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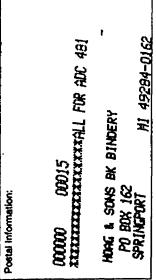
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Northville, Michigan School election set for Tuesday

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Schools

Handley up for re-election; Schoolcraft College proposals on ballot as well

By Victoria Sadiocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

Yes, there is a school board election next week. May 3, to be exact.

Due to a change in Michigan's election-consolidation law, signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm last year, voters statewide face a new school election schedule.

Under the reform, the dates when a school election may take place have changed. Also different for some local residents: where they cast school election ballots.

According to the revised law, elections may now be held one day in February, May, August and November. As a rule, voters will cast their ballots at the same polling places where they vote for President of the United States.



Voting precincts for school elections have changed. Make sure you vote at your governmental polling place.

Northville School Board trustee Judy Handley is running unopposed for one four-year term seat. The election change covers all school elections, school board members and school bond and millage issues.

For more information about Tuesday's elec-

Along with the Northville Public Schools Board of Education election, voters will also be asked Tuesday to elect Schoolcraft Community College trustees. Philip N. Cascade, Gregory J. Stempien and Patricia L. Watson are running for three open seats. Northville township residents in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District will be asked to vote for school board incumbent Thomas Wysocki or newcomer Emily Florence for one fouryear term.

tion, call your city or township clerk's office or visit http://sos.publius.org.

The township clerk's office may be reached at (248) 348-5800, ext. 10491; the city clerk department may be reached at (248) 449-9904.

Polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

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'Crazy for you!'



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYLLE RECORD

Hoisted by three pals, Michael Howell (as Bobby Child) sings "Things are Looking Up" last Thursday during Northville High School's spring musical, "Crazy for You." Joining him, from left, are Jeremy West, Joe LaRiche and Kyle Binford.

Back to the future

Monday city council meeting may outline downtown vision

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson would like to see his hometown retain its historical

He would like to see parking concerns resolved. He would like a pedestrian-friendly shopping district to thrive.

Johnson hopes his city council peers and fellow residents get a Downtown 2010 Vision" rolling Monday night.

But he knows it will take a willingness from commissioners, board members, merchants, building owners, residents and city officials to really dig into a paper.

In an ever-evolving community, Johnson said, what's needed most to turn ideas into amenities is a concise action plan and a -clear strategy.

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Lion hearts on display

'White cane' campaign resumes this weekend — but not from the streets, from the curb

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

Even in the safety of a sports utility vehicle, navigating the congested crossroads of Eight Mile and Haggerty can be treacherous.

Ever tried standing in the middle of the intersection, though?

Over the past 25 years, Barbara Morgan has done just that -- on numerous occasions.

Like others in the Northville Lions Club, she's taken to the thoroughfare with yellow safety vest, collection bucket and pocketful of small "white cane" cards. "Believe me, it's scary," laughed Morgan, "I've had

some people put an extra dollar in and tell me to get off

town for this weekend's White Cane Week.

areas like Main and Center streets. When drivers roll down windows and give a bill tomorrow or Saturday, they'll get a small card to fasten

But this year, don't expect to find smiling faces at

Morgan, 63, will stick to Hiller's grocery store down-

In a longtime spring tradition, Lions members and volunteers will be stationed near local food shops and

to rearview mirrors. What's more, every donated cent goes straight to local charities helping blind and deaf persons.

Township officials last Friday marked Haggerty Road at Eight Mile - and every township intersection along Haggerty Road — off-limits due to high numbers of traffic accidents.

"It is on the state law that they're not to be in the roadway." Township Police Chief John Werth said. "We do enforce that."

Certain areas on Beck, Sheldon and Six Mile roads are fair game, officials said, but Lions should stick to the curbs and not the painted road lines.

Members of Northville's eight-year-old club say the blitz is their only annual charity fund-raiser.

Last year, treasurer Bill Basse tallied \$2,200 in collection bags on a Saturday evening. Usually at the Center Street area, Basse said there are

two sides to losing posts like Eight and Haggerty. "Volume in this thing is everything, and obviously you get the volume there," Basse said. "But with all of the people going every which way... we don't have very many people who say, 'Oh, I'll go do that inter-

On the streets, Lions say there's camaraderie and community connection.

There's competition, too, said veteran Phyllis Heckemeyer.

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Arbor Day!

JOHN HEIDER Northville beautification commisioner Linda Lestock, left, and Northville Department of Public Works **Director Jim** Gallogly help plant a crimson maple tree along Northville Road, Arbor Day will be celebrated tomorrow, including a seedling giveaway. For more information, see "What's Going On?"on Page 17A.

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Morgan's old post.

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Volunteers needed

The local U.S. Post Office's May 15 food drive for Northville Civic Concern is approaching.

Volunteers are needed to help collect non-perishable food and household items for the annual event to be held at The Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

For more information, call Roxanne at (248) 344-1033.

Plan, plant, maintain

The Northville Beautification Commission is looking for a few more city and township hands to

help with projects around town.

Known for their floral primping of the landmark clock and sidewalk planters, the club membership needs a boost, said commission chairperson Linda Lestock. The volunteers plan, plant and maintain a few projects each year; more involved means less work for everyone, she said.

The commission meets once a month from April to November. For more information, call Lestock at (248) 344-1733 or Northville City Hall at (248) 349-1300.

Northville Idol

The search is on to find talent for the local version of the television sensation.

Auditions for performers age 16 and older will be Thursday, June 9 at Genitti's Little Theatre, 108 E. Main St. All proceeds from the 8 p.m. Friday, June 10, show will go to benefit Northville Civic Concern.

The registration deadline is May 25. To secure an audition time, mail to Northville Idol, Genitti's, 108 E. Main St., Northville, MI 48167: \$10 entrance fee payable to Civic Concern, name, address, age, phone number and description of your act.

number and description of your act.

Or, pick up a registration form at Genitti's.

Out of town plans?

To obtain an application for an absentee ballot for the upcoming May 3 Northville Public Schools Board of Education election, visit http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/ReferenceDesk/Forms/AbsenteeBallotApplication.pdf.

To have a ballot mailed, apply no later than 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30. The city clerk's office is open on this day for election purposes only. Absentee ballot voting is allowed until 4 p.m. on the Monday preceding election day; all ballots must be delivered to city hall, 215 W. Main St.

Coming soon

The Northville Arts Commission's sixth annual juried Student Fine Art Show for Northville Public Schools students in grades six-12 is April 29-May 5.

More than 200 artworks in eight categories will be shown at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St.



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The Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St., has scheduled a variety of activities in the coming weeks for local residents are 50 and older.

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"Alfie" will be shown in one of the meeting rooms at 1 p.m. tomorrow, April 29.

Games available at 1 p.m. Thursdays include Scrabble, Rummikub, checkers, chess and others.

Rooms are reserved for card players: bridge, noon-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays; double-deck pinochle, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; single-deck pinochle, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, and euchre, noon Fridays.

For more information, contact the Northville Senior Community Center at (248) 349-4140.

City news

City of Northville residents installing an underground sprinkler system need to obtain a plumbing permit from city hall. Also, removing a tree — dead or alive— requires a tree removal permit.

For appropriate permits, visit www.ci.northville.mi.us/Reference Desk/FormsAndPermits.htm#Build ing.

Shop tonight

The Northville Central Business Association's "Northville, We're Open!" campaign continues with extended hours Thursday evenings and Sundays.

More than 50 downtown Northville businesses will now be open on Thursday evenings until 8 p.m. Merchants at the start of the month began opening on Sunday, many noon-4 p.m.

For a list of participating businesses, visit the Northville Downtown Development Authority site www.downtownnorthville org.

Grief workshops

The BraveHeart Grief Center, 126 MainCentre, is offering programs for grieving area residents.

"The Memory in the Mirror" presentation is 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road. Timed to coincide with Mother's Day, the workshop is for women whose mom has died. Center director Jacky Gatliff, who

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Local artist lends signature style to Flower Days promotion

Annual Main Street event slated for May 27-28

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Accomplished artist Tom Hale is lending his signature automobile and floral stylings to promote downtown Northville's Flower Days.

The result of a team effort by the Northville resident and local business owner Tom James: a poster blending images of Main Street with a red rose and a vintage car commemorating the Northville Central Business Association's 18th annual flower sale May 27-28.

Hale will sign 100 of the 1,000 \$20 posters printed. Proceeds from the poster sales go to the merchant association, which hosts a variety of activities downtown.

Vendors again will line a blocked off Main Street for the annual sale, held each year prior to the Memorial Day traditional planting weekend. More than a dozen growers bring truckloads of floral varieties, ornamental grasses and yard ornaments.

This is the second year the business association is selling a poster as a fund-raiser. Last year, Northville artist Caroline Dunphy depicted the flower sale street seens up a large colors.

street scene in water colors.

James, owner of Northville

Hala Fyhihi

The Mediums gallery, 117
E. Main St., will open the Tom
Hale exhibit with a reception
6-9 p.m. tomorrow, April 29.
For more information on the
month-long show, call (248)
349-0105.

Camera and Digital Imaging and the new gallery, Mediums, 117 E. Main St., asked Hale if he would design the poster. Tomorrow he is opening an exhibit of Hale's works at his gallery.

"This is really an incredible

"This is really an incredible opportunity for anyone who admires his work to see the depth of the collection," James said. Among Hale's works on display at Mediums: all 36 of Hale's posters commemorating Concours d'Elegance classic car events since 1986.

original canvasses as well as smaller oil paintings, James said. Limited edition prints of Hale's oils will be available for sale in the \$50 price range, he said.

The artist's automobile art,

The exhibit will include large

showing reflective surfaces realistically and abstractly, often incorporate floral images.

Hale, who earned his degree from the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles, began fine art painting in 1972.

From 1966-1985, he was employed as a styling designer

Photo courtesy TOM JAMES/Northwile Camera

Northville Camera owner Tom James, left, and artist Tom Hale look at one of Hale's oil colors which the pair will use for their promotional poster for Northville's upcoming Flower Days fair in late May. The painting will be exhibited at the Main Street gallery of James' beginning April 29.

at General Motors, Chrysler and American Motors. In 1985, he made art his full-time profes-

Hale's work, exhibited in nation and international competitions, is found in corporate and private art collections.

His client list includes individuals from at least 12 countries.

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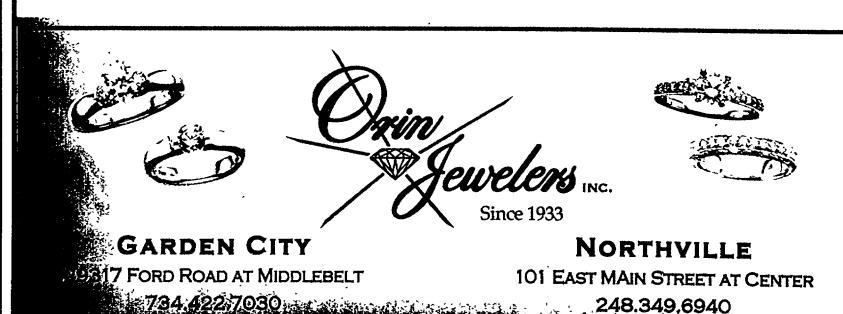
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recently lost her mom, is dedicating the program to her memo-

Camp BraveHeart, the center's annual weekend grief camp for children, teens and families, will be held at Camp Copneconic in Fenton on July 15-17. The camp is open to families throughout metro Detroit.

For more information, call the BraveHeart Grief Center at (248) 449-8232.

Schoolcraft signup

Students can register now hrough May 13 for spring and ummer classes at Schoolcraft College.

Classes begin Monday, May 9 and continue through June 27 for seven-week classes or through Aug. 1 for 12-week classes.

Registration for summer classes extends through July 11, with the term beginning July 5 and ending Aug. 22. Students can register by telephone at (734) 462-4800, in person or on-line at www.webadvisor.schoolcraft.edu.

Spring cleaning?

Northville city and township, together with Livonia, are hosting a spring household hazardous waste day.

The 2005 drop-off is 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Livonia's Ford Field at Farmington Road and Lyndon Street. Residents from the three municipalities are eligible to attend.

Uniquely artistic

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p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Genitti's, 108 E. Main St. The

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of styles and themes.

New Hope Center for Grief Support will host a fundraiser, Laughing On The Outside" comedy night, at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13.

Eric Wilson from WDIV Local 4 weather team will emcee the event at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth. The evening will include: hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, live auction and nationally known comedian David P. Dean as the featured performer.

The cost is \$50 per person, \$30 of which is tax-deductible. For reservations, call the New Hope Center at (248) 348 0115

or visit www.newhopecenter.net for more information.

All proceeds from this event will benefit New Hope Center, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center that provides grief support services free of charge to children, teens and adults throughout southeastern Michigan.

Time to rake

Yard waste pickup is again under way in the city.

City staff requests residents place leaves and small twigs in open top trash cans labeled Yard Waste for it paper bags

Brush should be cut into lengths of four feet or less and tied into secure bundles. Trash papers and plastic items should be kept separate from yard

Sneak preview

The Utopia Salon and Spa, 182 E. Main St., is offering a chance to win sneak preview passes to the new movie, 'Monster-In-Law," starring

Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda. For more information, stop in Utopia or call (248) 996-0830

Thirsty lawn?

The Northville Department of Public Works is requesting residents sprinkling their lawns to do so after 9 a.m. on odd or even days, corresponding to their address number.

Although not mandatory at this time, the practice will help conserve water and lessen the charges levied by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department.

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

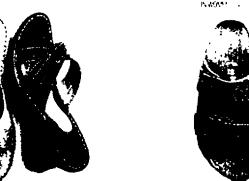
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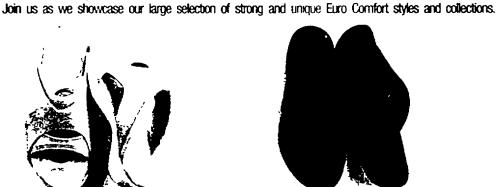
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Name that cow: Guernsey donating cow to Maybury Farm

Plant tour offer chance to name cows, win prizes

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

April's been a monumental month for a 1.300-pound Guernsey cow from Indiana.

Last week, the 3-year-old bovine gave birth to a male calf. Tomorrow, she and her baby will arrive at their new home,



Guernsey Dairy employee Pam Allen-McGuire scoop up some of their own-made Moose Tracks ice cream on a recent Friday morning. Visitors to the Novi Road facility will get to tour its production area on Saturday April 30 and see how the dairy makes ice cream and other goods.

gift from Novi staple Guernsey Farms Dairy.

"We knew they needed animals out there," said Hugh McGuire, one of the dairy's four brother owners. "It's hard to find a Guernsey cow in Michigan."

This Saturday, residents can help feed the brown and white cows - and submit a name for the mom — for a \$1 donation.

In return, they'll also be treated to a tour of the dairy's 28,000 square foot processing plant, live music, free samples and a glimpse of the mooing guest of

The cow will complete a new barnyard family, according to the Northville Community Foundation, which runs the farm. Most animals perished in a 2002 fire.

There were cows there when it burned," said director Shari Peters. "This is the only animal we needed. We're happy to get

In the business' first plant tour in eight years, McGuire and his 13 siblings will all be there, along with their father and company founder, John McGuire, 96.

A family affair for six decades, Guernsey boasts 23 relatives making ice cream, bottling milk and home-delivering dairy products — all under one roof.

Karen Kinville, the youngest daughter who handles finances, said dairy work was both a passion and necessity.

"To feed all those kids," she laughed. "The family is what **Guernsey** cow

• What: Guernsey Farms Dairy of Novi is hosting a plant tour to help donate a Guernsey cow to Northville Community Foundation Maybury Farm; live music, clowns, free samples, raffle and "Cutest Kid Eating Guernsey Farms Dairy Ice Cream" all included

 When: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., April 30

· Where: 21300 Novi Road, between Eight and Nine Mile

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• Details: (248) 349-1466, www.guernseyfarmsdairy.co

*Contest photos must be submitted by April 29

we're all about. We get along."
Before milk, ice cream, yogurt and eggnog hit Guernsey's store shelves, though, the plant is where it all comes together.

Starting by a huge, recently added freezer, the tour will walk participants through the process.

Raw milk tapped from Holstein cows begins its trek from trucks to two holding tanks that together hold 154,800

From there, skim milk and cream are separated. Then, they're homogenized and pasteurized, or blended back togeth-

Photos by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYLLE RECORD Guernsey Dairy's Hugh McGuire shows a 500 gallon ice cream mixing tank in the Novi Road's production facility in which ingredients are stirred for more than a day and kept at a constant 40 degrees farenheit. Local residents will get to see how the dairy makes Ice cream and milk products

during its annual open house on Saturday April 30.

er, at high temperatures.

After going through mixing and freezer tanks, ice cream gets special flavors by fruit and nut feeder and a ripple machine for caramel and fruit swirls.

Packaged in cardboard or plastic, the dairy delicacies are then shipped by Guernsey's fleet.

"Fifty miles in all directions, we go," Hugh McGuire said, adding that Guernsey cows were once the preferred breed. "They produce higher butterfat."

Though Maybury's Guernsey won' be tapped for any dairy products, farm goers will be able to visit the cow, along with chickens, horses, sheep, and

At the Guernsey's event, WJR-AM radio host Foster Braun will judge a "Cutest Kid

Eating Guernsey Farms Dairy Ice Cream" contest. Entries due tomorrow, three winners will get prizes.

To boot, donators will be entered in a raffle. Top reward: 52-and-one-half gallons of ice cream, 12 jars of hot fudge, 52-and-one-half gallons of milk and a dozen 12-piece chicken dinner buckets.

But the money will go to a bigger cause.

"The dollar is used to (help) feed the cow," Kinville said. "I think everybody's going to want

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-OBITUARIES -

HAZEL LOUISE LYKE

Age 97, formerly of Northville, MI. April 24, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Arthur. Loving mother of Faye Talarico and Carole (Charles) Strye. Also survived by 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Arrangements handled by the Taylor Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23750 Goddard Rd. Interment Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville. Obituary/Guest book at www.voranfuneralhome.com

BLANCHE (CULLEN) FLAHERTY

Passed away April 10, 2005 in her 99th year. Predeceased by husband Patrick G. Flaherty in 1989. Survived by 3 children: Dillon (Alyce), Duluth, Minn. Kevin (Janice), Crevitz, Wis Callista (Don) Milroy, Northville. 22 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren & 6 great great grandchildren.
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The Coalition of Temporary Shelter, or Charity of choice.

CLARK KELLY

The family of Clark Kelly sadly announces his death on April 9, 2005 in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Clark dedicated himself to teaching and had a rewarding career that spanned over 50 years. A devoted teacher he was also employed in an administrative capacity with the Northville School System. During his retirement, he stayed involved with the profession that was his passion and continued to work as a substitute for teachers and administrators in the Northville Schools. Clark was a veteran of WW II serving in the US Navy, and prior to joining the service was employed by the FBI. Clark is survived by his other passion, his wife of 56 years, Claire (Boddy) Kelly. Also surviving are daughter Kimberly (Kelly) Pate; a son Shawn Kelly and five grandchildren. In memory of Clark, donations may be sent to Northville Education Foundation, c/o Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main, Northville, Mt 48167. (Please specify Clark Kelly Memorial). McAlister-Smith Funeral Home, Charleston, SC, is assisting the Kelly family. Condolences may be sent to the Kelly family via www mcalister-smith.com

POLICE REPORT

Salon exterior shot

An employee at Gerald's of Northville salon discovered more than \$1,000 in outdoor damage on April 14 apparently due to gunshots, police said. No injuries were listed

Sometime between April 2 and 9 at the Five Mile Road township locale, unknown suspects reportedly shot out a custom glass block window, signs and back parking lot lights. The 60-year-old Birmingham employee told police she was not sure when the lights were damaged. The case was closed

Dog kennels mailman

Roaming in front of condominiums last week, a stray dog reported ly had a mailman trapped in his delivery truck.

At 10:30 a.m. April 18, police responded to reports of a stray Labrador retriever in the 19500 block of Dartmouth near Silver Springs Drive, An officer reportedly chased the black dog to a Highland Lakes subdivision, where a neighlaced team at in the exceen yard

The owner, a 43-year-old township woman, was given a violation and a court date, police said.

Paint causes auto blues

A drive down Six Mile Road on April 21 ended in a mess of blue paint and \$750 in vehicle damage for a Commerce Township woman. At about 12:30 pm, the woman

was driving westbound near Stonebrook Drive, her mother-inlaw later told police. A can of paint reportedly fell from the pick-up truck driving in front of her. When it hij ground, police said, it opened and covered the front and undercarriage of her 2005 sports utility vehicle in blue paint.

The truck never stopped, according to reports

Construction items stolen

Toll Brothers reported \$2,000 in., stolen items April 22 from a home construction site along Six Mile Road. At some point the night prior, 50 sheets of plywood and 60 fastening study were stolen from a trailer in the 18900 block of Bayberry Way, police said. No suspects or leads were cited

Vehicle strikes fence

When a Northville Township found \$1,100 in damage to her fence, due to what police believe was a white pick-up truck.

The woman, 55, said the told police the incident occurred between April 7 and 15 at her Six Mile Rood home. Custom oak, the tence was smashed in four spots, police said. The woman reported no problems with anyone

School break-in solved

Two teenagers, one a former Our Lady of Victory School pupil, have been identified by police in connection with a December break-in at the Orchard Drive school.

City of Northville police officials said they submitted the two Salem Township boys' names Tuesday to Wayne County Juvenile Court for breaking and entering charges. They await charges in Washtenaw County.

Police said a tip from a former classmate, who was being held on an unrelated breaking and entering charge, led to the boys' apprehension. The pair also are suspected is in a similar break-in at Orchard Lake St. Mary's High School, where the former Our Lady of Victory pupil attended high

Police said the minor youths netted an estimated \$3,400 cash,

seven headmaster championship rings, an engraved commemorative sword and a bulletproof vest. Among their purchases with the cash, police said, a vehicle sound system, window tinting and a spring break in Cancun.

No violations

All 10 local establishments targeted by a Northville Police Department tobacco sting followed the law, refusing to sell to a minor. Officers sent a 17-year-old man into the stores, stations and restaurants April 21. Each time the police

decoy came out empty-handed. The businesses tested were: CVS, 133 E. Dunlap St.; Good Time Party Store, 567 W. Seven Mile Rd.; Hamlet's, 1051 Novi Rd; Mobil, 710 W. Eight Mile Rd.; Northville Gourmet, 680 W. Eight Mile Rd.; Clark, 510 S. Main St.; Northville Downs, 301 S. Center St.; Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main St.; Hiller's 425 N. Center St., and Wagon Wheel, 216 S. Main St.

Angry ex

A warrant for felony home invasion has been issued for a 28-yearold Farmington Hills man after he tried to break down the door at his ex-girlfriend's home.

Northville police April 9 were dispatched to a Center Street apartment after the man was heard pounding on the door and shouting obscenities at the woman he had dated four years, police reports

The suspect saw the Northville woman on her balcony with another man, then tried to call her on her cellular phone, the report said. When she didn't answer, he approached her door.

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Hillside sixth grader Megan Gertley lends her steadying arm and escorts Pat O'Donnell into the school's 15th annual Senior Prom last week. Attendees enjoyed a couple of choirs, a student swing dance demonstration, a pasta meal, dessert and dancing to the Northville High School Jazz I band under the direction of Michael Rumbell.

Event celebrates 15th year



Julie and Jim Vettese hit the dance floor and cut a rug during last week's Senior Prom at Hillside Middle School.



Hillside Middle School student Rylee O'Brien serves dinner to Ed Hephy, center, and another guest during the school's Senior Prom.

hey danced, they laughed and the senior guests enjoyed the company of their younger friends last week at the 15th Annual Hillside Middle School Senior Prom.

The theme this year: Lights, Camera, Action: Hollywood at Hillside.

Area seniors wearing suit coats and dresses filled the Northville school's lunchroom April 20 for the event featuring many student-lead activities.

Members of the student council, life-skills, art and physical education classes worked closely with Hillside Middle School Assistant Principal Laura Kelly to make sure the experience was memorable.

Photos by

JOHN HEIDER

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A Hillside Middle School girls choir sings last week during the 15th annual Senior Prom.

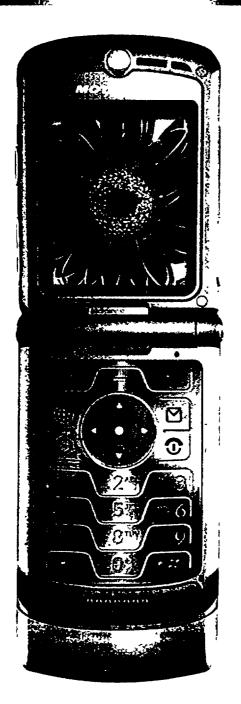


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FUTURE: will Monday meeting result in action plan?

The Downtown Steering Committee at a special 6 p.m. city council meeting will present its report on community preferences for the downtown's future as well as retail consultant Bob Gibbs' forecast based on market

The Northville Downtown Development Authority was expected this morning to add to the report the recommendation of hiring a consultant that could lead the charge, a proposal requiring council approval.

Johnson, also development authority chair, said he favors bringing in a professional to help execute the five-year plan.

"We can't get 100 percent agreement on everything." Johnson said. "But very clearly. the committee heard 'controlled growth' as the preferred model

"That's why I want to start with that portion rather than go back to the very beginning."

Suggestions at public forums ranged from protecting Northville's historic charm to adding grass at the Main Street bandshell to revising downtown offerings in entertainment and merchandise.

Johnson said some changes could be made relatively quickly, including adding greenspace near the gazebo.

"At least in my view, we're not talking about a long time," he said. "Even with a professional on board. I don't think it's going to be all that long."

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Downtown report

The special downtown steering committee will present its final report to the Northville City Council 6 p.m. Monday, May 2, in the city hall council chambers, 215 W. Main St.

The council is expected to assign tasks with deadlines driven by findings in the 12member committee's report, said City Manager Gary Word.

The council's regular 7:30 p.m. meeting will follow.

"...very clearly, the committee heard 'controlled growth' as the preferred model option."

> Christopher Johnson Mayor, City of Northville

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SPRUCE UP!

Ridge Wood kindergarteners relocated

During next two years, surrounding schools will absorb student overflow

By Victoria Sadlocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

Members of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education approved a modified kindergarten relocation plan Tuesday night as the answer to the district's impending short-term student overcrowding problem.

According to student enrollment projections, the district expects to be over capacity at the elementary school level by more than 300 students in the next two academic years.

School officials said the plan means kindergartners scheduled to attend Ridge Wood during the next two years, will instead go to Moraine, Silver Springs, Thornton Creek and Winchester elementary schools, depending on where they live.

Officials said they will monitor Ridge Wood enrollment as a part of the plan to see when the removed students will return. Officials said they could not guarantee a return date.

Northville resident John Leverton said he does not support the decision because of the ambiguity attached to the kindergartners reunion with Ridge Wood.

"I view that as wishing that it works," he said.

Leverton sat on the volunteer committee suggesting a kindergarten relocation plan as one of four solutions, but said the committee's recommendation had the students returning for first grade.

While some were in support of the decision, many parents were upset.

Through tears, some voiced distress about the decision to separate siblings.

Ridge Wood Elementary School principal Nancy Raynes said of the 147 kindergartners enrolled for the 2005-06 school year at the Six Mile and Ridge roads elementary school, 48 have older siblings enrolled.

Parents voiced additional concerns about transportation and child care arrangements.

Board members said the decision was difficult and the choice was the best possible solution after comparing against selected

"We as a board had to take the emotion out of the decision," said Judith Wollack, Northville school board president.

The board's decision derived from four recommendations presented by a community-based, volunteer committee charged with

More capacity

In the spirit of moving toward the construction of a new elementary school, the Northville Township board of trustees approved the potential sale of property to the Northville Public School District.

The preliminary approval is for a the possible sale of 20 acres at the east side of Thayer Community Park at the southeast corner of Six Mile and Napier roads.

Northwille Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said there is still a lot of work ahead to finalize ,the purchase, but time is critical.

finding a solution to the student boom.

It was suggested by members of the committee board members implement one of four solutions: Construct a new elementary school;

• Relocate Ridge Wood fifth-grade students to Winchester and Silver Springs ele-

mentary schools; Redraw attendance boundary lines; and Relocate Ridge Wood kindergarten students to other district schools.

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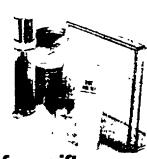
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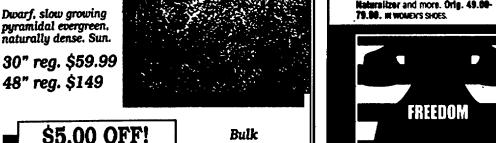
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"They don't want to pool their money all together. They want to count it first so they can see ifthey've gotten more than the other person," she said.

But funds will continue to help retirement homes for the blind, leader dog training and local projects - such as the handicappedaccessible playground being built for children at Northville's Old Village School.

And regardless of where she's at, Morgan said she'll keep the same philosophy she's used for over two decades

"You've got to make eye contact and you've got to smile," she said. "People like a smiling face and if people don't want to give, you smile at them anyway.

They give what they feel that they can give, but a dollar at a time adds up."

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

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(4-21/28-05 NR 207230)

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White Cane Week
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SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY

COLLEGE DISTRICT

Northville, counties of Oakland and Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. The polls open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. for

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NORTHYILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Vote for not more than two (2) Gregory J. Stemplen Patricia L. Watson

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Main Street, will be open from 9 00 a m. to 2 00 p m. on Saturday April 30, 2005 for the purpose of obtaining absentee ballots and receiving absentee ballot applications for ballots to be mailed. On Monday, May 2,

2005, until 4:00 p.m., qualified electors requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person and vote the ballot at the City Clerk's office.

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Two accomplished soon will be on display in a showcase entitled "The Knowing Hand" at Northville Township's BWA (Beautiful Wall Art) Gallery.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

BWA Gallery exhibition

Margorie Hogan Chellstorp, a painter from Farmington Hills, will display her work May 4-July 30. Commerce artist Jerrine Habsburg, who focuses on Michigan, also will be fea-

On May 7, an open house runs 1-6 p.m., followed by an artists' reception from 5-9 p.m. BWA is located at 43133 Seven Mile Road in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center.

Hayes Lemmerz news

Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc., a Northville Township automotive supplier, announced increased sales, a new tax director and an award.

The company said its sales for last year were \$2.24 billion, up 9.1 percent from the year prior. Its fiscal year ended Jan. 31 and net losses reportedly were \$62.3 million. Hayes emerged from Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in 2003.

Christine Sweda was named the company's new director of taxes on April 13. She received her bachelor's degree from Michigan State

University. Also, Hayes' Dello, Italy operations recently received Honda Civic and CR-V's Supplier Award 2005. Evaluated factors included cost,

quality and delivery performance. Hayes Lemmerz is located at 15300 Centennial Drive.

Compiled by Record Staff Writer Kim Kovelle



BIRTHS

Garrett Joseph Jenkins

Ken and Angela Abbott Jenkins of Canton, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Garrett Joseph Jenkins, at St. Joseph's Hospital on April 9, Garrett weighed 7

pounds, 12 ounces and was twenty and one quarter inches in length.

His proud grandparents are Mike and Cindy Abbott of Canton, formerly of Northville, Kathy Jenkins of Redford and Ray Jenkins of Taylor. Greatgrandparents are Robert Stice of Novi and Ernestine Abbott of Hagersville, Ontario.

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Absentee ballots must be returned to the township clerk by 8:00 p.m. election night, May 3, 2005. Any voter who is unable to mail or deliver his or her absentee ballot to the Clerk by the close of the polls should contact the Clerk's office at 248-348-5800 ext. 10201, for assistance.

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Please Take Notice that the election of the Northville Public School district, the Plymouth/Canton Community School district and the Schoolcraft Community College district will be held on Tuesday May 3, 2005. THE POLLS OPEN AT 7 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8 P.M.

At the Northville Public School district election there will be elected (1) member to the board of education for a full term of four (4) years ending 2009.

The following person has been nominated:
 Judith A. Handley
Write-In candidates must file an Application of Intent
on or before 4 PM April 29, 2005.

At the Plymouth-Canton Community School district election there will be elected (1) member to the board of education for a full term of four (4) years ending 2009.

The following persons have been nominated: Emily L. Florence Thomas J. P. Wysocki Write-in candidates must file an Application of Intent on or before 4 PM April 29, 2005

At the Schoolcraft Community College district election there will be elected (3) trustee positions for the College Board for the following terms: 1 four (4) year term ending 2009 and 2 six (6) year terms ending 2011.

The following persons have been nominated: Philip N. Cascade (4 year term)
Gregory J. Stemplen (6 year term)
Patricia L. Watson (6 year term)
Write-In Candidates must file an Application of Intent on or before 4PM April 29, 2005

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PRECINCT: 5 - Kings Mil Club House, 18120 Jamestown Circle, Northville, Mi PRECINCTS: 6, 10, 11 - Winchester Elementary,

16141 Winchester, Northville, MI PRECINCTS: 7, 12, 16 - Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin, Northville, MI

PRECINCTS: 17, 18 - Ridge Wood Elementary 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI

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OWNER: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN ENGINEER: Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. 3959 Research Park Drive

Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108-2219 BIDS DUE: May 4, 2005 3:00 PM, local time at the Charter Township of Northville Township Hall Community Room

44405 Six Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48167 BASIS OF PROPOSALS: Unit Price

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. Removal of approximately 4,800 SYD of existing 5-foot wide bituminous pathway and replacement with approximately 5,700 SYD of proposed 6-foot wide bituminous pathway and all associated work shown on plans.

BID SECURITY: Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order or bid bond, payable to the CWNER, 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 consideration will be returned after approval of the Contract by the OWNER.

All others will be returned after the Proposal opening.

CONTRACT SECURITY: The successful Bidder will be required to

furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond, each in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of the Contract. DOCUMENTS ON FILE: Charter Township of Northville

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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

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(4-21/28-05 NR 207576)

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

Proposal, In the Interest of the OWNER. NON-DISCRIMINATION: Bidders shall not discriminate against any employees or firm due to origin, race, age or physical conditions. CON-TRACTOR shall be an equal opportunity employer.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE SUE A. HILLEBRAND TOWNSHIP CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ELECTION MAY 3, 2005 NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

TO THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan, notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, in the City of Novi from 7:00 a m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Locations:

ADDRESS

2 1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road	
3	Cititat	21355 Meadowbrook Road	
_	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road	
4 1	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road	
5 0	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince	
6	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road	
7 1	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road	
8 (Meadowbrook Elementary School	29200 Meadowbrook Road	
9	Portsmouth Apartments Clubhouse	31170 Wellington Drive	
10 1	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Novi Road	
11	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road	
12	Novi Meadows School/ ITC Bldg.	25299 Taft Road	
13	St. James Catholic Church	46325 West Ten Mile Road	
14	Novi Crvic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road	
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16	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road	
17	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road	

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING LOCAL CANDIDATES THAT MAY BE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION:

VOTE FOR ONE-FOUR YEAR TERM Judith A. Handley

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT - TRUSTEES AT LARGE

VOTE FOR TWO - SIX YEAR TERM Gregory J. Stempien Patricia L. Watson

(4-21/28 NN, NN 206865)

VOTE FOR ONE - FOUR YEAR TERM Philip N. Cascade

All polling places are handicap accessible. Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available at the polling places.

Absentee Ballots are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2005. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2005. A ballot obtained on May 2, 2005 must be voted in the City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voling on Saturday, April 30, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS,

SYNOPSIS APRIL 21, 2005 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2005
TIME: 7:00 p.m. (closed meeting) Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m
PLACE: 44405 Sox Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at

7:10 p m. ROLL CALL: Mark Abbo, Supervisor, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, Richard Henningsen, Treasurer Marjorie Banner, Trustee, Marv Gans, Trustee, Christopher Roosen, Trustee, Brad Werner, Trustee
CLOSED MEETING: Collective bargaining negotiations.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

 Agendas: Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved with changes. Motion to add Agenda 5. A1 and move 10.A to 5.A2 approved

Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
 Mike Putman to Recreation Commission - approved
 Jeseph Trinkle to EDC - unoxpired term to 04/26/07 remove

C. Mike Weaver to Planning Commission - approved

D. James Nield - Reappoint to Senior Council - approved

E. Larry Aepelbacher - Reappoint to Beautification - approved

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F. Resolution re: Landfill fees - approved
G. Johnson Creek Presentation - presented
H. G. I.S. Presentation - presented
Public Hearings: A. Parks and Recreation - D. N. R. Grant
B. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: MJC Company representative re: permit fees for Appealing to Building Board of Appeals. Resident snoke recarding his FOIA request. Resident spoke regarding his FOIA request.

5. New Business: New Business:
A1. MJC Company re: permit fees - approved
A2. Proposal from Northville Public Schools - approved
A. Municipal Building Project - Change order #11 - approved
B. Community Park Change order K - approved
C. Community Park payment request #10 - approved
D. WTUA/YUCA - Delegation Agreement - approved
E. Parks and Recreation/Seniors Budget FY2005-2006

approved
Community Park Irrigation - Tabled
Northville Lions Club - White Cane Week - refer to Manager
Northville Road Pathway - Change order - approved
Talon Rezoning Development - approved

Decision from closed session re: Collective Bargaining negotiations - approved

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority - approved Appointment of Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board -

approved

M. Gift Policy & Procedure - approved

N. Rouge Assembly Annual Dues - approved

O. Five Mile Road Water Main Replacement - Phase I - approved

Unfinished Business: None Ordinances: A. Introduction of WTUA Sewer Use Ordinance Amendment - approved

8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,577,399.95

Board Communication & Reports: Reports from the following were given: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Snider, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen,

10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trus-Resident inquired about Brownfield Authority Resident complaint

re: garbage pick-up.
Union authorized to transfer into MERS retirement - approved
11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 10:00 p.m.

(4-28-05 NR 208974)

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

Annual student art show begins April 29

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Graphic artist Bridget Karaisz remembers what a big deal it was for her work to be publicly exhibited when she was a student.

Northville Commission member this year volunteered to chair the sixth annual juried Student Fine Art Show for Northville Public Schools. About 200 artworks by sixth-12th graders will be on dis-play April 29-May 5 at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main

"It was a boost," Karaisz said. "It helped steer me in making some decisions after school.

"It inspires you to do more." Local middle school and high school students were inspired to create in eight categories.

"I knew the young people were capable of incredible things," Karaisz said. "There's a few surprising pieces from the younger high school and middle school students.

The sculptures were just over the top.

Show visitors will see sculpture, functional ceramics, metals, photography, mixed media, graphics, drawing and painting.

The exhibit will include 50 photos, Karaisz said, primarily black and white. Students selected different times of the day to convey mood and feeling in their photo subjects ranging from piano keys to downtown Northville streetscapes, she said.

Local business sponsors ---Sherri Mewha of Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, Sandy Baughman of Creative Cottage and Steve Fecht of Fecht Photography -- contributed for first-place cash prizes in eight categories.

The arts commission, school district and First Presbyterian have co-hosted the event for six years. Arts commission member Sue Taylor, who launched the program, started the tradition of inviting four local artists to select which works to showcase.

"I think it gives more kids an opportunity to show what they can do," Taylor said, "It's a show downtown, within the community and it gets more exposure.

Student Fine Art Show

• 6-8 p.m. tomorrow, opening reception for selected artists, friends and family

 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 30

• 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1

 2-5 p.m. Monday, May 2 • 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday May 3-4 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday,

As the Northville High School art program has expanded its offerings, the show has added categories, Taylor said.

"Many on the committee have been kind of envious the kids have the opportunity to take these classes at the high school level," she said.

Students showing their projects and viewing what others have done spurs them to try new things, Karaisz said.

"You can see how this is developing.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHALLE RECORD

(Left to right) Jessica Tiernan, Laura Whitbeck, Schott Mihalik, and Garik Schmidt and judges Sandy Baughman, Sherri Mewha and Tom James prepare for a Student Fine Art Show at the Northville Presbyterian Church. The display will open 6 p.m. April 29.









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Brownfield approved

Township trustees unanimously decided April 21 that they want to create a brownfield redevelopment authority and board.

Brownfields offer tax breaks in exchange for redevelopment of contaminated property.

Officials may designate the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road a

potential brownfield. Developer Real Estate Interests has asked the township to consider a brownfield in its initial plans.

"This was almost a protective measure," Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said.

Conditional rezoning OK'd

Through its first conditional zoning, the township will allow up to 47 condominium units on land near Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

The 16 acres sits between Meijer and Meadowbrook Golf Course. Talon Development wants to rezone the land from single family homes to multiple family.

Township officials said a package of state bills approved in December allows the board of trustees to allow the plan with certain conditions.

In this case, density was capped. The board approved the measure 7-0 April 21.

RÉI meeting canceled

A planned meeting between township officials and developer Real Estate Interests slated for April 20 was canceled, Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said at last week's trustees meeting.

"REI did not produce any additional documents," Abbo said. A rescheduled meeting has not been announced.

Northville path update

A sheet pile retaining wall will be designed for the soon-tobe built Northville Road path-

In a 7-0 vote, trustees approved the move, valued at \$6,800, on April 21. As costs are shared with the city, the township would pay no more than

Township officials also said they hope to soon receive approval to build the path on CSX Railroad's easement.

The path is expected to be complete sometime next spring.

Land swap news

Northville Township's Economic Development Corporation has not yet acted on a potential land swap, Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said.

The township is considering selling 15 undeveloped acres at Sheldon and Five Mile roads to the corporation, and rezoning it from residential to commercial.

The land would be exchanged with Farmington Hills-based developer Grand Sakwa for 168 acres further west, and the township could make money leasing the new land.

Officials leaned toward having the planning department first review and update the master plan for land use, which occurs every five years

Planner Jennifer Frey said the rezoning process still would take six months at minimum.

Gift policy in place

Northville Township officials now have a gift acceptance policy and procedure. Approved

April 21, the plan notes that all gifts become the property of the township and can't be used to influence the board, among other criteria.

Community Park fatest .

Township trustees made a \$14,283 progress payment on Community Park at an April 21 meeting.
Also, \$97,512 was deducted

from the project due to nixed crosswalk painting on asphalt and landscape materials.

Work on the latter was to be re-bid, but when trustees were faced with a \$3,060 in re-bidding fees from current contractor M.C. Smith Associates, they tabled the issue.

Recent soil erosion on the property also was cited as an

Community Park is expected to open by next spring.

Renovation expenses up

An 11th change order for renovation work on the township's police station was approved April 21.

Township trustees supported an extra \$141,211, which was not originally budgeted.

Parks budget approved

The Northville Parks and Recreation and Seniors Services budgets were trustee-approved April 21.

The \$899,539 budget, which includes a \$125,914 contribution for Community Park, is effective July 2005-July 2006.

Seedling give-away

in honor of Arbor Day, seedlings will be given away by Northville's beautification committees April 30.

From 9:30 a.m.-noon, small trees are free to city and township residents, as well as Northville Public School District students. Offerings include white spruce and pine, blue spruce, Douglas fir, red pine, red bud trees and service berry bushes. Limit is five per family.

Participants must bring proof of residency. Seedlings will be at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. For details, call (248) 348-5800.

Clean the watershed

A Johnson Creek clean-up day will be at noon, April 30, starting at Salem Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Road.

Workers will pick up trash,

install 12 creek road crossing signs and clear the trail for the Johnson Creek Day Trail Run/Walk. Registration required.

Running 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on at Northville May 14 Community Park, creek day also includes a nature walk, restoration project, fly rod fishing, watershed games and live presentations.

To RSVP, contact Michelle West at (734) 761-1010 or mwest@alnm.com or visit www.jcpg.org.

Harley up for raffle

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

The bike will be raffled off at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 7 at Sheehan's 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.

> Compiled by Record Staff Writer Kim Kovelle.

MILITARY

U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Andrew R. Belz, son of Deborah L. Rubis of Livonia and Carl H. Belz of Northville, recently reported for duty with Marine Corps Detachment, Monterey, Calif. Belz is a 2001 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School of Redford and joined the Marine Corps in Dec. 2004.

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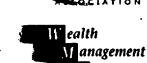


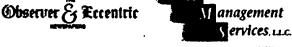
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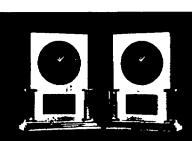


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Yard Art: signs for the times

Local resident puts public stamp on personal enterprising spirit

By Kim Kovelle **RECORD STAFF WRITER**

Three years ago, Susan Walsh towed plywood, a tennis racket, stencils and paint to her family's Northville garage.

Her goal: create 15 personalized yard signs for her daughter's varsity team.

"I was surprised in the following days how much the girls liked the signs and how much the parents liked them," Walsh

Today, Walsh's Novi business, Yard Art, creates colorful lawn and wall signs, customized with names, school colors and more.

Created in a 2,400-square foot plant, signs honor events from basketball to ballet to birthdays. Walsh said - and, if constantly outdoors, last up to two years.

The two-year-old company is getting attention from parenting and cheer leading magazines to Ladies who Launch, a national networking and resource group that featured Walsh last month.

"I want to sell these signs to everyone. I love making these signs."

> Susan Walsh Northville Resident

But the mother of four said the highest praise is kids' excite-

"It's all about the signs for the times in your life," she said.

Entrepreneurial sprit

Walsh's first batch sparked six months of research. Her plate was full, she said, but her kids were older and her husband sup-

"After I decided not to do it, the feeling wouldn't go away." she said.

Loan in hand, the former financier picked out design software, digital printer, computerized wood cutting machine and sturdy ground stakes.

By chance, Walsh also found graphic artist AnnaMaria Sala, a friend of her brother.

"She was so excited about it," Sala said. "I thought, 'Why She's just incredible to work for. She and I think exactly alike."

Soon, the duo had more than 30 designs, from canvas art and signing boards to baby announcements and smaller "tot

"It's a great learning experience," Walsh said. "I love to come to work everyday."

Handling finances at her par-

What: Novi business offers yard signs, wall hangers, canvas sions and more to commemorate children's special activities and occasions : . • Costs *: yard art: \$39.95; wall art: \$28.95

 Who: founder Susan Walsh, a Northville resident, with help from several family members and friends

· Where: 22797 Hestip Drive; north of Nine Mile Road and east of Novi Road Contact: www.yardart-

signs. com, (248) 735-1983 Note: cost for one item; discounts with larger orders

ents' Detroit tool and die business for years offered early les-

"My mother was extremely kind and compassionate," she said. "I learned from my father what the entrepreneurial sprit is all about: perseverance and pas-

"To be in something creative is like a breath of fresh air 10 times over. It is invigorating."

Her two younger sisters soon caught the bug. Patrice Ambrose sells Yard Art near her Ohio home — and buys for her three children.

"The best part about this is when I get to deliver a sign to a child and to see their face and

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTH/ILLE RECORD Yard Art owner Susan Walsh displays examples of her company's signs.

how happy they are," she said. "It just comes through."

Future signs

Shipping to nearly 25 states, Walsh said there's plenty in store for Yard Art's future.

Promotional tie-ins are one avenue. Until June 30, for instance, proceeds from teacher's apple designs will benthe non-profit

TeachersCount organization. Other partnerships also are in the works, Walsh said, and team discounts and by-request custom designs will remain staples.

From her Ladies who Launch feature, she's heard from women also aiming to start on their

"You try to find something that you can incorporate into your life," Walsh said. "I want to sell these signs to everyone. I love making these signs."

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

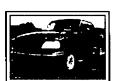
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Youth Council fosters teen-adult connection

Group connects with dodge ball, crafts, more

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

A bassoonist, Erin Caldwell had no trouble deciding to join Northville High School's band last

But the freshman said she also was looking to try new activities a

There are a lot of clubs at this school," Caldwell said. "I wanted some things that maybe weren't as formal. We don't have a lot of arts and crafts."

She found her chance with the Northville Youth school's Community Action Council.

Born out of a community dialogues last May, the council combines students, teachers, parents and community leaders.

Ethnic cooking, knitting and popular dodge ball games - the next is Saturday - have attracted scores of teens over the past sever-

Behind the effort are seven students who say their goal is getting kids involved and connected.

"We thought kids were looking for something fun to do," said secretary Megan Campbell. "I guess Take action

The Northville Youth Community Action Council is hosting the following events at the Recreation Center at

• Italian food: 6-8 p.m., tonight; \$5 materials fee

 Dodge ball: 7-9 p.m., April 30; \$5 entry fee or \$4 in advance by e-mailing northvilledodgeball@hotmail.c

· Greek food: 6-8 p.m., May 5; \$5 materials fee For more information, call (248) 344-1618

the point was how to make Northville better for teens.

The council offers options, said her mom Sue Campbell, director, Northville Youth Assistance and adult advisor.

This group has kind of evolved into a 'places to go, things to do' group," Campbell said. "Kids just wanted to be able to plan activities

"All their ideas have been very

They found cooks who teach the art of cooking Mexican, Italian realistic and we've been able to

about their activities. From left: Erin Caldwell, Dean Fefopoulos, Jake

Hoernschemeyer, Megan Campbell, Marie Defer, and Shrupi Agrawal.

Northville Youth Community Action Council members meet at the high school to talk

After forming, a handful of stuand Greek cuisine. Not allowed at the school due to dents started rounding up friends' bands for Suburban Kids Rocking safety concerns, dodge ball was another pick. Dozens flocked to Under Ford Field. Now, the counround robin tournaments Saturday Starting out was slow going, nights at Hillside's recreation cen-

> "Everybody's so organized," Megan Campbell said. 'They come in uniforms.

> Entry fees, no more than \$5, go towards food and materials, the

council said, and T-shirts for winning dodge ball teams that proclaim, "I've got skills."

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYLLE RECORD

Most on the council fill their plates with other community activities, such as Northville Rotary Interact. Junior Dean Fefopoulos is his class's president.

"It's personal involvement, doing something good, worth-while," Fefopoulos said. "As a group, we come up with a lot more

Part of the goal is getting adults

Mother's Day...
especially for her.

"I guess the point was how to make Northville better for teens."

> Megan Campbell Secretary, Northville Youth Community Action Council

involved, too. Parents help with supplies, transportation and monitoring events, while teachers hand out fliers during seminars.

Although high school students are the focus, the group said all are welcome. Tuscan Café manager William

Hundley, who's seen the council cluster over evening agendas, said he aims to get involved as a dodge ball referee.

"They have a lot of fun," Hundley said. "I think most importantly, they're very adamant about getting stuff done. They work really diligently."

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said sophomore Shruti Agrawal.

"We weren't exactly sure what

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Caldwell heard about a

our goal was," she said. "I think

it's basically just to increase youth

at downtown Northville's Tuscan

Christmas cookie making class.

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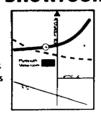
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Members of the Northville High School Students Against Destructive Decisions will host a movie-viewing fundraiser benefiting charities chosen by former junior, Todd Schoenheide's family. The movie "Shark Tale" will be shown. The event will take place 7 p.m. Friday, May 20 in the Northville High School cafeteria, 45700 Six Mile Road. Admission to watch the film is free and proceeds from the sale of concessions will be donated in the memory of Schoenheide.

Activities fair

Northville High School is hosting an activities fair 7 p.m. today in the cafeteria, 45700 Six Mile Road. Representatives from sports and clubs will attend, informing incoming freshman and their parents of athletics and activities offered by the school. Information including dates and team or club requirements will be discussed. For more information, call (248) 344-8420.

Open Enrollment

The extended open enrollment deadline for the Northville Public Schools 2005-06 academic year is Friday, May 13. The original deadline was Thursday, April 7. District officials said the deadline was extended to accommodate parents' questions and concerns relating to the outcome of the short-term options committee, formed to find a solution to the district's overcrowding problem. Open enrollment request letters should be sent to Casey Reason, assistant superintendent, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Copies of the letter must also be sent to the appropriate building principals. Final decisions are often not made until one to two weeks prior to the start of the school year because of enrollment fluctuations throughout the

Senior prom

Tickets for the Northville High School 2004-05 senior prom are on sale now through Wednesday, May 11. The cost is \$50 for singles or \$100 per couple. To purchase a ticket, students must have signed prom contracts and guest passes if appropriate. No tickets will be sold without these forms. All checks should be payable to Northville High School The prom will take place Friday, May 27 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi

School board meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main St. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

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., Northyrlle, Mich. 48167, Please write the student's first and last name and T-shirt size on the memo line. A Senior All Night Party payment box is also located in the high school office. Organizers are still looking for party volunteers. Those interested in helping should call

Cayte Stilec-Stevenson at (248) 348-9608 e-mail 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 all-night party.

Free seminar

The Foundation for Teaching Economics is sponsoring a free summer seminar, "The Gillette Company Economies for Leaders Program," July 17-23 in Hillsdale. The seminar is open to Michigan educators teaching economics; but is also suited for teachers of social studies, civics and history. The program is based on the National Voluntary Standards in Economic Education. Each participant who completes the program will receive a \$150 stipend. Free room and board is provided on the campus of Hillsdale College. All curriculum materials and lesson plans are free of charge. Reasonably priced credit hours are available, and three SB-CEUs are available free of charge to Michigan public school teachers. For more information and to register, visit the Foundation for **Economics** Teaching www.fte.org/teachers/programs, or call (800) 383-4335.

Art contest

Dance Electric in Farmington Hills is sponsoring a youth art contest for area students grades kindergarten through 12, including Northville. Individual and group entries are accepted and will be judged by the grade groupings: Kindergarten-second, third-fifth, sixth-eighth, nineth-12. Artwork receiving a ranked place will be displayed in the atrium of Ford's Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn on Friday, June 10 during "An Evening With The Arts." Students with winning entries will also receive recognition at an awards banquet and a gift certificate to a local art store. Artists must present their entries Sunday, May 15 in Farmington Hills. Entry forms are due May 1. For contest requirements, e-mail danceelectric@twmi rr com or call (248) 477-3830.

Drug workshop

Social worker Ron Harrison presents "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do" a free workshop series held May through June in the Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center. Part One: "What To Know," will take place 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays May 3 and June 7. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part Two: "What To Do," will take place 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays May 10 and June 14. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. The series is co-sponsored by Dawn Farm; the Livingston/Washtenaw Safe and Free Schools and Drug Communities Act Consortium; and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Mission Services. For more information, call (734) 973-7892, e-mail jessa@med.umich edu or visit http://www.hvcn org/info/teensusingdrugs.

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Science Fair winners!



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Hillside Middle School science fair finishers gather for a photo in their school's forum classroom.

Results of Eighth Grade 2004-2005 Shelby Temple Science Fair Competition

Chemistry

First: Andrew Kelleher and Nino Ruggirello Second: Lee Finch and Nora Naughton Third: Nicole Allman and Chelsea Tumer; Ashley Carley and Deanna Whelan Honorable Mention: Steve Manney and Josh Pratt

Environmental Science

First: Chris Porreca, Adıtya Gangadharan and Billy Pritchard Second: Eric Maise and Clay Malloure Third: Joy Chen and Kelsey Baskings Honorable Mention: Sarah Marker and Karen Mayhall

Physics

First: Adam Edson Second: Sean Larabell Third: Jacqueline Gress; Anna Billings; Molly McLaughlin and Ally Varley Honorable Mention: Corinne Wysocki and

Zoology

First: David Sammut

Second: Andrew Wernette Third: Brittney Henkel Honorable Mention: Tony Benavides, Alex Brewin and Scott Wagner

Health and Medicine

First: Jay Kastely and Tyler Zbik Second Jack Dalton Third: Erica Smith Honorable Mention: Matt Kappel, John Syverson and Chase Olender

Microbiology

First: Chris Long Second: Eliza Wood Third: Devin Parsons Honorable Mention: Ryan Mullen

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Griffin Pines

First: Jeff Bennett and Tom Bennett Second: Joe Hirka Third: Felicia Guardado; Emily Grant Honorable Mention: Claire Wixted and Natalie Casey; Erica Turner

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'What is important to me?'



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Eighteen Meads Mill students had personal essays published in "What is important to Me." Meads Mill was recognized for a "Writing Achievement Award" which is given only to the top 10 percent of schools entering written submissions. Front row, left to right: (Shirley Klokkenga's students) Alissa Bailey, Josh Buoy, Katya Frimenko, Kathryn Gorsuch, Aarti Kamat, Alyssa Peterson, Summer Sandhu, Emee Ta, Austin Thomas. Back row, left to right (Paul Tripp's students) Mary Bender, Raven Fields, Robert Gallagher, Jackie Harris, Kayla Hogan, Angle Ramsey, Joline Smith, Jack Snyder, Lauren Wysocki.

Family Concert slated for tomorrow evening

Bandshell show will celebrate 'Month of the Young Child'



To celebrate April is the Month of the Young Child, Northville Public Schools will hold its annual family concert 6:30-7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the downtown band shell or at Thornton Creek Elementary School in the case of inclement weather.

The Gratitude Steel Band will perform.

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center also promoted a different young child theme each week during April.

This week the center promotes advocating on behalf of children and families.

Early Childhood Center staff said although most Northville children live in healthy, nurturing environments, too many do not and it will take citizen advocacy to make that happen.

Additionally, purple ribbons and children's artwork were displayed throughout the community beginning last week.

The Month of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children.

TAKE A BOW

Students

Middle school students at Meads Mill raised \$9,193 through a pledge drive to help with southeast Asia tsunami relief efforts. More than \$5,000 was donated to the International Red Cross and nearly \$4,000 to UNICEF. The students raised money by correctly answering questions on a school-generated tsunami quiz. Tough questions represented all academic areas. A certificate of gratitude sent by the Red Cross will be posted on the students' Wall of Fame.

Educators

Dee Krause was chosen as the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Middle School 2004-05 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Krause teaches seventh grade social studies at Hillside Middle School. Along with \$1,000. Krause will receive a commemorative memento in

recognition of her contributions to students in Wayne County.

Winners

Eighth-grade student Erik Peterson won the top prize in the juntor division of the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit. Peterson's project took top honor in the Environmental Science category. His project titled, "Will Water Quality in the Rouge River Continue to Improve? summarized nine months of water testing from the tributaries of the Lower and Middle Rouge River. Peterson tested water temperature, conductivity, pH, salinity and many other variables to determine if improvement would continue. Entries are submitted from the metropolitan area and must be accepted for competition. Meads Mill science teacher Todd Gudith was recognized by his student for his help.

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Girl Scout Dalsy Troop 78 toured the Northville Township Police Station to earn their "respect authority" petal. Officer Samantha Bowlin stands with (from left): Cemalovic, Reinert, Marissa Grazioli, Gillian Chirillo, Maggie O'Meara, Veronica Johnston, Maya Sankaran, Sydney Peterson and Jordan Holtz.

Local Events

Arbor Day Seedlings Give-Away

This event is 9:30 a.m.-noon. Saturday. April 30, at the new Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. There is no charge to Northville city and township residents and Northville students with proof of residency. For more information, call Northville Township, (248) 348-5800.

"Art Out of the Box" Auction

Join the Northville Arts Commission and Northville Parks and Recreation for a dinner and box auction supporting Northville Art House. This is a collection of local artists' and businesses' creative box works. The event will be 6:30-9 p.m., Saturday, April 30, at Genitti's Restaurant, 108 E. Main St.

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at Northville Parks and Recreation, 700 W. Baseline Road.

For more information, contact the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950 or Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

Johnson Creek Day Trail Run/Walk

The 5K run/walk begins 9:30 a.m.; fun run for ages 8 and under begins 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 14 at Northville Community Park, 15801 Beck Road, between Five and Six Mile roads.

For more information and to register, call Michelle West at (734) 761-1010, mwest@alnm.com or Bonnie Leshan at (248) 348-5830, bleshan2@yahoo com.

Daughters of the American Revolution

The next meeting will be noon, Monday, May 16 at the Mill Race Village, Northville. There will be a salad luncheon and a tour of the village.

For more information, call (734) 420-2775.

First United Methodist Church

Mom Offering Moms Support is accepting donations for its annual resale. Donations of gently-used items including strollers, high chairs; infant, children's and maternity clothing; toys, books and sporting equipment.

Donations are tax deductible.

The resale will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday, May 13 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 14 at First United Methodist Church of Northville,

Spring Cooking Classes

777 Eight Mile Road.

This series of classes will be at Kitchen Witch, 134 E. Main St. Each class is 7-9 p.m., various days, For more information, call (248)

First Fridays Art Walk

The first Friday of each month, Northville's art galleries, arts and crafts stores and restaurants will be open 5-9 p.m. There will also be art demonstrations and exhibits in various retail shops. For more information, contact Tom James at Northville Camera and Digital Imaging, (248) 349-0105.

Student Fine Arts Show

The 2005 Student, Fine Arts Show is April 29-May 5 at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St. This show features work from Northville's elementary through high school students. The show is open to the public. For more

contact information. the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950.

Beautiful Wall Art Gallery

Novi artist, Staci Miron's "Remember" display is running now through April 30 at the BWA Gallery, 43133 Seven Mile Road. The show is based on the September 11 tragedy. Call (248) 449-6833 for details.

Marquis Theatre

Marquis Theatre is presenting "Peter Cottontail," 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1. Tickets are \$7.50 for all shows. No children admitted under age 3. The theater is located at 135 E. Main St., Northville.

Heart 'N' Sole Race

This race starts 7:30 a.m., Saturday, May 7 at Hillside Middle School track, 700 W, Baseline Road. The race is sponsored by Northville High School Rotary Interact Club to raise money for the Good News Gang in Detroit.

Racers can register the morning of the race, or pick up a race packet at Northville High School. For more information, contact Virginia Calkins at virginiacalkins@gmail.com.

Community 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, 777 Eight Mile Road The next meeting will be Monday,

Grief Support Workshops

This free workshop is open to the pommunity. Meetings are 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays through May 17 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.

Genitti's 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 Presenting

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Tuesday Northville residents have the opportunity,

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But that's all the more reason to cast a ballot Tuesday. What better time to make your voice heard than when everyone is expecting you to remain silent and content?

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Vote Tuesday.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

City faces crossroads Monday

Next Monday, residents, merchants and building owners will once again have the opportunity to hear what plan, if any, city officials have for moving downtown Northville forward. A steering committee appointed by the city council to gather public input has worked hard to make good on that request. Their unheralded work has been top-notch and commendable. Now, it's up to city officials to show leadership by making good use of the information headed their way and developing a proactive plan not hindered by political posturing and excessive analysis. The time to move Northyille forward is now.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Opportunity knocks

Northville Township's elected officials approved a first-ever conditional rezoning of land last week, allowing condominums on 16 acres near Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. Permitted by state law since December, this move gives government leaders more muscle when trying to curb density. Led by a subcommittee of township and Talon Development representatives, the rezoning is an early instance of cooperative scrutiny and planning. If future projects are handled with similar care - along with high regard for neighbors - this option holds potential as the township's smaller, undeveloped parcels are targeted for

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Crowded out by tough choices

Tuesday night parents heard grim news about the available choices for kindergartners attending Ridge Wood Elementary School. Because of continued Northville Township growth near the Six Mile and Ridge Road school, district officials said during the next two years kinder-gartners will attend Winchester, Moraine, Silver Springs and Thornton Creek elementary schools. In the meantime, officials must devise a solution. The most likely plan will include construction of a new school, requiring new taxpayer money. But requesting taxpayer money will not come without scrutiny and tough questions.

NORTHVILLE ATHLETICS

What's in a ranking, anyway?

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team was ranked pre-season No. 1 in Michigan according to the coaches' association poll — a ranking they held until this week following their loss to Livonia Stevenson.

Last season, the girls weren't in the top place of the poll until the final week, so the change in their current standing means nothing. Sure, rankings are nice, but a team has to prove they deserve it. Northville did last year and we'll have to wait until the dust settles before we know if they can do it again this year.

Weekend snowstorm evokes 'Frosty' notions of kids' magic

At first glance, it's difficult to tell Phillip whether Bondy, his sister, Rachel, and his brother, Colin, built the season's final snowman.

Or its first curblemonade stand.

Last weekend, the sibling trio transformed a crate of Old Man Winter's sourest lemons into a six-foot snowman They re-shaped a

24-hour snowstorm into something they'll not soon forget.

For the Bondys, a few inches of fresh snow was plenty to build Frosty II, a thick-shouldered second cousin to a snowman built by the three earlier this past winter. The main design difference:

Frosty II is sitting down, boasting a "Frosty" hat, yellow mop hair, black spray paint cap eyes, a red WD-40 cap nose, a blue Frisbee smile and four green tennis ball

"We were excited it snowed. because it was the last time we were going to be able to play in the snow," said Phillip, 10.

Wet, easily-packed snow made the job easier, he said. They started early in the morning, took a handful of breaks --- for lunch, to change gloves and discuss strate-- then got back to work.

"We did it ourselves," Rachel, 13, said. "Well, our dad did help a little. But mostly it was just us.

They used all the snow in their Highland Lakes front and side yards, then borrowed some more snow from the neighbor.

They started with a simple snowball. Rolled it. Packed it.



David Aguilar RECORD EDITOR

Then they built a larger snowball, grabbed a milk crate, used a board for a ramp and rolled Frosty's head into place, the

Placed it.

Together.

My hands didn't get cold," said Colin, 5, a secondgrader at Silver Springs Elementary. chose really good gloves.

And really good teammates. Is Frosty II special? someone

asked. Yeah, they said at once. "He's a spring snowman, so he's really special," Phillip said, who also attends Silver Springs.

"And it's the best snowman we ver built," Rachel added. But is he magic, like, you know,

the real Frosty? 'Yeah, he's magic!" Phillip wailed, "We've been getting good

luck ever since we made him." And though he couldn't think of a single instance supporting such an enthusiastic contention, it

didn't matter. It was apparent. Rachel, who attends Hillside Middle School, said the project was good family fun, despite the cold: "It was something we could

all do together.' Unseasonably, it snowed last weekend. Many of us grumbled about the inconvenience --- slippery roads, clogged traffic, shoveled driveways. Meanwhile, three siblings took a look outside and saw opportunity. They turned a weekend snowstorm into a Monday morning lemonade

They went outside and built a



Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/RECORD EDITOR

Northville Township residents Rachel Bondy, 13, along with her brothers, Colin, 8, and Phillip, 10, made good use of the late spring snowstorm last weekend, by building their fourth snowman of the season.

snowman, the biggest, coolest snowman ever, believing it held magic. Then when the weather warmed and it rained, they covered him with plastic, to protect

Each of us wakes up one day, soher, no longer believing snowmen will spring to life, forgoing notions of magical snow dust.

"If you didn't build a snowman like we did, then you missed a fun day in the snow." Phillip said benignly, wonderfully missing his own point.

We missed more than that, Phillip. Take your time growing

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Thank you!

On behalf of the parish family of Our Lady of Victory Church, I extend our sincere thanks to the members of the Northville community who graciously joined us in providing a reception for the family and many, many friends of Todd

Northville, its school system and community organizations, responded generously and lovingly to serve those who came together to comfort one another at Northville High School on the afternoon of Friday.

The following organizations donated food and assistance and facilities: Northville Public Schools, Custard Time, Genitti's, Great Harvest Bread Company. Hungry Howie's (Seven Mile Road), Pizza Cutter, Rebecca's, Starting Gate, Scout Troops 777. 755, 903 and the Venture Crew, Domino's (Five Mile Road), Guernsey Dairy, Helen's Uptown Cafe, MacKinnon's, Poole's Tavern, Starbucks and Tirami Su Italian Ristorante.

This experience was memorable. both from the numbers of people who came to pay their respects and the cooperation of all concerned Northville is a thriving community with the heart of a small town

Shannon Boyd and Carolyn

Right questions

The Northville Record natled it right on the head last week, challenging local public officials who too often talk a good "fiscal conservative" game, but then have no problem asking voters for "just one more millage" because they have used existing taxpayer money poor-

Editor David Aguilar's column last week posed exactly the right questions: how will the Northville chool district bundle its upcoming bond request --- as a critical funding request centered on academic learning, or as a shrewdly packaged legislative sausage, inclusive of excessive athletic field houses and more retchid excess?

Northville residents have plenty of health club options, no need to 'sell" us on the "community value" of some larger-than-life sports facility. I'll go to the Water Wheel Health Club or LifeTime fitness, thank you.

Our most pressing need is for more classrooms — kids, after all, are attending school now inside portable trailers. If the district truly believes athletic field houses, and other such non-academic endeavors, pose a critical need, then taxpayers should have the right to vote for each priority separately, during a special election the following

Likely, though, the district will simply string together the "classrooms and fieldhouse" request by the same "please, help our children" rope and we will all once again be stuck with the tab because who doesn't want to "help our kids?" Shameful.

Equally shameful is the fact that Northville Township officials apparently think no one has noticed the bungled Community Park project -- way over budget and minus any operational funding, except for an upcoming recreational millage 'eash grab" from local residents They will be sorely mistaken come the next election.

Moreover, I thought it embarrasing that not one township board trustee has a clue about how much money the township earns or spends during the course of the year, yet they have no problem voting each meeting to approve taxpayer-paid expenditures worth several hundred thousands of dollars, if not millions.

And they call themselves "fiscal conservatives?" No wonder the township and the parks and recreation department have so badly bungled Community Park. No one has a clue.

Maybe we should require an aptitude test for anyone applying to these publicly-elected jobs. Or maybe we should simply show up to the polls next election - with a tighter hand on our wallet and our eyes more wide open about what's really going on. Jay Timmerman

Northville

'Crazy' time

Some of you missed a great experience. We have a wealth of talent in theatrical arts in Northville High School. On Saturday night, April 23, we were awed by the best high school or community production of a musical,

"Crazy for you." I am an avid theater goer and former Detroit Ballet Company dancer and teacher. I have seen tons of musical productions through the United

The production of "Crazy for you," directed by Karin Pearson, choreographed by Christina Johnson, musically directed by Mary Kay Pryce and instrumentally directed by Michael Rumbell, was top notch ... four star. The cast must have spent hours in rehearsal; and the joy that these kids brought to the stage was outstanding. Great teamwork was highly evident.

Citizens, if you haven't seen a Northville high school production ... I strongly advise you to get tickets for the next one. We went to the show to check out the school and the play, as nosy senior citizens. We are proud of these kids. They were better than American Idol.

Based on the student performances, I am sure that we will see many students, including Michael Howell, Laura Van Valkenburgh and Kirsten Knisely on Broadway someday. I strongly encourage all kids to get a college degree first.

Thank you, cast, for a wonderful performance.

> Barbara Murphy Northville Township

Bravo!

If you are a Broadway musical fan and did not get a chance to see the Northville High School production of "Crazy for You" you missed three evenings of the most exciting. well-executed, theatrical performances that you have ever seen presented at the high school level.

The energy and intensity of the singing, dancing, acting and playing by the NHS performers was beyond belief. Three months of hard work and intense rehearsals produced an event that was truly a musical gem.

Congratulations to director Karin Pearson, choreographer Christina Johnson, music director Mary Kay Pryce, instrumental director Mike Rumbell and the entire NHS cast and crew for bringing the house down three nights in a row.

> Jim and Mary Nelson **Northville**

Wanted: leaders

With regard to the Senators who

sheepishly resist John Boltons nomination as United States representative to the United Nations, America needs more people capable of hollering ... at the UN for many actions and inactions displaying questionable performance ... at politicians for lack of courage, commitment and new ideas to lower spending addictions ... at cities for expecting casinos to keep them financially free from collapse ... at some seniors that have no

business whining as they are generally better off considering their age group than at any time in United States history ... at moral relativists that desire to change rules to suit the current secular appetite ... at self applauding and tenured liberal judges, academics and anointed politicians that would presume powers to rewrite the United States Constitution as if it were faulty ... at historians carrying agendas that willingly distort history ... then at people who do not take the greatest care of the many gifts given them. children, families and themselves .. at the TV that acts to lower imagination and limits vision of our youth ... then finally the press and media who clearly have lost public trust, not understanding it is silly to hammer home a liberal political doctrine when the people see less of a threat from an experience with conservative leadership.

Real leaders make clear decisions like our president to lead. Theodore Roosevelt was a blunt person too. I don't believe the press liked him much either

Jim Nowka

'Crazy' encore!

I would like to compliment the cast and crew of Northville High School's Musical, "Crazy for You." The talent and enthusiasm of the students was overwhelming. The kids were outstanding. Michael Howell, who played the lead. Bobby Child," was supurb.

I have seen the Broadway production of "Crazy for You" three times at the Shubert Theater in New York. It is one of my all-time favorite musicals. The news that Northville High School had chosen it for their spring musical was very

I admit that I did not expect too much of a high school version of "Crazy for You." What a surprise. It took just a few moments to be mesmerized by the performers and orchestra. The cast was very professional. They delivered their lines eloquently and sang their hearts out. The high-energy dance routines were as much fun for the audience

as for the performers. I commend the stage crew. The backdrops and props were so artistic and professional - they could have been borrowed from the

A standing ovation to the cast and crew.

> Kathryn Novak Northville

COMMENTARY

Gerrymandering draws more than politcal lines

Well, they may not be able to balance the budget, attract new industry or fix the roads, but our politicians do know how to do one thing right: draw the lines of their congressional or legislative districts so they are sure to get re-elected or, failing that, to assure that their party will continue to control the dis-

Both parties have become amazingly skilled at gerrymandering. And more often than not they are engaged in a silent conspiracy that assures that most Democratic districts will stay Democratic and most Republican districts will vote reliably GOP year after

This is the nasty secret that underlies why our political system has become both so intensely partisan and so rigidly unchanging over recent years. Michigan's John Dingell, who as the currently longest serving member of Congress should know, says that there are no more than 25 genuinely competitive congressional districts out of the 435 around the country.

Wayne County Probate Judge Milton Mack, one of the smarter people on the bench and a long-time student of Michigan voting behavior, adds that just a handful of Michigan state legislative districts are competitive these

Why is this a problem? Simple. In districts that are drawn to favor one party over the other, the important contest is not the general election. It's the primary, when a small minority of voters, usually a more strident group than the rest of us, picks their party's nominee, who then will waltz to certain victory in the November general election.

For Republicans, it's the passionate Right-to-Lifers and the religious/social conservatives who turn out and generally pick a candidate who is usually to the right of the majority of the party. For Democrats, it's their equally highly motivated ACLU members, union functionaries and "tree huggers," AKA environ-



mentalists. who tend to select nominees more liberal than most.

respected veteran political

columnist David Broder puts it, "Each party now only plays to its hard-core supporters, and the pragmatic center goes unrepresented." With general elections then coming down to a choice between extremes, it is any wonder partisan conflict has become so sharp? And with most voters more or less firmly in the middle of the road, is it any wonder many of us feel left out of the political process?

That's why there's been a lot of recent discussion about fiddling with election rules to make it easier for all of us to vote, or alternatively, to change the way the redistricting process works.

State Rep. Chris Ward (R-Brighton) has introduced a bill that would allow voters with a photo ID to cast an absentee ballot at the local clerk's office, without having to give a reason, any time during the week before the election. (As it now works, to get an absentee ballot you have to be older than 60 or declare you must be out of town on election day.) Ward says he has bipartisan support for his bill, although Gov. Jennifer Granholm and other Democrats object to requiring voters, some of whom may not work or drive, to produce

Elsewhere, people are talking about changing the way in which district lines are drawn. In Michigan, they are drawn up by the majority party in the state legislature to favor their side. About the only legal limitations are those that require all districts to be the same size ("one man, one vote") and avoiding drawing lines that slice through normally recognized communities.

In California, Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger wants to shift the line-drawing from the legislature to a panel of retired judges. Maybe these are both good ideas. Especially appealing to me is the thought that drawing district lines is a task too important to be left to the politicians.

But the trouble is that neither strategy addresses the basic problem. Making it easier to vote absentee doesn't change the dynamic of each party playing to its hard-core supporters in primary elections. And retired judges, most of whom owed their seats on the bench to one party or another, are not immune to being almost as partisan as legislators.

Judge Mack has developed a fine 10-point "Voters' Bill of Rights" that neatly frames what a good voting system ought to do. Included are:

• The right to have their vote count. Consider Republican voters in an overwhelmingly Democratic district. Does their vote count for much? No.

• The right to vote in elections that matter. Consider Democratic voters in an overwhelmingly Republican district. Do November elections matter to them? Not in local

 The right to vote in election districts that are fairly drawn. The key notion here is "fairly." In Judge Mack's mind, fair means not gerrymandered for partisan advan-

Judge Mack has succeeded in defining what a properly functioning democratic (with a small "d") voting system ought to do. Plainly, the system we now have is failing these tests. Next week's column will describe a simple. common sense solution that could go a long way toward healing our steadily more dysfunctional political system.

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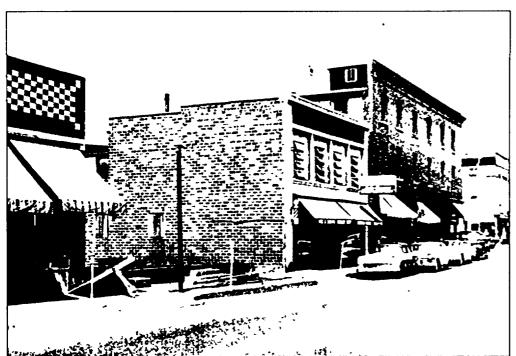


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Historically Speaking

Main Street and Center streets, northwest corner in 1958. The checkered building (left) is a former recreation and pool hall, demolished in 1973 in favor of a parking lot. The site is now being develped and later this fall will reopen as a commerical-retail building.

Fish culturist doing business



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

40,000,000 Embryo Fishes Close of Fiscal Year in July Will show Large Results

The fiscal year of the Bureau of Fisheries comes to a close in July and the records at the Northville Station show how important a place that institution holds in this necessary and ever-growing govemment industry for the benefit of the future food supply of the United States. The fact that the plant here is among the finest in the United States in location, arrangement, equipment and effi-

Northville Station Handles ciency has long been undisputed.

During the year 40,000,000 lake trout eggs and 800,000 brook trout fry were distributed. 10,000,000 eggs went to various government and state stations, 6.000,000 to the Charlevoix substation, 6,000,000 to Alpena and 7.000.000 to the Saulte St. Marie for batching and later planting in the Great Lakes.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYILLE RECORD

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand, right, and voter registration clerk Debbie Kocienski prepare for the upcoming May 3 school board election.

Pitching a shut-out

School districts adjust to election life on the outside

By Victoria Sadlocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville Public Schools Director of Business and Finance John Street was in charge of all district elections. It was a job he did for 23 years.

Now, his role in the district's May 3 election will take a spectacular decline.

The preparations we used to do here are now being done by the municipalities," Street said "I will still call the election.'

The change from district-run to municipality-run school elections is a result of the Michigan electionconsolidation law, signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm last year.

The reform states school officials no longer administer their own elec-

Opportunities afforded.

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said despite the shift, her department will not shut the school district out from Election Day hap-

"The schools are our customer and we are dedicated to giving them the best customer service ever," Hillebrand said, "We will work very closely with them."

In the past, school officials had the opportunity to monitor how voter turnout was shaping up throughout the day at particular precincts, a convenience attached to administering an election.

Hillebrand and Street said that type of opportunity will still be available.

But district officials will have to call for updates instead, Street said

More work

While Street's schedule has opened up on May 3 municipal

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alveolar bone, the bone dissolves to create a space that enables the tooth

to advance in the desired direction.

In the wake of a moving tooth, new bone grows in to fill the space the

clerk's schedules became a lot Eye on the pie

"This is our first time, so we are not used to having a May election so there is an increase in work," said Northville City Clerk Dianne Massa.

Massa said her department is administering the election for city residents.

Establishing polling locations, organizing workers and offering absentee ballots are duties the city clerk's office is heading.

"It is a lot of work for us." Hillebrand said.

The township clerk said she will assess how much work, after the

Northville Township historically did not have odd-year elections

Hillebrand said with the addition of an odd-year election comes additional costs

"Under the new law, if the schools piggy-back on another election then it would basically be free," she said. If the school district doesn't, she said, it is charged.

Street said the school distnet will receive six bills for the May 3 election coming from Novi, Northville Township, City of Northville, Salem and Lyon Township.

"It will probably be more expensive, but at least from the district's point of view, since Schooleraft Community College is a part of this election, they will bear half of the costs too." Street said.

Both Hillebrand and Massa declined comment on how much the district's bill will be

Hillebrand said her department is very sensitive to election costs on behalf of the school district and is cutting all possible comers and watching all costs

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Handley runs unopposed for school board

By Victoria Sadlocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville Public Schools trustee Judy Handley views the May 3 school board election as an opportunity to complete unfinished business.

"There are things that are just not completed." Handley said. "I still think there are things to offer and if I continued on, it would be easier. The learning curve is incredi-



Two issues the incumbent hopes to move forward with if elected to another four-year term are funding and capacity.

"With all the growth in the district, probably our biggest issues are how can we maintain the grade-level size, the equity from building to building and have that same quality education," Handley said. "I know we can do it with content, but it's that atmosphere I'm concerned with.

Handley, 55, said capacity is an issue she is personally familiar

could see Moraine Elementary School from her living room in 1985, but could not send her children there because it was closed.

Instead, two of her children traveled by bus to Amerman.

"I know what parents are feeling when they say, 'I can see the school from my front door, yet my kids aren't going there,' I had the same feeling," she said.

All three of Handley's children went through the Northville Public School system, including two who participated in Early Childhood Center programs.

Funding from Lansing is another hurdle Handley expects to jump if re-elected.

The Northville resident said funding shouldn't be based on the economy.

"When people are spending money it is comfortable for schools, but when economic times are tight and people are watching their spending that pot of money shrinks for the schools," she said We have already committed to contracts and with class sizes and to a certain expectation for our

"We've been in building mode since 1997. We're hoping we can put together a plan to serve us for the next five years."

> Judy Handley Incumbent, Northville Public Schools Board of Education

residents and our students and when the money is not there, that is an issue.'

Handley said if chosen again by voters, she promises to blend her personal strengths and professional experience.

"I've been working in a school district since '71, so education has been my experience forever," she

Handley is the director of elementary school development with the Wayne-Westland Community School District.

Her administrative role includes overseeing school improvement, steering MEAP testing, managing an English Language Arts literacy grant and running the district's summer school program.

As part of her administrative duties, Handley is familiar with Education Yes! state legislation and No Child Left Behind.

What child would you want left behind," Handley said in support of the federal legislation. "It has a very good intent, I think the spirit of the law is absolutely wonderful

"It is what every child deserves, but when it rolls out into practicality in school districts it really involves a lot of additional work and compliance issues."

Before becoming an administrator, the school board candidate taught 21 years in the classroom. Personal Age: 55

Northville Township resi-Married 31 years with three

children Hobbies include reading, working crossword puzzles, knitting and traveling

Education

· Master's in Education -The University of Michigan · Bachelor's in Education -The University of Michigan

Career

 Director of elementary school development with the Wayne-Westland Community School District

· Former elementary school and at-risk teacher with the Wayne-Westland Community School District

teaching first-sixth grades for the Wayne-Westland Community School District

She also taught at-risk children

for nine years. On a personal level, Handley said her contribution to the board

is a level head. "I tend to try and think about the big picture and equity across the district, so that we maintain equitable programs," she said. "And I try to be very logical and nonemotional. I think when you have to make tough decisions you have to leave the emotional aspect off the table as much as possible."

Handley said she wants to see an end to the days of bond after

"We've been in building mode since 1997," she said. "We're hoping we can put together a plan to serve us for the next five years. I would like to see that. A sense of steeliness would be nice for fami-

The 2005 Northville school board election marks the third time Handley runs unopposed She has served two prior terms



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Stewart said.

The representative said he signed the election consolidation bill because he didn't want to appear like he was against consolidating elections, but now wonders if it may

more, than there will need to be some amendments to the election consolidation law," he said.

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State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) said he is keeping a close eye on the May 3 election costs in his district.

Stewart said in the Plymouth-Community Canton District, the school election may cost four times as much

"If it truly isn't a cost savings... I'm going to head for the hills,"

have been an overreaction. "If it truly ends up costing a lot

House Bill 4471, introduced by Stewart in March, already asks election control be given back to local school districts.

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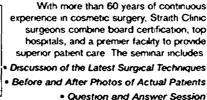












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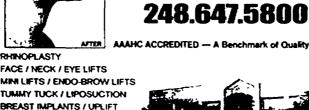
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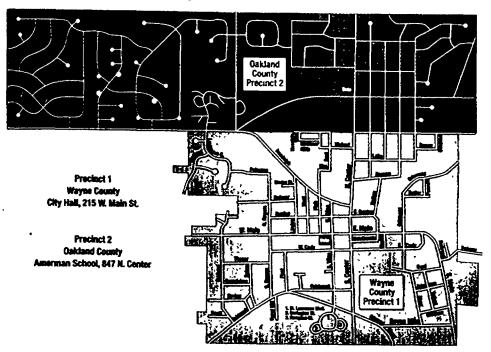
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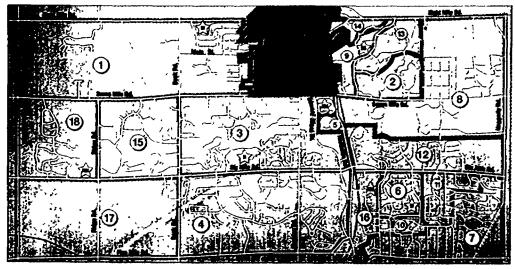


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Northville Township Voting Precincts



Waiting in the weeds

Do write-in candidates pose a quiet election threat?

By Victoria Sadlocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

Two years ago about 30 miles from downtown Northville a school board hopeful decided to run in his local election — five days before polls opened. Long after community debates and candidate pro-

files, Pleasant Ridge resident Tim Wedge filed the appropriate paperwork to run as a write-in candidate. Lawn signs urging residents to "Vote Wedge"

sprang up everywhere four days before the election. The result: Wedge was one of three candidates elected to the Ferndale Public Schools Board of Education, beating out three other candidates, including one incumbent.

But is the notion of waging a last-minute, write-in election campaign purposeful planning or political

Political analyst Bill Ballenger said the idea while possible, is frankly a little kooky.

"I can't think of a situation where someone would want to do that," Ballenger said "That sounds a lit-

Ballenger said winning as a write-in candidate is extremely difficult under any circumstances, especially in a school board election.

"School elections are very famous for anyone turning out in the first place," Ballenger said, "It would be a difficult thing to do."

Northville Public Schools Director of Business and Finance John Street said in the past 23 years there has been several write-in candidates for school

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> Sue Hillebrand Clerk, Northville Township

elections, but none collecting a significant number of

Street said no write-in candidate has ever won a school board election.

"Personally. I am opposed to write-in candidates," said Sue Hillebrand, Northville Township clerk. "I feel they should follow the same process of other

Hillebrand said from a clerk's prospective, the process can prove challenging.

Northville residents interested in running as a write-in candidate for the May 3 Northville Public Schools board election have until 4 p.m. Friday, April 29 to file the appropriate paperwork.

Only the names of residents filing by deadline are counted when written on an election ballot.

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Northville Democractic Club members meet up Monday at the Northville District Library. From left: Barbara Marsiglio, Scott Craig, Carol Poenisch and Don Jones.

Is Northville going 'Blue'?

Democrats form local club, cite growing ranks

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

Carol Poenisch's blood has run blue since birth.

At the peak of the Viet Nam War. the daughter of Democrats took to the Ann Arbor trenches.

"I helped dig a bomb crater," Poenisch said. "We spent a day just digging this big hole in the ground to show what we were doing to Viet

Today, along with other residents, she has a new goal: organizing Northville's Democrats.

Launched in February, the Northville Democratic Club meets monthly and last week co-sponsored its first speaker.

There's about a dozen members so far said Poenisch, who believes more exist in a rapidly growing community.

"Being a Democrat in Northville is kind of lonely sometimes," she said. "I just want issues raised and discussed."

Getting motivated

Democrats aren't new to Northville, club members said. Poenisch recalls sporadic efforts

since she moved to the township 12

"It's been kind of around on and off," she said. "I think after the Kerry campaign, there was just a lot of volunteers in Northville. That kind of got people motivated."

Democrats meet

 What: Northville Democratic Club May Meetup • When: 7 p.m., Tuesday,

 Where: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.

 RSVP: http://democrat. meetup.com/692

Don Jones said that's how he got involved.

The group's treasurer, Jones knocked on hundreds of Northville doors last November as a "MoveON" precinct leader. He said he found 160 supporters.

"Currently, Democrats are intimidated," he said. "They think that they're the only Democrat in the neighborhood. It's just not true."

In Northville Township, 30 percent of nearly 15,000 voters cast Democratic ballots, according to township voting records.

That's up roughly 10 percent in 10 years, Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said.

"Historically, Northville's been a very heavy Republican community," she said. "We're growing like crazy out here."

Jones, who moved to Northville five years ago, calls himself a Democrat out of necessity.

His issues range from war to

environmental concerns. Similar concerns prompted for-

mer city of Northville councilman Chuck Keys to join.

The insurance agent said he voted for Republican Ronald Reagan in the 1980s, but has otherwise cast ballots the other way.

"I don't like to see ... the entire federal government controlled by one party," said Keys, who served two council terms the 1990s. "I don't think that's healthy."

Plans to grow

Striking balance and offering information is a big part of the club's goal, Poenisch said.

Guest lectures are one means and not always partisan, she said. Last week, a research expert spoke on pitfalls of privatizing Social Security, an issue that has support on both sides, she said.

Naturally, the club also rallies to its political party.

Jones said that during last November's campaign, groups gathered for "debate parties."

"Like a Super Bowl party," he laughed. "We're all cheering for the same side."

After last week's event, he said, two signed up for the club.

Poenisch said that today, the pit she dug in the 1960s is a pond. She and others hope the club's

efforts will also one day yield a positive result for their party. 'That in itself is very motivating.

to try get Democrats elected," she said. "I think the No. 2 tries harder."

Democrats: What are they talking about?

The Northville Democratic Club was sure they had a mole.

After a John Kerry event, president Carol Poenisch called to follow up with Scott Craig, who'd signed

When his Anne Scott answered the phone, she could have laughed at the thought of her husband being a Democrat.

"I'm like, no," she said. "My husband said, 'If John Kerry wins, we'll have to move to Canada."

After sleuthing, the club unveiled the mystery: Scott Craig is a Republican. And a Democrat.

That's because Northville has two Scott Craigs. Growing up near Flint, Craig the Democrat was son of a

United Auto Workers president. "My family goes way back," said the Democratic Craig, 51. "We just talked about politics all the time at my house. I did door to door work

when I was 12, 13 years old." Campaign literature bore names of Congressional Democratic contenders. The social studies teacher helped organized anti-nuclear and pro-environement protests, too.

Also born to a union father, the Republican Craig 39, said he's voted the GOP ticket for 15 years

Social Security talk

-Dr. Dean Baker said he's been researching the U.S. Social Security system for 13 years and last week stopped by Northville Township to share his opinion about President George W. Bush's plan to fund the program using optional private accounts.

In an event sponsored in part by the Northville Democratic Club, Baker argued against placing social security into bond and stock

Baker is co-director of a nonpartisan think tank Center of Economic and Policy Research in Washington, D.C. He told a room of 85 people, retirees will still see higher wages than today, and the system could remain unchanged until 2052.

Bush said private accounts would offer higher interest return rates. Baker argued private accounts are risky because of stock market fluctuation and higher administrative costs from financial

There's no pot of gold here," he said. "All we're doing is replacing guaranteed benefit with risk."

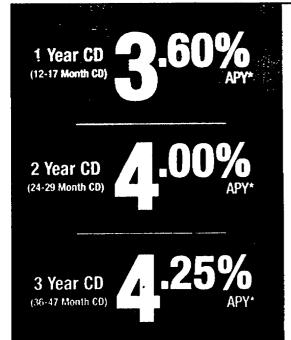
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"I've been a supporter," he said. "I haven't gone out and rallied. I'm fairly conservative in my views and in my nature."

Calling himself an "active observer," the automotive engineer said the party fits with his Biblical ideals and upbringing

Both men chuckle over the case of mistaken identity. "I had to explain myself," said the Republican Craig, when his wife questioned him. "I feel like there was a game show.

"I am Scott Craig.' 'No, I'm Scott Craig."



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

"The Little Mermaid"

Center Stage Dance Company will present 'The Little Mermaid,' Saturday, April 30, at the Northville High School Auditorium. The 1:30 p.m. show will feature dancers between 9-18 years old. Tickets are \$7 each; groups of 10 or more are \$5.50 each. For more information. call (248) 380-1666.

Fishing Derby

This event is for children ages 12 and under. It is 8 a m.-noon, Saturday, May 21 at Hines Park, Waterford Bend Area, Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road. Vietnam Veterans of America -Plymouth Chapter 528 and Northville Parks and Recreation are sponsors. There will be a casting contest and prizes. For more information, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.waynecountyparks.org.

Golf Outing

Young Life is sponsoring a golf outing on Thursday, May 19 at Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 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 Street. For information about programs, services or to request or renew library. materials, call (248) 349-3020

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. Next meeting will be 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 1, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St. Shirley Hodges, genealogist, will inform participants on the U.S. Public Land Survey System and Metes and Bounds descriptions.

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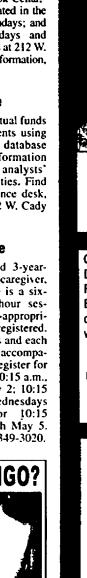
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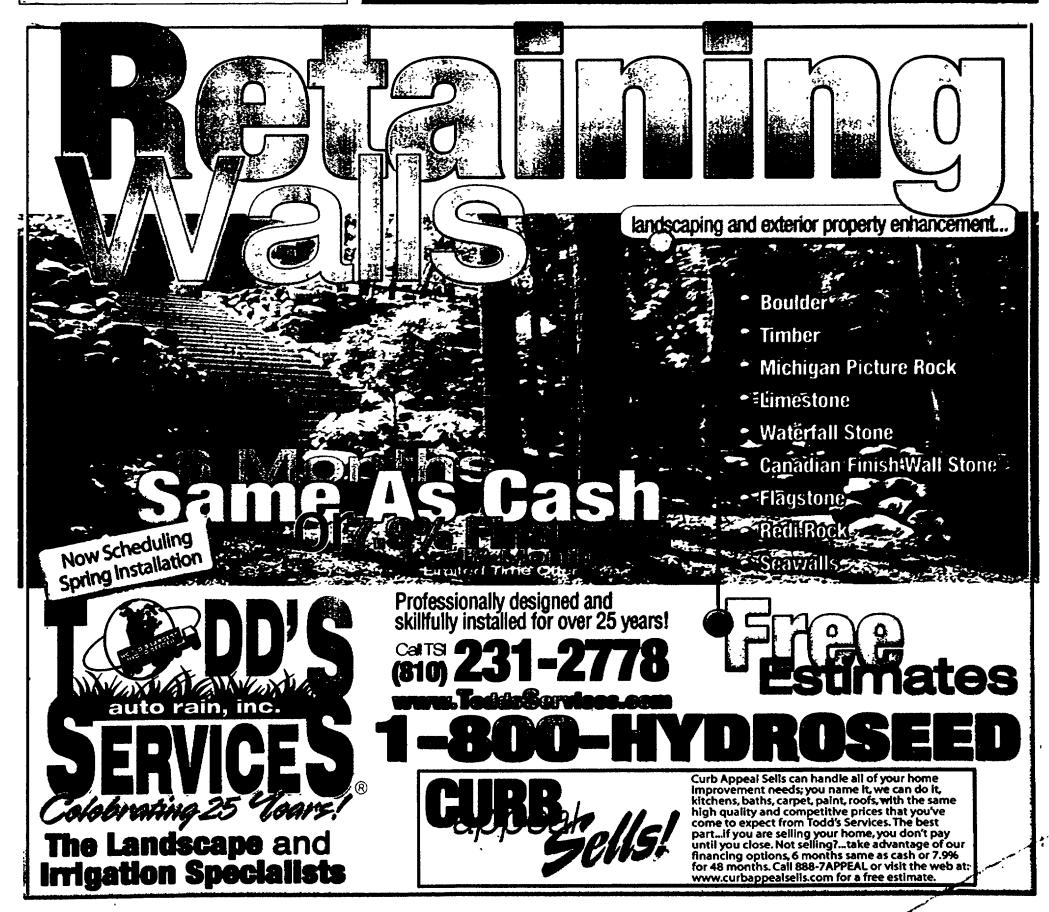


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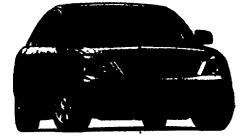




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Got It!

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team beat up on Waterford last week during the program's fourth-ever contest. The squad was full of smiles following their victory.

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It's not just for boys



Photo by SAM EGGLESTON/RECORD SPORTS

ABOVE: The Northville Mustang challenged Waterford (In red) last week during a girls lacrosse event; RIGHT: Junior captain Erin Keranen goes for a face-off against the center from Waterford.

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville Erin juniors Keranen and Meredith Ponder didn't expect glory or recognition or even their names to be in the newspaper when they decided to start a girls lacrosse team.

They just wanted something to

They've Mustangs, who are cap-

tains on the first-year sauad, have kent themselves busy since first

sitting down with their parents and discussing the idea. They've recruited players, interviewed coaches and even helped come up with the uniform for the girls

"It was a lot of fun," said Ponder, "It was a lot of work but it was worth it. We're having a lot of fun right now."

First-year surprises

There was no doubt in Ponder and Keranen's minds they were going to have a rough season this year. They were assembling a first-year program and planning on trying to learn the game along with 32 other girls. Wins weren't going to be easy.

"We just wanted to play," said Keranen. "For us, just being able to start a program was exciting. If we won then that would be great too. All of us were just happy to play lacrosse."

The squad, led by coach Aurora Zinck, won their first game of the season before dropping the next two. The Mustanes then stuck it to Waterford in their latest contest, 12-9.

"The softball team lost only four seniors and it was clear there were going to be a lot of us with nothing to do," said Ponder, a former softball player along with Keranen. "We thought this would give everyone a chance to be a part of something without having had played it since they were young.

Equal opportunity

While girls soccer and golf

requires most players in Northville to have previous experience, lacrosse did not. The sport provided an opportunity for everyone to start spring off on equal footing, even those just starting out.

"I think it was a great idea," said Keranen's father, Ted, who is the president of the Northville lacrosse boosters. These girls wanted something to do and this was a great sport for them to do

The team drew plenty of attention early. Over 95 students showed up for the inaugural meeting, which was narrowed down by spring. The team eventually narrowed to 34.

"No one was cut," Keranen said. "We were looking for 30 or 35 people. It worked out perfect-

Ponder said plenty of experienced and inexperienced athletes showed interest. It was nothing new to her, though. She was one of the girls who helped kick off Northville's girls hockey program three years ago.

'It's great that everyone was able to start off as equals," she said. "We're all trying to learn the game right now and we're doing a pretty good job of that, I

Non-typical lacrosse

Girls lacrosse isn't the same as boys lacrosse. Face-offs are different, no rough contact is allowed and instead of helmets, pads and shorts the girls wear face shields, mouth guards and

"We wanted to go with a traditional look," Keranen said. 'That's why we went with the skirts.

Beyond functional for easy movement, the skirts had another appeal for Keranen and Ponder, who worked with their parents in coming up with the final look for the team.

"We look cute in them," Ponder said. "We could have gone with shorts, but that wouldn't have made us much different than the softball or the soccer teams. We figured we might as well go all out."

Sticks are different also. Boys lacrosse allows for a deep net for easier control of the ball while moving while the girls have a much shallower net.

The girls are still learning about their adopted sport. But they are coming together nicely.

"I think we've become really close as a team." Ponder said. "We're still learning but we're having a lot of fun. I think that has really helped so far this sea-

Off and running

A 2-2 season record is nice, but bigger goals lay ahead, team members said.

"We've got a lot to do still," Keranen said. "There's still a lot to learn and a lot to improve on

The team not only is building for the rest of this year, but for next year as well. No seniors are on the roster, which bodes well for next season's squad.

We probably only had five seniors at the first meeting," Ponder said. "They decided not to come out for the team. That means next year we'll return a bunch of experienced players."

And experience is the name of the game right now. Not one players stays on the sideline for the entire game under Zinck's coaching strategy.

It keeps fresh feet on the field and keeps the girls learning, she

"It's no good for the girls to

just stand there," said Zinck, who is a native of Nikiski, Alaska and played sports for the Nikiski High School Bulldogs before coming to Michigan. She learned girls lacrosse at Oakland University.

"We want them to play so they get experience. It's the best way for them to learn."

The team's ultimate goal: to have a good time.

They're out there to have fun," Ted Keranen said. "Sure seems like they're having it, doesn't it?"

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Gavin wants to run

By Sam Eggleston

Molly Gavin just wants to run. The Northville senior, who specializes in the two-mile run on the girls track and field team, wants to he successful while she's doing it

In the fall, Gavin was one of the top runners on the Mustangs cross country team. She hopes to transfer that to the spring. 'I put in some time over the win-

'er, working out and aqua-jogging," she said. "I feel like I'm in pretty good shape right now." Gavin expects positive results from combining her ability and off-

season workouts with the tutelage of new assistant track coach Chris Cronin, who is the boys cross country coach. Gavin said Cronin's training tac-

ties could make all the difference in her hid for the state finals this year. He's excellent," she said. "He

really knows what he's doing. I think if we really follow his program we'll do really well." Not that Gavin hasn't blazed a

trail of her own. The distance runner didn't qualify for the state finals last year, but she togged a season-best time of 11:48 during the Western Lakes Activities Association conference-chempionship meet last year. State finals qualifying time at the regional tournament is 11:42.

This year Gavin's best time is 12 15 But she has big plans.

I'd definitely like to beat what I got last year," she said. "I'd really like to run that well in the regional and hopefully make it to the state finals this year."

Though she's a distance runner, Gavin has plenty of hurdles to clear, including what she considers lag-

I'm not where I want to be as far as my times," she said. "I'd like to get them down and I'll do what I need to do to get there. To do it I have to work hard."

The goals for the Northville runner don't end at the state finals. She that has her eves set on the possibility of competing at the next level.
I'd really like to run for Grand

Valley (State University)," she said. Nothing is set in stone and I've got a lot of work to do if I want to go there."

Gavin has been in contact with the Lakers' coaching staff and said she knows she will have to drop plenty of time and become a better athlete if she wants to earn a spot on

"I think I'm up for the challenge," she said.

But there's plenty standing between her and college. Prom and graduation are just two things on her mind, along with the regional meet and, hopefully, the state finals.

Gavin has plenty to push her. Her parents, Tom and Katerina, as well as her older brother, Tom, 21, and her 11-year-old sister Emily are constantly pushing her to do her best.

Her teammates are also proud supporters, including head coach Nancy Smith and fellow senior runner Kate McClymont, who pushes her on the track.

"She's a great runner," Gavin said. "I'm glad she's running with me this year. I think that will help a

The Northville runner knows what it takes to succeed. She eats right, stays in shape and steps up to a challenge. In the end, it's not how she finishes, but how she got there that matters to her.

"I just love to run," she said. "It's a great sport and I'm glad to be a

Northville baseball's

Novi soccer's rank in Michigan following Northville's loss to

Until last week, most recent time Northville

Saves by Dan Schaumann, the boys lacrosse goalie, in the

Freshman O'Malley King's season-best time in the 100 hurdles

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current record. They are 0-2 in the Western Division.

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Northville softball's score over Walled Lake Western last Friday.

vault record, set by Julie Foucher last week.

Baseball edged by Walled Lake Western

The Northville Mustangs baseball team didn't fare as well as it would have liked when it took on Walled Lake Western last Friday.

The team, coached by John Kostzrewa, fell 3-2 in 10 innings of play after beating both Salem and Saline earlier in the week.

Against Walled Lake, the Mustangs had strong pitching from Steve Besk and Tim Parent. Unfortunately, they couldn't get what they needed.

"Our pitching has been fantastic," said Kostzrewa. "We just haven't gotten the big hit. The few mistakes we make defensively. other teams are capitalizing on and it has cost us. We are, however, still very confident in our team and our

Tyler Laing had two hits in the Western contest as Northville dropped to 7-3 overall, 0-2 in the Western Division and 1-2 in the conference.

Against Salem, the Mustangs collected 13 solid runs as they defeated the Rocks, 13-4.

"Bryce Jenney Pitched six strong innings for the win," said Kostzrewa.

Jenney also added two hits, including his first career home run, while Matt Williams, Laing and Besk had two hits each.

"It was a good conference win for us," Kostzrewa said. 'We did a good job being patient at the plate and getting in good hitters' counts. We were also very aggressive on the bases, which paid off."



Northville also added a win when they beat Saline in the second game of a double header. The Mustangs lost the opener 3-0 and won the nightcap 5-4.

Jenney, Mike O'Brian and Williams had big games in the nightcap while Andrew Smith pitched seven innings for the win.

Soccer still finding ways to win

The Mustangs soccer team defeated the South Lyon Lions, 3-1. Danielle Toney and Lauren Hill gave the Lions a healthy amount of offense, while Simone Toney and Tessa Atkins kept Lions hands full with a strong defensive front.

Danielle Toney stuck first for the Mustangs scoring at 28:07 with assists from Amy Cauzillo and Jen Kritch. Later Danielle Toney scored again off a rebound at 21:48

giving the Mustangs at 2-0 lead. South Lyon, however, didn't give in as they came right back with a goal of there own at 20:03

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But Northville got their revenge six minutes later when Lauren Hill scored on a break away at 14:16 which gave the Mustangs their two point lead back.

Each team had there chances to score but neither team would add to the scoreboard for the remainder of the game.

The Northville varsity girls soccer team suffered its first loss of the season to the Livonia Stevenson

Spartans, 2-1. Lauren Hill scored the only goal for the Mustangs.

The Spartans scored the first goal within the first 56 seconds of the game. After good passing and patient play, the Mustangs tied the game, thanks to Hill's goal at 24:36. The score remained 1-1 until the end of the first half.

In the second half, freshman goal keeper Julie Blaszczak made some impressive saves, but Stevenson scored at 16:57, making the score 2-1. Northville tried to tie the score, but faced a tough Spartan defense and was shutout the rest of the game.

Playing strong

The Northville golf team is still show casing their talent as they beat Livonia Stevenson in head-to-head competition, 188-194.

"We had a great day on the course today as we beat Stevenson for the first time since 2002," said coach Mary Jane Ossola. "The match was played in very difficult conditions as the winds were extremely strong."

The weather didn't seem to bother too many Mustangs as Therese Juthage, a senior, collected a 42 for the medalist position while Kirsten Freisen, a freshman, shot a 46 and Susan Snyder Collected a 47. Lauren Grigsby rounded out the Northville scoring with a 53.

Northville is now 3-0 in conference play.

Victory!

The Northville boys lacrosse team enjoyed a 7-6 victory over Huron Valley-Lakeland last week. Zach Elker led the way with a

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three goals and an assist and notched the game winning point for his team. Pat Larabell added two goals while Mike Monticciolo added two assists to his stats, including one on the game-winning

In net was Dan Schaumann, who made 16 saves for Northville's secand win of the season.

Ups and downs

The Mustangs softball team, coached by Jean Calabrese, went on a roller coaster ride last week, earning both a win and a loss.

Their loss came to Salem, 1-0, in nine innings of play before the team bounced back to crush Walled Lake Western 14-4 in five innings. The game ended early due to the 10-inning mercy rule.

"Defensively and on the bases were are playing nearly perfect softball," Calabrese said. "The players are executing plays that they practice every week. They are playing heads up and are instinctively reacting to make plays."

Junior Laura Zima has been hot at the plate, hitting .500 on the year with a home run, two triples and several doubles. She has struck out only once so far this season. Sophomore Emma Wise, juniors Christy Badeen and Bridget Hughes and senior Kim Bagian have also been hitting well.

This year the team is winning games," said Calabrese, "It's a total team effort. It's great to see."

Northville is currently 8-3 overall, 2-0 in the Western Division and 2-1 in the WLAA.

Still running strong

The girls track and field team at Northville is still on their path to success as they trampled an unsuspecting Plymouth squad, 105-32.

The Mustangs started things off with 24 points in the field events with Laura Tonch taking third place in the shotput with a throw of 23-feet-3 inches while Flavia Gacta threw a 79-3 in the discus for second lace and Diana Deabis snagged third with a 74-7. In the high jump, Brianna Jenkins was second with a leap of 4-8, while Erica Dobson

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took first in the long jump with a lead of 14-7.5. Laura Keys was second, jumping 14-3.25.

In the pole vault, Julie Foucher broke her own record with a firstplace finish and a mark of 8-6 while Rachel Deneau grabbed second with an 8-0 showing.

'Our field events are doing a great job this season," said coach Nancy Smith. "Deneau and Foucher in the pole vault really helps."

In the running events Northville continued to improve putting in season best times across the board. The 3200 Relay team of Lindsay Hagan, Ashley Flohr, Molly Gavin and Liz Hrivnak ran to a first place finish in 10:16.

"The 3200 Relay is a great event with our depth in the 800, at any time we can put in anyone and be successful," said Smith.

In the 100 hurdles, freshman O'Malley King went 17.6 second for a season-best time to capture first while Mary Sprader took third in 19.2.

In the 100-meter dash, Emily Kreichelt continued on her path to success capturing first in 13.4 seconds while freshman newcomer Sarah Rush finished second in

The 800 Relay team of Lauren Hunt, Bryn Smetana, Laura Keys and Emily Kreichelt won in 1:53 for a dominating performance while the Mustangs continued to shine in the mile with Lindsay Hagan took first in a season-best performance of 5:29, Kate McClymont was second in 5:30 and Megan Keiffer took third with a season-best time of 5:46.

The 400-meter dash found Northville at the top of their game as Bryn Smetana captured first with a season-best time of 1:01 and Lauren Hunt was second in 1:02.

In the 300 hurdles, King took second in 53.1 seconds and Sprader captured third in 53.6 while Hrivnak was first in the 800 run in 2:28, Ashley Flohr was second in 2:29 and Hagan finished third in 2:30.

Northville also swept the 200

dash with Kreichelt in first in 28.2 seconds, Lauren Hunt in second with 28.6 and Smetana in third with 28.7.

In the two-mile run, McClymont finished first with a career-best time of 12.00 while Molly Gavin

finished second in 12:15. The meet ended with Northville winning the 1600 relay with the team of Hrivnak, Hunt, Smetana and Gretchen Warner with a 4:20.

Tennis undefeated on the week

The Northville tennis team made short work of their opponents last week, defeating John Glenn, Livonia Stevenson and Franklin in dual meets.

The team, coached by Matt Stetson, earned an 8-0 win over the John Glenn Rockets with forfeits being awarded in the fourth singles and fourth doubles flights.

Against Livonia Stevenson. Northville collected a 7-1 victory with only three doubles falling against the Spartans. The score was the same when Northville defeated Franklin, 7-1, but it was one singles player Jason Spruit taking the loss in the game.

Northville is now 5-2 overall and undefeated in conference play.

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Kusuplos: Georgia-bound

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

No snow, please,

That's the first request Northville senior Kathryn Kusuplos had when she started searching for the perfect fit for her collegiate choice. Her second request? A pool, of course.

The stand-out swimmer is head-

"I'm going to Georgia Southern University," she said. "I loved it there when I visited. I've always liked Georgia. I used to live there

when I was younger. The memories for Kusuplos are of when she was three years old until she turned five and moved to Michigan. The warm weather always appealed to her and she knew she wanted a school that wouldn't find Jack Frost nipping at her nose.

"If I went to a school where it snowed in the winter I probably wouldn't go to class," she said. "I can't stand snow."

But she can stand any type of heat Mother Nature wants to throw at her. That's probably why Kusuplos has always done so well in the pool. The pressure - and the heat --- never get to her.

"I love swimming," she said. "I was really looking for a school that would allow me to swim while I went there. Georgia Southern was the right one for

The Eagles' coaching staff, who wear blue and gold, told Kusuplos she'll most likely swim the backstroke or freestyle.

Until then, the senior plans on staying in shape by swimming with her club team and doing her regular fitness routines.

The Eagles swim squad was looking to expand for next year from 16 to 24 women and Kusuplos, it happened, was looking for a swim team.

"It was perfect," she said.

Kusuplos is hoping to shed some time off her favorite events before making the trek to Georgia in early August. She said she'll be studying communications and public relations.

"It's a really good program there," she said. "They include journalism, advertising and broadcasting in the public relations program.

Saying good bye to family. friends and Northville will be tough, said Kusuplos.

Her parents, Cindy and Mike, have provided support throughout times next year'



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville Mustangs swimmer Kathryn Kusuplos will be heading to Georgia Southern to continue her athletic career.

"My mom hasn't missed one of my swim meets," Kusuplos said "That's going to be the hardest part I'm hoping she can come down and watch me a couple of

She hopes the friends she makes at Georgia Southern will be like the ones she leaves behind in Northville — family.

"I'm really looking forward to it," she said. "I think it's going to be great. I'm still going to miss

everyone though. I love my Northville girls swim team. It's going to be weird leaving here."

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Watza making twice the impact

Sophomore on soccer team and is track's top shotputter

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Liz Watza has not only earned a place as a member of the defending state championship varsity soccer team, the Northville High School sophomore is also the best shotputter for the girls track and field tean

"I really love both sports," said Watza, "I mean, I love soccer because I've done it since I was really little. I just love to be involved in high school sports.

Watza is one of three goalies for the Mustangs soccer squad. It's a position she wouldn't give up for being the leading scorer on her

"I really like playing goalie," she

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said. "A lot of people wonder why Iplay it. Some people might be afraid. of having the ball kicked at them. but I don't mind?

Getting beat up, kicked and bruised is just a part of the game for the scrappy sophomore. She said sliding to stop kicks and general physical contact on the soccer pitch has led to scars along her legs, her knees and on her elbows

"Once you get used to it you don't even notice it any more," she said "Goalies aren't afraid They slide to take the ball and they get kicked now and then I don't think it's really that bad at all

You've just got to be tough because sometimes you're going to get beaten up a little bit"

Watza definitely doesn't mind when things get rough. She would have even tried out for the football team if her parents allowed her They said no.

Instead, the sophomore finds herself excelling at two sports, soccerand track. Watza tries not to overdo

"I only throw shotput because that's all the time I have," she said

Watza is the team leader in the shotput. This year she is hoping to break her career-best of 30-feet-1inch, which she threw last year

Being a sophomore and already excelling in two spring sports presents a challenge to Watza; how will she be able to live up to the hype she's created for herself.

"I'm going to have to keep working hard," she said. "I want to improve. I'd love it if I could"

The sophomore said she knows it will take a lot of hard work to keep performing at a high level Challenges are just part of athletics for the young Mustang.

"I like challenges," she said "I don't want to get anything for free, I want to work for it. That's how you get better."

Watza has had plenty of inspiration when it comes to her athletic endeavors. Her father, Mike, played football, lacrosse and rugby for the

HSAA continues with gender lawsiuit

Michigan State University Spartans and her mother, Janet, swam at Ladywood High School and for Clarenceville.

Her older sister, Colleen, played soccer and threw the shotput and discus for Northville and her older brother, Matt, is currently listed as a afety with the Michigan State foot-

Her younger sister, Bridget, is currently a student at Amerman Elementary School and is a member of the Jaguars club soccer team

"I've had a lot of inspiration and support from my family," she said. They've been amazing.

Watza doesn't mind dedicating her life to sports. When she's not involved at the high school, she can be found playing club soccer with the Michigan Hawks through the summer and winter.
"It's a lot of fun," she said. "I love

sports. I think athletics are kind of my life right now. I really like

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Beyond who plays in what sport

"Apparently there are appellate

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SPORTS SHORTS

Girts basketball camp

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team will be hosting a girls basketball camp June 27-July 1 at the Novi High School Field House.

The camp, hosted by varsity coach Bill Kelp and members of the girls varsity basketball team, will teach girls, grades 2-9, the funda-

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Cost is \$126 and includes a Tshirt and a basketball in addition to the experienced coaching of skills and basketball basics. Registration begins May 2.

For more information, please call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

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The ride will be a 10-mile loop. in silence, and traveling no faster than 12 miles per hour. There is no fee, no registration and no T-

The ride will start at Nankin Mills Pavilion on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail. Please arrive early

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Golf classic

A 19-year NFL veteran and former Detroit Lion, Eddie Murray will be one of the players taking to the greens as an honorary co-chairperson of the Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit's 22nd Annual Goodwill Classic on Monday, June 6, 2005. The Classic is moving this year to the Meadowbrook Country Club at 40941 Eight Mile Road in Northville.

Featured this year will be a special Corporate Cup, with companies challenging each other to win this inaugural traveling award.

In addition to the Corporate Cup, the Goodwill Cup will be awarded to the most successful women's. men's and mixed teams. Also new at this year's Classic will be the presence of golf pros who will provide mini-lessons on the driving range throughout the day.

There will be two shotgun starts. The 8 a.m. shotgun start includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Costs are \$195 per person for a fourperson scramble, with morning players having the option of adding the dinner package for \$50.

The afternoon package for \$250 includes the 1 p.m. shotgun start, lunch and dinner. Evening activities begin at 6:30 p m. A live auction and a silent auction will be held, with items including a ride for two in the WJR Traffic Copter and four (4) suite tickets for a Tigers game at Comerica Park. Dinner packages for \$50 also will be available for nongolfers wishing to participate in the Classic.

2005. Individuals who do not register a full foursome will be matched up with others on the day.

For information on the Golf Classic, or a registration form, visit www.goodwillclassic.com, or call 313-964-3900, ext. 302.

Northville coaching postitions

The Northville High School athdepartment recently announced several openings with athletics teams

The high school recently announced an opening for head football coach at the varsity level.

The Mustangs are also looking for an assistant swimming coach for the girls swimming and diving team as well as an assistant gymnastics coach who has spotting experience in all of the events. Northville still has open assistant coaching positions with the Northville football

For more information or to apply, please contact Bryan Masi at (248) 344-8414.

Spring leagues

Northville Parks and Recis offering several leagues this spring. Call the Parks and Rec. department at (248) 449-9947 if interested.

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Take your summer to the ice with Suburban

Suburban Hockey Schools, Michigan's leader in providing a progressive approach to ice hockey instruction for all ages and ability levels, kicks off its summer class schedule on July 11 with programs at the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena and Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

Summer programs continue throughout July and August at Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton, Suburban Ice-East Lansing, Novi Ice Arena, St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, Suburban Ice-Macomb, Birmingham Ice Arena and the Dearborn Ice Skating

In addition to age-specific programs for mini mites (ages 5-6), mites (ages 6-8, squirts (ages 9-10) and pee wee/bantams (ages 11-14), men (ages 18 and up), girls 12U/14U (ages 8-12), girls 14U/16U/High School (ages 13-18) and women (ages 18 and up), Suburban Hockey Schools will once again hold specialized programs for forwards, defensemen and goaltenders as well as a power skating

Suburban-trained instructors, including those with professional and college coaching and playing experience, will lead these programs. Classes are open to players of all ability levels. All classes have limited enrollment, with a six student-to-one instructor ratio (four student-to-one instructor ratio in the goaltending program.)

Classes will fill fast. Call (248) 478-1600, or visit www.suburbanhockey.com for more information or to register. Multiple class, family and team discounts as well as mite and goalie combos are available.

Novi Ice Arena to hold spring hockey leagues

The Novi Ice Arena will hold spring adult hockey leagues for adult teams, including 18 and over "D" on Sunday nights, 18 and over "C" on Wednesday and Friday nights, 18 and over "B" on Tuesday nights and 30 and over "C" on Thursday nights. League features include excellent game times, no checking, focus on fun and even competition, and trained scorekeep-

play a 7-game schedule (plus playoffs) and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday divisions will play an eight-game schedule (plus playoffs), with one game per week beginning in late April. Games will consist of three 15-minute running time peri-

For information on adult hockey leagues at Novi Ice Arena, call (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviiceare-

WRIF Summer Hockey Challenge returns in June

Registration is underway for the Adult Summer Hockey Challenge presented by WRIF 101 FM and Labatt Blue. Games will be played on Fridays and Saturdays from June 3-25 at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills, Novi Ice Arena, and the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena.

The tournament will feature four divisions - Blue (men's 21 and older upper), Blue Light (men's 21 and older lower), Nordic (men's 30 and older open) and Select (coed 21 and older open with a minimum of five women rostered). Teams will play a minimum of three games that consist of three 14-minute run-time periods (the last two minutes of the third period will be stop time). Teams are welcome to sign up twice to play more games.

Space is limited, so call Suburban Training Center at (248) 888-1400 or visit www.wrif.com to sign up.

Coaching positions available

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

The school district also announced a head coaching vacancy for the Walled Lake Central football team. Those interested in the position should have a coaching resume and letter of intent for review. Inquiries should be directed to David Yarbrough, Athletics Director for the school district. For more information, call the athletics office at (248) 956-2074.

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appeal of the lower court rulings in

Court. At stake: a revised high school sports schedule allowing girls volleyball to be played in the Sam

fall and girls **Eggieston** basketball to be moved to the winter. Also moving to the fall will be girls golf and boys tennis. Boys golf will move to the spring

season as will girls tennis. The MHSAA, the governing body for almost all high school sports in Michigan, has been notified that tomorrow the Supreme Court will conduct a conference regarding the request to consider an the sports seasons litigation It's a fight some believe should end. Others disagree

"Personally, I think it's a noble fight," said Northville athletics director Bryan Masi. 'Though a lot of the schools have prepared for either decision, they haven't given

There are other reasons the fight continues. Novi athletic director. Curt Ellis said if the MHSAA were to lose their litigation, they'd beresponsible for the plaintiff's court

'The MHSAA does have insurance to cover those costs, but you can bet their insurance company isn't expecting them to roll over and hand out their money," Ellis said. There are outside factors (driving the appeals)."

Despite several steps to stop the seasons from changing, the MHSAA has found itself mostly on the losing side of the legal battle.

But if the Supreme Court decides to hear the case, it could mean another year-long delay.

"If they do decide to hear the case it is my understanding the MHSAA will ask for a stay, or an extension, until the case is heard," said Ellis. "While I may not be a lawyer, I think if they decide to hear the case

the stay would be automatic." Mostly, everything will stay the same. Why is that bad? This state just happens to be the final holdout in getting the volleyball season in the fall and the girls hoops to the winter. That means those sports don't line-up with their college counterparts.

A delay will likely slow down the inevitable, not prevent it. Schools are prepared for either decision from the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court decides not to hear the case, then the seasons will immediately be expected to change. The conference has built sched-

ules for both situations," said Masi of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "The conference is in good shape. Most schools, I would think, should be ready by now." The MHSAA is rolling the dice

But who would notice anyway? Everyone would finally be able to watch their sports when they want to the most, right?

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It's all about having fun...



LEFT: Jackle Horning gives a thumbs up as Northville wins over Waterford last week; RIGHT: Katherine Underwood (left) splashes Meredith Cole while Meg Taepke tackles her.



...AND EARNING WINS!



A Northville Mustang goes for a loose ball during last week's Waterford game.

Photos by SAM EGGLESTON Record Sports





LEFT: Jackie Horning passes the ball: RIGHT: Meredith Cole fires a pass



ABOVE: A group of Mustangs fight for a loose ball; RIGHT: Catrina Reis takes the ball upfield, staying ahead of Waterford.



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Northville's Maria Schneider and a Waterford player watch as the ball pops off of their lacrosse sticks.



the ball in against the Waterford defense; RIGHT: A Mustang and a Waterford player fight for a loose ball on the ground.



IN THE KITCHEN



MENU MAGIC 1-2-3

Day of the Week	1. Fresh Express Complete Salad	2. Easy & Elegant Pairing	3. For Dessert
Sunday	Caesar Supreme	Season sirloin or rib eye steaks generously with fresh ground pepper. Grill to desired doneness.	Top vanilla ice cream with fresh berries
Monday	B.L.T. Caesar	Create an uptown grilled cheese sandwich with hearty artisan bread, sliced gruyere or provolone and prosciutto. Grill in a heavy skillet or press in a panini maker.	Grape clusters and shortbread cookies
Tuesday	Bleu Cheese Vinaigrette	Give skinless boneless chicken breasts a crunchy coating of parmesan, garlic and bread crumbs; bake until golden. (see recipe this page)	Brownie Sundaes (top brownies with vanilla ice cream and hot fudge sauce)
Wednesday	Broccoli Salad	Rub salmon filets with chili powder; grill or broil.	Orange sherbet with diced mango
Thursday	Caesar Supreme	Brush a boneless pork loin roast with olive oil, sprinkle with garlic pepper and roast to medium doneness; slice and serve.	Drizzle vanilla ice cream with hot caramel sauce and add toasted pecans for a comfort dessert
Friday	Bleu Cheese Vinaigrette	Pile sandwich buns with deli roast beef and caramelized onions.	Drizzle sliced fresh strawberries with balsamic vinegar for an elegant finish
Saturday	Broccoli Salad	Sauté fresh shrimp with garlic and crushed red pepper; tuck into warm pita bread halves.	For a sweet finishing note, top pound cake slices with your favorite lemon topping

On-hand ingredients make a simple adornment, taking everyday chicken breasts to a new level.

Chicken With Parsley, Garlic and Romano Crust

Makes 4 servings

- 2 slices whole wheat bread, torn
- 1/4 cup parsley, trimmed and washed
- 1 clove garlic, crushed 1/4 cup grated Romano
- 1/2 leaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- tablespoons offive oil
- tablespoons Dijon-style mustard skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

Heat oven to 425°F. In small bowl of food processor, process bread pieces, parsley and garlic, add Romano, salt, pepper and oil, pulse briefly; set aside. Coat chicken evenly with mustard, place in shallow roasting pan and pat crumb mixture on top. Bake until chicken is cooked through and crumbs nicely browned, about 20-25 minutes.

Today's dinnertime reality is fine, fresh food, fast

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

ith today's more sophisticated palates. and the desire to savor more healthy and well-balanced meals, standard take-out fare just won't cut it anymore for speedy weeknight meals. There's a world of difference between "just okay" and "outstanding!" at-home

From the deli to the frozen food case to the produce aisle, we're on the hunt for products that help us get stylish, contemporary meals on the table fast. Help is here. The category of high-quality prepped offerings from the supermarket is growing. And they taste better than ever.

The washed, ready-to-eat packaged salad mixes were the first produce products to make "fresh, fast!" a possibility. And the latest of these salads is chefinspired creations that compete with entrées for centerpiece status.

New salads taking center stage on the menu include a variety of

tempting offerings: Fresh mixtures of greens, a variety of vegetables, savory goodies, dried fruits, nuts. croutons, aged cheeses and professional-quality dressings give this new class of premium, ready-totoss salads pizzazz.

With nutrition professionals recommending that we get up to nine to fifteen servings of fruits and vegetables daily, it's a deliciously painless way to meet those dietary requirements by including fabulous salads in daily menus. Baby Spinach, tender Spring Mix, crisp Hearts of Romaine, and crunchy Broccoli florets are some of the nutrient-dense foundations of these premium salads.

The amazing variety of salads available - all nutrient-rich and delivered in the peak of freshness for great taste --- make it possible to serve a week's worth of dinners that showcase a world of flavors.

Originating this exciting new generation of salads is Fresh Express with its Premium Recipe Complete Salad line debuting in the produce aisle of grocery stores nationwide this month. These complete fresh salad mixes - all the toppings and dressing are in the bag - reflect contemporary flavor trends and offer a culinary artist's palette of colors, flavors and textures.

With center-stage combinations like B.L.T. Caesar Salad, Bleu Cheese Vinaigrette, Caesar Supreme and a one-of-a-kind fresh Broccoli Salad, the Premium Recipe Complete Salads can add style and spark to any meal.

Savvy cooks can tap into their own repertoires of snazzy, quick and tasty entrées to pair with these dressy salads. Or, try some of these streamlined, stylish pairings - one for each day of the week.

For serving suggestions, recipes, promotions and the latest in fresh-cut salads, check out the Fresh Express web site at www.freshexpress.com.

NFIB UPDATE

Moonlighting in Self Defense

Moonlighting - working two jobs to make ends meet - is more than a time-honored American tradition; it's a necessity for a substantial share of the nation's workforce. According to the most recent employment-situation summary released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 7.2 million Americans hold more than one

The federal government doesn't collect statistics on how many of the nation's 25 million smallbusiness owners are forced to juggle the equivalent of two jobs most of the time. They don't do it to earn extra income, but to protect what they've already gained against a never-ending list of government regulations, tax schemes and ill-conceived, but politically popular programs that gnaw incessantly at their cash registers and bank accounts.

And while these late-night-oilburning entrepreneurs are certainly not eager to add anything else to their time-crunched schedules. President Bush's State of the Union message was a clear call for them to put in some extra hours. Only this notice from the nation's chief executive was a plea for help to roll back some of those anti-free-enterprise initiatives that have gobbled up far too much of the American business sector's precious time and financial resources.

Fitting a third job into their already long days won't be easy. but by becoming grassroots political activists at every opportunity between now and Election Day 2006, small-business owners can have a major, favorable impact on their struggling enterprises.

The president has made it very clear that he understands the important role of entrepreneurs in the nation's economy. Announcing his Fiscal Year 2006 budget, he specifically pledged to boost small-business owners and their employees, calling on Congress to make health care more affordable and accessible to Americans through the enactment of Small-Business Health Plans (also known as Association Health Plans or AHPs).

These plans are a key priority for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). Passage of legislation such as the Small Business Health Fairness Act would make health insurance more affordable for small-business owners by allowing them to band together across state lines through bona-fide trade associations to buy insurance at lower premium costs for themselves and their employees. Main Street supporters U.S. Reps. John Boehner of Ohio, Sam Johnson of Texas, Nydia Velazquez of New York and Albert Wynn of Maryland, recently introduced the Small Business Health Fairness Act in the U.S. House. U.S. Sens. Olympia Snowe of Maine, Jim Talent of Missouri and Christopher "Kit" Bond of Missouri have introduced companion legislation in the Senate.

The cost of health insurance has been ranked the No. 1 problem for small-business owners since 1986, according to the NFIB Research Foundation's "Small Business Problems and Priorities," which reports on the most pressing issues facing small business. While very important, it is just one of the issues that need attention.

The president also promised to focus Congress' attention on the pressing need to make permanent the tax cuts that were passed in 2001 and 2003, to repeal the "death tax," and to reverse the upward trend in frivolous law-

By moonlighting as letter writers, e-mail messengers and visitors to their elected officials' offices to help them promote these crucial small-business agenda items, America's over worked, excessively taxed and red-tape tangled entrepreneurs could, in the long term, reduce the moonlighting they're now required to do to hold the government at bay.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB, the nation's largest smallbusiness advocacy group. A nonprofit, 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.

ADVERTORIAL



Polished Outlook is located in the unique setting of a restored historical Milford home built in 1857 with an elegant Victorian décor.

Get rejuvenated at Polished Outlook

By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

Those who have discovered it know that a visit to Polished Outlook Salon and Spa in Milford feels like a warm welcome home. It begins at the front door where clients take off their shoes and slip into a pair of cozy slippers.

Owner Mona Ruggers knows it's little touches that make clients feel special, like gentle background music and wonderful aromas. Flavored coffee and snacks can be found in the kitchen. You'll find fresh flowers and real hand towels in the bath-

Polished Outlook is located in the unique setting of a restored historical home built in 1857 with an elegant, but homey, Victorian décor. No wonder they were voted the No. 1 place to shuck stress in the Best of Detroit survey in 2002.

the word, according to Ruggers. Mother's Day Spa gift certificate packages are the perfect way to show mom that she's appreciated. Polished Outlook can put together a relaxing day with the services she enjoys the most, whether it's a massage, pedicure, makeover or facial. Confused? Monetary gift certificates are a great way to let them to choose what they like best.

Why not make it a family affair with a mother/daughter package? They also feature teen pricing for their younger patrons where applicable. Don't forget prom dates are quickly approaching; schedule appointments early to avoid disappointment. It's also the time of year for weddings, whether it's the bride to be or mother of the bride or groom. They'll help you look glamorous for that special occasion.

Mom or not, every woman wants her skin to look it's best. Polished Outlook offers a number of facials, including its deep

cleansing signature facial, vitamin mask, glycolic acid resurfacing or elasto freeze collagen treatment. The staff can recommend the benefits of each to their clients and prepare a regimen for continued care at home.

Get ready for the bathing suit season and protect yourself from suns rays with a buff and bronze treatment and sunless tan application. Or rejuvenate every inch of skin with hot stone therapy, aromatherapy, algae therapy body treatment, a contouring retexturizing treatment or cellulite reduction. Add the smooth look of depilatory waxing hair removal from eyebrows to bikini waxing. Polished Outlook also offers Brazilian bikini waxes.

Spring is also a great time to update your look from makeup to hair. Right now curl is back, said Mona Ruggers. Why not refresh your makeup with a mini-makeover.

The entire staff is image conspa treatments, she added. They'll help you discover your best look.

"Our makeovers are personalized and individualized for each person. A new trend isn't always suited for everyone."

After 18 years of experience, Ruggers and her staff continuously strive to improve their service and techniques and offer the finest in salon products. They use only top-of-the-line products, exclusive private label beauty products not found in other stores or salons. They're careful to use only natural nail spa products so there's no overpowering smell. Healthy, natural nails are easier than ever to have. They can demonstrate how.

"Everyone can have healthy nails if they follow through with home care treatment," said Ruggers.

It's that time of year for toes," she reminds. Get ready to show off feet in sexy sandals and enjoy a relaxing pedicure. Why not try a marine hydro spa pedi-



Karen DiCicco (left) discusses products with Polished Outlook owner Mona Ruggers at the Milford salon and spa.

cure complete with pulsating hydrotherapy, and a 15-minute leg and foot massage. Both feet are then immersed in a warm paraffin bath for deep moisturization or have them treated with algae therapy spa treatment. Top it off with a fresh polish favorite or something fun. Guys can enjoy the same treatment with a matte finish. Or try sole relief to remove callouses and to make feet soft, smooth and silky.

Polished Outlook recognizes that men also want to look their best and aims to accommodate them as well. Due to the increasing demand, they're adding a new, more masculine décor to one of their treatment rooms. They can take advantage of a number of spa services including nail and hair care.

In addition to all the Mother's Day specials, there's always something new and exciting to try at Polished Outlook. The best way to discover new techniques and promotions is through its Web site at www.polishedoutlook.com., which features new and creative beauty treatments exclusively on line. Of course they continue to offer the latest

techniques and trends for haircut, color and care

A fun place to shop, Polished Outlook's boutique is stocked with lovely one of a kind gifts like hand made purses by Lauren Scherr, fragrant sachets, triple milled soaps and physician endorsed hats with UVB and UPF protection No appointment is necessary to shop.

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Eurocraft builds custom homes

By Duane Ramsey SPECIAL WRITER

Eurocrast Builders Remodelers may be new to the Milford area, but the company has been building custom homes and remodeling houses in the Detroit metropolitan area since 1991. Eurocraft specializes in the design and construction of distinct new homes and renovation of current homes at affordable prices.

"Our primary objective is to attain customer satisfaction by building a quality home with a floor plan to match your lifestyle and individual needs," said Mariusz Borowiec, owner of Eurocrast, "Our European crastsmen implement your envisioned concepts that are unique to your style and taste.

"Our craftsmanship is superior because of the special attention that is given to every detail throughout the construction process. We take pride in the emphasis that is placed on the finish work that makes each home custom built. We do all of our own finish carpentry work that exhibits quality features," Borowiec said.

Eurocraft has nearly completed a new two-story, 2,650 square-foot house at 1235 Lincoln in Birmingham which is for sale. The home with a two-car garage is located within walking distance of downtown Birmingham.

This house offers many upscale amenities, including granite countertops, detailed cherry wood fireplace and wet bar, hardwood floors, extensive recessed lighting. Anderson windows and Kohler fixtures. It is pre-wired for cable, computer network, a media room and phone system.

"You have to see the results to appreciate the craftsmanship and detailed work," said Borowiec, who invites people to see the quality of their work at the home in Birmingham.

If someone wants to build a new home on property with an existing house, Eurocraft has torn down old houses and built new ones on the same site, as they did



Mariusz Borowiec of Eurocraft Builders & Remodelers stands in the nearly finished kitchen at the house in Birmingham with custom cabinets and range hood which he personally designed.

in Birmingham. They also build new homes on vacant property or remodel existing homes.

Eurocraft specializes in renovating existing homes and remodeling kitchens, baths or finished basements with the same craftsmanship and attention to detail applied to building new homes Kitchens and baths are major renovations that can increase the value of a home, according to Borowiec.

"Families spend a great deal of time in these areas, so Eurocraft will help you attain that dream kitchen or bath that you have always wanted," he said.

"We begin the process by assessing your needs, planning the project and reviewing every plan with you. Each customer is given many options to obtain the desired custom appearance. The plans will be presented and explored with consideration of the budget and implemented to your satisfaction," said Borowiec.

"We have the ability to envision the end result of the project even at the beginning stages," he

Borowiec introduced his company, Eurocraft Builders and Remodelers, to the local community at the Huron Valley Business Expo on April 23. Eurocraft is also a member of the Huron

Valley Chamber of Commerce. "We look forward to providing quality work in the Huron Valley area," he said

As a licensed residential builder, Borowiec is a member of the National Association of Home Builders and the Building Industry Association Southeastern Michigan

DETAILS

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Borowiec arrived in the U.S. from Poland with a background in mechanical engineering and design He decided to use his design and engineering expertise in the building profession, so he founded Eurocraft Builders &

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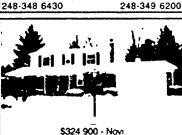
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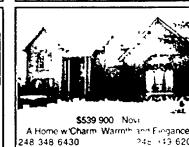
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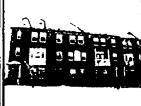


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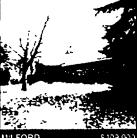
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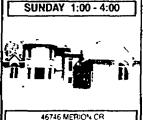
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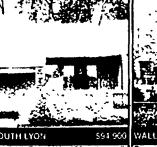
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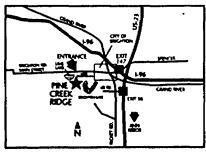
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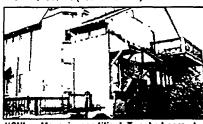
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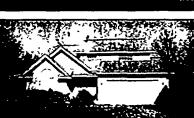
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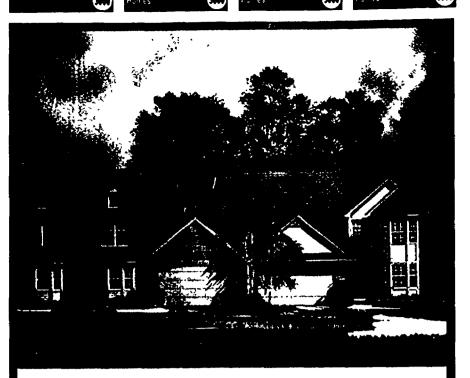
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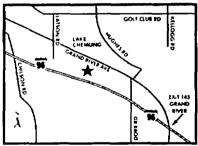
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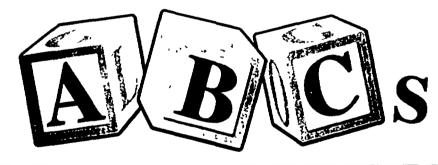
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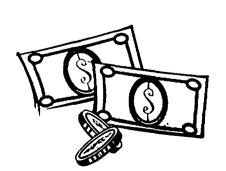
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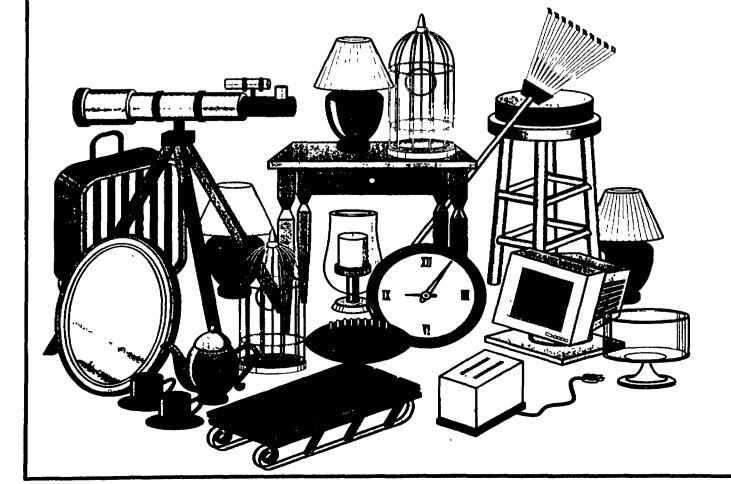
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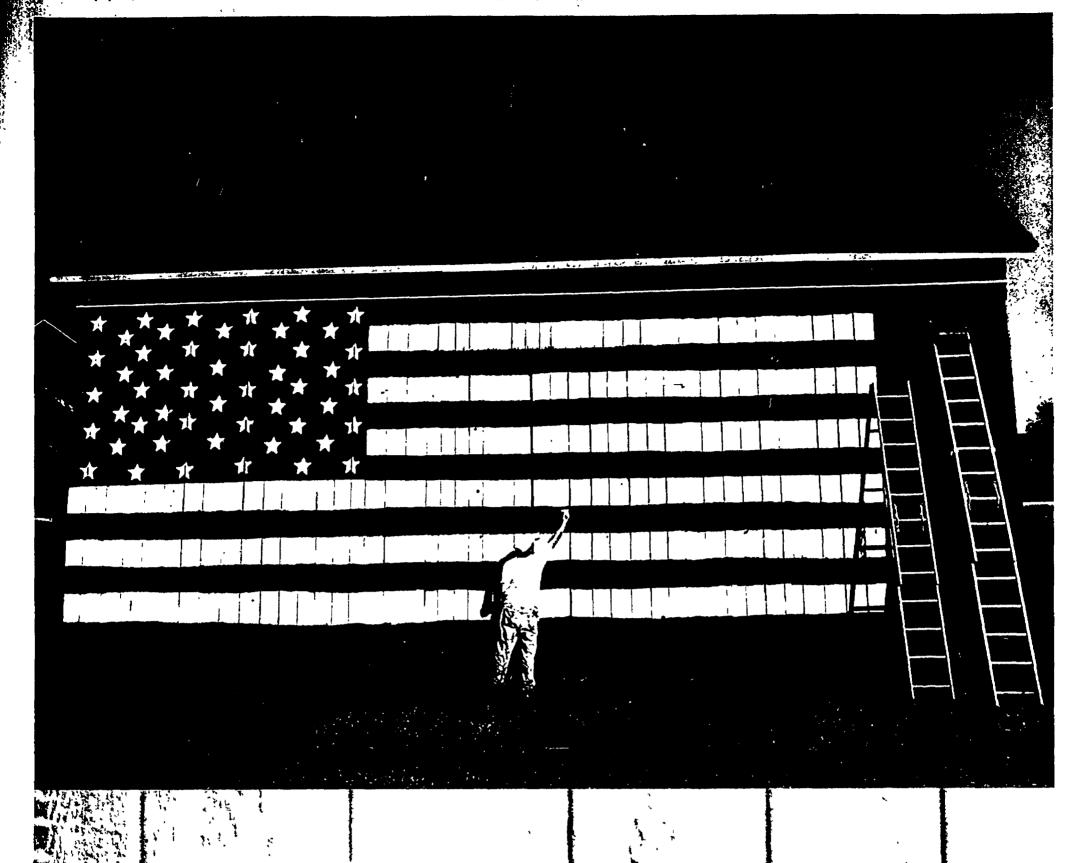
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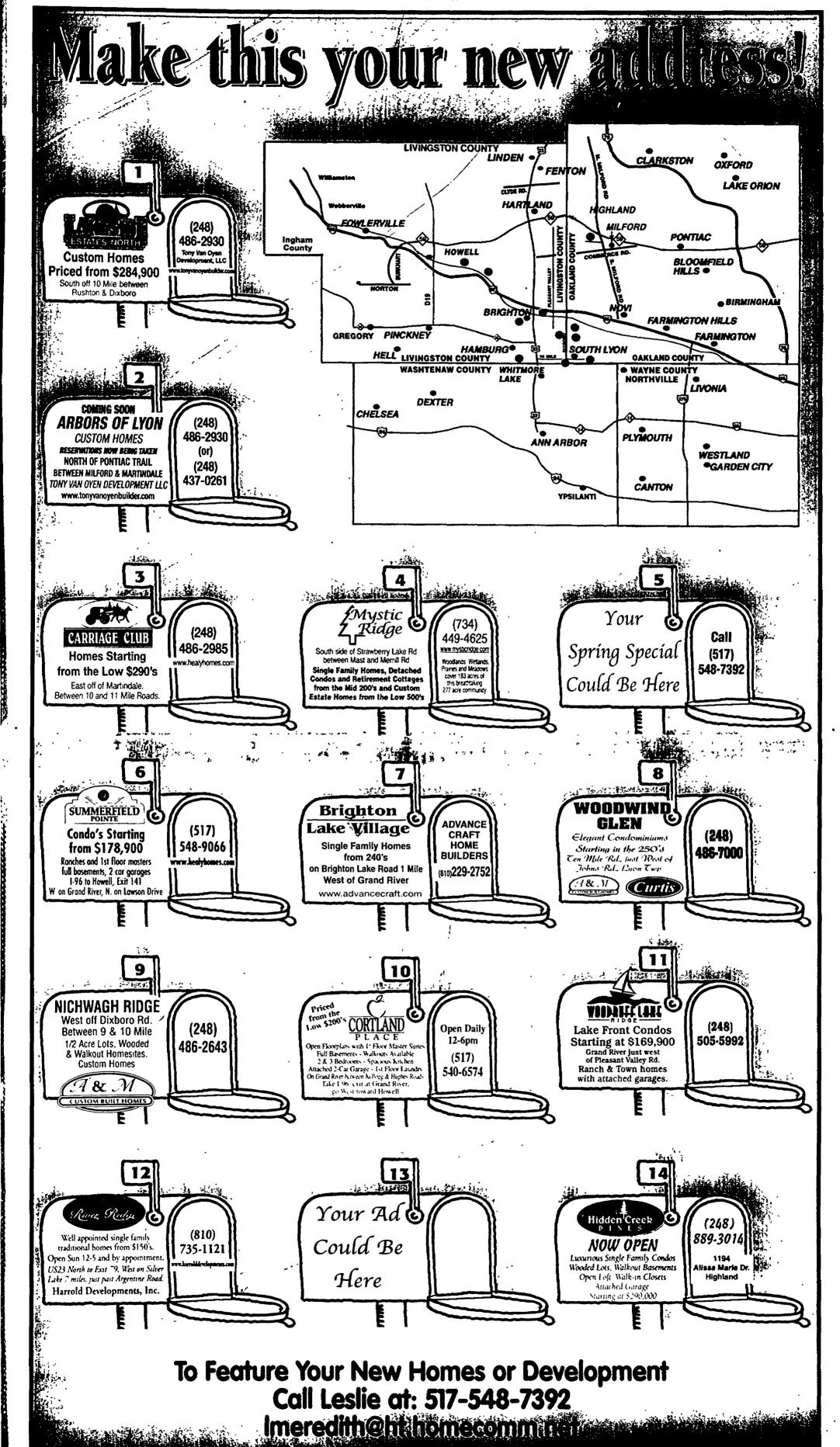


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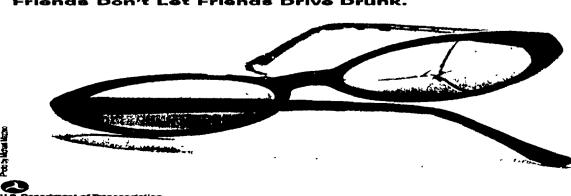
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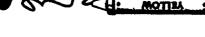
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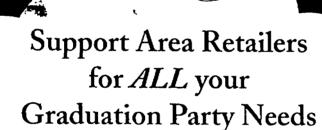
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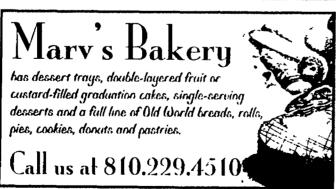
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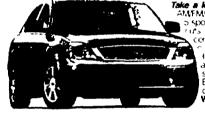




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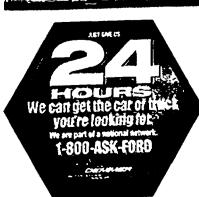
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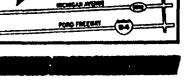
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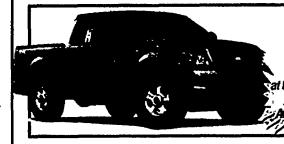
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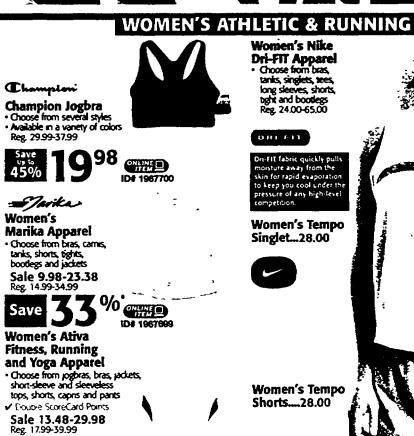


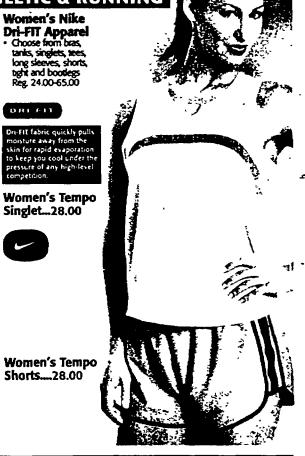


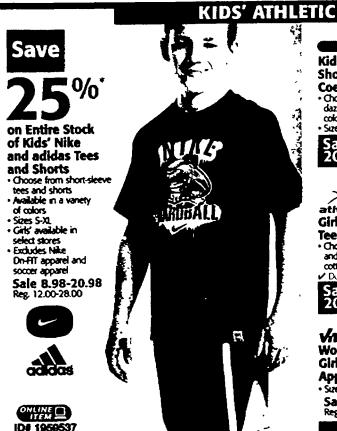
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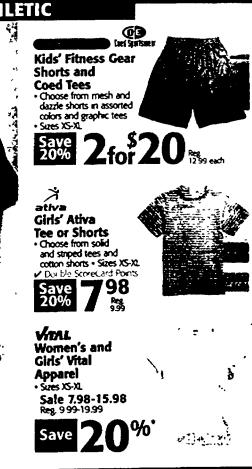
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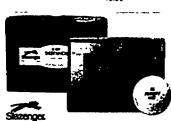
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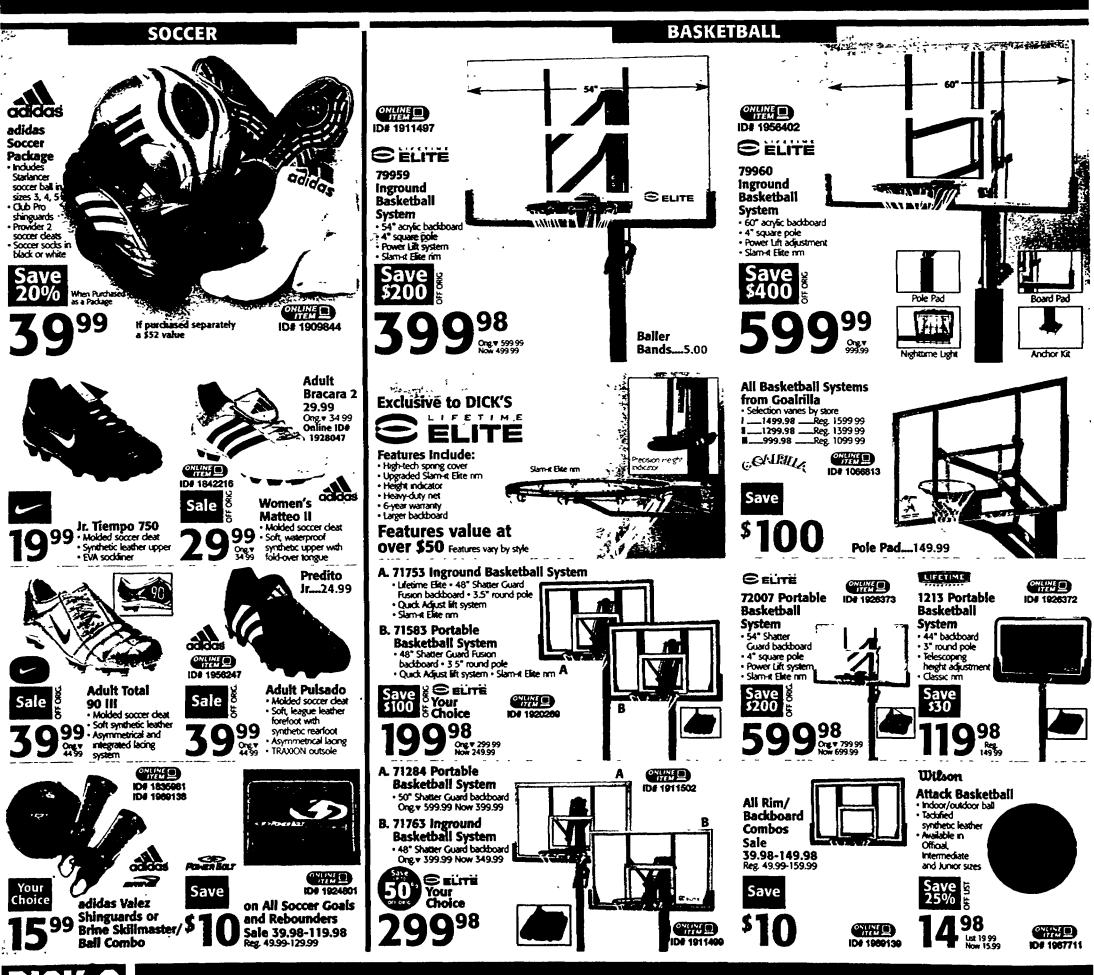
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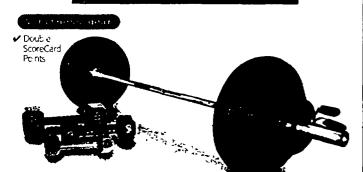


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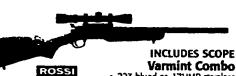
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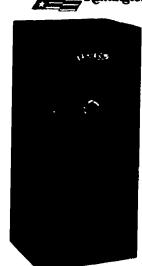
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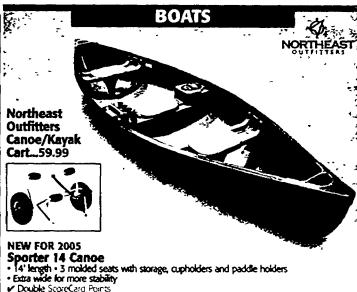
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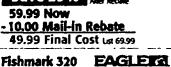


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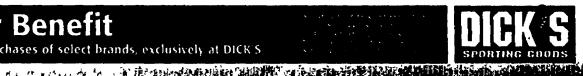
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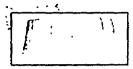
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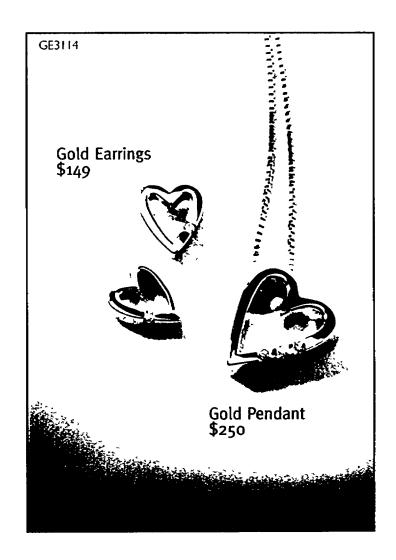




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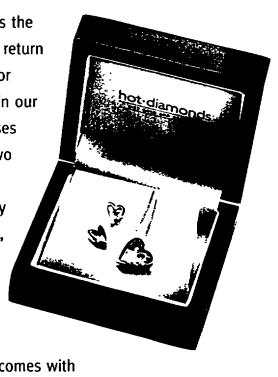


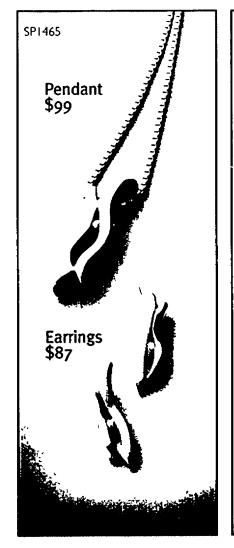
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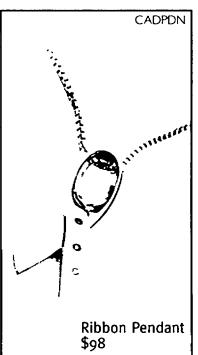








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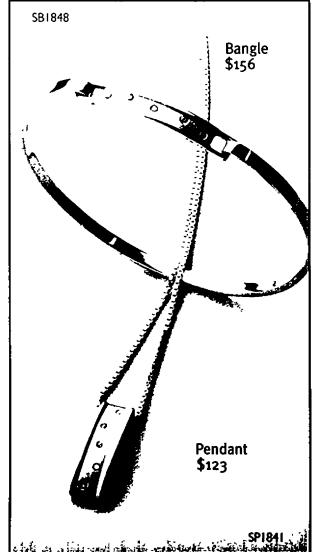


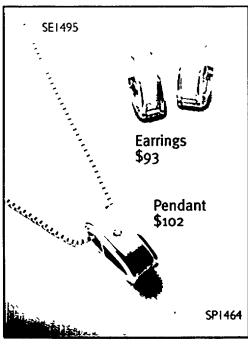


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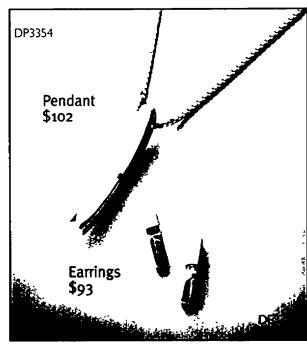
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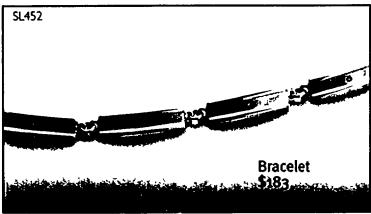
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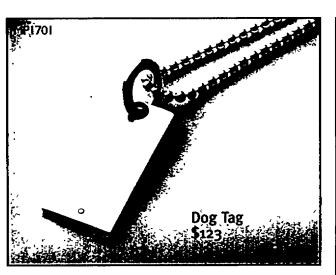


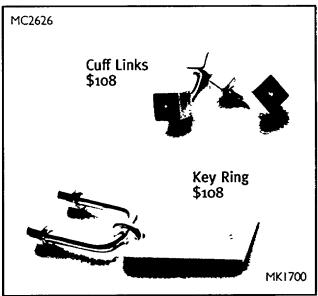
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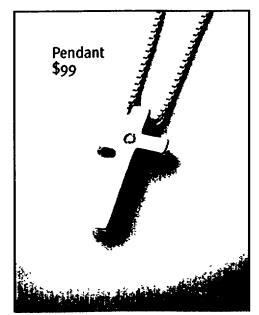




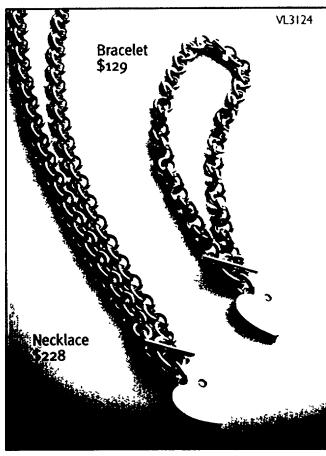


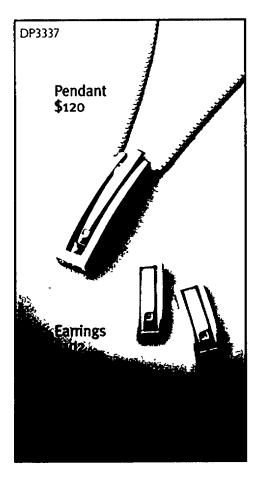
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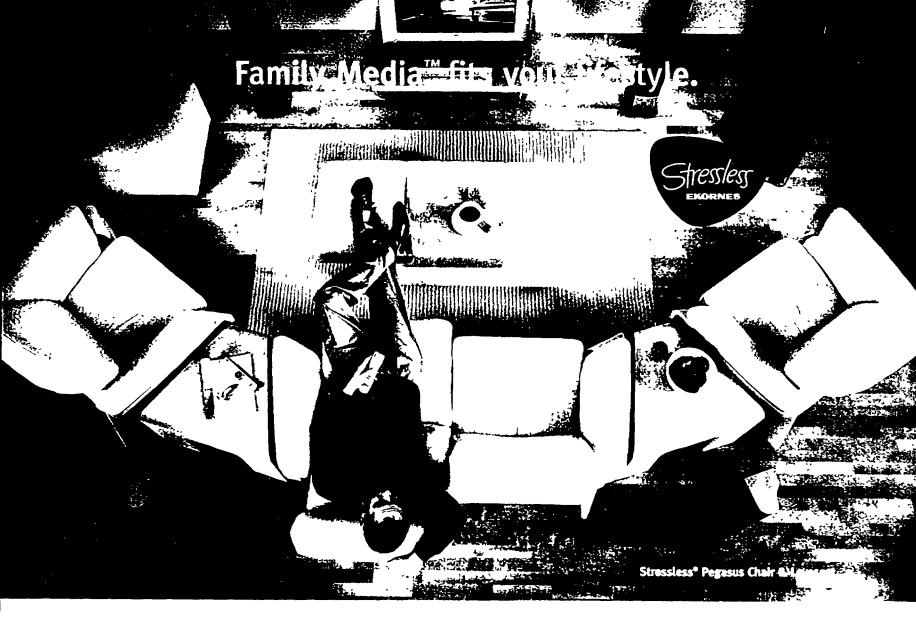
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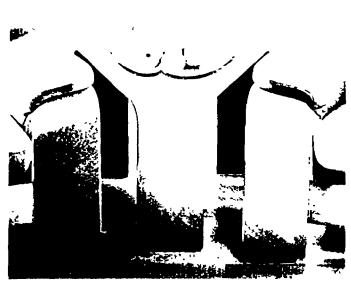
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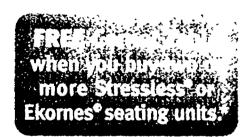


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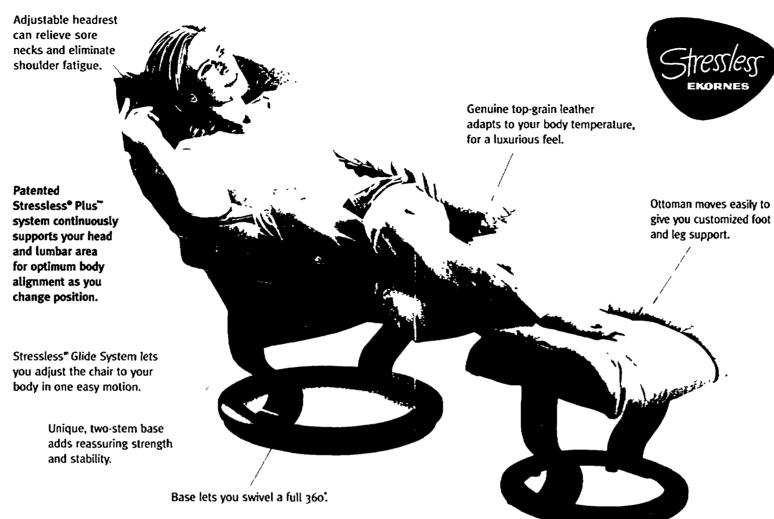




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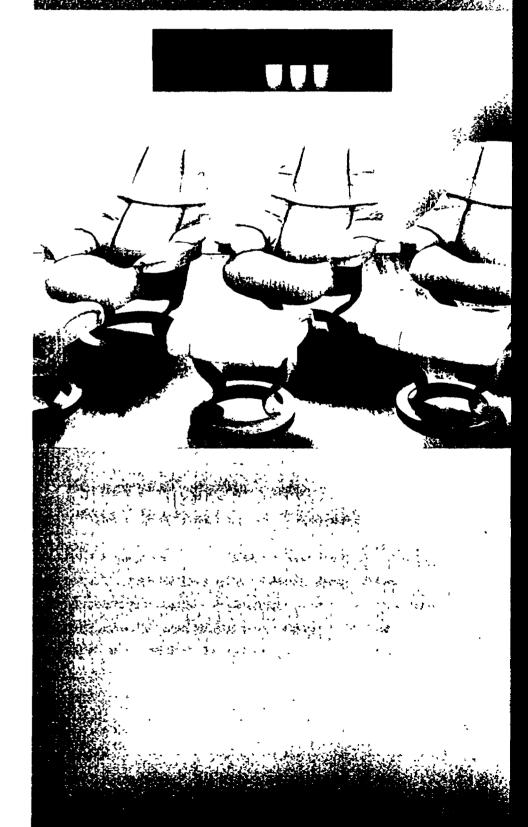
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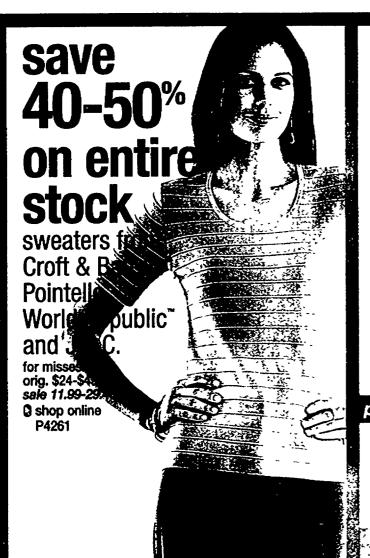
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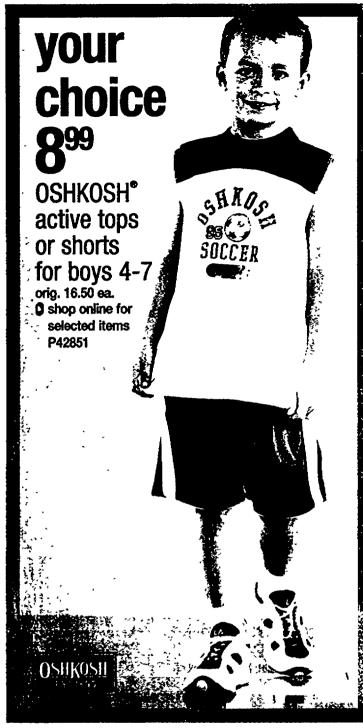


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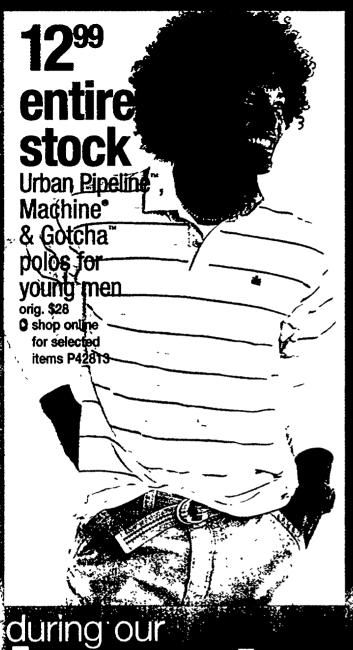
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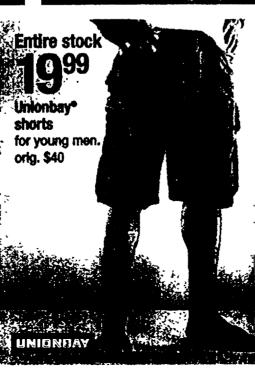






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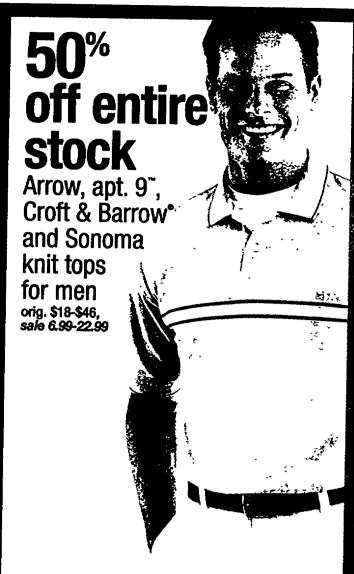
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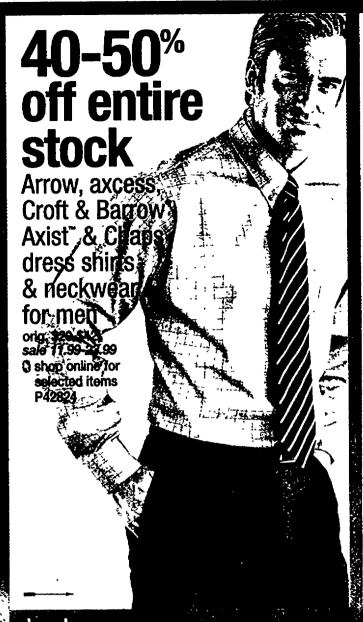
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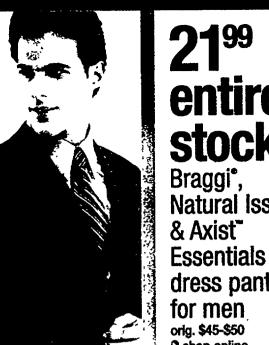
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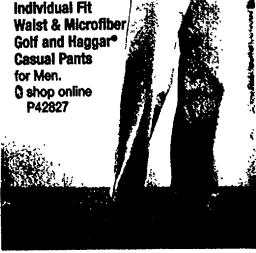
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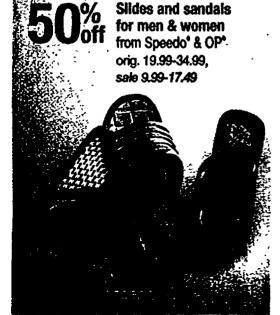


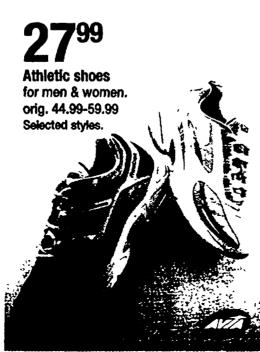




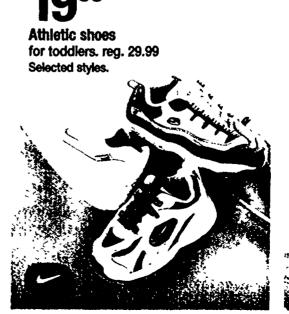
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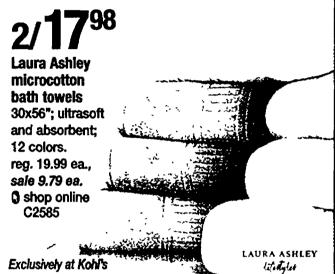
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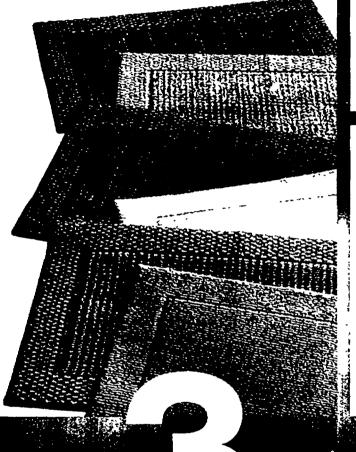
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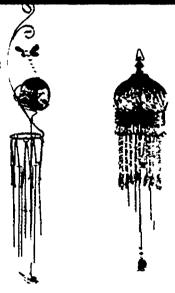
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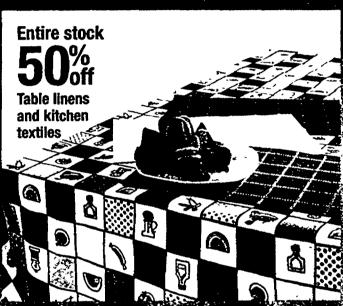


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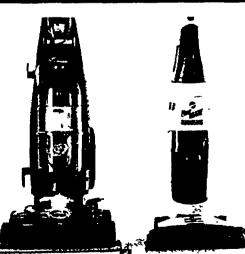


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Can you tell me about Evan Farmer, the host of While You Were Out?

-Kala W., Mississippi

Evan Farmer, 32, had launched his own home renovation company and was about to quit show business when he landed the job with the Discovery Channel's home renovation show, While You Were Out. He studied architecture for two years at Tulane University in New Orleans, but transferred into communications because "that was where the good looking girls were." Also a musician who has toured with the Russian group Na-Na and opened recording a new album. (For more infor-

mation on his music, check his website, www.evanfarmer.net.) The bachelor was born in Ethiopia and now lives in New York City. "I'm a creative person and build stuff as a hobby, so the fact that I'm getting paid to do it and travel the country and do it with people who are as passionate about it as I am, is the best of all

worlds put together," he says.

Actor/songwriter Mac Davis



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Could you please tell me what has happened to Mac Davis?

—Joy S., Tennessee

Mac Davis, who starred in Broadway's The Will Rogers Follies and Disney's Where the Red Fern Grous, has a recurring role on the ABC sitcom Rodney. "I'm perfectly typecast-I'm a slime-bag used car salesman," he jokes. Davis, 63, lives in Los Angeles and keeps very busy. "I'm always writing songs, and I've got a couple of teenage boys (Noah and Cody) I'm trying to be a good daddy to," says

Davis, who wrote Bobby Goldsboro's 1971 hit Watching Scotty Grow about his son, Scotty, now 41, from an earlier marriage. He he says. "I'm one of the lucky ones."

What is Jerry Reed doing now? -Stephanie C., California

The country singer and guitarist has just released a new CD, Live Still, which is a live recording of eight of his greatest hits, such as When You're Hot, You're Hot and Amos Moses, and two new songs. Reed, 68, says the album happened by accident when he invited

producer Chet Hinesley

to a show in Parsons, Kan.



Country singer Jerry Reed

(pop. 11,514), to record a new song. "Well, that booger got out on the road with this digital box thing-I'm high-tech ignorant—and he just started at the top of the show and recorded the whole thing, unbeknownst to the band and me," Reed says. "We listened to it and said, 'Man, the band was really on and I didn't do too bad myself. Let's just make an album out of the show." Reed, who lives in Brentwood, Tenn. (pop. 23,445), with his wife Priscilla, still performs about 30 shows annually. "That's our life, getting out there in the hinterland with friends and neighbors," he says.

"I'm very serious about that. When I was young, I didn't know what it all meant." Reed, who also landed parts in the movies Smoky and the Bandit and The Waterboy, has no more acting plans. "I had to make a choice, and my first love has always been that guitar and music," says the father of two. "There is nothing like the feedback from a live performance. You don't get that in movies."

Could you please tell me what Steve Perry, the former lead singer of Journey, is up to these days? ---Amy M., Iowa

Steve Perry had to cancel a Journey tour in 1997 due to hip/back surgery, which consequently ended the band as it was during the 1980s, when it had hit songs such as Open Arms and Faithfully. Although the band tours with a new drummer and lead singer, Perry, 56, has no plans to return to the fold or do any solo touring either. The unmarried San Diego resident prefers keeping a low profile these days. Perry, a native of Hanford, Calif. (pop. 41,686), worked on the Monster soundtrack with actress Charlize Theron and his most recent project was lending his voice and songwriting skills to a David Pack CD, which should be out later this year.

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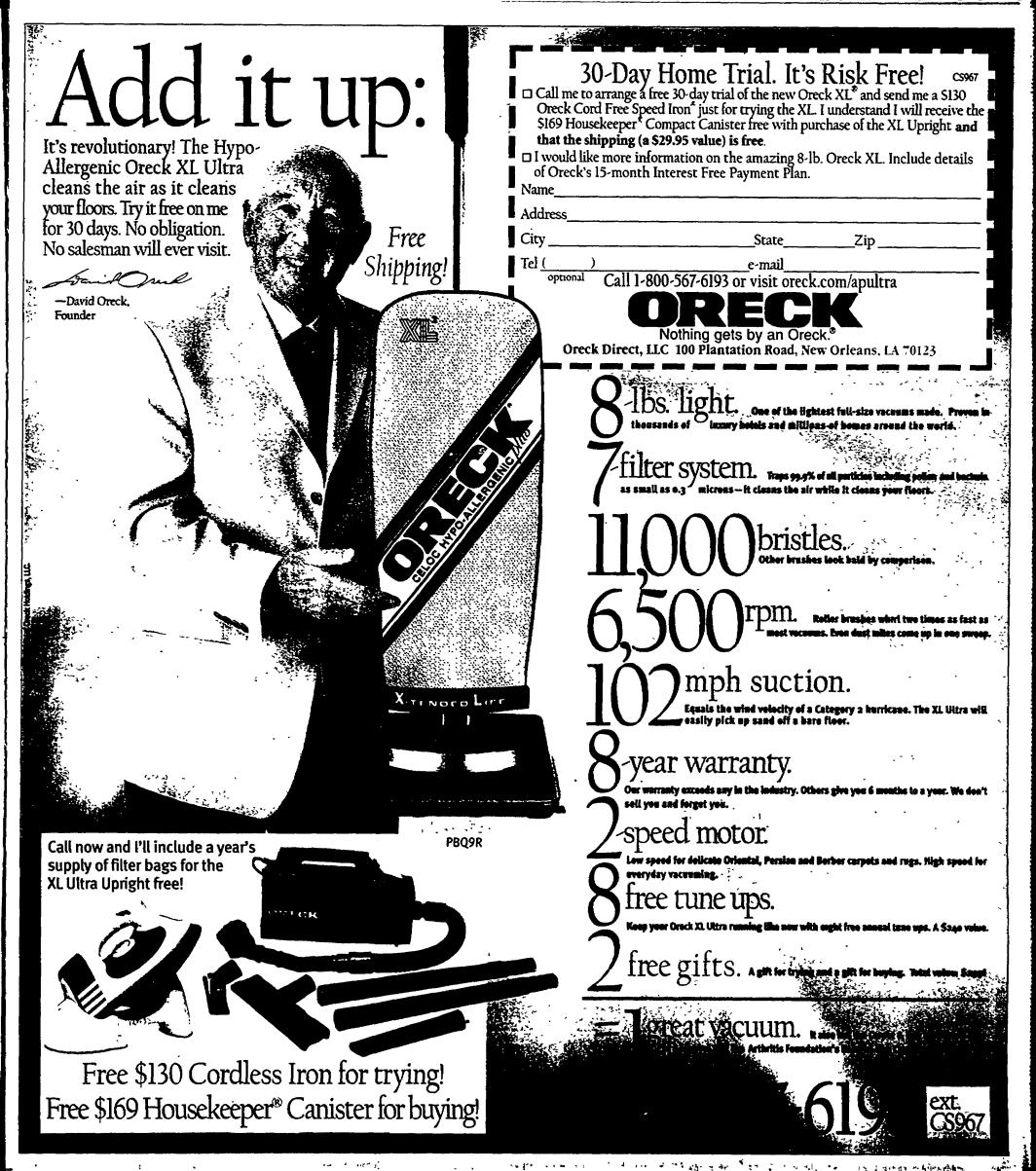
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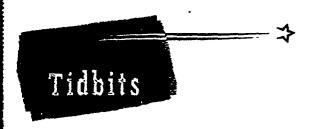
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ILLINOIS—One of Abraham Lincoln's handwritten copies of the Gertysburg Address is among treasures at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield. The library opened in October, and the museum's opening this, month coincides with the 140th anniversary of Lincoln's assassination.

INDIANA—Motorists pulled over in Bluffton (pop. 9,536) may pick up some grooming tips from the Bluffton Police Department, which last year won honors as the best-dressed law enforcement department with fewer than 200 officers. A national uniform manufacturing association presents the annual awards.

IOWA—The carriage house in Cedar Rapids where artist Grant Wood painted American Gothic in 1930 and other famous works is restored as the Grant Wood Studio and Visitor Center.

KANSAS—Pheasant hunters from around the nation flock to Norton (pop. 3,012), the "Pheasant Capital of Kansas." The area also is known for Prairie Dog State Park, home to a thriving population of prairie dogs.

MICHIGAN—In 1959, Berry Gordy Jr. borrowed \$800 from his family and opened a recording studio he called "Hitsville USA" in a Detroit house. The house today is the Motown Historical Museum, a shrine to the "Motown sound" and artists such as Srevie Wonder and Diana Ross and the Supremes.

MINNESOTA—Working for the 3M Co., Richard Drew invented masking tape in 1925 and cellophane adhesive tape in 1930. These tapes got their "Scotch" brand name when an auto painter told Drew his "Scotch" (frugal) bosses needed to add more adhesive.

MISSOURI—Illustrator, author and creator of the Kewpie doll, Rose O'Neill spent much of her time at her family's home, a 14-room mansion called Bonniebrook, near Branson (pop. 6,050). She claimed that the idea for the plump cupids with turnip-shaped heads came to her in a dream in 1909.

NEBRASKA—In 1992, Columbus (pop. 20,971) celebrated the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage to the New World with the dedication of the Quincentenary Bell Tower in Pawnee Park.

NORTH DAKOTA—The nation's largest beet sugar producer, American Crystal Sugar Co., operates processing plants at Drayton (pop. 913) and Hillsboro (pop. 1,563) and at sites in Minnesota and Montana. Sugar beets are grown on about 500,000 acres in the Red River Valley.

OHIO—Here's an event to stick on your calendar: the Avon Heritage Duct Tape Festival June 17-19 showcases fashions, floats and more made from Duck brand duct tape. Avon (pop. 11,446) is the self-proclaimed "Duct Tape Capital" and headquarters for Henkel Consumer Adhesives, marketer of Duck tape.

SOUTH DAKOTA—At the Little Wound School in Kyle (pop. 970), Cecelia Fire Thunder was sworn in last December as the first female president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Agency.

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Senior Citizens with Money in the Bank Should Read This Before It's Too Late

If you have worked hard all your life and managed to put away a nest egg, you might end up losing most of your life savings because of a defect in Medicare.

If you or your spouse suddenly become ill and require extended nursing home care...NO ONE will help you with the nursing home bills. Medicare won't and neither will your health insurance. By law you are responsible for the nursing home bills yourself. Only after you have used up virtually all of your money, will Medicaid step in. That's because Medicaid, like Welfare, only aids the poor. By some estimates, the average couple's life savings can be wiped out after only 13 weeks of nursing home care.

Rich people don't have to worry because they can afford super-expensive special nursing home insurance, while the poor are taken care of by Medicaid.

Now that just doesn't seem fair to working people with a lifetime of hard-earned savings. The system they have supported with tax dollars, seems to have forgotten them. Savings intended to provide security in retirement, or help for children, can quickly go up in smoke.

The fact is, if you don't know how to protect your assets, here's what can happen to you. By law, before Medicaid will pay nursing home bills, you may have to spend all your countable assets except \$2000 (or as low as \$1500 in some states). Countable assets mean not only money in checking and savings accounts...but also any funds in CD's, IRA's, Savings Bonds, Mutual Funds, stocks, whole life insurance, annuities and other types of investments, as well as most trust assets.

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They can also take a vacation home or a second car. In addition, (except for a small personal spending allowance and a health insurance payment allowance) your entire Social Security or pension check can be taken to cover nursing home expenses. What's more, if you are single or widowed, you can even lose your house.

According to the federal law called the Spousal Impoverishment Act, if one spouse requires extended nursing home care, the healthy spouse can be forced to surrender HALF of their combined countable assets. And if you have a sizeable estate, they can legally take MORE THAN HALF.

Is there anything you can do to stop this nightmare from happening to you? Yes. You are protected by law and can use several legal techniques to place your countable (or vulnerable) assets into the uncountable (or protected) category. The problem is, most people are not aware of their legal rights. Unfortunately, most people think Medicare will take care of them, so they unknowingly leave their assets vulnerable and in jeopardy.

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Lawn & Garden Tune-up Tips

Warmer weather brings fun—and work. In order to get the most use out of your outdoor gear, follow these easy steps to keep your lawn mower and garden tools working at peak performance.

Lawn mower—To tune up a 4-cycle lawn mower, start the engine to warm up the oil and then turn it off. Pull the wire off the spark plug to prevent it from starting accidentally. Use an adjustable wrench to remove the oil plug on the mower's underside and drain the oil into a funnel and plastic gallon container or use a disposable drip pan. Replace the drain plug when you're finished.

Next, turn the mower on its side, scrape off dried dirt or matted grass, and remove the blade by loosening the bolt that holds it to the crankshaft. Clamp the blade in a vise and sharpen the cutting edges with a metal file. Re-install the blade, turn the mower right side up, and fill the engine's crankcase with fresh oil.

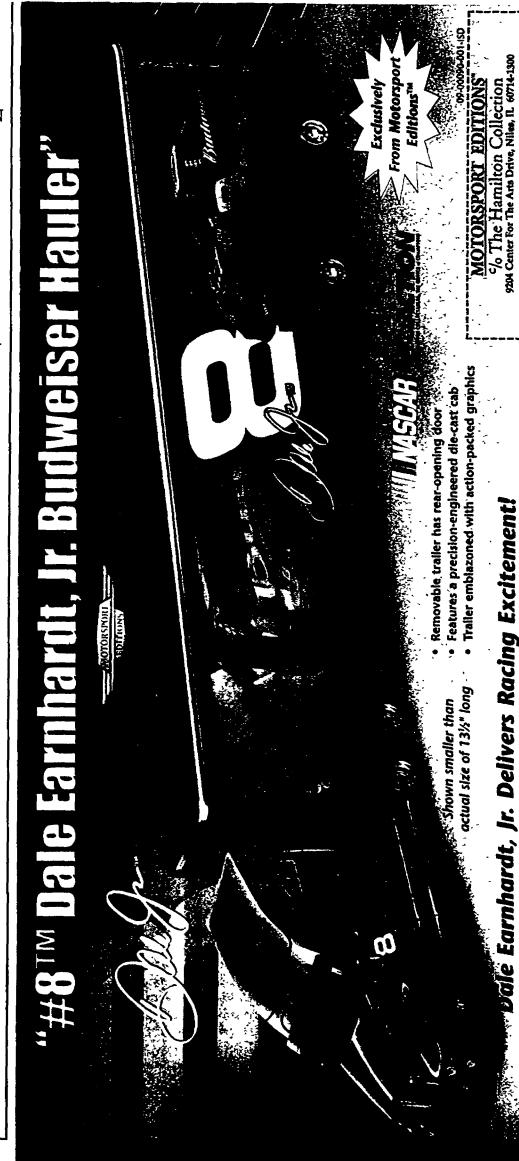
Finally, remove the spark plug with an adjustable wrench and buy a replacement. Carefully screw the new plug into the cylinder head by hand, then tighten it with a wrench. Clean or replace the air filter, fill the gas tank with fresh fuel, and it's ready to roll.

Garden tools—Give all your garden tools a once-over inspection and remove any dirt and mud. Use a wire brush to remove any rust from metal parts and coat with a lubricant such as WD-40. Tighten or replace any loose screws, nuts or bolts.

Handheld pruning tools need oiling and sharpening. Apply lubricant to the pivot point of the tool and sharpen the blades with a fine metal file. Sharpen the edge of shovels the same way. Wooden tool handles can be reconditioned by going over them with fine sandpaper and then rubbing them down with a wipe-on oil finish.

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Student Randy Downs (above) finishes decorating Washington (Mo.) High School's gymnasium before guests arrive (below).



Evan Schnur, 17, stands along

the sidelines of the gymnasium floor at Washington High School as the band plays Moonglow. Seeing a prospective dance partner, he takes a deep breath and confidently heads in her direction.

'Would you like to dance?" Schnur asks Antonia "Sis" Hayes.

Her smile says it all as the 95-year-old woman takes Schnur's hand. Hayes attended her own first prom as a sophomore at Washington High School 79 years ago.

'The jitterbug was just coming in," she recalls.

Come April, teenagers aren't the only ones who catch prom fever in Washington, Mo. (pop. 13,243). So do senior citizens, and together, they dance the night away.

At Senior Citizens Prom 2004, the elders arrived at Washington High School, and students whisked them in a fleet of golf-cart "limos" to the gymnasium door and a night that dazzles. Inside, 60 feet of festive food is arrayed on tables lining both sides of the hallway. The gym shimmers with silver star-shaped balloons, blue ribbons and an archway flanked with columns wrapped with white lights.

Three best friends, all widows, arrive at 5:30 p.m., an hour before the gala starts, to stake out a prime table near the dance floor. They plant their purses on the table behind them to reserve seats for seven other

widows and watch as Sonny Lefholz, 80, and members of his jazz band set up their equipment.

"I danced to his band 50 years ago when he was Sonny and the Moonlight Serenaders," says Eleanor Hellebusch, 71, nodding toward the bandleader.

Hellebusch, Millie Chisholm, 77, and Jean Kluesner, 72, are dolled up in fancy dresses. Kluesner is freshly permed. Chisholm wears pearls. The women can't wait to fill all 20 spots on the dance cards in front of them.

"This gets all of us out here," Chisholm says of the annual event organized by student council members and funded through community donations.

Nothing is spared for the glitzy evening, which includes prom mementos of an engraved light-up pen for each guest. Students keep cameras flashing all evening. Later, the photos will be pasted in scrapbooks

Student Nick Straatmann escorts Theima Reid (left) to the gala.



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Cynthia Kell Esterly, 66, is crowned 2004 Senior Citizens Prom Queen by her predecessor Pat Hill. Esterly also reigned as Washington High School's prom queen in 1956.

alongside dozens of thank-you notes and on the bulletin board in the classroom of teacher Karen Dawson, student council adviser, who can't contain her pride for her students.

"I believe in this project with all my heart," Dawson says. "When we started I had no idea of the feel-good ramifications. When you leave at night you feel like you're walking on air."

"I love it," says senior Amber Boland, who co-chairs the dance with fellow student Mallory Stowe. Boland wrestles with last-minute decorations—a 3-foot bolt of gossamer—in her glittery backless black gown. "The first year I went home and couldn't stop talking about it."

Prom preparations

Students kick off preparations in December, organizing committees to work on decorations, designing and distributing fliers to nursing homes, doctors' offices and businesses, and planning the menu. Everyone age 50 or older is invited.

The big night keeps getting bigger. Seventy attended the first prom in 2002 and 325 in 2004. Seniors come from nursing homes, assisted-living centers and the neighboring towns of Union (pop. 7,757) and New Haven (1,867) by bus, retirement-center vans and their own vehicles. Some dancers use walkers, canes or wheelchairs.

The gala costs about \$4,500, most of which is donated by local businesses and organizations. Teachers contribute desserts, and home-economics students whip up raspberry-peach trifle and other goodies. Joy Chartrau, food-service coordinator, supervises trays of meatballs and

ravioli, and students help prepare fruir and cheese trays. The all-out effort won a first-place national award for community-service projects in 2003 from the National Association of Student Councils.

The high school jazz band warms up the crowd, then Lefholz and his band kick off the dance and play the song Sentimental Journey. The dance floor fills slowly at first, but soon it's an all-out jam-packed party as students and seniors sway to the tunes of yesteryear.

Some students have taken a crash course in the Big Band tunes and jitterbug and fox trot steps from their grandparents. Others, such as Josh Wehmeyer, 18, wing it with a smile and flair.

"I'm having a blast," he says. "I don't know what you call it, but it's one step forward and two steps back . . . I signed one dance card and six women started waving their cards."

Lydia Gerhart, 16, freckle-faced with long blonde hair and wearing a cream-colored gown, awkwardly waltzes with Al Leary, 72.

"I didn't step on her toes once," he teases.

Throughout the evening, the elders reminisce about their own high school years and proms. Gowns were equally showy in their day, the older women say, though they were more modest. Genevieve Kell, 88, still owns and treasures her formal.

"It was black lace and ruffled from the waist down with a red taffeta cape," she says dreamily. "And I wore red shoes." She remembers paying \$7 for the gown from the Three Sisters Dress Shop in Waterloo, Iowa.

Golden memories

At another table, Louise and Don Brune, who now live in Collinsville, Ill. (pop. 24,707), share what may be the evening's best prom story. As juniors at Washington High School in 1952, they attended prom together on their first and only date.

"Did I say two words to you that night?" Don asks.

Louise agrees conversation was skimpy. "We were so self-conscious."

They may have been too shy to talk, but they sure made an impression on each other. Louise remembers that he drove a blue 1949 Plymouth. Don remembers that she wore a burgundy gown.

Both went their separate ways after graduation, married other people and (Continued on page 8)

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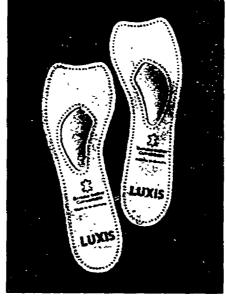
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Christine Woehr, 83, primps for the senior prom under the watchful eye of student Amber Boland.

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didn't see each other for 51 years. Widowed, they happened to meet again at a church social where both had been invited.

Oddly enough, Louise had just thrown away or sold many of her belongings during a move to a new house. One holdout was her 1952 prom photo with Don.

After a whirlwind courtship, the couple married in October 2003. They didn't have any trouble talking to each other on their second prom date last year.

"We're having a much better time at this prom," Don says with a laugh. Louise, her eyes shining, agrees that this prom couldn't be sweeter

A highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Senior Citizens Prom Queen and King from names picked at random.

It's a sparkling memory revisited for Cynthia Kell Esterly, 66, who was crowned prom queen at Washington High School in 1956. And for Delwin Juedeman, 80, of nearby Berger, Mo. (pop. 206), it's "a first time around for me," he declares.

The band plays It Had to Be You during their honorary dance while a cluster of teenage photographers captures the moment.

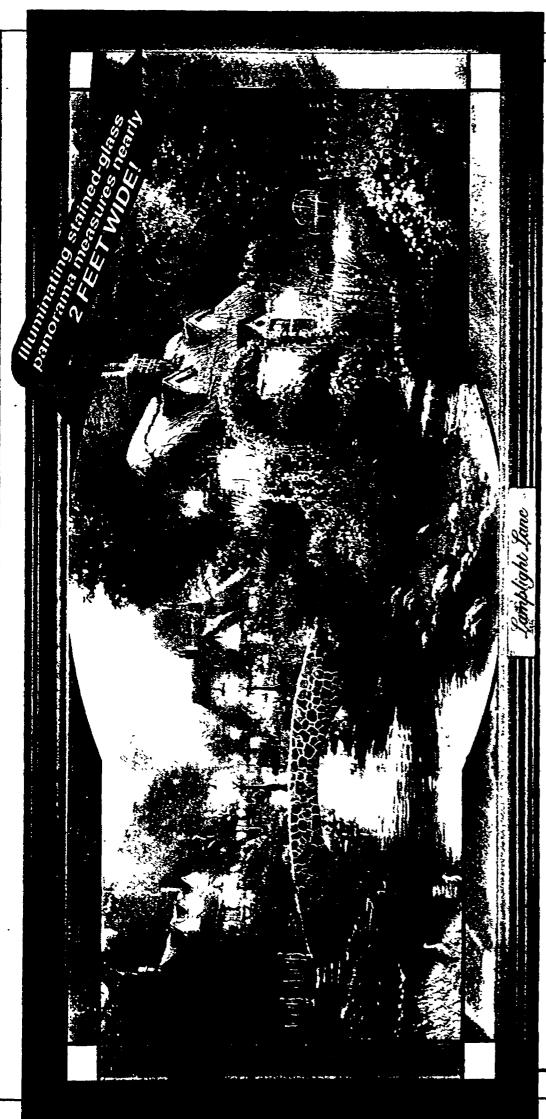
At 9:15 p.m. and oh-too-soon, the band breaks into *God Bless America*. As if choreographed, the crowd stands and moves onto the dance floor. Old and young, they all hold hands or loop arms around each other and sing.

Far from danced out, everyone seems to step a little lighter as the evening ends. On the way out of the gymnasium, some seniors select a slice of coconut cream pie or strawberry cake to go. Some carry shiny helium balloons. They all carry their dance cards and make promises to return again for another enchanted evening.

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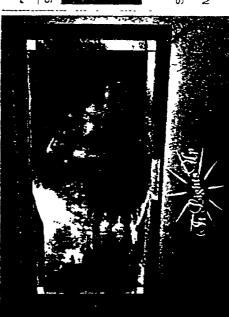
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"I moved my shop to Mooresville in 1992, the same year we won the Busch Series Championship," racecar driver Joe Nemechek says. "Mooresville was centrally located to a lot of the tracks at the time, and this area soon became the hub for NASCAR."

In the early 1990s, the Mooresville Chamber of Commerce even trademarked the name Race City USA. "Residents like being branded with the distinction because it implies skilled employees," chamber official Melanie O'Connell Underwood says.

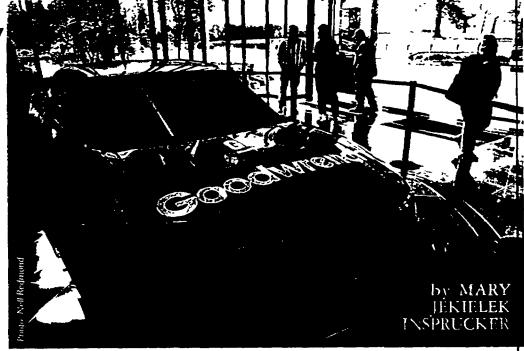
Dan Wallace, the chamber's executive director, believes the racing industry began around Mooresville in 1988 when the Bahari Racing team moved to town, followed by Penske Racing South in 1990. Others soon followed, including auto

racing-related industries such as museums, suppliers and schools.

"Mooresville courted the racing industry when there was a decline in the textile mills, which moved overseas," says Breon Klopp, senior director of development at PIT Instruction and Training, which provides pit crew coaching and consulting services. The company's Mooresville facility includes



Driver Joe Nemechek



A racecar of the late legendary driver is enshrined at Dale Earnhardt Inc. in Mooresville, N.C.

a pit road with six pit stalls, where visitors can don fireproof suits and participate in a mock pit experience, including changing tires, a fueling simulation and making car adjustments.

No one knows for certain how many racecar drivers live in Mooresville or the surrounding area, but Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jeremy Mayfield, Nemechek, and Ryan Newman all call it home. Townspeople bonded together in their grief when the tragic death of Mooresville resident and NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt occurred in 2001.

"He was a member of our church and community," Wallace says. "We got the state Legislature to change the name of State Highway 136 to (his racecar number) No. 3 in his memory."

Mayor Al Jones, who served as assistant principal during Earnhardt Jr.'s years at Mooresville High School, says, "We've had some families come for a visit and like the area so much they went back, sold their home, and moved here."

That's exactly what happened to NAS-CAR fan and Mooresville Chamber Special Projects Coordinator Sylvia Spury, who claims among her prized racing collection several life-size cardboard cutouts of racecar drivers.

We moved here from Massachusetts to be near racing," says Spury, who, along with her husband, Dave, relocated to Mooresville in 2000. "I'm a huge fan who would rather spend my lunch money on race collectibles than on diamonds.

"My dream is to work for Earnhardt," she adds, referring to the racing corporation of Dale Earnhardt Inc.

In fact, Mooresville, located 30 miles north of Charlotte and Lowe's Motor Speedway, is so tied to motorsports that racing-



Sylvia Spury, flanked by her cardboard icons, moved to Mooresville to be closer to the sport.

related businesses employ nearly 8 percent of the town's population.

One such business is NASCAR Technical Institute, the nation's first technical training school to blend automotive and NASCAR specific motorsports technology. Up to 2,000 students a day are trained in the \$12 million, 146,000-square-foot-facility, which opened in 2002.

Appropriately, Mooresville also is home to the North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame. Opened in 1994, the museum houses 35 racecars and honors racecar driving legends such as Richard Petty, Ned Jarrett and Junior Johnson.

"The cars themselves seem to be the favorite exhibit of our patrons," museum manager Donna DeNardo says. In addition, the organization holds a Hall of Fame induction ceremony every October.

Everywhere you go in Mooresville you see the residents and businesses celebrating our sport," Nemechek says. 🄀

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Still by JOHN BERLAU Photos by Gene Martin Here Still Creating

Les Paul strums the tan and black Gibson electric guitar that bears his name. It's 5:45 p.m., and Paul is doing an extensive sound check before he joins his five-piece band onstage for the first of two shows he performs every Monday night in New York City's Iridium Jazz Club. The audience soon arrives, and first-timers are amazed to see this 89-year-old man playing the intricate guitar parts in standards such as How High the Moon almost as fast as he did in his younger days.

"I'm still here, and I'm still creating," says Paul, the legendary guitarist, inventor and recording engineer who designed a line of namesake electric guitars and pioneered techniques like multi-tracking and the echo effect. And even though he now makes his home in Mahwah, N.J. (pop. 24,062), his heart is never far from the small towns in Wisconsin that nurtured his creative growth.

The Grammy winner, who began playing guitar at about age 9, recalls a comment made when he was performing at Beekman's drive-in restaurant in Brookfield, Wis. (pop. 38,649), that set him on his journey of innovation in both the playing and design of the electric guitar. "A fellow came into this barbecue drive-in, and thank God for him," says Paul, who was then known as "Red Hot Red" for the color of his hair. "He was a critic, unintentionally. He wrote a note to the carhop asking to deliver this message to me: 'Hey Red, I can hear your voice and your harmonica playing, but the guitar's not audible."

So Paul, then about 12 years old, set out to make sure his guitar would come through loudly and clearly to everyone in his audience.

From the late 1920s onward, Paul constantly experimented to improve the sound. He would plug in radio speakers and then stuff the guitar's body with socks, shorts, and even his mother's tablecloth—"everything to muffle the sound so that it wouldn't feed back," he says—pioneering the modern solid-body electric guitar. He would later find success by filling the body with solid wood, and in 1952, Gibson introduced its first Les Paul electric guitar based on his designs.

By then, Paul also had gained fame playing his guitar on hit songs by Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters, and in the 1950s had several Top 10 pop hits with his late wife, singer Mary Ford, including the No. 1s How High the Moon and Vaya Con Dios. Those hits were important because they unveiled his technique of multi-track recording, or layering music parts on top of each other. Paul has influenced rock guitarists such as Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page and Aerosmith's Joe Perry, and other famous musicians such as Paul McCartney and Tony Bennett have frequently joined him onstage at his Iridium shows.

Paul's inventions have gone hand in hand with his needs as a performer, and he is still innovating. After he got arthritis, he developed a bigger pick so that he could still play. Dealing with a hearing loss, Paul also is working with doctors from the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio to create a hearing aid to help musicians and others pick up more tones, words and phrases.



Through it all, Paul has kept in touch with his hometown of Waukesha, Wis. (pop. 64,825), which he last visited in October when the town created Les Paul Day. He says he will never forget so many people who helped him there, including the teachers who let him write history reports on musical instruments and scheduled breaks to let him perform for the class. And Paul, who signs many an autograph, is especially welcoming when Wisconsin fans show up at the Iridium. "If you're from Wisconsin, you're in," says Susan Masino, author of Famous Wisconsin Musicians.

Paul insists, however, that audiences everywhere have much in common, and, after a while, even New York City feels like a small town. New Yorkers, he says, are "a little more direct about things, and they get right to the point. But you get used to them, and you find out they're the same people anyway."

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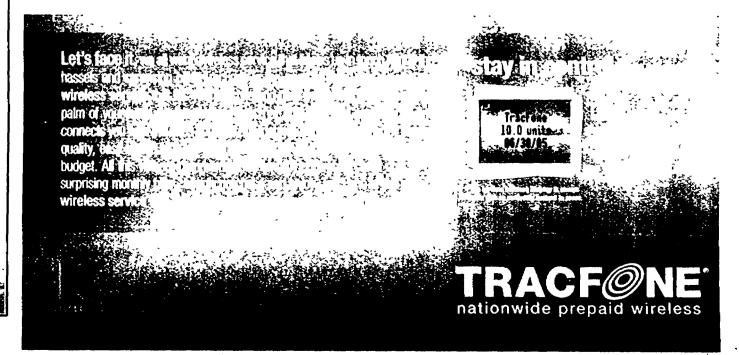
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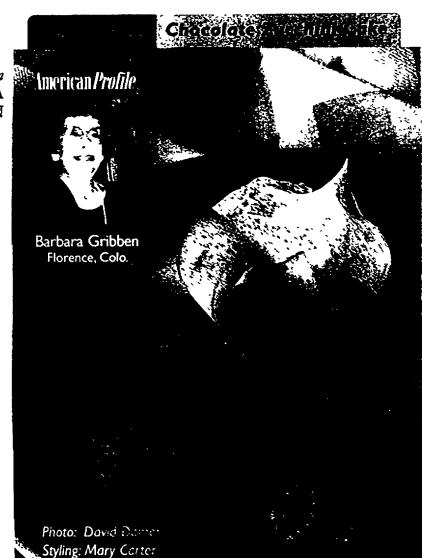
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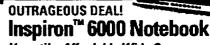
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