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Although girls are slightly more likely to smoke cigarrettes, boys are more likely to use spit tobacco, bidis, kreteks/cloves, pipes and cigars.

SOURCE: www.cancer.org

Marketplace



Northville Physical Rehabilitation, two downtown locations help patients get back on their feet. – Page 8B

Record Sports



Wrestle!

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team is poised to take the next step during a successful season. Record Sports!

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Local debate continues about two Feb. 28 school bond proposals totaling \$70.7 million. – Page 16A

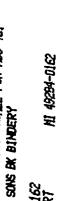
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Field house proposal, stadium renovations top \$45M bond request

Seventh of an ongoing series previewing the Feb. 28 public school bond election, totaling \$70.7 million.

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

Matt Ladach didn't realize how important creativity would be as a physical education teacher.

■ Academically speaking How will a new field house improve athletics? Page 12A.

'House' call Athletic director Bryan Masi makes his case for an athletic

field house. Page 13A.

The six-year Nonhville High School teacher is always looking for ways to boost involvement and physical activity in his classes.

But often, he said, class size impedes the school's physical edu-

■ Landfill dispute

Does the Salem landfill pose dangers as a potential elementary school neighbor? Page 14A.

cation curriculum goals. "As students are playing, other

kids are serving as an official or observing," Ladach said. "My concern is as we grow, kids will only be able to be introduced to ■ Peace work

Have residents made peace with the Salem landfill? Page

■ What if?

What plans do district officials have if the \$25M school fails ... or passes? Page 14A.

these ideas, and not be where they should be.

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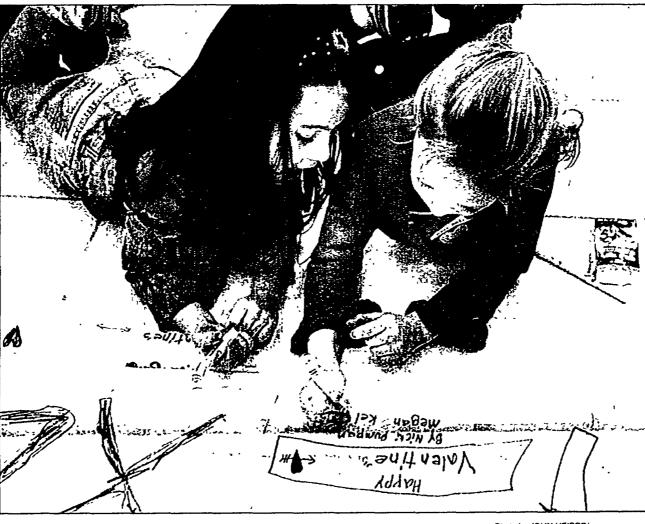
Ladach said more room is needed for physical education and said he supports the Feb. 28 Northville Public Schools \$45.43 million bond proposal.

The proposal includes changes to the district stadium, construction of a 20,494-square-foot transportation facility, improvements to all district buildings, technology updates and a \$17.3 million athletic field house.

The 61,698-square-foot addition planned for the west side of Northville High School will complete the original plan for the high school campus, officials said.

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Put your heart into it!



Ridge Wood Elementary students Megan Kelly, left, and Nicki Pumper decorate a sheet of paper with the words "Happy Valentine's." Students, teachers and parents also enjoyed a breakfast together in the school cafeteria.

Limited access debated

City residents say access to public records deficient; officials point to Web

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Larry Parks wants his fellow residents to have a detailed preview of city council business.

Mayor Christopher Johnson said the City of Northville's Web site allows virtual 24-hour access to city hall.

But Parks considers the site so inadequate he launched his own Web

www.northvilleinfo.com, including meeting agendas with supporting data, and governmentrelated links.

Since November, the city resident has been scanning and posting all the city council packet pages - sometimes up to four hours' worth - which he receives the same time as elected officials. Parks' request that council dis-

count his \$240 cost for subscribing to the packet under the Freedom of Information Act

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City values downtown parking: a 'lot'

commitment by the city to maintain it as a public

"It puts control in the city's hands. There will be a

.■ \$400K deal buys portion of Wing Street lot already used for public parking

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

City officials plunked plenty of coins

into their parking meter Monday night and came away with more city-owned parking. The Northville City Council voted unanimously to pay about \$400,000 for a portion of the lot behind Old Church Square

running south from Dunlap Street. Bob and Margene Buckhave, owners of the approximate 7,000 square-foot (about 40-by-173) parcel, have for years been lot at least 10 years."

Mayor Christopher Johnson City of Northylle

allowing public parking on the site.

"It puts control in the city's hands," said Mayor Christopher Johnson. 'There will be a commitment by the city to maintain it as a public lot at least 10 years.

The \$400,000 is pretty close to two appraisals the city had done in the last couple of years.

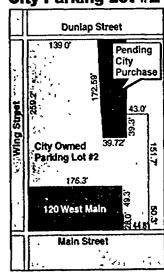
Though the deal technically adds no additional parking spaces to the city's cur-

rent roster, Johnson said the acquisition addresses the need for public parking in that commercial sector. The city owns the balance of the lot behind the 120 West Main building constructed by Jim Long last

Interim City Manger Nickie Bateson said the parcel represents about 12 percent

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City Parking Lot #2



SOURCE City of Northville

New police captain takes command

■ City police veteran stresses community contact

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ten years ago, Mike Carlson was the first police officer to patrol the city on two wheels.

Now, as the City of Northville Police Department's second in command, he still values the close

community contact the bicycle patrol he created helped foster.

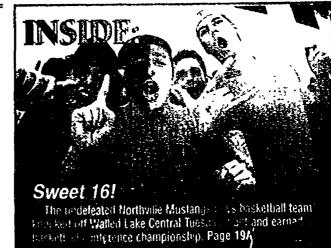
"It turned out extraordinarily well, developing that and seeing what PR value it had," said Carlson, promoted to captain Jan. 19. "The department is so community-oriented, we want to stay that course."

The 13-year department veteran recalled talking to more people in his first days on bicycle patrol than he had in his patrol car during

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"I still have that deep love for the job, staying in touch with the community ...

> Mike Carison Captain, Northville Police Department





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ACCESS: some residents claim access to public records lags

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prompted Feb. 6 discussion about the accessibility of city docu-

After the council cut his fees in half, they directed the administration to investigate the cost of city staff putting the council packet contents on the city's Web site.

Relatively speaking

Parks said since the hours he puts into scanning council documents is for the public good, he should be exempt from the document-copying fees like the media. People can view the council meeting agenda on the city Web site prior to the meeting, he said, but they lack details about the matters to be discussed.

Parks said though he adds page numbers and blocks personal addresses and phone numbers, those are the only content revisions he makes.

Johnson said the city's Web site contains more information than those of many cities Northville's

"We don't have all the detail we want yet," he said. "That takes money and staff time to do that. "We put more on our Web site

than most communities do --agendas, meeting minutes. "I don't know how much more

Behind the times?

convenient we can make it.'

A frequent council watchdog, Mike McClish, said he has no gripe with how city officials respond to his requests for docu-

"Is the city making it difficult for people getting information? For the most part, I would say 'no," McClish said. "I may be the world's champion FOIA person in the City of Northville.

"Dianne (Massa) does a good job in responding," he said, refer-ring to the city clerk, "I think they're reasonable fees."

However, McClish said the city getting technologically up to speed would enable the staff to expand Web site offerings. He cited a city Web site in another state that cross-links all informa-

"I think that we're quite a bit behind the times," McClish said. "I think there should be a policy for putting everything online."

Johnson defended the city's electronic presence. 🔒 ,

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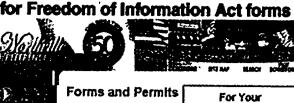
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■ How about TV?

Cable companies are welcome to broadcast the City of Northville meetings, Mayor Christopher Johnson said.

So far, none have opted to do so.

The city audiotapes, instead of videotapes, the council meetings as a cost-savings measure, he said.

It's always been an expense issue," he said.

Meeting times and dates are advertised, distributed via the city e-mailed news and posted in city hall and on the city's Web site.

"It isn't difficult to come to our meetings," he said. "You actually get to speak your mind on about every subject that comes before

Web site for that very reason," he said. "It makes it like a 24-hour city hall.

For a city our size, I think we do a heck of a job."

www.ci.northville.mi.us, includes a detailed service directory, reference desk, calendar, links and more, including forms to formally request information.

"I don't know how much more convenient we can make it," Johnson said. "To insinuate we're not open is crazy."

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ctronic presence. Massa said she will report back to the council on cost estimates of

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adding the council packet information on the Web site.

The morning of council meetings, the city currently has hard copies of the packet available for viewing at the city hall front desk and in the city manager's office. Massa said she did not know how many people look at those docu-

The information's there," she said. "Anything they want to see it's there to look at."

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PARKING: city spends \$400K for lot

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of the total public parking area in city Parking Lot No. 2.

The Northville Downtown Development Authority has been setting aside money for future parking expansion, said Johnson, who chairs the development authority board.

"One of the items we always talked about was land acquisition." he said.

The board members, who attended a closed special meeting Monday to discuss the purchase with council members, voted to amend their budget and allot \$400,000 for the purchase. Board member Margene Buckhave did

Bob Buckhave said he approached the city about a year ago about selling the property. He said he and his wife plan to invest the \$400,000 in their current downtown project with Erwin and Barbara Tonch, redevelopment of the former Northville Square indoor mall at the corner of Wing and Cady streets.

M Why now?

Mayor Christopher Johnson said it was now or never.

On Monday, the Northville Citý Council voted to purchase from Bob and Margene Buckhave a portion of the parking lot along the west side of their Old Church Square devel-

coment. They offered it to the city first. Johnson said. "They made it clear they would market if if we didn't purchase it., "Now is the time for the city

to act."

Monday's transaction was unrelated to the projected parking needs of that project, across Main Street from the parcel the city purchased, Johnson said.

"That's more of a theoretical problem," he said. "Even if they held onto that property, they wouldn't be addressing that concern one way or another."

Johnson said the city likely will

■ Where exactly?

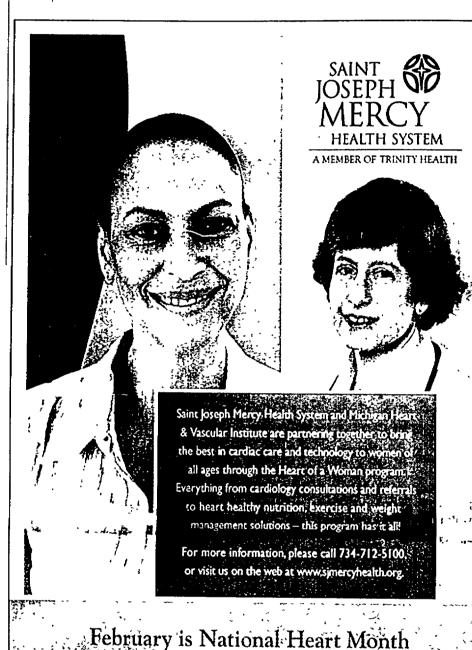
The portion of the parking lot the city purchased is a 40-foot strip stretching from Dunlap Street to the refuse area where commercial trash receptacles are located.

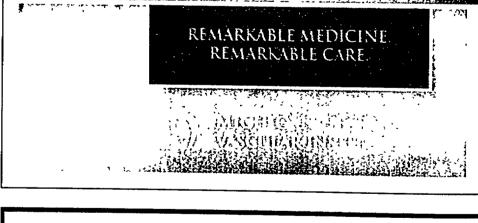
The approximate 7,000square-foot parcel encompasses about 18 parking spaces and the access drive into the lot from Dunlap.

finalize the sale by the end of the

"As soon as the lawyers get the paperwork together," he said. "It's a pretty straightforward transac-

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The Replacements: consultant swamped with city manager wanna-bes

What happened to Rocky's? It wasn't the service at Rocky's of Northville that drove the school district from its annual scholars banquet. Instead, it was the number of students recognized as National Merit Scholars, In order to host the students, their parents and teachers, the celebratory breakfast was held in the Northville High School cafeteria.

Residents living in Northville Ridge subdivision off Six Mile Road and Carriageway Drive have to cruise even slower now that a 19 mph sign has been erected at the sub's entrance. Residents are wondering where it came from. Is it because of construction in the area? But construction has been going on for more than two years. Hmmm ...

The long midnight lines are going, going, gone for parents in the Northville Public Schools district. In years past, parents would camp out all night to grab an optimal spot in the district's Early Childhood Center program. The registration process has been revamped and no longer is first-



come, first-served.

From Mary Alexander Court to South Main, word is Vine 2 Wine is moving! Look for the specialty wine store in their new location, in the former Country Fare home store, toward the end of March.

The entities border each other, but apparently communication doesn't flow easily over the line. If you want information about Maybury Farm programming, call the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200. If you want to learn about Maybury State Park programming, call the park office at (248) 349-8390.

Hey, parents! Do you have a son or daughter who graduated from Northville High School in 1981? The 25th reunion committee is looking for them. They are sending invitations for the Aug. 12 party at Western Country Club only by e-mail. So, get them on the list by e-mailing northvillehigh 1981 @yahoo.com.

The movie "One," produced by the local Powers family, had a great showing at Northville High School Saturday night.

"It was really beautiful," said Ward Powers, who shot the documentary. More than 175 people turned out for the showing hosted by Studio 427 owner Regina Abraham. The audience was a mix of students, parents and grandparents listening to responses to spiritual questions from religious leaders to regular folks. Next local screening: Universalist March 2.

He didn't apply, but Hillside ? Middle School Principal Jim Cracraft is receiving a Fulbright Memorial Scholarship anyway. Cracraft was contacted by the Japanese government and asked participate in the principal exchange program.

Yeah, yeah, we keep running this one. There's a couple left in the Northville Record office. Get your Northville Civic Concern's cookbook, only \$10 for "Recipes to Remember." For more information, call (248) 344-1033.

Northville teachers chosen as Fulbright Memorial scholars are: Crystal Gregg, Gary Gandolfl, Juliann Iljace and Rick Vander Veer. The teachers, will visit Komatsu, Kyoto and Kushiro in June on an all-expenses paid trip. The district will host six educators from Japan on Fulbright scholarships March 19-24.

Meanwhile, Northville resident Karen Howe wondered aloud REDICT DON'T WAIT

Unitarian Church of Farmington during last week's school board meeting if school administrators will drive the Japanese guests past the landfill at Six Mile and Napier roads when they visit in June?

> 'Diane Wise of Baby Baby on Main Street started a program called "baby bundles." Volunteers take donated items and package them for foster-care moms and anyone else who needs them.

Next Monday is Presidents' Day. So what does that mean to you? If you're a city resident, your trash collection will not be affected, but your city hall business will be. Yes, they have the day off. Offices reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Speaking of honorary designations ... Thanked a school principal lately? Gov. Jennifer Granholm declared this week as Principals Week in Michigan. Northville Public Schools is on spring break, but there is always next week.

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want for a buck? That plot, featuring a part-time treasure hunter and his girlfriend the shark handler, is "Into the Blue," the Northville Senior Community Center's Friday Flick tomorrow at 1 p.m. Cost: \$1 per person.

New to Northville? New or not, here's a deal you can't resist. The 150-member Northville Newcomers and Neighbors Club has reduced membership dues to \$10, to get you through August. If you want to attend the coffee to learn about evening, Ladies' Day and interest group activities, e-mail jacquesharp@hotmail.com by Sunday.

So you wanna manage Northville, eh? Get in line. As of last week, the consultant the city council hired to find a new city manager had received 45 applications! Steve Bernard, who is senior vice president of Chicagobased PAR Group, reportedly is "very pleased with the quality of candidates." He'll narrow the list to a dozen before the council chops that list in half next week. Interviews begin next month.

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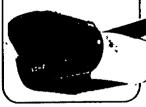
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By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Peter Vaitkevicius will only have eyes for

Emma at the Princess Ball.

The Northville Township resident will be one of hundreds of fathers, grandpas and uncles escorting the young lady in his life March 25 to the Northville Parks and Recreation daddy-daughter dance.

It's the 23rd annual event when fathers trade their briefcase, laptop and cell phone for a corsage, dance steps and a tiny hand to

"Emma's very excited," said her mother, Kim Vaitkevicius. "I have four kids and Emma's the only girl. This is a special time."

The Winchester Elementary School firstgrader attended the dance with her dad last year and is looking forward to stepping out for an evening on Dad's arm.

Time out

Dad's undivided attention will benefit his daughter beyond the ball, said David Rigo of Northville's Psychotherapy and Counseling Services.

"On a very basic level, it's the dad taking time out to be with her, exclusively her, Rigo said. "A lot of times dads are pretty much absent. They're still considered the primary bread winner.

"He plays an important role for both sons and daughters."

Until age 3 or 4, children are naturally more connected to their mother, Rigo said. As they begin to become an individual, he said, a father's role changes.

"That is where the father is an important figure," Rigo said.

Emily Sherman, parks and recreation events supervisor, said sometimes the fathers start out the evening awkwardly. But the antics of entertainer Rennie Kaufman help break the ice.

Just you and I

The evening of dancing, talking and greeting friends is a good environment for dads and daughters to connect, Rigo said. Exclusive time in a setting where the father plays a role other than disciplinarian will help the girls develop a healthy image, he

"It's good to see dad as a person," he said. "I think it's a wonderful thing.

"There's a lot of dads that really struggle with connecting with their kids."

In addition to the live entertainment, the ball includes crafts, a game and treats, Sherman said. For an additional charge, a

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Northville resident Emily Sulkey gives her dad Brad a kiss during the 2005 Daddy-Daughter Princess Ball.

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So, in addition to joining in the Hokey Pokey, Macarena and hustle, dads can assist in creating a Guenivere-style princess hat, solve puzzles for raffle prizes and share cupcakes and cookies.

"Many people are very inhibited," Rigo said. "That's something that has to be overcome by the daughter and the father. If they're able to go out there, they can really have fun and connect.

Something like going to a dance allows them to see their dad acting in a way ... a little bit more human, a little bit more play-

Daddy's girl

The girls range from very little to preteen, Sherman said. They wear sparkling dresses, styled hair-dos and often corsages.

"It's like that one night you can get really dressed up," she said. "This is an oppor-tunity to spend some time with their father.

"No one is there from their family. There's no distraction.'

Hundreds of men in suits and sport coats out on the dance floor doing the hustle with their miniature dates is quite a sight, Sherman said.

"I know these girls are seeing their dad in



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a way they don't usually."

For the dance last year, Kim Vaitkevicius said Emma donned a special dress and new shoes. It's a rare treat for the 6-year-old to have her dad to herself.

"They did the picture last year," the mom

said. "This is kind of special because the boys can't go."

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Booting kids off the couch

By Kate Holloway **GANNETT NEWS SERVICE**

New attempts to battle childhood obesity are once again coming from an institution many cite as a major cause: television.

Consider that Nickelodeon shut down all programming for three hours Saturday for its "Let's Just Play Worldwide Day of Play." Those who tuned in saw only a "Let's Just Play" logo so they'd move away from the tube and get active.

Meanwhile, "Kid Fitness," a new series based on an exercise video of the same title made by fitness trainer Paul Neville in 2003 and aimed at kids ages 2-8, is under distribution by American Public Television and has been picked up by several local PBS affiliates.

WYBE Philadelphia already airs "Kid Finess," and WKNO of Memphis launched the show Sunday. The show will be picked up Friday on KRSC of Tulsa and this Sunday on WUSI of Terre Haute, Ind., and WSIU of Paducah, Ky., Harrisburg, Ky. and Cape Girardeau,

Though the title "Kid Fitness" suggests a more overt push for kids to get up and move around, Neville says it's not presented that way.
"You have to mask the purpose of

what you're doing," Neville says, "You don't want to have a kid build a complex."

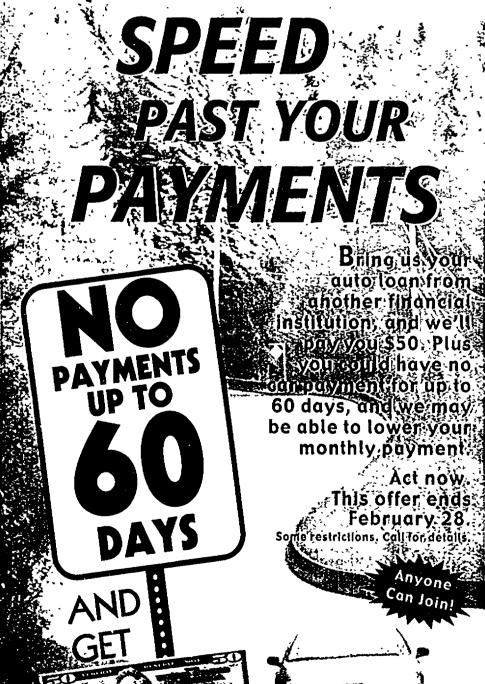
The show features interactive and educational story lines through the adventures of superhero Kid Fitness, played by certified personal trainer and fitness model Jarred Sper. Sper is accompanied by Brenda Butterfly, the Club Fit kids and a whole cast of physically active humans in animal costumes.

Neville set out to make Kid Fitness after his first child was born, when he began paying closer attention to childhood weight problems. About 31 percent of children in the United States are overweight or at risk of becoming so, according to the latest government data.

Neville blames, largely, TV and the Internet.

"The calories haven't changed that much as far as what the kids eat," Neville says. "It's what they burn off that's made the biggest difference.

Nicolas Stettler, pediatrician in Philadelphia Children's Hospital's Division Gastroenterology and Nutrition, agrees about the problems of TV and the Internet. He also attributes children's weight problems to unhealthful snacks sold in schools and to commercials that can encourage unhealthful snacks! beverages or



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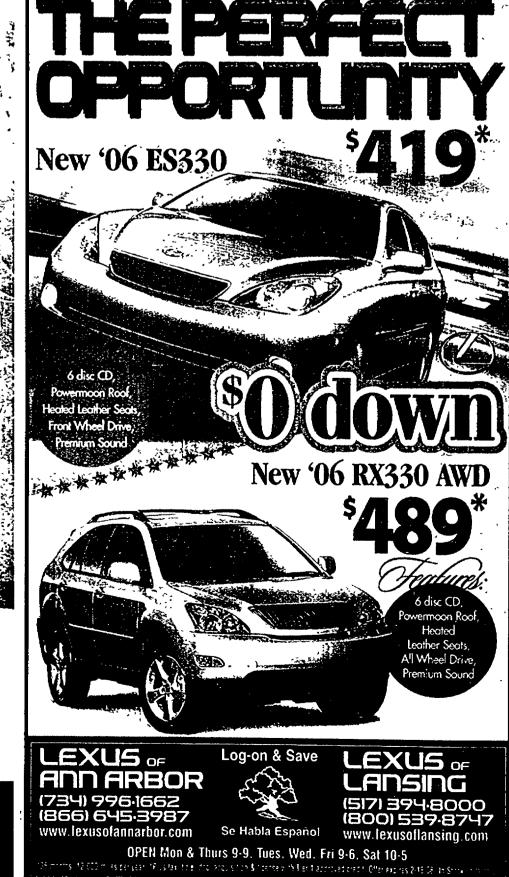
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Township meeting

The board of trustees will meet 7:30 p.m. tonight at township hall.

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Township hall will be closed Monday to observe President's Day.

Halling thieves
The Northville Township Police Department have teamed up with the Plymouth Township and Canton police departments to host a seminar on preventing theft from construction sites. "We Nail Thieves" is from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 24 at 46000 Summit Parkway,

Canton. Police are recommending builders encourage their management representatives attend. Reservations are required. Contact (734) 394-5325.

Mandatory smoke alarms

Starting March 14, Northville Township residents and business owners have one year to install smoke alarms in their buildings, structures and homes constructed before Nov. 6, 1974 and be compliant with the law.

Public Act 65 of 2004 required updates to the 2003 Michigan Building Code, 2003 Michigan Residential Code and 2003 Michigan Rehabilitation

Code for Existing Buildings to address the installation procedure for the required smoke alarms. The new smoke alarm rules are designed to set a minimum standard for structures built prior to 1974 to protect the health, safety and

welfare of the citizens of the state.

These rules only pertain to buildings constructed prior to 1974. Construction of all buildings built after 1974, must follow the codes set forth for new construction.

Creek rally

The Johnson Creek Protection Group is hosting a volunteer rally from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 27 at township hall. The landscaping.

Logo contest

The Johnson Creek Protection Group is looking for a logo for the 2006 Johnson Creek Day. Kids 12 and younger are asked to create a logo focusing on the habitat and animals surrounding the creek.

The winner will receive the Johnson Creek Protection Group Environmental Artist Award and a Johnson Creek Tshirt with his or her logo on it.

The T-shirt will also be used for the Johnson Creek Day Trail Run and Walk Saturday, May 20. All entries must be

topic of discussion: native vegetative submitted by mail or dropped off to Northville Township Department of Public Services for the March 16 dead-

Parents are asked include the child's name, age, address, phone number and school. Winners will be announced April 3. For more information, call Demetria Janus at (734) 214-1885 or e-

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Bipartisan panel to study No Child Left Behind

By Greg Toppo **GANNETT NEWS SERVICES**

After four years of complaints from parents, teachers and administrators about President Bush's No Child Left Behind education reform plan, a bipartisan commission is being created to take a "hard, independent look" at the law's problems and its promises.

The Commission on No Child Left Behind will travel the United States, holding public field hearings and roundtables, culminating in Washington, D.C., in September.

The commission will send recommendations to Congress in advance of NCLB's expected renewal in 2007.

Supported by the Aspen Institute, a Washington, D.C., think tank, the panel will be co-chaired by former Georgia governor Roy Barnes and former Health and Human Services secretary Tommy Thompson.

The law's "ideas and motives were good," Thompson says, "but the way it's implemented right now leaves a lot to be desired."

Passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in 2002, NCLB aims to raise the basic academic skills of public school children. A cornerstone of Bush's domestic agenda, it focuses on closing the "achievement gap" with low-income students. But critics, including the National Education Association American Association of School Administrators and the Civil Rights Project int Harvard University, say it relies too much on testing and punishes schools with even a few students whose skills don't rise steadily year by year.

Those groups and others also say NCLB imposes new requirements, such as expanded testing, without giving schools enough money, and it does little to help schools hire good teachers.

Jack Jennings, president of the Center on Education Policy, a Washington non-profit that extensively has studied NCLB, says its stringent testing requirements for disabled students and English lan-.guage learners "don't make a lot of sense" to teachers.

NCLB is a "a grab-bag of good provisions and troublesome provisions. I hope that they would find some way of improving the troublesome provisions to save the good intentions of the act."

Now in its fifth year, the law also has been applied unevenly by the federal government, according to a Civil Rights Project study.

State legislators in Virginia and Utah have recommended repealing NCLB or exempting states from requirements, but Thompson and Barnes say the commission will not consider such proposals.

"Education leaders in the nation agree that it's a good approach," says Barnes.

Thompson, a former Wisconsin governor, says NCLB "caused some rancor out in the hinterlands."

He wants to hear from those on both sides. "It's time for somebody to take a real hard, independent look and make some recommendations."

A list of commission members is expected to include a teacher, a civil rights leader, a former urban schools administrator and a corporate CEO, among others.

Barnes says the commission won't focus on funding, which is a "purely political" question.

That is not the scope of this commission. That's a discourse that needs to take place, but not here," he says.

Jennings says funding is impor-tant. Bush has proposed \$3.2 billion in education cuts in his 2007 budget, just as NCLB's testing provisions kick in.

Bush is "signaling that in his view, it's a matter of just demanding (improvement) and not helpingto pay for it," Jennings says.

Saying it's "the right time" to study the law, he hopes the commission finds ways to improve it. "If they're perceived as just being a commission to whitewash the problems of the act, they're not going to amount to anything."

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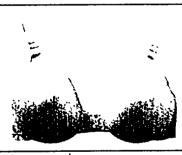


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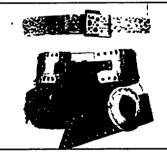
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Harness swiped

si À 49-year-old Ohio man reported to Northville police a horse harness valued at \$700 was taken from his trailer last Saturday night.

The man told police he put the harness in his trailer at 7 p.m. outside Barn "O" at Northville Downs at 7 p.m. and when he returned two hours later it was missing.

The case is closed.

Crossing the line

A 33-year-old Commerce Township man is expected in court Feb. 23 to face drunk driving charges.

Northville police arrested the Black Isuzu Rodeo driver last Saturday northbound on Novi Road after he struck a curb and crossed center lines. Police reports indicate the man said he had "a couple beers" at a friend's house.

administering After Breathalyzer test measuring the man's .145 blood alcohol content, officers arrested him and transported him to the Northville Township police station where he was jailed, pending bond.

Township

Animal cruelty

A 22-year-old Northville Township woman called police after her mother confessed to killing her cat. According to reports, the 52-year-old woman said she was drinking and not taking her medications and put her cat into a pillowcase and threw it into the trash receptacle outside her condo. The woman told police she did not beat her cat. Police photographed the dead cat and are waiting to hear from the Michigan Humane Society. The suspect was arrested and charged with cruelty to animals. She was given a March 9 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth. The case is closed.

Stolen álcohol

A 49-year-old Detroit woman was arrested from the Meijer store on Haggerty Road for allegedly stealing 15 bottles of alcohol. According to reports, the woman tried to conceal the bottles in a large black leather bag. Loss prevention officials stopped, the woman while attempting to leave without offering payment. According to reports, the woman said she had Hepatitis C, used heroin daily and gave police a syringe. The was arrested woman

charged with larceny. She was given a Feb. 23 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Stolen identities

After escorting a Huron Valley ambulance carrying a 24year-old Grosse Pointe Farms . man to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Northville Township police attempted to contact the owners of two stolen drivers licenses and a credit card found in the man's jacket.

According to reports, the owner of one license said his car was stolen two days prior from his employment across from a homeless shelter. The suspect told police he was homeless and staying in a shelter in Ann Arbor. The case remains open.

OnStar track down`

Police were dispatched to Five Mile and Haggerty Road after OnStar Security reported a stolen black Hummer H2 was stationary in the area. Police spotted the vehicle in the McDonald's parking lot attempting to exit and head eastbound on Five Mile Road. Police stopped the vehicle and were later informed by dispatched officers that the registered owner's girlfriend was driving the car. The 22-year-old Dearborn woman said she was borrowing her boyfriends car. According to reports, the woman and her boyfriend got in a fight previous to the incident and he threatened to report the vehicle stolen. The case is closed.

Stolen guns

Police were called to Meijer on Haggerty Road after two Detroit men, 17 and 18 years old, were arrested for allegedly stealing a toy pistol. According to reports, loss prevention officials saw one of the men cut the plastic case to the toy open with a stake knife and put it in his waistband. The men were charged with retail fraud and each given a Feb. 23 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Missing Jewelry

A' 63-year-old Northville Township man contacted police after his wife lost her \$3,000 engagement ring and wedding band inside Hiller's Market on Haggerty Road. According to police contacted reports, Hiller's management and the entire store was checked, but the ring was not found. The case is closed.

Hotels hope visitors check out livelier, upgraded lobby

By Roger Yu GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Hotel lobbies aren't just

places to check in any more. Flush with money from the travel boom, the U.S. hotel industry will spend \$5 billion on improvements in 2006, says consultant

PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Hotels are channeling much of it into lobbies, making them inviting places to meet, linger and mingle.

They're betting that spiffier,

livelier lobbies will give a competitive edge. And by drawing guests out of their rooms, hotels hope to generate more food and beverage sales:

· Marriott. Its new lobby plan calls for a lounge with intimate tables and wait service.

For guests who want to work but don't want to be cooped up in their rooms, the plan — part-ly inspired by Starbucks and airlines' airport clubs - lays out an area of alcoves.

Marriott will start with newly constructed and renovated

hotels, and eventually incorporate the model throughout the chain. "It's about public privacy," says executive Mike Jannini.

· Embassy Suites. The Hiltonowned chain, known for openair atriums, said last month it will start installing European-style" cafe in its hotels. To enlarge the usable space, it will eliminate the front desk and replace it with a set of self-check-in kiosks and podiums manned by staffers.

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with Web portal Yahoo, Langham Hotels, will enlarge Sheraton said in January that it the lobby and move the bar and will test a Wi-Fi-enabled communal lobby lounge at some of its hotels, including The Sheraton San Diego.

It features desktop computers, a plasma TV, food and comfortable chairs.

· Boutiques: The high-end Kimpton chain spent more than \$300,000 on lobby furniture when it opened Hotel Solamar San Diego last July.

Boston, Langham Hotel owned by Hong Kong-based the lobby and move the bar and restaurant down from the second floor.

The goal is to make the hotel, once the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, more contemporary and lively, says manager Serge Denis.

W Hotels kicked off the lobby competition in the late 1990s with its first hotel, which is in New York.

Its lobbies, known for buzzing parties, sleek d icor and mood lighting, got inspiration from European hotels and cafes, says executive Ross Klein.

Anne Seymour, Washington, D.C.-based crime victims' advocate, says she is finding it increasingly convenient to have meetings at hotel lobbies. Says Seymour: "They are larger, cleaner and (have) huge fluffy couches, free magazines and newspapers. Geez, who needs to even get a room anymore?"



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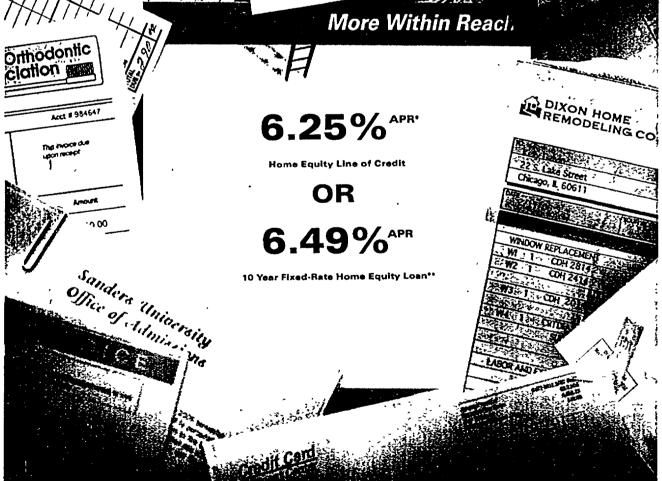
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CAPTAIN: Carlson assumes new city police command post

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previous six months. Northville's first officer to undergo intensive bicycle training two years ago passed on the handlebars.

But he plans to continue taking his turn at patrol.

New position

Carlson, 42, was hired part-time on the force in 1992. Promoted to sergeant in 2001, he worked as a patrol supervisor until assigned to the detective bureau.

Twelve years into Carlson's career, two of the veterans who mentored his progress retired, Capt. Norm Kubitskey last May and Det. Sgt. Dave Fendelet last January.

As senior staff members, Carlson and fellow sergeant Dustin Krueger split departing Kubitskéy's adminiresponsibilities. Meanwhile, Carlson was getting acquainted with his new responsibilities as detective sergeant, following through investigations of his fellow officers, appearing in court and occasionally picking up extra

being more rewarding than I expected," Carlson said. "That becomes rewarding, getting restitution for victims, getting closure for

Breaking and entering, theft and property damage are the complaints Northville fields the most, Carlson said. In addition to investigations, his detective sergeant position also entailed oversight of firearms and

self-defense training, reviewing

new officers' progress and supervising patrols. The new captain said he knows the many varied assignments he's juggled his career helped to get to

Set standards

this point.

Carlson said he wants to maintain the department's professionalism in education and training.

Northville Police Chief Jim Petres said Carlson is a good fit for the local department.

Through his varied experience, particularly his last year in the detective bureau and his previous military police experience, he has gained a broad knowledge of the overall operations in the depart-

"I think he's well-respected among the officers of the depart-

With Carlson's promotion to captain. Petres will have to fill one **■ Promoted** Who: Police

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Carlson Career: 13-

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Police Department

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detective and two sergeant vacancies to bring the department to full staff.

We're really looking forward to moving those sergeants up and redistributing the responsibilities so the department can run as it's supposed to," Carlson said. "It definitely allows for a smoother running department."

Same oath

Carlson's successful completion of written and oral exams helped him fill the captain vacancy created by Kubitskey's departure. The position is an understudy of the chief, filling in for the department head in

"You have to love the job or

advancing doesn't make any sense," he said. "I want to see the department go in a positive direction and be

part of it. 'That is a very rewarding aspect of the job, seeing the results of the decisions you make whether it's as a patrol officer

on the road of sitting in this chair." A new office won't put space between Carlson and local resi-

"I want to stay in touch with what

Northville Police Department Capt. Mike Carlson, right, meets with Chief Jim Petres. goes on out on the road," he said. "I still have that deep love for the job,

staying in touch with the community, making them know their police department is out there. Carlson's position affords him a captain's gold bars and gold badge,

but the uniform feels the same.

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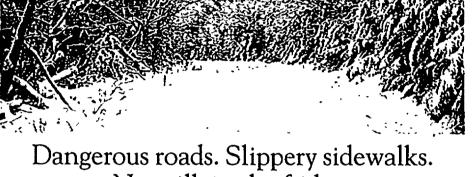
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New Hope provides place for those in grief

By Brad Kadrich GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

The New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville makes its living providing grieving families with a place to make it through the grief process after losing a loved one.

The center, run by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, depends a lot on volunteers to help run the various support groups, and many of them come to New Hope the same way: Seeking something, anything, to help them through the process.

Pattie Bingham is no different. Bingham, a Farmington Hills resident who left a corporate job for a publishing company when her husband, Ralph, was diagnosed with cancer in 2001, found her way to New Hope after Ralph lost his battle three years later.

After struggling to find the right group, Bingham made her way to a New Hope-sponsored workshop at Ward Presbyterian Church.

"When I walked in, I just knew it was the right place," said Bingham, New Hope's new outreach and special events coordinator. "Something just clicked. It was the way they handled the workshops. They had a broad overview, then you could break down and discuss things with your peers.

"Most of the facilitators had been where we were," she added. "What better way to learn? It was very encouraging.

Encouraging was something Bingham needed at that point in her life. Doctors diagnosed Ralph's cancer in 2001 and gave him six months to live.

Not wanting to waste any of it, Pattie quit her job and spent every minute of the next three years with her husband, doing the things he wanted to do, traveling to places he wanted to see.

"We'd gone to the Mayo Clinic and thought it was getting better, but it came back," Pattie said. Those three years were wonderful times, the best times we spent together. It was what he wanted

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> Patti Bingham New Hope Coordinator

to do, so you have to do it." Ralph succumbed in May 2004. Pattie was left grieving, looking for help. Shortly after her husband's death, Pattie learned of a New Hope workshop at Ward, but it was too soon. She wouldn't make it to a grief workshop until September

"I was sitting home grieving, scrolling public service TV and happened to see the ad for New Hope's summer workshop," Pattie said. "I couldn't make that one, and I probably wasn't ready anyway."

By September she was ready, and going to the workshop led her to volunteer to facilitate other groups, do office and clerical work, and "whatever they needed," she said.

When former outreach coordinator Sandy Prebenda, also of Plymouth, announced she was leaving, Bingham was ready to

"She really felt connected to New Hope," said Cathy Clough, the center's executive director. "Sometimes when people come through New Hope and stick around and volunteer, it becomes a part of them. They've gained so much and they can see what it

"They want to do anything they can to help other people who are in the spot they were in when they were going through their grief," Clough added. "I saw a lot of that in Pattie. I saw

compassion. If she was looking for a fresh



Pattle Bingham found the right grief center in Northville's New Hope. Now, she's giving back through the center.

start, Bingham certainly had choices after her husband passed away. Her eldest daughter, Jenniser Bingham, lives in Indianapolis. Her youngest daughter, Samantha Holloway, lives in Phoenix. Son Cliff, the middle child, lives in Ferndale.

But Bingham decided to stick around, and she found her heart - in part because of New Hope

gravitating toward Northville. "It's funny how God works," Bingham said. "I could have gone to Phoenix or to Florida, but when I look back I think, 'Why would I want to go there to get old?' That's why they tell you not to do anything like that the first year.

Things happen for a reason. My heart has always been geared toward Northville. I just love it."

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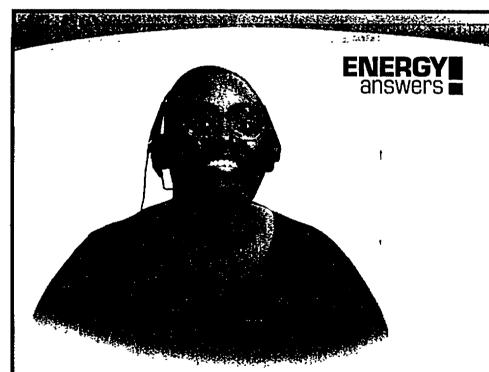
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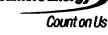
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Bakowski-Steinhelper

Robert and Irene Bakowski of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Marie Bakowski to Jason Thomas Steinhelper, son of Thomas and Patricia Steinhelper of Novi.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is currently employed at DFCU Financial as a Member Relations Representative.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School, a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and is currently attending the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, receiving his degree this spring, 2006. He is an intern at Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

An August 2006 wedding is planned.



Anderson-Grymes

Richard and Barb Anderson of Northville announce the engagement of their son, David Michael Anderson to Holly Lynn Grymes, daughter of Stephen and Mary Jane Grymes, of Valley Cottage, N.Y.

The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School and a 2001 graduate from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in English and Film Studies. He is a

screenwriter and graphic designer in Los Angeles.
The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Loyola College, Maryland, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is a third grade teacher for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

An August 2006 wedding is planned.



Bahl-Chau

Gordon H. Bahl Jr. and Joan Bahl announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth Bahl to John Chau, son of Vutha and Kanya Chau of Aloha,

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is currently attending Ave Maria School of Law.

The groom-elect is a 1991 graduate of Beaverton High School and a 1998 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He served as a Captain in the Marine Corps for two deployments in Iraq, earning medals for his service including the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal. He is currently attending Ave Maria School of Law and is employed by Toyota Technical Center.

A July 2006 wedding is planned.



Slating-Raschke

Kathleen and Richard Slating of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Kate Slating to Matthew Allan Raschke, son of Debra and Robert Raschke of Dearborn.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School and a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Quicken Loans as a Senior Mortgage Banker.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Edsel Ford High School and a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He earned a masters degree from Wayne State University. He is a Planner for Washtenaw Area Transportation.

A July 2006 wedding is planned.





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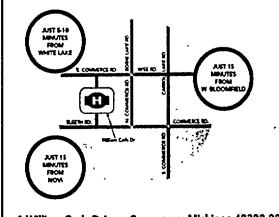
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Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28 at Moraine Elementary, 46811 W. Eight Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 349-



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Driver Information Program

The Northville High School Parent Awareness Committee will be hosting a Driver Information Program 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 in the NHS Forum, 45700 Six Mile Road. The program is for parents of student drivers; new, experienced and those getting ready to drive. Students are also welcome. A panel of experts, experienced parents and students will discuss driving issues including: safety, laws, licensing, insurance and parenting challenges. The panel will include the NHS police liaison officer, a driver's education instructor and an insurance agent. For more information, call (248) 347-3019.

Parenting Seminars

Dr. Jim Fay will conduct a seminar on "How to Discipline Kids Without Losing Their Love." The event will take place 4:30-6 p.m. (Part I) and 7:30-9 p.m. (Part II) Monday, March 6 in the Northville High School Auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road. No registration is required, suggested donation is \$5 per family.

Kindergarten

Northville Public Schools is accepting kindergarten registrations for fall 2006. Guardians of children age 5 on or before Dec. 1 should contact their local elementary school for registration information. Ridge Wood area kindergarten students for the 2006-07 school year will attend

other district schools as follows: Moraine: Fox Hollow, Pine Creek and Paramount Estates; Silver Springs: Woodlands North, Woods of Edenderry, Hills of Crestwood and Links of Northville; Thornton Creek: Northville Ridge and Stone Water; and Winchester: Water; and Winchester: Northville Hills West and Woodlands subdivisions. All Arcadia Ridge subdivision students will attend Thornton Creek for the 2006-07 school

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Northville Public The Schools will be accepting testnominations for the Alternative Learning Program (ALPS) housed at Amerman elementary from parents of current district second graders and fourth graders who are new to the district. Nominations are for the 2006-07 school year. Forms may be picked up at each child's school March 1-17 only. Testing for second graders will be April 6 and 7 for the full academic day. The final schedule will be communicated to nominating parents. Testing for new fourth graders who did not take the ITBS/CogAT test as third graders will be during the week of March 20 when all fifth graders will take this exam. For more information about the program or process, contact director Katie Parker at (248) 344-

School Closing Update

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NORTHVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

the February 28, 2006 School Election has been scheduled for

Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the Township Hall training room located at 44405 Sox Mile Road, Northyrile, Michigani allicance.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

OFFICE CLOSING

closed on Monday, February 20, 2006 in observance of President's Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2006.

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

ELECTION TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006

2006 at the Novi Civic Center, City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile

tact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, con-

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006.

The test will be conducted at 10 00 AM on Wednesday, February 22,

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be

The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain

The public is welcome and invited to attend (2-16-06 NR 262090) SUE /

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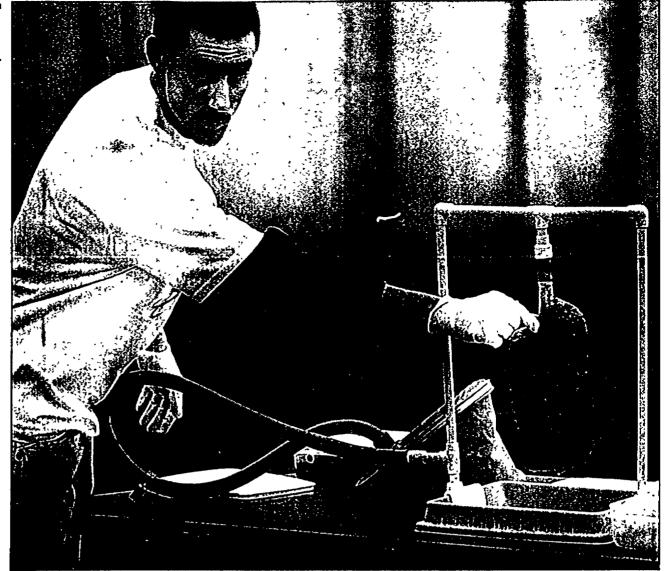


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as soon as possible, prior to 7 a.m. All announcements regarding school closings, bus delays and emergencies are made on these radio stations: WNIC-FM (100.3), WJR-AM (760) and WWJ-AM (950.)

Early Childhood Center Registration

New Northville school district families may download an Childhood Center Program request form from the center's Web site beginning March 25 for summer programs and the 2006-07 school year. Completed forms may be mailed or dropped off March

27-April 6 at the Early Childhood Center Office, 49775 Six Mile Road. Familes will be contacted with placement information by May 1. Families with children attending private ele-mentary schools interested in school-age programs may contact the ECC office in July and out-of-district families in August. The ECC Web site is www.northville.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test for the February 28, 2006 Election will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, (248) 349-1300. The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law, Candidates and other interested parties are invited to attend.

(2-16-06 NR 267605)

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS of the City of Novi – Oaldand County, Michigan, notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, in the City of Novi from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Politing Locations:

FEBRUARY 28, 2006

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PRECINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
13	St. James Catholic Church	46325 West Ten Mile Road
14	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
15	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
16	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road

FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPO-

1. Northville Public Schools Bond proposition \$25,235,000 for a new

elementary school; educational technology improvements; land acquisition; playground and site development.

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COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, Patrick M. Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of February 1, 2006, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Northwile Public Schools, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties, is

is follows:	VOTED	YEARS INCREASE
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Northville Public Schools	18.00	2003-2012 Incl.
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City of Novi	1.80	Unlimited
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Schoolcraft College	.50	Unlimited
Wayne County RESA	1.8782	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.25	2002 to 2011 Incl.

Patrick M. Dohany, Treasurer **Oakland County**

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of voting instructions are available at the polling places.

Absentee Ballots are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175
W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2006. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2006. A ballot obtained on February 27, 2006 must be voted in the City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday, February 25, 2006 from 8:00 a m. to 2:00 p m.

(2-16-06 NR 267267)

MARYANNE CORNELIUS.

CITY CLERK

CITY OF NORTHVILLE **ELECTION NOTICE FEBRUARY 28, 2006 ELECTION**

Please take notice that an election will be held in the City of Northville, counties of Oakland and Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. The polls open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. to

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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II. Northville Public Schools Bond proposition \$45,430,000 for remodeling bodstirig buildings; a field house addition; a new transportation facility; school buses and technology improvements; and developing and improving playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities and sites.

Full text of the millage proposal may be obtained by contacting Director of Business and Finance John Street, Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, telephone (248) 349-3400.

Please take further notice that the bonds of the school district, if approved by a majority vote of the electors at this election, will be general obligation unlimited tax bonds payable from general ad val-

WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Statement As Required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964

 Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of January 9, 2006 the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Wayne County:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increase	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mili	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Regional Educational	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Service Agency	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks Schoolcraft	August 8, 2000	0.25 mills	2005
Community College	March 1, 1986	.50	Unlimited
Northville Public Schools	June 2003	18 mills	2005 thru 2012 (non-homestead)
	September 2004	.25 mills	2005 thru 2012 (non-homestead)
	November 2005	3 mills	2012
Northville District Library	May 31, 1994	1 mill	(non-homestead) Unlimited
City of Northville	March 4, 1997	1 92 mills	1997 Indefinitely

RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, COUNTY TREASURER DATED JANUARY 9, 2006 WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT Statement As Required By Act No. 62 of the Public Acts of 1933 As Amended

I, Patrick Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of February 1, 2006, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limfation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Northville Public Schools, Oaldand County is as follows:

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Local Unit	Voted Increase	Years Increase Effective
County of Oakland Wayne County Regional	.25	2002 to 2011 Incl.
Educational Service Agency	1.8782	Unlimited
Northville Public Schools	18.00	2003-2012 Incl. (Non-Homestead)
	.25	2004-2012
	3.00	2012
Schoolcraft College	.50	Unlimited
City of Northville	1.00	Unlimited
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DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2006 PATRICK DOHANY, COUNTY TREASURER

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

CITY OF NORTHYILLE POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 2006 ELECTION

Precinct 1 Wayne County Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
Precinct 2 Oakland County Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.
Polling places are handicapped accessible and each precinct is

Polling places are handicapped accessible and each precinc is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions.

The City Clerk's Office, located in the City of Northwille Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northwille, Michigan, 48167, will be open from 9:00 a m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2006 for the purpose of obtaining absentee ballots and receiving absentee ballot applications for builded to be mailed On Libertay Exhaury 27, 2008, until 4:00. pose of octaining absenties ballots and receiving absentée ballot applications for ballots to be mailed. On Monday, February 27, 2006, until 4:00 p.m., qualified electors requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person and vote the ballot at the City Clerk's office. Absentee ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at www.cl.northville.ml.us. or by contacting the Elections Clerk at 248-349-1300, ext. 1962.

(2-16-06 NR 267187)

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

OF NORTHVILLE 2006 BOARD OF REVIEW The Northville Township 2006 Board of Review will be holding meet-

CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ings on the following dates to hear appeals from citizens regarding their 2006 assessment at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Sox Mile Rd. Northville, MI 48168. You may call (248) 348-5810 to make an appoint ment. Letter of appeals must be received by March 18, 2006. Postmarks are not accepted.

March 7, 2006 March 13, 2006 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. By appointment 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. By appointment 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. By appointment March 14, 2006 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon By appointment 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. By appointment 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon Walk-In (Saturday) March 18, 2006

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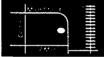
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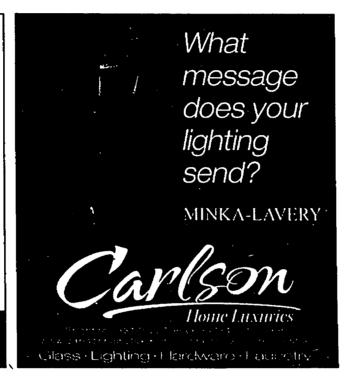
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Madonna University

Northville residents, Jennifer Payton and Krista Reinhart, were among the December 2005 Madonna University graduates during commencement exercises.

Spring Arbor University

Northville residents, Emily Dixon, Kristen Tomakowsky and Karen VanSlyke, were named to the fall 2005 semester dean's list at Spring Arbor University.

Central Michigan University

Elizabeth-An Aniol, Sarah Bowles, David Gian, Bree Hietala, Katelyn Ketchum, Denver Laabs, John McCambridge, Angela Niehoff, Cortney Paul, Candice Rosinski, Kristy Webster and Amy Wild, all of Northville, were named to the fall 2005 semester honors list at Central Michigan University.

Ohio State University

Northville resident, Adam Konst, was named to the Autumn quarter 2005 dean's list at Ohio State University.

Northern Michigan University

Northville resident, McLaren, was named to the fall 2005 semester dean's list at Northern Michigan University.

Bowling Green State University

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Matt Ladach Physical Education Teacher, Northville High School



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYLLE RECORD

Northville's competitive cheer team uses the high school cafeteria for practice space.

FIELD: district pitches \$17.2M athletic field house

■ Looking back

In 1996, the bond to

build a new Northville

high school failed. It

the following year.

came back and passed

At the time, school

officials said they decided

to keep the same price as

the 1996 bond, despite a

6 percent cost increase,

school.

resulting in cuts from the

athletic wing of the

An indoor track was in

the original proposal.

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School officials are

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adding on," said Joan

Wadsworth, Northville

education treasurer.

Public Schools board of

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date growth.

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The field house addition will include a gym with three full-size courts, indoor track, wrestling room, storage area and weight and cardiovascular room.

"We're big on time on task," Ladach said. "And right now, for example, we're not able to meet curriculum needs of the shape-up

The course offers students a in the wrestling room with video tapes, which Ladach said is not enough to reach optimal cardiovascular activity.

Officials said a limited number of cardio equipment housed in the training room could be used for cardio, if it is moved into a room with adult

supervision. If we had the cardiovascular room we could do something similar to Livonia, like spinning classes. said Bryan Masi, Northville High School athletic director. would like to get our physical education curriculum to the same stan-

dard." Masi said the school's physical education goal is teaching lifelong

Northville High School requires one athletic credit for graduation, equaling two classes. The physical education curriculum is administered by five teachers teaching three classes per day. Masi said space constraints

result in physical education classes reaching sometimes more than 38 kids. The average class is 35.5 students per class.

"Because we can't expand, we let those numbers go way up," he

Since the high school opened, enrollment has increased by 532 student to 2,087 this year.

The addition of a 49,457 square-foot academic wing on the east side of the building in 2003 addressed the need for additional academic space.

The current Northville High School physical education facilities include: two gyms, one weight room and one classroom.

School officials said the existing facilities cannot handle the near 1,500 students taking physical education classes each year.

According to enrollment documents, Northville High School population is expected to reach 500 by the 2010-11 school year.

"Part of it is, can we afford to put it off?" said Joan Wadsworth, Northville Public Schools board of education treasurer. "Do we affect kids' avail-

ability to participate in athletics? Do we affect physical education?

"The gem is. our curriculum is better and kids can participate more.

Also included

The ... \$45.43 million 11, bond, includes the cost of synthetic turf at the high school soccer and prac-tice fields and Eight Mile Road stadium.

School officials said the synthetic fields will be used for physical education classes, 1 marching band rehearsals, team practices and games.

Officials said operating the field house addition will be mostly covered by the increase in per-pupil funding of

new students and an operating millage will not be requested from taxpayers. The Feb. 28 ballot will also include a \$25.24 million bond

proposal to purchase land at Six Mile and Napier roads and construct a seventh district elementary school.

The Northville Public Schools bond ballot will ask residents for a total of \$70.7 million.

Residents would pay 1.59 mills of additional property tax if both proposals pass. The owner of a \$400,000 home would pay \$318 of additional tax for 20 years.

District officials said because of community growth the actual millage assessed over the next 20 years will be less than full 1.59 mills attached to the bonds, resulting in a lower tax obligation.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/voi

A new wrestling room would be available at Northville High School, if voters approve a \$45 million bond Feb. 28.

District: \$45M bond would give physical education and athletics a needed boost

Hoping for a kick start

Officials say crowded hallways no place for team practices

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville High School boasts 62 athletic teams and five club sports - the largest number in the Lakes Activities Western Association.

Officials said large offerings equal a need for athletic space, something the high school does-

The pitch: a Northville Public Schools \$45.43 million dollar bond request will make the room.

Part of the Feb. 28 proposed bond includes a \$17.3 million field house addition to the west side of Northville High School.

Other bond items include changes to the district Eight Mile Road stadium, construction of a 20,494-square-foot transportation facility, improvements to all district buildings and technology

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Add it on

Northville High School Athletic Director Bryan Masi said the 61,698-square-foot athletic addition would provide space for numerous students practicing in the halls and late on school nights.

Athletes practice in staggered schedules beginning after school and ending as late as 9:30 p.m., Masi said.

The competitive cheer team is relegated to the cafeteria and Lacrosse players do wind sprints in the hallways while dodging equipment stored in plain view. Officials said more than 50

■ Northville High School **Athletic Teams**

The following list shows the number of Northville High School student-athletes who have particpated, or are expected to particpate, during the 2005-06 academic year. Northville High School features 28 sports, 62 teams, and five club sports.

Fall Total: 518 Varsity Football (42) JV Football (35) Freshman Football (54) Varsity Girls Basketball (13) JV Girls Basketball (13) Freshman Girls Basketball (13) Varsity Boys Soccer (22) JV Boys Soccer (21) Freshman Boys Soccer (17) Varsity Boys Cross Country

and JV Boys Cross Country (34) Varsity Girls Cross Country and JV Girls Cross Country (27) Varsity Boys Golf (10) JV Boys Golf (10) Varsity Girls Tennis (16) JV Girls Tennis (16) V. Sideline Cheerleading (21) JV Sideline Cheerleading (16) Fr. Sideline Cheerleading (12) Varsity Pom Pon (30) JV Pom Pon (24) V. Girls Swimming/Diving and JV Girls Swimming/Diving (72)

Winter Totals: 266 Varsity Gymnastics (14) Varsity Boys Basketball (13) JV Boys Basketball (13) Fr. Boys Basketball (15) V. Boys Swimming/Diving (35)

■ NHS athletic practice schedule

2:30-4:30 p.m.: three volleyball teams 4:30-6:30 p.m.: JV basketball 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Varsity basketball

Concurrently, other athletes are practice in the auxiliary gym, including wrestlers who cannot practice in the wrestling room because of limited space

Varsity pom pon has the last auxiliary gym slot, practicing from 8-9:30p.m.

On nights of gymnastics meets, all auxiliary dym practices are canceled.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYLLE RECORD

Members of the Northville Mustangs football team perform conditioning exercises in a high school hallway.

percent of the high school student

body participates in sports. Items included in the addition: an indoor track, 1/10 of a mile; a 3,000-square-foot weight training facility; and a 3,000 square-foot wrestling room.

The weight training facility would double as a classroom and wrestling room would provide space for practices, aerobic classes and a safe space for cheer team stunt training.

The existing high school wrestling room is less than 1,000 square feet.

Masi said the room becomes a safety hazard when more than 12 wrestlers practice at one time. There are 38 students on the wrestling team.

Fix it up

Passing the \$45.43 million dollar bond would also include renovation of the school auxiliary gym to include a permanent gymnastics center and possible rental for off-season club sports.

Masi said there may also be room to partition the existing gym for academic stationary bicycles and aerobic training.

The athletic director's office and current wrestling room would be renovated including a conference room and limited storage area.

Officials said there will be space for off-season team conditioning and baseball and softball hitting cages will be available year round

Varsity Boys Wrestling and JV

Boys Wrestling (42) Varsity Girls Volleyball (11) JV Girls Volleyball (12) Freshman Girls Volleyball (12) Varsity Boys Hockey (22) Varsity Boys Bowling (9) JV Boys Bowling (9) Varsity Girls Bowling (9) JV Girls Bowling (9) V. Comp. Cheerleading (18) JV Comp. Cheerleading (14) Fr. Comp. Cheerleading (9)

Spring Totals: 461 Varsity Baseball (18) JV Baseball (15) Freshman Baseball (15) Varsity Softball (15) JV Softball (14) Freshman Softball (14) Varsity Girls Golf (8) JV Girls Golf (9) Varsity Girls Soccer (23) JV Girls Soccer (22) Freshman Girls Soccer (20) Varsity Boys Tennis (16) JV Boys Tennis (16) Varsity Boys Track/Field and JV Boys Track and Field (72) Varsity Girls Track and Field and JV Girls Track and Field (98) Varsity Girls Lacrosse (32) Varsity Boys Lacrosse (28)

Club Sports: 81 Equestrian (8) Figure Skating (8) JV Boys Hockey (21) Varsity Girls Hockey (21)

JV Girls Hockey (23)

JV Boys Lacrosse (26)

Masi said the proposed field house athletic addition will meet . Girls softball - rents the needs of the school's expanded programs. tice and try-outs

"We are not talking about health club

Marilyn Price

Trustee, Northville Public Schools Board of Education

memberships for sale."

Outside play

A portion of the \$45.43 million district bond proposal would cover installing synthetic turf on two practice fields at Northville High School.

Officials said participation on the grass practice fields is limited because of wear and tear. The Northville High School band practices in the school east park-

Also proposed, a synthetic field at the district Eight Mile Road athletic stadium, adjacent to Amerman Elementary School. By using a grass field, spring sports are virtually eliminated because of regeneration," said David Bolitho, Northville Public Schools assistant superintendent for administrative services.

Bolitho said the district would save about \$30,000 in maintenance costs if all three athletic fields are replaced with a synthetic surface.

"We're looking for more of a consistent playing surface and increase uses of our club, MHSAA and Colts," Bolitho said. "There are opportunities not only for the district, but the community."

Officials said the surface would adequately support the three high school football teams, three high school Lacrosse teams and middle school team.

"We don't believe it is a want," Bolitho said. "We believe it is a need."

One for all

Officials said community members may have access to the proposed high school field house addition indoor track and cardiovascular room considering the Northville Parks & Recreation could oversee facility use after 7

School officials said the field house will not be a community athletic center.

"We are not talking about health club memberships for sale," said Marilyn Price, Northville Public Schools board of education trustee. Masi said the increased room

M NHS athletic rentals

Wixom indoor cages for prac-• Girls soccer - rents total

soccer for practice and try-• Boys baseball - rents

Wixom indoor cages for practice and try-outs. · Girls Volleyball - rents

Hillside Recreation Center when displaced from NHS Girls Golf - rents Oasis Golf Dome for try-outs

will provide space for non-athletic events as well. Hosting academic-based tournaments, like Science Olympiad would become an option.

"It will allow us to use proper space," Masi said. Other options include hosting Special Olympic

The alternative

If the Northville Public Schools \$45.43 million dollar bond proposal doesn't pass, Masi guarantees there will be athletic changes at Northville High School.

"Not only would we have to cap, we would have to look at existing programs," he said.

Putting a cap on adding new sports and possibly cutting participation in established teams would be the result.

The Northville Public Schools' board of education president, Karen Paciorek, said the school is looking at adding 12 more teams, if space becomes available.

Paciorek said participation on many high school teams is not capped and some sports like the track are no-cut teams: everyone is a member. "Having kids involved is a pos-

itive," Paciorek said. "Our bottom line is to get kids to participate.

That is good, that is what we want. That is part of the school experience.

That is why families move to Northville. It is all packaged together."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville High School strength and conditioning coach Steve Mandregger, right, instructs students in the weight room. District officials say the room, which does not feature cardiovascular equipment, is too small for for effective physical education curriculum and athletic



Field house is cornerstone of athletic department bond request

By David Aguilar RECORD EDITOR

s a former coach and physical education teacher, Bryan Masi believes there's nothing quite like getting

in the game.

But the Northville High School athletic director believes too many students are currently hamstrung by deficient facilities, leaving them on the sidelines during gym class while forcing athletes to use school hallways and slippery-surfaced cafeterias as makeshift training facilities.

Masi thinks those conditions are dangerous and unacceptable at a school where enrollment has swelled by 532 students — to 2,087 — since opening in 2000 and where enrollment is expected to top 2,500 by 2010, according to district estimates.

There's simply nowhere to run, Masi said, standing in the long hallway outside his office as junior varsity athletes perform stretching exercises, then begin light running to limber up. They are one of several teams who use the school's pedestrian corridors as indoor practice sites.

Above them, Northville's athletic history is draped by black and orange banners, marking previous athletic accomplishments.

Masi said the banners are proud recollections, but demarcate another era, and a vastly different Northville High School. Back then, he said, more than 50 percent of the student body wasn't participating in athletics and 1,500 students were not enrolled in gym class each year. That are now

class each year. They are now, "We're in a different time now," Masi said, conceding some Northville residents may still flinch Feb. 28 when asked to approve the \$17.2 million field house concept, part of a \$45.43 million bond request. "We have 62 teams now. Back then, you had 8-10"

The \$45 million bond, one of two Feb. 28 requests totaling \$70.67 million, would also include stadium renovations at the Eight Mile Road stadium, a new transportation facility, renovation of the Main Street building, which houses district administration officials and district-wide renovations

and repairs.

A second bond request asks voters to approve \$25.24 million to purchase land and construct the district's seventh elementary school.

Masi said the proposed field house is less about keeping up with the Joneses like Novi and Livonia, among the districts Northville officials toured before settling on their own fieldhouse proposal, and more about keeping up with swollen physical education classes where class sizes feature 35 students.

At that rate, Masi said, not all students can participate, causing many to miss out on valuable daily exercise and instruction.

Fit for a field house?

Masi said building a new high school field house is crucial for two reasons. First, it ensures students can participate in after school activities. Second, it allows the physical education curriculum to tone up and grow.

Why is that important? Masi believes a direct line runs between physical education, stu-

Athletic Field house
As proposed, a 61,698square-foot athletic field house
built at the end west of

Northville High School would include:

• three basketball courts and

two batting cages

• • elevated four-lane track
(1/10-mile)

- cardiovascular room (2,900 la square feet)

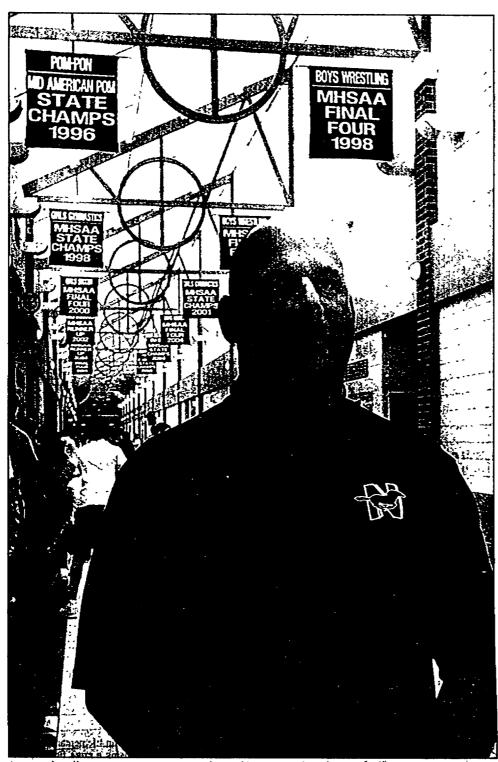
, • weight room (2,900 square feet)

physical education offices
 storage rooms
 training room

Athletic director Bryan Masi makes his case for upgrading the high school's physical education curriculum and athletic department, including a \$17.2 million athletic field house.

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BELOW: A rendering of the front elevation for the proposed 61,698-square-foot athletic field house, which would be added to the west end of Northville High School.



Courtesy of Fanning-Howey

■ Banning the "F" word

accomplishments.

District officials are hoping voters won't hold against them their liberal use of the "F" on the Feb. 28 ballot: "Field house."

"I wish we didn't use the word 'field house," said Northville High School athletic director Bryan Masi. "It's an addition to the high school, not a free-standing building. It's four walls and three gyms that will help us as we bust at the seams."

Masi said he was among the district officials who got too comfortable using the word as they toured similar facilities in Novi, Livonia and Milford. So comfortable, in fact, they submitted their formal ballot language using the word without ever considering what connotations the label carried.

Now district officials are so concerned about residents wrongly assuming the field house would look more like a professional training facility rather than a high school gym that they have for the past few months begun using the word "addition" during public presentations.

dent participation and long-term health. He said that's part of the reason state officials are expected to increase from one credit to two the physical education requirement prior to graduation.

But teaching kids about identifying their target heart rate in gym class is pointless when deficient facilities won't currently allow every kid to play badminton, Masi

"It has been extremely frustrating," he said. "We're hand-cuffing people, yet we're demanding excellence.

excellence.

"The community is telling us we expect excellence." But with-

■ Also included in the \$17.2 million request:

• men's and women's bathrooms

classroom and conference room
 two trophy showcases

two trophy showcases
 audiliary gym renovation
(near court would become
gymnastics/aerobic room; current gymnastics room would
become wrestling room)

 storage room adjacent to omnetition com

competition gym
• baseball and softball
dugouts

ing room synthetic turl installation for soccer and practice fields

"It has been extremely frustrating. We're handcuffing people, yet we're demanding excellence."

Bryan Masi
Athletic Director, Northville High School

out the right facilities, it's tough. It's like trying to do a science lab in a social studies room."

Masi said the 61,698-squarefoot athletic addition to the west end of the school will allow the physical education curriculum to take on a more individualized focus, including greater emphasis on cardiovascular workouts and identifying individual target heart rates. He said both are true measures of good health.

"The biggest thing is we'll be able to teach our kids how to live a healthy life beyond high school," Masi said, citing a 30 percent obesity rate among American youth. "We need to get our physical education and athletic programs to that level. That's why I'm so passionate about this."

Physical fitness, at what

At \$17.2 million, though, physical fitness and athletic opportunities won't come cheap. Combined with Eight Mile Road stadium

improvements (\$5.28 million), the two athletics-oriented items comprise about half of the \$45 million bond request.

Masi said need not want is

Masi said need, not want, is driving the effort.

"It's not a luxury item," Masi said. "The field house is definitely something we need."

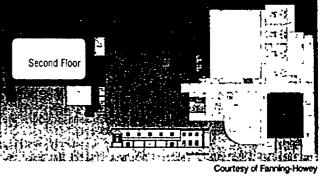
He said expanded weight and cardiovascular rooms will improve overall student fitness and allow the nearly 1,000 Northville High School student-athletes who each year choose from 62 team sports and five club sports to better protect themselves against common injuries. And three additional competitive courts will ease a strained schedule which requires some teams to practice as late as 9:30 p.m.

Masi said additional on-site court space will save money because field rentals required for practices and tryouts for girls softball, soccer, volleyball and golf, as well as boys baseball, will no longer be needed. No savings estimate was available.



ABOVE: Bryan Masi stands in the only athletic storage room at Northville High School, where equipment for 62 teams and five club sports is stored.

BELOW: The floorplan of the proposed \$17.2 million athletic field house, which would include three gyms, a cardiovascular room, an elevated track and a weight room.



■ Who's playing?

Each year at Northville High School, nearly 1,000 students participate in 28 sports comprising 62 teams and five clubs. During the 2005 falls sports season, 518 students participated in MHSAA-sanctioned sports, according to district records. Currently, 266 students are participating during the winter season; 461 students are expected to participate in spring sports. Eighty-one students are expected to play club sports, including equestrian, figure skating, junior varsity boys and girls hockey and girls varsity hockey. Factoring in multiple-sport student-athletes, district officials said total participation is expected to climb from 1,323 last year to 1,491 this year. Currently, 2,088 students are enrolled at Northville High School.

■ \$45.43 million bond request: Line by line

• \$17.2 million: field house addition at Northville High School, plus enovations

\$5.28 million: renovate Eight Mile Road stadium, including synthetic turf installation on practice field and at the high school?
 \$6.2 million: replace 40-year-old transportation facility located

adjacent to the Eight Mile Road stadium.

• \$6.9 million: renovate Main Street School building

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 \$9.85 million: capital improvements, technology upgrades and music program improvements.

He said utilizing middle and elementary school gyms for high school practice sessions is unfeasible because students for curriculum use is interestical.

lum use is impractical.

"We simply can't take a physical education class over to the elementary school," Masi said, adding that if the bond request is rejected by voters, a cap will likely be placed on the number of teams provided at the high school. He said cuts to existing programs may also be necessary.

Bottom line, Masi said: more physical space will allow the district to remain true to a philosophy based on opportunity and steeped in student participation.

"Right now, I'm frustrated for students and coaches," Masi said. "We tell them, 'Here's a hallway for you to practice ... if we have "It's not a luxury item. The field house is definitely something we need."

Bryan Masi Athletic Director, Northville High School

the right facilities, we will be able to improve the quality of their experience."

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Location, location, location

As district officials await final test results for a proposed school site, an old real estate axiom gives them reason for pause

Won't you be my neighbor?

■ Salem landfill borders proposed Northville school property

By Victoria Mitchell **RECORD STAFF WRITER**

What's extremely tall, has no children and willingly admits to personal malodor?

For some residents, it's a nearby neighbor located at the intersection of Napier and Six Mile roads in Salem Township - Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill.

Across the street is the pro-posed site for a Northville elementary school.

Onyx purchased the landfill in 2000, assuming a contract signed eight years ago between Browning Ferris Industries and Washtenaw County to assure landfill capacity for disposal of all solid waste generated in the coun-

Salem Township Supervisor Fred Roperti said his community owns the land and leases it to Onyx as part of a partnership agreement.

Roperti said Onyx pays a percentage of its dumping fees to the township and Washtenaw County.

"They are a good neighbor," Roperti said. "We've had no prob-

Roperti said township officials have conducted well water testing in Salem Township, without a reported problem.

On Napier between Five and Seven Mile roads, Onyx operates a landfill, compost facility, gas treatment plant and recycling cen-

The landfill

The Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill property spans 337 acres with 218 acres permitted for solid waste.

Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill General Manager Dave Rettell said the maximum permitted height is 1,140 feet; it now measures 1,080.

Rettell estimates it will take about 20 years to grow another 60 leet.

Once the maximum height is reached, Rettell said Onyx officials will meet with Salem Township administrators to discuss land use.

He said the operation meets all standards, is environmentally sound and employs updated technology.

Rettell said Onyx uses a double composite liner system for envi-

■ Residents

square off on

landfill debate

Michelle Streicher moved into

She said the decision to live on

Westminister Dr., near the Salem

Township landfill located at Six

Mile and Napier roads, wasn't

taken lightly, mostly because

Streicher prefaced her family's

The expectant mother and

assistant law professor at

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law said she con-

firmed the area is environmental-

"I don't have health concerns,"

She calls the landfill outcry by others hype and hyperbole.

"It's just not there," she said.

"I'm confident in the board's

But while some parents living west of Ridge Road off Six Mile

feel confident with the district's

Feb. 28 \$25.24 million bond pro-

posal to purchase land and con-

struct a seventh district elemen-

tary school, others remain con-

Northville parent Karen Howe

move with hearty research.

her Northville home with confi-

By Victoria Mitchell

RECORD STAFF WRITER

dence.

ly sound.

judgment."

cerned.

Streicher said.

One decsion leaves

community divided

"I'm very concerned about nuisance odors and dealing with the schools."

Dave Rettell General Manager, Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill

ronmental protection, opposed to a single liner system many landfills operate.

The purpose of a liner system is to isolate the landfill contents from the environment and protect the soil and ground water from pollution.

Rettell said the system is one liner, surrounded by a leakage detection system, surrounded by another liner.

He said Onyx tests ground water and surface air quality quar-

But Rettell concedes, having a landfill for a neighbor doesn't always smell like roses.

He said nuisance odors are often a challenge. We are constantly working

with neighbors in the area," he Rettell said, it is often the com-

post facility emitting nuisance odors, which are harder to control than landfill smells.

Compost waste consists of strictly yard waste, Rettell said.

Northville Public Schools is proposing to build an elementary school on 23 acres near Six Mile and Napier roads, across from the compost facility, as part of a Feb. 28 \$70.7 million bond package.

The school would be located catty-corner from the landfill at the Six Mile and Napier roads intersection.

"I'm very concerned about nuisance odors and dealing with the schools," Rettell said.,

. He said neighbors located nearly a mile have reported smells, so a school so close to the Onyx facilities may prove challenging.

The proposed school property is currently owned by Northville Township as park land.

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"I don't have health

concerns ... I'm

confident in the

board's judgment."

Michelle Streicher

Resident, Northville Township

Elementary School located about

one mile from the landfill at Six

Northville resident Laurie

Williams said she is concerned

not only with environmental

issues, but wonders what affect a

landfill will have on Northville

School officials said the pro-

posed elementary school site was

chosen because residents are

swiftly locating to the southwest

Marilyn J. Snyder, a real estate agent with RE/MAX 100 in

Northville, said Six Mile Road in

the area of Ridge and Napier

roads is booming with residential

"It is nice for the money, and it is a nice area," she said. "I would

feel very comfortable selling in

Snyder said whether to live

near a landfill is a buyer decision.

"Most people seem fine with it," she said. "Once in a while

someone will react negative to the

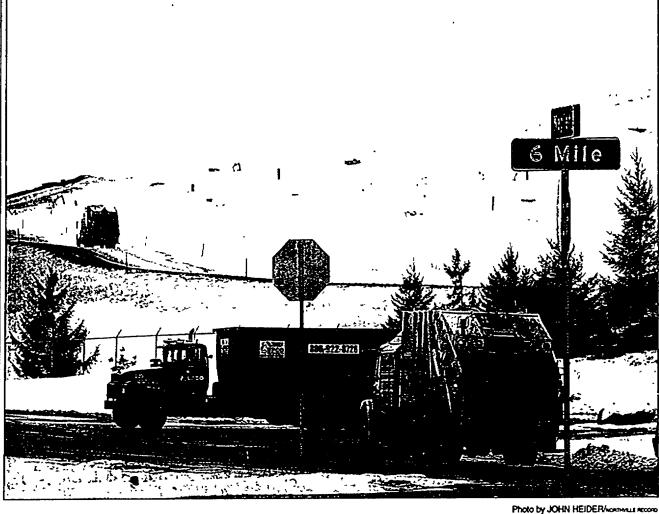
landfill. It is very, very rare

quadrant of the township.

development.

homeowners' property values.

Mile and Ridge roads.



If built on the northeast corner of Napler and Six Mile roads, Northville's newest elementary school would have a view of the Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill.

Disputes aside, district still has options

Feb. 28 election outcome does not mandate school construction at Six Mile site

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

Record

Leonard Rezmierski must wait to confirm if a Northville Township site proposed for a seventh elementary school is environmentally

But despite test results, the Northville Public Schools superintendent still has options, though he chooses not to publicly entertain

them, pending conclusive tests results regarding the Six Mile and Napier roads site. 2011 For some still debating a \$25.24 million Feb.

28 bond proposal, which would allow the district to purchase 23 acres from Northville Township and construct an elementary school, the site catty-cor-

Analysis ner from the Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill in Salem Township poses multiple concerns.

Among them, aesthetic concerns - what some consider a public eyesore along with accompanying malodor. Others fear the site's close proximity could pose short- and longterm health issues for young, developing chil-

Phase I testing by CTI & Associates, Inc., a firm contracted by the district to determine the environmental well-being of site that is part of a larger 56-acre parcel known as Thayer Corners Park, concluded the site was safe to build on.

But recent public outery has, in part, spawned Phase II testing at the site. District officials say such testing is above and beyond protocol for such a proposal and will prove conclusively if the site, aesthetics aside, is safe.

Still, lingering concerns remain, especially among some residents who feel the district is side-stepping their concerns and not considering all of its planning options.

What ifs

Despite pending test results and a final Feb. 28 vote tally, the district has multiple alternatives, including the freedom to back out of the land acquisition deal and opt for a different

Even if voters approve the \$25.24 million bond proposal, district officials are not obligated to purchase the site, for which they have a one-year option to purchase. And even if the site is purchased by the district, ballot language does no mandate a new school is built there.

That reality has caused some residents to publicly wonder why district officials would not choose to build a new elementary school on 40 acres it owns at Eight Mile and Garfield

District officials said such a solution is fraught with problems. They said the distance between Northville Township's most rapid growth area, Six Mile and Napier roads, and the Eight Mile property would cause multiple problems, including long bus rides, awkward redistricting and a disruption of long-term

In the past, district officials have regarded the Eight Mile and Garfield roads property as a hedge against future growth surrounding the parcel. Plans for a future elementary school, and potentially a middle school, on the site would one day service that part of the district,

they said. allights of Rezmierski is aware of his options, and does I not distfills the possibility that even with passage of the Feb. 28 bond, the district could choose to build an elementary school else-

But until final testing is complete, he choos-

es not to speculate. "I can honestly tell you we are looking at that option," Rezmierski said "But what can we

"Until I get the Phase II done there is not much more I can do with it at the moment, and if there is any other decision whatsoever we

will announce that." Rezmierski said if there are any health concerns resulting from the study, the board and administrators would reconsider. He said aes-

also be considered. Prior to the townagreement, Rezmierski said the district sent out more 20 property than requests to received no response.

thetic concerns would

developers, For now, the Six Mile and Napier road property is still in play. obviously

we wouldn't have gone through all that public discussion of that land and then the subsequent option to purchase agreement in good faith with the township had we not had the rational belief that is where we would build it."

Now what?

Rezmierski said once the results are released

ilies and school employees.

If the proposal fails, school officials said increasing class sizes and adding portables.

"If the proposal fails, obviously we are fac-

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onices opportunities are wel-

ing some very dire problems all dealing with the student growth," Rezmierski said. "Buying more busses, buying more portables, adjusting whatever we have to do can come from the only budget we have.

"So that would be quite detrimental to our operation, as thin as it is now, with the foundation increase next year, whatever that may be."

A new proposal?

Rezmierski said returning to voters with a second elementary school proposal would not be timely. The district already missed deadlines to appear on the May ballot, he said.

The next date, according to the new elec-

"If the proposal fails, obviously we are facing some very dire problems all dealing with the student growth."

> Leonard Rezmierski Superintendent, Northville Public Schools

course of action will be swiftly adopted.

He said Phase I Environmental Site Assessment results released by CTI and Associates, Inc. came back clear of environmental hazards. He said the district is going the extra step in the best interest of Northville fam-

they would have to look at redistricting,

tion consolidation laws, is Aug. 8 and that is when we know the Parks and Recreation is up," Rezmierski said.

And school officials said appearing on the November ballot alongside gubernatorial and senatorial elections is not ideal. Doing so would prevent a seventh elementary school from opening until 2007, they said.

Voters will also be asked to approve a \$45.43 million bond proposal for changes to the district stadium, construction of a 20,494-squarefoot transportation facility, a \$17.3 million athletic field house, capital improvements to all district buildings and technology updates.

Combined, the two Feb. 28 ballot proposal

total \$70.7 million.

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■ What am I being asked to approve?

Northville Public Schools is asking voters to approve a \$25.24 million bond proposal, enabling the district to build a 92,864-square-foot elementary school planned near the northeast comer of Six Mile and

Napler roads. The proposed seventh district elementary school is planned for 23 acres of Thayer Corners Park in Northville Township. The land is currently owned by the town-

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The \$70.7 million Northville Public Schools bond election is Tuesday, Feb. 28.

■ Test results School officials sald further. environmental test results conducted at the district's proposed

elementary school site likely will be released by tomorrow.

Northville Public Schools contracted CTI and Associates, Inc. to perform a Phase II **Environmental Site Assessment** on 23 acres of Thayer Corners Park property located at Six Mile and Napier roads. The district has an option to purchase the land from Northville Township to build a school; however, the land acquisition and building construction is contingent on the district's Feb, 28 \$70.7 milon bond election.
Even if the bond is approved. lion bond election.

the district is not bound to purchase the land or build on the site.

The environmental tests were ordered in response to resident concerns of a nearby landfill and compost facility in Salem

Township. A spokesman for CTI and Associates said monitoring wells were installed on the property to search for methane gas and to sample ground water for contamination.

He said air quality samples: are not a part of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment.

wonders what the smell will be like, at the proposed elementary school location, catty-corner from the Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill in Salem Township. . Howe said she has smelled strong odors from Ridge Wood

"It is an individual choice." Victoria Mitchell can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 122 or vemitchell@gannett.com.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

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NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Grief Support Groups

DATE/LOCATION: Tuesday, Library, 212 W. Cady St.; Wednesday, 2310 Change and Home Care, 331 Center St. TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Groups run through March 7 and are open to the community. There is no fee. registration Advance required.

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

Art Exhibit

DATE: Through February LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St. DETAILS: Exhibitors include Russian-born, Felix Braslavsky and Indiana artist, Tom Slack.

Art Exhibit

DATE: Through February LOCATION: Studio 427, 122 W. Main St. DETAILS: Exhibit of large

canvas acrylic paintings by artist Jeff Spade. CONTACT: (248) 449-6501

Choir Concert

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 25 TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road DETAILS: Northville High School choirs will present a Cabaret-style concert. Tickets are \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door. Seating is pre-assigned, tickets will be mailed. To purchase tickets, mail your check payable to NHS Choir, to: NHS Cabaret, 42295 Old Bedford Road, Northville, MI 48167.

Johnson Creek Volunteer Rally

DATE: Monday, Feb. 27 TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile

DETAILS: This is the Johnson Creek Protection Group (JCPG) sixth annual volunteer rally and information meeting. Residents interested in the Johnson Creek and Rouge River watersheds and local volunteer opportunities are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

CONTACT: Demetria Janus, (734) 214-1885 or e-mail djanus@stantec.com

Taste of Northville **Business Showcase**

DATE: Saturday, March 18 TIME: noon-4 p.m. LOCATION: North

School, 45700 Six Mile Road DETAILS: This event will feature 130 exhibitors from retail, service and professional businesses around the community. Restaurants and caterers will provide samples from their menus. There will also be free give-a-ways, raffles and promotional goodies. Ticket are \$5 for adults: \$4 for seniors 65 and over; and \$4 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

CONTACT: Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-7640 or www.northville.org

Open Mic Night

DATE: Third Saturday of every month through May TIME: 6:15 p.m., sign-up; 7 p.m., performance

LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

DETAILS: Northville Arts Commission hosts this event for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. The cost is \$5 at the door. Performers are free. CONTACT: (248) 449-9950

Art Walk

DATE: First Friday of every month

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

DETAILS: Art galleries, arts and crafts stores and restaurants will be open; art demonstrations and exhibits available in shops.

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

Marquis Theater .

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

"The Little Mermaid"

DATE: Various days beginning March 18 TIME: 2:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 per person; no children under 3 years old.

"Vaudeville Tonight"

DATE: Friday, March 24, 31 and April 7; Saturday, March 25, April 1 and 8 TIME: 8 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 for

adults and \$10 for seniors and students; no children under 6 years old.

Genitti's Little Theater

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

Lunch/Dinner Theater DATES: Friday and Saturday

through February DETAILS: The theme is "Super Bowl Scramble." Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner and show.

Maybury State Park Events

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road between Beck and Napier roads CONTACT: (248) 349-8390

Maybury Farm Programs

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road, look for farm entrance

CONTACT: (248) 374-0200 DETAILS: Groups by appointment. Winter hours are noon-5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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

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

Little Me Storytime

DATE: Friday TIME: 10:30 a.m.

DETAILS: Babies 1012 year 2 olds, along with their parents or "LOCATION: 200 E. Main St." caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun and simple stories at this lap-sit program. Older children are also welcome to attend. No registration is required.

Tot Storytime

TIME/DATE: 10:15 am Monday (through Feb. 27); 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Wednesday (through March 1); 10:15 a.m., Thursday (through

DETAILS: This storytime is for 2- and 3-year-olds with a parent or caregiver. Additional children may not attend.

CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020

Stories for Children

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Monday (through March 13); 10:15 and 2 p.m. Tuesday (through March

DETAILS: Sessions are designed for children who are 4, 5, or in kindergarten and comfortable attending without a caregiver present.

CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020

Kids Club

(248) 349-3020

DATE: Today TIME: 4:30-5:15 p.m. DETAILS: This is a program for first, second and third grade students featuring stories, games and crafts. CONTACT: To register, call

Junior Books, Chat and

Chow DATE: Wednesday TIME: 4:15 p.m.

DETAILS: This program is for fourth and fifth grade students. It will include snacks and a discussion of the book, "The Library Card" by Jerry Spinelli. To register, call (248) 349-3020.

Friends Store

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

Book Donations

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DETAILS: Used books and materials are needed by the Friends of the Library. The

library adds to the collection and donates the rest to the Friends for sale, with proceeds ben-efiting the library. Donations are tax deductible. If you need assistance unloading books from your car, call (248) 349-3020 in advance to make arrangements.

Quiits Presentation

DATE: Monday, Feb. 27

TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: This is a presentation on the Depression Era quilts of Michigan and Canada. Chantal Anderson, from the Rochester Hills Historical Museum, is the speaker. Registration required. CONTACT: (248) 349-3020

Library Board of Trustee Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of every month

TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Public is wel-

Church Events

St. Paul Lutheran Church. Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 LOCATION: 201 Elm St.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Concert

DATE: Sunday

TIME: 4 p.m.
DETAILS: Members of the Detroit Symphony and Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings will be performing music from the fifteenth century to the present.

Book Study Groups

DETAILS: These groups will study the book "Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren during Lent. Books will be available through the church. Study groups will meet at various homes in Northville, Novi, South Lyon and Plymouth. Contact the church for information on dates, times and loca-

First Presbyterian Church of Morthylle and ...

Single Place Ministry

DATE: Thursday TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

DETAILS: This includes a series of "Divorce Recovery" and "Living Beyond Divorce" workshops.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile

Grief Workshops

DATE: Monday

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: This free eight week workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by

small group participation. CONTACT: Presbyterian Church, (248) 374-

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

First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

Healing Service

DATE: First Monday of every

TIME: 4 p.m. CONTACT: (248) 349-1144

Grief Support Group DATE: Fourth Monday of

every month

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide. No registration required.

CONTACT: New Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecen-

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Bundled up for the cold weather, Peg Campbell runs along Wing St. in Northville on a recent January morn-

Winter weather peps up outdoor enthusiasts

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Peg Campbell steps outside, that first whiff of cold air is a

push in the back. She's an avid runner, mostly at Maybury State Park or down Hines Drive. Dressed for the weather, she crosses into her zone.

"Winter shouldn't stop you," Campbell said, "Once you get out there and get moving, it's just so invigorating to be but theread are a "If you know how to dress,

there's a lot of fabrics out there to keep you really dry and warm." The recent stretch of mild temperatures lengthened the outdoor season for the 58-year-old Northville resident. When the snow finally flies, she'll switch to

cross-country skiing. The fitness enthusiast said she outdoors this time of year.

Hibernation alternatives

For many, falling temperatures means rising weight-scale numbers. It's easier to put feet up than bundle up.

But it doesn't have to be that way, according to Northville Parks and Recreation Director Traci

Winter time is just another season to take advantage of many active indoor and outdoor pro-

Rink or no rink? Want to ice skate out-

doors?

Wilcox Lake, near Northville Road and Hines Drive, is the closest location for Northville residents wanting to stap a puck or trace

figure eights. Northville Parks and Recreation Director Traci Sincock said it would take sufficient public interest to investigate the possibility of a Northville outdoor rink. On

Ford Field, for example. "It's something that we heard in downtown strategic planning sessions," she said. "If that's where the community decides we should be putting our financial resources, it can be

If we can get the money and a desire, we're happy to look at that."

One key for community

done.

ice ponds is a water source, a fire hydrant or river, Sincock said. One commercial company estimated the cost of a finer and surround boards at \$15,000-\$18,000,

she said. There's also the cost to maintain it," she said. "They are extremely labor-inten-Sive 'ne grams offered nearby, Sincock said.

In addition to her department's activities like the ski and snowboard club, Wayne County parks and local businesses offer a variety of activities for a range of abilities.

The weather doesn't keep people from doing healthy activities," Sincock said. 'This is a walking community, so people run and walk regardless of the weather.

"I saw a pack of six women running on the sidewalk on Main Street this morning."

People sled at Amerman Elementary and the Cass Benton

area of Hines Park, ice skate at Wilcox Lake and snowshoe and cross country ski at Maybury. REI, the outdoor outfitter at Six Mile and Haggerty roads, offers snowshoe rental and clinics. Oakland County Parks offer ski

schools and "The Fridge" frozen

toooggan run, Sincock said

A family affair Tim Hansen said he has seen more parents joining their children

to play in the snow. The co-owner of Town and Country Bikes and Boards on Main Street supplies outdoor enthusiasts with bicycles and skateboards in the warm months

"As soon as that first snow hits, that's when it starts coming on," Hansen said. His clientele heads to Alpine Valley and Brighton to board where the facilities make snow even if Mother Nature does-

and snowboards in the winter.

A niche sport in the 1970s, snowboarding now has a wide range buying boards, bindings, boots and appropriate outer wear, Hansen said.

"It's gone more mainstream now," he said. "It used to be teens and 20s, now it's more of a family thing."

A frequent snowboarder himself, Hansen said you can't beat the exhilaration of zipping down a hill on fresh snow.

"You're outdoors," he said. "Your kids are outdoors, not sitting in front of a TV playing video Want to run?

For information about the Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday regular run schedule of the Northville Road Runners, contact Peg Campbell at (248) 348-4246. The group, with a roster of 50-60 run ners, welcomes people of all ages and abilities, even walk ers. "If you belong to a club to organization it makes it." Reasier, Campbel said.

"It's good exercise, a little pricey, but it's good outdoor fun."

Dressed right

Laura Lazur, manager of the Running Fit Northville store, said adjust their wardrobe for colder

temperatures. You can convert from a road shoe to a trail shoe," Lazur said. Also available: rubber devices to wear over shoes with carbide or

steel spikes. Dressing in layers is key to keeping active year-round, she

"That's kind of what we're trying to do," Lazur said. "You don't have to quit. You don't have to stay indoors." Campbell took up running 28 years ago to help her quit smok-

she said. The second day, a block and one step. "That's how I built up, one day

ing. The first day she ran a block,

at a time." Now, she can't imagine life without running.

"It's an easy way to maintain a weight, it's so quick and efficient," Campbell said. "I knew it was an exercise I wouldn't stop if I kept

doing it. "It just kind of keeps me going."

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

Dress Right

Wearing the right clothing is extremely important when participating in cold weather sports. Dress in layers, wearing warm, waterproof/resistant clothing. Wearing multiple layers of varying thickness allows you to regulate your body temperature. You can stay warm and stall not restrict your movement. Wear at

least three layers of clothing: An outer layer to break the wind and allow some ventilation (like Gore-Tex.)

or nylon). A middle layer of wool or synthetic fabric (Qualofil or Pile) to absorb sweat and retain insulation in a damp environment. Down is a useful lightweight insulator; however, it is ineffective once it becomes wet.



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Northville set for bond test

Schools bond proposals have left portions of Northville divided, an expected reality given the nature of partisan politics.

People take sides, then vote with their feet.

But one of the proposals, a \$25.24 million bond proposal that would allow the district to purchase land and construct a seventh elementary school, has sparked contentiousness among some and heart-felt concern among others.

Phase II test results are expected to be released by the district tomorrow or early next week. The best the district can a price. And no solution will hope for is those tests prove conclusively that the 23-acre Northville Township site it covets is, as they've said all along, safe to build on.

But will that be enough? It's difficult to measure public outcry. If the experts tell us the site is safe, should Northville taxpayers look past the aestethic

Two Feb. 28 Northville Public challenges imposed by a landfill and composting operation directly across the street?

> Let's be honest. The district doesn't have many options. Its search for land netted one suitor: Northville Township, which has generously agreed to sell the corner parcel of Thayer Corners Park for \$1.35 million.

Should officials instead opt for a 40-acre site already owned by the district at Eight Mile and Garfield roads? And by doing so look past the redistricting, bussing and long-term planning obstacles such an option poses?

Every solution will come with come without pain, even for parents who now disingenuously grumble about "safety" concerns of the Six Mile site, but have no problem building a home close to the very landfill they now publicly protest.

Test results will reveal what's in the soil. Only voters can tell us what's in their heart.

■ Record Endorsements

Because of pending environmental test results, the Northville Record has chosen to withhold its endorsements until next week.

City: make informéd decisions

The City of Northville's purchase on Monday of property for public parking was a small step toward resolving downtown retailers' ongoing concern about sufficient city-controlled, convenient spaces for their customers. Tonight, the city's downtown strategic planning consultant and steering committee for the first time will have hard data to consider the relationship between an accurate number of parking spaces and how much they are actually used. Employing objective measures is another step toward valid decision making on potentially costly issues.

Township: Support cancer awareness

Cancer can strike at any time. The harsh reality of this disease, which takes millions of lives each year, is that many people are not informed. Communities can be considered families, and it's time to show your family support. In 2005, several Northville Township residents lost their lives battling some form of cancer, according to members of the Novi-Northville Relay For Life. For those who have lost someone close, those who are battling on their own, or those looking to fight back, there has never been a better time to get involved. Donating even \$1 is worth a \$1 million to those fighting to find a cure. There are several events coming to the metro Detroit area this year to raise awareness. It's time to get involved.

Schools: Congrats to Fulbright scholars

The names of Northville Public Schools educators chosen as participants in The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program were recently released by the district. The program, sponsored by the Government of Japan, provides American primary and secondary school teachers and administrators with fully-funded, short-term study tours of Japan. As in prior years, many of the district's teachers were chosen for the program. This year's teachers are: Crystal Gregg, Gary Gandolfi, Juliann Iljace and Rick Vander Veer. Hillside Middle School principal Jim Cracraft was also asked to participate in the Japanese principal exchange program. The district will also serve as host, welcoming Japanese educators next month. In a district where lofty achievement almost becomes commonplace, we feel it is important to acknowledge the accolades and everyday efforts teachers in the Northville Public Schools consistently achieve.

GUEST COLUMN

Schools are a sound investment?

Bond proposals give Northville a chance to be a leader in Michigan — and worldwide

proponents and opponents of the proposed school bond millage, and I believe we've got to stop talking about "what we don't want" and start talking about "what we do want." Our

school district is regularly rated among the top school districts in the state, and we now need to decide whether we choose to rest on our laurels or to work to further increase our educational excellence and provide more opportunity for our students and prosperity for our

community.
In today's competi-SUPERVISOR. NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP tive environment. I believe this is not the

time to stick our heads in the sand and become complacent. Not only do we want to give our children the best possible futures, but to attract high quality business and industry to our community to provide jobs, opportunity, and a

Mark Abbo

I've heard much of the dialogue from both growing tax base, which in turn will help us provide even better levels of service and education than that which we currently enjoy, while reducing the burden on each individual

Business and industry evaluate many key demographics when deciding to relocate its

facilities, they include: · Cost of doing business at the proposed

location, including tax structure. • The quality and availability of a transportation infrastructure.

· Proximity to supply markets and its cus-Cultural opportunities, and

 Educational attainment and the availability of an educated work force.

There is no doubt that western Wayne County, and specifically Northville, has prospered because of our outstanding school systems. And, more often than not we're forced to compete on a more national and even global stage. Time and time again, new business is being attracted to those areas where a talented work force exists. Don't ever believe that corporations aren't doing their homework.

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal references the town of Osceola, Arkansas. It

states, "In 2003, Osceola persuaded Denso" Corp., an affiliate of Toyota Motor Corp., to! locate a new plant in town ... The usual bevy; of financial incentives helped, but for Denso,; there was a clinching factor: Osceola's efforts) to improve local education."

The article further states, "Denso saw that the linkage between industry and education was very, very strong." And that "poor schools make it hard for local companies to recruit workers or executives with school-age chil-

Regardless of when Michigan pulls out of its current economic slump and starts attracting more business, Northville can stand above the rest as a location that is already investing in its future and is committed to achieving an ever-increasing level of educational attain-

So let's decide ... are better schools important? If you believe yes, then we need to plan for what we want to be, and we need to invest in what we want to be. We need to make the investment now. We should not marginalize the issue. We must not be short-sighted.

Bottom line: do we view our school system as a burden or as an opportunity?

> Mark J. Abbo Supervisor, Northville Township

Bond: 'yes' turns to 'no'

I am one of the sure "yes" votes in any Northville school bond election. I have three children at Ridge Wood Elementary and I live the overcrowding every single day. I love Northville and believe in our school system, and that is one of the main reasons we moved here 2 1/2 years ago.

That being said, it looks as if I will be voting "no" to Proposal 1 on Feb. 28. The idea that our school board thinks it is acceptable to build a \$25 million school directly across the street from a compost facility is disturbing on many levels. On our school district website, they post a letter from CTI, the firm which conducted a site assessment of the property, which concludes that further testing is necessary. Is that supposed to alleviate the fears of worried parents? Even if the methane gas and water contactification don't prove to be dangerous, what about putrid fumes from the compost facility? Do you imagine your children or grandchildren playing outside next to a dump. breathing in smelly fumes each day while they attend elementary school?

I challenge the board to find a handful of parents who will stand up and say, "I hope my children attend the new school at Six and Napier." Frankly, I haven't been able to find one. Because even at overcrowded Ridge Wood, the only buzz is. dren to the new school."

There are other problems associated with the site beyond the fact that it abuts a compost facility. Have you ever driven to Ridge Wood at 8:40 a.m. on a school day? Last Monday, the line of cars was backed up through the Ridge intersection to the first Stonewater entrance. How will this one mile stretch of Six Mile handle 200 extra parents trying to drive their kids to the new school? What about when they develop the proposed strip mall on the corner of Ridge and Six Mile? Can our infrastructure handle this traffic? We can't even handle the Ridge Wood traffic on its own.

The proposed school location is not the answer to our overcrowding issues. We do not want Northville to become the laughing stock of metro Detroit by building our fancy new schools at the base of landfills. This is not what we expect from our school board. Find an alternate location or figure out how to renovate Cooke as an elementary school. Do not sink \$25 million of our hard-earned dollars into a building that no one wants their children

> Christine Decker Northville Township

Bond: voting 'no'

As I am sure you are aware, there are many Northville families concerned over the upcoming bond proposal. The thought of putting my children in a school across from a dump makes my stomach hurt. I can't believe that with all of the tax dollars this community pays that this is even a consideration. The smell alone is enough to make me say "no," not to mention the possibility of any health risks associated with it. Knowing that there is other land available ... why would this location be the first choice? Northville children deserve better than this option. Just for the record ... my vote

Sheryl Mychalowych

Bond: 'amazed and apalled'

It came to my attention the other day about Northville's intent to build an elementary school near a dump site. I was truly amazed and appalled. I am a real estate agent bringing in transferees and others who expect excellence in schools.

· m Can I still send a letter?

The Northville Record will accept letters to the editor next week regarding the Feb. 28 bond proposals. To be fair, however, letters must not discuss a new issue. This prevents an unsubstantiated issue from being raised without the opportunity for an opposing view to refute the argument. Thank you again for your letters. Your input makes us better.

The trend now is more families are leaving than moving into Michigan. This trend is estimated to drastically increase in the next few years with the state of the auto industry and economy. Real estate values in southeastern Michigan are already down on flat I was drive ing a client relocating from California and I happened to drive through Northville, showing her the area and stopped downtown just recently. The client wanted to buy a local paper. When they read the editorials about schools they were horrified to read that the Northville School Board was proposing to build a school across from a landfill. My client decided to move out farther west to Milford. They felt it was a much more prudent community when it comes to children's safe-

The client questioned me: "Why isn't the Northville community outraged at the proposal of an elementary school being built across from a landfill? All of those editorials were so contradictory." The client said, "That would never happen in California.

I had no answer, but thought it lacked common sense. I am writing to inform the Northville writers that if they believe the school at a landfill will increase their home values, they are not realistic. If a client is given the choice of buying a 500,000-plus home in a community that reverts to building a school on a landfill or another community where this doesn't exist, in my opinion, they will move to the area that lacks a school by a landfill. I feel Northville will be less desirable.

School performance records will never outweigh the fact that a school is across from a landfill. Families are not going to care what the MEAP, ACT scores are or where the school rates. There are several very good school districts all around Northville. They are not going to want their child going to school by a landfill ... Location, location, location always makes a difference in real estate. Most often people don't want to live in a school district that has made a very obvious bad decision. All of the excuses that it's safe, and it only stinks a little won't attract anyone. I truly hope you believe that for the sake of your residents, especially the children.

I am just so shocked at the prospect of an elementary school across from a landfill and composting facility. Seemingly the only thing that belongs there is a gas station or industry. Families relocating from outside of Michigan are very concerned about school safety. This defies it. A writer, Mike Weaver writes, "The outstanding school system that attracts young families to this community." Say that Northville has good schools but so do many areas in southeast Michigan. I can guess that if given a choice between having their child attending a brand new elementary across from a landfill and another older school in another district they will not choose Northville. Your home values will plummet."

Since there is a correlation between home values and school quality (test scores, etc.), you had best do all you can to ensure that the perception is that your schools are the best

> A concerned Realtor, Marcia Dyer Real Estate One -Clarkston

■ What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Letters to the Editor, David Aguilar, Northville Record, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Fax: (248) 349-9832. E-mail: daguilar@gannett.com.

Bond: vote 'no'

The comfort of living in Northville has changed and will continue to change unlike anything we have ever seen before and will i adversely affect many families because of the impact of global competition on business, U.S. corporations and companies are in a life and death struggle for their existence which directly involves many of us in Northville.

Anyone employed, retired from Ford, GM, Delphi or from any of the suppliers to the auto industry better wake-up and take notice and realize there is a very good possibility they are going to take severe reductions in their pay checks, pensions, health care benefits. Today the downsizing and eliminating jobs is a comdramatic increases in cost of living expenses, ie. gasoline prices, taxes, food, heating, water, services to maintain your home and you now have a new set of parameters that were not in existence in prior years. We understand that we all have to make sacrifices unfortunately for quite a few of us they are going to represent major hardships.

Now the school district wants voters to pass a \$70.7 million bond proposal cleverly disguised under two separate bond proposals. This may of had some merit during the unconcerning good days of the past, but not now. The school administrators need to identify an absolute must list of needs instead of a "nice to have list of wants." The school administrators should identify sacrifices and assume strict accountable fiscal responsibility. They should remember the primary underlying key word in all of their efforts is education. Northville should not be considered entirely as a "deep pockets" community at the disposal of the varied wishes and whims of school administra-

Keep in mind, voters approved over \$140.7 million in school bond proposals over the past years which should be viewed as significant. Remember, you just approved a \$35.7 million bond request in 2004. Apparently school administrators believe your immediate concerns are unimportant and they are betting you will respond as you have in the past and not

You are urged to recognize your responsibility to get out and vote. We are living under different and difficult times. Make the school administrators come up with more pragmatic solutions to the school problems. One might get the impression that Northville is taking the same path as Livonia when it was growing. and now is facing the dilemma of finding new uses for the unused facilities.

This time vote "no" to the school bond pro-

Richard Munerance **Northville**

Millage increase? Leave seniors out

I am disappointed by these proposals. As a senior citizen who has lived in Northville for 30 plus years, I have experienced school closings and the opening of new ones because the old ones were used for something else.

The high school was renovated, expanded

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COMMENTARY

Babbling Brooks just may be on to something

If there's one person in Michigan politics who can be depended on to raise a rumpus, often at just the right time, it's Oakland County Executive L. Brooks

Patterson. He did it again big time last week in his State of the County speech.

He announced hé'd lead a statewide drive to repeal the Single Business Tax, and he's planning to raise \$800,000 in pledges from businesses and

individuals to fund a petition drive to put the issue on this November's ballot.

Phil Power

Michigan's main business tax, the SBT, is essentially a tax on payroll. But it is complex, difficult to administer and stands out like a sore thumb in comparison with business taxes in other states. According to state government revenue forecasts for 2006, the SBT yields \$1.8 billion in revenue for the state, representing nearly one quarter of the state's total \$8.2 billion General Fund.

Flourishing his reliably flamboyant rhetoric, Patterson called the SBT "damnable," a "job killer" and a "business killer."

"More than the global economy, the Single Business Tax is killing this state because it is killing jobs in Michigan," he assert-

He assaulted "our friends in Lansing" for pussyfooting around the fundamental problem of Michigan's arcane tax structure:) (there "They've introduced legislation, which quite frankly nibbles around the edges of meaningful business tax reform. ... We've been arguing about the impact of the Single Business Tax in this state for more than 15 years. The endless debates on this subject have produced more flatulence than a Super Bowl party at a MSU frat house."

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plate the items?

taxes?

again."

bonding issues.

and then replaced with a new one

and the old one was renovated as

middle school. One of the bond

proposals is to do more work on

the new high school. Why didn't

the original bond issue contem-

Every year the taxable value of

our property is increased and the

taxes go up. Properties are sold

and the selling price becomes the

new taxable value and those taxes

go up. New homes are built and

the taxable value is established as

the selling price and taxed accordingly. What happens to the

I think it is time that the seniors

are exempt from the bonding

millage. We have paid our dues.

Seniors would pay operating

millage and be exempt from

Bond: paying for land — 'again'

I had to read over and over the

Thelma Kubitskey's quote in last week's article, 'Township land sale ... Her direct quote, as pub-

lished, is "Yes, the taxpayers dol-

lars are going to pay for the land

80 hour work weeks so my fami-

ly can live in a nice house, in a

nice community and the school

board wants my tax dollars to be

used to re-purchase a plot of land

across from the dump? The

school board already owns land

on Eight Mile that is not across

You mean to tell me I work 60-

finance director,

Raymond Weidenbach

Northville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONT'D)

But regardless of the rhetoric, Patterson's move doès two things, both very good. First, by threatening to put a radical — and likely popular

tax cut on the ballot, he is forcing both the legislature and Gov. Jennifer Granholm to get serious about a problem that they've been ducking for years.

Second, it puts front and center just what \$1.8 billion from the SBT

buys. It's almost exactly the same amount the state spends in total for either all our colleges and universities or the entire corrections system. So if you eliminate the SBT and don't make up the revenue it produces, you have no higher education system or no jails and pris-

Patterson's speech also sets up a magnificently sensible scenario for a way out of this morass. He hints at a way in which Michigan can simultaneously reform its out-of-date tax system and begin to resolve the chronic billion dollar-plus structural state budget deficit.

At the same time, we could undo the damage to our economic future that's been caused by \$300 million in cuts to our universities over the past five years.

Here's how it could work: The legislature passes a bill repealing the SBT, which is signed by the governor. Contained in the bill is a requirement that the \$1.8-billion in lost revenue. be replaced either by an ? " increase in the state income tax or a reduction in thé rate of the state sales tax, which would then be expanded to apply to both goods and services.

Voters statewide will be presented with a choice between these two on the November ballot. And the legislation contains an ear-

Let the township use the land

they already own for a park. Let

the school board use the land they

ting more ridiculous. First, the

school board says its OK I pay

\$400 a year more in taxes for 30

years for a school across from a

dump, then they say it is OK to

use my money to re-purchase the

land my tax dollars already pur-

mile in my shoes, I will not pay

for a deal no businessman would

Nestled alongside Maybury

State Park is one of Northville's

newest best kept secrets. Running

parallel to and south of Eight Mile Road between Napier to the

west and Garfield to the east, is

Maybury Day Care. Originally

the Little Red Schoolhouse fol-lowed by William Allan Academy, this historic structure

has been totally refurbished to

reflect a very clean, comfortable

and caring day care facility. Its

owner, Gwen Byrd, is dedicated

to making each child's experience

a good one. Along with her caring

staff the first thing one notices is

how clean the facility and what a

relaxed atmosphere permeates its

surroundings. Parents of children

0-4 years would be doing them-

selves and their child a favor by

visiting Maybury Day Care and

I vote "no" to Proposal 1.

Welcome,

Maybury

Day Care

Until the school board works a

Michael Williams

Northville Township

chased.

agree to.

This situation just keeps get-

already own for a school.

mark allocating a specified percentage of the new revenue stream to our state's colleges and universities.

Business would love it. Politicians who want to be anti-tax would love it, especially since selecting which device to make up the lost revenue would be put in the hands of the people. Colleges and universities (and their students and their families, who have been forced to make up for legislative cuts in state support by increased tuition payments) would be thrilled.

Most importantly, anybody who knows anything about economic development would love it, as it is plain that our economic future absolutely depends on the ability of our higher education system to help us toward a knowledge-based economy.

I asked Tom Clay, the respected research director of the Michigan Citizen's Research Council, how the numbers worked. He estimates a 5 percent sales tax (down from the present 6 percent rate) levied on most services — excepting health care - would come close to making up the loss in income from the SBT.

When I presented this scenario to Patterson, he jumped at the idea. "To get the legislature and the governor to act saves me a long season of hard slogging," he told me. "Broadening the sales tax while reducing the rate seems fair. And earmarking part of the revenue stream for higher education strengthens just the things in Michigan that will drive our future economic growth.

OK, Gov. Granholm. OK, legislators. Brooks Patterson has teed it up for you. Do you have the guts to do the right thing at the right time? Or will you whiff and fail us, yet again? It's your

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

meeting with Gwen. Her program

starts at 6:30 a.m. Monday-

Friday. The address is 49875 W.

Salvation Army

Despite uncertain economic

times and many other opportunities for charitable giving, the

Plymouth Corps' Salvation Army

Christmas Kettle campaign

exceeded its goal once again. The

goal was \$155,00 and over \$191,000 was raised, much of it

in Northville. We appreciate Hiller's Shopping Center Market, the Northville Post Office, Orin

Jewelers and Farmer Jack for

allowing us to put our kettles near

their buildings. We thank the fol-

lowing groups and individuals for

their time and effort in making

the campaign a success for 2005:

Northville, First United Methodist

Church of Northville, Our Lady of

Victory, Northville Police Department, Northville High

School Honor Society Northville

City Employees, Mothers' Club

Life Members, Northville Kiwanis,

Northville Fire Department, Thornton Creek Elementary,

Ridgewood Elementary, Moraine

Elementary, Rotary Interact Club,

Cub Scout Pack #746, Cub Scout

Pack #903, Advanced Technology,

Jay Moore, Jim McMichael, John Romanik, Matt Gray, Ron Bush,

Charlie Cox, Dick Gray, John Carter, Sandy Steffke, Greg Bell,

Mary Champagne, Gene Allen, Don McCulloch, Denise Taylor,

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Springs

Elementary, Silver

First Presbyterian Church of

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Valerie Hambleton

Eight Mile Road.

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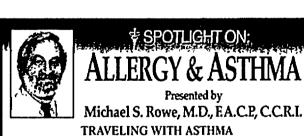
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Carpal Tunnel **Syndrome?**

Washington, D.C. - A Carpal Tunnel Syndrome hotline has recently revealed a 'missing' location that is often overlooked by many physicians when they diagnose and treat their carpal tunnel and wrist pain. To discover what your doctor may not know about carpal tunnel symptoms, call the carpal tunnel/wrist pain hotline toll-free at 1-800-253-9372 (24 hr. recorded message) or go to www.freewristpaininfo.com.





If you're an asshma patient, you know you about the newest treatment and medications nest take special precautions during your Our treatment program will allow your asthdaily life to avoid symptoms, and the same is 'ma to relinquish its center-stage role in your true when traveling. It's important to plan life, for a more minor one. For questions ahead and bring everything you'll need to stay protected on the road. Carry extra supplies of medications with you, along with a written list of doses and prescribing physician informa-tion. Always pack your medication and equipment in your carry-on bag when flying. Bring your peak flow meter, nebulizer, and any other equipment you'll need. If you are staying in hotels, consider bringing your own pillow or at least an allergy-proof covering. Wearing a medical alert identification bracelet or pendent may be advised to notify emergency per-sonnel if it becomes necessary.

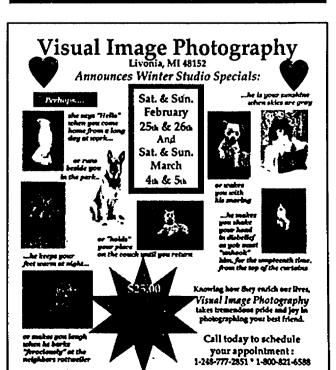
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Seniör Events Thursday, Feb. 16 9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle I p.m.: Tai Chi By appointment: Massage By appointment: Taxes Friday, Feb. 17 10 a.m.: Strength Training 11:30 a.m.: Computer II 1 p.m.: Movie: Into The Blue By appointment: Massage Monday, Feb. 20

Closed for Presidents' Day Observance Tuesday, Feb. 21 10:30 a.m.: Michigan Birds

Presentation noon: Rummy 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Computers I 1:30 p.m.: Games Wednesday, Feb. 22 10 a.m.: Oxycise Level I 10:30 a.m.: Kalloway's

Dinner/Theater Trip 11 a.m.: Oxycise Level II noon: Bridge 1 p.m.: Computer II 1 p.m.: Com Hole Game

Board Games

DATE: Tuesday, ongoing TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Ongoing Card Games Bridge

Wednesday

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

Pinochie (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: 12:30 Monday LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

Healthy Walking

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

Computer Courses

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

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Mill Race Historical

Village

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

Field CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Thursday, Feb. 15: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Northville Historical Society Board Meeting,

Friday, Feb. 16: Archives open.

Sunday, Feb. 19: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.; Venture Scouts, 6:30 p m.

Monday, Feb. 20: Cluster Scout Meeting, 9 a.m.; Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 21: Stone Gang. 9 a.m.; Weavers Guild, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:45 p.m; Cub Scout

Meeting, 6:45 p.m. *Grounds closed to public

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team.

Looking for You

Northville Arts Commission

DETAILS: The Northville Arts-Commission will be holding a meeting in February to select the musical groups performing in this summer's clock concerts at the bandshell. Any residents interested helping decide the lineup, please e-mail Ken Naigus at kdn@comcast.net for further information. The commission will also be recruiting volunteers to help at one or more of the con-

Class of 1986

DETAILS: The NHS Class of 1986 is planning their 20-year class reunion and looking for updated information on classmates. The reunion will be Saturday, June 24 at the Livonia

CONTACT: Nickie, (734) 420-5931 or Kathleen, (248) 449-2880

Friends of the Rouge

DETAILS: Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for the 9th Annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Tood Survey. The survey includes the Northville portion of the Rouge. Volunteers need no prior experience but must attend one two-hour training workshop. Surveys are conducted several times a month beginning in March and ending in July. Preregistration is required by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing picoordinator@therouge.org.

Meals-on-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. DETAILS: Permanent and substitute 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 month CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net, Naigus at kdn@comcast.net or Northville Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

Arts Commission

W. Cady St.

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Art House, 215

Beautification Commission

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Nonhville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting

Housing Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 3 p.m. LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month 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 Parks and

Daddy-Daughter Princess

Recreation

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 25 TIME: 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: Tickets are \$20 per person per dance and are available at the recreation center.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203, ext. #1411 or visi www.northvilleparksandrec.org visit

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

DATE: Saturday and Sunday, March 25-March 26

TIME: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: Team classifications will be girls, ages 8-10, 11-13, 14-15 and 16-17 and boys, ages 8-10, 11-13, 14-15, and 16-17. The fee is \$85 per 3-4 member team.

CONTACT: Joe Barberio, (248) e-mail or jbarberio@ci.northville.mi.us

Bunny Hop

DATE: Saturday, April 8 TIME: 4-6 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

DETAILS: This dance includes crafts, designing cookies with Great Harvest Bread Company, and visiting the spring bunny. The fee is \$10 per person. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203 or

www.northvilleparksanvisit

Drop In Cheerleading

TIME/DATE: 4-5 p.m., sixth grade and up; 5-6 p.m., first-fifth grade, Every Tuesday LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W.

Baseline Road DETAILS: This drop-in program promotes fitness, dance rou-

tines, stretching, jumps and cheers. The fee is \$6 per person CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Open Basketball

DATE: Every Sunday TIME: 6-9 p.m. Community Center, 303 W. Main DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per

Teen Basketball

DATE: Every Thursday TIME: 3-5:30 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

DETAILS: The fee is \$2 per person.

Open Badminton

DATE: Every Tuesday and

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., Monday and noon-4 p.m., Saturday LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 Baseline Road

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

Regional

Daughters of the American Revolution

DATE: Monday TIME: 10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Plymouth District Library, Main Street DETAILS: Bob Zaetta will be

speaking on 'The 24th Michigan in the Civil War." CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society

DATE: Monday TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building,

Cancer survivor and St. Mary Mercy Hospital employee Marianne Simancek will be getting some help from director of radiation and oncology John Schwartz, left, raising Relay For Life funds. Relay For Life raises money for cancer research.

Residents get ready to 'Relay For Life'

■ Kickoff for emotional fund-raiser races forward

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Laura Steiner only worries about her children.

With technology rapidly improving each day, the 45-year-old Northville Township resident said she hoped there was a cure for cancer by the time her kids, Michelle, 15. Lowel, 18, and Robert, 20, had to really worry about it.

Watching both of her parents survive several bouts with the disease, Steiner said knowing her family history can be scary. "I've seen my dad and his mother go through breast can-cer," she said. "He also had prostate cancer - then my mother had eye cancer, a spot on her lung, and now a spot on her spine."

Steiner and her family joined the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in 2000 to show support for her family and community.

Relay For Life is a 24-hour team-based fund-raiser that supports the American Cancer Society.

Money raised during the fund-raiser goes toward cancer research, programs and services for cancer patients and their caregivers.

More than a walk

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LOCATION:

Grosse Pointe

Society

Plymouth

required.

Relay For Life is more than a walk around a track.

"It's a time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived,"

Farmington

will speak on Detroit's 150-year-

DETAILS: Chauncy Miller

CONTACT: Pat, (734) 425-

DATE: Through March 17

Gallery, 17728 Mack Avenue,

solo exhibit of Northville artist,

Darcel Deneau. The gala event will be held 5-8 p.m. Saturday.

CONTACT: For more infor-mation, call (313) 882-8888 or

visit www.ambientgallery.com

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 25

TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Fox Hills Club

DETAILS: Tickets are \$25 per

person and include dinner and a

live auction. All proceeds will

used to help the historical socie-

ty restore Washtenaw's oldest

barn, located at North Territorial

and Curtis roads. Reservations

CONTACT: Jean, (248) 349-2687 or Don, (248) 349-3550

House, 8678 N. Territorial Road.

Salem Area Historical

DETAILS: "Detroit Sky" is a

Road.

Ambient

Kickoff: 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Northville Senior Community Center

■ Northville-Novi

Relay For Life

Relay For Life: 10 a.m.-10 a.m. May 20-21 at Ford Field, Northville

Cost: Free of charge Web site:

acsevents.org/relay/mi/northvi Contact: (800) ACS-2345

said American Cancer Society officials. "It's a night for people who have shared the same experiences to comfort and console one another." The kickoff for the fifth

annual Northville-Novi Relay

For Life is from 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Northville Senior Community Center. Barb Irvan said the kickoff is an opportunity to introduce and reintroduce the relay to the

community. Irvan, community development director for the American Cancer Society, said there will be over 4,500 events across the nation this year and 42 will be held in several communities

surrounding metro Detroit. "If you have someone going through this terrible illness or have lost someone," Irvan said. "Relay For Life really gives you a way to be proactive.

Life's struggle

According to the American Cancer Society, about 570,280 American's are expected to lose the battle with cancer this year.

"We lose so many people each year to the battle," Irvan said. "(The relay) is such a great way to raise awareness

and to educate people."

Marianne Simancek doesn't mind telling her story as long as

it means she's helping others. Diagnosed four years ago with ovarian cancer, the 58-

"I wanted them to see me as the caregiver and strong per-son," Simancek said. "I was shocked. How could I tell (my

going to be OK?

going to get through this." Simancek, a registered nurse at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in

remove all signs of cancer.
"I was lucky because I never had to go through chemotherapy or radiation," she said. "I've been clear for about three years. As long as I go in for my blood

Simancek said having gone through life's challenges herself helps her understand what other people are going through and

For Life was a way to share her story and help others.

walking for that cure."

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or at tmish-

"Grace & Glorie" Play

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 24-25; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26

LOCATION: The Village old Elmwood Cemetery, facts and lore. Meeting is free and Theater, Cherry Hill Road,

> DETAILS: Arbor Hospice & Home Care along with Duo Damas Productions are presenting this play by playwright Tom Ziegler. The opening gala will be held 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 24 at The Village Theater. Tickets to the opening night gala are \$75 each; \$40 each for other per-

CONTACT: Glenda Gordon Kime, Arbor Hospice & Home Care, (734) 662-5999, ext.152, or visit specialevents@arborhospice.org

Ford Rouge Plant Tour

DATE: Daily TIME: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. LOCATION: Tour begins at The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn

DETAILS: This is a five-part tour including a driving tour of auto-related landmarks and behind-the-scenes of the Rouge complex; a look at the history through video footage; a virtual reality theatre; a walking tour of the factory's 'living roof'; and a walking tour above the assembly area where Ford F-150s are made. The cost is \$14 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for ages 3- .

10 and free for ages 2 and under. CONTACT: (313) 982-6001

Master Gardener Association

DAY: Second Thursday of every month TIME: 7 pm.

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 can be purchased at any park office. CONTACT: (800). 477-3178

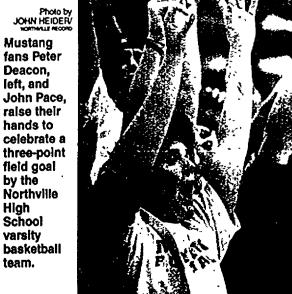
or www.metroparks.com

Mothers of Multiples DATE: Second Thursday of every month

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South

DETAILS: Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families.

CONTACT: Jackie, (248) 437-





year-old Novi resident said dealing with cancer was hard because her only thoughts were how to get her family through

family) that everything was "I wanted my family to go in facing this with all the confidence in the world ... we're

Livonia, underwent surgery to remove her ovaries and appendix, and doctors were able to

test each year, I'll be fine."

what their families are feeling. She said joining the Relay

"I can say 'I know how you feel' and they believe me, because I really have been there. I can show them my scar," Simancek said. "We're

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TRUE BELIEVERS

Undefeated Mustangs show heart, grab conference title

What does it take to win the first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association basketball champioaship for Northville High School? On Valentine's Day, plenty of

With just minutes to go in their contest, against Walled Lake Central Tuesday night, the undefeated Northville Mustangs found themselves leading by just two points. They looked panicked.

But then something happened. They composed themselves, pushed themselves. And they won, 51-40, to secure their 16-0 record, a WLAA title and to become the last Class A team in the state with no losses

"We had a lot of heart out tonight," said senior Nick Kaldis, who had a career-high 14 points and made himself visible on just about every play with steals, blocks and assists. "We knew this was going to be a tough team and they were. When it was down to a two-point game, I never lost confidence. I knew we would come together and win it."

Kaldis could have made himself a nice bag of cash had he been up in the stands. One dad turned to his two sons and bet them each a dollar Walled Lake would win the

The packed house was relatively quiet when the game got close, but the intensity heated up when Kaldis found captain Alvin Storrs trailing with a quick pass. Storrs pulled up, sank a bucket and earned a trip to the free-throw line for the three-point play. From that point it was smooth sailing for the Mustangs

"We really showed the character of this team," coach Darrel Schumacher said. "We didn't have to call a time out to calm them down. They did it themselves and they found a way to win tonight."

After shaking hands with the Vikings players, Storrs was making his way toward his team when he was suddenly embraced by a

smiling Schumacher.
Storrs Hüggelt him back At 16-0, the Mustangs were as close to an undefeated team as Northville has been in 44 years.

"We definitely have the talent and the people to do it," senior Doug Hasse said of an undefeated season. "It's up to us. We have to

And the fans. Storrs and Bret Spencer said the fans have meant a lot this season.

game," Spencer said. "We love them. They're great and they help boost us. We're glad they're there for us.'

And why wouldn't they be? There wasn't a much better place to be on Valentine's Day, This is

the team everyone loves.

"Hell, yeah, I'm proud I was a Mustang!" said Brian Tellish, a 2004 graduate who came back to watch the Mustangs play. "They really impressed me tonight. They rehaved what it means to be a team. showed what it means to be a team and how to play with heart. This is a special team and I'm proud of



The Northville Mustangs secured a conference championship with their win over Walled Lake Central Tuesday night. The Mustangs include: Chris Lorente, Dan Kirkpartrick, Mike Rogers, Doug Hasse, Steve Clark, Alvin Storrs, Andrew Manor, Bret Spencer, Brandon Barkoski, Campy Smith, Phil Snow, Nick Kaldis and Brad Birdsall. Coaches are Darrel Schumacher and Ed Kritch.

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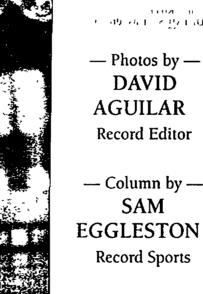
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ABOVE: Alvin Storrs drives the ball from the wing against Walled Lake Central. Northville won, 51-40. BELOW: Campy Smith (4) gets a block against Walled Lake Central.





ABOVE: Senior captain Chris Lorente isn't happy with a fourth foul he picked up late in the contest. BELOW: The Walled Lake defense concentrated on Alvin Storrs, who still managed to pick up 12 points.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONT'D)

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Joan Bahl, Kathy Zimmerman, Coleen Stevens, Dwayne Defer and Family, Tom Swigart, Carolyn Stochr, Jan Cole, Carol Livermore, Joy Colizzi, Thom Barry, Joy Donnellon, JoAnn Kissel, Tracy Darrow, Jim and Judy Kohl, Becky Reynolds, Katie Bell, Sandy LeMaster, Sarah Modica, Happy Joliffe, Cari Hartmann, Norma Peltz, Jason Brooks, Tom and Tommy Wooderson, Natalie, Emily and Laurie Wooderson, Irene Piccone, Hillary Denome and Robin Baidas, Pam and Chuck Burke, Bob and Brett Wuhasz, Judy Stewart, Josh Ermatinger, Rick Middlemass, Sara and Terry Ryan, Aidan and Peyton Brazzil, Steven Siitari, Michelle Gorton and children, Marcia Garback, Pat Gallagher, Kevin Krumbach and Kera Hogue.

> Judy Kohl Northville Coordinator, Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

Bond: Voting 'yes'

I have observed with amazement the hysteria of a handful of people over misguided environmental concerns about the location of the proposed seventh elementary school, and the amount of media coverage they've been able to generate. The media always loves controversy, as it sells paper or generates viewership. It would be nice if they limited their coverage to those with real facts rather than those using limited or specious information to make assertions that just fuel the hysteria.

In my opinion the proposed site near the corner of Six Mile and Napier is the ideal site for the next school. The site is located in the most intensely developing area of the community, where the need will be most felt. It is available at a reasonable cost. Assuming the and. Recreation Department can get funding to operate it, the school would be located on the eastern edge of Thayers Corners Park. What a

great opportunity for these kids.
If there are any issues with the positioning this school near the landfill they are aesthetic. You'd get a view of the landfill if you were heading to the school for some reason, but you can't see it from the school site most of the year. This has been one of the most environmentally tested sites within our community. It is safe, and with all the environmental regulation that the landfill must comply with, the site. will continue to be one of the safest going forward.

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Environmental science and testing has come a long way and become big business since those days of yore that this handful of parents want to invoke.

Admiltedly, the experience at Ridge Wood has demonstrated that one day every couple of months, there might be an odor issue. It is not hazardous, just unpleasant on that day. The odor issue will be mitigated at this school by the special school ventilation system to be installed. That's the one negative to the site. That is far outweighed by the positives.

Obviously, the parents generating the hysteria have some bone to pick with the school district, and the one issue they think they have to generate support is this unseen, potential danger, that we'll never see, or able to confirm its existence, but

we should be afraid of it just the same. If they were truly concerned about student safety. they'd be out campaigning for the bond, so buses wouldn't have to be maintained in a circa 1965 facility, requiring athletes to play or practice on rutted

fields, or in hallways and cafele rias, or having the band practice in an active parking lot. Then I'd know student safety was their main concern.

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TO THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, to vote on the following:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

Northville Public Schools Bond proposition \$25,235,000 for a new elementary school; educational technology improvements; land acquisition; playground and site development. Northville Public Schools Bond Proposition \$45,430,000 for remodeling existing buildings; a field house addition; a new transportation facility; school buses and technology improvements; and developing and improving playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities and

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501

PLIN LEXT OF THE DAILOT PROPOSAIS TRAY DE DOUAIRED AT THE BOTTON STRUCTURE OF THE TRUCKS OF PORTUNITIE PROBE SCHOOLS, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, telephone: 248 -349 -3400.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

THE POLLS WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M. at the following Polling Locations:

Northville Township Polling Locations
Moraine Elementary School
Silver Springs Elementary School
Winchester Elementary School
Northville High School
Northville High School
40775 Six March 46811 Eight Mile Road 19801 Silver Springs Drive 16141 Winchester Drive 45700 Six Mile Road Ridge Wood Elementary 49775 Six Mile Road 18120 Jamestown Circle Kings Mill Clubhouse 16700 Franklin Road Meads Mill School yon Township and Salem Township Polling Location Moraine School (Lyon Twp) Moraine School (Salem) 46811 Eight Mile Road

> **COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED** BY ACT NO. 278 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 AMENDING THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION ACT

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of January 9, 2006 the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional lifteen-mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting that property of Wayne County Wayne County

	Voted	Years	
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Increases	Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Regional Educational	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Service Agency	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2000	0.25 mills	2005
Wayne County	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2002 indefinitely
Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2005 thru 2010
Northville Twp.	August 1, 1998	5.01 mills	2006
Notaliane Imp.	November 1, 1998	0.58 mills	2006
	November 1, 2002	0.75 mills	2005
Northville Public School	June 2003	18 mills	2005 thru 2012
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(Wayner Caloai Kir Washi	September 2004	.25 mills	2005 thru 2012
	September 2004	.EU ITAAS	(nonhomestead)
Northylle District Library	May 31, 1994	1 mill	Unlimited
Schoolcraft Community College	March 1, 1986	0.5 mills	Unlimited

1, Patrick M. Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oaldand, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of February 1, 2006, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 milts established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Northwite Public Schools, Oaldand County, is as follows:

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE
Northville Public Schools	18 00	2003-2012 incl.
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Twp. of Lyon	1.00	Unlimited
inprovency on	2 50	Unlimited
City of Northville	1.00	Unlimited
,	1.00	Unlimited
	1.92	Unlimited
City of Novi	1.80	Unlimited
Twp. of Novi	1.00	Unlimited
	2.5257	Unlimited
Schoolcraft College	.50	Unlimited
Wayne County RESA	.8782	Unlimited
County of Oakland	25	2002 to 2011 Incl.

 Catherine McClay, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of Monday January 23, 2006, the records of this office indicate that the total of all vote increases over and above the tax limitation established by the constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in: Northville Public Schools, Washtenaw County, Michigan, is as follows:

Charter millages are not over and above the tax limitation, but are listed here for information purposes. WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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Purpose of Millage	Millage Amount	Expiration of Millage		
NPS Operating	0 2459	2013		
NPS Operating Non-Homestead Salem South Lyon District Library	17.6641	2013		
Operating	1.1205	Indefinite		
Salem Township		4 - 4 - P - V -		
Allocated Operating Schoolcraft College	0 8457	Indefinite		
All purpose	0.7916	Indefinite		
All purpose	0.3957	Indefinite		
All purpose	0.6094	Indefinite		
Washtenaw County				
Parks	0.2379	2009		
Natural Areas	0.2421	2011		
HCMA	0.2146	Indefinite		
Operating	4.5713	Indefinite		
Parks	0.2365	2007		
Special Education	0 9378	Indefinite		
Operating	0 0687	Indefinite		
Special Education	1.5	Indefinite		
Special Education	0.93	Indefinite		
Operating	0 0278	Indefinite		

Absence Ballots are available at the office of the Township Clerk, 44405 Six Mile Road. The deadline for celving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2006. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2006. A ballot obtained on

February 27, 2006 must be voted in the Township Clerk's Office.
The Township Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday,
February 25, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For questions, please call the Township Clerk's Office at 248-

Each resident voting on the above must be: (a) A citizen of the United States of America and eighteen (18) years of age or over; and

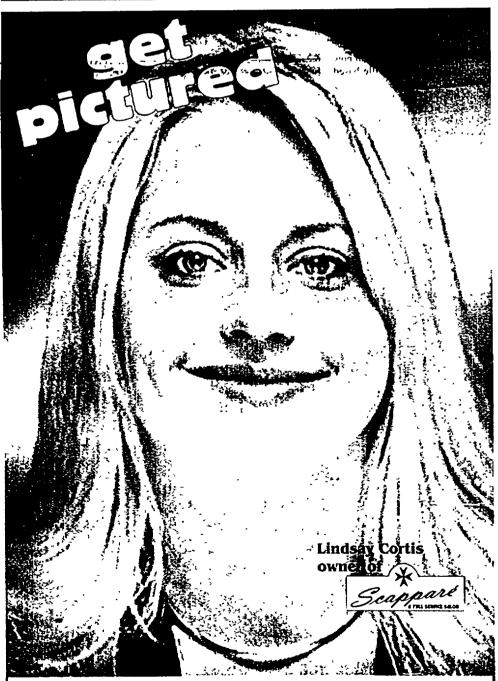
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Tax credits to remember:

Child Tax Credit, Federal Child

and Home Heating Tax Credit

Michigan Credit Union

League: www.mcul.org

Earned Income Tax Credit,

and Dependent Care Credit

■ 'Just File It

Web site; www.justfileit.org

a printer.

Bill Peterson greets AARP tax preparation assistants Angel Castro, right, and Mary Culik at the Northville Senior Community Center. Free tax preparation help is being offered to seniors and low-income individuals at the center every Thursday until the April 15 filing deadline, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Crunch-time for tax refunds

ing jointly, with two or more qual-

on the number children per fami-

are a good fit for the program.

The amounts vary depending

Bahnmueller said credit unions

"For many years, credit unions have been helping low-income

families access (tax credits)

through partnerships with the

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

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program," she said. ...

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Program helps low-income families recieve tax refunds

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Bob McKinley crosses his fingers every year, hoping to get a refund from his income taxes.

Most tax entities are currently working around the clock for businesses and residents to meet the April 15 deadline for filing.

When it comes to preparing taxes, McKinley said he either looks forward to it or dreads it, depending on how much money he made the previous year.

"A lot of people need that income tax refund," said the 54year-old former Northville Township resident. "I can't say I'm rich and don't need the money by any means.

"If those papers come and tell me I have to pay \$700-\$800, there's definitely a lot of stress as to where that extra moneys coming from."

Eowincome residents can now tum. to the Northville-based Michigan Credit Union League's

"Just File It" program for help. Launched Jan. 17, "Just File It" offers low- to moderate-income residents and families free Webbased resources to file for state and federal income tax credits and

Refunds on the way

Since the program launched in January, more than \$800,000 have been refunded to Michigan fami-

There are many credits that people don't know about, like the Earned Income Tax Credit," said Lori Bahnmueller, spokesperson for the Michigan Credit Union League. "We' work with the Michigan Poverty Law Program to develop a program so these low-income people can access credits like this."

The Earned Income Tax Credit was developed in the 1970s to help low-income working families with children rise above the poverty line.

Bahnmueller said the Just File It program offers free tax preparation resources for those who need

"More than \$200 million in federal tax refunds go unclaimed in Michigan annually by the people who need it most, low-income families and individuals," said Steve Gray, attorney at the Michigan Poverty Law Program in a statement. "Many low-wage filers use tax preparation services and assume refund anticipation loans to access income tax

These services often charge excessive fees and interest rates at the expense of those who can least afford it."

The Just File It program is free and available from more than 100 credit unions in Michigan, including Co-op Services Credit Union on Five Mile Road in Livonia and Hometown Community Credit Union on Haggerty Road in Novi.

Signing up

Bahnmueller said you don't have to be a credit union member

to access the program. "Anyone can use this service for free, providing they qualify,"

According to the Michigan Credit Union League, in order to qualify for the program, earned income and adjusted gross income must be less than \$35,263, or \$37,263 married fil-

Tax man: Don't be late!

■ Winter • property taxes are due now

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville Township taxpayers will have to pay a 3 percent penalty if their winter property taxes were not at township hall by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The penalty will stay in effect until Feb. 28 and beginning March 1, all delinquent real estate property must be paid to

Wayne County, according to township officials.

Unlike communities like neighboring Livonia, which extended their deadline to Feb. 28 and charges a 5 percent late penalty, Northville Township does offer a lower penalty but expects residents to pay on time.

Township hall has a drive-thru lane and drop box on the west side of the building for payment of tax bills. All payments are due in the office or drop box by 4:30 p.m. on the due date. Postmarked envelopes are not accepted.

According to Wayne County officials, once delinquent taxes

are sent to the county treasurer, State law requires the addition of a 4 percent administration fee and an added interest, of, I percent per month. After one year, property is forfeited to the coun-

ty treasurer. If residents do not pay within the allotted time, the Wayne County Treasurer will send notices before further procedures begin.

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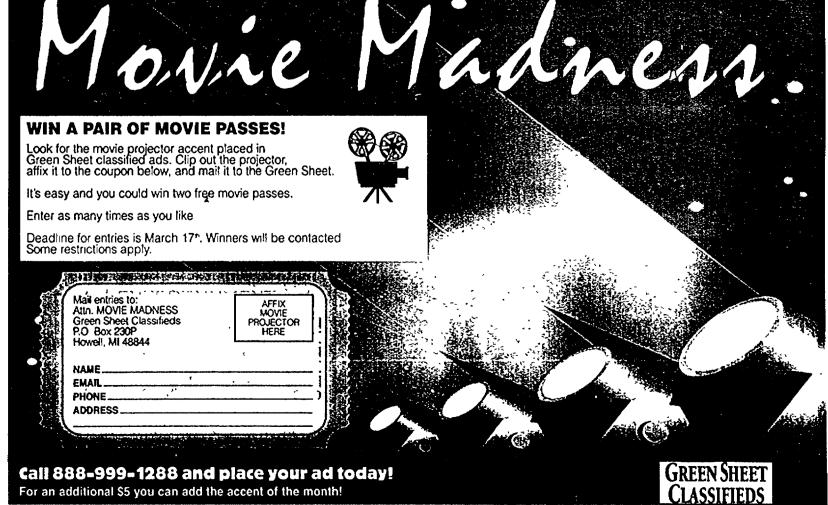
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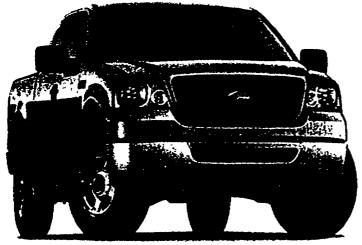
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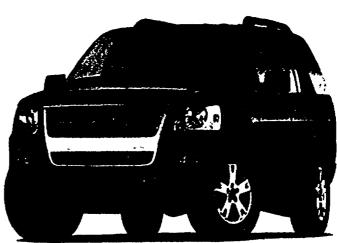
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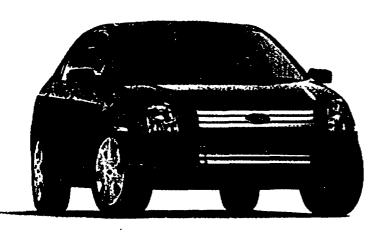
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Pom-tastic!

The Northville Mustangs pom pon team finished third in the state last week when the competed in the finals.

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Northville Mustangs bas-ketball team earned it's 15th victory on the season to keep their record spotless.

The squad took on Salem last Friday and played well. Now, they're starting to focus on the final stretch of the regular season.



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Northville wrestlers Tim Resnick, left, and Grant Garber spar in the team's training room.

PASSIONATE FOR WRESTLING

Senior Tim Resnick takes his game from the Middle East to the halls of Northville High School

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Tim Resnick walked into the halls of Northville High School last year a complete stranger.

A transfer student from the American School of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, Resnick was quick to find a way

to meet new people: sports.
Football and wrestling quickly became two things he was known for. The former was a game he took up naturally while the latter was a sport he had been working at his whole life.

"I've been wrestling since I was young, about three," he said. "I remember an article from when I was younger about Resnick family wrestling."

And it's a tradition the senior grappler wasn't about to give up. From his youth days to moving overseas to Dubai and wrestling for the Falcons of the American School, Resnick has enjoyed the often grueling contests.

said wrestling at He Northville was an adjustment from the overseas matches.

"There, you practice for four or five months and then wrestling in a huge tournament," he said. "There aren't just neighboring schools to wrestle. It's almost like you train and train so you have one shot."

But the sport has taken Resnick places. Cairo, Egypt and Athens, Greece were just two of the locales he saw while traveling with the team.

He likened it to representing his country in the Olympics, since he was proudly showcasing the ability of American ath-

When his father told the family Ford Motor Company was going to be transferring him back to the United States, the Resnicks made it clear they

really didn't want to go. "Dubai is the gem of the Middle East," said Resnick, who spent more than five years there. "It's an amazing place."

But the family didn't have a pins this year, and hopes to take choice and his move to his game into the individual Michigan left the family won-state playoffs. dering where they would live. Scott Hammerle, a fellow student in Dubai, had already returned to the United States and said Northville was a great

place to call home. Hammerle, who was a soccer standout for the Mustangs, showed Resnick around and helped him meet the football coaches.

"Northville's a great place," Resnick said. "I really like it

And he hasn't been shy about making the school his own. Resnick is rarely seen not wearing orange and black or athletic apparel. He's been adopted by the Mustangs and he returns the favor with his a determined atti-

With a 21-14 record in the 215-pound weight class, Resnick has become a solid rep-Northville resentative for

He's aggressive, earning 16

He said helping his team out of the districts is his goal as the lone senior captain, but he knows he'll have to do some motivating before the tourna-

"Some of the younger kids are going to go in there with their heads down," Resnick said. "I'll have to come up with a 'Gladiator' speech or some-

thing to get them going." When his senior year is said and done, he plans on trying to make his mark at the collegiate level with a school like Eastern

Michigan or Central Michigan. He's considering a wide variety of study options, and teaching is one of them. He said if that's what he chooses, he may find himself back in Dubai one

day.
"I'd like to go back and do some teaching there," he said. "I think it's an amazing place and I've love to go back if I get the

■ Senior Grant Garber doesn't have to look hard to find real life lessons on the wrestling mat

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Ask Grant Garber what he likes most about wrestling and he's going to tell you enjoys the one-on-one time with his opponents.

'There's nothing like wrestling," said Garber, a senior Northville grappler in the 189-pound division. "It's truly just competition. You can't rely on anyone else out there. It's all you."

Garber does well on the mat, leading the Mustangs into this week's team and individual district playoffs. It will be a tough task for the Northville grap-

plers to advance. Under the guidance of coach Matt Thomas, the team will try to get in the hunt for a district title against the likes of Novi, Catholic Central and South

As a team, they're sticking together.

"We have great camaraderie on the team," Garber said "Our

around these guys.

It's a family that has come to adopt Garber after he transferred into Northville High School his sophomore season. He originally attended the small Plymouth Christian Academy before making the

There, he wasn't a wrestler, but the idea of joining the Mustangs intrigued him so he

transition.

"I always liked wrestling," he said. "I used to wrestle around with my dad when I was younger, and that was always fun. So, when I had the chance. I didn't even have to think about it. I'm glad I did.'

Garber said wrestling has taught him some important les-

First and foremost: never give up, even when the points are stacked against you.

"You just have to give it 100 percent and try not to go to your back," Garber said. "In wrestling, you can always come right back and win the match in a few seconds. It really is just a game of seconds and if you can take advantage of it, you can win.'

Garber said he hopes to advance in the individual tournament this year but knows it's going to take a lot of hard work and determination.

Technique isn't something he's too worried about, thanks to the guidance of Thomas. He said he'll take the tactics that have made him a success so far this year and apply them to the post-season.

"I go in looking to get a pin if I can by getting my opponent on his back and quick as I can," Garber said. "But you have to watch the guy you're wrestling. If he really knows what he's doing, you'll probably have to try and beat him with points."

Fitting into the 189-pound weight class isn't a problem for the senior, and he said he's glad he doesn't have to cut weight to maintain that level.

team, as a whole, is really close. It's always fun to be But he remembers the days when he did, wrestling in the lighter weights and trying to keep the pounds off wasn't

> "Oh, my God! It was a nightmare," Garber said. "Right after weight in, all of the guys go hit the buffet and eat until they can't eat anymore.'

> Garber finds himself in a tough situation. His team this season isn't the strongest around and has a slim chance of escaping the districts. But the future is bright and he's well aware of his role as a leader to the kids who will help build the program in the com-

ing years. 'That's hard to see, but everyone has their time and I just wasn't in it," Garber said. We've got a lot of good wrestlers coming up and the next years are going to be some of the strongest Northville has seen in a while."

And while they're grappling, Garber will be studying. He's attending planning on Schoolcraft College and

becoming a nurse anesthetist. He doesn't pull any punches as to why the career interests

"In talking to people who do it, they say it's a very enjoyable job," Garber said. "Plus, there's always the money factor. You get paid very well in that

But there's a long way between Garber and an operating room. He has the remainder of his senior season to focus on in wrestling.

He said he hopes to make the

best of it. You just have to go in and try to make it work out," Garber said. "Hopefully I have what it takes. I guess we'll

The individual districts are this weekend and team districts were held yesterday.

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Senior captain Tim Resnick takes on an opponent on the wrestling mat.

Pom takes third at state

The Northville Mustangs pom pon team took third place in the state finals for Division II competition last week.

The squad, coached by Christie Wilson and led by captains Joan Barry, Megan Monticciolo, Ashley Necci and Susan Cavicchioli, took third place out of a field of more than a dozen schools.

Swimmers still going strong

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team added even more impressive swims to their season as they topped Canton to secure the Western Division title, 121-62, last week before competing in the MISCA meet.

Against Canton, the Mustangs took first in the 200 medley relay (Brad Farris, Weston Laabs, Will Blickle and Brody Blickle; 1:40.62), the 200 freestyle (Chris Keady, 1:43,32, pool record), the 200 individual medley (Farris, 2:01.23), the 50 freestyle (Will Blickle, 22.70), the 100 fly (Farris, 52.91, pool record), the 100 free (Chris Culkin, 50.13), the 200 free relay (Jack Temple, Laabs, Brody Blickle and Keady, 1:32.64), the 100 backstroke (Will Blickle, 57.07), the 100 breaststroke (Laabs, 1:02.86) and the 400 free relay (Farris, Will Blickle, Culkin and Keady, 3:17.05, pool record).

The team also swam the MISCA meet, featuring the top 60 swimmers in the state in each

In the 200 medley relay, the team of Farris, Laabs, Keady and Will Blickle took third with

their fastest time of 1:38.86. In the 200 freestyle, it was Farris taking eighth (1:45.18), Culkin in 20th (1:47.86) and Jon Bardsley in 53rd (1:54.04).

The 200 individual medley found Keady taking second (1:56.85), Will Blickle taking 8th (2:05.55), Laabs in 17th (2:05.93) and Greg Sheppard in 21st (2:06.66). In the 50 free, Keady was fourth (4:42.50), Culkin 17th (4:57.50). In (4:47.19) and Will Blickle in 17th (4:57.50). The 100 healested of the 17th (4:57.50). the 100 backstroke, Farris was fourth (53.78), Brody Blickle was fifth (54.07) and Bardsley was 40th (59.55). Laabs finished ninth in the breaststroke (1:02.27) and Sheppard was 49th

The Mustangs also swam the 200 free relay for ninth (Brody Blickle, Laabs, Culkin and Will Blickle, 1:31.00) and the 400 free relay for sec-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/www.x ====

ond (Keady, Will Blickle, Culkin and Farris. The Northville High School varsity pom pon squad performs their routine at the halftime of a recent home basketball game.

NCAA seeks to curb poor sportsmanship

By Steve Richardson **GANNETT NEWS SERVICE**

With an eye toward curbing ugly incidents on the field or in the stands, ill the NCAA met with the American Football Coaches Association and game officials Wednesday in hopes of fostering relationships that might lead to better sportsmanship among referees, coaches and players.

"We are talking about officiating and coaching and how we can work together and do a better job with student-athletes and the whole idea of sportsman-Teaff said. "(We are talking about) the responsibility the coach has, the responsibility the officials have and triggered by events on the field.

how we can do a better job of utilizing the rules we already have."

The groups met in conjunction with

the annual AFCA convention.

The imitative, which came our of the NCAA's Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct Committee, is part of a broader effort in all NCAA sports to improve relations among participants in the sportsmanship area and also educate fans on the game and improve their sportsmanship.

Some of the initiatives might be educating fans about officiating and improving communication among offi-AFCA executive director Grant cials, coaches and players in order to provide a calming effect for participants and fans, whose action might be

"The committee is going to provide information to everybody in the next six months, better ways we can inform the public about the expectations of their behavior in the stands and expectation of behavior outside the stadium," said Ron Stratten, NCAA vice president for education services.

As for players and coaches, Stratten said, "We have to help them see the larger picture because it has an impact. It has an impact with the media, it has an impact on how people perceive our game and perceive intercollegiate athletics.'

Stressing the NCAA is not interested in administrating penalties for misconduct in games. Dennis Poppe, NCAA managing director for tootball and 1 SU and Miami (Fla.) players in the

baseball, said the organization was merely trying to serve as a lightning rod for discussion. He said nobody is hilling the panic buiton.

increase in the incidence, other than there is more exposure," Poppe said of poor-sportsmanship incidents. "That is a product of the visibility the sport has

received in recent years. The just-completed bowl season had a couple of incidents involving sports-

manship issues. Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick was caught on TV stomping on Louisville defensive end Elvis Louisville Dumervil's left calf during the Toyota Gator Bow! There was a fight between

tunnel leading to the dressing rooms after the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.

During the regular season, several hundred Colorado students had to be moved out of their seats when they threw debris on the field during a loss to Nebraska in Boulder. Nebraska coach Bill Callahan was reprimanded by the Big 12 for making what appeared to be a throat-slashing gesture to officials during the Oklahoma

"I don't think it is an epidemic in football," said AFCA ethics committee chairman Fisher DeBerry, the Air Force coach. "But I think we as coaches have the responsibility to emphasize what is proper behavior, what is proper decorum and realize again we have an



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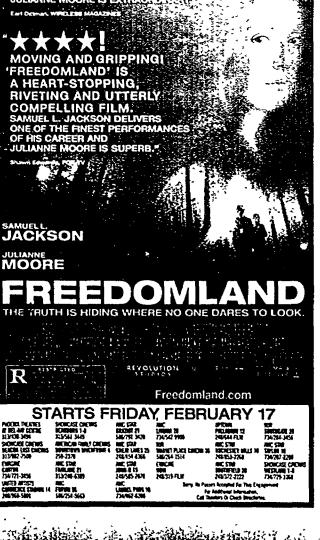
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'61 team still perfect after 44 years Sports Shorts

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Dave Longridge stepped into the Northville High School gym just days after the end of football season.

It was his first season as a head basketball coach. The year was 1961 and he had no clue his boys were about to make history with the only undefeated regularseason basketball team ever at Northville High School.

"It was a goal of mine to be undefeated in the regular season if I ever had the chance," Longridge said from his Florida home. "It really didn't surprise me because I had seen this team. There were some very good athletes on that team."

Most notably were Dan Brown and Steve Juday. Brown went on to play basketball at the University of Michigan and played in the NCAA Final Four twice and lost to UCLA in the national championship game. Juday lest Northville and played football for Michigan State University where he was an All-American selection among other honors.

The other top-six players on that year's team included Dick Bathey, Jim Juday, Tom Swiss and Craig Bell.

The Mustangs earned an unblemished 15-0 regular season mark before earning five more victories in the state playoffs. They lost to the eventual state champion River Rouge, a legendary high school team, in the spring of 1962.

"One of my most outstanding memories was going up to Michigan State and playing River Rouge, which was just a force and had been a force for some time," Brown said from his home in Brooklyn, NY.

We hit the court and I managed to get the ball inside. I went up for one of my hook shots and Willie Betts, a guy who could really fly through the air, went up for the block. I don't know how, but the shot went in but my thought was, 'Uhoh, this is going to be a tough game."

And though the Mustangs weren't the top team in the state that year, they were the top team in the Wayne-Oakland conference and to the communities of Northville and Novi.

Hometown favorites

The Northville Mustangs - comprised of players from both Northville and Novi in the single, Class B high school - went from an undefeated football season to an undefeated basketball

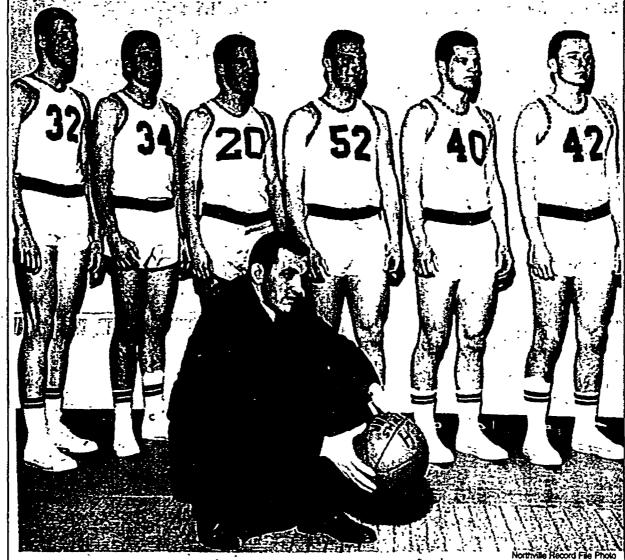
Longridge said their game was the only one in town.

They filled the place each time," he said of the fans. "That was the old high school, which is now Hillside (Middle School). They may not have sold out

each game, but there were never very many seats at any of the ball games.". The key wasn't an abundance of . Mustangs talent, said Steve Juday from his home in Arizona. He said strong team chemistry, camaraderie and plenty of luck bound them together.

"A lot of it carried over from our undefeated football season," said Juday, who was the football team's quarterback and the cage team's point guard. "We had that winning spirit and we carried that excitement over. We had a lot of luck and on a 20-game win streak. There were games in there we probably should have won and a few we shouldn't have.

some how managed to find a way to win,



In 1961-62 Northville recorded its finest season on the hardboards-20 straight wins before running up against perennial champions River Rouge in the semifinals of the state tourney at East Lansing. Top six on the squad pictured with Coach Dave Longridge are Dan Brown (now a member of the U of M basketball team), Dick Bathey, Jim Juday, Tom Swiss, Steve and Craig Bell.

instead of finding a way to lose. We weren't the prettiest group, but we got the job done.

Northville used good size, strong rebounding and solid fundamentals to earn their 15 regular-season victories. They beat solid teams in the regular season and went on to beat even better teams in the playoffs. But the team didn't get the attention Brown said they

"I think as good as our team was it was frustrating that we didn't get the acknowledgment as much as we should have," Brown said. "We had plenty of recognition in Northville and from the Northville Record, but not from the sports community at large

was winning despite the lack of media "We were one of those teams that coverage, and the packed stands proved to be all the recognition they needed.

History repeats itself?

With a 15-0 mark prior to Tuesday night's game against Walled Lake Central and still five game left, the cur-rent Northville Mustangs, basketball, team is hoping to become just the second team in school history to go undefeated in the regular season. They have a vote of confidence from the only players to ever achieve the lofty goal.

"I think it would be fantastic if they could keep it going as far as they can, said Brown. "I wish them the best and all the luck. I hope they can do it."

It's been 44 years in the making and hat's a little too long, said Juday, Brown said it didn't matter. The team too, wants to see his orange and black make another undefeated run.

"Hell, yes!" Juday said. "I'm surprised and disappointed that someone hasn't

gone 20-0. That's the reason a team sets some of those targets so someone will go and get it.

Wish them well for me. I'd love to see them go undefeated in the regular season. Better yet, I'd love to see a state championship banner, hanging in that; new school

"Tell them to go win it all. It's easier than they think as long as they take it one game at a time."

And the former Mustangs will be keeping tabs on the Mustangs. Longridge said they're just a phone call away.

"I'll be calling to check up on them," he said. "It would be nice to have more than one. I hope they do it."

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CYO football

St. Edith Football will be holding a signup on Sunday, February 19th, anytime from 2-4:30 p.m. inside the entrance of the St. Edith gym.
Players entering the 3rd-8th grades in the fall and are mem-

bers of St. Colette, St. Aidan, St. Kenneth, St. Gerald, St. Maurice, St. Fablan, and St. Edith are invited to sign up.

The program includes a freshmen (3/4th grade), junior varsity II (5th grade), junior varsity I (6th grade), varsity II (mostly 7th grade), and varsity I (mostly 8th grade).

For more information, please contact Jenny. Tomasi and jtomasi@twmi.rr.com or edithfootball@aol.com or visit www.stedithcyo.com.

3-on-3 basketball youth tournament

Northville Parks & . Recreation will be hosting the first March Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament March 25-26 at the Recreation Center located at Hillside Middle School on the corner of Eight Mile Road and Center Street.

The cost is \$85 per team with three or four players on each team. T-shirts will be given to all particpants and awards will be given to the first-place team.

For more information, call (248) 349-0203 for more infor-

Adult hockey

Sign-up now for the winter session of the Breakfast Club Adult Hockey Series

Registration is underway for the Breakfast Club presented by Labatt-Suburban Hockey's weekly morning skills and conditioning series for adult hockey players of all ability levels. The 10-week session will run through March 16.

The Breakfast Club will take place at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills on Tuesday and Wednesday; Suburban Ice-Macomb on Tuesday; Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena and Dearborn Ice Skating Center on Thursday. Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills will also be the site of the Advanced Breakfast Club program on Thursday.

The goals of the program are knowledge of the game, leach new drills, increase enjoyment of the game, build confidence, conditioning and develop skating and puck skills in a competitive and fun environment. Coaches include former professional and collegiate players with vast coaching and playing experience.

All youth hockey coach receive 50 percent off tuition to the Breakfast Club. New this year is a special offer from RBK Hockey — all registered players may purchase an RBK 5K Modano pattern hockey stick for just \$75 (retail is

In addition, players who refers a new player to the Breakfast Club will receive \$50 off their tuition.

This is a popular program and there is limited enrollment. For more information on the Breakfast Club or any other Suburban Hockey program. contact (248) 478-1600 or www.suburbanhockey.com.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp.

This camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls, ages 10-19, are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from every state and 18 countries attended the 2005

College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Lebanon, Tenn., Prescott, Ariz., Thousand Oaks, Calif., Sterling, Colo., Bridgeport, Conn., Babson Park, Fla., Gainesville, Ga., Champaign, Ill., North Manchester, Ind., Towson, Md., Ypsilanti, Glassboro, N.J., Schenectady, N.Y., Hickory, N.C., Commerce, Texas, Blacksburg, Va., Lyndonville, Va. and Beloit, Wis. For more information and a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873.

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Conditioning leads to better season

By Aileen Wingblad GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

This time of year, golfers are among the most anxious for spring to begin.

Despite their longing, however, the links will likely remain snow-covered and the clubs stored away for weeks to come. Yet it's not too soon start getting ready for

the golf course - particularly for people willing to take a few extra steps to stave off injury during the sport's all-too-fleeting season. Philip Schmitt, DO, an orthopedic surgeon

with Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, reminds golfers that some simple preparations can make for a more successful, healthier and enjoyable game once the season is in full swing.

The idea is to get people involved in spring training to cut down on injuries, to

focus on conditioning in advance," Schmitt said. "Our big mantra is we want to keep you from missing time on the golf course which is important because our season here is so short."

For the sixth consecutive year, Schmitt, along with John Connolly, a Huron Valley-Sinai physical therapist and certified athletic trainer, is offering a free golf fitness session, part of Huron Valley-Sinai's wellness program series. It's scheduled for Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. and will run about an hour-and-ahalf. All ages are welcome.

This year, we will be focusing on prevention in the off-season," Schmitt said.
"This includes core stability — strengthening the hips, pelvis, abdominal muscles and back muscles. That will relate to a more powerful and better golf swing, and no

Proper diet and exercise will also be discussed, along with cardiovascular training, stretching and balance activities. "It's about overall fitness and the benefits that brings to your golf game," he said. "When your body is more coordinated and you are better trained, you have a better game."

The most common injuries that Schmitt sees in golfers are the result of overuse which stems from poor conditioning, he explained. Unlike folks who live in warmer climates like Florida where golfing can be

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> Philip Schmitt, DO Huron Valley-Smai Hospital

considered a year-round sport, Michigan golfers can be so eager for the season to get underway that they end up hurting them-

"In Michigan, those who are active during the winter are usually out skiing. Everybody else is sitting around waiting for the (warmer) season to begin," he said.

Unfortunately, combining repetitive motion in a body that isn't ready leads to problems like low back sprain and tendinitis, he added. During the golf fitness program, Schmitt will also discuss injuries and their treatment, should they occur.

Still, he said, the key is avoiding them in the first place with proper warm-up before, during and after golfing. He and Connolly will explain in detail what activities are best and urge people to get started right away.

'That's why we have the lecture at the end of February. We want people to work on this in March and April, because as soon as the sun comes out, we know they are going to head to that golf course," he said.

Injury-preventing exercises should be done two or three times each week. They are simple and effective, with gains in strength and flexibility noticeable within four to six weeks, said Schmitt. "And those who do them are so much further ahead than anyone else," he added.

To participate in Golf Fitness, pre-registration is required. Do so by calling (248) 937-3314 or (888) DMC-2500, or register online at www.hvsh.org.



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Conditioning for the game of golf is important because of the length of Michigan's season.

THE SECOND HALF



The Northville Mustangs varsity basketball team listens as coach Ed Kritch discusses the game plan last week prior to tip-off against the Salem Rocks.

More than just



Alvin Storrs and Doug Hasse head off the bus prior to playing Plymouth Salem.

■ Mustangs earn 15th victory with road win over Plymouth Salem

Bret Spencer walks into the gym at Northville High School, dressed in all black with bold letters declaring he's a member of the Mustangs basketball team splashed across the front of his sweatshirt.

He smiles as he sets down his orange bag bearing his jersey number, and starts chatting with his fellow cagers Steve Clark and Campy

It's 4:05 p.m. and the Mustangs are scheduled to play in just three hours in the next town

over. Plymouth Salem.

The Mustangs are quiet, as though talking loud would interrupt the game being played on their home court between Northville and Salem's freshman teams. At times they watch with interest and at times they look as though they're thinking of things to come,

The freshman cagers end the first half with Salem in the lead, 18-8. An omen?

"It doesn't look real good," a random fan says into the cell phone pressed against their head as they file away from the bleachers and out into the hall.

Tim Resnick, a senior on the Northville wrestling team, makes his way over to the gathered basketball players, who have their entire team assembled. He shakes hands with them, laughing now and then as he wishes

them luck in their game tonight.

The Mustangs are 14-0 at the moment. It's a great beginning, tied with the best start in school history when the 1961-62 basketball team went undefeated through the regular season for a 15-0 record. That team advanced to the state semifinals before losing to a legendary River Rouge team. The Mustangs' final

record was 20-1. But that's the furthest thing on the minds of the 2006 Northville Mustangs. They've got a game tonight and they have to win to keep not only their undefeated streak alive, but also their hopes for a Western Division and Western Lakes Activities Association champi-

"We'll see you at the game," says Northville

principal Dennis Colligan as head varsity coach Darrel Schumacher and head junior varsity coach Todd Sanders head for the gymnasium's exit. The bus is waiting and fully loaded with Mustangs who are eager to begin their trip to Salem.

Schumacher frowns as he rounds a small corner and starts for the school's far west doors where the bus is normally parked. Today, it's not there. Instead, it's parked at the southwest doors.

Another bad omen?

The two coaches don't mention the bus location to the driver as they board. They do a quick head count and sit down.

"Radio on or off?" the driver asks over her

"Off," Schumacher responds. "They all have their iPods anyway." One junior varsity player asks another what

he's listening to for the bus ride. The player shrugs his shoulders.

"Nothing," he answers. "My batteries are dead."

"This is not a good way to start," someone grumbles as the bus begins the 15-minute trek.

The bus is oddly quiet. Players are neither hooting, nor hollering, though there is the occasional exception.

"They're focused tonight," Schumacher comments.

The short bus ride comes to an end as the bus pulls into Salem's parking lot. Most of the students file off immediately while a few varsity players stay to check and make sure the bus is clean.

We always have to figure out a way to get in," Schumacher says as the players file into Salem's gym. The Rocks' junior varsity team is already there, shooting warm-up shots and doing stretches.

Northville's junior varsity team heads for the locker room while varsity player Alvin Storrs snags a basketball from the rack and heads up stairs with the rest of his team.

The Mustangs look rather relaxed as they gather behind a set of folded bleachers where a hidden hardwood floor awaits. They set down their bags. Some players sit down.

Brandon Barkoski grabs two oranges from a box the team brought along and starts juggling. The fruit doesn't stay in the air too long before hitting the hardwood with a juicysounding "thud."

Steve Clark joins in, showcasing his juggling talent with a little more success before Campy Smith shows how it's really done, juggling the oranges and even flipping a couple under his leg and catching them during the act all while chewing on a bagel.

"Did you see that?" one of the players

5:00 (two hours until tip-off)

The varsity players gather together in front of the folded bleachers and watch the junior varsity team shoot around. They're relaxed and full of inside jokes.

The Mustangs pick up their bags and head across the gym to the folded -out visitor's bleachers. They settle in, using their bags as padding to lean on.

Some players talk; others watch the ongoing warm-up. Some, like Brad Birdsall, check their cell phones.

"You're impressive," a random fan dressed in a fur coat says to Storrs as she stops in front of him. "You really are."

Storrs nods and smiles politely.

Fans are pouring into the gym, slowly filling the stands. Many are Salem fans, but the majority are wearing orange and black.

Nearly every Northville supporter says something to the varsity team, encouraging

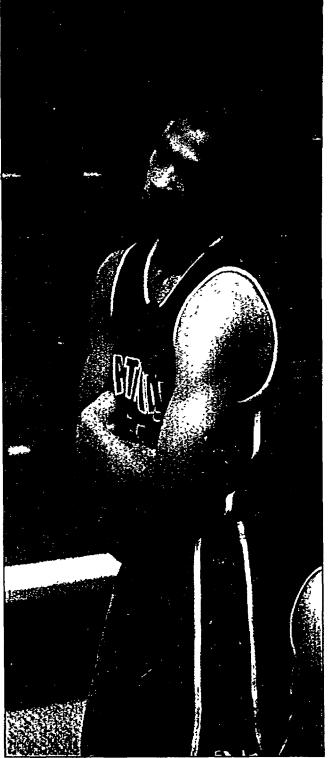
them to "Keep it up" and to "Go get 'em." Many of the players sit high in the stands, avoiding contact with the fans. They look preoccupied.

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Campy Smith shoves off a no-look pass.



Alvin Storrs listens intently as his coaches discuss a

Basketball: Mustangs stay perfect with win

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The Northville and Salem IV teams start their game and five seconds later it stalls with an injured Rock. The player leaps into the air, trying to block a shot and comes down on his back, slamming his head into the floor. He's taken off the

"Did you really dunk it?" asks a little boy sitting behind Storrs.

The junior point guard shakes his head.

"Everyone said you did in a game," the

boy persists. Storrs just smiles and shakes his head

The varsity players stand and clap as the

younger players put on a show, culminating in an 18-6 first quarter lead.

Across the gym, a cameraman starts to set up a tripod in front of the folded bleachers. Clearly printed on his shirt are bright-yellow letters: "WLC." Walled Lake Central. Northville's next opponent following their game against Salem.

Someone points it out to Storrs. 'You must have them scared," they say.

"I hope so," Storrs responds.

6:00 (one hour until tip-off)

The junior varsity game's first half comes to a close with Northville leading. 31-17. The majority of the varsity basketbail team starts gathering their belongings and pack them away in their orange equipment bags.

The Salem Rockettes dance team hits

the floor for their half-time show.

The varsity players slowly start to make their way to the locker room. The first to go is the majority of the group, followed by a few others.

The junior varsity team leads at the end of the third quarter, 44-30. Salem has been playing with a different offensive front than they have in past games, giving themselves some mismatches and opportunities

The varsity team is dressed and ready to go. Coach Schumacher heads into the locker room, along with assistant coach Ed Kritch, who was a Salem basketball coach before coming back to Northville, his alma

Schumacher talks about the new formation he's seen in the Salem junior varsity. "They might try this instead of what

we've been seeing," he says. "We have to be ready for that."

After drawing a few hieroglyphics basketball plays scribbled out on a dryerase board — and explaining what the Rocks might present, Schumacher gives the floor to Kritch.

The players sit on two benches. Everyone is facing the board as Kritch starts talking. The relaxed moods are gone. Seriousness and focus have set in. No one smiles or jokes..

"We can't let them make their season tonight," Kritch said. "If they beat us, that's exactly what it's going to do, it's going to make their season."

There are no pep talks or raised voices. Even Kritch, who is normally quite vocal, is subdued. It's the calmest and quietest he can be when basketball is around him.

"We don't do anything flashy," Kritch

says as he exits the locker room. "That's just not our style."

The players file out of the locker room and take up seats behind the junior varsity ; team. They're dressed in their warm-ups and they watch as the younger Mustangs struggle for a bit before finally getting the game back under control.

Junior varsity coach Todd Sanders sends in the reserve players. As the starters come off the floor, the varsity players congratulate them on a job well done.

Greg Hasse, a sophomore, had been taking the brunt of Salem's defensive energy on the hardwood and frowns as he walked

past Schumacher. "It's only going to get worse,"

Schumacher says with a smile. Hasse will discover it's the cost of being

The junior varsity team earns the win for a 14-1 record, topping Salem, 53-40.

As they file off the floor, the varsity team takes the court and starts warming up. They start with organized drills and

then go to freestyle shooting.

Campy Smith and Steve Clark begin to have some good-natured fun, seeing who can snag the next rebound. Clark wins, getting two in a row before Smith finally

Northville gathers at the bench and listen as Schumacher and Kritch hand out advice. They grab water in small Gatorade cups and then circle up with their arms on each others' shoulder for the starting line-

The players sway back and forth and as the team's starters are called they let out a yell and the player bursts from the circle to go shake hands with the opposing coach.

7:11 (tip-off)

The Mustangs win the tip-off, snagging the ball and quickly passing it around before an errant shot misses it's mark to open the game.

A third omen? "Alvin!" Kritch barks as he stands from his seat. "There were not enough passes

before that shot. Not nearly enough!" The scoring isn't as fast as Northville has become accustomed to, but their

defense is tenacious. Northville's bench shouts words of encouragement as the Mustangs suddenly fall behind, 4-2. On the next possession, Northville brings the ball down the court and passes it to Bret Spencer, who drains a three-point field goal for the 5-4 lead. A minute later, Campy Smith adds a second.

Northville ends the first quarter on a last-second shot by Alvin Storrs and maintains a strong lead, 17-8.

Schumacher is quickly surrounded by the Mustangs as he kneels down and scribbles on a clipboard.

"Water, anyone?" asks one of the reserve players as he holds out a cup. Doug Hasse, the team's center, accepts.

The Mustangs are whistled for another

infraction. Traveling. "I didn't even move," Campy Smith



Assistant coach Ed Kritch details a play during half-time of Northville's game.

says as he bounces the ball to the official. "You slid your foot," the referee responds. Smith shakes his head and the ref persists. "You slid your foot. Yes, you

. That's followed by another traveling call, this time by an official out of position. Coach Ed Kritch walks along the court in front of the bench, talking to a referee. He thinks the official who made the call was out of position.

He thinks the official was screened by the bodies of other players, not to mention the defender stood between her and the

"That's quite the mouthful, Ed," the official responds.

At half-time, he Mustangs head into the locker room leading 23-19. Salem made a strong drive at the end of the second quarter to add a couple of points before the buzzer. Inside the locker room, the mood is tense. The Mustangs aren't playing like they should be.

"We're better than this," Storrs says as he leans against the end of a row of lock-

The players assemble on the benches and all faces turn to Schumacher and Kritch as they enter the room.

As the music of Salem's half-time performance begins, Schumacher and Kritch begin breaking down the first half. One old song is followed by another.

"You have to rebound, rebound, rebound," Kritch says.

Schumacher points to Doug Hasse. "You have to use your speed, not your strength this time," he says. Hasse nods.

The players gather together.
"'Defense,' on three," someone calls

"One, Two, Three, Defense!"

Northville begins the second half much more determined, their defense buckling down under the court leadership of Campy Smith.

"That's it!" Kritch barks, clapping as a player dives out of bounds to save a loose

The third quarter comes to a close and the Mustangs have made it clear they aren't going to let the Rocks back in the game, allowing them just four points for

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"Great job, guys," someone from the bench says as the Mustangs grab cups of water and a chair.

ytlenev egnatesh anti-filliwit કહેં The Northville bench slowly begins to trickle onto the hardwood, replacing the starters one player at a time. The Mustangs are clearly in control of the con-

Steve Clark, Brad Birdsall and Mike Rogers see significant fourth-quarter time 6-foot-6-inch sophomore Dan Kirkpatrick makes an appearance at point guard. Salem's response is a full-court

It smells like desperation.

Northville isn't full of cheers or jumps of joy as the game comes to a close with their 15th straight victory, 48-32. Storrs led the way with 15 points while Chris Lorente added 12.

They walk the line, congratulating the Rocks on a game well played before heading back into the locker room.

A few smiles appear once they're inside. No one is overly excited.

"What times is practice on Sunday?" someone asks.

The Mustangs file to the bus, held up

only by fans who are quick to give them a pat on the back.

'We have to keep playing good defense," Smith says when asked what they have to do to keep winning. "We definitely have to rebound better than we did

The bus remains quiet as it rolls along Beck Road on its way back to Northville High School.

A few players talk about their plans for the next day, but most are exhausted and have their eyes closed with their heads leaned against the window or the back of

Up front, a discussion about the school district and when it could max out its population starts up. Could it be 10 years? 15?

"I don't know if I'll be around in 10 years," Schumacher says, "Someone else

might be making all the decisions." Perhaps Todd Sanders?

"I don't think there's anyone else better for the job," Schumacher responds.

At Northville High School, the bus unloads uniformly. Kids nod at each other and head for their cars. The mood is rather somber, unaffected, as though returning from the funeral of a sibling's pet fish.

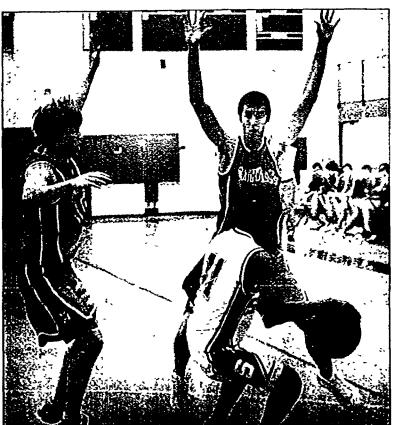
"See you at practice on Sunday," one players yells to another as they head their separate ways.

Conspicuously, absent are "good job" and "great game" niceties. Instead, the Mustangs know they have 15 down and five more to go for a perfect season, a division title and a conference championship.

"There's a lot of work to be done," Schumacher says. "It doesn't get any eas-

Staying perfect rarely does

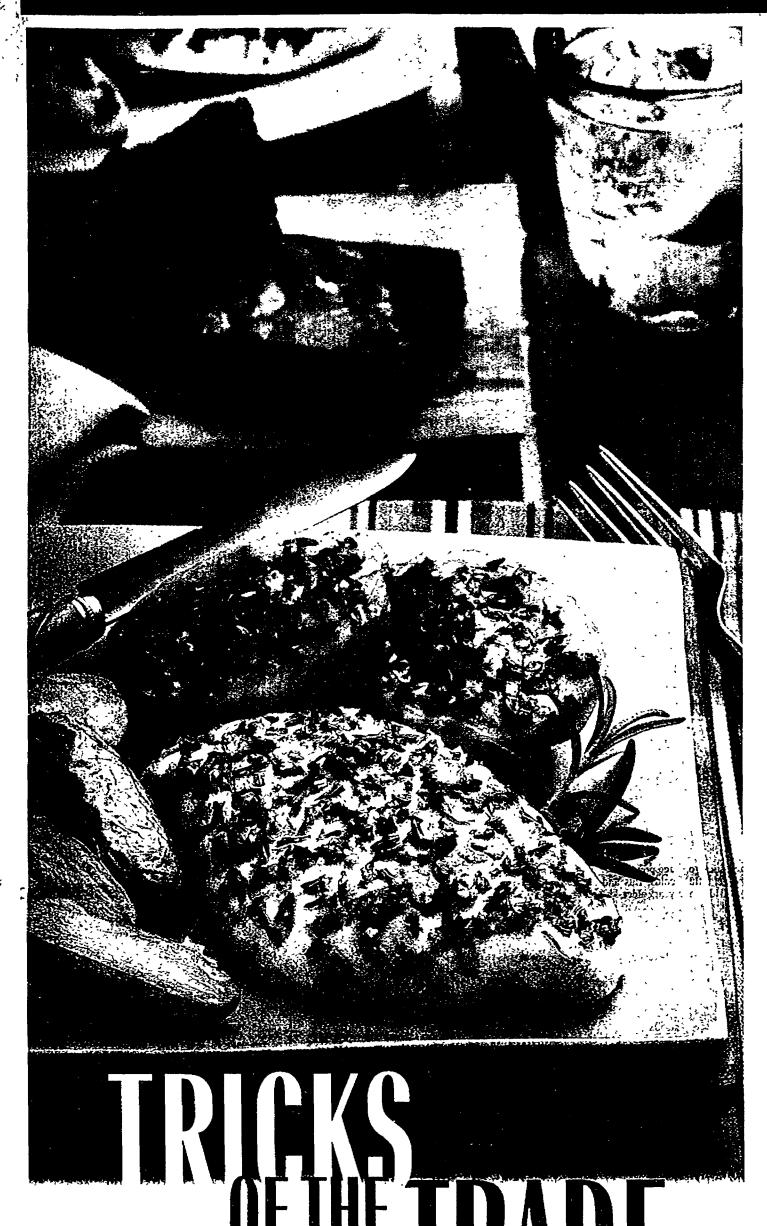
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Doug Hasse and Nick Kaldis trap a Salem ballhandler during the Western Lakes Activities Association contest.

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IN THE KITCHEN



Learn timesaving tips from personal chefs

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wyneth has two of them (one for savory, one for sweets). Oprah's has written his own cookbooks. The neighbors down the street may have one visit their kitchen once a month.

"It's easy to see why personal chefs are in hot demand," says Dave Lieberman, personal chef, author of Young and Hungry and host of the Food Network's Good Deal with Dave Lieberman. "People are busier than ever and looking for ways to eat well within their lifestyles."

What many types of personal chefs do isn't necessarily that hard," explains Lieberman. "It's primarily about cooking smarter, and all that it requires is a little planning." Lieberman offers tips for incorporating personal chef know-how into your everyday kitchen routines:

■ Prep your most-used ingredients ahead of time — then store them in "quick grab" packets made from a sealing wrap like Glad Press'n Seal wrap that seals air out to help keep food fresh. Chopped onion, grated cheese, pie crusts and bread

dough are great items to have on hand in your fridge or freezer. Lieberman also suggests freezing stocks in ice cube trays. "This is great for leftover wine, too."

Pre-prepping flavorful meal starters is also a great way to jump-start weekday meals, still leaving room for last minute creativity. For example, boneless, skinless chicken breasts can be individually wrapped and frozen in a favorite marinade. By the time they thaw, they're packed with flavor and ready for a variety of recipes — from salads to fajitas.

High-impact ingredients can transform even the most basic foods. "Adding a handful of fresh herbs to a pre-made dish — even if it's just yesterday's leftovers is a great way to bring it to life," stresses Lieberman. One of his favorite flavor-boosters is to freeze small quantities of butter blended with herbs, spices and other seasonings, to top steaks, fish, grilled or steamed vegetables and baked ' potatoes.

Whenever Lieberman cooks basics like potatoes or rice, he always ups the quantity, to keep some handy for later in the week. "That way you've always got the makings for a fast and easy side dish — simple sautéed potatoes, impromptu fried rice - you name it."

With simple ingredients and a little planning, family and friends might think you

have a personal chef in your pantry.

Portion Power

Pre-portioning is a great way to enjoy chef-worthy food in mod enjoy chef-worthy food in moderation. Portioning out meals also allows for easy transportation, from lunch boxes to dinner at Grandma's. Prep/cook once, then enjoy over and over.

■ Grab the Good Deal: From a jumbo pack of pork chops to a whole beef tenderloin or side of salmon, "nice priced" main ingredients are the perfect place to start when looking for cooking inspiration. Even if you're not going to cook up all that meat or fish now, in just a few minutes you can create individual filets for the fridge or freezer.

Divide and Conquer: Whip up supersize batches of favorite recipes, then package in smaller size portions. That way, whether you're setting a table for one or cooking for company, it's easy to thaw just the right amount. Glad Press'n Seal Freezer wrap is indispensable in packaging custom-sized items for the freezer.

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Super Chocolate & Peanut Bar Brownies

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted, plus a little more for greasing pan

cup sugar

2 large eggs

2 tablespoons water

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract 1 pinch sait

1/2 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

fun-size chocolate, caramel, nougat and peanul candy bars, refrigerated

Preheat oven to 350°P. Grease 9- x 13-inch cake pan (aluminum is fine) with butter.

Beat butter and sugar together in large bowl until blended. Beat in eggs, one at a time; stir in water and vanilla. Sprinkle salt and baking powder over mix, then beat in. Do same with cocoa. Stir in flour just until blended.

Put candy hars in blender or food processor and pulse on low speed until all have been reduced to coarse crumble. Fold candy bar crumble into batter thoroughly. Scrape batter into prepared pan. Bake about 30 minutes, until center is set but still somewhat soft, and top starts to crack a little. Cool completely before cutting into squares.

Makes about 15, depending on how cut

Oven-Roasted **Plum Tomatoes**

- 4 ripe plum tomatoes (about 1 pound)
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil Handful fresh thyme sprigs
- 4 pinches salt
- 10 grinds black pepper

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line baking sheet with aluminum foil.

Cut off tomato tips and top cores. Halve tomatoes lengthwise. Toss halves together in bowl with oil, thyme, salt and pepper. Lay tomatoes on baking sheet, cut side up, and pour over them any seasoned oil left in bottom of bowl.

Roast until skins are shriveled and tops are lightly browned, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool to room temperature, and then gently pinch off shriveled skins. Serve at room temperature.

Makes 4 servings

Note: These tomatoes freeze well by wrapping small quantities in Glad Press'n Seal Freezer wrap to keep freshness in and air out.

Rosemary-Garlic **Chicken Cutlets**

- 12 (6- to 7-ounce) boneless, skinless
- chicken breasts 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 1/4 cup chopped tresh rosemary
- 5 garile cloves, pressed 3 pinches sait

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Tear off two lengths of Glad Press'n Seal wrap, about 15 inches long each. Put 1 chicken breast in center on one sheet of wrap; cover with second sheet. Using either meat mallet or small, heavy pot, pound thick part of cutlet so that whole breast is about 1/2 inch thick. Repeat with remaining

Mix oil, rosemary, garlic, salt and pepper in bowl, add chicken and evenly coat with spice mixture. Can be prepared to this point up to a day before cooking chicken; just cover and refrigerate. To prep more than a day in advance, wrap individual cutlets in Glad Press'n Seal Freezer wrap before freezing. Then thaw a few hours before

Set up grill or stovetop grill pan. Grill chicken, turning only once, until browned and cooked through, about 6 minutes.

Makes 12 servings

All recipes adapted from Young and Hungry. courtesy of Hyperion.



HEALTH

GYMp3 pumps out digital workouts via podcasts

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Kevin Porterfield wasn't so sure about the concept of workout tapes and videos. He liked going to the gym on his own and not being tied to a routine, so he was skeptical when he first heard about downloading a friend's workout program onto his Apple

"I thought it would be a little bit cheesy," Porterfield says. "But it wasn't."

Porterfield has programmed his portable music device with a copy of a workout podcast from a new company called GYMp3. In the amount of time he would normally spend at the New York Sports Club in White Plains, N.Y., during his lunch hour, celebrity fitness trainer Greg Isaacs helps motivate Porterfield through a gym-based workout using a treadmill, weights and a stability

"This was helpful because it's motivational," says Porterfield, who found out about the product through a friendship with one of GYMp3's founders. "It doesn't assume you're a pro or a novice. It's in between and really encouraging either way.'

"Let's face it, we should all work out every day, but in order to reshape your body, you need to work out a little bit harder or with a little more intensity," Isaacs

34-year-old Jason Berkin, now based in

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California but whose family lives in Mount Kisco, N.Y. The product doesn't reinvent the wheel, it just retools it for a generation more accustomed to shopping online at the iTunes store rather than at Woolworth's.

"We are avid exercisers and a lot of fitness products are DVD driven," Berkin says. "You're tied to a house, and if you want to do a workout outside, you can't take the DVD with you."

The original ULTIMATEp3 program provides the music and encouragement through a warm-up on the treadmill and a series of targeted exercises. Each part of the body gets a workout, to a beat and instructions from Isaacs like, "Feel strong."

We put a trainer with them, in their head and in the gym that they already work out in," Berkin's partner Alex LeVine says.

Even if gym-goers use a personal trainer, it's hard to afford one every day. This gives someone the illusion of personal encouragement without the expense. The program can't tell you that you're relying too much on your left arm as you lift, but it's an able supplement.

This is just the start. Berkin and LeVine, One of the founders of the company is two former New York entrepreneurs with experience in the technology sector, already

have plans for more programs in the same vein, all based on their observations of the evolution in the way people work out, from mix tapes to personal televisions to the great outdoors.

RUNp3 would provide motivation for a long outdoor run and QUICKp3 will be a series of 5-minute workouts with trainer Kathy Kaehler, who has worked with actresses Julia Roberts and Kim Basinger.

The idea is to capitalize on a few trends involving staying healthy, new technologies and the interest in celebrities and their fit-

"People obviously do care about celebrities and celebrity culture and particularly how fat or thin those celebrities are," LeVine says.

Berkin and LeVine even planned the venture to debut during the time of year con-sumers are looking for alternative fitness products, and they recently got mentions on "Good Morning America" and "The Today

Eventually GYMp3 will use-the video capabilities of the new iPods, but more to demonstrate the proper form for exercises. than to provide a leotard-clad partner to work out with.

For Porterfield, the whole thing seems to come together, including the instructions that vary a little depending on the user's level of proficiency. It may let you slack, he says, "but never lets you cheat."



ASK THE EXPERT

l am a women over 40, how do I get long, fean muscles. I heard weight training makes you bulky is this true?

· One of the most persistent myths among women when it comes to strength training is that working with weights will turn them into female hulks. Many women chase trendy programs and plans that they think will offer them long, toned muscles versus the bulky muscles that more traditional strength training creates. Mountains of valid research supports that nothing could be further from the

Most women begin to lose bone density and lean muscle mass at about age 40 and in part because of this, they start to slow down; and because they slow down, they lose more lean muscle mass and the downward cycle of change continues. Women who include a proper strength training program a couple of times a week change too, but in the opposite direction. After as little as 12 weeks your body 12 A 2 S 12 13

I can begin to be more youthfuland firmer, bone density can actually begin to stabilize or increase and you will realize an entire list of potential physical and emotional benefits all leading to a quality, active. lifestyle.

Women do not have the ability to gain musclé size like men. Resistance training can be done at home or a gym, using bands, and simple dumbbells. Your muscles will develop along a pre determined genetic path, so don't get confused over what will develop your muscles longer, or different.

The bottom line is that a healthy lifestyle for women should include strength training a couple of days per week. Try it and watch your body

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Best defense? A bar of soap

By Kim Painter **GANNETT NEWS SERVICE**

It's a sound feared by every parent who works, in or out of the home. It has been known to make grown executives cry and to turn honest men and women into shameless fibbers and rule-

It goes something like this: Hack, hack. Sniffle, sniffle. "Moooommmm ... Daaaddd."

It's a child's sick day. And it's out there, waiting to unrayel your schedule. If this year 150 typical, kids will miss 22 million days of school because of colds alone, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says. That's 22 million days on which parents will scramble for emergency child care, miss work (often faking their own sick days) or end up trying to work from home over the din of "SpongeBob" reruns. And, of course, it's 22 million days on which someone's child will feel yucky. Must it be yours?

In recent years, many large employers have started programs to reduce workers' sick days because they are so disruptive to the bottom line. If a corporation can do it, parents, so can you - with love and concern for your child, of course, but also with the knowledge that what's good for your child is good for you, too.

The key to infection control is a seemingly simple, three-word command: Wash those hands.

Let your kids know that the viruses and bacteria that cause runny noses, fevers, diarrhea and missed soccer games are all

over the desks, door-knobs and computer keyboards at school. Their hands touch the germs and then transport them to their eyes, noses and mouths. The rest is, well, sickening. So tell them to make frequent use of soap and water or, if that's inconvenient, to carry instant hand sanitizer in their pockets.

Beyond that, make sure your kids get enough sleep and eat a healthful diet. If they have chronic health problems such as 'asthma, make sure they stick to their cafe regimens and get a flu shot. If they don't, consider a shot anyway - though you'll have to weigh inconvenience (a first-time immunization generally requires two visits and two pokes for children under 9), cost (insurers won't cover it if a child isn't at high risk) and possible scarcity (the government says only people in high-risk groups should get shots through Oct. 24 to ensure adequate supply).

A few things that won't keep kids healthy or reduce their recuperation time if they do get

- Whisking them off to the doctor and demanding antibiotics. The majority of respiratory and stomach illnesses are caused by viruses, not bacteria; antibiotics only work against bacteria. Illnesses that are caused by bacteria include strep throat and some eye infections.

Dosing them with over-thecounter cold and flu medicines. Some of these medicines, including the cough syrups, don't even control symptoms, and none of them shorten the length of an infectious illness.

- Pumping them full of echi-

nacea in the first days of a cold. The herbal remedy does not help cold symptoms in children, a National Institutes of Health study has shown.

Pushing excess vitamin C. Daily servings of orange juice and other C-rich foods might help and can't hurt, but the massive doses in some vitamin pills could cause severe diarrhea.

Despite your best efforts, your child probably still will get sick sometime this year. (The average preschooler gets six to eight colds, flüs and stomach bygs a year, older kids gradually build up immunity and get fewer.) If it's just a little sniffle and your child seems to feel fine, don't feel too bad about sending him to school. The same goes for an uncomplicated cough

But when faced with a signif-

Wash up on the basics

• Use soap. Getting hands wet isn't the same as washing them. Anti-bacterial and regular soap are both good.

• You've got to rub. It's the rubbing, combined with the soap, that dislodges those tenacious germs.

. Sing while you work. Rub the soap in for at least 15 to 20 seconds before rinsing (about as long as it takes to sing two verses of Happy
Birthday)

diarrhea, an unexplained rash or a child who is miserable for any reason, just make the darned chicken soup, call the doctor for advice and settle in for a little

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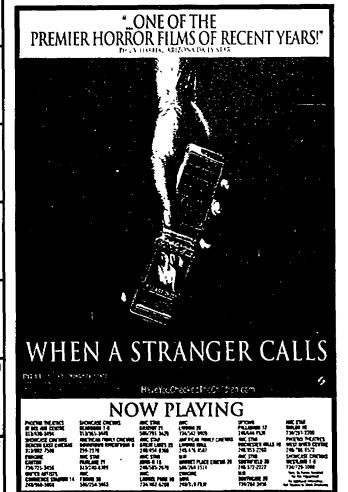
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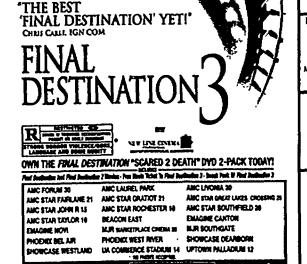
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Northville Physical Rehabilitation therapist Julie Rickett watches Roger Monforton as he works to repair a torn rotator cuff in his shoulder.

Northville Physical Rehabilitation

■ Northville center marks 21 years of service to meet growing demand

By Duane Ramsey SPECIAL WRITER

Northville Physical Rehabilitation is marking its 21st year of operation in downtown Northville this March. In addition to opening its second location in Northville, the practice has added new staff, equipment and treatment programs to meet the physical fitness, rehabilitation and therapy needs of its growing list of patients.

"We are thankful for the continued growth we have experienced in the Northville commusaid Dennis Engerer, physical therapist and director of Northville Physical Rehabilitation, P.C., which has two downtown Northville locations on Main and Cady streets.

"We now have 20 employees and some of the best equipment available to provide the latest physical and occupational therapy treatment techniques available" said Engerer.

"Whether it's general physical rehabilitation that may be required following an athletic injury or recovering from a spinal cord injury, we want to provide the best trained clinicians using state-of-the-art equipment to meet our patients' needs." "We have tried to be sensitive

in providing those treatment programs that our patients and the local medical community are requesting," said Engerer.

One example, according to Engerer, is assisting men and women that have weakness in their pelvic floor muscle group which often contributes to urinary and bowel incontinence. Since many of the treatment pro-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHMULE RECORD Northville Physical Rehabilitation therapist Brad Gliha works with patient Jana Sedam.

grams involve improving muscle strength and endurance, it made sense that we could help those patients with pelvic floor muscle

weakness. The staff at Northville Physical Rehabilitation has been able to assist many of those patients by using biofeedback and electrical muscle stimulation to educate people about regaining muscle awareness and improving strength in the involved muscle groups.

The practice has partnered

with urologists and family practice physicians, who identified a need in the community to develop that specialized service. It has been extremely successful for patients needing that kind of treatment, said Engerer.

Another example of providing the services required is the new equipment installed at the Cady Street facility. The Aquatrac pool is a device that allows patients to put partial weight on their lower extremities while walking or exercising in water.

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Many orthopedic surgeons wanted their post-surgical hip and knee replacement patients to experience partial weight bearing during their initial rehabilitation. We responded to those requests with the new equipment and treatment, said Engerer.

The growth in both the size of facilities and staff has been in response to the demand for their services and also in providing the type of care people are expecting as they attempt to improve the quality of their lives.

"Quality of life may involve improving strength, reducing pain or simply being able to walk or care for oneself," said Engerer. "It's very satisfying when some-one tells you that you helped them to improve their quality of life even a little bit."

Northville Physical Rehabilitation is able to provide a broad spectrum of physical and occupational rehabilitation services for patients with simple to very complex injuries or illnesses. The staff tailors its treatment plans according to each patient's ability and personal expectations.

"I am proud of our tradition of personal care and we hear it frequently from patients that have received treatment at other rehab

we have some of the most dedicated and empathetic staff in the business. Without the caring human element, even the best equipment and training means very little."

Since they see patients from very young to very old individuals with simple to often complex diagnoses, it is always a chal-lenge to apply the best statisand treatment plan for the patient at is a challenge that we never rest with," said Engerer.

The clinical staff at Northville Physical Rehabilitation includes five physical therapists, a physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist, exercise physiologist, athletic trainer and several physical therapy technicians.

In addition to treating patients at their two locations, the staff can provide care in a patient's home when necessary. Transportation is available for patients in the local area.

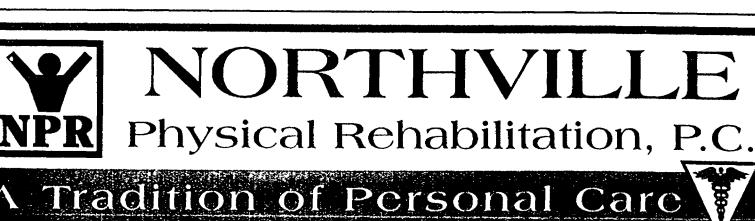
Northville Physical Rehabilitation also offers a physical fitness program at both locations on a monthly basis for a small fee. They have a personal fitness trainer and exercise physiologist on staff to serve each person's fitness needs. "For many people who would-

n't go to a gym or health club, we provide an alternative place to go for physical fitness," said Engerer. "Many of our patients continue coming for the fitness program after their treatment because they are comfortable with our staff and equipment."

Northville Physical Rehabilitation is a participating Medicare provider and accepts most health insurance plans. Office hours are Monday

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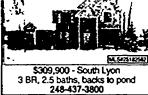
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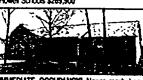
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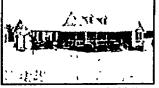
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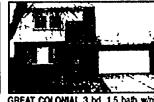
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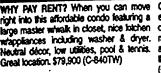
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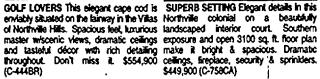
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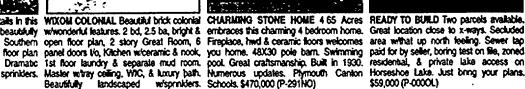












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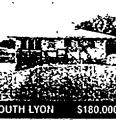
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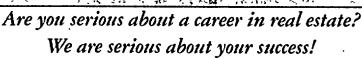


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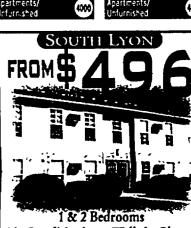
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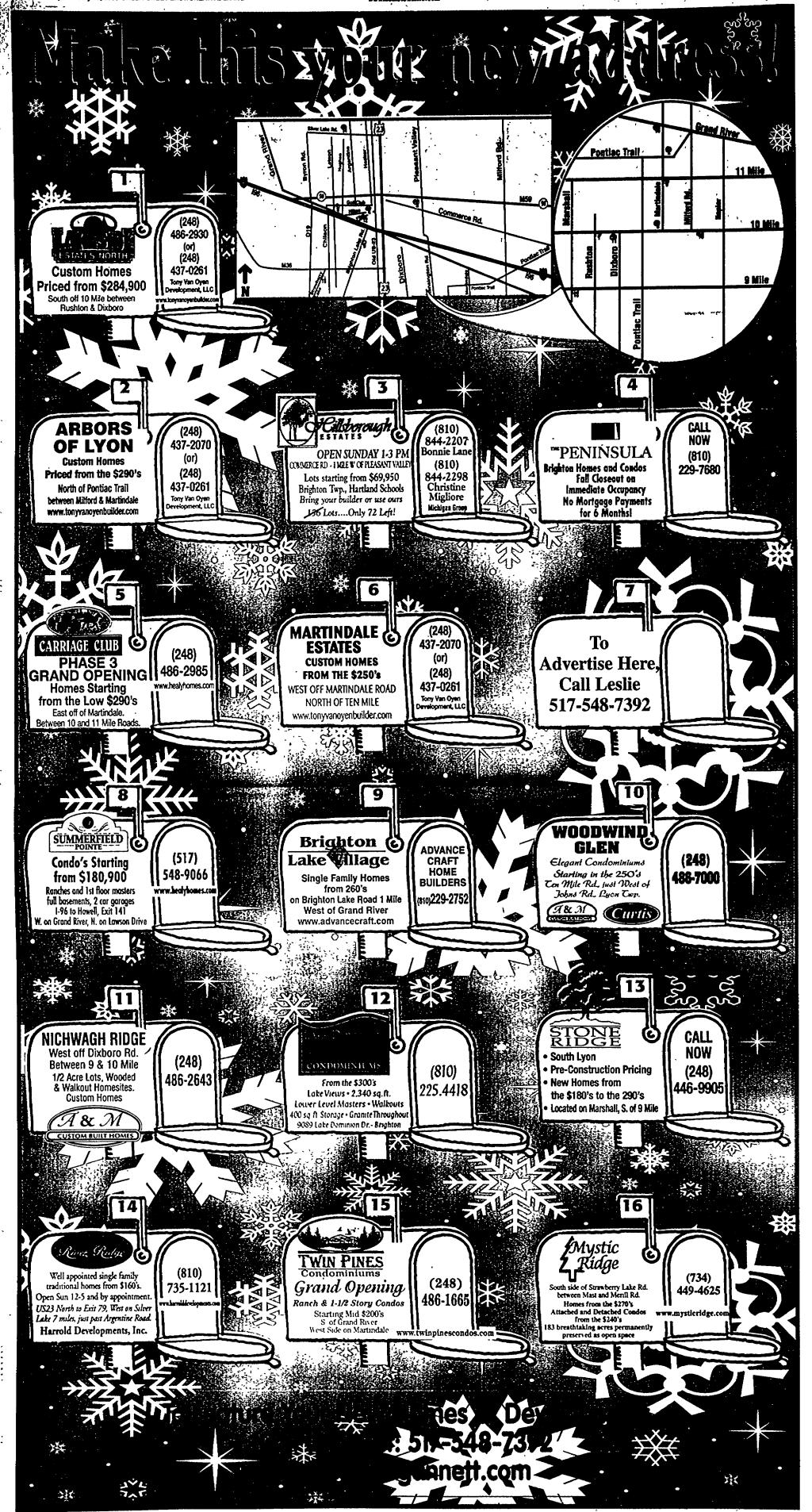
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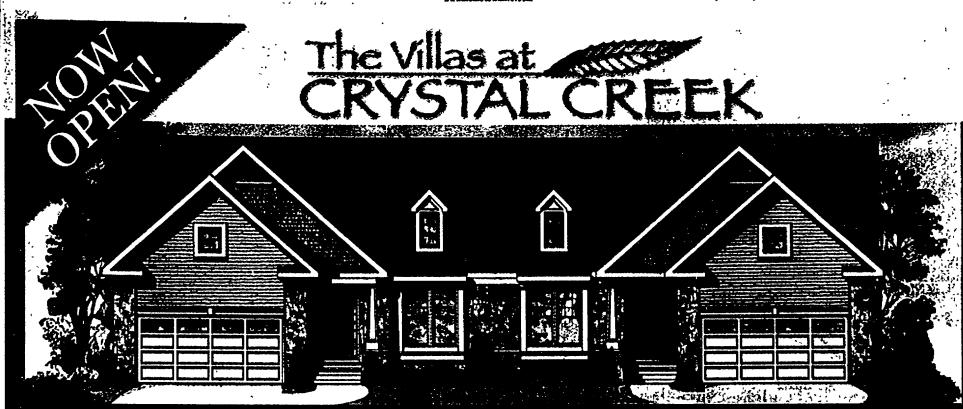
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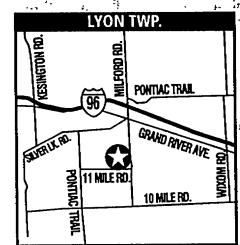
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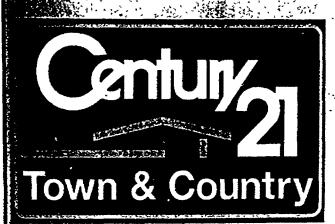


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3 bedroom bungalow siting on double tot offers newer root, some windows and refinished hardwood floors. Huge lenced yard with deck and garage Partially finished basement and all appliances stay

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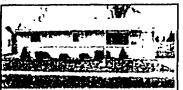
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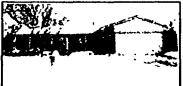
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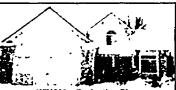
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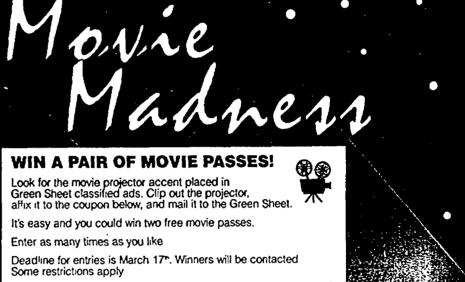
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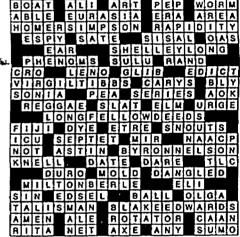
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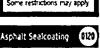
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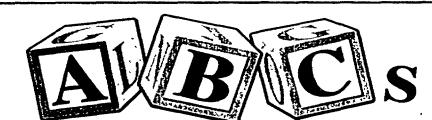
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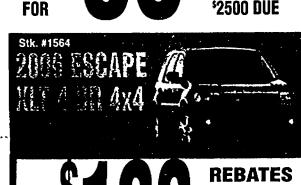
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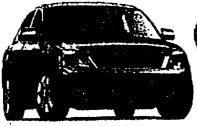


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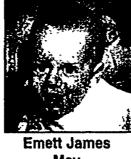
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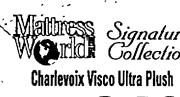
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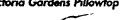
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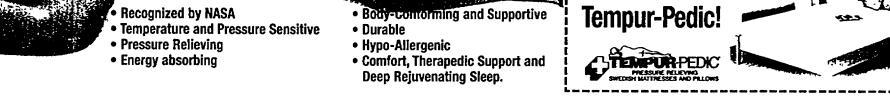
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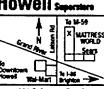
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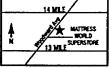
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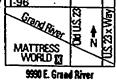
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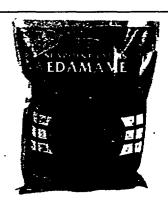


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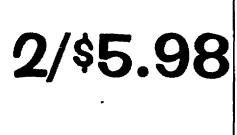
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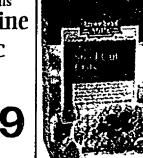
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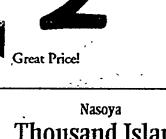
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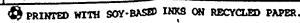


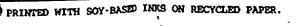
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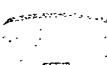
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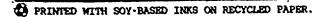


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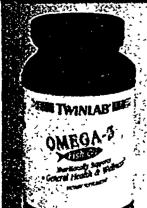


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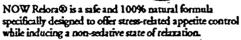
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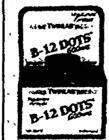


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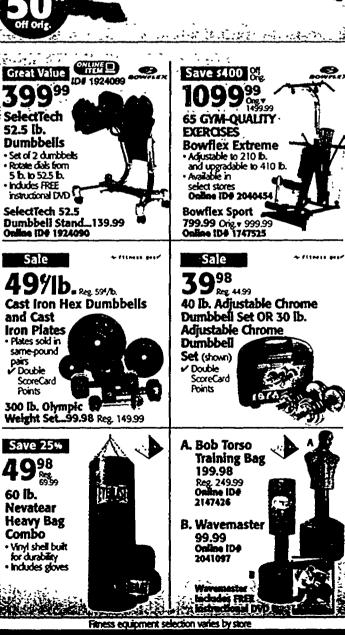
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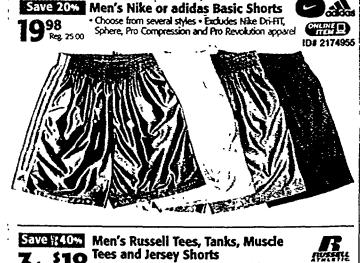












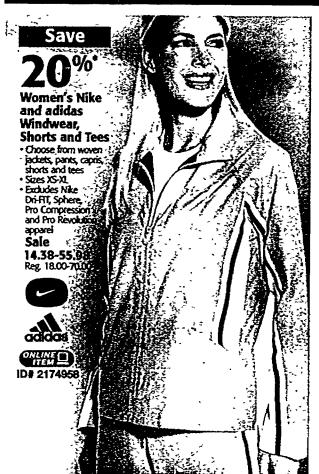




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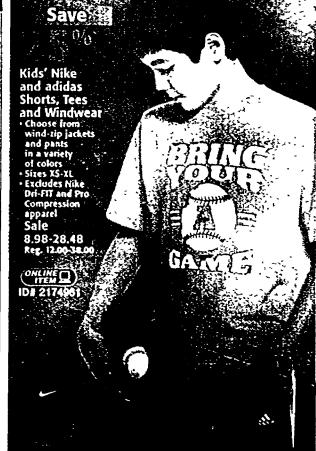
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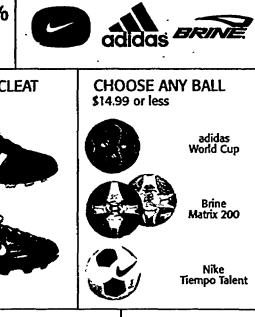


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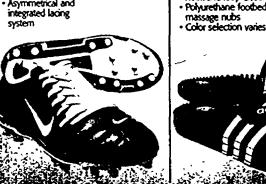
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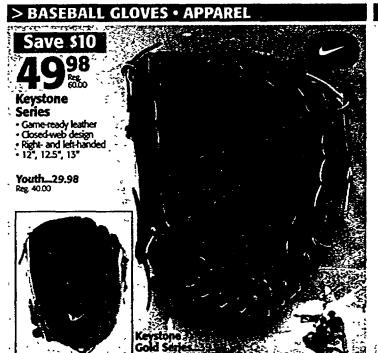
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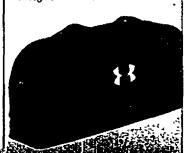


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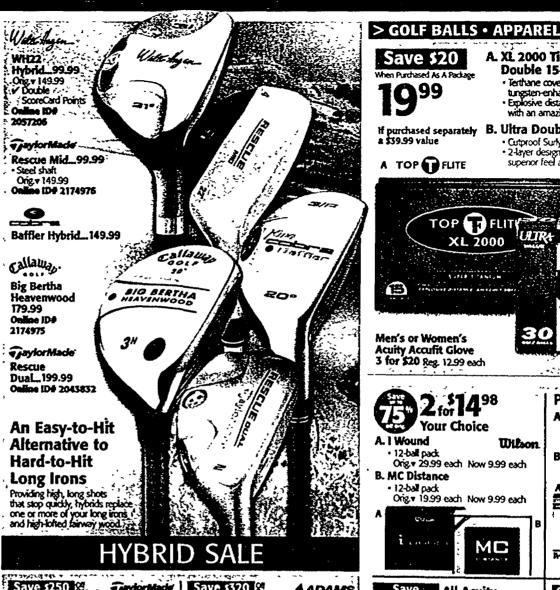
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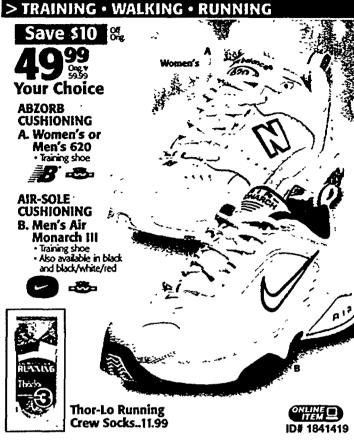
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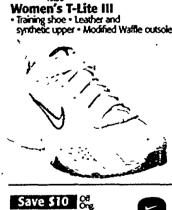




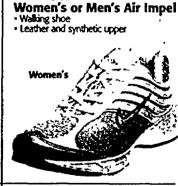




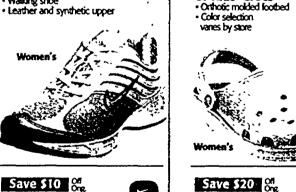




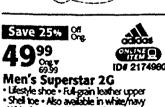
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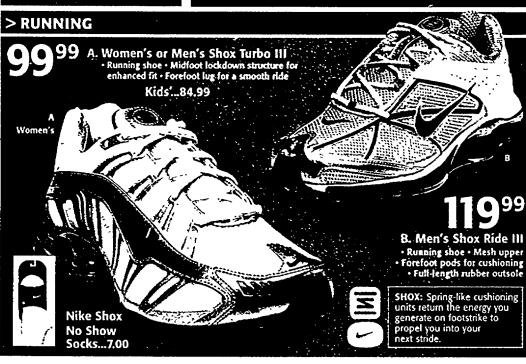
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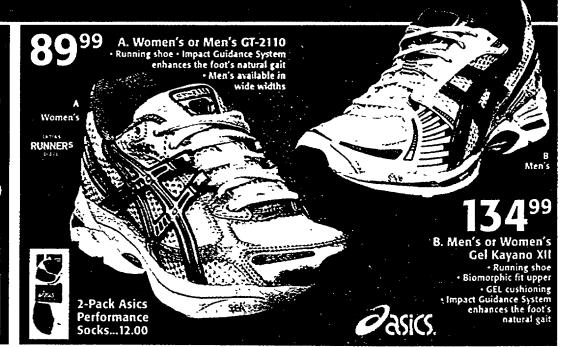
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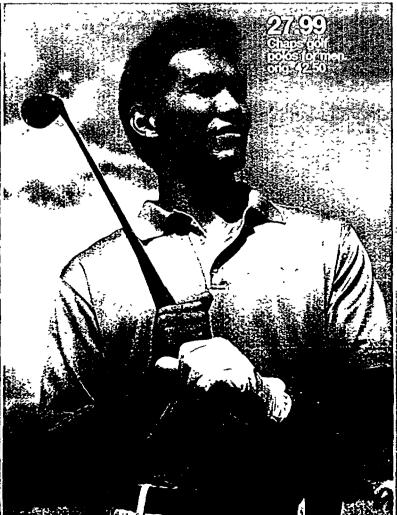
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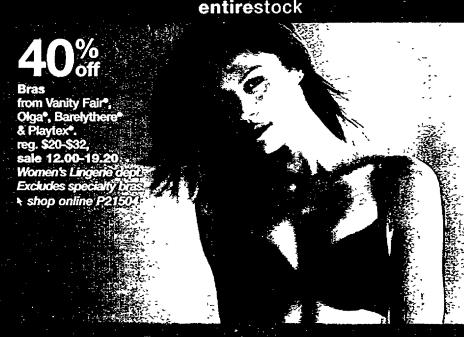
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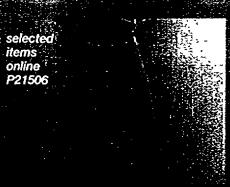




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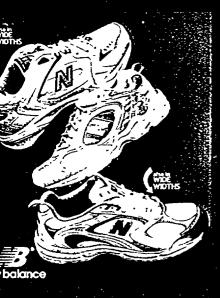
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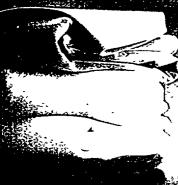
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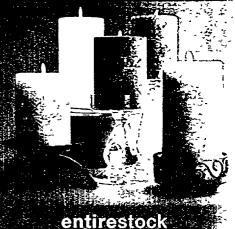
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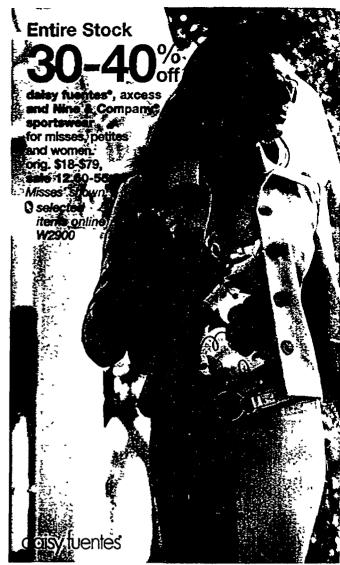
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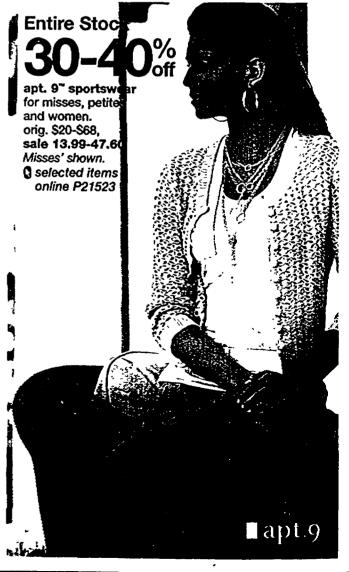
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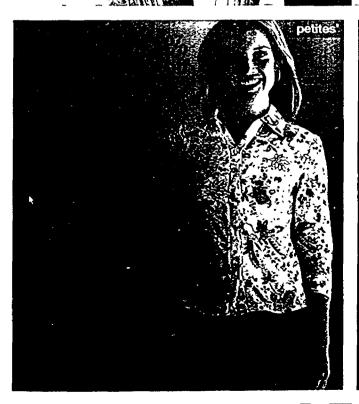
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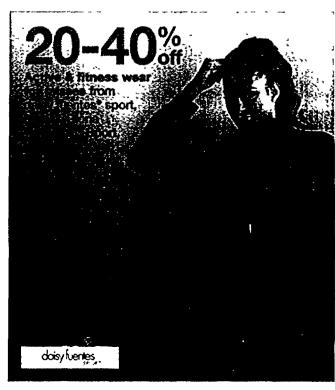
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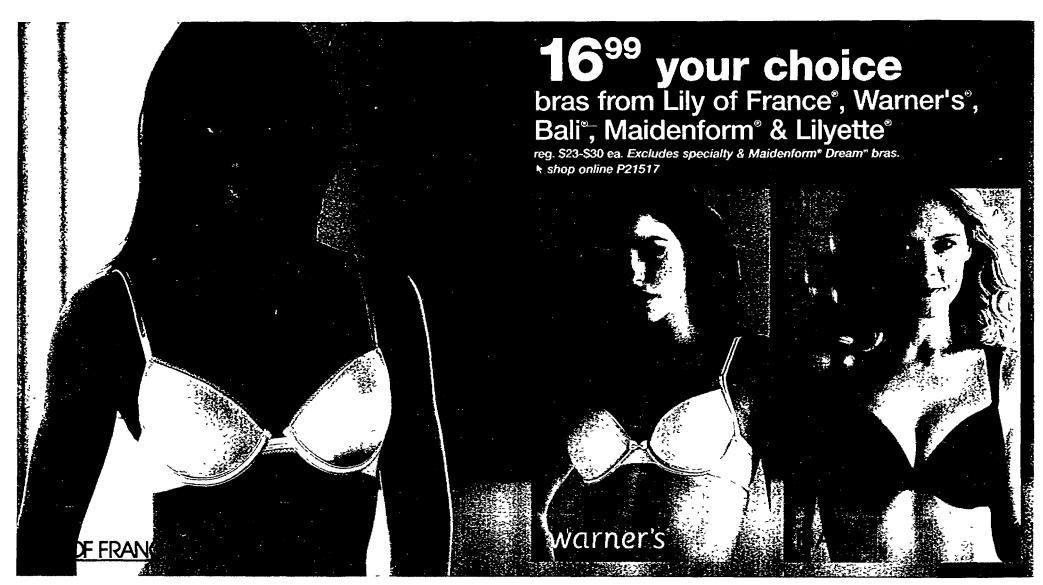




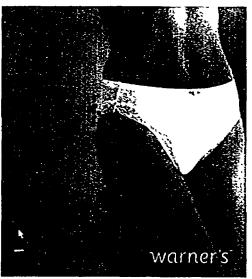


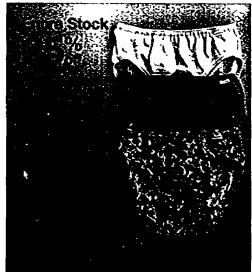








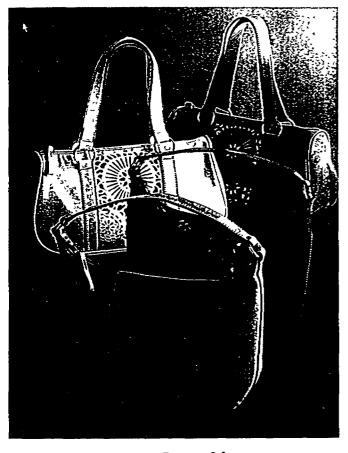








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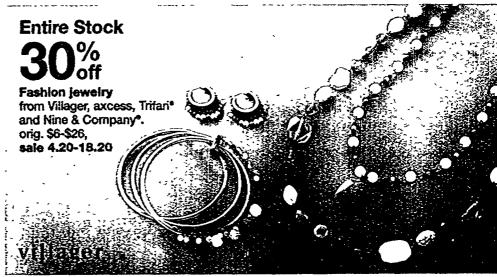


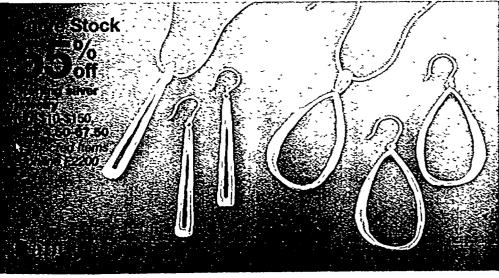
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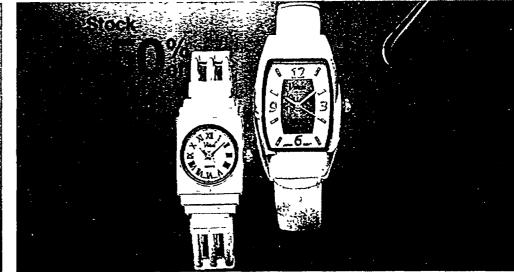
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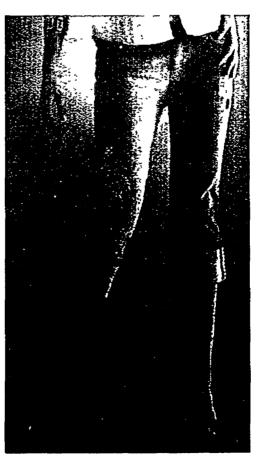


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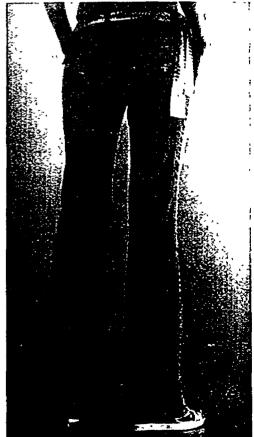


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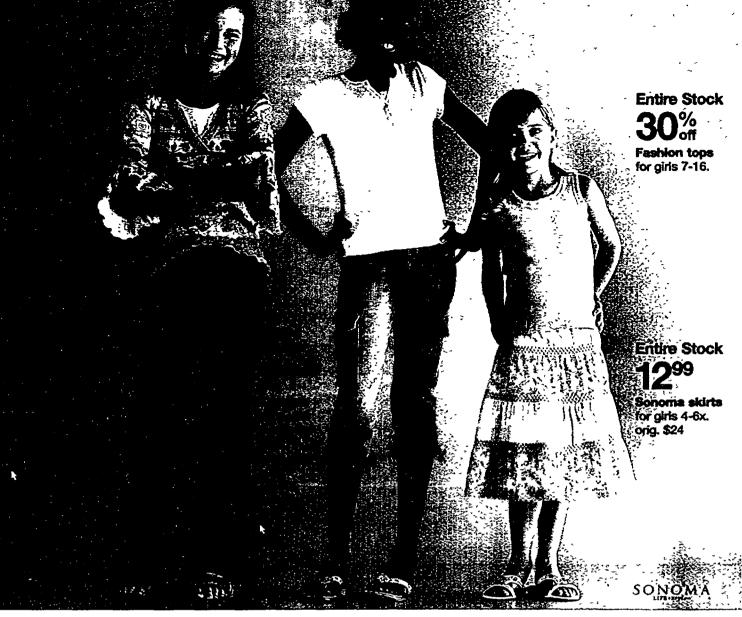


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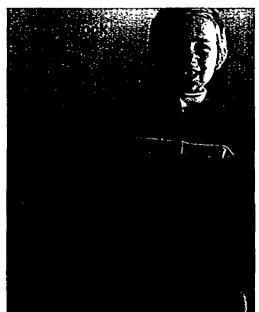
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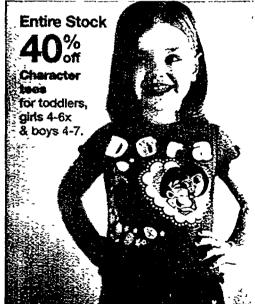










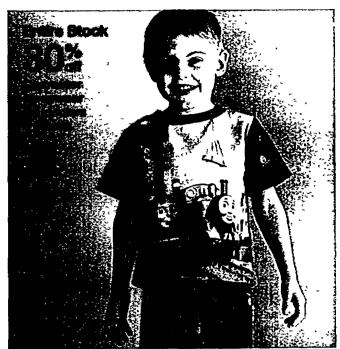




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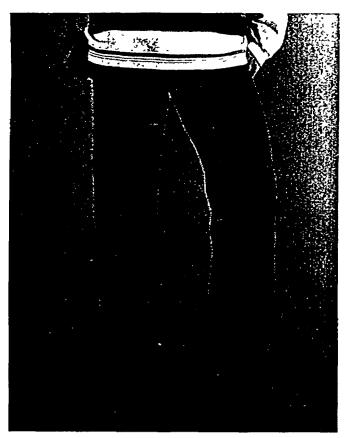
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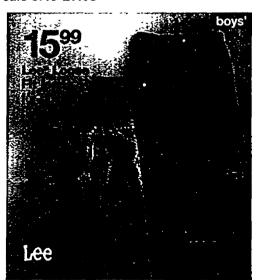
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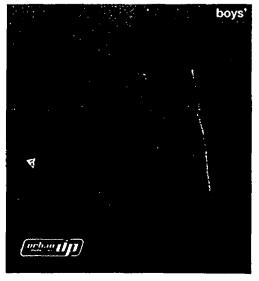


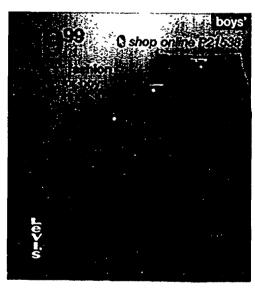
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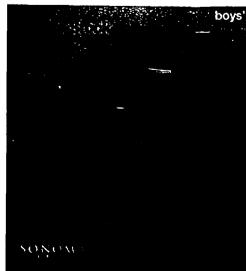


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30-40% off all Sport Shirts for Men from Arrow, Axist", Haggar*, Natural Issue*, Croft & Barrow*, Sonoma and Dockers*. orig. \$30-\$42, sale 21.00-29.40 Shop online P21540



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40% off all graphic tees for young men. orig. \$18, sale 10.80 § selected items online P21542



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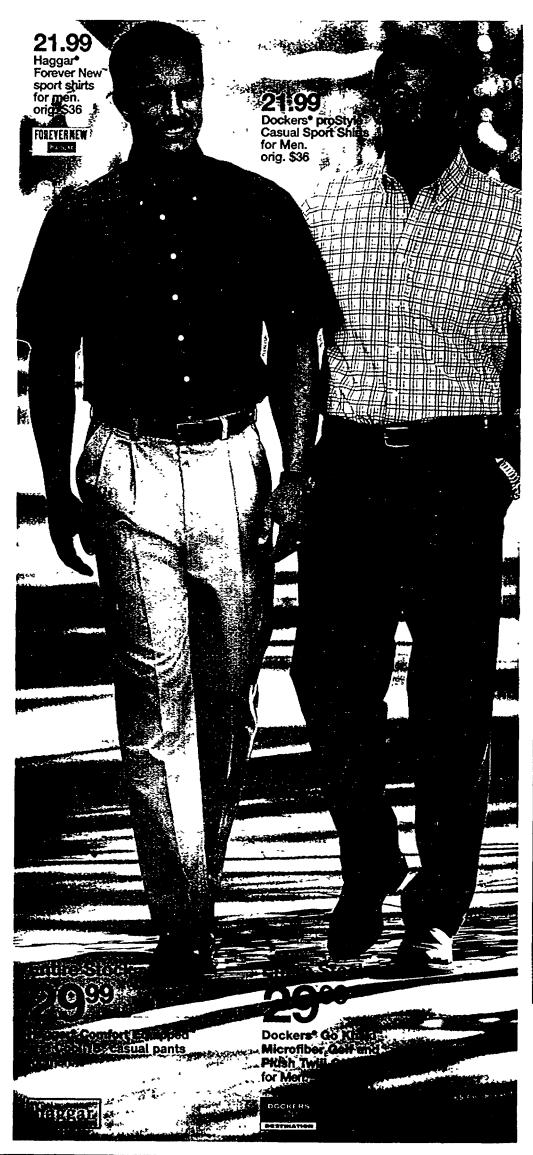


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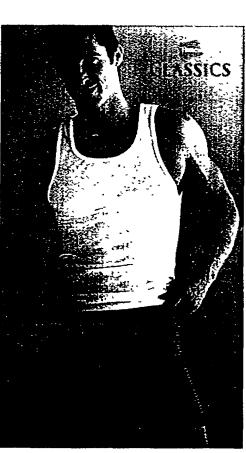
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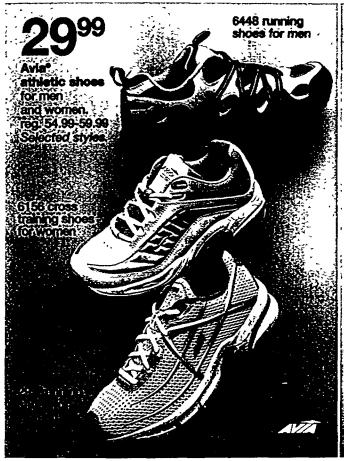
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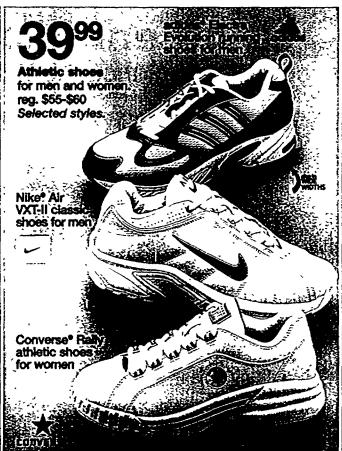
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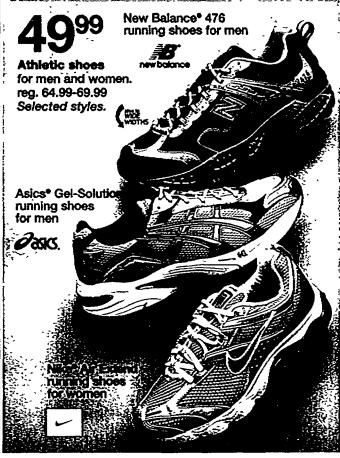
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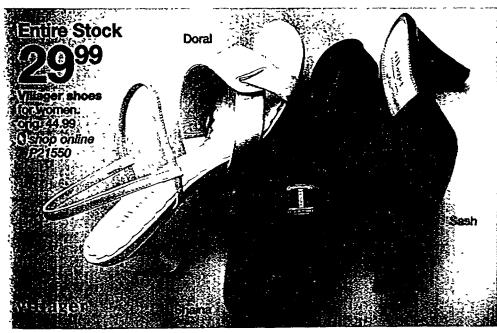


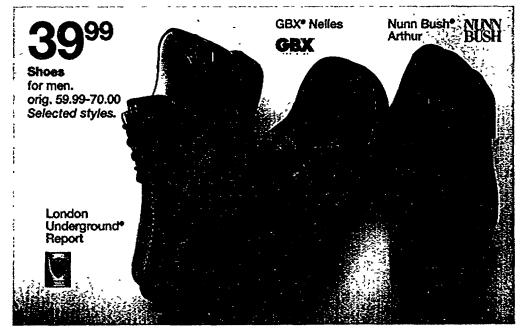
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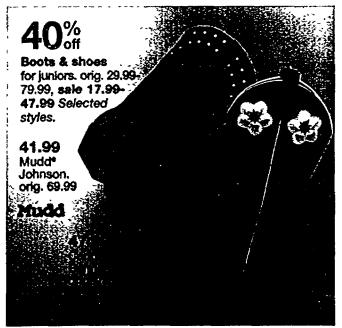


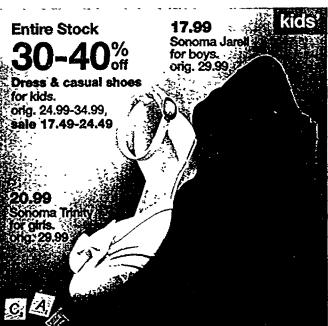












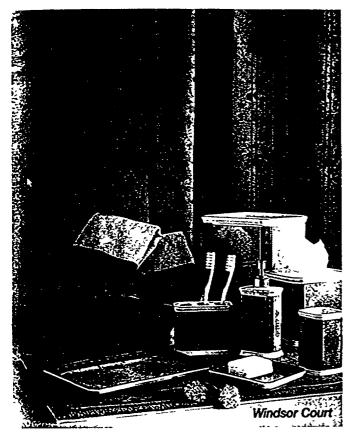
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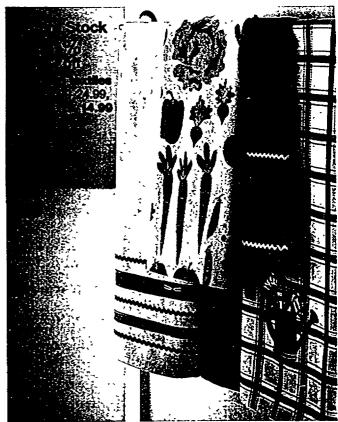


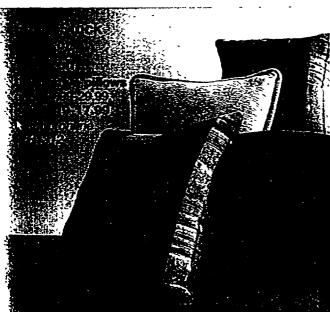
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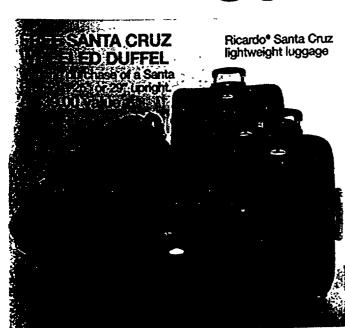








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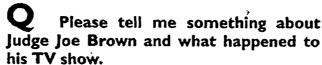
Ask American Profile

What is Carrie Underwood doing now that she won American Idol?

—Bobby Griffs, Celeste, Texas You can expect more fireworks from this promising young powerhouse, whose post-*Idol* career already is off with a bang. After winning the national competition, Underwood

went into the studio in Nashville, Tenn., to record her debut album, Some Hearts, which immediately shot to the top of

the country sales charts and generated a hit radio single, "Jesus Take the Wheel." The 22-year-old native Oklahoman now resides in Nashville with her four dogs and two cats, and is in awe of everything that has changed in her life. "I never thought any of this would actually happen to me," she says. "These kinds of things only happen to imaginary characters on television or in the movies, not real people."



-R. Ewell, Roswell, N.M.

The no-nonsense presiding judge of his own half-hour weekly TV series—still on the air in many markets, including New Mexico—was born in Washington, D.C., but grew up in south-central Los Angeles. "I grew up in one of the toughest neighborhoods," he says. "If you saw the movie Boyz 'n' the Hood, that was the way, I grew up. I watched my parents tough it out on a daily basis, and I saw that what really kept them going was making a difference to others. That's why, today, making a difference to others is everything I'm about."

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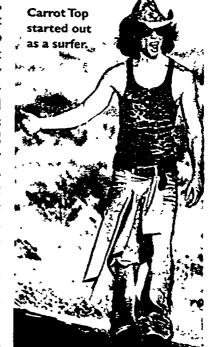
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-Anna R., Fairmont, W.Va.

Born in Florida, where his NASA-scientist father worked at Cape Canaveral teaching moon-bound astronauts to drive

the lunar exploration craft, Scott Thompson first took up surfing, then stand-up comedy, as a student at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. He eventually adopted his colorful stage name "because it was the only thing people used to call me that you can say on TV." After working his way up the comedy-circuit ladder, Carrot Top became a household name through his goofy spots for 1-800-CALL-ATT. He says his famously unruly coif, his trademark, is easy to style. "It's just wake and shake." he says.

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J Girls in the Reel World

At an age when most girls use their free time to go to the movies, seven young women in Petaluma, Calif. (pop. 54,548), worked tirelessly to bring the movies to their community.

The teens convinced their city council to build a \$9 million multiplex on Petaluma Boulevard in the heart of downtown. But first they had to spend almost four years attending local government meetings, lobbying theater owners and promoting their town as a good place to do business. Dubbed "The Superb Seven" by their parents, the girls—Noëlle Bisson, 17; Elizabeth Comstock, 16; Ashley Ditmer, 16; Liza Hall, 16; Sarah Marcia, 16; Taylor

> Norman, 17, and Madison Webb, 16-were the guests of honor when the 12-screen Boulevard Cinemas opened last May.

"We wanted to go to the movies, even if our parents didn't want to drive us," says Hall, a junior at Petaluma High School. "Our Girl Scout meetings turned into brainstorming sessions. We started talking to people to find out what it would entail [to bring a theater downtown.]"

The need was evident. "Petaluma was the biggest town west of the Mississippi without a movie house," Mayor David Glass says. "The girls came to every planning commission and city council meeting and spoke to the issues. It wouldn't have happened without them."

Glass says some interested parties wanted the theater built north of downtown, and he credits the girls for "having the good

sense to want it downtown so kids could walk to it." Since opening last spring, the entertainment spot has infused millions of dollars into the town's economy and

The success didn't happen overnight. Following a Business for Dummies book, the girls developed a master plan for attracting a theater and honed their message as they went.

The "Superb Seven" were honored with their own sidewalk stars in front of the theater.



💡 "I think kids anywhere could be this successful if only one adult would believe in them."

—Patty Norman

Bringing the silver screen to Petaluma

From left: Noelle Bisson, Taylor Norman,

Madison Webb, Liza Hall, Sarah Marcia, Ashiev Ditmer and Elizabeth Constock worked hard to make their dreams of a

> "We were only 11 or 12 when we started, but we came up with most of the plan ourselves," Comstock says.

> The girls' parents pitched in, driving them to meetings and serving refreshments. The parents and other adults became impressed by the teens' professionalism and grasp of the issues. "I think kids anywhere could be this successful if only one adult would believe in them," says Patty Norman, Taylor's mom.

The Superb Seven divided duties equally and kept each other focused. For presentations before the city council, "we'd all show up at every meeting in business attire, present our business plan and speak without stuttering," Marcia says. "People realized we were serious and would do anything to [bring the theater downtown.]"

The turning point came in a meeting with Gordon Radley, then president of the California-based moviemaking production powerhouse Lucasfilm Ltd. "Tve had presentations by Fortune 100 companies that weren't as professional as those young women," Radley recalls. He became the girls' mentor, introducing them to area theater owners and others who helped fine-tune their business pitch. He also provided a copy of American Graffiti, a 1973 film classic that was partly filmed in Petaluma. At a rally they organized to support their cause, the girls projected the movie on the blank back wall of a restaurant—the spot now occupied by Petaluma's new multiplex. "We were nervous before the Lucasfilm meeting," Webb says. "When we realized we'd impressed them, it gave us a lot of confidence."

Their dogged persistence finally paid off. "We were younger then, and probably a bit naive," Comstock acknowledges. "We kept going to every meeting and speaking out."

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The 12-screen Boulevard Cinemas are the new heart of downtown Petaluma, Calif.

City leaders eventually realized the wisdom of—and widespread support for—a downtown theater. Today, seven plaques honor the girls on the sidewalk outside the multiplex, and six of the seven girls have part-time jobs at the theater.

"I think [the plaques] are really cool," Marcia says. "We can show them to our kids when we're older. It reminds us that everyone can make a contribution to your community, even if you're only 13 or 14."

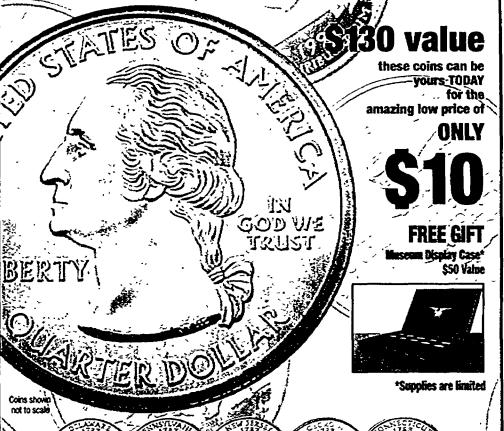
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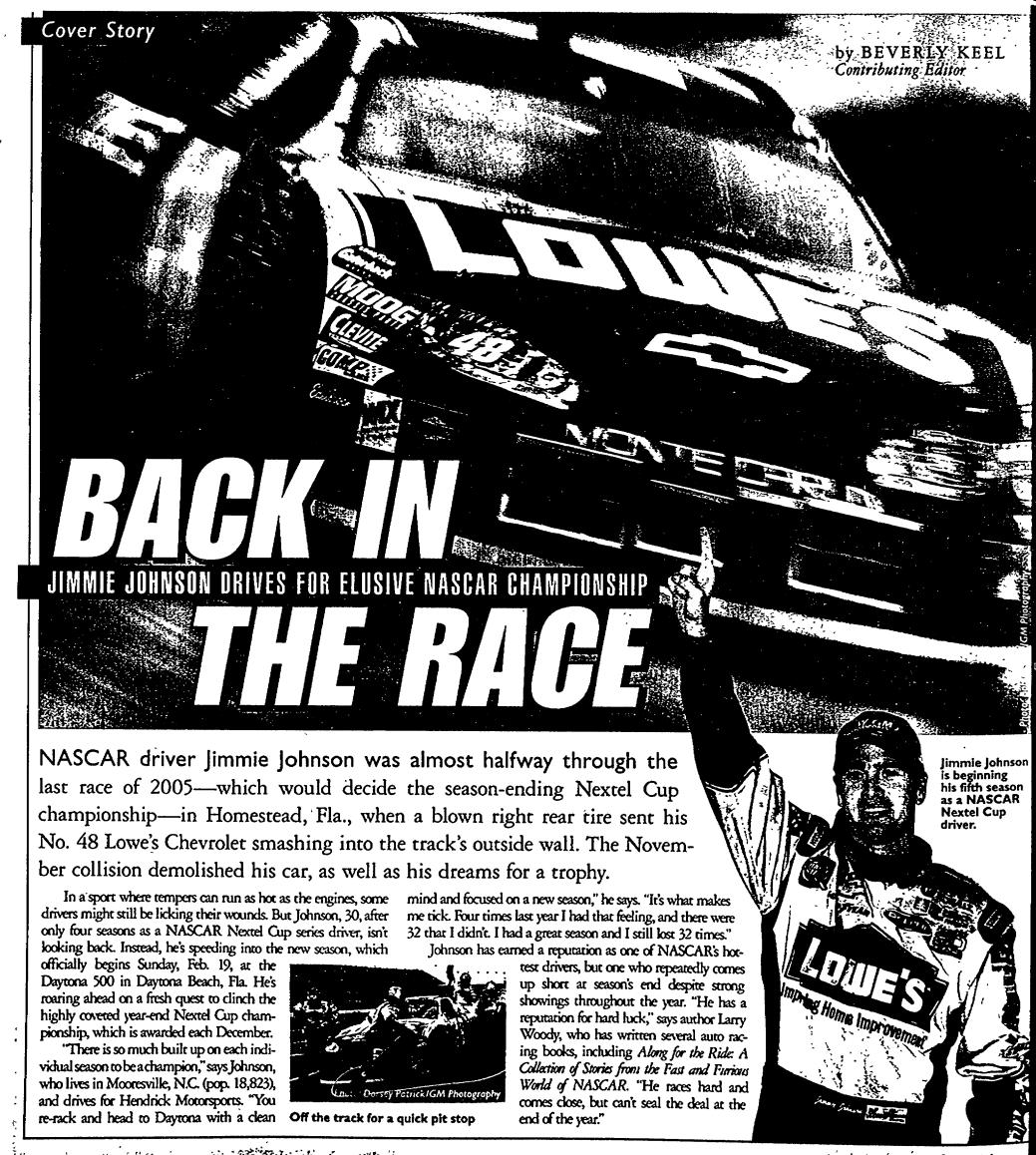
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Last year, Johnson won four races and took home nearly \$6.8 million in prize money. But he came in fifth at season's end, with driver Tony Stewart taking the championship trophy. In 2004, Johnson won eight

races and was the runner-up in the overall championship for the second consecutive year, coming in eight points behind Kurr Busch in one of the closest standings in NASCAR history.

"With the championship in 2004, I really felt like it was our year," Johnson says. "But we weren't able to do it." He's developed a successful strategy



Johnson finished last season in fifth place.

that perhaps at first glance might seem out of step with his sport: parience. "It sounds odd hearing a race car driver talk about patience, but patience really plays out in my personal and professional life," says Johnson, who recently celebrated his one-year anniversary with wife, professional model Chandra Janway. "I've learned that things happen for a reason. Patience is one of the toughest things to learn, but it really pays off when you do."

THE THINKING MAN'S DRIVER

Johnson has matured noticeably since he joined the NASCAR circuit fulltime in 2002 and is respected as a shrewd, smart driver. "He's a thinking man's kind of driver," Woody says. "A couple of years ago, he was aggressive and got caught up in some crashes and lost the title contention. Last year, he was a little more deliberate and thoughtful. He's more mature and took more of a thinking, thoughtful approach to racing, instead of just stomping the gas pedal down, hanging on and running in circles."

Woody admires Johnson's out-of-car behavior as well. Although some NASCAR drivers such as Tony Stewart, Kevin Harvick and Kurt Busch make headlines with their bad-boy behavior, Johnson has maintained an honorable image with his quiet, laid-back persona. "He's an all-around good guy; he's the all-American boy," Woody says. "He's a clean-cut guy who basically goes out, runs his race and goes home. The fans like him, the corporate sponsors like him and NASCAR likes him. He's a good racer, he races hard, he races clean and doesn't create problems for them."

LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

Johnson can't remember a time when he didn't look forward to the next race. "There is something about the competition and trying to out-think and out-maneuver the guys you are racing that I've always enjoyed," he says. "Speed is fun, scaring myself is fun, all the different things related to courage that you would expect to hear from race car drivers." He smiles. "But what I love is racing someone, trying to pass them and get by them."

A native of El Cajon, Calif., Johnson started racing 50cc motorcycles at age 5 and was strongly encouraged by his father, Gary, who worked for a tire company, and his mother, Cathy, a school bus driver.

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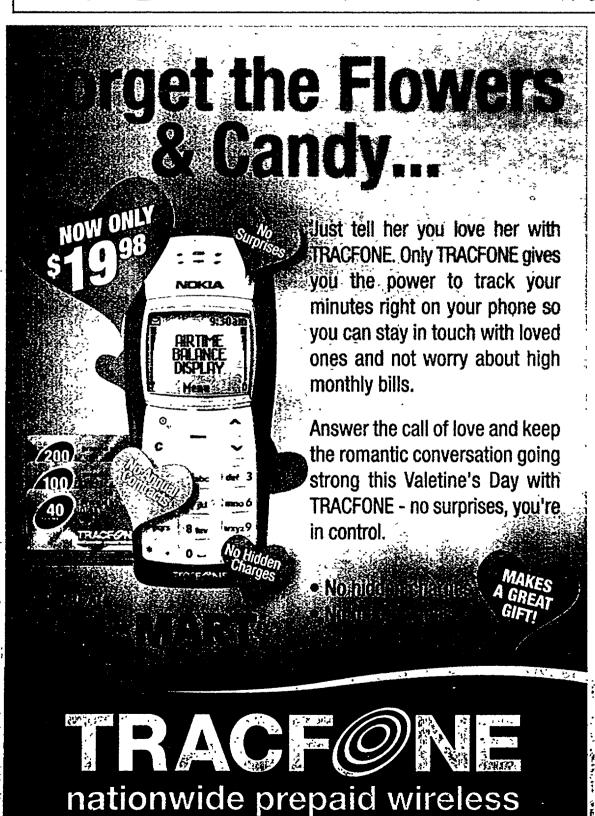


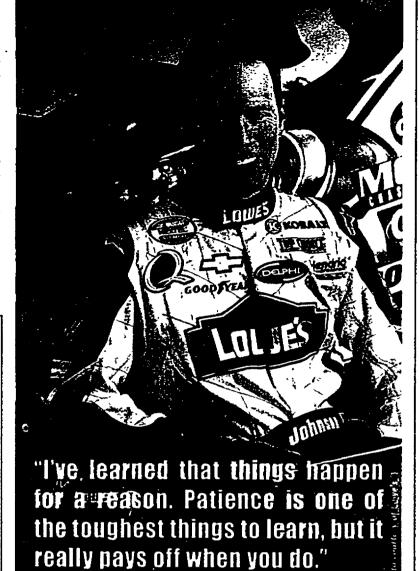
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"I grew up out in the hills a little bit, east of San Diego," says Johnson, one of three brothers. "It was nice for me, being a kid and riding motorcycles. The Arizona desert was close by. We would drive down, camp out in the desert and ride motorcycles, four-wheelers and sand buggies. I was riding motorcycles at 4 and driving a car at 10 years old.

"My grandparents owned a local motorcycle shop and my dad worked on kids' bikes," he says. "My brothers and I grew up at the track and around it, and my dad worked on race cars. Through his relationship and the time at the racetrack, I was able to meet the right people to help me move off two wheels and into four wheels when I was 15."

Although his parents encouraged life in the fast lane, they also stressed the importance of enjoying





moments off the track. "They were relaxed people who enjoyed life," Johnson says. "In stressful situations, my parents have always advised me to be relaxed, do what you have to do and enjoy the moment. That helps me in pressure situations."

Not only does Johnson grapple today with pressure to race well, he feels the stress of being a public figure and spokesman for major corporare sponsors such as Lowe's, Levi's Signature, Gatorade, Tylenol and Gillette. In addition, he's preparing to launch a show he'll host this year on XM Satellite Radio. "There are just so many pressures representing these companies and performing in our cars," he says. "If you are winning, everything is great, but there is pressure to perform and succeed.

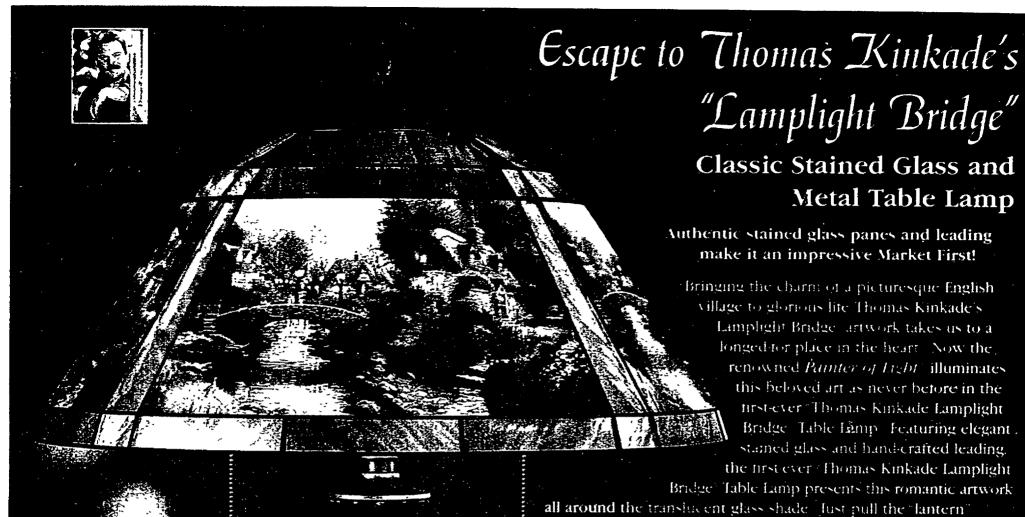
"It's one of those things you have to deal with, and I've found my own approach. My wife helps me out in a huge way. She helps me escape and regroup and refocus on what is important. It's easy when you are deeply involved with something to get a skewed view and not see something different."

For now, Johnson is looking forward to a new racing season and the hopes that this year will bring him the NASCAR championship that has eluded him. But if it doesn't, he knows he's still a fortunate man, one of an elite group of professional Nextel Cup series drivers that number only around 50.

"I've learned that I'm very lucky and blessed to be where I am," Johnson says. "I'm going to work extremely hard to be the champion. I'm going to do what I can and be happy with what I've accomplished, and happy with how the year turns out."

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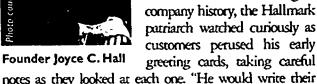
behaviors of her closest friends.

"That's where some of the best ideas come from," says Kelley, 47, senior editorial director at Hallmark Cards Inc. in Kansas City, Mo.

Such behavior is not only tolerated at the world's largest greeting card company, but encouraged. In fact, Kelley's conduct likely would have pleased Joyce C. Hall, who founded

Hallmark Cards in 1910. For much of the company's early success can be attributed to Hall being equally observant.

He told us about watching people shop in the early days," says his grandson Donald Hall Jr., 50, president and CEO of Hallmark Cards. According to company history, the Hallmark patriarch watched curiously as customers perused his early



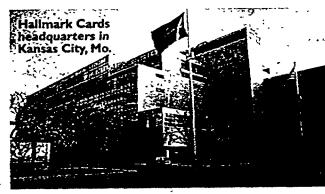
comments on the cards and match the comments with how well each card sokl." Hall's grandfather was 18 when he boarded a train

in Norfolk, Neb. (pop. 23,578), and came to Kansas City with a pocket full of change, two boxes of postcards and an entrepreneurial spirit. His postcard business grew, and Hall soon recognized how giving cards, particularly on special occasions, gave people pleasure and even seemed to satisfy an emotional need. He began printing high-quality cards that could be folded, inserted in envelopes and mailed-something that hadn't been done before. The greeting cards launched with Valentine's Day themes and later Christmas themes, and were unique because they included holiday greetings.

"He believed that relationships with family and friends



A designer matches each card's lettering with its emotion.



were most important, worth nurturing and protecting by doing those little things that let people know you care," Hall says. "He wanted to make the very best cards because he saw excellence and quality as extensions of caring."

Even today, nurturing relationships between family and friends remains the ultimate goal of each greeting on a Hallmark card.

"I start most of the time by thinking of my family and the people in my life," says Suzanne Berry, a writer on Hallmark's Valentine's Day team, who carries a notebook to jot down inspirational ideas as she interacts with family and friends.

On most desks at Hallmark's corporate offices are stacks of plain white 3-by-5-inch cards. Joyce C. Hall carried similar cards in his pocket and believed any idea too long to fit on a 3-by-5-inch card was not a good idea.

During periodic creative planning sessions, writers fold the cards in half and scribble cover and interior ideas. Several dozen ideas develop, then the cards are tossed in a pile and an editorial director reads the verses aloud for feedback from staff members.

Hallmark Cards, a privately owned company, has more than 18,000 full-time employees worldwide with about 4,500 working at the Kansas City headquarters. Surprisingly, just 60 writers are responsible for creating all Hallmark greeting cards. In fact, only about a dozen writers created the 1,500 messages available for this year's Valentine's Day cards.

One of Hallmark's best-selling Valentine's cards was introduced in 2004 and has sold more than 100,000 copies. The tender card, which conveys feelings of falling "in love over and over again," was created by 50-comething John Peterson, a Harley-Davidson-riding, tattooed former oil rig worker who has poetry books at his desk.

"Sometimes I get started by just writing a letter

to my wife," says Peterson, who creates about 150 cards a year-about 50 of which actually make it to store shelves. "Sometimes the occasions of my life come into play, but I'm always looking for that kernel of truth in the human experience."

To keep writers and artists fresh and in touch with the tempo of American culture, Hallmark invests in the creative process by bringing poet laureares, fashion designers and similar artistic spirits to the workplace. A Valentine's Day team may spend an afternoon watching romance movies while a humor-writing team laughs at reruns of television comedies.

"My grandfather was neither a writer nor an artist, but he understood people and he believed that greeting cards could make their lives better," Hall says.

Diana Lambdin Meyer is a freelance writer in Parkville. Mo.

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IOWA—An 1894 winding iron staircase graces the sidewalk in downtown Traer (pop. 1,594). E.E. Taylor, founder of the town's *Star-Clipper* newspaper, built the elegant outdoor staircase to conserve indoor space and provide access to his second-story newspaper office. The stairs are a national historic landmark.

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NORTH DAKOTA—An 1890s photograph of the John Bakken family with their sod house near Milton (pop. 85) served as inspiration for the U.S. postage stamp released in 1962 to commemorate the centennial of the Homestead Act.

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SOUTH DAKOTA—Summerset, a new housing development between Rapid City and Sturgis (pop. 6,442), is the state's newest city. It was incorporated last June in Meade County (pop. 24,253) and has 365 homes.

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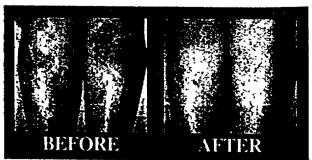
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in a medium-size saucepan, pour boiling water over apricots, allow to soak for 30 minutes and then cook until tender. Meanwhile, heat oil and sauté onions for 10 minutes or until golden. When apricots are cooked, mash with a potato masher. Add onions, curry powder, brown sauce, salt, brown sugar, garlic and vinegar. Bring mixture to a boil and remove from heat. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut pork into 1-inch cubes. Place pork cubes evenly in a 13by-9-inch baking dish. Pour sauce over pork. Cook uncovered for I and 1/4 hours, basting meat several times with sauce. Serves 6 to 8.

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