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Chiri sells, moves – then resigns

After months of trying to abstain from contentious church vote, planning commissioner turns house over to 'Victory' clergy

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

After years of fighting local church leaders' plans to build a school next door, Nancy Chiri turned her house over to them.

The Northville planning commissioner moved out of her W. Main Street home in the city and Our Lady of Victory clergy members

moved in. Chiri also verbally resigned from the city planning commission, City Manager Gary Word said.

The clergy members' relocation around the corner from their former home precedes the imminent demolition of the 116 Orchard Dr. rectory. Site preparation for the 77,000square-foot school on the corner of W. Main and Orchard Drive Monday began in earnest with tree removal.

Neither Chiri nor church representatives returned phone calls prior to press.

According to city officials, Chiri and Ken Koslowski owned the 835 W. Main St. home. Elana Gloetzner of the congregation's law firm. Nedelman Pawlak, said she was unaware of the purchase terms of Chiri's for-

mer home.

Planning commission chairman Jay Wendt

said he is aware Chiri moved from her home, but does not know under what conditions.

"All I've heard is, quite a ways back, she told the church, 'Why don't you buy me?' Wendt said. "I'm getting this second hand. "It makes a lot of sense from the church's

The parish priests will remain within walking distance of their Thayer Avenue Catholic church. But two of the project's strongest

opponents, Chiri and Koslowski, will no longer be their neighbors. Koslowski's emotional appeal in January

asking the Northville Board of Zoning of Appeals to reverse the planning commission's final site plan approval went unheeded. He said the school's construction within 25 feet of the couple's property line would have a deep impact on him.

The corner of Orchard Drive and Main Street has transformed in the past week from wooded oasis to barren construction site. Page 3A.

"Before OLV, Nancy loved this town," Wendt said, "When I heard she had sold her house, I knew it had to be killing her."

Chiri's departure means she is no longer eligible for the planning commission seat. For months, she tried to recuse herself from discussion of the school proposed for the corner of W. Main Street and Orchard Drive.

Despite her continued requests, she was

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One goal in mind!



Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/RECORD EDITOR

Northville Mustangs goalie Lee Cee Criswell is the last line of defense for the girls hockey team as they battle for a state title this weekend at Novi ice Arena. How are they doing so far? See page 4-5B.

Belmont debate

Township officials begin hospital property review

By David Aguilar RECORD EDITOR

Monday night Northville Township officials publicly raked through a development plan that within five to 10 years would transform the abandoned Northville Psychiatric Hospital into a sprawling 415-acre residential and commercial-retail loca-

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members,

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What challenges would the township face if Belmont Park is developed? Page 7A.

time Bloomfield Hills-based Re proposal for the site.

The development partnership has until June to close on the \$55 million state-owned property.

"I think it was a good oversight of what REI's intentions are," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor. "But I think we have a lot of work to do. The devil is in the details." As proposed, the developer

would partner with Schostak, Inc. and transform what they call an "environmentally-challenged" site into a gateway community named "Belmont Park."

The proposed community, anchored at the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, would feature 1,100 residential dwellings, 240,000 square feet of commercial-retail space, seven restaurants and a bank.

The proposal would connect

Of concern Concerns expressed by

Northville Township officials during Monday night's meeting included: . Density: too many homes

on lots measuring 60-90 feet wide; small front, back and side yards.

• Access: access points accommodating growing traf- -fic, especially along Winchester Drive.

• 40-acre land donation: Developer proposing 40 acres in two locations; township officials would like at least 40 acres in one central location

• Retail: Is it too much? Will it negatively affect neighboring businesses and those located in downtown NOITHVINE!

 Architecture: What will the proposed homes look like? What features will they include?

Six and Seven Mile roads via Winchester Drive. Currently Winchester ends at the property's

southern property line. Jon Weaver, a partner with Real Estate Interests, said his group has outlined a plan consistent with

township's concerns. He said Belmont Park would feature unique neighborhoods, pedestrian-friendly shopping and

a needed gateway for the township's eastern entrance. Weaver said the site is riddled

with environmental cleanup chal-

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Township considers possible land swap

Developer would strade 168-acre site Ffor 15 acres of prime &commercial land

EBy-Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mark Abbo envisions Northville Towiship as a landlord picking up a real-sheck each month.

A developer in pursuit of a high-Otraffic Five Mile and Sheldon roads
Conner who proposed a "land swap"
Sof 16% acres on the training of the state of the s of 168 acres on the township's west Side could make the township Osuperisor's vision a reality.

The multi-million dollar deal would help diversify the township's tax base, let local leaders decide the fate of the undeveloped acreage and create a new, indefinite revenue source. The municipality would enter the commercial-propertylease business.

The Board of Trustees will discuss the potential transaction during a public forum 7 p.m. Monday,

Farmington Hills-based developer Grand Sakwa brought the swap plan to the board with an interest in acquiring the 15 acres the township owns at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Sheldon roads, Abbo said.

The township would acquire the 153 acres on the northwest corner of Five Mile and Ridge roads and 15 acres on the east side. Grand Sakwa has an option to purchase the 168 acres from the City of

The trustees March 3 discussed

the potential transaction, including the economic efficiencies, the developer's inevitable re-zoning request and best-expected- and worst-case scenarios for the newlyowned land the township would market for lease as light-industrial.

Future revenue

Abbo said the swap is an opportunity to help ensure the township's long-term financial health. Commercial lease income from land the township owns would be an annuity, he said.

The income -- net of all development-related expenses --- is proected to be \$7.7 million during the 10-year development period," Abbo

said. "Thereafter, the income would be \$2.5 million per year."

Property taxes generated from both locations would help move the burden from the township's 82 percent reliance on a residential tax base. The swap also would allow the board to decide the fate of the Ridge Road property.

Worst-case, the township would own outright a valuable piece of property, Abbo said.

A township-obtained appraisal of the 153 acres west of Ridge Road put the land value at \$8.7 million.

The township in May will pay off the Sheldon/Five Mile property, purchased in 1997 for \$630,000 with township land-acquisiton millage funds. A township-obtained appraisal pegged today's value for the acreage at \$2.2 million if developed as zoned residential and \$4.9 million if re-zoned commercial.

Part of the deal

"We will implement a condition that there is no 'big box' there," Abbo said.

The land, currently zoned residential, would require planning commission review, public hearings, then board approval for a

commercial use. The risk is the township's ability to draw light industrial or researchand-development companies to the Ridge location, Abbo said.

Consulting, Silverlode Cleveland-based land-use consultant hired by the township to analyze

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER George Dimopoulos has öpened George's Senate Restaurant at 39430 Dun Rovin Drive off Haggerty south of Six Mile. George's will have a complete bar and specialize in Coney Island fare, including Greek salads and coney

Greece, via Haggerty

Restaurant reborn as George's Senate

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

At George's Senate Family Restaurant, patrons enjoy fresh salads with homemade Greek dressing.

George But owner Dimopoulos said that's not the only way to sample his blend of olive oils, vegetable oils and lemons.

You can drink it," he said. "It's a family recipe."

Many at his new Northville Township restaurant on Haggerty Road do just that and gobble up offerings from Coney dogs to lamp chops.

Flanked by Country Club Village condos and Bushwood Golf Club, the eatery's latest reincarnation is Dimopoulos'

fourth in the area. Gaining cooking experience in Detroit after emigrating from Greece in 1969, Dimopoulos said his focus is fresh food at

affordable costs. Families can eat for \$20-40, he said. Since opening in January, regulars old and new

have found their way. "We've got people who come from all over," Dimopoulos said. "I, try to get reasonable prices for people.

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Changes

There have been plenty of upgrades and changes since the former banquet facility closed two years ago.

Gutting the entire restaurant, Dimopoulos installed ceramic tiling, marble panels and cherry colored oak.

A revamped kitchen features brand-new stainless steel appliances, and rest rooms are spotless. Photos of his family, grandson and golf greats dot walls.

"I kept not even one silverware from the old place," Dimopoulos said. Outside, Statue of Liberty and American Eagle statues mark his love for his adopted country.

The No. 1 for me is the quality," said Dimopoulos. Whether French fries, prime ribs or spinach pies, food is served up fresh by 40 employees.

One of them, afternoon manager Kristin Kaluzny of Livonia, has worked with Dimopoulos for nine years.

"I love the business," she said. "You get to know people. I made a lot of friends here.

The owner himself is a common sight at the restaurant, even waving to those just pulling in.

"I like to walk over to the table and introduce myself," he said. "I work in the back (kitchen)."

Loyal following

Loyal followers are already taking note.

Ed and Noella Kotowski traveled from Dearborn Heights last week. Ed met Dimopoulos while

George's Senate Family Restaurant

 Where: 39430 Dun Rovin **Drive: Haggerty Road** between Five Mile and Six Mile roads -

 Features: standard Coney dog and French fry fare to

lamp chops and prime rib Hours: 7 a.m.-10 p.m.,

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working as a meat man for another Coney years ago.

The service is very good," said Ed, who favors the hot dogs

and soup. "It's got high class."
Another of Dimopoulos' regulars, Bob Kunkel, convinced him to re-open the eatery.

With Frank Garzia, Kunkel recently spruced up the adjacent nine hole, par-3, golf course. With 7 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

hours, condo residents like Janet Duff are taking notice, too. 'We've been waiting for this for a long time," she said. "Almost every day I stop in. The

food is good, it's fresh and you get large potions. "It's the variety and also the people. It's like a big meeting place. I hope he stays there for-

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the concept, described scenarios in which companies would lease the light-industrial-zoned land in 14-acre chunks over 10 years.

To increase the site's appeal, the township would consider 10year tax abatements, Abbo said. Those numbers are factored in the land-use consultant's revenue projections.

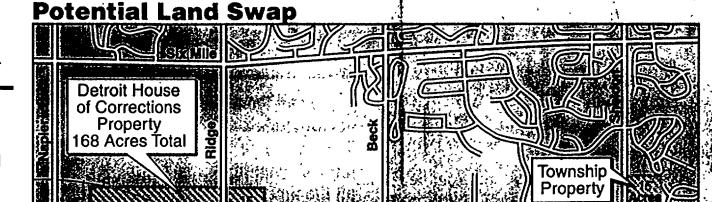
Township leaders also are asking the state for additional incentives to entice out-of-state corporations to locate in the township, Abbo said.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Plymouth) called the township's

"I think anyone who holds office should be looking at innovative ideas."

> State Sen. Bruce Patterson R-Plymouth

consideration of the land swap "cutting edge." He said he would talk to the administration



SOURCE: Northville Township

and fellow legislators to create a business-friendly environment supporting the effort to bring additional jobs to the area.

"I think anyone who holds valo sector, it a good idea to office should be looking at innovative ideas," Patterson said. "Just like when I was in the pri-

provide for diversification to

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Board considers additional property options

Trustees weigh pros, cons of possible land swap

By Kim Kovelle

Possible commercial development on about 15 acres of township-owned land has board trustees mulling

Nothing's set in stone, but there are some differences in early opin-

Trustee Chris Roosen isn't thrilled with the thought of a business at northeast corner of Five Mile and Sheldon roads.

That property is zoned residential," Roosen said. "Anybody that's building a home down there has been told that that's residential

Nearby neighborhoods include Northville Hollow and Northville

"I'm leaning to be against any commercial. I know I'm definitely against a big box store." To build commercial uses would take a rezoning, but a big box would also take a special land use, trustee

Mary Gans said. "It could never support a Home Depot or a Lowe's or a Wal-mart," Gans said of the site. "Those are too big. They would need 20-plus

He said a commercial use would be a good fit with opposing comers where a shopping plaza and upcoming hotel south of Five Mile in Plymouth Township are planned.

Across Sheldon, in the Northville Township, a 13-acre piece of land is already zoned commercial.

"I think it's outgrown its usefulness as... residential," Gans said. Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand

wants to see small neighborhood commercial uses. The problem that the township faces is that we've got all the commercial on the far east side of the township," she said, "and good planning dictates that you've got to spread your commercial out throughout your community.

People can't continue to drive all the way from the west side of the township to the far east side to do the business." Residents can weigh in during a

6:30 p.m. public meeting March 17, when trustees will discuss the issue.

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Open and closed

On March 3. Northville Township held a special meeting, a portion of which was closed to the public.

Michigan's Open Meeting Act allows public boards to discuss the purchase or lease of property in closed sessions as long as the public is notified 18 hours prior to the meeting.

Township Clerk Šue Hillebrand said all Open Meeting Act guidelines were followed. "This agenda went out to proba-

bly over 100 people," she said.

homeowners' association board. This was posted in township hall." During the closed session,

We mail them to every single

officials discussed a possible property acquisition. In open session, board members discussed township-owned land at Five Mile and Sheldon roads.

A 6:30 p.m. March 17 public hearing will be held to discuss the possible transaction.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/horm-vulle record

CHIRI: planning commissioner resigns, sells home to church

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instructed to participate, based on advice provided by the city attorney. None of Chin's fellow planning commissioners supported her requests to abstain from voting.

When the city approved the Our Lady of Victory school's final site plan in November, Chiri did not attend the meeting.

"I think what skewed the whole thing is the lawsuit against us, Wendt said "I think that has frightened some of us more than others."

The congregation's legal firm Nedelman Pawlak in July filed a lawsuit claiming the city and individital planning commissioners hads unnecessarily delayed the project. Nedelman passociate Elana Gloetzner said adismissal is in the Wendt said he will believe it

when he sees it in writing.

Proper procedure

Mayor Christopher Johnson said Chiri's involvement was appropriate based upon advice provided by the city attorney. Because the city of Northville is only 2.2 square miles. he said, planning commissioners are likely to live near a project they may The same principle applies for city representatives who attend a particular church, Johnson said.

When a planning commissioner is impacted financially they should abstain from voting, he said, adding Chiri is the only one who knows at what point that became a consideration for her.

"It would have been appropriate for her not to vote because of the financial consideration." Johnson

The city has not yet received Chiri's resignation letter, Word said. Word said he requested it when she told him she had moved from the

The council's personnel commite will make a recommendation losses fill the planning commission vacancyclubject to vote for approval. 1994

ENGAGEMENTS

Abbott-Solberg

Mike and Cindy Abbott of Canton, formerly of Northville, announce the engagement of their son, Rob Abbott to Stacey Solberg, daughter of Jack and Phyllis Solberg of Ray, Mich. and the late Diane Solberg.

The groom-elect is a 1998 grad-

Our Lady of Victory has dropped its lawsuit against the city.

Northville City Manager Gary Word and Elana Gloetzner of the congregation's law firm, Nedelman Pawlak said they both are awaiting the court to process the paperwork.

"It's always a good thing when a lawsuit is dismissed," said Mayor Christopher Johnson. "And this is no exception."

The city did not have to pay money toward settling the church's claims the city and planning commission delayed their progress toward building a new school, Word said. The legal action was a "tacti";," he said.

"We feel that they kept that hanging over our heads to get as much leverage as they could," Word said.

The congregation is excited to proceed with the new school

We've resolved the issues that were raised in the lawsuit with the city," she said. "So, we felt at this time it was appropriate to dismission case. The dismissions not contingent on anything."

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uate of Northville High School and a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed as a fifth grade teacher at Benteen Elementary School.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Romeo High School and also a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed as an occupational therapist with A to Z Therapy

A June 2005 wedding is planned.





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Branch will discuss vizsla dogs at upcoming kennel show

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

The second Sue Branch opened her basement kennel's door, a stampede of paws came barreling up the steps.

Spilling over each other, Branch's five caramel-colored vizsla (VEEZ-la) dogs leaped for chew toys, cookies and a chance to give their owner kisses.

In an expert tone, the handler kept her lively, well-trained bunch

"Sit. Whoa!" Branch shouted. "They're bundles of energy. They're ready and raring to go. 'It's wild at first, but then even-

tually they'll settle down." At next weekend's Detroit Kennel Club dog show, Branch, who lives just outside Northville Township, will talk about the pros and cons of owning the Hungarian

pointing breed. Bringing along her own pets. Branch aims to be "brutally honest" when fielding audience questions March 19 and 20 at Detroit's

Cobo Convention Center. 'It's not the breed for everybody," Branch explained. "We call them Velcro-vizslas. They're in your face, on your lap, all the time. They're bouncy. They're total hug-

"Vizslas have to have something to do, otherwise they will go just haywire.

A trainer and Plymouth veterinary hospital office manager, Branch's non-stop lifestyle matches that of Tattles, Bows, Drakkar, Twister and Riggs — known for his "Tigger Bounce."

Dog whisperer?

When she started handling 15 years ago, Branch found she had a knack for taming dogs people had labeled un-trainable.

"I've learned from just experience," she said. "I go by word of mouth. I just have a gift with

That caught the attention of Peggy Beisel-Mcllwaine, the kennel club's public education chair. She selected Branch to speak, about her dogs in this year's fourth annual breed seminars.

"Each breed has its unique qualities," she said. "We really stress the cons because we don't want people to get these dogs unless they know what they're going

Along with beagles and rottweilers, vizslas are one of eight dogs to be discussed by experts.

It's gotten to became kind of a fad breed." Beisel-McIlwaine said. "I see (Branch) a lot at the shows, dogs really well she seems to have a lot of success."

Vizsla dog talk Who: Sue Branch, local vizsla dog handler and trainer What: She's one of eight experts who will present and answer questions about her breed at Detroit Kennel Club's annual dog show. Other breeds include beagles, dachshunds, rottweilers, Australian shepherds, Lhasa apsos. Boston terriers and

West Highland white terriers. When: Exhibits run 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 19 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 20. Presentations, lasting 45 minutes each, start at 11 a.m. and last throughout the day.

Where: Cobo Convention Center, 1 Washington Blvd., Detroit

Details: www.detroitkennelclub.com

Her seasoned vizslas have competed in agility and bird hunting, where dogs herd and hold ground species. Contests, countrywide, average three weekends per month, Branch said.

Jen Miller, Branch's co-handler, has trained dogs with her best friend through Stonepointe Vizslas for close to 10 years.

'She's a wonderful handler," Miller said, "She's good with the dogs she takes the time to train

"We call them Velcro-vizslas. They're in your face, on your lap, all the time."

> Sue Branch Local Dog Trainer

them. She works with the owners." With her own spirited dogs, Branch has found plenty of positives. They get along well with her fiancé and future stepson. They're clean. And they're clowns.

"I like their personality," she said. "You can come home from the crappiest day at work and they will make you laugh."

Whether they're sliding around the kitchen tile or prancing around Branch's 42 acres in Salem Township, the vizsla gang is the right mix.

"I'm always on the go and this breed is always on the go," she They can keep up with

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Sue Branch holds her vizsla "Twister" at her Currie Road home. Branch will exhibiting her dogs at the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show on March 19-20.

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

"People can come and watch Fit," 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 threemistake climination.

. New leader

Sue Campbell has been named interim director of Northville -Youth Assistance.

A familiar Northville face for 21 years. Campbell succeeds retiring director Mary Ellen King. Campbell for the past five -years has coordinated programs and assisted with volunteer serv-Lices.

"We're confident in Sue's abilpities to direct our current programs and help us seek new avenues to enhance the quality of Hife for the youth in our commuanity," said Michele Fecht, chairperson of the Northville Youth Assistance Commission. The also Commission added Northville resident Lisa *Hamburg to the youth assistance staff.

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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.

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.

• Detroit Water and Sewerage Department officials are scheduled today to talk again with city of Northville representatives on the planned hike in local water rates. An increase would take effect July 1.

A 29.5-percent increase in Northville's water rates currently is on the table, a hike city officials said is too much. After an initial protest, the water system representatives reduced the 43 percent rate increase they had planned for Northville.

The 29.5-percent hike would translate into an average of \$70-75 more per year per city of Northville household. Northville water supply.

Senior tax help

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) again this year has arranged for six volunteer counselors to assist local seniors with tax return preparation. Pre-registration is required.

Appointments at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main' Street, are still available. The hour-long slots are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Thursdays, through April 14.

For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

Budget time

The city's 2005-6 budget process is under way, scheduled to conclude May 16 with budget adoption and establishment of the 2005 operating millage rate. The new fiscal year begins June

The budget plan calls for:

• April 4 - Budget document presented to the council at a regular meeting.

• April 6, 11, 12 — Council will host budget review sessions. May 5 — Notice of budget's

is dependent on Detroit for its availability and budget hearing. • May 16 — Council to host

Join the fun

second budget hearing and adopt the budget.

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.

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.

On the art beat

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

Northville The Commission/Parks Recreation Department joint effort will feature its first exhibition of area artists March 5-31 on Thursdays, Fridays, 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 annlilly brenner@yahoo.com.

Bubble and Squeak

Northville Senior Community Center will host a St. Patrick's Day luncheon of comed beef and cabbage. The \$12 event is 11:30 am, 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 con-tribute 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.

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Responding to resident concerns about how oversized homes, parking rules, noise and traffic are affecting their quality of life, officials will be reviewing the city's zoning ordinance.

City manager Gary Word has asked the city's planning con-sultant, Don Wortman of Ann Arbor-based 'Carlisle Wortman, to estimate how much such a formal review would cost.

"I need to know, what it's going to cost us first," Word said. "I've asked (Wortman) to give me a range. Hopefully in the next week or two he'll come back with something."

Word said he expects to present a proposal at the council's March 21 or April 4 meeting. City council must approve payment for the review.

Mayor Christopher Johnson said city council is leaning toward looking at the city's 200page ordinance currently riddled with municipal jargon about special land-use conditions, cash in lieu of parking spaces and home-to-lot-size ratios.

He said resident concerns are driving the project.

'We see these concerns people are coming to us with," Johnson said.

Overdue review?

Johnson said an ordinace review would likely scrutinize all zoning rules and address hotbutton issues. "There's no sense in looking at it piece-meal," he said of the study likely to take about a year.

City planner commissioners said the importance of such a review outweighs the potential legal costs associated with

defending an outdated ordinance

Several issues

-Topics of concern for city planning commissioners include: refuse dumpster placement, screening and sound requirements for heating/ventilation/cooling units, an adultenterlainment zoning location, a traffic- and light- study requirements, irrigation provisions and

"We want to make these things tighter, but we don't want to make them so tight we lose control," said planning commission chairman Jay Wendt. "We have to have a little flexibility."

The advent of businesses like mini-storage, convenience gas and video rental during the past 20 years has prompted municipalities to update their zoning guidelines, Wortman said. For example, the city currently does not provide for an adult entertainment location.

But it soon will, even though

no plans are pending.
"We've got to allow it somewhere or we're going to get sued and lose," said planning commissioner Jim Allen. "If you make it too restrictive, that's the same as outlawing it."

One case study

We did a fairly substantial update in the mid-1990s," Wortman said. Some of the original zoning rules are more than 30 years old, he said.

During the past 18 months. Article 16 on special-land-use received unprecedented scrutiny relative to Our Lady of Victory church's plan to construct a new grade school near the corner of W. Main Street and Orchard

Consulting Costs

Next month, the Northville planning commission is expected to review costs. associated with updating the City of Northville's crdinance code. In 2004, paid Ann Arbor-based Cartisle Wortman . \$38,488 as a planning consultant.

"We want to make these things tighter, but we don't want to make them so tight we lose control."

> Jay Wendt Planning Commission Chairman

"I believe a review of several sections of the zoning ordinance is warranted in order to assure the wording and intent are clear," said Jerry Mittman, councilman and planning commission liaison. "However, I do not think significant changes are required.

"And any changes should not be rushed into while emotions remain high as a result of the Our Lady of Victory situation."

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OBITUARIES

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81, of West Palm Beach and North

Hutchinson Island, FL, formerly of

Northville, MI, passed away Friday, March 4, 2005. Bill was an extraordi-

nary man, born in Boston, MA, a

WWII veteran, a University of Boston

graduate (class of '51), he was a road-builder, an entrepreneur, an

artist, and an author. He was preced-

ed in death by his parents and

daughter, Lorraine. Bill is survived

by his beloved wife of 56 years,

Corrine; three daughters, Karen,

Leigh, and Elizabeth; niece Kathleen

Benua; son-in-law Jay Garbose; sis-

ter Lorraine Kessler of Miami, FL; brothers Curtis Allen of Centerville,

OH and David of Revere, MA; numer-

ous well-loved nieces, nephews, and

an extended family of friends. A

funeral Mass celebrating Bill's life

was held at St. Edward Catholic

Church, 144 North County Road,

Palm Beach, FL, 33480 at 10 30AM on Tuesday, March 8, 2005.
Donations may be made to Lourdes
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made by Qualtlebaum Funeral Home,

West Palm Beach, (561)832-5171.

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 Northvitle 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 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville (248) 349-0611. Pastor Don Magee with the Lakes Baptist Church of Walled Lake officiated the service. Mrs. Cross was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospice, attn. Gail Marie, 806 Airport Blyd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108 would be appreciated

WALTER D. TOUPIN

Age 82, a former Upper Peninsula native of Marquette, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, February 26, 2005, at his home in Novi after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, ELIZABETH (Derocher), a daughter ANN OBERTS of Northville, twin sons, DR. JOHN (Ruth) TOUPIN of Novi, DR. JOEL (Ann) TOUPIN of Farmington Hills and a sister MARILYN SOETAERT of Marquette, Michigan. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 7 nephews. The Edward Korkolan Funeral Home of Royal Oak, Michigan, is in charge of tuneral arrangements. Cremation will be followed by a MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL on Friday, March 11th at 11.00AM in the CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY on Meadowbrook Road (between 10 Mile & Grand River) Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Marquette, Michigan. In tieu of flowers- donations may be made to Christian Services, the 'Homeless Fund Project' c/o Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd , Novi, MI 48375

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Renderings to reality: what would proposal take?

Existing homes, infrastructure, traffic all factors

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

On paper, 415 acres of Seven Mile Road land divided into development "bubbles" is a colorful

Though Real Estate Interests' plan is conceptual, it has implications for existing homes, infrastructure, traffic and taxes.

We have to balance all these things," Township Public Services Director Don Weaver said. "Everybody has to be heard. It's a significant area of the township to be developed at one time."

When the developer presented its to an acre in size." plan to township trustees, planning commissioners and residents Monday, views came forward.

New neighbors

With 1,075 housing units pitched, REI's plan estimates about 3,050 new neighbors.

Most of the proposed 495 single family homes sit on 60-foot wide lots; the rest 90-foot "estate" lots.

"Ninety, in that part of the township... it's sort of consistent with what's happening to the south," community development director Jennifer Frey said, referring to Lakes of Northville, Maple Hills, Northville Trails and Parkstone subdivisions.

The lot size there averages 86 feet wide.

"So, 60 is significantly less in those neighborhoods," Frey said. "But to the north (of Seven Mile Road) there are much larger lots, up

With setbacks requested for larger homes, township planning consultant Brad Strader said, "That seems pretty tight to me."

Keeping connected

Plenty will go into keeping new and old connected --- yet separated by wooded buffers.

REI representatives said their plan has about five miles worth of pathways.

The developer's landscape architect, Paul Fontaine of Ann Arborbased JJR, called the plan "pedestrian friendly."

Right now, linking to existing neighborhoods might be tricky due to lots abutting the site. "But if there are open space options and opportunities to connect, we certainly would," Frey said.

The developer said it plans to keep 70 feet of woods along Seven Mile Road and 50 feet to the south.

You've got to look at what the expense side's going to be, how much it's going to tax our resources."

Theima Kubitskey Northwille Township Finance

That is a minimum buffer," Real Estate Interests partner Jon Weaver said. Some residents want an old railroad bed separating the land kept as another path.

To be built by developers, mostly private roads would be maintained by a master condominium association, REI said.

Based on current plans, a curving Winchester Drive extension would be the only connecting road.

Roads, water and sewage

As noted in REI's plan, nearby main roads and expressways will help alleviate traffic.

But with many new residents, seven restaurants, a bank and 240,000 square feet in other retail,

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traffic will likely increase. Township Public Services Director Don Weaver said traffic

lights might help curb impact. "I'm sure there's going to be another traffic light probably on

Haggerty Road that's going to be necessary," Weaver said, "and probably a light on Seven Mile Road." In the plan, Seven Mile isn't a main entrance to retail, Weaver said. "They've done a parallel road

to Seven Mile. Those are certainly positive things." Wayne County would be needed for any road expansions, since it operates Seven Mile and Haggerty

The biggest water demand is for fire flow, Weaver said, and three mains are there now.

"It's got a very strong grid. I don't anticipate there being any issues with our ability to furnish them with adequate water," Weaver

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But if seven restaurants are approved, more sewerage space might be needed. "Those are significant water and sewer users," Weaver said. "I think that might be somewhat underestimated."

The plan ahead

Weaver estimated his project could be complete within five to 10 years, if approved.

"No matter what they do, it's going to be an increase in our tax-able base," Township Finance Director Thelma Kubitskey said. "(But) you've got to look at what the expense side's going to be, how much it's going to tax our resources."

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lenges, including underground tunnels, medical waste, asbestos contamination and 1 million square feet of buildings awaiting demolition.

"It's a piece of property that needs to be redeveloped," Weaver said, adding his group has worked hard to develop a plan reflecting Northville's unique charm, without detracting from nearby downtown Northville's delicate, small-town existence. "I'd like to express my heart-felt desire to work with the township," Weaver said.

Early reaction

Township officials expressed both satisfaction and concern with the proposal submitted two weeks

ago.
"This was a start, a good start," Abbo said. "It was important for us to listen and ask questions. I'm pleased the issues are on the table."

While the residential-based planis a departure from the one submitted by Real Estate Interests two years ago - a plan featuring nearly I million square feet of commercialretail space — township officials expressed early concerns about Belmont Park's overall density, site access and the absence of senior housing and an office park.

The township's vision for the site. outlined within a planned unit development concept yet to be forWhat next?

Northville's board of . trustées and planning commission each appointed three individuals to a joint subcommittee to further asses Real Estate Interests' Belmont Park proposal. Subcommittee members include planing commissioner Jim Nield, Bob Nix and George McCarthy along with supervisor Mark Abbo, Clerk Sue Hillebrand and trustee Marjorie Banner. No deadline has been set.

plan anchored at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads by a wooded area.

The developer's plan features a water feature, six high-end restaurants and a bank.

The township's plan also features senior housing, a municipal park, a new elementary school and about 80,000 square feet of "neighborhood-retail."

Weaver said seniors and empty nesters would feel at home within Belmont Park's assorted townhouses, duplexes and condominiums. He reiterated the development partnership's assertion that stagnant demand for office space along the Interstate 275 corridor make impractical the task of adding to the current supply.

Weaver , said , the proposal's mally approved by the board of a planned 240,000 squarer feet of a small. I trustees, calls for a residential-based commercial-retail would comple- daguilla.

ment the type of retail currently offered by downtown Northville.

He said 40 acres would also be donated to the township as part of the deal and would allow for a new elementary school west of the proposed extension of Winchester Drive.

Township officials expressed concern about the land donation. claiming the proposed school location's proximity to the Michigan State Police gun range and the parceling of the land itself is flawed.

Some township officials said they preferred the land donation in one 40-acre ration.

As proposed, the developer would adjoin 23 donated acres to 17 acres the township already owns near the state police station and reserve another 17 acres of woodlands near the site's eastern border. abutting the state-owned Hawthorn Center.

Doing so, Weaver said, would allow the township to better utilize the 17 land-locked acres it owns while also preserving the site's most natural area.

Weaver said Michigan legislation governing the property sale only requires the purchaser donate 40 total acres. He said location and in what way the land is donated is not

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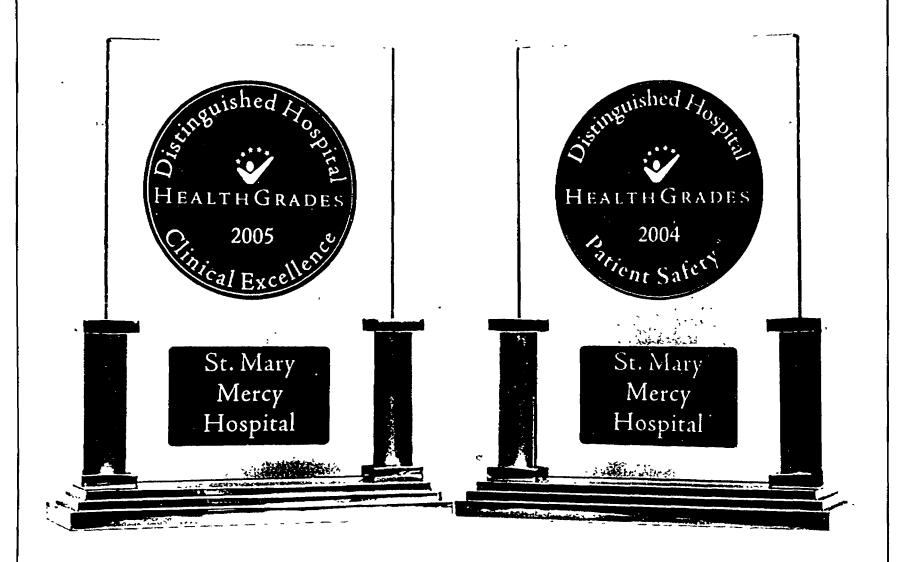


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The open enrollment deadline for the Northville Public Schools 2005-06 year is Thursday, April 7. Parents desiring their children attend a public school other than designated by attendance area, must submit letters to Casey Reason, assistant superintendent, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Copies of the letter must also be sent to building principals. Final decisions regarding open enrollment are not made until one to two weeks prior to the start of the school year because of summer enrollment fluctuations.

Open house

St. Paul's Lutheran School will host an open house 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 at the school, 201 Elm. St. Paul's is currently enrolling preschool through eighth grade. The school is located in downtown Northville, behind Hiller's Market. For more information, call (248) 349-3146.



Fulbright

Beginning March 20, Hillside Middle School will host two teachers and the principal of Nanbu Junior High School in Komatsu, Japan. During the visit, Hillside teacher Jenniser Smith will develop a joint project with the Japanese junior high school representatives as part of the Fulbright Memorial Fund Master Teacher Program. Smith will travel to Japan for six weeks this summer as part of the project. The visits marks the fourth time educators from Komatsu have developed joint projects research with Northville teachers.

Improv night

Tickets are on sale now for "A Night of Improv, Part Deux." The extemporaneous event pre-

sented by the Northville High Drama Club and Origins Theatre will take place 7 and 9 p.m. Friday, March 18 in the school auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road. Organizers promise a night of big laughs and good theater. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and may be purchased at the high school or at the door the night of the show.

Mothers' Club

Area businesses are being offered the opportunity to advertise in the 2005-07 edition of the Mothers' Club 'Community Phone Directory. The Directory is sent to 19,000 households in the Northville Public School district and will be mailed in late August. It contains residential listings for school district residents, numbers for community organizations and ads from local businesses. Profits from the venture benefit the club, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educational enrichment for Northville school children. Each year, the Mothers' Club donates nearly \$40,000 to the schools. If you did not hear from



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Ryan Vellucci, 2, plays floor hockey during a Tuesday morning Toddle Time at the Nortville Senior Community Center gym. The Northville Parks and Recreation sponsored event brings toddlers and their parents together for some physical activity and fun and costs \$5 per session. It runs through March 22. For more information, call (248) 349-0203

a Mothers' Club member last month, call Marnie Mertz at (248) 348-9268, Mary Rupley at (248) 348-8739 or Joan Wadsworth at (248) 348-5881. Advertising will be accepted through March 14.

Hillside carnival

The Hillside Middle School Family Carnival will take place 5-8 p.m. tomorrow inside the school located at the corner of Center Street and Eight Mile Road. 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.

Early Childhood Center

Re-enrollment for Northville Public Schools 2005-06 Early Childhood Center and summer programs end today. Paperwork and registration fees must be received by the deadline to secure a spot. Summer Child Care at Main Street will be held June 20-Aug. 18 and Summer Kids' Club at Moraine will be held June 21-Aug. 16. Registration forms processed in the order they are returned with priority given to currently enrolled children.

New family enrollment begins March 19.

School board meeting

The next Northville Board of Education meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at Thornton Creek Elementary School,

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NHS senior party

Tickets are on sale now for the Nonhville 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 Stilec-Stevenson at (248) 348-9608 e-mail OL ccstimm@aol.com.

Compiled by Record education reporter Victoria Sadlocha.



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A pair of students work on their own illustrations during an assembly with Mark Kistler last week at Winchester Elementary School.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REZONING

Michigan, on a proposed rezoning.

This request is to rezone property located on the northeast corner of 7 Mile and Beck Roads, Northville Township, MI from R-2 One Family Residential to B-3 General Business. The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Northville has scheduled a Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at 7:30 p m at the Northville Township Crvic Center, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville,

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NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

PUBLIC HEARING MDNR GRANT APPLICATION
NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

A grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources A grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for Northville Community Park Improvements will be discussed at a public hearing to be held by the Charter Township Board of Trustees on Thursday, March 17, 2005, 7:30 p.m. at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. Public input is encouraged.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005 Administrative Meeting:

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2005

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005

Administrative Meeting: THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005 6:00 p.m.
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Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2005, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2005 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

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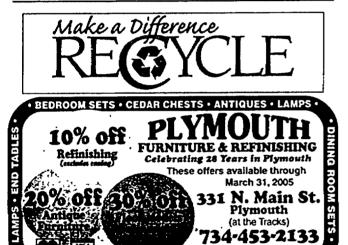
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Getting back to basics

New chiropractor emphasizes balance for total health

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Christy Abbott knows a bit about the strain a body at work endures.

In her former profession as a waitress, Abbott spent all day hesting entree plates,

balancing drink trays and hustling on foot. That's part of the reason she and husband, Dr. Bill Abbott, targeted three dozen local restaurant workers with the first mailing from their new chiropractic clinic. Optimize Your Health Chiropractic.

The couple opened their doors at 150 Mary Alexander Court Feb. 7. Their goal and philosophy: "health from the inside

"From the minute people walk in the door, I want them to think different," Bill Abbott said. "Not, 'this is just another chiropractor.' "Our mission, our goal is making people

think differently about their health. In North America, people tend to consider health the absence of symptoms, he said. Remedies come in a bottle or pill rather than an examination of the cause.

"It's not 'normal' to be less than perfectly healthy," he said. Not sleeping at night, not having friends, living without beliefs is not 'normal," Abbott said.

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Northville after schooling in the United States, training in Europe and most recently practice as an associate. His years overseas influenced the open-air environment of his

"It allows for all the energy to flow better," Abbott said. While the doctor shares his knowledge with a patient during an adjustment, people waiting for their appointment might pick up on something, he said. The Canadian-born Abbott spent six

weeks transforming the former retail space now including a deep-seating reception area, an adjustment area bordered by low walls, as well as private X-ray and conference rooms. Abbout pointed to the logo he selected to

portray his business, Leonardo daVinci's body in balance. Abbott said he recognizes the interaction of spiritual, mental, physical and emotional well-being.

We're more of a wellness healthcare chiropractor than symptom relief," he said. If you have a backache, for example, that's a starting point for scrutiny, he said.

"There's a deeper cause to diagnose and treat." Abbott said. "We want to promote long-term wellness, long-term health, what they can do better in their life - posture, The 33-year-old doctor comes to nutrition, ergonomics in how they do their

job, their household chores.

We want to integrate a healthy balance in their life, to round everything together for true health, not just treat a problem."

An alternative

The couple's son, 15-month-old Will, is a regular visitor to the clinic, and one of its healthy success stories, Abbott said. Since his first adjustment 10 minutes after his birth, Will has never had an earache or an illness, the dad said.

"We're just too used to being spoon-fed as a society," he said. "There are other options. Not just, 'take a painkiller."

"It's about looking deeper and wondering, why am I always tired and achy."

The chiropractor selected Northville in part due to their church connections in Plymouth and residence in Novi. Abbott said the community reminded him of the atmosphere in which he was raised.

"I'm used to everyone knowing everyone," he said. "I'm used to that small-town

feeling. Aside from the clinic's Feb. 14 mailing. Abbott said he hopes word of his practice

will spread by referral. "We want people to come to us by knowing us," he said. "We're going to try to be an

integral part of the community." The clinic determines fees on a perpatient basis. Abbott said, depending on insurance coverage. Restaurant workers who take the chiropractor up on his new patient

offer may be eligible for reduced rates. Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or via e-mail at

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Winners

The Northville Montessori Center Winter Knowledge Master Open team finished third in the nation out of schools with less than 200 students. The 18member team of fourth- through sixth-grade students are: Rob Kaylor, Ayana Garcia, Shamik Ganguly, Lauren Perugi, Briana Combs. Maria Szatkowski, McCord, Matthew Alex Parrinello, Jordan Smith, Aidan Thimm. Carlee Faber. Harrison Bolyard, Hannah Moylan, Ian Rose, Hanna Sawyer, Joe Burke,



Brittany Cameron and Anusha Ponduri. The KMO is an academic competition, challenging students to comprehend, apply and analyze scholastic data. The team finished 51st place overall out of 349 teams.

Educators

Cheryl Gibbs, an eighth-grade English Language Arts teacher at Hillside Middle School, was selected as a member of "Who's Who in American Teaching.' Educators are selected based on recommendations from high school and college students selected as "Who's Who" at the university and high school level.

Recent alumnus

Northville resident Aaron Lueker was named to the dean's list at Michigan Technological University in Houghton: Lucker is a junior majoring in Materials Science and Engineering. To earn a place on the list, Lucker earned a grade point average of

The arts

Former Northville High School graduate, Melissa Jane Doyle, will sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City later this month. The 2003 Northville graduate will sing alto in the March 21 choral concert, per-forming Dona Nobis Pacem by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The ensemble will be accompanied by the New England Symphonic Ensemble and soloists from the Metropolitan Opera. Doyle is a student at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., and a member of the Knox College Choir. She is the daughter of Thomas and Carol Doyle of Northville.



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Northville Township made an impressive showing Monday night, moving its feet and attending the first public presentation of the "Belmont Park" development plan proposed for the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property

along Seven Mile Road. Bloomfield Hills-based Real

Estate Interests and development partner Schostak, Inc. have pitched an ambitious residential-based plan for the 415-acre location. As proposed, the site would feature 1,100 homes, 240,000 square feet commercialretail space, seven restaurants and a bank.

As stipulated by State of Michigan guidelines, developer must also donate 40 acres to township. Township officials have said the minimum 40-acre donation is necessary for

construction of a 20-acre elementary school campus. The concept plan submitted to the township two weeks ago is.

future municipal needs and for the

ambitious. Monday was the first step in what will prove to be a long review process.

At stake: the transformation of Northville's most dilapidated eyesore into what could easily become the area's second-most recognized public signature, aside from his-

toric downtown Northville. Good for those who filled 150 township hall seats and listened for more than three hours as public officials and developers carefully early positive attributes and concerns. All those who attended conducted themselves with civility and conviction, underscoring personal reservations while remaining mindful what remains is a road marked by patience, understanding and com-

But in the end, the township's decision will be its own.

The following story has been excerpted from the 1905 Northville internal revenue account: 81.00 Record by Northville Historical Society board member Mark Chester. With minor exceptions, the stories comprising this year-long weekly series will appear as published 100 years ago this week.

March 10, 1905

NORTHVILLE STATE SAV-INGS BANK ITS DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

One of the Village's Sound Institutions Financial Successfully Managed for Twelve Years Has Paid Handsome Dividends Semi-Annually

One of the local institutions of which our village is justly proud and one which is among the most indispensable to the convenience of the citizens is the Northville State Savings bank, which has now entered upon the thirteenth year of its existence. It was organized in 1892, with the late Dr. John M. Swift as president and Louie Babbitt as cashier and with a capitalization of \$20,000.

The institution has been a success from the start, paying its semiannual dividends of three and four percent-usually the latter-with unfailing regularity.

The records of the bank show that the total profits thus far have reached the tidy sum of over \$30,000. On Feb. 15, 1905, the surplus and undivided profits amounted to over \$4,000. The following

What do you think? We welcome your Letter to the Editor. but not governing. Please include your, City and school interests who may name, address and naively believe the

school

Yes, township officials are making generous overtures to accommodate public schools and down-

town interests. But at the end of the day, township officials have one charge: protect the interests of

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officials consider the concerns and unintended consequences brought about by Belmont Park? Yes. Have done they Exceedingly.

But controlled growth requires an odd mixture of collaboration and self-determination. Business owners, community groups and public officials must make the most of resources available to them individually — before relying on the kindness of their neighbors.

Northville Township has many times over proven its dedication to community efforts, underwriting projects which would not exist but for their willingness to cut a check

and get involved. Township supervisor Mark Abbo had it right: "This was a

start, a good start." The road ahead won't be easy --nd may not always be popular. But this is no popularity contest. Taxpayers vote for elected officials

to make tough decisions. In the end, Northville Township should confer with its neighbors, consider their concerns - then do what's best for its own future.

In a free market, the rest will take care of itself.

items are from the last annual

and discounts: 131,995.00; Bonds, Mortgages and Securities: 93,664.35; Due from Banks in reserve cities: 30,157.71; Gold Coin: 8,000.00; Silver Coin: 925.00; Nickels and cents: 165.21; U.S. and National Bank Currency: 6,932.00; Checks, cash items and

All this goes to show that the management of the affairs of the bank has been of the best, and that its officers have proven themselves most capable and trustworthy, fully competent to discharge all the duties appertaining to so responsible and undertaking, and also that there has been no lack of the necessary patronage which assured integrity, individual and institution-

al, will always command. The bank is officered as follows: L.W. Simmons, president; E.A. Chapman, first vice president; F.A.Miller, second vice president; George D. Spencer, C.H. Coldren, T.G. Richardson, R.C. Yerkes, L.A. Babbitt, cashier, C.L.Shafer, assis-

tant cashier. The building now owned and occupied by the bank and recently enlarged and refitted for its use, is complete in all the details necessary for convenient, handsome and upto-date banking offices and would do credit to a much larger town than ours, although it is none too good for the Northville State Savings bank and its patrons, and the "good and true" who make up the personnel of its management.

The building itself is practically fire proof and contains in addition a large fire proof vault and two large burglar proof steel safes in the latest improved patterns, one of the latter containing safe deposit chests which are rented to patrons of the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTH/ILLE RECOR

Sue Branch arranges four of her five vizslas for a photo at her Northville Township home. Their names: Riggs, Bows, Tattles, Drakkar, and Twister.

Governor's lack of response puzzling

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Suppose you are Michigan's governor. Your state has nearly the highest unemployment rate in the nation. Your historic economic base of good paying, low-skilled manufacturing jobs is evaporating before your eyes. You are having trouble balancing your state's budget, in part because people who aren't working aren't paying taxes.

Further suppose you had --- right in front of you - an economic development project that would produce at least 3,000 new jobs in a couple of years. And suppose the chief elected officer of your largest county has asked your help in pushing forward a much larger proposal that could produce as many as 100,000 new jobs over the next decade.

Wouldn't you jump at it? You bet you vould. In a heartheat.

Which is why I'm puzzled at the, well, muted reaction from the Granholm Administration to requests for help for the Pinnacle Aeropark project near Detroit Metropolitan Airport and for the far larger aerotropolis" scheme.

Pinnacle, a mixed use office and technology development slated for 1,250 acres of wetlands owned by Wayne County southeast of the airport, is the first step toward a new airport city that could arise on land between Detroit Metro and Willow Run Airport to the west. Similar airport city projects around the globe -- Hong Kong, Los Angeles, Amsterdam - have generated literally hundreds of thousands of jobs. International experts think that the combination of new passenger facilities at Detroit Metro and cargo at Willow Run offer the best

chance in the world for such a development. So, too, does Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano. In his "State of the County" speech



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\$7 million will be invested in new roads and sewers as we prepare the first 150 acres for new business. We will announce the first of many new tenants very soon --- and it's about time!"

When I talked with Mulugetta Birru, the newly appointed Wayne County economic development director, he was enthusiastic. "I'm confident this project will go forward. It

will produce 3,000 new jobs ... easy." Birru has been busy rounding up support for this project. He's had meetings with officials from the city of Romulus and Huron Township "they're on board," he says - and he has talks scheduled with Washtenaw County. And he's pulling together the financial wherewithal, as well. He has \$300,000 in approved Wayne County funds and expects to obtain another \$1 million in community economic development bloc grant money. And he's applied for \$2.5 million from the federal Economic

Development Administration. All of which makes the non-response from Lansing to Wayne County's requests for help so puzzling. In a letter from Ficano to his fellow Democrat, Gov. Jennifer Granholm dated Nov. 23, 2004. Ficano wrote, "It is my belief that the I-94 corridor with both Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports at the center offers significant development opportunity for southeastern Michigan. The county owns 1,250 acres, and there is an estimated 23,000 acres of land owned by the private sector between the two airports. We are now in discussion with private owners to master plan the entire site to develop the airport city or aerotropolis con-

Ficano closed his letter: "This is a development I want to pursue, and I am hoping you would bless it and direct your staff to work with my staff, and make a long-term funding commitment, but probably look for a new development designation to develop a world-

class airport city."
Any response? "Not yet," says Birru. When I asked one Lansing insider about what's going on with the airport city project. he sniffed, "Too many working parts." And, of course, there's always the state's budget problems to blame for inaction.

Maybe so, but if you were a governor nervous about high and rising unemployment and could see the potential of 100,000 jobs or more in a new airport city development, wouldn't you jump at it? I would.

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.

Funding woes force Detroit to tank aquarium

They've been coming to this elegant little building for a century now, bringing their children to stare with wonder at the giant electric eel and the tiny, glowing virtually eyeless fish from the far depths of the seas.

The Belle Isle Aquarium was one of the first in the nation when it opened in 1904, the year Teddy Roosevelt was elected president in a landslide. Detroit was doubling its population every decade then, and thousands flocked to this island park to visit the splendid Albert Kahn building, with its faintly art nouveau entrance and sea-green Pewabic tiles.

Yet for many years now, fewer and fewer have come. Whites deserted the city, and the black middle class followed. People became increasingly afraid to visit Belle Isle (though it is perfectly safe in daylight) after a woman was thrown off the bridge to her death a few years ago.

The city's budget is now in free-fall. The zoo has had its funding cut by millions, and the aquarium is an enormous money loser. A month from now, barring a mira-cle, the Belle Isle Aquarium will shut its doors forever.

"This is entirely due to city budget issues," said a regretful Ron Kagan, the director of the Detroit Zoo, which runs the aquarium. 'That, and a failure to generate regional cooperation and funding.

What has happened to the aquarium, which once attracted visitors from around the world, is nearly a perfect metaphor for what has happened to Detroit. When it opened, it was a state-of-the-art facility in the heart of the area's top recreation desti-

Today, it is tiny (10,000 square feet) by industry standards, less than a tenth the size of most of the nation's most successful aquariums. It is off the beaten path, and not near nice restaurant facilities. Worse, though the floors are new and the tanks well maintained, it doesn't even have a bathroom.

That's a deal-breaker for families with small children, the aquarium's biggest potential customers. The facility desperate-



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to get regional funding for our cultural institutions have been turned down by Oakland County voters," Kagan said.

Ten years ago, the aquarium had 113,000 visitors. The zoo launched an aggressive marketing campaign, including a major promotion last year in which ticket discounts were printed on two million cans of Coca Cola.

It had no effect. Attendance has declined steadily. Last year, the aquarium attracted only 56,000 visitors. They provided \$104,000 in revenue. Meanwhile, running the place, the zoo director said, costs "about \$700,000 without factoring in the support staff or some other expenses.

Additionally, the aquarium badly needs a new roof. So last month, the zoo announced that the aquarium would close. There has been an outpouring of protest, mainly from suburbanites, many of whom have fond memories of coming to the aquarium as children.

City council voted to keep it open three more months. But the mayor's office said the resolution would have no impact. Last week, Kagan's staff was already working on finding new zoos for the 1,500 fish,

many from endangered species. Since the closing was announced, the place has been packed on weekends. Last Saturday, Nora Rhein, not quite 4, pressed her face up against the glass, fascinated by

her first and perhaps last look at the sea-

But at noon one day last week, there were only a dozen or so inside. Outside, a woman in a full-length fur coat urged patrons to fight to save the aquarium, and to make a donation at www.belleisleaquarium.com. She was getting sympathy, but not much money.

After several weeks, they had raised only \$14,213. There seems to be little hope, though the zoo director believes Detroit could easily support a modern aquarium. What you need is something right on the water (the Detroit River) not near the water, and at least 10 times the old aquarium's size," said Kagan, who has had a distinguished career in zoos from Dallas to

Israel.
That would cost \$100 million. But studies have shown there is no doubt that it would generate \$100 million in income for the local economy every year."

That may well be the case. Certainly aquariums in Monterey and Baltimore and Chicago have proven immensely valuable to their cities. But to build such a facility in Detroit would take cooperation and shared

And for half a century, local politicians have resisted cooperating on major projects that could benefit the region. So Detroit's aquarium will close, probably after the first weekend in April, and three years after an auxiliary zoo on the island also closed, for similar reasons.

Ironically, the Detroit Zoo's main campus is doing far better, perhaps because it is not in the city at all, but in relatively affluent Royal Oak and Huntington Woods, and only a tiny fraction of its patrons are from the impoverished central city, which pays many of the bills. We live in odd times

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Record Letters

Upset with no extension

I am upset with both Northville Township and the Northville Record for not better publicizing the change in payment date for the 2005 winter taxes.

I have lived in Northville for over 36 years and have always had the courtesy extension for payment of my winter taxes. I assumed there would be one again this year. I went to the township offices to pay my taxes on February 28, and was told no extension was granted. I asked if this was in the paper, and was told two legal notices had been posted. I was shown the notices and they were all of 2"x4" written in legalese and probably hidden somewhere inside the paper.

I went to the Record to find out if they had printed a story and was shown a front-page article from December 9, 2004 that said 'Taxes Due February 14." The taxes are always due Feb. 14. In the story it said there was no extension - not in the headline.

My point is that this was a major change in policy. It should have been better communicated that there was no extension this year. The township could have inserted a colored attachment saying the board had not granted an extension. The Record could have run a story February saying, Northville there's no extension this

year. Pay those winter taxes by Feb. 14 or pay an extra three percent." I know I would have appreciated it as well as the over 100 other taxpayers who also missed the deadline.

> Art Bakewell **Horthville**

Be warned

I recently was called on the telephone regarding my I.R.A. account. thought at first it was from the mutual fund management. But after some vague talk, I learned that the caller was offering me a deal with which I would be "delighted", that is, convening my money from the account into an annuity. It was obvious that he was not from my I.R.A. account management as he could not identify it. Interestingly, during our conversation he condescendingly referred to me as "sweetheart", obviously feeling that I was old and senile enough to fall for his ploy. Having helped victims of confidence men while I was a practicing attorney, I may be ultra suspicious. But I got the definite impression this was a confidence game. So, I am writing in to warn fellow seniors to be careful, to hold on to their I.R.A. money, and to deal only with well established firms.

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No good from war

On Feb. 25, tens of thousands of Lebanese took to the streets to protest Syria's occupation of their country. President Bush demanded an end to Syrian's occupation of Lebanon. President Bush tells the Syrian government to take their troops out of Lebanon, however, on March 20, 2004 (the first anniversary of the war in Iraq) when tens of thousands of Americans, Europeans, Asians and especially Iraqis in Bagdad took to the streets to protest the war and occupation of Iraq, President Bush in his Saturday address said "The liberation of Iraq was good for the Iraqi people, good for America and good for the

Mr. Bush's "Good for America war in Iraq" cost 1,510 plus Americans, maimed 5,833 plus Americans, and killed 16,214 Iraqi

The only "Good" that came out of this war was for Mr. Bush and his cronies. Yes, even with the "purple thumbs.

> Phyllis Clancy Northville



Drawn to reading!

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/ NORTHYLLE RECORD

Illustrator Mark Kistier presents his "Learn to Draw in 3D" last week at Winchester Elementary. Students drew along with Kistler, illustrating a make-believe kids' book. The event was part of the school's "March is Reading Month" activi-

Barabbas: an Easter poem for all

It was dark in the dungeon with the damp stone all around, As I sat pondering my fate from this hole under the

I was hungry and cold, with a thin robe and no sandals for

And I could hear sounds filtering through from the crowd

The guard told us Pilate was presiding over a trial of sorts. But I had no faith in that man or any of his courts.

Then the crowd shouted with such a roar, And I heard the words "Crucify him!" and was cut to the

I was not one of the city's best citizens. I can tell you that, As I reflected on how I got here, while on the cobblestones I sat.

Yes, I was a thief, and a murderer too.

I also started an insurrection, but terrible things a man like me is supposed to do!

To live it over again, a different lifestyle I would have

gladly picked. But at that point I only hoped my death would come very

The sneering guard approached and opened the cell doors.

And with his spear jabbing my back, said, "Now you'll get yours!"

I moved up the dungeon stairs quickly, so as not to be stabbed from behind.

And was thrust into the bright sunlight and, for a moment, struck blind.

As my eyes began to focus, I could not believe the scene.

Here was I, a thief and murderer, and next to me was Jesus the Nazarene. I had heard of Jesus and even saw Him once before.

But as Pilate looked at both of us, the crowd began to roar! "Crucify him!" was the chant, and I thought for sure they

But, wonder of wonders, my chains were removed and I was set free.

Once my chains were off, I quickly removed away, Thankful for my good fortune and that I didn't have to

pay.

I remembered Pilate's Passover custom to set one prison-

But in my wildest dreams, I didn't think it would be me! I looked for some food to steal because I hadn't eaten, Then quickly turned when the crowd roared, as Jesus

began to be beaten.

I wanted to leave this sneering throng, but something held

My legs grew numb, my mind unsure, and my feet would not react.

I was swept along with the crowd, they moved with such conviction.

Then finally was stopped at the place of the crucifixion. As the hammer drove the spikes again and again.

I swear to you this day, my hands and feet felt the pain! When Jesus finally died, the sky turned black and He hung there for all to see. I realized He took my place and was hanging there for me.

Then the thought struck me, and I didn't know what to do, Yes. He took my place, but He also took your place too. Oh, yes, there is one more thing that sets my heart affame. You know me as "Barabbas," but "Jesus" was my first

Warren Parkyn

GUEST COLUMN

Hillside carnival: local fun for all

What is a Camival? To me it is a gathering of friends, family, teachers and neighbors to raise money for a good cause.

On March 11 a very good cause will be holding its annual

The Hillside Middle School of Northville (located at the corner of Center Street and Eight Mile Road) is planning a fantastic event. There will be at least a 100 volunteers running games and serving delicious food. It is a wonderful example of a community coming together to help children.

All money raised will be used by the Hillside Middle School's PTSA to subsidize educational programs and speakers. With state cuts in funding for public schools, every penny the PTSA can contribute is valuable.

The Carnival Planning Committee members Carla Gaeta, Deb Wandell, Chris Perkins, Andrea Logan, Janet Naughton, Janet Roberts, and Jane Reitman, have worked for the past six months organizing what is sure to be a great night.

For the first time ever, the Northville City Police will be involved. They have kindly offered to give out free child identification kits to any child accompanied by a parent. The committee has also recruited help from Northville High School.

STREET, Character for a

Representatives from SADD and the National Honors Society will be on hand generously volunteering their time. If you see a clown or get your fortune read by a gypsy, you have a high school student to thank.

On March 11, from 5-8 p.m., you have an opportunity to participate in your community and have some fun. Please come and enjoy Carnival 2005 with your family and friends. You do not have to have a child at Hillside

Tickets are available at the door. Be sure to also buy tickets

Parking is available across Eight Mile in the American Elementary school Parking lot. The only entrance to the Carnival will be the Parks and Recreation doors at the far end of the school.

> Carla Gaeta Camival 2005

Work-at-home scams: they just don't pay

By Trish Kero US POSTAL SERVICE

Want an easy way to earn extra money from the comfort of your own home? You're not alone. Working at home has become increasingly attractive.

Unfortunately, as the number of jobs grows in response to publie interest, so have bogus job

U. S. Postal Inspectors warn that, before you accept a work-athome-job, proceed with caution.

Most work-at-home jobs don't guarantee regular, salaried employment. Many neglect to

mention that you have to work many hours without pay. Others require that you spend your own money for products or instructions before finding out how the offer works. And the "work" may entail getting others to sign up for the same job — which continues

Work-at-home scams have cost victims thousands of dollars. Check out all jobs before responding. Legitimate companies provide information in writ-

u.S. Postal Inspectors offer

Don't give out personal infor-

mation to a person or company you don't know. · Be suspicious of any offer

that doesn't pay a regular salary or involves working for an overseas company. Check the company with the FTC, Better Business Bureau, or state Attorney General.

· There's no easy road to wealth. Operating a home-based business is just like any other they require hard work and good products or services, and it takes time to make a profit. Order a free DVD from the US Postal Inspection Service on work-atVisit www.usps.com, then to "all products and services," scroll to letter "P" and click on the "Postal Store." Once there, scroll down

the page to "Protect Yourself." There are three DVDs residents can order free of charge.

You can also read US Postal Inspection Service publications for more help with consumer fraud.

At www.usps.com, click on "About USPS and News," then click on "Forms & Publications" and "Postal Periodicals & **Publications**

Classic work-at-home scams include: envelope stuffing, product assembly or craft work, medical billing and reshipping.

The newest scam out there is reshipping fraud where work-athome shippers are promised substantial amounts of money for receiving, repackaging, and mailing merchandise to a foreign address.

What the shipper doesn't know is that the merchandise was paid for with stolen credit cards. In effect, the work-at-home shipper becomes part of a fencing operation by receiving and mailing stolen goods.

Work-at-home scams just don't

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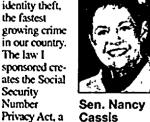
ID theft legislation now in effect

laws took effect to protect

On March 1, several landmark

Michigan residents from identity theft, the fastest growing crime in our country. The law I sponsored creates the Social Security

crucial tool in



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helping to proteet against the misuse and abuse of a person's Social Security num-

Senate Bill 795, now Public Act 454, prohibits individuals, companies, government organizations such as schools and universities, and other legal entities from using more than four digits of a Social Security number displayed publicity, used as a primary account number, or displayed on membership and ID cards. It also prohibits those entities from sending anything through the mail on which an individual's Social Security number could be seen from outside the

These measures will help stop

the explosion of identity theft in Michigan, assist people in keeping their confidential personal information secure, and help victims get their good credit back. Michigan now has some of the strongest protections against identity theft in the nation, and we can ensure that those who seek to misuse personal information are held accountable for the harm they do.

Town Hall Meetings

My first Town Hall meeting was a success, thanks to more than 50 people who braved the cold and snow to attend and share their ideas on what the priorities of state government should be. We had a lively discussion that was beneficial for everyone involved.

I want to offer a special thank you to Reps. Chris Ward and John Stakee, who joined me for the

There are two additional meeting scheduled for later this month:

Monday, March 28 Novi City Building 45175 W. 10 Mile Novi, MI 48375 Council Chambers

Thursday, March 31 Richauson Senior Center 1485 Oakley Park Dr. Commerce Twp., MI 48390 Meeting Room

Each meeting will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The meetings are designed for me to gain your input regarding the priorities of state government. I want to hear from you what specific programs you would rate as top priorities for

I hope you take this opportunity to attend and share your thoughts and ideas so that I can be an effective voice in Lansing on your

Education legislation to be unveiled

Soon, I will make an important announcement unveiling legislation I am introducing aimed at early childhood (K, 1-2) intervention and prevention of later learning problems. Education is crucial to the suc-

cess of our kids, in fact, it is the key to their futures. Look for more information regarding my proposals in the

coming weeks.

Michigan economy continues to lag The CATO Institute recently

issued a policy briefing entitled, "Fiscal Policy Report Card on America's Governors: 2004." Based on the CATO Institute's analysis showing that states that keep tax rates low and restrain spending growth have the best economic performance and thus the best long-term fiscal health, the report graded the nation's governors, giving those who cut taxes and spending the most high grades and those who raised taxes and spending the most, lower grades. Our governor received a "D."

In addition, the Small Business Association of Michigan recently gave the state a failing grade for entrepreneurial dynamism, the measure of business growth and the climate for new businesses. The state also scored below average in three other categories, including: business costs, government efficiency and regulatory environment, and small business activity.

A separate study, released by the National Federation of Independent Businesses ranked Michigan last among 26 states surveyed on business conditions. NFIB's research showed that only 15 percent of its members in . Michigan thought business conditions were good in their market

While the rest of the states are experiencing economic growth and job creation, Michigan's unemployment rate is still hovering above 7 percent and our economy is stalled.

In the 1990s, our state was an economic powerhouse, a leader among the states. Our goal must be to bring back Michigan's economic strength. To do that, as we go through the budget process, we must make decisions so that we live within our means.

Additionally, as we look at tax reform, we must work to ensure that any plan will bring about economic growth, competitiveness with other states, job creation, and business investment. Above all, it must be fair. By sticking to these principles, we can get Michigan back on

track, growing the economy and putting people back to work. As always, your comments are welcome and appreciated. You may reach me by e-mail at: sen-neassis Osenate michigan goy, or

toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY. State Senator Nancy Cassis, a Novi Republican, represents the 15th Senate District, which

includes the City of Northville (the

portion in Oakland County).

for the 'Tin Can' Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each.

Local Events

Northville Youth Assistance mentor training

Northville Youth Assistance matches youths from our community with volunteer mentors. The volunteer mentor meets with his or her assigned youth one-two hours per week. Volunteers receive 15 hours of training. Future trainings will be 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursdays through April 7 at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. For more information, call Sue Campbell at (248) 344-1618 or e-mail youthassistance@twp. northville.mi.us.

Garden Club Meeting

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 14 at the Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St. The speaker will be Joe Messing of Manchester Seeds. The public is welcome. For more information, call (248) 348-

Taste of Northville **Business Showcase**

This event will be 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16 at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. It offers local families the opportunity to learn more about area businesses while sampling culinary treats provided by local restaurants and caterers. The fee is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children.

Spring Arts and Crafts Show

Handcrafters will be sponsoring an arts and crafts show 6-9 p.m., Friday, March 18; 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, March 19 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, March 20 at the Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road. For more information, call (734) 459-0050.

Daughters of the American Revolution meeting

The Sarah Ann Cochrane

Chapter of Plymouth-Northville will be meeting at noon, Monday, March 21 at the Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St. For more informa-tion, call (734) 420-2775.

Marquis Theatre

Marquis Theatre is presenting "Peter Cottontail," 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 age 3. 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 led by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Meetings are 7-8:45 p.m. for eight Mondays 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

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

Northville Yoga Class

The American Legion Hall is sponsoring yoga classes 7-8:30 p.m., Mondays; or 9.30-11 am. 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@msn.com.

Genitti's Upcoming Attractions

A seminar to learn to use the mystical self for success will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. today. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. Penny Weaver, a pyschologist and author will be the speaker. The cost is \$49.95 per

Come see "Michigan Hold 'Em" at this Northville interactive dinner theater, Fridays and Saturdays

through June. The cost is \$45.

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.

First Presbyterian Church **Concert Series**

The Christa Grix Trio will be performing at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 24 at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, 200 E. Main St. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$12 for seniors and

Library Lines

The Northville District Library is open 10 a m.-9 p.m., Mondays-Thursdays; 10 a m.-5 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays; and 1-5 p.m., Sundays. The library is 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 library information desk. When your reading log is full, you've earned a paperback book

Northville Genealogical Society

The next meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society will be 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 13 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.

Al Smithely will be speaking on "The Eric Canal: The Ditch that Built Northville." Smithely is the local history librarian at the Northville library. The public is Northville library. The public is invited free of charge. A computer genealogy class on Using Gensmarts will be held at 1:15 p.m., prior to the regular meeting.

Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in the local history room 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 visit www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

"The Book Cellar"

Friends of the Northville District Library hosts "The Book Cellar" used book store, located in the library, 1:30-4 p.m. Sundays; and 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays. The library is at 212 W. Cady St. For more information, 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.

Winter Tot Storytime with Caregiver

Designed for 2- and 3-year-olds with a parent or caregiver, this library experience is a six-week series of half-hour sessions.

Bring only age-appropriate children who are registered. There are four sessions and each includes 13 children accompanied by a caregiv-

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-

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 offered 4:30-5:15 p.m., Thursdays in the library's meeting room. Each session includes 20 children. Register for individual sessions by calling (248) 349-3020.

Winter Storytime for Children Children ages 4, 5 or in kinder-garten who are comfortable attending without a caregiver are invited to join this six-week series of 45minute story times. Younger or older children or non-registered sublings may not attend.

Each program features stories and creative activities, so children should also be able to use scissors, glue, etc. Sessions include 20 chil-

Register for one of the following sessions: 4-4:45 p.m. Mondays through March 14; 10:15-11 a.m. or 2-2:45 p.m. Tuesdays through March 15. Register by phone at (248) 349-3020 or in person.

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Between the Lines

Between the Lines is an adult monthly reading group that alternates between fiction and non-fiction books. Discussions will be 7 p.m., Monday, March 14, "Big Russ & Me" by Tim Russert; and Monday, April 11, "The Jane Austen Book Club" by Karen Jane Fowler, at the Northville library, 212 W. Cady St. Contact the library for more information at (248) 349-3020.

Fun in the Sun Crafts

Come in from the cold and warm up with crafts 4 p.m., Wednesday, March 16. All ages welcome. Children ages 4 and under must attend with a caregiver. No is registration required.

Little Me Storytime

This storytime is for children from 10 months to 2 years old, along with their parents or caregivers, 10.30-11:15 a.m. Friday, March 18. No registration is required. Infants and older children are welcome.

Family Fun Storytime

Wear your pajamas for this family program, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, March 22, April 19, and May 17 at the library. No registration is required; drop-ins welcome.

Puppet Show

Puppet show, 'The Winning Wizard and the Trophy Hat" will start at 2:45 p.m., Tuesday, March 29 at the Northville library. Free tickets are available five minutes prior to the program. Tickets are not available in advance.

Book, Chat and Chow

This discussion designed for sixth graders and older will be 4:15-5 p.m. Monday, March 28. This month's title is "Cheating Lessons" by Nan Willard.

Junior Books, Chat and Chow

Fourth and fifth graders can make friends, have treats and enjoy a book discussion at 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, March 30, "Whipping Boy" by Sid Fleischman.

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon, radio personality, author and newspaper columnist, will discuss consumer issues and the appliance industry at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 31 at the Northville library, 212 W. Cady St. For more information, call (248) 349-3020.

Library Board Meetings

The Northville District Library Board of Trustees typically meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth

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Dream Your Dream Discussions

This is a four part discussion series encouraging people to enjoy life. It runs 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesdays through March 16 at the senior center, 303 W. Main St. JoAnn Bogus from Catholic Social Services of Oakland County will lead the sessions. There is no fee. To register, call (248) 349-4140.

Senior Center Calendar

Thursday, March 10: 9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly

9 a.m.: Massage 9:30 a.m.: Twelve Oaks Mall shopping

11 a.m.: Spelling bee 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 5:30 p.m.: Catechism II All day: help with taxes Friday, March 11: 10 a.m.: Strength training 11 a.m.: Computers II I p.m.: Movie Monday, March 14: 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle Tuesday, March 15: 9:30 a.m.: Meijer grocery shop-

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle I p.m.: Computers I Wednesday, March 16: 10 a.m.: Photo class noon: Bridge

1 p.m.: Computers II 1:30 p.m.: Dream Your Dream

Mill Race

Mill Race Historical Village

The Northville Historical Society is in need of discarded treasures for their annual auction held, July 4, at Mill Race Village. Contact the office for information at (248) 348-1845...

Scheduled events are as follows: Thursday, March 10: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Service Unit A Scouts, 9:45 a.m.; Eclipse Hot

Stove, 6 p.m. Friday, March 11: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 4

Saturday, March 12: King's 8th, 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 13: Mill Creek, 10 am.; Rug Hookers, 10 am;

Venture Scouts, 4 p.m.

Monday, March 14: Northville

Garden Club, 19 a.m.; Junior Scouts, 3:45 p.m.; Lions Club, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Daisy Scouts, 7 p.m.; Weavers Guild, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16: Mill Creek, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 17: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Hands All Around, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 3:30 p.m.; Northville Historical Society Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Maybury Farm Hayrides and Sleigh Rides

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

Looking for You

Meals-on-Wheels Drivers

Meals-on-Wheels needs drivers and substitute drivers. The volunteer hours are 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., including pick-up of meals at Allen Terrace Senior Apartments and deliveries.

For more information, call Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday or Judy LaManna at (248) 348-1761.

Volunteers Wanted

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

Camera Club Meeting

Join the Northville Arts Commission and Northville Camera the second Tuesday of each month. All are welcome.

For more information or the cost of yearly dues, contact Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net; Naigus of the arts commission at the kdn@comcast.net or Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950.

Arts Commission

Nednesday of the month, Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Beautification Commission

Meets at 7 p.m., second Tuesday of the month, city hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B.

Housing Commission

Meets at 6 p.m., second Wednesday of the month, Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Youth Assistance

Meets at 8 a.m., second Tuesday of the month, Northville Youth Assistance office, 775 N. Center

Parks and Recreation Commission

Meets 7:30 p.m., second Wednesday of the month, Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Road.

Parks and Recreation

Welcome, New Residents

The Northville Parks and Recreation invites new Northville residents to visit parks and community centers to learn about activities and facilities. With suggestions or program questions visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org or call (248) 349-0203.

Winter/Spring 2005 Northville Parks & Recreation

The "Unlimited" brochure is now available on-line at www.northvilleparksandrec.org. This 40-page activities guide is mailed directly to all Northville residents. Contact the Northville Post Office or check with your mail carrier if you do not receive your copy in the mail.

Youth basketball spring league sign-ups

Spring leagues are being developed for boys eighth-ninth grade and 10th-12th grade. Registration will run through tomorrow or until filled. A \$10 late fee will be assessed after tomorrow. Costs run \$100-110. Coaches are needed. Your child will play free if you volunteer as a head coach. If interested, call Dave DeMattos at (248) 349-0203, ext.1405.

Spring Road Rally

This rally will run 3:30-7 p.m., Saturday, March 12 starting at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. Dinner is included and top prizes will be awarded based on speed and accuracy. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$12 for children 10 and up, \$80 for families of five people. For more information, call (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411.

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Art a la Carte Workshop 🔩

Each week kids will explore a new "make and take" project and discover their creativity and artistic ability through activities including print making, drawing, watercolor, mosaics and found object collage shadow boxes. The instructor will be Karen Ritterhouse. This workshop is for children 6-13 years old. Classes will be held 4:15-5:30 p.m., Tuesdays through March 22 at the Art House's Mosaic Room, 215 W. Cady St. The fee is \$71 per resident, additional non-resident fees apply. A \$25 supply fee is due to the instructor at class.

American Red Cross Babysitter Training

The American Red Cross babysitter training course offers youth the opportunity to learn basic babysitting skills. This course provides safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency action skills and includes interviewing for a babysitting job, diapering and

feeding techniques. Youth must be 11 years old to receive a certificate. The fee includes a course training manual and babysitter first aid kit. Students must bring a sack lunch (no refrigeration available).

The class will run 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12 at Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road. The fee is \$66 per Northville resident; additional non-resident fees apply.

Spring Break Drama Camp

This camp is for performers, ages 7-14 to create, perform and produce a play. Participants must bring a lunch, including a beverage, everyday. The camp will be

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday, March 2-April 1 at the Art

House, 215 W. Cady St. The cost is \$130 per student; additional non-resident fees apply. For more information, call (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Learn How to Learn

This seminar is for parents and students to attend together and is recommended for students in middle school. Topics include: proficiency in test taking, organization, checking for comprehension, time management, studying, concentrating and note taking. Bring a small tape recorder for use in one of the study techniques.

This will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23 at Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road. The cost is \$42 per student; additional non-resident fees apply.

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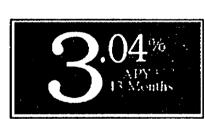
Fresco Workshop

This is an introductory workshop to learn the techniques of the classic art of buon fresco painting. It will be 10-11:30 a.m., Saturdays, April 23-May 14 at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. The cost is \$56 per student; additional non-resident fees apply. Michigan artists and instructors Deb and Rick Zuccarini, are the instructors. For more information, call (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

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Aquatics Employment Opportunities

There are immediate openings for a water fitness instructor and certified lifeguards for spring/summer 2005. Day and evening teaching times are available. Call Lindsey Butzin at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1418.

Toddle Time

Bring your toddler to this drop-in open gym time. Children must be accompanied by an adult the entire time. Bring a toy your toddler can ride or push. There is a fee of \$5 per child for two hours of gym time. It is held 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Tuesdays through March 22, at the Senior Community Center Gym, 303 W. Main St.

Open Lap Swimming

Visit the Recreation Center at Hillside Aquatic Center during open lap swimming hours and workout rain or shine. Hours may vary. Call (248) 349-0203 for dates and times.

Open Badminton

Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$7 per night, including bird fee. Event is 7-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays, Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline

Open Table Tennis

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and noon-4 p.m., Saturdays, Hillside Recreation Center.

Open Basketball

This event is offered at the senior center most Tuesdays, 7-9:30 p.m. The cost is \$3. Contact parks and recreation for more information at (248) 449-9947.

Co-ed Adults 50 and over Open Basketball

This is offered noon-2 p.m., Tuesdays and 10 a.m.-noon, Thursdays at the senior center, 303 W. Main St. The fee is \$1. Contact parks and recreation for more information at (248) 449-

Family Open Gym

The gym is open Sundays at the Northville Senior Community Center. The fee is \$2. For times and information, call parks and recreation at (248) 449-9947.

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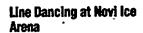
Western Wayne County Genealogical Society Meeting

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 21, Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building, Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road, Gregg King, author of The Michigan Historic Cemetaries Preservation Guide," will speak. The meeting is open and free to the public. For information, call Pat at (834) 425-3079.

Open Ice Skating

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The Novi Ice Arena has open ice skating 3-4:50 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. The cost is \$5 per person. Skate rentals are available. The Ice Arena is at 42400 Arena Drive. Novi. For information, call (248)



Line dancing lessons are 6:30-7:30 p.m., Mondays and Fridays for beginners and 7:30-9 p.m. for intermediate levels. The cost is \$6 for non-Novi residents and \$5 for Novi residents or those 55 years and older. Both programs are ongoing, pay-as-you-go. The Novi Ice Arena is located at 42400 Arena Drive. For more information, call Jean at (248) 348-9116.

Schoolcraft College Kids on

Kids on Campus classes are for school-aged children, from firstninth grade. Most classes last eight weeks and cost \$111. To register, fax a registration form to (734) 462-4572 or place the form in the drop box in front of McDowell Center on the Livonia campus.

View or download the catalog and application form from the Schoolcraft Web www.schoolcraft.edu. For more information, contact the continuing education services department at (734) 462-4448.

Master Gardener **Association**

These monthly meetings are 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month through June

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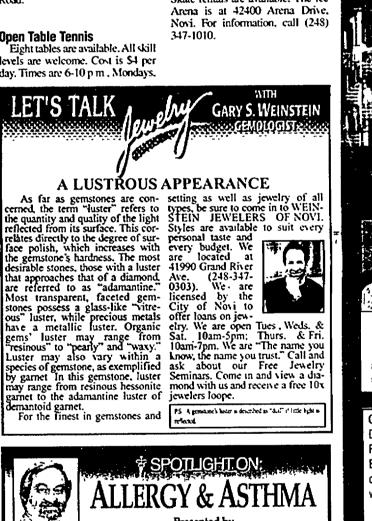
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER NORTHYLLE RECORD Silver Springs Elementary students listen to Jeff Berndt's Informative presentation on Colonial-era soldiering last week at the Northville school.

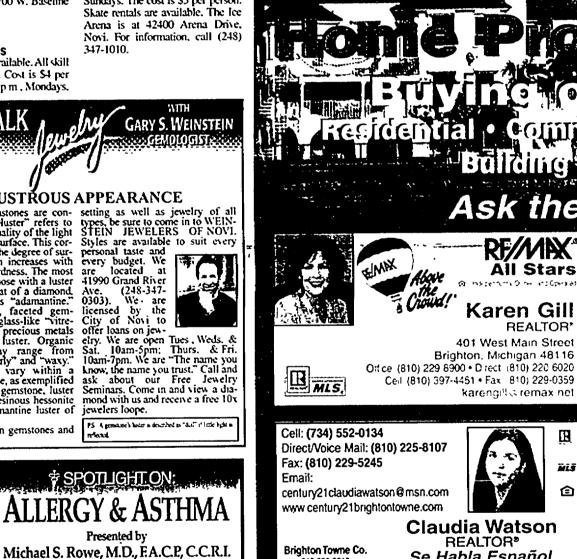
Paper Bag Production's "Alice in Wonderland"

Paper Bag Production is presenting "Alice in Wonderland", 1 p.m., Saturdays, March 12 and 19, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 13 and 20 Lunch is available one hour before showtime. Fickets are \$10 for lunch

and show; \$7 for show only. There are group rates for 10 or more. It will be at the Livonia Theater, Lavonia Mall, 29516 Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt Road, Park on the north side of the mall and use the "G" entrance. For more information call (586) 344 7774







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Township says change publicized; most paid early

By Kim Kovelie RECORD STAFF WRITER

Art Bakewell felt heartache when he found out Northville Township was no longer extending the Feb. 14 winter tax deadline as a courtesy.

Expecting a traditional twoweek grace period, he instead was told he owed a \$65 late fee.

"I've lived in the township for 36 years and we've always paid our taxes," said Bakewell, 62. "For 36 years we've always had the courtesy extension of the deadline to Feb. 28.

"I assumed there was one this year. The reason I've waited is... our pension checks and social security checks come at the end of the month.

"This was a major change in policy."

Bakewell feels the switch wasn't publicized sufficiently. According to Township Finance Director Thelma Kubitskey, though, he's one of few.

"For all the people that paid

their taxes, there was maybe a handful," she said. "We put the (legal) notice in paper, we had it on our Web site we did everything we could to try to notify people that we did not extend the date.

"We tried to do our best, and there are people that just didn't pay attention and unfortunately they missed that date and they were charged a fee."

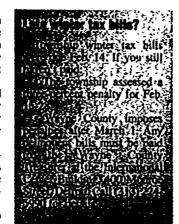
From Feb. 15-28, it was a threepercent charge. After that, taxes must be paid directly to Wayne County, which also imposes penal-

As in years past, the township must legally turn over tax rolls to Wayne County by March I. What was the reason for this year's switch?

"The state of Michigan is currently... looking at trying to change the law where we have to accept postmarks," Kubitskey said. When tax bills were sent out last December, it was unclear whether that would occur by February.

"The board chose just not (to) extend, to be safer than sorry. It was just cutting into too much time frame," she added.

As of last week, 97-percent of bills were paid — the norm, Kubitskey said. Payments have been steady in January and February, but the bulk reportedly came by Dec. 31 for a deduction.



"Between Feb. 14 and Feb. 28, it's not an over-abundancy of people," Kubitskey said. The township should have its rolls complete by mid- to late-March.

Whether or not law changes, it will still allow courtesy extensions. However, the township likely will stick to its new plan.

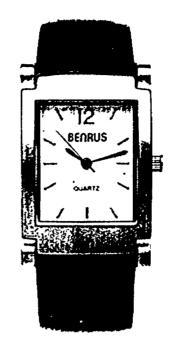
"You already get the bill; from Dec. 1 until Feb. 14 you have to pay it," Kubitskey said. "It is a long time. Giving you two more weeks, what does it really do for you?"

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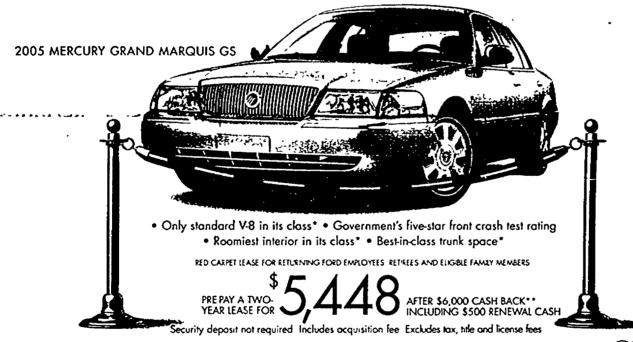
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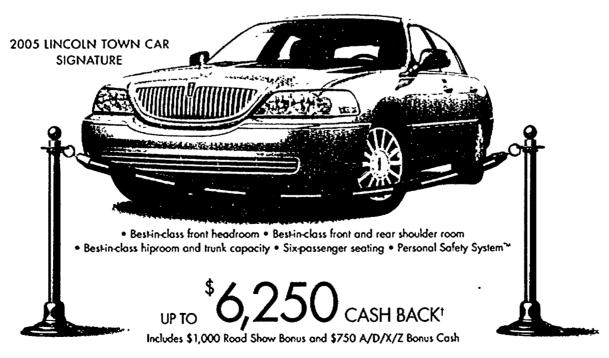
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Taste of Northville set for 'Wild' Wednesday

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

The Chamber of Commerce's annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase will return with a roar next Wednesday.

The Northville High School

will become a jungle of taste treats and business samples 5-8 p.m., March 16, for the chamber's "Go Wild" theme participants.

The 16th annual event costs \$4 for age 12 and younger, \$8

cafeteria, 45700 Six Mile Rd., for adults and \$7 for age 65plus, payable at the door. Attendance at the 2004 showcase was 1,200.

> More than 120 merchants, non-profit organizations and service professionals will translate the wild theme into activi-

ties, give-aways and literature designed to acquaint visitors ishers, as well as people from national chains like Costco and designed to acquaint visitors with their mission.

Area restaurants will offer samples from bread to gorgonzola dip to vegetarian chili while chamber leaders dole out donated items.

Literally, hundreds of prizes are given out," said chamber marketing and events director Janet Bloom. "You get to see what businesses are in the local area - see what's in your backyard - and hopefully call on them when you need their goods and services.

"It's an opportunity to walk away with a great feeling and a full stomach."

Home-based businesses will be represented at the event for the first time, Bloom said, including Yard Art, the local maker of signs that feature Northville High School athletes' jersey numbers. We have those that will do

this showcase every year and we have those businesses new to the Northville area that will do the show for the first time," Bloom

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"Some of the businesses have said they've gotten some of their largest clients through this event," Bloom said. "Putting themselves front and center to the community is key."

Exhibitors' creative displays also make the event entertaining, said Sue Dillon, who helps businesses create an image as her profession. The Graphic Visions owner said she talks to countless current and prospective clients at the "familyfriendly" event every year.

"It gives you a chance to do a playful marketing theme you can't always do in the corporate world," Dillon said. She said she expects to see plenty of lions, tigers and other wild animals Wednesday.

The theme is awesome — it has a lot of tangents you can go off on," she said. "I think it will be really activity-filled event,

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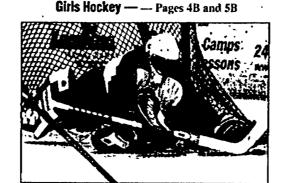
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Chasing a number-

Brad Farris can taste the sweetness of a recordbreaking moment - that's how close he is. The junior swimmer is hoping to finally set the school's mark in the 100 freestyle at the state meet this weekend. It will be a weight of his shoul-

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MAKING THE STATE MEET AS A 3

Gymnasts will compete at Plymouth High School tomorrow at 4 p.m.

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

For a half a day, the Novi-Northville Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team thought the season was over.

Then, like many teams in the post-season, they were given a second

The gymnastics squad didn't make a miraculous comeback or sink a last-second shot. Instead, their regional performance found them gaining a berth to the state finals as a wild card team.

The team pretty much looked depressed," said sophomore Julie Foucher, "We knew about the wild card spot and we had just got our highest score all season. We had a really good chance at making it."

A second chance

The Wild 'Stangs knew going into their regional it was going to be tough. The team expected Tri-Farmington and Brighton to turn in some impressive points and they knew only the top three teams from the meet would advance.

Surprisingly. Holt came out of nowhere to snatch the last, priceless seat on the state finals bus. The team finals are scheduled to be held to tomorrow at 4 p.m. at Plymouth High School on Beck Road.

'We had never heard of Holt before and there they were, competing," said senior Maggie Mills "Never having heard about them and never seeing them compete, we were just kind of surprised to see that amount

But Novi-Northville wouldn't be denied.

Their point total of 144.75 — the season-best total — was enough to



Brea Buffone prepares her balance beam routine during last week's regional meet in Hartland.

Diving family affair

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Diving, for the Lempkes, is definitely a family affair.

Sure, Brad Lempke, a senior, does all the work on the board during competition. But his mother, Tracy, makes plenty of sacrifices of her own to make sure her son is participating at the highest level possible.

Lempke is one of the best in the state when it comes to his diving ability. This year he hopes to prove that with a finish in the state finals that will score his team some points.

But Lempke almost didn't dive this year.

A mother's sacrifice

"My coach, Brandy Perko, is the main reason I stay on the team," said Lempke of the diving-specific coach. "Last year after I came out we got kind of close because it was basically myself and two other guys diving. Brandy and I hung out a lot and got to know each other pretty well."

So it was upsetting when Lempke found out she wasn't planning on being back for his senior year. She had just had a baby and wasn't sure she could juggle all of the demands on her

"I told her that if she wasn't going to coach, I wasn't going to dive," Lempke said.

Perko didn't want to see the senior tanker's talent go to waste, so negotiations began.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYLLE RECORD

Mustangs senior diver Brad Lempke hopes to go far in the Michigan High School ath-

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Tankers ready for the big time

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Twelve Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team members will be trying to make their mark at the state finals tournament tomorrow and Saturday.

Eleven Northville swimmers and one diver will attend the event held at noon at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

The squad, coached by Rich Bennetts, is shooting for a topfive finish in the state. They are well aware of the kind of competition they'll be facing at the state

"Right now you're looking at Ann Arbor Pioneer, Brother Rice and Zeeland as the top three teams that have separated themselves from the rest of the pack," Bennetts said. "After that there is a group of six teams that are going for fourth through 10th. It's wide open with them, depending on how each team swims."

Last season, Northville hoped to finish strong in the state finals as well. Though the team didn't completely implode, they didn't finish as well as they would have

Of course, a year experience can make all the difference.

"I think whenever you're going in there with the bulk of your team being freshman there's always that risk," Bennetts said. "We didn't completely blow up, but we were definitely disappointed with how we performed over there last

This year the Mustangs are bringing a little more upperclassmen leadership in Joe Hogan, Hunter Schwartz and Ryan Smith. Not to mention Will Blickle, Chris Kulkin and Chris Keady have all notched a year of experience from their trip to the states last year.

Expectations are high, but the Mustangs wouldn't expect them

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Only one state meet event will not feature a Northville Mustang when the noon compettion begins tomorrow and continues Saturday at Eastern Michigan Universit Below are the events, with particpants and their seed

200 MEDLEY RELAY Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Ryan Smith and Joe Hogan (seed time of 1:40.75)

200 FREESTYLE Chris Keady (1:44.24) Brad Farris (1:45.23) Chris Culkin (1:48.21

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY Will Blickle (2:00.50) Brody Blickle (2:03.24

50 FREESTYLE No entries

DIVING Two divers, Brad Lempke and Jamie Weiner, participated in the diving regional Tuesday at Ann Arbor Pioneer, after press time. The top 12 divers in the regional advanced to the state finals.

100 BUTTERFLY Ryan Smith (0:55.73)

100 FREESTYLE Brad Farris (0:48.53)

500 FREESTYLE Chris Keady (4:40.30) Will Blickle (4:48.89) Chris Culkin (4:53.54)

200 FREESTYLE RELAY Participants were not yet determined by press time.
The relay's best time for
Northville this year is 1:31.13.

100 BACKSTROKE Brody Blickle (0:57,10) (3) Hunter Schwartz (0:57,12)

100 BREASTSTROKE Weston Laabs (1:02.05)

400 FREESTYLE RELAY Participants were not yet determined by press time. The relays best time for

Northville this year is 3:16.19.

The Wild 'Stang gymnastic seniors were more than happy to find out their season would be extended to the finals. Their bears were happy too. From left to right: Cortney Paul, Erin Yankovick, Marcie Fink (captain), Jessica Glancy (captain), Janna Ramsey and Maggie Mills.

Wild 'Stangs earn trip to finals

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propel them into the finals. One wild card team is selected from the fourth place teams from all of the regions. Based on their point total at the regional, the Wild 'Stangs would have won one of the other regions and finished second in two

"I was very happy with how we did," said Rachel Deneau, a junior who will compete on the beam and with her floor routine. She is the defending division II floor champion from last year's individual competition. "When my dad found out we were the wild card team by looking online I was really excited. I called a bunch of the other girls."

Individual accomplishment

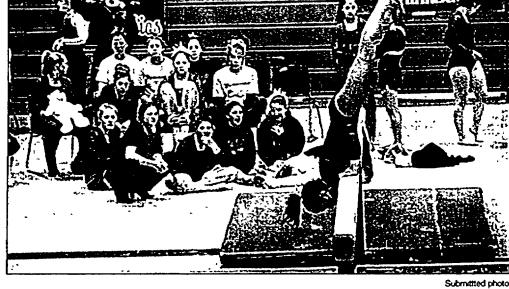
There's more than one way to make the state finals though. As an individual, anyone who places in the top eight in an event will make the trek to compete in the individual finals, slated for Saturday.

"I didn't want to just make it as an individual though," said Mills. "I wanted to go as a team for my senior year.

Seven gymnasts from the combined Novi-Northville team earned an individual berth to the finals. In division I competition, Emma Platt tied for eighth on the vault to

secure her spot. Division II found Foucher taking third all around with 35.65 points while taking fourth in the floor exercise with 9.15 points and sixth on the bars with 9.95 points. Mills earned a spot too, notching fourth all around with a 35,475 as well as fourth on the bars and the beam with scores of 9 and 9.05, respectively.

Janna Ramsey took fifth in the bars with an 8.975 while earning an 8.925 for sixth with her floor routine and a 9.05 for an eighthplace finish on the vault. Deneau collected second on the beam with an impressive 9.325 while taking fifth on the floor with a 9.05. Sarah Ilkhani-Pour took third with a 9.05 on the bars and Jackie Gazette tied for fourth on the vault with a 9.15.



Novi-Northville gymnast Ann McQueen struts her stuff on the balance beam last week at the regional meet. Her teammates cheer her on in the background.

The cost was high

There are trade-offs in any victory. For the Wild 'Stangs the cost ended up coming in injuries.

Foucher, Amanda Perelli and Platt all took home sprained ankles after pushing themselves to the

"Hopefully we'll all be able to compete," said Foucher, "We have quite a few injuries actually, so it should be interesting to see who can come back.

Mills knows what it takes to struggle back from an injury. Three weeks ago, while doing her bars routine, Mills' shoulder dislocated. She fell, slamming onto the

matted floor. "When I hit the floor it popped my shoulder back into place," she said. "I missed the rest of that meet, the next dual meet and the

conference." Mills did, however, make the comeback in time for the region. She is expecting to compete at the finals as well.

"Gymnasts get injured all the time," said Foucher, "Last year I

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dislocated my shoulder at the regional and was back in time for the finals. Hopefully all of us can get better."

A worthwhile endeavor

The Wild 'Stangs gymnasts are looking past the cost right now. Their focus is on the finals.

Last year, the team finished sixth. This year they hope to do

"I definitely think we can do better than sixth place," said Mills. "I think there's no reason we can't come in third or fourth if we have our best meet. We have to overcome our injuries and put it all together.

And enjoy it, of course.

Deneau stressed the importance of a gymnast loving her event. For the junior, her love is for the beam

"I love the beam because you have to be crazy to do some of the things you do up there," she said. "But I love the floor because you can say so much about yourself while your out there without saving a word. If you don't love doing it and you don't have fun, you probably won't do that well."

Sprained ankles? Dislocated the first period on a play by Rob seggleston@ht homecomm net. shoulders? It's a painful relationship for these gymnasts to be in, but its obvious they love what they

Sometimes love hurts. The gymnasts are just hoping the pain melts away with a top-five finish tomor-

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Hockey bows out to Warriors

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

They are two seconds Nick Guerro will never forget.

The senior defenseman for the Northville Mustangs hockey team, considered one of the best goal scorers in the state, had a chance to seal a victory in last week's regional final with just two seconds remaining on the clock against Brother Rice.

For two seconds the fate of his team rested on his shot.

Brother Rice stopped the shot and went on to win just a minute into overtime, 3-2, to seal a regional final victory and a berth into the state tournament.

"For the last two minutes we had the puck in their zone and all around the goal crease," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill. We just couldn't buy a goal."

With nine seconds left and the score tied 2-2 in the third period, the Mustangs broke out on a 2-on-1 advantage. Guerro and Donny McKinnon skated sideby-side down the ice and toward the Brother Rice goalie. Guerro took the puck, wound up and fired it on goal.

There's no one else that you could have wanted to have the puck in that situation," said O'Neill, "He was stone-cold on the goalie."

But it was the Brother Rice goalie who proved to be stone as he walled out the last-second shot to force overtime.

"It was a terrific save," O'Neill said.

Off sides or not — it doesn't matter

O'Neill isn't the kind of coach who complains about calls, missed or otherwise. That was why he didn't yell at the officials or question them fol-lowing Brother Rice's gamewinning goal.

"A lot of the kids said it was off-sides," he said. "It was a cross-ice pass that floated a bit. It ended up landing inside our defensemen and one of their players got to it first."

The Brother Rice skater took the puck, skated through the defense and put it past senior

goalie Jimmy Gates. The Warriors cheered. The Mustangs theaded for the off-

"It was a great high-school hockey game," said O'Neill. "It had everything. I was proud of the way the kids played. We had our chances to win the game and that's all we can ask for."

In fact, the Mustangs were in perfect position to win it They scored with two minutes left in

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> Brad O'Neill Northwile hockey coach

Richl before Matt Long added a second goal in the second period for a 2-0 lead. Mike Presley and McKinnon assisted on the second goal.

"We were looking really good," O'Neill said.

Unfortunately, Brother Rice hadn't showcased their own ability to look good yet.

A series of unfortunate events

The Warriors added their first goal of the game in the second period on a short-handed goal. They tallied their second after the Mustangs were forced to kill

two penalties in a row.
"We were pretty tired after that," O'Neill said, "When you have to kill back-to-backs you usually end up on your heels." The final 10 minutes of the

game found both teams firing several shots on goal. Brother Rice hit the post on one play and Northville had pressure sev-'Brother rice is a great team."

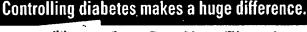
said O'Neill. "Our kids played very hard up and down the ice but we just ended up on the wrong end of the final score. Other than that, it was one of the best games we've played all Unfortunately, the Mustangs were without Joe Vitale, who

injured his knee in the first round of the regional tournament and wasn't' able to play in the second game or title match-"It's never easy to lose a play-

er like that," said.O'Neill. "He gave the pre-game speech though, which was pretty emo-

Northville ended with an 18-7-2 record and were Western Division champs this year as well as Western Lakes Activities Association and regional tournament runner-ups.

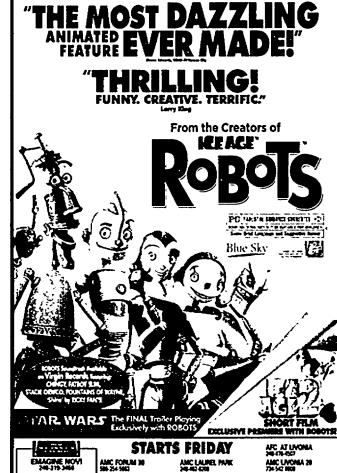
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Mustang swimmer Brad Farris hopes to break the school's 100-meter freestyle record at the upcoming state meet at Eastern Michigan University.

Chasing Bob Holdridge Farris still after decade-old record

It's strange how one tiny number can control the course of an

entire season. Most people will never know

that's w hat like. They may chance certain times their ---- like state cut times or personal records - but Brad Farris

what a num-

knows exactly Sam Eggleston

ber can mean. Farris, a junior swimmer at Northville, is 0.13 seconds away from breaking the Northville High School record in the 100 freestyle. It's a number he's been staring at all year.

"It will be a big weight off my shoulders," he said. "Everyone wants me to get the record. Everyone mentions that I'm so

Close is an understatement. Farris is at the point where blinking takes longer. He's on the verge. His name about to be secured in history.

And yet, he's so far away. Tomorrow he'll get another chance and if he's one of the top 16 swimmers he'll have even another chance come Saturday in the state finals.

Hopefully he conquers the number. Hopefully it can't haunt him any more. "It's a little frustrating," Farms

said of coming up short. "I've just got to keep a positive attitude about it. I just have to go in there thinking I'm going to beat it." There are few better meets to

do it in than the state meet. The best of the best will be there and. for the first time this year, Farris will be fully shaved and tapered which is a resting period to help swimmers increase their times in big meets.

"I'll probably get it at the state meet," he said. "Having that kind of competition will push me a lot

Standing there, watching Farris run for the title, will be Bob Holdridge. He's the current record holder. His name has been on Northville's wall for over a decade.

Now, he's an assistant swimming and diving coach. He's also one of Farris' biggest supporters.

"He's always encouraging me." Farris said. "He's supportive about it and he's told me he wants

the number out of the way. He's

only a junior and doesn't want it to be the focus of his entire senior year. And like any true teammate, he said there's other things to worry about.

"It would be nice to break it," he said. "Obviously there are bigger and better things out there. like winning a state championship.

Farris has had a successful season - despite a viscous bout with the flu that found him sidelined for longer than he would have liked. Despite his individual accomplishments, he said he'd much rather see his team reach their goals than to earn a medal himself.

"It's all about team," he said. You do whatever you can do to help the team out."

Reaching his goals, however, will probably help the team in the Shaved, tapered and ready to

go. The question is simple: Can Farris break the record? The state meet offers a great

opportunity," he said. "It's a faster pool too. I think this is my chance."

That sounds like a "yes."

Sam Eggleston can be reached Farris admits he'd like to get at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht homecomm.net.

"It's a nice, fuzzy feeling on

"It helps recognize how much the program has grown," he said. "Hopefully it continues growing

Interest in the sport is growing and the Mustangs expect to have plenty of competition for making the team next year. Already Taylor, who will be back as a senior next season, is looking at

"There are always things I can improve on," she said with a laugh. "I'd really like to work on my consistency though. I just have to make sure I set my mind

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"As you improve, your expectations rise for a team," Bennetts said. "We've been meeting those expectations all year and I don't see why the state meet should be any different."

State-bound

Bennetts said his team is ready.

Lighter practices allowing for more rest time, known as "tapers," began for most of the state-qualifying swimmers following the conference championship two weeks ago. Most of the tankers are shaving down for the first time this year.

It's a big moment for all of them. They've set their goals and now they have to achieve them.

"I'm excited and so are the boys," Bennetts said. "Right now, it's all about lining up and seeing how fast

we can go. The top 16 swimmers in the preliminaries, to be held tomorrow, will return Saturday for the state finals. The key, said Bennetts, for Northville's run at their top-five goal is to return all three relays for competition on

"If we want to compete with the top teams we're going to have to get all three back," he said. "And when we do they're going to have to swim even faster than they did at the league meet. Those were nice swims,

but they are not going to get it done at the state meet." Bennetts did say he's not too concerned about the individual events Northville has 10 swimmers quali-

"All of those guys swim well," he said. "I'm not worried about them. I think they'll take care of them-

Above all else — including the team goals and doing well in the state meet — Bennetts wants his kids to enjoy their experience.

"It should be fun," he said. "Yeah, we want to be in the top-five, but it should be fun. The guys have worked hard all year and they deserve it.".

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A little help from his mom

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"We had to dangle a carrot in front of her," Northville head swimming and diving coach Rich Bennetts said. "We were happy to get her back."

The offer that was too good to refuse? Free baby-Lempke's mother watches Perko's baby every day

during practice hours. "She wants to see me do good," said Lempke of his mother's commitment. "My family is very supportive. I just thank them and my coaches for all of

Lempke's dad, David, and little brother, Stephen. are always cheering him on along with his mom be it off the diving board or on the soccer pitch where the senior also excels.

A born competitor

Being an athlete is something the senior has always been good at. He helped his soccer team to a first-place ranking in the state this past season and is now looking ahead to the state meet in diving. Of course, he has to get past the regional first, which was scheduled for Tuesday, after press time.

"I'm going to do my best," he said. "That's all I

Doing his best has helped Lempke earn recognition in his school as an athlete to be respected. Colleges, such as Olivet, showed interest in his abilities but he has picked a different route.

"I'm going to go to Michigan State." he said. "While I'm there I'll probably try to walk on and see what happens."

Between soccer and diving, Lempke said he's exhausted. Sure, the former is more brutal on an athlete's body, but the latter isn't a walk in the park

"Mentally, diving is more demanding," he said. "You'd think diving wouldn't strain you out as much. as soccer, but after practice I'm exhausted.
Sometimes I just wonder how that happens."

Big plans

Lempke said no matter how his diving season ends, he's going to enjoy the rest of his senior year. For spring break he's heading to Cabo San Luca in

Mexico with about 30 friends before concentrating on graduating and moving on to the next state of his



Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/RECORD EDITOR

Brad Lempke prepares for a dive at the WLAA championship meet.

"High school has been a good time and I've made a lot of memories," he said. "I just think it's good to get out and move on.'

fare well in Ohio

Promoting physical fitness. California governor Amold Schwarzenegger spoke to many of the 3,500 gymnasts competing at the 2005 Arnold Classic in Columbus. Ohio during opening ceremonies.

He acknowledged that the sport of gymnastics develops some of the strongest and most well-rounded athletes.

Demonstrating their strengths were the local gymnasts representing Infinity Gymnasts Academy. Level 6 team captured second place out of 14 teams from six states. Team-high score was earned by Kim Wilson, who took third allaround in the 11-year-old age division with a score of 35.575. Wilson earned third on vault with a 9.175, fourth on beam and fifth on bars and floor. Also earning awards were Rebecca McKevitz with a fourth on vault with a 9.1, and ninth on floor. Madison Cusick took seventh on bars. In the eight-year-old division.

Caitlin Spencer earned third on vault with 9.0, fifth on bars and seventh all-around. Michelle Steslicki and Amy O'Brien, in the 12-year-old division, finished with all-around awards. Steslicki earned fifth on floor, sixth on vault, seventh on bars, and sixth all-around. O'Brien earned second on floor. sixth on beam and seventh allaround. Taking second all-around in the 13-and-older division, Nikki Hadley tied for first on vault with Maureen Murphy with a 9.2, earned second on floor with a 9.0. took third on beam and fifth on bars. Murphy also placed second on beam, seventh on floor and ninth on bars for seventh allaround. Third place all-around went to

Lauren Forche. She won first on

beam with a 9.175, third on floor. seventh on bars and 10th on vault. Julie Davison earned sixth on vault with a 9.05 and fourth on bars. Jackie Young earned awards in floor, bars and beam.

Level 5 team and Level 7 team took home third place trophies. Level 5 gymnast Kara Ludke earned second place all-around. first on bars, fifth on vault and seventh on floor. In level 7, Charlotte Jacques earned second on vault with a 9.275 and seventh on floor. Melissa Ludke earned seventh on bars. In level 8, Julie Sheeran took second on vault with a 9.125 and tied for second with teammate Erin Brown with a 9.15 on floor. Brown also took second on beam with a 9.15 and third on vault with a 9.1. Sara Wilchowski, Level 9, tied for second on beam with a 9.0, earned second on bars, seventh on floor and fourth all-around.

Mustangs earn conference honors

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

For some, bowling is a recreation. For some Northville High School students, it's all about competition.

Improvement has marked the third-year boys and girls' Mustangs programs. Three strikers were even awarded All-Wayne-Oakland Conference honors.

Heidi Taylor, a junior, earned a first-team nod this year while Amanda Weber earned honorable mention for the girls. David LeBeau was awarded honorable mention honors for the boys.

"I didn't even realize the bowling team had all-conference," said Taylor. "To get firstteam was pretty exciting." Many athletes still sit back

and wonder if bowling is the right sport for them. Weber says They should give it a try," she

said. "It's really fun and you get to meet a lot of people you nor-

mally wouldn't meet." There has been marked growth

for the Mustangs over the years. Taylor, who started as a freshman, said she has seen a huge jump in numbers.

'My freshman year there were seven girls and seven guys on the team because that's basically all that tried out," said Taylor, "This year, between Northville and Novi, there were over 100 kids trying out. That's a huge growth and it's awesome to see.

Both Taylor and Weber agreed they expect to see the team be more competitive next year. They also said the program will probably continue to grow.

"I think it will get pretty big, eventually," Weber said. "It's not as though it's all about competition. It's a fun thing. We don't get uber-competitive if we're losing. We just have a good time."

Though neither the boys or girls squads escaped the regional tournament this year, the Mustangs were happy to see players getting recognized.

the inside," Weber said of eaming all-conference honors. Jerry Harris, the Northville boys coach and coordinator for

all the Novi and Northville teams, said the awards show how much the talent base has grown.

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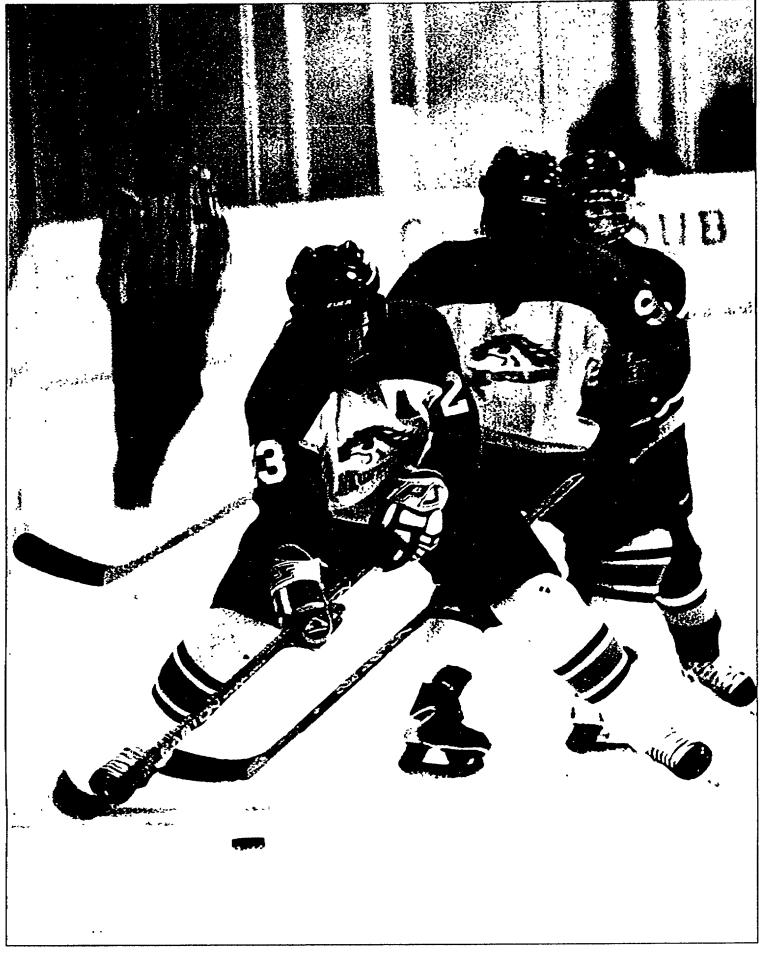
what she can improve on.



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Sam Eggleston can be reached Northville Mustangs' all-conference bowlers (from left): Heide Taylor, David LeBeau, 15 and Amanda Weber.

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Andrea Soloko takes the puck up the ice with forward Kim Bagian traling her at Novi ice Arena.

Mustangs girls hockey secures victory in opening round of playoffs

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Step one: earn respect during the regular season. Step two: get a victory in the first

round of the playoffs. Step three: win a state champi-

onship. The Northville Mustangs girls hockey team is two steps through their season goals and is geared up and ready to make a run at step three. The team took step number

Rebels, 4-0. "It was a good win for this team," said coach Bill Holden. "We expected this to be a good game for us and

two in style, beating the Port Huron

Holden and the gang started things off on the right foot when All-State defenseman Amy Cauzillo scored the first goal of the night, juking the goalie and firing the puck into the back of the net for the 1-0

It wasn't until the second period the Mustangs added goal number two. Sam Pope, a senior, tallied it off an assist from Cauzillo. Two minute later, Andrea Soloko added a third notch to the peg on a shorthanded play, putting Northville up 3-0 before the third period.

"We were aggressive, which we needed to be," Holden said. "This team has a lot of talent and we

Huron."

With three minutes left to go and an already-comfortable lead, the Mustang collected their fourth, and final, goal of the night. Krysten Ruzylo passed the puck from behind the net to a waiting Claire Eley, who fired it home for the final nail in Port Huron's coffin.

The Mustangs have allowed just one goal in their past five games, a credit to the play of defensemen Anjali Saran, Bridgett Hughes, Meredith Ponder, Emily Doren, Rachel Rueter and Ruzylo.

The Mustangs out shot the Rebels, 47-9, and were rewarded with some impressive play between

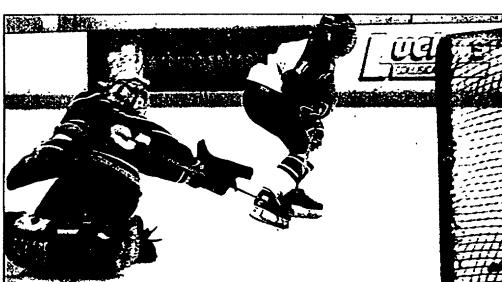
showcased some of it against Port the posts by Lee Cee Criswell, the

goalie.
"The hardest part to playing goalie when you play good team defense is that you see maybe two shots every three or four minutes," said Holden. "Needless to say, Lee Cee has been playing almost perfect hockey this past month.

The Mustangs were slated to play yesterday at 7:45 p.m. against Plymouth-Canton-Salem, which was after press time. If they win, they are slated to play Cranbrook tomorrow night at Novi Ice Arena.

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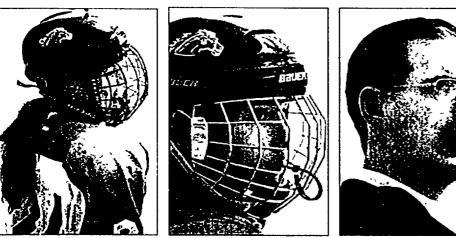


EFT: Amy Cauzillo, a senior captain, fires home a goal against the Rebel goalle; RIGHT: A group of Northville girls sit on the bench, pony talls displayed as they watch the action on the ice.

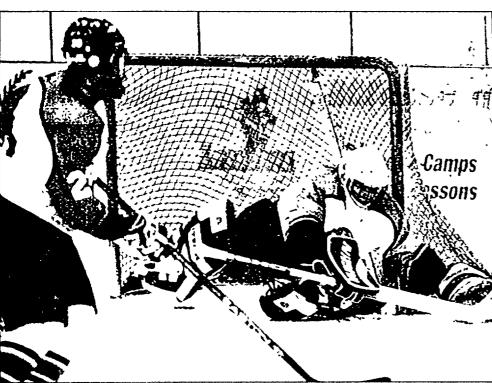
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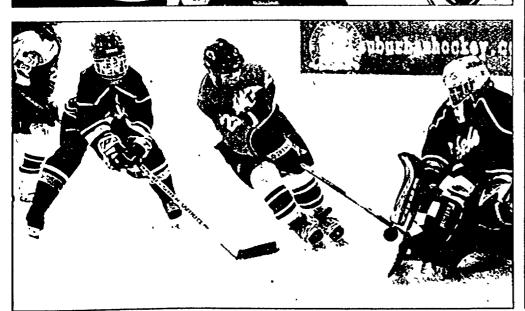


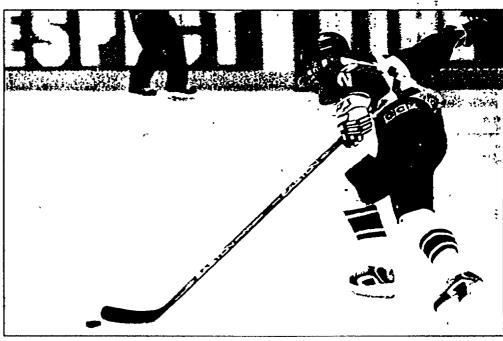


TOP: The team gathers in a cheer before taking the ice; ABOVE (LEFT TO RIGHT): Cate Spurr smiles from the bench; A Northville Mustang watches the action unfold on the ice; Coach Bill Holden keeps an eye on his players from his position standing behind the bench; BELOW (TOP TO BOTTOM): Lee Cee Criswell makes a stop from her position between the posts; Northville's Sam Pope (right) watches with two opponents as the puck skitters toward the goal; Sam Pope takes a shot on goal.



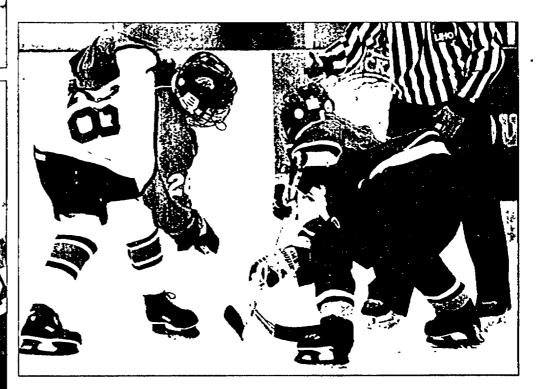


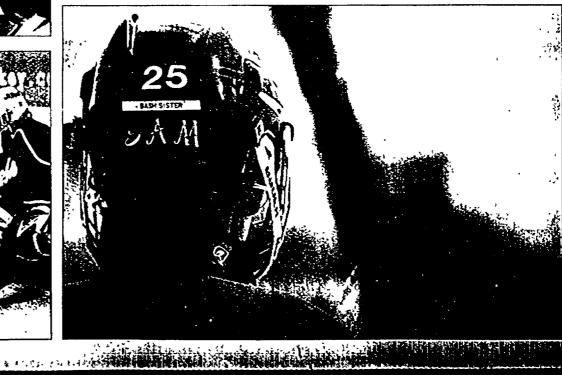






TOP: Andrea Soloko, a sophomore, takes the puck up the ice; ABOVE: A Mustang listens as her coach discusses strategy during a break in the action; BELOW: Angali Saran gets ready for the face off at Novi Ice Arena; BOTTOM: Sam Pope's helmet says it all, "Bash Sister."





MONEY MATTERS

Background check details for job hunters

Thanks to the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (FACTA), consumers in the Midwest are now entitled to one free copy of their credit report per year from each of the three credit bureaus—Equifax, TransUnion and Experian. (Consumers may order their reports by mail from: The Annual Credit Report Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281; online at www.annualcreditreport.com; or by phone at (877) 322-8228.)

Job hunters may find this new right particularly timely since preemployment background checks—
which often include credit checks—are becoming more common. Companies are taking a closer look at the personal and financial histories of prospective employees due to post-9/11 safety and security concerns and fallout from corporate scandals such as WorldCom and Enron.

Federal and state laws require that background checks be conducted for certain jobs, such as those that involve work with children, the elderly or the disabled. Further, many state and federal jobs require a background check and, in some cases, an extensive investigation for purposes of security clearance.

Given this level of scrutiny, job hunters will do well to learn the why and how of background checks. A good way to start is by reading the "Employment Background Checks: A Jobseeker's Guide." It's a report developed by the consumer advocacy group Privacy Rights Cleaninghouse. Access the report at www.privacyrights.org by clicking on the "Background Checks and Workplace" channel on the homepage.

Consumer advocates concerned Consumers are entitled to certain rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). Though the law is designed to promote accuracy and ensure the privacy of the consumer information gathered by credit bureaus and other consumer reporting agencies, some consumer advocates question whether the FCRA goes far enough to protect the privacy of consumers. They argue that indepth background checks into individual's personal history could unearth information that's not applicable to the job or is taken that the information could be used illegally for hiring purposes.

How background checks

After collecting data on an individual at the request of a creditor, employer, insurer, or another business, a consumer reporting agency will assemble what's called a consumer report. Consumer reports contain information about a person's credit and personal characteristics, character, general reputation and lifestyle.

An employer must obtain written permission from the individual to obtain their consumer report. The authorization must be on a document separate from all other documents such as an employment application. The employer must also notify the individual in writing—in a document specifically for this use—that a report may be

used.

The employer can hire a consumer reporting agency to gather and disseminate the data, or they can conduct the background check in-house. Whereas a background check conducted by a consumer reporting agency is covered by FCRA, in-house background checks are not. State laws, however, may place restrictions on the information that an employer can prospect for during an in-house investigation.

Next time, what can be included in a background check and what to do in the event of adverse action.

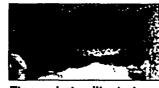
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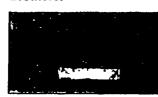
This photo illustrates the cleaning method used for ductwork by Rugg Brothers.

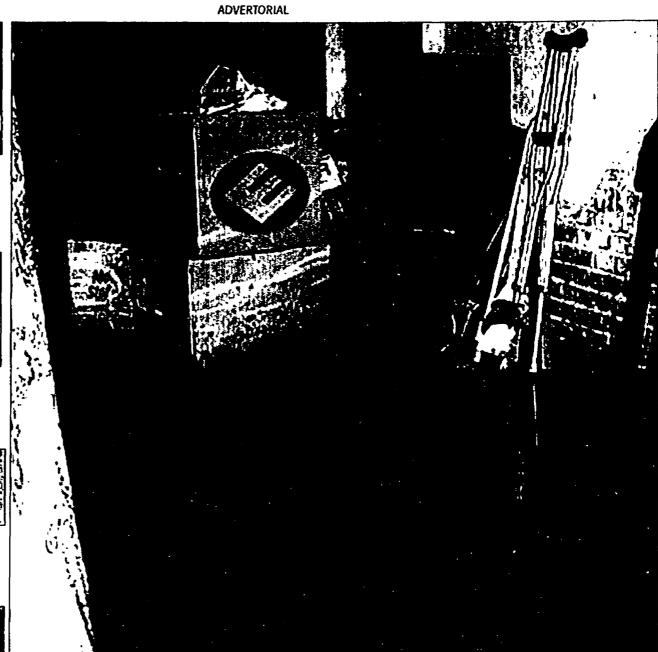


Rugg Brothers uses a steam extraction method to clean carpets.



These photos illustrate the ductwork before (above) and after (below) cleaning by Rugg Brothers.





A flooded basement or home can be dangerous and unhealthy so it requires the immediate attention of Rugg Brothers for water removal and restoration of the property.

Rugg Brothers Carpet Care

Firm handles flooding and water damage in addition to carpet and duct cleaning

By Duane Ramsey SPECIAL WRITER

With the approaching end of winter and start of spring, 'tis the season for flooding and water damage from snow thawing, water pipes bursting or sump pumps failing. Rugg Brothers Carpet Care is dedicated to helping its customers cope with damage caused by water as well as cleaning their carpets and ductwork.

"We concentrate our efforts on safely drying, deodorizing and disinfecting the area flooded or damaged by water," said Michael Ruggiero of Rugg Brothers Carpet Care. "We are available around the clock to belp minimize water damage to walls, floors and ceilings."

Proprietors Michael and Patrick Ruggiero understand that water damage restoration is an emergency business, so they are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The primary purpose of the emergency service is to "preserve, protect and secure the property from further damage," Mike said, "We'll respond

within hour of your emergency

Rugg Brothers were on-site within an hour to help more than a dozen homeowners in Hamburg who suffered flooding from area lakes and streams last year. When they realized they needed help, they called upon a network of other companies to work with them to be sure the property owners received timely and effective service, Mike said.

The cleaning professionals at Rugg Brothers use the latest products, equipment and procedures to assure the highest level of cleaning performance and protection for your furnishings and property.

Their truck-mounted extraction units are used for water removal. High-speed air movers and dehumidification equipment are used for drying the structure. The high-tech drying equipment reduces humidity levels to dry carpets, pads and furniture while also preventing metal corrosion, swelling and warping of floors, walls and furniture.

Moisture detectors, hygrometers and other meters help them to accurately measure the extent of moisture saturation. Necessary repairs may begin when the damaged area is determined to be free of excess moisture.

"Remember that water and electricity are a dangerous mix. If you have water in your basement or house, you need to shut-off the power if possible or call the utility company to turn it off

in order to avoid serious injury,"
Mike said.

He also reminds homeowners that they have the right to pick what company handles their water damage and removal.

"Don't let insurance company claims people pick your flood restoration company. Just tell them you are using Rugg Brothers," Mike said.

Rugg Brothers will inspect the damage and provide an estimate for all work that is required for each job at no charge to the customer.

"We want people to get the very best service at a fair price and make sure that they are completely satisfied with our work whether it involves flooding and water damage, carpet or duct cleaning." Mike said.

Spring is also the season for spring cleaning in many house-holds. Rugg Brothers wants to emphasize the importance of cleaning the ductwork and dryer exhaust venting in your home on a regular basis as well as cleaning your carpet.

The Environmental Protection Agency claims that indoor air has been found to be 70 times more polluted than outdoor air. Considering that most people spend much of their time indoors, it makes sense to clean the primary source of indoor air quality problems – the air ducts of your heating and cooling systems.

Rugg Brothers will clean the entire heating and air-conditioning system (HVAC) using a con-

tact or mechanical cleaning technique. An air turbine-powered vacuum agitates and removes all dust, mold and debris from the ducts with powerful truck-mounted equipment.

After the cleaning is completed, the entire HVAC system is sanitized with an anti-microbial combination of cleaner, disinfectant and deodorizer designed for hospital and industrial use. The EPA registered formulation is found to be effective in killing microbial organisms.

The Consumer Products Safety Commission estimates that 24,000 fires are caused by clothes dryers in the U.S. each year. Lack of maintenance and improper venting is the leading cause of dryer fires and lint is the leading material to ignite

The key to effective dryer performance and safety is optimal airflow. A properly cleaned exhaust line free of lint blockages will help to ensure that airflow. When dryers have the appropriate amount of airflow, they dry clothes quicker and use less electricity or gas.

Rugg Brothers offers a free inspection of a customer's duct-work to determine if cleaning is necessary. They have the expertise, equipment and trained personnel to clean all ductwork and dryer venting in addition to cleaning your carpets. Mike said.

The business operates four vehicles with the latest truckmounted equipment for all cleaning purposes Their

DETAILS

Rugg Brothers Carpet Care

Carpet and Duct Cleaning Specialists

Michael & Patrick Ruggiero

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licensed, insured and bonded personnel are highly trained in the latest technological advances in cleaning and restoration.

Rugg Brothers charges a flat rate of 25 cents per square foot with a \$75 minimum charge for cleaning the carpet in one or two rooms

The company uses a hot water extraction method with truck-mounted equipment that removes the deepest and toughest dirt gently and safely. Mike said that no other method can provide a better cleaning that will last longer.

Rugg Brothers Carpet Care serves commercial and residential customers in Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw and western Wayne counties. Additional information about

Additional information about the company's services is available on its Web site – www.ruggbrothers.com – where customers can make an appointment for carpet or duct cleaning



Master Craft Development builds quality custom homes, condos

By Duane Ramsey

Master Craft Development in Milford has built hundreds of custom homes in residential developments for people in the surrounding area for more than 25 years.

We have built the most custom homes in Milford and Highland over the past several years," said Jim Pennebaker of Master Craft Development,

Master Craft has built homes at Timber Ridge and Oak Hollow in Milford Township, the Stone Hollow subdivision in Milford and Maple Farms subdivision in Howell. The company's current developments include Cobblestone and Prestwick Village golf community in Highland Township.

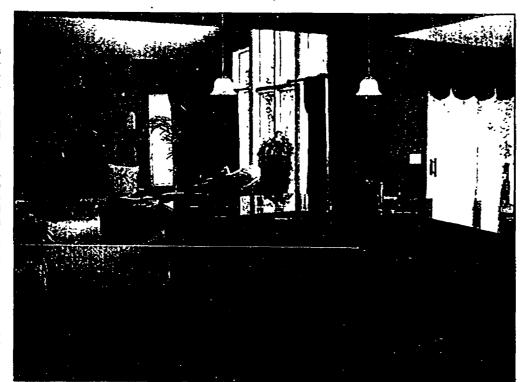
The local builders also have built custom homes on the individual client's property in Northville, Novi, Commerce, Highland, Milford and Rose townships in Oakland County and Hartland Township in Livingston

Cobblestone is a premier residential community with 173 oneacre wooded lots on more than 300 rolling acres. The development maintained much of the natural wooded landscape as common areas with a footpath for walking through the woods.

Master Craft has completed the first two phases of the Cobblestone development and has sold most of the lots in phase three. They just opened phase four with 30 more lots for sale, said Mary Gaudiello, a licensed real estate agent who works in sales for Master Craft.

Each home is custom designed and built for the individual homeowner. The homes in Cobblestone start at \$425,000 with a minimum of 2,600 square feet for ranch models and 2,800 square feet for two- and one-and-a-half stories.

The price includes the home, lot, blueprints and a color render-



Master Craft Development in Milford is the business to contact when seeking the best in custom homes.

ing of the house. Each buyer also receives individual consultation on their home with local architects Robert and David Koph and interior designer Sherry Westmoreland.

"Our customers receive personal service from everyone on the project," said Jim's son Scott who serves as superintendent of the company. Jim and Scott are on site every day and available by cell phone for clients daily.

We are hands-on builders who meet every homeowner and work closely with them from designing the home and site through closing on the sale of the property," said

He and his partner, Larry Brown, are both carpenters by trade who have designed and built custom homes for more than 25 years. Jim, Larry and Scott have a combined 70 years of home building experience.

"Most of the trades people who work on the homes today have been with us all those years," said

Master Craft is now building custom condominiums in The Glens of Highland, a 34-unit community opened last summer off Milford Road about one mile south of M-59.

Starting at \$244,900, the condos are attached by the garages with courtvards between the units. The condos are available in three ranch styles, as well as one-and-ahalf and two-story designs, all with classical exteriors, elegant interiors, first-floor laundry and many energy saving and safety

DETAILS

Master Craft Development

Milford design center at 320 Union Street Call: (248) 685-0008 Cobblestone community off M-59 east of Hickory Ridge Call: (248) 889-7768 Glenns of Highland off Milford Road south of M-59 Call: (248) 887-2939

Check out the model home at Cobblestone and designs for condos at The Glens of Highland, or make an appointment to meet with the builders at Master Craft in its design center in downtown

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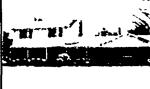


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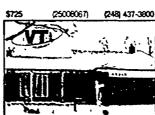


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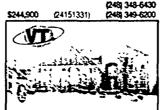
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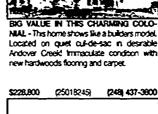
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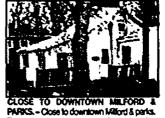
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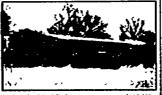
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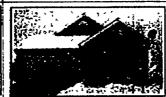
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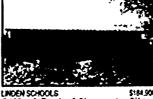
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LINDEN SCHOOLS \$184,900 2,100 sq ft. Ranch wifull basement on 3/4 acre country setting within 1 mile of lown, near schools, add your pole barn 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. (25004504)



PRINCIONEY SCHOOLS \$189 900 hew construction, adult ranch homes, one owner to be "55" Open floor plan with very large basement. Outside maraenance \$100 a morety. Sit on private deck and look at woods on the back of your lot. Don't miss this great



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$189,900 This 4 bedroom, 3 bath home is located in a great neigh borhood. Privileges on all sports Handy Lake Love! configuration shop specifier two saless encourage 11x51 yard, rock gardens, and fire pit. Lots of storage, new roof a 2002. Great family home. (25022332)



enhanced by mature trees. Great room leatures firebace Surrry family from leatures lots of windows plus door wall leading to deck. Bath offers Whirtpool tub. Kitchen includes



PLUSTING SCHOOLS \$195 000 Beautiful river frontage Don't miss out on this 3 bedroom ranch on a dead end st. Lots of fishing 5 54 acres. (25018613)



a non-flood plain area. Features 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1 465 sq.ft. ranch with garage 57 frontage on the Huron River leading to the chain of lakes Access to Ore Lake (25018565)



IOWELL SCHOOLS Postcard pretty 2-story has a lot of inner beauty! Volum Large eatin lutcher widerter istand. Officeigen wäthung r (could be 4th bedroom). Beauthul master suite. Since rail fenced yard great for luck and pets. Close to trendy



HOWELL SCHOOLS Gorgeous views of Thompson Lake from almost every window Unique contemporary 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home wimaster bedroom plan and much more (25011687)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$219,900 Way well transpriet home, a trust seef Entering home you mined alely feel the warrath it offers. Family room has impressive come stone impace. Malicus to page that everyous natural wood setting Many updates throughout Large raised deck 20x20 and shed ha beer resided. Her carpet, Pergs Boos (253°5°42)



HOWELL SCHOOLS Exceptional grapous 4 bedroom home, Cachedral celling in great room, ceramic ble in littchen, baundry room and entry This home is exciting and shows like a model. Wait everythma included bood, table, bar stools, King Kong



PINCHOLEY SCHOOLS New most ration to be started in March 2005, 1,765 sq.ft. Colonial. Sharp 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home wformal living room, dining room, and family room 24:24 garage, daylight windows in b titul lot. Quel cui-de-sac location, (25)04833;



PINCHNEY SCHOOLS \$236,000 Excellent investment properly located just across the street from new "Kroger" development on M-36 1,500 soft, Cape Cod with 4 bedrooms, 1,5 batts and more on just under an acre (25017351)



HOWELL SCHOOLS New construction 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on 1 4 acres in 9 celings in daylight window basement, which is prepped for a full bath. Solit floor plan features master wiphyate ball Liabuzh Et and separate shower) 2 wail-in posets, sepa rate drung lorary of layer area, (2502) 0901



LINDEN SCHÓOLS 2 years new ranch Completely finished lower level daylight windows. Huge rooms, open floor Nice deck with private backyard (25008112)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$244,900 plan incomed on quiet cul-de-sac in exce Close to town1-96 (great for commuters) features notice 2-story foyer great room wiferplace, formal drang room or study, defuse lattners wishack bar and quality Merillat cabinetry. Large master suite which in coset I private both whether but. (25012919)



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4 bedroom, 3 full baths. Set-up for horses water 8 electro in barn, 3 board tending, hay field and lots of room to note Updated littcher: & hardwood floors. Spacous tamily mon whood burning stove. Large master suite in Skiding doc wall to dook and great vews! (24155644



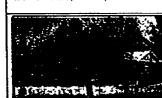
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LINGER SCHOOLS This 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home is well boated convenient to US-23 and shopping full finished realized basement will bathroom and office or possible 5th bedroom. 1st floor master sure withaster bathroom, vauled deling and skylights.



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS SRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$274 450 Super sharp sprawling shild ranch leaturing over 2,000 sq.ft. of living space plus a full finished basement w/approx. 1,500 sq it. Beautiful hardwood floors, 1st floor laundry, 2 wood fireplaces in living from and driving from. Large open little area, 2.5 baths, attached 2.5 car gatage, decking and more all on over an acre lot, (25022946



SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$274 900 Great neighborhood wilarge country size to lined streets.
Updated ranch wilnished walkout basement. Hickory foorno, made cabinets. Conan edge courtenads mak this a dream lutchen, open to driving room. All 3 bath rooms are ceramic and recently updated. (25009202)



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HOWELL SCHOOLS \$289,900 Smoly charmed from the covered porch to the warm call talchen. You'll be pleased to find this better than new contemporary home. Professionally landscaped corner lot in upscale Northshore Sub. 1st floor master withwed ceiling & glamour bath (252°5833)



PINCIONEY SCHOOLS an fate 2.500 so it., 4 bedroom (5th in partially finished walkburg, 2.5 bath home on 5 acres. This home offers a fiving room and dining room, open kitcher wood floors, 1st floor office and more (25023117)



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riront on all sports Beach Lake! Fantastic views of take from bay windows multiple deals and patio. This ing windows, letteren, bathrooms, flooring, fetures ppliances, lumace air conditioners interior, exterio doors and much more (25017042



RARTE AND SCHOOLS \$344 90 The Belair model has late March 2005 occupancy Ope 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath floor plan is 1st floor master suffe and laundry Formal diring room is grantle bullet partry 2 story great room ceramic surrounds freprace



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PINCKNEY SCHOOLS her construction by natural surroundings in Putra Meadows north, ranch home on one acre featuring 3 bedrooms, 25 baths, master sude withfrood lub & separate floor plan immaster suite on one side of house & other 2 bedrooms on other side (25014545)



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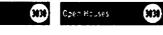
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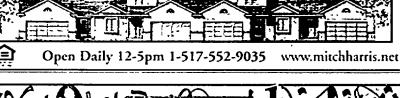
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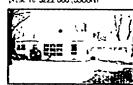
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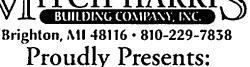
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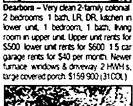
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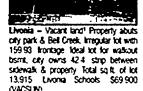


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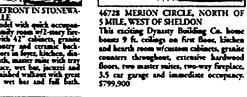






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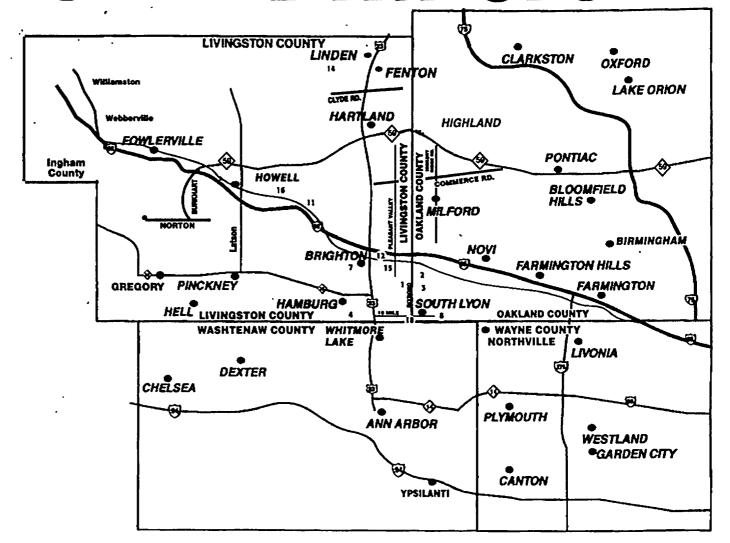
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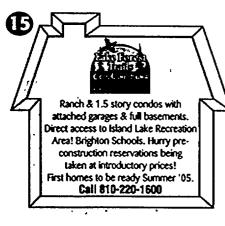
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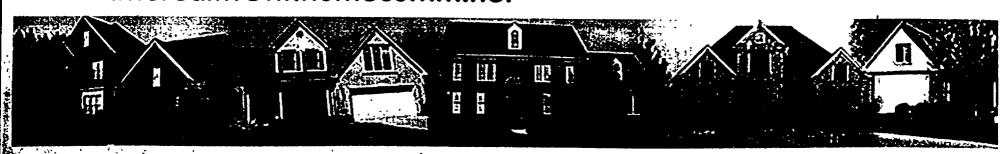






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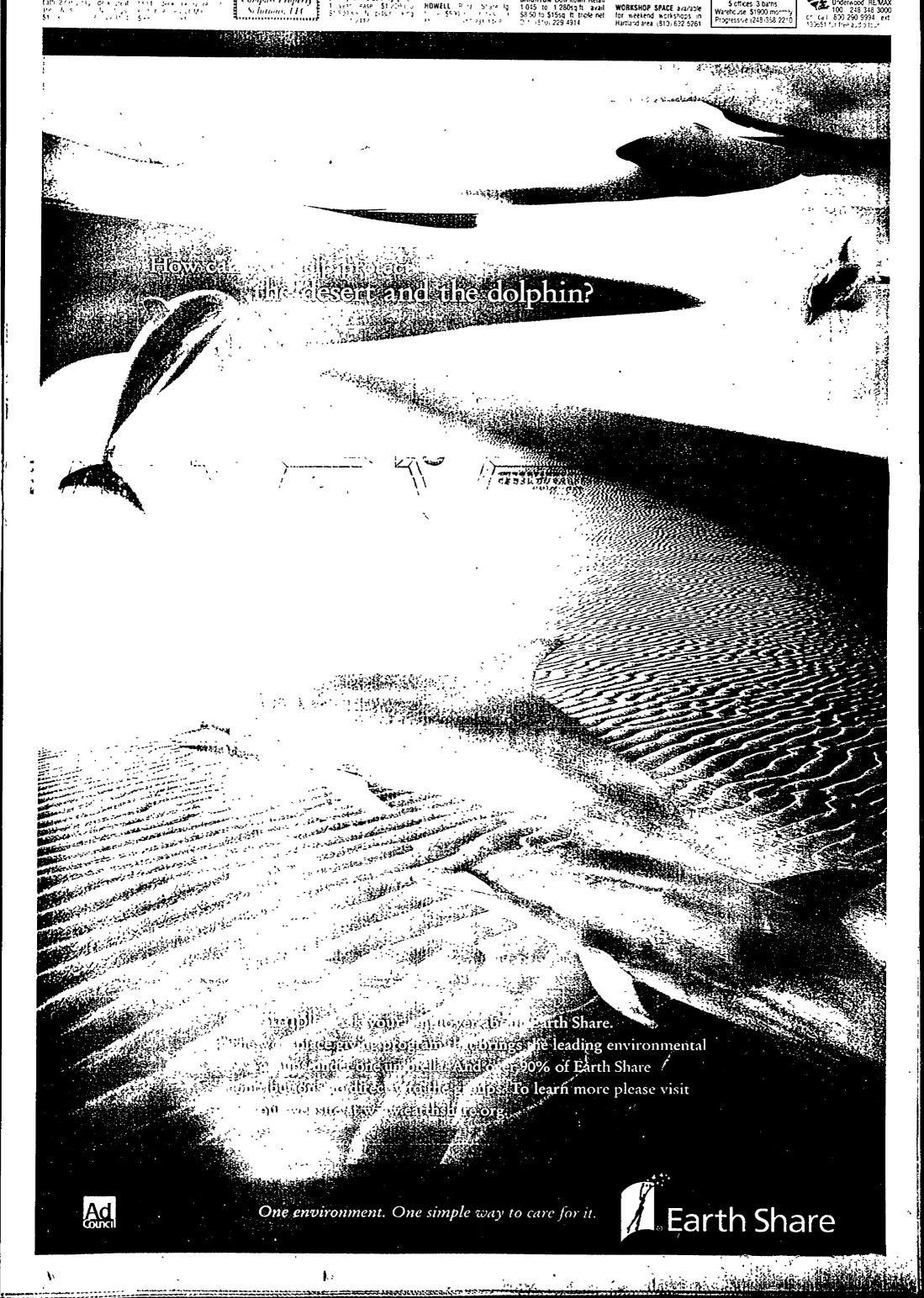
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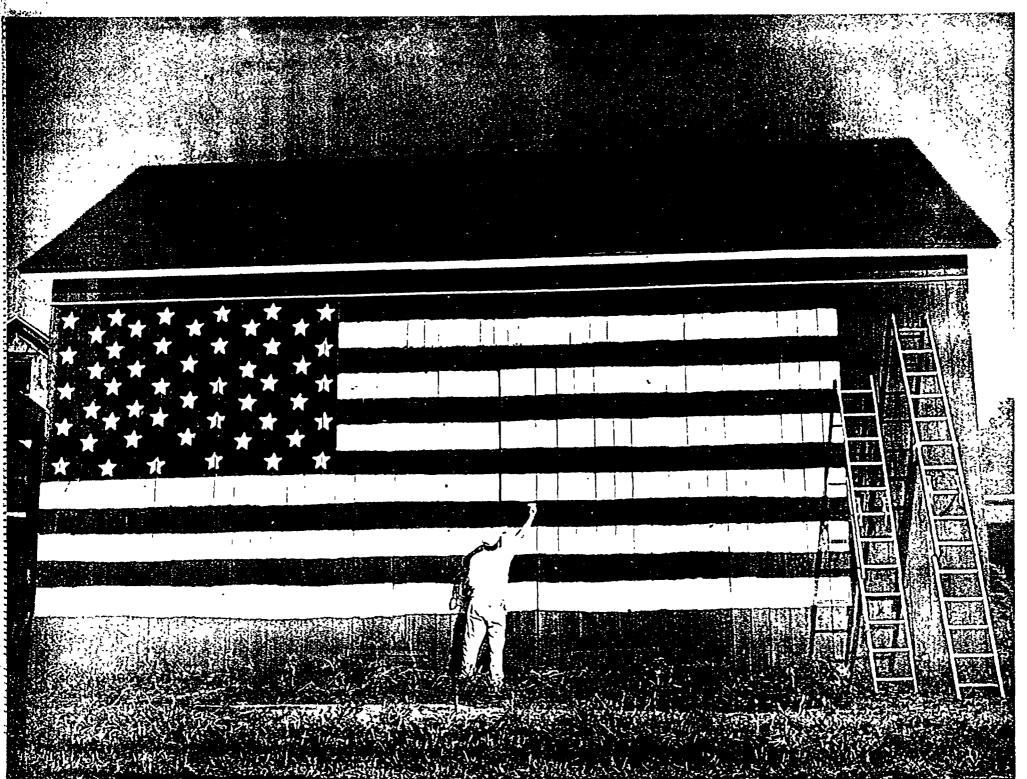
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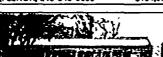
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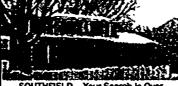
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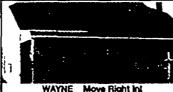
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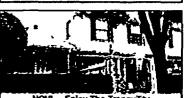


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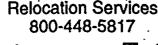


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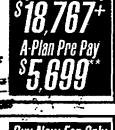
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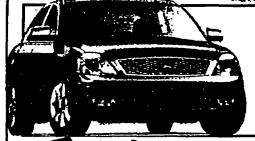
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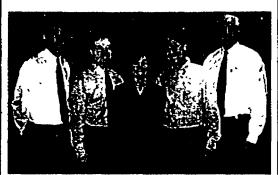
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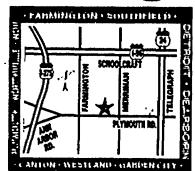
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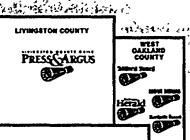












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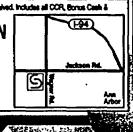
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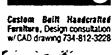
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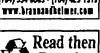
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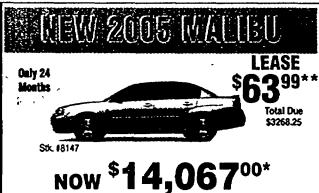
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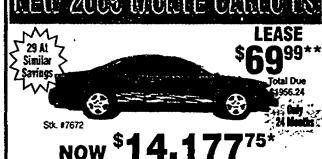
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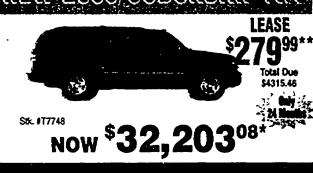












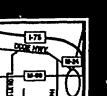


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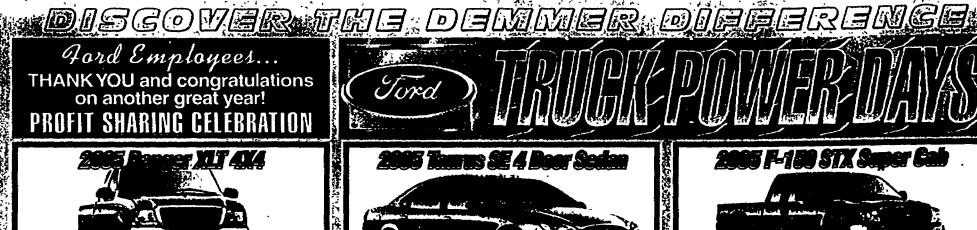
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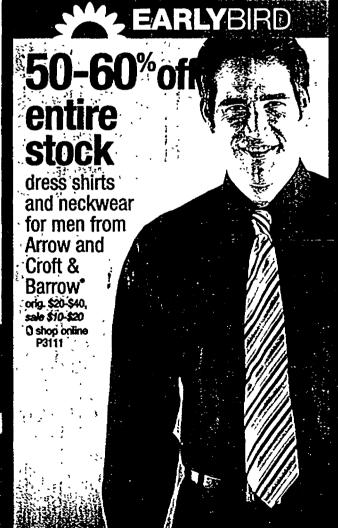


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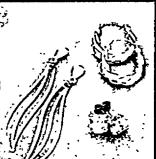
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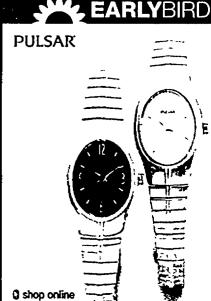
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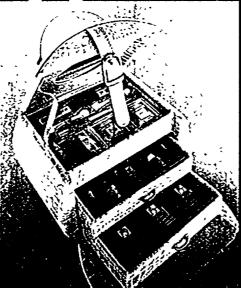
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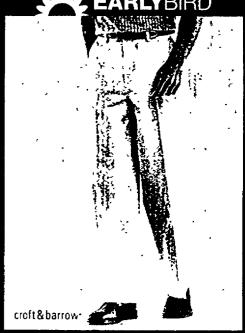
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from Wedge and Haggar
ong. S24-S38, sale 11.99-18.99



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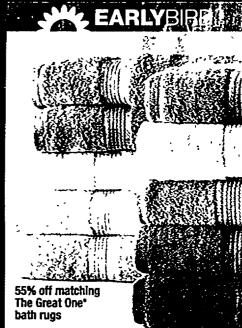
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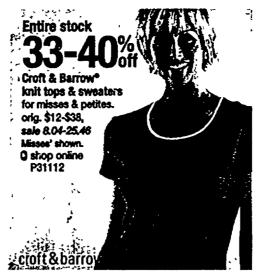
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For misses & petites. orig. \$18-\$79, sale 12.06-52.93





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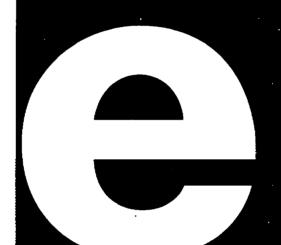
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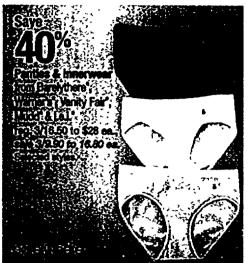
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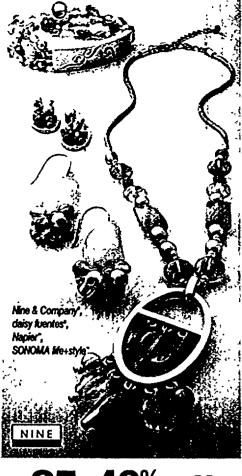


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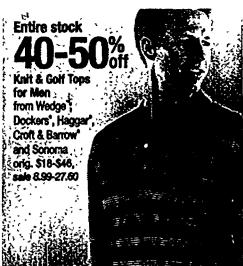
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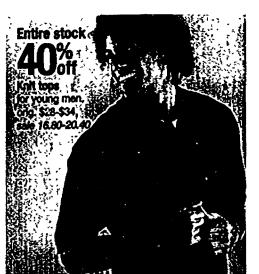




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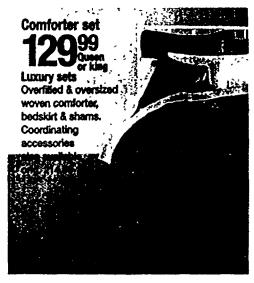


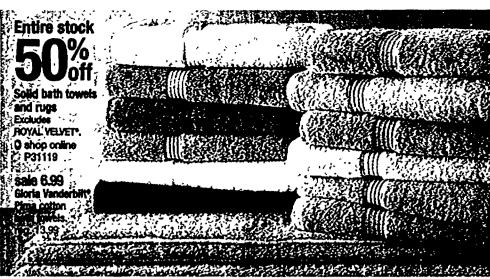
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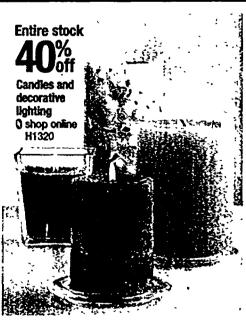
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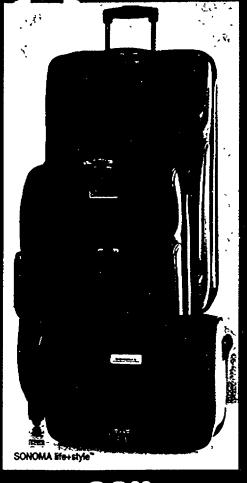


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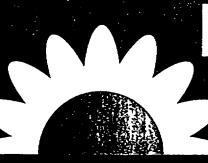
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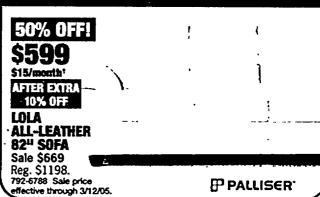
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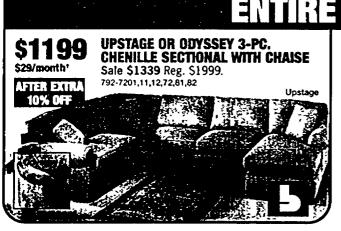
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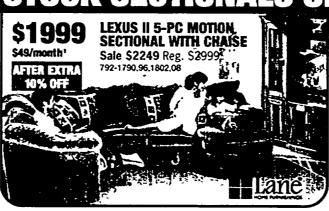
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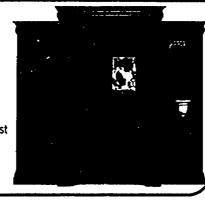


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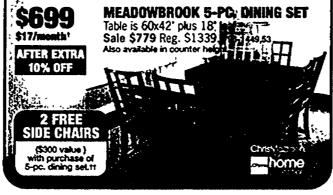






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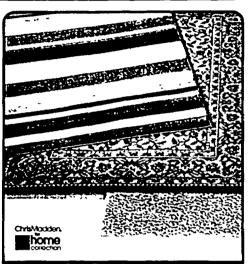
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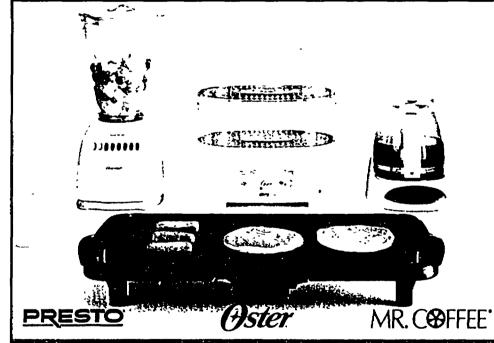
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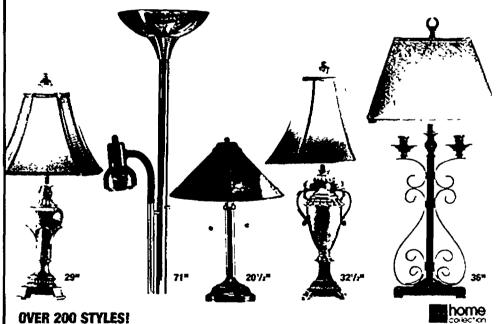
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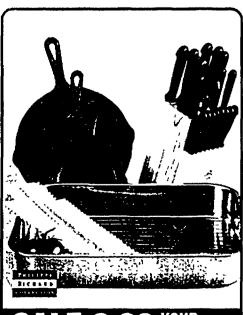
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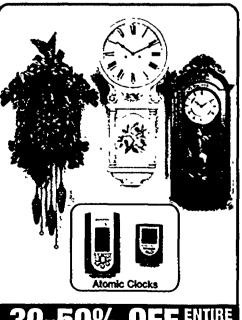
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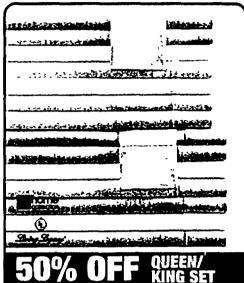
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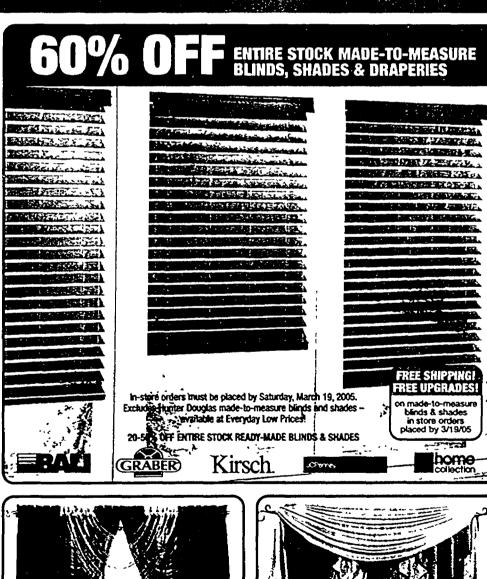
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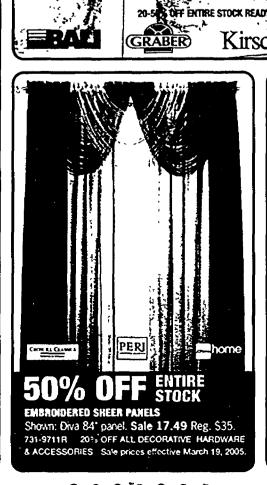


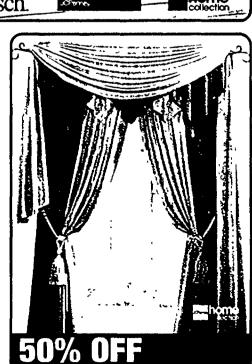
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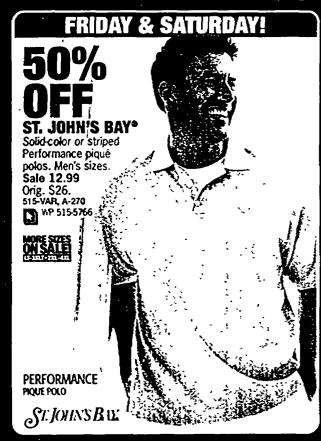
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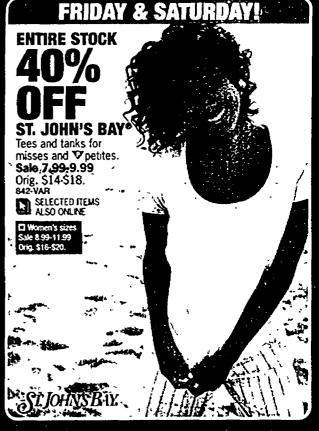
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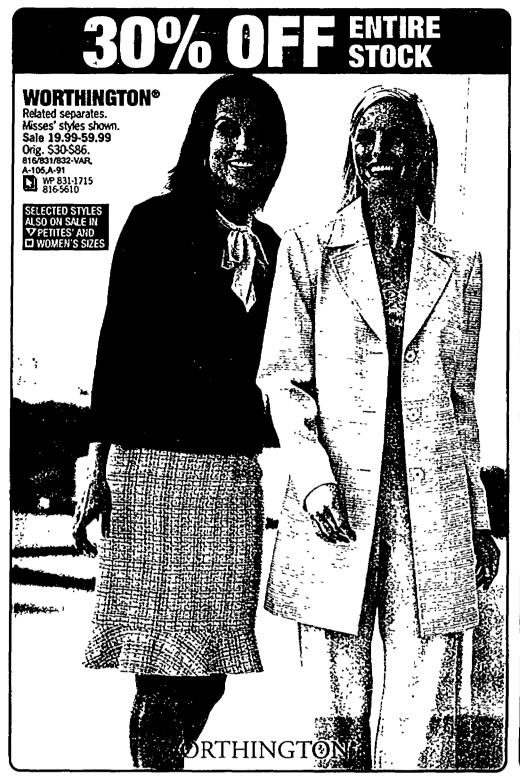
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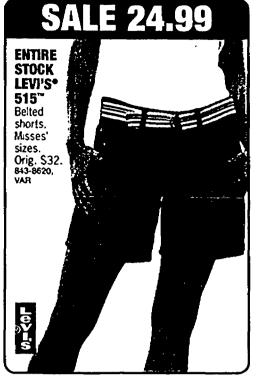




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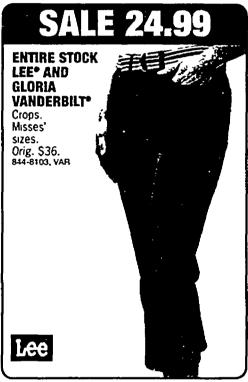
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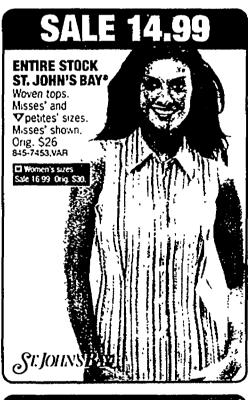




















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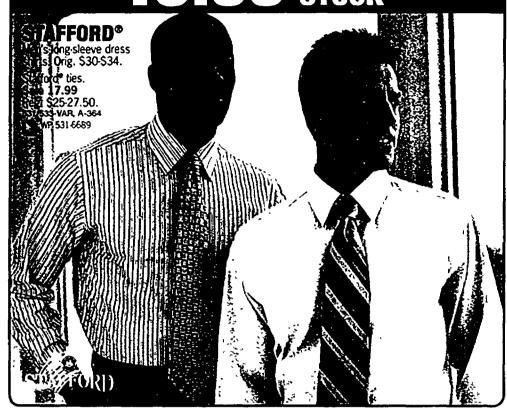
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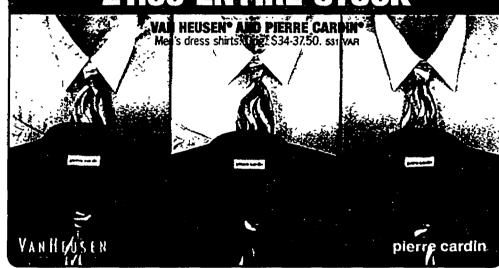
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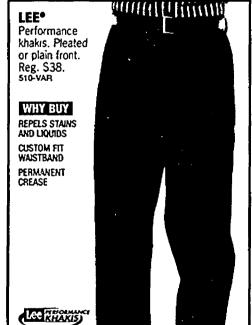












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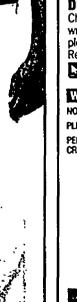
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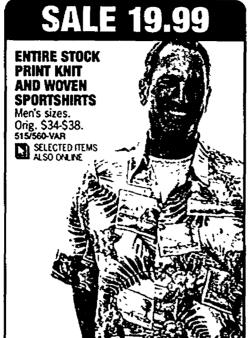
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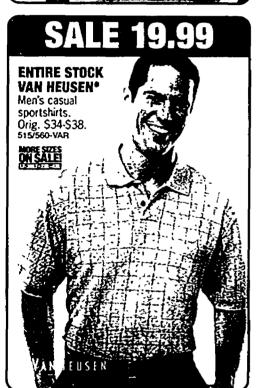
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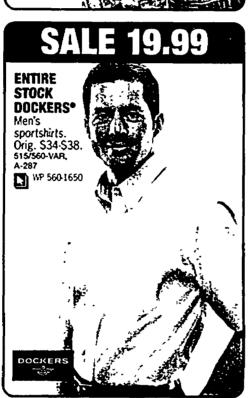




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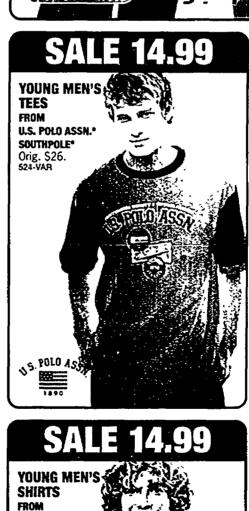




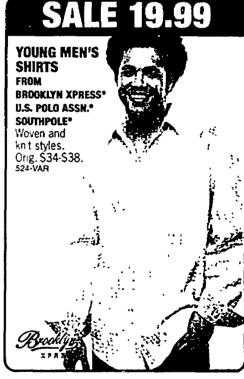














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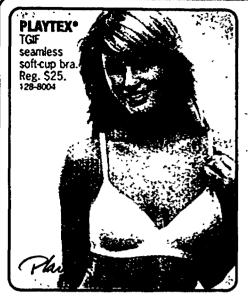


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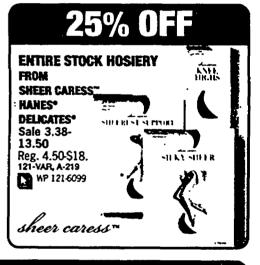
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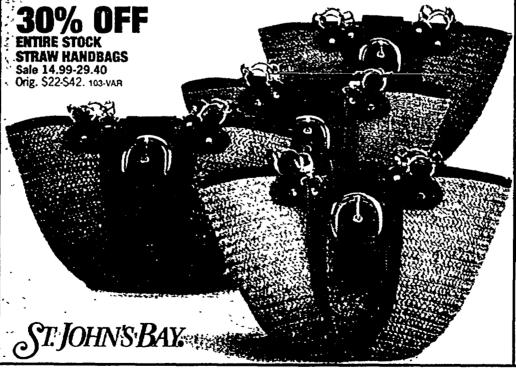


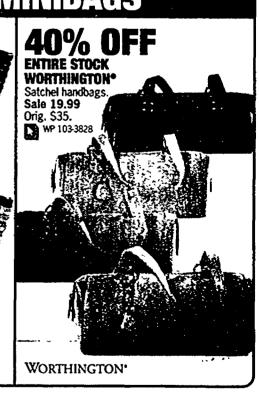




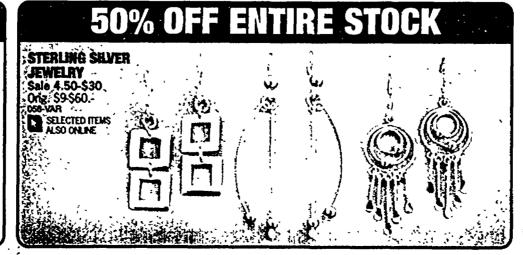














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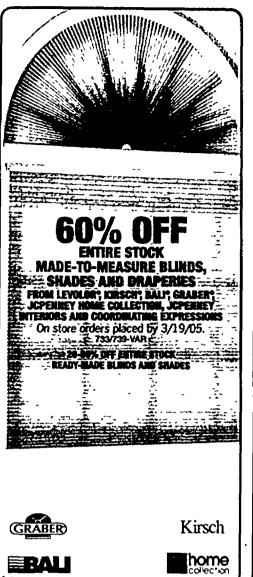




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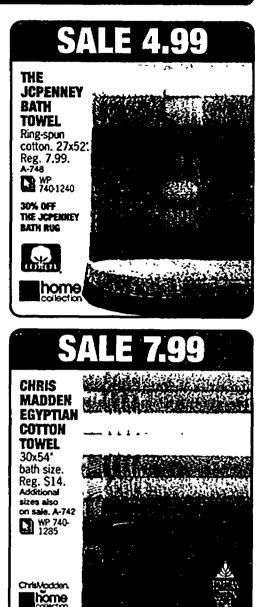
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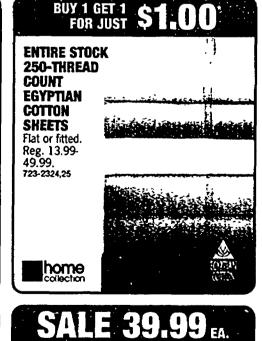




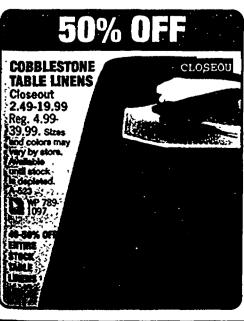


















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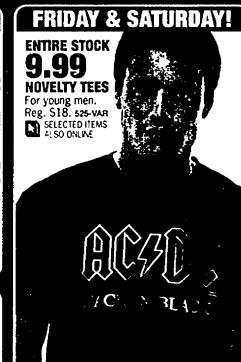


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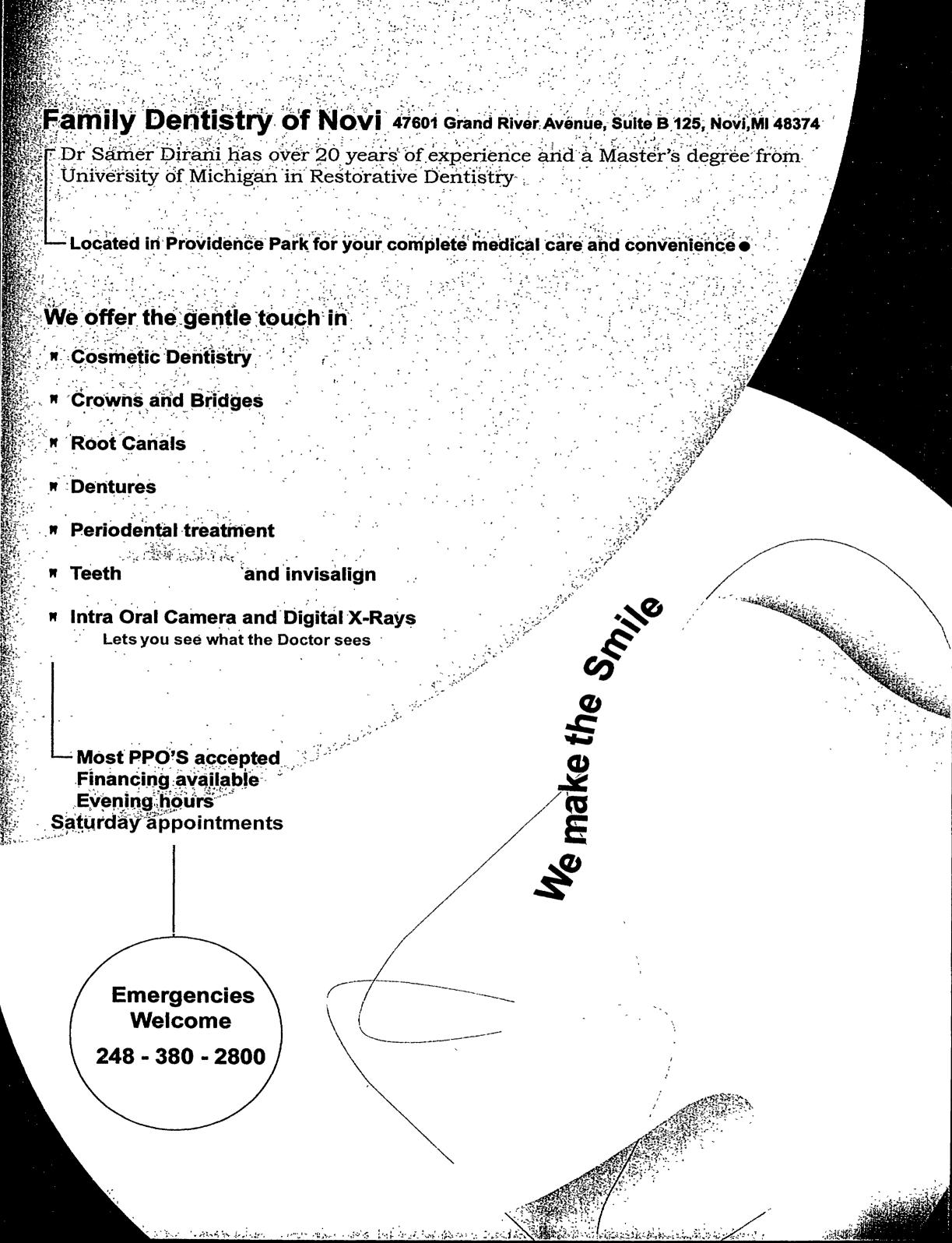
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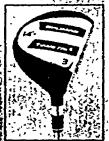
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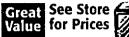
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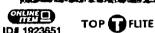
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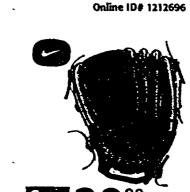
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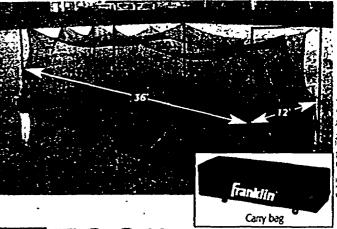
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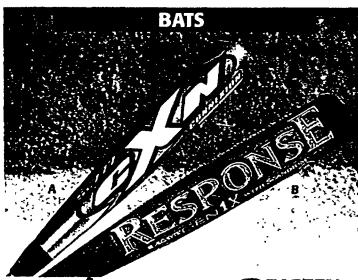
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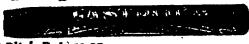


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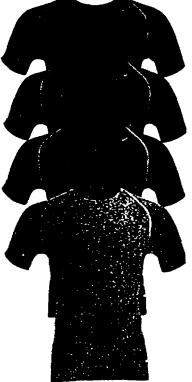
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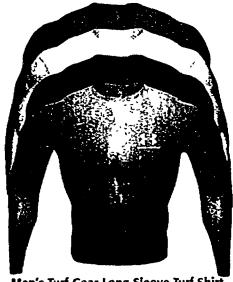
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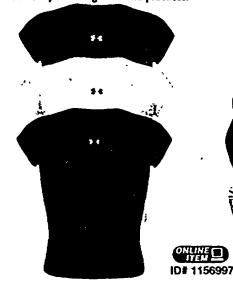
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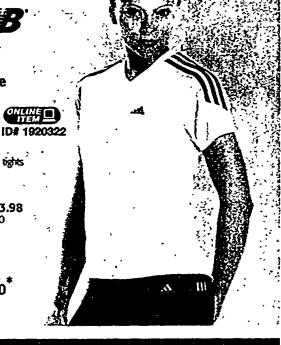
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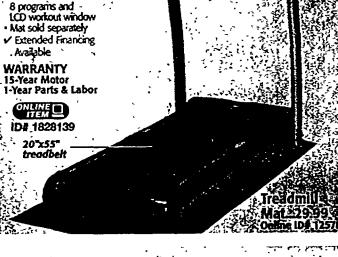
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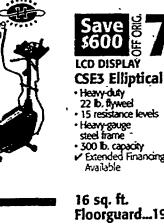
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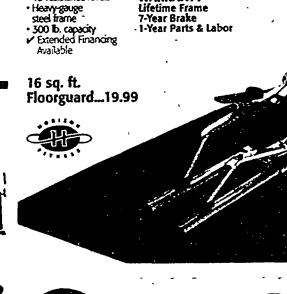
















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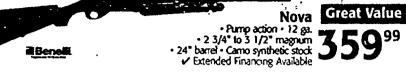
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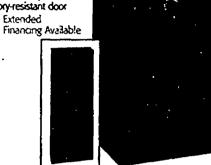
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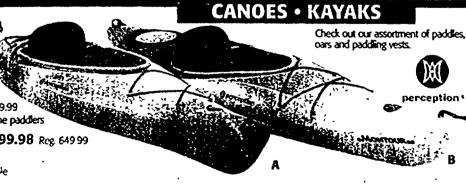
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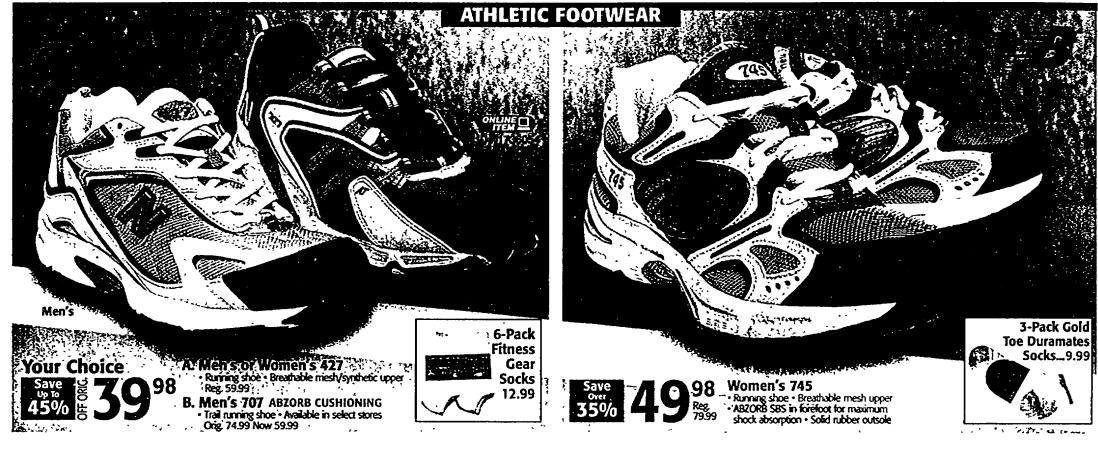
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I love the voice of Vikki Carr. Is she still recording and touring?

-Roy P., Pennsylvania

The three-time Grammy winner is negotiating a new contract with Klasico Records, while preparing a one-woman show about her life and performing occasional concerts. She'll soon begin

Martin Landau called Travis and Henry. "I took a short sabbatical, but I never wanted to say I retired, because I never left," she says. "After 47 years on the road, I just said, 'It's time for Vikki Carr." Carr, 64, believes her greatest accomplishment was fighting for the single release of It Must Be Him, which reached No. 1 on the Adult Contemporary charts in 1967. "That and performing for the Queen of England in the late '60s," she recalls. "Here was this little Mexican-American representing the United States of America and it was incredible." Carr moved to San Antonio 12 years ago when she married for the third time. "The third one is the charm. I now have three step-children and two grandkids," she says. "I took dance lessons during that time off and even won 12 first places in Latin dance contests. It shows you that it's never too late. It's been a good life."

What ever happened to ESPN's Max Kellerman?

-Bob F., New York

Sports Networlds

Maz Kellerman

The native New Yorker hosts I, Max on the Fox Sports Network. Kellerman, 31, has been fascinated with sports since he was a kid. "My first memory of becoming obsessed with sports is watching

Muhammad Ali fight Ernie Shavers with my dad," he says. What I remember best, was thinking at the time that the champ's name was one word ("Muhammadali") and having the sense at 4 years old

that Ali was overrated. I was wrong about both things, but I was a 'sports guy' from that moment forward." Kellerman and his wife live in New York City, and when he's not talking sports, he's a big chess fan. "I love to play; I love to watch," he says. "Essentially, chess is a



filming a movie in Austin, Texas, with Vikki Carr films a movie in Texas this spring.

Georgian Lindy Newton's **Dreams Become a Reality**

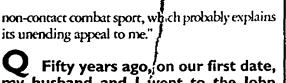
Only a few months after moving from Waycross, Ga. (pop. 15,333), to Los Angeles, newcomer Lindy Newton, 23, is seeing her childhood dream of becoming a successful actress come true. She stars in Thicker Than Water on the Hallmark Channel at 9 p.m. ET March 12. "It's about family," she says, "but not necessarily about blood family.

It's more about adopted family-what you think family is and how it is important in your life." The movie also stars Lindsay Wagner and Melissa Gilbert. "I grew up watching Little House on the Prairie, so I was very intimidated the first day I went in because the first scene they had me shoot was with Melissa," she says. "But she was super down-to-earth. It was one of those out-of-body experiences where I had to pinch myself." Newton performed in her first school play at age 10 and began auditioning for films at age 14. The 2004 College of Charleston (S.C.) graduate landed roles in the movies Radio and The Notebook and moved to Los Angeles in July. She's supporting herself as a restaurant hostess between acting jobs. "I'm just auditioning in the hopes of being busy," she says. "(Television) pilot season is coming up." 🖈

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Actress Lindy Newton's career is taking off.

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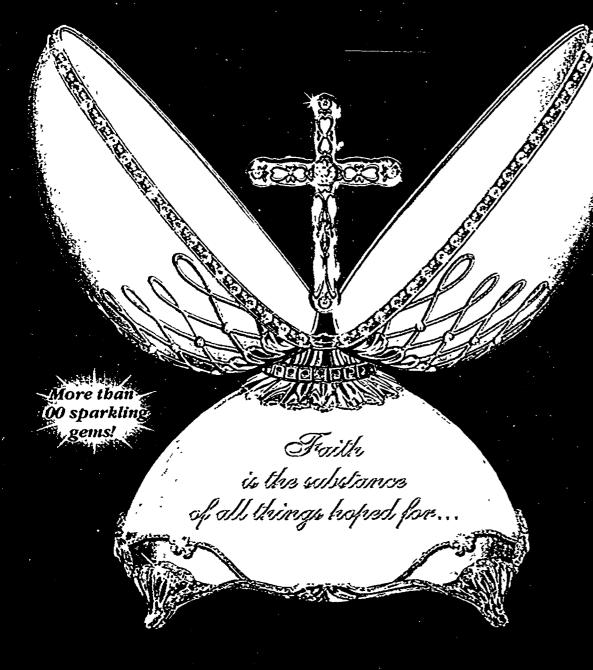
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Travis Erickson climbs down into a 12-foot hole at Pipestone National Monument and begins pounding the hard quartzite rock with a sledgehammer. After several weeks of work, he breaks through the bedrock to a vein of soft red stone and removes a 50-pound slab, which he will carve into

ceremonial pipes for American Indians around the country, some of whom revere the stone as sacred.

They give me some idea of the form they want," says Erickson, a member of the Sisseron-Wahperon tnbe. "Then I talk to them to get to know them and to get a feeling for their desires, and work from there."

American Indians have been coming to the quarries a half-mile north of Pipestone, Minn. (pop. 4,280), for centuries to remove the stone that gave the town and the national monument their names.

Travis Erickson chisels The soft red and pink stone, also called Catlinite

for artist George Catlin who visited the area in 1836. formed millions of years ago when marine deposits wencompressed between layers of quartzite by glaciers.

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to unearth pipestone.

Erickson, who demonstrates pipestone carving in the monument's visitor center, gets his Catlinite from a quarry that he's been working for 25 years. To remove the stone, Erickson shovels off several feet of topsoil and then hammers and pounds through 12 to 16 feet of quartzite.

"It's hard work," says Erickson, 41, who carved his first pipe when he was 11. Some of his creations, which sell for \$50 to \$1,000 depending on size and intricacy of carving, are displayed in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

In 1937, Congress designated the pipestone quarries a national monument, entrusting the National Erickson has been carving ceremonial pipes for 30 years.



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"It remains a sacred place to be quarried only by Native Americans using hand tools," says Jim LaRock, the monument's superintendent, explaining that members of many tribes apply for a limited number of quarry permits, and there's always a waiting list.

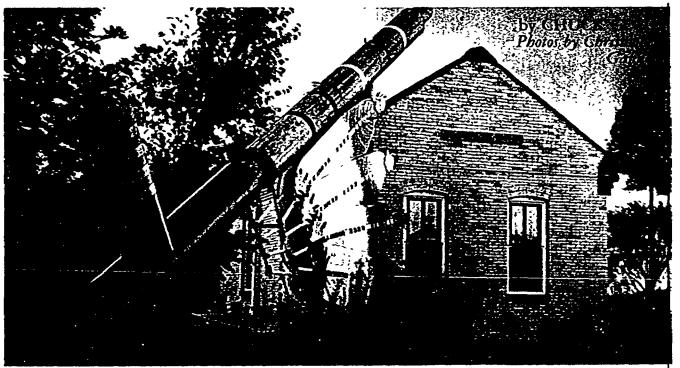
About 400 hundred years ago, Indians discovered pipestone near the surface and found that it could be carved into pipes, beads and amulets. The stone remains a prized commodity among the native peoples who dig for it or trade for it. Ceremonial pipes made from the stone are considered sacred.

The pipes are "just rock and wood" before they are "awakened," says Bud Johnston, president of the Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers, a group formed in Pipestone in 1996 to protect the quarries and preserve the art of pipe making and other cultural and spiritual traditions.

"New pipes are first smoked, or as we say, awakened, in a special ceremony, either by the pipe owner or by a respected elder or tribal leader chosen by the owner," says Johnston, a member of the Lake Superior Chippewa tribe. "The stone has spiritual significance because those who came to the quarries gave thanks to the Creator and Mother Earth through tobacco offerings for allowing them to gather the special red stone."

The quarries aren't Pipestone's only link to an American Indian tradition. Catlin's 1836 quarry description inspired poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow to write The Song of Hiattatha, and each summer a cast of more than 200 local residents performs a colorful pageant based on the poem at an outdoor amphitheater adjacent to the monument.

Members of the Pipestone Exchange Club revived the pageant in 1948 after the local Indian Boarding School,



A giant pipe greets visitors at the Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers' galley and gift shop in Pipestone, Minn. pipestone is gone, and uncovering new veins now requires whose students staged the annual program, was shut down. deeper pits, which means carvers such as Erickson will have

"The government had just closed the school, so we decided to try to carry on the tradition," says Wanita Beal, one the club's charter members.

Still, it's the soft red stone that gave Pipestone its name that forever will be identified with the town. Some estimate that the local quarries have Catlinite reserves for another 1,000 years, but no one knows for certain. The easily accessible Rate This Story

to keep digging to unearth the stone to make their pipes. Chuck Cecil is a freelance writer based in Brookings, S.D.

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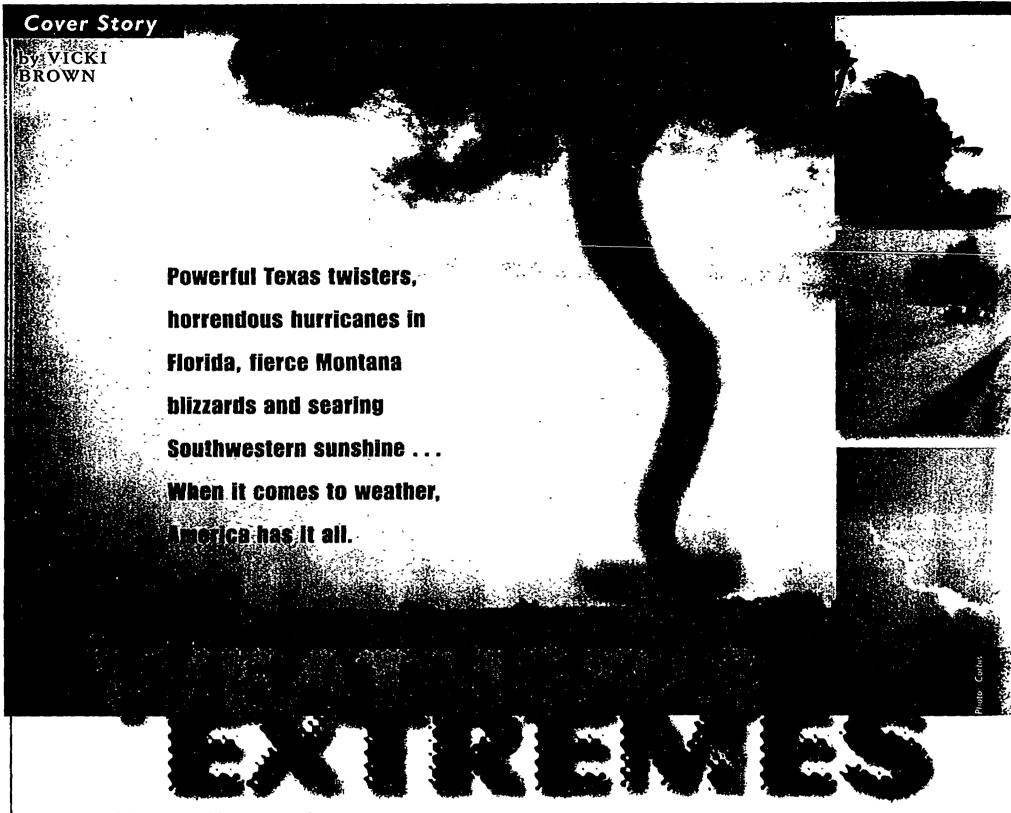
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Canada. In the U.S., 310 people died, while 8 were killed in Canada.

"People don't live in fear of tornadoes," says Bob Stewart, Xenia's retired city manager. "I think people go about their normal lives. How do you prepare for something like a hurricane or tornado?" he asks.

Floridians get their share of extreme weather, too. With a tropical climate conducive to storms, the Sunshine State leads the nation in lightningrelated fatalities and also faces the ever-present danger of

hurricanes-getting more than any other state-as evidenced by last year's record-setting season.

"Years ago, there was more loss of life because there was no warning," Stephens says. "Now, with more warning, there's less loss of life and more loss of property because there is more built close to the beach."

Chris Tucker, his wife Diane and their three children moved to Port St. Lucie, Fla. (pop. 88,769), last summer just in time for Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. "It's no different from living with the threat of tornadoes in Nashville (Tenn.) or earthquakes in Los Angeles," Tucker says. "You learn what to do to prepare (stocking two weeks supply of water

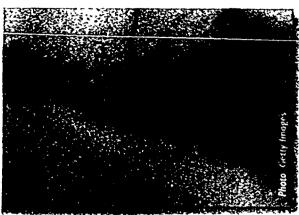


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and food and covering windows with hurricane shutters). And you get a lot more warning than you do for a tornado or an earthquake."

A NATION OF EXTREMES

From an average of 460 inches of rain a year on Mount Waialeale on Hawaii's island of Kauai to less than 2 inches of precipitation annually in Death Valley, Calif., the United States has no shortage of extreme weather.

Temperatures range from blistering summer heat in the California desert to bone-chilling cold during an Alaskan winter. Alaska holds the U.S. record for the all-time coldest temperature. The mercury dropped to minus 80 degrees on Jan. 23, 1971, at an oil pipeline camp at Prospect Creek, Alaska. Meanwhile, California's Death Valley National Park holds the nation's record high temperature—a sizzling 134 degrees, recorded in 1913 at Greenland Ranch, which at the time provided supplies to borax miners in the area.

"It's not uncommon to get several days above 120 degrees," says Terry Baldino, a park ranger. (Continued on page 10)



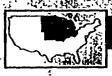
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KANSAS

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MICHIGAN

Regional Sportsmen's Show—Alpena, April 1-3. Exhibitors from the United States and Canada display guns, knives, boats and camping gear at the Thunder Bay Recreation Center. (989) 354-8403.

MINNESOTA

Music Fest—New Prague, March 18-20. Enjoy performances by the New Prague Czech Concertina Club, Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen, Downtown Sound and other bands at the American Legion Park Ballroom. (952) 758-4603.

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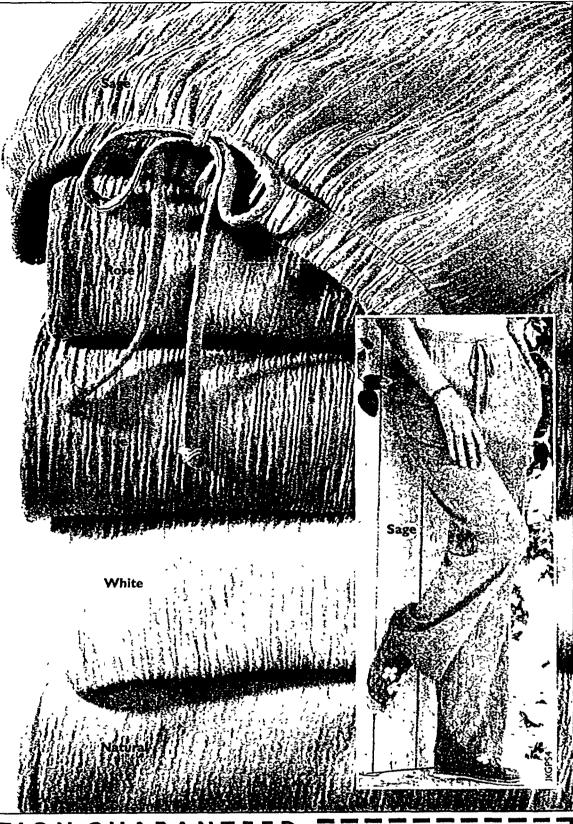
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Summer visitors mostly drive through and get out of their car to take a quick picture, but those who live and work in the park are more affected. Baldino says those who work outside, such as maintenance crews at the park and hotel, typically start their day at 6 a.m. so they can take off by 2 p.m. to avoid some of the scorching afternoon sun.

"Some folks really adapt to the hear well. They run inside and get their down coats when it drops below 90 degrees," he jokes.

The payoff is great winter weather, with mid-60s in December and January, while November and March typically have highs in the 70s and 80s, Baldino says.

Besides holding the nation's record high temperature, Death Valley is the driest place, too. It holds the record for the least seasonal precipitation, zero inches in 1929, as well as having an average annual rainfall of just 1.96 inches a year.

Compare that with the 43 inches of rain that Alvin, Texas, received in 24 hours. Tommy Peebles clearly recalls that torrential downpour and the sound of water lapping against the front steps of his parents' home.

"It sounded like you were sitting on a pier," the city clerk says of the record-setting rainfall on July 25 and 26, 1979—the most rain ever recorded in a 24-hour period in the United States. The deluge, brought by Tropical Storm Claudette, flooded the town of 21,413. The wake from boats being used to evacuate residents trapped by the rising waters made the sound Peebles remembers.

"It's one of those things that you think, what a way to get in

the record books," Peebles says. No one died, but four or five homes had some water damage, and livestock and crops were destroyed.

Cold, not rain, is the dominant weather factor in the frozen Last Frontier. With an average annual temperature of 10.4 degrees, Barrow, Alaska (pop. 4,581), holds the record for the nation's coldest city.

"People in Barrow watch a lot of videos in the winter," says Brian Watson, manager of King Eider

Inn a 19-mom hord in the nation come to look for polar bears or see the northern lights. Watson say Residents are accustomed to the cold and really don't even dres all that warmly because they are usually hist ourside to get from

the car to a building, he says

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Brian Watson weathers subzero temperatures in Barrow, Alaska the nation's coldest city.

SUN. CLOUDS AND SNOW

Ta While the arctic cold keeps some people indoors tolks in Yuma, Ariz (pop 77515), are often outdoors, basking in the warmach of die rations summiest city, which enjoys 90 percent sunity days.

You can play golf every day, says Earl McMullen, assistant maliager and golf pro at the Mesa del Sol course in Yuma You can plan to golf six months from now, and it'll be a sunny day.

deanwhile, sunshine is in short supply along the Pacific Northst coast in fact, Astoria, Ore., (pop. 9,813) and Quillayure, rash fwith an average of 239 cloudy days each year, are the cloudest spors in the contiguous United States.

Washington state also has experienced record snowfall. Residents of Glacier, Wash. (pop. 90), enjoyed great skiing during the winter of: 1998-1999 when 1,140 inches of snow fell on nearby Mount Bakerthe most seasonal snowfall ever recorded in the United States.

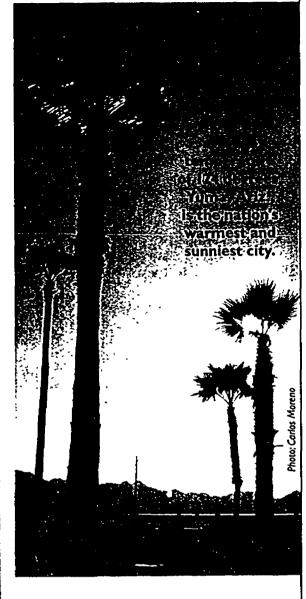
'We knew something special was going on, It just kept snowing on the mountain, says Tom Dedan, owner of Milano's restaurant in Glacier, the closest town to Mount Baker, in face Mount Baker Ski

inches of rain a year.

California's Death Valley National Park receives less than 2

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EXTREME HAILSTONES

Aric and Tamara Brophy got lots of attention when Aric found a record-setting hailstone-7 inches in diameter and 18.75 inches around-following a storm on June 22, 2003, at the home of Tamara's parents in Aurora, Neb. (4,225).

"My husband put it in the freezer, because he didn't think anyone he worked with would believe it was that big," Tamara says, "but part of it broke off."

Brophy's hailstone was larger in size than the one measuring 5.7 inches in diameter and 17.5 inches in circumference that fell in Coffeyville, Kan. (pop. 11,021), on Sept. 3, 1970, though the Kansas stone still holds the weight record of 1.67 pounds. 🄀

Vicki Brown is a freelance writer in Nashville, Tenn.

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Rice-A-Roni From Salad

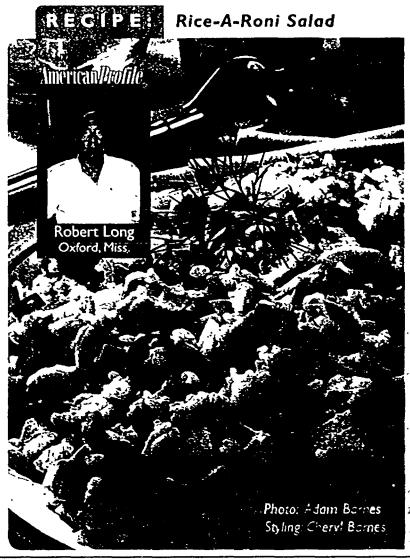
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1/2 green pepper, chopped I cup black olives, sliced

1 8-ounce can sliced water chestnuts, drained

2 cups cooked chicken, chopped

1 8-ounce jar marinated artichoke hearts

1/2 cup mayonnaise

I teaspoon curry powder Salt and pepper to taste

Cook Rice-A-Roni according to package instructions. Drain artichokes, reserving marinade. Chop artichokes and combine with rice, onions, peppers, olives, chicken and water chestnuts. Mix together mayonnaise, curry powder and reserved marinade. Pour over rice mixture and stir until well mixed. Season to taste. Serve warm or cold.

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When Disaster KELLY Strikes

When a natural disaster happens, many of us want to help. On-site emergency responders welcome offers of aid, especially money, but say it's important for people to understand how they can best help.

"Each event is different," explains Pat McCrummen, a spokesman for the American Red Cross. "In the hours right after a flood, hurricane or tornado, our first responders need to work through the immediate crisis and evaluate what will be needed as the community moves forward."

Well-intentioned people may show up or start collecting food or clothing without realizing that volunteers require direction and donations of material goods have to be managed.

How to help

If a crisis occurs, your best plan is to sit tight temporarily. "No one would ever say that volunteers are unwanted," says Dante Gliniecki, volunteer coordinator for the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency. "People just need to understand that it may be a day or two before we will know how best to put volunteers to work."

Follow the local news for reports of what is needed. Partly because of experience gained after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, organizations have become quite sophisticated about using the media and the Internet to let their needs be known.

In Port Charlotte, Fla. (pop. 46,451), an area hard-hit by the 2004 hurricanes, the community lost all of its power, but volunteers could log on to laptop computers in a mobile command center parked outside the library. By inputting information such as location, skills, and hours available, volunteers were sent where their abilities were most needed.

If you hear about a request for material goods, act right away. If you wait, chances are that others will have already given, and your donation will no longer be needed. Also, don't donate clothing that you would be ashamed to wear yourself. People who have lost their homes don't need the additional indignity of being given someone else's raggedy clothes.

If in doubt as to how to volunteer, make a financial donation instead. An effort is always made to spend money collected for specific disasters with merchants in the disaster area. This enables emergency responders to purchase exactly what is needed for a community, and the local economy gets a desperately needed boost in business.

What you can do now

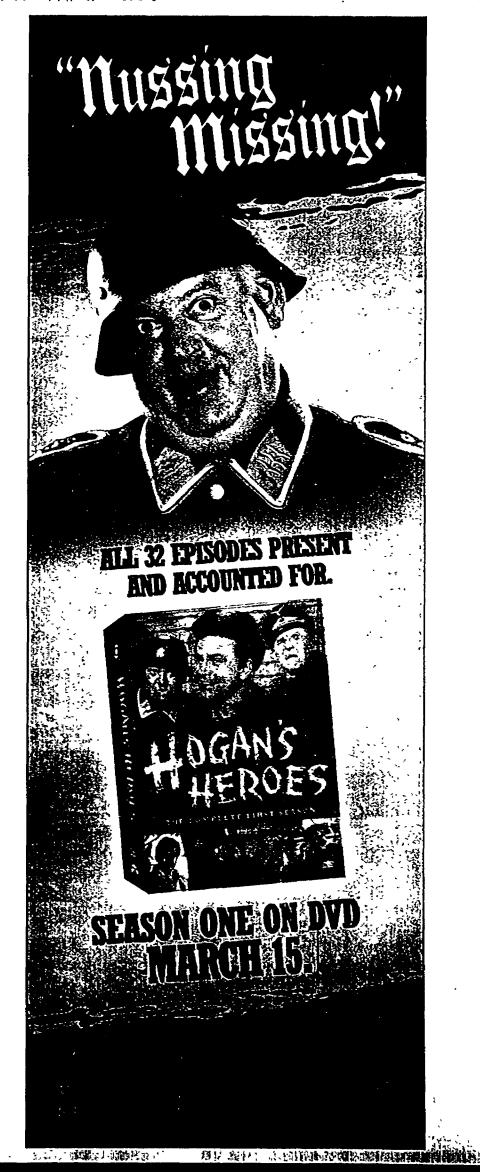
If you'd like to help out during times of crisis, all the experts have the same advice: Volunteer before something happens. "Get involved early so that you can receive appropriate training," says Margaret Melsh, director of Ready to Respond volunteers in the San Francisco Bay area. "Call the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, or do an Internet search for 'volunteer center,' specifying your town or county," she says. "At the volunteer center websites, you'll find a complete list of the types of areas where help is needed."

Volunteer Match (*urww.volunteermatch.org*) has a website that allows you to enter your zip code and sift through numerous volunteer needs, or call 1-800-VOLUNTEER or visit *urww.1800volunteer.org* for additional possibilities.

Remember, too, that volunteers are needed for a long time after the initial crisis. "The greatest need for volunteers may not be apparent until weeks after the disaster when new needs have arisen," says Kristin Buckley, manager of disaster and international initiatives for the Points of Light Foundation in Washington, D.C. About 128,000 people volunteered after hurricanes in Florida last fall, but this help was spread out over many months.

In addition, there is one final contribution that is always welcome: "Send notes with words of encouragement for the volunteers onsite," one emergency responder says. "When you are cleaning out flooded school classrooms filled with mud or helping to feed hurricane victims day after day, it really makes the work easier when we walk past a wall with children's pictures and personal letters of thanks."

Kate Kelly, author of Living Safe in an Unsafe World: The Complete Guide to Family Preparedness, lives in Larchmont, N.Y.



MAKING TAX TIME LESS TAXING

Do you realize that most of us will spend a month of our lives completing federal tax returns? It's true. The IRS estimates it takes the average taxpayer 13 hours a year to manually complete a federal tax return. And that doesn't include preparation time! How would you like to get those taxes done and get on with life? Use these tips below to find out how to make tax season much less taxing:

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Finance Filing Filing Taxes Electronically

Spring is in the air, which means the birds are singing, snow is melting and millions of Americans are scrambling to prepare their income tax returns. This year, don't let tax filing dampen your spirit. Instead try electronic filing—known as e-filing—to eliminate some of the hassles associated with tax season and gain some benefits as well.

In 2004, 60 million Americans e-filed their returns via computer, according to the Internal Revenue Service. "In a little over three years, our firm has gone from just a handful of returns filed electronically to virtually every return being filed electronically," says Eric F. Good, a certified public accountant with Andrews, Hooper and Pavlik in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Some of the advantages of e-filing include:

Faster refund. With e-filing, your return can be direct deposited into your bank account in 10 days or mailed to you by check in three weeks; about half the time it would take if you filed a traditional paper return.

Fewer mistakes. The IRS reports that 17.5 percent of returns prepared on paper have errors—mostly from miscalculations—and half of those errors result in an overpayment to the government. "With e-filing, the accuracy of the return is improved as clerical errors are avoided, both on the part of the preparer and the IRS," Good says.

Assured receipt. You get verification by e-mail that the IRS has received your forms within 48 hours after electronically sending your return to the federal agency. In addition, you can track your tax return's progress on the IRS website: www.irr.gov.

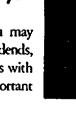
Environmentally friendly. "E-filing is the 'green' thing to do as it saves paper," says Roger Steensma of Hoffman, Steensma, and Plamondon, an accounting firm in Muskegon, Mich. (pop. 40,105).

Save time. You can skip that trip to the post office because you can file from your home computer. Plus, you can usually file your state tax returns at the same time.

It's safe. The IRS has stringent policies regarding privacy and security issues.

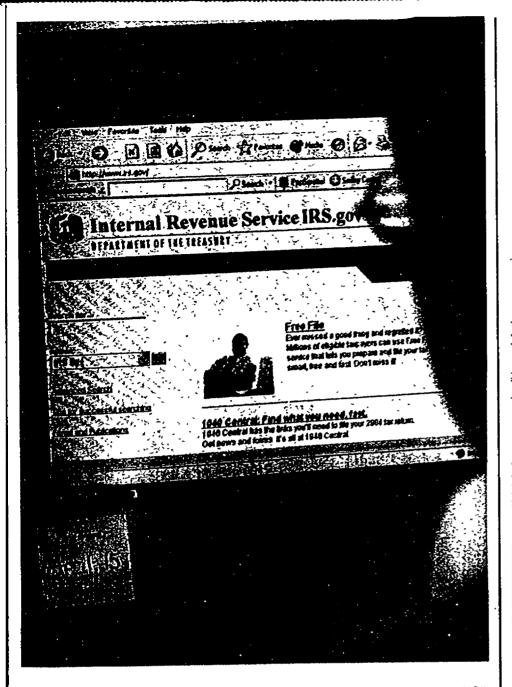
Here's how to file electronically: Step I: Gather your information.

Compile any Social Security numbers you may need, as well as W-2 forms, 1099 forms for dividends, retirement, or other income, or any 1099 forms with income tax withholding, and all other important receipts and records.



Step 2: Choose your e-filing method.

Do-it-yourself: You'll need a computer with a modern, Internet access and tax preparation software. Simply follow the directions from the software. For more information on e-filing and a list of IRS-tested-and-approved software companies, visit the IRS website. You may be eligible for free online services if you are in an average- or low-



income bracket, older than 65, or in the military. To learn more, go to the "Free File" page at ununingon.

Professional tax service: A professional tax preparer can do your taxes and e-file it for you; or e-file taxes you've prepared. Weigh their costs versus the benefits before you select one. To find a tax professional that offers e-filing in you area, use the locator service on the IRS website.

TeleFile: If you've received a TeleFile tax package in the mail, you may be eligible to e-file by telephone. Just call the toll-free number anytime day or night and follow the prompts to input tax return information using your touch-tone phone.

Step 3: E-file!

Step 4: Wait or pay.

If you get a refund, you should expect it shortly and can track it as noted earlier.

If you owe taxes, you can authorize the IRS to withdraw the amount due from your checking or savings account directly and even delay the payment until April 15. If you choose to pay by credit card, beware that you might be charged a "convenience fee," which can far exceed the IRS's 7 percent interest penalty for late payments.

E-filing is the wave of the future

"In many states e-filing will eventually be mandated by the tax authorities, so why not start having the benefits now?" Steensma says. So this year consider e-filing, and enjoy that spring day with your family instead of standing in line at the post office.

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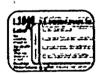
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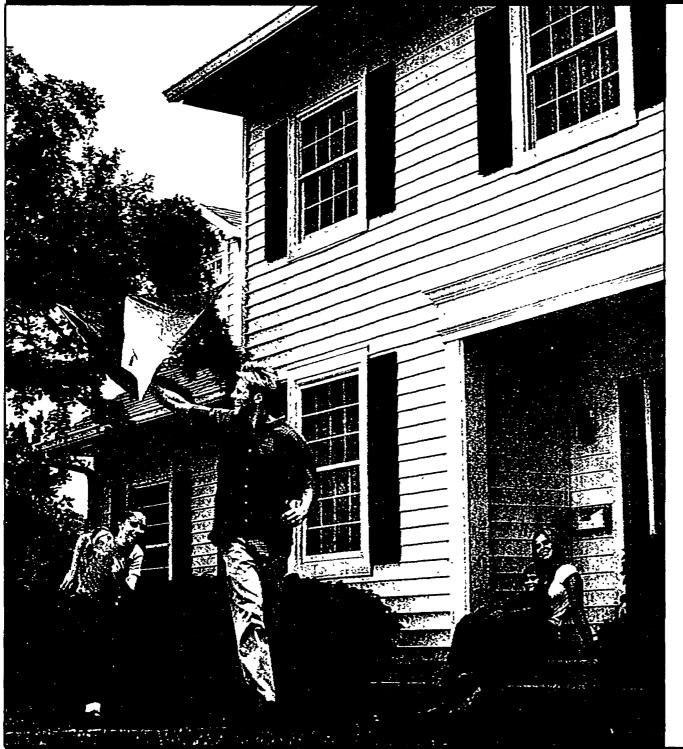


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