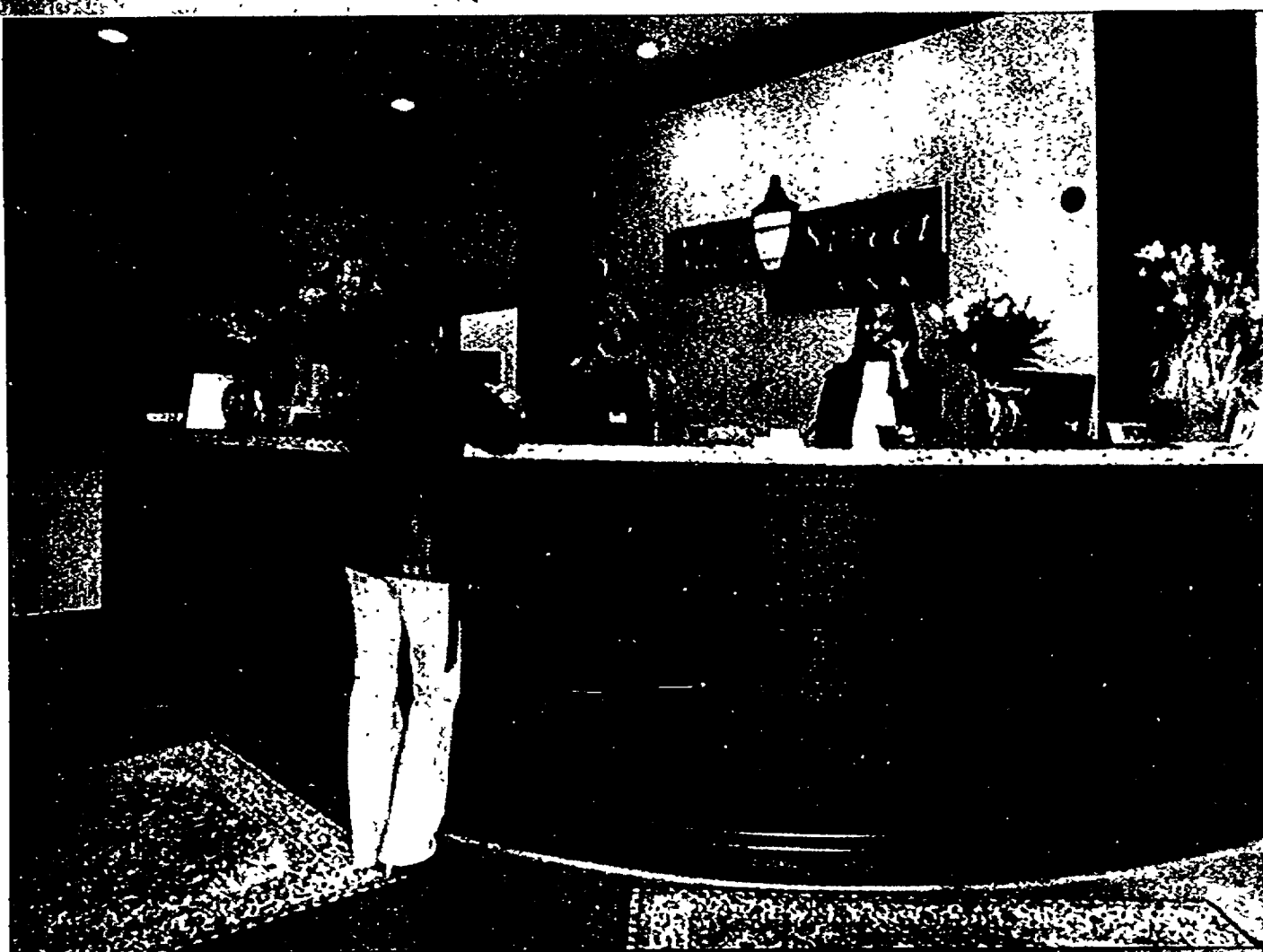
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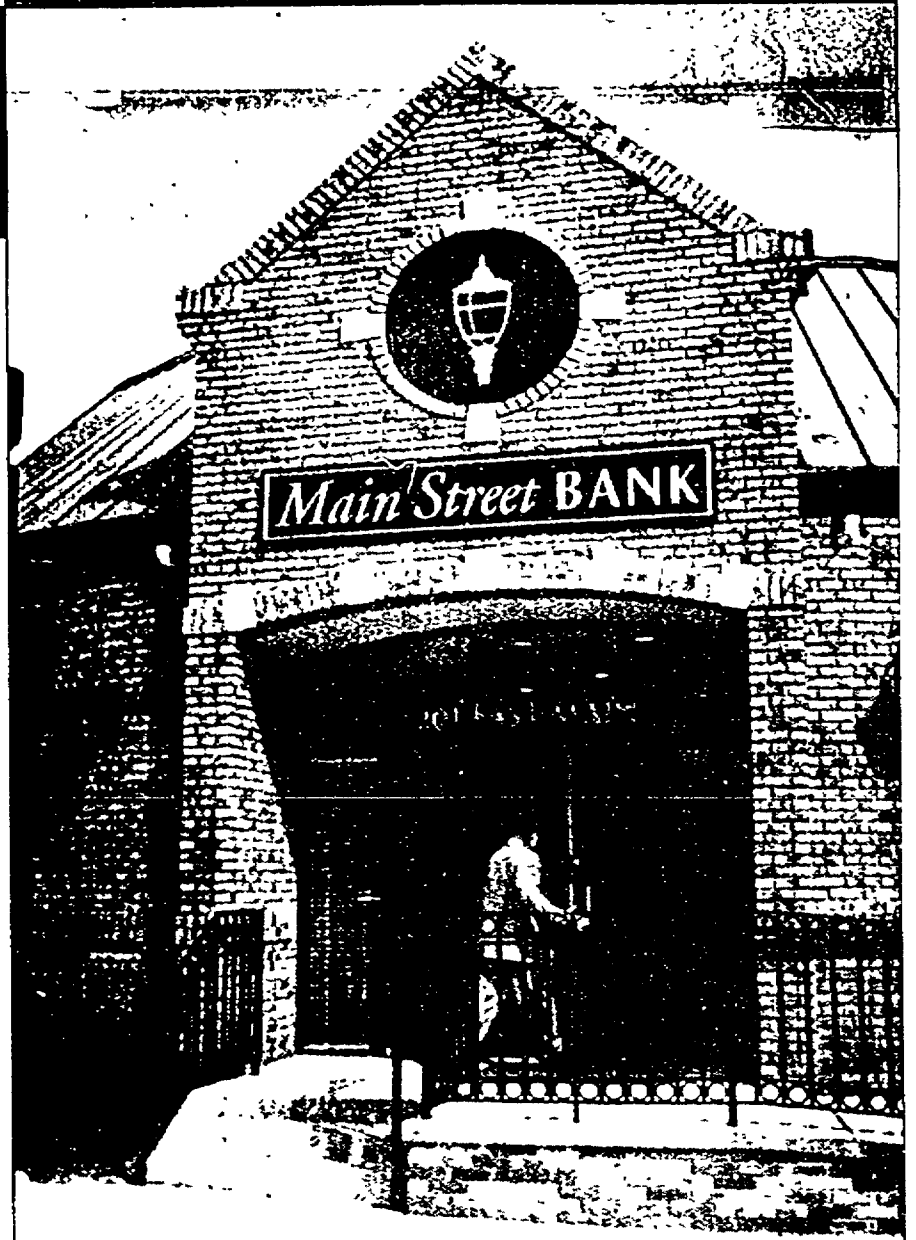


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# Main Street dividends

## Local bank exceeds first-year projections

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Main Street Bank's chief executive officer smiled as he typed his first-year report to investors.

During the past year, the Northville community responded to the concept of having a hometown bank, Rick Shaffner said, who also serves as the bank's board chairman.

Shaffner and 200 fellow shareholders watched their investment exceed projections in assets, loans and deposits during its first year.

"The commercial loan activity has just been unbelievable," Shaffner said. "We are basically 25 percent ahead of projections in all areas of the bank."

And Main Street customers have borrowed to spend money on projects in the area, just as he and fellow bank founder Audrey Mistor hoped. Their personal touch is paying off, Shaffner said.

"We wanted to be that true community bank, to have the community embrace us, and they have," he said. Main Street offers familiar services of checking and

savings accounts, certificates of deposit, individual retirement accounts, money market options, residential mortgages and commercial loans.

### Local, local, local

People who stop in the corner of Hutton and Main streets today also will find hot chocolate and cookies. This fall, it was cider and donuts.

"We literally have people who come in and visit, come in and read our paper," Shaffner said. "So much we had hoped would happen has happened and beyond."

President and chief operating officer Mistor and Shaffner laid out to the 11-member board of directors a \$20 million loan projection in their first-year budget. They will end up closer to \$30 million, Shaffner said. Likewise, deposits will end up at about \$32 million, in contrast to the early goal of \$23.7 million.

"That's due to the support of the community," Shaffner said. "That's what we came out for."

"We believed that people wanted 'our bank.'"

Main Street executives hosted a Feb. 10 event for builders and architects, Shaffner said, in an attempt to address the bank's new construction residential mortgage performance. Recent hires of a new construction manager and commercial lending officer bring to 26 the bank's staff count.

### Next challenge

"We didn't do as good of a job as we would have liked putting our face in front of our local builders," Shaffner said. "If there was an area we didn't hit — that would have been it."

Local investors, local projects and local foot traffic: the bank's founding philosophy of knowing the customer and providing personal service successfully launched the enterprise, the chairman said.

With those achievements come the next challenge, Shaffner said.

The state and FDIC approved the bank's revised growth projections for 2005, he said. That means the bank's board must raise another round of capital — in addition to the initial \$8.5 million — to back the activity.

"We expect that we will be doing an additional capital raising campaign sometime in the summer this year," Shaffner said. Of those who chipped in the money needed to get Main Street started, most live in the Northville area and 95 percent of them are individual investors.

Prior to the bank's March 1 opening last year, banking industry veterans Shaffner and Mistor worked for more than a year to meet the stringent state criteria to successfully charter a bank. All banks must be federally insured.

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Main Street Bank president and chief operating officer Audrey Mistor puts a friendly face on the downtown business about to turn one year old.



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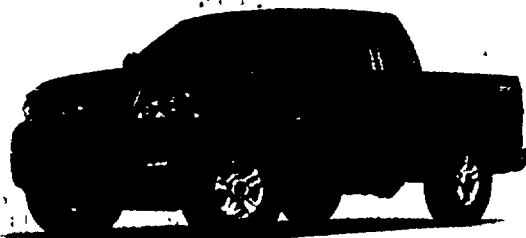
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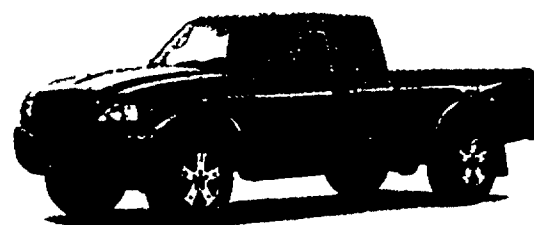


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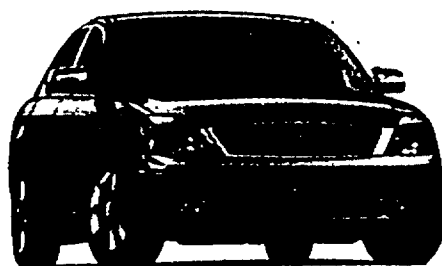


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NORTHVILLE

# Township receives Seven Mile plan; mulls possible police dispatch proposal

### REI to present plan at March 7 meeting

Last Friday, Real Estate Interests gave its preliminary site plan to Northville Township's planning department for the former state hospital property on Seven Mile Road.

The plan was under review earlier this week, Township Manager Chip Snider said.

"It's submitted in the spirit of cooperation," Snider said. "I think it's certainly a package that's appropriate for the planning commission."

Snider said details will be released at a 7 p.m. public meeting on March 7 at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. REI will present to the township's board of trustees, planning commission, school board and chamber of commerce.

From there, Snider said, the Bloomfield Hills-based group likely will work with a township subcommittee.

By contract, REI must finalize its \$55 million purchase from the state of Michigan by April. It may extend until June at a cost of \$250,000 per month.

### Builder disputes late fees

Usztan Construction's attorneys reportedly are combating late penalties Northville Township imposed due to delays in completing the new fire station and township hall.

Manager Chip Snider said the original contract noted the township would withhold about \$700 in payment to Usztan each day the company failed to meet deadlines.

Since both buildings received temporary occupancy permits, the tally is \$125,350, according to a report from township consultant Plante Moran last week.

"Usztan notified us through their counsel that they're not assuming responsibility for any late charges," Snider said. "Those clauses that were mutually agreed upon in the contract seem to have been breached."

Snider said the township is gearing up first for arbitration; Fees would be split between Usztan and the township. Pending the outcome, further litigation may follow.

"I think it will become a war of the record keepers," Snider said. In the meantime, the township board of trustees agreed last week to write two-party

checks to Usztan to ensure nearly 20 subcontractors are paid in full.

The Auburn Hills-based company still has about \$84,000 worth of work to complete on township hall, public services director Don Weaver said.

### Another dispatch merger discussed

After the Northville city and township consolidated public safety dispatch services last September, the township now is exploring possibility merging with Plymouth Township.

At the Feb. 17 board of trustees meeting, Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said major considerations would be the township's ability to first provide sufficiently for Northville residents, and the possible economic impact.

"In the spirit of being neighborly, we felt an obligation to at least look at (the possibility)," Abbo said. "We have to explore opportunities to promote more efficient services. I don't like to miss opportunities."

Plymouth approached

Northville, Abbo said, and any merge would use the township's new dispatch facility. Manager Chip Snider said the township pledged to work with other communities to explore possible consolidations at a summit held last November.

### Marking township history?

Township resident Jennifer McFall is seeking support to mark historic sites in the area, starting with Seven Mile Road's abandoned Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

"I've looked around the township and there isn't one historical marker," she said. "I'm just here to bring a different perspective."

At the Feb. 17 board of trustees meeting, McFall said her goals are to respect history, attract tourism and honor the value of patients and workers past.

Thus far, she's earned endorsements from the Northville Historical Society and Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Inc. Trustees took no formal vote

on the public presentation, though several offered support. Visit [www.remember-northville.com](http://www.remember-northville.com) to learn more.

### Grants: where to go?

Northville Township is starting to ponder how to spend some federal funds allotted by community development block grants.

Of the \$115,000 proposed for 2006, about \$54,000 is for improvements required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, from paths to park equipment. The catch: only replacement work is covered.

Since many township amenities are new, that's not in high demand. At the Feb. 17 board of trustees meeting, one suggestion was old paths in the future Thayer's Corner Park near Napier and Six Mile roads. Another was the Waterford Bend Park's veterans' memorial.

The grant program, monitored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, aims to assist low- and moderate-income households, especially with

housing. Accounting administrator Delores Bowden said funds must be used by December 2006. Prior funds were used towards the Northville Senior Center and public safety dispatch renovations.

### Election equipment

Through the 2002 U.S. Help America Vote Act, federal funds will pay for voting equipment needed in future Northville Township elections.

Township trustees last week gave clerk Sue Hillebrand the go-ahead to apply for grant funds.

The county hasn't chosen new equipment yet, Hillebrand said, so it likely won't be in for the upcoming May 3 school election. Next May is a possibility, she said.

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# It's just a matter of soul

## Northville resident hits soulful note with Internet site

By Tom Filipczak  
SPECIAL WRITER

When Chris Rizik isn't coaching his son's grade school basketball team or working at his venture capital firm in Ann Arbor, he is busy being the pulse of the soul music industry.

And he's doing it from his Northville Township home.

Rizik, 44, operates [www.soultracks.com](http://www.soultracks.com), the nation's second largest soul music Web site, based on online traffic.

Rizik started the Web site Memorial Day 2003.

"I went on eBay and bought Microsoft FrontPage. I sat at my computer with the manual and by midnight I built my first version of the Web site."

Rizik reviewed music as a student at Michigan State University. He's followed soul music ever since.

"Chris (Rizik) fills a niche (with his Web site)," said George Littlejohn who runs Purpose Records, a soul music record company based in New York.

Littlejohn said even though he is intimately involved in the business he still visits Rizik's site to find out about album releases and news about artists.

Soul music has had a falling out with mainstream America, he said. Some argue it has evolved into rap, which has replaced Motown and most R&B.

"Rap is the anthem of the youth," said Juwett Bostick, a soul music artist out of Los Angeles. "It's not realistic to market soul to 20-year-olds."

Most new artists have even a harder time finding an audience. Soul music fans tend to be adults. New artists who didn't have a chance to make a name for themselves during the Motown era don't have many ways to generate enthusiasm about their work now.

That's where Rizik's site comes in. "Since he's (Rizik) done his reviews, our sales have increased," says Littlejohn. "It's a great site."

But Rizik isn't getting rich. He said even as the No. 2 site in America, the Web site barely pays for itself.

"I definitely couldn't make a living off of it," Rizik said. "My first goal was to have 100 people visit it a month. Now, over 125,000 visit it a month and that number increases monthly."

Rizik's Web site recently counted its one millionth visitor, a testament that it's doing a fair share to keep soul music alive.

Bostick said he's had trouble with traditional "brick and mortar" retailers, especially when it came to distribution and exorbitant product placement costs.

"The Internet allows the product to have a long shelf-life," Bostick said, who despite not having the backing of a big company can track the sale of his product and organize his

### Soultracks

Where: [www.soultracks.com](http://www.soultracks.com)

What: Northville-based Web site profiling soul music

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Chris Rizik  
Resident, Northville Township

marketing.

Rizik said competition between Internet sites is not an issue for soul music devotees.

"We all know each other and we all help each other," he said. "We all want the same thing."

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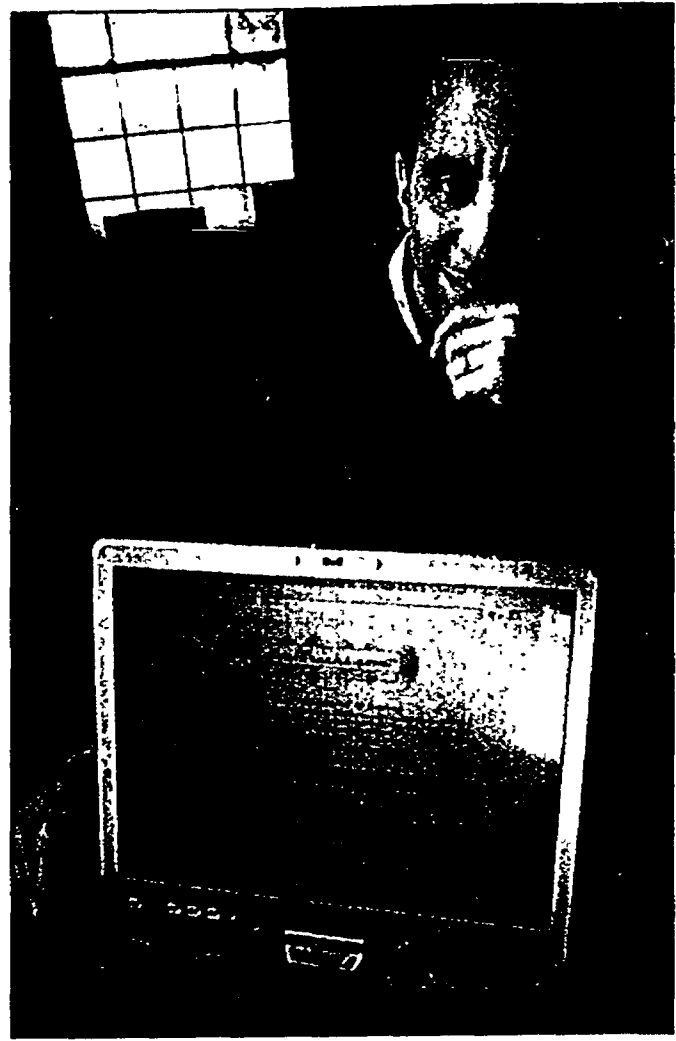


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Northville resident Chris Rizik developed the Web site "SoulTracks.com" which caters to soul music fans and is seeing a tremendous volume of visitors recently.

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of rules that each dog park pass holder has to follow.

"Certainly there are dogs...that just don't socialize as well as. Dog parks are not for every one. It's all about how the owner controls them and has worked with them."

By township ordinance, the park will be open until dawn until dusk. Currently, the temporary park is open until 9 p.m. or dusk — whichever is lighter. A dog park advisory committee fund-raiser last year raised \$10,000 for the new park.

### Barking up a tree?

Some residents initially were concerned about the cost of a dog park, clerk Sue Hillebrand said, but the group has proved self-supporting.

"They got it on the parks and recreation plan," Hillebrand said. "It will be so nice to have something else to bring residents to our Community Park."

Non-Northville residents may be welcome, too. "The whole point is to make sure our residents have the opportunity," Sincok said.

The existing dog park will remain open until at least the end of this December, Sincok said. From there, Northville City Council likely will decide its fate.

For Barnes, last week's news was long awaited.

"We're pioneers," she said. "If we want a new soccer field or baseball field or any sports facility, it's all been done before."

"I'm hoping it's going to be well received. It's something that we need and it's needed by a good cross-section of the community."



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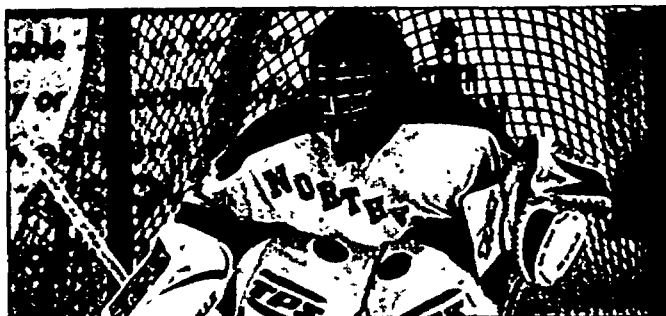
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The Northville volleyball team is geared up and ready to see what they can do in the district tournament. Can they win it? Can they impress their opponents? One this is for sure, this isn't the Northville team of old. They're ready to compete.  
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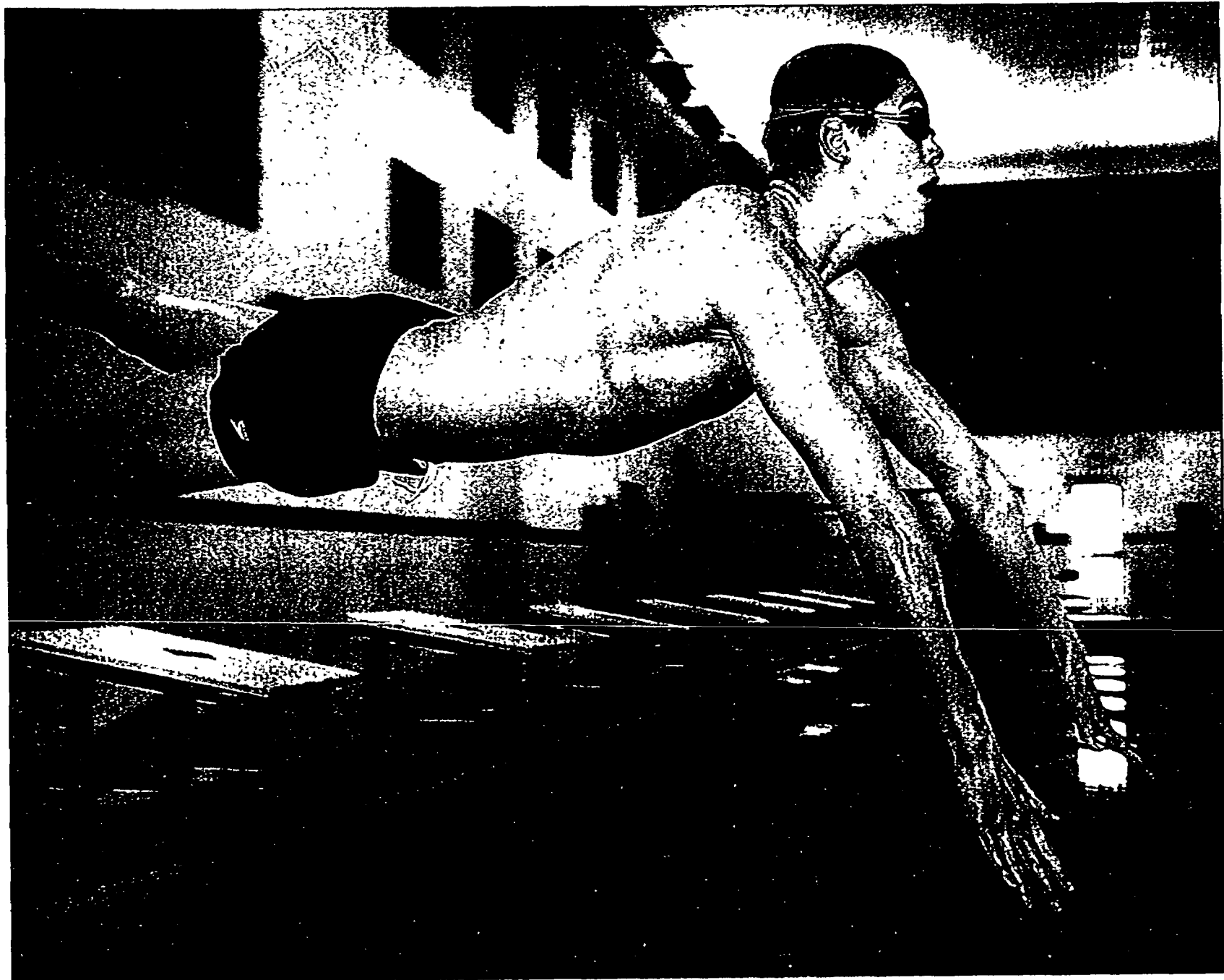


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Chris Keady and the Northville Mustangs are ready to dive in for their share of a Western Lakes conference title.

## Northville s diving in, head

Will the Mustangs be the next Western Lakes king?

By Sam Eggleston  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team is tired of talking about the Western Lakes Activities Association conference championship meet. They just want to go and win it. The team, coached by Rich Bennetts, is geared up and ready to go. They're chomping at the bit for the title meet. Swimming preliminaries are scheduled for Thursday. Diving preliminaries are scheduled for Friday. The finals are slated for Saturday. All three days of competition will be at Salem High School.

"Things are really starting to come together," said Bennetts. "We seem pretty focused in our workouts and we're ready to swim." The Mustangs tankers agree. They said they've put in the time at the pool. Now they just have to dive in head first and see what happens.

"We're just all hoping to do our best," said Chris Keady, a sophomore. "It would be great if we could have that title." Northville already has the Western Division title, but a Western Lakes league title? It's always escaped the program.

"This is the first time they've really had the chance to win the title since joining the Western Lakes," said Bennetts. "There's a lot of pressure on the guys."

Stevenson won the first round this year by taking home a victory in the dual meet between the two teams. It didn't change the way either team was ranked though, with the Spartans coming in as the fifth-ranked team in the state in Division I and the Mustangs ranked eighth.

"I think this is going to be an extremely close meet," said Will Blicke, a sophomore. "But I feel that we can win."

### Not like last time

Northville is resolved not to let the Spartans swim away with an easy victory. The last time the two teams met several Mustangs were suffering from the flu and did not swim.

Now the Mustangs are healthy. And ready. "That was a freak break-out," said sophomore Chris

Culkin of the flu virus that ravaged the Northville swimming and diving team. "I think we'll do pretty good this time. We've worked hard after every one got back and didn't let being sick get in our way."

Bennetts has always refused to use the flu outbreak as an excuse for his team's loss. Instead, he's focused on getting them better and faster for the final regular-season meet.

"Our entire focus from day one is the conference and the state meet," he said. "We've been looking at the season-long plan, which has always been geared toward those two meets."

Despite there being plenty of other swimmers getting ready to compete in the conference title meet, the Mustangs are well aware it's going to be a race for the title against the Spartans.

Northville and Stevenson each boast something many conference teams do not possess: depth.

"I feel that it's going to be Stevenson and Northville competing for first and second," said Blicke. "There are other teams there to compete, but I just don't think they're going to be able to compete for first and second like we are."

Bennetts agreed. "This is going to be a two-team meet," he said. "There are a couple of good swimmers that might figure in for a couple of first places, but as far as total points it's going to come down to Stevenson and Northville."

### Toe to toe

No one is expecting a blowout. "It's going to be tough, no matter what," said Bennetts. "From top to bottom, Stevenson is every bit as good as we are. We're going to have to take a few punches from them and they're going to have to take a few of their own."

This could prove to be the last meet for many of the Northville swimmers. Only a handful of the team will advance to the state meet early next month.

That's why every tanker, even those headed to the finals, plans on leaving it all in the pool.

"It's the end of the season and that's when we normally do our best," said Culkin. "We don't expect this to be any different. Guys shave their legs, their heads and all the hair on their body. They want to have the best times of the year."

They'll need every edge they can muster to sink the Spartans. Stevenson is reigning conference champs. Northville wants to change that.

"They're our main competition," said Keady. "We're really looking forward to pulling ahead of them. Winning the conference title just gives us some more incentive to do our best."

## Tankers have what it takes

Finally, the Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team has a team as deep as the water where they take their mark — and then make one.

The difference? A team filled with dedicated, talented tankers.

"This team has a bunch of guys that want to prove themselves," said sophomore Chris Culkin. "They wanted to step up and when they did the team started doing well."

The Mustangs boast talented sophomores and freshmen, along with depth and leadership provided by junior and senior team members. There is talent, no doubt. But beyond impressive individual numbers, the Mustangs offer something more: heart.

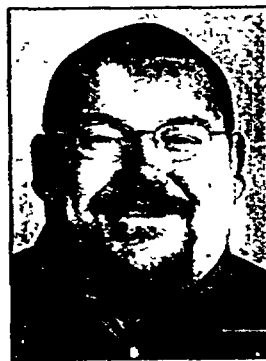
"This team has a lot of heart," said Chris Keady, a sophomore. "Everyone wants to win because of the team. They want to see the team win."

Will Blicke, another of the talented sophomore class, agreed. He said he enjoys doing well in meets, but he'd trade it in a heartbeat.

"Everybody is there to do their best," said Blicke. "We're focused on helping the team win. I'd rather not have a good meet if it meant the team would win."

The Mustangs relish individual achievements. But they crave team success more, even if it means giving up some of their favorite events.

That's called dedication. "I just do what the coach tells me," Culkin said. "Everyone swims what's best for the team."



Sam Eggleston



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Mustang swimmers (from left) Chris Keady, Chris Culkin, Brad Farris and Will Blicke are ready to plunge in the pool and the playoffs.

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# Mustangs well represented in WLAA

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team may not have escaped the district tournament last week, but they made a lot of noise trying.

The squad, coached by Matt Thomas, found senior 140-pound wrestler Nick DiDia placing fourth and heading to the individual regional meet this week. Tim Resnick, a junior grappling at 215 pounds, qualified for the next step toward the state meet but will not be able to continue due to an injury.

Making the trip to the semi-finals was Jonny D'Anna at 119 pounds and Jon Junca at 125. Both wrestlers lost in the round.

In the Western Lakes Activities Association conference championship meet, the Mustangs were well represented. They found Resnick taking second place at 215 pounds while DiDia took fourth at 140. Justin Swanson also put a notch in his resume for his senior season with a fifth-place finish in the WLAA meet.

Dave Stewart, a sophomore, showed promise with a sixth-place finish in the tournament. He wrestled at 275 pounds.

Livonia Franklin won the tournament, which boasted a field of 12 schools.

## Mustangs roll Wayne

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team made short work of their foes from Wayne Memorial last week, crushing their conference foes 108-66.

The meet, which found the Mustangs bringing in a dominating force compared to their opponents, allowed Northville to swim some of their eager swimmers who haven't been able to see much action in the pool this year.

"It's a great way to get those guys some races," said Rich Bennetts, the team's coach. "They are usually the ones cheering the other guys on. This time it was reversed roles."

In the 200 medley relay, the team of John Bardsley, Greg Sheppard, Ryan Smith and Chris Folas took first in a time of 1:52.62.

Dan O'Brien, who has been

having a few good meets as of late, swam to first in the 200 freestyle in 2:02.69 with Paul Young right behind him in second with a 2:02.80.

Hunter Schwartz, one of the team's top swimmers, looked to improve his seeding for the conference meet with an impressive showing in the 200 individual medley. He swam a season-best 2:13.90 in the race.

The 50 freestyle also found a season-best time being set. This time it was Joe Hogan, a senior, setting his mark with a time of 23.58 seconds.

In the 100 butterfly, the Mustangs found Folas taking the top spot in 1:03.32 while freshman Joe Kargula took second in 1:03.97 — shaving three seconds off his season-best time.

"He earned the last spot on our league-meet team with that swim," said Bennetts. "He's one of those guys that was fighting for the final spot."

In the 100 freestyle, freshman Jim Mammiano took second in 54.94 seconds, his best time of the year. Weston Laabs had a nice showing in the 500 freestyle, taking first in a grueling 5:26.88. The 200 freestyle relay found the team of Young, Sheppard, O'Brien and Colin Smith taking second in 1:41.60 while Bardsley took first in the 100 backstroke in 1:00.81.

Winning the 100 breaststroke was Sheppard, swimming a 1:11.96. The team of Mark Stuber, Young, O'Brien and Laabs won the 400 freestyle in 3:44.44.

## Northville girls compete with Infinity gymnastics

Local gymnasts with Infinity Gymnastics Academy continue to deliver strong performances at local and national competitions. Level 7 team took 2nd place at the Hartland All-American Invitational and competed at the "Chicago Style" Invitational at Navy Pier.

In Hartland, Charlotte Jacques earned 6th place all-around, scored a 9.425 for 2nd on vault, 9.025 for 6th on

uneven bars, and 9.225 on floor for 5th place.

Level 8 Julie Sheeran vaulted for a 2nd place with a 9.15, and earned 5th on bars with a 9.025. Level 9 Sara Wilchowski took 6th all-around, and placed 4th on bars with a 9.025.

Level 6 team earned 3rd place led by Amy O'Brien in the 12 year old division. Amy earned 2nd all-around, 1st on bars, 1st on floor with a 9.2, and 3rd on balance beam. Michelle Steslicki earned 3th place all-around with 2nd on beam and 3rd on bars.

Rebecca McKeivitz tied for 5th place with a vault score of 9.1. In the 13 year old division, Lauren Forche placed 4th all-around, 2nd on vault with a score of 9.4, 5th on bars, and 5th on beam. Level 5 team earned 4th place. Kara Ludke earned 3rd place on beam with a 9.05.

At the Chicago Style Invitational, Level 8 Julie Sheeran placed 3rd all-around (36.175), and placed in all four events. She scored a 9.225 on bars, 9.1 on beam, and 9.0 on floor. Level 7 gymnast, Jacques also placed in all four events and earned 6th all-around. She scored 9.050 on vault and 9.1 on floor.

Melissa Ludke took home a medal for her performance on bars and beam. In level 6, Amy O'Brien earned 7th place all-around and placed in all four events with a 9.0 on floor. Lauren Forche placed on vault with a 9.0, bars, and floor. Julie Davison placed on vault and bars. Maureen Murphy placed on vault.

Level 5 gymnast, Kara Ludke, earned 6th all-around (35.075), 6th on beam with a 9.25, 4th on vault, and 3rd on bars. Wilchowski, level 9, earned a 9.05 on floor for 6th place, and 7th place on beam.

The girls will travel to Columbus, Ohio next month to compete in the Arnold Classic.

— Compiled by Northville Record sports writer Sam Eggleston



ABOVE: Stephanie Curran and JoAnna Arnold pose following a competition in Denver. BELOW: Arnold in action in rhythmic gymnastics.

## Local girls showcase talents

Local Northville girls, JoAnna Arnold, a student at Hillside Middle School, and Stephanie Curran, a student at Meads Mill Middle School, have been competing nationally in rhythmic gymnastics.

The two recently returned from the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs where they participated in one of the most important meets of the year. They finished the four-day meet 9th and 11th all-around out of 40 "Level Seven" gymnasts from across the United States.

Arnold and Curran are members of the Sports Club Rhythmic Gymnastics Team and have competed this year in Los Angeles and Chicago prior to the Colorado Springs meet. They train 16 hours per week with coach Jennifer Buckley, who was recognized in Los Angeles for having a successful team.

The Level Seven competition featured teams from around the world, including Russia, Ukraine, Japan, Bulgaria and Australia. Olympians Inna Zhukova and Natalia Godunko also participated.

In Chicago, Curran clinched first place, Arnold second, claiming the top places of the Level Seven juniors in the Region.

Rhythmic gymnastics is a combination of gymnastics movements, dance and apparatus handling. Each gymnast com-

petes in four musically-choreographed events and incorporates required skills in every routine. Gymnasts are judged on technical and artistic value. The five

apparatus used are rope, hoop, ball, ribbon and clubs. Gymnasts complete leaps, jumps, balances and pivots while hurling apparatus in the air and catching it.



## Mustangs have to step up to beat Spartans

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Sometimes that means diving into an event they don't particularly like. It's head coach Rich Bennetts' job to match swimmers with the right events. So far, he's been doing a good job.

"Rich is always trying to find where he can get the most depth out of the guys," Culkan said. "He knows where to put us so the team scores more points. He's great at maximizing our output."

## Team goals

The Mustangs are not afraid to

set goals. A conference title. A great showing at the state meet. It's all part of the master plan.

Individual goals are set. Team success remains the priority.

"Our team has a really good team concept," said Keady. "We want to win the conference. We are hoping to show everyone that we can beat Stevenson."

To do that, Bennetts builds his team up with praise but doesn't let their heads get too big.

"Coach does a pretty good job of keeping us from getting too confident," said Bickle. "But at the same time, he doesn't make

us think we're too terrible either."

Keeping it balanced, Bennetts knows a thing or two about it. He's been the coach at Northville for five years. He also coaches club swimming. In his early days, he swam for league rival Livonia Stevenson. He was a Spartan.

No one talks about that much. Now he's all orange and black.

Bennetts wants the conference title. He's stepping up to

the challenge and he's hoping his team does, too. The key is focus and balance, he said.

"We've got to make sure we're not too high on ourselves but not too low on ourselves either," Bennetts said. "We've got to stay even-keeled and do the job. If we do, then we'll be OK when all is said and done."

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Mustang volleyballers Evonna Karchon, left, and Dianna Delbis are Northville's captains and are hoping to lead their team well into the playoffs this winter.

## District tournament

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team will have the task of not only playing in the district tournament, but hosting it as well.

All the games will be played Friday at Northville High School. The first games of the day will be played by Northville and Salem on court one at 4 p.m. while Canton and Churchill square off on court two at the same time.

Plymouth will await the winner of the Salem/Northville contest, having earned a bye out of the draw. The second game is slated for a 5:30 p.m. start on court one. Court two will find South Lyon playing the winner of the Canton/Churchill game at 5:30 p.m. as well.

The final game is scheduled for 7 p.m. and will be played at center court. The winner of the game will move on to the regional tournament.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### New volleyball club in Novi

Club Extreme is looking for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade girls interested in participating in a new club team. Club Extreme's mission is to provide an opportunity for the girls to participate in a challenging yet rewarding environment. Tryouts will be held in March.

All interested Parents may contact Peter Lau at (734) 632-5694 or (248) 219-8639.

### Knights looking for players

The Dearborn Heights Knights (12 & under) travel baseball team will be scheduling tryouts for the 2005 baseball season. The Knights are the PeeWee Reese (11 year old) champions for the NorthWest Suburban League. On their schedule will be the Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament located near the Baseball Hall of Fame. For fur-

ther information, contact Rich Gruetz at 1-(800) 949-9834.

### Coaching positions available

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District is currently looking for a head girls track and field coach at Walled Lake Western High School. The district is also looking for a head boys varsity soccer coach for Walled Lake Northern.

Inquiries should be directed to David Yarbrough, Athletics Director for the school district. For more information, call the athletics office at (248) 956-2074.

### Registration underway

Registration for Northville Baseball-Softball Association (NBSA) is currently underway. Families can register on the NBSA Website at [www.NBSAonline.org](http://www.NBSAonline.org). Players that sign up prior to March 1 will receive an early sign-up discount.

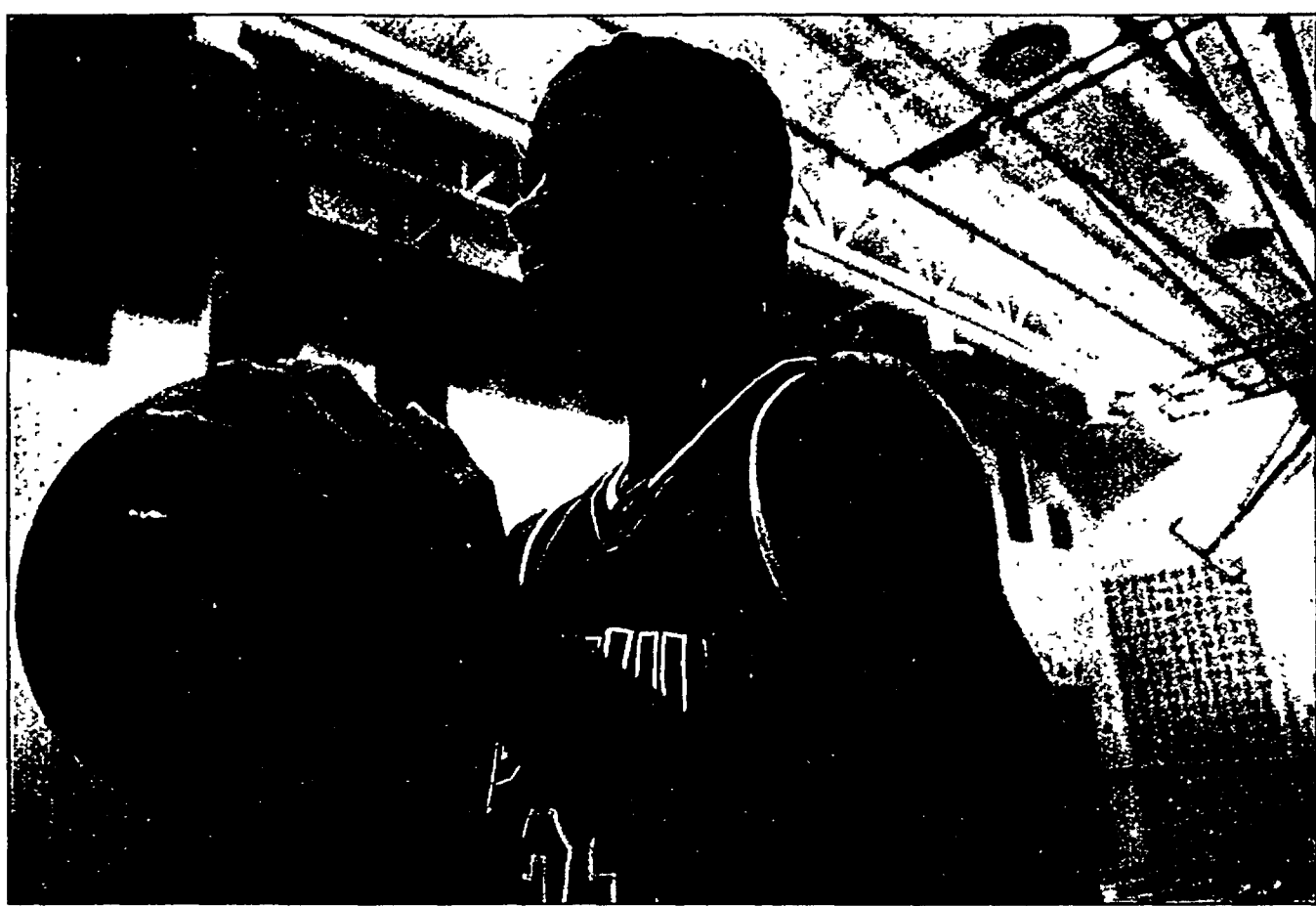


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Sophomore Alvin Storrs has made his mark with Northville's basketball team. He is hoping to help lead the team to a big victory over Canton next week in the district tournament.

## What's in Storrs for Northville?

By Matt Simich  
SPECIAL WRITER

At first glance, Alvin Storrs appears small and not much of a threat.

But as soon as he sets foot on the court, the 5-foot-11-inch sophomore point guard is one of the Northville Mustangs' most aggressive and dangerous players.

Yes, he is one of the younger and more inexperienced players on the team, but Storrs is not short on talent.

"It's fun. Even though I am youngest on the team it's OK," said Storrs. "The guys treat me the same as everybody else."

Storrs has a lot of basketball behind him. He started playing when he was 6 years old. Once he

started dribbling and shooting, he couldn't stop.

His father helped teach him how to handle and shoot the ball.

"He got me interested in playing by taking me to (Detroit) Pistons games when I was little and showed me the different aspects you could learn," said Storrs. "I have learned a lot mentally and athletically from my mom and dad."

As he grew, so did his skills. When Storrs was in middle school he played for Meads Mill in both 7th and 8th grades. He learned the point guard position and started perfecting his shot. In high school, Storrs made the JV squad as a freshman.

This year he is one of the Mustangs' premier point guards.

Making the transition from JV to varsity was no easy task. The players are bigger, faster and stronger. Team play is emphasized. Storrs has made some adjustments.

"You have to learn how to do different things," said Storrs. "For example, keeping your teammates involved but at the same time keeping yourself involved as well."

Storrs said he has grown as a player. Basketball is more than just scoring points.

He said coach Ed Kritch and coach Darrell Schumacher have pushed fundamentals like defense and moving the ball up the court. His teammates also push him, he said, urging him to find open creases in opposing defenses and

set up easy shots.

Storrs said the season outlook is promising.

"The team is coming together, practices are getting much more intense, and the coaches are bringing the best out of us," he said.

Storrs is focused on a successful Mustangs season. What's in store for the future?

"These things have made us a better team," Storrs said. "They have made better players out of us and have made us better people."

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

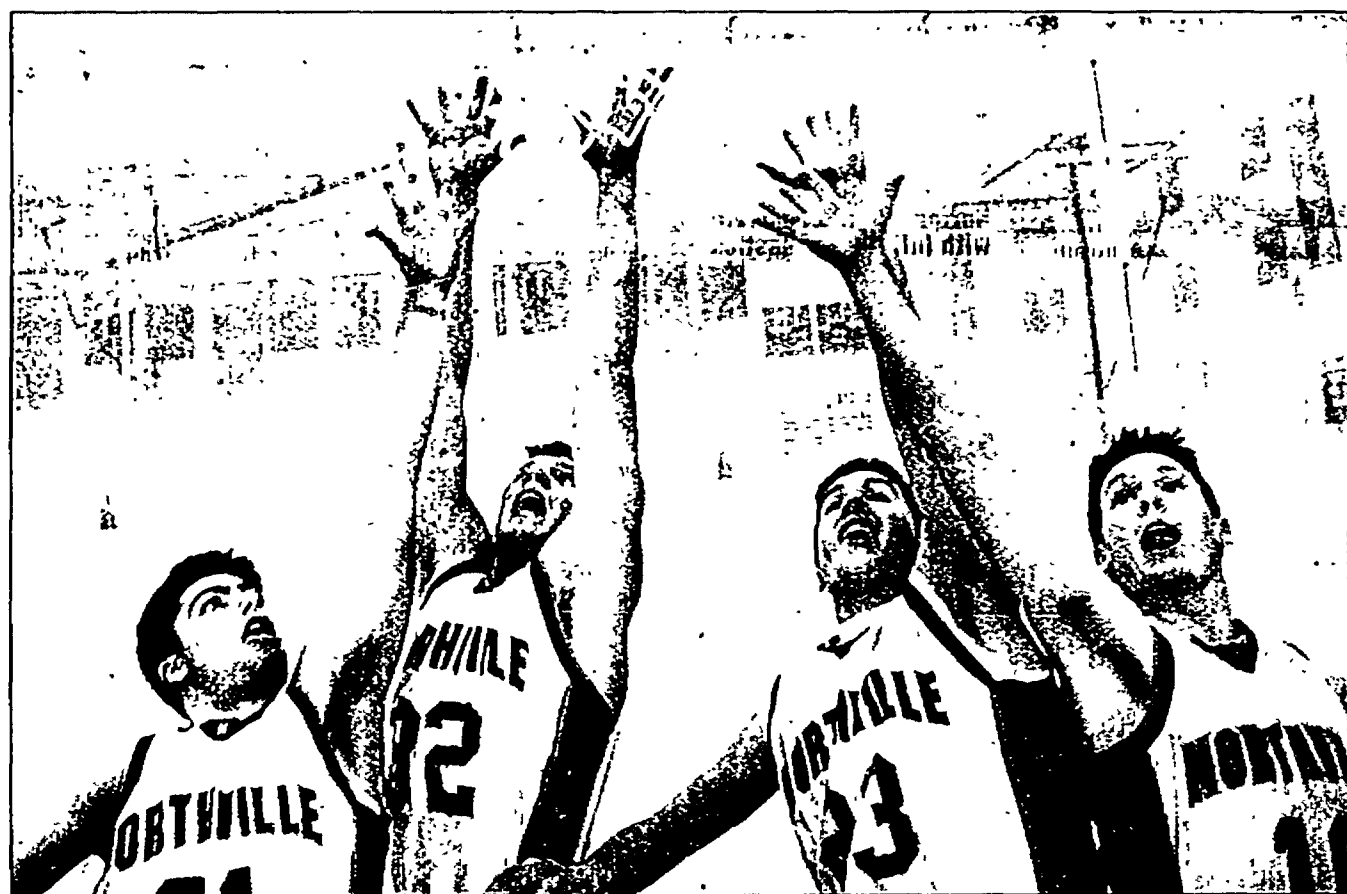


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Mustangs Ryan Hillock, J.D. Gerblick, Chris Lorente, and Dave VanHorn are ready to leap for rebounds and into the playoffs.

## District tournament could be a whole new season for Northville basketball

By Sam Eggleston  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

As the regular season comes to a close for the Novi Wildcats and Northville Mustangs basketball teams, a new season is about to begin.

The post-season is like the start of a new year for some teams. Bad records, and good ones, are wiped away. Everyone is 0-0.

The difference between the new season and the old? One loss and a team goes home for good.

"Anyone can win, but it all boils down to who can make a shot," said Northville assistant coach Ed Kritch. "Teams that score into the 50s and 60s during the season might only score in the 40s in the district."

Records don't matter at this point in the year. The Northville Mustangs have the unlucky draw of playing Canton in the second game of the tourney, scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday. All district games are at Northville High School.

The Chiefs are 13-6 right now and Northville hosts an 8-11 mark.

"They're a bit of a dilemma for us," said Kritch. "They're one of the teams in the district that are favored to win it. Novi is the other. Canton is probably the most complete, versatile team out there. It's hard try-

ing to exploit what they might not have."

The Mustangs are going to have to depend on some stellar performances from some of their top players. They'll be looking to the likes of Chris Lorente, J.D. Gerblick and Alvin Storrs to lead the charge.

When the Chiefs and the Mustangs last met, Northville only trailed by six points with a minute left to play. Of course, that was January. Canton has improved since then and earned a place to play in the WLA league championship.

"At the same time, I think we're close to them," said Kritch. "It's not as though they're above and beyond us. I think we're close to them and we're on the upswing as well."

### 'Wild' ride

Novi's coach believes the districts present a chance for all teams to win. For him and his Wildcats, it's a whole new ball game.

"Everyone is 0-0 right now," said Novi coach Pat Schluter. "Everyone is starting over, they're fresh. The team's are motivated and everyone is looking to come after everyone else. There are no easy games in the district."

And Schluter would know. He and his

Wildcats are one of the favorites with their 16-2 record heading into the final week of the regular season. Novi is also three-time defending district champions.

The Wildcats won't have to wait long to take the court Monday. They are playing Salem in the first game of the tournament at 5:30 p.m.

Plymouth has a bye and will wait for the winner of the Northville game for a Wednesday showdown at 7 p.m. The winner of the Novi contest will play a scrappy South Lyon squad at 5:30 p.m. the same day.

Canton has already beaten every team in the tournament sans South Lyon. Novi has only lost to the Chiefs out of the field of competitors.

But, past performances mean nothing in the new season. Even Salem, sitting with a 1-18 record right now, will be looking to make their season last just a little longer with a district victory.

"Every team in the tournament has a chance of winning it," Schluter said. "No matter which team you end up playing, you know it's going to be a good game."

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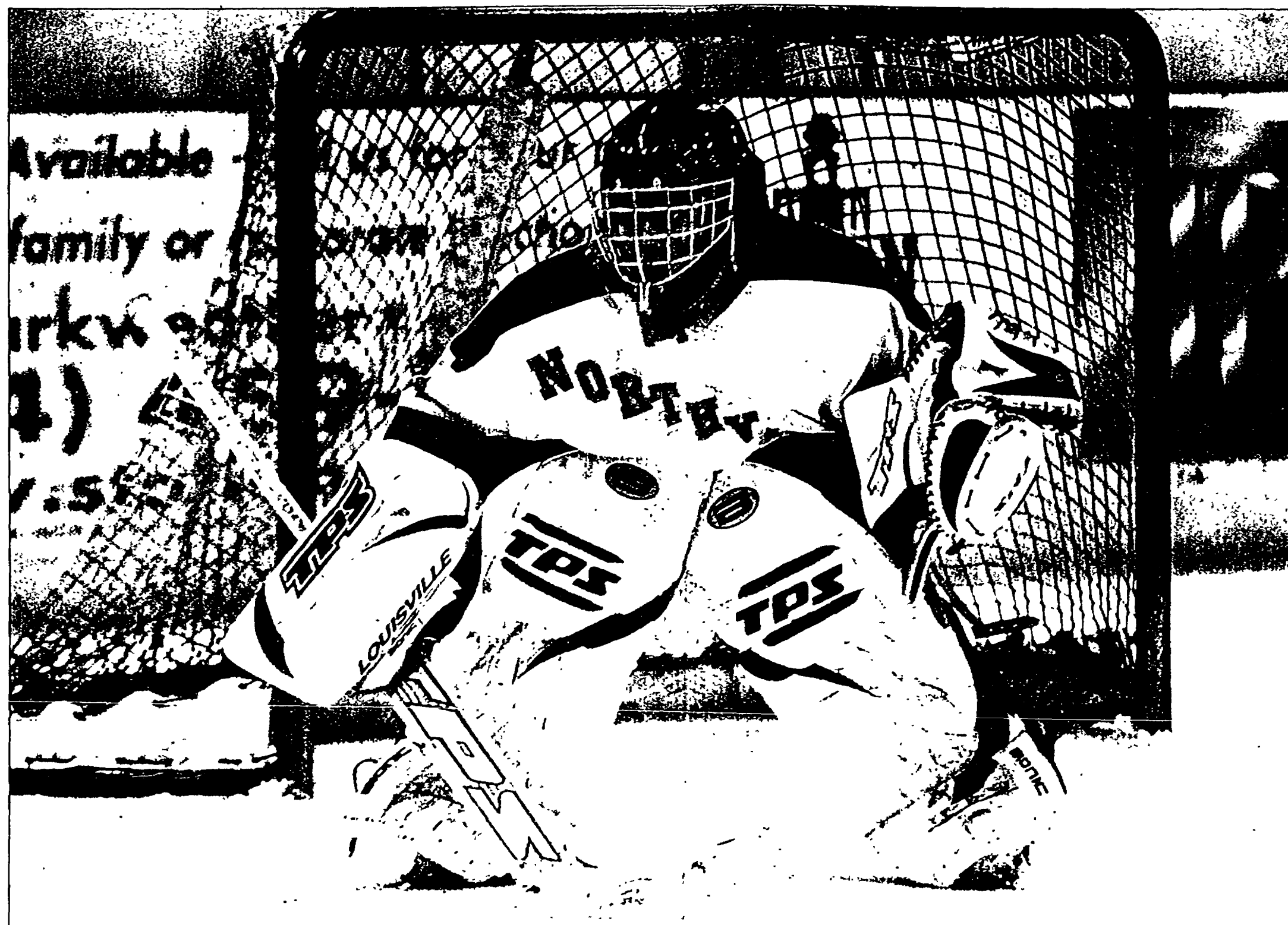
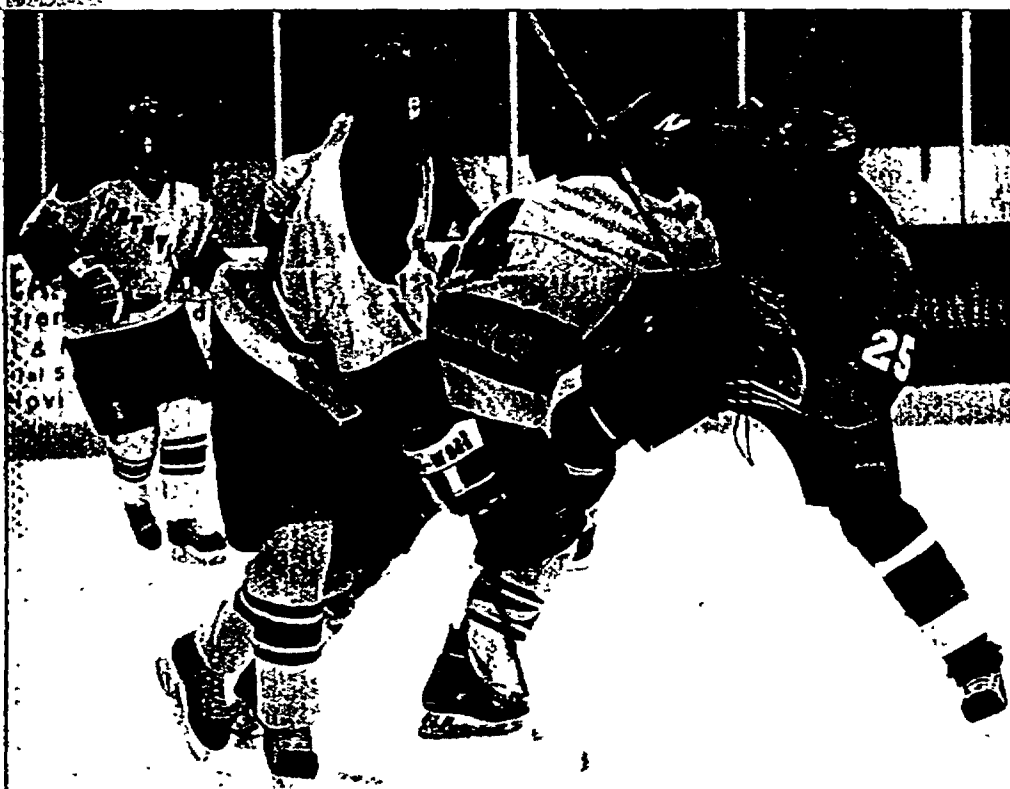
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# MUSTANGS HOCKEY' READY TO RUMBLE



TOP: The Mustangs push their way through the Plymouth defense on their way down the ice in hopes of a goal. Northville won, 6-1. BOTTOM: A Mustang defender roughs up a Plymouth Wildcat near the net as another turns to face the action on the ice.

RIGHT: Jimmy Gates prepares himself for an oncoming rush of Plymouth's offensive. TOP: The lesson learned against Northville? Don't talk smack unless you want to be smacked against the boards. BOTTOM: A hard slap shot by a Northville Mustangs skater.



## Regional will be tough

By Sam Eggleston  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

One thing's for certain: when the puck hits the ice next week during the MHSAA regional tournament, plenty of great hockey will be played.

The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats hockey teams find themselves skating into one of the toughest regions they have played to date.

Last year's regional tournament participants Ypsilanti Lincoln and Waterford Kettering have been replaced by state-ranked Brother Rice and Plymouth High School. Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western and Livonia Franklin will make an appearance as well.

"The addition of Brother Rice made it that much tougher," said Brad O'Neill, Northville's hockey head coach. "Every team has a chance at winning this region. It's one and done right now."

One loss and a team goes home. It's a new season with a lot of incentive. No one

wants to be sitting in the stands, watching the team that beat them advancing.

"Everyone is looking at Brother Rice as Goliath right now," said Novi coach Dan Phelps. His Wildcats are slated to take on the Warriors in the first round. "You've got to beat the best if you want to be the best. We'd rather bring them on right now."

**Ice trends**

Both Northville and Novi have played well in the late weeks of the season. Northville has a division championship and are defending regional and quarterfinal title winners.

Novi has been playing well in the final stretch, earning five-straight victories.

"We're real confident with how well the kids have been playing," said Phelps. "They're having fun right now and they're playing good together. They're finding ways to win."

Both teams will be relying on strong play from their defenses and, in particular, their

goalies. They'll have plenty of shots to defend if the teams in the regional keep playing as well as they have been.

Besides being state-ranked, Brother Rice finished second in the Catholic League behind Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Franklin and the Walled Lake schools have been giving teams a run for their money and Plymouth, a first-year varsity program, ends their season with nearly a .500 mark.

"That's not too bad for such a young team," said O'Neill. "This is going to be a tough regional."

No matter which teams end up making it past the first round, both the Mustangs and the Wildcats plan on playing their best games.

"We're going to leave it all out on the ice," said Phelps. "I'm confident the kids are going to perform and no matter what the outcome is, it's been a great season."

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## Northville wants WLAA crown

By Sam Eggleston  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs hockey team knows better than to take their next challenge lightly.

Waiting for the Mustangs this Friday at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Ice Arena will be the Churchill Chargers, the champions of the Lakes Division. Northville, the Western Division champs, will have to skate away with a victory if they hope to earn their first-ever conference victory.

"We've got to be really aware of a few of their players when they're on the ice," said Northville

coach Brad O'Neill. "They play really strong when they're on their own end."

Not that Northville is a bunch of slackers. The Mustangs have racked up quite a few wins of their own and will be looking to notch a major victory tomorrow.

The problem the Mustangs are facing right now is scoring. Yes, they're putting plenty of pucks in the net. But doing so is requiring an increasing number of shot attempts.

"We've got to capitalize on our chances because I really don't see this being a high-scoring game," said O'Neill. "It's going to be tight and close."

Over the past four games, Northville has put 186 shots on goal and scored just 15 goals. That's an 8 percent average.

"That's been a little bit of a concern over the past two weeks," O'Neill said. "It's not just a couple of different guys, but the whole team that hasn't been able to finish."

In some ways, the Chargers and the Mustangs are very similar. Both have impressive skill up front in shooting potential and both can struggle in their own zones.

The result should find the

WLAA title game coming down to the final minutes with some hard fought play throughout the contest.

"The first time we played them they would pressure and then we'd go down and have pressure," said O'Neill. "I'm sure that's going to be the kind of game this is going to be."

But, unlike last time, this game means something.

"It's for a league championship," O'Neill said. "That's enough to motivate any team."

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## Mustangs beat Plymouth, tie Rocks

By Sam Eggleston  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

In a week of games that really had no meaning for the Northville Mustangs hockey team, disappointment still managed to rear its ugly head.

The Mustangs, led by head coach Brad O'Neill, stomped first-year Plymouth, 6-1, before tying Salem, 3-3.

"Friday's game was a disappointment," said O'Neill of the Salem game. "Though it was a game that had no meaning, it was still disappointing."

The Mustangs jumped out to a 3-0 lead over their foes before letting the Rocks tie the game up with three goals in just five minutes.

Following goals by Joe Vitale, Dino Bernabei and Donny McKinnon, the Mustangs looked comfortable skating into the third period of play. They continued to control the ice during much of the period — until the Rocks lit up the scoreboard with five minutes to play.

"We just didn't take care of business," said O'Neill. "When you have a 3-0 lead, there's no excuse not getting the win."

The first Salem goal came when Kenny Papich's helmet came off — a moment when, by rule, play is supposed to be suspended. The second shot was fired in a few minutes later for a 3-2 game.

The final, game-tying shot was scored with two seconds left following three iced pucks by the Mustangs.

"We had our chances," O'Neill said. "We just didn't capitalize on them."

Scooter Orog took the tie at goalie. He stopped 12 shots. Northville took 42 shots on goal with the Rock's goalie stopping 39.

Northville is slated to be back in action when they play host to Livonia Churchill in the WLAA title game tomorrow at 7:15 p.m.

early last week.

The team's victory left them undefeated in the Western Division, a title they clinched a week earlier.

"It was a big plus to end the season undefeated in the division," O'Neill said. "It was a pretty convincing win."

The game stood at 1-0 following the first period of play before the Mustangs jumped out to a 5-0 advantage by the end of two. Northville added a final tally in the third period and allowed a goal against them in the same stretch.

"We only beat them by a goal the first time we played them," O'Neill said. "This time we wanted to take care of business."

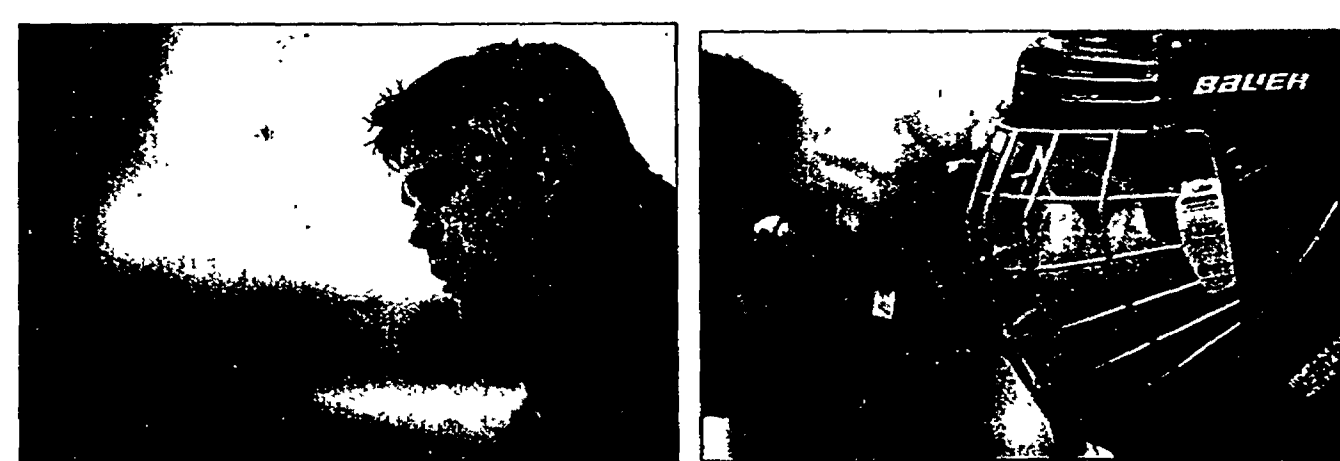
Jimmy Gates earned the victory in the net, stopping 15 shots on goal. Northville fired 45 at the Wildcats in the winning effort.

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### Mustangs dominate

The Mustangs also showed their ability to dominate the ice, beating Plymouth, 6-1.

BOTTOM LEFT: Brad O'Neill, Northville's head hockey coach, discusses strategy with his team against Plymouth at Novi Ice Arena last week. BOTTOM RIGHT: There's work to be done on, and off, the ice. Here a Mustangs is getting his facemask fixed.



# IN THE KITCHEN

## BRING HOME THE Taste of Tuscany



Chef Marco Stabile draws upon the regional flavors of Tuscany to offer these authentic dishes for American home chefs.

Perched on a hilltop, with a breathtaking view of vineyards and the rolling Tuscan landscape, lies the historic Castello di Gabbiano. Here, winemakers have been crafting wines — including Chianti, the area's hallmark — since the 12th century. The winery-estate is also home to Il Cavaliere Restaurant and chef Marco Stabile. Stabile's cooking is inspired by the traditional dishes of his Tuscan childhood, and the natural bounty of the region. Ingredients as varied as dried figs, olive oil, locally-produced cheeses, game birds, smoked meats and more find delicious expression in his changing seasonal menu — and pair perfectly with the estate's wines.

Bring the taste of Tuscany home, with these recipes adapted from Stabile's menu. Dried California figs, both golden Calimyrnas and dark purple Missions, with their naturally-sweet flavor, luscious texture and year-round versatility, are a favored ingredient in Italy and America. Fresh Tomato Sauce With Shredded Beef and Sage-Rolled Figs is Stabile's modern rendition of an ancient Florentine classic, while Pan-Fried Game Hens With Figs and New Potatoes are made easy with Cornish game hens substituting for traditional pigeon breasts. Wine-Soaked Fig Bread Pudding uses easy-to-find Tuscan-style bread and Chianti-plumped dried figs in a dessert that's layered with authentic flavor. A bottle of Castello di Gabbiano Chianti, with its notes of cherry, blackberry and spice, complements these full-flavored dishes and completes your Tuscan feast!

For an exclusive recipe from chef Marco Stabile for Fig With Gorgonzola Toasts, or to learn more about Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice and Sun-Maid Dried California Figs or Castello di Gabbiano wines and visitor information, visit these websites: [www.valleyfig.com](http://www.valleyfig.com) or [www.gabbiano.com](http://www.gabbiano.com).

From top: Fresh Tomato Sauce With Beef and Sage-Rolled Figs and Pan-Fried Game Hens With Figs and New Potatoes

### Fresh Tomato Sauce With Beef and Sage-Rolled Figs

- 8 large tomatoes
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, plus additional for figs
- 1 pound round steak, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup Chianti, divided (may substitute beef broth for wine)
- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano
- 12 Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid California Calimyrna or Mission Figs
- 24 fresh sage leaves
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- Hot cooked fettuccine or linguine
- Grated Pecorino cheese

Dip tomatoes into boiling water for 1 minute; remove and place in bowl of ice water. Slip off skins and cut in half. Squeeze to remove seeds and chop tomatoes; set aside. Heat oil in large pot; add beef. Cook, stirring frequently, until browned on all sides. Add onion and garlic and cook 5 minutes more. Add tomatoes, 1/2 cup wine and broth to pot and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, 1 hour and 15 minutes. Remove from heat and press meat with back of spoon to break apart. Simmer, uncovered, until most liquid has cooked off; stir in basil and oregano.

Preheat oven to 400°F. While sauce is cooking, cut stems off figs and cut in half. Simmer in remaining wine 2 minutes. Let stand until wine has been absorbed. Wrap

each fig half in a sage leaf and secure with toothpick. Place in small baking dish with thin layer of olive oil and cook 4 to 5 minutes; remove toothpicks.

To serve, spoon sauce over hot cooked pasta and top each serving with fig rolls. Serve with grated Pecorino cheese. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Serve with: Castello di Gabbiano Chianti or Sangiovese-Merlot

### Pan-Fried Game Hens With Figs and New Potatoes

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- Flour for dredging
- 2 Cornish game hens, split in half
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 3/4 cup Pinot Grigio (may substitute chicken broth for wine)
- 16 Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid California Calimyrna or Mission Figs, stemmed and halved
- 12 tiny red potatoes, halved
- 1 to 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary

Heat olive oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Sprinkle game hens liberally with salt and pepper and coat well with flour. Place in skillet, skin side down, and cook 5 to 10 minutes or until skin is golden brown.

Turn skin side up and pour broth and wine into skillet. Tuck figs and potatoes into skillet, making sure to cover with liquid. Cover skillet loosely and reduce heat to medium low. Cook 10 minutes; remove cover and cook 10 minutes more or until hens are cooked through and potatoes are

tender. Sauce should be reduced and slightly thickened at this point. Season to taste with additional salt and pepper, if desired, and sprinkle with chopped fresh rosemary. Makes 4 servings.

Serve with: Castello di Gabbiano Chianti or Chianti Classico

### Wine-Soaked Fig Bread Pudding

- 1/2 pound rustic Italian bread, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid California Calimyrna or Mission Figs
- 1/3 cup Chianti (may substitute orange juice for wine)
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- Lightly sweetened whipped cream
- Cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place bread cubes and milk in medium bowl; let stand 15 minutes, stirring once or twice. Remove stems from figs and coarsely chop.

Bring wine to boil in small saucepan. Add figs and simmer 2 minutes or until wine has been absorbed; set aside. Beat eggs with sugar and stir in bread cubes and soaked figs. Spread butter onto bottom and sides of 2-quart casserole dish. Spoon bread mixture into dish and bake 45 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted into center comes out clean.

Let cool to warm, and serve with sweetened whipped cream. Top with sprinkle of cinnamon. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Serve with: Italian Vin Santo or other dessert wine

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# Schoolcraft College students know how to **SPICE THINGS UP**



Culinary Arts Program student Elizabeth Velasquez begins to separate 15 egg whites to make chocolate creme brule.



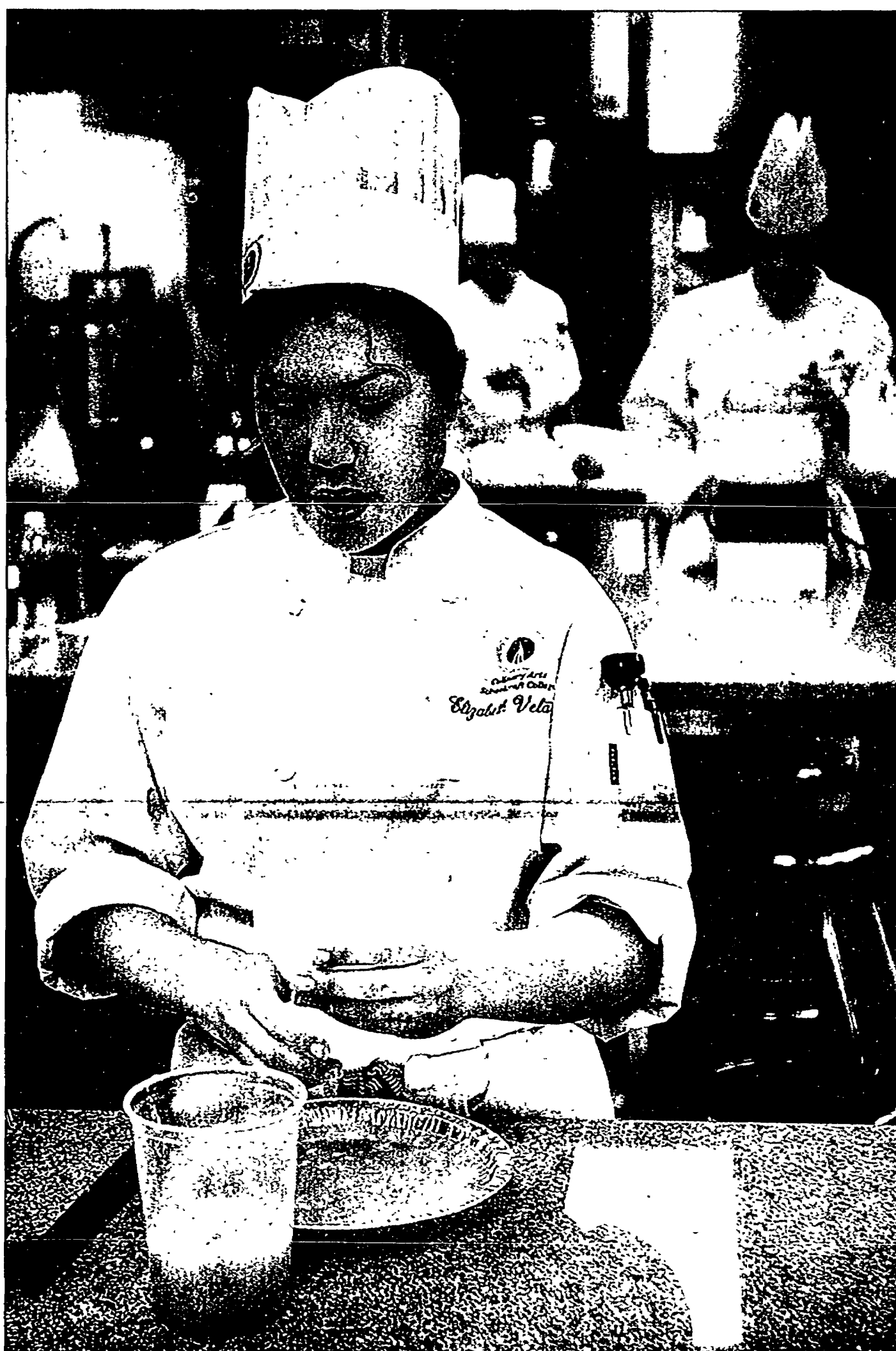
Schoolcraft Community College Culinary Arts Program student Kevin McGuire puts pork through a grinder to make a country sausage turrone.



Fruit tarts, flans and cheesecakes lie in a cooler ready for sale to the public at Schoolcraft College's American Harvest restaurant on a recent Thursday morning.



A Schoolcraft Community College Culinary Arts Program chef in training makes precise slices into a Bermuda onion during a Thursday morning class session.



Culinary Arts Program student Elizabeth Velasquez separates 15 egg whites to make chocolate creme brule.

## Schoolcraft College plans fund-raisers

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department in Livonia is not just known to local residents.

The nationally and internationally famous school has been featured in most of the top culinary magazines and even attracts students from overseas.

Established in 1964, the program can accommodate 220 students, with 30 enrolled in the school's separate baking and pastry program. Bruce Konowalow, a graduate of the Culinary Arts Institute in Hyde Park, N.Y., has served as director for five years.

The \$27 million, 87,000-square-foot VisTaTech building that houses the department was constructed in September 2003. American Harvest, the

program's restaurant, offers a breakfast buffet, lunch and dinner plus the Main Street Cafe, a retail outlet.

"We have four Certified Master Chefs out of a faculty of six full-time chefs. There are only about 70 master chefs in the whole country, so we have the highest percentage of any school in the nation," Konowalow said.

Students must take "An Introduction to Culinary Arts" and pass with at least an 84 average to be accepted into the program.

The program is two years, but the school also has a third-year Brigade Program for students who want more. This program is fashioned after the French brigade system in which there are stations in the kitchen. There could be a station where chefs make sauces, one where they prepare fish and another where they might grill meat.

"It's an entire 45-week program in which they operate our restaurant in the evenings. So, our dinner service is done by graduates now jumping up a level in sophistication and complexity," Konowalow said.

The program includes a trip to Paris as part of the curriculum. "This group is

going to Paris in April, and we're actually doing a fund-raiser April 2 for that trip," Konowalow said.

The pre-sold dinner is planned for only 100 tickets. Each table will have six different Bordeaux. "Some tables will be \$500 a seat, some tables will be \$300 a seat, and some will be \$200 a seat, depending on the wine on the table," Konowalow said. The dinner will include six courses to match each wine.

On Saturday, April 23, the public is invited to a VisTa Gala, "The Art of Fine Dining," an evening of extraordinary dining as the chefs prepare unforgettable foods as patrons stroll through the department's six state-of-the-art kitchens.

This fund-raiser for the department will take place at 7 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center's DiPonio Room at 18600 Haggerty Road.

For more information or to make reservations for either of these events, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008, or visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation).

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## Part 4: Small business and technology

### IBM et. al...

Everyone recognizes that the e-commerce industry represents a multi-billion dollar industry. Recent studies show that by 2010, e-commerce sales will account for over \$319 billion.

Most large companies like IBM, Microsoft, and others, recognize this and spend millions on advertising their solutions. Their intent is to create awareness in the marketplace and generate interest from people like you and I.

But if you plan on calling IBM or Microsoft or any one of those large corporations out there, let me give you some friendly advice. A company that large focuses on large clients. Their consultants' bill at rates upwards of \$1000 per day, their proprietary software costs thousands of dollars, and their solutions are large-scale solutions geared towards large companies. Once you compute the numbers, you will find that their e-commerce solutions will range in cost from \$25,000 to \$50,000 or higher.

Large technology companies service those companies that have no problem paying big dollars for the 'name' or the perceived 'quality' that the big name brings. They don't offer

small-scale solutions to the small- and medium-sized companies like yours and mine.

These large companies generally have great technical and

business knowledge and can create robust e-commerce solutions. However, their clients typically have to purchase proprietary software. Anytime you purchase proprietary software, you are committing to custom-built applications that are expensive to maintain and difficult to administer. And, these custom solutions will come with a large monthly maintenance bill.

Companies like IBM also focus only on the technology, as that is what they are good at. Therefore they typically will not host the site nor will they provide traffic generation expertise and services. Large companies that invest with companies like IBM typically find out that the solutions that they bought have limited flexibility. When new technology emerges, guess what, you are going to spend even more money to upgrade your solution to the latest and greatest software.

In summary, companies like IBM can offer better solutions than the basement developer or the small boutique, or the ISP's, but they typically do not offer value added products and services that can be offered by a small business expert solution center like WSI.

Next we will look at the fifth and last category in the e-commerce industry, "Small Business Technology Experts."

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Center Stage students perform in its production of "Oliver" on May 1, 2004 include standing from left are Jen Cyr, Samantha Hicks and Jessie Stadnika; kneeling in front from left are Allie Shapiro, Kathleen Egan, Katherine Reaume and Courtney Siracusa; standing back from left are Marissa Skinner, Jaclyn Conti, Meredith Njus, Alyssa Walneo and Jenna Boyd.

## Center Stage Dance

### Passion for dancing expressed in Northville

By Duane Ramsey  
SPECIAL WRITER

Each week, hundreds of smiling faces of all ages pass through the doors at Center Stage Dance Company in Northville where they have the opportunity to express their love and passion for dance.

"We are a non-competitive studio dedicated to teaching the art of dance for the purpose of physical, emotional and mental development, and for the sheer joy of movement to music," said Lisa Shapiro, director of Center Stage Dance.

Dancing since she was five years old, Shapiro taught high school dance programs before deciding to invest in an existing dance studio in Walled Lake in 1988. She moved the studio to Northville in 1992.

Shapiro is comfortable with the growth of the studio, its faculty and staff as it has allowed them to share their passion for dance with so many young people. The studio is in its 17th year of dance instruction and 13th year in Northville.

Center Stage Dance offers programs in ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, lyrical and pointe for children ages six and older. The rhythm program is a combination of ballet and tap for beginning students from age three to six.

"We offer many opportunities to share our joy of dance through our annual recitals, sea-

sonal tours and special events," said Shapiro. "We provide as many performance opportunities for students as possible because it helps them to build confidence and self-esteem."

One of the favorite performances is the fairy tale ballet with full costumes and staging, which is produced each spring by the in-house ballet company at Center Stage. This year's presentation of "The Little Mermaid" will be performed at 1:30 p.m. April 30 at Northville High School. Tickets are available at the studio, by mail and at the door.

In addition to the annual recitals each June, Center Stage Dance also conducts Christmas holiday and spring tours with performances at nursing homes, senior residential centers and children's facilities, such as the Hawthorne Center for Children, and St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher Home for abused and neglected children. The students also perform at many special events in Northville and surrounding communities.

"It's important for children to learn to give to others that need it," Shapiro said.

Center Stage Dance will celebrate National Dance Week April 22-May 1 by offering free dance classes for children and adults on April 22. It also will conduct a teacher exchange April 28 with the Zone Dance Center in Southfield.

The primary dance season begins in September and runs through June, culminating with its annual recitals. Enrollment for those programs is accepted through January.

As a community partner with the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, dance classes and programs for adults



From left, Center Stage students Jaclyn Sheidy, Liz Rembacki and Katie Mues perform to a Beatles hit in the June recital in 2004.

and children are offered seasonally at Center Stage. Those classes include 10-12 week sessions in the fall and winter, eight weeks in the spring and open classes in July and August.

A variety of summer dance programs and camps are offered in July and August. A traditional summer program for ages three and older meets once a week for eight weeks. Summer class include ballet, jazz and hip-hop for ages 5-7, 8-11 and 12 and older, rhythm for ages 3-6 and adult classes in ballet, tap and jazz/hip hop.

Dance camps at Center Stage for campers age six and older present full and half-day programs for the summer of 2005. Each five-day session offers daily ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop and lyrical techniques with pre-pointe and pointe for advanced students. Campers will have the oppor-

tunity to create scenery, view syllabus-related videos, participate in technique-oriented games, and other supervised group activities. Each Friday evening, a showcase is presented for families and friends to see what their dancers have been achieving.

Three summer sessions will be held July 25-29, Aug. 1-5 and Aug. 8-12 for three different age groups including minis for ages 6-9, juniors age 9-12 and teens ages 12 and older. Campers are assessed on the Monday of each session for assignment to appropriate performance groups.

Fantasy camps of 3-day sessions in July and August for boys and girls ages 4-8 feature fun themes including Princesses & Pirates from July 12-14, Cowboys & Cowgirls Aug. 16-18, and Circus Circus Aug. 23-25. A video dance workshop will

### DETAILS

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(248) 380-1666  
e-mail: [CSDC5678@aol.com](mailto:CSDC5678@aol.com)  
[www.dancingcenterstage.com](http://www.dancingcenterstage.com)

be held August 6 and 7 offering dancers the chance to participate in the creation of a dance video that they help produce and perform in.

Registration for the summer camps and programs is available at Center Stage or through Northville Parks & Recreation.

"If you want to dance with us, we'll make sure you enjoy it," said Becky Hicks, assistant director who has worked at Center Stage for 16 years.

The entire staff "grew up dancing at the studio," said Shapiro, who travels to New York regularly to attend classes. She and her staff work hard to stay well-educated in the latest dance techniques.

The senior faculty includes Erin Hesse, Heather Rose, Samantha Drouillard and Shauna Wainio. The junior faculty and apprentices are comprised of high school students who are participating in programs at the studio.

Jackie Drouillard serves as office manager and Darcy Mikels as assistant office manager at Center Stage Dance Company.

Center Stage is scheduled to open its newly developed Web Site, [www.dancingcenterstage.com](http://www.dancingcenterstage.com), by the end of February.

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## Painted pieces can be chic, clean

By Rose Bennett Gilbert  
 Copley News Service

**Q:** We found a lot of old furniture in my aunt's attic - two dining chairs and a table, a sideboard with a serpentine front, pieces like that. Interesting, but nothing goes together. It's also not in very good shape. I actually remember when she bought the furniture (in the 1960s), so I know they're not valuable antiques. But my daughter thinks the stuff is wonderful. The trouble is, she wants to paint it all white or beige. Would that be a mistake?

**A:** Not an easy decision, but you've already addressed three good reasons for saying yes, paint the pieces:

- The furniture has little intrinsic value.
- You seem to have no emotional attachment to it.

- A coat of paint will assure it of a better future in a caring home.

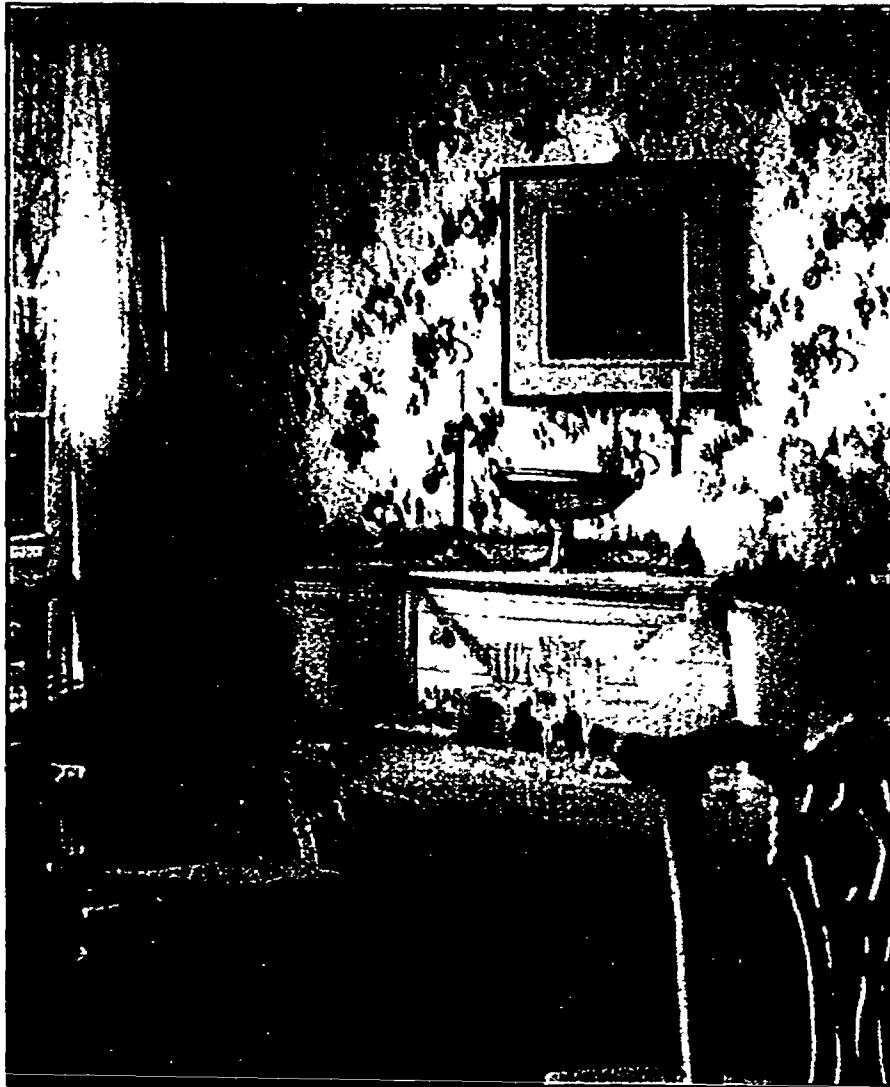
Just to be totally sure, however, you might seek an appraisal (a local antique store may yield an expert). Once you're satisfied that there's nothing to lose, let your daughter go to work with her paintbrush.

As you can see from the photo we show here, painted furniture can look rather chic and clean. In this dining room, it's a calm foil for the richly patterned wallpaper (from Village Wallpaper's Classic Ambience collection). And, as several generations of escapees to the Sun Belt have discovered, light-painted furniture is the perfect complement to warm-weather living.

Had trouble finding a source for the transforms Fine Art Transfers we introduced in an earlier column?

Fine Art Transfers has experienced difficulty with both its Web site and its distribution, laments Senior Vice President Maja Palej. She promises a solution by mid-spring. Meanwhile, you can reach her directly at (919) 828-9991 or at m.palej@transforms.net.

Ever hear of a dog putting on the dog? When New York architect Kate Johns decided to tidy up her own kitchen, her attempt at clutter-control included the family's German shepherd named Buck. Seems Buck liked lying around the kitchen on a "big, filthy pillow" that offended everyone else. Johns' clever solution, pictured in the current issue of Country Home magazine, cut a closet in half, including the door, and turn the bottom section into a private den for the dog. A new shelf doubles as closet floor and the top of the alcove that Buck now calls home.



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White painted furniture looks cool against traditional wallpaper.

Are you too mellow for yellow? Not if you're really passionate about being cheerful, says Jane Brill, a chairholder with the international Color Marketing Group and color expert for Ace Hardware Corp.

Brill believes that yellow rooms create a sunnier disposition for you and your home, especially in kitchens, and especially when it's combined with white. She also suggests that yellow be used with primary blue or red "for the high-energy atmosphere of a kid's room." On the other hand, yellow can be a calmativ-

Brill maintains. In combination with beige, light green, pink or lavender, yellow will create a softer, more relaxed look in family rooms and bedrooms, she says.

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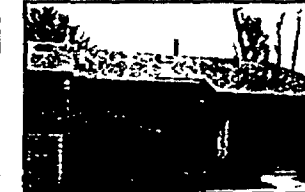
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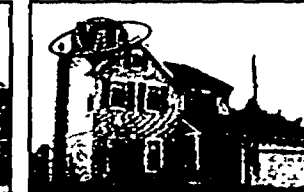
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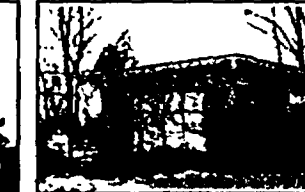
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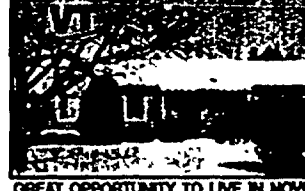
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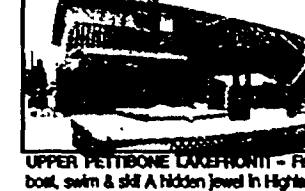
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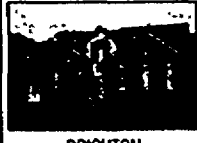
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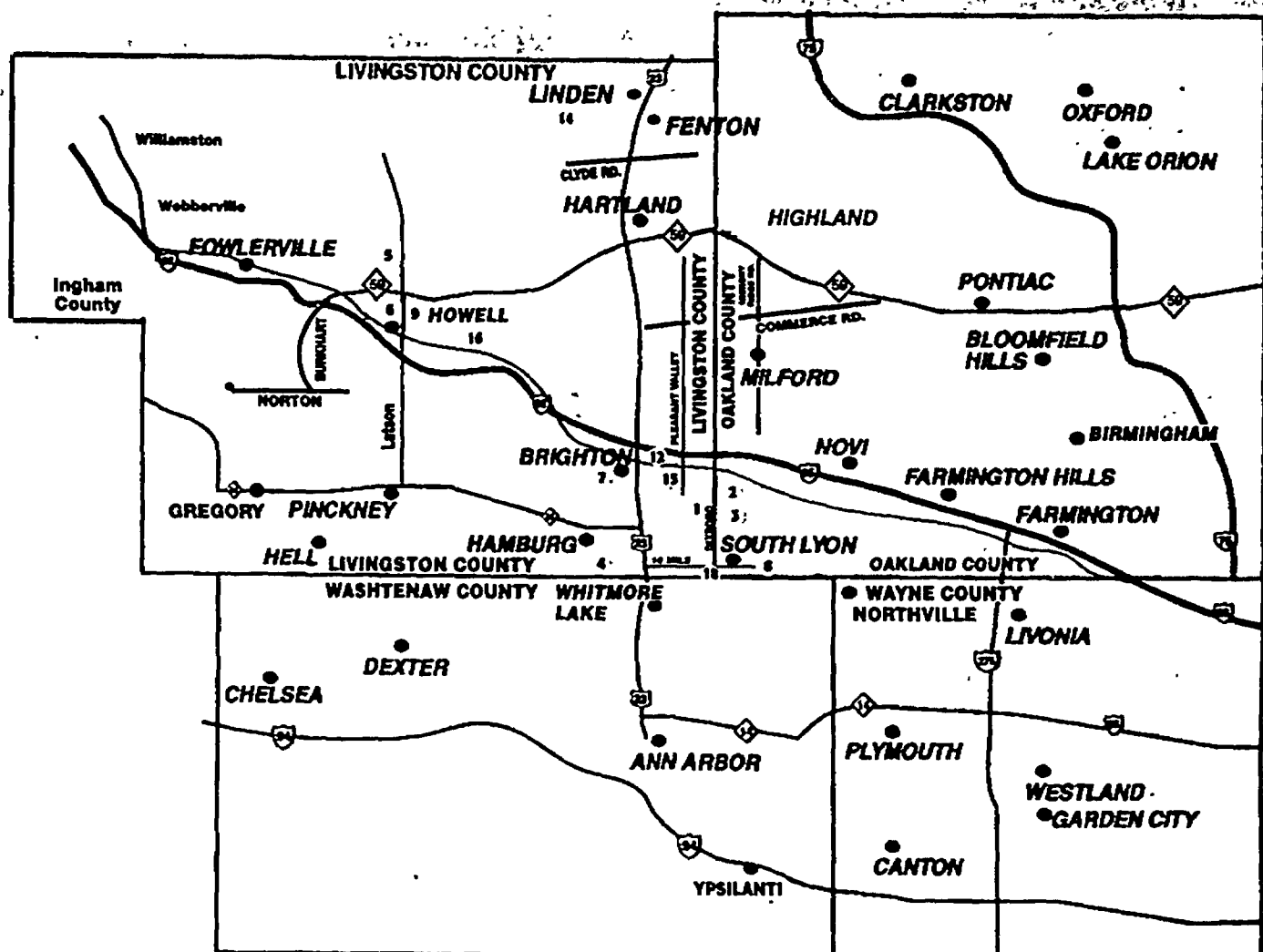
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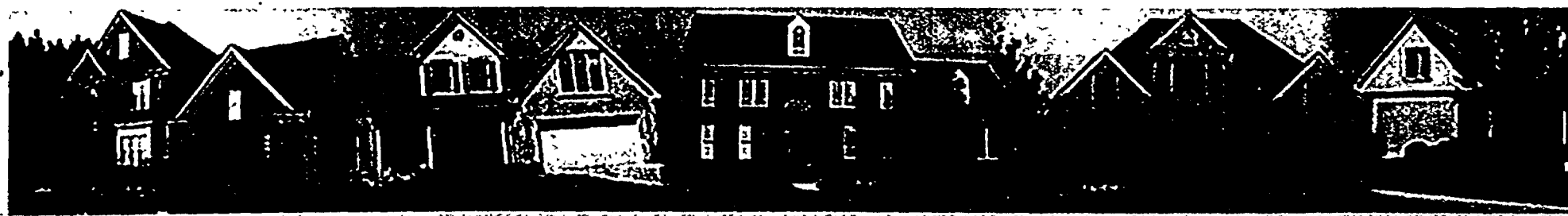
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**NORTHVILLE** Ranch Condo  
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**CANTON** Gorgeous Canton Colonial  
Beautiful curb appeal, 1st owner. Very clean open floor  
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stamped concrete patio, nice landscaping, upgrades.  
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**DEARBORN** Super Sharp Ranch  
2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch, rocky living room, separate  
dining room w/Pergo floor, updated bath, newer kitchen  
floor, 2.5 car garage w/newer roof. Vinyl windows.  
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**LIVONIA** Location! Location!  
Exceptional lot on cut-in-lot. Newer wood floors, 5  
bath, lead glass entry door, doornail, roof tear-off,  
gutters, lot floor & counters. Huge FF laundry cold be  
ld. Large MBR ste, W/C & full BA. Bsm't w/glass block.  
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**NOVI** Super Condo  
Exquisite! This one won't last. Impressive upgrades.  
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**GREEN OAK** Walkout Ranch  
2 BR, 2 BA end unit w/2 car garage. Remodeled kit, C/A  
w/hardwood. Newer front door, all flooring, redone  
bath. Marbled FR closet storage. Florida rm w/hot tub  
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**NOVI** For Under \$125,000  
Priced to sell. Clean, well-maintained 2-story town  
home. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath with private entrance and  
private patio in back. Updated kitchen, newer windows  
T/O, newer carpet, newer front door.  
(F84OLD) 248-349-5600 \$119,800




**GROSSE POINTE** Wonderful Colonial  
Large 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on wooded lot offers  
master suite w/bathtub & vaulted ceiling, formal  
living room, dining room, family room w/brick, FFL, in  
bsmt, 2 car att garage, sprinklers & brick patio.  
(F82BAL) 734-455-5600 \$334,900



**CANTON** Charming Updated Ranch  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home offering 2 car garage,  
partially finished basement, newer kitchen cabinets &  
flooring, windows, furnace & C/A. Family room  
w/cathedral ceiling & natural fireplace.  
(F10HAN) 734-455-5600 \$194,900




**FARMINGTON** Wonderful  
4 BR, 2 BA home in popular Farmington Meadow sub  
Home boasts lots of updates: kitchen, baths, carpet,  
roof, furnace, C/A and HWY. Hardwoods under carpet  
on upper level. Fenced-in yard w/perennial garden.  
(F30ROB) 248-349-5600 \$218,900




**SOUTH LYON** Ranch Condo  
Centennial Farms end unit w/2 BR & 2 full ceramic  
baths. Extra sink in dressing area. Great view from  
dining room window. Newer dishwasher. Large patio.  
Single car garage. Clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lt.  
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**NORTHVILLE** Links Of Northville Condo  
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w/carpet. Clean & neutral. Ready for quick occupancy.  
Upgrades & extra liv. Pool & clubhouse.  
(F29LOC) 248-349-5600 \$308,500




**SOUTHFIELD** Check Out This One  
Almost new condo w/neutral walls & carpet, across  
from park, second w/hallway ceilings, 2 skylights, great  
rooms & 21x15 loft area, kitchen w/white cabinets, all  
appliances & attached garage w/paver.  
(F50STO) 734-455-5600 \$150,000



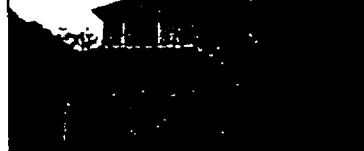
**CANTON** Exceptional Colonial  
Charming 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2.5 car  
attached garage, full bsm't, family room w/brick &  
vaulted ceiling, lot w/brick cabs, island & apps. Large  
yard w/brick paver patio & sprinkler system.  
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**WESTLAND** Ranch 3 Bedroom Great Run Condo  
This one is move-in ready. Neutral colors throughout.  
Light oak hardwood floors in foyer & kitchen. Master  
bedroom with vaulted ceiling double closets and  
master bath.  
(F57QUA) 248-349-5600 \$182,500



**NORTHVILLE** Walking Distance To Town  
Contemporary condo w/neutral decor, hardwood  
floors, heated floor in master bath. Large W/C, in LL.  
W/O Two large bedrooms, 2 car attached garage on a  
wooded setting. All appliances. LG deck off dining room.  
(F00MOU) 248-349-5600 \$329,000



**FREEDOM TWP.** Custom Built Home In 2000  
24' x 36' offers this wonderful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath  
colonial w/3 car attached garage, walk out basement,  
Gambell barn, stone fireplace in family room, cedar  
deck & panoramic views.  
(F10BET) 734-455-5600 \$439,900



**SOUTH LYON** Awesome Find!  
Enormous 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch built in 2001 offers  
3 car att gar, basement, family room w/brick fireplace &  
ceramic surround. Cathedral ceilings & open floor plan.  
Formal DR, newer kitchen apps, mstr BA w/jetted tub.  
(F08BUC) 734-455-5600 \$324,900



**NOVI** Entertain In Style  
Elegant 4 bedroom, 2.2 bath colonial w/formal living  
room & dining room, open floor plan w/land kitchen  
open to family room w/fireplace, den, prof in LL, first  
floor laundry, sidewalks in sub & Nov schools.  
(F11MUL) 248-349-5600 \$449,000



**SOUTH LYON** 55+ Ranch Condo  
2 bedrooms, 2 full bath w/mstr bath recently updated  
w/hardwood floors. KA updated w/extra closets and  
built-in breakfast table. Covered front porch. A/C. Florida  
room in LL w/bath & guest room. Single car gar.  
(F64CAM) 248-349-5600 \$155,000



**WESTLAND** Fabulous Yet Casual  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/2 car attached garage.  
Finished basement w/hallway, master bedroom w/W/C,  
open floor plan, large oak kitchen w/garden window,  
oak vanity in both baths, cathedral ceilings.  
(F80NEL) 734-455-5600 \$179,000




**PLYMOUTH** Private Treed Interior Lot  
Ridgewood Hills! Full front porch, h/dwd floors in LR,  
DR, kit & library. KA new T/O w/Corian counter & sink,  
cherry cabs, formal DR w/newer Andersen bay window,  
FR w/brick, 2 bedrd deck, bsm't & 2.5 car att gar.  
(F85WOO) 734-455-5600 \$361,500



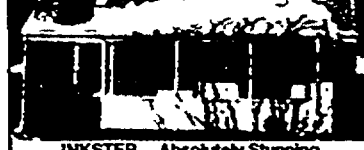
**DEARBORN** Own & Rent  
Spacious, well-known apt. Extensive brick/blum  
siding. Great Dearborn location. Total of 3 bedrooms, 3  
baths, nicely finished basement, tons of storage, 2 car  
garage & 2 private balconies.  
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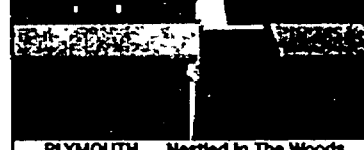
**GREEN OAK** Quiet Country Setting  
3 BR home on approx 2.54 acres w/woods at rear.  
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cabinetry. Open floor plan, skylights. GR w/natural trip  
Heated garage. Pool & hot tub. South Lyon schools.  
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**SOUTH LYON** Shows Like A Model  
Freshly painted. Newer carpet, updated kitchen w/newer  
apps, crown moldings, large laundry room. Condo  
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**INKSTER** Absolutely Stunning  
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**PLYMOUTH** Nestled In The Woods  
Very private setting. 2 BR, 2 BA condo. Large LR & DR  
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**LYONS** Location! Location!  
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**LIVONIA** Cape Cod  
Lovely cape cod on huge shady lot in wonderful  
neighborhood. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1st floor master  
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**NORTHVILLE** Stylish And Spacious  
2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 bed and unit with walk-out, 2 car  
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**WESTLAND** Elegance At Its Best  
Lovely 5 bedroom, 2 bath colonial w/2 car attached  
garage, partially finished basement, prof done family  
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elec. Newer furn, HWY, C/A & vinyl windows. KA apps.  
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**NOVI** Picturesque Colonial  
Landscaped front. Better Homes & Gardens w/brick  
paver patio w/built-in lights, hot tub & gazebo, perennial  
gardens. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, finished basement, 2  
car attached garage & maple kitchen & more.  
(F65BRO) 734-455-5600 \$274,900




**TAYLOR** Updated Taylor Ranch  
3 bedroom, 1 bath home w/open floor plan, updated  
kitchen with appliances, updated bath, newer furnace,  
C/A, 2.5 car garage.  
(F33BUR) 734-455-5600 \$117,900




**LYON TOWNSHIP** Country Near The City  
An open floor plan with large rooms for family living.  
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**CANTON** Abundant Space  
Large 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached  
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deck, oak kitchen w/garden bay window, ceramic  
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**NOVI** Immaculate Colonial  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS** Great Townhouse  
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in LR, vaulted ceiling in LR & BRs. Fin bsm't w/gar.  
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**WESTLAND** Delightful Clean Condo  
Remodeled kitchen & bath highlight this wonderful 2  
bedroom home. Located in back of complex. Offers  
large living room, separate dining room & separate  
laundry room. Livonia Schools.  
(F15MAN) 734-455-5600 \$95,000



**CANTON** Premier New Construction Cape Cod  
4 bedroom, 3.5 bath premier home w/4 car attached  
garage, full basement, unique staircase in great  
entrance. Large loft overlooking great room w/fireplace,  
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(F50ROL) 734-455-5600 \$785,000



**REDFORD** Cute Updated Bungalow  
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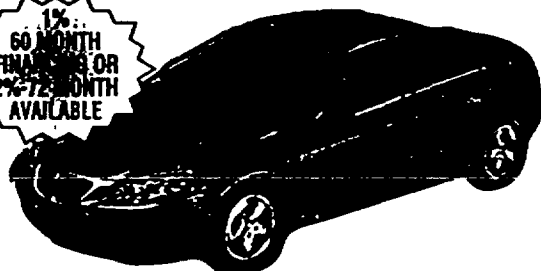
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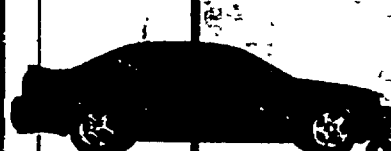
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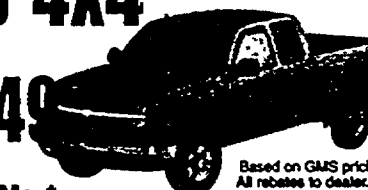
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23 Start of a  
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29 Majors or  
Marvin  
30 Layers  
32 Had  
litters?  
33 Postern and  
portulias  
36 Main  
squeeze  
37 "culpa"  
39 Heavenly  
hunter  
40 "I bet!"  
41 Part 2 of  
remark  
46 Faux -  
49 Fireworks  
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51 They may  
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52 Balinge or  
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54 " - Blade"  
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58 Sharp taste  
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62 Nabokov  
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63 Kulk's  
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65 Part 3 of  
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68 Fall to  
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69 Tardus  
71 Sues or  
Shepard  
72 Boathouse  
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77 Take on  
78 Pack of  
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80 Like many  
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84 Non-steroid  
85 Peaceful  
86 Chemist  
Remsen  
87 Singer Joey  
88 Part 4 of  
remark

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5 Kitchen  
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10 It may be  
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11 Fatheads  
12 - bloomer  
13 "Yuck"  
14 Mehta and  
Mull  
15 Iraqi city  
56 Homer's  
work  
17 Cool  
18 Base stuff?  
24 Dream of  
baseball  
25 Actress  
Grail  
31 " - Angel"  
32 " - (50 smash)  
33 "Peer Gyn"  
composer  
34 Non-  
standard  
contraction  
35 "Mazel -"  
36 Fits the bill  
37 Dough  
38 Wharton  
work  
39 "Smilla's  
Sense -"  
(97 Rim)  
40 Actuary's  
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41 Ditch under a  
drawbridge

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43 Decree  
44 Step -  
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45 Nick of "The  
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46 Party  
animal?  
47 Guy Frl  
48 Queens  
stadium  
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"Yuck"  
53 "The  
Addams  
Family"  
54 At present  
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Butterfly  
57 Petite  
pooch  
59 Belyache  
61 Journalist  
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ALAS ARAB EDAM QUASAR  
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KNEEL NULL BEE ATTY  
RIG PATFALLS FLAT  
SCANTIER SPEE FLOE  
PIC FLAN PLEB ULNAS  
ARTGETSPART SLAPSTICK  
SCORN TOO ABRA PEI  
EROTICA MOS NRA ASST  
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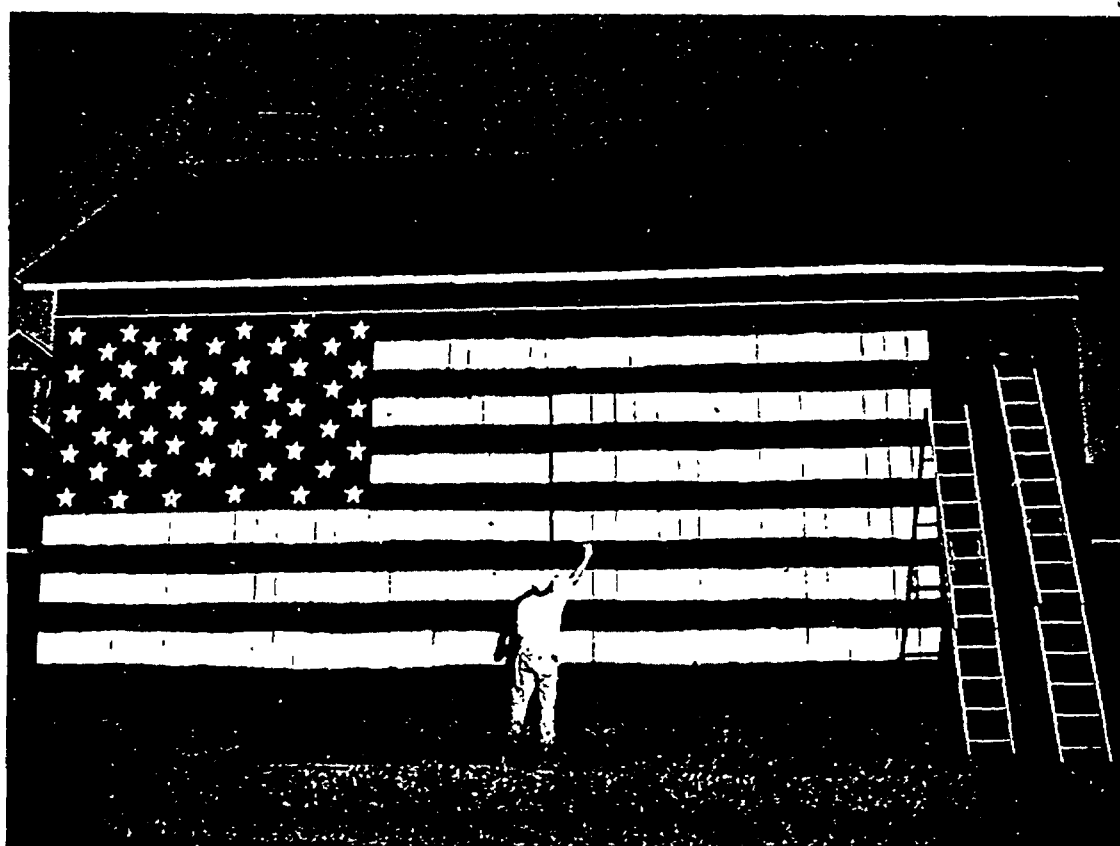
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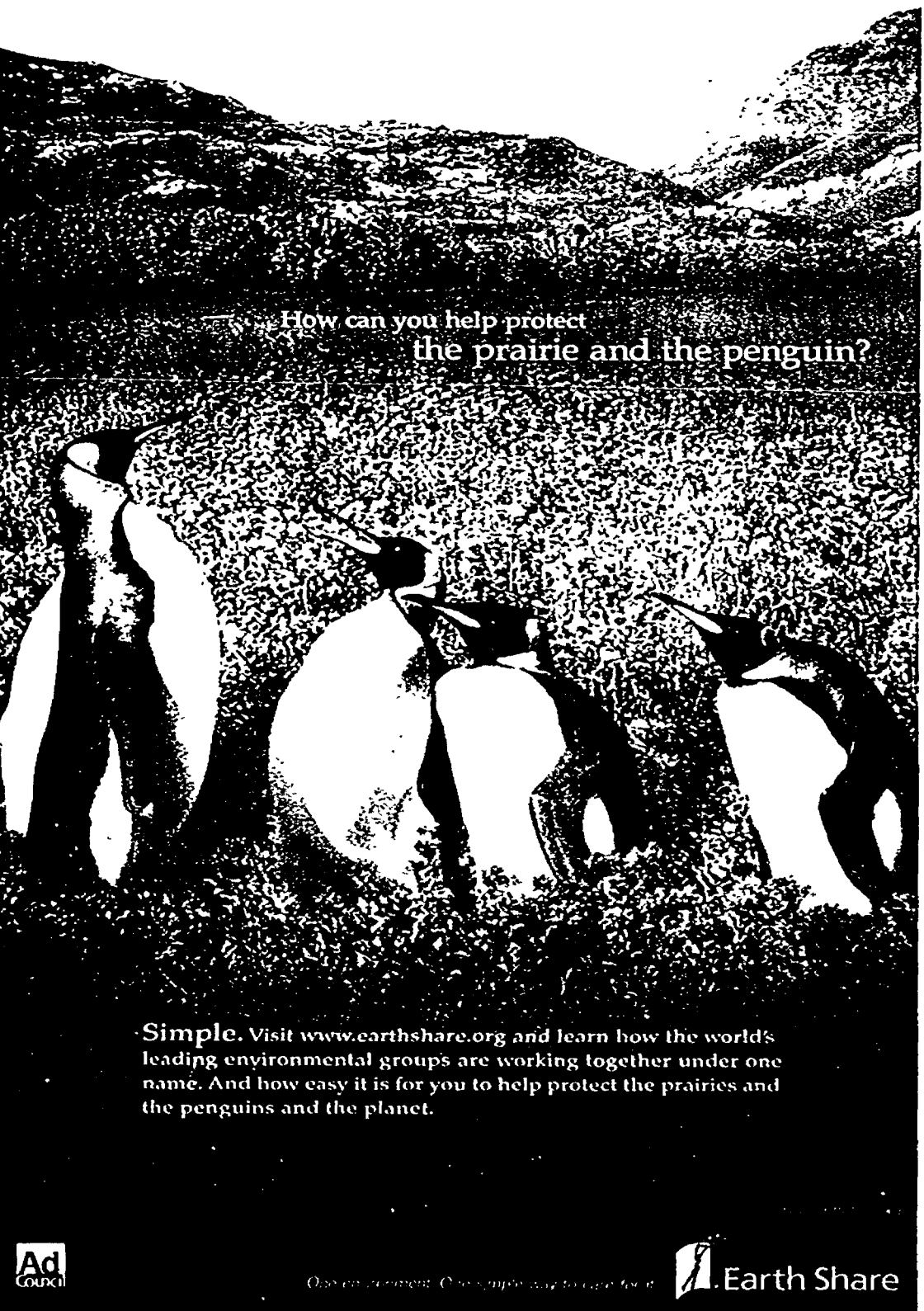
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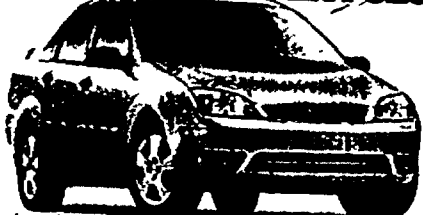


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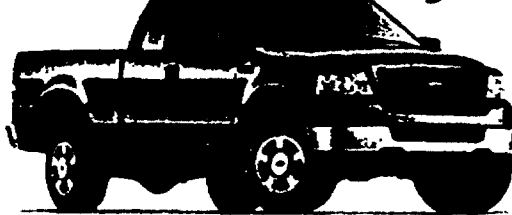
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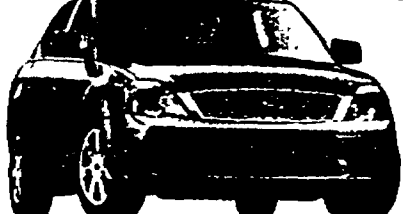


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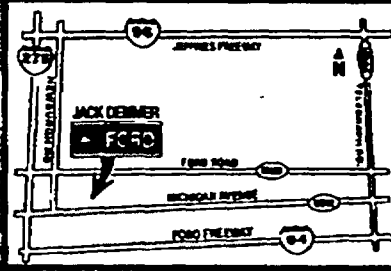
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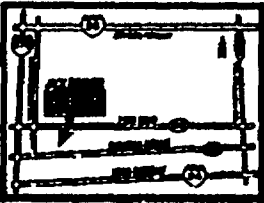
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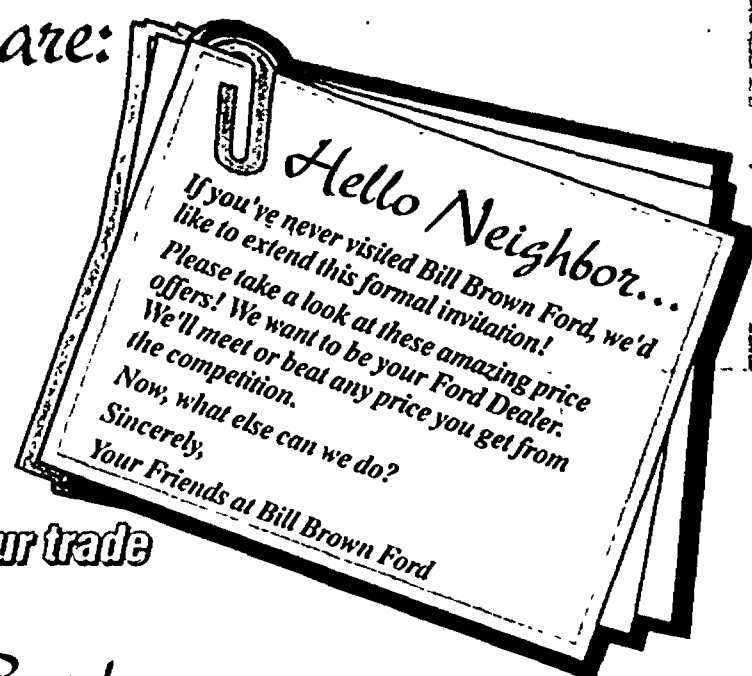
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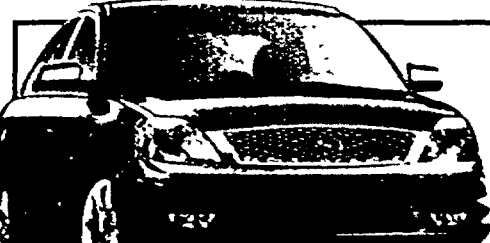
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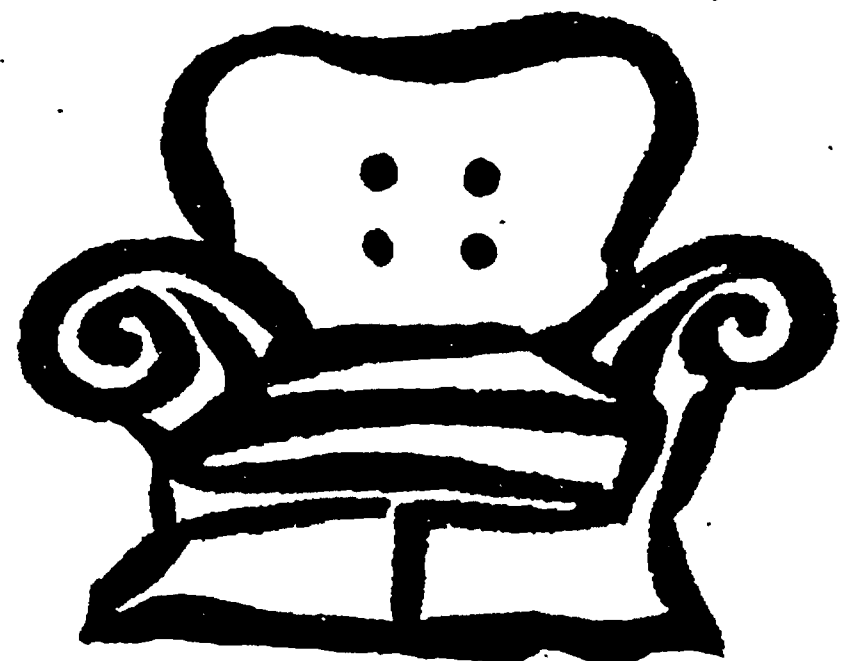
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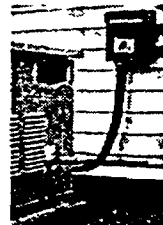
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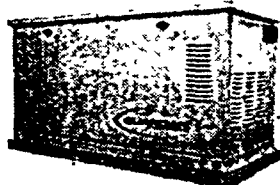
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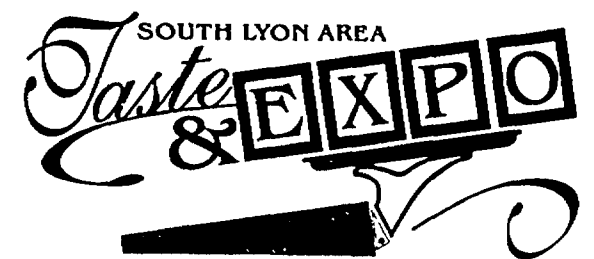
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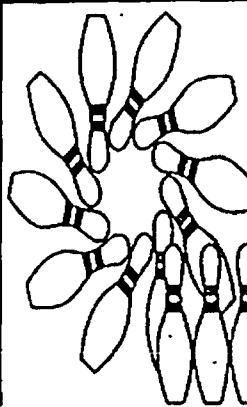
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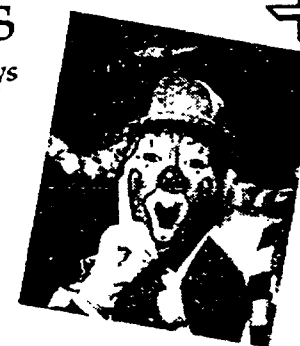


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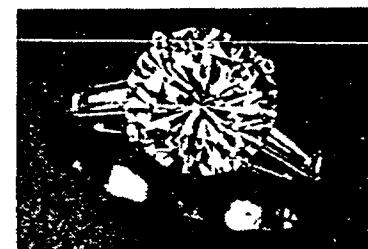
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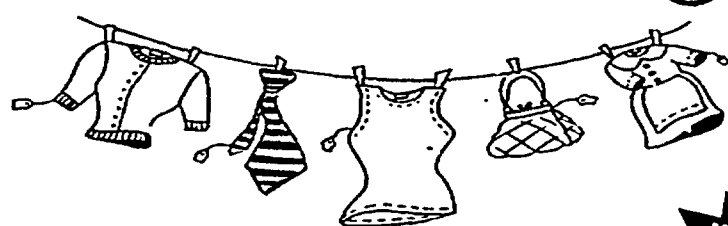
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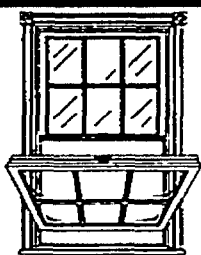
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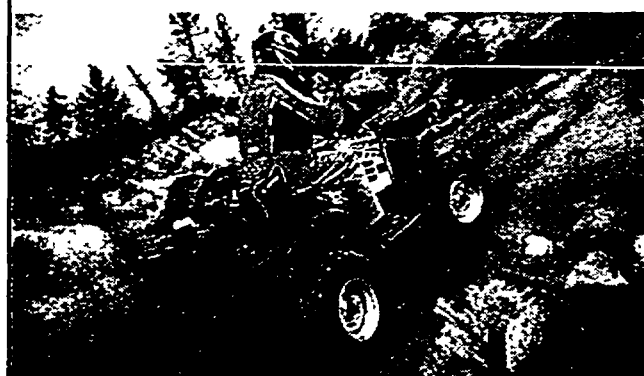
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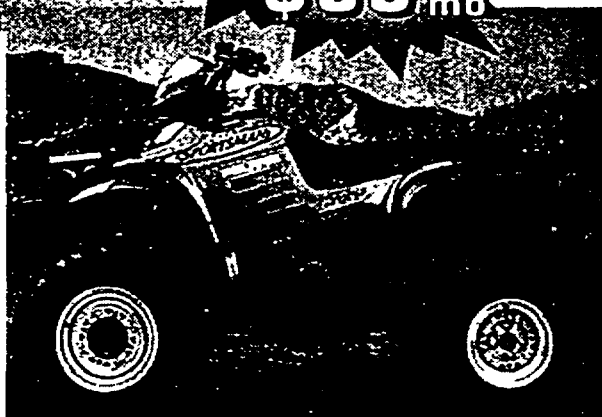
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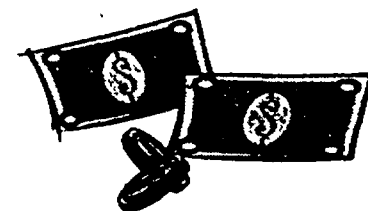
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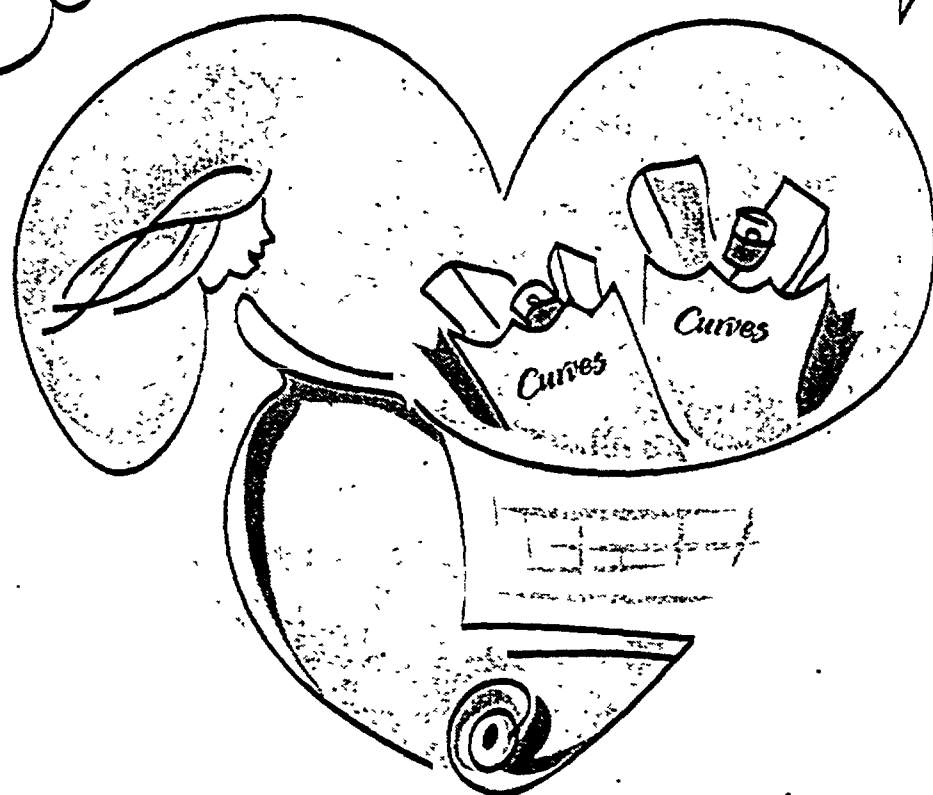
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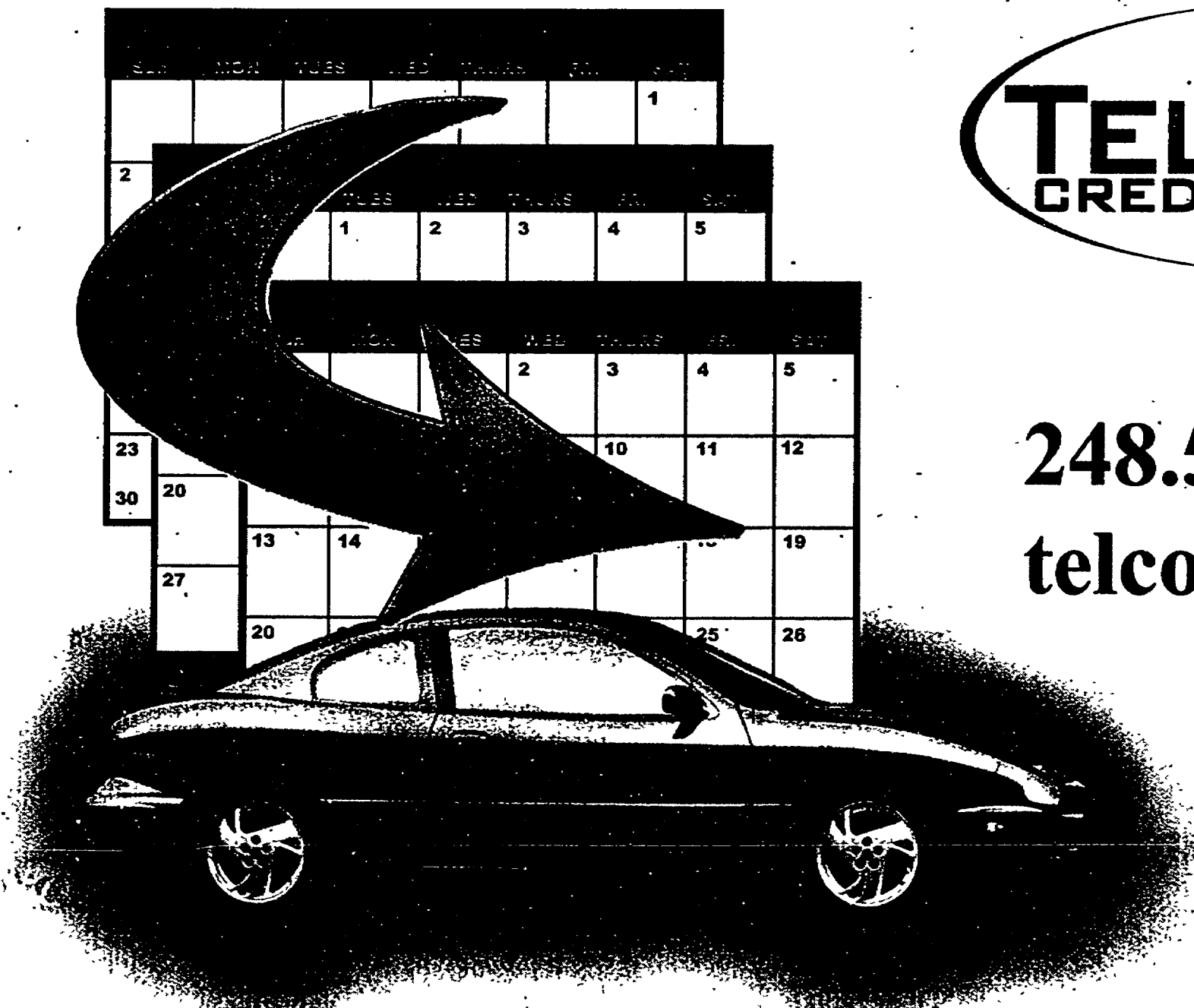
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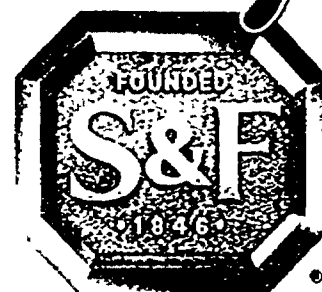
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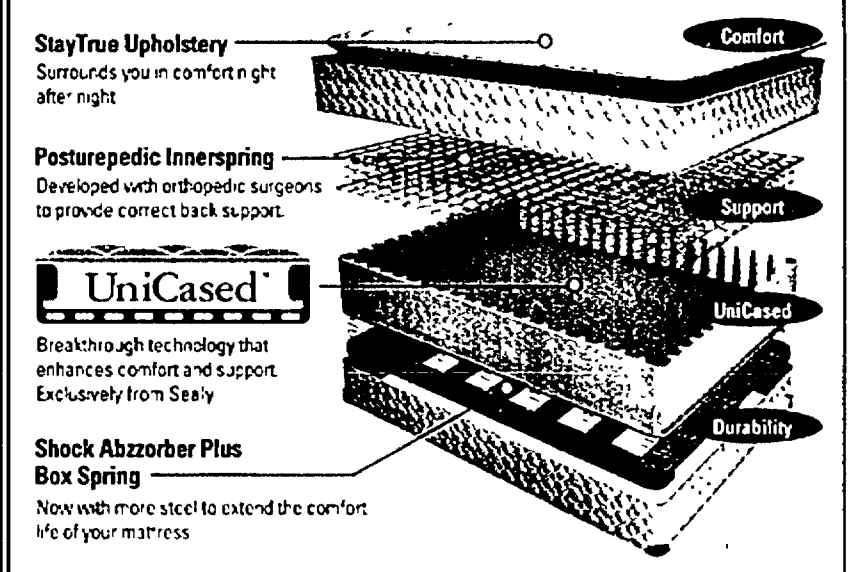
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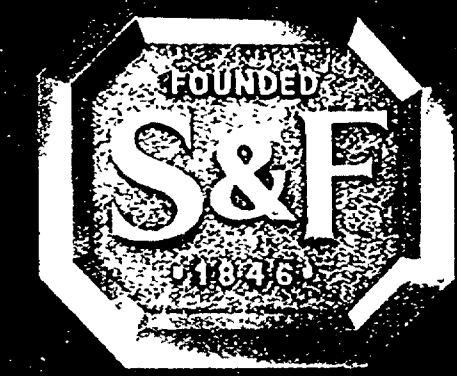
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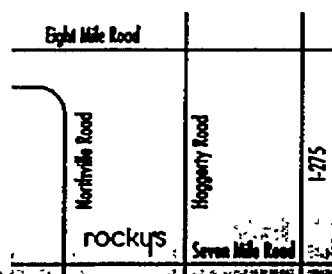
Rocky's Restaurant in Northville has remained the local favorite with a long list of awards for their twelve year history of providing incomparable food and service; including having been voted **Northville's #1 best restaurant** by the readers of *The Northville Record* for three years in a row!

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# Ask American Profile

**Q** I am a big fan of Patty Duke. Did she sell her Idaho home and where did she move? Is she making any movies?

—Mike A., Missouri

Duke, 58, made headlines last year when she put her 40-acre ranch in Hayden, Idaho (pop. 9,159), for sale on eBay, an online auction website.

Her nephew had hoped to sell his software company by combining the offer with Duke's home, which had long been on the market. Online bidding didn't garner a high-enough price, however, so she sold the property privately and moved to nearby Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (pop. 34,514). Best known for her 1962 Oscar-winning role in *The Miracle Worker*, Duke, who has lived in Idaho since the early 1990s with her husband, Mike Pearce, received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame last year and underwent single-bypass heart surgery in November. She recently filmed *Bigger Than the Sky* with son Sean Astin, which will be released later this year. She also played a nun in the Hallmark Channel's *Murder Without Conviction*, which aired in September. Last week, she performed in a five-day run of the play *Love Letters* with John Grant-Phillips in Western Springs, Ill. (pop. 12,493). She would like to do more work in theater, television and film.



Patty Duke and John Grant-Phillips

**Q** Please tell us all you know about Joseph Cotten.

—Letha H., New Mexico

The star of films such as *Citizen Kane*, *Shadow of a Doubt* and *Portrait of Jennie* was born in Petersburg, Va. (pop. 33,740), in 1905. In his 1987 autobiography, *Vanity Will Get*

*You Somewhere*, he recalls a childhood filled with dramatic stories from his grandmother and uncle that fascinated him. After acting out one of those stories, Cotten realized that he had found his calling. He went to the Hickman School of Expression in Washington, D.C., to study acting at age 18. By age 25 he was appearing on Broadway, and in 1937, joined Orson Welles' *Mercury Theater*, and went on to great success in film during the 1950s. "Orson Welles lists *Citizen Kane* as his best film," Alfred Hitchcock opts for *Shadow of a Doubt* and Sir Carol Reed chose *The Third Man*—and I'm in all of them," Cotten once said. After the death of his first wife, Lenore, he married actress Patricia Medina in 1960. During the 1960s, he hosted the TV series *Hollywood and the Stars*. Cotten, who retired from acting in the early 1980s after a stroke and laryngectomy, died in 1994 at age 88.



Actor and gardener Eddie Albert

Lee Ann Womack is a mother of two.

## Lee Ann Womack Sings About Her Life

After a two-year hiatus, country singer Lee Ann Womack has returned with a new studio album, *There's More Where That Came From*, which revisits the traditional country sound that launched her career. A native of Jacksonville, Texas (pop. 13,868), Womack says she's been busy, even though she took a break from the spotlight. "I write several times a week," she reports. One writing session produced the autobiographical song *Twenty Years and Two Husbands Ago*. "I was in my office talking to my assistant," Womack says. "She asked me a question and I said, 'I can't remember. Lordy, that was 20 years ago and two husbands ago.' And I thought, 'Bingo! There's the next song I'm writing.'" Womack welcomes the time she's able to spend with her children, Aubrey, 14, and Anna Lise, 6, and husband, Frank Liddell, a music executive, at their Nashville, Tenn., home. "I Hope You Dance" came out of nowhere and blindsided me," she says of the 2000 hit. She'll launch a new tour later this year.

**Q** I would like to know about Eddie Albert, who played Oliver on *Green Acres*. How old is he and what is he doing?

—Ken B., Wisconsin

Born in Rock Island, Ill. (pop. 39,684), the affable Albert grew up in Minneapolis and was a circus trapeze flier before entering films in 1938. Now 96, he lives in Los Angeles and has spent his senior years gardening and working for humanitarian causes with daughter, Maria, and actor son Edward Jr. The *Green Acres* star has been a widower since wife Margo, an actress, singer and dancer, died in 1985. Regarding his legacy, "I don't really care how I am remembered," he says, "as long as I bring happiness and joy to people."

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# Good Doctor, Good Deeds

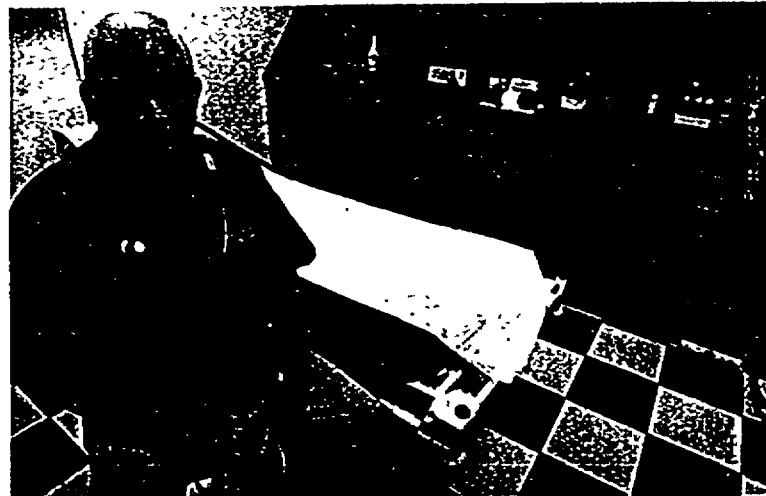
by ANN GOEBEL

In September 2003, when Hurricane Isabel brought ferocious winds and a 6-foot water surge into the coastal town of Belhaven, N.C. (pop. 1,968), the local hospital was forced to shut its doors. In response, Dr. Charles Boyette, 69, turned his home into a makeshift emergency room, treating anyone who needed help.

One such resident was Michi Smith, 71, who was injured during the hurricane. "He's always there when I need him," says Smith, a longtime patient of Boyette.

In his 40 years as a selfless caregiver in Belhaven, Boyette has gone the extra mile on many occasions, including the time he removed himself from traction—with a ruptured disk—to deliver a baby and tend to a heart attack patient.

"He's just a good doctor and a good person and always puts the patients first," says Elizabeth Wilkins, who has been Boyette's office manager for 34 years. Wilkins recalls how the doctor went out of his way to tend to her arthritic mother and regularly dropped by their house to check on her.



Dr. Charles Boyette helps cure and comfort residents in Belhaven, N.C.

Wilkins also remembers how the "good doctor" pays utility bills and makes funeral arrangements for those who can't afford to; how he buys clothes for poor patients; how he sought out a new cat for a bereaved patient whose feline was run over by a car; and how he outfitted the Belhaven High School football team with uniforms when funds were scarce. Boyette says that helping residents in need is all part of the job, and he prefers to do it "without fanfare."

The doctor's good deeds are far-reaching and applauded. They collectively sealed his designation as Country Doctor of the Year for 2003 by Staff Care, a temporary physician firm based in Irving, Texas. He more than met the requirements—a physician in a town smaller than 25,000 who goes far and above the normal routine of a doctor. The award caps a long list of accolades, including 1978 North Carolina Physician of the Year, 1988 Belhaven Jaycees Outstanding Public Servant of the Year, and the University of North Carolina School of Medicine's Distinguished Service Award in 1996.

Boyette grew up in Chadbourne, N.C. (pop. 2,129), where he deplored the fact that the town didn't have a doctor and "we had to take Dad, who had diabetes, and other family members several miles for help." That struggle had a lasting impact and set him on a path toward medicine. He earned his bachelor's degree in history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and then went on to earn a medical degree at UNC's School of Medicine.

In 1964, after serving four years in the Navy, he was discharged and immediately headed for Belhaven after a friend implored him to settle there. At the time, the town had just one aging doctor, so Boyette set up a viable medical practice, which today serves nearly 100 patients daily and boasts three doctors and a staff of 25.

Although providing quality, comprehensive medical care is his primary goal, Boyette has looked after Belhaven's municipal health as well, serving as mayor for nearly 30 years.

"I have always had an avid interest in community affairs and feel a responsibility to be involved," Boyette says. "My mayoral duties actually complement my responsibilities as a doctor."

Boyette has spurred layers of improvements that have revitalized the town. Besides saving Belhaven's hospital from bankruptcy, he has been relentless in seeking funds for daycare centers, recreational facilities, a library, expanding the water treatment plant, scholarships for community college students and the elevation of 383 homes prone to flooding.

His energy, dedication and compassion have elicited praises echoed by Tim Johnson, Belhaven's town manager since 1984.

"He's the ultimate professional and businessman and not one to rest on his laurels," Johnson says. "He works 85 hours a week, he's never on vacation, and he always tries to make things better. Belhaven is mighty lucky to have him." ★

Ann Goebel is a freelance writer in Knightdale, N.C.

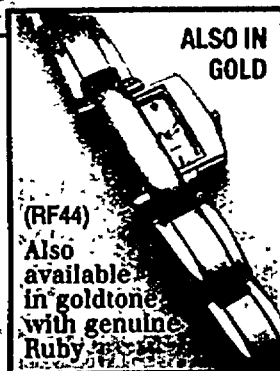
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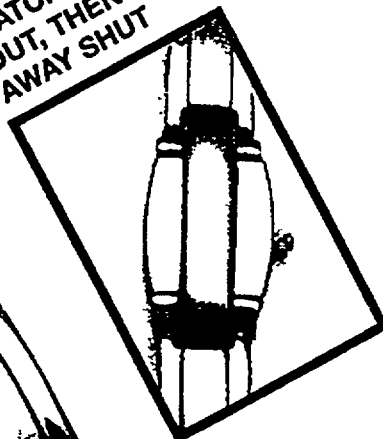
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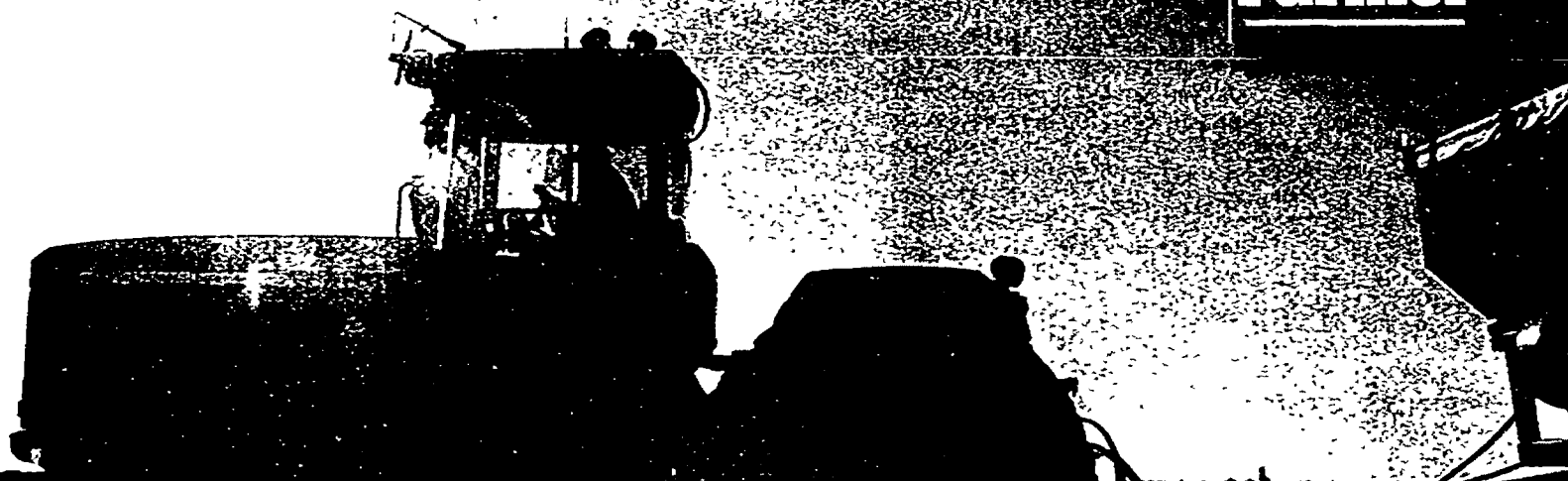
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# GROUND BREAKERS

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The young  
faces of  
farming's  
future

Founded in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America, today's 477,000-member National FFA Organization is expanding our views of traditional agriculture. In this story, we feature FFA members who are using and developing farming methods of the 21st century.

From the time she pedaled a toy tractor, Lynn Rohrscheib, 21, knew she wanted to be a farmer. Like her great-great-grandfather Adam Rohrscheib, who broke the Illinois prairie with a plow in the late 1800s, Lynn and her sister Stacey, 18, are breaking ground too.

These modern prairie farmers in Fairmount, Ill. (pop. 640), plant and harvest corn and soybeans with help from satellites 11,000 miles above Earth. The Rohrscheib sisters are among the new generation of American farmers using space-age technology and science to boost production to feed the world.

"I like having the new technology for better performance yield-wise and better management of the soil," says Lynn, driving a tractor linked to the Global Positioning System (GPS) by a receiver mounted atop the cab.

As she drives, the GPS pinpoints Lynn's precise location and works with her dashboard computer that provides information such as number of seeds planted, soil temperature and moisture content, and tillage depth in specific sections of each field. Likewise, a GPS-guided sprayer applies varying amounts of farm chemicals as needed.

"This area may need 300 pounds of fertilizer, whereas another area needs 400 pounds," adds Lynn, a plant and soil science major at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale (pop. 20,681).

During the fall harvest, Stacey's GPS-equipped combine rumbles through the fields recording how much corn and soybeans are being harvested.

The young women each own a fourth of the family's 5,000 acres and farm with their father, Vernon, 51, who says a big advantage of today's high-tech



Lynn (left) and Stacey Rohrscheib maintain precise farm records on a laptop computer.





A tractor's dashboard-mounted computer guides farmers through plowing, planting.

agriculture is having a precise electronic record of farm operations instead of the handwritten notes that he and his father, Clifford, 87, kept for decades. Being able to track crops from planting to harvesting, just as high-tech ranchers track livestock with computerized ear tags, is important for accountability and quality control.

#### HARD WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY

Like the Rohrscheibs, Joe and Bill Erdenberger use computers to manage 850 acres of farmland near Glen Haven, Wis. (pop. 490). A tractor-mounted monitor keeps track of "how much I've planted per acre, how fast I've planted, and how far apart the seeds are," says Bill, 22, a business major at Upper Iowa University at Prairie du Chien, Wis. (pop. 6,018).

But more than sophisticated equipment is needed to be a farmer. Farming requires know-how and old-fashioned hard work, whether it's gathering the harvest or selling livestock at a profitable price.

The Erdenberger brothers learned about both—and about assuming responsibility—at an early age. Bill and Joe were preschoolers when they began bottle-feeding Holstein calves and teenagers when they found themselves in the role of full-time farmers after their father, William, died in 1998.

"It was unexpected; Dad died November 10, and we still had corn out in the field," Bill recalls. "The feedlots were full of cattle. It was a tough month."

"After school, we'd work from 3:30 'til whenever," adds Joe, 20, who takes computer-programming courses at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College in Fennimore (pop. 2,387).

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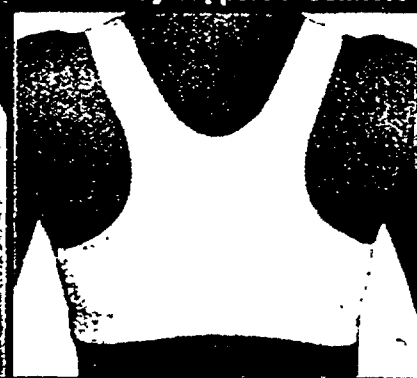
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### Top FFA Achievers

Each year the National FFA Organization honors the top achievers among its members.

Last October, Bill Erdenberger was named the American Star Farmer and received \$2,000 during the 2004 National FFA Convention in Louisville. Lynn Rohrscheib was a finalist for the award and received \$1,000.

Jeremy Glaspie received the American Star Farmer award in agriscience.

The American Star Farmer award is the highest honor bestowed by FFA to its members. Nominees must earn and productively invest \$7,500 through a supervised agriculture project.

Keenan Rogerson received a \$1,000 National FFA Agri-Entrepreneur Award last fall for his Living Tree Poinsettia business.



Brothers Bill and Joe Erdenberger juggle college schedules and the daily duties of managing their 850-acre farm in Glen Haven, Wis.

Today, the Erdenbergers raise 900 hogs and 400 beef cattle, along with soybeans and corn. They juggle college schedules to keep the farm operating smoothly.

Their mother, Lynnette, who handles the farm's office duties, is proud of her sons, who put in long hours last fall harvesting a bumper corn crop. "The boys have a self-propelled chopper, and they chopped the corn off and filled the silo," she says. "They worked sunup to sundown to get the harvest in."

### HYDROPONIC TOMATOES AND HOLIDAY POINSETTIAS

While the Rohrscheibs and Erdenbergers monitor soil quality, dirt doesn't even figure into the farming picture for Jeremy Glaspie, who set up a soilless hydroponic tomato business at Springport High School in Springport, Mich. (pop 2,182), in 1999.

"We grow the tomatoes in heated lava rock," says Glaspie, 21, an agriculture education major at the University of Arizona in Tempe. He began his greenhouse and plant pathology research at the University of

Michigan in East Lansing (pop. 46,525).

The high school's greenhouse continues to thrive, and students harvest about 1,000 pounds of "big, juicy, great-tasting" tomatoes each week.

While the tomatoes grow under plastic, another innovative farmer and entrepreneur Keenan Rogerson, 17, grows poinsettias inside 3 1/2-inch glass balls for holiday ornaments.

In his biotechnology class at North High School in Bakersfield, Calif., Rogerson learned to make a plant-growing mixture—which anchors roots and sup-

plies water and nutrients—needed to produce poinsettias from pieces of plant stem. His FFA chapter has sold 6-inch poinsettia plants for years for a fund-raiser, and that sparked his ornament idea.

"My idea was to find a market for the skills I learned in my biotechnology class," Rogerson says. "These living plants can hang on the Christmas tree."

After 18 months of experimenting, he perfected the sterilization process, which allows the flowers to grow, and bloom after direct sunlight exposure, while inside the ornaments.

Keenan Rogerson grows poinsettias in holiday ornaments.

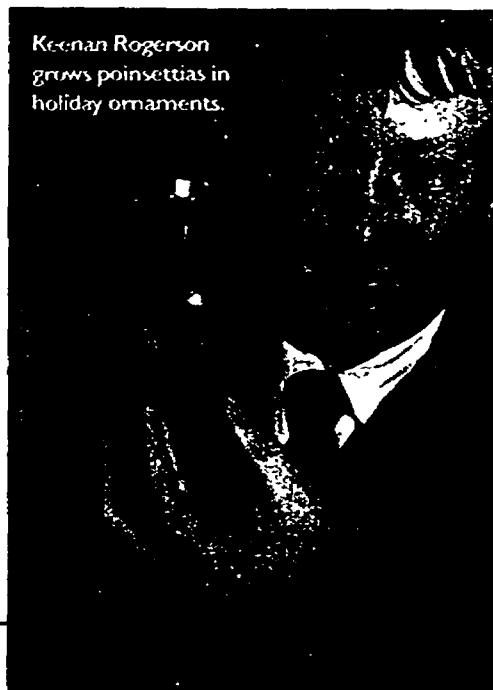


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Like their parents and grandfather, the Rohrscheib sisters carry on the family's farming tradition.

### DOWN-TO-EARTH PASSION

Clifford Rohrscheib, 87, smiles and shakes his head as he marvels at the farming changes he's seen during his lifetime—from his dad's plow hitched to horses to his granddaughters' tractor, a virtual wireless and air-conditioned office.

"I rode a two-row planter, and on a good day we could get 20 acres planted with the horses," Clifford recalls. Today, the Rohrscheibs' 24-row planter completes 20 acres in less than an hour.

Although biotechnology and satellite technology have changed farming's implements and methods, the same down-to-earth passion for planting and nurturing seeds links the generations.

"I was just crazy for the farm," Clifford says. "I like it because you're independent. Nobody's out here telling you what to do."

His son, Vernon, adds, "You're possessive about what you do. It's your land, and you're trying to make it better."

His daughter, Stacey, also gets a great deal of satisfaction from the family-run business. "The best thing is you're clothing and feeding America," she says. "Whether it's meat, book bags or leather shoes—everyone is touched by agriculture. I find a little pride in helping people other than myself." ☆

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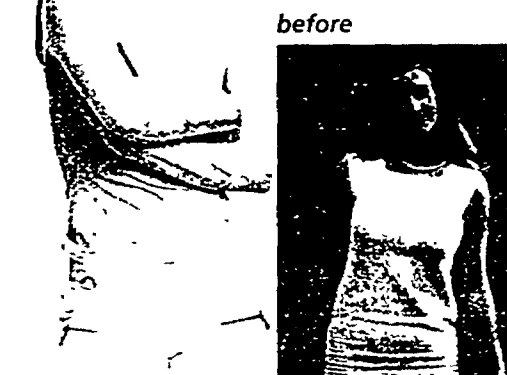
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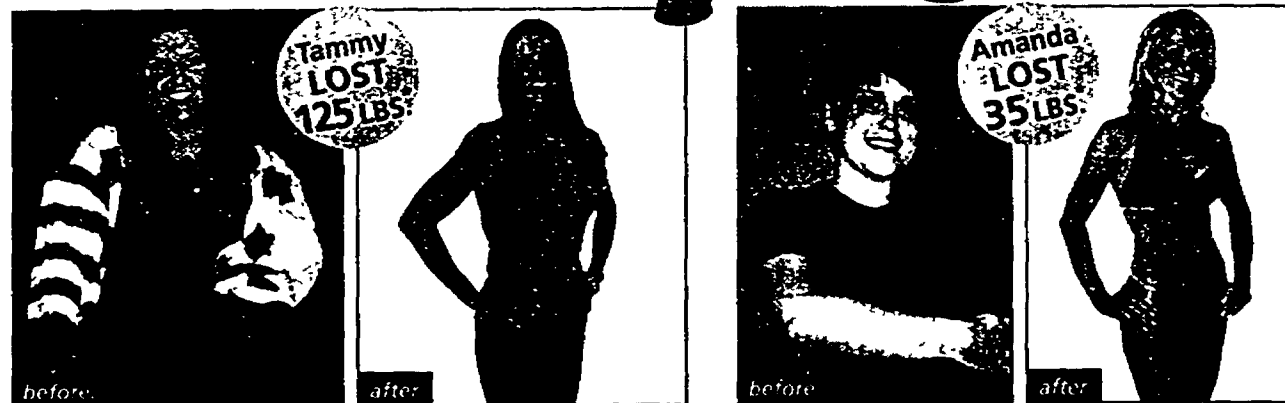
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# Demystifying George Washington

Although the nation annually celebrates the Feb. 22 birthday of George Washington, many Americans actually know very little about our first president, says Joseph Ellis, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author who has penned a new Washington biography.

Ellis' latest effort, the best-selling *His Excellency: George Washington*, strips away the mythology and brings the aloof Founding Father alive by delving into his early years and revealing the contents of letters Washington wrote and received.

Ellis, who lives in Amherst, Mass. (pop. 34,874), spoke to *American Profile* about Washington.

### Why is Washington still relevant today?

He is the most famous American figure about whom most ordinary American citizens know

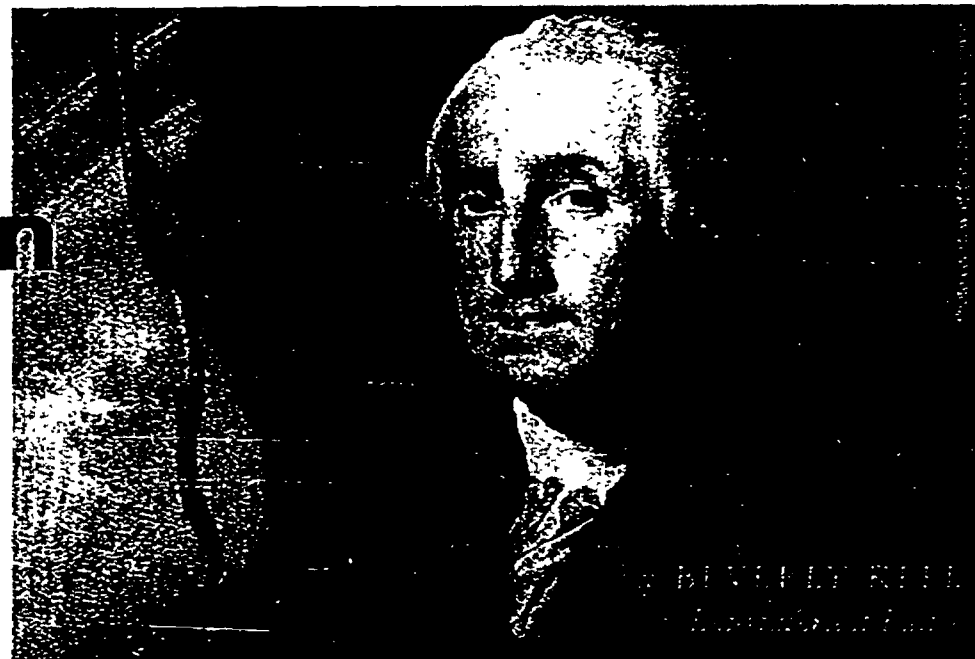
almost nothing. What they know most is wrong—like he chopped down a cherry tree and he had wooden teeth—and that gap needs to be closed. Coming to terms with Washington helps us understand what kind of political leadership we once had, the leadership we have now, what values seem to be central to leadership and what kind of foreign policy was planted in the seeds of the nation at its founding. We can understand where we are now in relation to that, and that gives us some perspective on such issues as terrorism and Iraq.

You can't fly Washington in from the 18th century. If he were to land in the White House now, he would not know about weapons of mass destruction or Osama bin Laden. But you can immerse yourself in his time and see if there's a conversation that is possible between then and now.

Author Joseph Ellis



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BY BENJAMIN FRANKLIN  
WASHINGTON

He is like the man in the moon: We know he is there, but he's far away. He is the father figure and you don't want to look into the father figure too much. We don't want to learn something about him that will make him more imperfect. He is also responsible for this. He created space around himself that no one could get into and he wouldn't let anybody get into, apart from his wife, Martha, and some very close friends during the war (against Britain).

### Why do you describe him as "the Foundingest Father of all"?

He was the person who had stepped forward before the *Declaration of Independence* to risk everything. He presumed Mount Vernon (his home) would be burned to the ground after he accepted the commander-in-chief position. Without his judgment at these critical moments, there would be no such thing as the United States. While it was a collective process of ordinary Americans, elite Americans and the army, the one person without whom it couldn't have worked is Washington.

He is the greatest leader in American history. If we are looking for role models in American leadership these days, and I think we are, he is *numero uno*.

### Looking through our 21st-century eyes, what do we see of Washington?

There are two great founding moments in American history—when we declare our independence and fight a war, and when we declare our nation-

hood. Washington is the central figure in both of those moments. He was commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, presiding president of the Constitutional Convention and the first president of the United States.

The United States was not really a united country or nation; it was a work in progress. There was only one singular person who embodied the nation, and people couldn't agree on anything else—what the American Revolution meant and what the future was for this united nation. They all agreed on one thing: whatever it was, Washington embodied it.

In Iraq now, the different factions lack that kind of singular leader, in part because they didn't initiate the struggle to overthrow Saddam Hussein; we did. Therefore, there is not a person who can embody the revolution there. Washington did it and he did it in a way that is truly distinctive. In other revolutions, whether it was French, Chinese or

Russian, the singular figure that emerged essentially created a totalitarian society. Washington walked away from power and said that no single person could be above the law. This was a different kind of nation, a republic in which all leaders, no matter how indispensable, are in the end dispensable, and that included him. The only other person who has done that is (South African leader) Nelson Mandela. ☆



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# Chocolate Eclair Dessert

from JANE WRIGHT

"This is a recipe that my grandchildren enjoy. My granddaughter served it while working at a ranch in Wyoming. It was a hit there too." ☆

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## RECIPE: Chocolate Eclair Dessert

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### Chocolate Eclair Dessert

2 3-ounce packages French vanilla pudding

3 cups cold milk

1 16-ounce box graham crackers

1 9-ounce container whipped topping

With electric mixer, blend pudding with milk until thick. Fold in whipped topping. Set aside. Layer a 13-by-9-inch baking dish with graham crackers. Spoon half of the pudding mixture on top. Repeat. Cover the two layers with a third layer of graham crackers.

### Icing:

2 tablespoons butter

4 tablespoons cocoa powder

2 teaspoons corn syrup

1 teaspoon vanilla

3 tablespoons milk

1 and 1/2 cups confectioner's sugar

Heat all icing ingredients in a saucepan until dissolved. This takes just a few minutes. Pour over graham crackers in an even layer. Refrigerate for 24 hours. Serves 8 to 10.

**Tips From Our Test Kitchen:** Sprinkle with toasted almonds and garnish with fresh strawberries.

## Family

# Sewing Kindles Kids' Creativity

by ALAN ROSS

Learning to sew helps children become creative thinkers, according to findings from a clinical study completed by the not-for-profit Home Sewing Association (HSA) in the late-1990s.

The study revealed that children ages 8 to 12 showed elevated creativity after sewing a simple project. Children who sew during these critical years of development show increased creativity and self-esteem and appear to build skills in creative problem solving and perseverance.

"In our family we all had to be able to sew a little bit," recalls Tim Verner, 51, of Atlanta. "I can remember my grandfather making and sewing gun holsters out of old leather coats. He was definitely someone who could solve just about anything. I would think any skill that requires small details would help you divide problems into smaller pieces."

Sewing's multitude of choices—color selection, fabric options, design and proportion—help stimulate creative thinking skills. Completing a project fosters a sense of accomplishment. Hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills develop through the use of the

hands, and exercises in following directions along with problem solving skills are all added benefits of sewing experiences for children.

But the positive benefits that result from learning to sew do not necessarily hold true for some other well-known kids' activities. According to Sewing Prose, a website with sewing lessons for kids ([www.sewingprose.com](http://www.sewingprose.com)), a study compared children engaged in various recreational activities: sewing, painting, watching television and playing video games. A test for creativity was given before and after recreation, and the two scores were compared. Tests showed that children with sewing and painting as their recreational activity scored higher than children absorbed with television and video games.

Sheila Randolph, a professor at Pima College in Tucson, Ariz., once ran a sewing school called Stitcher Studio, where—

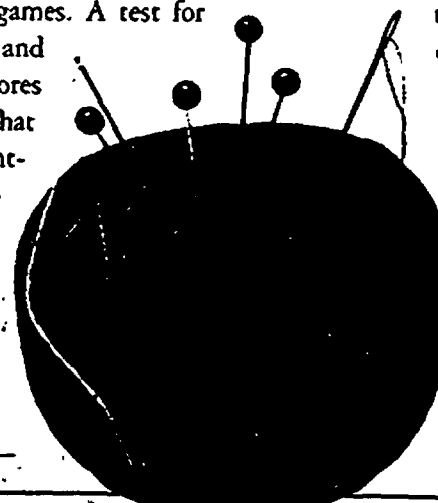
among other things—she taught summer sewing lessons for kids age 9 and up. She noticed an additional benefit to kids who learn to sew.

"Many of the kids I taught in the summers were troubled," says Randolph, whose website, [www.stitcherstudio.com](http://www.stitcherstudio.com) offers easy instructions for sewing projects suitable for kids. "After several sessions, I noticed their behavior problems were almost gone. I think the girls found something at which they could excel, and there was a sense of completion and pride."

For more information about the Home Sewing Association, log on to [www.sewing.org](http://www.sewing.org).

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