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mourns loss of loved one; remembers wry sense of humor

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Treva Womble is still clinging to the hug her son Seton Williams gave her before he left for his final college class. The 23-year-old's drive home to Northville from Madonna University's

Livonia campus ended tragically March 16 after a car crash ended his life. Last weekend a memorial service was



Seton Williams, 23.

ing from the shock of losing their son and

'It was just a horrible set of unimaginable circumstances," Womble said. "Who would have ever thought something could

happen between here and Madonna?"

Like the flashing images of the foursome's life on their computer screensaver, the parents' faces were an emotional series of events - disbelief, calm, tearful smiles --- as they described their older son.

"He got along with everybody," Williams said. "He had a lot of friends." The couple said their son's Valentine card to them on their 25th anniversary shows his loving nature and sense of humor. He wrote on it: "To My Parents Whom I Love and adore, many good years to come and way to stay hitched. Love, Seton.

Recounting last Wednesday's events,

the parents said the day started out like any other. Seton, living with his parents while earning his teaching certificate, had dinner with them before heading to his three-hour 7 p.m. class.

"He reached up and gave me a real big hug and kiss - which he often did - but it makes it seem that much more special now," Womble said.

Future promise

Williams' plan to become a teacher followed his graduation from Kalamazoo Western Michigan College and University with a bachelor's degree in math and physics.

"I think he would have been a good

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Going for broke

As local students head for-spring break, parents face cold chill of financial realities

By Victoria Sadlocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

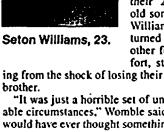
Spring break for students means sun bathing and time away from books. ente

like you have to do it." Her son, Northville High School-senior Mac-Stilec, will spend his spring break cruising with friends and adult chaperones.

The Northville mom said her son is helping with some of the costs, but the trip will cost about \$2,000.

Next up for the family is prom, which Stilec-Stevenson estimates could cost a Northville senior about \$500 followed by a graduation party.

Parents party



held. Condolences flooded in. week, This Womble and her husband, Robert Williams, along with their 21-yearold son Trevor Williams, turned to each other for comfort, still reel-

Love and laughter

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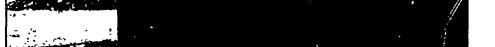


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Steve King won this Grammy in 2002 for engineering and mixing the "Best Rap Album" for artist Eminem.

Losing himself

Northville native

produces rap star

When he first met Marshall Mathers, the

King was engineering the controversial rap

"He walked in with his baby girl, Haley,"

Now a producer of and contributor to

Mathers' work, King, 46, who grew up in

Northville, lives a lifelong passion and works

taught me new things about engineering. He

"I got really lucky." King said. "(Mathers)

King said. "I had been kind of like that myself.

My son Nicholas ... went to every studio in

artist's 1997 Slim Shady EP at 54 Sound in

rapper better known as Eminem, Steve King

was immediately struck - paternally.

Eminem's music

By Kim Kovelle

Ferndale.

town with me.

"I could relate to that."

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full-time with Eminem.

RECORD STAFF WRITER

'Eight' mile

When he moved to Northville in eighth grade, King had been playing guitar three years.

He and younger sister Jennifer were inspired by mom, a classical pianist, and a dad who finger-picked guitar and mastered bluegrass on banjo.

"I would just go downstairs and hang out with him," King said.

Fueled by British rock, King picked up bass. too. His high school band played Alice Cooper songs and other tunes at Highland Lakes' clubhouse.

Dad had set the lead: Richard Lee King for decades played in a traveling bluegrass group. "In both of our kids, music was really important," the 70-year-old said, "It's something you take with you through life."

Rock bands came next for Steve. Two years after high school graduation he received a key call from a long-lost first grade friend.

"There was a band there that he knew of that was auditioning bass players," King said. "It was called The Pigs. I got the gig.'

With the group, King recorded music on Tremor Records and played at Bookie's Club 870, a once-premier Detroit punk venue. Producer and musician Don Was soon took the bassist under his wing.

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ual marks the feverish outpouring of cash.

Beginning with the March holiday through the end of a senior's high school career, Northville parents will spend on average about \$4,000.

The dollar amount includes events such as prom, commencement, graduation parties and senior announcements. It does not include money spent before March.

"It adds up, that is for sure." said Northville mother, Cayte Stilec-Stevenson. "It is almost agree an average graduation party in Northville including alcohol and a disc jokey begins at \$2,000. Adding in more expansive catering by a downtown restaurant tacks another \$1,000 or more to the tab.

No free lunch

The pre-spring break tally isn't cheap either. Items like higher-education

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Newspapers, magazines offer reading choices

By Maureen Johnston **RECORD STAFF WRITER**

Joe Mirisola studied The Economist while Kathleen Mirisola flipped through Cook's Illustrated, both nestled in sitting room chairs flanking the Northville District Library main-floor fireplace.

The couple's walk to the library from their downtown home for years has been a weekly ritual. Like many magazine lovers, they pore over text and photographs on their favorite topics for an hour or so, then resume their daily routine.

Patti Stoner usually reaches for a magazine to accompany a cup of coffee. The Barnes and Noble community relations manager at the start of the week followed a chicken dinner recipe she found in Fine Cooking, one



of many options in her favorite magazine category.

"They're wonderful because you can pick them up and put them down, pick them up and put them down," Stoner said. "When you sit down with a book, you're sucked in.

"With a newspaper or a magazine, you just flip it open."

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SPRING BROKE: local parents prepare for checkbook assault

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entrance exams, college applications, yearbooks and senior pictures quickly add up.

A representative from Angela Carson Photography in Northville said the average amount parents spend at the Wing Street studio is between \$1,000 to \$2,000. Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch in Farmington Hills offers a senior package for \$399.

In- and out-of-state campus visits is another costly expense at the beginning of the year.

One area parent said a scouting trip to George Washington University cost her family about \$850, not including the \$800 paid to hold her daughter's place in the freshman class.

Stilec-Stevenson said she is already looking toward when her son will attend college next year. "Nothing has an impact like college tuition

bills," she said. Eric Trubacs of Equitas Financial Advisors in downtown Northville estimates parents sending their child to the University of Michigan next year will spend about \$18,000 for one year, compared

to \$16,000 two years ago.

"Nothing has an impact like college tuition bills."

Cayle Sillec-Stevenson Mother of Northville High School Senior Mac Sulec

For more education news, see: Class Notes, Page 11 & Early Childhood Center changes, Page 12

Trubacs said when calculating future college expenses, parent shouldn't forget about incidentals and annual increases, which for universities is typically twice the cost of inflation.

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KING: Northville native part of Eminem's sounding board

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As assistant, King recorded the likes of Aretha Franklin and Carly Simon by night, slept on the studio couch, then awoke and started fresh sessions with Was.

"The technique he used was called 'zengineering," King said. "It's kind of just following the moment, making sure you capture the moment. It's engineering with personality vs. engineering for properness."

Marshalling success

By the time he met up with Mark Bass, the producer who discovered Marshall Mathers with brother Jeff Bass, King's craft had been honed. When they and others came together at Studio 54 in the late 1990s, things clicked. "Marshall will start playing

"Marshall will start playing something on the drums and we'll try to dial up some really unusual sounds on our instruments," King said. "We just jam. It's like a band."

Besides mastering albums, King has injected elements like the mandolin and slide guitar into different rap tunes.

Later returning to college to study music technology, The Eminem Show album earned him a 2002 Grammy for engineering. Knowing the rapper behind

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"He's really incredible with being a family man."

> Steve King Former Northyslie Resident

"alter egos," King said he admires Mathers' honesty — and that his first impression stuck. "That's his bottom line, there,

family comes first," said King. "He's really incredible with being a family man." Though keener on Big Band

music, King's dad agreed: "He's really a good businessman and a good guy."

Living in Birmingham with 15-year-old son Nick — who drums in his own band, "So It Goes" — Steve said he'll continue his career much as he engineers: in the moment.

"It was very hard for me to make it in the music business," he said. "I was patient and kind of persevered. I just go along."

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Meadowbrook Congregational Church Festival of the Resurrection

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 24

6:30 p.m. Potluck dinner 7:30 Worship

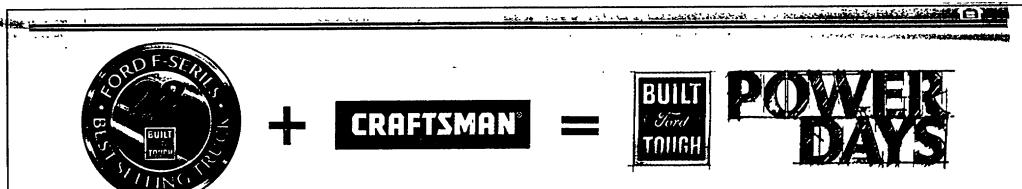
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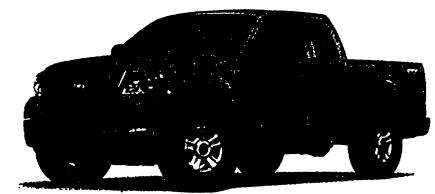


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First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., will host its annual women's retreat Saturday, April 9. Keynote speaker, author and coach Sadie Bolos will lead the session, "Finding Joy On the Journey." Her philosophy: "It's not what happens to you in life, but how you handle what happens to you that makes all the difference.

The schedule includes: 8:30-9 a.m.; continental breakfast, gathering and conversation; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., morning sessions; 12:30-1:30 p.m., luncheon, and 1:30-3:30 p.m., afternoon session, closing worship and communion.

Pre-registration cost through April 3 is \$25 per person. Registration after April 3, is \$30. E-mail registration inquiries to fpc@firstpresnville.org or call (248) 349-0911.

It's happening

The Northville Historical Society last Thursday agreed to proceed with deconstructing the 160-plus-year-old building at 166 E. Main St. Estimated cost to take down and store the structure is \$7.600.

With soon-to-be-owner Daskal Development's plans to build on the site, removal of the building is imminent. Owner Jeffrey Daskal donated the wood-frame building to the local preservationists toward their eventual goal of reconstructing it at the Mill Race Historical Village on Griswold Road.

Most recently known as the Justin York Salon, the two-story building was home to Little pizza restaurant. Ceasar's Northville's first library, a steam laundry and other businesses over the years.

To support the preservation effort, mail donations to: Northville Historical Society, P.O. Box 71, Northville, MI 48167.

City news

• Northville City Hall offices will be closed on Friday, March 25, in observance of Good Friday. Offices will reopen at 8 a.m.,

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Monday, March 28. • There is no change in the trash pickup schedule for this week. Compost pickup (leaves, brush, branches, etc.) will begin the week of April 4.

• Potholes in city streets will be VanDam's women's boutique, is patched as quickly as possible once again hosting a show of after being reported to the spring and summer fashions. Northville Department of Public Works. To report a street hazard, call (248) 449-9930. luncheon at noon, April 16, followed by the show, at Genitti's

Divorce recovery

The Single Place Ministry at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., is hosting a seven-week divorce recovery workshop starting March 31.

The topics presented 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays will include networking, stages of grief, putting your ex into focus, legal aspects of divorce, church and divorce, helping children through divorce, relationships: old and new and passages of divorce.

The cost is \$35 per person. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org.

Coming soon

The Northville Central Business Association kicks off its "Northville, We're Open" campaign April 1.

Participating merchants will remain open late on Thursday evenings; many will start to stay open Sundays. Future advertisements and win-

dow fliers will identify businesses with extended hours.

First, First Friday

The first Friday of each month from April through October will be designated as an evening to celebrate the arts downtown. Local galleries, the Art House,

local artists, arts-related business and restaurants will be featuring art exhibits, arts and crafts demonstrations and various "artsy" treats to entice Northville residents to enjoy a downtown walking tour of the arts.

Closing for opening

The Atrium Center Gallery, 109 N. Center St., will be closing March 28 in preparation for a grand re-opening April 8.

New owner Sherri Mewha will host an open house 6:30-9 p.m., Friday, April 8, to introduce her new Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art.

Extra jewels? Artists and patrons will mingle while enjoying wine, cheese and a

dessert buffet.

Spring into fashion

Chris Van Dam, owner of

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a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at

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City and Northville Township residents will be allowed entry.

Naturalist Selena Browne will

host a walk through the spring

wild flowers at Maybury State

The Friends of Maybury have

arranged for transportation from the Michigan Gift Mart, 133 W.

Main St., to depart at 10:30 a.m.

that Wednesday. The tour will

start at shelter inside the Eight

Mile Road park entrance at 11

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Wildflower walk

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The Northville Senior Community Center is asking local residents to sort through their old jewelry boxes in search of an item to donate for an upcoming jewelry sale fund-raiser.

The staff will collect donations of gently used jewelry through Friday, April 29. Proceeds will help cover the cost of senior programming at the 303 W. Main St. center.

The sale will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, May 5 at the senior center. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

Three weeks left

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.

Next stop, Japan

The Art House, 215 W. Cady St. will host Michael Farrell at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 19. The latest two-hour installment

in the travel lecture series on ancient cultures will focus on Japan and the Shinto Shrine. 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.

Maybury Friends

The grassroots groups supporting Northville's state park, the Friends of Maybury, will meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.

All are welcome. For more information, call (248) 347-0899.

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First Baptist Church of Northville 217 W. Wing St., Northville (248) 348-1020 Good Friday: 7 p.m. Easter Sunday: 11 a.m.

First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty Road., Northville (248) 348-7600 Good Friday: 1 p.m. Easter Sunday: 9 a.m., 10:50 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville 200 E. Main St., Northville

(248) 349-0911 Good Friday: 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

First United Methodist Church 777 W. Eight Mile Road., Northville (248)349-1144 Good Friday: 7:30 p.m. (at First Presbyterian Church) Easter Sunday: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m.

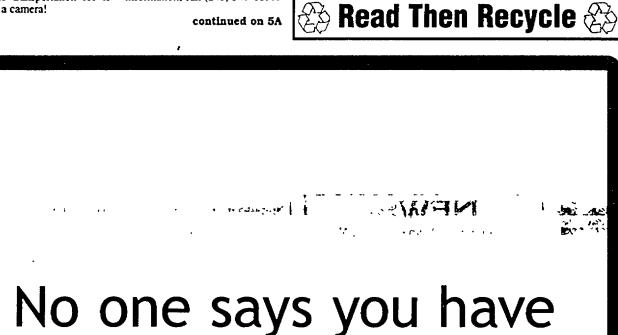
Northville Christian Assembly 41355 Six Mile Road., Northville (248) 348-9030 Good Friday: 12:30 p.m., 7 p.m. Easter Sunday: 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

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Saturday: 8 p.m. Easter Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church 201 Elm St., Northville (248) 349-3140 Good Friday: 1 p.m., 7 p.m. Easter Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

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Budget time

The city's 2005-06 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 1.

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 availability and budget hearing. • May 16 - Council to host second budget hearing and adopt the budget.

Say howdy, neighbor

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.

Friends of Maybury State Park volunteer organization has taken on the project of develop-

ing 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.

Maybury donations

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

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

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

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Northville Mayor Chris Johnson talks with Amerman student Clare Townsend, center, during his visit to teacher Chris Nadam's class. Johnson spoke about the history of Northville and how municipal offices are run.



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Submitted Photos Among the mountains Seton Williams, 23, wanted to climb was becoming a teacher.

MILITARY SERVICE

Paul J. O'Brien

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Paul J. O'Brien, son of Denise Ann O'Brien of Northville and more than 300 of his fellow sailors recently took part in commissioning the Navy's newest guided-missile destroyer, USS Nitze (DDG-94), during a ceremony held at the ship's homeport of Naval Station Norfolk, Va. O'Brien is a 1988 graduate of Wood Bridge High School of Irvine, Calif. and joined the Navy in May 2002.

Ryan E. Rays

Navy Seaman Apprentice Ryan E. Rays. son of Kathi E. Rocheleau of Northville, and Edward T. Rays of Northville, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight week program, Rays completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. Rays is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School of Canton.

Bryan W. Ryder

Army Capt. Bryan W. Ryder is one of approximately 200 soldiers assigned to the Southern European Task Force (Airborne) based at Caserma Ederle, Vicenza, Italy, who will deploy to Afghanistan to serve as a member of Combined Joint Task Force-76 (CJTF-76). GITH-76 is a combined and joint rotation unit supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Alghanistan.

indition will join other units that comprise CJTF-76 to help the Afghan people continue on their progress to a free society. Ryder, a ground maintenance officer, is the son of Charles W. and Frances M. Ryder of Northville. He graduated in 1990 from Stevenson High School, Livonia and earned a bachelor's degree in 1994 from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

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SETON: Northville family mourns loss after tragic accident

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teacher," his dad said. "He was a bright kid, but he had to work hard at it."

As part of his training last fall, Williams observed pupils at Silver Springs Elementary School, where he attended as a child. After completing that first semester, he playfully asked his mom if she knew a guy named 'Dean."

"He said, 'he put me on his list," Womble said, playfully referring to the academic list featuring students with good grades. "He was so happy, he was actually blushing. He was always giving me these one-lin-

"He was just very fun to be around.'

A parent's worst nightmare

But a late-night March 16 phone call changed everything. Womble and her husband were summoned to the hospital. Their son had been involved in an accident, they were in momerial Seton Williams' surviving family has requested memori-als be sent to: Kalamazoo College Fund, Kalamazoo College, 1200 Academy St., Kalamazoo, MI 49006.

told. "You're hoping for two broken legs," Womble said.

A few words over the telephone from St. Mary's Hospital staff in Livonia provided neither comfort nor a complete story.

Once at the hospital, reality sent their minds spinning. The accident circumstances were bizarre. Their son was lost. His young life was over before it really started.

A 24-year-old Livonia man, who reportedly failed to pay a meal tab at a nearby restaurant, dashed southbound on foot across Interstate-275 near the Five Mile overpass, according to police. Williams was headed north-

bound. He was heading home. Police said Williams tried to

Changed forever Grief seeps in slowly. "So many friends have done so many nice things," Womble said.

avoid the fleeing pedestrian and

formerly of Northville, Michigan died Friday, March 18, 2005 at the M.S. Hershey Medical Center,

Pennsylvania. Born February 19,

1911 in Ubly, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late George and Rose

(Polach) Starr. She retired from

Michigan Bell and was a member at

Church of the Holy Spirit, Palmyra, Pennsylvania. Surviving are her son

Richard Bello of Derry Township,

Pennsylvania; sister Annebelle Serratoni of North Port, Michigan; grandchildren Anthony Bello of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Emily Bello of Derry Township, Pennsylvania, Mike Hornug of Birmingham, Michigan, and Mara Harmung of Autom Mile

and Marc Hornung of Auburn Hills,

Michigan and 5 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her

husband Orville Bello and daughter

Sally Berry. Arrangements were han-died by Buse Funeral Home, Palmyra.

GORDON LEE TOWNSEND

Age 67, of Punta Gorda passed

away March 18, 2005. He was born

January 2, 1938 in Nyack, New York

and moved to Florida in January of

1995 from Northville, Ml. Mr.

Manufacturing Engineering Manager

for Ford Motor Company in Livonia,

MI. He graduated from Michigan

State University with a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering and also

M.B.A. Mr. Townsend served in the

U.S. Air Force. Survivors include his

wife Carol; daughters Dianne Corcoran of Howell, MI: Susan-Wright of Northville, MI: Linda MacLean of Northville, MI; sons,

David of Santa Rosa Beach, FL; Robert of Northville, MI; sisters Gail

Fournier, Karen Fried & Wendy Spring... Also 7 grandchildren Memorial services to be held in

Florida. Memorial donations may be

made to the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33955

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Townsend

retired

- OBITUARIES -

ROBERT HAZEN KELLY Robert Hazen 'Uncle Bob' Kelly, 83 of South Williamsport, PA, passed peacefully into heaven March 16,

"They've guided us through things

"It's been a great

Wednesday night."

swerved his Ford Focus into a trac-

He was later pronounced dead at

The Livonia man was also killed

Driving home from the hospital

later that night, Womble and

Williams felt compelled to drive

St. Mary's Mercy Hospital in

after being struck by a vehicle trav-

eling in the northbound lanes.

past the accident scene.

tor-trailer parked on the shoulder.

Treva Womble

Seton Williams' Mother

life. Until

Livonia.

2005. His nephew and minister, Pastor John C. Butler, was with him as he departed this life. Born Dec. 2, 1921 in Detroit and raised in Northville, Robert was the son of Emerson Hand Kelly and Ruth Hazen. His grandparents were Edward Hazen and Margaret Tribby. Robert was a life-long bachelor. He was pre-deceased by his only sibling, James C. Butler, who died in 1974. He is survived by two nieces, Kari (Leon) Sauder and Ruth (Bill) Schmouder of Montoursville, PA; and two nephews, Charles Butler (Sandi) of Sun Valley, Idaho and John Butler (Carol) of South Williamsport, PA Robert attended Northville schools where he graduated in 1940. He worked at the Metropolitan Opera where he met Henry Ford as well as many great performers of the era. He joined the Army-Air Force in 1941 and served in the signal corps through 1945. After the war, he traveled west and settled in San Francisco working for Southern Pacific Railroad for 37 years. He lived in California for 57 years. From 1989 to 2004, Robert was a volunteer at the Vacaville Police Department logging thou-sands of hours. Robert loved to travel (Hawaii is better than Europe!). He loved opera and was a patron of the arts. He enjoyed lapidary and was a true 'rock-hound'. Well-read and cordial, Robert was easy to like with an infectious sense of humor. He made friends easily and had a multitude of maxims about life. Robert was raised Methodist and later became Catholic. He became a member of Wings of Love Community Church, South Williamsport, PA in 2004. Robert moved to Williamsport, PA in February 2004. Wanting to be closer to his family and tending to health concerns, 'Uncle Bob' made many friends in the short time he lived here. Robert will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville

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we never knew anything about, nor wanted to know about."

More than 250 friends, relatives and the couple's Detroit Symphony Orchestra associates attended the 90-minute First Presbyterian Church memorial service Saturday. Trevor Williams, a physics major at Harvard, flew in Friday after his parents broke the news long-distance.

His lifelong playmate, his constant-computer companion, his brother, his best friend: gone.

Womble said she was most concerned about her younger son.

There's no one closer to either one than the other one," she said.

Seton Williams was a young man fascinated with Japanese cartoons known as anime, reading, "magic" card games, astronomy and computers, Zoltan, named for a Stephen King novel character, roams the Williams' home in search of his owner.

He was Seton's "lap cat" during his many hours at the keyboard, Womble said.

"It's been a great life," she said. "Until Wednesday night."

ANNE J. QUINN

Anne J. Quinn, age 92, of Northville died Saturday, March 19. She was born on February 2, 1913 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mrs. Quinn has lived in Northville since 1960. She and her husband were the owners of Northville Refrigeration, which was located on Center Street in Downtown Northville. Her husband, H. Thomas, preceded her in death in 1978. Mrs. Quinn was a very active Life Member of the Eastern Star, Orient Chapter no. 77 of Northville. Mrs. Quinn was a dear friend of Marion Dunaitis of Plymouth, Dennis (Arlene) Shields of Livonia, and Pat. Ryan, & Jason Rettman of Louisville, KY. She was loved by many close friends. A Funeral Service was held Tuesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Tuesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville (248) 349-0611. Rev. Kent Clise and Rev. James Russell with the First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiated the service. During the visitation on Monday evening an Eastern Star Memorial Service was held. Mrs. Quinn was laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Memorial contributions to the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St, Northville, MI 48167 would be appreciated.

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The first seven lines of an obituary are published free of charge. After that, there is a fee of \$3 a line. Pictures may be published for \$25.1e.

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EMMA G. BELLO ROBERT A. BASKINS 94 of Columbia Cottage, Patmyra and

Age 91, March 16, 2005. Beloved husband of the late Beverley. Dear Father of Brian (Vicky). Jack (Donna), Linda, Mike (Teri), Jill, & Alan (Cherie). Loving grandfather of 12. Brother of Berneice Wyman. The funeral service was held at Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Donations in Robert's memory may be made to American Heart Association, Memorials & Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Payshere Cir., Chicago, IL 60674. Online sympathy message at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

R. SETON WILLIAMS

Of Northville, died on Wednesday, March 16, 2005. He was 23. He was born May 22, 1981 in Southfield, MI to Robert Williams and Treva Womble. Seton was a 1999 graduate of Northville High School. During high school he played the trumpet in the NHS band. He was a 2003 graduate of Kalamazoo College with a double major in Math and Physics. He was attending Madonna University to receive his teaching certificate. Seton was the Founder and President of the Kalamazoo College Anime Club. He loved playing magic card games and online computer games. He enjoyed ballroom dancing and studying astronomy. Seton was an avid reader. His wish was to be a Gift of Life Donor so he could help others. Seton was an absolute sweetheart and was truly loved by his parents, family, and all of his friends. Survivors include = his parents, Robert, Williams and Treva Womble of Northville: his brother and his best friend Trevor Williams of Northville; and his grandmother Mattie Womble of Suffolk, VA. Services were held Saturday, March 19, 2005 at the First Presbylerian Church of Northville. Rev. Kent Clise and Rev. James Russell officiated the service. Gifts in Memory of Seton can be made to the Katamazoo College Fund, Katamazoo



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Northville Chamber of Commerce throws annual 'Taste of Northville' bash

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ABOVE: Chef Jerry Krebes of Livonia's Macaroni Grill, served up a dish of pasta milano to Taste of Northville Business Expo attendee Kristin Ericson last Wednesday night. Ericson is from Northville's Real Estate One on Center Street.

BELOW: Hundreds of people filled the corridors and cafeteria of Northville High School last Wednesday night for the Taste of Northville Business Expo.

RIGHT: Donnie Burton of Effortless Entertaining in Ann Arbor, dips a strawberry into a tower of molten milk chocolate during last week's Taste of Northville Business Expo at Northville High School.

BÓTTOM-HIGHT: Dancers from Northville's Center Stage Dance Company kicked up ""? their heels during last week's Taste of Northville Business Expo.





Residents, business owners show up with an appetite for Northville

ocky's of Northville earned the 2005 Best Restaurant Exhibit award during the Taste of Northville Business Showcase held last week at Northville High School. Orin Jewelers earned the 2005 Best Business Exhibit.

Voters included attendees and exhibitors.

"The Taste of Northville Business Showcase is a wonderful event for all ages," said Janet Bloom, marketing and events director for the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "There were hundreds of giveaways and raffles, lots of information on local businesses and a variety of samples from over 21 restaurants.

"This event is great to put on because the exhibitors get just as excited and have just as much fun as those attending."

Bloom said contributions from local sponsors made the event successful.

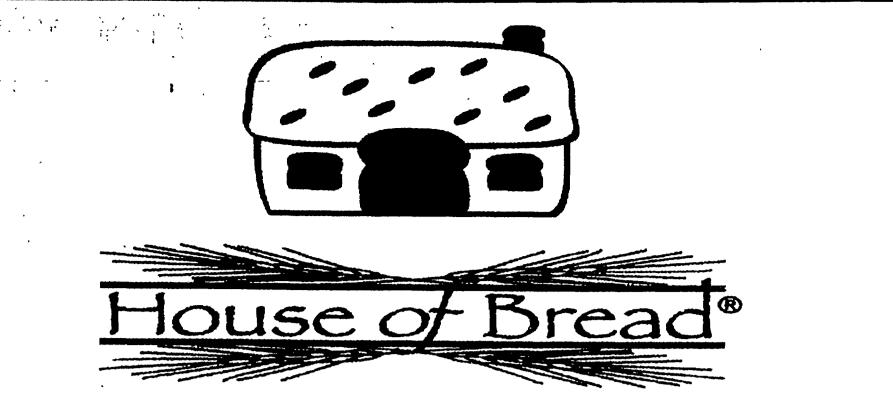
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"We wish to thank our sponsors and hosts who helped make this event a success," Bloom said. "Thank you to Citizens Bank, Farm Bureau Insurance, Heartland - Ply mouth Court and the Northville Record. Northville Public Schools, Northville High School staff and National Honor Society volunteers and the additional volunteers also describe credit."

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From storms to pipe leaks, experts offer home protection advice



By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

Over the past 10 years, Janet Bernardino has seen three water channels near her backyard swell from one foot deep to nearly seven.

Even so, she hasn't had any problems with the Johnson Creek flooding her home just west of Northville Township.

"My house is built on a little bit of a rise so things flow away from it," Bernardino said. "I did the European coating on the basement and did rubberized walls. I'm safe and dry.

By and large, Northville doesn't sit in flood plains, so Resources

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Flood awareness

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washouts that way are rare. But Michigan's Severe Weather Awareness Week reminds homeowners that spring's melting snow and stormy skies still cause leaks.

According to state numbers, thunderstorms last May led to \$150 million in economy and property damage from the highest flooding rates since 1986.

Some issues, like insufficient drain systems, aren't as prob-lematic, Township Chief Building Official Dan Smith said.

"Most of the structures in the township are fairly new, so they don't have too many problems with the buildings actually leak-

ing," Smith said. "Most sites will have some type of retention, detention pond that controls the run off."

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But as homes settle, there can be erosion. Small pockets can form near home foundations traps for water.

of six inches for the first ten feet away from the residential structures," Smith said. "Keep that (water) discharge five feet away from the building line."

patchwork, also is a flood factor. Clay-based regions take on slippery, plastic-like form under rain, Smith said, and don't absorb water as well sand and

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Source: Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Angreness

gravel.

Pipe systems, sump pumps, gutters and down spouts all should be clean and working properly, especially as snow and ice begin to melt along roof Window caulking deteriorates

over time, and roofs last about 15-20 years. "Time flies as we know," Smith said. "Good routine main-

tenance can make a difference." Plugged pipes can pose problems, according to Steven Hoppens of Northville's Henrickson Hoppens insurance agency.

> Builders can inject sealers for minor cracks, but if one part of

Cover up

"It's water that backs up through sewers and drains," Hoppens said. "People better check their policies and make sure they have sewer back-up coverage. That's very important.'

Optional, the coverage costs about 10 percent of a total annual premium, Hoppens said.

Less common is actual flood coverage. Based on flood plain maps and costing thousands yearly, the insurance is so seldom needed that the federal government handles it.

But sewer back-up is often overlooked too, Hoppens said. "In Northville now, we're having all these big homes built

with walk-out basements," said Hoppens. "Can you imagine, if you just spent \$50,000 or more, putting a bar, and you've got. your pool table and your home theater... and all the sudden water starts shooting up?

Ouside, not in

Outside many homes, emergency outlets also can be modified to pour water outside the house. Keep an eye on wall cracks, too. If it leaks, Smith said, it's time to get it checked. "That is not a good thing," he

said. "It's just as well to get it taken care of, the sooner the better.'

"People better check their policies and make sure they have sewer back-up coverage. That's very important."

> Steven Hoppens Northville's Henrickson' Hoppens Insurance Agency

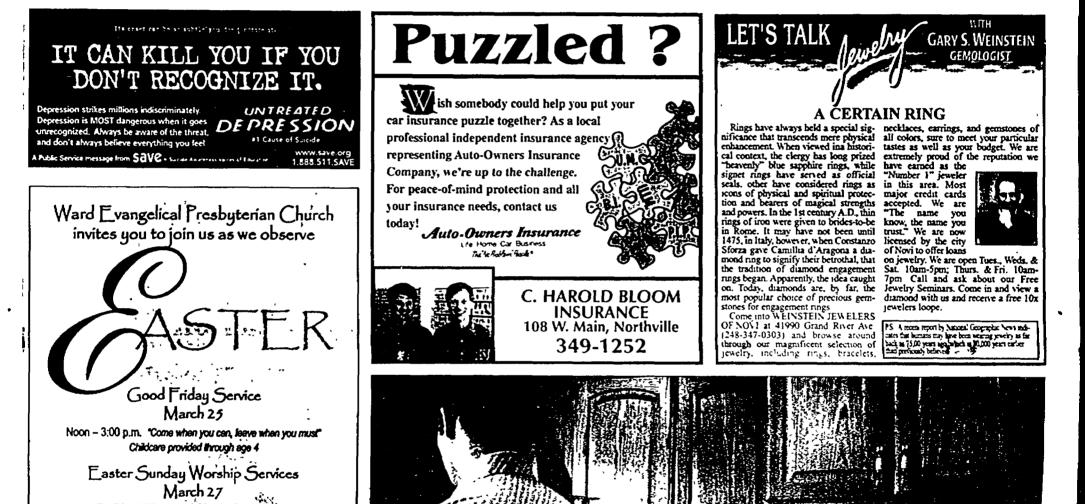
the wall is physically closer, it's a sign of foundation problems:

As for those like Bernardino who dwell near Rouge River streams, keeping an eye on the outside is key, too.

"I keep more than 150-foot buffer between any space that I use and the creek," she said. We have no intention of building in the flood plain or any of that."

When the waters do flare, she said, "It's an interesting, natural event for me."

Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or via e-mail at kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net.



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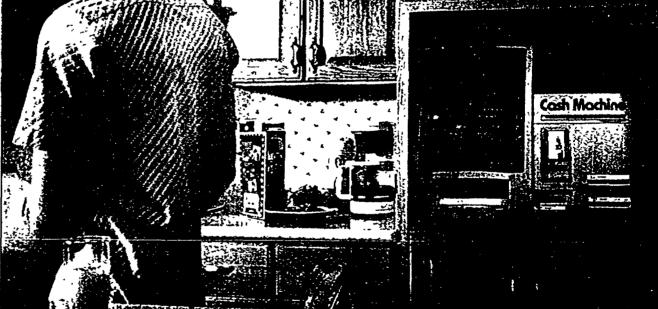
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Township gets closer to swapping 15 acres

Not everyone agrees; residents worry about possible retail

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

2 milli . Control of Since moving to Northville Hollow, Thomas Termini said traffic has become all but unbearable.

The widening of Sheldon Road, which faces his backyard, has bolstered speeds and volume near Five Mile Road.

"My wife hasn't been able to sleep in our bedroom in a year," said Termini, 57. "If a big truck comes by there, you can feel the house shake. We cannot sit on our deck in the back in the summertime, it's so loud."

Termini and other residents last week protested a possible swap that could turn 15 undeveloped township acres near their homes into retail space.

On March 17, the board of trustees voted 4-2 to sell the land to the township's economic development corporation, which would pursue a commercial rezoning.

Then, in return for acreage, the township would receive from Farmington Hills-based developer Grand Sakwa 168 acres further west.

End result: the township could make money leasing the new land, while the developer could build about 92,000 square feet of retail near Sheldon Road. The move could increase township revenue, according to Greg Myers of Silverlode Consulting, Inc., township economic consultant

"That 168 acres is a huge asset," Myers said. "Regardless of how it's developed over time, it is going to present a significant opportunity for the township."

Opportunity knocks?

According to Silverlode estimates, during the next 10 years the 120-acre parcel would generate \$6.7 million in property taxes and land-lease revenue.

If developed, that amount could rise to \$33.1 million.

During last Thursday's study Township Supervisor session, Mark Abbo requested a forecast from Don Kegley of Farmington Hills developer Cunningham-Limp.

Kegley envisioned a light industrial use.

"I think a private developer would be very interested in partnering with the township," he said.

Abbo said the township can't lease the land outright because of Michigan laws, but the economic development corporation could.

Treasurer Dick Henningsen and Trustee Chris Roosen voted against the move. Clerk Sue Hillebrand was absent.

"Clearly we need to come to terms with the Five and Sheldon property," Roosen said.

Resident George Sharp, 54, who lives near the Sheldon Road prop-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville Hollow resident John Wiktor is concerned about what size and type commerical development may be built on the property at the northeast corner of Sheldon and Five Mile - visible from his back porch.

erty, said residential zoning was part of the reason he bought his home in June 2003.

"I explicitly checked with the planning department," Sharp said. They said it would take an act of God to change it from residential. We thought we were going to be backing up against more homes."

Board officials raised concerns about noise and the need for a pumping station to help water pressure.

Make a Difference

The home of John Wiktor, 56, is right behind the site. He hopes trees and shrubs will separate his home

"You're going to have trucks pulling in to make deliveries," he said, "That's a concern the neigh-

bors have." Abbo said retail tax benefits now going to Livonia and Plymouth could be turned to Northville if the deal goes through.

"It doesn't make sense as resi-

look back at in regret."

Northville Hills Golf Club, Sarah Ellison, 72, questioned the need for stores.

"I'm not at all convinced that more commercial activity is warranted," she said. "We have within

dential land anymore," Abbo said. "This is what I view as an opportunity, that if we don't take it now, I'm afraid that we would always

Living across Sheldon in

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ant Silverlode.

At issue

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Northville Township owns

acres at the northeast corner

15 undeveloped residential

of Five Mile and Sheldon

Township officials are

considering rezoning the land to commercial via its

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poration, then swapping it

with developer Grand Sakwa

for 168 acres near Five Mile

Purchased by the town-

ship for \$630,000 in 1997,

the 15 acres will be paid off

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Sakwa's land currently is

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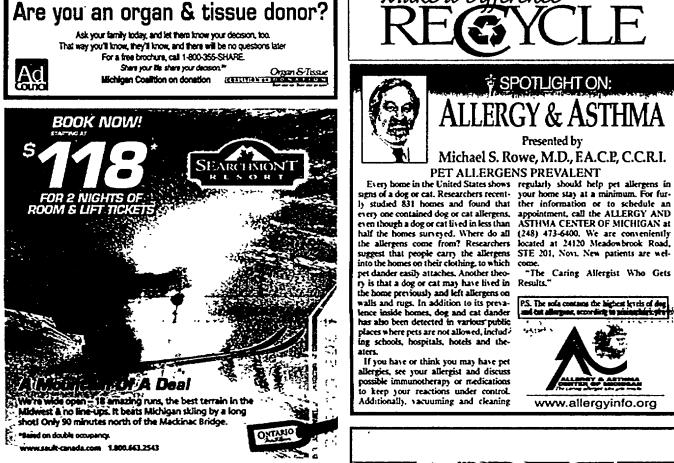
\$2.2 million, according to

corner of the intersection. Already zoned commercial, that land remains undeveloped.

As for the 15 acres outside Nonhville Hollow, no rezoning has yet been made.

The economic development corporation will take the issue to township planning commissioners and trustees.





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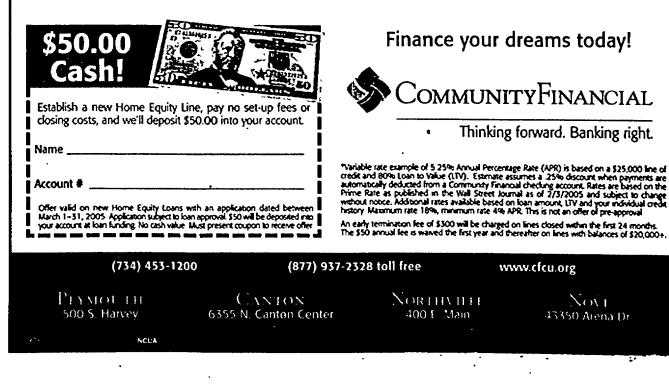
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Driver education

Applications for Segment 1 Driver Education classes will be available in the Northville High School office beginning April 1. The enrollment fee of \$320 cov-ers both Segment 1 in the summer 2005 and Segment 2 in the fall/winter 2005-06. The application deadline is Friday, April 22. For further information, call Kelly Covert at (248) 344-8427.

Kindergarten screening

Wayne County technicians will be visiting the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center Kids' Creative Corner and Child Care classrooms to conduct vision and hearing tests for children entering kindergarten in the fall. The free screening will take place Wednesday, April 20 at Thornton Creek Elementary School; Friday, April 22 at Main Street; and Wednesday, April 27 and Friday, April 29 at Ridge Wood Elementary School. Vision screening is required by the State of Michigan for all children entering kindergarten. Screening may also be performed by a family physician.

Open enrollment

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.

Fulbright updates

Hillside Middle School is hosting two teachers and the principal of Nanbu Jr. High School in Komatsu, Japan this week. During the visit, Hillside teacher Jennifer 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 research projects with Northville teachers.

School board meeting

The next Northville Board of Education meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

New scholarship

Oak Pointe Church will award The open enrollment deadline a \$500 dollar scholarship each year to a Northville High School student demonstrating character, love for students and other similar qualities. The student will be selected by Oak Pointe Church pastor Bob Shirock in close coop-eration with Northville High School principal Dennis Colligan. The scholarship serves as a thank you to the district from the church for eight years of use of the school facilities.

NHS senior party

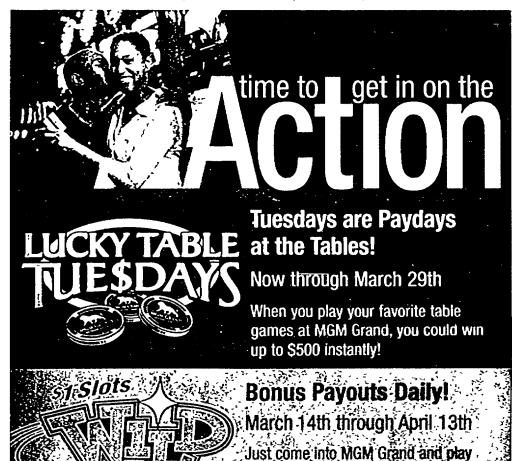
Tickets are on sale now for the Northville High School Class of 2005 Senior All Night Party. The event will begin 10 p.m. Saturday, June 4 and conclude 4 a.m. Sunday, June 5. Tickets are \$70 and checks should be made payable to Northville Senior Class Party and mailed to Jan Jameson, 583 Morgan Ct., Northville, MI 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 or e-mail ccstimm@aol.com.

Class of 2005 graduation

The Northville High School Class of 2005 graduation ceremony will take place 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4 at Compuware Arena. District officials said the later time will help accommodate student athletes and allow graduates to proceed directly to the allnight party.

Compiled by Record education reporter Victoria Sadlocha





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Silver Springs Elementary School student Summer Locicero inspects half a human brain during a brain awareness assembly at the Northville school last week. Neuroscientists from Wayne State, University brought in human brains for the students to review. Pupils learned the brain has two hemispheres, a protective membrane and many lobes corresponding to specific abilities like speech, hearing and memory.

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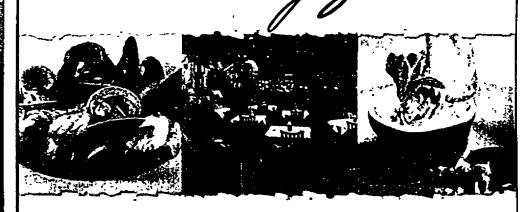
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Lunch: Bring it or buy it

Northville's Early childhood center offers different lunch options for local kids

By Victoria Sadlocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

Parents of children in Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center program will have more choices next year.

Leading the list for the 2005-06 school year is brown bag or purchased lunches.

In exchange for no fee increase, parents of kids in the district's Child Care and Wondergarten programs will have the option of sending their tots with a lunch or purchasing meals a la carte.

Currently, the price of a lunch is included in the cost of care.

"I think the changes are kind of non-consequential," said Northville mother Maria Simonte.

Simonte said now parents who send food with their children will not be paying twice. "What I do think is kind of good is kids will get

used to using lunch tickets," she said. A ticket-for-food system the same as in the

school district will be used for kids arriving without a home-packed lunch.

Eileen Freeman, director of Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center program, said classroom teachers will assist in coordinating the efforts and menus will be sent out ahead of time for families to review.

"It is to provide the option for parents because we do have children who bring their lunch everyday and they were still having the school lunch in addition, so it was a lot of wasted food," Freeman said.

"I'm hoping that the parents will embrace it. We didn't really take anything away because there is still an option there and people can still buy a lunch everyday. Children may get in a schedule of where they are buying all the time or bringing all the time or a mix.

The program's food services projection will decrease in 2005-06 by \$83,141 because of the lunch change along with the decision to change the Summer Program from a full breakfast to a breakfast snack, which is cereal and milk.

Other program changes include restructuring Wondergarten program hours. The supplemental

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"It is to provide the option for parents because we do have children who bring their lunch everyday and they were still having the school lunch in addition, so it was a lot of wasted food."

Elleen Freeman Director, Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center Program

kindergarten program will be offered in the morning and afternoon in three-and-a-half hour blocks next year.

Daily fees will be reduced as a result of the change.

Parents needing further care will then enroll their children in the center's Kids' Club program. "So Wondergarten adds on to Kids' Club to

make a full six-hour day if that is needed." Freeman said. "And the same for the morning. This structure provides a nice option for parents."

Freeman said the change should create more openings in the Kids' Club program if parents do pick up their children after Wondergarten.

Aggregate changes for the 2005-06 school year, including the Wondergarten restructuring, will create about 40 extra spaces program-wide.

About 81 children are currently on the center's waiting list.

Net revenue for the Early Childhood Center program is expected to increase in the 2005-06 school year by \$8,225.

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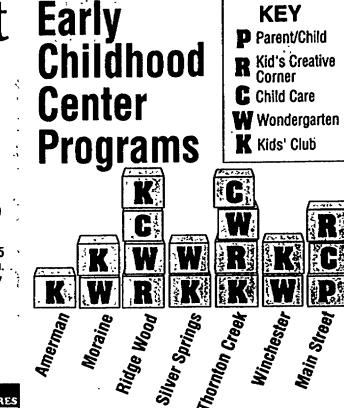
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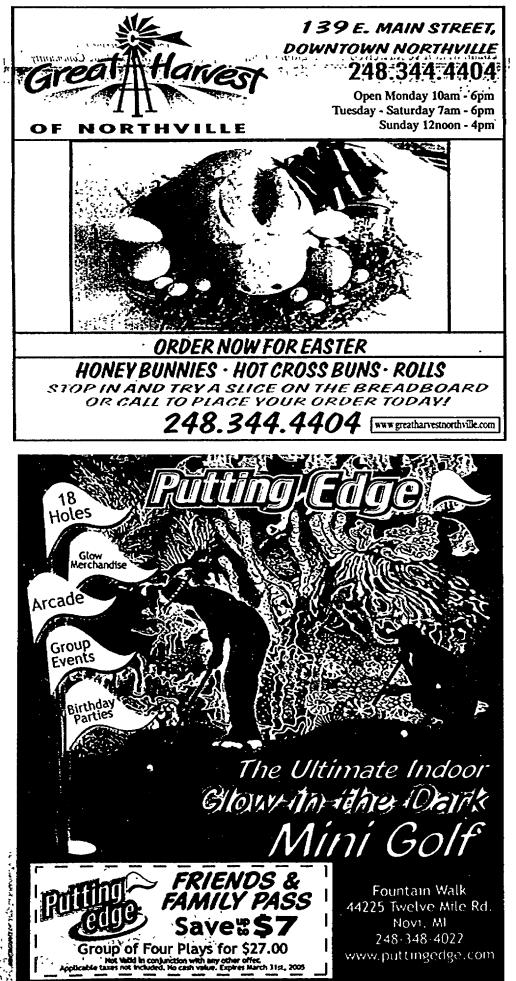
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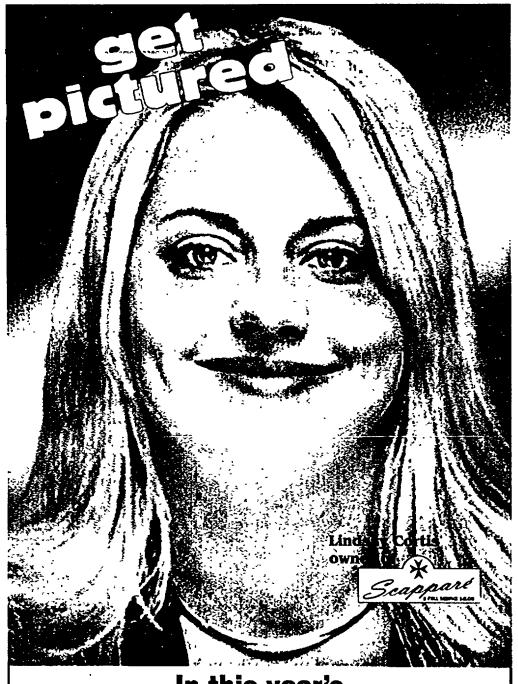






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Shark Tales! **RIGHT: Meads Mill Middle** School student Brian Makowski lends some perspective to a great white shark photo projected by

Marine Mamal Research's Dr. Greg Mann during a presentation on "Ocean Treasures" last week.

FAR RIGHT: Dr. Greg Mann shows off a tiger shark's jaw during his "Ocean Treasures" presentation at Meads Mill Middle School. Students learned why a polar bear can't eat a penguin: they're at opposite. ends of the earth's pole's.



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School district holds special meeting

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education will hold a special meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 in the Hillside Middle School auditorium, 775 N. Center Street. The meeting will be held to hear rec-ommendations from the district's short-term options committee formed to find a solution to the impending student overcrowding dilemma.

School officials anticipate an un-houseable number of elementary school students are projected in varying attendance areas throughout the next two years.

The meeting will be followed by two town-hall style gatherings focusing on the committee's findings. The town-hall style meetings will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 at Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road and Thursday, April 7 at Hillside Middle School.

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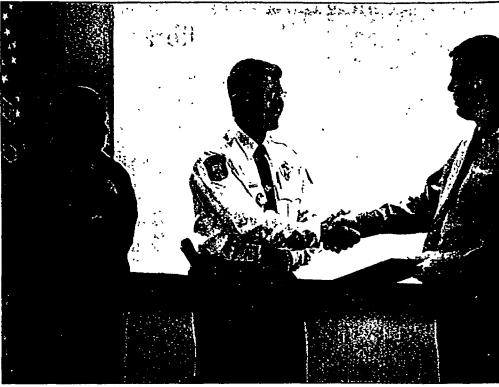
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Thank you!

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As Northville Police Deparment Capt. Norm Kubitsky watches, former police detective Dave Fendelet is recognized by the Northville Youth and Family Forum and Bob Sornson, right, for his committments to the health and well-being of local children. Fendelet noted the city's zero tolerance policy to drug, alcohol and tobacco use has helped the community build better youngsters.

Downtown jewelry heist remains unsolved

By Maureen Johnston

RECORD STAFF WRITER

Investigation into the Jan. 27 robbery of Goldsmith Galleries, 101 MainCentre, has not yet resulted in any arrests.

A month and a half after the early morning breakin, all the initial leads have been followed, Northville Police Det. Sgt. Mike Carlson said. The case remains open.

The department was alerted just after 4 a.m., Jan. 27, by Goldsmith Galleries' security company. By the time officers arrived on the scene, suspects had escaped with an undisclosed amount of jewelry they had grabbed from store showcases.

"It's still ongoing, but things have slowed down drastically," Carlson said. "No new developments, unfortunately.

"What we hope, when evidence comes back from the crime lab, it will point us in a new direction."

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



POLICE REPORTS

Model apartment furniture stolen

All the furniture in a township model apartment reportedly was stolen sometime between March 10 and 15.

In order for an interior decorator to gain access, the door was kicked in March 10, according to police reports. When carpenters returned several days later, all the furniture reportedly was gone. The owner told police the door latch had never been fixed and was ajar throughout the weekend.

Stolen items included two sofa-and-love-seat sets, two dinette sets, two mattresses, two box springs and a dryer. With no leads, the case was closed.

Intoxicated woman drove kids

Pulled over by police for an expired license plate, a Canton woman was found intoxicated with her two children in tow.

At 7 p.m. March 16, township police saw the 40-year-old woman's van traveling east on Mile Road toward Six

Northville Road. When stopped, she reportedly said she was taking her daughter, 9, and son, 7, to Ward Presbyterian Church.

Performing a breathalyzer test, police found the woman's blood alcohol content at .159. The legal state limit is .08.

The children were sent to a neighbor's house, and the woman is expected at 35th District Court today.

Alcohol linked to car crash

Police said drunk driving was to blame for a two-vehicle accident that occurred March 12 in the township.

At 8:15 p.m., a van reportedly plowed into a sports utility vehicle stopped at a red light on southbound Beck, north of Five Mile Road.

Police noticed the 48-year-old Plymouth driver swaying, and performed a breathalyzer test. The woman's blood alcohol content was .18. The legal state limit is .08.

'Kidnapping' was a prank

fold, six teenagers pulled a birthday prank on a friend that got police involved.

At about 8 p.m. March 12, the teens, who reportedly work at a local McDonald's, were spotted tying up another young man. The victim did not appear to be fighting, the witness said.

Police tracked the car, which belonged to one of the teen's moms, who was aware of the prank. The "victim" told police it was all in fun and he wasn't harmed. 1

Two stray dogs found

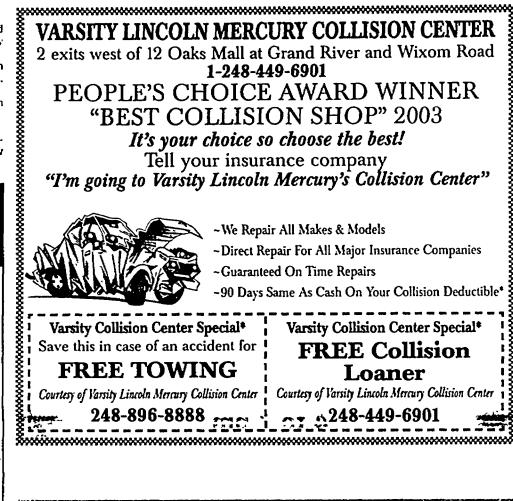
Township police recently located two dogs whose owners have not yet stepped forward.

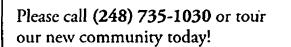
A 110-pound, gray and black dog was discovered at about 12:30 p.m. March 20 near Edward Hines Drive and Six Mile Road.

Barking and chasing two horses in a corral, a pit bull was located in the 17000 block of Beck at about 8 a.m. March 17. Both dogs were taken to a

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Nora Samsel, a department manager at Northville Township's Barnes and Noble, rearranges some of its hundreds of different magazines. Samsel said their most unique magazine was one entirely devoted to the raising of alpacas.



READING: magazines are popular pageturners among bookstore, library visitors

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Everybody

Staff members stocking the periodical shelves at the Cady Street library and the mile-long rack at the Northville Township Barnes and Noble have noticed there are no bounds with magazine readers: they are both genders, all ages and have extremely diverse interests.

And for every interest, it seems, there is a publication. From art to electronics, crafts to music, travel to wine, publishers put out soft-covered pages weekly, monthly, quarterly and annually.

While oldies but goodies like Tune, The NewYorker and U.S. News & World Report have long graced the shelves of book store and library alike, boards and corporations continually add and drop titles based on demand.

"Our selection is revised at least once a year when we'll bring in the new titles or, if they haven't sold as many, we'll drop them," said Barnes and Noble magazine department manager Nora Samset.

For example, the home decorating boom has produced many new specialized magazines on topics: curtains, bedrooms, log homes, regional styles, gardening, layouts and on and on. Brides-to-be can specifically study cakes, destination wedding locations, flowers and more.

Every taste

Barnes and Noble bookselling experience has shown Stoner and Samsel there is no firm data on magazine habits. They estimated men and women purchase periodicals about equally. And customers may buy one or purchase a stack of books and newspapers as well.

The library has the cost advantage over stores, with no-charge borrowing. The only limitation is the most recent issue must stay in the library until the next one arrives, said Northville District Library assistant director Anne Mannisto.

At Barnes and Noble, national, international and regional publications range in price from \$1.99 to \$25, Samsel said. The soft-cover annual Swiss Watchmaking Year is almost like a book, she said. The just-introduced Life and Style detailing, "who wore what," was tagged the lowest. The most unusual publication Nora cited was a seasonal publication for alpaca breeders. Among the store's best sellers: Sports Illustrated, O, Real Simple, Cosmopolitan, The Economist, People, Us and Newsweek.

Both the library and Barnes and Noble offer a selection of youth and children's publications displayed separately from the main racks. Most of the business magazines – Forbes, Kiplinger's, Money and Business Weekly – at the library are stored on the lower level.

Library staff members accept public suggestions and watch for trends when considering new magazines to stock, library director Julie Herrin said.

"The cooking and decorating ones are very popular," she said. "We just kind of keep an eye on what people are interested in."

The library's research magazines now available on-line also changed what the staff puts on the shelf, Herrin said.

"That has helped us focus on our collection a little differently," she 'said. "We want to provide more of the ones people want to sit down with and read."



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That could be as early as this fall, depending on how, well the grass planted last year grows. More likely, spring of 2006 is expected.

Township officials March , 17 agreed to spend up to \$35,500 on pathways and inrigate five practice fields for soccer and lacrosse.

The cost will be offset by more than \$67,500 from Consumers Energy for easements and tree funds related to the park. Soccer organizations would fund operations.

"It makes it a lot more usable," said Trustee Marv Gans, who proposed the additions. The board approved the move 6-0. Clerk Sue Hillebrand was absent.

A proposed grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, however, failed 3-3. The township would have supplied 50 percent of a \$500,000-\$800,000 cost, while the DNR would have covered the other half.

Funds could have covered picnic shelters, sand volleyball courts, basketball courts, a fishing pond and other trail and pathway issues.

"I'm not interested in spending money until we have a consistent means to fund annual operations," said Supervisor Mark Abbo. He nixed the move with Chris Roosen and Dick Henningsen.

REI subcommittee to meet

Developer Real Estate Interests will meet with a township subcommittee April 7 to discuss its plan for Seven Mile Road's former state hospital property. The subcommittee, which includes trustees and planning commissioners, was formed at a March 7 meeting, wherein the developer pitched its plans for the 415 acres.

CENTRAL



Susan Greenlee, new president of Voices of Maybury, and others are making sure the reconstruction efforts of Maybury's farm and its barn continue through the cold winter months.

Bike paths approved

A pathway connecting Northville township and city is getting closer to reality.

Earlier this week, a \$350,000 grant for the project was awarded to local governments by the State of Michigan.

Last March, another \$52,728 grant was received from the GreenWays Initiative.

The project cost is being shared by city and township. Township trustees March 17 approved a \$6,500 environmental assessment for the site.

Youth director sought

The Northville Youth Assistance

Relay For Life

hopes to have a permanent director by May 1. For the past several weeks, Sue Campbell has served as interim director after Mary Ellen King retired. Northville Youth Assistance is located at 775 N. Center St. Those interested in the position should call (248) 348-5800. ext. 10488.

Commons path work

Nonhville Commons' pathways should see reconstruction efforts begin soon.

The homeowners association will fund the work to patch old paths running behind their houses.

Bids will open May 4 and close May 9. Construction is expected to run July 11-Aug. 12. The township approved the work last year.

Garden club donations

Northville donated \$1,000 last month to Northville Parks and Recreation, the latter reported. Funds will be used for plantings

Building department vehicle Northville Township's building

budget. The fleet vehicle will be delivered from Central Lake, Mich.

Efforts to fix 3,950 feet of water

approved a design for the project. which will span east of Bradner.

The township budgeted \$26,000 for the work, but OK'd a cap of \$31,000 set by consultant Ayers,

Explorer at a \$26,008 price tag. The department had marked \$29,000 for the purchase in its 2005

Five Mile water main fix

main along Five Mile Road could

Lewis, Norris & May. The project will be bid April 7, and construction should be complete July 29.

Building payment updates

Township trustees last Thursday approved the latest payments on its municipal buildings.

The township hall bill was \$57,190. Police headquarters renovations cost \$26,908, with an extra \$2,059 approved for electrical work. No payments were made on the fire headquarters.

Liquidated damages for work delays on the new buildings is \$125,250, township consultants reported.

Commission meeting coming

Northville Township's planning commission convenes at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 29. Meetings are held at township hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. For more information or to receive an agenda, call (248) 348-5800.

Township office closure

Township offices will be closed Friday, March 25 for Good Friday.

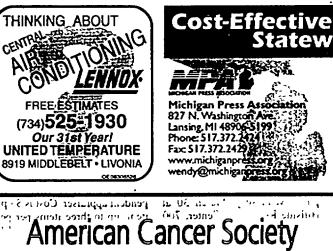
Harley up for raffle

Nonhville Township's police and command officers are offering the chance to win a 2004 Harley Davidson FLHPI Police Special Road King Motorcycle.

The bike will be rafiled off at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 7 at Sheehans on the Green restaurant in Plymouth. All proceeds will go to the Northville Township Police and Command Officers Associations.

Tickets are limited to 3,000, and there is a \$20 donation per ticket. For more information, call (248) 449-5090.

To submit an item for consideration in Township Briefs, e-mail Hovelle@ht.homecomm.net.





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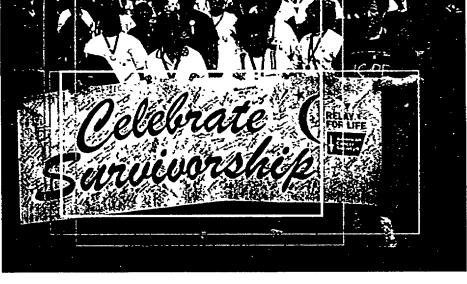


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throughout Northville parks.

The Country Garden Club of

begin June 13. Township trustees last week



Your American Cancer Society is rallying the Novi - Northville communities to participate in the annual Relay For Life, the Society's signature event. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life, a team-based fundraising event, is a unique, empowering and fun way to make a difference in the fight against cancer.

Build a Team!

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If you would like to rally together a team of your own, contact your American Cancer Society. Teams usually consist of family members, friends, co-workers, civic groups, religious organizations or students. Youth groups are also encouraged to get involved! .

Sponsor the Relay!

The American Cancer Society is always looking for companies and organizations to help sponsor the event. If you or someone you know is available to make a contribution, give an in-kind donation or help at the event, call your American Cancer Society today!

Novi - Northville Relay For Life Ford Field

Saturday, May 14 - Sunday, May 15, 2005 10 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Call 248.557.5353 or visit www.cancer.org to learn more



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Local Events

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Northville Youth Assistance mentor training

Northville Youth Assistance matches youths from the 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 Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, For more information, call Sue Campbell at (248) 344-1618 or email youthassistance@twp. northville.mi us.

Detroit Institute of Art presentation

This slide show will be on the Detroit Institute of Art's medieval architecture collection. It will be 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Friday, March 25 at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call (248) 449-9950.

Marguis Theatre

Marquis Theatre is presenting "Peter Cottontail," 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; Sundays, 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 \$1, Northville.

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 roads.

Grief Support Workshops

This free workshop is open to the community. Meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. for seven Tuesdays, beginning April 5, at Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main St. For information about other grief support groups offered or to register for this series, call the New Hope Center office at (248) 348-0115.

Northville Yoga Class

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

Genitti's Upcoming

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 the prize of a paperback book.

Northville Genealogical Society

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 invite members and the public to visit "The Book Cellar," the 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 offering detailed information and independent analysts' reports funds and equities. Find out more at the reference desk, Northville Labrary, 212 W. Cady St.

Spring 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 age-appropriate children who are registered. There are four sessions and each includes 13 children accompanied by a caregiver. Register for one of the following: 10.15 a.m., Mondays, March 28-May 2; 10:15 or 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays, March 30-May 4; or 10:15 a.m., Thursdays, March 31-May 5. Call (248) 349-3020.

Spring Storytime for Children

Children ages 4, 5 or in kindergarten and comfortable attending without a caregiver may join this six-week series of 45-minute storytimes. Younger or older children or non-registered siblings may not attend. Each program features stories and creative activities, so children should also be able to use scissors, glue, etc. Each session includes 20 children. Register for one of the following sessions: 4-4:45 p.m. Mondays, April 11-May 16; 10:15-11 a.m. or 2-2:45 p.m. Tuesdays, April 12-May 17. Register by phone at (248) 349-3020 or in person

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

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon, radio personality, author and newspaper columnist, will discuss consumer issues and the appliance industry, 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 meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. The public is welcome.

Seniors

Tax counseling services

Volunteer tax counselors will prepare taxes 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Thursdays through April 14. There is no charge for this service, but you must make an appointment. Contact the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St., at (248) 349-4140.

Senior Center Calendar

Thursday, March 24: 9 a m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly 9:30 a.m.: Westland Mall 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle All day: massage appointments All day: help with taxes Friday, March 25: Closed for Good Friday Observance Monday, March 28: noon: Blood pressure 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

Tuesday, March 29: 9:30 a.m.: Meijer grocery shopping

I2:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Computers I Wednesday, March 30: noon: Bridge 1 p.m : Computers II

Mill Race

Mill Race Historical Village

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

Scheduled events are as follows: Thursday, March 24: archives open, 9 a.m.; Eclipse Hot Stove, 6 Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net; Ken Naigus of the arts commission at kdn@comcast.net or the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449g950.

Arts Commission

Meets at 7:30 p.m., second Wednesday of the month, Art House, 215 W. Cady SL

Beautification Commission

the of the month, city hall, 215 W. Main Cady St., Meeting Room B. call

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 St. For further information about meetings, call Northville city clerk at (248) 349-1700.

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 its parks and community centers to learn about activities and facilities. With questions about programs or suggestions, 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.

Youth basketball spring league sign-ups

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

dues, contact Tom James of www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

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. Karen Ritterhouse instructs. This workshop is for children 6-13 years old. Classes will be held 4:15-5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, April 5-May 3 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 at class.

Paper Book Class

Children, ages 7 and up, will make five or six different types of books using card stock, paper, and other easy-to-find items. This class is a fundraiser to benefit the Art House. It will be held 2-4 p.m., Saturday, April 23, at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. The fee is \$14 per resident; additional nonresident fees apply. A \$2 supply fee is due at class.

SKRUFF V

Band demos are currently being accepted. Five local and regional teenage bands will be chosen to perform. Forward CD demos and promotional materials to: SKRUFF Committee, c/o Northville Parks and Recreation, 700 W. Baseline Road, Northville, MI, 48167.

Ocean Science Class

Children ages 3, 4 and 5 will learn about the science and the ocean in this hands-on look at the sea, sand and surf. The class will be held 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, May 10 at Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road. The fee is \$34 per resident; additional non-resident fees apply. For more information, visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Machine Mania Class

This class is for kindergartenfifth grade and will examine the concepts of incline planes and pulleys. It will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday, March 30 at Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road. The fee is \$70 per resident; additional nonresident fees apply.

Employment Opportunities

Northville Parks and Recreation is seeking individuals for part-time summer employment including building attendants, lifeguards, day camp counselors, and Safety Town Director. Applications and job descriptions are available at www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Regional

Fitness Hikes 🕠

The next hike, sponsored by the Crossroads Group of the Sierra Club, is 5:30 p.m., Friday, March 30 at Kensington Metropark, at I-96, exit 151, Kensington Road. Meet at the nature center. For more information, contact Cheryl.McConnel@michigan.si erraclub.org.

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Novi Bowling Classes

This 10 week bowling class is for children, ages 8 and up. It will be 5 p.m., Mondays, April 4-June 13 at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road, Novi. The cost is \$110 for Novi residents. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

Open Ice Skating

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 arena is at 42400 Arena Drive, Novi. For information, call (248) 347-1010.

Line Dancing at Novi Ice Arena

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 arena is located at 42400 Arena Drive. For more information, call Jean at (248) 348-9116.

Spring Mud Fling

Family pottery workshop is 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday-Thursday, March 29-31 at Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road. For more information or to register by tomorrow's deadline, call (734) 416-4278.

Antique Roadshow

Virginia Rournier will be at the Novi library, 1-4 p.m., Saturday, April 16 to appraise antiques. She is a certified, independent appraiser. Cost is \$3 per item; up to three items per person. No advance registration needed. The library is located at 45245 Ten Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

Wynton Marsalis Quintet

The Wynton Marsalis Quintet will be performing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m., Sunday, April 17 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For more information call (313) 576-5111.

Attractions

Come see "Michigan Hold 'Em" at this Northville interactive dinner theater. Fridays and Saturdays through June. The cost is \$45.

"The Dragon of Elderberry Castle" will run at the children's lunch theater, Saturdays and Sundays through June. The cost is \$14.95 for kids and \$16.95 for adults.

Presenting "The Reflections", 6:30 p.m., Saturday, May 7. The cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner and dancing.

Call (248) 349-0522 for times and reservations. Genitti's is located in downtown Northville, 108 E. Main St.

Michael Farrell Lecture Series

This lecture is titled Art and Architecture — Japan and the Shinto Shrine. It will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19 at the Art House. 215 W. Cady St. The fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, call (248) 449-9950.

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 students.

Golf Outing

Young Life is sponsoring a golf outing on Thursday, May 19 at Links of Novi, 50395 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. For information, call Paul Anker at (248) 349-8425 or Mike Neville at (248) 449-8234.

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

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

The new Kids' Club is an afterschool 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 at (248) 349-3020.

Between the Lines

Between the Lines is an adult monthly reading group that alternates between fiction and non-fiction books. Discussion on "The Jane Austen Book Club" by Karen Jane Fowler will be 7 p.m., Monday, April 11, Northville library, 212 W. Cady St. Contact the library for information at (248) 349-3020.

Family Fun Storytime

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

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.

Books, 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 Wapo. The autho. will attend to discuss writ-

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archives closed for Good Friday. Saturday, March 26: 21st Michigan, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 27: Mill Creek, 10 a.m.

Monday, March 28: Rug Hookers, 10 a.m.; Lions Club, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 29: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, March 30: Mill Creek, 7 p m. Thursday, March 31: archives

open, 9 a.m ; rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Maybury Farm Hayrides and Sleigh Rides

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

Looking for You

Meals-on-Wheels Drivers

Meals-on-Wheels needs drivers and substitute drivers. 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

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 28-April 1 at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. The cost is \$130 per student; additional nonresident fees apply. For more information, call (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Cheer/Pom Spring Break Clinics

Clinics for first-fourth graders will be held 1-2:30 p.m, and for fifth-eighth graders, 2:45-4:15 p.m., Monday, March 28-Friday, April I. Promoted are fitness, dance routines, stretching, jumps and cheers. Both clinics will be at Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road. The cost is \$75 per student; additional non-resident fees apply. For more information, call (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Spring Break Open Swim

Open swim hours will be 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, Wednesday, March 30 and Friday, March 31 at the Hillside Aquatic Center. The fee is \$3 person. For information, please call (248) 349-0203, ext. 1418.

Fresco Workshop

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

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 Road.

Open Table Tennis

Eight tables are available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$4 per day. Times are 6-10 p.m., Mondays, 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. Fee 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. Fee is \$1. Contact parks and recreation for more information at (248) 449-9947.

Family Open Gym

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

Master Gardener Association

These meetings are 7 p.m., the second Thursday of each month through June. Gardeners meet at the Environmental Interpretive Center at the northwest corner of the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

Michigan Opera Theatre Gala

This is a black-tie dinner/auction at 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 1, at the Il Posto Banquet Hall, 29111 Franklin Road, Southfield. It will benefit educational programming for underprivileged children through the opera company's department of community programs. For more information, contact Jessica Cheshire at (313) 237-3407.

Spring Jazz Concert

University of Michigan Jazz Ensemble concert is 8 p.m., Thursday, April 7 at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. For more information, call (734) 763-8587 or visit www.theark.org.

Fox Theater presents Beauty and the Beast

The Fox Theater is presenting Beauty and the Beast, Tuesday-Saturday, April 12-17. The theater is located at 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For ticket or show time information, contact Ticketmaster, (248) 433-1515 or visit the Web site, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

OPINION

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

Meet Your County Executive

Tonight local residents have the opportunity to meet and Wayne quiz County Executive

Robert Ficano. Ficano will meet the public and answer questions during a 6:30 p.m. gathering held at Northville's township hall. The county executive will bring with him 10 department managers who should have the expertise to answer questions posed by an inquisitive, perhaps and even frustrated public.

Want to know why it takes of flack, many times so long to plow your township road or fill in that meddlesome pothole? Here's and answer tough questions, your chance to ask: -----

Meet Ficano :, Wayne County **Executive Robert** Ficano will answer resident questions 6:30-8:30 p.m. today in the community room of township hall, 44405

Six Mile Road. Likely topics: county-owned township roads, potholes, snowplowing, Six Mile Road expansion, parks and future. recreation, taxes and a possible traffic light near Northville High School. Participants sign in and write their questions on a form. Ficano, along with 10 county department heads members, will

answer queries read

by township supervi-

sor Mark Abbo. For

more information, call

Northville Township at

(248) 348-5800.

cials for arranging the public meeting and providing local residents with an opportunity to ask in-depth questions about what makes their community tick and what holds for its

> Now residents must attend. It's not

enough to grumble on the sidelines when the opportunity to ask those responsible for your grief are willing to show up and answer questions pointblank.

Public servants get plenty deservedly so. But when they are willing to show up it's best to take full advan-Kudos to township offi- tage of the opportunity.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE Public servants fared well

Scrutiny of public servants' attendance records during 2004 proved City of Northville leaders are dedicated. They showed up plays. She throws down the bedsheets. for public meetings - several had perfect attendance - when the agenda featured easy-calls and tough topics. Public service also requires much behind-the-scenes involvement. Then again, that's why its called public service.



Oil painter Staci Miron and her daughter Gigi, 3, view Miron's painting of Varenna, Italy at Highland Lakes Shopping Center's BWA Gallery in Northville Township. Her exhibit is on display until April 30.

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The abduction, abuse and murder of a 9-year old Florida girl last week, and the subsequent arrest of the registered sex offender who allegedly committed the heinous crime, serves as a chilling, cautionary reminder for some local parents.

"You just can't take anything for granted anymore." Staci Liston said while waiting for a morning latte, peeking at morning headlines over rectangular glasses.

Anymore, it just seems like no one really feels safe. Everyone poses some kind of threat, has some kind of demon." the 64-year-old Northville Township resident said.

Her five children are grown now, well removed from the odd moments of prepubescent hilarity and young adult concerns.

But a mother's parenting lessons never die. She pulls clothes from a line out back, bedsheets flapping in the wind. In the distance, her children are forever playing in the distance

A car turns the corner. A little too fast. Then a little too slow. A mother looks up, a deer in headlights. Her umbilical ties into knots.

There's a blind spot between the backyard and the front yard where her child



David Aguilar RECORD EDITOR

and the day when the child's body was found lifeless along the roadway.

"I vowed then," she said, "that I would never take for granted that my kids were safe. Not that I did, but I made a point of knowing what my kids were doing, who they were with and what was on their mind."

It wasn't always easy, she said.

There were plenty of times when they would say, 'Mom, butt out of my business.

"But I remembered that day, when they found the body ... as a parent all you want is for your children to be safe.

Tips for parents

The Michigan State Police suggest the following safety tips to help parents to keep their children safe:

. Know where your children are at all times; be familiar with friends and activities

· Children should ask for permission before going anywhere or with anyone. Teach children to use the "buddy system" and to never travel alone.

 Teach children that if something makes them feel uneasy or uncomfortable, they should get away quickly and tell to their parents or a trusted adult about what happened.

. Teach children that it's OK to be suspicious of an adult asking for assistance. Many child predators use this technique to isolate and distract a possible child vic-

· Parents should assure their children that they have the right to say "no" when they sense something is wrong.

 Children should know their home address and telephone number, and know how to contact their parents if there is an emergency (i.e. a relative's telephone number or the parents work telephone number)



NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Don't swap resident concerns

Northville Township took steps last week to swap 15 acres of its land at Five Mile and Sheldon roads for another 168 acres. Via its economic development corporation, the township could make \$33.1 million in revenue during a 10-year span if even 120 acres are developed, according an economic consultant.

In times when state funds and budgets are tight, this role as land leaser could prove invaluable. However, officials shouldn't overlook residents living near the smaller parcel, which would be rezoned from residential to commercial. Care should be taken to separate homes from retail and gear any shopping to needed neighborhood uses.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Remember safety during break

As students embark on spring break today, Northville Public School administrators urge caution. And although officials do not endorse an enforceable code of conduct for activities happening while students are on spring vacations, prudence is encouraged. Safety, security and common sense are attributes administrators hope students do not leave in school hallways.

NORTHVILLE ATHLETICS Soccer: Let the kids play

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team, the defending Division I state champions, were expecting to get a chance to play Grand Blanc in a rematch of last year's final. They also arranged to play some of the best soccer teams in the state during the pre-season tournament. Unfortunately, Walled Lake Northern's athletic director called the tournament off after months of preparation. The reason? An ice storm that was brewing in Iowa could have possibly reached Michigan. It didn't. Unless the ice is coming down, we suggest letting the kids play.

And moves into view.

Her child is sitting on the front lawn. playing. He looks up. And smiles.

I was a young mother with two young children who lived in Farmington when the Oakland County Child Killer was in the news," Liston said. "It was awful. just awful."

The best way to do that is to get involved in their lives, know their friends, show them they have different options in life."

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. Use a code word the child can learn in case there is an emergency, and a trusted adult needs to contact the child. The code should not be shared with friends.

. Teach children to dial "911" and to tell tell the person their name, speak foudly, slowly and clearly and not to hang-up.



thank you for all your clear thinking and honest evaluation of our current political and economic situation. Over all the years that my wife and I have been reading the Northville Record I have agreed with your ideas nearly all the time. I currently serve on the Wayne County Service Regional Education Agency board and so many of our concerns are reflected in your topics. One area that is of special concern to us is the education of adjudicated youth. We have a charter school in a detention facility in Detroit. We are finding that young people are being shifted around and lost in a system that most people are not aware of. What a tragic loss. Again, thank you for your writing.

> Jim Petrie Northville

Power wrong

To Phil Power: After reading your article (3/17/05), it would seem you are lamenting that the fair and accuracy we had in then good old days has been compromised by the choices we now enjoy in read-ing or listening to what is going on in the world. I could not disagree with you more. In the old days we had a choice of reading the major papers or listening to the major networks. What was chosen to be reported on was always very much the same. Now there is a real

choice, for example, where in the New York Times, which sets the news agenda of many newspapers throughout the country, can you find out what positive things are happening in Iraq. All they want to report on are soldiers killed and prisoners abuses. The major news networks report on much the same. You need Fox News, MSNBC and talk radio to balance that off. This is but one example, there are many others. For you to draw a parallel between today's choices and the

media of the 1850's shows me just how biased you really are.

John Hamann Northville

Column wrong

In his Northville Record commentary (March 17), Jack Lessenberry stated admiringly that Helen Thomas is in the business of

asking questions, not name calling. In the same commentary he called Ann Coulter "a particularly vicious columnist in the Joe McCarthy mode" and a "would-be intellectual bully who poses in a slit skin." Mr. Lessenberry, what's your business?

> Ward R. Malisch Northville

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Photo Courtesy of NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIE

Historically Speaking Main Street, circa 1919, looking east to Center Street; the "crow's nest" visible in the distance. All of the buildings visible west of Center Street no longer exist.



Thursday, March 24, 2005

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March reveals cold Michigan truths

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Negative.

April is the cruelest month, breeding Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing Memory and desire, stirring Dull roots with spring rain.

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T. S Ellot (The Waste Land) had it wrong, at least for Michigan. April isn't the cruelest month. It's March, not really winter - but not yet spring.

Officially, spring this year started at the equinox (when light and dark in a 24-hour period are equal) last Sunday. But this so far is the fifth coldest March since the 1870s. Phil Power according to the National Weather Service.

And the winter which has just officially ended — but still seems too much with us - was among the snowlest on record, with an average of 84 inches in Southeastern Michigan.

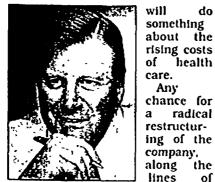
Yet since it's officially spring now. there are grounds for hope. At our house, the snowdrops just started blooming over the weekend, pale green and white, and if I look carefully I can see the crocuses just beginning to stick their green lops above the winter-yellowish grass. But it's still a cruel time for

Michigan. The story that General Motors is going to lose money on automobile operations this year came as a big shock to most people. The folks I talk with at GM are saying that the best outcome they can see is to soldier on for another five vears or so, when the "legacy costs" of hundreds of retirees begin to in the nation, is hostage to the come down and, maybe, somebody

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sources. it's too big. too complicated, and the iron grip of the United Auto Workers union on costs - labor contracts with the auto industry make labor, in effect, into a fixed cost - is as firm as ever.

Of course, now that Chrysler's long-forgotten side deal with the UAW has surfaced, which allows the company to do something about health care costs, you may be sure that the phone will be ringing off the hook in the office of Ron

sure that the market share of our two remaining domestic manufacautomobile industry, both manu-

facturers and the supply chain. To her credit, Gov. Jennifer Granholm fixes might be a success. The clido is making a pitch to Toyota to put a new manufacturing plant in Michigan. But its nearness to Solidarity House seems more than health likely to spook the Japanese.

Granholm is also proposing some changes in the Single Business Tax designed to help out the manufacturing sector. But the insurance industry is howling. The State Chamber of Commerce, resolute in its opposition to any taxes at all, is grumpy. And the Republicans who run the legislature are happy to let the governor twist slowly in the wind.

Just a quick glance at the situation in Lansing is enough to suggest despair. There are now so many constituencies at the table that any serious effort to change the fundamental rules of the game here in Michigan seems almost certain to get bogged down.

My old friend, Craig Ruff, advises me it was not always thus. He recounts the days in the 1960s when George Romney was governor and the idea of creating a Single Business Tax was fresh on everybody's mind. When it finally came down to crunch time, according to Ruff, the only people gathered around the table in the governor's conference room were General Motors, Ford and the UAW, Michigan's economics and politics were concentrated in those days in a way difficult to imagine today.

Which is why I'm beginning to

mate is too partisan. There are too many contending constituencies. Term-limited legislators have been there too short a time and by and large know far too little about what they're doing.

But there is hope in the news from Oakland County, where County Executive L. Brooks Patterson wants to blanket the entire county with wireless Internet by 2006. Yes, all 910 square miles and 61 cities. villages and town-ships! The technology would let anybody with a PC, laptop or other Internet-compatible device have full access to the Internet without any direct wire connection.

He sees that widespread Internet access is a basic tool to connect people and companies with the essential technology of our age. County-wide wireless access

would help Oakland attract and retain "brain-based" businesses that are much more the future than old fashioned "brawn-based" manufacturing that relies more on bending metal than bending neurons.

That - coupled with the certainty that spring will really come, some day - makes me feel just a little better.

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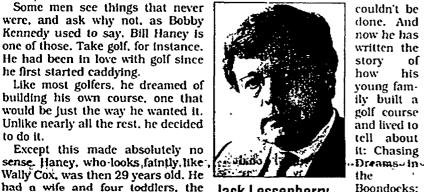


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the Boondocks: Jack Lessenberry A EDITORIAL VICE PRESIDENT Course

Comes to Life (Crofton Creek Press; \$24.95.) If you are a golf nut you'll love this book. If you don't like golf, you may even love it more.

This columnist personally loathes golf, would rather do laundry, and had to be strongly persuaded to open this book. Once I started, I couldn't put it down. It is really no more about golf than the Oscar-winning movie Million Dollar Baby is about boxing. What it really is about is the American dream. Someone, I wish it had been me. called this book sort of a "A Year in Provence comes to the Rust Belt * It is all that. "We learned as much, or more, about ourselves as a family. and about people, as we did about building a golf course," Bill Haney told me last weekend over a platter

couldn't be of pancakes.

Golf book reveals Haney's true drivers

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The best thing about this book is that he waited so many years to write it. "You need years of perspective to deal with some of the more painful things." he said. There are personal tragedies: money crises and balky equipment.

There are also an assortment of rural characters, described in a manner part William Faulkner, part Laura Ingalls Wilder. The Haneys began building "The Boondocks" in the late 1960s, and opened it to the public on May 2, 1970, two days before the student shootings at Kent State.

Those were the years of student protest and a nearby Woodstock-like rock concert; of massive social upheaval in Ann Arbor, where Haney went to work every morning. But he came home at night to a world right out of American Gothic, where the rhythms of life were in many ways

thrill left. "I wanted to build a golf course. I really didn't like running one." After two years they sold it to people who had no idea how much work a golf course really was. Today. the golf course has long since vanished, and developers will undoubtedly soon swallow up the land.

Recently, however, Haney went back and bought the ancient 1841 pole barn that stood on the place. He dismantled it. Someday, he will reassemble, it., or use it, to, build, that vacation house he has always been thinking of.

Could a young man do today what he was able - barely - to do in the 1960s? "No way." he says, a bit sadly. The price of fertilizer and seed, not to mention the land, has soared far beyond inflation.

Building the Boondocks was the most intense thing he ever did and not one he'd want to do again. Except, well, he did build a couple

Gettelfinger, the UAW's president. Until he answers it. you may be turers will keep going down. Michigan's unemployment, now tied with Mississippi for second highest

about golf, said. "If you don't do it now, you never will." So they sold their house, borrowed more money, bought a "rundown popcorn farm" in rural Jackson County, rolled up their sleeves, and went to work. Toddlers and all.

oldest of whom was 6. He was hard-

ly wealthy: he had a pretty good job

as an editor at the University of

Michigan Press, but not much more

Most wives would have gently

threatened nuclear war. But his

Marcy, who couldnt have cared less

That was in 1966. Haney not only went on to build his golf course, but eventually established a highly successful career in advertising, with offices in both Detroit and Manhattan and founded a highquality book publishing company in suburban Detroit (Momentum Books) when everyone said that closer to the 1860s.

There is also a suitably haunting. and totally real, darker aspect to the Haneys sojourn in rural America. There is a mystery the locals won't tell them about at first that involves a mean old man named Nate Fish. perhaps the nation's first blood transfusion, and a gruesome death - all right in the front room of the house in which they lived and plotted their golf course.

In the end, they indeed built it, and the customers did come. But the

holes on his place near Ortonville, and recently eyed some land ... until Marcy brought him up short. "Look all you want, but just remember: One golf course per husband."

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Correction

In the March 17 edition of the Northville Record, a page 3A graphic noted the entire board of trustees received \$50 compensation per special meeting. By state law, the three officers aren't eligible for this compensation, and the other four trustees must request it.



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LOOKING BACK

Pastor notes honor local social event

at



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

March 24, 1905 METHODIST CHURCH NOTES (By the pastor)

The social given last week by the young men of Mrs. Cobb's S.S. class was much enjoyed and netted \$9.00.

Subject for Sunday morning service will be "Devine Guidance:" evening "Found Out at Last". Don't fail to hear the evening address. It was gratifying to see the

large attendance at our praise and prayer service last week Thursday evening, yet there were vacant places that ought to have been filled.

Next Sunday a mass meeting will be held in the church pm Messrs. Vint and 3:00 McDougall, Stinseman, evangelists, will conduct the meeting. Don't

fail to hear these men. The Ladies Aid society enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Hiram Benton on Wednesday afternoon. A great deal of important church work is expected from this auxiliary. You should give them your hearty support.

The Epworth League meeting last Sunday evening was one of the best. The young lady leader did well. Next

Sunday evening Mrs. Fred Fry will have charge. Young people are invited to attend these character building meetings. Women's Home The

Missionary society met in the church Tuesday afternoon. The president read a short article on "Looking on the Bright Side" which was much enjoyed. The contents of the Mite boxes showed that the Missionaries along our frontiers are not forgotten.

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WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCormick

Kristin Nicole Lubeck and Michael Patrick McCormick were married at; St. Paul's Lutheran Church Northville, on Sept. 25, 2004, Rev. Thomas Lubeck, father of the bride, officiated the ceremony. A reception was held at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lubeck of Livonia, formerly of Northville. She is a graduate of Northville, High School and graduated from Valparaiso University with a bachelor's degree in communications. She is employed by JSH & A Public Relations, Oakbrook, Ill.

The groom is the son of Pat and Nancy McCormick of Northville. He is also a graduate of Northville High School. He graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in finance and Oakland University with an master's of business administration He is employed with Motorola,

CHURCH EVENTS

First Presbyterian Church of Northville - 2005 Women's Retreat

This event is scheduled 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 9 at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St. It is open to all women. Speaker,

Make a Difference



Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCormick

Schaumburg, Ill.

Maid of honor was Lisa Wagner. Serving as bridesmaids were Melissa Howard, Jennifer McLachlan, and Diane Thaete.

Dennis Lappin was best man and Tim Lubeck, Scott McLachlan and Greg Lubeck were groomsmen.

Kauai, Hawaii and will make their home in Bartlett, III.

Sadie Bolos will lead the retreat and discuss "Finding Joy on the Journey." The day includes continental breakfast, large and small group sessions, catered lunch and worship service with communion. The cost is \$25 per person before April 3 and \$30 thereafter. For more information or to register, contact Lori Danes at (248) 374-5568 or the First Presbyterian Church office (248) 349-0911.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Businesses host MS benefit

Local businesses, including three from Northville, will host a benefit for multiple sclerosis research March 28 and April 7. Inspired by Fiona Cini, a Dearborn hairstylist with the disease, the benefit accompanies "Mom's Spring Break Extravaganza," offering home decor, jewelry, crafts, active wear and more Northville's V'Elements of

Home, Lithari Productions and Stoped & Wired will be present. Gift, certificates for Charisma Salon, where Cini works, will be given away.

The event runs 2-9 p.m. March 28 and 4-9 p.m. April 7 at Livonia's Laurel Park Mariou, attached to Laurel Park Mall off Six Mile Road, east of Haggerty Road.

The couple honeymooned in BWA Gallery hosts local artist

Northville's BWA (Beautiful Wall Art) Gallery is hosting its second local artist showcase, entitled "Remember."

From now until April 30, Novi artist Staci Miron's murals and "chunky" oil paintings will be on display. The title piece is a tribute to the events of Sept. 11. Miron's works also include

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cityscapes and "spinal canals." An artist reception will run 6-9 p.m. on April 1. BWA is located at 43133 Seven Mile Road in the

Highland Lakes Shopping Center. For more information, call (248) 449-6833.

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'Standard' offers remote

deposit

Standard Federal Bank, which has two Northville locales, recently announced it is offering a remote deposit service as a new option for companies.

Using image-based technology, the service reduces the time it takes for companies to deposit checks and makes funds available more quickly. Checks are scanned at the customer's office and transmitted electronically to the bank for direct credit. The service reportedly eliminates multiple deposit accounts and fees

Northville's Standard Federals are located at 127 Hutton Street and 39437 Six Mile Road.

Meijer promo clips fuel costs

To combat high fuel costs, Meijer announced it is offering customers the chance to get free

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID **CITY OF NORTHVILLE** VEHICLE EXHAUST SYSTEM

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Northville for the purchase ol a new Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System for the City of Northville Fire Station located at 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. The Fire Station has five (5) bays.

Bids must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk located at Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, on or before 11:00 a.m., local prevailing time, on Thursday, April 7, 2005 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aboud.

Bid specifications may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk. All bids must be sealed and marked "Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System Bid." The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid, to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in the best interest of the City to do so

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CITY CLERK

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE MAY 3, 2005 ELECTION

All electors are hereby given notice that an Election will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2005, in:

Northville Township (Wayne County, Michigan) Northville City (Oakland and Wayne County, Michigan) Electors who wish to vote in this Electon must be registered no later than Monday, April 4, 2005. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County clerks gitter gitter gitter is follows: Contact information for the local clerk is as follows: Charter Township of Northville: '1'44405 Six Mile Road

Northville City:

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Electors may also register by mail by completing and forwarding their Mail-In Voter Registration Application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Electors who register to vote by mail are required to vote in person unless they have previous-

gas through a six-year fuel rewards program.

Customers buying specially marked "Free Gas" items receive a voucher at checkout. The voucher can then be used to purchase gas at Meijer Gas Stations. Items change monthly, but may range from Meijer-brand tuna and waffles to brand-name candy bars, jeans and baby wipes.

Northville's Meijer is located at 20401 Haggerty Road.

Hayes aixes Euro offering

Northville Tonwship's Hayes Lemmerz has opted against a plan to offer about \$150 million in Euro denominated senior unsecured notes, the company announced March 17.

Nixing the move, originally to be made through a subsidiary, means that a prior agreement to amend a June 2003 credit agreement won't take place. Alreadyannounced plans for an international accounts receivable securitization program and sale of a commercial highway hub and drum business are still a go.

Hayes Lemmerz is located at

15300 Centennial Drive.

Home sales exceed Fortune 500s

Regional new home sales last year exceeded the revenue of some large Michigan-based, Fortune 500 companies, the oſ Building Industry Michigan Southeastern announced March 16.

Factoring new home sales and developed land value, the reported total was \$9.6 billion. Combined average sale prices were more than most recent annual reports of 18 major corporations based in Michigan. according to Auburn Hills-based Moceri Companies. Northville's Hayes-Lemmerz, for instance, reportedly saw \$2 billion in revenue.

Michigan ranks eighth place in number of statewide permit issues, according to the Building Industry.

> Compiled by Record Staff Writer Kim Kovelle

CHARTER TOWNSHIP **OF NORTHVILLE** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REZONING

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 Civic Center, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, 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. GEORGE MCCARTHY, CHAIR PLANNING COMMISSION

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Sealed bids will be received by the City of Northville for the purchase of a new MSA 5200 Thermal Imaging Camera. Bids must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk located at Northwile City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, on or before 11:00 a.m., local prevailing time, on Thursday, April 7, 2005 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid specifications may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk. All

bids must be sealed and marked "Thermal Imaging Camera Bid." The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid, to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in the best interest of the City to do so

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP **OF NORTHVILLE** ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

PROJECT: FIVE MILE ROAD WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT - PHASE I OWNER: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN ENGINEER. Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. 3959 Research Park Drive Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108-2219 PUBLIC OPENING April 7, 2005 10:00 A.M., local time at the Charter Township of Northville Township Hall Community Room 44405 Sox Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48167 BASIS OF PROPOSALS: Unit Pnce PROJECT DESCRIPTION The work shall consist of, but not be limited to the following approximate quantities: 2,325 LF 8 D I., CL54 Water Main, Open Cut 640 LF 8" D I., CL54 Water Man, Directional Drilling 9 EA Gate Valve & Well 7 EA Fire Hydrant and all associated pavement restoration and other work. BID SECURITY: Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order or bid bond, payable to the OWNER, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Proposal, as a Bid Security. The Bid Security of the Bidders under consid-eration will be returned after approval of the Contract by the OWNER. All others will be returned within 48 hours after the Proposal opening CONTRACT SECURITY. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Matenal Bond, each in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of the Contract DOCUMENTS ON FILE: Charter Township of Northville 44405 Six Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48167 Construction Association of Michigan 43636 Woodward Avenue Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302-3204 McGraw Hill Construction Dodge 25330 Telegraph Road, Suite 350 Southfield, Michigan 48034 Builders Exchange of Lansing 1240 East Saginaw Street Lansing, Michigan 48906 Reed Construction Data 40000 Grand River Avenue, Suite 404 Novi, Michigan 48375-2147 Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. 3959 Research Park Drive Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108-2219 DOCUMENT FEE: Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the ENGINEER upon the non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per set. Document request shall indicate whether request is by: Prospective Bidder, Prospective Subcontractor, Prospective Request is by. Prospective slober, Prospective Subcontractor, Prospective Supplier, or other. PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL: Withdrawal of any Proposal is prohibited for a period of 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereot. OWNER'S RIGHTS: The OWNER reserves the right to accept any Proposal, to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any irregularities in any Proposal, in the Interest of the OWNER. NON-DISCRIMINATION: Bidders shall not discriminate against any proposal of the total accept and the second s NON-DISCRIMINATION: Bidders shall not discriminate against any employees or firm due to origin, race, age or physical conditions. CON-TRACTOR shall be an equal opportunity employer.

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SYNOPSIS MARCH 17, 2005 - STUDY SESSION & REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP **OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, March 17, 2005

TIME: 6.30 p.m. PLACE: 44405 Sox Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 6:30

ROLL CALL: Mark Abbo, Supervisor, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, (Excused Absence), Richard Henningsen, Treasurer, Manone Banner, Trustee, Marv Gans, Trustee, Christopher Roosen, Trustee, Brad Werner, Trustee PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

STUDY SESSION: Discussed the following. Community Park Issues, Township Property at Five Mile & Sheldon Roads, Land Acquisition Comparative Analysis

REGULAR MÉETING:

1. Agendas: Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved . 2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:

A. Re-appoint Kent Anderson to Planning Commission - approved. B. Re-appoint Richard Brown to Parks and Recreation - approved.

3. Public Hearings: A. Parks & Recreation Grant Public Hearing opened.

4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: Several residents voiced opinions re: Township Property at Five Mile & Sheldon Rd. A resident spoke re: traffic off of Haggerty Rd

5. New Business

A. Municipal Building Project - Progress Payment - approved
B. Municipal Building Project - Change Order - approved.
C. Parks & Recreation Grant Request decision - motion failed.
D. Community Park - Owner's representative adjustment - approved.
E. Northville Road Bike Path - Phase I environmental study - approved.

F. Abruzzi Farms Condominium - Utility Easements - approved. G. Building Department - Vehicle Purchase - approved. H. Five Mile Road Water Main Reconstruction - Phase I - approved

Study Session decisions or direction A. Community Park development
- approved the irrigation and added pathways to the park plan as outlined.
 Township property at Five Mile and Sheidon - approval of land swap.
J. Steeplechase - Final prefirminary plat extension - approved.
K. Clement/Seven Mile Road Water Main Easements - approved.

6. Unfinished Business: None 7. Ordinances: A. Tree & Woodland Ordinance Amendment - Article 23

1st and 2nd Reading and Adoption - approved with conditions. 8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,759,612.50 approved.

9. Board Communication & Reports: Reports from the following were given Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Snider, Marjone Banner, Mary Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner.

10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Truste

11. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned 9:15 p.m.

(3-24-05 NR 201305)

MARK J. ABBO, SUPERVISOR SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CMC

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Four recent blazes linked to different causes

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

Parvin Kheibari and her family were entertaining (company Christmas Eve when the blaze began.

Everyone escaped unharmed, but the fire, later linked to a neighbor's fireplace, and water damage destroyed her two-story Highland Lakes condominium.

"The second floor was my bedroom," said Kheibari, 52. "All gone. I had saved my daughter's wedding gifts and her clothes and her schoolbooks. They are not usable.

"I'm so nervous. I'm easy to get mad and upset because I don't have no more life."

Doused in a little over an hour, the fire was one of four recently striking Northville Township homes.

BIRTHS



Northville Township **Fire Department Emergency Runs**

2005*-1,890 2004 - 1,875 2003 - 1,930 2003 - 1,707

*Expected volume, based on current run rates. Note: About 80 percent of runs are medical; remaining runs are fire or non-medical.

many structure fires," Fire Chief Bill Zhmendak said. "The causes are all different."

In a Feb. 2 house blaze, faulty wiring was to blame. Overuse of an electrical strip was behind a Feb. 9 condominium fire. A fallen cigarette set flame to

"It's unusual for us to have this another condo March 6. There

were no injunes. "Really, the three top causes for . fires: men, women and children," Assistant + Fire : Chief David Carignan said. "They're somehow related to the human factor." Odds shoot up during cold months, Carignan said, because people spend more time indoors. It's the same reason fires typically occur at night - true of all four recent cases.

What can you do?

"There are simple things we can do," Carignan said. "Generally house-keeping is very important, not over-utilizing electrical outlets... keeping their combustibles away from ignition sources."

Place objects far from water heaters and furnaces, clean lint from dryers and use candles with caution, for instance.

"Fire will double in size every thirty seconds, and it doesn't take long to end up having a very big Carignan said. fire.

Change smoke detector batteries once a year, and replace them completely after 10 years.

"If your smoke alarm goes off and there's still no smoke, still call us," Zhmendak said. "We can come out and troubleshoot it for you and at least give you peace of mind."

Township department officials can help with simple home inspec-tions, Carignan said.

On call

Should a fire start, the township's full-time fire department aims to have 14 people on the scene within eight minutes. In recent cases, the average response took five minutes.

First to arrive on the scene are six on-duty firefighters and fire chiefs. Off-duty personnel are then called, followed by mutual aide offered by the cities of Northville and Livonia and Plymouth Township.

"The first thing is life safety," Carignan said. "Putting... the fire out in the building isn't nearly as important as getting people out."

A year-long training program helps firefighters more quickly get dressed and ready for alarms.

Recently, only evacuations were needed, Carignan said. But searching for "hot spots" within walls using a thermal imaging camera was vital, he said.

"We need make sure that we don't have any hidden fires or hidden embers that, once we leave, could start the fire again," said Carignan. "The one thing firefighters never want to do is go back on

a rekindle."

Cause typically is determined on the scene. People are housed temporarily in the township's mobile command unit and then helped by the dispatch supervisor to find lodging.

Starting over

Kheibari, her husband, mother and daughter took refuge at a nearby motel.

Condominium fires have been common recently.

"You have a lot of people packed into a small area," Carignan said. "From the ratio and just playing your odds, you're going to have much greater chance of having fires." Now Kheibari and her family

stay with a neighbor, starting from scratch as their home is rebuilt.

Even the family cat Hazy was found uninjured. But on Dec. 24, Kheibari was reminded how quickly a spark can take control.

"The fireplace is so dangerous," she said. "They have to really be careful and they have to make sure, the chimney has to be clean."

Kim Kovelle can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via email ai

Recent home fires

· March 6: King's Mill condominium, 3:20 a.m. **Response time: 3 minutes**

Time to extinguish: 14 minutes

Cause: cigarette • Feb. 9: Čountry Club Village condominium, 1:35

a.m. **Response time: 7 minutes**

Time to extinguish: 22 minutes

Cause: electrical extension strip overuse

• Feb. 2: Six Mile Road between Northville and Sheldon roads, 11:34 p.m.

Response time: 4 minutes Time to extinguish: 29 min-

utes Cause: faulty wiring in

bathroom lighting focure • Dec. 24: 10:30 p.m.

Highland Lakes condominium Response time: 6 minutes Time to extinguish: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Cause: fireplace flue sys-

tem rce: Northville Township Fire Department

kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net.

Wayne County OKs limited smoke ban

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

With some exceptions, smoking will no longer be allowed in Wayne County private businesses

Approved 7-3 by the county commission March 17, the new regulation won't impact bars, restaurants, gaming venues or tobacco shops. The City of Detroit also is excluded.

If reported to Wayne County, violators first receive a warning, fines not exceeding \$100 for a second offense and no more than \$500 for another violation in a year.

Laura Cox, who represents Northville's city and township, voted against the measure.

"I don't believe that government needed to butt in where businesses are about at 80 percent voluntarily complying." Cox said. "We don't have any funding to enforce it. I just think that the government has enough to do, especially in Wayne County,

"Why are we doing something that really should be addressed at a state-wide basis for a health issue?"

The ban takes affect 90 days from the date it passed. After that time, violaters can be reported to the Wayne County Public Health Department at (734) 727-7000.



Reese Victoria McCarthy

Rebecca and Tyler McCarthy of Northville are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Reese Victoria McCarthy on Dec. 6, 2004. She weighed 8 pounds, 18 ounces and was 20 and one fourth inches long. She joins big sister, Tessa, 2.

Proud grandparents are George and June McCarthy of Northville and Robert Fleeman Jr. of Monroe. Great-grandparents are Robert Fleeman Sr. of Monroe and Norma Dohr of Onaway.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONT'D)

continued from 18A Youth Assistance will continue

In a March 17 letter to the editor regarding the retirement of former Northville Youth Assistance Director Mary Ellen King, social worker Valerie Kaplansky asks the questions: "Who will be advocating for the children who need help the most? Where will I turn when I need something for one of my students that no one else can provide?"

The answer to both of these questions is Northville Youth Assistance (NYA). For nearly 20 years, NYA has offered programs and assistance to Northville youth and families in a myriad of ways including mentoring, tutoring elementary students, homework help at both Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools, community service in lieu of suspension, youth empowement classes and much more.

Though Mary Ellen King's retirement has resulted in a change of leadership — Sue Campbell is the new interim director — there has been no change in the mission and commitment of NYA to the youth and families of Northyalle.

It is important to note that the success of our program is due in large part to the many volunteers and partners who share NYA's mission of advocating for youth. These include the dedicated mentors who volunteer to help local youth, volunteers who commit time each week to tutoring elementary students, teachers at Hillside and Meads Mill who facilitate our afterschool Homework Help sessions, Northville township and city police who offer assistance and support and the Northville Council of PTAs for partnering with NYA in bringing in nationally-renowned speakers.

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and the City of Northville for making youth a priority in our community. We also thank the Northville Public Schools for providing office space to our program at Hillside Middle School and for partnering with NYA on many of its programs including the Pillar transition program at Northville High School and middle school Challenge Day.

Lastly, we are grateful to the residents of our community for supporting Northville Youth Assistance since its inception in 1986. The African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child" is a fitting tribute to Northville's commitment to youth in our community.

As it has done for nearly two decades, Northville, Youth Assistance looks forward to continuing its advocacy for youth in our community.

> Michele M. Fecht Chairperson, Northville Youth Assistance Commission

Thank you, firefighters!

Recently, Kings Mill Cooperative had a fire, Kings Mill is a community of 455 units. Amazingly, the fire was contained to one unit. It is our belief that the fire was contained so quickly because of the two-minute response time of the fire and police department. How wonderful it is to have both departments so close to the community. The board of directors, members, and staff of Kings Mill Cooperative would like to thank the Northville Township police and fire departments for their diligence and constant vigilance. Thank you for all you do for our community.

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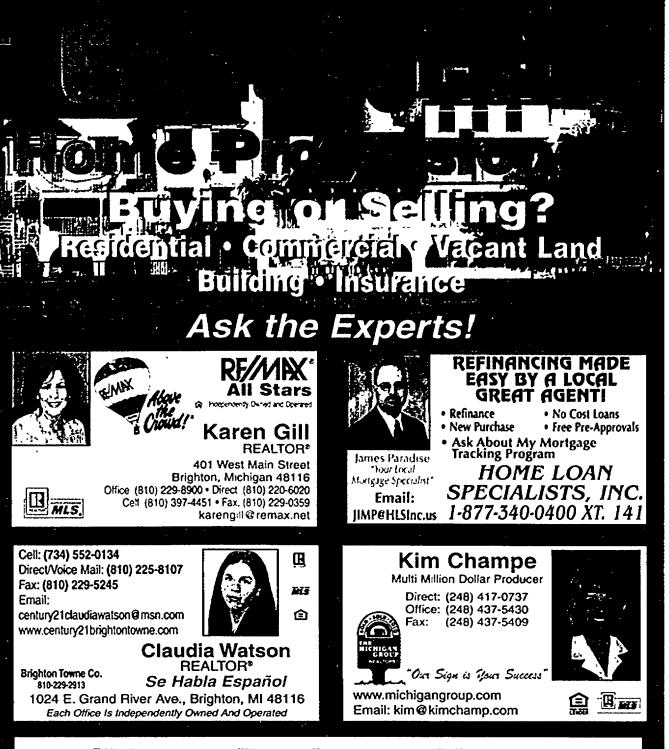
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Sandra Hansen portrayed a number of historical figures in the women's rights movement during an assembly at Meads Mill Middle School. Hansen told the story of the suffrage movement through the personalities of Elizabeth Cady-Stanton, Sojourner Truth, and Susan B. Anthony. Students learned Stanton started a newspaper dedicated to the temperance movement, organized a rights conference in Akron, Ohio, and that for many years women could not own property.







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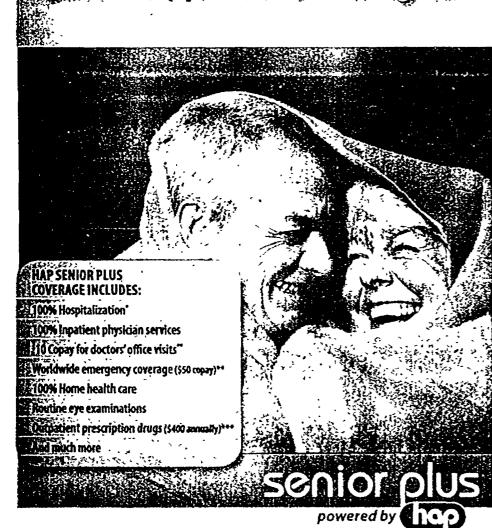
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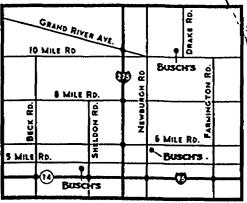
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Ouch! The Northville Mustangs girls hockey team fell and bowed out of the playoffs. They will graduate one of the best players in the state this year.

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If winter has lingered just a little too long, a trip to Rancy's Plants, Inc., should convince you that spring is on the way. Their bright sunny greenhouses are a sure sign of warmer days to come. The Raney family has been working hard all winter to bring customers hundreds of flats filled with flower and vegetable plants. --- Page 6B



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Reach for the sky! Mike Yassay aiming for school record in pole vault

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville's Mike Yassay might only be a sophomore, but he has goals that rank with the eldest athlete.

The 6-feet-3-inch pole vaulter knows what he has to do to reach his goal of breaking the school record. He also believes he has the determination and dedication to do it.

"I'm shooting for the school record this year," Yassay said of the 13-9 record. "I'm also looking forward to being a contender in states."

Hard work has plenty to do with Yassay's expectations. He started vaulting at the beginning of his freshman track season and hasn't quit. He topped out at a height of 9-6 last year but has since gone on to clear 12 feet during indoor track and field events.

He has done everything from attending clinics in Chicago to weekend practices with other vaulters from Churchill and Canton high schools. He lifts weights with Northville strength and conditioning coach Steve Mandregger. He vaults in sum-

mer competitions. Yassay also has some inside help.

My dad (Mark) has been helping me a lot," said Yassay. "He has a whole workout wrote out for me and we go and vault on the weekends. He'll also be helping out with the team when he can make it."

The elder Yassay knows his stuff too. Back when he was pole vaulting for Garden City West, he set the high school's record with a vault of 14-3. It stood for 20 years before finally being bro-

"My goal is to eventually get said Yassay. "That will beat my dad's old record."

Yassay, who also plays football at Northville, knows that if he isn't able to reach his goals there is no one else to blame but himself.

That's one of the things I like about pole vaulting," he said. "I have to rely on my abilities. If I can't do it, I have to accept I can't do it. I've got no one else to point the finger at."

Spring sprint

Yassay plans on coming out of the gate strong this spring. He isn't expecting to have to wait long to find out if he's ready to be a record-breaking athlete.

"If I'm not popping over 13 at the beginning of the season, then I'm going to have to adjust what I'm doing and work even harder," he said.

From the start of his run down the lane to the point where he plants the pole to vault himself over the bar, Yassay said he keeps his mind as clear as possible.

"You really don't have time to think about what's going on," he said. "Everything you want to do has to be planned out in your mind already. From the time you plant the pole until you're over the bar, it's all instinct. You don't have time to think."

Record heights

The sophomore isn't fooling himself though. Plenty of athletes have come and gone with their eyes on the prize of a record. Northville's current record hasn't budged though. It's been standing since Ron Gloetzner cleared the bar in 1968. Yassay does more than dream

about it though. He reminds him-





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Mike Yassay (right) stands with one of his personal coaches, Jaymz "Buzz" Maurer.

elf every day what heights he has to reach if he wants his name to be in the record books.

"It's right inside the gym," he aid. "I look at that number, 13-9, every day. It's my motivation."

All it takes is a stroll through the school's gymnasium and Yassay's reminded of his goals. He looks at his father and he's reminded of them too. But Yassay's the only one who can reach them.

"I can do it," he said. "I know what it's going to take to go that high and I'm going to do it." That's all the motivation any-

one needs.

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Mike Yassay goes over the pole vault bar set at 10 feet. It was his warm-up height.

Hrivnak: Thanks but no thanks to offers

By Sam Eggleston **RECORD SPORTS WRITER**

The decision about where Northville senior Liz Hrivnak will be running in college is final - nowhere.

The long-distance runner had plenty of interest from college program. She just didn't have any interest in them. Instead, she'll be attending the University of Michigan and working hard to carn good grades.

"I can't imagine going to college, trying to get a degree and dealing with all of the pressure and running on top of that," said Hrivnak. "I just think it would be very difficult."

Hrivnak said she wasn't ready to run for money, not ever for tuition. She believes the pressure of performing once the tuition has been paid is just too

much to go along with studying. She'll need plenty of time in the study hall anyway on her way to working toward a neuropsychology degree.

But that doesn't mean she doesn't like running.

"I still love running," she said. "I just don't want to do it with all of that pressure. I like to run because I like to run, not because someone is telling me to.

There's plenty of running left for the senior Mustang. She will compete in the open 800-meter run this spring for the girls track and field team and will be a part of the 4-by-800 relay team.

In those two events, she expects the Mustangs will be very strong.

"I think the biggest think is that Devon (Rupley) graduated," she said. "But we have Lindsay Hagan this year along with Bryn

(Smetana), Kate (McClymont) and myself. With the four of us maybe we can do as well or better than last year."

Footsteps

Hrivnak said there's no reason the Mustangs, as a whole, aren't competitive. She said the work ethic on the team is strong and there are a lot of seniors looking to leave with a bang.

Everyone on the team works hard," she said. "They've been training over the winter and they know what they need to do. For a lot of us, this is our last season. We want to end it on a good note."

They'll end it with good memories too. Hrivnak said she's not sure where she would be if it hadn't been for athletics to

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New sport coming to area

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Four years ago when Sarah Weyburne moved to Northville from the United Kingdom, it wasn't her country she was missing the most - it was her favorite sport.

The netball enthusiast decided to do something about it. She, along with her friend Dalia Warner of Shelby Township, decided to start their own team.

"We've been traveling over to Windsor to play for the Windsor team because it's the nearest one there is," Weyburne said. "That's why we've decided to start a local team, so we can play a bit nearer to home."

The game, which can best be described as women's basketball without dribbling, is popular in Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. It originated following the invention of basketball in the United States and features seven players per team on the court at one time. The court is divided into three sections and only certain players can be in the separate sections.

The ball is passed from player to player. Once a netballer gets the pass, they can only pivot on their planted foot or pass the ball. They have three seconds to get rid of it or it is turned over to the opposing team.

"It should be a big draw to those who used to play when they were younger but have since come here where the game isn't played. This will give them an opportunity to play netball again."

> Sarah Weyburne Northville resident

"It's very common (in the United Kingdom)," said Weyburne. "They've got leagues, tournaments and girls start playing it when they're pretty young."

Starting inexperienced players fairly young is

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Girls hockey

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

For the Northville Mustangs girls hockey team, the physical exhaustion that plagued them in the third overtime of their playoff game was nothing compared to the mental exhaustion following the end of it.

The team, coached by Bill Holden, skated into the second round of the playoffs looking to secure a victory over Plymouth-Canton-Salem. It didn't work out that way as the squad bowed out, 4-3, after three overtimes. "Everyone was just so tired by

the middle of the second overtime," said senior captain Amy Cauzillo. "We were still trying to give 110 percent but it was really so hard to keep going at that physical level. We were so tired."

Following a tied 3-3 regulation game, Holden said his squad was confident heading into overtime. Two extra stanzas of no scoring didn't change their outlook.

"We were just waiting to get that final goal," he said. "Then there was a scramble in front of our net, there were a lot of bodies and the puck ended up past our goalie.

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The final moment was a hard one to take for many of the Mustangs. The realization almost immediately set in for some the season was over. For the five seniors, it signaled the end of a career.

"We're going to miss them a lot," said Bridget Hughes, a junior. "We've become a family and it's never easy to say good-bye to a member of your family."

But the Mustangs will have to persevere and continue to nurture and nourish their three-year-old



Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/RECORD EDITOR

A Northville Mustang goes to the ice after making contact with a player in the first round of the playoffs.

program. Juniors will become seniors and sophomores will become juniors. Already a handful of names stick out for the 2005-06 season in the likes of Hughes and young Andrea Soloko.

They have a lot of talented players coming back," Cauzillo said. "They have a lot of desire to win and they definitely have the ability to do it.'

Despite looking to the future, the Mustangs still feel the sting of this year's loss.

"We were all kind of shocked," Hughes said. "It was pretty heartbreaking. The locker room was pretty much silent. No one was ready for it to be over."

It was an unexpected end, especially for the seniors. They joined their teammates the following day at the team's last scheduled practice. Following a few half-hearted drills, the team huddled together at center ice.

"Everyone was crying," Hughes said. "We're going to miss each other. This has been a great year." Cauzillo agreed. In fact, she said it was her favorite.

"Out of the three seasons I've been a part of this team, this has been the best time," she said, "It's going to be hard to say good-by e." But Cauzillo and the other seniors can always be comforted with the fact that they've left an impact on the Mustangs program and on

the players they took the ice with. "We've learned so much from them," Hughes said. "They've been playing hockey for so long and they didn't mind sharing what they've learned. I can only hope that when I graduate that I leave something behind like they have."

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New sport for Northville

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a tradition Weyburne said she'd like to keep. She's currently looking for players from 15 years old and up to join the team. She said there are women well into their 60s who play in Windsor.

"Of course, you have to be at a certain level of fitness," said Weyburne. "Beginners are really welcome. Right now, we've got about 11 girls interested in playing."

Netball is a non-contact sport and the hardest thing to learn about the game, said Weyburne, is the footwork. Beyond that she said she believes any girl interested in athletics would enjoy the game.

She's hoping to draw plenty of inexperienced players as well as those who used to play but don't have an outlet anymore.

"It should be a big draw to those who used to play when they were younger but have since come here where the game isn't played," Weyburne said. "This will give them an opportunity to play netball again."

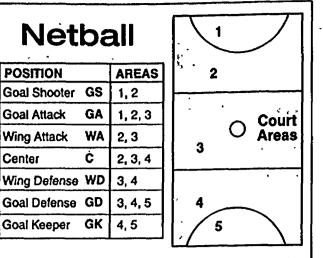
Weyburne and Warner are expected to meet with Northville Parks and Recreation to talk about possibly hosting the games through them. If that doesn't work. Weyburne said the team will still be formed and gyms will be rented in order to

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Spring leagues

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering several fee \$460/team with 11 games leagues this spring. Call the played. Parks and Rec. department at (248) 449-9947 if interested. **Adult Coed Kickball** League

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Hrivnak: No thanks

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guide her and to help her meet friends.

"It sounds cliche, but life would be totally different if it hadn't been for cross country," she said. "I wouldn't-have-met the people I've met and I probably would have done the things I've done. I definitely wouldn't have come out for track. It's cool how my life has been blessed by

all of that.' Even when the track and field season comes to a close after graduation, Hrivnak said she probably won't be done running quite yet. She will be joining Andrea Mochle, a close friend of

this summer. I'm going to keep running for fun. It's a great sport and I love it.

Hrivnak said she'll have to train for the 13.1-mile halfmarathon run following track. She even noted she didn't run zh much as she would have liked prior to this spring season, but she had Mother Nature to thank for that.

"It's been hard because the weather is so temperamental," she said. "I did what I could indoors, but I definitely didn't run as much as I should have."

There's no doubt she'll run plenty this spring and, if she has her way, well into the future. As long as she's having fun, that is



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hers, in an all-out, grueling run. "We'd like to run at least a half-marathon," she said. "We're hoping to do it sometime later seggleston@ht.homecomm net.

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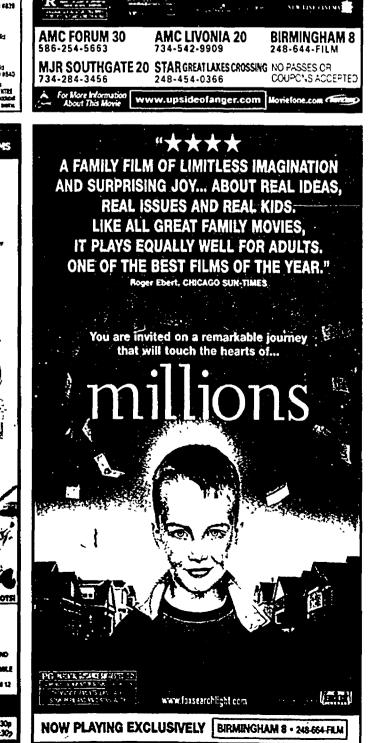
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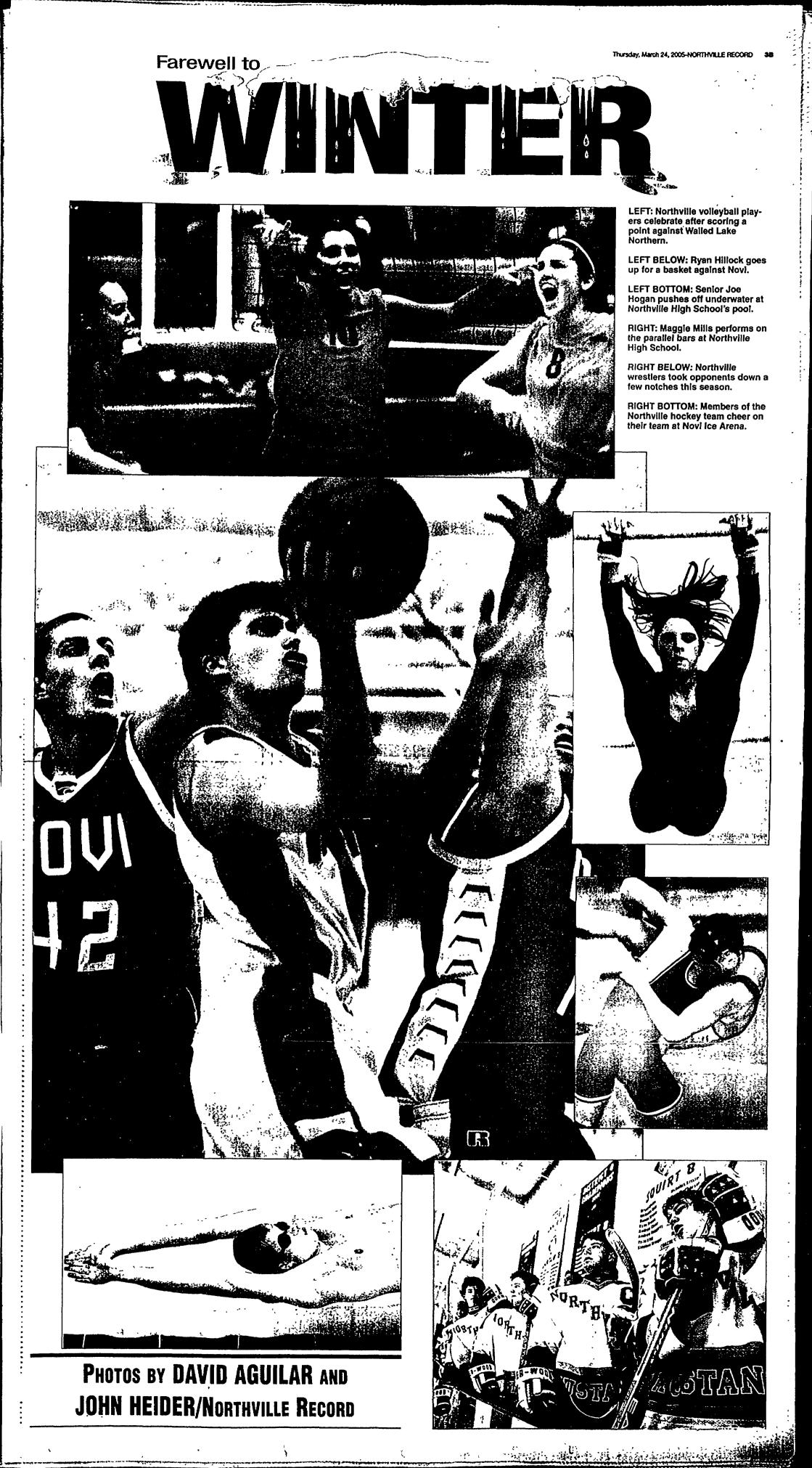
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TEAM VICTORIES

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Tournament champs!

The Northville Mustangs 5th grade basketball team won five straight games and lost none on March 19 and 20 en route to winning the Pinckney March Madness Boys Basketball Tournament. The Mustangs' championship effort featured tenacious defense and unselfish play as they defeated teams from Monroe, Canton, Walled Lake, Huron Valley, and Brighton. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Joel Pennington, Jeffrey Hewlett, Jeffrey Gertley, Billy Mitchell, and Vince Tomasi; (back row) Coach Al MacDonald, Michael Schultz, Kyle Cooper, Andrew Poterala, Brett MacDonald, and Coach Brian Pennington.

Local 'Midget' Knights douse Fire, earn big victory

The Livonia Knights, including one player from Northville and two from Novi, defeated the Farmington Hills Fire 8-1 on Feb. 13 at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena to claim the 2004-05 Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District 4 Midget "A" Hockey Championship.

The Knights had gone undefeated in the January round-robin series of the tournament, with victories over the Redford Freeze, 3-1: the Birmingham Rangers, 13-1; and the Kensington Valley Rebels, 6-1.

The quarterfinals began on Feb. 2 at the Novi Ice Arena. The Knights tied the Orchard Lake Pirates, 3-3, then beat the Livingston Lightning, 7-2, to move into the semifinals against the USA Eagles. •The Knights came away with a 5-1 win, advancing them to the finals against the Fire.

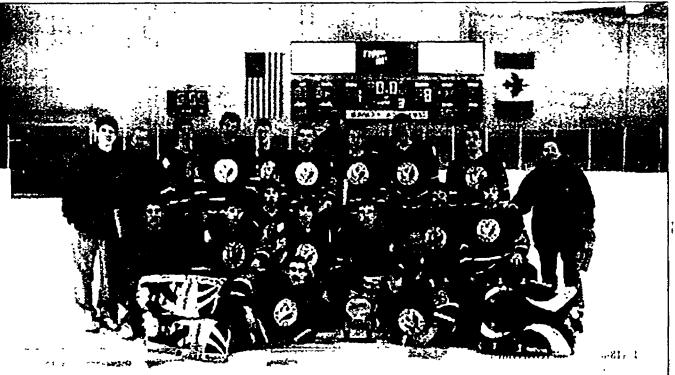
The Knights are sponsored by Lone Star Electric in Brighton. The Knights, along with five other teams from the Livonia Hockey Association, will be representing District 4 in their respective MAHA State Championship Tournaments this March at various locations across Michigan.

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Members of the Knights (from left to right): front row: Will Danko and Drew MacEachern; kneeling: Kyle Stansik, Steve Greco, Adam Kwiatkowski, Nick Kent,

Steven Yackley, Adam Haydon, Andy LaBerge, David Muller; standing: Mike Jahn, assistant coach Jim Byrne, Tony Ross, David Wurst, Vince Byrne, Bryon Niemczak, assistant coach Kevin Kent, Jason Fellwock, Steve Soave, Ryan Timar, head coach Chris Greco; Not pictured is manager Joann Fellwock

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At the show, Twiggy, The Water Skiing Squirrel, wearing a life jacket will ride on water skis behind a remote-controlled boat in a custom-made swimming pool, as seen on ESPN, "Good Morning America" and "The Late Show with David Letterman" and two-man 'grilling buddies', Mad

Dog and Merrill, will teach new tips, ideas and recipes for backyard entertaining, as seen on ESPN, CBS and CNN.

Other features at the show include the Ultimate Backyard with a deck, hot tub and pool and seminars on what homeowners need to know when buying a pool or spa to make a good decision.

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- Let cakes come to room temperature. Cut both into matching strawberry shapes. Layer with strawberry jam sandwiched between.
- 3. Tint frosting with red food coloring to desired shade, then frost entire cake.
- Separate yellow jellybeans from bag and arrange on cake, following photograph as a guide, to appear as strawberry seeds.
- 5. Select and unwrap 14 green fruit chews. Warm in microwave 3 to 4 seconds, just to soften. Using fingers, press all fruit
- chews into one piece and slightly flatten. Using a rolling pin, roll out chews until water thin. Cut out two leaves. Gather up remainder and form stem. Place stem and leaves at top of cake.

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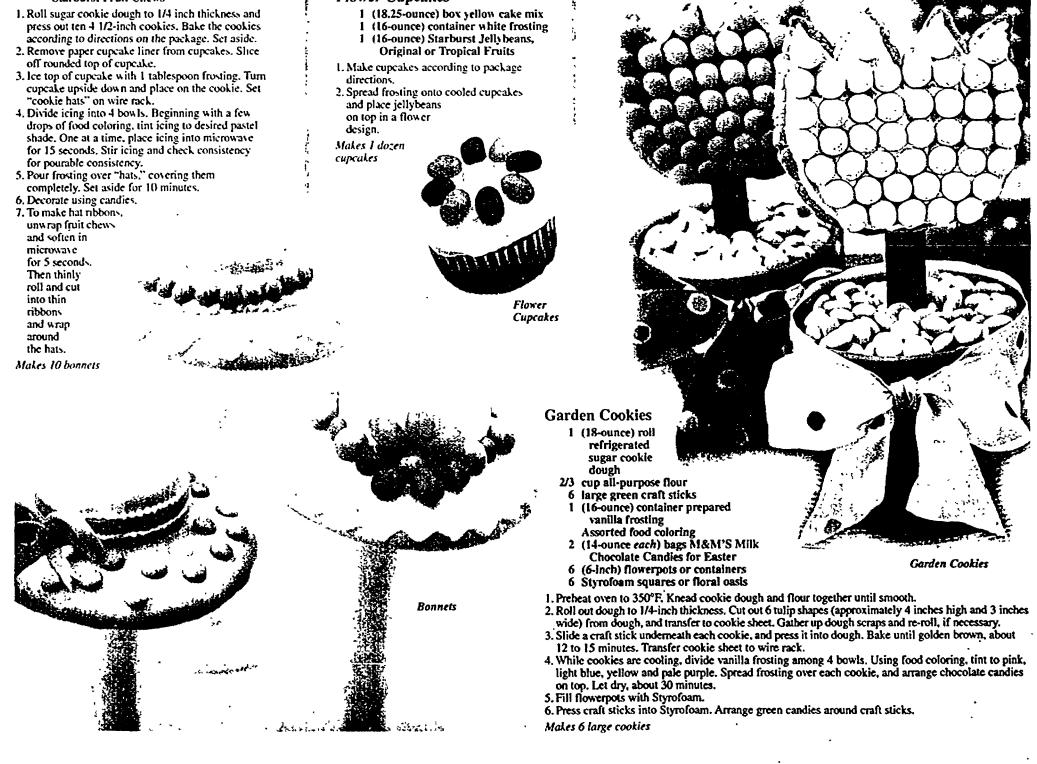
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Could somebody in Washington be listening?

There probably are few American small-business owners who could correctly identify the federal group whose primary job is to keep the president of the United States updated on the activities of government such as management, spending, interagency cooperation and work performance. But countless small-business owners, especially manufacturers, may soon be doffing their hats to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for doing its job.

Many of the greatest problems small businesses face are government-related, particularly something they call



"unreasonable government regulation." The problem ranked ninth out of 75 headaches listed in the National

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Independent Business Research Foundation's most-recent quadrennial survey. "Small Business Problems and Priorities."

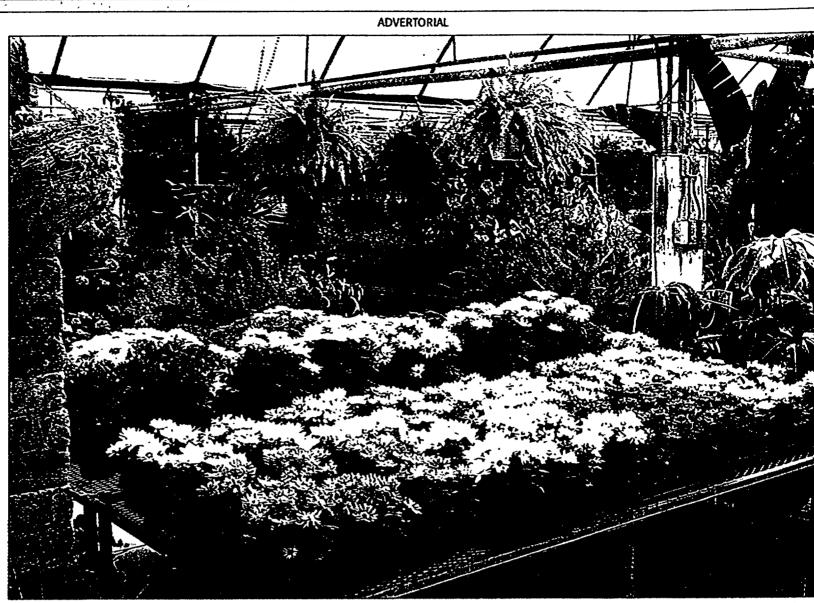
Forty-four percent of small employers who responded to an NFIB poll on coping with regulation termed the problem either "very serious" or "somewhat serious." More than one-fourth said the extra paperwork deemed necessary was the primary hassle; 22 percent gave the top vote to difficulty understanding what was needed to comply. Nearly half – 49 percent – considered the federal government the main culprit of their regulatory woes.

For many years, small-business owners just took it for granted that no one in Washington, D.C. was listening to their concerns about the regulatory burden. Each year, some 150 new proposed rules fluttered down from the nation's capital. And each year, small firms collectively coughed up more than \$100 million to comply with new rules.

But last year, OMB launched an effort to do something about the regulatory burden on the manufacturing sector. In February, the office announced it would seek public nominations of rules and guidance documents that could be reformed to ease some of those regulations.

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By December, the office collected and sent to major federal departments such as Treasury, Agriculture, Environmental Protection, Labor, and Health and Human Services nearly 200 regula-



Raney's Greenhouse offers a full palette of colorful flowers and plants to put a little spring into your landscaping plans.

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Raney's Plants, Inc.

By Annette Jaworski special writer

If winter has lingered just a little too long, a trip to Raney's Plants, Inc., should convince you that spring is on the way. Their bright sunny greenhouses are a sure sign of warmer days to come. The Raney family has been working hard all winter to bring customers hundreds of flats filled with flower and vegetable plants.

"I've rooted over 40,000 cuttings of annuals to be ready and 7,000 geraniums. We have over 8,000 baskets planted," said President Tony Raney.

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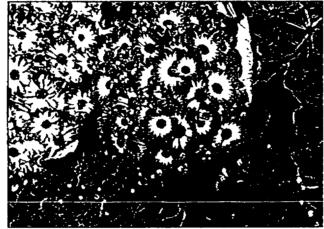


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 It can even be done where there's limited space. Raney's staff can guide you to varieties that are designed specially for container gardening.

Easter

Even if the weather doesn't cooperate this Easter, you can still add a ray of sunshine to someone's day with a gift of flowers. Raney's makes certain all their florals for the holiday are special and ready for gift giving. Look for all the traditional favorites. Bulbs will be in full bloom including lilies, hydrangeas, tulips, hyacinths and daffodds adding fragrance and beauty. Of course, a bouquet of fresh cut flowers is always available. Or try colorful blooms such as cineraria and cyclamen in pots for a touch of spring indexre

tions that were identified as candidates for reform by more than 40 industry and non-profit organizations. The Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy compiled a list of 27 rules considered small-business priorities. Of the rules submitted, some 76 were given the green light for consideration and action by the Bush Administration, which will give the federal agencies their marching orders to modernize the regulations within specific timetables.

John D. Graham, who heads the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs within OMB, said these nominations would get priority action "to ease the excessive burden for the manufacturing industry while maintaining health, safety and environmental protections for the public."

What's more, the agency has released a draft report to Congress on the costs and benefits of federal rules enacted over the past decade. While this may not be cause for immediate celebration, the report could be an eye-opener for legislators who fail to consider the negative impact on small-business growth and job creation that ill-conceived regulations cause.

At the very least, OMB's action appears to be a clear indication that somebody in Washington, D.C. is listening to the concerns of American small businesses.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.NFIB.com.

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The Northville Record David Aguilar, editor 104 W. Main Northville, MI 48167 fax: (248) 349-9832 daguilar@ht.homecomm.net "It's a greenhouse. We have a higher quality product because we raise it here and sell it here."

Brothers Tony and Mike Raney agree their agricultural background is the reason for their high standards. Raney's starts all of their annuals and perennials from cuttings or seeds in their own greenhouses.

"Our biggest advertisement is the customers that come in, take their plants home and their neighbors and ask "Where did you get those, because mine aren't growing like that?" said Tony Raney. The staff includes three master gardeners ready to assist customers. They're happy to share, their expertise. Rancy explains they are constantly exploring new varieties and plants. One of their favorite places to research includes the trial gardens at Michigan State. Here they select products they believe will grow well in this area's climate. This helps to ensure their customer's success.

"I take it home personally and see. We try all of these ourselves. If it works out well, we'll offer more next year."

In addition to plants, they carry a wide variety of other gifts. There are many unique home decor items, including life-like silks and gift certificates that allow the gardener to make their own selection.

"When they (Raney's) go to the Chicago trade shows, they get things that you don't find everywhere." said associate, Lori Vogel. Customers will always find fun seasonal merchandise to celebrate holidays or special events like Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day or Thanksgiving. When the growing season is farther along in May, Raney's will offer an even larger selection, including hanging baskets and combination pots in a wide variety of shapes and sizes for Mother's Day. They're proud of their diverse offering of combination pots.

Raney's Plants, Inc. is a family business founded by Ray Raney, who began seedlings for their vegetable gardens like tomatoes, melons and cucumbers. He is still an active part of the business today. Other family members include brothers: Mike Raney, who is vice-president. and Paul Rancy, as well as sisters Ann Brown and Mary Sue Bennett They're represented in local organizations like Metro Detroit Flower Growers Association where Tony is spring indudis.

"We'll design a gift, it's a nice presentation, whether it'll be a basket with grass or maybe a bow," said Lori Vogel of Raney's. "Everything is prepared so that when you present it, it will be a gift. There will be lots to pick from."

When giving bulbs don't forget, once they're done blooming they can be planted in flowerbeds where they be enjoyed year after year, she reminds. "It's the gift that keeps on giving."

President, and Vice-President of the Michigan Floriculture Growers Council.

If you're a little behind schedule planting, don't worry, gardens and flowers planted in June do amazingly well, they assure.

"The ground is nice and warm, the sun is more intense and the days are longer. All this is conducive to growth, although any time after Mother's Day should be okay," said Tony Rancy.

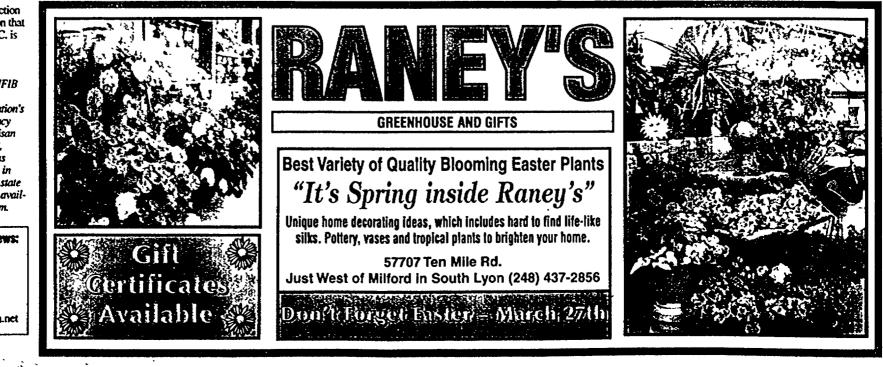
Once the growing season begins, stock can go quickly, so if you can't find something you're looking for, please ask; there may be more flats in the greenhouse. If not, more may be

more available in a week or so. Customers are welcome to enjoy browsing the rows of plants for inspiration, but even on busy weekends Raney's staff makes every to handle orders as quickly as possible.

For your convenience they carry all your gardening needs and potting supplies. For those who prefer natural pesticides, they carry organic insecticides and fungicides.

"We're farmers and we know about all the stuff they used years ago," he added.

Raney's is conveniently located at 57707 Ten Mile near Milford Road. Call (248) 437-2856.





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'Star Wars' strikes again

By Linda Rosenkrantz COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The next "Star Wars" feature, "Revenge of the Sith," isn't scheduled to hit theaters until May 19, but already collectors are salivating over the prospect of all the new Obi-Wan Kenobi and Amidala (aka Ewan McGregor and Natalie Portman) figures they will soon have at their disposal.

Ever since the first film of the original trilogy opened in

1977, there has been an unequalled barrage of merchandise that has been avidly

Contemporary Collectibles

collected now for close to three decades from action figures and model kits to trading cards to posters to comic books to novels and videos, clocks, watches, soundtrack records, masks, bean-filled figures and cereal box premiums.

The initial "Star Wars" movie was a boxoffice-record-smashing space opera featuring groundbreaking special effects - it was selected by Time magazine as the best picture of 1977 and played to packed houses for about a year. The subsequent two, "The Empire Strikes Back" in 1980 and "Return of the Jedi" three years later, were equally successful, and the carded action figures of Han Solo, Princess Leia, Luke Skywalker, Chewbacca, C-3PO, R2-D2 and Darth Vader, made by Kenner Corp., were gottahaves for almost every kid in America.

Just before the second movie was released, creator George Lucas regained control of the merchandising rights, so that all the material from "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi" can be identified by the Lucasfilm logo. In fact, there are four or five different styles of packaging for most of these figures, with Kenner changing the logo for each movie as it appeared, while foreign editions displayed the movie titles in three languages and are referred to as Tri-Logo. In 1995-96, new figures were issued on "The Power of the Force" header cards, appealing to a whole new generation of prospective collectors, and also strengthening interest in the earlier cards - particularly those featuring Princess Leia.

When it comes to evaluating these pieces, condition and original packaging are key. Without the box or card backing, at least half the value can immediately be subtracted, and if an important part or accessory is missing, you can forget about it having any value at all. Some of these items - such as a Boba Fett mint on its card, can, according to some price guides, be worth as much as \$1,000; others, like the mint, in-box, 12-inch IG-88 from "The Empire Strikes Back," \$750. The most valuable are those that are known to fans as "12 backs," which comprise the original dozen figures produced, showing a picture and list of the other figures on the back.

Another treat in store for admirers of all of Lucas' work is a lavish new Abrams book on the subject, "The Cinema of George Lucas" by Marcus Hearn. A fullscale, lavishly illustrated biography of this influential mythmaker as well as a meticulously documented study of the films, it moves from his youth in the San Joaquin Valley, through his beginnings in film at USC, where he worked on the early version of his first feature, "THX 1138" (now fully restored), complete with its 1969 shooting schedule, his collaborative relationship with Francis Ford Coppola, the iconic teen movie "American Graffiti," then on to "Star Wars" and the Indiana Jones trilogy, all with fascinating documentary material, including deleted scenes and valuable preproduction notes.

Not surprisingly, it is the "Star Wars" franchise that plays the leading part in the book, up to and including "Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" - in which we finally see Anakin Skywalker become the evil Darth Vader, bringing to a conclusion the world's greatest space opera - and it also looks ahead to future innovative projects planned by Lucasfilm.

Linda Rosenkrantz has edited Auction magazine and authored 15 books, including "Beyond Jennifer & Jason, Madison & Montana." She cannot answer letters personally. Visit Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com.

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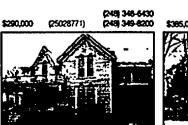
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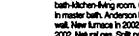
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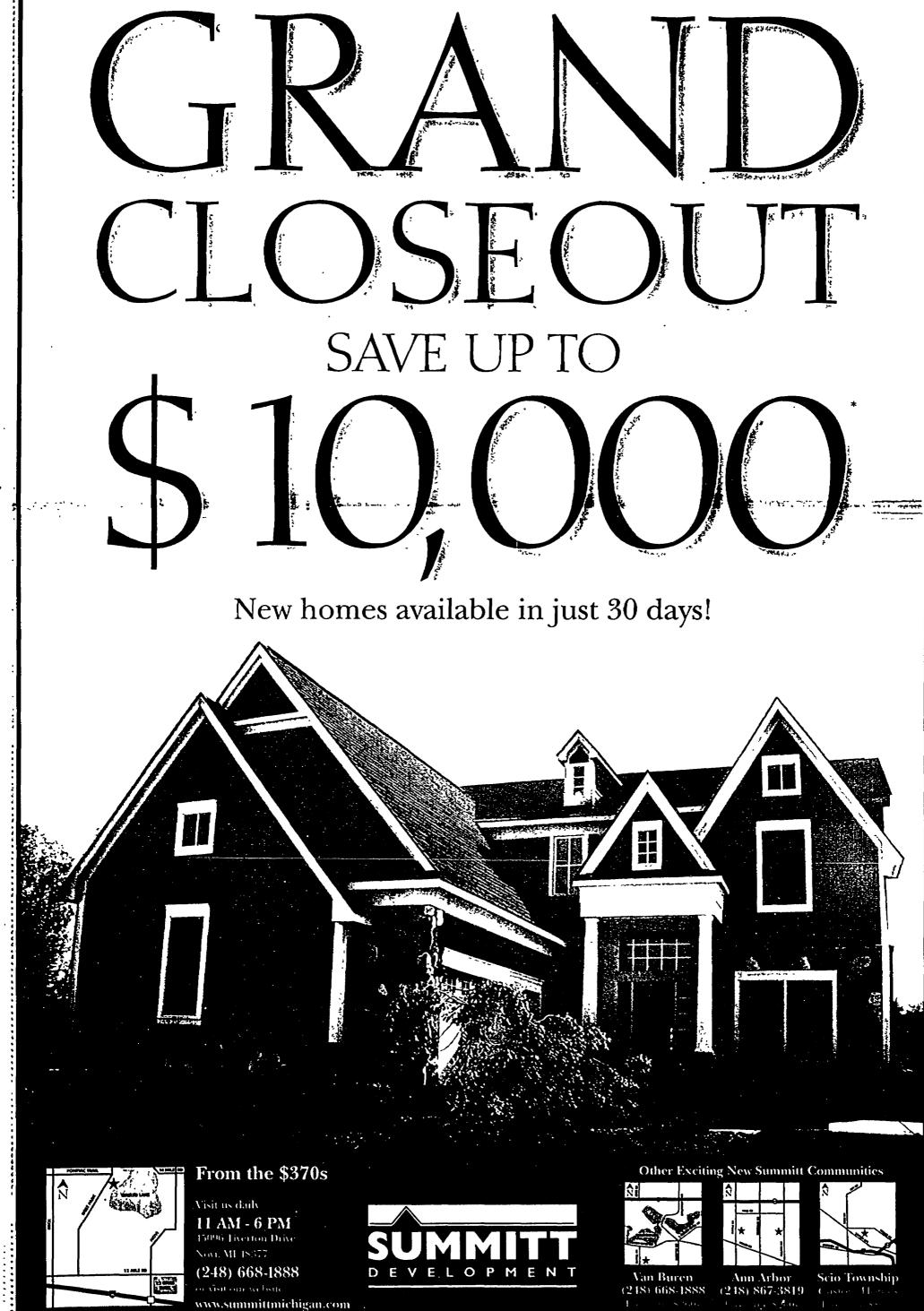
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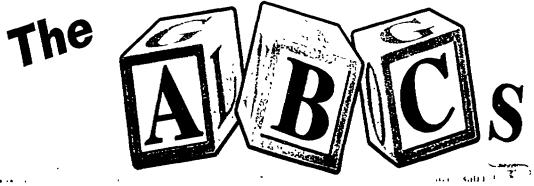
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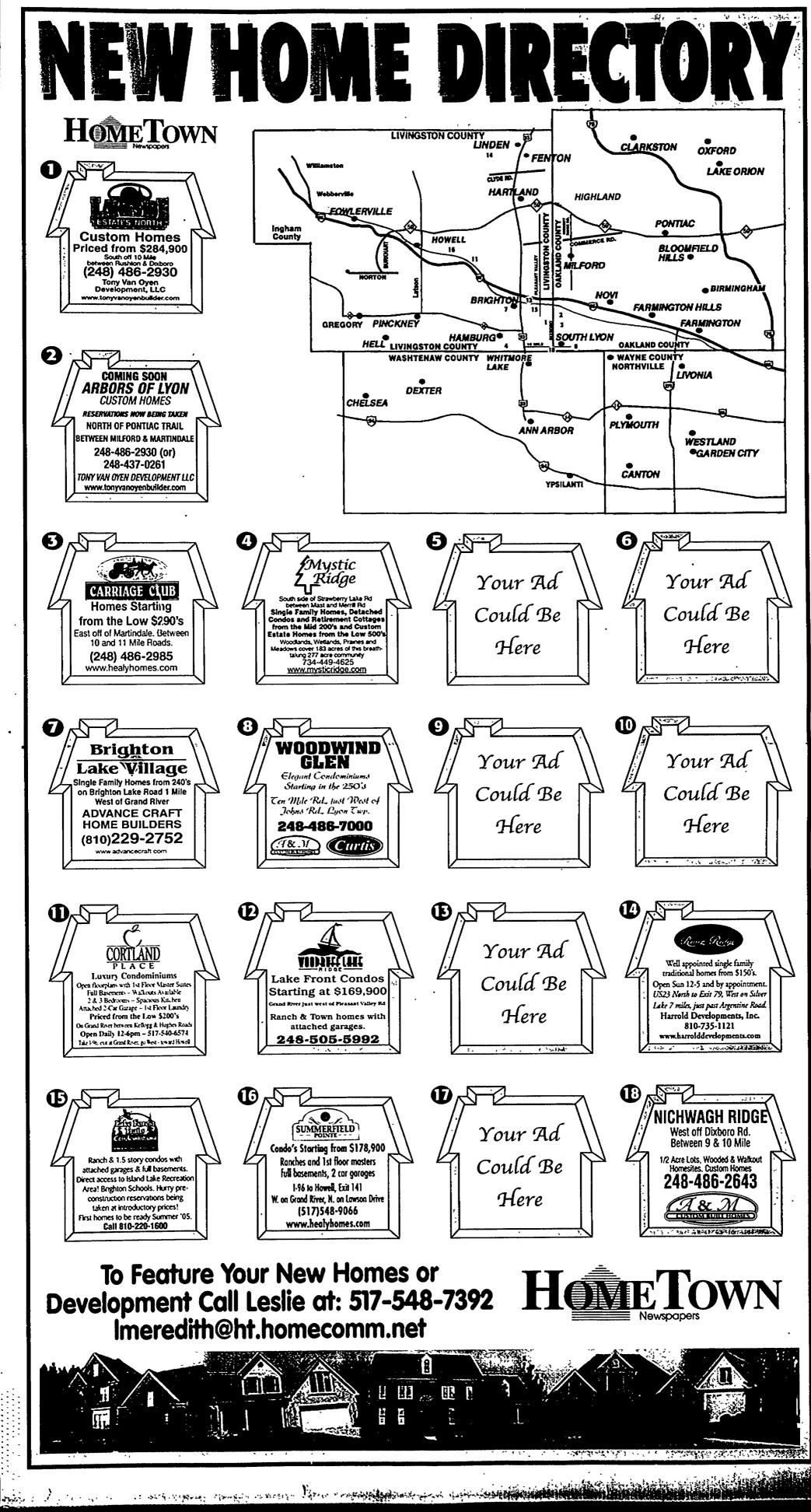
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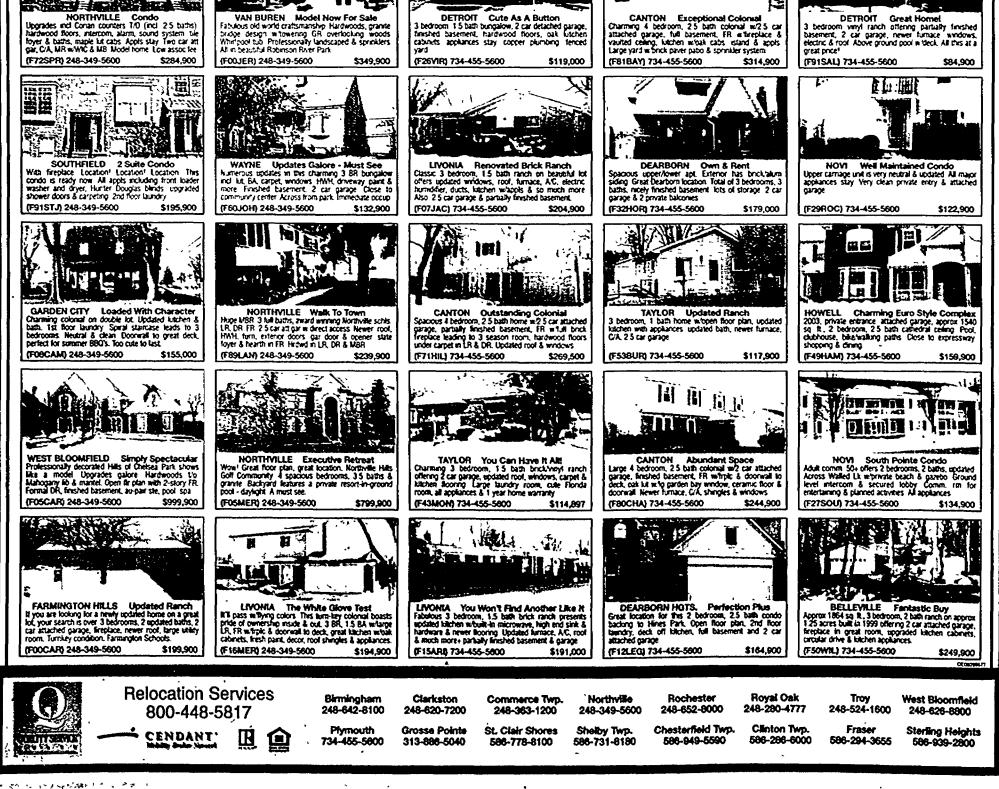
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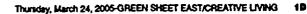


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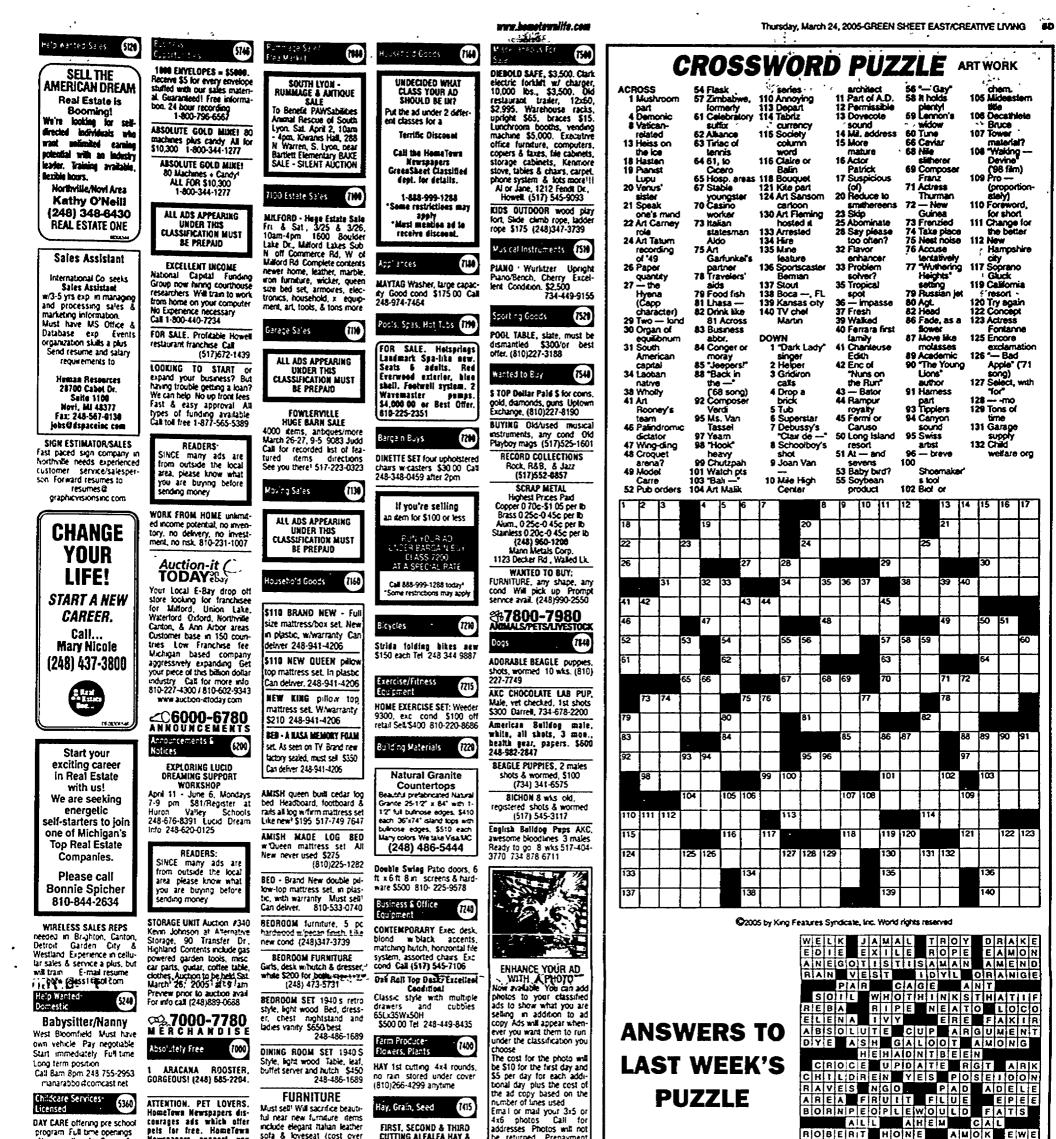
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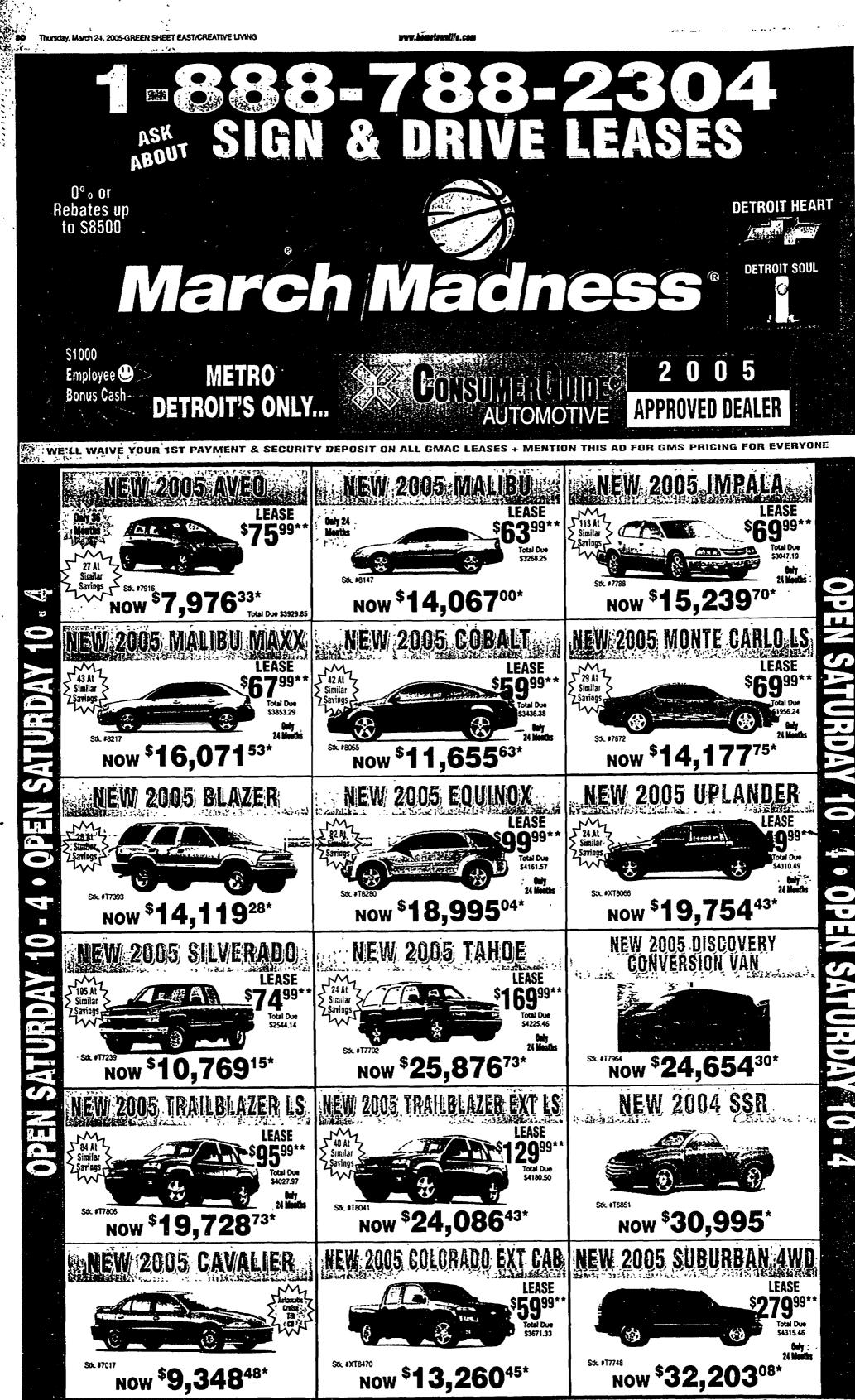
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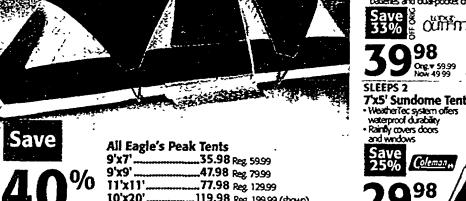
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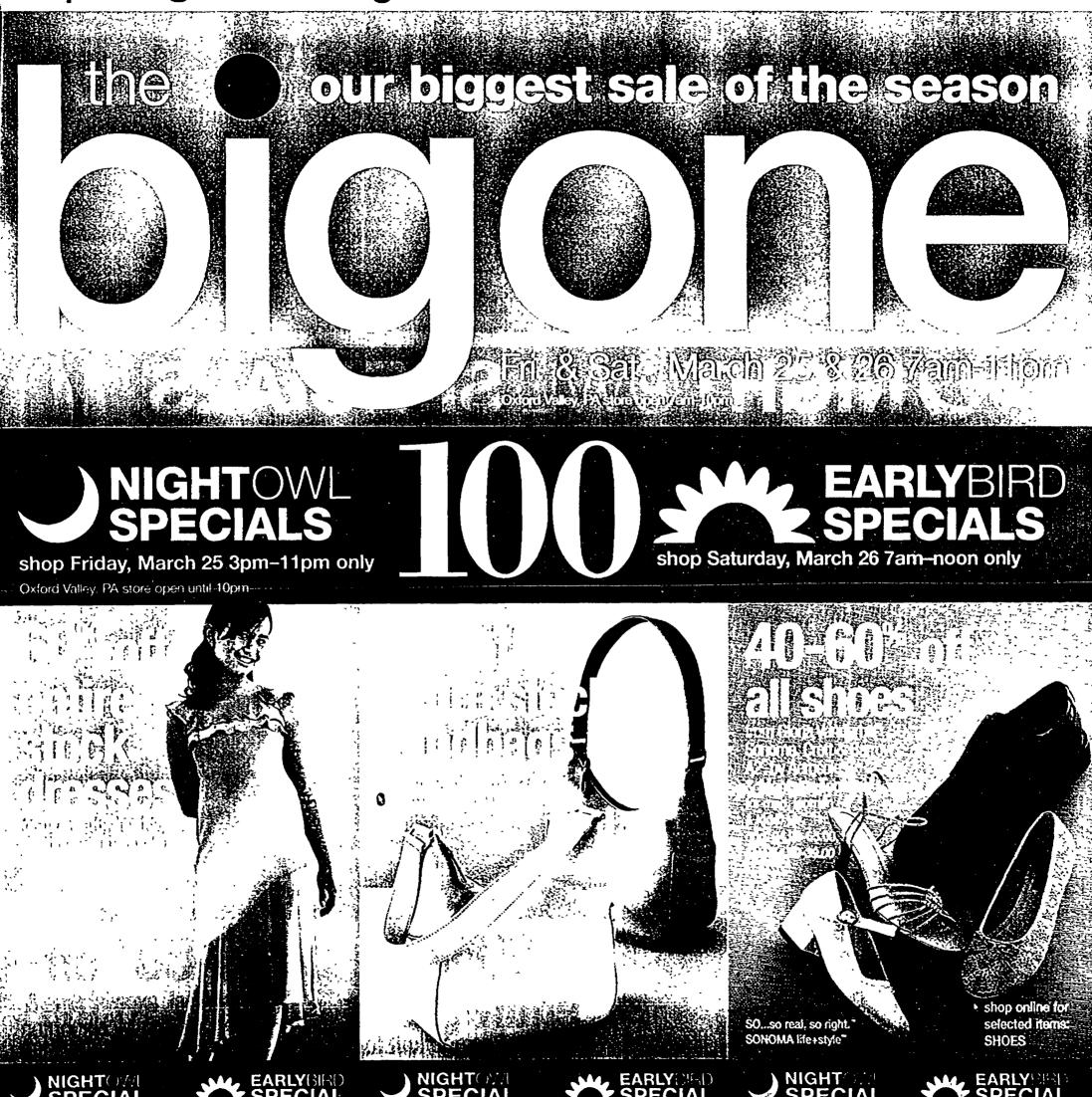
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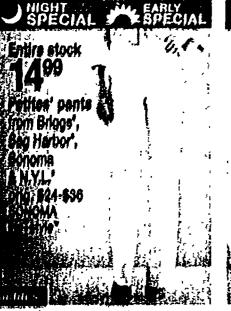






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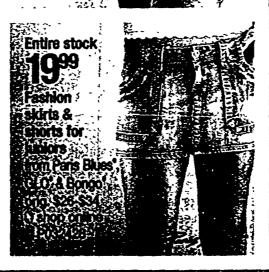


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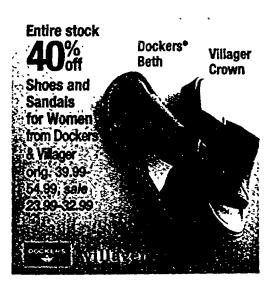
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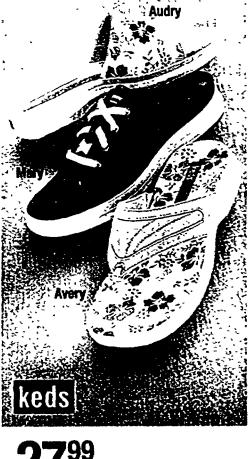


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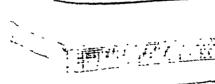
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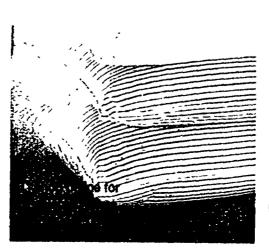


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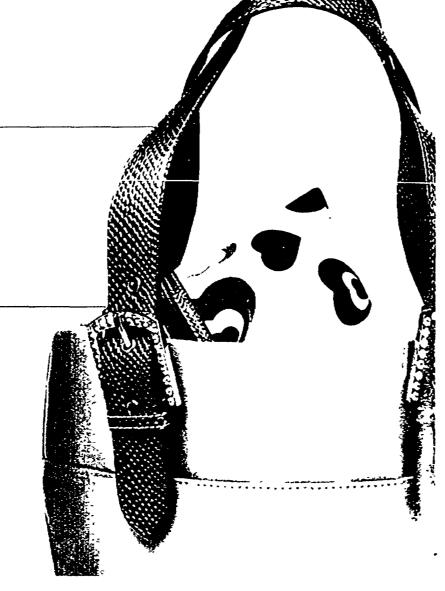
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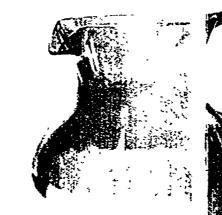
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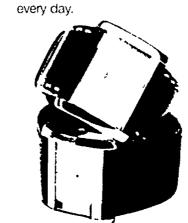


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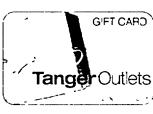
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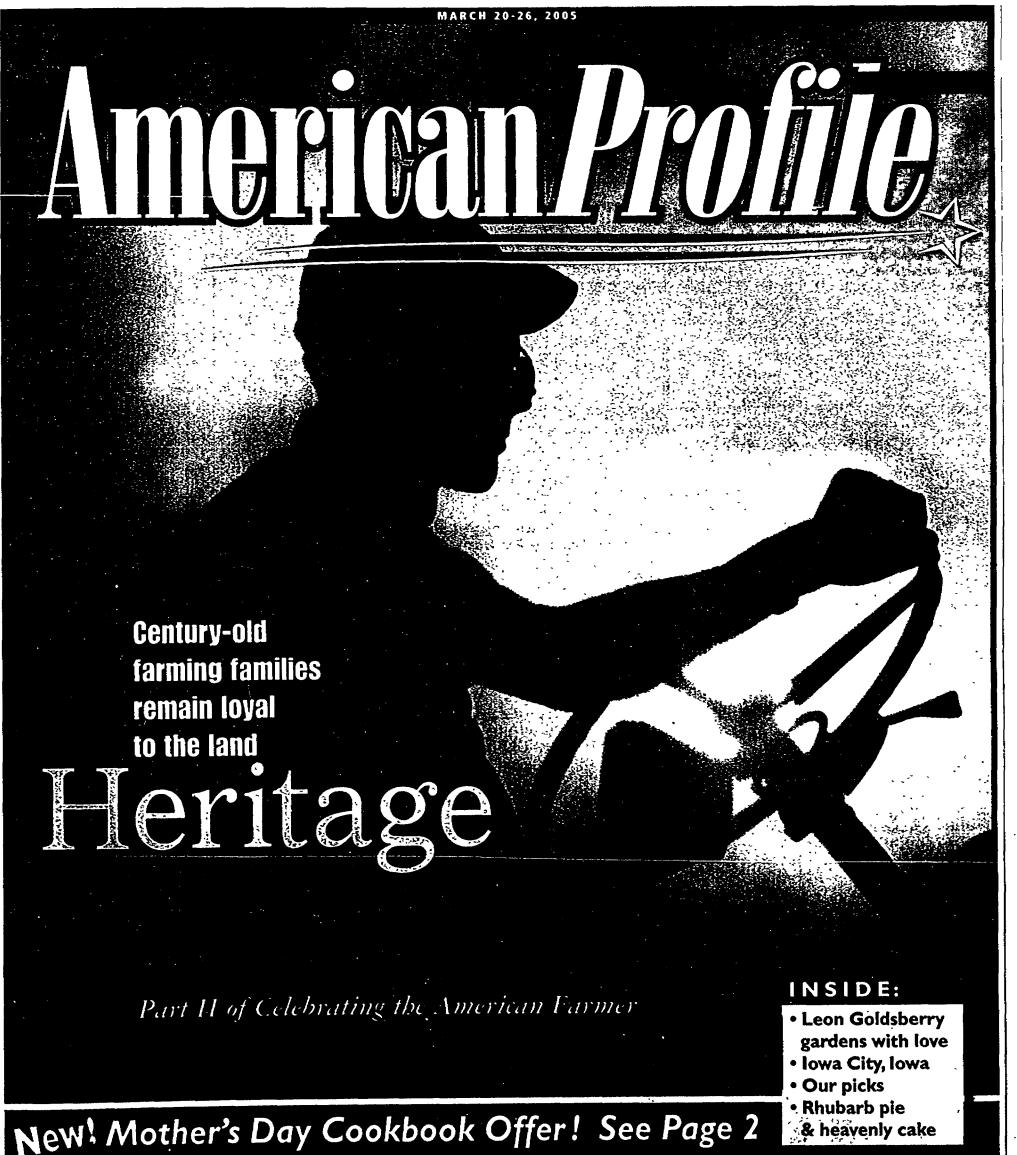
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What do you know about leanetta lones of The Weather Channel? -Harley B., Texas

Jeanetta Jones, a native of Plainview, Texas (pop. 22,336), graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree in broadcast news, wanting to

report anything but the weather. After graduation, she worked at a Macon, Ga., TV station reporting on everything, including weather. On her next job in Spartanburg, S.C., a temporary fill-in weekend weather job turned into two years and "in that two years, I figured out I was having more fun doing the weather than I was doing the news," Jones says. "The news was so depressing and when I did the weather, I felt like I was providing a true service for people. A lot of times we don't take the weather seriously, but during severe weather season,

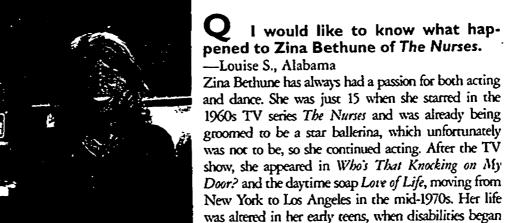
we can help keep people out of harm's way." A month after she sent a tape to The Weather Channel in 1986, she was hired. Married for 12 years and the mother of a 9-year-old daughter, Jones, 44, also has expanded her horizons to include another passion-jewelry-by opening a store in Macon, called The Bling, which carries fashion jewelry.

Whatever became of Moira Kelly from The Cutting Edge movie?

-Monika A., Iowa

She plays single mother Karen Roe on the WB show One Tree Hill. She also spent a year on The West Wing, playing political consultant Mandy Hampton. Born in Long Island, N.Y., Kelly once revealed, "My mother always called me 'Clara Bow-I was such a dramatic child---so I think acting was in my blood." In addition to The Cutting Edge, she also starred in the films Billy Bathgate and Chaplin, as well as voicing the character Nala in The Lion King. Married with two children, Kelly splits her time between New York and Los Angeles.

Moira Kelly can be seen on One Tree Hill



The Weather Channel's Jeanetta Jones



Actress Zina Bethune Dreams that has worked with more than 1,000 disabled

children. She has performed for presidents and traveled all over the world with this group. "I guess there are reasons I have had so many illnesses, because it led me down a road perhaps I would not have traveled, and it's been extraordinarily rewarding."

affecting her legs, feet and back. Rather than being dis-

couraged, she overcame them and began working with

disabled children. "I realized how dance transcends

all the supposed limitations," explains Bethune, who was

born with the spine disease scoliosis and suffers from hip

and glandular problems. In 1980, she started Bethune

Theatredanse, where she adapts screenplays and plays as

multi-media experiences. "I try to utilize all the art forms

I care about in my work," says Bethune, who lives in Los

Angeles with her husband of 27 years. Since 1982, she has

led a dance and drama outreach program called Infinite

I have enjoyed watching Craig T. Nelson on Coach and The District. What can you tell me about his former theatrical background and personal life? —Laura K., Vermont

Nelson was born April 4, 1944, in Spokane, Wash. A former writer for The Tim Conuray Show, he made his mark in movies with 1982's Poltereeist, and has been a constant presence in television and film since 1971, including movies such as Silkwood, The Killing Fields and Ghosts of Mississippi. The Emmy Award winner

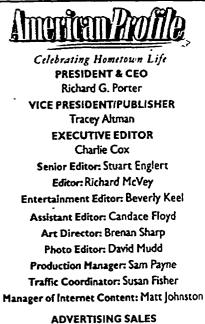
is versatile-he also voiced the roles of Bob Parr/ Mr. Incredible in the 2004 film The Incredibles and directed episodes of both series. A devotee of racecar driving, he's been married to actress Doria Cook-Nelson since 1987 and has three children from a previous marriage. 🛪 Craig T. Nelson

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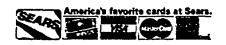
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John Lyman drives through the apple orchard on the family farm in Middlefield. Conn. (pop. 4,203). When he reaches his favorite hilltop spot, he can see most of the Lyman Orchards spread: 140 acres of fruit trees, 18 acres of berries, 20 acres of pumpkins, two golf courses, the old homestead and a bakery that rolls out 1,500 apple pies each week.

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"Our greatest resource is the land," says Lyman, 47, whose great-great-great-great-great-grandfather John Lyman bought the farm's original 36 acres in 1741.

Eight generations of the Lyman family have maintained one of America's oldest family farms by adapting with the times. In the first century, the farm was a typical self-sufficient New England homestead. In the second, the Lymans specialized in raising hogs and sheep and growing peaches. When a severe winter in 1917 killed the peach trees, the family sold land to survive and began planting more winter-hardy apple trees.



In the 1960s, "we had 300 head of Guernsey cattle, then people woke up to the fact that high-fat wasn't good for them," recalls Jack Lyman, 78, John's father.

· Using the Yankee ingenuity of their ancestors who weathered lean times by manufacturing clothes wringers in the 1850s, the Lymans sold the cows and converted the pastureland into greens and fairways. Famed

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golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Sr. designed the farm's first 18-hole course in 1967, and golfing legend Gary Player drew up plans for a second in 1994.

Now with a ninth-generation, Adam Lyman, 17, working on the 1,100-acre farm, Lyman Orchards has become a popular pick-your-own destination from June, when the first strawberries ripen, through October, when the last pumpkin is picked.

"People can spend the day here," John says. "Many parents today came to Lyman's as kids, and now they bring their kids."

Last fall, Carl Griffasi, 43, of Greenwich, Conn. (pop. 61,101), and his friend Lisa LaBarbera, 36, of Harrison, N.Y. (pop. 24,154), drove for more than an hour to bring their children apple picking. "I like picking apples of different flavors," says Carl's daughter Chloe Griffasi, 10, swinging her bag loaded with Golden Delicious, her favorite.

Twenty-five varieties of apples are grown at Lyman's, and new varieties are planted annually. Apples, apple cider, applesauce, specialty cheeses and deli items are sold at the farm's Apple Barrel store, which opened in 1972. The store buzzes with customers loading up fresh produce and goodies from the bakery, including horfrom-the-oven apple pies, which are the fastest-growing slice of Lyman Orchards' business.

Outside, customers linger at tables on the deck of the barrel-shaped store, which overlooks a valley with a duck pond.

"The community appreciates this open space," John Lyman says overlooking the land first farmed by his namesake 264 years ago.

Lovalty to the land

Across America, other heritage farmers share that loyalty to the land and their hardworking ancestors.

In Franklin, Idaho (pop. 641), Bob and Henriette Haworth own the state's oldest family farm, homesteaded in 1861 by Haworth's great-grandfather James Haworth. The determined Mormon homesteader, filled with faith and hope, traveled from Salt Lake City and scouted the perfect land along the Cub River to build his flour mill.

"Great-grandpa had to chisel the rock for his grinding stone and got a piece of rock in his eye," says Bob, 73. "My great-grandma took a needle and removed the rock. She must have had nerves of steel to be that steady."

Farmers hauled wagonloads of wheat from across Idaho and Montana to the Haworth mill, which operated until 1887. Changing with the times, the Haworths phased out milling and started milking, growing a herd of 25 dairy cows in 1920 to 806 in 1987.

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grams honoring farms that have grams honoring farms that have remained in the same family for at least 100 years. State departments of agriculture, Farm Bureau chapters and other agricultural organizations have paid tribute to thousands F of these multi-generational farms. The New York State Agricultural Society, believed to have the nation's oldest such program, has recognized more than 300 farms since 1937.

Bureau's website at www.fb.org.

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in La Fayette, Ill., A.J. and Jeanne Harland maintain a tradition started by A.J.'s great-great-grandfathe

Honoring Agricultural Legacies

In Alabama, the Farm Bureau selects one ? member 'each' year as its century farmer and makes a video of the recipient and farm, which is shown at its annual convention. "It's very exciting," says Leonard Slade, the bureau's executive director. "These families take pride in what they own." To learn more about America's farming industry, log on to the American Farm



Hometown Recipes

Delightful Easter Desserts

Easter dinner wouldn't be complete without a delightful dessert.

While reviewing the dozens of recipes submitted to American Profile each week, food editor Mary Carter selected these two as ideal for topping off a springtime meal.

The first, submitted by Susan Baker of Ferndale, Wash. (pop. 8,758), combines the tart taste of rhubarb with creamy eggs and butter for a delicious pie.

"I got this recipe from a friend back in 1957," Baker says. "Even people who think they don't like rhubarb pie are pleasantly surprised by this dessert. I think the eggs make the difference."

The second recipe comes from Linda Ventura, of Alliance, Ohio (pop. 23,253), who adds coconut, nuts and cream cheese to make a box cake mix a divine dessert.

"I tried a recipe for chocolate cake. It was very good, but some of my friends and family cannot eat chocolate," Ventura says. "I took out the chocolate and made *beatenly* cake. I love both of them."

As always, American Profile looks forward to receiving your favorite family recipes and sharing them with readers across the nation. \Rightarrow

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RECIPE: **Heavenly Cake**

Linda Ventura

Alliance, Ohio

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Rhubarb Cream Pie Crust for 2-crust pie 1 and 1/2 cups sugar 3 tablespoons flour 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg I tablespoon butter 2 well-beaten eggs 3 cups rhubarb, cut in small pieces

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Blend sugar, flour and nutmeg in a medium-size bowl. Add eggs and mix well. Add rhubarb. Spoon filling into unbaked pie shell. Cut butter into small pieces and place over rhubarb filling. Cover with top crust. Bake for 10 minutes at 450 degrees. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees and bake for 30 minutes longer.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen: Either fresh or frozen rhubarb can be used in this pie. Try it warm with a dollop of vanilla ice cream or whipped topping.

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Prepare cake batter according to package instructions. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-by-12-inch baking pan. Cover the bottom of the pan with nuts and coconut. Pour cake batter evenly over the top. Melt margarine in a bowl or medium-size pan. Add the cream cheese and sugar. Mix well. Spoon cream cheese mixture over batter and bake for 40 to 42 minutes. You can't test this cake for doneness because it is so gooey.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen: Experiment by substituting your favorite cake mix, such as strawberry or cherry. ioto: David Damer wine Mary Carteran Standing Conternation

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Jessi Alexander Honeysuckle Sweet Columbia

Newcomer Jessi Alexander hails from Jackson, Tenn. (pop. 59,613), and arrives with her debut as a perfect ambassador to both that pocket of the

South and to Nashville's brightest new talent. Yet her writing, influenced by the California bands of the 1970s, as well as by Linda Ronstadt, Jackson Browne, Bonnie Raitt and Bobbie Gentry, isn't so much country as Southern.

The title track recalls an idyllic, languid childhood and the beckoning smell of honeysuckle, even as she tempers it with the bittersweet yearnings of an adult. An infectious tunesmith—her songs have been recorded by Trisha Yearwood and Patty Loveless—Alexander knows how to write melodies that burrow into the brain and the heart.

Even better, on *This World is Crazy*, she offers solace for the restlessness that comes with tough times and broken hearts. Now, who among us couldn't use a dose of that?



Friday Night Lights

Starring Billy Bob Thornton, Lucas Black and Tim McGraw

Universal Studios Home Entertainment

The DVD version of this popular movie scores a touchdown in revealing the true story of a Texas high school football team's emotional quest to win the state championship. The DVD includes several bonus features that provide valuable behindthe-scenes insight and entertainment.

The 1988 Permian High Panthers of Odessa, Texas, are introduced in a segment that reveals the "real life" players behind the movie's main characters. It convincingly depicts the heavy expectations placed on these high school athletes by the

entire town as they compete to remain the most successful high school football team in the state's history. Actors such as Billy Bob Thornton and Lucas Black also discuss how they attempted to authentically convey these real-life stories on the big screen.

Country singer Tim McGraw reflects on the challenge of acting in his first major movie and not getting "too animated" in his role as a former Permian High football star living his life through his football-playing son. Director Peter Berg and writer Buzz Bissinger provide movie commentary, while great action-packed scenes that had been deleted from the movie round out the added attractions.

Ray

Starring Jamie Foxx Universal Studios Home Entertainment

Actor Jamie Foxx has won several major acting awards for his uncanny portrayal of late music legend Ray Charles in this box-office hit. If you missed the film at the theater, this DVD, which contains bonus material on this two-sided disc (available in either widescreen or full-screen formats), gives you another chance to catch one of the best movies of 2004.

One of the DVD's most poignant moments is in a seg-

ment called "Walking in His Shoes," which chronicles a jam session at the piano with Foxx and Charles. Foxx, a talented musician, shows off his piano skills and receives a stamp of approval from the great one himself. This DVD also takes you behind the scenes as Foxx works countless hours transforming himself into Charles.

Other material includes 14 previously deleted movie scenes, commentary from director Taylor Hackford and a segment called "Ray Remembered," which offers reflections from friends and musicians. You'll also be treated to the uncut movie performance of the Charles' standard *Hit the Road Jack*, in addition to the award-winning movie itself. This DVD is a must for Ray Charles and American music aficionados.

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Leon Goldsberry has been called "the Pied Piper of Flowers in the Mississippi Delta." Of course, the Edwards, Miss. (pop. 1,279), resident prefers to answer to his other nickname, Dr. Dirt.

The accolades stem from Goldsberry's love of gardening and his way of sharing that joy with others, whether it's on a gardening radio show, swapping plants with neighbors, or speaking to area gardening clubs. He's also happy to greet tourists who stop by to see his garden, which he calls Millie's Garden, named to honor his late mother who spent decades tending the nearly one-acre landscape.

Millie's Garden encircles Goldsberry's 110-year-old family homestead, which was built by his great-grandfather, Samuel Bland. In fact, it's those family roots that make his garden so unique.

"That flowering quince is 95 years old," Goldsberry says,

pointing to a shrub with colorful blossoms. "My great-grandfather planted it. We have two hydrangeas, a yellow and a pink, that are the same age. My favorite plant is the Rose of Sharon that I planted when I was 4 years old. Even the native stuff, like devil's walking stick, I remember bringing from the woods with my granddad."

Goldsberry, 58, became a gardening celebrity in 2001, when he appeared on the Home and Garden Television show Gardener's Diary. He also co-hosts the PBS radio show, The Gestalt Gardener. The folksy gardening show originates in Jackson, Miss., and is broadcast to surrounding states. Show co-host Felder Rushing, a retired horticulturist, first met Goldsberrry after stumbling upon his garden. "We met in

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Leon Goldsberry's green thumb and one-of-a-kind garden have earned him the nickname Dr. Dirt around Edwards, Mis

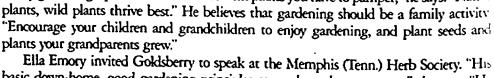
his garden," Rushing says. "I was cruising around looking for real gardeners in rural towns."

After meeting Goldsberry, he knew he had met a kindred spirit. "He has a no-nonsense approach, a bottom-line 'why not?' open-minded attitude toward positive things, especially the wealth of experiences we can enjoy and share in the garden," Rushing adds. "He teaches people that the rules of horticulture stink. That gardening is done out of love, not following a set of guidelines. That anyone can garden, without a lot of input . . . and that if ever there were a place to laugh, it is in a garden."

Goldsberry returned to his hometown 10 years ago, following a 30-year career as a chikkcare worker in Canada. He came home to care for his ailing mother, Millie, who died two years later. Today, his garden is dotted with a variety of Millie's favorite plants, including roses, wildflowers, herbs, vegetables, shrubs, annuals and perennials.

Roses, herbs, vegetables and wildflowers welcome visitors to Goldsberry's garden.

Millie's Garden, which has appeared in Southern Living magazine, has become so well known that local church groups and tour buses storthere. Goldsberry frequently is asked to speak to gardening clubs, where he offers up his folksy gardening tips. "Don't waste time with plants you have to pamper," he says. "Native



basic down-home, good gardening principles come through very strong," she says. "He stresses a back-to-nature approach: no chemicals, less watering, fewer soil additives, and he urges the use of dirt."

Carol Hewlett, who manages the Ina Thompson Library in Moss Point, Miss. (pop. 15,851), is another fan of Dr. Dirt. "He reminds you what plants can do for your spirit." she says. "And what sharing plants can do for a neighborhood and a community."

Edwards' residents have been inspired by the fame Millie's Garden has brought to their town, and plants that originated in Goldsberry's yard have found new homes throughout the community. It thrills Dr. Dirt that others want to beautify their property and get involved in gardening. To him, it's a sign that his has truly been a journey home. \Rightarrow

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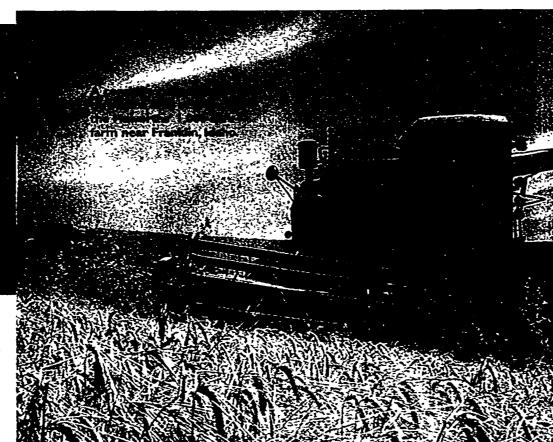
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Tillie Keith in Penokee, Kan., is a daily

reminder of the pioneering spirit and hard

work of Everette's grandfather Alexander

Keith, a Scottish immigrant who home-

The couple, honored as century farmers

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in the homesteader's original house, built

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Today, the family raises 1,000 acres of wheat and barley. Draft horses, which helped with yesteryear's harvest, were replaced with a combine in 1937, one of the first in the area.

"We'd cut grain for the neighbors and charged \$5 an acre," Bob recalls. "Some neighbors didn't have much money, and we'd do it for \$3 or \$4. Helping neighbors is still the way people operate here."

The Haworths, who raised seven daughters, get help running the

farm from their grandsons: Michael Porter, 26, and his brother Danny Porter, 19.

From their front porch, the couple takes in a view of the Bear River Mountains. Poplar trees and pines surround the home and eagles soar overhead.

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corn and milo. Everette, 82, retired 15 years ago, but he still lends his lifetime of wisdom to son, Joe, 51, and grandsons, Brad, 30, and Matthew, 28, who run the farm.

In La Fayette, Ill. (pop. 227), A.J. and Jeanne Harland live in a home built by A.J.'s great-great-grandfather Jonathan Gibbs, who operated a sawmill and homesteaded 200 acres along Walnut Creek in 1837.

"We're living in a house that is literally solid walnut," says Jeanne, 51. Gibbs built the house from walnut trees he cleared from the land. But first he built a oneroom cabin and a wooden-pegged barn.

The family outgrew the cabin with its attached summer kitchen, especially after the sons married and moved in their wives.

"The story goes that one winter they couldn't get along," Jeanne says. "The guys got out their saws and cut off the kitchen and dragged it 60 yards down the farm."

Today, Gibbs' 427-acre farm is diversified, raising beef cattle and growing corn, soybeans, hay and even turnips for cattle forage. Working the land with modern farm machinery is a mixed blessing, says A.J., 62, a retired high school principal.

"Jeanne and I go out, and she'll run the baler and I'll rake hay, and we can do what it took 10 to 12 people to do 40 years ago," he says. "In the 1950s, we had a hay crew and went from farm to

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The Haworth/Porter clan tends idaho's oldest family farm, homesteaded by an industrious Mormon ancestor and ploneer in 1861.

farm baling the hay. Nobody paid anybody.

"There's a good lesson in there," he adds. "We

The Harlands don't have children but are counting on nephews to carry on the farming tradition, keep alive the humorous and hardship stories, and live in the solid walnut house built by an ancestor six generations ago. \Rightarrow

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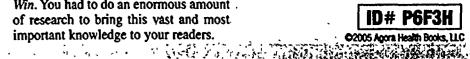
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The city has become one of the nation's literary meccas because of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, the nation's oldest and most respected program for creative writing. Based in an 1857 Victorian-style house overlooking the Iowa River, the workshop is a two-year graduate program at the University of Iowa that nurtures the next generation of fiction writers and poets.



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"Iowa City is a place that respects writers and literature," says Frank Conroy, director of the Writers' Workshop and author of books that include Body and Soul and Stop-Time. "There are people in town, for example, who can point out the house where Kurt Vonnegut Jr. wrote Slaughterhouse-Fire. People here don't think you're odd because you're a writer."

The workshop was founded in 1936 as the first creative writing degree program in the nation, pioneering a model that other universities now follow. Its graduates include four U.S. poet laureates, a dozen Pulitzer Prize winners, and a host of writers who have won National Book Awards and other major literary prizes, such as Flannery O'Connor, Wallace Stegner, John Irving, Rita Dove, T.C. Boyle and Mark Strand. The workshop's contributions to the nation's cultural life were honored in 2003 when it was awarded a National Humanities Medal from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the first medal ever given to a university.

Each year about 50 students are admitted to the workshop on the basis of an original manuscript. More than 1,000 aspiring writers apply annually, but only 25 fiction and 25 poetry students are accepted to the program, which costs about \$4,500 a year. Upon completion of coursework and a creative thesis-a novel, book of poetry or collection of stories-students are awarded a master of fine arts in English degree.

The heart of the workshop experience is the chance to have their writing critiqued by fellow students and faculty, which include respected writers such as Marilyn Robinson, James Galvin, James Alan McPherson, Mark Levine, and Ethan Canin, along with frequent visiting teachers that have included Robert Frost, Robert Penn Warren, John Cheever, Jane Smiley and Philip Roth.

"You can't teach people writing, but you can give people the space and time to develop their own writing and introduce them to other writers who can inspire them," says poetry professor Cole Swensen. "We also try to help students hone their sense of intuition for what works, which is an essential part of being a writer."

The workshop is just one of several highly regarded writing programs at the University of Iowa. The campus holds the International Writing Program (a residency program that attracts authors from around the world), the Iowa Playwrights Workshop and a writing program in literary nonfiction.

Iowa City also is home to Prairie Lights, one of the nation's finest independent bookstores and a frequent sponsor of readings by touring authors, and several cozy coffeehouses and used bookstores that contribute to the literary setting. Overheard conversations are as likely to be about a just-published novel as the latest gridiron achievements of the Iowa Hawkeyes.

"Iowa City is a phenomenal place to be a writer," says Austin Bunn, a first-year student in fiction from Brooklyn, N.Y. "I love the slower pace of life here and the fact I have this incredible commu-

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Lori Erickson is a freelance writer in Iowa City. **Rate This Story** How, did you like this story (Lor



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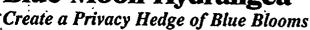


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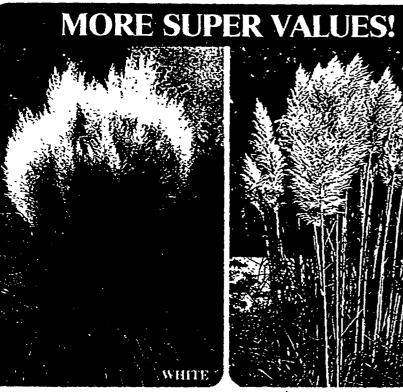


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No doubt about it, ornamental grasses are the hottest new idea in landscaping! And the lofty plumes of Pampas Grass are sure to draw attention no matter where you plant them. This showy plant grows 5-7 tall when planted in full sun and sports huge silky plumes that look stunning in dried flower arrangements. Makes an attractive screen, too. Choose pink or white. Its dramatic form and towering height make Pampas Grass an unbeatable accent plant, and our special low prices make this an unbeatable time to buy, so order now! Potted.

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your own backyard! you can't visit the tropics, let paradise come to you with the amaztropical Shell Plant. This exotic, easy-to-grow climber can reach to 15 ft. tall or more, bursting with shell-like blossoms of pastel ople and cream that turn to orange and yellow. Enjoy as a perenil in the garden or planted in large containers on the patio. Blooms om summer well into fail. Potted plants.





Butterfly Blue Scabiosa 3/\$5.99 Europe's Most Popular Perennial!

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The lovely periwinkle blue pincushion-like flowers of *Scabiosa columbaria* appear in spring, and keep blooming through summer into fall, even in hot, dry climates. The blooms act like "butterfly magnets"- so much so the British nicknamed this plant "Butterfly Blue"! Ideal for edging and excellent as cut flowers. This heavy bloomer grows up to 12" tall. Does best in full sun. Potted.

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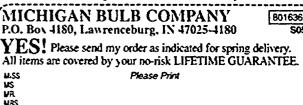


Easy Color for Shady Areas

Feathery plumes of intense color spring from beds of fem-like, dark green foliage in early summer. Astilbe (A. arendsii) likes partial to full shade and moist soil, and is an easy way to add color and texture to any garden. Grows to 2-3' tall. Choose pink, red, white or lavender. Bareroot plants.

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