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Partners in sweetness

Edwards Catering among local business forging sweet deals

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Traci Sincock is adding gingerbread to her recreation recipe.

And local businesses eager be partners with Northville's dynamic director of parks and recreation couldn't be happier. Edward's Catering

and Café What's is the latest program ingredient, offering a class for children to make

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sweet holiday treats on Wednésday. "Holiday Gingerbread Houses" is one of Sincock's several workand-play mixes. The cake for participants is new clientele icing for par-

The more we can do with our businesses, it's more of a sense of community," Sincock said.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYELE RECORD Christine Shelters, Edward's Catering and Cafe owner, is partnering with Northville Parks and Recreation to offer a gingerbread house making



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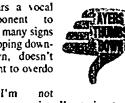
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■ City council seeks balance between public information and poor tatse

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Downtown merchant Jim people's faces.

But Mayor Pro-tem Carolann Ayers, years a vocal opponent to too many signs flapping downtown, doesn't want to overdo



being negative, I'm trying to be thoughtful and consistent," she said. "We need to look at, 'Is there a real purpose for another sign?

The city council will try to appease both retailers and the sign-weary as it considers allowover-the-street event announcements.

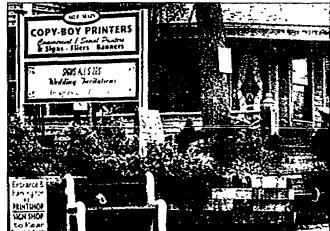


Photo by MICHAEL SHUSTER

Northville Mayor Pro-tem Carolann Ayers gives a thumbs-down to Copy-Boy Printers' sign clutter.

Over the top

The patterned quilt of downtown signs is admired by some for its colorful design mix and dissed

by others for its mismatche I fab-

With two "you are here" direc-

tory maps soon to hit the side-

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■ Unique Northville

students earn high marks on college placement exams

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Latef Alashe first sat for the SAT exam, his classmates weren't

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lege. Maybe that's because the Northville High School

thinking

about col-

student sat for the exam last year as an eighth grader at Hillside Middle School.

"It wasn't that hard," he said. His score landed him in the top 20 percent nationally of students

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northwille RECORD Hillside Middle School students Zachary Fuller and Katherine May scored high on college placement exams.

Local soldier helps rebuild Iraq

Township resident takes a piece of Northville overseas

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Maj. Jan Malaikal can't wait to be home with her family.

Although she has to wait until Malaikal, 36. Northville Township said her time spent in Iraq so far has been worth

"It's amazing to be able to go into another country and help as much as we have," Malaikal said via telephone from the Middle East. "I'm really lucky, and I think my family has seen this as a

good thing in my life.' As part of the Provincial Reconstruction Team currently working in Iraq for the United

States Army, Malaikal said she has had the opportunity to see the entire perspective in Iraq beyond what viewers watch on the news. Malaikal began her work in

Baghdad in September, and is currently stationed in Kirkuk, working on several projects, including plans to build

landfills.

These people

need a place for

their garbage to

Major Jan

she said. Malaikal 'All the little things we take for granted are things these people

Malaikal said about 24 projects await completion, including creating ground storage tanks for

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walks, downtown merchants asked the council to approve yet another sign variety; overhead banners.

'l just don't get it," Ayers said. "I can't imagine why you would need an over the street sign.

"Until someone tells me there's some decisive reason to do it, it can't be done another way.

Sherri Mehwa, president of the Northville Central Business Association, said the city is missing a key opportunity to generate public excitement and awareness

of downtown events. She asked if two banners could be erected 10 times per year at no expense to the city.

What's two more? Vannier asked.

Ayers said more than enough. "If you've got so many signs you've got to stop to figure out what the signs are trying to promote, there's something wrong." she said. "Clutter is not good marketing, I don't think."

The mayor pro-tem did the math: Northville already has 50plus pole banners, signs at the city entrances, public safety and business signs.

The city has prohibited over-thestreet banners for more than 30 years, with rare exceptions, like the temporary mark for a fundraising run start.

Needed: more people

"Clutter is not good marketing, I don't think."

Carolann Ayers Mayor Pro-tem, City of Northville

mulated in the mid-1970s has been updated along the way.

Mewha asked the council to update the 1998 municipal banner system portion to accommodate marketing plans of Northville's current retailers.

She said high-quality banners could alert people of approaching events: Christmas Walk, Art in the Sun, Flower Days and the Victorian Festival.

Ayers said the city continually fields requests for permission to put up signs announcing school sports victories, temporary business ventures and pre-school registration. Those are in addition to the permanent, paper-window and sandwich board signs already allowed by city ordinance.

The city publicizes events with signs at the gateways into the city, Ayers said. Light-pole banners rotated throughout the year add festive flavor, she said.

They celebrate what's going on," Ayers said. "You don't have to stop to read them.

"Those two do the purpose of a The sign policy the council for- banner hanging over the street."



Photo by MICHAEL SHUSTER ABOVE: Mayor Pro-tem

Carolann Ayers questions whether the city needs to add more pole banners, entrance signs, public safety and business sians.

ABOVE-RIGHT: Northville Mayor Pro-tem Carolann Ayers gives a thumbs-up to South Center Street signs.

In their face

Vannier said that's not good enough, contending that unless signs are obvious, people are

"Somebody's got to tell everybody something's going on," he said. "They're not cheap. It's not that everyone is going to want to

The Northville Gallery owner said he has walked by red banners adoming the city light posts countless times without reading them.

Vannier asked a recent council audience, "How many people know what those banners say?

The pole banners posted the past few weeks signaled celebration of the city's 50th anniversary.

■ 'Taste' of history

RANGEL ORTHODONTICS

of Northville

Signs displayed in a tasteful manner translate into a perception of Northville, Mayor Pro-tem Carolann Ayers said.

The current standard dates back to the city's mission to remove permanent signs, like the "Winner's Circle" and "Rexall" name-

plates once extending over the Main Street sidewalk. "They were just unbelievable, nasty, old, not kept up, the kind of signs you see in rundown towns," she said. "My focus is on, 'What do you need the sign for?"

Rules for awnings, illumination, free-standing, sidewalk and wall signs are spelled out on 27 pages of the city's zoning ordinance.

"I like things orderly," the 26-year council member said. "I don't mean signs have to be the same in size or color. They need to be creative signs within parameters that focus on the reason the sign is there. "I see no reason to have signs for sign's sake."

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Signs of the future can't arrive soon enough for some businesses

■ Township committee will review ordinance

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

George Martha believes being out of sight results in out of mind.

Hidden from view, Charley's Grille located at Haggerty and Six Mile roads, needs more signs directing customers. The restaurant's co-owner is asking for help.

We're tucked away in the corner behind major business chains with eight or nine signs in the way." Martha said. "We've been here 10 years, but as the township has grown, we've been built around and no one other than our regular customers even know

Martha said he hoped the addition of the Township's Ordinance Review Committee would help them see his business needs help.

We're setting up a committee to review all the township's current ordinances," said trustee make sure that all businesses in Northville Township are successful and the same goes for new businesses to come.

Roosen said the committee would begin reviewing the township's current sign ordinance, which establishes standards regarding size, placement, construction materials and illumination for signs within each zoning

According to the current ordinance, the intent of the sign stan-

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dards is to help businesses get recognized without

becoming a - public eyesore. "There are

several businesses like Charley's Grille in very difficult locations," Roosen said. "We need to figure out how to either get them more signs or get all the tenants together to put up one sign, and that can very difficult."

The temporary committee will include Roosen and fellow board trustee Marjorie Banner, planning commissioner Lisa Anderson and two Northville Township business

longstanding objective to diversi-

fy our tax base," said township supervisor Mark Abbo. "To help promote this objective, we need to attract a more diverse type of development.

"In order to do this, we need to look at our current ordinances which have been longstanding for quite some time and remove anything that current and future businesses might see as an obstacle."

Abbo said the committee will evaluate the current sign ordinance to see if it too restrictive.

"If we can offer a greater opportunity to attract more walkin customers without being visually overpowering, then the committee has done its job," he said.

Roosen said the sign ordinance is just the tip of the iceberg.

"We've definitely got our hands full," he said. "It doesn't help us if there are laws that aren't enforced or have people constantly break-

Northville Township currently bans sidewalk sales.

"Obviously if other communities are successful with them, maybe we can be, too. Everything "The township board has had a researched." Abbo said. "We're currently laying out the timeline

for this committee. Better sooner than later."

Roosen hoped the committee would start work in December.

'We want to help the local businesses communicate better with their community," he said. "We know that people and businesses aren't currently abiding by the laws, so maybe we can look at each ordinance and find out why.

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Photo by TRACY MISHLER/NORTHYLLE RECORD

George Martha, of Charkey's Grille, hopes revisions to 1. Northville Township's sign ordinance will help his restaurant be more visible to customers. **しいしょい**

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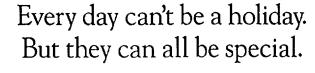
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Better together

Center Stage Dance Co., host to the recreation department's dance classes, got the ball rolling on cooperative programs, Sincock said.

Partnerships with Okinawan Karate Club, the Water Wheel Health Club, Total Baseball and Awakening...the Artist Inside fol-

The parks and recreation program, funded by the City of Northville and Northville Township and housed in Northville Public Schools buildings, is founded on community cooperation, Sincock

"This is probably the thing we do best," she said. "We wouldn't survive without partnerships."

Mutual benefit

Sherri Mewha, owner of Awakening ... the Artist Inside, said the connection of her art supply and instruction store with the recreation department has been mutually

"It requires a lot of communication," Mewha said. "Every now and then, there have been some administrative bumps, but very tiny,

"I have been extremely pleased with the relationship."

For the arts programming Mewha proposes to Sincock's staff, she incurs the recreation department's facility rental, registration and administrative expenses. Her profit comes from enrollment fees, after subtracting material expenses.

The greater payoff has been increased appreciation of art locally, Mewha said.

"I think it's been very beneficial to parks and recreation, allowing them to offer a much broader art program," she said. "They don't have to go out and find individual art teachers

"It allows us to bring in art teachers who on their own couldn't afford to do that.

Working with the recreation department, Mewha said additional dividends have been communitywide recognition for her store. She

Holiday helper: get grains apie a organized

By Jean Tarbett **GANNETT NEWS SERVICE**

Holiday tips from List Lovers:

After Thanksgiving

Clean and decorate outside. Decorate and get everyone involved in trimming the tree, hanging garland and checking lights.

Pre-address and stamp envelopes for Christmas cards.

Purchase gifts for the needy using names hanging from a local giving tree in your neighborhood department store or mall.

First week of December

Take inventory of holiday items including stamps, envelopes, party goods and holiday baking supplies.

Establish a "wrapping station" in a little used portion of your house. Stock it with tape, scissors, wrapping paper and ribbon.

Second week of December

Plan the holiday menu. Mail holiday cards or packages. Shop for a special outfit.

Third week of December

Purchase menu items. Prepare foods that can be frozen

in advance. Finish holiday shopping. Finish cleaning.

Make party favors. Fill gift bags with holiday items: candles, stationery and coffee or tea. Make place cards using rubber

Use branches and pine cones for a country-inspired centerpiece.

Week before

Finish wrapping presents. Make sure all munchies are ready. Stock firewood for evening gettogethers.

The big day

Set the table and prepare food.

After the holiday

Clean again. Put'away dishes and gifts from the holiday.

Stay organized by collecting similar items and packing them togeth-

Label boxes and containers for

easy retrieval next year.

supplied the oversized canvas for tesidents to paint during the city's 50th anniversary celebration in August and materials for other

"It's just been a very positive relationship," she said. "Traci has been very sensitive to our needs."

A new flavor

Sincock said the recreation department tries to establish programming complementary, rather than competitive with existing busi-

She cited the arrangement with Water Wheel, where residents participate in weight lifting, body conditioning and weight loss management offerings.

(Club owner Chris Klebba) is like our fitness consultant," Sincock said "We're both in the fitness business. We collaborate on many things together."

The recreation director said she decided to pursue Edward's as a partner after seeing a flier publicizing a cookie decorating class. Owner Christine Shelters said she was happy to have her business name in the quarterly recreation brochure mailed throughout the community.

Pat Brown, department recreation superintendent, said initial Edward's offerings of "Goblin Goodies" for children, and autumn soups and holiday appetizers for adults, have been well attended.

The adult ones filled up the first day," Brown said. "We added a second session to the holiday appetiz-

Next ; up: Gingerbread Wednesday.

Children 6-12 can build an edible holiday tradition with the help of a local chef in a city-owned building during a recreation department

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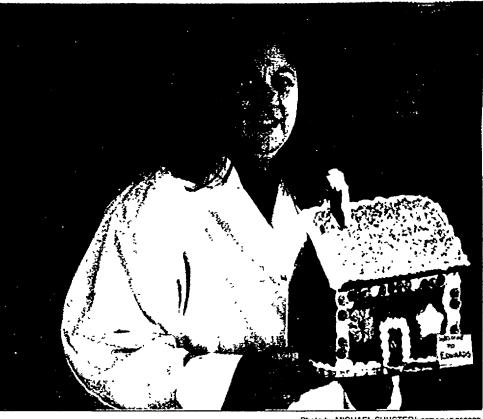


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Christine Shelters, Edward's Catering and Cafe owner, reveals a finished gingerbread

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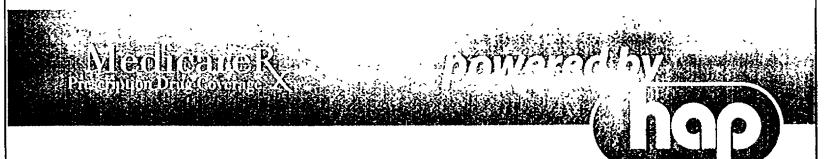
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Women's fashions sparkle during holiday season

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mamma will be stripping her

Local fashion retailers suggested adding some sparkle to your holiday wardrobe to get those sugarplums dancing.

Glitter. Who knew? Racks and mannequins in local retail stores are dripping

with soft and shiny clothing and accessories for women ready to flirt with holiday style. "It's festive and they can let loose because it's the holidays,"

said Across the Street owner Theresa Schierloh. "They start to see lots of lights and sparkles and Christmas trees.

"They want to decorate themselves.

To his wondering eyes should appear: sultry earrings, a flash of rhinestone or a fur-rimmed

'Tis the season

As tree trimming season arrives, it's time for women to don their gay apparel.

Open and Clothed sales clerk Marilyn Grech said women wait all year to wear colors and

"They want to feel

hot, sultry and sassy."

Theresa Schierloh

Owner, Across the Street

styles for the holidays.

"They want sparkle it, glitz it up. she said. "They want it to be a little more festive than what they

"I think it's something that people almost look forward to."

Five Common Holiday Fashion Mistakes

1. Wearing too much glitz. Too much shine can overwhelm, especially in an area you don't necessarily want to highlight.

2. Showing too much skin. Accentuate your best features with a suggestion, like a small slit for a glimpse of leg.

3. Getting caught with nothing to wear. Keeping a few dressy basics in the closet is preparation for last-minute invitations.

4. Making it too complicated. Just add accessories to a little black dress.

5. Being under- or overdressed. A few dressy items span several categories, such as the little black dress for her or dark suit for him.

Source: www.holidays.about.com

Northville clothiers said sequins, fur and velvet come out for the holidays when entertaining is on the upswing.

"We've got necklaces, or several necklaces, if they're look-

ing to add a little more pizzazz to their outfit," Grech said. "Maybe a

purse that has rhinestones."

During the past

would wear any other time of month, three women's clothing stores - Rococo, Urban Blues and Rock on Main - opened downtown, adding to the variety of items available at established

Silver and a \$65 handbag by Matt and Nat.

Chris VanDam, a mainstay for special occasion attire at her downtown boutique, said she is seeing more glamour than ever

this holiday season. "Skirts with lace, embellished tops, even the jeans have dazzle and can take you out on the town." VanDam said. "There is lots of velvet, which evokes

"It adds richness to anything you pair with it."

How they twinkle

Grech said clients don't need fur from their head to their foot. Adding a new accessory to an item already in your closet can be lively and quick, she said. like pinning a brooch to a plain purse or a simple jacket.

Across the Street employee Sandy Fisher tries on some sparkly, festive, bright accessories including a \$23 scarf by

Specialty boutique Across the Street stocks a lightly scented glitz body spray, Schierloh said. "It's for your skin, hair and clothes.

"They want to feel hot, sultry and sassy."

The retailers agreed a touch of twinkling helps make holiday dressing merry.

"Our philosophy here is

'Don't under do," Grech said. 'Really throw it out there. It's

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

"You see someone with that extra necklace or bracelet on

and you're drawn to them. "It's all about having fun."

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On Campus

Albion College

Northville residents, Evona 'Karchon, daughter of Mark and Connie Karchon and Andrew Slater, son of Bruce and Jill Slater, have been accepted this fall into the Albion College Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Management. Both are graduates of Northville High School. Students are chosen annually

for the Gerstacker Institute through Gerstacker students must complete degree requirements in economics and management, along with courses in ethics, writing, speaking and management, and fulfill at least two internships in a wide range of business settings.

Albion College

Northville resident, Craig Nabozny is spending the semester teaching physical education at Jackson High School. He holds a degree in physical education, with a minor in health education, from Albion College. Craig is the son of Ronald and Donna Nabozny of Northville and a graduate of Catholic Central High School.









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Northville Township police will be shopping with area kids for Christmas presents next week at Meijer on Haggerty Road. The annual program is for underprivileged kids who need help shopping for gifts for their families. For more information, contact Officer Samantha Bowlin at (248) 349-9400.

Toys for Tots

The Northville Township Police Department and Township Hall are collection locations for Toys for Tots through Dec. 16. The United States Marine Corps will collect the toys and are asking for unwrapped new toys. The Northville Township Police Department is open 24 hours a day and Township Hall is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Meeting

The Johnson Creek Protection group will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at Township Hall.

Township meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at Township

Calling 911

The Northville Township Police Department is reminding residents who call 911 using a cell phone to have an exact location available for public safety officials.

Cell phone 911 calls do not register an address and sometimes require transfers to another department.

Officials advise emergency callers to notice nearby landmarks and cross streets.

Closed

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POLICE BRIEFS

Double trouble

Last Friday, Northville police arrested a 20-year-old South Lyon woman on drunk driving and marijuana possession charges.

An officer stopped the woman for speeding around 3 a m. near Eight Mile and Novi roads, according to police reports. After asking the driver to perform sobriety tasks, police measured her blood alcohol content at .20, the report

Officers impounded the woman's Ford Taurus and transported her to the Northville Township police station.

Because the woman had a February 2004 drunk driving arrest, the local department is seeking enhanced charges for the operating-under-the-influence citation and the marijuana and paraphernalia possession charges.

Bum Jackson

A Northville police officer confiscated a phony \$20 bill after a customer attempted to purchase groceries with it at Hiller's Market Nov. 23.

Police said the store manager called after checking the \$20 bill that didn't "feel right." The customer told officers he received the bill as change from a Wyandotte service

After police told the customer he was out a twenty, he left his groceries and went to an automatic teller machine

to get more cash and returned to pay, the report said. The department sent the bill to the U.S. Secret Service.

Unidentified suspect

A 14-year-old Northville Township girl was not harmed after she was approached by an unknown suspect while walking to her baby-sitting job on Clairmont Circle. The girl told police a man began following her and lunged at her as she passed a vacant lot. According to reports, a garage door opening scared off the man across the street. The girl was unable to identify the man and the case remains open

Credit card fraud

A 38-year-old Northville Township woman called police after she found a Sears credit card had been used in her name in Louisville, Ky. According to reports, the woman was informed the card had been used for a \$5,000 purchase. The woman was advised to close the account, and the case remains open pending more information.

Stolen snow blower

A 57-year-old Northville Township man called police after he noticed a snow blower had been stolen from his garage. According to police, a guitar amplifier, hand tools and music equipment were also stolen. There was no sign of forced entry, according to reports. Police have no suspects and the case remains open.

Replacing price tags

Police arrested a 23-year-old Farmington Hills man at Meijer on Haggerty Road for allegedly stealing video games and movies. According to reports, the man was seen replacing the price tags on the games with price tags from paintbrushes. Meijer loss prevention officials stopped the man at the stores self-checkout lanes. The man was cited for larceny and given a Dec. 8 court date.

Unknown package

A 38-year-old Northville Township man called police after receiving a suspicious package in the mail. The man told police he did not order anything off the Internet and did not know who the package was from. According to reports, police could not identify the contents of the package and advised the family to vacate their home for precautionary measures. According to reports, the man later received a call from his brother in Japan who said he did order an item from eBay. The box was X-rayed and the case was closed.

Drugs found

A 21-year-old Detroit woman was arrested at Meijer on Haggerty Road for being in possession of marijuana while working. The woman was searched and police found other drug paraphernalia in her backpack, according to reports. The woman was arrested and the case remains open, pending a warrant.

Vehicle break-in

A 59-year-old Northville Township man called police after several items were stolen from his van while he was shopping at Home Depot on Haggerty Road. According to reports, the plastic cover around the vehicle lock had been broken. Two Pass Load guns and a saw were stolen. The case remains open, pending viewing of store security

Lost mail

A 38-year-old Northville man called police after noticing a reduction of incoming mail. He told police bills he'd sent had not reached their destinations. According to reports, the man believes his mail was stolen and he is afraid his identity may have been stolen as well. The man told police an unknown credit card company contacted him stating his statement was being mailed to him. According to reports, police contacted the Northville Post Office and informed the supervisor of the man's complaints. The case was closed due to lack of information.

Cracked windshield

A 43-year-old Northville Township man called police after finding several cracks in his windshield. The man told police he parked his car in the east parking lot of Ward Church on Six Mile Road and found the cracks when he returned. According to reports, several stones were found on the ground near his vehicle. The case was closed due to lack of investigative leads.

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of Northville, Time of Gathering, Sat. 3-4:30pm with Memorial Service 4:30pm at Casterline Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers funds to: Taylor M. Lafferty's future c/o Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville, MI 48167

ROBERT D. BORTHWICK

Age 68, passed away, November 22, 2005. Beloved husband of Catherine. Dear father of Donald, Richard (Kathryn), Timothy (Michele) and Susan (Steven) Riggleman. Beloved son of Margaret Borthwick. Loving Grandfather of James, Jenna, Danielle, Kaley, David, Matthew, Ian, Kiera and Joseph. Brother of Barbara Jean (Bernard) Holowicki. A funeral mass was held at Holy Family Church in Novi on Monday Nov 28,2005. Donations in Roberts' memory can be made to the McCarty Cancer Foundation 27172 Woodward #300 Royal Oak MI. 48067. On line sympathy message at www.obriensulllivantuneralhome com.



JEAN A. RUTTAN

Age 98, of Central Lake, MI died, November 25, 2005. She was born September 7, 1907 at Corunna, Ontario the daughter of Henrietta and Robert Needham. She came to Michigan in 1926 where she worked at Howell Motors. She married J. Emerson Ruttan of Rapid City in 1931. The couple moved from Plymouth to Northville Michigan in 1934. While in Northville she was an active member of the Eastern Star Orient Chapter #77, attended the Presbyterian Church and worked as secretary/bookkeeper for Northville laboratories and in the late 1950 s-60's as a clerk for the Northville City Hall. Mrs. Ruttan took a great interest in the school activities of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Mrs. Ruttan also loved all animals, especially horses. She was an avid collector of glass, coins and stamps and enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, Canada, and to the Azores. After her husband's death in 1968, Mrs. Ruttan continued to drive herself to Florida each winter until her late 80's. She moved to Central Lake in 1986 to be closer to her daughter and son in law, Mrs. And Mr. J.E. Faas. While in Central Eake she attended senior citizens, lunches > and continued her hobbies. Survivors include two children, Barbara Jean (Jack) Faas of Central Lake and Etta Christine Smith of Springfield, VA; six grandchildren, Dirk (Kathy) Fass of Upper Marlboro, MD, Scott (Marie Reine) Fass of Livermore, CA, Darcy (Kevin) Babcock of Poolesville, MD, Jan (Tim) Shigley of August, KS, Stephanie Smith of San Francisco, CA, Ryan (Megan) Smith of Denver, CO, and seven great grand children. She also leaves a sister in law. Pe Ruttan of Port Huron as well as 20 nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Central Lake District Library. No service is planned.

Matriarch remembered for her 'great love for everybody'

By James Mitchell **GANNETT NEWS SERVICE**

Take a picture worth a thousand words and multiply that hundreds of times. For Kathy Erwin, reviewing eight decades' worth of her mother's photos, all those images brought a singular conclusion.

"She had a wonderful life." Kathy said of Betty Jane Erwin, matriarch of the local name known for landmark orchards, a country store, and exemplifying what a 20th Century American family could be. The think of the

Born to Laverne, and Winifred Wilcox Sept. 18, 1922, Betty grew up in Detroit before marrying Ed Erwin in 1947 and settling first in Novi and then in the South Lyon area.

Betty Erwin, 83, died Nov. 14

at her winter home in Zephyrhills, Fla., having kept a watchful efficient eye - over a loving family. Services were held Friday at New Hudson United Methodist Church, and Betty was laid to rest in Northville near her son, Richard, who passed away in

Erwin Orchards was the family business when Betty married Ed, whose father James planted his seeds in Northville during the 1920s, continuing a longtime tra-

next generation moved to Farmington, and then Northville in the 1920s. The Erwins seem to have been one step ahead of Oakland's westward migration since, arriving in the South Lyon area in 1969. "We're just about to the county line now," Ed said.

No matter the location, Betty was as involved with the community as with her family. When she wasn't serving as a bookkeeper for the orchards, she taught Sunday School at Northville's First Presbyterian Church and, since 1969, dedicated her energies to New Hudson United Methodist Church.

semi-retirement Florida didn't change that. Ed listed some of Betty's activities in their winter community, including The Erwins started farming in a newsletter Betty wrote and her Southfield in 1842, said Ed. The morning pick-up-and-delivery of a newspapers to about 100 shut-ins.
"She just had a love for every-

body," Ed recalled. "Just a real good woman, with great hospitality for anyone who showed up." But her first priority, Kathy

said, was always family, right up

until the end.

"She nagged me into taking a cold pill," Kathy said of her final visit, which Betty spent making sure her daughters were taking care of their own kids. "She was interested in the grandchildren."

Betty was survived by her husband of 58 years, Edward A. Erwin, children Kathy and Pat Zandstra, and grandchildren Sarah, Rebecca, and Jacob Zandstra. Her brother, Fred Wilcox, lives in Texas, and she was preceded in death by her parents and her son, Richard Erwin.

Beyond her close kin, Betty was remembered last week by the extended family acquired in both the South Lyon and Northville communities.

Betty's nephew, Bill Erwin, may be the last of the line to operate the family apple orchards, the

persistence of which he credits to Betty and Ed.

'If it wasn't for her and my uncle's generosity, the orchards may not be here," Bill said of the support given to him and his wife, Linda. No matter how large the "extended family" became, Bill said Betty never forgot a birthday or holiday card for relatives, friends, employées and so many others whose lives she touched.

"If you did not meet her, you missed something in life," Bill said. "She was just such a sweetheart."

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drinking water, pump stations, fire stations and a hospital.

"My team is a new concept," she said, "and basically we're pooling all our assets together to develop the leaders within the province so they can run all the completed projects on their own."

Meet the major

As a 1991 graduate of West Point Military Academy in New York, Malaikal earned an engineering degree. When off duty, she serves as the Army Corps of Engineers Deputy District Commander in charge of more than 350 people in downtown Detroit.

"It's definitely hard to be away from my family back in Northville," she said. "But we have good access to e-mail, telephones and regular mail here. My kids even send me digital photos so I can see them."

Malaikal, a mother of three boys - Anderson-16, Spencer, 4 and Brock, I said her family is concerned with her safety in Iraq. But, they are also interested in what she does.

"My son Anderson wanted to know if I drive a tank," she said, "and my 4-year-old is concerned that my airplane won't be coming home for a couple of months." She said her work in Iraq has

helped her grow. You start to form attachments with all the people you are working with," Malaikal said. "You do



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Maj. Jan Malaikal Resident, Northville Township

start to get emotionally attached with some of these projects that need to get done.

"We drive through Kirkuk and see mothers and families that deserve to have the same things we have back in the United States. Obviously, everything I feel is going to come home with me."

Malaikal said her work in Iraq includes more than reconstruc-

"We're developing a government," she said. "It's all basically public works type projects to benefit the whole populous, of

Homecoming

Malaikal said she is trying to

Submitted photo

Maj. Jan Malaikal is stationed in Kirkuk, Iraq, as part of the Provincal Reconstruction Team.

get her husband, Matthew, to send her a DVD of everything she has been missing back home.

Although she'd spent a year away before in 1998, Malaikal

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said it's never easy leaving her family behind.

She said she will spend her remaining time in Kirkuk and awaits her flight back to the

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"It is always hard to be away," she said. "In my mind, the baby is still nine months old."

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younger than ninth grade taking

Alashe was joined by fellow Hillside students Zachary Fuller and Katherine May.

Meads Mill Middle School students Connie Fu, Hetali Lodaya and Jonathan Lee also ranked in the top percent.

'I actually took the exam for the first time when I was in seventh grade," Alashe said.

The high school freshman said he only briefly ran into material that seemed unfamiliar.

"That was mostly the reading part," he said. "I just did my best.

All students were honored at an annual statewide recognition ceremony hosted by the Michigan State University Gifted and Talented program.

The Hats Off Luncheon sponsored by the University's honors college celebrates the accomplishments of young students.

Kathee McDonald, director of the gifted and talented education division of honors college at The University of Michigan, said the students scored in the top of the same ACT and SAT exams high school students sit for before college.

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"It measures how they would compare to a high school junior," she said.

McDonald said once students attain a certain score, like at least a composite ACT score of 23, they are eligible for gifted and talented programs offered at the university level.

Alashe entered his freshman year taking honors English and geometry.

According to the book College Planning for Gisted Students," written by Sandra Berger, middle school is the time to start introducing gifted students to college academics. According to data collected

by Berger, by seventh and eighth grades, many gifted chil-dren have departed from their school's traditional age-ingrade groupings and are looking for more.

Berger recommends parents of talented middle school students begin and emphasis on self-awareness, time management, work and study skills, career awareness and a preliminary academic plan, including courses required by the state and those required for college.

Alashe said he isn't sure why he originally took the exam. But he now feels it gives him an advantage.

"I think that getting experience with the test should help when I'm a junior," he said.

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An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 20.9 was approved by the Board of Trustees on October 27, 2005 at a Special Meeting. The dinance amendment becomes effective upon publication on November

Chapter 170, Section 20.9 a. Intent:

It is the intent of this District to provide for high quality coordinated development of the former State of Michigan Psychiatric Hospital Site (the "Site") that includes approximately 415 acres along the south side of 7 Mile Road between Northville and Haggerty Roads. Previous zoning for the site, when operated as a hospital, had been R-3 Single Family Residential. This 7 Mile Road Planned Unit Development District ("7 Mile PUD") was crafted specifically in recognition of unique factors existing on the Site and the need for a coordinated, unified development that includes a modure of uses more intense than had been permitted under the previous R-3 zoning district. This 7 Mile PUD District permits more intense uses but also includes provisions for open space, improvements to mitigate impacts, and amenities to ensure the mixture and design of uses will provide a benefit both to the Developer and Township when compared to the previous R-3 zoning or an uncoordinated development under various zoning districts.

A complete copy of the approved amended text is available at the Township Clerk's Office, 44405 Six Mile, Northville, MI 48168, during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

NOTICE OF 2nd PUBLIC HEARING Date: Thursday, December 15, 2005

Name of SAD: Clement Road Water and

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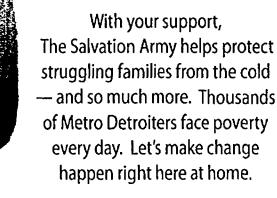
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions signed by the

record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 51% of the total area of the hereinafter described Clement Road Water and Sanitary Sewer Extension Improvement special assessment district, the township Board believes the project to be in the best interests of the subdivision and the township, and to create a special assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: Clement Road Water and Santary Sewer Extension. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township Board has

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received costs for the improvements in the approximate amount of \$27,824 per benefit, (to be assessed over 15 years); has placed the same on file with the township Clerk, has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District and has further tentatively lound the petitions to be in compliance with stallutory requirements.

That the Supervisor has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole

each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district. FURTHER that the Board of Trustees, of the Charter Township of Northville will meet at Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan on Thursday, December 15, 2005, at 7.30 pm. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment role and hearing any objections thereto. Said role may be examined at the office of the town-ship Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing

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time," Heiberger said. "He treated

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Silver Springs Elementary School students Lauren Layne (left), Marissa Peters, Rachael Coleman, Jillian Stacer and Kyle Heiberger surround sportscaster Dan Miller during a recent arts competition celebration.

Wonder why.

Northville students celebrate individual reflections

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

Kyle Heiberger wonders about

The Silver Springs Elementary School second-grade student expressed his curiosity through a story titled, "I Wonder Why." He entered his work in the 2005-06 Michigan PTSA Reflections con-

"Reflections encourages creativity in children," said Silver Springs contest organizer and Kyle's mother Lin Heiberger.

Heiberger enjoyed writing the story about his favorite topic.

The annual pre-school through 12th grade arts competition is sponsored by the state parent volunteer organization and carried out through local Northville Public Schools PTA groups.

Students submit entries in literature, photography, visual arts and music categories reflecting an annual theme. This year's theme: I Wonder Why ...

Heibeiger said school entries are judged locally before moving on to the state level and ultimately to the national competition.

"I hope I win at states and may be even nationally," said senior Ryan Pyatenko. "It would be

The Northville High School student nabbed a first-place finish in the photography category.

The contrast between tight shots of a flower he photographed in the Madrid botanical garden in Spain and a River Rouge smoke stack, portrays his wonderment.

The flower is how we have such beautiful nature and how the earth gives us so much and then

how we destroy it with pollution," Pyatenko said.

This is the first year Pyatenko participated in the contest, after receiving urgings from his nstructor.

Heiberger said every year members of the Northville PTA groups encourage students to enter the contest.

It's an initiative important to fostering creative arts talent.

Entries doubled from last year at Silver Springs," she said.

In celebration of the healthy participation, Reflections participants were given a pizza party last week in the school cafeteria.

Broadcaster and WJBK-TV (Channel 2) sports director Dan Miller attended the event, honoring the children for a job well

"The kids had a wonderful

CLASS NOTES

Recess

All Northville public schools, including Early Childhood Center, will be closed for holiday recess, Thur day, Dec. 22-Monday, Jan. 2. Classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3 The deadline for Extra Care sign up for mid-winter break is Dec. 15. Mid-winter break is Feb. 13-17.

All Aglow-Illumination

The Mothers' Club of Northville will host the 11th annual holiday fundraising event, All Aglow-Illumination for Education, 6:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at the downtown Gazebo. Residents may purchase tree lights as a symbol to honor or memorialize someone special. Recognized names will be listed on the Mothers' Club board near the Gazebo and published in the Northville Record, if purchased by tomorrow. Make checks payable to Mothers' Club of Northville and mail to Georgiana Rushing, 46066 Greenridge Drive, Nonhville, MI. 48167. Include honoree/memorial information, donor's name, address and telephone number. For more information, call (248) 449-5105.

Moraine

Moraine Elementary School families are invited to make a donation of a new toy to benefit the children of Roberto Clemente School in Detroit. Toys may be brought to Moraine Elementary, now through Dec. 8. The toy collection is sponsored by the Moraine staff and student council. For more information, call (248) 344-8473.

Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Winchester Elementary School,

16141 Winchester Dr. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Concert

The Northville High School choirs present their holiday concert p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 and Thursday, Dec. 15 in the school auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road. The cost is \$5 per person.

Coffeehouse

The Art House is sponsoring an acoustic coffeehouse for high school and college performers 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 215 W. Cady St. Performers will play twothree songs. There is a \$5 charge to attend; no charge for performers, For more information, call (248) 344-4214.

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Starbucks is collecting new toys (excluding stuffed animals), books and craft supplies for the Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation. Donations for children in hospitals with serious or terminal illnesses may be dropped off at 302 E. Main St. until Christmas. For more information, call (248) 344-1875 or visit www.slsb.org.

Graduation

The Northville High School Class of 2006 commencement ceremony will take place 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

Books

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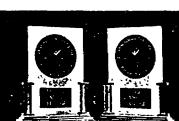
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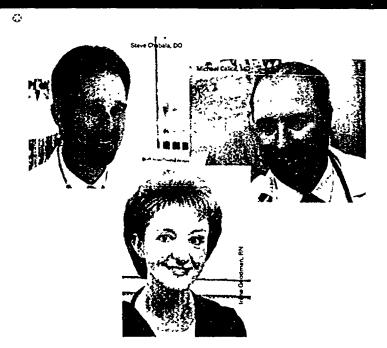
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Heart-smart education added to annual holiday run



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Kids at Meads Mill take off in the annual turkey trot.

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Sue Meyer walks through the pink hallway at Meads Mill Middle School, she sees more than one story.

"There were quite a few memories," Meyer said. "For every kid there is a story."

The Northville principal said the once bare walls were covered in pink, representing a heart dedicated to family members and friends losing their battles with heart disease.

And in some cases, Meyer said, the pink hearts were taped to the wall as a pledge to live a heart healthy lifestyle.

The heart wall was a new addition to the school's annual Turkey Trot.

The nearly 4 mile race has taken place at the school for 13 years in honor of deceased Meads Mill Middle School physical education teacher Bob Kucher.

"At the time we did a Leukemia foundation tie in." Meyer said.

This year, school organizers decided heart-smart education and fundraising for the American Heart Association would accompany the 2005 run.

"We decided to emphasize the fitness angle this year," Meyer

The large gang of teachers, students and some parents gath-

ered last Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. running from the school through neighboring subdivisions before returning to class an hour later.

They braved the cold temperatures and focused on the large turkey keeping pace with the crowed.

Organizers said heart-healthy refreshments and generous prizes completed the successful Thanksgiving tradition.

Meyer said one of the most

popular prizes was a life-size, autographed poster of Ben Wallace, accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

The kids were well behaved and everyone had a great time," she said.

Victoria Mitchell can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 122 or vemitchell@gannett.com.



Meads Mill's counselor Jack Nickens races two students during the school's annual turkey trot run.



Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P, C.C.R.I. RHINITIS

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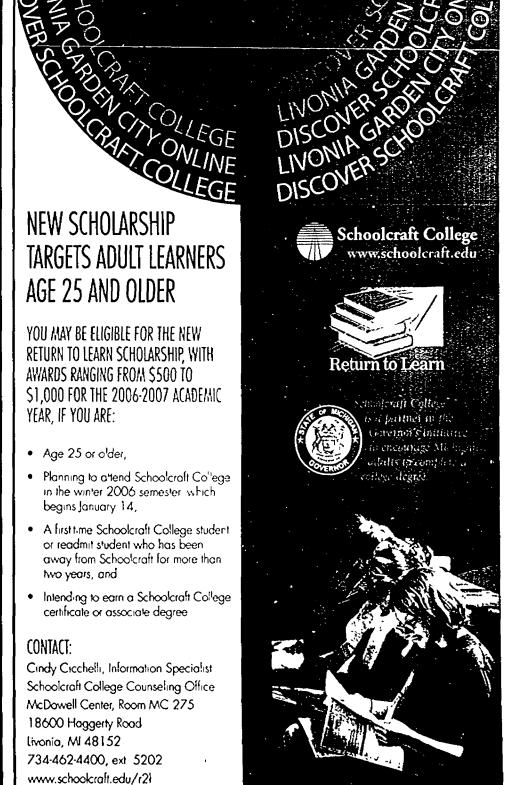
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The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Mercy High School and a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is currently attending Ave Maria School of Law with graduation, May 2006.

The groom-elect is a 1992 graduate of Round Rock High School. He graduated from Texas A & M University in 1996 and the University of Texas, Arlington in 2002. He is also currently attending Ave Maria School of Law with graduation, May 2006.

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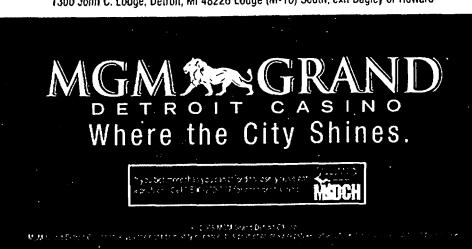
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Grief Support

DATES: Wednesday (through Dec. 14), Loss of an Adult

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Arbor Hospice

& Home Care, 331 Center St. DETAILS: Groups are open to the community. There is no fee. Advance registration is required.

CONTACT: Sandy Van Koevering, (248) 348-4980

Divorce Recovery Workshop

DATE: Thursday (through Dec. 15)

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St.

DETAILS: There is \$35 cost which includes the book, "Growing Through Divorce" by Jim Smoke.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

Grief Workshops

DATE: Thursday through

Dec. 15 TIME: 3-4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support and the Northville Senior Citizen Center are offering this series of workshops for adults who are dealing with the death of a

CONTACT: (248) 348-0115

Northville Women's Club

DATE: Friday, Dec. 2 TIME: 1:30 p.m. ** Firste * EOCATION: Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St.

DETAILS: The speaker will be Tom James, owner of Northville Camera and Digital Imaging Store. He will be discussing how to achieve better

results in digital photography.
CONTACT: Karen Olson.
(248) 347-4299

Art Show

TIME/DATE: 4-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 and 11 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 4 LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

DETAILS: This free show and sale is a selection of or, inal paintings and drawings, photography, jewelry, stained glass, and prints made by 8 local artists from the Touch of Color Art Group including Tim Marsh, Kim Ensch, Lori Zoumbaris, Barbara Niemi, James Niemi, Betty Jean Morris, Denise Hawkins and Dana McWilliams.

Art Exhibit

DATE: Friday TIME: 5-9 p.m. LOCATION: Studio 427, 122

W. Main St. **DETAILS:** Paintings by Stephanie Sarris will be on display beginning with this open-ing night. The show will run through January.

CONTACT: (248) 449-6501

Art Exhibit

DATE: Through December LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St.

DETAILS: This is a joint exhibit featuring two Michigan artists: abstract artist, Shadia Sassak and glass artist, Vic Leo. The exhibition and sale opens 6-9 p.m. Friday with a wine and cheese reception.

CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

Book Signing

DATE: Friday, Dec. 2 TIME: 6-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville Candle and Gifts, 124 N. Center

DETAILS: Author Jeffery L. Schatzer will be signing and reading his book, "The Bird in Santa's Beard." Storytime will be at 6:30 p.m., reservations are needed.

CONTACT: (248) 380-7059

Holiday Cookie Walk

DATE: Saturday

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road

DETAILS: The cost is \$8 per pound of your choice of cookies. This is sponsored by the Appalachia Service Project

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First Presbyterian Church

DATE: Sunday TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. DETAILS: This is a performance of Handel's "Messiah" by the Northville Concert Chorale

and the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra. Tickets are \$14 for adults; \$12 for seniors 65 and older and students; \$6 for 18 and under.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

DATE: Wednesday, Dec. 7 TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION Frnesto's Italian

Country Inn. Plymouth DETAILS: This is a holiday

gathering including strolling musicians, appetizers. Christmas cookies and door prizes. Members are free; guests are \$10, which can go toward the yearly \$20 membership fee.

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Candlelight Walk

DATE: Friday, Dec. 9 TIME: 6-11 p.m. LOCATION: Downtown busi-

DETAILS: The town will be lit with luminaries as merchants extend their hours, including treats and holiday savings.

Holiday Open House

DATE: Friday, Dec. 9 TIME; 7-10 p.m. LOCATION: Asbury Park Community, Novi

DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support and Superb Custom Homes will be hosting this event including a model home tour, chocolate fountain. hors d'oeuvres, entertainment by guitarist Kris Kurzawa, Angel of Hope Memorial Tree, raffle and prizes. The cost is \$35 per adult (21 and over only).

CONTACT: New Hope Center. (248) 348-0115 by Friday

Holiday Walk

DATE: Sunday, Dec. 11

TIME: 1-4 p.m. LOCATION: Highland Lakes Condos Clubhouse, 20301 Silver Springs Dr.

DETAILS: This event is a fund-raiser to refurbish the clubhouse and will include looking at condos holiday decorations. Includes refreshments. The public is invited.

CONTACT: (248) 349-4006

Dutcimer Concert

DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 13 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Library, 212 W.

Cady St. DETAILS: The Friendly Strings/Silver Strings dulcimer group will perform this holiday concert featuring 20 performers on acoustical instruments, including hammered and lap dulcimers, guitars, bass, autoharp. harmonica and tambourine. The Friends of the Northville District Library sponsored program is free, reservations are advised due to limited seating.

CONTACT: Library, (248) 349-3020

Youth Theater

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday. Dec. 16; 2:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

DETAILS: "The Princess and the Pea" presented by Parks and Recreation and Ever After Productions. Tickets are \$5 per person at the Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203, xtension #1411

Art Walk

DATE: First Friday of every month

TIME: 5-9 p.m. LOCATION: Downtown

Nonhville DETAILS: An galleries, ans and crafts stores and restaurants will be open; also art demonstrations and exhibits available in

shops. CONTACT: Tom James. Northville Camera and Digital Imaging, (248) 349-0105

Yoga Class

DATE: Tuesday

TIME: 9:30-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Michigan Yoga Center, 200 S. Main St., Ste. B

DETAILS: This is a new class, Mommy and Me, designed for 2-5 years of age, together with male and female parents, guardians or caregivers. The class is designed to instill in small children the value of focus. concentration and physical exer-

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Marquis Theater

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillemarquistheatre.c

"Pinochio"

DATE: Through December, Saturday and Sunday TIME: 2:30 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$7.50 per person. Call for reservations.

Christmas Revue

DATE: Dec. 9, 10, 16 and 17 DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com

Dinner Theater

DATES: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

DETAILS: The theme is "Spaced Out." Tickets are \$45 per person and includes dinner and show.

Lunch with Santa

DATES: Saturday, Dec. 3, 10, 17 and Sunday, Dec. 4, 11

DETAILS: Tickets are \$16.95 for adults; \$14.95 for children for lunch and show. Call for reservations and times.

Maybury Park Programs

LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road between Beck and Napier roads. CONTACT: (248) 349-8390

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DATE: Saturday TIME: 6 p.m.

DETAILS: There will be owl calling, stories and refreshments and Friends of Maybury will try to entice resident owls to respond to an artificial call. Free program suitable for all Reservations not required.

Hayride Tours

HOURS: 1-4 p.m., weekends DETAILS: This is a "narrative hayride", horse drawn, of Maybury Farm. Each tour is 40 minutes long. The farm operanoon-5 p.m., tions are Wednesdays-Sundays. The cost for non-members, \$5 for 12 years and up, \$3 for 3-12 years and free for under 3.

CONTACT: (248) 374-0200

Library Lines

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall; parking off Cady Street

CONTACT: For information about programs, services or to request or renew library materials, (248) 349-3020.

Library Information

TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p m., Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m . Sunday

Little Me Storytime

TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:15

a.m., Friday, Dec. 9 DETAILS: Infants to 2-yearolds, along with their parents or caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun, and simple stories at this lap-sit program. Older children are also welcome to attend. No registration required.

Aromotherapy Class

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 8

TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Karen Stokes, registered nurse and herbalist, will discuss the benefits of aromatherapy, history and lore of scents. Pre-registration required.

Friends Store

DETAILS: The Friends Store, located just inside the library. offers a variety of gifts for all ages. All proceeds benefit the

Library Board of Trustee Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of the month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Public is welcome. Church Events

First Baptist Church

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 and 6 p m. Sunday, Dec.

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing St. DETAILS: The choir and drama team presents the cantata, "Bringing Christmas Home" CONTACT: (248) 348-1020

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile

Single Adults

DATE: Sunday TIME: 11:30 a.m. CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

College Age

DATE: Sunday TIME: 10:20 a.m. CONTACT: Mark Tarpinian, (248) 347-3525

Healing Service

DATE: First Monday of each month. Dec. 5

TIME: 4 p.m. LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road

Grief Support Group

DATE: Fourth Monday of each

month TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight

Mile Road DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. No registration is necessary.

CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhopecenter.net

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Handel's 'Messiah' centerpiece of annual holiday concert

dents

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Can Darlene Kuperus get a hallelujah?.

The music director for First Presbyterian Church said tickets are still available for Sunday's annual community choir performance.

All ages are invited to join the inspiring musical welcome to the holiday season, Kuperus said. The 90-minute event, with one intermission, will be held in the 300-seat church sanctu-

"Hallelujah Chorus," "For Unto Us a Child Born," "The Trumpet Shall Sound" and "Worthy is the Lamb" are among the selections sched-They perform an amazing Christmas concert

Singers from Northville, Novi, Plymouth,

every year," Kuperus said. "It's a big communi-

Livonia, Troy and Bloomfield Hills auditioned to join the chorus, Kuperus said.

Holiday tradition

First Presbyterian has hosted the Christmas performance for 50 years, said Kuperus. This is the Northville resident's ninth season as the church's music director.

"We have a great tradition," she said.
"Hearing Handel's "Hearing Handel's 'Messiah' goes back to the 1750s.

"So, it's a tradition around the world." The "Messiah" com-

position, based on the life of Jesus Christ, is George Frideric Handel's best-known work, Kuperus said. It was first performed in Dublin

The words of the "Messiah" were designed and selected from the New and Old Testaments by Charles Jennens (1700-73), a literary scholar and editor of Shakespeare's plays, according to

Web site www.gfhandel.org. The compositions first were performed in this country in the 1880s, Kuperus said. Northville's 175-year-old First Presbyterian church picked

The setting in the historic church adds to the event's aura, she said. Also part of the perform■ Handel's "Messiah" in town What: Annual community chorus perform-

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St.

When: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 Cost: \$14, adults; \$12, seniors; \$6, stu-

Tickets: Available at the church business office today and tomorrow 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and after 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday services.

13.33 ance: the church pipe organ, professional orchestra members from Ann Arbor, four professional soloists and a harpsichord, a Baroqueperiod instrument from Handel's composition

"We always have a full house," Kuperus said. "It's a beautiful candlelight concert."

Signature composition

Darlene Kuperus

Music director, First Presbyterian Church

Handel was born and trained in Germany

although he lived most of his life in England. He created a venerated English · institution, Kuperus said, performed at numerous venues during, the Christmas season.

Audiences will hear andel's "Messiah" Handel's the same weekend in Ann Arbor Bloomfield Hills, as well as subsequent performances by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the music director said.

"This is always a very popular concert," Kuperus said. "It's a great way to start the Christmas season.

"There's something wonderful about having this is your own community."

Proceeds from the ticket sales go toward covering the expense of hosting the event, Kuperus said.

"This is simply our gift to the community."

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or via e-mail at mjohnston@gannett.com.

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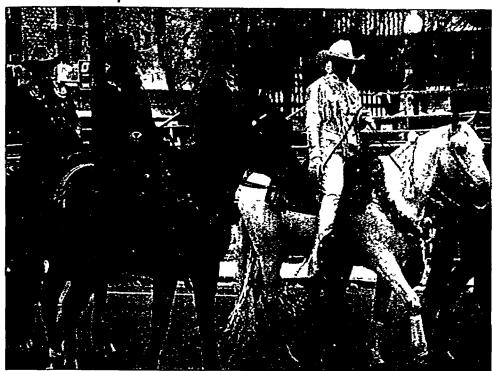
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What's Going On? (cont'd)

Classic transportation



Harmony Acres Arabian Parade Horses from Northville appeared in the 79th Annual American Thanksgiving Day Parade held in Detroit. Riders from left to right: Helen Swab, of Northville, Allyson Beckman, of Ossineke, and Nancy Harm, of Northville.

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Senior Events

Thursday 9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds

10:30 a.m.: Adult Services Seminar 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Tai Chi 1 p.m.: Computer i

3 p.m.: Grief Workshop By appointment: Massage Friday, Dec. 2 10 a.m.: Strength Training 10:30 a.m.: Live Longer,

11:30 a.m.: Computer II 1 p.m.: Movie: March of the Penguins

2 p.m.: Escapades Travel Fair Spectacular By appointment: massage Monday, Dec. 5 10 a.m.: Line Dance 10 a.m.: Oxycise level 1

11 a.m.: Oxycise level II 11:30 a.m.: Spellbound 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle Tuesday, Dec. 6 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Computers I 1:30 p.m.: Games

5 p.m.: Wayne County Lightfest Trip All day: "Ole' Bag Sale" Wednesday, Dec. 7 10 a.m.: Oxycise Level I 11 a.m.: Oxycise Level II noon: Bridge 1 p.m.: Computers II

Board Games

DATE: Tuesday, ongoing TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

6 p.m.: Holiday Dance

Ongoing Card Games Bridge TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 p.m., center front desk at any time. CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Pinochle (double deck)

TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m., Monday and Thursday

Pinochle (single deck)

TIME/DAY: 12:30-3:30 p.m.,

Friday Euchre

TIME/DAY: noon, Friday LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W.

Healthy Walking

Friday TIME: 8-10 a.m. DETAILS: Monday-Friday LOCATION: Senior Community Center gym, 303 W.

Computer Courses

Main St.

TIME/DAY:1-3 p.m., Thursday, Tuesday and Thursday, Beginning Computers I; 1-3 p.m., Wednesday and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Fr. Intermediate Computers II Friday, LOCATION: Library, 212 W.

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Ole' Bag Sale

DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 6 LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St DETAILS: This is a fund-

raiser for senior programs. Donations of gently used purses, scarves, belts, and wallets may be dropped off at the senior

Betroit Symphony Orchestra

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 8 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., bus will depart from Michigan Gift Mart parking lot

DETAILS: This concert, Home for the Holidays", will be holiday classics from around the world, with guest conductor, John R. Morris Russell. The cost is \$40 per person.

Mill Race DATE: Monday through Historical Village

LOCATION: Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Today: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 3:30 p.m. Friday: Brownie Scouts, 4

Saturday: Childre Christmas Workshop, 8 a.m. Childrens Sunday: Mill Creek Church,

10 a.m.; Venture Scouts, 6:30 Monday: Hands All Around Quilt, 9 a.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:15

Tuesday: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 4 p.m.; Cub Scouts, 4 p.m.; Brownie Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Basket Guild, 9 a.m.; Cub Scouts, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 8: Brownie Scouts, 3:45 p.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:45 p.m.

*Grounds closed to public

Looking for You

Salvation Army

DETAILS: The Salvation Army Kettle Campaign needs volunteers to ring the bell. There are four locations in Northville: Hiller's, the post office, downtown at Main and Center (in front of Orin Jewelers) and the Farmer Jack

on Haggerty. CONTACT: Judy Kohl, (248) 348-2678 to schedule yourself or your group.

Civic Concern Donations

TIME/DATE: Drop-offs, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, ongoing through December.

LOCATION: Century 21 Town and Country, 175 Cady Center St.

DETAILS: Realtors at Century 21 Town & Country are organizing the collection and distribution of donations, canned goods, paper products, cleaning supplies and other useful items for the Northville Civic Concern.

CONTACT: Amy Zubor, (248) 735-2569

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **AMENDMENTS TO THE** ZONING ORDINANCE **CHAPTER 170**

The amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance provides standards and procedures to allow the Township to consider conditional rezonings with zoning agreements. This allows the Township to approve a zoning agreement in conjunction with a rezoning that places certain restrictions or requirements on the land being rezoned. The amendment

provides provisions with regard to the following:

• Establishes a review procedure that is tied to the public hearing process for rezonings.

 Outline the scope of the agreement in terms of conditions that should be offered and limitations to what agreements can provide.
 Provide a list of required contents of an agreement and how it is recorded.

Set a time frame during which the agreement must be fulfilled and provide standards for Township Board to grant extensions.

Address consequences should the agreements not be fulfilled, including how the zoning reverts to the previous classification.

A true and complete copy of the ordinance amendment is available at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8 30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Finday, located

At 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT **ZONING ORDINANCE #11-07-05Z**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has No. 11-07-05Z for the purpose of amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Northwile as follows:

Average Front Setback Calculations - Modify Section 15.02.16 Parling Stall Design Standards - Add Section 17.04n Lighting Standards - Modify Section 18.05

Lighting Standards – Modify Section 18 05
Landscape Imgation – Add Section 18.10.2.i
HVAC Requirements – Modify Section 18.11.11
Site Plan Standards – Modify Section 19.01
Traffic Impact Study – Add Section 19.05
Lighting – Modify Section 19.05 e
Dumpsters – Modify Section 19.05.4
Deceleration Lanes – Modify Section 19.05 c.6
Compliance With the City Tree Preservation Ordinance – Add Section 19.05.1.7
The City Council educated acid Compliance

The City Council adopted said Ordinance on November 21, 2005. The effective date of said ordinance is December 1, 2005 upon publication. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public inspection in the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a m. to 4:30 p m.

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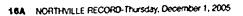




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or visit www.northville.org.







continued from 15A **Maybury Farm**

DETAILS: Maybury Farm needs help with fall grounds cleanup projects. Volunteers are sought to paint, repair boards and fencing and other tasks at the Eight Mile Road facility. Time commitment could be limited to a couple of hours weekdays or Saturday. Particular expertise sought: stonework and carpentry.

Meals-on-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. DETAILS: Permanent and sub-

stitute drivers needed CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace, (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday or Judy LaManna, (248) 348-1761

Volunteers Wanted

DETAILS: There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available for all age groups. Assignments include Northville Senior Community Center front desk, special assistance and special park projects. Northville High School volunteer hours and scout badge projects are welcome.

CONTACT: recreation@ ci.northville.mi.us

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every

It's time to shop!

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m. CONTACT: (248) 374-0200 LOCATION: Art House, 215 W.

Beautification Commission

CONTACT: Tom James of

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kdn@comcast net or Northville

Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

camera@sbcglobal.net,

Arts Commission

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

TIME: 7 pm. LOCATION: Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B

Housing Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 3 p.m. LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401

Youth Assistance

High St.

DATE: Second Tuesday of every

TIME: 8 a.m. LOCATION: Youth Assistance office, 775 N. Center St. CONTACT: (248) 349-1300

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Parks and Recreation

New Residents

DETAILS: Northville Parks and Recreation invites new Northville residents to visit its parks and community centers to learn about activities and facilities. The fall 2005 Northville Parks and Recreation Activities Brochure is now available on-line. This activity guide is mailed to all Northville Residents.

CONTACT: www.northvilleparksandrec.org or call (248) 349-0203.

Santa Saturday

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 10 TIME: noon-2 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: This event, for children and young teens with disabilities, includes crafts, snacks and a visit with Santa. The cost is \$5 for Wayne County resident; \$6.50 for non-resident. Pre-registration is

CONTACT: Pat Brown, (248) 449-9949

Winter Basketball Leagues

DETAILS: Registration continuing until leagues are full. Girls grades sixth-eighth and ninth-12th; and boys grades eighth-ninth and 10th-12th are eligible to play. Games will start Saturday, Jan. 4.

CONTACT: Dave DeMattos, (248) 349-0203, extension #1405.

Kiddie Sports and Games

DETAILS: Registration for the next session of Kiddie Sports and Games, Sports Starters and Sports Sampler for Preschoolers is going on now. These classes are an introduction to sports and games and include teaching effort, cooper-

ation and teamwork. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Ski and Snowboard Club

DETAILS: Registration has begun for students in middle and high school. Membership includes motor coach transportation to local ski areas on Friday evenings and some Saturday evenings, group lift tickets, rental equipment discounts, and lessons at Mt. Brighton Ski Area. Registration fee is \$155 for city and township residents; \$160 for school district residents in the City of Novi; and \$165 for non-resi-

Parks CONTACT: Recreation, (248) 349-0203

Junior Ski and Snowboard Club

DETAILS: This club is for fourth and fifth grades and includes two afternoon trips to Mt. Brighton. Registration fee is \$56 for one trip and \$100 for two trips; additional fees apply for nonresidents. Motorcoach transportation is included.

CONTACT: Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203, extension #1408

Drop in Cheerleading

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, 4-5 p.m., sixth grade and up; 5-6 p.m., first-fifth grade

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: This drop-in program promotes fitness, dance routines, stretching, jumps and cheers. The fee is \$6 per person

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Open Basketball

DATE: Tuesday TIME: 7-10 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W.

Main St. DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per

Open Badminton

DATE: Tuesday and Friday TIME: 7-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside

Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road.

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$7 per night, including bird fee.

Table Tennis

TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m., and Monday noon-4 p.m.,Saturday LOCATION: Hillside

Baseline Road DETAILS: Eight tables are available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$4 per day.

Recreation Center, 700 W.

Regional

Wayne County Lightfest

DATES: Through Jan 1 DETAILS: This drive-through holiday light show is in Hines Park including numerous festive

displays along the route. CONTACT: (734) 261-1990

Kensington Metropark

LOCATION:

Milford/Brighton, exit off of I-

CONTACT: 1-800-477-3178

First United Methodist Church of Farmington DATE: Friday TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Novi Choralaires

Christmas Concerts

LOCATION: 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington St. John Lutheran Church DATE: Saturday, Dec. 3 TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Church of the Holy Family DATE: Sunday, Dec. 4 TIME: 4 p.m.

LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi DETAILS: Tickets are available from any Choralaire, Novi Parks and Recreation, and at the door; \$10 per adult, \$8 per sen-

ior and child. CONTACT: Noel Brown, President (248) 348-0439

Cookbook Signing

DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 6 TIME: 2:30-4:30 p.m. LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile

DETAILS: Certified Executive Chef Brian Polcyn and author Michael Ruhlman will be signing copies of their new book, "Charcuterie: The Craft of Salting, Smoking and Curing." There will be refreshments including examples of charcuterie and hors d'oeuvres. CONTACT: Reservations

requested, call (734) 462-4423.

DATE: Wednesday, Dec. 7 TIME: noon LOCATION:

Center, Presentation Room DETAILS: This is a free program with pianist Andrew Le performing Chopin pieces. He is a Hope College faculty member and the winner of the 2005 Hilton Head International Piano Competition. He also made his Carnegie Hall debut in the same

year to critical acclaim. CONTACT: (734) 462-4403

Daughters of the American **Revolution, DAR Meeting**

DATE: Monday, Dec. 19

TIME: 11 a.m. LOCATION: Greenmead. Hill House, Livonia

DETAILS: This event is the Christmas Tea and meeting. CONTACT: Sue Daniels, (834) 459-4764

Master Gardener Association

DAY: Second Thursday of every month

TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Meet at the Environmental Interpretive Center at the northwest corner of the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

Parks Pass

DETAILS: Metroparks and Oakland County Parks are now offering a dual park pass. The annual cost is \$43 and passes can be purchased at any park office. CONTACT: (800) 477-3178

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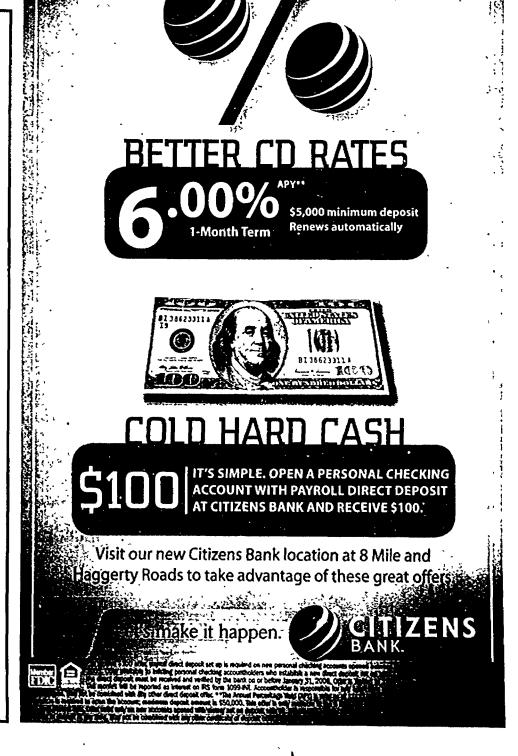
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Are these signs of the time?

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It will take more than overthe-street banners to drive more business traffic downtown.

But hanging over-the-street banners 10 times per year to better inform motorists coming about events is not a bad place to start. We are pleased to see City Council and Northville Central Business Association exploring how such an idea can happen.

Of course, no new project comes without a cost. Aside from the money required to purchase what could be 10 custommade banners, someone will have to find appropriate - and hopefully free - locations to hang them. That may be a challenge unto itself.

But business owners and business organizations such as the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority would be wise to remember such a new policy may require local businesses to cut back on existing

Good luck convincing any business owner that less sig-

What do you think? We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and good phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words

> rently in quaint downtown Northville to

scrutiny about what is and what is not best for the city's image.

Will overhead banners help promote downtown events and drive more business traffic? Like

But they alone will not protect downtown business owners from potentially more lethal forces: development beyond city borders and a perception there is little to do downtown aside from staged annual events.

Downtown business owners have more at stake than bottomline profits. And they have more control of their collective fate than they often let on, made better a little each day simply by looking around and sweeping in front of one's own doorstep.

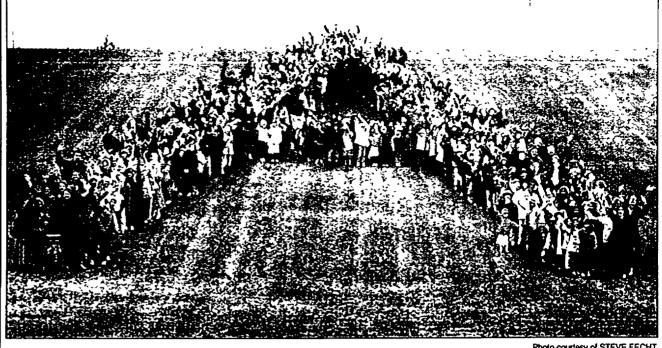
nage, no matter how gaudy or unsightly that signage currently might be, is a thing. Someone must deliver that message, whether or not a new overthe-street banner

policy is adopted. There are curenough examples of sloppily kepi and neglected storefronts

warrant more

chicken soup, it couldn't hurt.

Congratulations, Amerman!



It took an Amerman Elementary School village to build a grand A in honor of the building's 50th birthday. The school celebrated the milestone Friday, Nov. 18 with a party, 1950s model cars in the parking lot and students and parents dressed in 50s garb. Special guests included the grandson of Russell Amerman, State Rep. John Stewart, City of Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson and members of the Northville Board of Education. Former Amerman Elementary School retirees also made the event more memorable. Amerman Elementary School was built in 1955 at a cost of \$300,000.

Amerman celebrates 50 years

On Friday, November 18th, Amerman Elementary School celebrated its' 50th anniversary. To recognize this event, a Rededication Ceremony was planned and executed by Amerman principal, Dr. Stephen Anderson, and NPS Superintendent, Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, with support from our local PTA and staff.

This historic event featured many children, staff and parents dressed in appropriate 50's attire. Antique cars from the 1950's gathered on the Amerman playground, and 50's artifacts lined an entire hall with a piece of history from the past displayed in a timeline. Fourth graders sang "Rock Around the Clock" while the upper elementary classes and hon-

ored guests watched and clapped along. Brief presentations were given by many guests and key note speakers. Representative John Stewart and a representative from Nancy Cassis' office presented formal plaques in

recognition of the day.

All children and guests received cake and

Amerman bottled water to celebrate this spe-

A special thank you goes out to all the participants and attendees who contributed to the success of this event. The PTA board would like to acknowledge and recognize the following persons: Northville School Board of Education, Dr. Karen Paciorek, Dr. Marilyn Price, Mrs. Libby Smith, Mrs. Joan Wadsworth and Mrs. Judith Pollack; Northville Public Schools and Administration, Mr. Scott Snyder (Silver Springs), Mrs. Katie Parker (Office of Instruction), Mrs. Joyce Greywall (Special Services) and Dr. Leonard Rezmierski (Superintendent), Mr. David Bolitho; Township/City and Mayor Chris Johnson, City of Northville; legislators, Representative John Stewart and Nancy Cassis' office; other schools, Ms. Denise Signworth, Dean Schoolcraft Community College; retirees, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kay (Principal 1955-1965), Mr. and Mrs. William Craft (Principal 1968-1985), Mrs. Madeline Crawford (Secretary for 20 years), Mrs. Edyth Matthews and Dr. James Matthews (Russell Amerman's daughter and her son), Russell and Bob Matthews (Mr. Amerman's great-grand-sons), Mrs. Virginia Krictzs, Mr. Dave Longridge, Mrs. Mary Najarian, Mr. Dutch (Donald) Vanlagen and Mrs. Bonnie Knight; former school board members, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Poterala and Martha and James Nield: Galileo Leader, Ms. Jay Hıllard, Winchester Elementary; PTA Co-Council, Mrs. Lois Fuller, VP. Thanks also to Steve Fecht for taking pictures, Dale Maisano for decorations and coordinating volunteers, and Northville Schools Food Service for cake and water. Thanks as well to Lowell Reams, Roy Nagel, Dick Anderson, and Keith Price for displaying their antique cars.

Please come join us on January 21, 2006 at our Family Sock Hop.

> Janeen Crittenden Amerman PTA Přesident

City: Qualified candidates only

The Northville City Council is expected tonight to hire a firm to find their next city manager to replace Gary Word, who last month announced his resignation effective Jan. 6. The council should tell the firm timing is crucial for ensuring a smooth transition. Their proposals, costing up to \$20,000, said it might take until March 1 to have someone in place. Council's most critical message, however, is the need to find the qualities in Word's successor that made him such an asset to the city. The city's top administrator needs to be the behind-the-scenes glue, financial forecaster, quiet diplomat, and a forthright and effective communicator. Any manager will endure periods of conflict and peace, but the city of Northville adds to the job description the ability to continuously balance staying true to its heritage while staying in tune with the future. Qualified applicants need only apply. City residents deserve a top-shelf city manager.

Schools: Support positive Reflections

Every year Northville parents volunteer their time to run the district's Reflections contest. The annual pre-school through 12th grade arts competition is sponsored by the Michigan PTA and carried out through each Northville school's parent volunteer group. Students submit entries in literature, photography, visual arts and music categories reflecting an annual theme. With cuts in public education mounting, often hitting hardest in the arts, we applaud the annual effort to make creative endeavors a priority.

Stop grumbling Saying goodbye former thinking forever.

enjoy reading (in Northville Record), however I must say I'm becoming a bit annoyed at the persistent comments of the downtown Northville business owners regarding bringing more life to the city, and encouraging residents to spend more time walking and shopping the streets. Here's a challenge to the business owners of downtown Northville: Next Tuesday, or Thursday Wednesday, or evening, take a stroll down Main Street around 6 p.m. or so.

How many businesses are open? OK, let's try Sunday at 3 p.m. (You know, the time when most people that would consider a shopping stroll would likely make the time to do it.) What you'll find is that 80 percent of the businesses are closed. Makes it tough to shop, and be the vibrant, shopping city that we would all like.

By the way, when you're done with that walk, make a trip to downtown Plymouth, and note the difference.

So, next time our business owners express concern with the dynamics downtown Northville, I suggest they start by looking at themselves. I love Northville as much as the next resident, but we need to be honest with ourselves.

> Ed Bartone Northyille

After reading commentary on "What matters most at Thanksgiving," I immediately identified with being blessed and thankful for our long standing traditions just as Phil did. However, my Thanksgiving this year was very different than others in the past, although it was the most meaningful day I've ever celebrated. You see, I had the privilege of

caring for my dying husband in

He laid on a hospital bed in our family room near the warmth of our glowing fireplace. I whispered that I loved him, kissed his furrowed brow, and held his cool, withered hands in the warmth of my own. I didn't dine on a gourmet feast off my best china, rather I ate alone enjoying a Lean Cuisine pizza. Actually, this was probably to my benefit because I felt no guilt about my caloric intake

the following day. Was it a difficult day? You bet it was. Would I change it for my Thanksgivings of the past years? Absolutely not. For it was that day that I fulfilled the great tradition of marital commitment. I did everything I could possibly do for someone who always did all that he could do for me. I learned that life takes on different meanings when our experiences take us to other spiritual realms. It is then that these planes can become the highest height of traditions changing our

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Last week it was my privilege to be a co-keynote speaker with former astronaut and US Senator John Glenn at the Midwest Higher Education Conference held at the Ohio State University. Senator Glenn agreed with me that higher education is the essence of recovery for our economy.

Michigan The Education Commission has provided a study that for every \$1 we invest in Higher Education there is a \$26 return to our econ-

The Michigan legislature has implemented a new funding formula for Higher Education which will lead to training more engineers, doctors, nurses and health care workers. We have shifted \$91 million more into the Higher Education budget and every university will receive more funding from the State of Michigan this year than last year.

Universities have proven to be job-generators. There is no mys-

tery why Toyota has chosen to locate 700 new research and - directly south of Ann Arbor and close to our major universi-

Science and engineering degrees represent 60 percent of all bachelors degrees earned in China and only 31 percent in the USA. Now, the "flattening of the

engineers and scientists can stay in their native land and do world-class work from their home country. We need to create a new cul-

world" means that foreign-born

ture of learning for Michigan's children.

In Michigan, 84 percent of new jobs are coming from the small business sector; so efforts to lower taxes must focus on small business.

Ohio has recently eliminated their Personal Property Tax on businesses and Michigan needs to significantly cut Personal Property Taxes and remove the cost of health care benefits from taxable base of employers.

Yes, higher education is the essence of recovery for our economy.

John C. Stewart State Representative - Plymouth, Northville, Wayne, Canton (east of I-275)

Chairman, Higher Education Appropriations Committee

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structed home?

- Do you spend more than \$100 per week on gasoline?
- Are you a single parent? · Has your home been for sale for more than one year?
- Is there something specific about Northville you would change, update or climinate?
- · Are you planning a unique holiday party or family get-together? • Is there someone on your street who needs a helping hand?

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COMMENTARY

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Has Legislature learned its lesson about state education?

it's simply astonishing that Michigan's political system is so out-of-touch and broken.

It's out of touch because those who are supposed to represent us in Lansing are single-mindedly preoccupied with tactical eye-gouging, prior to next year's statewide elec-

tions. Meanwhile, most people in Michigan are

worried about their next year's paycheck ... and if there will be one at all. Our system is broken because

most folks in Lansing arc behaving though sanctimonious posturing "gotcha' press releases are the way to fix Michigan's economy for the

decade ahead. Can it be fixed? We'll find that out over the next few months as Lansing considers a far-seeing and sensible set of proposals for a new school curriculum from State Superintendent of Instruction

Phil Power

Mike Flanagan. He wants all schools to require four years of math, including Algebra I and II; four years of science, including chemistry; and three years of social science, including a semester of economics.

What a happy shock! Somebody actually has the guts to propose something tough, farreaching and relevant to our problems!

His proposal is way overdue common sense. Up to now, Michigan has led (or trailed, depending on how you look at it) the nation. The only thing we've required has been civics.
"We've got this problem in

Michigan that we think that 'work-ready' means 'high-school dropout work-ready.' This is a recipe for disaster," Flanagan told me last week. Today, only one third of our school districts require Algebra I, only 10 percent Algebra II. Yet that's exactly the skill level that

At a time of economic crisis, is required today to work in a modern auto plant."

Much of Flanagan's thinking builds on last year's Cherry Commission report. Commission (of which I was a member) found that fewer than a quarter of Michigan's high school graduates take the cours-

es necessary to prepare them for college and that half of those who enroll in college drop out. That means

that less than 20 percent of high today's school freshmen will ever graduate from college. And that in turn is a prescription make Michigan into an economic

Mississippi, which long was the weakest state in terms of income and educational attainment. The cute term, of course, is 'Michississippi'

So I asked Flanagan what chance his radical proposal has in the quagmire of Lansing. "Pretty good," he replied, sounding hopeful. "Most of the big players seem to be on board. My biggest concern is a kind of whispering campaign going on that all our kids really are not up to taking demanding courses. This is simply demeaning to our

The Japanese expect all their kids to take tough courses, and I don't think our kids are dumber than the Japanese."

Word is that the State Board of Education will approve the proposal in a couple of weeks, which puts the issue squarely in the well-fed lap of the legislature (one of the nation's highest paid) and the various interest groups.

That's where the going gets tough. There are so many things that can go wrong before next March, which is when curriculum reform has to be adopted to take effect in the fall.

First, there is the education establishment — never a force for far-reaching change - that is already hedging its bets.

The Michigan Association of School Boards is opposed to any move that would require districts to do anything; "we support guidelines; we oppose mandates," says a MASB spokesperson. The Michigan Association of School Administrators, while generally supportive, is worried about issues of local control. A spokesman for The Michigan Association of Public School Academies (i.e. charter schools) says his members are already doing what Flanagan wants.

Forget the educators. You can bet things will get much worse once the proposal gets to the legislature. Take Rep. Brian Palmer, R-Romeo, chair of the House Education Committee, as an example. He's worried about loss of local control - a mysteriously persistent doctrine that ignores the fact that Proposal A put money (and control) for the schools in the hands of the state

"All the districts are concerned about loss of local control. We can't let that happen," says Palmer. Opposition from parts of the education establishment will also play to the legislative knee-jerk reflex to do nothing.

"We should not have anybody in the education establishment disagree with what we're doing here," intones Palmer. Yes, the establishment has done a great job insuring quality in districts like Detroit.

It's crunch time, folks. The political system can step up and actually do something serious and constructive about saving our state's economy, long-term, by adopting the tough curriculum Flanagan is proposing. Or the system can do what it's done so often in the past: fudge, dodge, delay and finger-point.

We'll see. But if you have a stake in this state's future, or kids in the public schools, you might not want to be too passive

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hennet.com.

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By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Lance America wants you to peek over his shoulder.

The 46-year-old Northville Township resident, who asked to be identified only by his screen pseudonym, writes running political commentary, titled, "I Have a Theory. .:

Putting opinions out there for the world to read in the form of a technological journal or web log blog" for short, is the Internet's hottest hobby

Don't look now Your neighbor could be a blogger

What is a blog?

According to Blogger.com, it's a personal diary. A daily pulpit. A collaborative space. A political soapbox. A breaking-news outlet. A collection of links. Your own private thoughts. Memos to the world. Blogs created by local residents include:

millracevillage.blogspot.com, lanceamerica blogspot.com and northyllenotices com

Going mainstream

People spending more time on their computers and installing high-speed connections in their homes are contributing to the growth of blogging, said Pete Marsack of Vision Computer Solutions.

The Center Street firm's director of technology said he has many clients who journal regular-

'They've actually been around quite a while," Marsack said. They've become more mainstream over the past 18 months."

Certain blog sites appeal to specific demographics, he said. Blogging is most popular among teenagers and college-age individuals, Marsack said.

Because blogs are informal, they attract a regular audience. They are coming into the age of wanting to do that — getting in touch with people is very easy

Project log

In February, Keith Paterson created a blog about the Northville Historical Society's creation of archival storage at Mill Race Historical Village. It was a place to share information about the progress of the project,

he said. "I think my sister went there, a couple of guys at work," he said. 'It is one of those things, if you didn't have an interest, you wouldn't go there.

"It was more for my entertainment."

Now that work on the project has ceased, so has Paterson's interest in maintaining the blog.

"It's a little time-intensive," he said. "People who do that every day — it just blows me away." .

All is game

The scrolling list of sites updated on Blogger.com ranges from "Quiet Musings" to "Grilling Squash" to "Mine: keep out!"

The Blogger home page lists step-by-step how to create your own blog for free.

"It's really kind of a no-brainer," Paterson said. "You can go as

deep and crazy as you want.' Push-button publishing, Blogger.com calls it.

Brian Soborowski wonders why some people put so much time into blogging on subjects he considers inane.

"It's like an online diary," the Northville resident said. "Some of the things people say they do are so stupid. Why would you put that out there for people to see?

Why do people spill their guts over their keyboard? Marsack said it's today's

"I guess they want to be heard," he said. "It's more of a mono-

logue than dialogue. They're very dynamic, there's really no one definition for a web

Many blogs invite feedback and comments.

Author unknown

Paterson said the blog world allows information to be shared. But blogger anonymity can be abused, he said.

"It's a drive-by," he said. "Sometimes it's just like a coarse

You wouldn't do that in per-

3 Shide Lance America faunched his blog this summer, he hasn't fielded any left-wing flak.

He's typed pieces on the war in Iraq, the Supreme Court, the federal "estate tax" and other topics. His friends told him he had an interesting viewpoint to share, which he verbally starts with "I have a theory..."

"It just seemed appropriate in do that," he said. "I also find that writing something down is a great

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■ Northville's online forum

Fred Shadko, creator of Northville Notices, will attest to the popularity of online chatter.

The Northville Township resident said he started his forum 18 months ago to encourage people to share ideas.

> His site is more public forum than blog site. Users are encouraged to identify themselves, but not required

to do so. "I would point to some of the election discussion as accomplishing exactly that," Shadko said. Community blogs have caught on in Birmingham, Canton and Salem Township, he said.

"In my case, I just got up and shamelessly promoted it," Shadko said. "Everyone

just looked at me blankly. "Then, a really big one came down the pike, OLV (Our Lady of Victory school)."

Use peaked during the city's consideration of contracting public safety dispatch services, Shadko said. While the number of posts has decreased, readership volume has remained constant, he said.

*People too shy to speak up in a public forum — they would be too tongue-tied in front of the city council -- it's given everyone an opportunity to join in," he said. "It grew much faster than I expected

Shadko said 123 registered users post on his site "A blog host doesn't filter the material or solicit the material or

write it," Shadko said. "If somebody posts something wrong, they pretty much get jumped on right away.

"From what I have seen, they have been eternally correcting." The risk of reading inaccurate information on a blog is the same as a three-by-five card posted on a grocery store bulletin board, he said.

way to tighten the logic of an argument - nothing like putting something in print to bring out the

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Thanks, Santa in-disguise! On Monday, John McGuire of the Guernsey Farms Dairy, donated a one-horse open sleigh to the Northville Community Foundation for use at Maybury Farm. Winter havrides or sleigh rides at the farm, depending on the weather, will be at 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday. except Christmas Day and New Year's

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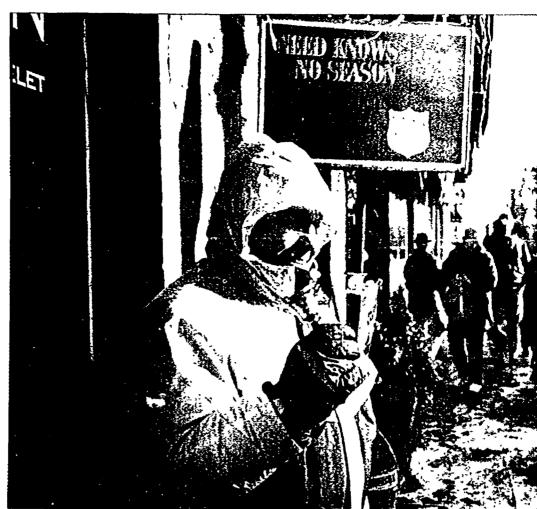
Northville senior Joe Perpich may not be playing hockey for

No sniping, please. Pulte the Mustangs, but he's still part Homes and Toll Brothers of the team The All-Area foothall selection works the bench door for the hockey team and he doesn't miss a game. Perpich is an avid sports fan and is quick to say his seat is one of the best in the entire arena.

> Where are they all coming from? "The last 15 years we are up 2,700 students," said Northville Schools chief Leonard Rezmierski.

During a recent school board meeting, he recalled the mid-1980s when student enrollment dropped and Moraine Elementary School was almost sold. Rezmierski also said. "We have maintained some of the lowest class sizes in the history of the district.

What about me? Judge John MacDonald of 35th District Court was in the City of Northville recently to swear in new city council mem-bers Michele Fecht and Jim Allen. They simultaneously raised their right hand and took a solemn oath to uphold the nation's laws. After congratulating the pair, MacDonald turned to exit and shed his black robe. "Uh-hmm," he heard behind bim. Mayor Christopher Johnson's turn! It was a familiar ritual for the two, as MacDonald administered the mayor's oath to Johnson for the



Meads Mill is on a successful path toward reaching school goals. "Like anything else it is a whole lot different when you see it for real," said Sue Meyer, principal of Meads Mill Middle School during a recent school board meeting. Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Public Schools, agreed, referring to the student talent pool at Meads Mill Middle school. "The future here is very bright."

Newer is better. Community police liaison officer Samantha Bowlin, of the Northville Township Police Department wants to stop people from bringing in used toys for their Toys for Tots drive during this holiday season. Bowlin said no one wants toys that have been rolled in the dirt. She recommends bringing the toys in their original packaging.

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Scoreboard

The Northville Mustangs girls and boys hockey teams each earned wins. Find out who they played and what the final tally

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Youth teams do well

Two youth hockey teams earned big wins in tournaments recently as they represented Northville on the ice.

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Tough Gates to get by

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The math is easy. The sum is mind boggling.

Albion College hockey goalie Jimmy Gates played between the posts when his squad took on the third-ranked team in the country, Hope, two weeks ago. Albion lost, 13-3.

But Gates wasn't upset.

"I'm pretty happy with the way I played," Gates said. "I can't really be upset at the way I played. All in all, I think it went pretty well."

Played well with 13 goals getting by him? That's not the Gates everyone remembers during his time at Northville High School where he led the Mustangs to a final-four berth and had one of the lowest goalsagainst averages in the state as an All-State Division I selec-

Of course he never faced 100 shots on net before his performance against hope either.

Gates stopped 87 shots and allowed just 13 goals — one of which was knocked in by accident by one of his own players.

The sum is an unofficial college record because Albion's team is just a club with no varsity recognition.

"I don't mind," Gates said. "There were two people counting the shots and they had the same number. I don't need it to be official to know what happened.

Shot stopper

Gates has long been known as the kind of goalie that finds ways to stop shots. He gave the Novi Wildcats fits for the past two seasons and led Northville as one of the top players in the state.

In those days, he stopped 17 shots here, 20 shots there and maybe even 30 shots against powerhouse programs.

Never did he think he'd see the kind of shooting Hope brought to the ice.

"Just imagine that we had the puck in their zone for a total of 15 seconds in the first period." Gates said. "They out shot us 36-0. We were really firing on all cylinders.

"I could never even imagine that many shots before that."

Gates stopped shots he probably shouldn't have been able to reach. He was on his back. flinging his leg in the air and throwing his glove hand toward the shooter. He used his stick, his arms, legs and chest. He even had to use his head a time or two.

When there are 100 shots on goal, the odds grow pretty good that every part of a goalie's body is going to get pegged once or twice.

But Gates still only let in 13percent of the shots fired his

There was no rest for the weary either. A new rule this year has referees placing the puck in the face-off just 15 seconds after the whistle blows. That didn't give Gates enough

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Northville senior forward Derek Mohacsi is a captain and will be expected to lead the Mustangs in their hunt for a third-straight division title.

Talent, experience lead Mustangs

■ Northville's mix on ice features lots of fresh flavor

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville hockey coach Brad O'Neill just smiled when someone asked him about all the new faces on his team this year.

After all, the third-year Mustangs coach went on hiatus from a program he helped build in Northville to spend time with his family. By the time he returned three seasons later, he was a new face on his own bench.

"We've got a lot of new play-

experience and talent," O'Neill said. "We've already had some of our experienced guys step up and play big when we needed them to. That's huge for us.

Those experienced players are big names. Derek Mohacsi, Max Lenn and Kenny Papich are veterans for Northville. Tim Fick, a returning player, has already stepped up and is rising in the ranks.

Scott Ozog, the team's starting goalie, may not have seen as much playing time behind All-State and All-Area selection Jim Gates last year, but he saw enough to keep him competi-

Also back is defensemen Pat Uetz and Kyle Ziomek and forwards Matt Long and Ryan Pyatenko, who will be expected ers this year, but a good mix of to play big roles this year.

The Mustanes will also have juniors Kevin Ruzylo, Anthony Deneau, Kyle Storey, Steve Dawson, Brandon Wales, Mike Garbarz and Andrew Flynn on the roster as well as sophomore Mike Piotrowski. Drew Lamoureux is the lone freshman on the team.

Northville will hit the ice this year looking to repeat their goals from last year.

"We want to win the division and make the conference championships," said O'Neill. "From there, we want to get out of our pre-district and then into the state playoffs."

Northville will see some new faces in the post-season as they moved up to Division I play this year instead of Division II. The key to competing is in both conference and non-league play.

"We have a very competitive schedule," said O'Neill. "Our league gets stronger every year and this year we scheduled some very tough non-conference teams."

In the conference, Canton. are the teams to beat. Northville has won the Western Division in back-to-back seasons and will be in the hunt for a third.

"It's not going to be easy," O'Neill said. "This year we have the bulls eye on our back and our front. We're not going to surprise anybody. They're going to come after us this year. especially after the success we've had the last couple of seasons.

The squad is currently 2-1 on the year and O'Neill said the scheduled only gets tougher.

He said his team can't expect to have things just handed to them. They're not the offensive powerhouse Northville has been in years past.

We're not going to beat teams 6-1," he said. "We're Salem, Churchill and Stevenson going to beat them 3-1 and 3-2

"We're 2-1 right now but we're not going to be 23-1. We have a tough schedule because that's what we need to learn how to compete with these Division I teams.

Northville is scheduled to be home against a tough Livonia Franklin squad Saturday at 1 p.m. They play at Novi Ice

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How sate are our student-athletes?

Wing Jiri Fischer collapsed after suffering a seizure. He was saved. That same day, 15year-old Howell High School sophomore swimmer Mackenzie Watts suffered a seizure and died.

Fischer and Watts were both treated immediately. One survived and the other didn't.

No one can say why the stars aligned for one athlete and not the other. But it does beg the question: How prepared are local high schools?

"Like all MHSAA participating schools, our studentathletes are required to take physicals on an annual basis," said Novi athletic director Curt Ellis. "The whole idea of a physical is that underlying medical con- Sam Eggleston ditions are identified at that

According to officials, Northville and Novi high schools are prepared at several levels. Qualified athletic trainers are on-

Last Monday, during a game, Detroit Red hand for a majority of the school's events, coaches have the option of becoming CPR and first-aid certified and automatic external defibrillators are available at various sites throughout the two schools.

"Last spring the athletic department approached the booster club

and asked for a portable defibrillator for our trainer. said Northville athletic director Bryan Masi. "She now has a defibrillator with her at all times. The booster club approved it without hesitation and donated the money for that purchase."

Staying safe

Ellis said spectators and players should feel safe in the halls of Novi. He said all ninth grade students are required to learn how to use defibrillators, first-aid and CPR.

"During school there are 1,400 students in the building who are all first-aid certified," he said "We also offer training for people to maintain their certifications." Ellis said Novi, like many schools

throughout the state, will hold meetings to review their safety procedures. Masi said the Northville athletic depart-

ment is constantly reviewing its procedures. Thankfully, they've yet to have to use them. For Ellis and Masi, the scariest moments have come from the stands, not the playing

field. Both athletic directors have witnessed heart attacks during games.

"That gentleman had an internal defibrillator because of his chronic health problems," said Ellis. "The life-saving potential of defibrillator units is just amazing."

Better safe than sorry

In the world of athletic competition, it's not uncommon for athletes to play while injured. At Novi and Northville, studentathletes have to be cleared by physicians before they're able to play again after being

"If there's any kind of incident, right down to sprained ankles, where a studentathlete misses practice time, we do not allow them to return to practice or competition until they have a statement clearing them to return," Ellis said.

"None of us are physicians. We're coaches here and we teach sports and fundamentals and skills. We want to make sure to leave the important medical decisions to the experts." At Northville, one of the first steps in

their emergency action plan calls for emergency services to be contacted. "Our coaches are expected to call 911,"

said Masi. 'They're supposed to call and let the professionals take over." The two communities are fortunate to

quickly-available services. Professionals are quick in response and knowledgeable.

But that doesn't mean districts shouldn't be prepared like Northville and Novi are.

When parents entrust us to take care of their children, they entrust us with the most precious thing they have," Ellis said. "That means we are doing everything that can be reasonably expected to make it a safe environment for them."

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Freshman on boys hockey roster -Orew Lamoureux, a defenseman.

Girls hockey score after a victory over Ann Arbor Monday.

Boys hockey record so far this year with wins over Novi and Allen

Points this year scored by senior captain Derek Mohacsi.

Girls hockey record as they try to live up to a fourth-place

state ranking.

Overtime games played by the boys hockey team already

this year.

Days left until Christmas is finally

Mustangs top Allen Park, 6-4

When Northville started putting together their hockey schedule last year, they didn't know they'd be in Division I competition.

But they did know they wanted to play the best.

Coach Brad O'Neill picked up some good Division I teams, few Kensington Valley Conference contests and some teams from the Down River

So far, it's been a good decision.

The Mustangs, currently 2-1 on the year, notched a win over Allen Park last week before Thanksgiving break, 6-4.

"It was a big game for us," said O'Neill. "We hadn't beat them in two years but the kids came out and played well."

Derek Mohacsi led the pack with a goal and three assists while Pat Uetz notched a goal and two assists in the victory.

"It was just hard-hitting hockey," O'Neill said. "I was real happy with that."

Girls topple Ann Arbor

The Northville Mustangs girls hockey team won their home opener against Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2-1, at the Novi Ice Arena Monday.

The Mustangs came out flying with eight shots on goal before Ann Arbor could find their way into the Northville end of the ice and not long after the Pioneers notched their first and only goal of the game on a deflected shot off the skate of a Northville defenseman.

The Mustangs went to work and two minutes later scored their first goal of the game when Clare Eley skated deep into Ann Arbor's zone and passed the puck to Meredith Ponder, who



centered it to Anjoli Saran. Saran wound up and one-timed it into the lower right corner of the goal to tie the score, 1-1.

Late in the second period, Northville scored their second and game-winning goal when Emily Doren pressured the Pioneer defenseman, who inadvertently passed the puck to Krysten Ruzylo. Ruzylo out skated both Pioneer defensemen and faked a forehand shot before sliding a back hand shot between the legs of the fallen Pioneer goalie for a short-handed goal.

of the keys to Northville's goals this year will be the play of their defense, led by two time all-conference and All-Area defenseman Andrea Soloko and seniors Laura Zima and Marie McIntyre, juniors Danielle Hirka and Alex Kaszuba and freshman Erin Hietala.

"Over the past four years, we have never had six defenseman or goalies like Lee Cee Criswell and Jordyn Bell with this level of talent," said coach Bill

Holden. The Mustangs out shot Ann Arbor 34-14.

Northville is back in action when they play in the University Liggett Tournament tomorrow and Saturday at 6 p.m. and 1-3 p.m., respectively.



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Goaltenders: Tommy Hildebrandt and Kevin Lidstrom; First row (left to right): Patrick Luther, Garrett Paquette, Ryan Kobylarek, Travis Trainor, Peter Halash, Unsh Thakore and Kyle Hooks; second row: Joey Erdman, Nick Pandya, Brandon Ramsay, Jacob Hole, Dylan Shepard, Ben Bloom, Mitchell Ghannam and Matt Evasic; third row: Coach Phil

Paquette, Mark Evasic and Joe Luther. Ice Cats capture Great Lakes tourney title

The '94 Ice Cats completed an undefeated run to win the Lakes Tournament Championship in Holland, Mich. Oct. 23.

The Cats outscored five opponents, 23-3, enroute to the championship. They started by shutting out the Joliet Jaguars, 7-0, Barrington Red Wings, 6-0, and Crystal Lake Leafs, 5-0, in their first three games.

Goaltenders Kevin Lidstrom and Tommy Hildebrandt combined for nine periods of shutout hockey against the three teams from Illinois. Jacob Hole

and Joey Erdman had multigoal games and Garrett Paquette added a hat trick against Joliet.

Ben Bloom started the scoring against a tough Crystal Lake goaltender by roofing a shot in the corner of the net. Defensemen Nick Pandya, Luther, Patrick Mitchell Ghannam, Unsh Thakore, Dylan Shepard and Kyle Hooks played solid defense throughout the tournament and in the shutout scoring. Forwards Brandon Ramsay, Matt Evasic, Travis Trainor and Ryan Kobylarek all added points to the offensive

onslaught.

The wins set up an exciting semi-final against the Kalamazoo K-Wings. The Cats got out to a 2-0 lead before Kalamazoo tied the score in the third period to send the game to overtime.

In the last minute of the second overtime, Peter Halash roofed a backhander past the K-Wing goalie for his second goal of the game and a 3-2 victory, sending the Ice Cats to the

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championship game.

There, the Cats continued to combine tough defense and stingy goaltending from Kevin Lidstrom to win the championship against the Kensington

Valley Rebels, 2-1. Garret Paquette tallied the winning goal and Peter Halash added two assists to secure the championship.





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U11: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the Senior Community Center and 6:15-7:45 p.m. Friday,

Dec. 9 at Northville High School U12: 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the Senior Community Center and 6:15-7:45 p.m. Friday,

Dec. 9 at Northville High School U13: 8-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the Senior Community Center and 7:45-9:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at Northville High School

Ages 14-16: 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Northville High School and 7:45-9:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at Northville High School

If you have any questions regarding the tryouts please contact Jeanne Holmes at (248) 347-6425.

Motion tryouts

The Michigan Motion girls basketball club will be holding open tryouts Dec. 10 and 11.

The tryouts will be at Novi Middle School, located on 11 Mile Road, and requires players to be present 20 minutes before their tryouts are scheduled and to be fully dressed to play basketball. A parent or guardian must sign players in.

On Dec. 10, the U10 and U11 teams will tryout from 9-11 a.m. while the U12 and U13 teams tryout from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Ages 14-17 will go from 2-4 p.m. The following day, U10 and U11 go from 12:30-2 p.m.; U12 and U13 from 2-3:30 p.m.; and ages 14-17 go from 3:30-5 p.m.

The fee to try out is \$20 per play-

For more information, call Pat or Mike Tuck at (248) 486-1515 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. or e-mail them at michiganmotion@yahoo.com.

Registration for Winter Learn to Skate

Novi Ice Arena will run a sevenweek fall/winter session of its Learn to Skate Program from Oct. 26-Dec. 17 (no classes Nov. 23-26). Classes are offered Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and skate rental is available. In addition, Learn to Skate students get a punch card for free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the program they are enrolled in.

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for 30 minutes with optional 30minute practice sessions. Open registration for Learn to Skate begins Oct. 17. The Learn to Skate Program is

very popular so call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviicearena.com today to inquire about the proper class for your skater.

Travel baseball and softball

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softhall Association will hold a travel softballl meeting Dec. 12th, at 7 media the in center of Scranton Middle School located at 8415 Maltby Road (west of Rickett and south of Lee) in Brighton. This is the first meeting for the 2006 season and is for any new or returning U12-U18

For more information, contact Jeff David at 586-206-7646 or visit www.KVBSA.com.

Skating Club of Novi to hold **Holiday Exhibition**

Members of the Skating Club of Novi will perform in the Skating Club's Holiday Exhibition, which will take place noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at Novi Ice Arena. Skaters of all ages will be skating to their favorite holiday music during this United States Figure Skating Association-sanctioned event.

There will be a \$2 donation at the

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Winter Basketball Leagues

DETAILS: Registration continues until leagues are full. Girls grades sixth-eighth and ninth-12th; and boys grades eighth and ninth

and 10th-12th are eligible to play. Games will start Saturday, Jan. 14. CONTACT: Dave DeMattos, (248) 349-0203, extension #1405.

Junior Ski and Snowboard

DETAILS: This club is for fourth and fifth grades and includes two afternoon trips to Mt. Brighton. Registration fee is \$56 for one trip and \$100 for two trips; additional fees apply for non-residents. Motorcoach transportation is

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Open Basketball

TIME/DAY: 7-10 p.m., Tuesdays LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 449-9947

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LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road CONTACT: For times and information, call (248) 349-0203

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DETAILS: Registration for the next session of Kiddie Sports and Games, Sports Starters, Kiddie Sports, and Sports Sampler for Preschoolers is going on now. These classes are an introduction to sports and games and include teaching effort, cooperation and team-

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Open Badminton

DATE: Tuesdays and Fridays

TIME: 7-9:30 pm. LOCATION: Hillside Recreation* Center, 700 W. Baseline Road.

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$7 per night, including bird fee.

Ski and Snowboard Club

DETAILS: Registration has begun for students in middle and high school. Membership includes motor coach transportation to local ski areas on Friday evenings and some Saturday evenings, group lift tickets, rental equipment discounts, and lessons at Mt. Brighton Ski Area. Registration fee is \$155 for city and township residents; \$160 for school district residents in the City of Novi; and \$165 for non-res-

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Girls hockey ranked fourth

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Bill Holden has plenty to be proud of. The Northville Mustangs girls hockey

coach remembers when he had a squad full of beginners. Now, he has a squad full of

The Mustangs, ranked fourth in the state by Hockey Weekly, are ready for action and they've brought plenty of talented players to do it with.

"We're going to be competitive," Holden said. "We have a good mix of seniors, juniors and sophomores this year. I think we're going to have a fun season.'

And why not? The Mustangs have All-Area defender Andrea Soloko back, as well as right wing Bridget Hughes. Lee Cee Criswell will also be a difference maker for Northville as the returning goalie.

Other seniors on the team include Erin Morell, Marie McIntyre, Emily Doren, Laura Zima, Meredith Ponder, Anjali Saran,

Clair Eley, Rachel Reuter and Megan Beger. ice with her, too."

Juniors are Danielle Hirka and Lisa

The Mustangs of the Musta Fishbeck and sophomores include Carrie Pichan, Eve Avdoulos, Kristen Ruzylo,

Alex Kaszuba and Jordyn Bell. The Mustangs, who have been final four contenders, will be looking to repeat their success from the past three years.

But it's not going to be easy.

"We're going to go out and play every game," Holden said. "We can't look past anyone. Every team is capable of winning and we've got to be ready to play."

Northville lost plenty of talent last year with All-State and All-Area selection Amy Cauzillo graduating along with several other veteran standouts like Sam Pope. But Holden is confident his team can

overcome the loss. The Mustangs will rely heavily on Soloko, their second-leading scorer last season.

"She's an outstanding player who makes everyone around her better," said Holden. "She's got a great group of players on the

The Mustangs won't be able to jump out and surprise any teams this year. Instead, they'll be the ones on the lookout for teams wanting to topple them for sake of beating one of Michigan's top teams.

"We've had the luxury of being the underdogs before," Holden said. "That's different this year. We know everyone is going to play their best game against us. That's why we have to be ready for everyone. We can't take any games off."

Northville will split the majority of their games between Compuware and Novi Ice Arena and will play on the road tomorrow and Saturday in their first tournament of the

The Mustangs' next home game is Dec. 17 when they host Walled Lake at Novi Ice

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GATES: Goalie takes 100 shots

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time to catch his break or grab a drink of water.

"That's the most I've ever looked forward to an intermission," Gates said. "Toward the end of the period, I was definitely gasping for air."

He had fun every second of it. This is a different kind of fun," he said. "It's not the competing fun. It's a lot more relaxed than playing high school or travel hockey."

A year of firsts

Gates not only set his own record for shots stopped so far this season, but he also notched his first-ever goal.

Against Kalamazoo College. Gates took up the position of left wing, snagged a pass from a linemate and pegged a wrist; shot home for the score.

"We came in on a two-on-one and he fed me the perfect pass." Gates said. "I caught the goalie moving and I knew were I wouldn't want the puck put on

me and I put it there."

The tactic worked. 'It was great," he said. "I'm glad I had a chance to do it."

And the year of career moments isn't even near being over for Gates. He'll probably get another chance at scoring and there's a good chance he'll get the opportunity to set a new goal-stopping record too.

Albion is slated to play Calvin College twice this year. Calvin is ranked first in the nation and has already toppled Hope this year.

"I wouldn't mind getting a chance against them," Gates said. "But just once. It's fun to play a game like that now and then, but I wouldn't want to have to go out and do it every night."

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Squirt Cougars win Brad Stone Fall Classic

The Cougars won the championship of the Squirt B division at the Brad Stone Fall Classic Hockey Tournament, held in Flint on Oct. 28-30. Their 5-0 record in the tournament included wins of 5-0 over the Lakeland Scorpions, 3-1 over the . Durand Railroaders and 3-0 over the IMA Sabres. A 3-2 semifinal victory over the Lakeland Vipers put them in the finals against the Midland NorthStars where they prevailed, 4-2, to take home the title. Team members of the Cougars are: Jai Sura, Mark Czapski, Taylor Turner, Anton

Marinelli, Sean McDonnell, Jake Lennard, Nick Gasparotto, Bobby Witkowski, Cameron Gromek, Zachary Stanley, Jacob Zadorozny, Trevor Malarkey, Blair Myers (goalie), Alex Turner, Christian Schneider and Tohn Steffes: The Cougars are coached by Chris Steffes, Gary Myers, Jeff Zadorozny and Tom Malarkey."





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Home Owners Do You Know...What causes Ice Damming & How to

Ice damming and attic condensation are related—both are caused by warm (moisture laden) air migrating from the house and entering the attic. The problem may be more pronounced in newer homes since they are built tighter at the sides encouraging warm

air to rise into the artic:

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A well insulated and sealed attic will unlikely have ice dams—there will be no warm air to melt the snow. If there is sufficient insulation to keep heat from the house escaping into the attic, and there are no holes or air leaks, then the attic should be in good shape. The attic air should be cool and dry just like the outside air.

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(ice dams are rarely seen on barns or detached garages). One of the first signs of a potential problem is to look for bare



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light snow or heavy frost. Ice damming occurs when there is a significant depth of snow on the roof and outside temperatures are below freezing for a long period of time with little or no thaw in-between. The warm air in the attic melts the snow near the peak of the roof. As the melted snow reaches the colder soffit area, it refreezes creating a dam for

metted snow reaches the colder softit area, it refreezes creating a dam for water underneath. A good sign of an ice dam are icicles at the gutters. There are methods to minimize ice dams and their effect. Installing self-sealing membranes about 3' from the eave under the shingles does not stop for dams they just prevent the water. ice dams; they just prevent the water from leaking through the roof sheath-ing. Removing gutters will keep them from becoming ice traps, but may lead to further problems such as wet base-ments and ner-

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amount of electricity as well as being an eyesore. Another misconception is an eyesore. Another misconception is to increase attic ventilation. Certainly, in the spring/summer an attic needs to be vented to dry it out. However, in the winter, the outside cold air cannot carry moisture away from the attic—passive ventilation doesn't move much air through the attic. Further, additional ventilation may make the attic colder which encourages condensation. The best way to fix a wet/damp attic is to locate the source and to stop air movement from the house.... A well-sealed roof will not need additional ventilation.

Following the principle of 1 square square feet of insulation for every 300 square feet of insulated attic space spill between the roof and soffit vents (1 to 150 square feet in colder climates or low-sloped roofs) should be sufficient. Given the "stack or chimney effect" in a house—the tendency to draw cold air from the bottom and expel it at the top, it is important to stop all the air leaks from the house into the attic. into the attic.
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Sibling co-owners of Milford Jewelers, Jacques Chopjian and Tamar Aguilar, value customer service and quality craftsmanship above all else at their 441. N. Main St. store in historic downtown Milford. The store is open every day through Christmas Eve: Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-4 p.m.

Milford Jewelers: a store for all seasons

Friendly approach, affordable prices make downtown Milford store a holiday favorite

Can you keep a secret? Milford Jewelers doesn't care much about selling you a ring. Or a diamond. Or the unique bracelet

in the distant showcase. They care more about you.

And even though only a handful of jewelers nationwide can match the handcrafted excellence produced daily inside the 441 N. Main St. Milford store, siblings Tamar Aguilar and Jacques Chopjian have loftier ambitions than simply being the world's top-selling jeweler.

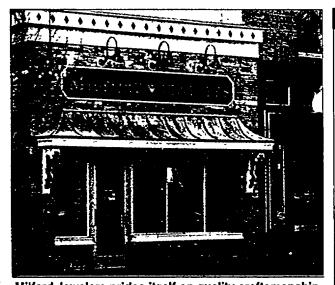
We care more about treating people well than selling jewelry, Tamar said. "What's most important to us is building friendships with people who visit.

Three years and 2,500 customers later, Tamar just may know what she's talking about. Her family has spent nearly 30 years crafting jewelry for rich, famous and everyday people. Each person has a unique story, she said. And each jewelry piece is a unique extension of that story.

'That's what makes this job fun," Tamar said. "If our customers didn't become our friends, it just wouldn't feel right."

She doesn't begrudge jewelry retailers who flash expensive brand names and run trite television commercials. Tamar simply thinks they are selling their customers short.

"Nowadays, people don't need cute punch lines or fancy brands," Tamar said. "They need information and someone they can trust. They need to know the person on the other side of the showcase is motivated by something other than simply selling them a piece



Milford Jewelers prides itself on quality craftsmanship, including platinum, gold and silver. Specialties include custom jewelry, GIA-certified diamonds and gemstones, repairs, remounts and on-staff GIA gemologist and co-owner Jacques Chopjian.

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What's considered an extra at other jewelry stores serves as the benchmark at Milford Jewelers. Friendliness and affordability is the Milford Jewelers gold stan-

Throw in precision craftsmanship by a family of five siblings (four brothers and a baby sister, Tamar) who operate four retail stores - Milford, Birmingham, Southgate and Southfield. Then add a family-owned, state-of-theart manufacturing facility, affording customers the freedom to design and create any jewelry piece they can imagine, for less.

Finally, stir professional excellence and industry resource into a relaxed downtown Milford atmosphere where regular customers wave from a Main Street sidewalk, stop in on the way to lunch or simply sit down to talk

about the weather. What you're left with is a jewelry store that feels more like a family room. And a retailer who feels more like a member of the family. Looking for glitz, glamour and

high prices? Find another jeweler. At Milford Jewelers, showcases are merely the starting point: If you can imagine it, Jacques and

Tamar can create it — for less. "We take so much pride in making sure our customers end up with exactly what they imag-ined," Tamar said. "Many times they tell us a piece has been passed down by their grandmother and all they want to do is reset a stone or hand-engrave the set-

That is a tremendous honor for us."

And an invaluable benefit for anyone searching for a jeweler they can trust.

A REAL GEM: A MILFORD JEWELERS BABY

Like wise men, they arrived Monday bearing gifts.

One person, an artist, delivered hand-sculpted wooden baby boots. Someone else brought a homemade chicken pot pie ("Bake at 425 degrees for 20-25 minutes.") A local politician (Highland Clerk Mary McDonell) dropped by just to turn over the handmade baby blanket she finished the night before. Someone else bought two containers of potato soup, and yet another person delivered a zaro ano more oaby ciotnes. A Milford post office worker dropped by with her daughters after work, just to help wash the store windows and polish the showcases.

That was just Monday. Tamar Aguilar, co-owner of Milford Jewelers, has gotten used to people stopping by, calling in and e-mailing: "How are you? Is there anything you need? Are you resting? Are you having a boy or a girl?"

Tuesday was supposed to be Tamar's day off, a day to rest, the last day before the scheduled delivery of her and husband David's first child.

Forget it. Too many people had already called ahead: "We are coming in Tuesday to say hello. We want to see you before you leave. You'll be there, right?"

Some are well-wishers. Most are customers. All are

How do you measure annu

al retail sales? If friendships count, no one does more business than the little store at 441 N. Main St. in downtown Milford.

"I am so touched by how nice people have been to me." Tamar said. "They have constantly asked about the baby and always made sure I was OK. Several people have even offered to fill in at the store while I was gone.

"How could I possibly say thank you? There's just no way."

Sure there is. Tell us if it's a boy or a girl.

"No, I can't do that," she said coyly, pretending until the last minute she had no clue about what the stork had scheduled. "I just wish I could be at the store the very next day, so I could show our new (baby) how generous people have been."

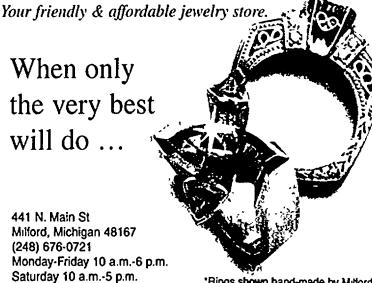
If possible, she'll stop by the store in December. In the meantime, be patient with her brother, Jacques. He'll be answering the phone a lot during the next few weeks: 'Yes, she had the baby ... Wednesday, Nov. 30... uhhuh, it's a ... she's doing fine."

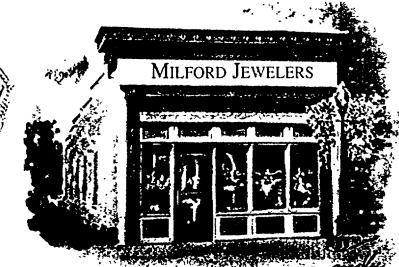
Just in case, he's got her home phone number close by. She won't be far.

"I miss seeing everyone already," Tamar said. "Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for me. And tell them I will be back soon - with a new baby for them to meet!"

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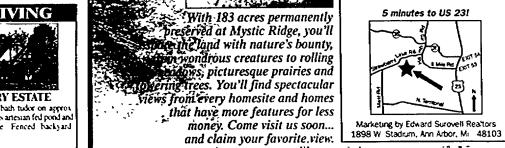
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bath brick ranch. Family room w weplace attic fan, hardwood floors 6 panel doors

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Livonia - Beautiful 3-bed, 15 bath brick

ranch on a gorgeous landscaped comer

lot. Oak trim and doors in all rooms, 2 call

att garage Sprinklers bsmt, open floor plan from the lutchen to family room

overlooking a beautiful California stone wall freplace. Patio w retractable awning

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LIVONIA - Well maintained 3-bed brick

ranch on a quiet cu! de-sac location. Base-

ment, sormalers, 2 car att. garage, bay

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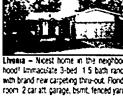


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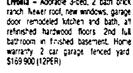
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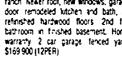
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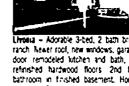
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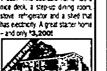
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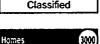
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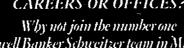


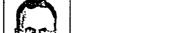


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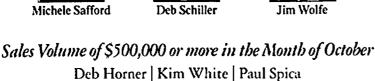
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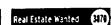
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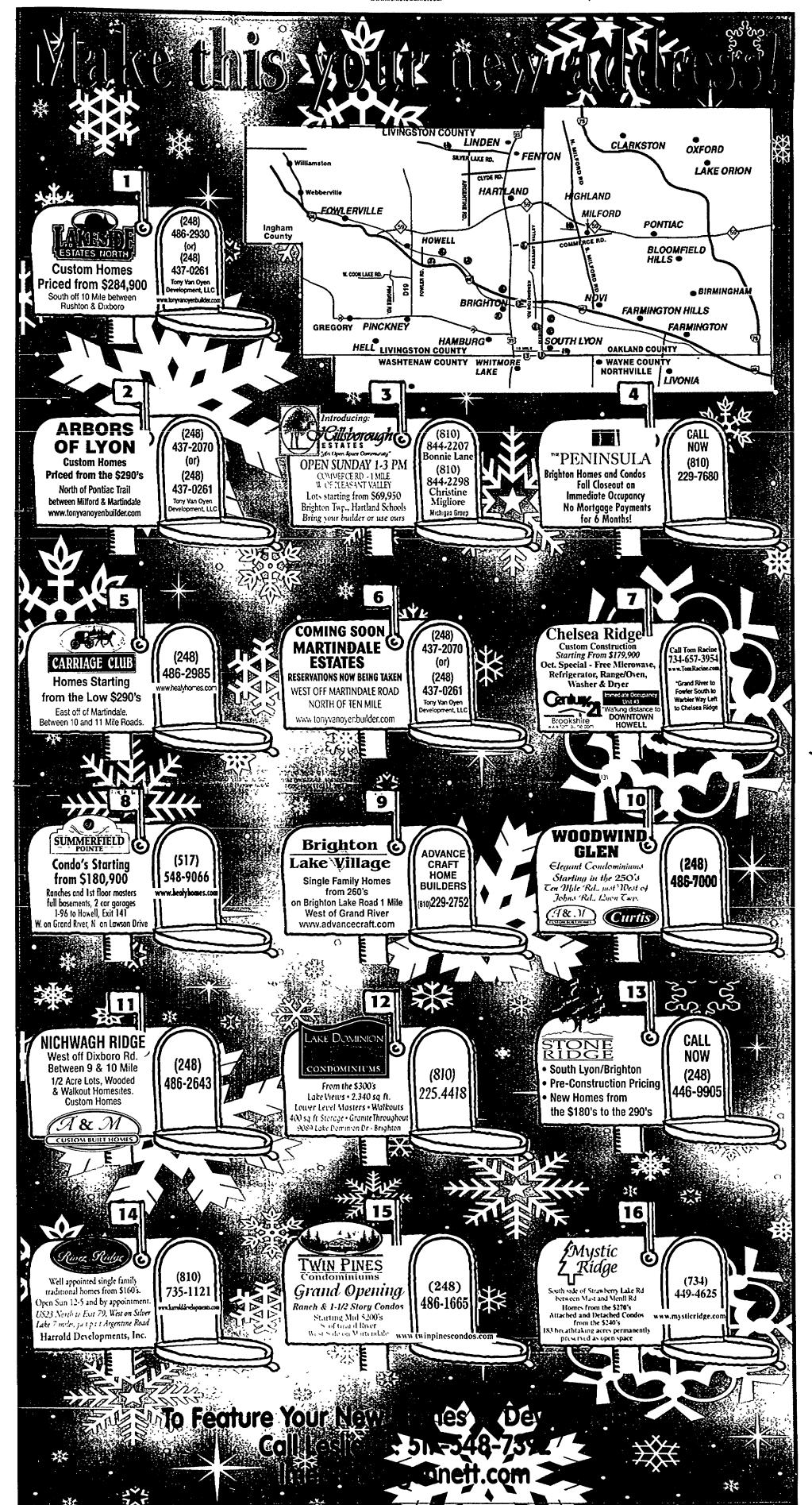
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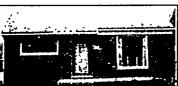
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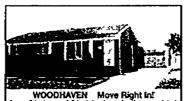
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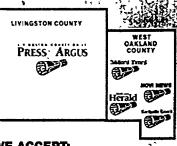
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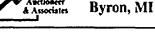
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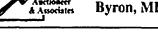
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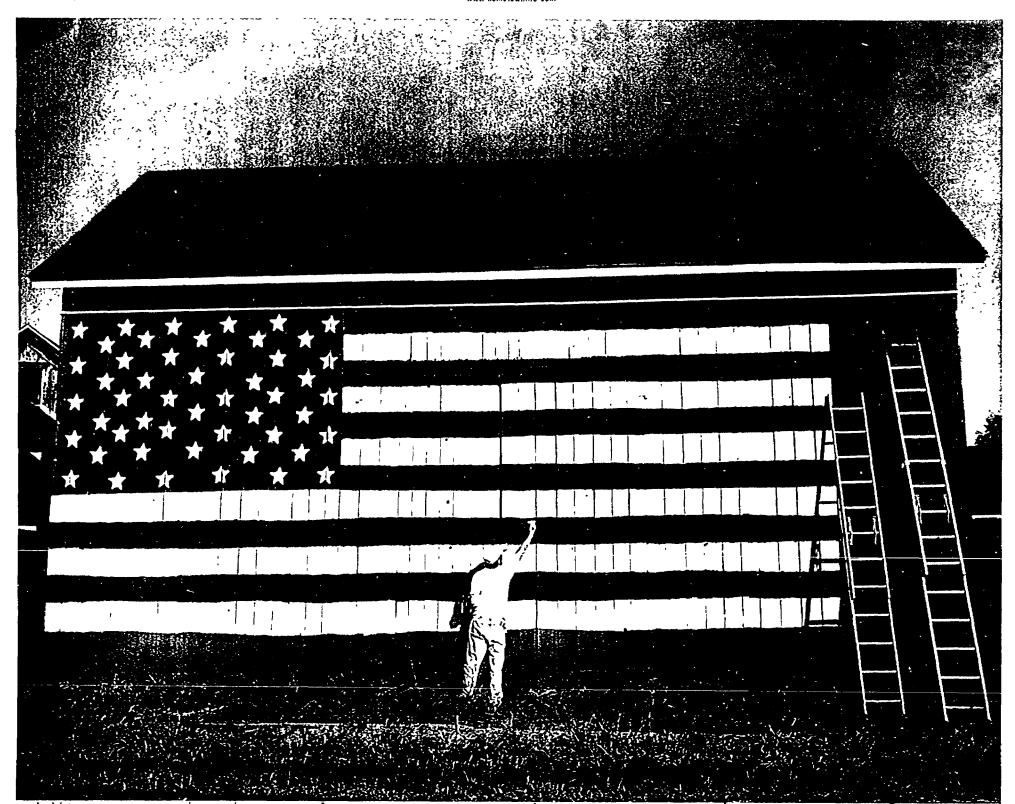
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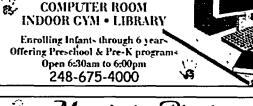
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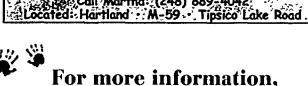
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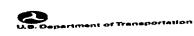


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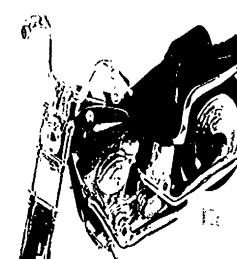
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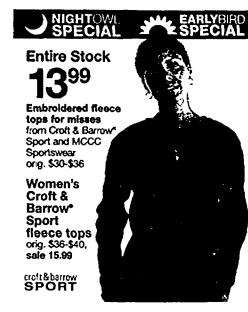
















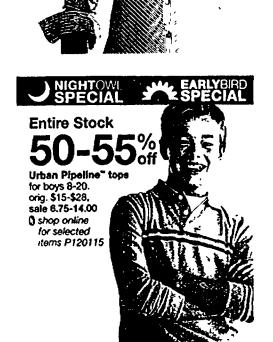














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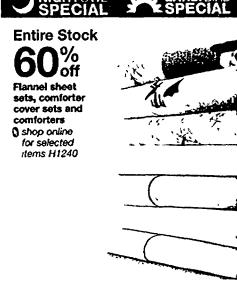


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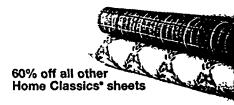
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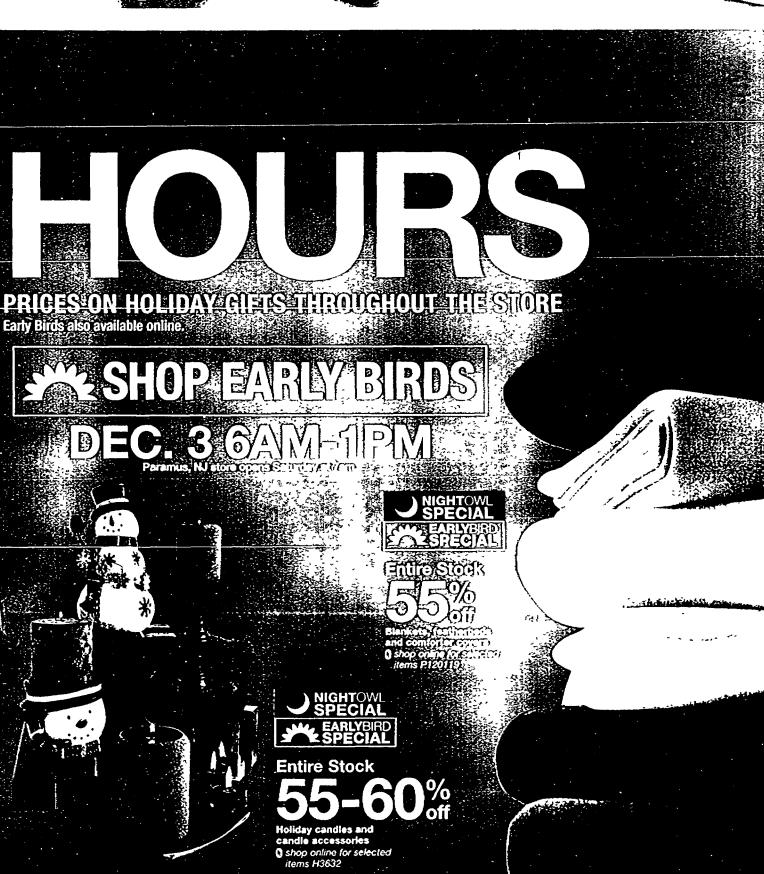
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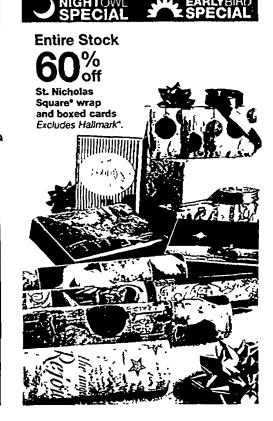












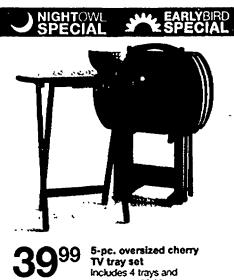




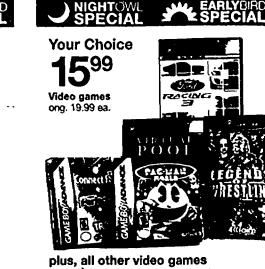








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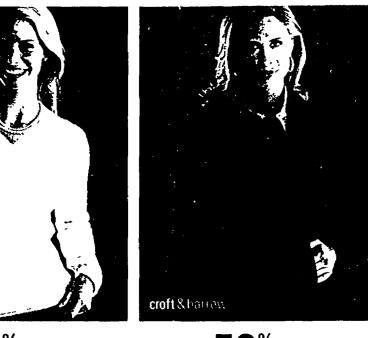


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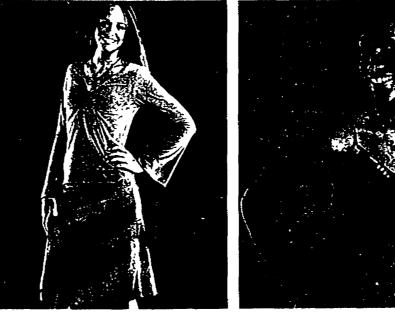
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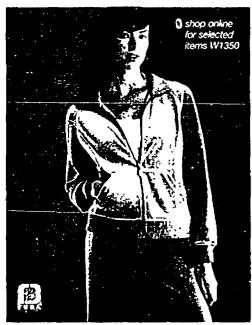


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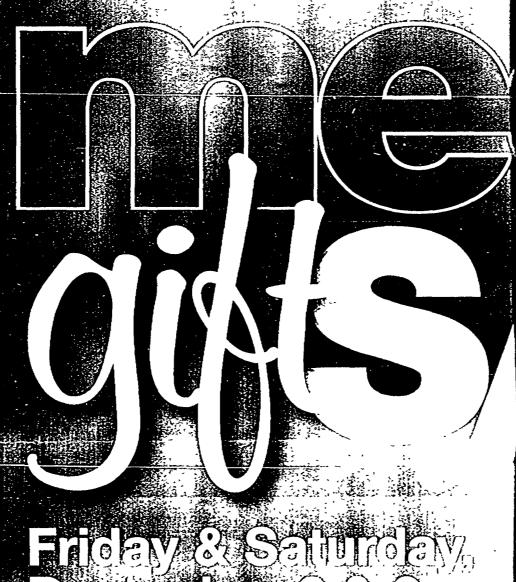




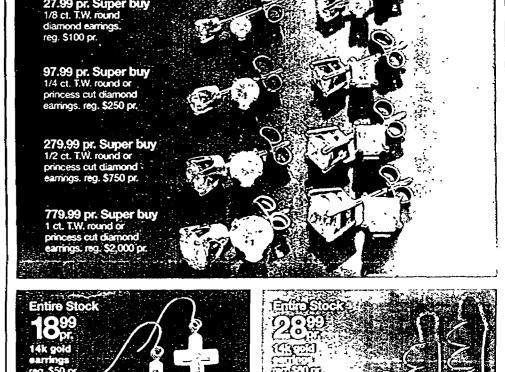
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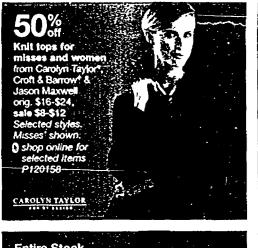




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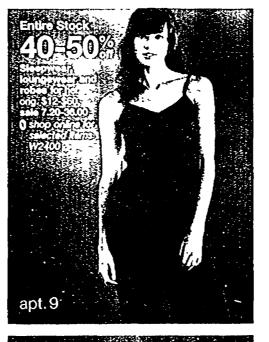


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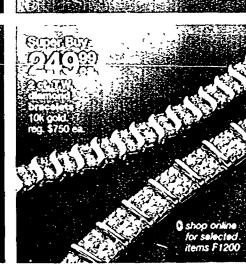


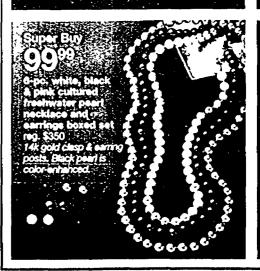


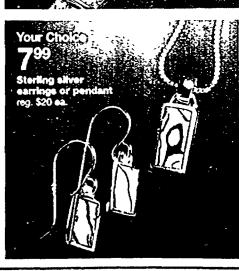




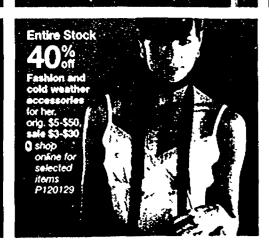


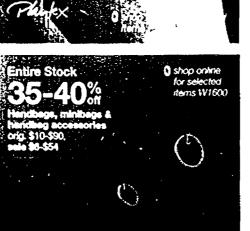






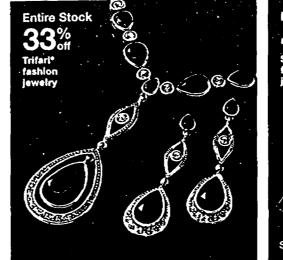














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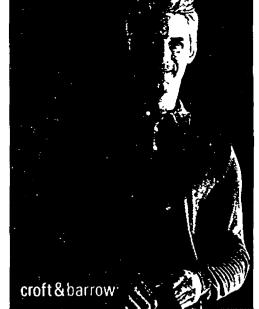
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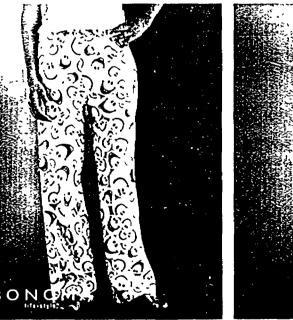
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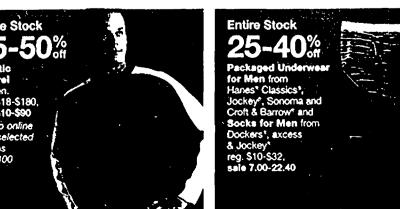
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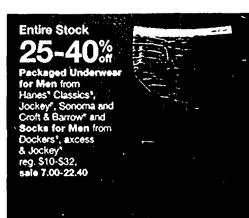
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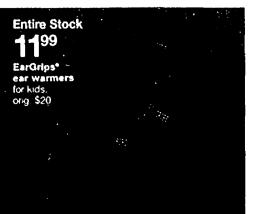
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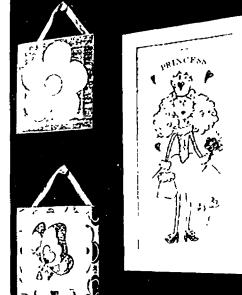
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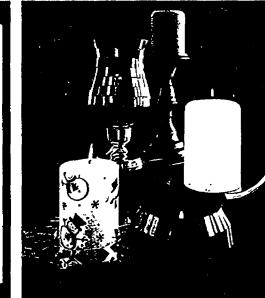
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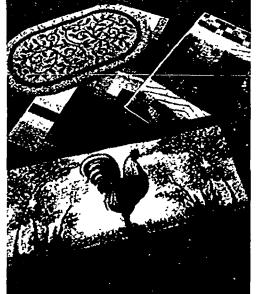
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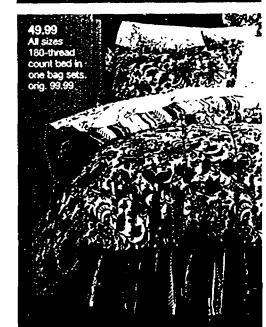
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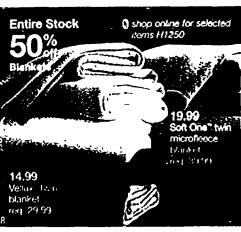
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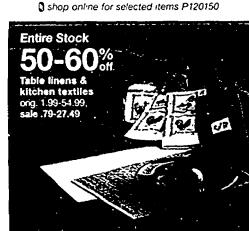
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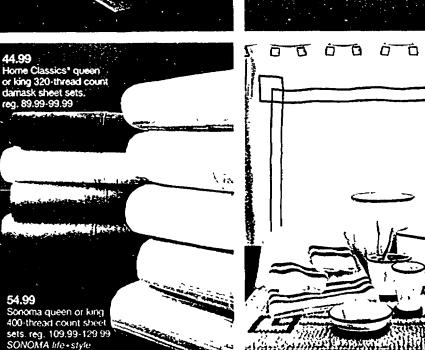
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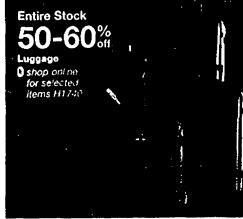




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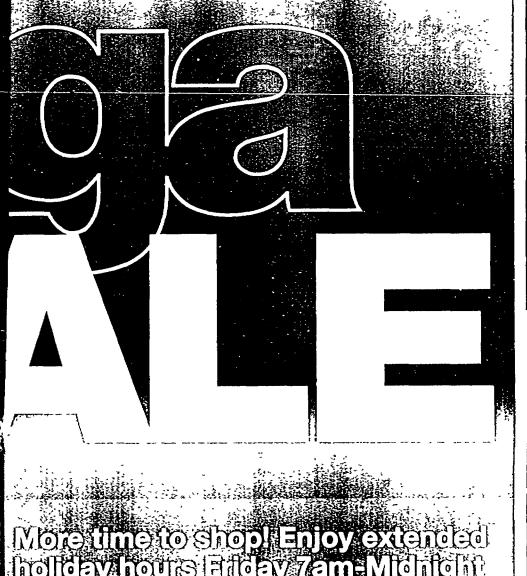




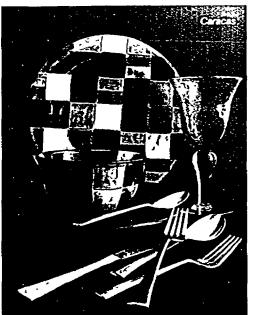


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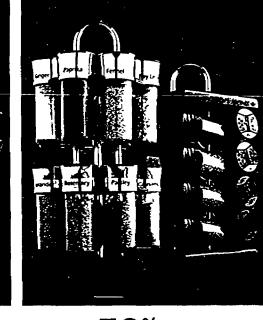
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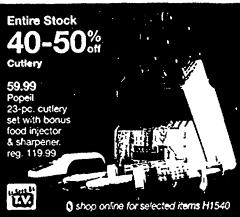
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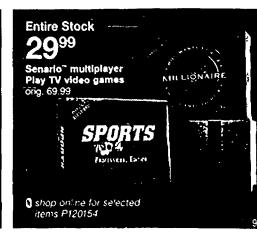


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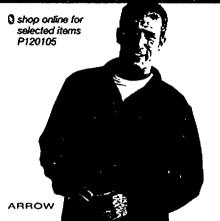


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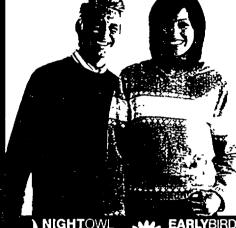


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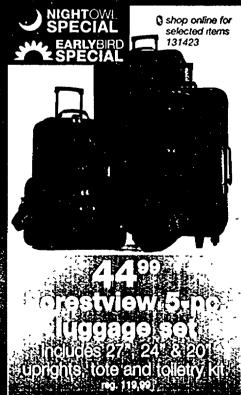
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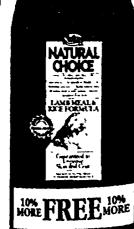
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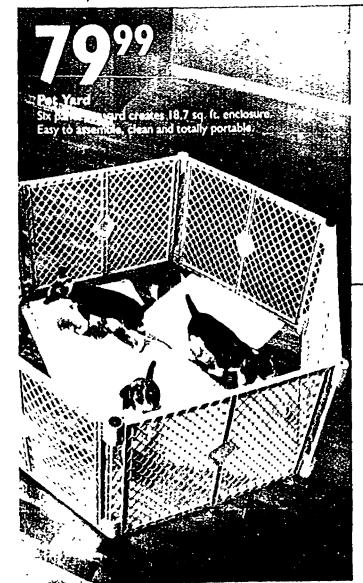
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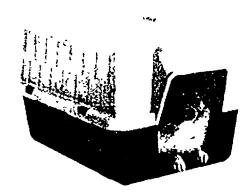
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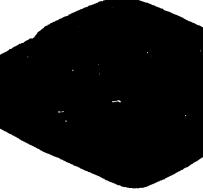
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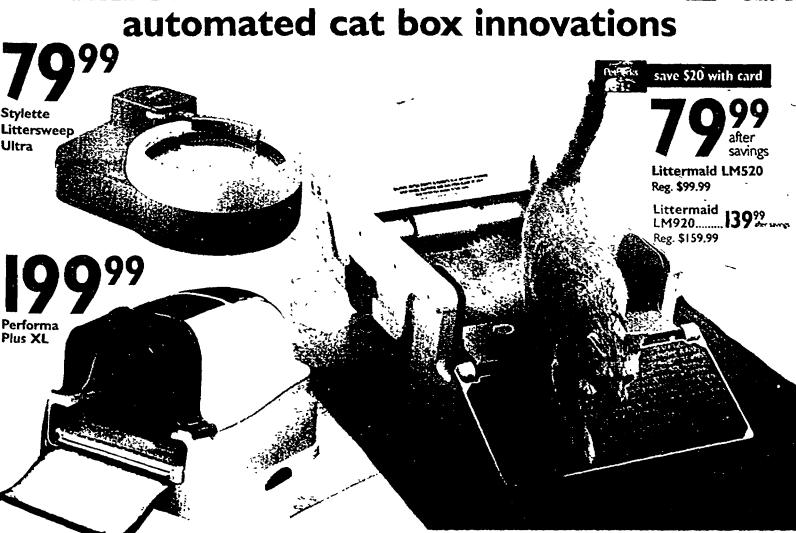


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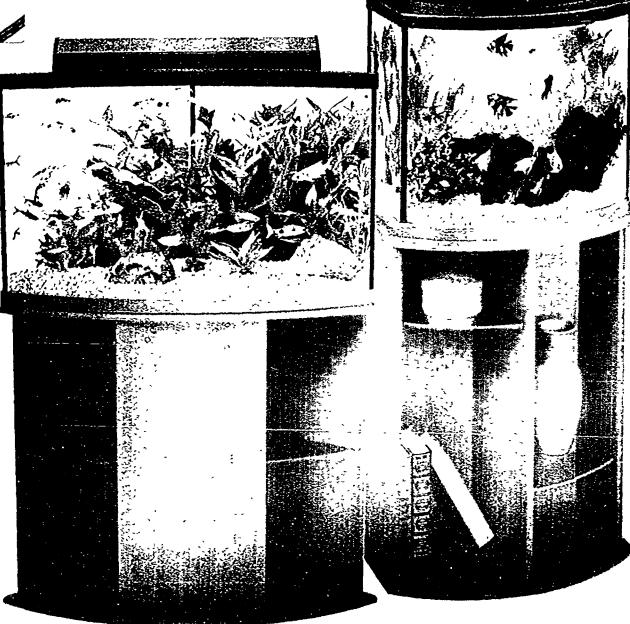
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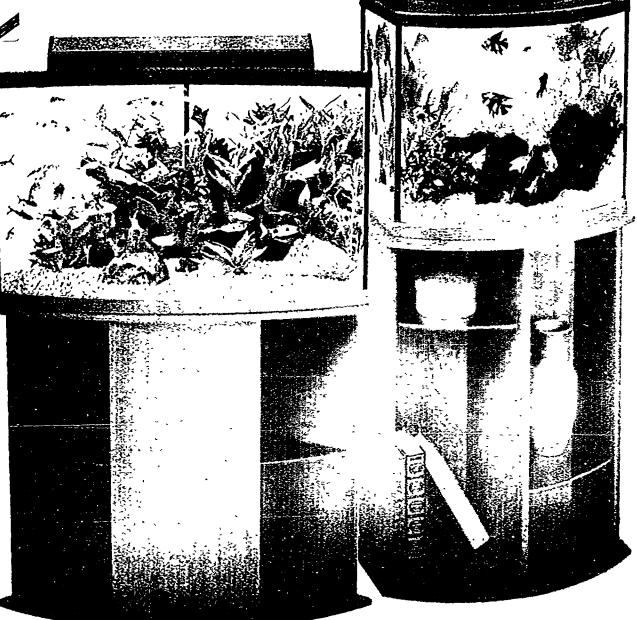
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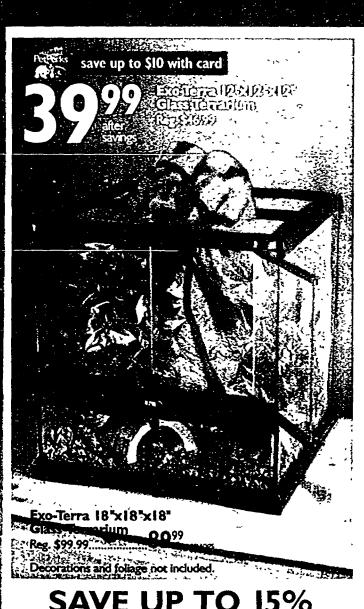
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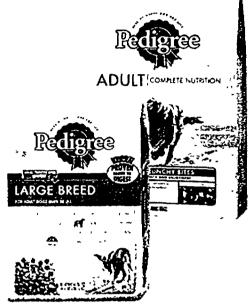
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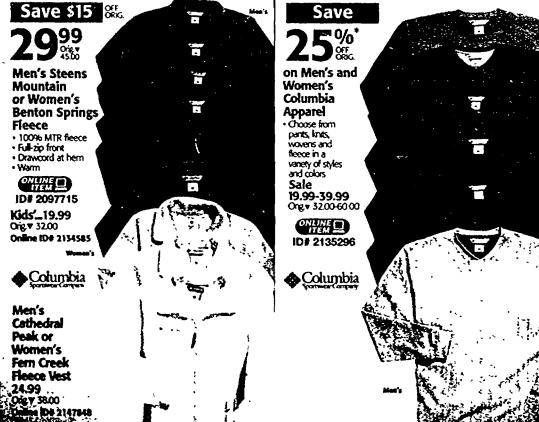
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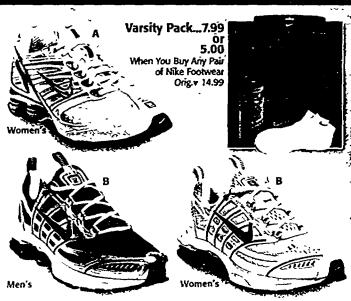
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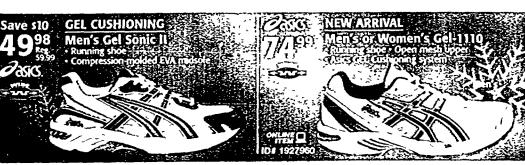
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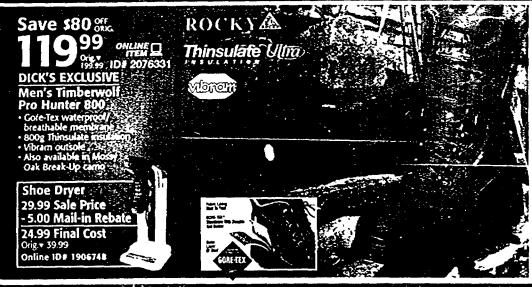
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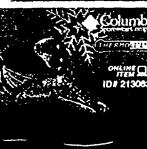












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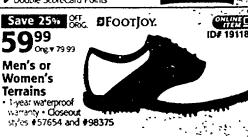
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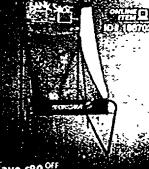
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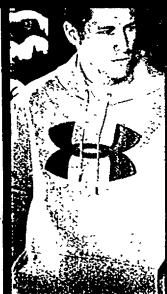
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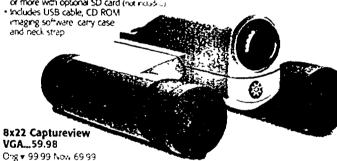
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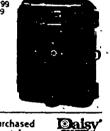
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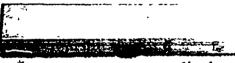
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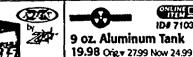
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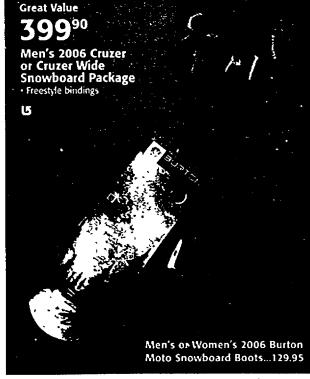


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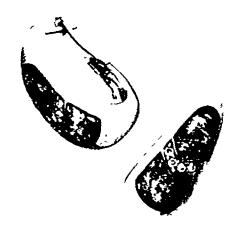
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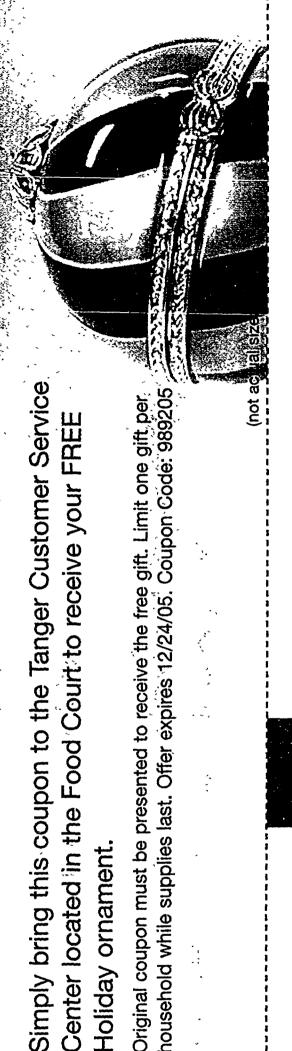
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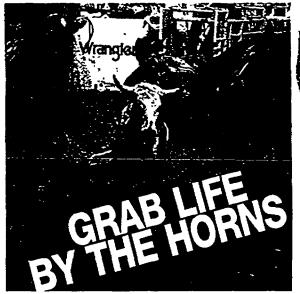
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-M. Beasley, Alliance, Ohio A lot! Connick, who began playing with a New Orleans jazz band at age 10, went on to score the movie When Harry Met Sally, release several hit albums and appear in the movies Memphis Belle, Copycat, Hope

Floats and Independence Day, plus a recent TV adaptation of South Pacific. He's set to make his Broadway acting debut in February—playing the lead in Pajama Game—and you can hear him narrating and singing on The Happy Elf, a computeranimated holiday special based on one of his songs, which airs at 8 p.m. Eastern time Dec. 2 on NBC.

What can you tell me about Keanu Reeves, like what movies he's played in, his address, age and birthday?

—M. Miller, Stapleton, Ga. Reeves was born Sept. 2, 1964, in Beirut, Lebanon. His name means "cool breeze over the mountains" in Hawai-



Connick: He's a busy, Hoppy Elf!

ian. (His father was Hawaiian and Chinese, his mother English.) He lives in Toronto, Canada, and fiercely guards his privacy behind the public persona of his acting roles in almost 60 movies and TV productions. "I'm Mickey Mouse," he once said. "They don't know who's inside the suit." Tragedy has shadowed him. In 1999, the baby he expected with girlfriend Jennifer Syme was stillborn; Syme later died in a car accident. Reeves' films include Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure, Speed, The Matrix and the recently released Thimbsucker.

What can you tell me about the book Ed McMahon wrote about Johnny Carson? Did Johnny approve of it?

–S. Hopstatler, Stillwater, Okla.

Here's Johnny, written by late-night TV's bestknown sidekick, Ed McMahon, was released in 2004. Carson, who died in January, was

pleased with its outcome. "I wanted it to be a tribute to Johnny," says McMahon, 82. "I knew him for 47

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McMahon: TV sidekick



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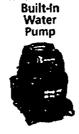
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Maj. Gen. William C. Lee met with new recruits of the Army's just-formed 101st Airborne Division on Aug. 19, 1942, and pointed toward the future. "This division has no history," he said, "But it has a rendezvous with destiny."

Sixty-three years later, the world's only air assault division now has a rich history, indeed. Its first mission was the D-Day invasion of France on June 6, 1944, and the triumphant battle with the Germans in the Belgian city of Bastogne a few months later. In its six years of combat in Vietnam, members of the 101st fought in 15 military campaigns. They fired the first shot in Operation Desert Shield in 1991, and the division's 3rd Brigade and aviation elements were among the first units to be sent to Afghanistan in 2001.

It's this sense of deep-rooted tradition and pride that today's 101st soldiers took with them as they prepared to deploy to Imaq for the second time.

"One of the things we always try to do is impress upon soldiers in the division today that you are part of something that goes way back into history," says Louisville, Ky., native Capt. Jim Page, 35, the 101st's historian. "You are a part of something much bigger and older than yourself. You become a part of the next generation of the division's history."

They also are part of the community in Fort Campbell, Ky.—a major part of the community. When these "Screaming Eagles" come home to roost, they always come back to Fort Campbell, a base stracklling the state line between Kentucky and Tennessee with the third largest military population in the entire U.S. Army.

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Capt. Jim Page, historian for the 101st, shows off memorabilia in the Fort Campbell museum.

Self-contained city

About 28,000 soldiers are assigned to the Fort Campbell post, which sprawls over 105,000 acres between Clarksville, Tenn., and Hopkinsville, Ky. (pop. 30,089). About 9,500 soldiers live there in barracks, with some 4,000 others in post housing. Another 14,500 live off-post. Additionally, about 4,000 civilian employees work at Fort Campbell, and surrounding communities are home to about 50,000 retired military personnel and their 75,000 family members.

After the 101st was established in the 1940s, its national headquarters moved several times before settling at Fort Campbell in 1956. Now every Army unit displaying the trademark 101st "Screaming Eagle" parch is stationed there.

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A self-contained city unto itself, Fort Campbell has seven schools, several churches, its own water-treatment facility, banks, hospital, museum, swimming pools, movie theater, post office and a Burger King. It's not surprising that many of the soldiers there say it feels like a hometown.

"Virtually everything you could need or want is on the post," says Pfc. Kevin Stinson, 33, a radio and sarellite specialist from Decherd, Tenn. (pop. 2,246). "I feel more at home here than when I go home to Decherd. Everyone that lives in the area has either been in the service, has a spouse in the service or is retired, so they know where you are coming from."

Returning to battle

On an unusually warm fall afternoon, the post appears calm. The middle school soccer field, which offers a breathtaking view of a white water tower and lush trees, is quiet and still. But the quiet belies the frenzy of activity going on elsewhere within the post's heavily guarded gates. Many of the Screaming Eagles are leaving for Iraq within hours or days, so they're making last-minute professional and personal preparations.

"Frankly, you don't have a lot of time to think about what will happen when you get over there because there's a lot of work to do," Page says. "Soldiers have got gear they've got to get packed. They've got to get shots and glasses made and

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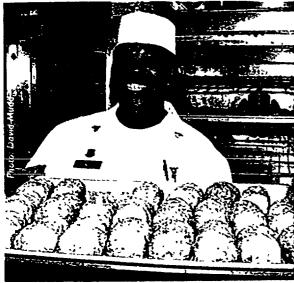
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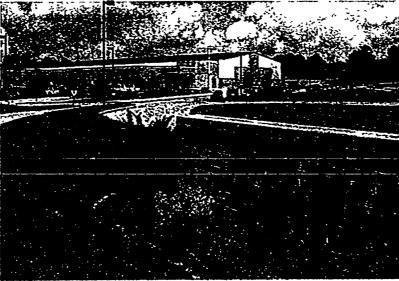
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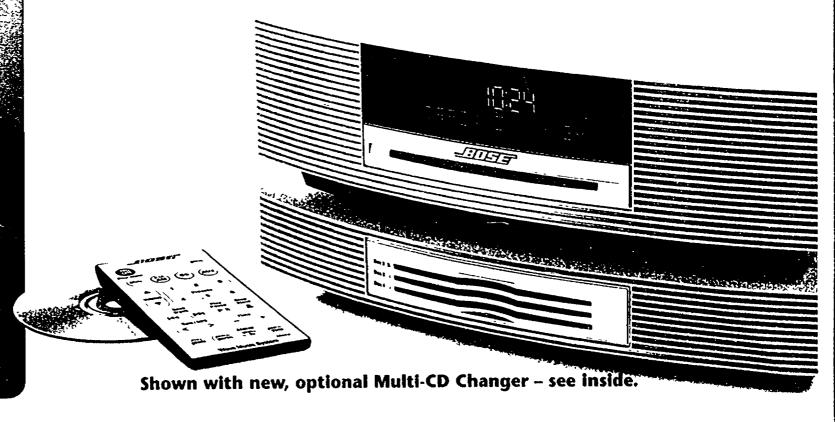
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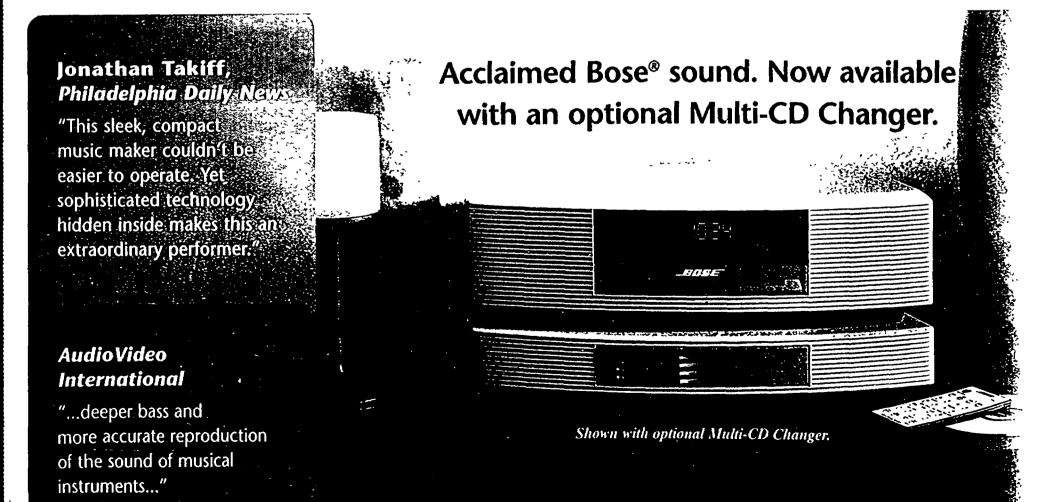


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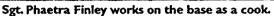
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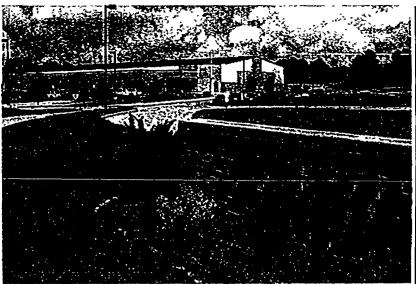
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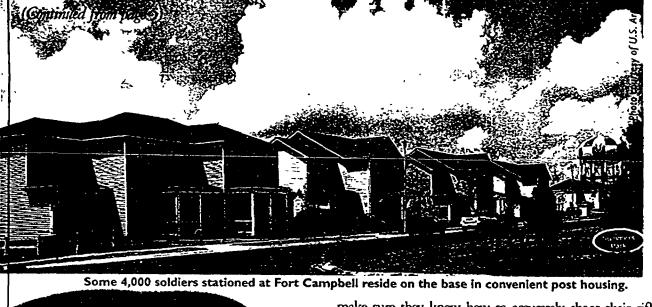
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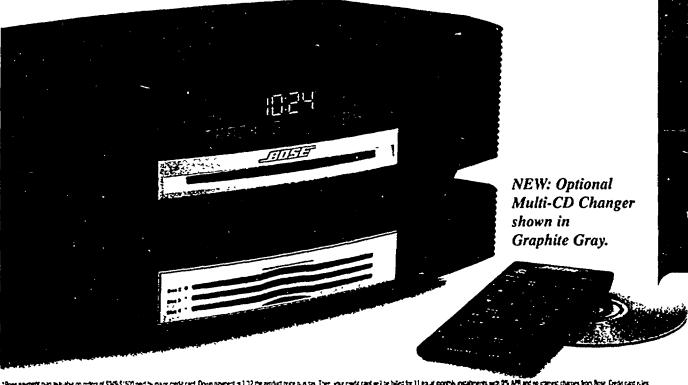
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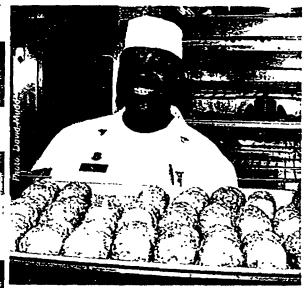
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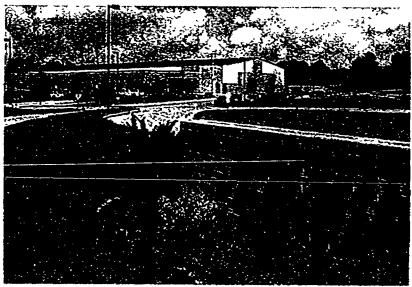
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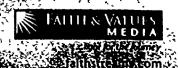
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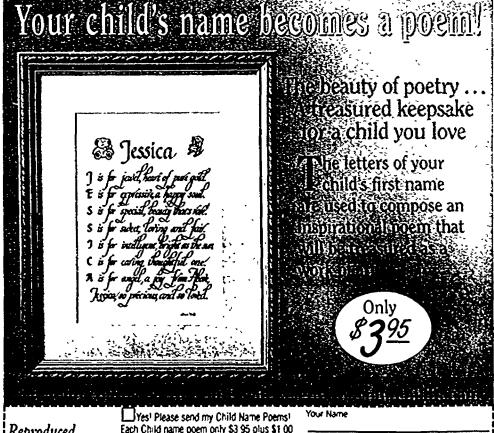
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Beads of sweat form on

Brian King's brow as he steps into a basement room of King's Saddlery and Ropes in Sheridan, Wyo. (pop. 15,804). The room, heated to 130 degrees, smells like a freshly mowed lawn, the scent emanating from a hundred grass ropes stretched between steel beams mounted on the walls.

King, 32, ties six 30-foot lengths of nylon rope to hooks jutting from another set of beams and cranks a pulley system that pulls the ropes taut.

"We're making lariats," explains King, whose grandfather Don King founded the business 42 years ago. "We twist some of our own nylon ropes and we tie all the precise knots that turn a rope into a lariat, but as important as anything is this stretching. A rope doesn't get longer when you stretch it. It gets straighter."

The combination of heat and tension for four or five days eliminates a rope's tendency to bend and kink when a cowpoke uses it to lasso livestock.

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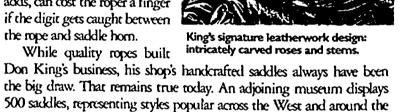




King's Saddlery, which sells horse tack, lariats and assorted cowboy gear,

"A rope that isn't straight can't be thrown accurately," says South Dakota cowboy Larry Mendoza, who bought his first King rope 20 years ago for rodeo competition. A secondrate lariat that kinks, Mendoza adds, can cost the roper a finger if the digit gets caught between the rope and saddle horn.

While quality ropes built



Don, 82, figures he built a thousand saddles during his career, and while he's retired now, two of the shop's employees-Clint Gibson and Link Weaver-continue making new saddles and repairing old ones.

A saddle typically takes two-and-a-half weeks to produce, beginning with the selection of prime leather for the seat, leather that stretches for curved sections, and sturdy hide for stirrups. Half the production time is committed to carving the leather artistically with swivel knives, leather punches and other hand tools.

Saddle designs can say something about the owner, or perhaps about the builder. Don King, for example, is recognized by Western aficionados as the creator of the "Sheridan-style" saddle, distinguished by tight, interlocking circles of roses and stems. His interest in saddle making started early. At age 5 he began traveling with his dad, a cowboy who worked at cattle roundups and ranches across the West.

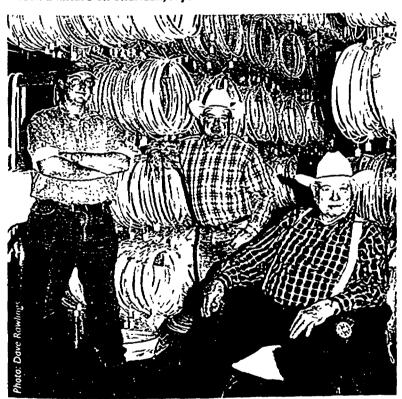
"Anytime we came to a different town, we'd go to a saddle shop," King recalls, "because that's where you'd find out who was hiring. Those places kind of fascinated me."

When Don was drifting through the West on his own, at age 15, an Arizona saddle maker taught him the basics of working with leather. King initially turned out small products like hand-tooled belts and wallets, then progressed to horse saddles. He opened his first saddle shop in Sheridan in 1947, but it didn't last long because he found himself drawn to outdoor work, especially breaking horses. Still, King made saddles at home as time allowed and opened another shop in 1963, which has grown into a fixture on Sheridan's Main Street.





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From left, Brian, Bruce and Don King pose with the shop's rope inventory.

Townspeople proudly boast how the shop claims loyal customers from across the West, but that's selling the place short. Visitors show up from around the world, including, a few years back, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

But it's not likely royal visits or anything else will change King's much. Don's son, Bruce King, 58, runs the business now, employing a staff of 25. Most of those employees work in the store, selling horse tack, Western wear, and 50,000 of those properly stretched lariats annually.

"Part of our success is due to not getting too big for our britches," Bruce says. "We're doing what we understand." 🏅

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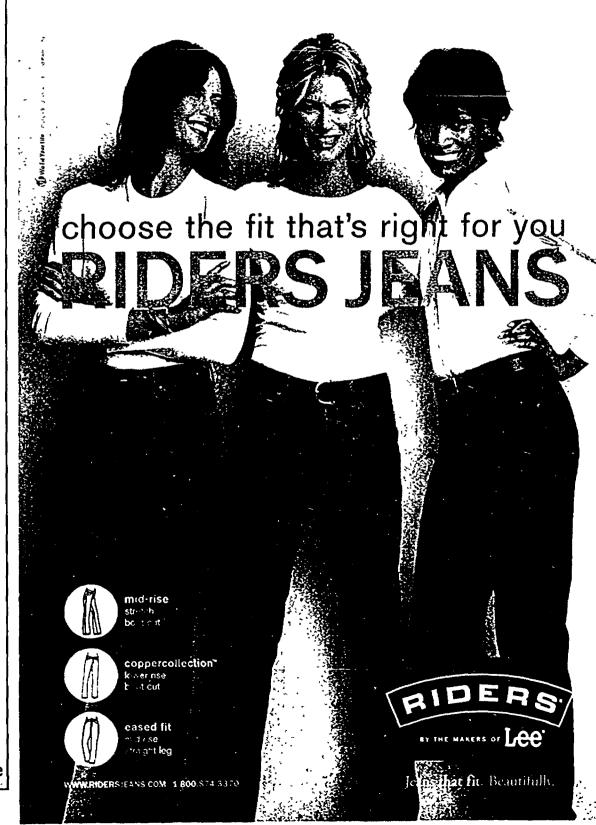
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