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District dumps Thayer Corners

■ With clock ticking, district sets 'sites' on Five Mile parcel; price, viability still unknown

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

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Laurie Williams doesn't claim the school district's decision to eliminate purchasing property near a Salem Township landfill as a vic-

tory.

"I'm very happy. I would say, I'm definitely happy the entire Thayer property was taken off," she said.

The Northville mother spearheaded a grassroots campaign, rallying against placing a proposed seventh Northville elementary school at Six Mile and Napier roads, across from Onyx Arbor Hills landfill and compost facilities.

Williams said despite the gesture, she is still uncertain about her Feb. 28 bond vote.

"I'm not confident voting 'yes,' unless I know all the answers," she said.

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said the Monday 5-2 decision by board of education members to eliminate Thayer Corners Park property as a potential school site was in response to public concern.

School board members Libby Smith and Judy Handley cast dissenting votes.

Handley said she would not put children in harm's way and stands by the favorable environmental testing done on the Six Mile and Napier roads site.

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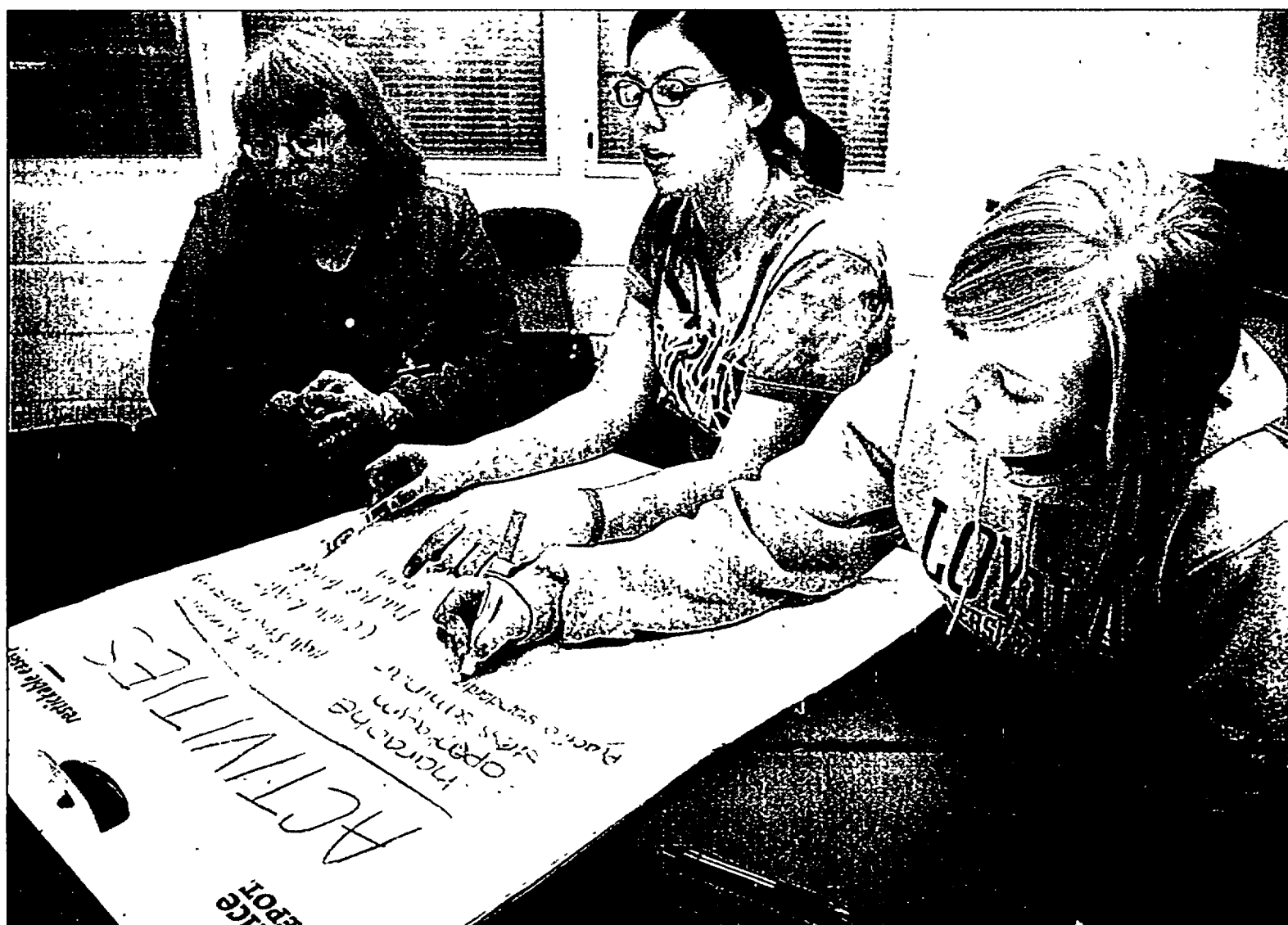


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville High School students Laura Valencia and Megan Campbell write down activities for local teens during a recent youth forum held at the school as Sue Campbell, the current director of Northville Youth Assistance, listens.

LEADERSHIP 101

■ Local youths learn value of 'teen' work

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Laura Valencia checks for individual strengths, recognizes team leaders and delegates responsibility.

Corporate administrator? Veteran executive? Human resources director?

Try Northville High School junior.

Valencia is one of a mix of students — varied in age, interest and personality — who are leading their peers from scholastic shell into community activism. The young volunteers suggest their own projects, check in with adults, then follow through.

"At this point in my life, when I don't have to pay bills or take the kids one place and another," Valencia said, "I think with my extra free time, I should give it back."

"I love being involved in the community. I might not have that

option later on."

About two dozen students have been labeled the Northville Youth Community Action Council, the operative word being "action." As a group, they've already organized several teen concerts at Ford Field and a drop-in dodge ball league.

Following up a brainstorming session three weeks ago, students have been meeting regularly to weigh which new projects have the most support.

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1. Notice them.
2. Ask them about themselves.
3. Be yourself.
4. Cheer their accomplishments.
5. Go places together.
6. Introduce them to new experiences.
7. Expect their best; don't expect perfection.
8. Suggest better behaviors when they act out.
9. Catch them doing something right.
10. Laugh at their jokes.
11. Hug them.
12. Be curious with them.
13. Play outside together.
14. Delight in their discoveries.
15. Be available.
16. Create a safe, open environment.
17. Daydream with them.
18. Make decisions together.
19. Magnify their magnificence.
20. Build something together.
21. Let them make mistakes.
22. Inspire their creativity.
23. Invite them over for juice.
24. Listen to their favorite music with them.
25. Love them, no matter what.

SOURCE: www.search-institute.org

Westward bound

■ Chamber event will feature 'Wild, Wild West'

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Jim Ehehalt is more excited about wrangling potential customers than donning western wear.

The four-year owner of Brookside Travel will play up the Northville Chamber of Commerce's Wild Wild West theme at the March 18 business showcase by highlighting dude ranch outings, Grand Canyon and monument trips, as well as cruises departing from Texas.

The event is noon-4 p.m. at Northville High School. Visitors can sample restaurant offerings,

give-aways, raffles and promotional items.

"What I like about it is we're able to expose what specials we have," Ehehalt said. "People who are looking at good travel deals can take advantage of them."

Brookside Travel's owner and agents will describe their full-service company's perks to patrons and fellow exhibitors.

Get promoted

More than 120 Chamber service companies, retailers, restaurants and non-profit groups will

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Brookside Travel's Jim Ehehalt will attend the Northville business showcase March 18, dressed in a wild western theme.



They're here!

Girl Scout cookies have arrived. See when they'll be delivered, and what else is happening in Northville. Page 17A.

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TEENS: local youth team up to reshape Northville

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Supportive system

Northville Youth Assistance director Sue Campbell said such a commitment helps youngsters develop a sense of purpose and belonging.

Campbell said research shows kids who dig in the way the action council members do tend to have better grades and take fewer risks, like drinking and drugging.

A recent survey of Northville teenagers showed that while parents individually support their children well, there is room for improvement for the community as a whole, Campbell said.

Kids in action

Campbell said teenager involvement is mutually beneficial, whether they are mentoring kids at day camp or treating seniors to lunch at the Northville Senior Community Center.

"It was really cool to watch," Campbell said. "They loved it. Those are things we want to see more of, just keep promoting projects that build assets."

The key to any effort will be students driving it, she said. "It's about them doing things."

The youth assistance office will serve as a clearinghouse for student brainstorming, Campbell said.

"We take suggestions from what kids want to do," Valencia said. "It's our baby, too. We make sure people show up."

"If it was adults planning it, we'd be less directly involved."

The student leaders know they need help.

"We need their advice and experience," Valencia said. "We are the muscle behind the activity."

"I've learned it takes all kinds of people to get things done - the leaders, followers, someone artistic to make the fliers, the liaison to parks and recreation."

"You can't have just leaders."

Proven effort

People like Traci Sincok, Northville parks and recreation director; Sue Kotivula, senior adult services coordinator; Joan Wadsworth, Board of Education treasurer; and Samantha Bowlin, Northville Township community liaison officer, will help the students find out if there's a way to act on their ideas.

"It's a wonderful community goal," Sincok said. "Youth assistance is going to work with us to

Stepping up

A survey of 1,000 sixth through 12th graders commissioned by Northville Youth Assistance in 2002 showed kids feel supported by their parents and teachers, but not so much beyond their home and school doors.

Half felt their neighbors would tell their parents if they saw them doing something wrong; 28 percent felt the community values youth.

Those attitudes have implications for when kids leave their Northville nest, Youth Assistance director Sue Campbell said.

They want to feel connected to their community and feel they lack opportunities to plan and make decisions for themselves, she said.

"Often times, adults don't trust the kids can do the jobs in a way the adult wants it done," she said. "I find that if you give kids responsibility they will step up to the plate."

bring this into our programming.

"SKRUFF (Suburban Kids Rockin' Under Ford Field) is the best example we can give," she said. "We did 10 percent of the work, we just kind of guided them a little bit."

Community service

Organizations like the National Honor Society already require volunteer hours, Campbell said. The youth assistance program goal is better connecting students with adults.

Volunteering at the senior center will put teenagers in touch with people they might not otherwise meet,

she said.

"They can develop a relationship with them and be of use," she said. "What a great way to bridge that gap and fill that void for the kids."

Not so long ago, familiar neighbors served as a second-tier of adult supervision.

"Our generation knew that our neighbors would tell our parents what we were doing," she said. "That's what everyone can do. Look at the kids in a respectful way, that they're deserving of your attention."

"We just want to spread the effort through the entire community."

40 Developmental Assets

External Assets	CATEGORY SUPPORT	ASSET
	EMPOWERMENT	1. Family Support 2. Positive Family Communication 3. Other Adult Relationships 4. Caring Neighborhood 5. Caring School climate 6. Parent Involvement in Schooling
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Source: Northville Youth Assistance

Northville teens yearn to make their mark, carve distinctive entertainment avenue

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

"What do you want to do tonight?"

"I dunno."

"What do you want to do?"

"I dunno. There's nothing to do."

It's a conversation kids repeat every weekend, said Northville High School senior Tim Ford.

They might end up hanging at each others' house, strolling Novi's Fountain Walk or carpooling to Ann Arbor's arcades, bookstores and restaurants. Those on a short leash might end up at Starbucks or

Tuscan Cafe.

Sure, there are restaurants downtown, Ford said, but they're not connected to any kids' activities.

They don't want to settle, he said. It's their Northville, too.

Ford and junior Laura Valencia issued a rallying cry: Let's make Northville fun for us.

The Northville Youth Community Action Council hosted a Feb. 3 marathon brainstorming session. The hope is ideas will turn into action.

"I think a lot of good ideas came out of the discussion, with a lot of potential," Ford said.

Teen ideas included: a teen film festival, creating additional green-space, a triathlon, courting teen-oriented businesses downtown, a poetry slam and a scavenger hunt from the downtown gazebo.

The group is trying to provide a variety of activities to reach a range of students, Valencia said.

She pointed to drop-in dodgeball as a past success. Northville Parks and Recreation Department now hosts the Saturday night program borne from student suggestions.

"Dodgeball is something they like to do," Valencia said. "They made uniforms, they got all team-

spirited.

"You don't get a lot of preppy girls showing up," she said. "You're not going to get your jock guys going to knitting."

"We're trying to diversify the events so everyone will have something to do."

Knitting and cooking lessons went over well, she said, even though they might be topics adults wouldn't expect kids to embrace.

Ford said his committee, the community concern group, will try to determine if Northville's anti-teen reputation is perception or reality. They want to share their views

with adults in the midst of strategic planning, he said.

Ford led a small troupe to the Feb. 9 Northville Township Board of Trustees goals and objectives meeting. He told them students would prefer to stay in Northville and spend their money close to home.

"It isn't often we get dialogue

with teens," Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said. "They represent our future leaders."

"I was very impressed. I thought that they were very well-organized, very motivated and very thoughtful."

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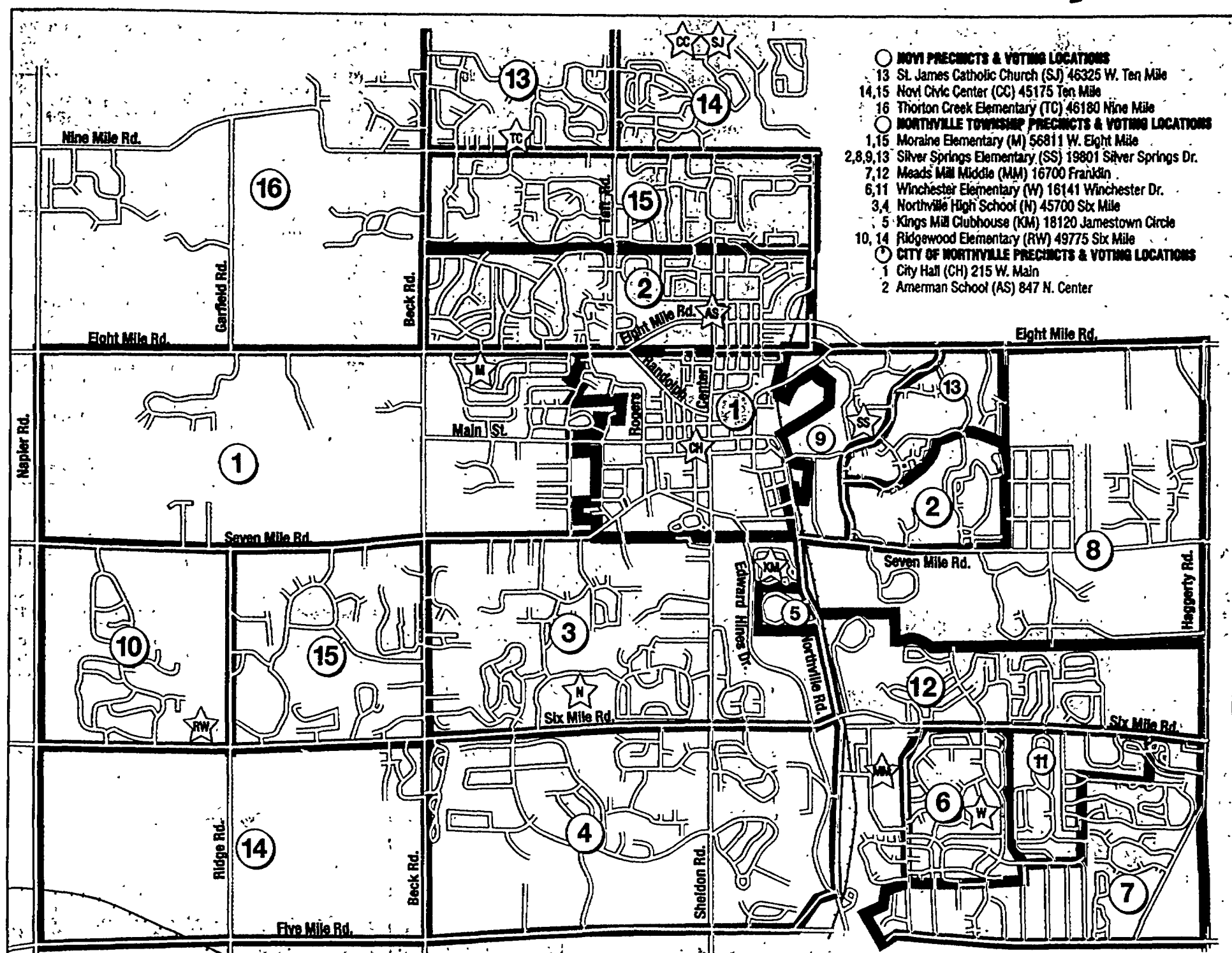
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- \$25.24 million to acquire land and construct a seventh elementary school; and
- \$45.43 million to shore up aging buildings, upgrade technology and construct a \$17.3 million

athletic field house.

Township and city clerks said residents should go to where they voted for the presidential election.

Residents with voting location questions may call their clerk or visit www.michigan.gov/sos

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Parking, dads and odd land deals top to-do list

Who were those beauties whisked off East Main Street into a stretch limousine last Wednesday? None other than Chris VanDam of downtown women's boutique VanDam's and Northville Gallery manager Blake Baird. Their chauffeured transportation to lunch at Brann's on Six Mile Road was part of fund-raising "arrest" for Muscular Dystrophy. Friends and family chipped in \$500 for Baird and \$1,200 for VanDam for the cause and their "release" an hour later.

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You said you wanted numbers? Members of the city's public works, finance and assessment department, along with the city's planning consultant and downtown strategic planning consultant, collected, crunched collated pages and pages of parking data. How many cars are parked in which lots four times per day, ordinance parking requirements related to building square footage, how much those occupied spaces should be discounted because of multiple errands during the same park, you get the idea. It's part of the effort to get a handle on the city's parking supply and demand. They say there's a deficit. What to do about it ... Stay tuned.

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Speaking of parking, the city is putting together literature designating long-term parking areas. Starting next month, Northville



parking enforcement officers will tuck it in with a warning citation for first-time offenders overstaying the limit in city lots.

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What in the world went on at Monday night's Board of Education meeting about the proposed elementary school site? You know, the meeting that threatened to interfere with the Mothers' Club meeting.

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Speaking of the Mothers' Club, there's still time left to get your tickets for the fund-raising auction and strolling dinner dance 6:30-11:30 p.m. March 11 at the Inn at St. John's. The cost is \$75 per person with a cash bar. For information, call (248) 348-8764.

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If you bump into teens dressed in decades of past, don't rub your eyes. You haven't entered a time warp. This week is Spirit Week at Northville High School and students will be dressing in '70s and '80s garb along with wearing their favorite outfits from the movie "Grease."

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Speaking of movies ... it's time for the Northville Senior Community Center Friday Flick, "Just Like Heaven," starring Mark Ruffalo and Reese Witherspoon. Showtime is 1 p.m. tomorrow. The cost is \$1.

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Northville Newcomers and Neighbors were talking cookbooks at their Meet and Greet coffee on Tuesday morning. Maryann Cotterill, a member of the social club, was one the volunteers who pulled together the cookbook content as a fund-raiser for Northville Civic Concern. Newcomers also contributed food for distribution through the local emergency relief agency. Get your copy of the \$10 "Recipes to Remember" at the Northville Record office. For more information, call Northville Civic concern at (248) 344-1033.

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Did you ask him? Did you ask him? There still are tickets left for daughters to ask the main man in their life for a night on the town. The 23rd annual Daddy-Daughter Princess Ball

is 4-6 or 7-9 p.m. Saturday night at the Recreation Center at Hillside. The cost is \$20 per couple. For information, call (248) 349-0203.

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Did the Northville Township Board of Trustees help or hurt Northville Public Schools by offering the district additional locations for its proposed elementary school? The district went from one location, at Six Mile and Napier roads, to two additional township locations. Was it too much, too late? And at what price?

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The search for the city manager continues. The city council set a slew of special meetings, starting with a review tonight of the recruiter's list of candidates and narrowing the finalist candidates for interviews. Next meetings: March 4, 8, and 10 to conduct interviews and determine next steps.

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Can it be 20 years already? Yes, Northville High School Class of 1986, it's time for your 20-year class reunion. Planning is well on its way, thanks to your reunion committee. The event is Saturday, June 24 at the Livonia Marriott. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Update your contact information by calling

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Owner: Michelle Voineag
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Web site: www.superslowzone.com/usa1031
What: SuperSlow Zone offers personalized strength training using the SuperSlow method. The method: movements working all muscles, one group at a time, allowing stimulation of growth in the muscles in a short amount of time.

Entree Vous Kitchen


Opened: Feb. 6
Contact: Pati Heath at (248) 344-1545
Hours: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday
Located: 43223 Seven Mile Road
Web site: www.entreevous.com
What: Customers can create six or more entrees from a monthly menu, for a cost of \$3 per serving. Entree Vous will do the chopping and cleaning, customers will combine the ingredients and cook the meals at home.

Have you opened a new business in Northville since Jan. 1? If so, contact us and we'll try to get the word out. E-mail info to tmishler@gannett.com: opening date, contact person/phone number, hours, location, Web site and two sentences describing your business.



Nickie at (734) 420-5931 or Kathleen at (248) 449-2880.

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TOWNSHIP BRIEFS

Absentee ballot drop-off

The township clerk's office will be open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday for voters unable to attend the polls Tuesday for the 2006 School Bond Election. Voters have the option to mail or drop off their absentee ballots, but they must be at the clerk's office no later than 8 p.m. election night.

Creek rally

The Johnson Creek Protection Group is hosting a volunteer rally from 7-9 p.m. Monday at township hall. The topic: native vegetative landscaping.

Love and logic parenting

Northville Youth Assistance is sponsoring a three-part parent training course, "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent," to help parents learn effective strategies for dealing with power struggles, homework issues and responsibility at home.

The course was developed by authors Jim Fay and Foster Cline, and is being facilitated by Northville Public Schools social workers Amy Morelli and Ulla Gmelin.

Classes will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 4, 11 and 25 at Hillside Middle School. The cost is \$30 per person and

includes a workbook. Registration is limited. To register or for more information, call Northville Youth Assistance Director Sue Campbell at (248) 344-1618.

Mandatory smoke alarms

Beginning 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.

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.

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 T-shirt 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 submitted by mail or dropped off to Northville Township

Department of Public Services for the March 16 deadline.

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-mail djanus@stantec.com.

To contribute an item for consideration in this column, e-mail tmishler@gannett.com.

CHAMBER: business event set for March 18

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lasso the Wild West theme through displays, contests and sample offerings.

The non-profit merchant-support group founded the event 14 years ago to connect business owners and introduce their services to potential customers, said Chamber President Jody Humphries. The organization has 500 members from the city, township and surrounding communities.

"You should never miss an opportunity to get yourselves out in front of the public and other businesses," Humphries said. "The chamber makes it turn-key. Show up, set up and we'll bring in the people."

"It's high visibility for a low, low price."

For the first time, the showcase moved from a mid-week evening to Saturday afternoon. Beginning this year, exhibitors can mingle during brunch prior to public opening.

"They'll be able to roam around and get something to eat," Humphries said.

Networking

The annual showcase is one of several networking opportunities the Chamber hosts throughout the year.

On Feb. 15, Sherri Mewha of Sherry's Gallery of Fine Art described her business to about 50 members who gathered for a two-hour evening event. After new member introductions and an open forum, everyone mingled, Humphries said.

"The most important thing for them is to get introduced," she said. "It gives them a chance to talk about their business."

"You see people kind of pair off. 'You just said something about ...'"

Ten months per year, a Chamber member hosts a morning or evening mixer on the third Wednesday of the month. The second Friday morning of every month, business owners trade information at the Chamber office during a T.G.I.F. gathering.

Member-to-member

"If they have an opportunity to network, there's an opportunity to work with one another," Humphries said. "If they're in the same industry, they might brainstorm about common challenges."

"We get a lot of cross-promotion, as far as 'How can we help each other?'"

The Chamber also provides a member-to-member discount program.

For example, Sue Dillon of Graphic Visions might help Ehehalt with a logo, sign or Web site in exchange for discounted travel arrangements.

"There's a lot of different options they can take advantage of," Humphries said. "We always refer. 'What member does this? What member does that?'"

Local folk

At the business showcase, Ehehalt will skip the boots, but hopes for a kick in travel reservations just the same.

"I think it's a good opportunity for businesses in the community to get together and for them to meet the people in the area," Ehehalt said. "People can learn there is a full-service travel agency in Northville."

"That's my market, the Northville and Novi area."

Want to go West?

The Northville Chamber of Commerce still is accepting exhibit applications. Booth cost is \$100 for members, \$200 for non-member businesses and \$20 for non-profit organizations. For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Sexual predator caught

A Northville Township man was arrested Feb. 17 on six counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct. According to reports, the Wayne County Family Independence Agency Child Abuse Unit contacted police regarding a 7-year-old girl who had been physically and sexually abused while living at the man's house. He was arraigned Feb. 18 and is currently being held at the Wayne County Jail on a \$600,000 bond. A preliminary exam has been scheduled for March 3, at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Disorderly conduct

A 25-year-old Northville woman called police after her 28-year-old boyfriend began screaming at her.

According to reports, the woman ran naked to her apartment's club house to get away from her boyfriend. Police arrived and noticed the man talking loudly and swearing at the apartment manager. Police arrested the man after issuing a sobriety tests. He was charged with disorderly conduct and given a Monday court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Fact or fiction

Police were called to Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills after the family of a 19-year-old Farmington Hills girl claimed she had been raped at the Meijer store on Haggerty Road. According to reports, the girl's parents were unsure if the girl made up the story, so police contacted neighboring departments. No rape cases had been reported, police said. Police

said the girl was suffering from a drug overdose and had not filed a formal complaint. The case remains open.

Busted

Police were called to Hiller's Market on Haggerty Road after a 14-year-old Westland girl allegedly stole two cans of Red Bull and a box of candy. Police arrested the girl and charged her with larceny. Her parents were called and she was released, pending a 35th District Court appearance.

Stolen television

A 40-year-old Waterford man was arrested after allegedly attempting to steal a television from Meijer on Haggerty Road. He was given a March 2 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Truck tampering

A 47-year-old Northville Township man called police after noticing his truck had a dead battery and metal spike in a tire. According to reports, the man said his neighbor gets upset when he parks his truck in his parking space. The man said it could be a coincidence and just wanted to file a statement. The case is closed.

Stolen clothes

Police were called to Kohl's on Haggerty Road after a 15-year-old Northville Township girl was seen taking price tags of a shirt and package of socks and placing them in her purse. The girl was arrested for larceny and released to her mother, who she had been shopping with. She was advised that she would be contacted by the 35th District Court in Plymouth with a court date.

Shoplifting costs passed along to consumers

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Scott Denomme won't embarrass his family by shoplifting. But the Hillside Middle School seventh grader knows some kids shoplift candy, which can be bought for \$1.

"It's not worth getting in trouble for," said the 12-year-old. "Shoplifting's pretty dumb because you can easily work for your money to buy what you want or get it from your parents."

Still, shoplifting remains one of the nation's most costly silent crimes.

Although millions of people try and get away with it each day, the damage affects more than just the offender.

"We had two apprehensions last week that were disruptive to business," said Connie Trager, service line team leader for Meijer on Haggerty Road. "It takes away labor from my departments because if I have two male detectives and the offender is female, I have to send a woman witness."

Trager said like several stores, although Meijer has a security department and cameras, "we need to have more people in the store."

Detective Sgt. Matthew Mayes of the Northville Township Police Department said businesses suffer from shoplifters because product prices go up in order to accommodate loss.

"The dollar amount and loss all reflect back into other products," Mayes said. "Prices go up in some situations to maintain security of the store."

Mayes said shoplifting in Northville is spread over all socioeconomic boundaries.

"We've had people from all social classes (shoplift)," he said. "From adults with money to teens with no money."

"Kids steal video games, adults steal alcohol. We've also seen people who steal baby formula in order to sell on the street. It's such a wide spectrum of things stolen."



SOURCE: Northville Township Police Dept.

Getting caught

Mayes said shoplifting offenders are charged with retail fraud and depending on the situation can result in a first-, second- or third-degree offense.

"First degree is a five year felony with a fine no more than \$10,000," he said.

A second-degree offense is a misdemeanor punishable up to one year in jail, and a third-degree offense can result in up to 93 days in jail with no more than a \$500 fine.

Glen Uranis said he takes it personally when someone shoplifts from his Novi store. Switched on CDs, located on Grand River Avenue.

"If I think I've got a shoplifter, I'm on them," Uranis said. "We're not some faceless national chain."

"When you're a small community business, the cards are already stacked against you. We don't understand why (people) would want to steal from someone in their own town."

Mayes said the human cost for an offender getting caught is not being trusted in the community.

"If a child gets caught, they will need to build their trust with parents again," he said. "People should never think they won't get caught."

"They might get away with it the

Shaking the five finger discount.

- More than \$10 billion worth of goods are stolen from retailers each year.
- There are approximately 23 million shoplifters, or 1 in 11 people, in the nation today.
- Approximately 25 percent of shoplifters are kids and 75 percent are adults. 55 percent of adult shoplifters say they started stealing as teens.
- 86 percent of kids say they know other kids who shoplift.
- Drug addicts, who have become kleptomaniacs, describe shoplifting as an equally addicting drug.
- Most non-professional shoplifters don't commit other crimes.

Source: National Association of Shopping Prevention

first time, but most definitely not the second."

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SPOTLIGHT ON: ALLERGY & ASTHMA

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MORE FOOD INFORMATION FOR ALLERGY SUFFERERS

A new food-labeling law that became official on January 1, 2006 requires the identification of all allergens, even if the substance occurs as a tiny ingredient. Triggers like peanuts, soy, and wheat will be identified on more food items, which is welcome news for food allergy sufferers. It may cause some confusion among consumers, however, since the amount of an allergen included in a product may be so tiny that it would never cause a reaction in most people. But, the FDA is playing it safe for now and requiring that all ingredients be listed. About 4% of all Americans have some type of food allergy. Food allergies can cause severe reactions, including potentially fatal anaphylactic episodes, in highly sensitive individuals. Allergic reactions to foods that we eat

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OBITUARIES

VERONICA "RONNIE" ABRAHAM

Veronica "Ronnie" Abraham, age 69 of Northville, passed away February 17, 2006 in Livonia. She was born on December 5, 1936 in Detroit, MI to Joseph and Dorothy (Free) Smith. She married Salim G. Abraham on November 8, 1958 and has been a resident of Northville since 1975. Mrs. Abraham attended the University of Detroit and was a graduate of St. Mary's High School of Redford, where she remained active. She was a member of Northville Mothers Club and was involved with Northville Kiwanis Club through her husband Salim. Ronnie was very social; she enjoyed playing bridge and traveling up north with her grade school friends. Survivors include her children Julie Abraham of Walled Lake, Amy (Michael) Hardy of Livonia, Matthew Abraham of Northville and Megan (Mark) Wentz of Waterford; and her sister Constance (John) Conder of Leeland. She was preceded in death by her husband Salim in 2004 and her parents. A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church of Northville. Father Terrance Kerner officiated the service. Memorial contributions to Father Solanus Guild, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or American Lung Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 5095, Southfield, MI 48086. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

ROBERT E. GENTRY

Age 69 of Northville, passed away February 17, 2006. Visitation Thurs 11-Noon, with a service at Noon at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Memorial Contributions to Rainbow Rehabilitation Center.

JEAN E. GALIETTI

Age 79, of Northville, died Feb. 15, 2006. Loving mother of Carl (Kathy) and grandmother of Anthony and Brian. Funeral service was held Mon. at Casterline Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to Angela Hospice.

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Hammering home the law

■ Township police team up with nearby communities to fight back

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Rich Kligman wants to see tighter security on the job site. Construction site thefts have become a growing problem in Northville Township and the president of Superb Custom Homes said it can be very costly.

"We've experienced several thefts," Kligman said. "It's expensive and creates a filling of violation for the homeowners."

Kligman said the most recent theft occurred in October, after someone stole custom mahogany front doors, marble flooring and several tools from one of his homes under construction in Northville Township.

"Apparently, they left fingerprints on the hinges after removing the doors," Kligman said. "Unfortunately, the police were unable to match them to anyone ... Now we try to make sites as secure as possible."

The Northville Township Police Department has teamed up with the Plymouth Township and Canton police departments to host the "We Nail Thieves" seminar Friday.

The goal: preventing theft from construction sites.

"Our areas are having a lot of

Northville Township Construction Site Theft



SOURCE: Northville Township Police Department

"We've experienced several thefts. It's expensive and creates a filling of violation for the homeowners."

Rich Kligman
President, Superb Custom Homes

■ "We Nail Thieves"
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new developments," said Lt. Greg Rhodes of the Northville Township Police Department. "It is very common, but the problem is increasing."

Rhodes said the seminar will cover security precautions, prevention tips and site awareness.

"We tell them to put identification markings on their tools, fence up tools left on the site and try to have only one entrance and exit," Rhodes said.

He said it is difficult to identify construction thieves because people often confuse them with construction workers.

"Sometimes it's difficult to

point the finger," Rhodes said. "(Thefts) could be random or by other subcontractors in the area."

Kligman said people often think any vehicle entering a construction site belongs there.

"We had a guy load up his truck with shingles from our site," Kligman said. "Luckily a neighbor saw and the police arrested him."

Kligman said nothing is 100 percent secure on a construction site.

"All you can do is secure things up as good as possible," he said, "and hope for the best."

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ON CAMPUS

Kettering University

Northville resident Richard Birdsall was named to the dean's list for fall 2005 semester at Kettering University.

Boston University

Northville residents, Shaun Riney and Annapoorani Veerappan, were named to the dean's list for fall 2005 semester at Boston University.

Thomas M. Cooley Law School

Florence Wetlaufer, of Northville, was named to

the dean's list and honor roll for first term at The Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Northwood University

Northville residents, Ian O'Gieblyn and Alena Van Cleave, were granted Northwood University Aftermarket Industry Scholarships for the 2005-2006 academic year. Ian is the son of Drew and Colleen Wolford and Alena is the daughter of Thomas and Heather Van Cleave.

OFFICE HOURS

Senator Patterson's Staff Office Hours

Senator Bruce Patterson's District Representative, Sue Trussell, will hold office hours for constituents of State Senate District Seven. This meeting will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the Canton Public Library. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. All constituents are welcome. For more information, call (734) 397-0999.

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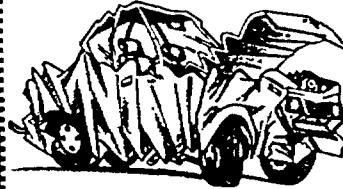
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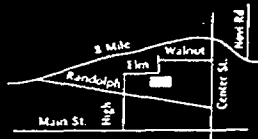
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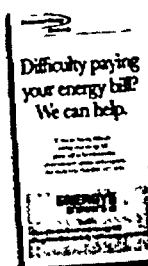


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Vote "NO" on Proposal 1 on February 28

THIS SITE STINKS!

Protect Our Children and Protect Your Investment

On Feb. 28, you will have a choice on whether or not to pass a \$25.24 million bond to build a new elementary school at the NE corner of 6 mile and Napier Road. This location is in very close proximity to the Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill and Compost. A group of concerned residents(ANOF), is asking you to consider the following:

Is this site a wise location?

- The Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill is located on the SW corner of 6 Mile and Napier Road in Washtenaw County.
- The landfill is projected to be open for another 17 to 20 years and expected to grow in every direction by 35 to 40 feet.
 - Has enough testing been done on this site's soil, air & water? Who will regularly monitor air contaminants, water runoff and soil quality now and in the future?
 - On windy days, how will the Landfill and Compost Debris be contained from blowing onto school grounds?
 - General manager of landfill quotes "I'm very concerned about the nuisance odors and dealing with the school" (According to Northville Record Feb.16,2006)

The Compost is located on the NW corner of 6 Mile and Napier Road in Washtenaw County

- Who regulates the site? Who controls what is deposited at the site?
- Who has tested the actual contents of the site?
- What is at the compost site? Animal Waste? Decaying Material?
- What causes the disturbing odor and can it be controlled?

Who can guarantee the Health and Safety of Children at the proposed site now and in the future?

- 30 States have laws that either prohibit or restrict the siting of a school on or near environmental hazards (Landfills)...Michigan does Not...per www.nga.org/files/pdf/schoolsitingcall5_fischbach-ludwigpresentation_july2005.pdf
- There is not one landfill in the US that has never leaked... per www.chej.org (a new report: building safe schools: Invisible threats, visible actions)
- Will the distraction of the odor affect the children's ability to learn?
- Will parents feel safe and comfortable sending their children to this school? www.asbj.com/2001/10/coverstory.html (Before you Dig) American School Board Journal

Is it fiscally responsible to spend \$25.24 million to build a school on the NE corner of 6 mile and Napier next to a Landfill, Compost, Recycle Center and Cemetery?

- Is it fair for Northville Township Taxpayers to pay for this property twice? The township bought 56.41 acres in 1999 for \$1.8 million. The Township Taxpayers will again pay \$1.35 million for a portion of the same parcel to be purchased by the school district.
- Is it right to be giving up Township designated park land to the school district?
- Does 6 mile/ Napier need to be paved for the proposed school site? Does the proposed site need a traffic light? If so, who will pay for this?
- If a large number of parents choose not to send their children to this school, how will they handle running a \$25 million school that no one wants to attend? www.mlui.org/growthmanagement/fullarticle.asp?fileid=16634 (Boom or Bust).
- Who's representing the taxpayer's long term interest?

Other options to be considered

- School District Owns 40 Acres at 8 Mile & Garfield
- Cooke school on Taft just north of 8 mile, which is currently housing a Wayne County program.
- Main St. (currently used for administration)
- Sheldon and 5 mile Rd
- Beck and 8 mile Rd
- Fact: The township is only 75% built out, leaving 25% of possible sites.

FROM A CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE ATTENDING THIS PROPOSED SCHOOL



"Plug your nose, it's time to go to school"
 "What's that stinky smell?"
 "Teacher, why are you closing all the windows again?"
 "Why can't we go out for recess again? Will that smell hurt us?"
 "Let's count all the garbage trucks at recess."
 "Hey, Can we go sledding down that huge hill?"
 "Oh that cemetery looks so spooky"
 "Do you think the cemetery is haunted?"
 "It's so windy, where are all these plastic bags coming from?"
 "Let's see how many we can catch"
 "I don't want to go outside today, the smell makes me sick"
 "How come there's no houses around here?"
 "Why do some kids call this school Trashmore Elementary or the dump school?"
 "How come Chris and Aaron's mom won't let them come to this school?"



We encourage you to drive out to this site at the NE corner of 6 Mile and Napier. Ask yourself, are these legitimate concerns?

Please note: the actual voting ballot does not refer to a specific location for this school. The \$25.24 million amount of the bond however, is based on the 6 mile & Napier location. If for any reason, the school board were to change the location, the dollar amount of the bond would certainly need to change as well. We all agree that another school is required, but we need to know the exact location and the exact cost before we can endorse such a bond. Let's not be confused and misled! We feel strongly that a new proposal needs to be presented to the voters.

On Feb. 28th, Please vote "NO" on Proposal 1.

Your vote makes a difference when protecting our children and your investment.

We have extraordinary schools and a remarkable Community. Let's keep it that way!

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If you would like more info please come to our next meeting at Northville Public Library on Feb. 27 at 10:00am or e-mail at ANOF_Northville@yahoo.com

CLASS NOTES

Board Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Moraine Elementary, 46811 W. Eight Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Driver Information Program

The Northville High School Parent Awareness Committee will host a Driver Information Program 7 p.m. Monday 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 Seminar

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.

Queen Bees

Author Rosalind Wiseman will present "Queen Bee Moms and Kingpin Dads." 7 p.m. Monday, March 13 in the Hillside Middle School auditorium, 775 N. Center

St. Wiseman will present the program based on her best-selling book of the same name. The author will also sell and sign copies of the book at the event with proceeds benefiting the Northville Youth Assistance Music Scholarship Program. For more information, call Northville Youth Assistance Director, Sue Campbell, (248) 344-1618.

Language and Literacy

Denise Brockman will present the seminar "Linking Language to Literacy" 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. Brockman's presentation is for parents of children ages birth through 5. Please call (248) 344-8465 to register for the free event.

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: Northville Hills West and Woodlands subdivisions. All Arcadia Ridge subdivision students will attend Thornton Creek for the 2006-07 school year.

Gifted

The Northville Public Schools will be accepting testing nominations 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



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Children smile at the antics of ventriloquist Vicki Gasko during her visit to the Northville District Library.

March 1-17 only. Testing for second graders will be April 6-7 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) 344-8447.

ECC Registration

New Northville school district families may download an Early 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. Families will be contacted

with placement information by May 1. Families with children attending private elementary 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/early-childhood.



Ventriloquist Vicki Gasko entertains a group of kids at the Northville District Library.

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Mr. and Mrs. Steven Bell

Katie Leigh Kohl and Steven Bell were married July 9, 2005 at Estes Park, Colo. Dave Segreaves officiated the ceremony. A reception was held at Wild Basin Lodge, Allens Park, Colo.

The bride is the daughter of Judy and Jim Kohl of Northville. She graduated from the University of Colorado in 1999 with a bachelor of science degree in education. She is currently a Bi-Lingual Teacher in Longmont, Colo.

The groom is the son of Anita Bell of Bel Air, Md. and Charles Bell of Penn. He is also a graduate of the University of Colorado with a bachelor of arts degree in history. He is currently employed at Noodles & Company, Boulder, Colo.

Maid of honor was Amy Kohl, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tracy Darrow and Wendy Hazlett, both sisters of the bride. Meg Darrow, niece of the bride was a junior bridesmaid. Serving as best man was Joe Jazinski, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Patrick Turner and Alex Moore. The couple honeymooned in Portillo, Chili and will make their home in Colorado.

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- Best Italian restaurant _____
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Local concert celebrates Mozart's life and music

■ First Presbyterian Church event set for March 5

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Darlene Kuperus will lead a musical tribute to lost loved ones when First Presbyterian Church opens its fine arts season.

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's birth, the congregation's 2006 Concert Series will open March 5 with Mozart compositions, "Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra" and "Requiem."

Bob Williams, principal bassoonist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will be the featured performer.

"When he plays here in our community, it's a big deal," Kuperus said. First Presbyterian's minister of music, Williams, who lives in Northville with his wife, DSO English Hornist Treva Womble, are congregation members.

"Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra" will be followed by Mozart's "Requiem," sung by the Northville Concert Choral and conducted by Kuperus. The 90-minute performance will include one intermission.

Featured performance

Mozart wrote the concerto to feature a solo bassoonist, Kuperus said.

"The music for the bassoon is dazzling, technically challenging and impressive to the audience."

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Concert Choral, accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra of Ann Arbor, will perform the "Requiem Mass," Mozart's final composition.

"The first half, the bassoon concerto, is much lighter in mood and spirit," she said. "The second half is more serious because it is a requiem."

"But it has moments of great power and great majesty and moments of beautiful lyric melodies, so that there is a variety of mood and tone."

The choral work, left unfinished by Mozart at the time of his death, was later finished by one of his composition students.

"A requiem mass is always sung in honor of those, or someone, who has died," Kuperus said. "The Northville Concert Choral will be remembering those from the First Presbyterian Church who have died in the past year."

"It is a positive statement on death and eternal life," she said. "In the end, it is a prayer of hope and promise. Very profound."

'Fantastic ensemble'

Guest soloists Karen Roberts, Wendy Bloom, Glenn Perry, and Chris Grapentine will join the Choral, an auditioned chorus of singers from throughout the area. The Choral began

■ Local talent

Robert Williams joined the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as principal bassoonist in September 1974.

He was formerly solo bassoonist with the Winnipeg Symphony, Winnipeg CBC Orchestra, Colorado Philharmonic and Tucson Symphony. He has also played summer engagements with the Minnesota Orchestra and Boston Symphony at Tanglewood.

Williams has been on the music faculties of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, the Grand Teton Orchestra Training Institute, Claremont Music Festival, and the Utah Music Festival. He has also given master classes at Tanglewood and the Universities of Michigan, Michigan State, Arizona, Nebraska, Arizona State and Bowling Green.

When not making reeds he enjoys moun-

tain biking, fly-fishing and fly tying.

Williams plays on a Fox model 601 bassoon, built in South Whitley, Indiana by Fox Products Corporation.

■ Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's music stands as one of the great treasures of the world's art. Though he died just short of his 36th birthday, he composed more than 600 works, including operas, symphonies, chamber music and choral music.

A child prodigy, Mozart began playing the harpsichord and violin at the age 3. By age 4, he had written his first musical composition. He and his sister toured Europe, performing for royal courts.

Mozart's music epitomizes the Classical era with its beautiful and lyric melodies, balanced phrases, elegant style and whimsical

spirit.

■ Concert series

What: Mozart birthday celebration concert

When: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 6

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

Ticket availability: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday in the church office.

Cost: \$15/adult, \$10/senior, \$5/student April 23: Bob Seeley, Boogie Woogie and jazz pianist

Sept. 30-Oct. 6: "Sharing the Gift Within" visual arts show

Sept. 16: Victorian fashion show and parlor tea

Oct. 15: Paul Vondiziano, classical guitarist

Dec. 3: "Messiah," Northville Concert Choral

rehearsing in January for this concert, Kuperus said.

"They are a fantastic ensemble," she said. "I'm very proud of their hard work and commitment."

The concert will appeal to an audience with a range of musical experience, Kuperus said.

"Of course, it is the music of Mozart," she said. "He's the world's genius when it comes to

classical music."

The conductor and performers will be among those attending an afterglow reception at the church, complete with birthday cake in Mozart's honor.

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

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Paving the way

■ Local man helps business women reach the top

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Bill Bufo wants to see more women in business.

As co-founder of the Parental Tightrope Action committee in 1986, the 59-year-old Northville Township resident helped pave the way for women in business at Southfield-based Plante and Moran.

"At the time, our policies lacked anything appealing to women," Bufo said. "We saw more women coming into the field of public accounting ... we wanted to ensure that women could transverse the path to partnership the same as men."

Bufo said the key to good business is to have a low turnover rate.

"Traditional large firms are at about 25 percent, our turnover rate is 12 percent," he said. "Our main focus is to retain the best and the brightest ... something all businesses should aim toward."

As a graduate from the University of Michigan with a master's degree in business administration, Bufo began his career in public accounting in 1970.

He said as director of human resources at Plante and Moran, he's seen more women take on leadership roles than with any other company.

"This is certainly a problem in some industries," Bufo said. "But, there are some very successful women in leadership roles."

Bufo said about 55 percent of

staff members at Plante and Moran are female.

"The companies that have not brought more women in are behind in the talent wars," he said. "It would (be proper) of corporate America to bring more women into the top leadership positions of the country."

With the Parental Tightrope Action committee, the company evolved the buddy system for expectant mothers, an alternative career path to partnership and other high-ranking positions, free Saturday childcare during tax season and a parental leave of absence.

Bufo said his company only wants the best for their staff members and partners.

Bufo said he would be passing the torch June 30 to begin working on plans for retirement after 36 years.

"I'm certain the culture that has been established and nurtured with people we've selected will continue on and flourish," he said. "I've done all I can do."

Bufo said he plans to do some volunteer work, travel with his wife of 36 years, Toni, and possibly take up golf.

As women continue to climb the corporate ladders or join the ranks of entrepreneurs, Bufo said he would like to see more women in leadership roles.

"This company has been around since 1924 and has been named on the 100 Best Companies to Work for List for the past eight years," he said. "What's already been done and others will do will only make the company better."

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



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville resident Bill Bufo stands with fellow Plante and Moran employees Beth Bialy, left, and Teresa McAlpine.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2006 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Northville Township 2006 Board of Review will be holding meetings on the following dates to hear appeals from citizens regarding their 2006 assessment at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48168. You may call (248) 348-5810 to make an appointment. Letter of appeals must be received by March 18, 2006. Postmarks are not accepted.

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

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2006, the Wayne County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2006 Real and Personal Property Assessments: Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. (02-16/23 & 03-2-06 NR 262669)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18500 SHELDON ROAD

DATE: February 28, 2006
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Northville Township Municipal Building
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Northville has scheduled a Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 28, 2006. This request is to rezone property located at 18500 Sheldon Road from R-2 One Family Residential to R-3 One Family Residential. The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

GEORGE MCCARTHY, CHAIR
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(2-2/23-06 NR 265450)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF TECHNOLOGY DRIVE (lot #1) AND FIVE MILE ROAD

DATE: February 28, 2006
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Northville Township Municipal Building
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Northville has scheduled a Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 28, 2006. This request is to rezone property located on the northeast corner of Technology Drive and Five Mile Road, from R&D Research & Development to B-3 General Business. The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

GEORGE MCCARTHY, CHAIR
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(2-2/23-06 NR 265444)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2006 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2006 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY	MARCH 14, 2006: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Administrative Meeting 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	MARCH 16, 2006: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
MONDAY	MARCH 20, 2006: 6:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 22, 2006: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Administrative Meeting
TUESDAY	MARCH 28, 2006: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Administrative Meeting

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2006, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2005 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to review their taxable value or assessments with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments must be made on or before 4:30 p.m. EST, Friday, March 10, 2006. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2006 taxable or assessed value.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 145 SIGNS

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Municipal Building at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The Planning Commission will consider amendments to Chapter 145 Signs.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. A complete copy of the proposed changes will be available at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

GEORGE MCCARTHY, CHAIR
PLANNING COMMISSION

(2-2/23-06 NR 265451)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ON HAGGERTY ROAD JUST NORTH OF 5 MILE ROAD

DATE: February 28, 2006
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Northville Township Municipal Building
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Northville has scheduled a Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 28, 2006. This request is to rezone property located on the east side of Haggerty north of 5 Mile Road, from R-3 One-family residential to B-3 General Business. The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

GEORGE MCCARTHY, CHAIR
PLANNING COMMISSION

(2-2/23-06 NR 265447)

Synopsis FEBRUARY 16, 2006 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2006
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Abbo at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mark Abbo, Supervisor, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, Marjorie Banner, Trustee Marv Gans, Trustee, Christopher Roosen, Trustee, Brad Werner, Trustee

Absent: Richard Henningsen, Treasurer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas:

A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - with additions - approved

2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:

A. John C. Colling - appointment to Historical Commission - approved

B. Brad Werner - Alternate to The Senior Alliance (TSA) - approved

C. Daniel Schneider - appointment to Historical Commission - approved

3. Public Hearings:

A. Open Public Hearing for MDNR Grant Application at 7:35 p.m.

B. Cold Water Grant Application Resolution 2006-28 - approved

4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: None

5. New Business:

A. Waterstone Estates - Public Utilities Easements - approved

B. Historical Commission Bylaws - approved

C. Northville Commons Pathway SAD - Payment #4 - approved

D. Heslop's Corner - Public Utility Easements - approved

E. Truck purchase - Public Service - approved

F. Northville Public School Land proposal - approved

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinance:

A. Introduction of amendment to Dog License ordinance - approved

8. Bills Payable:

A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,303,226.97 - approved

9. Board Communication & Reports from the following: Mark Abbo - none

Sue Hillebrand, Chip Snider, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Chris Roosen & Brad Werner.

10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: None

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
MARK J. ABBO, SUPERVISOR
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(2-23-06 NR 268856)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE SPECIAL LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on February 28, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a Special Land Use for a drive up pharmacy window at the Meijer store located at Eight Mile & Haggerty Roads.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and provide their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the development proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

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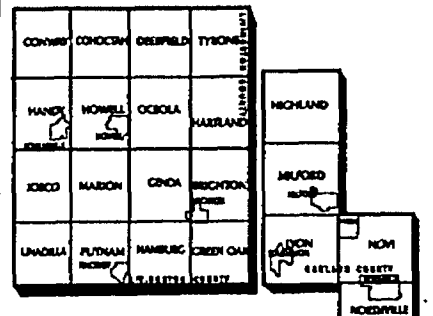
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St. John's inn, restaurant open

■ Chef Mackinnon hails at new spot

By Pam Fleming
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

Chef Tom MacKinnon has been wowing area diners at his downtown Northville restaurant, MacKinnon's, for 25 years. Now he has a new place to hang his hat. MacKinnon is the Executive Chef at the new Five Restaurant and The Inn at St. John's, which both recently opened on property formerly known as St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. The restaurant is owned by The Inn at St. John's. The inn and restaurant are located on the campus of the former seminary that has been at the location for more than 50 years. The 192-acre grounds include a 27-hole golf course.

Son at Northville restaurant

MacKinnon's son, Ian, took over as chef at the Northville restaurant in October. "I've been involved with the restaurant since I was 4," Ian MacKinnon said. "I love it," he said. "It's been fantastic. We've gone back our traditional French cuisine and European service," he added. "We're really putting an emphasis on fine dining."

Grand opening attracts 250

Five Restaurant, located at 44045 Five Mile Road just east of Sheldon, was the hot spot at a recent grand opening celebration Jan. 26. About 250 people enjoying strolling hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and tours of the suites at The Inn at St. John's. "This is one of five grand opening celebrations planned here," MacKinnon said. A ribbon cutting took place Jan. 24. The martini bar seats 70 with another 70 in the restaurant. The Inn features 118 rooms, including 22 suites with up to 1,600 square feet. The two presidential suites at the Inn, which are two-story, feature three plasma TVs — one in the liv-

ing room, one in the bedroom and one in the bathroom. Guests can lie in the whirlpool tub that overlooks the first story while watching their favorite show. The two ambassador suites are one story. Guests can choose either a traditional or contemporary style. All of the furniture and linens were custom made for The Inn at St. John's. The balcony off the presidential suite offers a beautiful view of the area and nearby chapel. Amenities include a fitness center, indoor swimming pool with lazy river, bubble lounge and Jacuzzi. The presidential suite also features a full kitchen, and Chef MacKinnon can come in and cook a meal for you and your guests, up to eight people. Custom-made dinners include wine pairing. The dining room actually looks like a board room and can be used for this function. It includes a sink, coffee maker, running water and refrigerator. A fireplace graces the bedroom in the presidential suite. The downstairs draperies can even be closed from upstairs with the flick of a switch. The bathroom features a walk-in shower with dual shower heads. Five Restaurant is described as serving innovative and eclectic American cuisine crafted by MacKinnon. Roger and Patricia Hermans came from Lake Orion for the restaurant's grand opening at the invitation of Chef MacKinnon. "We're fans of his restaurant in Northville," Roger Hermans said. "He told us a few months ago about how this whole thing evolved and he became a part of it."

"This became an opportunity for him to reinvent himself," Patricia Hermans said. She was especially impressed with the beauty of the new restaurant and hotel.

"I adore architecture, and to take something historic and embellish it — I love that. Aesthetically, it's very exciting."

For information about room rates and reservations at The Inn at St. John's, call (734) 414-0600 or go to www.theinnatstjohns.com.

For reservations at Five Restaurant, call (734) 357-5583.

ENGAGEMENTS



Martin-Mellenberger

Jack and Jane Martin of Northville announce the engagement of their son, J.P. Martin, to Ann Marie Mellenberger, daughter of Roger Mellenberger of Dousman, Wis. and the late Marjorie Mellenberger. The groom-elect graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1995 and Michigan State University in 1999. He is employed by AAA of Michigan. The bride-elect graduated from Okemos High School in 1996 and Michigan State University in 2001. She is employed by BBDO Detroit. A summer 2006 wedding is planned.



Adams-Fowler

Kenneth and Cynthia Adams of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Adams, to Bo Fowler, son of Winston and Toby Fowler of Northville. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School and a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in Finance. She is currently employed as a Sales Representative with Principal Financial Group. The groom-elect is a 1994 graduate of Northville High School and a 1998 graduate of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology with a degree in electrical engineering. He earned his masters in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in 2000. He is currently employed as a Sales Engineer at Bear VAI Technology. A June 2006 wedding is planned.

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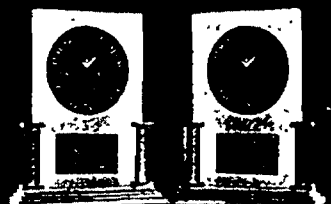
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THAYER: in final moments, a new path

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Handley said there aren't enough land choices to completely eliminate Thayer Corners Park as an option. The district now has five days prior to Tuesday's election without knowing where the school will be built if voters approve a \$25.24 million bond proposal to purchase land and construct a seventh elementary school.

School officials will begin a land search, pending the election outcome.

Northville Public Schools Board of Education trustee Joan Wadsworth said up to \$2 million of the bond will be allocated for the land purchase.

"We're trying to do the best thing we can at this point in time," she said. "The best thing we can say now is we're going to look at the land at Five Mile (and Ridge roads.)"

Last week Northville Township officials offered the school district an undetermined portion of the 83-acre site as an alternate home for the elementary school.

Northville parent Karen Howe said the district's decision to look elsewhere for a seventh elementary school location changes her "no" vote to a "yes."

Howe said her sole reason for opposing the \$25.24 million bond proposal to purchase property and build a seventh elementary school was the district's commitment to build the school at Six Mile and Napier roads. "They should have never picked the site in the first place," she said.

The \$25.24 million elementary school is one of two Feb. 28 bonds proposed by Northville Public Schools. A \$45.43 million bond is also being requested for changes to the district stadium, construction of a transportation facility, athletic field house, technology updates and improvements to all district buildings.

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.

■ 11th hour change

Leonard Rezmierski admits changing the district's Proposal I bond pitch in the 11th hour leaves the district vulnerable.

"The ideal, from the business' point of view, is to have done what the board did leading up to the approval of the option agreement in December," the Northville Public Schools superintendent said. "Because then a responsible and reasonable business deal was put together and responsibly acted on in the best interest of the community."

He also feels abandoning property located near a Salem Township landfill leaves the district with an exposed hand.

"We are at a disadvantage because every one knows what we need, about where we would ide-

ally like to have it and how much (money) potentially, if the voters approve it, is available," he said.

So why decide to begin a new proposed seventh elementary school property search?

Rezmierski said it's about listening to the public he represents, whether their concerns are based on fact or perception.

"Perception for a number of citizens seems to be a greater concern that the board dealt with than the reality of facts," he said.

Northville Public Schools board of education vice president Ken Roth said when there is a reasonable point put forth by members of the community, he listens and responds. But he concedes you can't always jump on every special interest group's whim. "There is a fine line," he said.

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Proposal I: What are you voting for?

■ Ballot asks for construction approval, not site location

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Area residents will be asked Tuesday to cast ballots for a \$25.24 million Northville Public Schools bond proposal.

The proposal urges voters to check a "yes" or "no" box for the purpose of "erecting, furnishing and equipping a new elementary school; acquiring and installing educational technology improvements; acquiring land and developing and improving a playground and the site."

A "yes" vote will allow the district to build a seventh elementary school district officials say is needed to handle unprecedented growth.

But it's what isn't on the ballot that has residents concerned.

Northville parents want to know where the school will be built.

The switch

Until Monday night, Northville school board members and district officials were campaigning a "yes" vote meant the proposed seventh elementary school would be constructed at Six Mile and Napier roads, next to Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill and compost facility.

Now district officials say the Thayer Corners Park property, once lauded as pristine, is no longer an option. A "yes" vote now means the district will give a good-faith effort to find a suitable parcel of property to construct a 92,864-square-foot school.

Northville resident Robert Gurecki isn't buying what the district is selling. He wants to know where the school will be built before he casts his vote.

"You owe it to your investors to let us know," he said.

Gurecki said he wouldn't give a contractor money to build a home without seeing the plans, and he views the district's pitch the same way.

Northville Township resident Carol Poesch said she will also vote "no."

Poesch said she doesn't like the idea of giving district officials \$25 million blindly.

"I prefer to know the site," she said. "They'll be uncomfortable for a year, but it will be worth it."

Trust us

School officials said they will do the right thing with a "yes" vote: choose a suitable location for the proposed seventh elementary school.

"The district has a long history of coming through for its constituents," said Ken Roth, Northville school board vice president.

Roth urges a "yes" vote means the district will open the proposed school for the 2007-08 school year, when it is needed.

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski cited examples of the school district's stellar reputation, exemplary care of students, self-imposed bond refinancing and years of unqualified opinions on annual audits as a record for trust.

"I guess if you can give example after example that should speak volumes in the issue of trust," he said. "Our actions must speak louder than anything else."

School board president Karen Paciorek doesn't want to see the children suffer.

"We live in this community. We listen to the community," Paciorek said. "We would never do anything that would go against the people."

Northville parent Carol Grimmer said the district's first site selection — next to a landfill — signals a bright red flag.

"We already trusted them and they picked the site they picked," Grimmer. "I can not give them my money."

Absent, but counted

For some voters, the election is already over. Before the revised Proposal I campaign.

About 925 absentee ballots were received by city and Northville clerks, and school district officials said their votes are valid, despite changing their campaign a week before the election.

Roth said absentee voters made decisions reading the ballot language as-is, which does not include where a proposed elementary school would be located.

He said no smoke and mirrors are involved with the process.

City of Northville Clerk Dianne Massa said the city sent out about 450 ballots. She said about half were already returned.

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SELLING OUT

District renews its search for the right 20-acre parcel.



Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/RECORD EDITOR

School district officials are hoping a portion of a township-owned 83-acre site at Five Mile and Ridge roads could one day be home to a new elementary school. To date, no feasibility study has been conducted for the site, and no price tag has been determined.

District says it will now consider all options

■ But finding a 20-acre parcel is no easy task

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Susan Karpenko is willing to discuss selling her five acres to the Northville Public Schools.

And other Northville Township residents feel the same.

Karpenko sent a letter to the school district in May outlining three parcels of land, south of Seven Mile and east of Napier roads, which could be used for a school.

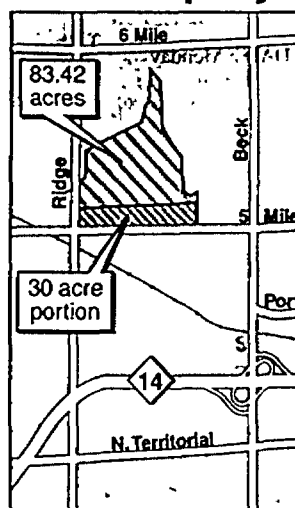
"There is a willingness to discuss further possibilities ... it has yet to be discussed," said the township resident. "We're not looking to make a killing. If there's a good business case, we know what fair market value is."

Dave Bolitho, Northville Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, said the district has ruled out the possibility of building at Thayer Corners Park, and is considering private property options, or building on a portion of the township's 83 acres at Five Mile and Ridge roads.

"No land is set in stone," Bolitho said. "There was a motion to look at the township's offer and any other private property that may come available."

Although Bolitho said it would have been nice to have known about the Five Mile and Ridge roads land sooner, township supervisor Mark Abbo said the township didn't own

5 Mile and Ridge Roads Property



SOURCE: Northville Township

the land until December.

"The school board has always known about the land we own," Abbo said. "Why would I bring it up? They're aware of what we have."

Bolitho said until concerns were raised by residents, there was no need to investigate other land options.

"The board has listened to the community's concerns and has acted on them," he said. "We were going full steam ahead ... we didn't need the township to offer anything up."

Abbo said there are no other land alternatives on the western part of the township, where district officials need a school.

"We're looking to situate the

"The school board has always known about the land we own. Why would I bring it up?"

They're aware of what we have.

Mark Abbo

Supervisor, Northville Township

school where we have the population density," Bolitho said.

Any other options?

Kathleen McLallen, a downtown Northville-based Century 21 Town and Country real estate agent, said there are few large portion parcels available in the township.

"Many have been bought up by developers who are waiting for the market to pick back up," McLallen said.

McLallen said there are a few parcels actively on the market that could be potential school sites, including 19 acres at Six Mile and Beck roads for \$3 million.

"It just depends on how much someone is willing to pay for it," she said. "Northville will be finished building soon, probably in the next 10 years."

"There's really not a lot of land that is still open. Most have development initiatives in progress."

McLallen said there are options such as the 83-acre alternative offered by the township, "but a good portion has constraints, like wetland and other obstacles."

Abbo said the township has a good relationship with the district.

"They're partners in providing service to the community," he said.

"Locations of schools are issues the school board has to deal with, not the township."

Abbo said the 83 acres has not been appraised, and the price will likely not be the same as the \$1.35 million Thayer Corners option to purchase price.

"The township is precluded at selling for anything less than fair market value," he said. "(If the land is appraised higher) they would have to explore other options and alternatives."

Northville school board treasurer Joan Wadsworth said the district has \$2 million allocated for land acquisition.

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Where do I vote?
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By cutting precincts, township clerk cuts elections costs

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Sue Hillebrand is busy saving the school district money.

Come Tuesday, the Northville Township clerk will oversee fewer voting precincts during the Northville Public Schools special \$70.67 million bond election.

"When I have to open all 15 precincts, it costs anywhere from \$25,000 to \$26,000," Hillebrand said.

Hillebrand estimates by consolidating to one precinct per voting location, the election bill she sends to the schools will be between \$11,000-\$15,000.

And not only will Hillebrand run the special school election for her community, but she will add a couple more to the list.

She will oversee the school election for Lyon and Salem townships.

"Another effort to help save money," Hillebrand said. Salem Township Clerk David Trent said taking

■ Head to the polls

The Northville Public Schools special \$70.67 million bond election is Tuesday, Feb. 28. Two proposals will be on the ballot:

- \$25.24 million to acquire land and construct a seventh elementary school; and
- \$45.43 million to shore up aging buildings, upgrade technology and construct a \$17.3 million

advantage of the provision makes sense.

Trent said Salem Township has 84 voters in the Northville school district and will be consolidating with Northville Township for the Feb. 28 election only.

Where do I vote?

Trent said all Salem voters should vote at Moraine Elementary School.

athletic field house.

Township and city clerks said residents should go to where they voted in the presidential election.

Residents with voting location questions may call their clerk or visit www.michigan.gov/sos.

New residents must have registered by Jan. 31 to vote in the school's special election.

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

Hillebrand said Lyon Township residents living in the Northville school district should also vote at Moraine Elementary School.

She said signs will be displayed at the Eight Mile Road elementary school directing voters to the appropriate area.

Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said the City of Novi will not be consolidating voting precincts next week.

"We have enough voters," Cornelius said. "And last

year I promised residents will always vote at the same place for every election."

Cornelius said the city has 4,604 registered voters in the Northville school district.

Northville Public Schools includes voters in six communities and three counties.

Residents in the cities of Novi and Northville and townships of Novi, Northville, Salem and Lyon vote in Northville schools elections.

"It is one of the harder ones to coordinate," Hillebrand said. "But the schools have been very helpful and all of us clerks have it figured out."

"Clerks offices, that is what we do, we are in the election business."

This is the first spring Northville Township election since March 1996 — a presidential primary.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

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NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Grief Support Groups

DATE/LOCATION: Tuesday, Library, 212 W. Cady St.; Wednesday, Arbor Hospice 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. Advance registration is required.
CONTACT: Sandy Van Koeveing, (248) 348-4980

Art Exhibit

DATE: Through February
LOCATION: Shermus 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
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: Northville High School choir 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, at: NHS Cabaret, 42295 Old Bedford Road, Northville, MI 48167.

Johnson Creek Volunteer Rally

DATE: Monday
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: This is the Johnson Creek Protection Group's (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

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 28
TIME: 11:30, social gathering; noon, lunch
LOCATION: Italian Epicure Restaurant, 42050 Grand River Avenue, Novi
DETAILS: Estheticians Erin Pushman and Lori LeBlanc from Health Essentials, Plymouth will speak on holistic skin care and body fitness. The cost for the lunch is \$20. Reservations are required.
CONTACT: Judy Robbins, (834) 487-8821 or Kathi Brandi, (248) 344-4911

Wild Game Dinner

DATE: Saturday, March 4
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Revival Outreach Center International Church, 16115 Beck Road
DETAILS: This is a potluck dinner and silent auction sponsored by the United Sportsperson Club. There is no fee, diners are asked to bring a main dish to pass.
CONTACT: For more information, call (734) 404-2070, extension #190

Northville Garden Club

DATE: Monday, March 13
TIME: noon
LOCATION: Cady Inn, Mill Race Village
DETAILS: Nikki Schmith will be speaking on "Daylilies 101." The public is welcome.
CONTACT: Julie Mantay, (248) 349-1602

Taste of Northville Business Showcase

DATE: Saturday, March 18
TIME: noon-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville High 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 giveaways, 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.northvillemarquistheatre.com

"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.

New Hope for Grief Support Groups

DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support offers groups for widows and widowers including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 3 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. There is no cost for participants.
CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhopecenter.net

Genitti's Little Theater

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

Lunch/Dinner Theater

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

Tot Storytime

TIME/DATE: 10:15 a.m. Monday; 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Wednesday; 10:15 a.m., Thursday
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 14)
DETAILS: Sessions are designed for children who are 4, 5, or in kindergarten and comfortable attending without a caregiver present.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Valerle Niemlec, Northville area cookie distribution manager for the Girl Scouts, lugs a few cartons of cookies during delivery day Monday. Area Girl Scouts will soon begin delivering more than 40,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies that arrived this week inside two tractor trailers.

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

Friends Store

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

Book Donations

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 benefiting the library. Donations are tax deductible. If you need assistance unloading books from your car, call (248) 349-3020 in advance to make arrangements.

Quilts Presentation

DATE: Monday
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 welcome.

Church Events

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Northville

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

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 locations.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.

Single Place Ministry

DATE: Thursday, ongoing
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 Road
CONTACT: Ward Presbyterian Church, (248) 374-5966

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

Prescription Drug Plans Puzzle

DATE: Thursday, March 9
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: Dorothy Mezza R.Ph., Providence Hospital, will be discussing drug plans. Participants are asked to bring a list of their medications.
CONTACT: Karen DeBenedet, Parish Nurse, (248) 349-1144, extension #18

Mind and Body Seminar

DATE: Tuesday, March 14
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Dr. Howard Schubiner, Providence Hospital, will be speaking on "Mindfulness Meditation." This program uses meditative and psychological techniques on chronic illness control.
CONTACT: Karen DeBenedet, Parish Nurse, (248) 349-1144, extension #18

Healing Service

DATE: First Monday of every month
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 Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net

Senior Events

Thursday, Feb. 23
9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Tai Chi
By appointment: Massage
By appointment: Taxes
Friday, Feb. 24
9:30 a.m.: Focus Hope/Liquid Nutrition
10 a.m.: Strength Training
11:30 a.m.: Computer II
1 p.m.: Movie: Just Like Heaven
By appointment: Massage
Monday, Feb. 27
10 a.m.: Line Dancing
10 a.m.: Oxyceise I
10:30 a.m.: Aging to Perfection
11 a.m.: Oxyceise II
noon: Blood Pressure Checks
12:30 p.m.: Euchre and Pinochle
1 p.m.: Computer I
Tuesday, Feb. 28
noon: Rummy
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Computer I
1:30 p.m.: Games
6:30 p.m.: Chicago the Musical
Trip
Wednesday, March 1
10 a.m.: Oxyceise Level I
11 a.m.: Oxyceise Level II
noon: Bridge
1 p.m.: Computer II

Board Games

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

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Move your ballot: Vote Tuesday

Whether you are for or against two school bond proposals totaling \$70.67 million, vote next Tuesday.

Regardless of your position, there is no disputing Northville Public Schools officials have spent considerable time formulating the two requests, and they stand worthy of your consideration.

More so, voters have a responsibility to make their voices heard — for or against — issues relevant to their community. Local elections give you that opportunity.

Don't like the way your elected officials are making decisions? Cast a ballot. Pleased with the direction your commu-

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nity is headed? Reaffirm that by voting.

Much hand-wringing precedes and follows elections, pundits bemoaning low voter turnout and speculating why constituents feel disaffected.

That's so much ballast.

Put down the remote control for one hour. Buy the lottery ticket on the way back from the polls.

Tuesday's election has dire consequences, pass or fail. Make sure you're part of the discussion. Stand up, and be part of the community you claim to covet.

Voting allows us to speak our minds, and get things done, maybe change things for the better. Get voting, Northville.

Proposal I: How the ballot reads

Shall Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Five Million Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,235,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of: Erecting, furnishing and equipping a new elementary school; acquiring and installing educational technology improvements; acquiring land and developing and improving a playground and the site?

How much will each bond proposal cost you? Click www.northvillerecord.com

Proposal II: How the ballot reads

Shall Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Forty-Five Million Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$45,430,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of: Remodeling, refurbishing and re-equipping school district buildings; erecting, furnishing and equipping a field house addition to the Northville High School and a new transportation facility; acquiring school buses and educational technology improvements; and developing and improving playgrounds; athletic fields and facilities and sites?

We endorse ...

Proposal I: Vote 'No'

As proposed, we cannot endorse Proposal I.

The Northville Board of Education, well-intended or not, has simply committed too many fatal flaws in the final, critical hours to warrant our approval. Endorsing Proposal I as it stands now — clumsily altered Monday night in the 11th hour — reeks of desperation and disorganization.

As Proposal I stands now, voters have no idea where the district's seventh elementary school will be built. District officials say "official ballot language" does not specify a location, and they are correct.

But then why did district officials spend so much time during the past year touting a Six Mile and Napier roads location, next to a Salem Township landfill, as the best available site?

Why wasn't the entire campaign based solely on the need for a school, rather than justifying a specific location? Why mention a location at all, if it's not part of the "official ballot language?"

That was simply poor planning. It's flawed reasoning to believe Northville voters are so thirsty for an acclaimed public school district they would approve a seventh elementary school, regardless of its location. No matter how well-

intended this board is, and we wholly believe they have their constituents' best interest at heart as they make difficult choices each day, this was a customer service train wreck.

Disturbingly, the board completely dismissed the landfill's existence as irrelevant, claiming the number of new homes surrounding it negated the dump as a potential planning concern. On paper, that seemed logical.

But in the end, that was a gross miscalculation, costing the district valuable time, energy and credibility.

Should kids and parents who desperately need a seventh elementary school by 2007 suffer because the board botched the public portion of Proposal I? No.

But will the district survive if an August, or even a November election is the next best option? Yes.

There is no disputing the need for a seventh elementary school. On whole, we trust district officials every day to make sound choices with kids, money and infrastructure. Furthermore, we understand some voters will cast ballots in self-interest, rather than political logic.

Doing what's best for your own children is smart and responsible.

But for us to endorse a \$25.24 million project without being able to answer one

fundamental question — where will it be located? — is irresponsible. Endorsing such a policy is a benchmark we will not set.

We would no sooner endorse a municipal hall, public library or community park without at least knowing the proposed location and the feasibility of that location. Doing so would be an endorsement of ineffective government and would only enable long-term taxpayer distrust.

The district now hopes a Five Mile and Ridge roads parcel is the ultimate answer. We hope so, too. But to date, no environmental testing has been made public. No feasibility study has been contracted. A fair market price has not even been established for the township-owned land.

What if any of these circumstances prevent the school from being built at this location? Is there another 20-acre parcel available in Northville? What about Eight Mile and Garfield roads, where the district currently owns 40 acres?

If none of these options prove viable, would the board ever consider moving back to Thayer Corners, simply because it's the only available site and now has an environmentally clean bill of health?

Truth is, no one knows.

And that's the problem with Proposal I, as it stands now.

City: Who's 'sharing' what?

As the shared services committee, comprised of Northville city and township representatives, considers how to fund future programming, taxpayers need to keep in mind what "shared services" are at stake: recreation, senior adult and youth assistance. Meanwhile, new youth assistance director, Sue Campbell, has been breathing new life into the typically low-profile program, encouraging healthy connections between the community's generations, a benefit for all involved.

Township: The cost of noble land deals

Although a unanimous decision was made by township trustees to give the school district land options for the seventh elementary school, some members of the board were on the fence about the decision. Residents are looking for political officials to stand up and voice their opinions, not someone who holds back and follows the crowd. Holding rank on a political board really is survival of the fittest. Northville Township residents need strong willed individuals representing their community.

Schools: Ridge Wood, promises kept

The third grade students in Sue Beth Balash's Ridge Wood Elementary School deserve several pats on their backs for sticking to a fund-raising effort beginning last year.

And in return, the Ridge Wood class learned first-hand how their generous efforts helped children in need.

Promise Village Home for Children representative Scott Danforth recently visited the class, explaining the organization and collecting a check for \$200 along with fleece hats made by the Ridge Wood students.

Promise Village is a home for abused, neglected and troubled children located on a 70-acre Davisburg ranch.

The third-grade students raised the money through a penny drive beginning in December and concluding Valentine's Day.

Proposal II: Vote 'Yes'

We believe Proposal II, a \$45.43 million Feb. 28 bond request offered by Northville Public Schools, is worthy of community support. We feel the proposal addresses fundamental district needs consistent with Northville's underlying value system. Significantly, the proposal allows the district to keep pace with rapid growth without mortgaging its future.

We urge Northville residents to vote "yes" for Proposal II.

Following is an outline of Proposal II, along with editorial thumbnails detailing our support.

Proposal II

A \$45.43 million 20-year bond proposal comprising five main projects:

1. \$17.2 million athletic field house
2. \$5.28 million for Eight Mile stadium renovations
3. \$6.2 million to construct a new transportation facility
4. \$6.9 million for Main Street building renovations
5. \$9.85 million for building repairs, technology and music program improvements

1. Athletic field house (\$17.2 million)

Though the 61,698-square-foot proposed addition to the west end of Northville High School has suffered publicly because of its "field house" moniker, anyone who has toured the high school following classes can see the need for an expanded athletic facility.

Hallways are for moving students between classes; cafeterias are best used for serving lunches and holding special events. Sadly, they now double as practice locations for several Northville athletic teams.

That's unacceptable, especially in Northville where student participation is strongly encouraged and where each year nearly 1,000 student-athletes take advantage of the available 62 team and five club sports.

High school student enrollment swelled by 532 students — to 2,087 — since the school's 2000 opening and is expected to reach 2,500 by 2010. That's a tremendous amount of human traffic. Additionally, 1,500 students each year take physical education class, pushing class sizes to 35

students or more.

True, improving physical education and athletic participation does not come without a hefty price. Certainly, many statewide athletic teams have it much worse than Northville. But using another district's limitations as the only gauge for determining true local need is specious.

District officials have correctly identified a pressing need we encourage voters to support. More importantly, they've said publicly the field house, along with accompanying renovations to existing high school facilities, will properly buffer them against continued growth. In other words, they've told us this line-item will solve their problems — today and tomorrow.

If that's the case, then we believe the project is based on values the Northville community holds in high esteem — opportunity and participation. We support this item.

2. Eight Mile Road stadium renovations (\$5.28 million)

Would having high school wood shop students construct a new ticket booth be a great opportunity and a cost-savings boon? Absolutely.

And in a perfect world, metal shop students could weld together new bleachers while home economics students sewed and mended team jerseys.

But let's be real. The Eight Mile stadium, built in 1951, is dilapidated. The playing surface is limiting and in ill-repair. The track surface is deplorable. Out-buildings are in shambles.

Making necessary repairs (the last renovation was 1989) and modernizing the facility with athletic turf (the Northville High School soccer and practice fields would also have turf installed) is a sound investment that should — and better — last at least two decades. In that case, we support this item.

3. Transportation Facility (\$6.2 million)

Why is a garage door allowed to become so tattered it one day becomes the poster child for a new transportation facility? District officials say it's because education needs always took greater priority.

The time has come to make transportation a priority. The current facility is ill-

sued for anything other than demolition. It is physically unable to house proposed infrastructure — hydraulic lifts, overhead manual cranes — and ill-suited to maintain others (computerized diagnostics systems).

Continued growth makes building a new 20,494 square foot facility necessary, along with the purchase of five new buses. But if taxpayers foot the bill, they should also expect the new facility to be kept clean and run in an orderly manner. If that's the promise, we support this item.

4. Main Street Building renovations (\$6.9 million)

Yes, it's an historical building. But is the Main Street Building a good investment for taxpayers as a continued multi-use facility which houses district administrators, the Board of Education and Early Childhood Learning classes.

We believe so.

The building's central downtown location is well-tailored for the Northville community. But its condition is abysmal. Patchwork carpeting, desks propped up on wood chunks and a failing HVAC system are the least of the problems.

The physical layout of the building makes it nearly impossible to accommodate myriad customer service requests made by a visiting public. Tearing down interior walls, carefully undergoing asbestos abatement and installing updated technology is what's needed to make the Main Street Building functional — today and tomorrow. We support this item.

5. School building repairs, technology, music program improvements (\$9.85 million)

Replacing worn infrastructure is rarely sexy; often it's embarrassingly necessary. Needs include plumbing fixtures, sidewalk, asphalt, furniture and office equipment replacement. New marker boards will be installed in some classrooms. Others will get new ceiling tile. And though Hillside Middle School's tennis court renovation and an additional basketball court seems like a bit of an add-on, economically and practically it would be more expensive to contract for those services later as standalone items. We support this item.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bond: vote 'no'

No. No. Please stop the \$70 million in bond proposals that fail to address the real problems of the Northville Public Schools. When administrative, and teacher positions, salaries, and benefits grow unchecked, routine maintenance and common sense are crowded out of the operating budget.

For example, the board wants us to spend \$6.2 million to replace the "over the hill" 40-year-old bus maintenance facility. On the tour we saw four repair bays but only two mechanics. No apprentice, no helper and no maintenance person. The driver's lounge is overfilled with cast-off furniture and takes on the look of a Salvation Army showroom. The salt from the open bin and truck has corroded everything nearby including the lounge doors. The building was flooded when leaves plugged the outside drain.

Don't get rid of the building. Get rid of the salt truck and salt bin, fix the doors, remove the junk, clean and paint the lounge and upgrade the furniture. Hire an apprentice and a maintenance person. But alas, this immediate show of concern for transportation safety needs to be funded from the operating budget.

In the beautiful, cathedral-like halls of the high school athletic wing we were told of 54 teams practicing in three shifts. The wrestlers need to drag a mat from a side hall and tables must be moved to one side of the cafeteria. So, hire an athletic aide or bus some teams to Hillside, the middle school with five gyms.

They want to build an indoor track for those students who won't walk to the bus stop. And build more bleachers so that the band students can sit in the end zone. What next? Private boxes? Will Northville bid for the Olympics after Beijing?

District residents are facing the loss of employment, health care and pension benefits at Ford, GM, Delphi, NWA and many smaller companies. Interest rates are up, luxury home sales are down and "For Sale" signs are all over town.

However, the board sees overwhelming near-term growth and proposes the construction of a \$25 million elementary school out by the dump. Northville taxpayers already own about 40 classrooms that are given over to special education programs for all of Western Wayne County. The NPS preschool program occupies ten more classrooms.

Even those Ridgewood kindergartners displaced by preschoolers can see that these bond proposals are a definite "no, no."

Don McCulloch
Northville

No dump, please

How about a few ideas for our supervisor and school board, including Mr. Rezmierski?

Why not have all our leaders who are pushing for a school by the dump move close to the dump to evaluate their position, say for a year or so?

Does the never-ending wish list of our school leaders ever stop, or even slow down? Example: artificial turf, a separate building besides the gym for athletic use, and who knows what else? These people are in La-La Land and do not have a clue of what's going on.

Mr. Abbo (Northville Township Supervisor) talks in his Northville Record column like money is no object. He probably doesn't even know where the dump is located.

How about if the existing board members and all who support a school by the dump, including the firms who say it is ok and safe to build by the dump, be willing to pick up the tab for all the lawsuits and legal costs which will surely be coming if the school by the dump is built? Voters, do not ok this plan and saddle ourselves with a white elephant.

Summing it up, building a school next to a dump stinks. Signed a 30 year resident and supporter of Northville Schools.

Fred Swider
Northville

Against dump

I strongly urge every taxpayer to drive over to the corner of Napier and Six Mile roads. You cannot miss the solid waste landfill at the southwest corner of this intersection. Make sure you take note of the composting area on the northwest corner. Keep in mind that composting is by nature is foul-smelling process. Watch out for the garbage haulers that pass through this intersection approximately every minute. Finally, look over at the northeast corner of Napier and Six Mile roads, behind the cemetery. Now, ask yourself ... would you build a multi-million

dollar home at this site? Would you eat at a fine dining establishment at this site? Would you put your kids in a childcare center at this site? Would you personally invest a significant portion of your savings in this site? Would you put 500 elementary school students at this site? I don't care what the Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments say. This is not an appropriate spot for a school.

This is not an attack on Onyx. I understand that Onyx has been a great "neighbor" to the community, and I've been told they have a great "track record." I believe that, and I'm glad. But let's be realistic ... it's a business. Businesses are bought and sold and management changes over. I'm not placing the welfare of my children on that argument.

This is not criticism of those who live in communities along Six Mile Road, west of Ridge Road. Those communities all sit a greater distance from the landfill property and are not directly across from the entrances of the landfill or the composting area.

I am a resident of Northville Township and the parent of children who will be in the elementary school system for the next seven years. I would support the building of a seventh elementary school in a more appropriate location. I support putting money into the local school system because it strengthens our children's educational experience and maintains a strong school system that directly impacts property values and community appeal. This bond proposal does neither of these two things. The Board of Education has not listened to our pleas. Therefore, I sadly must vote "no" on Proposal 1.

Dawna Koppin
Northville Township

Column misguided

Mr. Abbo's justification for the Northville school bond millage included a reference to a Feb. 1, 2006 Wall Street Journal article about Denso Corp. selecting Osceola, AR for their new plant.

Looking more closely at the article, it is clear that Denso chose Osceola because of its low wages and "the relatively weak hold of unions in the South." In addition, Osceola and the state of Arkansas gave Denso property to build on, as well as big discounts on utility rates and promises to improve roads and other infrastructure. Denso chose Osceola in spite of the shortage of workers in robotics, advanced welding and computer-controlled machining. Michigan has an abundance of such workers but cannot attract manufacturing companies because we do not have the aforementioned advantages of the southern states and foreign countries.

Toyota is only considering areas around Kalamazoo and Battle Creek for a new plant because southwestern Michigan is deemed more or less free of the influence of the United Auto Workers union.

The Northville school bond millage will do nothing to encourage the likes of Denso to build new plants here. Osceola's solution was to open a charter school, not to invest in the public schools. This eliminates the need for a new bond millage and the competition will encourage the public school system to be more cost effective with the tax money they receive. Northville Schools are already among the best in the country, producing some of the highest quality students. The reason for the bond millage is the high growth rate in Northville Township. The growth is in the form of new construction, which is mostly high value property and is taxed at the current rate.

If the additional taxes will not support adequate educational facilities, then stop the growth, or run the school district like a business to make better use of funds available.

Brian Thorpe
Northville

Enough is enough

Here we go again. Since the opening of our new Northville High School, at last count, we have had four school millage increase elections, two of them coming up on Feb. 28. And, if my memory is off here, it may have been more. And, guess what? We voted them all in. What does that say about our school board and local officials? Not much about their ability and knowledge of projecting future needs of our community's schools. Give them the money and they will surely spend it, probably irresponsibly, as well. Now they want us to vote in a very significant millage increase that will certainly translate into even higher than our already-too-high property taxes. They want to build more schools for our growing population. But, we all know that

growth is now slowing dramatically and is likely to continue to do so, based on the economic realities of today and as projected in the future. We'd likely be building schools at our township's far western reaches only to close others in the eastern portions of the township in a couple years as the school-age population shifts.

Our nearby neighbor, Livonia, is closing as many as eight schools within short and easy distance from us. Other school districts are leasing some of them to save costs and avoid building new schools only to close others in the near-term. We have school buses which we must purchase, maintain, store, pay insurance on, pay drivers, and fuel that are more often than not only 10-20 percent full. We would be far better served to more fully utilize our buses and lease one, two or three of the nearby Livonia schools to satisfy our district's needs and save the tremendous costs of upgrading, building additions and constructing all new schools. Yes, this time I believe "enough is enough" and we should resoundingly reject these two new school millage ballot proposals and demand that our elected officials become more creative and responsible in the administration of our schools and spending of our tax monies.

Greg Arceri
Northville

Bond: vote 'yes'

Over the past few months, I discussed the bond proposals being decided next Tuesday with many voters in the Northville School District. I am impressed by the raw emotion of those who are voting negatively on the school bond issues. I worry that this emotion is misguided toward a school administration that is not deserving of, nor responsible for, the justified frustration that many of us feel toward a weak economy and the mismanaged obligations of government and corporate leaders.

Our school district continues to grow by leaps and bounds despite the struggling Michigan economy. The excellent reputation of Northville schools has been a critical component of the increase in property values that this community has enjoyed unabated for the last 15 years. By supporting these bond issues, we protect these property values and our personal financial security.

Please ask yourself what you will have Wednesday morning after the election if we express our frustrations about a struggling economy toward a school board that we have elected to manage our best interests. If we fail to pass these bond issues:

- All of our property values will be less as those who consider moving to Northville wonder whether the community is willing to support the burgeoning population.

- We will still have insufficient elementary school space, and you will still not want your child to be the one who is bussed to Livonia to take advantage of vacant space there.

- Those authorities responsible for approving construction will still be indicating that it is perfectly acceptable to build upon the property adjacent to the landfill.

- The school will not suddenly own expensive green field property elsewhere in the school district on which it can build.

- There will still be inadequate bus, stadium, administrative and athletic facilities.

- The school board will be getting started on doing once again what we have elected them to do — to represent and manage our best interests, by yet again asking for the items currently requested in the bond issues before us.

Your frustration and anger is misdirected if it is aimed at a school board that has for two decades proven to be among the most fiscally responsible in the state. This administration has consistently returned mills to taxpayers. A new stadium was not built with the new high school, as it was deemed more prudent to maintain the old one. Administrative offices and bus facility improvements were deferred so that limited funds could be spent on needed elementary schools. Not since the 1970s has a new school been requested until the homes for the children who would attend those schools were already under construction. These bond issues are about building for right now for students who are already here and learning in temporary facilities and in educational environments that are deteriorating or below the standards set by virtually every neighboring school district.

If we fail to pass these bond issues next week, critical time will have been wasted and a negative message will have been sent to prospective future Northville residents who are likely to conclude

that Northville real estate is, quite simply, overvalued. I implore Northville voters to vote yes on these bond issues, and I believe that you will see your investment in Northville continue to grow. Has it not done so for the past two decades?

Allan Coltrane
Northville

Bond support

The perception of the field house as a grand football facility to be enjoyed by a few is completely inaccurate. It is, essentially, a gym addition to accommodate huge student population growth, and will complement the high school academic addition built in 2003.

People wonder about the need for the artificial turf at the stadium. My kids don't play football, but I support this upgrade for the fact that converting the field to artificial turf will save the district more than \$30,000 per year in maintenance costs and allow for a three-fold increase in field usage for gym classes, practices and games for soccer, lacrosse, football, band and other activities. Northville is the only WLA high school that hasn't yet upgraded to synthetic turf.

The 41-year old bus transportation facility is dilapidated and inadequate for current and future needs. Since 1995, the number of buses has more than doubled from 20 to 49. 4,400 students are eligible to ride buses — a number that will continue to grow.

It is imperative that a seventh elementary school is built. The district is exercising due diligence to ensure that the best and most appropriate site is chosen, whether it is the Six Mile and Napier roads site, or somewhere else. If this proposal fails, we can expect awkward redistricting, increased class sizes, and the use of more portables.

The district's fiscal responsibility and increasing housing values have allowed the debt millage to actually be lowered in the past eight years by 1.05 mills. This means that taxpayers whose homes have a market value of \$400,000 have saved \$210 annually on their property taxes. What's more, the millage rate will continue to decline as the debt is shared among a growing population. This same \$400,000 house will have an increase of only \$180 annually if both bond proposals pass.

Anyone who has bought or sold a home in Northville knows that one of the biggest selling points has always been our excellent school system. Even those residents who don't have students in the schools should support these proposals — every Northville citizen benefits from good schools that drive housing values higher. Keep our system strong; keep home values high, support the bond and vote "yes" on Feb. 28th.

Leslie Moran
Northville

Bond: vote 'yes'

The significant amount of debate related to the school bond proposals demonstrates the high value the Northville community places on our schools and children. Our family chose to live in Northville for this reason, and this value is why residents of the Northville school district realize the benefits of our community. Our growing community has placed an extreme burden on our school infrastructure which needs to be addressed now to maintain the excellence upon which our schools have been built. Our need for an additional elementary school is evident with recent redistricting efforts to manage the current K-5 student population. With many new homes under construction in the southwest part of our district, this overcrowding of our schools has not relented and requires our community to respond with an appropriate solution.

Recent letters and articles also question the "need" for upgrades to our physical education space, athletic fields, transportation and technical capabilities. While difficult to comprehend with our newer high school, there is an obvious lack of adequate space for physical education/athletic competition for the existing student population which will only become more unmanageable as the number of students grows every year. The high school was given the correctly prioritized academic addition a few years after opening due to our expanding population. However, as this space has filled, it is also required that we support our students with a physical education facility and technical/music upgrades which develop their full potential. Associated with our growth is the need to provide ongoing upgrades to existing buildings and programs (technology, music and transportation). We as a community should

invest our resources in our schools while understanding the benefits to us all.

Educational excellence is about developing all aspects of our children and requires our support to provide the resources necessary for our children, schools and community to deliver on our reputation. We encourage everyone to research the current need for these proposals on the Northville Public Schools Web site (www.northville.k12.mi.us) and support our schools next Tuesday.

Brian and Becky Pennington
Northville Township

Bond: vote 'no'

Community trust and support are required for quality education, and education is the shared responsibility of school personnel, students, parents and the community; so quoted from the Northville Public School District Website.

How can a community of taxpayers stand with this administration and school board when it has demonstrated such a reckless attitude regarding children's safety? Build a school across from a landfill that has been tested "to the nth degree." Will it be for the next 20 years and beyond? Can the administration quote or display any national study or report that supports their safety stance? Is there any study that guarantees this land across from a landfill will never pose any serious health issue?

The answer is simply, no.

Studies and research on this very issue have been done for over 30 years. Contrary evidence abounds. This issue should have never come before the taxpayer, by the school board. If they were doing their job correctly, it should have sent up red flags all over regarding safety. The school board's responsibility is to be the checks and balance for the taxpayer.

More importantly, this community must ask itself can we trust an administration and board that fails to be fiscally responsible. Renovating Cooke at \$3.5 million v. a landfill school for \$25 million, in these economic times should be an easy decision. Dr. Rezmierski has stated that operational expenses are increasing each year and state funding has decreased. Why would you build an extravagant field house, extremely large bus garage and a "Taj Mahal" elementary school? Fiscal responsibility would dictate that an increase in facilities and size costs more.

The proposed elementary school is anticipating enrollment of over 200 more students in homes that have not yet been purchased. Is building wise? We have many taxpayers who are taking serious salary cuts. Every taxpayer is feeling the effect of the economy and energy crisis. However, this administration has a lofty attitude of spending. They continue to receive large salary increases while the taxpayer is adjusting to less. None of the proposals on these bonds will directly affect the education of our children. Every university recalculates a student's GPA for admission and not one every uses Physical Education in the equation. So why should we indulge in such a preposterous financial endeavor with a field house that will not benefit one NPS graduate in their secondary education?

If funding is for the children, then the basics of education should be the taxpayers focus. The administration and school board have demonstrated a haughty attitude toward education by focusing on frivolous spending and a disregard for safety. Neither one of these bonds is equitable for our community's future. I say "no" is the only way to go. I also believe a change in the school board is necessary to keep our schools fiscally responsible in the future.

Carol Grimmer
Northville

Bond: no thanks

I read with fascination last week's article on the proposed field house. The athletic director is quoted as saying that the "need" for this facility is (as the article states) "less about keeping up with the Joneses." With a proposed total bond amount of \$70.7 million dollars, not to mention the \$140.7 million this community has approved over the past very few years, I would have to agree: we are not trying to keep up with the Joneses. We are trying to be the Joneses. Count me out.

Dr. Richard Ambrose
Northville Township

Still 'no'

I was really surprised when I happened to read in the online Northville Record over the weekend that NPS is now offering other

"options" to the proposed Six Mile and Napier roads school site, an obvious concerted effort to stem the bond proposal opposition.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees voted last Thursday evening to make (at least) two additional parcels available to the schools:

- the more northern portion of the aforementioned Six and Napier roads site;
- and another site at Five Mile and Ridge roads

NPS has not taken the original Six Mile and Napier roads site off the table. However, they have merely added these other sites to the fray. Whether or not these sites deserve consideration is moot at this point. It is way too late in the game to start playing "Musical Property." Township taxpayers should also evaluate the fact that part of the property being offered to NPS is park land purchased with a dedicated township millage.

But what if you decide to vote "yes" on bond Proposal 1 anyway? Can you be sure that this move on the Board of Education's part is sincere? No. Can you be sure that this school won't get built across from the landfill, exactly where they have proposed it to be all along? No. Can you be sure that the amount of money that you are approving will be the correct amount, since the bond price was predicated on the first Six Mile and Napier roads parcel? No.

Can you be sure that throwing these alternate locations into the mix will confuse everyone? Yes.

Would you contract to build a multi-million dollar home without knowing the location? We, the taxpayers, deserve a clear and concise ballot, with all the information carved in stone. Vote "no" until we get one.

Regarding bond Proposal II, I only have one question: multi-lane elevated tracks, weight rooms, cardiovascular rooms, spinning classes, aerobics rooms — where's the juice bar? Vote "no" again.

Kathryn Peltier
Northville Township

Proposal 1: 'no'

It is up to the individual communities to make the decisions as to where a new school should be located.

We, the taxpayers, the residents, the mothers, the fathers, the grandparents are the community that needs to decide whether it is right for Northville to locate a school across from the Onyx Hill Landfill and compost yard.

We need to make that decision on Feb. 28 when we vote "no" for Proposal 1. The decision is not whether Northville needs a new school, or the decision is not whether Northville schools are overcrowded. We agree on that.

We, the community, the investors in our children's education have to decide if not knowing all the answers to the bond proposal is the right decision. I say "no." The Board of Education is not giving us enough specifics or answers to our questions in order to make an educated and informed decision on how to spend \$25 million.

Beside the obvious scary potential for health issues and beside the uncertainty the Board of Education has injected into this election, there are several basic questions left to be answered.

1. Who will pay for the paving Six Mile Road? When will this be paved?

2. Will Six Mile Road be able to accommodate the large increase in bus and car traffic at key times? If needed, who will pay for a light at Six Mile and Ridge roads?

3. Is it fiscally responsible for us to pay \$25 million for a school in this economy when there are so many other options available to us?

4. Will parents be forced to send their children to a school they don't believe safe? Will "school of choice" be a secure option?

5. If the site is deemed safe now, what guarantee do we have in five, 10, 15 years after of those years of continuous dumping, that it is still safe?

6. Beside the health issue associated with a leaking landfill what about the health issues associated with seagulls, mice, rodents and other critters attracted to a landfill?

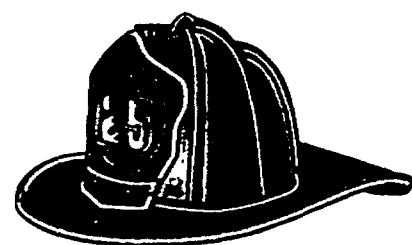
We buy our families bottled water. We buy chicken, milk and beef without antibiotics and hormones because we want the best for them. On Feb. 28 when we, the community, enter the polls we have to ask ourselves: What is best for them?

I vote "no" for Proposal 1.

Laurie Williams
Northville

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night to remember.

Our members are thankful for the generous contributions and continued support of the over 300 people who attended this years dance. Without you none of this would have been possible. We hope to see all of you again February 10, 2007 for the 5th annual "Red Hot Romantic Evening"

Sincerely,
Brian Siriani President
Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters
IAFF Local 3961

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONT'D)

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Bond: vote 'no'

A "no" vote on the upcoming school bond issues is not a vote against the kids or a vote against quality schools nor will your property values drop. A "no" vote simply says that the taxpayers feel that what is being requested is excessive and NPS should revise their request to ones that provide what is needed at a reasonable price.

For example, many people have suggested that Cooke School be used as an additional elementary school and that

Wayne County Special Education be relocated to Livonia, which has unused school facilities and would be more centrally located. The answer from NPS is Cooke would need renovation and children would be bussed too far. Would renovation not be significantly less expensive than asking taxpayers to purchase land (for the second time) and build a brand new school across from a landfill? As for bussing, the distance from Six Mile and Napier roads to Eight Mile and Taft roads is five miles. Apparently, there is no concern about bussing special education children from as far as Wayne and Garden City.

A good case is made for a new bus garage however given the size (a bit less than 21,000 square feet) the price tag of \$6.2 million is way too much. A building of this type should cost roughly \$120 per foot, plus an additional \$1 million for demolition of the existing structure and adding lifts and a wash bay. Do the math. Less than \$3 million is needed. Similarly, the 62,000-square-foot addition to the high school for a field house should run \$200 per square foot, or roughly \$12.5 million, not \$17.2 million as asked for.

Bottom line, if you need a new car it doesn't have to be a Cadillac. The quality of our schools is as a result of excellent

Thank you, Northville firefighters

The Northville Township Firefighters Local 3961 "Red Hot Romantic Evening" dinner dance to benefit MDA was a big success for the fourth straight year because of the efforts of many who worked on the event and the generosity of all those who donated to the cause.

I would especially like to thank firefighter Steve Leach for all his hard work year after year. Steve is the one responsible for giving recognition to everyone else during the event and in so doing does not get

mentioned for all he puts into this special evening. Additionally, firefighter Dan Dipple has worked closely with MDA to make this yearly event a success.

Once again, thank you everyone who had a part in this event for helping to make this event so successful for MDA. Keep up the good work! Over and Out.

Mary Fisher-Lane
Northville Township

teachers, good students and caring parents. Palatial facilities do not make for a better education. The schools need to understand

that the proposed bond requests need to be paired down to provide what is truly needed at a reasonable cost. A "no" vote

will hopefully get this point across.

Cynthia Bullington
Northville

Lent less the meat can be tasty religious sacrifice

By Drew Sterwald
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

For many Christians, Lent is a symbolic season of sacrificing, atoning for sins and repenting before the renewal of Easter.

For devout cooks, it represents another challenge: There are seven traditionally meat-free Fridays in the 40-day period of reflection and fasting that begins Ash Wednesday, March 1.

You want penance? How about seven Friday nights of tuna casserole? It doesn't have to be that way.

Today's cooks have greater access to a variety of seafood and fresh produce that makes vegetable-based meals more palatable. Even Atkins dieters have enough options to retreat from meat on Fridays. (There's no special exemption for cosmetic weight loss, the Diocese of Venice said.)

So who needs macaroni and cheese? Grilled-cheese sandwiches and canned tomato soup? Peanut butter and jelly?

And that's exactly what Lent is all about, according to the Rev. David Arle, pastor at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Community in east Fort Myers, Fla. The practice of fasting and eating fish echoes biblical stories of Jesus and the fishermen who became his disciples. But the season is more about what's in the heart than what's in the stomach. After all, chowing down on a crunchy grouper sandwich or succulent Florida lobster instead of a juicy ribeye might not be much of a sacrifice.

"The bottom line is, stop and think about what's going on in your spiritual life," Arle said. "Are you prepared for celebrating the Resurrection?"

Parishioners who forget their Friday abstinence should just pick another day to skip meat, he suggests.

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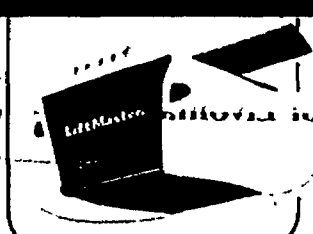
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McNamara: a kingmaker we'll miss

I wasn't surprised at the news that Ed McNamara had died. After all, he was 79 years old, had undergone a quadruple bypass and suffered from lymphoma. But I felt a real sense of hurt, because Mac was one of the giants of Michigan politics and somebody I've known for more than 40 years.

Ed McNamara was already on the Livonia city council when I started my newspaper career back in 1965. I wrote the editorial in the Livonia Observer in 1970 that endorsed him in his upset victory against incumbent Livonia Mayor Harvey Moelke. Mac once said, "There's no greater honor than to be mayor of your home town."

He was right, and during his 16 years as mayor, he took Livonia from a struggling suburb whose most notable feature was a race track to one of the most thriving cities in Michigan.

When he won the race for Wayne County executive in 1986, I couldn't have been more pleased. Most people don't remember — or don't want to remember — what Wayne County was like back in the 1980s. Broke. Disorganized. Badly managed. Largely corrupt. An embarrassment to the entire state.

McNamara put Michigan's biggest county back on track. He fixed the budget mess, balancing the books for 13 straight years. He led the effort to save the Rouge River, once indistinguishable from a sewer, and he drove the negotiations that led to the building of Comerica Park and Ford Field in downtown Detroit.

And he was the prime mover in building the gleaming new McNamara terminal that has made Detroit Metropolitan Airport one of the very best in the country.

Great achievements, all. But as I reflect on Mac's career, I'm drawn to less obvious parts of his legacy that are, in fact, more important.

First, people. Possibly because they tend to think

mostly about themselves, most political powers never develop a farm team. Ed McNamara recognized and promoted a group of able men and women who will serve Michigan for many years to come.

He launched the careers of Jennifer Granholm, once Wayne County Corporation Counsel, then Michigan Attorney General and now Governor; Mike Duggan, former Wayne County prosecutor and now CEO of Detroit Medical Center; Saul Green, former U. S. Attorney, and

Hendrix, the former deputy mayor for Dennis Archer who was defeated last November by another McNamara protégé — Kwame Kilpatrick.

Some might call McNamara a kingmaker. I prefer to think of him as a very rare politician who recognized that one of the primary obligations of a good political boss is to find, recruit, motivate and protect a cadre of able people who can continue his work.

McNamara had a good eye for talent, and what was most unusual for a traditional and proudly Irish politician

of his generation, his team was diverse: men and women, white and black, urban and suburban. His style was down to earth and unassuming. He was never one to read, let alone believe, in his own press releases.

His first question was always, "How do we get this done?" and he then went after his goals with energy and creativity and passion. He had a quick temper, and his quarrels — repeatedly and memorably with the UAW and Detroit Mayor Coleman Young — were legendary.

In that context, I've always felt the Detroit newspapers were unfair to McNamara, constantly criticizing him for money-raising improprieties that eventually led to trouble with the law. He was never shy about raising

money, in large part because he recognized the only way you got things done in rough-and-tumble Wayne County politics was to have a stash bigger than anybody else's.

I remember calling him at home at 3 p.m. one summer afternoon in 1970 from Grand Rapids, where gubernatorial candidate Sander Levin was trying to decide who to pick as his running mate.

"If you want to be the nominee for Lieutenant Governor, you'd better get up here as quickly as you can," I told him.

"Don't know if I want to do that. I want to talk to Lucille (his wife). I'll call you back."

Within 10 minutes he called back and was in Grand Rapids in two hours. John O'Meara, now a federal judge, and I spent two hours

grilling him in a stuffy room in the old Pantlind Hotel. He passed — and brought his own Irish wit to a narrowly losing campaign.

Along with Gov. John Engler, Ed McNamara was Michigan's most capable and powerful politician in recent memory. He created a machine, but the machine got done what needed to be done. He was a kingmaker, but his people have turned out to be able and far-seeing. He was personally down-to-earth, but his vision was far-reaching.

I'm sorry he's gone. We sure need people like him today.

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



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Ongoing Card Games

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

Pinochle (double deck)

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

Pinochle (single deck)

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

Euchre

TIME/DAY: 12:30 p.m., Monday
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

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 and Thursday, Beginning Computers I; 1-3 p.m., Wednesday and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Friday, Intermediate Computers II
LOCATION: Library, 212 W. Cady St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Thursday, Feb. 23: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:45 p.m.; Cub Scout Meeting, 6:45 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 24: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.; Boy Scout Eagle Court, 12:30 p.m.; Venture Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 27: Heirloom Rug Hookers, 10 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 4:15 p.m.; Lions Club, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 4 p.m.; Northville Democratic Club, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1: Mill Race Basket Guild, 9 a.m.

Thursday, March 2: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

*Grounds closed to public

Looking for You

Friends of the Rouge

DETAILS: Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for

the 9th Annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad 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. Pre-registration 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 northville-camera@sbcglobal.net, Ken Naigus at kdn@comcast.net or Northville Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

Arts Commission

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

Beautification Commission

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B

Housing Commission

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

Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: Youth Assistance office, 775 N. Center St.
CONTACT: (248) 344-1618

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Parks and Recreation

Daddy-Daughter Princess Ball

DATE: Saturday
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 visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org

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) 449-9947 or e-mail jbarberio@ci.northville.mi.us

Bunny Hop

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

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 visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Spring Basketball Leagues

DETAILS: Register runs through March 17 or leagues are full. Boys grades eighth-ninth and 10th-12th are eligible to play. Games will start April 1. Coaches are needed.
CONTACT: Dave DeMatteis, (248) 349-0203, extension #1405

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 routines, stretching, jumps and cheers. The fee is \$6 per person

per day.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Open Basketball

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

Teen Basketball

DATE: Every Thursday
TIME: 3-5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: The fee is \$2 per person.

Open Badminton

DATE: Every Tuesday and Friday
TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road
DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$7 per night.

Table Tennis

TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m., Monday and noon-4 p.m., Saturday
LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road
DETAILS: Eight tables are available. All skill levels welcome. The cost is \$4 per day.

Regional

Art Exhibition

DATE: Through March 17
LOCATION: Ambient Gallery, 17728 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe
DETAILS: "Detroit Sky" is a solo exhibit of Northville artist, Darcel Deneau. The gala event will be held 5-8 p.m. Saturday.
CONTACT: For more information, call (313) 882-8888 or visit www.ambientgallery.com

Salem Area Historical Society

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Fox Hills Club House, 8678 N. Territorial Road,

Plymouth

DETAILS: Tickets are \$25 per person and include dinner and a live auction. All proceeds will be used to help the historical society restore Washtenaw's oldest barn, located at North Territorial and Curtis roads. Reservations required.

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

Women's History Month Talk

DATE: Wednesday, March 1
TIME: 11 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia
DETAILS: Suzanne Mallare Acton, artistic and musical director for Rackham Symphony Choir, will be speaking on "Voices of Light: Looking at History through a Modern Multi-Media Lens."
CONTACT: (734) 462-4417

Children's Clothing/Equipment Sale

DATE: Saturday, March 25
TIME: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: William Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
DETAILS: Tri-County Mothers of Multiples will be selling kids' clothing, equipment, toys and maternity clothing. There will also be a bake sale.

"Grace & Glorie" Play

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 24-25; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26
LOCATION: The Village Theater, Cherry Hill Road, Canton
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 performances.
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

Angela Hospice Groups

DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, heartstrings: parents who have lost a child, and a grief support quilters group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers.

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia
CONTACT: Joan Lee, (734) 953-6012

Master Gardener Association


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

Parks Pass

DETAILS: Metroparks and Oakland County Parks are now offering a dual park pass. The annual cost is \$43 and 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 Lyon
DETAILS: Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families.
CONTACT: Jackie, (248) 437-5496.



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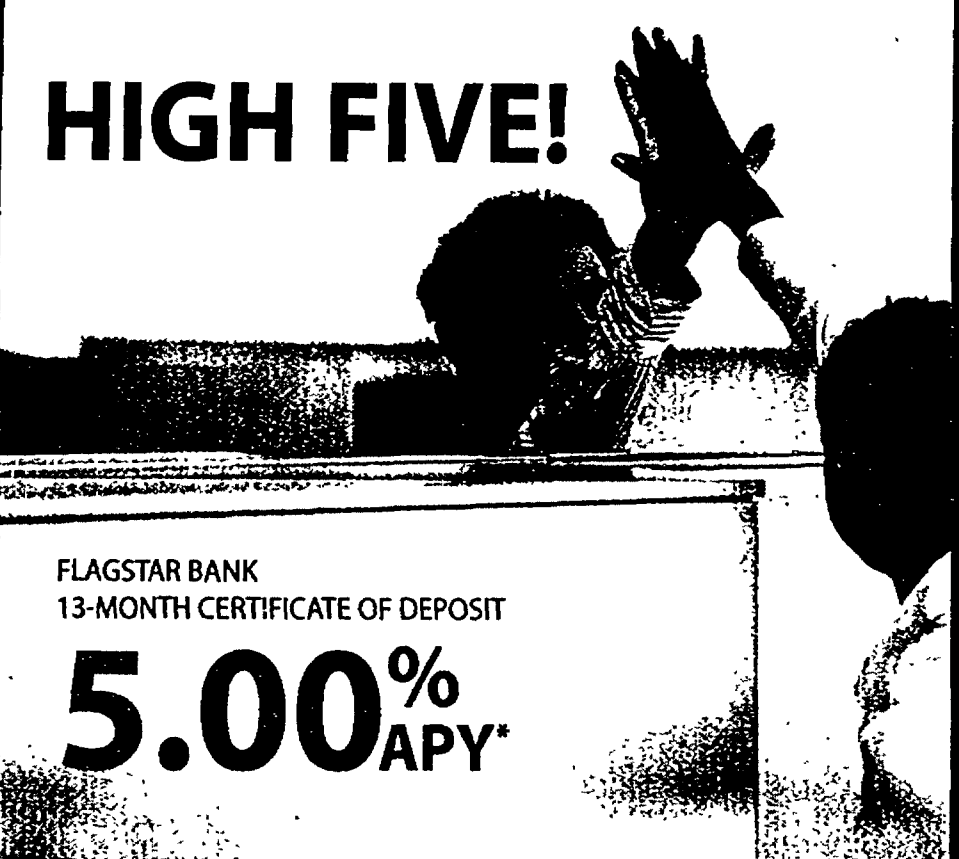
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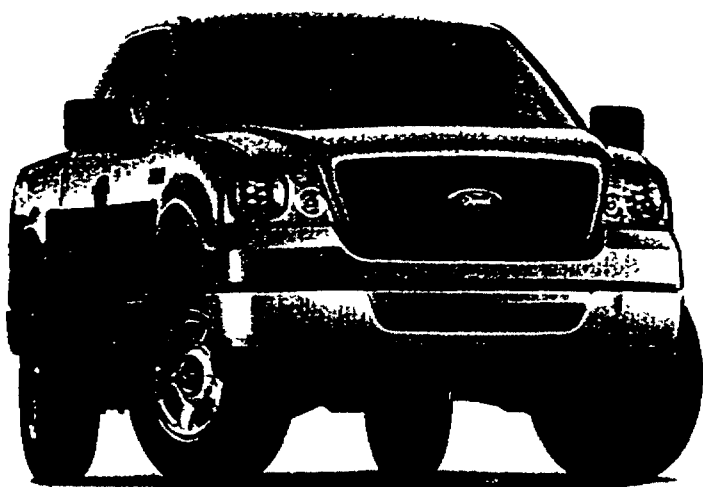
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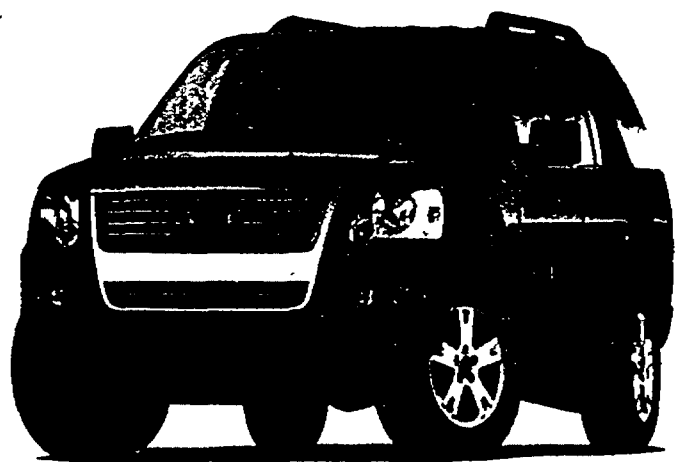


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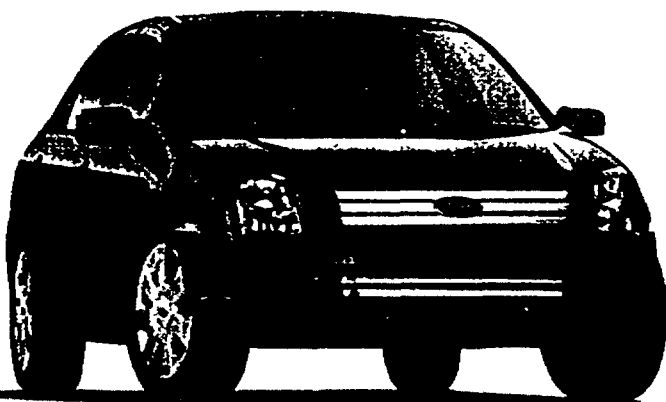


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Undefeated!

The Northville Mustangs basketball team is still undefeated heading into their conference tournament next week. The squad added win 17 last Friday when they topped the Plymouth Wildcats.

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All-around impressive

Wild 'Stangs gymnast Jacqueline Gazette will be looked to as the team's all-around leader in the coming weeks, which includes the conference and regional meets.

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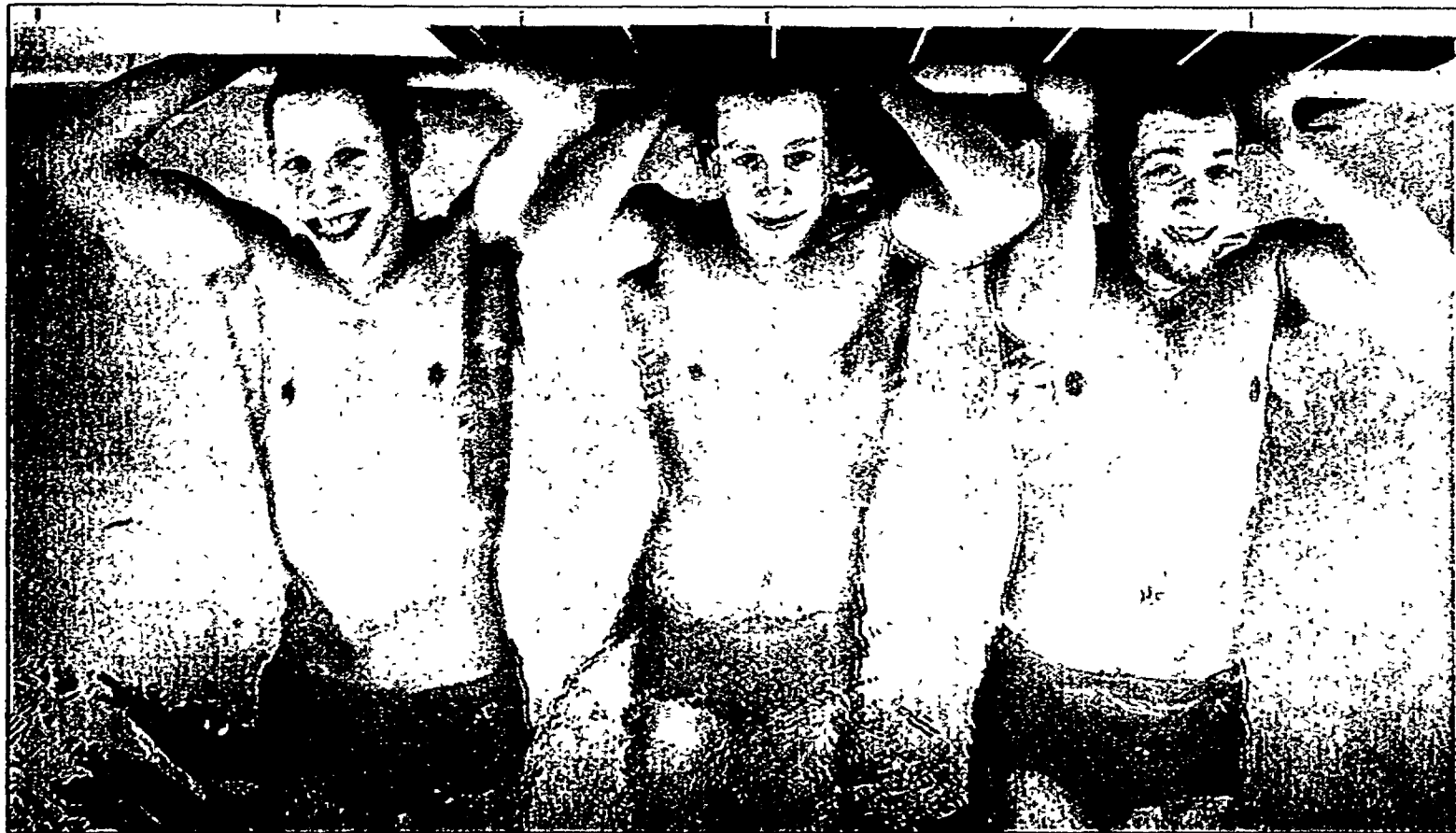


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Mustang swim captains (from left) Brad Farris, Weston Laabs and Mark Stuber. Northville hopes to follow their captains to another WLAA championship this weekend.

On your mark... Tankers ready to defend WLAA title

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville senior Mark Stuber is ready to dive right in.

The swimming and diving captain has high hopes for this weekend's Western Lakes Activities Association championship meet. A shaved head and a determined focus are what he'll combine with swimming talent in hopes of earning a berth to the state finals.

But, first, he wants his team to defend their WLAA crown this weekend.

"The conference comes first," Stuber said. "Making it to the state meet would be nice, but this isn't about individual accomplishments. We have to win the championship as a team and that's what I want us to do."

The members of the Northville Mustangs swim team are well aware it's not an easy task set before them.

To win a conference championship means having to beat Livonia Stevenson, again. They earned a dual meet victory over their conference rivals, but beating them a second time isn't going to be easy.

"Stevenson has really shown some improvements in the past few meets," Stuber said. "That might take a few points away from us, but I think we have depth on our team and that's something Stevenson may lack. That's going to work in our favor."

The meet is expected to be one of the closest the Mustangs have competed in. Last year, they edged Stevenson by about 25 points.

"I really do think it's going to be that close again," coach Rich Bennetts said. "When there are 600 points scored to win the meet, 25 really isn't that much. I don't see any reason why it's going to be any different this year."

Depending on depth

The Mustangs expect their numbers to be fairly even with Stevenson's when it comes to top swimmers, but it's the depth that Stuber and Bennetts believe their team has the edge.

Northville's "second tier" swimmers have continued to improve throughout the season. Now, a championship could rest on their shoulders.

"It's really going to mostly be in the hands of our middle-class guys," Stuber said. "It's their time to step up and get those places."

Northville's goal to defend their title will come down to their ability to hold off the Spartans. Bennetts said



Mustang swimmer Mark Stuber said making the state finals cut would be nice, but defending the conference crown would be even better.

that doesn't mean his team has to win every event. Instead, they just have to win the ones they're best at.

"We just want to be tied after the breaststroke," Bennetts said. "If we are, then I like our chances. That means it will come down to the last relay (400 freestyle relay) and that's good news for us."

Though a title is on the line, Bennetts said it's a great way to end the season. Both Northville and Stevenson are ranked in the top five in the state and both have high hopes come state finals time.

But that is two weeks away and the team is focusing on this weekend's conference meet first.

"We can't think about state finals right now," said Stuber, who is just a few split seconds away from earning a finals berth himself. "This is about our

team and winning our conference again. That's what we have to think about right now and that's what we have to do."

As a coach, Bennetts said the one thing he knows he doesn't have to worry about is the state of preparedness his team will head into the WLAA title meet in.

They want another crown.

"Stevenson has a great coach and they're going to be ready to go," Bennetts said. "I know our guys are ready, too. This is what they've been waiting for all season. They're itching for the opportunity to defend this championship."

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Rich Bennetts
Northville Swimming and Diving Coach

The end of an era?

■ MHSAA ruling could disband Wild 'Stangs gymnastics

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

A decision meant to level the playing field could end up leveling an entire program.

The combined Northville- Novi gymnastics team, called the Wild 'Stangs, are just one of many programs across the state facing separation following a ruling by the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Executive Committee and Representative Council.

"The MHSAA has plans to dissolve co-op teams from schools that have a combined enrollment of more than 3,500 students," Novi athletic director Curt Ellis said. "We are in the process of appealing to be exempt from that. There's a whole series of questions. It's a pretty thorough request process."

The two high schools are currently scouring their records to answer questions, including the participation numbers during the last five years, the team's win-loss records and the availability of facilities, equipment and coaches.

If the Wild 'Stangs aren't granted exemption, it may be the end of the gymnastics program for both schools.

"If our appeal fails, we'll have to separate," Northville athletics director Bryan Masi said. "Here in Northville we will have to evaluate if we have enough girls to field a team. If so, we'll continue on our own."

"We're doing all we can to continue our co-op."

Northville and Novi feature seven gymnasts apiece, but only three from each school return following this year's graduation.

Separation of the team likely means neither school will have enough gymnasts for their own teams. So if they are no longer allowed to compete together, it could mean the end of the program.

"I'd really be sad to see it end," said Jacqueline Gazette, a junior gymnast. "I don't know what else I'd do. I've always only been in gymnastics."

Not just gymnastics

The decision will affect more than gymnastics. Combined hockey teams will most likely be disbanded as well. The only sports that won't be affected are girls and boys lacrosse, which will have three-year exemptions.

"My concern is the impetus of this entire thing is more about hockey co-ops than sports like gymnastics," Ellis said. "But if they make a blanket decision, then I believe there is a real risk (gymnastics will end at Novi)."

There are currently 61 gymnastics team in Michigan with 21 being co-op programs.

Teams must appeal to the MHSAA by March 15 to be considered for exemption. Decisions will be made from late March through May.

Exemptions will only be granted, with rare exception, for districts with extraordinary facility, financial or participation difficulties.

Ellis said he believes the Northville- Novi team falls into those categories.

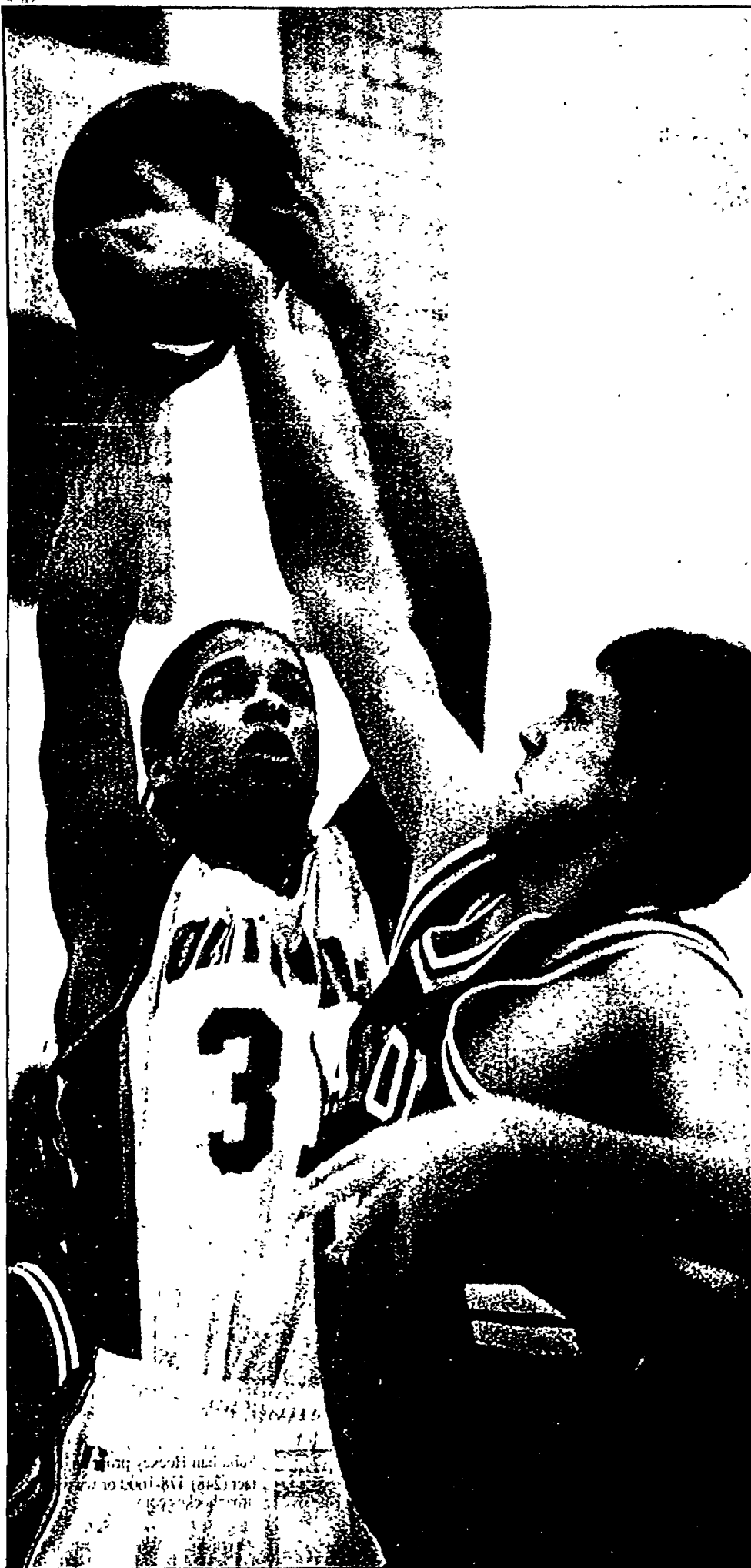
If the team isn't given an exemption, Ellis said he'll be sad to see the program come to an end.

"I would hate to see such an opportunity disappear for the kids who are coming in now," Ellis said. "At the end of the day, it would be a real shame."

The MHSAA's ruling was made to end co-op "super teams" that draw the best players from several schools to help maintain winning traditions.

The Wild 'Stangs have one state championship in the combined team's history. The current top-ranked team in the state, Tri-Farmington, draws from Farmington, North Farmington and Farmington Hills Harrison and is a two-time defending state champion.

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With a defender in his face, Mustang guard Alvin Storrs leaps up to take a jump shot.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

UNSTOPPABLE?

Mustangs earn 17-0 record, head into WLAA championship

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It's not easy being perfect, but Darrel Schumacher and his Mustangs basketball team are sure making it look that way.

The team secured their 17th victory last Friday with a 44-37 decision over the Plymouth Wildcats.

Northville (17-0 overall, 11-0 league) started the game under flickering lights due to high winds outside and then the squad started shooting the lights out. The Mustangs jumped out to a 9-2 lead that ended at the 5:12 mark with a Plymouth time-out.

The Mustangs didn't escape without stumbling during the second quarter. The Wildcats, after going on a scoring streak, cut Northville's advantage to a one-point lead off a three-point shot by guard Brandon Roberts, 18-17. Within a minute, the Wildcats added five more points and led at the end of the first half, 22-18.

In the third quarter, the Northville Mustangs were back to their old ways, controlling the quarter and taking a 29-23 lead. The defense stepped up to hold Plymouth to just one third-quarter point.

Northville's season results

Mustangs	Score	Opponent	Score
Northville	56	South Lyon	47
Northville	50	Milford	38
Northville	78	Detroit Chadsey	58
Northville	50	Dexter	47
Northville	54	Hartland	45
Northville	47	Novi	37
Northville	70	Livonia Churchill	53
Northville	77	Walled Lake Northern	40
Northville	75	Westland John Glenn	37
Northville	47	Walled Lake Western	45
Northville	61	Livonia Stevenson	43
Northville	64	Livonia Franklin	48
Northville	65	Wayne Memorial	39
Northville	59	Canton	53
Northville	48	Plymouth Salem	32
Northville	53	Walled Lake Central	40
Northville	44	Plymouth	37

ter point.

In the fourth, Nick Kaldis started things off with a 3-point field goal to boost Northville. Despite a quick run by the Wildcats, the Mustangs managed to stay in the lead, retain their composure and finish out the contest for the victory. The squad was helped by a flagrant foul from Roberts, who fouled out of the game.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was Alvin Storrs, who sank 17 points, including 11 from the free-throw line. Chris Lorente added 11 points in the

victory while Kaldis had five along with Brandon Barkoski. Senior Doug Hasse added three along with Bret Spencer.

Plymouth was led by senior D.J. Coleman with 15 points.

The Mustangs will now compete in the Western Lakes Activities Association conference championship tournament before advancing to the state playoffs.

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UNDERCLASSMAN SCORES

Junior varsity basketball

Northville defeated Plymouth, 48-44 last Friday to keep their season on track.

The fourth quarter was a thriller and the decision-making stanza as Plymouth hit three consecutive 3-point baskets. Northville responded with eight consecutive free throws, made by four different players, to ice the victory.

The Mustangs climbed to 16-1 overall and 11-0 in league play.

The Mustangs scored 912 points (54 points per game average) this season compared to 612 points (36 per game) for their opponents.

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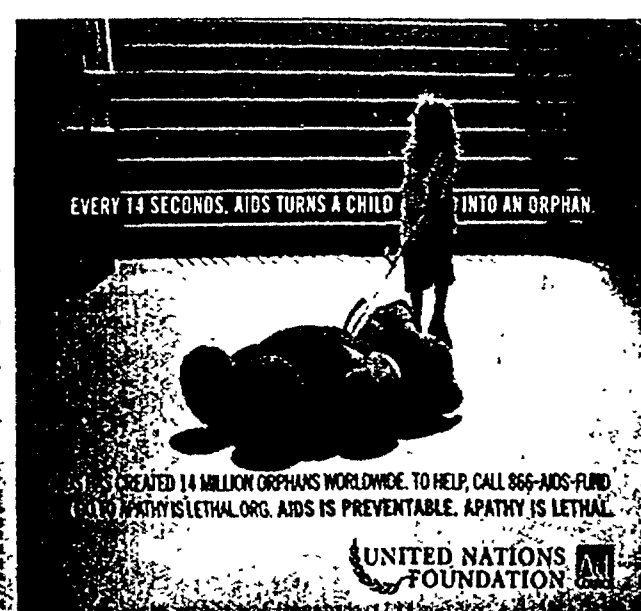
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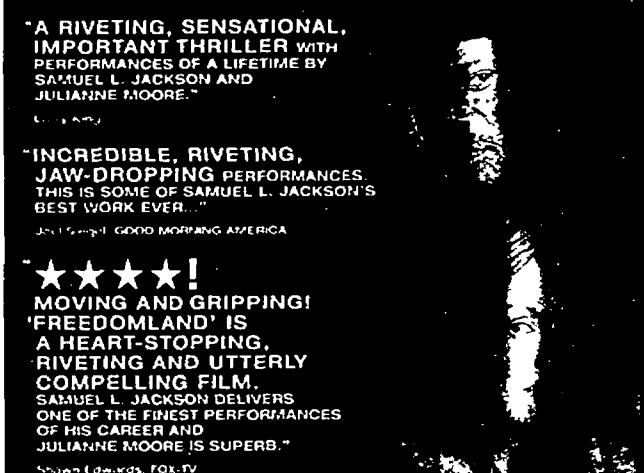
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Time to lead

Gazette prepares for regional as all-around competitor

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Jaqueline Gazette is a leader by example, whether she likes it or not.

The junior gymnast has made a name for herself as an all-around competitor with the Northville-Novu Wild 'Stangs. She's a top-scorer, usually leading her team in points from the judges, and she's talented.

Last season, she made it to the state finals both with her team and as an individual. This season, she hopes to repeat the trip.

"Right now, we have to focus on getting to the finals," Gazette said. "I think we can do it. We have some very talented girls on this team."

This year there are just 14 members of the Wild 'Stangs team, but Gazette said it doesn't matter. She said the key isn't in the numbers on the team, but the numbers from the judges.

And those are numbers she hasn't had much trouble getting this year.

"Jacq worked extremely hard over the summer and came in at the start of the season in shape and ready to work hard," coach Erin McWatt said. "Her coach has improved greatly and because of her long arms and legs, she's very pretty to watch. Very nice, clean lines."

Her difficulty level is something she worked hard on as well. Gazette added giants to her bar routine and a full twist to her floor routine. McWatt said she's also become a much more confident beam worker this year, though Gazette said she still has work to do in that event.

"For me, personally, the hardest is the beam," she said. "I get nervous and when you're nervous you start to shake. I have to try hard to stay calm."

But if she slips, and she has, Gazette said the key is picking herself up and climbing back on the bar. She said she focuses on the remainder of her routine.

The key, she said, is to not let the mistake ruin the rest of the event.

"You just have to make the rest of the routine the best you can," she said. "You can't fall apart. What is done is done and there's nothing that can be taken back. You just have to do the rest of it as best you can."

Her vault is one of her strongest routines, "having earned her a trip as an individual to the state finals last year. Gazette's floor exercise is one of her best events as well.

But her favorite is bars.

"I like doing all of them, but I love doing the bars," she said. "I like learning to do better skills and I love doing it. It's probably my favorite out of all of them."

With conference finals and the regional meet coming up for the Wild 'Stangs, Gazette said she's focusing on perfecting her routines and getting them as clean as possible.

She's focusing on doing her best in the final weeks of the season.

"I really enjoy coaching Jacq," McWatt said. "She's a good role model for the younger gymnasts and very team oriented. I'm expecting some wonderful performances from Jacq in the post-season."

The small gymnastics team has had it's fair share of ups and downs, with the lowest point coming when senior Julie Foucher took an injury and discovered she wouldn't return in time for the state finals.

The loss pushes Gazette up as the gymnast the team will be looking to for all-around participation.

"Julie Foucher is out for the season with a broken foot, so we'll be depending on Jacq to compete all-around for us at the remaining meets," McWatt said. "She's really been stepping up for us this year and we hope her success continues."

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Hockey wins third Western Division

Senior Derek Mohacsi scores hat trick in win

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs hockey team has plenty to be happy about.

The squad, under the guidance of Brad O'Neill, skated to their third Western Division title in as many years last week.

The team wrapped up league play with a win over Walled Lake Western, 9-0.

"We have had a lot of adversity this season and to win the division for a third time was very satisfying for our team," said O'Neill. "It was much needed at a time when we have been struggling."

"This was our first goal we set at the start of the season. It is a big accomplishment for our seniors, who have been here over the past three years."

Leading the way was Derek Mohacsi with three goals, while Lamoureux, Anthony Deneau, Ken Papich, Ryan Pyatenko, Steven Dawson and Pat Uetz added one each.

The Mustangs climbed to 11-11-1 overall and 7-5-1 in the conference. Their record of 6-1-1 in the Western Division helped them to the championship.

Northville will play South Lyon Monday at 8 p.m. at Novi Ice Arena in the pre-regional contest. The regional tournament starts later that week.

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Basketball

Varsity			
2/24	Home	WLAA Playoff	7 p.m.
2/28	Home	WLAA Playoff	7 p.m.
JV			
2/24	Home	WLAA Playoff	5:30 p.m.
2/28	Home	WLAA Playoff	5:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Varsity			
2/25	Away	WLAA Conference	TBA
3/3	Away	Districts	TBA

Swimming

2/23	Away	WLAA Prelims	12 p.m.
2/24	Away	Prelims/Diving	12 p.m.
2/25	Away	WLAA Finals	TBA
3/02	Home	Last Chance	7 p.m.

Gymnastics

2/23	Away	WLAA Conference	TBA
3/4	Away	Regionals	TBA

Cheerleading

2/25	Home	WLAA Conference	TBA
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Wrestling

2/25	Away	Individual Regional	TBA
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Hockey

Varsity			
2/27	Away	MSHAA Regional Quarters	TBA
3/1	Away	MSHAA Regional Semis	TBA
3/3	Away	MSHAA Regional Finals	TBA
JV			
2/24	Away	MIPHL Tournament	TBA
2/25	Away	MIPHL Tournament	TBA

Girls Hockey

Varsity			
2/25	Home	Cranbrook-Kingswood	1:10 p.m.
JV			
3/1	Home	Cranbrook-Kingswood	4:40 p.m.



Wild 'Stangs gymnast Jaqueline Gazette will take the lead as her team's top all-around gymnast.

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Sports Shorts

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 participants and awards will be given to the first-place team.

For more information, call (248) 349-0203 for more information.

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 to improve players' overall knowledge of the game, teach 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 coaches 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 \$150).

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

Evaluations 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 camp.

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.

Learn to Check with Suburban Hockey

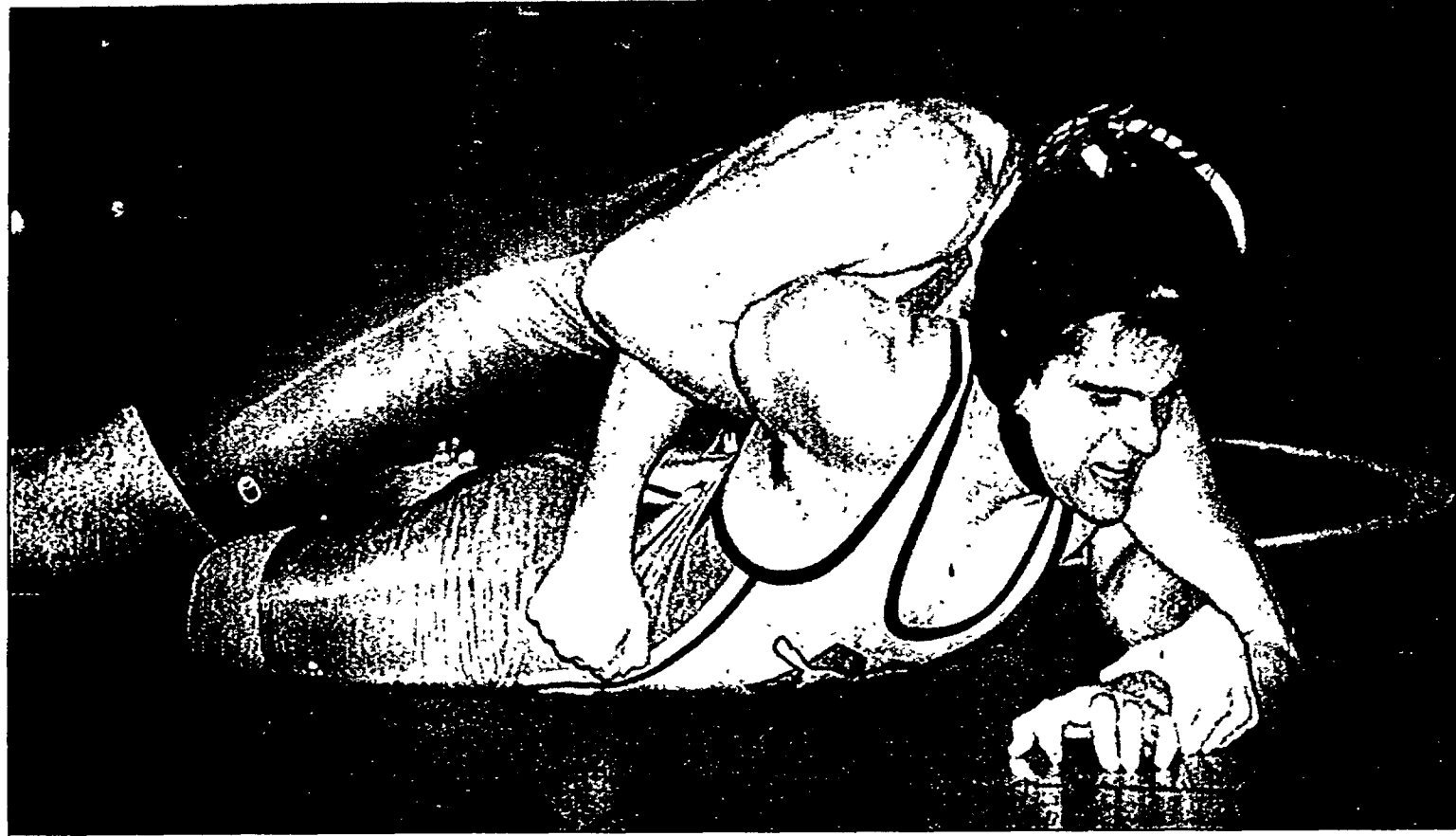
Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct the highly popular Learn to Check clinics at several locations throughout the spring hockey season, including Lakeland Arena in Waterford (March 20), Suburban Ice-East Lansing (March 21), Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton (March 22), Ice Box Sports Center in Brownstown (March 26), Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills (March 27 & 29), St. Clair Shores Arena (March 28), Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena (March 29), Suburban Ice-Macomb (March 30) and Novi Ice Arena (April 3).

The program is geared toward squirt players moving up to the pee wee level, as well as pee wee and bantam players who need instruction on the techniques of checking. Areas of emphasis in the two-hour instructional session include proper checking technique, how to receive a check, how to avoid a check, stick checking, back checking, angling and body positioning.

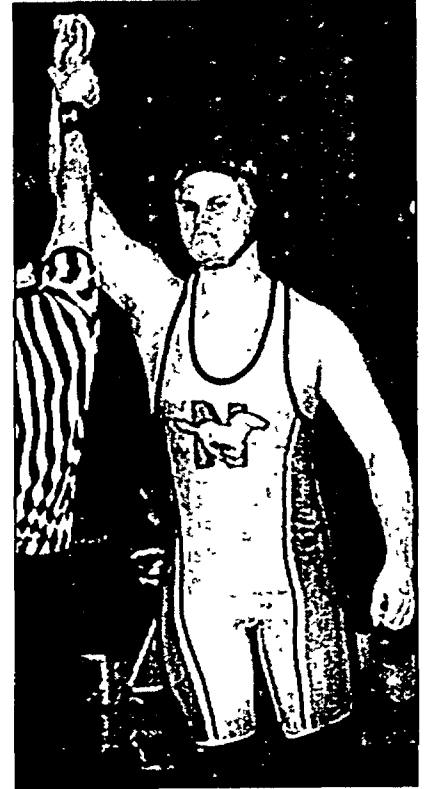
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READY TO BRAWL

Northville's wrestlers always up for a good match

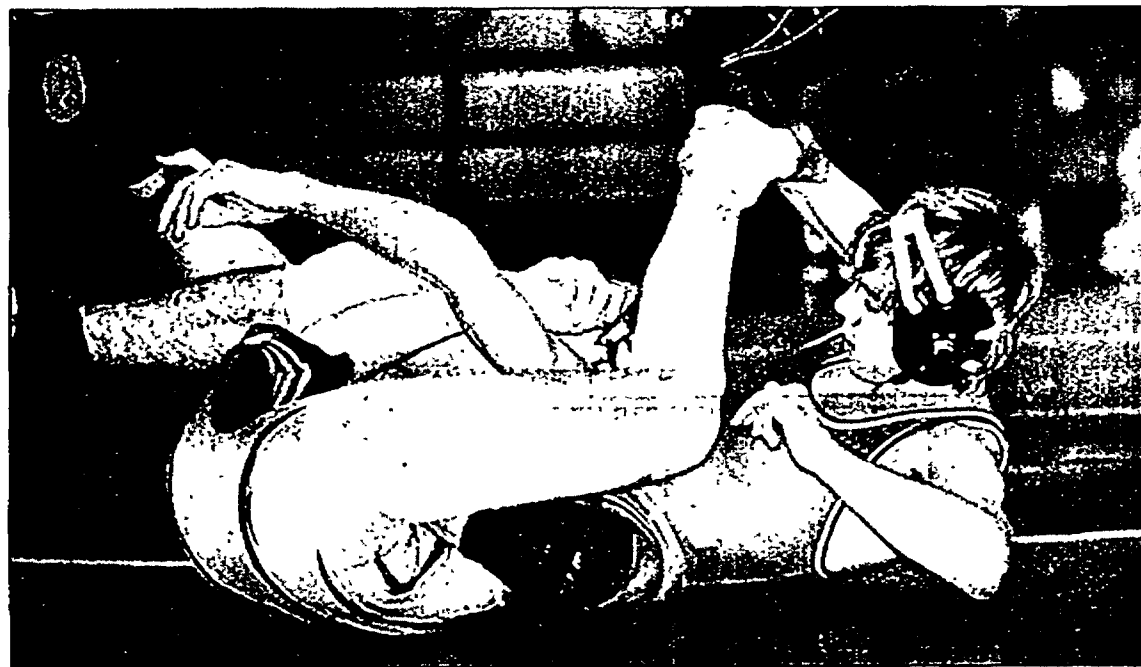


Northville's Jim Carroll (bottom) finds himself in a tough position to get out of during a recent wrestling match.

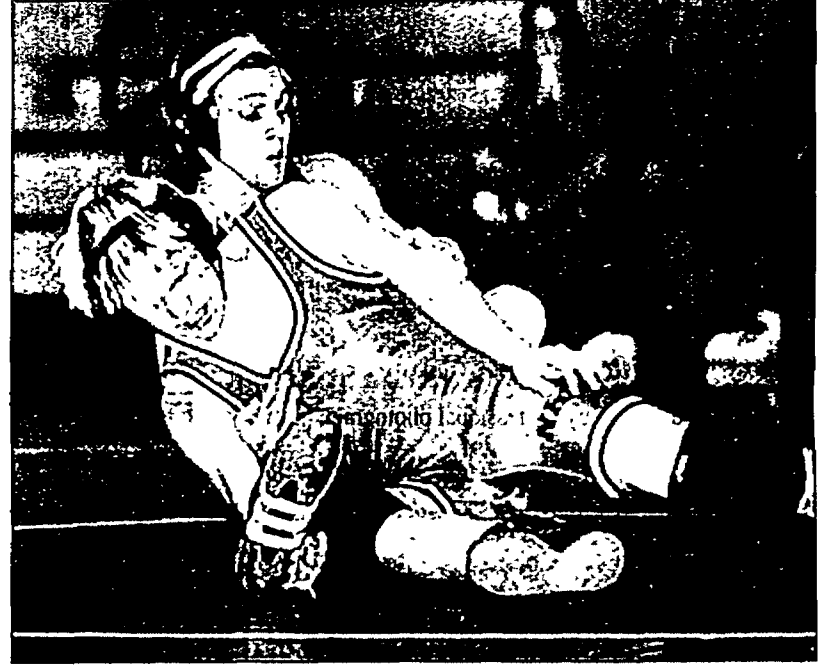


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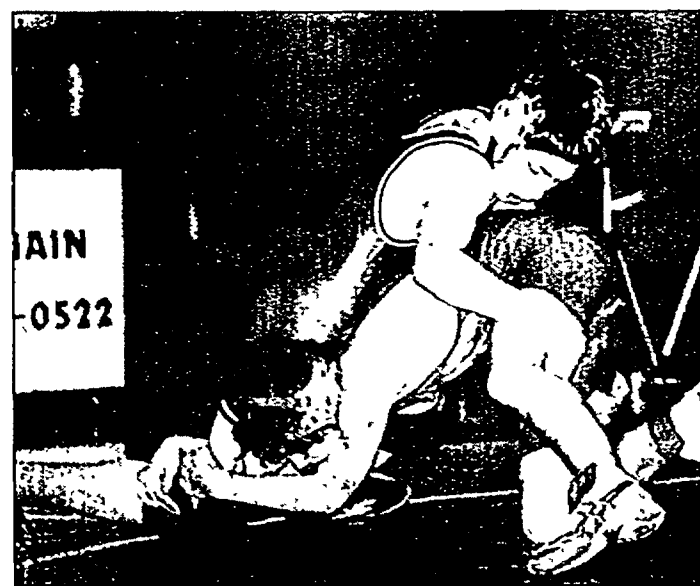
Tim Resnick is awarded the win with a quick raise of his arm by the official.



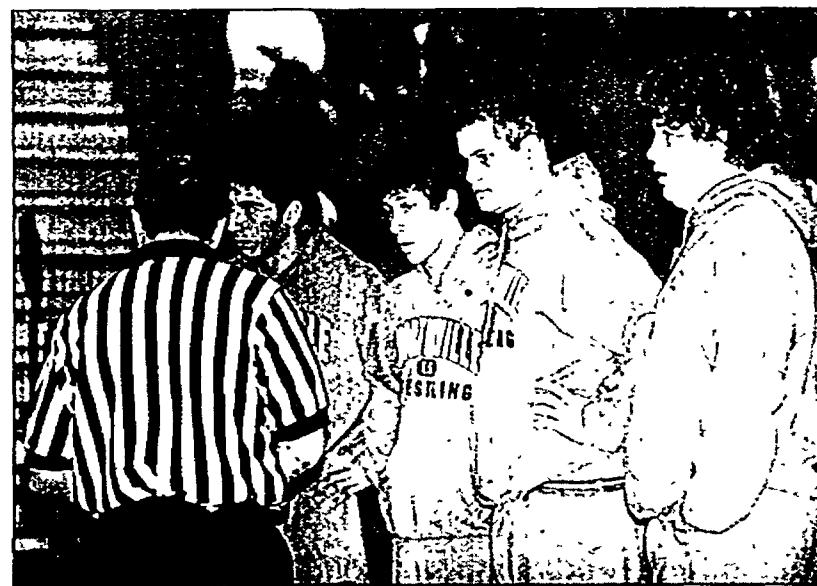
Northville's Jonny D'Anna (right) gets tangled up with a scrappy wrestler.



Northville grappler Dan Dulzo tries to get the upper hand as he shakes his opponent off his back.



Matt Hagan (left) works against an opponent during a recent wrestling meet.



Northville's wrestling captains meet with the official prior to the start of the match.



Team captains Tim Resnick (left) and Dave Stewart line up prior to the National Anthem being played.



Northville sophomore Cliff Peterson (right) prepares to take on an opponent as coaches watch in the background.



The Northville Mustangs wrestling team watches as one of their teammates takes on an opponent.

LIFESTYLE

HIGH-TECH

Gift Giving

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Gift giving has turned high-tech — the days of a tie for Ted and slippers for Aunt Susie are being replaced with an array of gear and gadgets. Whether buying for a six-year-old, 26-year-old or 66-year-old, electronics are the name of the game this year. Once the domain of the tech-savvy, high-tech gifts are going mainstream.

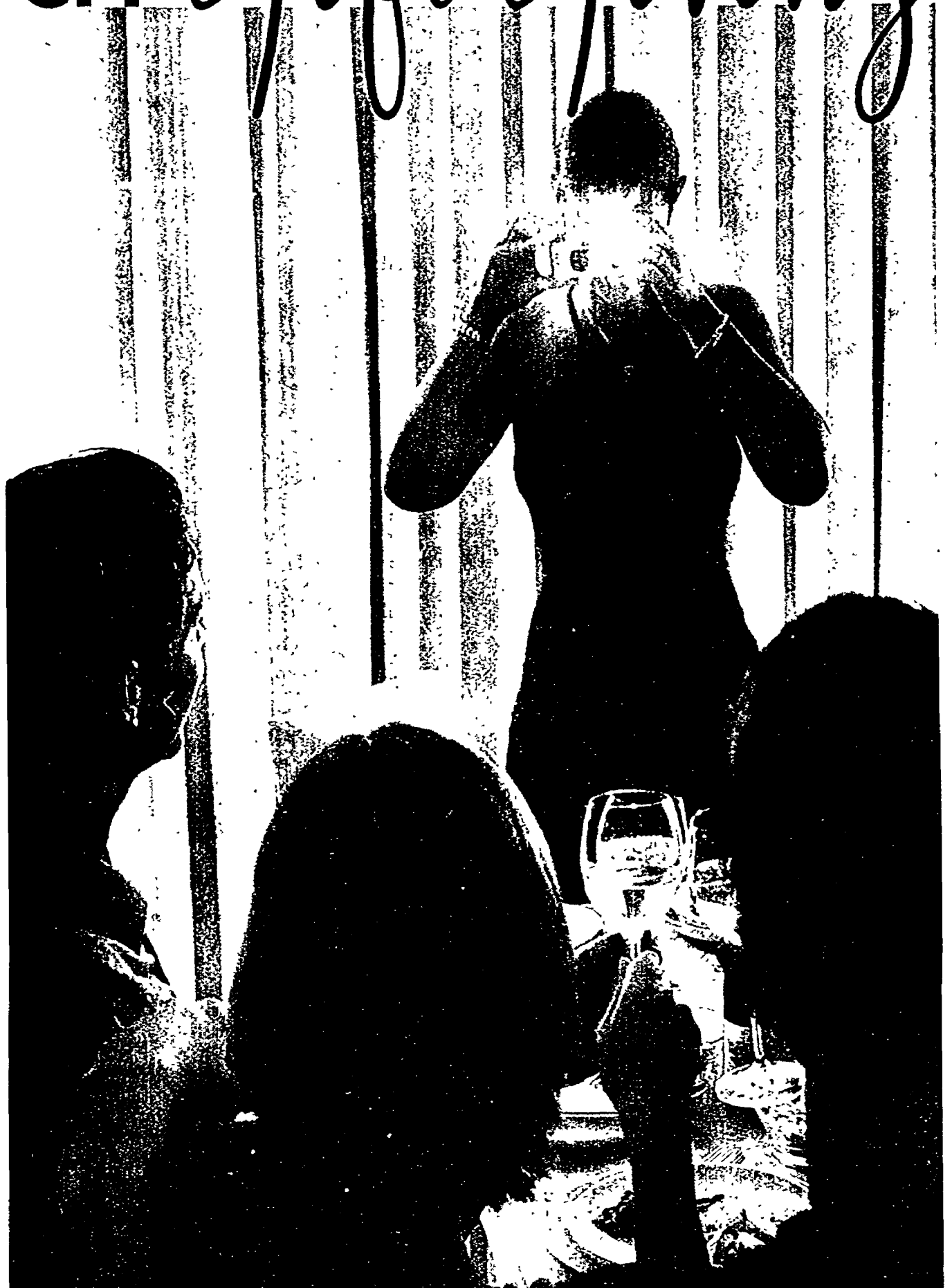
According to a recent Digital Life in America survey from Ziff Davis Media, there has been an overall increase in consumer electronics interest with 16% of Americans planning to buy a digital camera and 9% planning to buy an MP3 player before the end of 2005. That equates to millions of electronic devices.

Advances in technology have made items such as digital cameras, video game consoles, MP3 players and digital video recorders available in a wide range of prices to fit almost any budget. Since almost everyone has embraced this new age of technology, it is easy to make useful and fun high-tech electronics the perfect gift.

Digital cameras are easy to use and perfect for almost any age. Younger children still like video game consoles and players, with wireless controllers becoming the rage in the newest game consoles. In addition, preteens, teens and many adults desire MP3 players.

How to power these battery hungry high-tech devices is a question on many people's minds. Battery manufacturers like Energizer have been focused on this challenge for years and have answered the call with lithium AA and AAA batteries. Used widely by professional photographers, the mainstream is now discovering them as well. Energizer e² Lithium batteries last up to seven times longer than the leading ordinary alkaline batteries in digital cameras*. For example, in many cameras, Energizer e² Lithium batteries can take up to 600 photos, while leading ordinary alkaline batteries will only take up to 90 photos. That is a difference to take note of, not to mention the convenience of not changing batteries as often. Even when you factor in the higher cost for lithium AA and AAA batteries, they are still the smart way to go — 1.6 cents a shot versus 4.3 cents for the leading ordinary alkaline.

*Results vary by camera.



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GRATIFYING

Gift-Giving CHECKLIST

- Do your homework. Research high-tech gifts online; then visit local retailers to compare quality, value, function and price.
- Double-check your family's and friends' wish lists. When purchasing a high-tech gadget such as a digital camera, CD player or digital video recorder, make certain that is the item the person truly wants. It can be difficult to exchange or return electronics.
- Set your budget. Then, purchase the items that meet your expectations and your budget.
- Accessorize your buys. When you buy an electronic gift such as a digital camera or MP3 player, include necessary accessories that will maximize your gift giving, such as headphones, carrying cases and extra cables.
- Choose batteries carefully. Pick batteries that can keep up with the higher power demands of these devices, such as Energizer e² Lithium batteries.
- Keep extras on hand. Stock up on extra batteries in case someone else forgets to buy them or needs to replace them in an electronic device they already own, such as a camera.
- Take time to enjoy your gifts. Gift giving is heart-warming, especially when it is thoughtfully planned. Perhaps you will want to have your digital camera or digital video recorder on hand so you can capture the moment.



How does your garden grow?

Fertilizer facts for healthy soil, healthy plants and healthy food

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Growing healthy, fresh vegetables in your backyard is easier said than done, right? Wrong.

Growing a bountiful garden is easier than you think. In fact, nearly half of the nation's homeowners grow vegetables for their dinner tables and to share with family and friends. Growing fresh vegetables for your family is as healthy as it is rewarding because the nutrients in vegetables provide vitamins and minerals that are essential to your good health.



Before you plant, test your soil

Most farmers perform a soil test every few years to ensure their fields have the right balance of nutrients to produce healthy, high-yield crops. Home gardeners should also test their soil before planting to determine whether the soil has the proper nutrient balance to support a garden.

While home growers may not have proper testing equipment handy in the garden shed, a local cooperative extension service agent will be able to provide advice on taking a soil sample and conducting a soil test.

"The best time to obtain a soil test is six weeks before planting," says Dr. Robert Flynn, extension agronomist with New Mexico State University's Agricultural Science Center at Artesia. "That will help you determine what nutrients you need to add to your soil, to keep your garden healthy."

Nourish your soil

Just as humans need vitamins to supplement their diets, soil needs fertilizer to help plants grow nutrient-rich produce. Fertilizers enrich soil with naturally occurring elements. Based on your soil test results, you can choose the perfect fertilizer for your soil conditions.

Organic matter, such as animal manure, contains many nutrients that plants need. However, organic materials alone seldom provide the proper balance of nutrients. Also, some organics have high levels of

carbon, which can temporarily tie up nitrogen in the soil, causing leaves to turn yellow.

"With organics, you don't always know the nutrient balance you're getting," says Flynn. "Commercial fertilizers are generally easier to use and allow for greater accuracy."

Commercial fertilizers are labeled with three numbers, which provide the proportion of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium — the three essential elements for plant growth. For example, a bag of fertilizer labeled 8-8-8 contains 8 percent each of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

When using organic fertilizers, high volumes of organic matter are required. For example, if an organic fertilizer has only 3 percent nitrogen and a commercial fertilizer has 21 percent nitrogen, you would need seven times the amount of organic fertilizer to meet the nutrient levels of commercial fertilizer.

"If you do decide to use organic material, keep in mind that it takes time to mineralize and become inorganic, a form plants can use, so timing of application is essential to ensure plants are provided with the proper nutrient balance when they need it most," says Flynn.

Plant therapy

Select a garden plot that receives full sunlight — a healthy garden needs at least six hours of sun each day. The garden should be large enough to accommodate spreading and growth.

Fertilizer should be applied to the garden bed one week before planting, by distributing the recommended amount of fertilizer evenly over the growing area.

Apply water-soluble fertilizer three to six weeks after planting, depending on what the fertilizer instructions recommend.

Fertilizer should be applied more frequently when the plant is growing rapidly. At this stage, plants are removing high levels of nutrients from the soil to sustain their growth. To keep plants healthy, monitor your nutrient levels and replace the nutrients removed from the soil as needed.

"Think of the soil as a nutrient reservoir," says Flynn. "Fill the reservoir as it empties until it is balanced. Perform a soil test each year, eventually your soil will reach a balanced state."

Beyond weeding and watering

Tips for long-term garden maintenance

Fertilizer trouble-shooting

It's not uncommon for soil to need a little pick-me-up later in the growing season as your vegetables remove nutrients from the soil to grow. Healthy, thriving plants will resist insects, outgrow weeds and produce nutrient-rich crops. If your plants aren't receiving the proper nutrients, you'll know it.

- A plant with yellow leaves may lack nitrogen.
- A low produce yield may be due to a nitrogen deficiency.
- A plant with stunted growth and late maturity may lack potassium and/or phosphorus.
- A plant with a scorched appearance on leaves may lack potassium.
- A plant with purplish-colored leaves may lack phosphorus.
- A plant with a bruised, rotted appearance may lack calcium.
- Fruit and vegetables that do not ripen on time may lack phosphorus.
- A plant prone to wilting, and which does not seem to absorb water efficiently, may lack potassium.

Long-term care

Want fresh veggies year after year? Keep these tips in mind for healthy produce each season:

- Perform a soil test annually until test levels reach medium high to high nutrient levels, to stock soil with the nutrients it needs.
- Rotate garden beds and plant positioning year after year. This will prevent disease build-up from affecting specific species.
- If you enjoy raising the same vegetables each year, grow a flowering plant, such as sweet peas, between crops. As growing the same plant will remove essential nutrients from the soil, rotate with a plant that requires different proportions of these nutrients.
- Plants requiring different nutrient levels can be placed together and can actually aid other plants, as they won't be competing for nutrients.

IN THE KITCHEN



COFFEE geography is a flavor

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Between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, a "coffee belt" encircles the globe. Here, abundant sunshine, moderate rainfall and year-round warm temperatures nurture coffee trees. At harvest time, those trees are laden with bright red coffee cherries. Encased in a thin layer of fruit is a coffee bean — the seed of the coffee cherry.

Coffee is harvested primarily in three areas: Latin America, the Pacific region and Africa. The soil, climate, altitude and surrounding plants that a coffee tree is exposed to, as well as the method by which the bean is extracted from the fruit, all affect the flavor of the coffee. In the tasting room at Starbucks Coffee Company, coffee experts often experience and describe "the taste of the place."

To evaluate coffees, Starbucks tasters use a technique called "cupping." Small batches of coffee are roasted, ground and brewed without a filter. Each coffee's aroma, body, acidity and flavor are at a peak, and the tasters pick out nuances in each coffee's character and discuss them.

The tasters expect certain characteristics from each coffee, depending on their respective growing regions. Coffees from Latin America are generally light-to medium-bodied, with clean, lively flavors. Pacific coffees — such as those from Indonesia — are on the opposite end of the taste spectrum. They are typically full-bodied, smooth and earthy, with very low acidity and occasionally herbal flavor notes. Finally, coffees of East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula often combine the crisp, clean acidity found in Latin American coffees with intense floral aroma and enticing fruit or wine flavors.

The next time you pick up a bag of coffee, take a look at where it was grown. When you drink it, see if you too can recognize the taste of the place.

Tasting Terminology

Starbucks coffee tasters use a specific glossary of terms to describe coffees. The critical components of any coffee are as follows:

Aroma

The scent of a coffee is a very important component of its flavor. Much of our sense of taste is created through the nose and its olfactory glands, which add the thousands of subtleties that are tasted in food and drink every day.

Acidity

This term refers to the lively, palate-cleansing characteristic of all coffees grown at high elevation, which is experienced primarily on the sides of the tongue. Acidity is not the same as bitterness, but is rather a sensation reminiscent of fresh-squeezed juice.

Body

The tactile impression of brewed coffee in your mouth can be described as light, medium or full. Some coffees naturally have more body than others. The brewing method also affects the perception of body. Coffees made in a coffee press or an espresso machine seem

fuller in body than those brewed by other methods.

Flavor

The most important tasting term describes the total impression of aroma, acidity and body. It can be used generally — "this coffee is flavorful" — or with specific attributes in mind — "this coffee has a chocolaty flavor."



Starbucks coffee tasters Anthony Carroll, Dub Hay and Andrew Linnemann experience the taste of the place by cupping coffee.

For more information on coffee, visit www.starbucks.com.

Bright red coffee cherries are ready to be hand-picked from the tree.

Caffè Diable

Great coffee with dramatic presentation
Serves 4

- 1/2 cup Starbucks Colombia coffee
- 2 1/2 cups cold, filtered water
- 8 sugar cubes
- 2 teaspoons orange extract
- 4 lemon peel twists
- 4 cinnamon sticks

Brew coffee according to appropriate proportions and brewing instructions. While brewing, drop 2 sugar cubes into each of four 10-ounce mugs. Saturate each set of sugar cubes with 1/2 teaspoon orange extract. Remove coffee pot from brewer and arrange mugs around it. Dim room lights and light sugar cubes. When the cubes are burning brightly, top with fresh, hot coffee. Garnish with lemon peels and cinnamon sticks.

Hot Coffee Cocoa

Coffee and chocolate blended together
Serves 6 to 8

- For the coffee:
- 1/2 cup ground Starbucks French Roast coffee
- 4 cups water

- For the cocoa:
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 3 cups milk or half-and-half
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

1. To make coffee, brew measured amounts of coffee and water, using customary method. Keep coffee hot.
2. To make cocoa, in saucepan over medium heat, stir together water, cocoa powder, sugar and salt. Cook, whisking constantly, until mixture is smooth, then bring just to boil. Add milk and return to simmer. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.
3. Combine hot coffee and hot cocoa. Serve in mugs or heat-resistant glasses.

Spiced Coffee

Elegant spices paired with heavy-bodied Sumatra coffee
Serves 8

- 2/3 cup ground Starbucks Sumatra coffee
- 4 cinnamon sticks, crushed or broken into small pieces
- 6 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 2/3 cup honey
- Half-and-half or milk

1. Mix together coffee and cinnamon sticks. Using coffee-cinnamon mixture and water, brew coffee by customary method.
2. Add cardamom and honey to hot coffee and stir until honey dissolves.
3. Serve warm. Pour about 2/3 cup coffee into each cup. Pass half-and-half or milk.



Slow Cooking

MAKING A COMEBACK

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This winter, there's no better time to rediscover the joys of slow cooking. From comfort food to curries, the slow cooker is short on prep, but long on flavor.

Long gone are the days of the crockery pot as the ubiquitous unwanted wedding gift, the dusty relic of a '70s kitchen. Slow cooking is back, and it means business this time.

Although slow cooking has kept some steadfast fans since its introduction in the 1970s, its popularity has soared in recent years — and for good reason. Available in a variety of styles, sizes and finishes, modern-day slow cookers have wooed cooks old and young alike for their ability to make succulent, home-cooked meals while you sleep, work or play.

Want a delicious stew, but don't want to tend a stove-top stockpot all day? Craving cake hot from the oven, but don't want to deal with a boiling-hot kitchen? Slow cooker to the rescue.

Accompanied by a host of up-to-date cookbooks, written for new-millennium needs, the versatile slow cooker can go low-carb, vegetarian, kosher, family-style — or pretty much any style you can imagine.

The beauty of crockery cooking lies in its ability to accommodate your busy lifestyle. Take a few minutes to prep the recipe the night before you plan to cook it, or early in the morning before your day gets underway, and then all you have to do is pop the crockery insert into the cooker, plug it in and turn it on. When dinnertime rolls around, your exertion is usually limited to lifting the lid and dishing the food out.

Because of its "slow and low" cooking method, the slow cooker is particularly good for turning large cuts of meat into mouthwateringly tender dishes. The recipes below showcase two classic beef preparations — pot roast and barbecued beef brisket. The crockery cooking method — combined with the added flavor infusion of bouillon, such as Wyler's Beef-Flavor Bouillon Cubes or Granules — provides a particularly savory end product.

After all, you could spend all day in the kitchen making your own beef broth for BBQ brisket or basting a roast in the oven ... but when the slow cooker and a few bouillon cubes do it for you, why would you want to?

This Italian Pot Roast puts a twist on the quintessential comfort food favorite by adding Classico di Napoli Pasta Sauce and Wyler's Beef-Flavor Bouillon for an extra flavor punch.

Italian Pot Roast

Makes 6 servings
Prep Time: 30 minutes
Cook Time: 6 to 7 hours

- 1 3- to 4-pound boneless beef chuck pot roast
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 26-ounce jar Classico di Napoli (Tomato and Basil) Pasta Sauce
- 1/2 cup dry red wine or water
- 3 Wyler's Beef-Flavor Bouillon Cubes or 3 teaspoons Wyler's Beef-Flavor Bouillon Granules
- 6 medium redskin potatoes, quartered (about 1 pound)
- 1 1/2 cups baby carrots (about 8 ounces)
- 1 large onion, cut into wedges

In large skillet, over high heat, brown beef roast on both sides in hot oil. Remove roast from skillet; reserve beef juices. Place vegetables in bottom of cooker. Top with roast; pour beef juices, 1 cup pasta sauce, wine and bouillon cubes over vegetables and roast. Cover; cook on low setting for 6 to 7 hours or until roast and vegetables are tender. Transfer roast and vegetables to serving platter; cover with foil to keep warm. Reserve 1 cup juices. In medium saucepan, combine reserved juices and remaining pasta sauce. Heat through. Serve with roast and vegetables.

Barbecued Beef Brisket

Makes 6 servings
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 6 to 7 hours

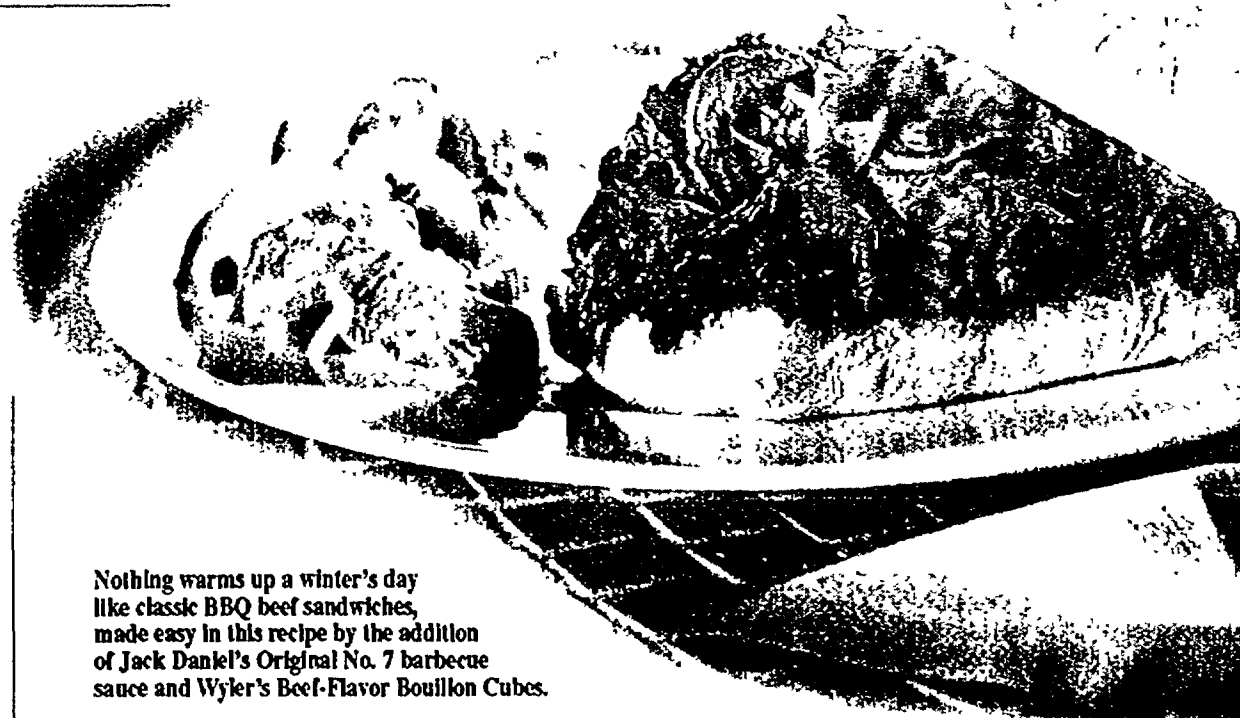
- 2 cups Jack Daniel's Original No. 7 barbecue sauce
- 1 medium onion, cut into wedges
- 3 Wyler's Beef-Flavor Bouillon Cubes or 3 teaspoons Wyler's Beef-Flavor Bouillon Granules
- 1 3- to 4-pound boneless beef brisket roast
- Sandwich buns

In bottom of cooker, combine 1 cup barbecue sauce, onion and bouillon cubes. Place beef brisket on top. Cover; cook on low setting 6 to 7 hours or until brisket shreds easily. Remove brisket from cooker; reserve 1 cup cooking juices. Remove fat layer and shred meat. Return meat to cooker along with reserved meat juices and remaining barbecue sauce. Mix well; adding more barbecue sauce if needed. Cook meat mixture on high setting until hot. Serve on sandwich buns.

Slow Cooking TIPS

Follow these basic guidelines for foolproof slow cooking.

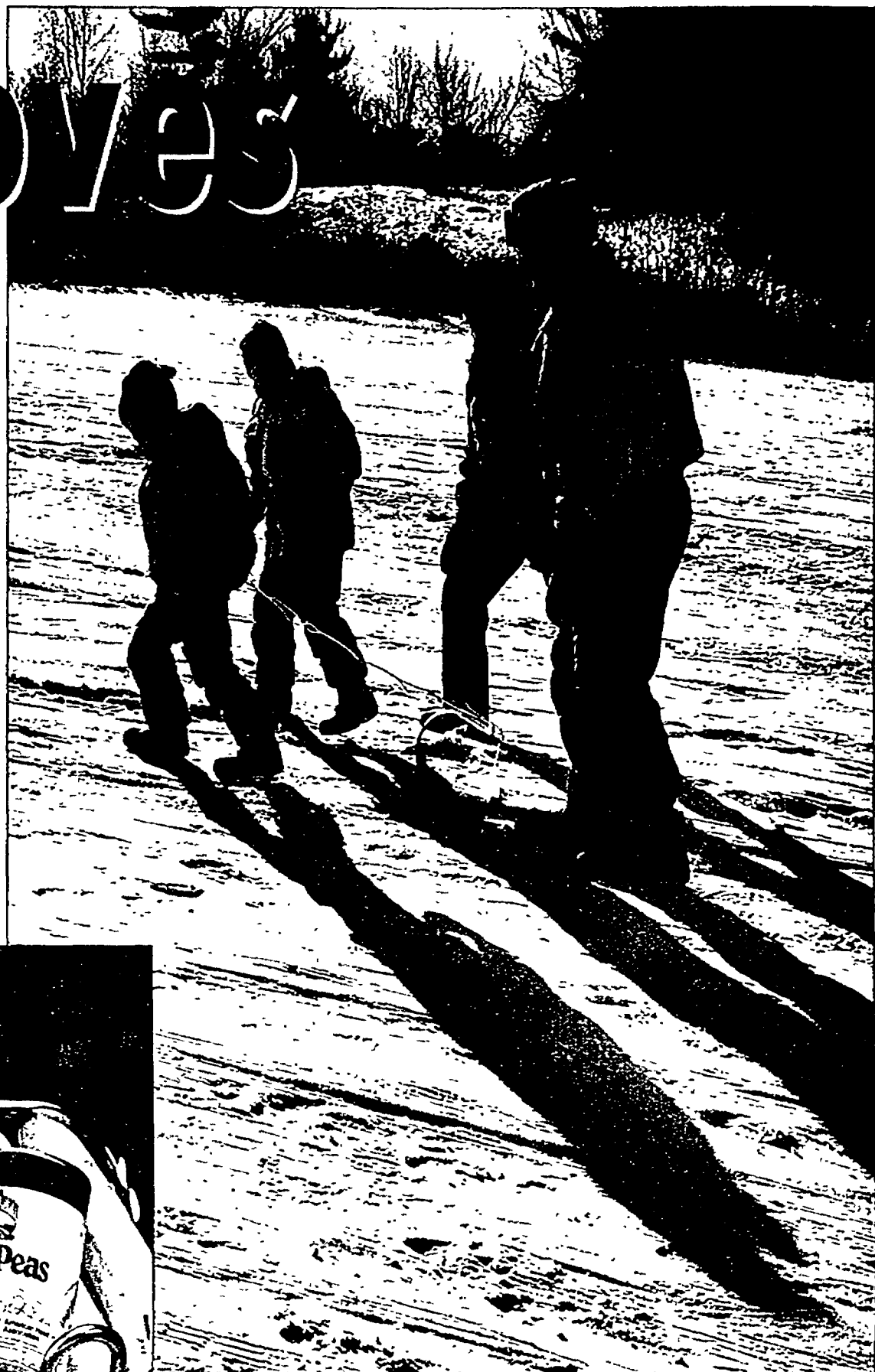
- Raw vegetables should be cut into uniform pieces before placing in the slow cooker.
- Firmer vegetables, such as carrots, potatoes, etc., are usually placed in the cooker first, and then the meat is added on top.
- While the recipe should specify, keep in mind that certain ingredients should be added later in the cooking process, such as: pasta, dairy products, delicate vegetables and tender fish or seafood.
- While not always necessary, some recipes call for browning meat prior to putting it in the slow cooker because it enhances the flavor, color and texture.
- A rule of thumb for cooking times on different heat settings: Cooking at one hour on high is equivalent to cooking at 2 hours on low.
- Don't remove the slow cooker lid once it's on, because it will take 15 to 20 minutes for the temperature to return to its prior heat level.
- If you have extra cooking liquid in the slow cooker, you can make it into thicker gravy or sauce by using flour, cornstarch or instant gravy flour.



Nothing warms up a winter's day like classic BBQ beef sandwiches, made easy in this recipe by the addition of Jack Daniel's Original No. 7 barbecue sauce and Wyler's Beef-Flavor Bouillon Cubes.

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No need to be confused at the supermarket when looking for nutritious foods — just look for the one, true heart-check mark created by the American Heart Association's Food Certification Program. It's the familiar red heart with the white check mark. This program of product certification, backed by solid science, has made it foolproof to find heart-healthy foods quickly and reliably. All products bearing this logo meet the association's nutrition criteria per standard serving to be:

- Low fat (less than or equal to 3 grams)
- Low saturated fat (less than or equal to 1 gram)

- Low cholesterol (less than or equal to 20 milligrams)
- Moderate in sodium (less than or equal to 480 milligrams for individual foods)
- Nutritious (containing at least 10 percent of the Daily Value of one or more of these naturally occurring nutrients: protein, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium, iron or dietary fiber).
- For meats to be eligible for the heart-check mark, they must meet the USDA standard for "extra lean."

Log on to heartcheckmark.org for more information and to create a grocery list you can print and take with you to the store.

Ham and Broccoli With Rotini

Serves 4 (1 1/2 cups per serving)

Perfect for a rainy night, this one-dish meal is really quick and easy to prepare.

- 4 quarts water
- 6 ounces dried whole-wheat or regular rotini
- 1 1/2 cups small broccoli florets
- 1 large red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1 cup frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed
- 4 slices reduced-fat American cheese
- 3 ounces low-fat, lower-sodium ham, thinly sliced and chopped
- 2 tablespoons fat-free milk
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne

In a stockpot, bring the water to a boil over high heat. Boil the pasta for 7 minutes.

Stir in the broccoli and bell pepper. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes, or until the broccoli is tender-crisp. Drain well in a colander. Return to the pot.

Stir in the remaining ingredients. Spoon the mixture onto plates.

Nutrition Analysis (per serving): 292 Calories, 5.0g Total Fat (2.5g Saturated, 0.5g Polyunsaturated, 0.5g Monounsaturated), 19mg Cholesterol, 587mg Sodium, 48g Carbohydrates (3g Fiber, 7g Sugar), 17g Protein
Dietary Exchanges: 3 starch, 1 vegetable, 1 lean meat

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What Is Cholesterol?

Cholesterol can be both good and bad, so it's critical to learn how it affects your health, what your levels are and how to manage it.

- LDL (low-density lipoprotein) cholesterol is considered "bad" cholesterol, because it can build up as plaque and clog arteries. A level of 130 or less is near optimal for most people; 160 or higher increases the risk of heart disease.
- HDL (high-density lipoprotein) cholesterol is the "good" cholesterol. Medical experts believe it removes excess cholesterol from the arteries. A level of 40 or less increases the risk of heart disease.
- Triglyceride (TG) is a form of fat, and many people with heart disease and high LDL levels have high TG levels, as do diabetics and obese people. Levels of 150 are normal; 200 or more may require treatment.

To control your cholesterol, the American Heart Association recommends you get a cholesterol screening, maintain a healthy weight, be active, follow your healthcare professional's recommendations and eat foods low in saturated fat and trans fat, as well as cholesterol.

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Any journey begins with the first step. So why not take time today to begin your journey toward better health? When you follow tips from the American Heart Association, the path to well-being for you and your family can be easy — and life-saving.

Coronary heart disease is the single largest killer of Americans, so managing cholesterol levels and taking care of your heart can help you lead a longer, healthier life. Who wouldn't be happier about that?

"It's simple to get started on the road to heart health," says Alice Lichtenstein D.Sc., Gershof, Professor of Nutrition, USDA Human Nutrition Research Center, Tufts University and Chair of the American Heart Association Nutrition Committee. "Be aware of your blood cholesterol levels." If you are told lower your "bad" cholesterol, select foods low in saturated and *trans* fats as well as cholesterol, such as skim milk, lean meats, poultry, fish and plenty of fruits and vegetables. "And," she says, "get up and move! Even small changes can add up to significant benefits."

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Move It!

It's really this easy: Get yourself and your family into the healthy habit of activity. You don't have to call it exercise or working out. Simply look for chances to be more active during the day. Walk the mall before shopping, choose a flight of stairs over an escalator or take 10- to 15-minute walking breaks while watching TV or sitting for some other activity. Use variety to keep your interest up. Walk one day, swim the next, then go for a bike ride on the weekend.

Build a Healthy Diet.

Smart eating can help lower your cholesterol and maintain a healthy blood cholesterol level. So make sure you're selecting the right foods and:

- Watch calorie intake by eating a wide variety of foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol.
- Eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables; more is better. Diets high in fruits and vegetables are associated with decreased risk of cardiovascular disease.

- Eat six or more servings of whole-grain cereals, breads and pasta.
- Eat fish, poultry without skin and leaner cuts of meat instead of fatty ones.
- Eat fat-free or 1% dairy products rather than those from whole milk.

Heart-healthy eating is good for everyone. And creating a balanced, nutritious eating plan is as simple as 1-2-3 with the help of the association's distinctive red heart with the white check mark. First, log on to heartcheckmark.org. There, you'll find a complete list of food items certified to be heart-healthy. Second, create and print your healthy-diet list to take with you to the supermarket. Third, look for the heart-check mark while shopping to easily and reliably find heart-healthy foods in your grocery store.

To learn more about reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke through good nutrition, visit americanheart.org or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 for your free copy of the "Shop Smart with Heart" brochure.

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Home Owners Do You Know... and Understand the concern of Radon Gas?

RADON GAS is the second leading cause of lung cancer. It is estimated that 20,000 to 40,000 deaths occur annually in the U.S. from radon gas poisoning. The Surgeon General and the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) recommend testing for levels of Radon in homes. Radon gas, is an invisible, odorless, and tasteless gas. It occurs naturally in the environment, from the decay of uranium, and is measured in units called Pico curies per liter (pCi/L). Radon seeps up through rock and soil and enters a house through cracks in the basement foundation, around water and sewer pipes, floor drains, or well water. In the U.S., the EPA has set the "action level" (to have the home mitigated) at levels of and above 4 pCi/L.

The modern measurement technique used by professionals is the Continuous Radon Monitor (CRM). This device provides an hourly report for the level of Radon in your home. You are provided with a detailed report at the end of the test period. A minimum of 48 hours is required to test for the levels of Radon in your home. Typically a test runs between 48 to 72 hours. The EPA guidelines for testing protocols and remediation guideline should always be followed.



Randall Patterson

YOU CAN FIX A HOME WITH ELEVATED LEVELS OF RADON:
1. TEST THE LEVELS OF RADON IN YOUR HOME.
2. HAVE A PROFESSIONALLY INSTALLED RADON REDUCTION SYSTEM INSTALLED IF THE TEST LEVELS ARE AT OR ABOVE THE EPA GUIDE LINE OF 4pCi/L.

RADON REDUCTION SYSTEMS WORK:

The Radon Reduction System is installed in the basement or crawl space of the home. There is a pipe installed below the foundation. This pipe is extended to the exterior of the home above the roof line. There is a super quiet ventilation fan attached to the pipe (running 24 X 7) which draws the Radon gas from beneath the structure and thus dissipates the Radon Gas to the outdoors before it has the chance to enter the home. This system avoids the Radon gas from circulating through the home's heating and cooling system, and eliminates you breathing the Radon gas which has been proven to damage the lungs.

Maintaining the radon reduction system take little effort. Ensure the system has a gauge or warning device installed that you can routinely check to ensure the Radon Gas is being dissipated to the outdoor environment. Ensure the fan is operational. Some fans have a three year warranty and some have additional length warranty. Ensure what the warranty time frame is for your system.

The EPA also recommends that after the system is installed and has been running for 2-3 weeks, that the house be certified for the reduced levels of radon to verify system operations. Then having the home tested every few years will confirm that radon levels are staying low and your family is protected.

If you have had your home tested for Radon in the past and had a reading of 4pCi/L or higher, and you are planning on adding a new foundation for the addition to your home, then it is recommended that you address the radon issue during construction for ease of installing a radon reduction system.

However if you already had a radon reduction system installed and you have remodeled or are planning to remodel your home (making any kind of structural changes to your home) the home should be retested after the completion of the work. This will help to ensure the construction did not have an effect on the operations of the Radon Reduction System.

DO YOU HAVE A WELL?

Homes with well water should have the water tested for levels of radon. Radon in your water supply can also increase radon levels, although in most cases, radon entering the home through water is a smaller source of risk compared to radon entering from the soil. The EPA estimates that indoor radon levels will increase by about 1 pCi/L for every 10,000 pCi/L of radon in water. Radon can be removed from water by using one of two methods. Aeration Treatment involves spraying the water or mixing the water with air and then venting the air from the water before use. Granular Activated Carbon Treatment filters the water through carbon. Radon attaches to the carbon and leaves the water free of the radon. The carbon may need special handling in its disposal if it is used at high radon levels or has been used for a long period of time. With either treatment method it is important to treat the water at the entry point to your home to ensure all the water you use in your home is properly treated. Home owners can consider having a service contract from the system installer to provide carbon replacement and general system maintenance to ensure efficient and proper operations at all times.

Call us to have your home tested for levels of Radon in your home. This will provide you Peace of Mind for your family's health and well being.

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Byron and Cami Muonio, owners of Lyon's Marketplace, are proud of their new store location at 601 S. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon.

Lyon's Marketplace: worth the drive

■ Specialty market moves to a new downtown South Lyon location

By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

There's not many businesses that have a customer following like Lyon's Marketplace. Some drive 40 miles to buy meat and others walk down the street every day to pick up a sandwich.

Dozens of customers helped the specialty market move down the street to a new location last month. The new large store is located at 601 S. Lafayette Street across from McHattie Park in downtown South Lyon.

"A friend sent us a card that said, 'The bigger the dream, the bigger the dream-come-true,'" said Cami Muonio who owns and operates the specialty market with husband Byron. "We've been blessed with the opportunity to realize this dream and owe a debt of gratitude to a lot of very special customers for that."

With the new expansion, the six-year-old family business can offer everything customers have been requesting. Now there is 60 yards of fresh fruits and vegetables. A new shipment of organic produce arrives every Friday.

Every day the new automated door opens and someone enters exclaiming, "Finally, I don't have to drive to Ann Arbor for this," or Livonia or Northville or Royal Oak ...

The meat counter has doubled, allowing for more of customer favorites like Dearborn Sausage Company hot dogs and hams plus Bell and Evans chicken. The entire selection of meats is all natural with no steroids or hormones. Burgers are freshly



For six years, Lyon's Marketplace has provided quality products and personalized customer service to loyal shoppers.

ground and hand-shaped so they're juicy instead of dry.

Meat department associate Mike Sakari is learning that there's a lot of busy people out there who love the oven-ready entrees made daily in the store, like stuffed peppers and city chicken. There's a large selection of fish, scallops and other seafood. The specialty market even makes its own Italian chicken sausage.

"We are committed to providing only high quality products," said owner Byron Muonio. "The best service for the best food for the best customer — that's our bottom line."

Another room contains a large deli with hot and cold meals. Lyon's Marketplace carries dozens of cheeses and at least 75 varieties of Dietz and Watson

deli products, which contain no preservatives or MSG. Meal starters like broccoli salad, pasties, shrimp egg rolls and pizza bread are in one case. On the wall behind the 12-foot salad case is bread racks reloaded daily from Cantoro's Italian Bakery. In the 24-foot cheese case lay dip, salsa, liverwurst from Germany, feta from France and fresh ricotta from Michigan's only Italian cheese maker.

A two-story brick fireplace warms the sitting area, where customers can enjoy a sandwich or wrap. Longtime employee Janet McSorley makes four soups everyday and her chili is known for miles around. There's nothing better than a bowl of chili in front of the fire, so customers tend to take their time

eating. Quite a few top off the meal with one of McSorley's chocolate chip macademia nut cookies baked fresh in the morning.

With an ever-growing organic and natural foods line, the Marketplace has further validated itself as a destination location. For those with international taste buds, fennel tarallini or fresh gnocchi may be a treat. There are international products galore, such as licorice from Finland and Australia, beans and wine gums from Great Britain and chocolate from everywhere. Specialty brands of staples like vinegar, dressings, pasta, artichokes plus hard to find seasonings and marinade vie for position in the hand-made shelves, center store.

But as good as the food is, it's the community of friendly faces

LYON'S MARKETPLACE

Store: Lyon's Marketplace
New Location: 601 S. Lafayette, across from McHattie Park in downtown South Lyon
Hours: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Saturday

that keep many coming back. The employees are like an extended family to many of the regulars.

"We're on a first name basis with everyone who walks in the door," said employee Georgia Hornbrook. "I love all the customers."

At the new location, there's a lot of new names and faces to learn, starting behind the counter. The former staff of 15 has grown to 35 employees in the new location, but at the Marketplace, that's just more people to love. Friends and family are often referred to the Marketplace for employment, and somehow just about everyone has a connection to someone else who works or shops there.

Lyon's Marketplace is a place for families that care about one another. Byron and Cami have five children themselves — Blake, Brooke, Tanner, Logan, Mitch — so they're the first ones to strike up a conversation with the smallest customers at the store. It's friendship, food and family — a delicious combination.

Lyon's Marketplace is open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It is now located at 601 S. Lafayette across from McHattie Park in downtown South Lyon.

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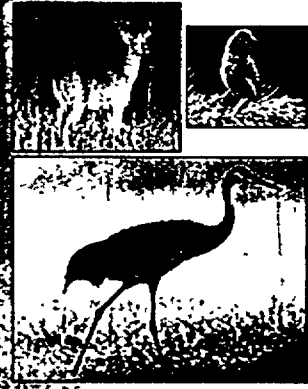
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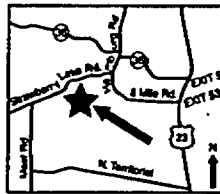
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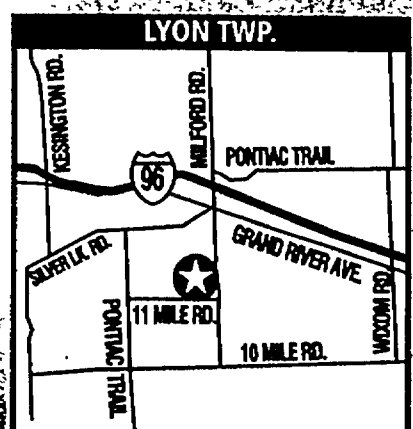
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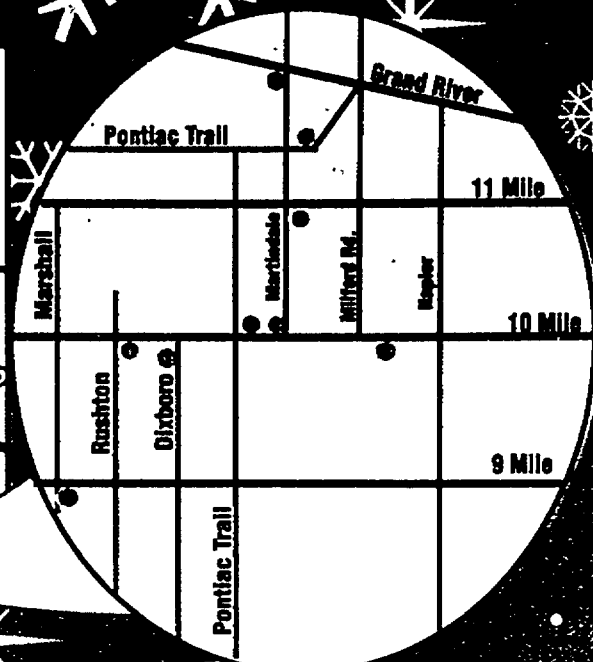
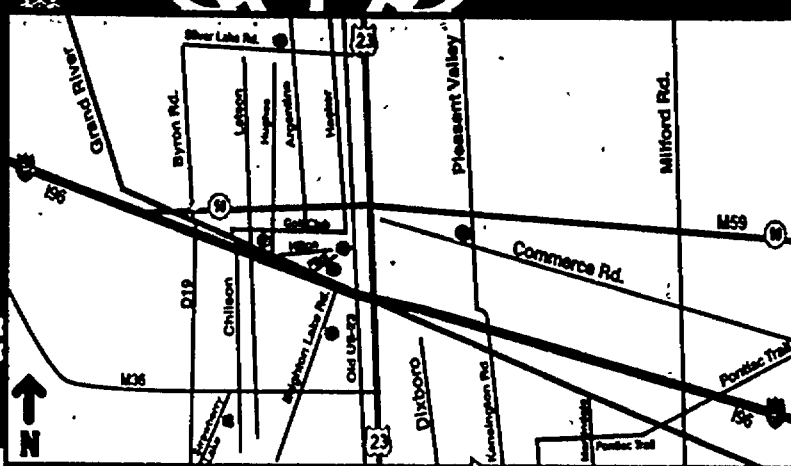
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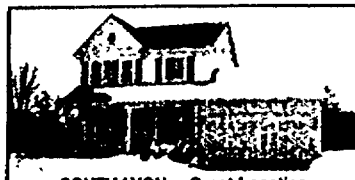
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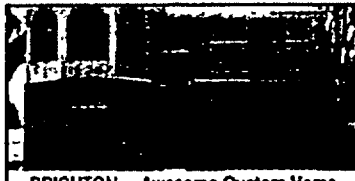
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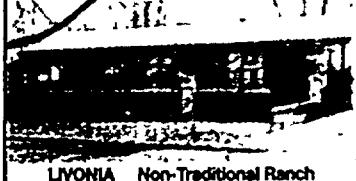
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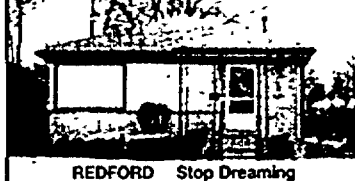
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ALLEN PARK Not Your Standard Ranch
3 BR brick ranch w/unique open floor plan, snack bar, ceramic kitchen & recently remodeled bath. Newer windows, roof, furnace & A/C. Enjoy the cozy 4 season room. Relax in your Jacuzzi tub. Warm, cozy, peaceful.
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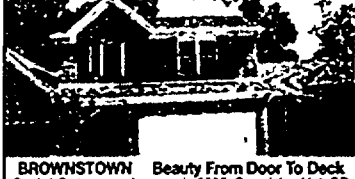
BELLEVILLE Awesome BI-Level
With water view offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath home with open floor plan, oak kitchen with vaulted ceilings and master suite 2 car attached garage + play space and much more.
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GARDEN CITY Buyer Alert
Very nice 2 bedroom home offering newer flooring in kitchen and bath, tile foyer, newer windows and custom blinds, newer entry and interior colors. Hardwood floors under carpet. Privacy fence and garage.
(T29ELM) 734-455-5600 \$104,900



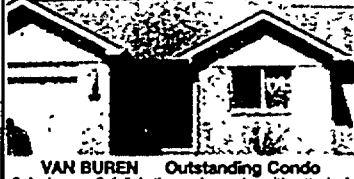
LYON TOWNSHIP Picturesque Colonial
On over 4 acres, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths kitchen opens to family room, deck, finished lower level with walk out to patio. Horse barn with 2 stalls and tack room. Home warranty.
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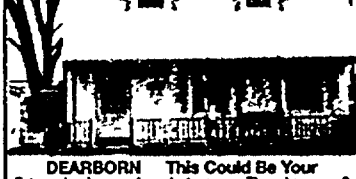
BROWNSTOWN Beauty From Door To Deck
Brick 1.5 story condo - new in 2005. Open island kit, GR w/trpik, FFL, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car attached garage, C/A, sprinklers & deck. Beautiful quiet setting. Shopping & restaurants within walking distance.
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LYONIA Sharp Home
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VAN BUREN Outstanding Condo
2 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch condo with attached garage, 2 story entry with ceramic floor to LR, mstr ste with bath ceiling, bath & WIC, large oak kitchen, FFL, down to never deck & attached garage.
(T32WHE) 734-455-5600 \$153,000



DEARBORN This Could Be Your
Extremely clean and ready to enjoy. This charming 3 bedroom colonial offers new in 2005 roof, furnace, A/C, steel doors & block windows. Recently painted, newer carpet & kitchen floor, basement & garage.
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NORTHVILLE Historic District
Yesterday's home for today. A 100-year-old charming Victorian w/large new garage comes w/renovation design by local architect O. Mellock along with working drawings & historic commission approvals.
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NORTHVILLE Residence Of Dignity
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VAN BUREN Outstanding Condo
2 bedroom, 2 bath upper unit ranch w/WIC in master bedroom, great room with vaulted ceiling, large oak kitchen with snack bar, door to deck and appliances.
(T33WIL) 734-455-5600 \$123,000



WESTLAND Beautiful Brick Ranch
Wag room w/newer neutral carpet, freshly painted decor, kit w/ceramic tile, oak cabinets & apple tree. Ride both in & out. In bsmt for FR, exercise area & new bath in '05. Vinyl windows, paver patio & 2.5 car gar.
(T12MOC) 734-455-5600 \$184,900



CANTON Well Maintained Condo
3 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/hardwood & carpet, fresh paint, gas fireplace in GR, DR, FFL, newer blinds & window treatments. 2 car garage, neutral T/O this one is move-in condition. All kitchen appls stay. Medium oak cabinets.
(T25SAR) 248-349-5600 \$209,900



HAMTRAMCK A Charming
Super clean & well cared for 2 BR, 1.5 BA on tidy block. Spacious open flr plan. Huge kit. Many updates. Pergo floors. Full bsmt. Newer roof T/O, siding, security sys. Private yd w/patio. Garage & A/C. Unfinished atc.
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PLYMOUTH Great Curb Appeal
On this 3 bedroom, 2 bath one of a kind vinyl ranch near downtown on quiet low traffic street. Large fenced yard, open floor plan w/family room leading to deck. Kitchen w/leakage area, master suite w/WIC and bath.
(T52ELM) 734-455-5600 \$204,500



SUPERIOR TWP. Surround Yourself
With nature on approx. 14 acres. This 2001 cape cod offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master w/WIC & garden bed. DR w/walk out deck, also 2.5 car attached garage, huge extra deep walk out lower level and more.
(T44HAR) 734-455-5600 \$479,500



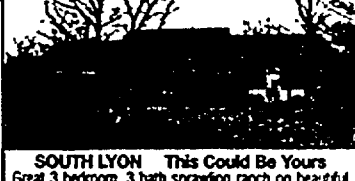
DEARBORN HTS. Beautiful Home
Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch move in. Fantastic finished basement with family room & 1/2 bath, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A, HWN, driveway & roof plus updated kitchen. 1 year home warranty.
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FARMINGTON HILLS 1st Floor Master
Master bath w/jetted tub. Large island kitchen w/dining area & door to deck leading to expansive deck & large yard. Nicely landscaped, sprinkler system, 1st floor den & laundry. Great room w/leak ceiling.
(T98ASP) 248-349-5600 \$359,900



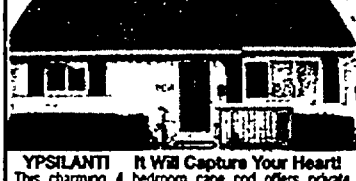
NORTHVILLE Golf Course Community
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SOUTH LYON This Could Be Yours
Great 3 bedroom, 3 bath sprawling ranch on beautiful lot offers 2 car garage, finished bsmt w/pos 4th BR & 1/2 bath w/jetted tub. Oak kitchen to 3 season room then on to deck w/garage. You will love the open space.
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PLYMOUTH Major Renovation
And additions in 2005 offering updated kitchen w/granite & hardwood floors, family room w/trpik, 2.5 car garage, large laundry room & sitting on double lot walking distance to downtown. All this in a 4 BR, 2.5 BA.
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YPSILANTI It Will Capture Your Heart!
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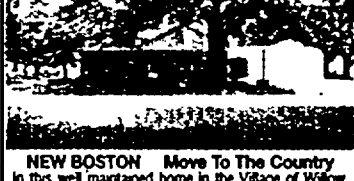
PLYMOUTH Make This Your New Home
Cozy secure Lake Pointe haven. Open wonderful 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch with finished lower level backs to park. Professionally landscaped patio. One look and you will know.
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DEARBORN Great Location
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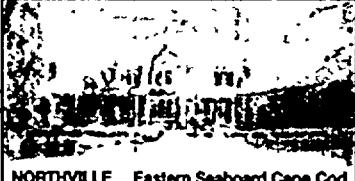
WAYNE Beautiful Ranch With Updates
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick home with 2 car garage, updated windows, roof, HWN, eat-in gorgeous kitchen, LROR combo large bow window, breathtaking lot & landscaping some appls, part fin bsmt, sunroom.
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NORTHVILLE Absolutely Stunning!
This charming 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial has it all. Newer siding, windows, roof, furnace, kitchen cabinets & flooring. Family room with fireplace, 2 car attached garage, large deck with newer lumber top & much more.
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FERNDALE Updated Charming
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DEARBORN HTGS. Sprawling Ranch
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VAN BUREN Awesome Location
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CANTON Sunflower Village
This attractive home offers 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, numerous updates include roof, windows, furnace, carpet, deck and the list goes on, also 2 car attached garage, basement, FR w/trpik, formal DR & lg eat-in kit.
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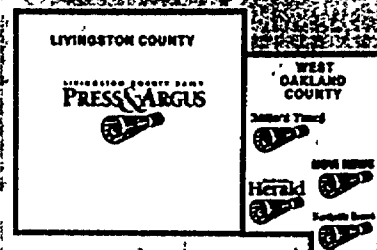
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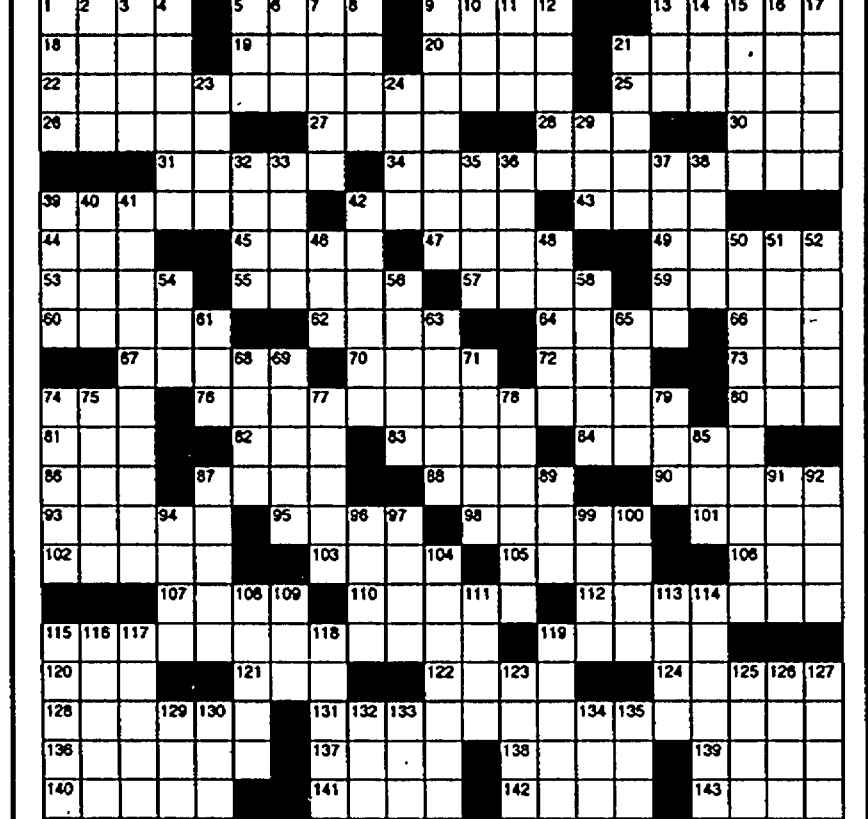
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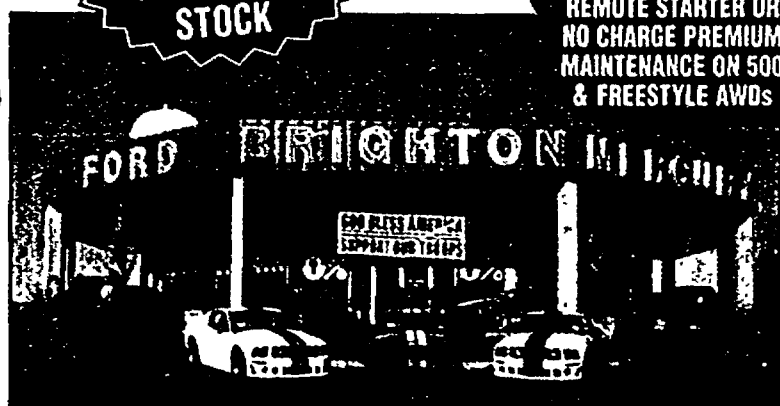
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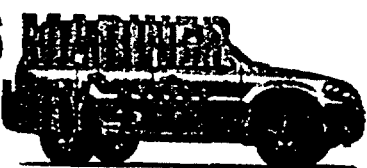
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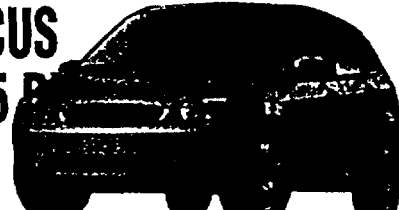


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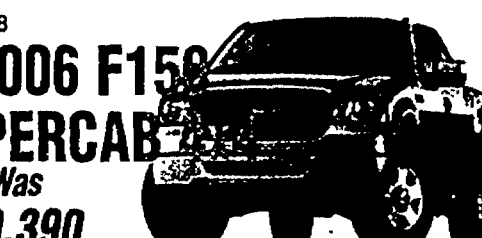


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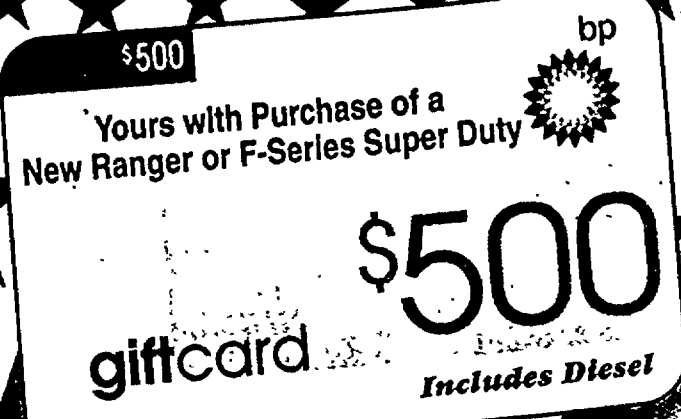
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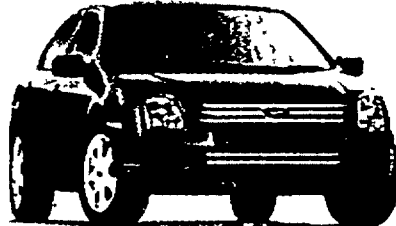


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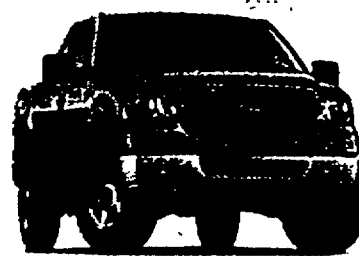


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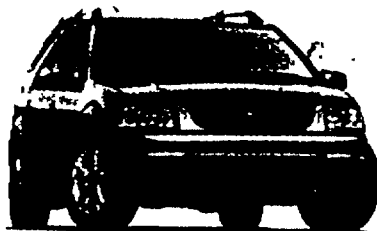


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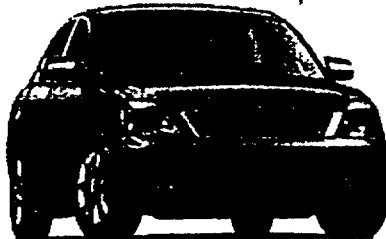


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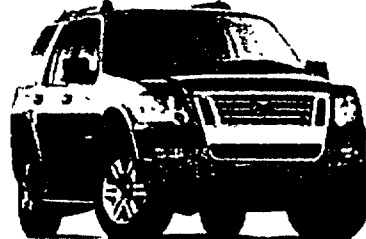


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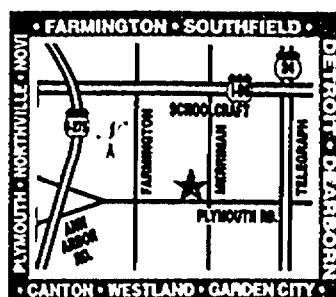
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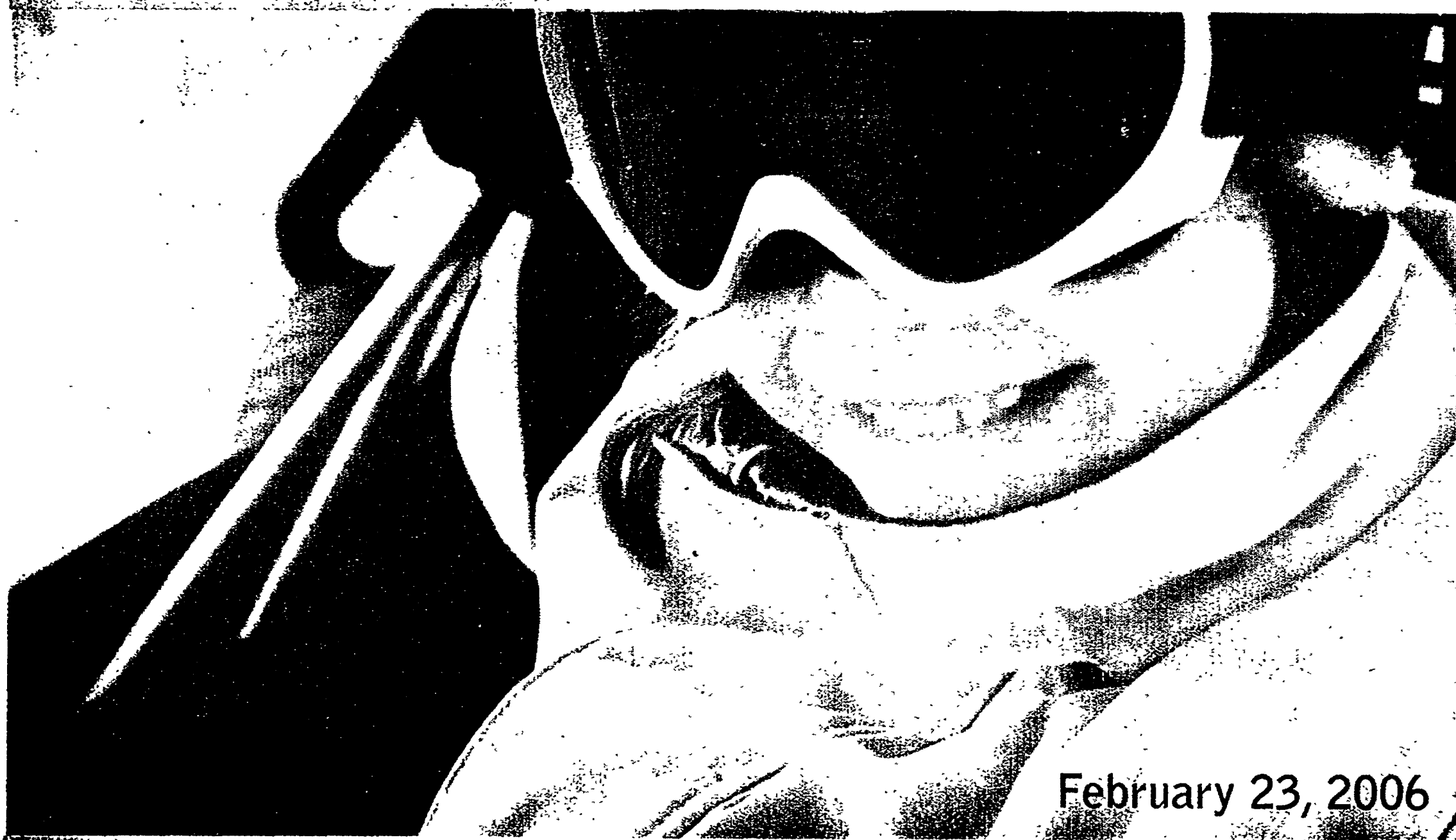
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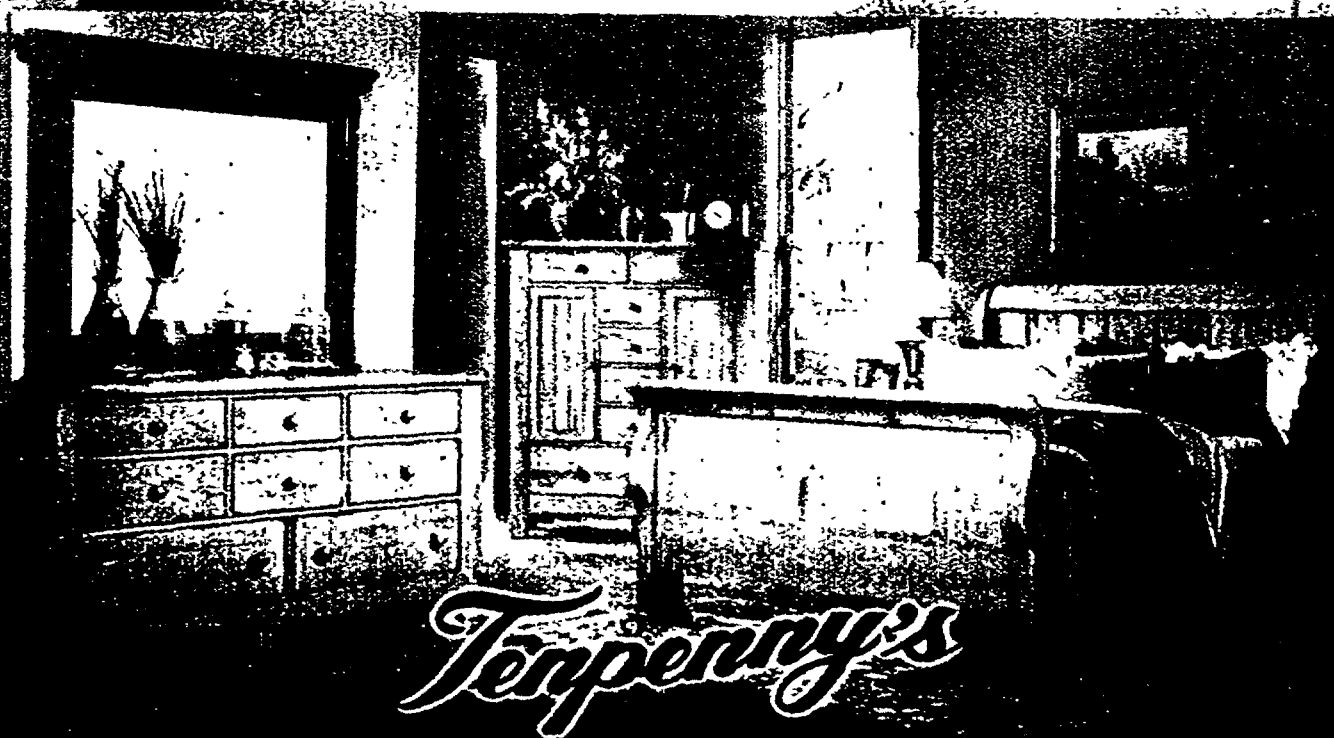
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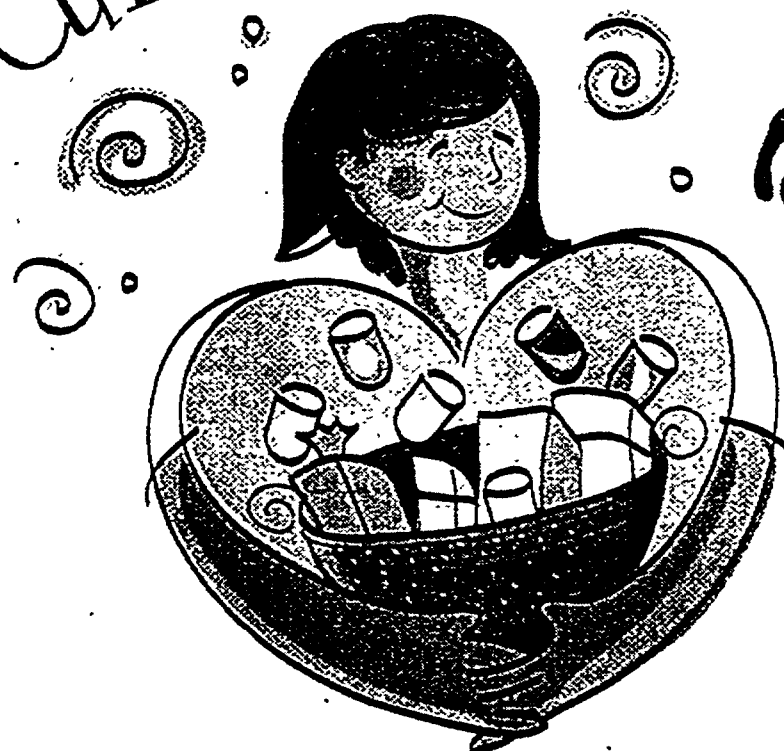
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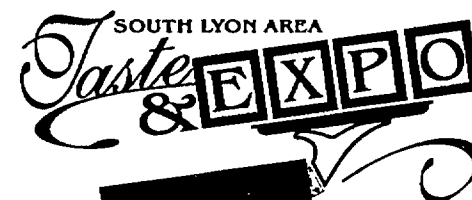
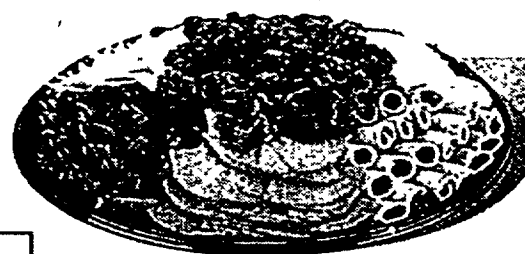
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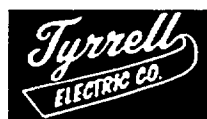
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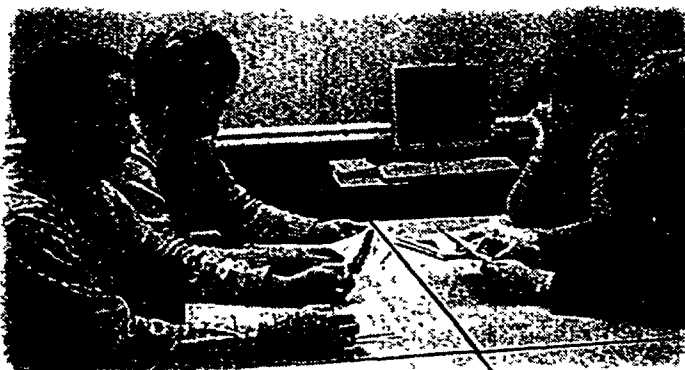
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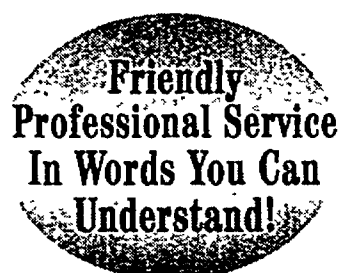


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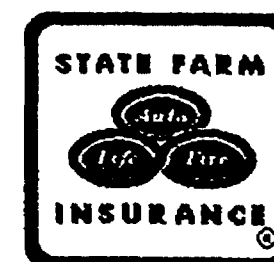
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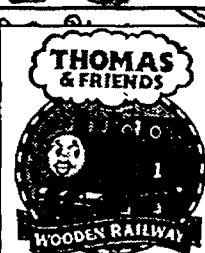
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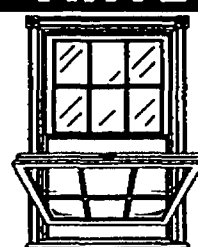
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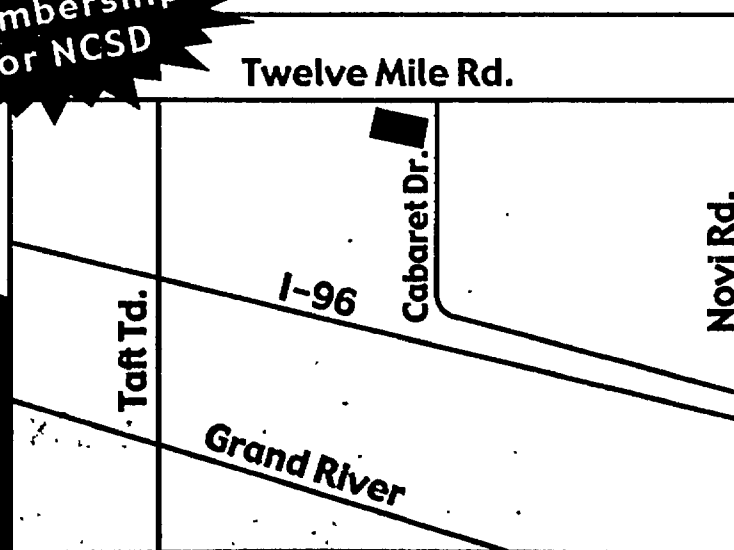
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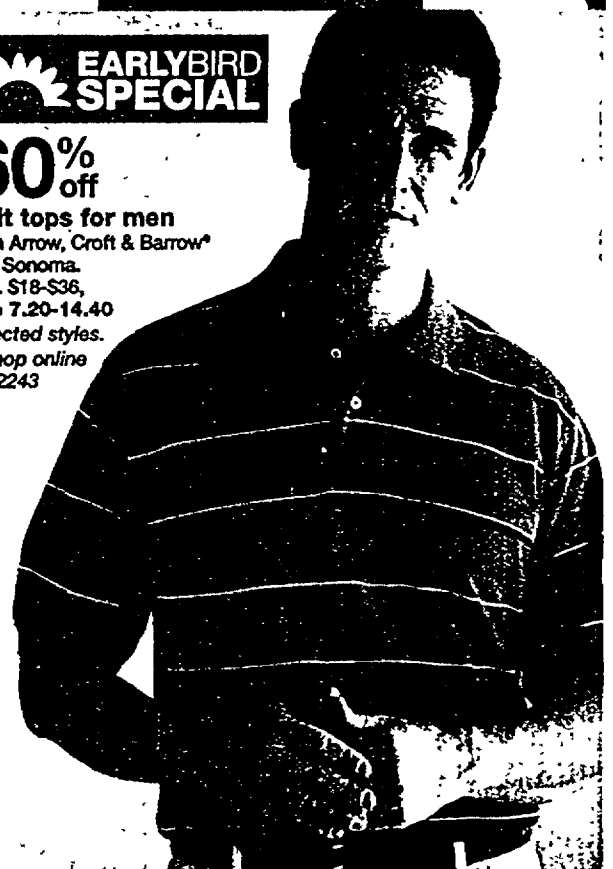
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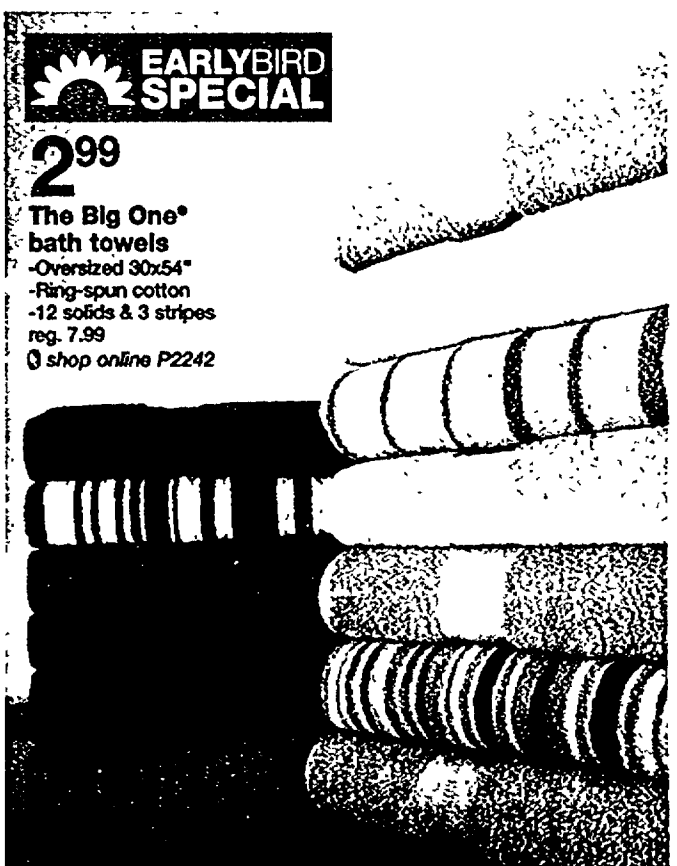
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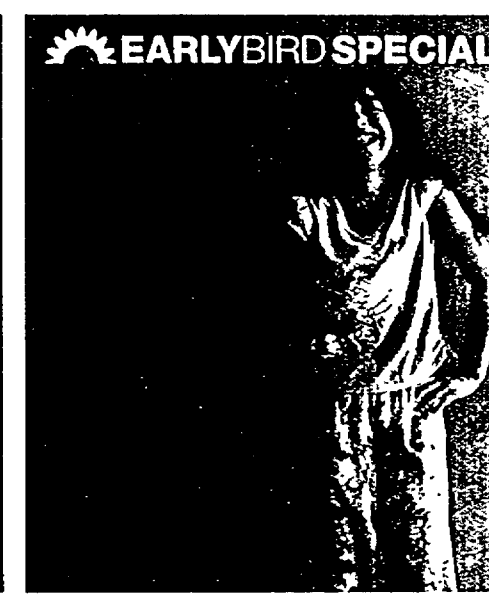
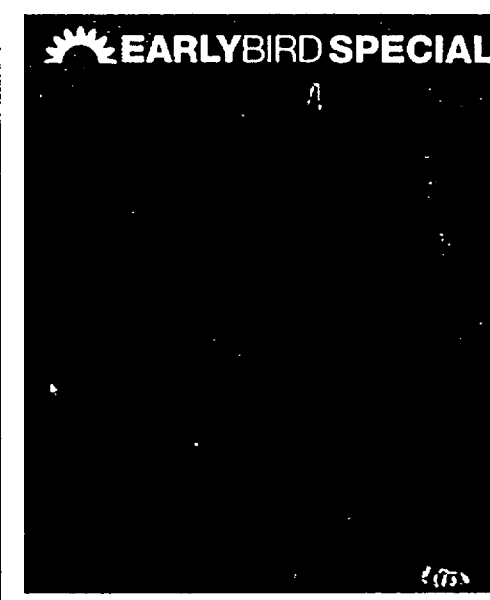
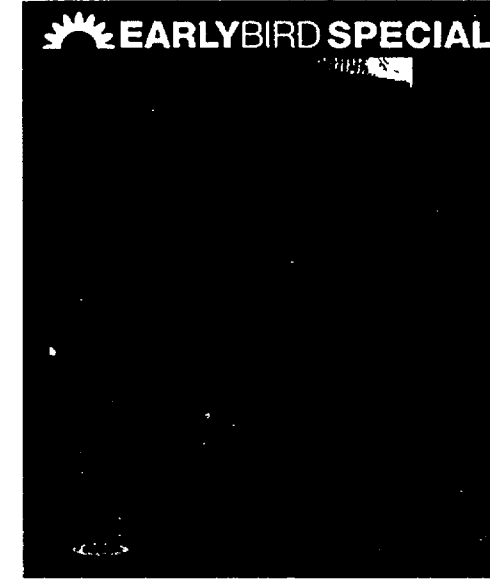
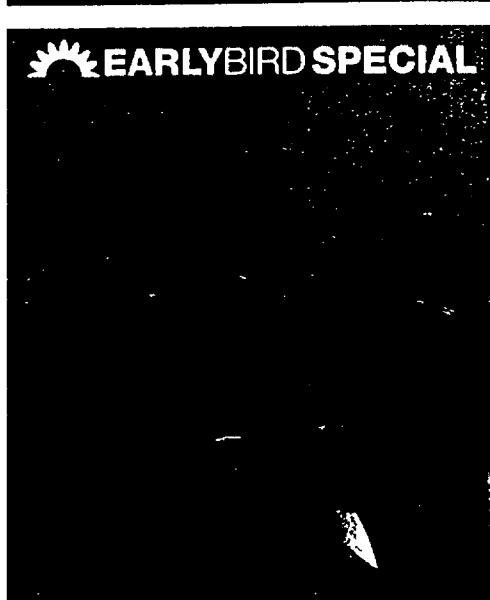
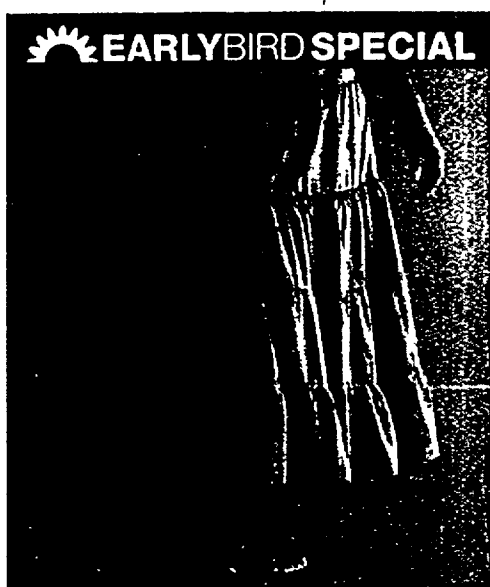
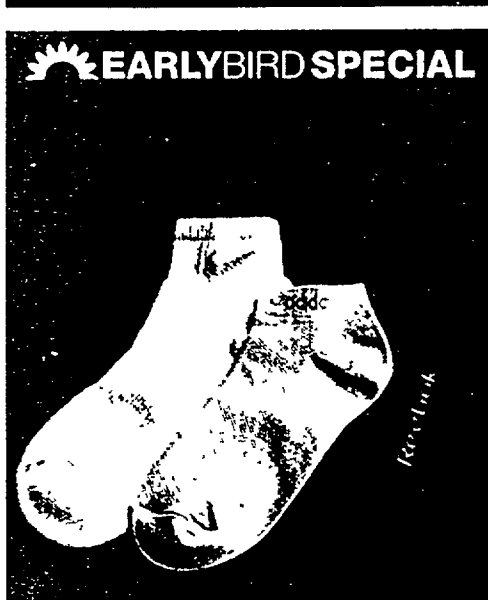
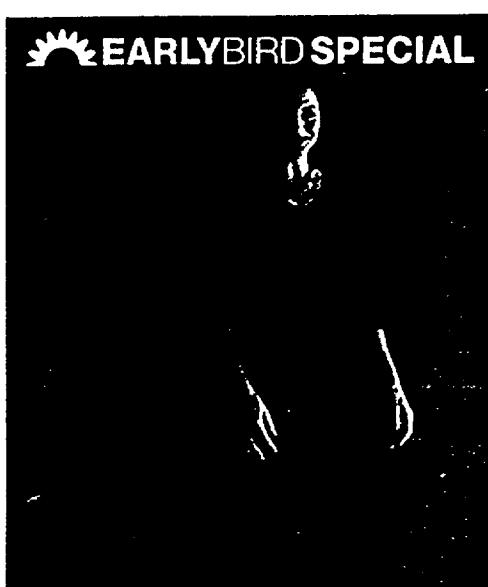
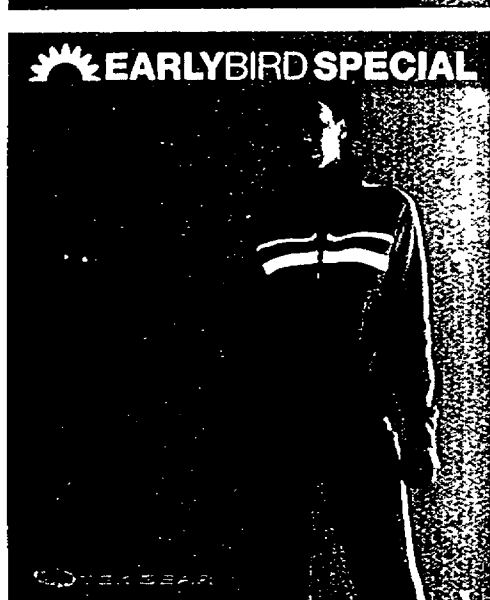
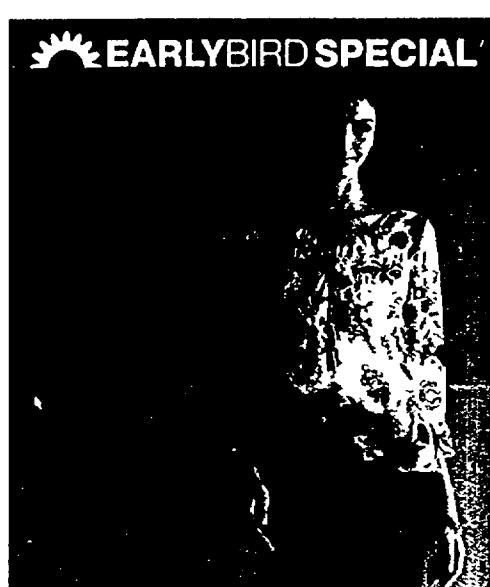
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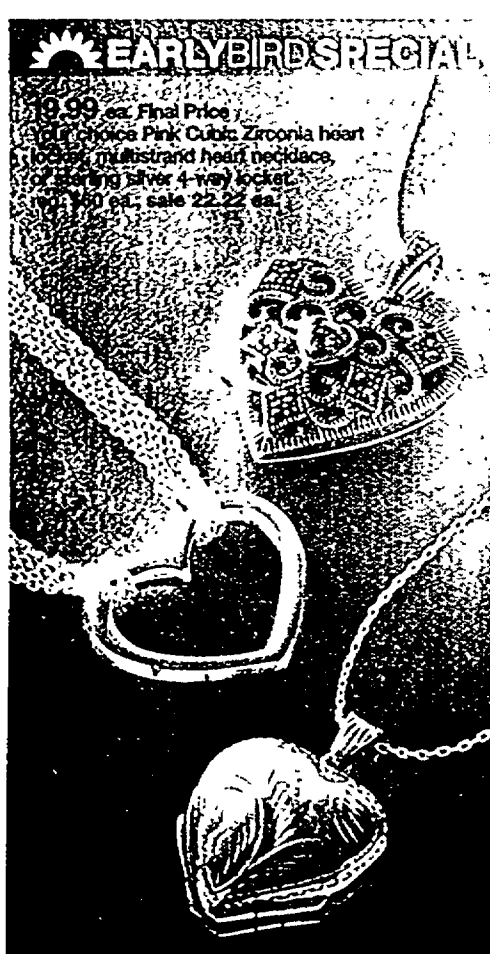
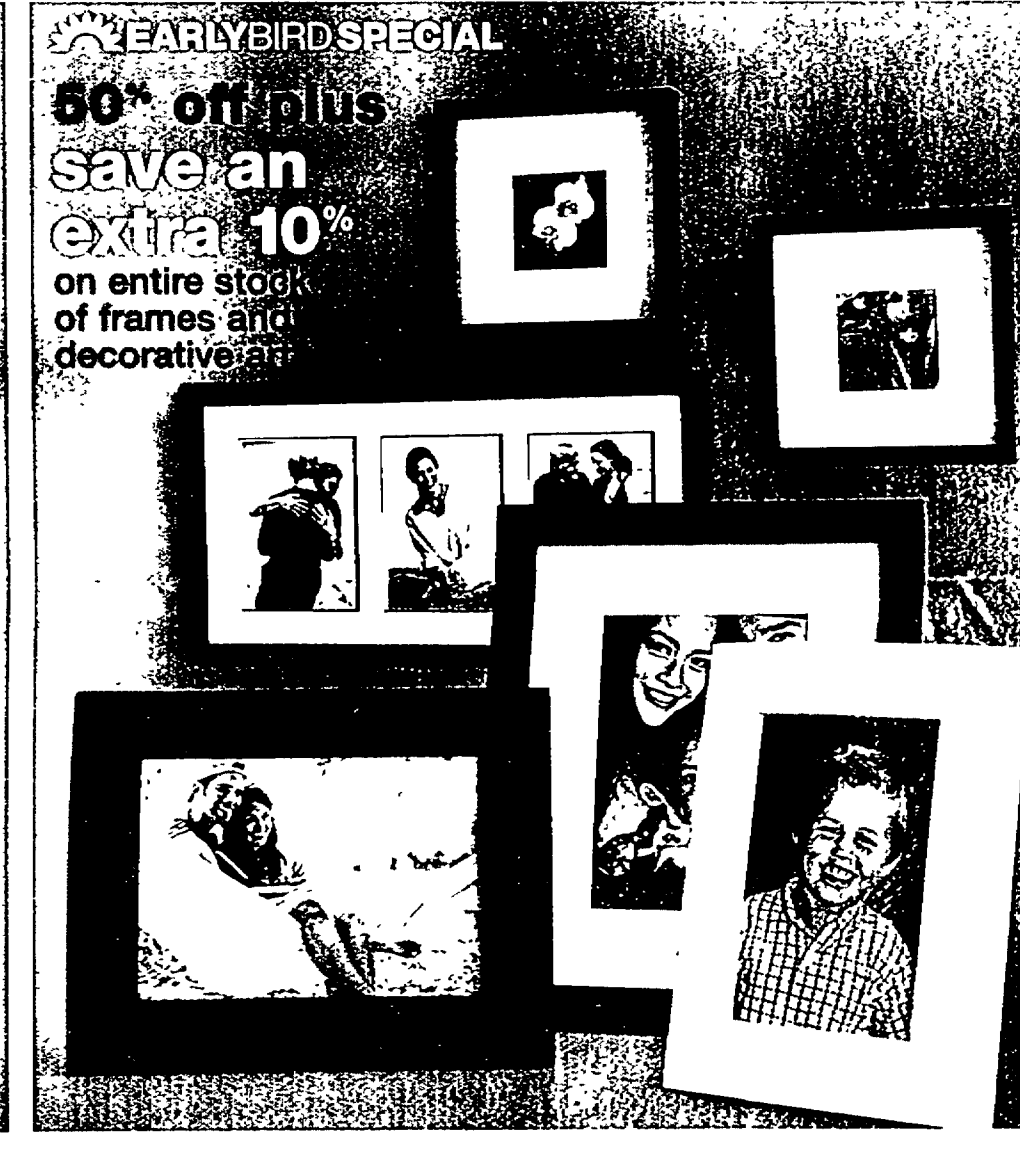


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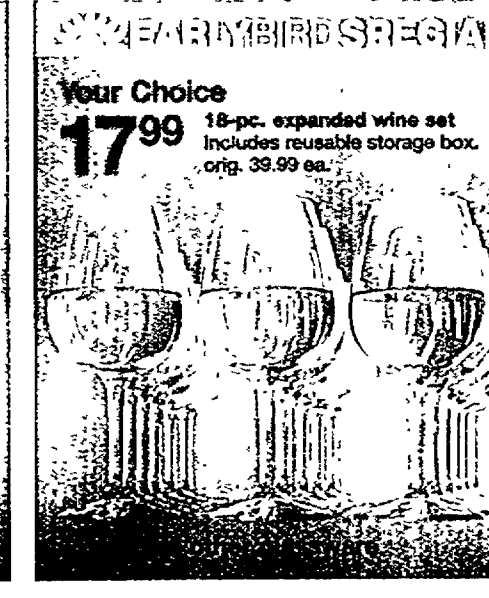
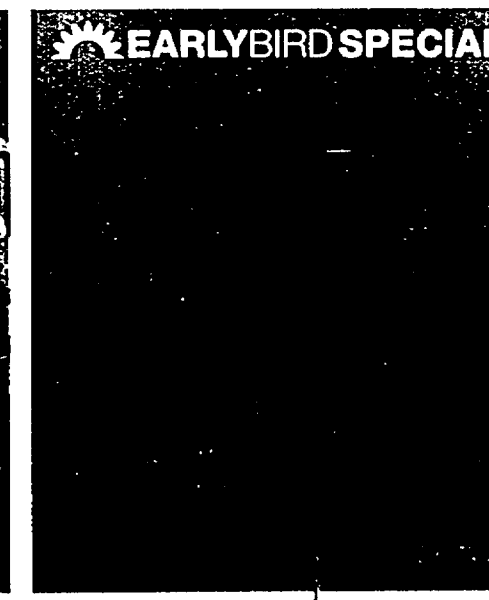
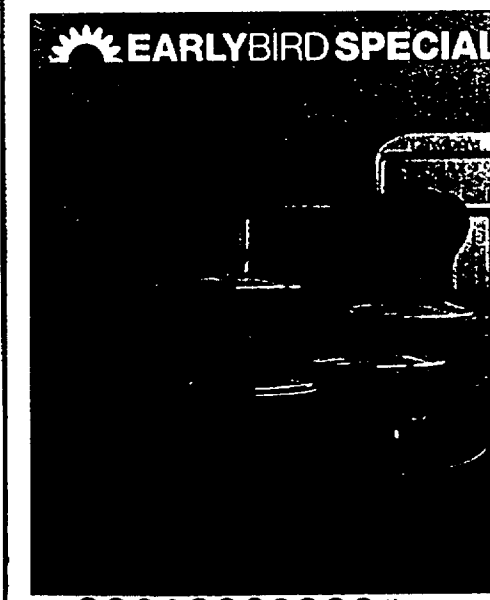
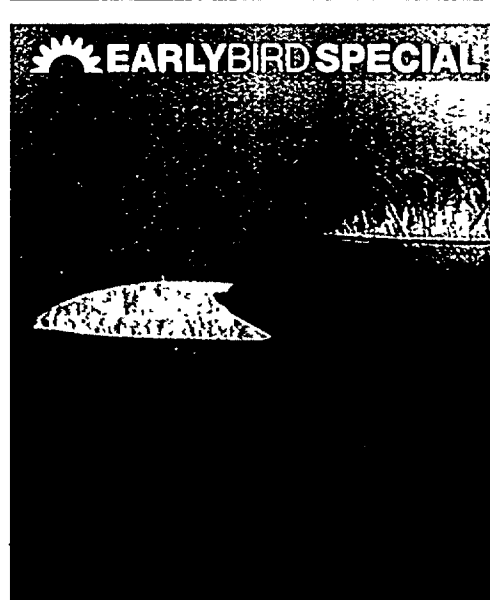
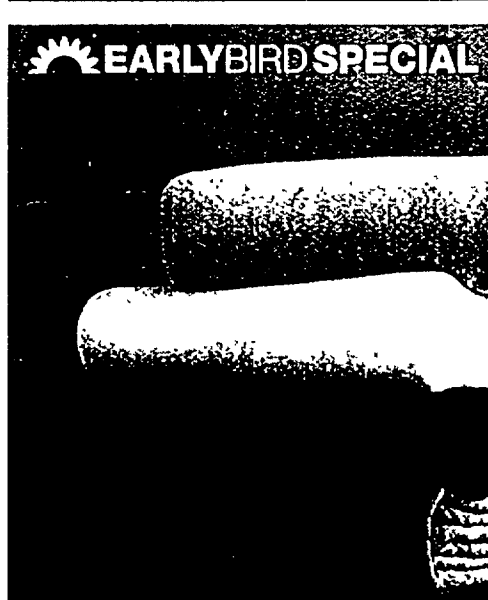
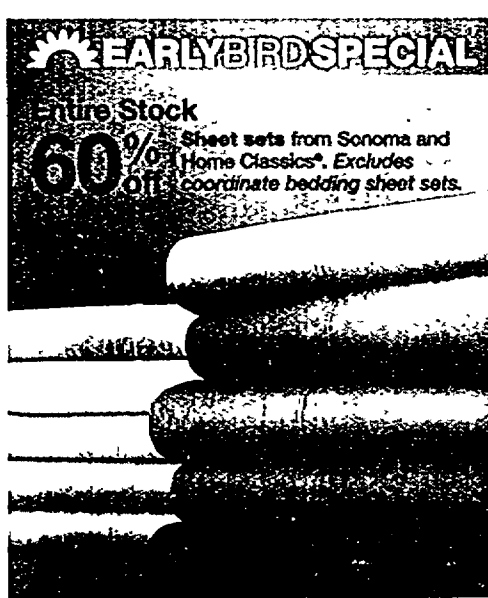
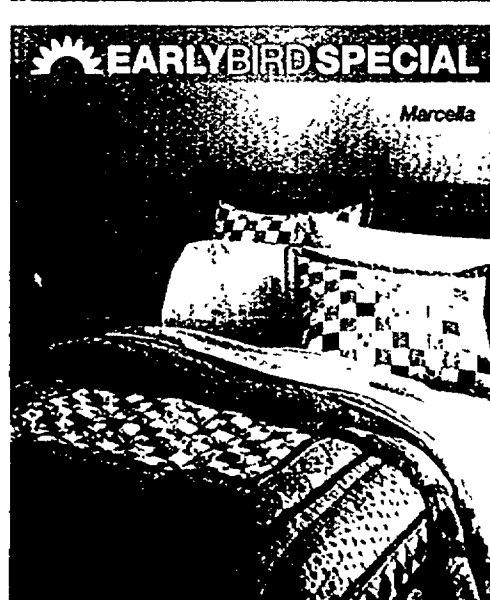
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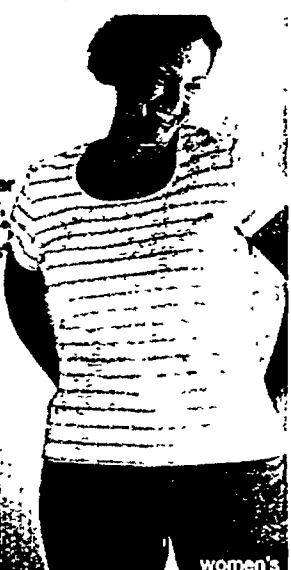
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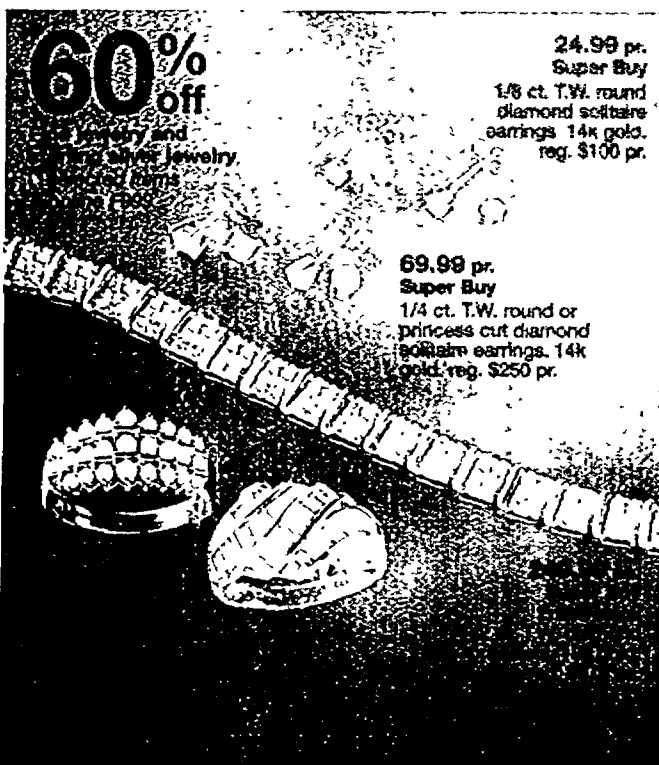
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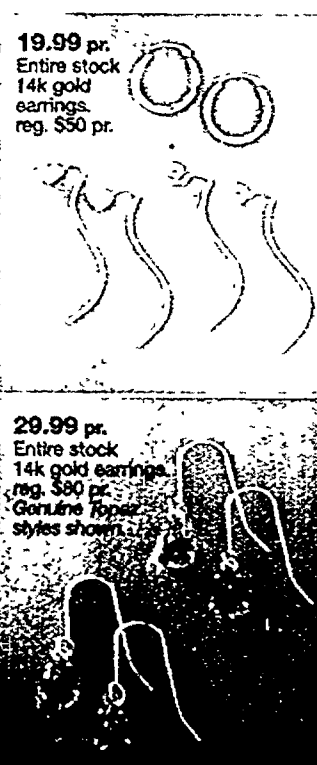
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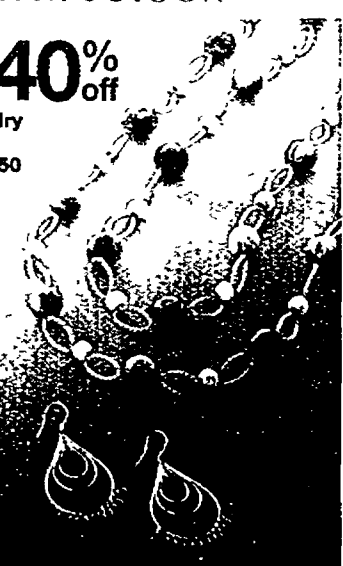
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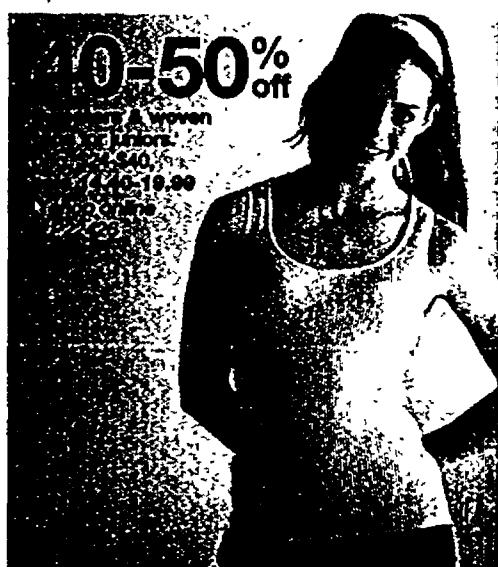


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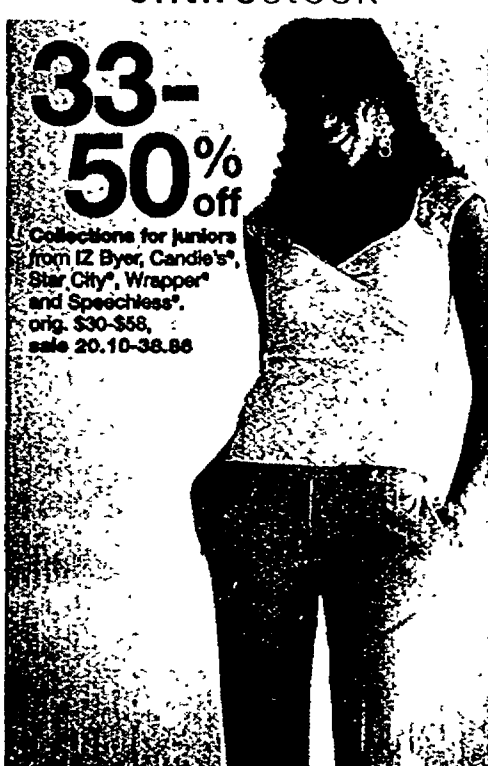
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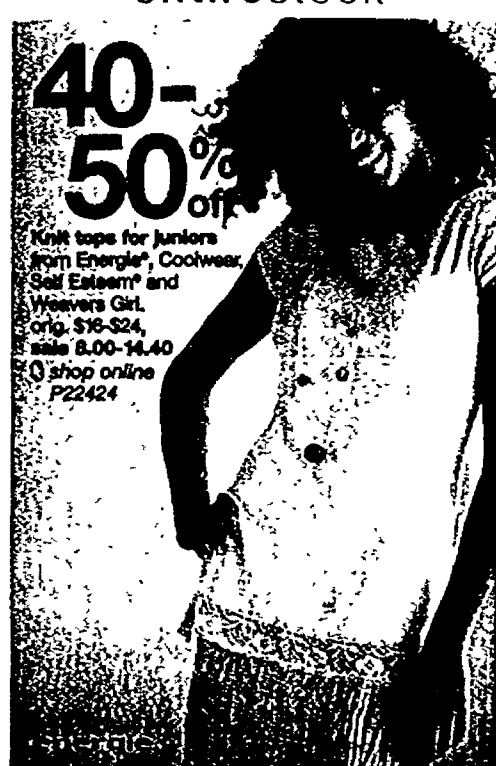
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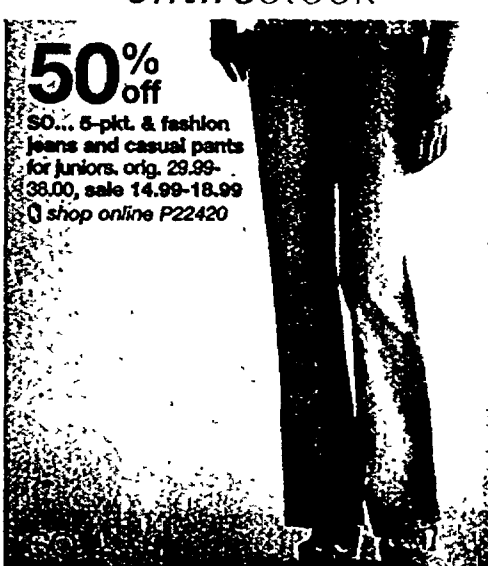
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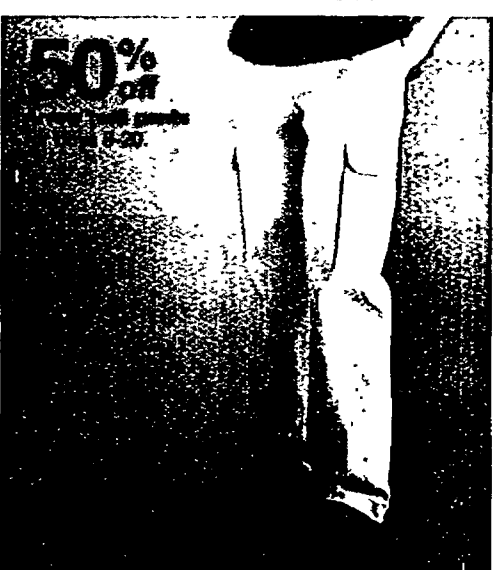


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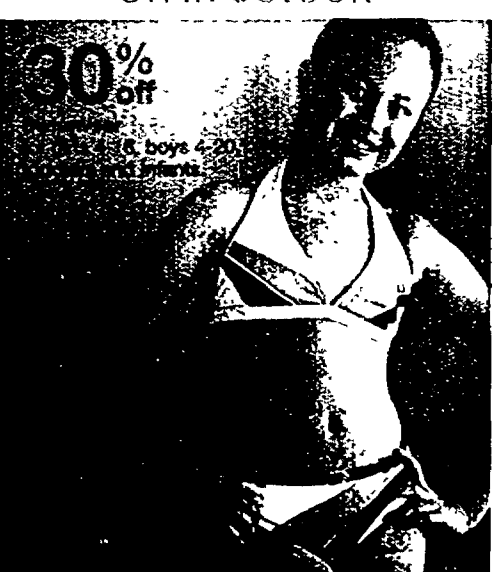


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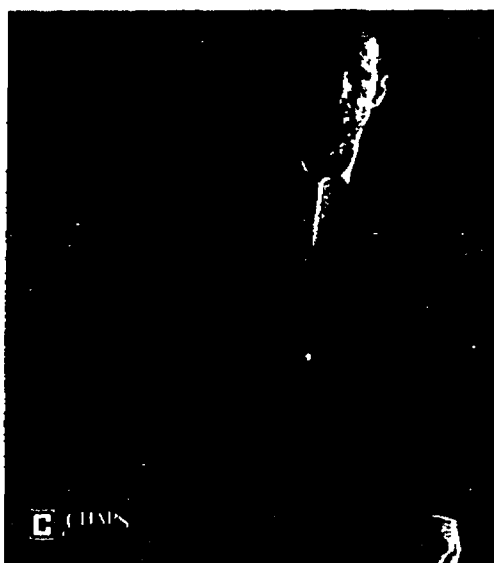
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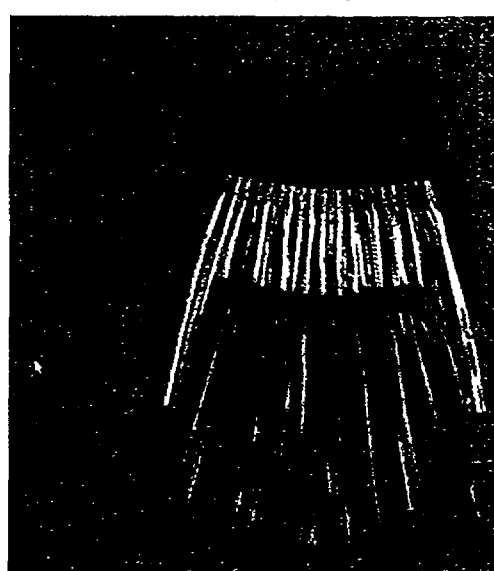
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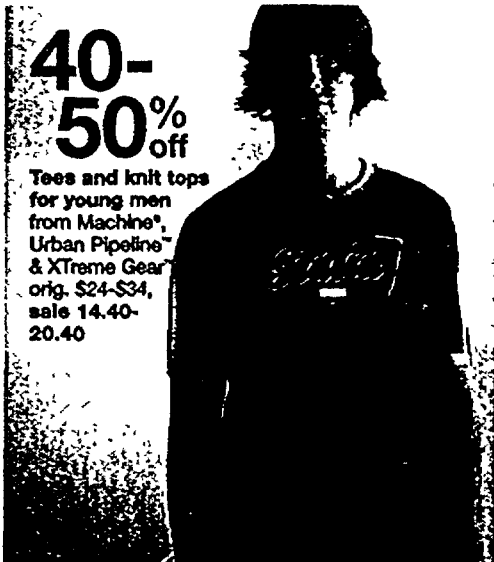
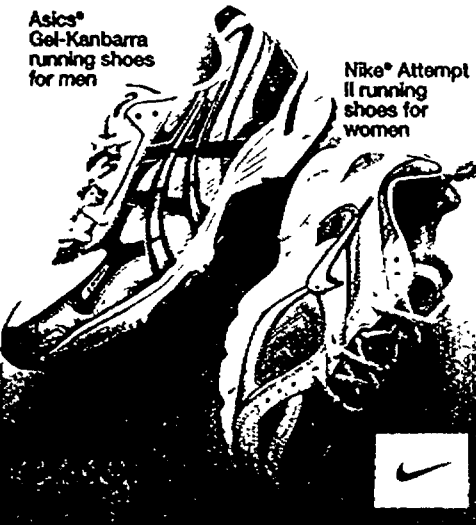
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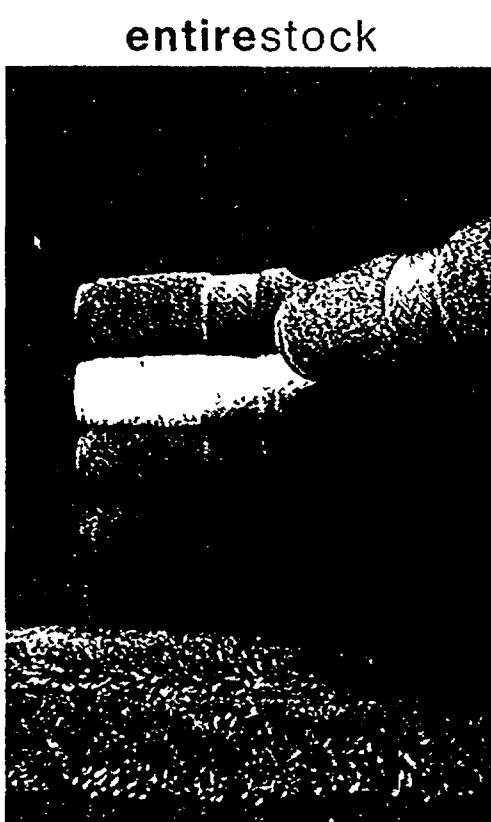




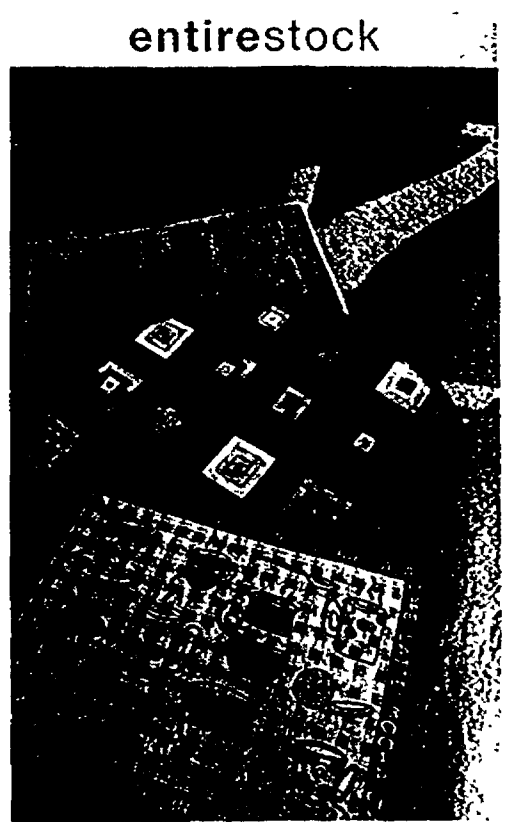
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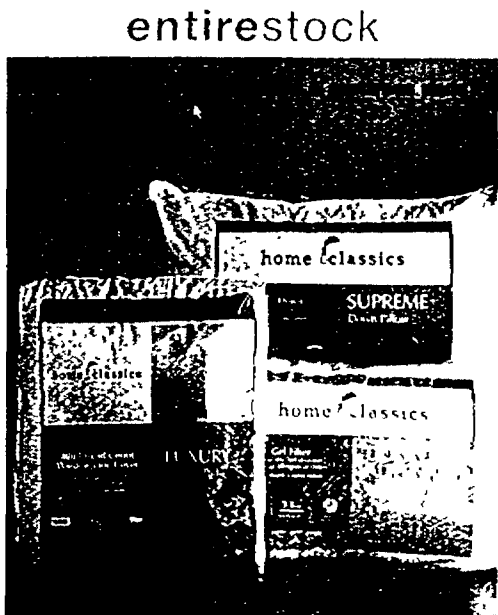


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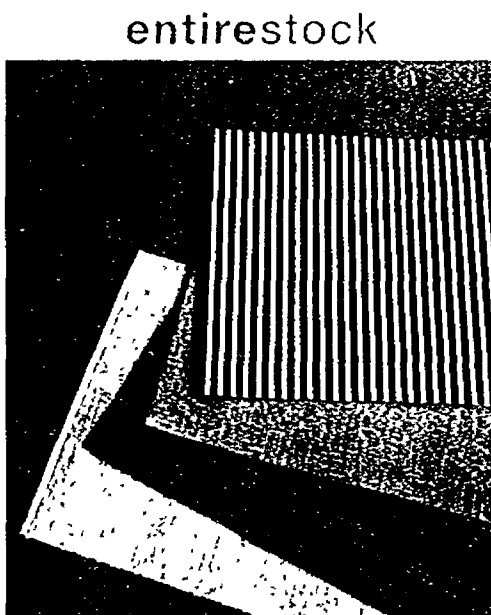
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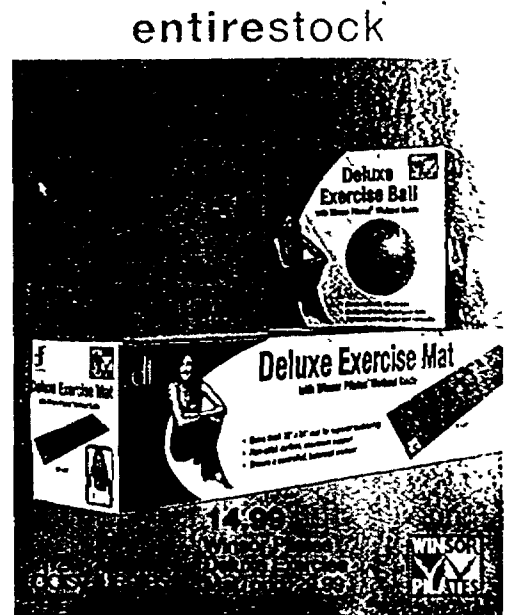
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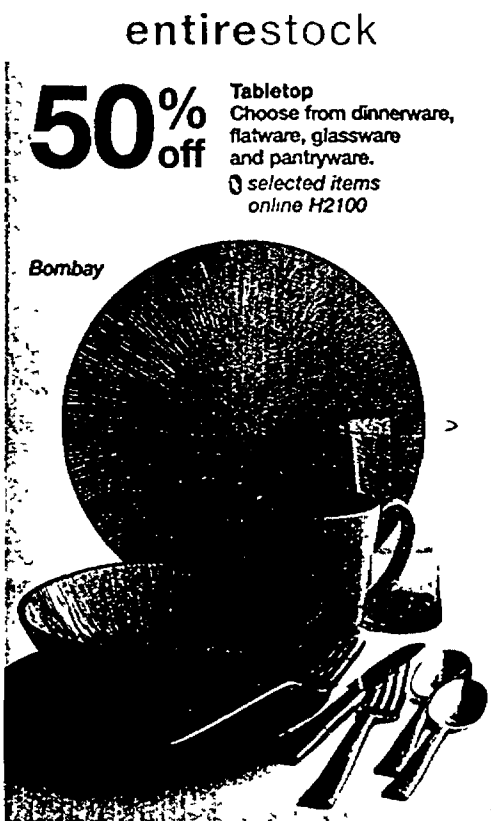
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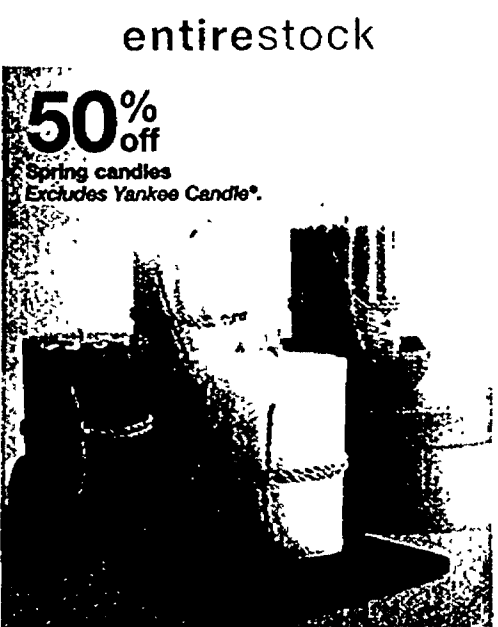
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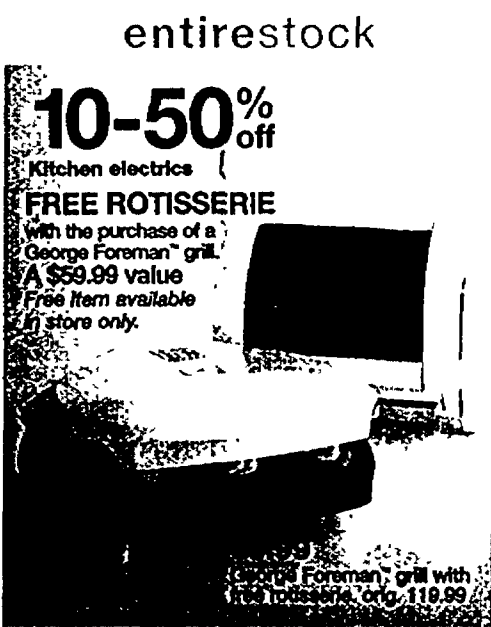
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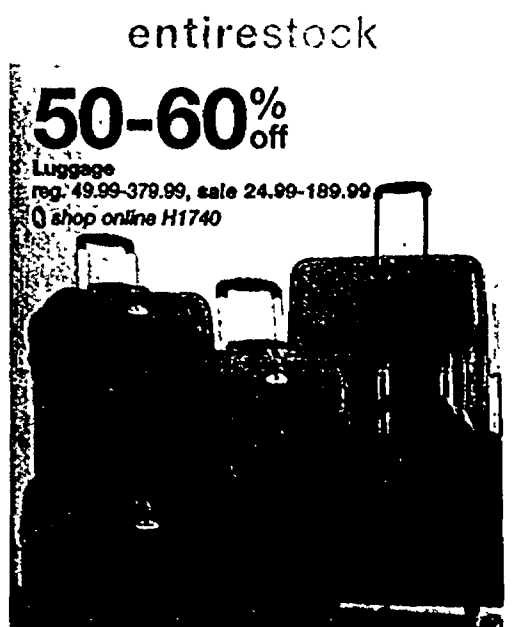
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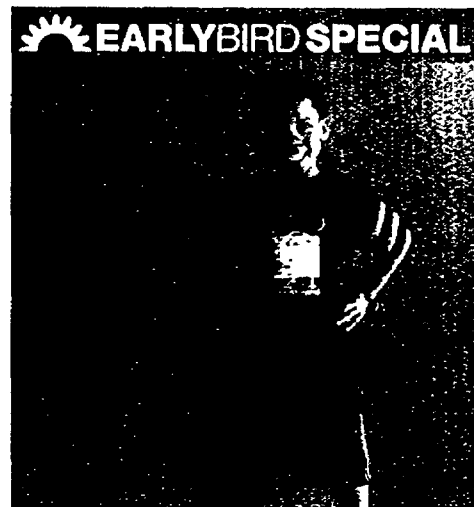
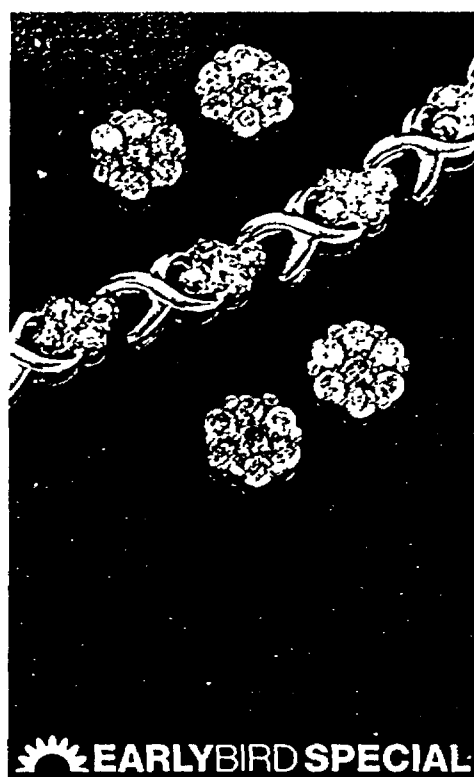
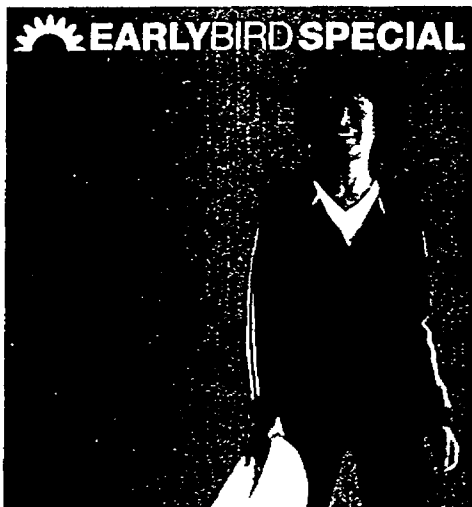
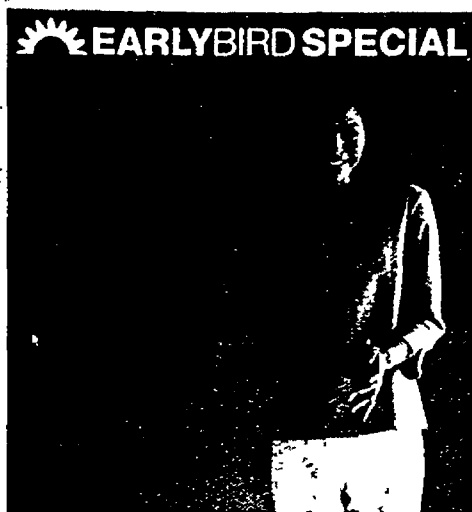
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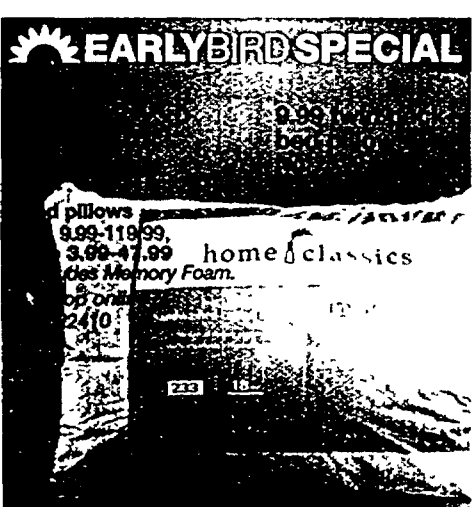
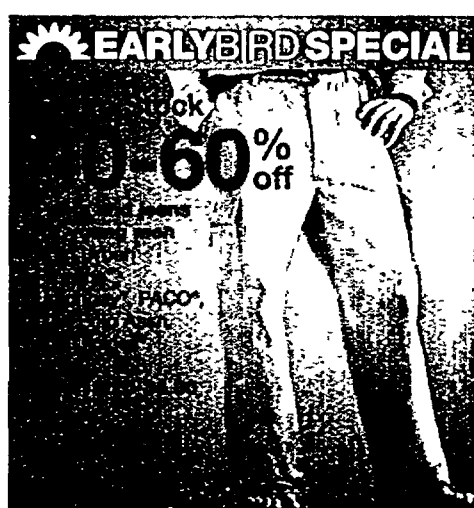
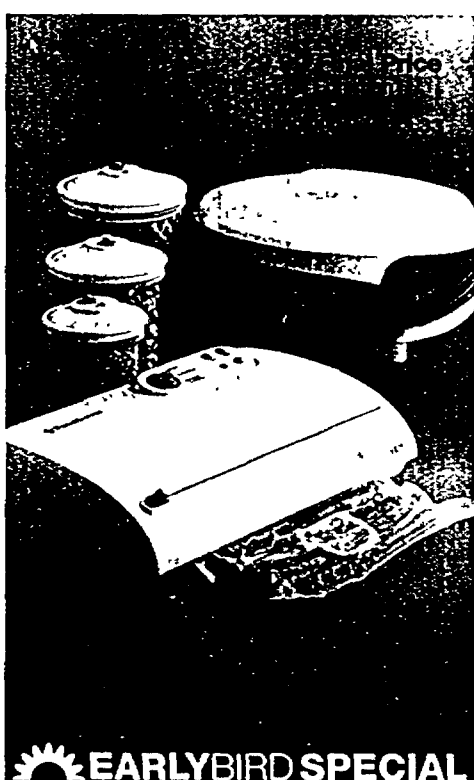
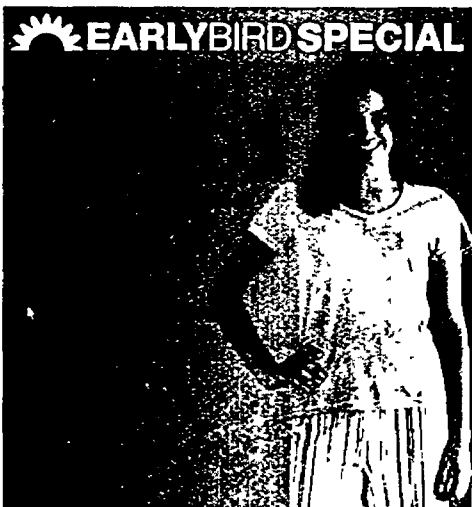
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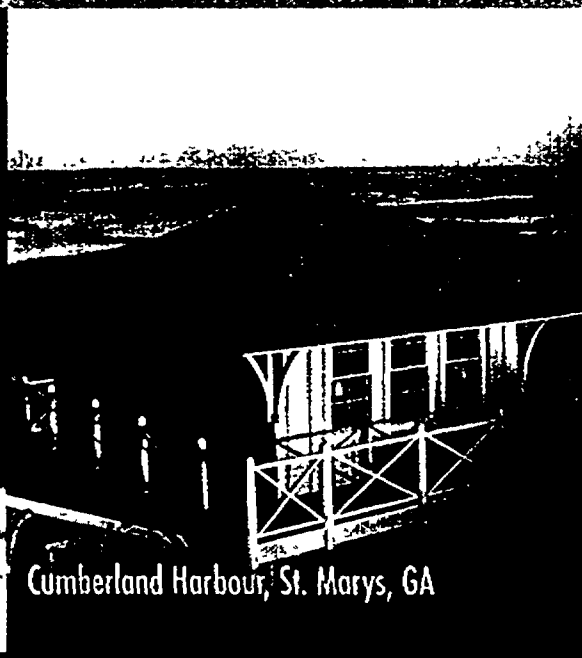
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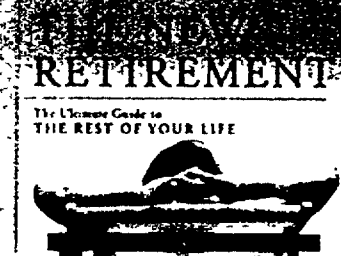
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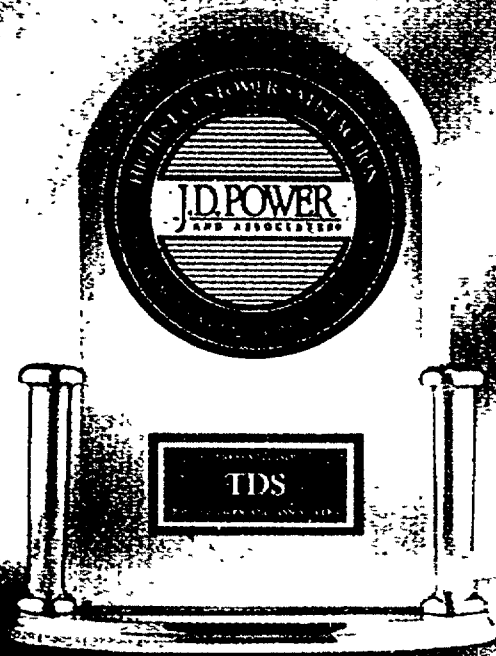
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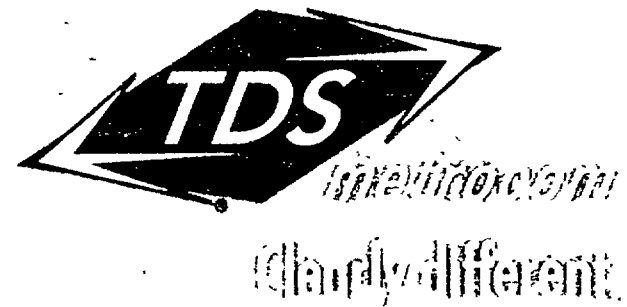
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Ask American Profile

Q: Why has the great Leon Russell been passed up by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? Fill us fans in on what Mr. Russell is up to.

—Nick Coby, Cle Elum, Wash.



Russell: headed for the Hall?

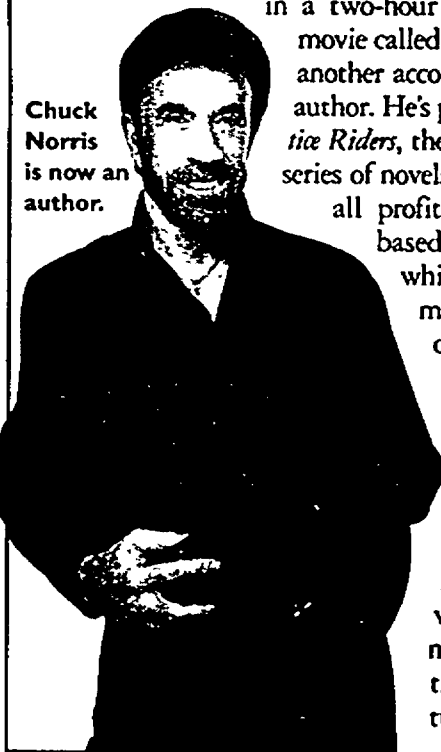
Oklahoma-born Russell is being inducted into the Hollywood RockWalk this year, which sometimes is a preface to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. So stay tuned. An accomplished piano player, showman and writer of classics such as Joe Cocker's "Delta Lady," George Benson's "Masquerade" and "A Song For You," recorded by Ray Charles, Russell still performs. But he hasn't released any new music since 2002, when he churned out three new albums, *Moonlight and Love Songs*, *Crazy Love* and *Life and Love*. He lives with his wife of 25 years, Jan, in Nashville, Tenn., where he's working on a new musical project.

Q: Could you give me any information on Chuck Norris? What is he doing and where is he now?

—Kathleen Harlow, Huntley, Ill.

Martial arts expert-turned-actor Norris, who last year starred in a two-hour *Walker, Texas Ranger* TV movie called *Trial By Fire*, soon will add another accomplishment to his resume: author. He's preparing to release *The Justice Riders*, the first of what he plans as a series of novels set in the Old West, with all profits going to Norris' Texas-based Kickstart Foundation, which trains troubled kids in martial arts and points them on the right path—just as martial arts did for him.

Chuck Norris is now an author.



"I was an at-risk kid," Norris admits. "I grew up in poverty with an alcoholic father who was gone all the time. I could have gone the wrong way very easily. Fortunately, my mom kept me on the right trail, and the martial arts turned my life around."

Q: What can you tell me about Aaron Brown, and why he's no longer on CNN? We sure do miss him.

—A. Underman, Dublin, Calif.

Brown has covered many newsworthy events, including the O.J. Simpson trial, the Columbine High School shootings, the death of Princess Diana, the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the D.C. sniper, the Columbia space shuttle disaster and the tsunami in Southeast Asia. He was the founding anchor of ABC-TV's *World News Now* and reported with Peter Jennings for *World News Tonight*. He recently served in CNN's New York bureau as anchor for *NewsNight With Aaron Brown* and host of *CNN Presents*, but he left the network late last year for some much-deserved time off with his wife of 23 years and his teenage daughter. In his spare time, he loves to golf and cook.



Brown left CNN.



Jane Seymour is keeping busy with several new projects.

Q: What is Jane Seymour doing these days?

—Marge D., Coldwater, Mich.

When she's not working in front of the cameras, Seymour is an accomplished painter with her own art gallery in Los Angeles. She also promotes her line of upscale home décor, the Jane Seymour Home Collection, now entering its sixth season. Most recently, she created a variety of beds and bedding inspired by her homes in England and California, as well as by the romantic atmosphere of the Grand Hotel on Michigan's scenic Mackinac Island. (The romantic movie *Somewhere in Time*, in which she starred with the late Christopher Reeve, was filmed there.) The former star of TV's *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman* is married to director James Keach, appeared in the hit 2005 movie *Wedding Crashers* and will star in a new TV sitcom called *Modern Man*, which debuts this spring on the WB network.

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Hometown Heroes

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Sharing the Hometown News

Since 1990, *The Chandlersville Courier* has been bringing the local news to the people of Chandlersville, Ohio (pop. 85), as well as to former residents of the town. News about a woman who makes and sells hard rock candy, about a gray fox killed by a dog south of town, and about a local beekeeper who coaxed some troublesome bees from a farmer's hay baler. These stories might not make it onto a 24-hour cable news network, but for the paper's 325 subscribers and other readers, they matter just as much as national news.

"The town paper is something special," says Pam Nunley, the paper's editor and publisher.

Nunley bought the *Courier* in 1997 for \$1 from Rick Taylor, who published the newspaper by himself for seven years and needed help with the workload. Today, Taylor continues to be the paper's primary reporter and historian, Nunley designs the monthly publication and her husband, Steve, sells advertising.

The Nunleys print 425 copies of the newspaper each month.



From left: Rick Taylor, and Steve and Pam Nunley produce *The Chandlersville (Ohio) Courier* as a community service.

"Not many communities do this anymore," says Taylor, 57, a truck driver for a local communications company. "It just got in my blood."

For Nunley, who also is the town's postmaster, taking over the paper seemed like the right thing to do, to keep alive something that had come to mean so much to Chandlersville. "I didn't want to see the town lose its paper," she says. "I'm just trying to keep it together."

Since she purchased the *Courier*, Nunley has made a few changes with the paper's format and fonts, but its spirit remains the same: it's the voice of a community, the place to go to find out who's been recently engaged and who has the best blackberry jam recipe in town. And despite its limited circulation, it remains a popular item among those in the know.

"A lot of our readers are older," Nunley says. "In the nursing homes they just about fight over it."

The paper, which Nunley designs on a computer, prints out and photocopies onto 11-by-17-inch paper on a small copier in her basement, sells for \$1.50 an issue. She prints 425 copies each month, and in addition to mailing it to subscribers, she distributes it to four local businesses: O'Neal's Diner in Chandlersville, and several businesses a few miles north of town, including Carlwick Stop-n-Shop, Zane's Feed & Supply in Zanesville, and a gas station along Route 40 just east of Zanesville.

"The paper doesn't make a lot of money," Nun-

ley says. "It's more like a community service."

Subscribers from as far away as Texas, New Mexico, Maryland and Georgia get their own copies by mail each month.

"It reminds them of home," Nunley says. "It gives them news from home."

When Nunley bought the *Courier* she had little experience as a writer or publisher, just a dream of becoming a storyteller. "When I was in elementary school, I always wanted to be a writer," she says. "I think I've learned a lot. I feel like it's something I can give back to the community."

Nunley spends several evenings and weekends each month gathering material for the paper, printing it, and distributing it. She also enjoys researching and writing some of the

articles, such as one about a Chandlersville gardener and the Chrisley bean, a pole bean that her family has grown for more than 300 years. Such articles give her—and readers of the *Courier*—an opportunity to get to know their friends and neighbors, and the sense that they belong to a vital community.

"People just love the paper," Nunley says. ★

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Martina McBride

Retaining the values of her Kansas upbringing

Martina McBride well remembers the advice her mother gave her when she was attending high school in Sharon, Kan. (pop. 210), with nine other students in her class.

"My mom always said, 'You need to watch out for your reputation. It is important,'" she recalls. "That stuck with me. Sometimes I think you have to balance it with the fact that you can't worry about what everybody thinks. But at the same time, you have a responsibility to yourself, your family and your reputation."

McBride, 39, now has a reputation as a country superstar with more than 15 million records sold and shelves full of music awards. But she still adheres to the basic, down-home wisdom and traditional values instilled in her by her father, Daryl Schiff, a farmer who moonlighted as a carpenter, and her mother, Jeanne, a homemaker who raised four children about a mile down the road from their grandparents.

Living in the countryside just outside of Sharon, McBride and her siblings had few distractions, since shopping centers and fast-food restaurants weren't nearby options and their television picked up only three channels. They went to town about once a week with their mother to buy groceries, and spent afternoons riding bikes down country roads and using their imaginations to fill the long days of summer. Each evening began with the family gathering around the kitchen table to share a meal and relate the day's activities.

"Growing up in a small community like that, where everybody knows you, you have a real sense of accountability," she says. "Anything you do or say, everybody knows it. You have a sense that anything you do will reflect on your family, so you have to watch your p's and q's. I was raised with a really good sense of morals and values."

A house full of music

While there weren't many neighborhood kids to play with, there always were musical instruments around the home. McBride's father played guitar, and music

Martina joined a band led by her dad, Daryl (in white shirt), when she was 7.





With daughters (from left) Ava, Delaney and Emma

from his band's weekly rehearsals resonated in the house, so small that all four kids shared a single bedroom when they were young. Martina, who demonstrated an early knack for singing, joined her dad's band at age 7, accompanied by her 5-year-old brother, Marty, who played guitar and still plays in his sister's band to this day. The family band, called The Schiffers, played local gigs on the weekends.

Such closeness to her family and her community gave McBride a strong sense of place and identity. "When you grow up like that, you know who you are," she says. "There was never any putting on airs for people or trying to be something you're not."

That quality, she says, has helped her immensely in the music business. "When you start out, so many people are trying to get you to do so many things," she explains. "You have to have a strong sense of self to say, 'I will not do that; that is not me.' You have to be strong enough to stand up and say no. I've done that a lot in my career. Growing up in a small town and knowing who I am has served me well."

It was this strong sense of self that gave her the determination to leave home in 1990 and move to Nashville, Tenn., to pursue her dreams of a career in country music. After selling T-shirts at Garth Brooks' concerts in 1991 while her husband, John McBride, worked as Brooks' production manager, she eventually landed her own deal with RCA Records and released her debut album in 1992. The hits started coming in 1993 and went on to include nearly 20 Top 10s, including "My Baby Loves Me," "Broken Wing," "Wild Angels" and "Blessed."

McBride, who tied Reba McEntire's record of four Country Music Association awards for Female Vocalist of the Year in 2004, is considered one of the genre's best singers for her impressive range and rich, pitch-perfect voice. She's also known as a consummate, self-confident perfectionist who

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Martina is a four-time CMA Female Vocalist of the Year.

can't easily be talked into doing anything she doesn't want to do. Perhaps it's no coincidence that she is best known for the song called "Independence Day."

Following her instincts

Her independent spirit recently found her bucking the conventional wisdom of the music industry with her latest album, *Timeless*. The CD is a collection of classic, traditional country songs—such as "Rose Garden," "I Can't Stop Loving You" and "Make the World Go Away"—as opposed to more commercially contemporary tunes that her record company knew had always been her forte.

"I really wanted to make an album of just classic country," McBride says. "I just went for it." Her record company agreed to let her roll the dice, and her gamble paid off: *Timeless* was a No. 1 hit on *Billboard's* country album charts last year and was certified platinum for sales of a million copies in less than two months, faster than any of her previous albums.

She realizes she might have been an even bigger star—or, at least, a bigger star faster—had she compliantly followed all the advice and suggestions dished out from managers, booking agents and other industry insiders. "On one hand, I might have had maybe a bigger career if I let somebody talk me into some things," she says. "But I know that I am a really happy person and a really content person with who I am."

First and foremost, she's the mother of three daughters—Delaney, 11, Emma, 7, and Ava, 8 months—and the wife of John, 48, whom she married in 1988. "A lot of times, people don't understand that I put my kids first," she says. For instance, McBride's current tour, which runs through April, is scheduled mostly around weekend travel specifically so her kids can accompany her on the road without missing any school days.

"I look at my kids, and they are really well-adjusted and happy people," she says. "Just because I sing, I am not a big star in



Singing "Rose Garden" on the Opry with Lynn Anderson

my house, I am Mom. That is important to me. You are shaping little people. It's way more important than record sales or any awards or TV shows."

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"Even though I'm in a crazy business, I really want them to have the same kind of upbringing I had," she says. "It's not going to be the same in a lot of circumstances, but the way I raise my kids, the things I teach them, the values I teach them, that sense of self I'm going to pass onto them, is the same."

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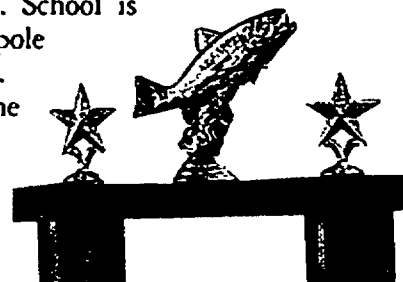
Hometown Spotlight

Cassville's Fishin' Tradition

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Students in Cassville, Mo., don't need to play hooky to go fishing on the opening day of trout season. School is officially closed every March 1 so residents can grab a fishing pole and reel in a lively rainbow trout from nearby Roaring River.

Opening day has been declared a school holiday in the Ozarks town of 2,890 for as long as anyone can remember. "It's a big event," says Cassville School District Superintendent Jim Orrell, flanked on the river by his three children: Tim, 16, Emily, 13 and Kimberly, 10.



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Fishermen line the banks of Roaring River on opening day of trout season.

Orrell doesn't know of any other school district that honors the trout opener as a holiday, but he points out that lessons can be learned on the river.

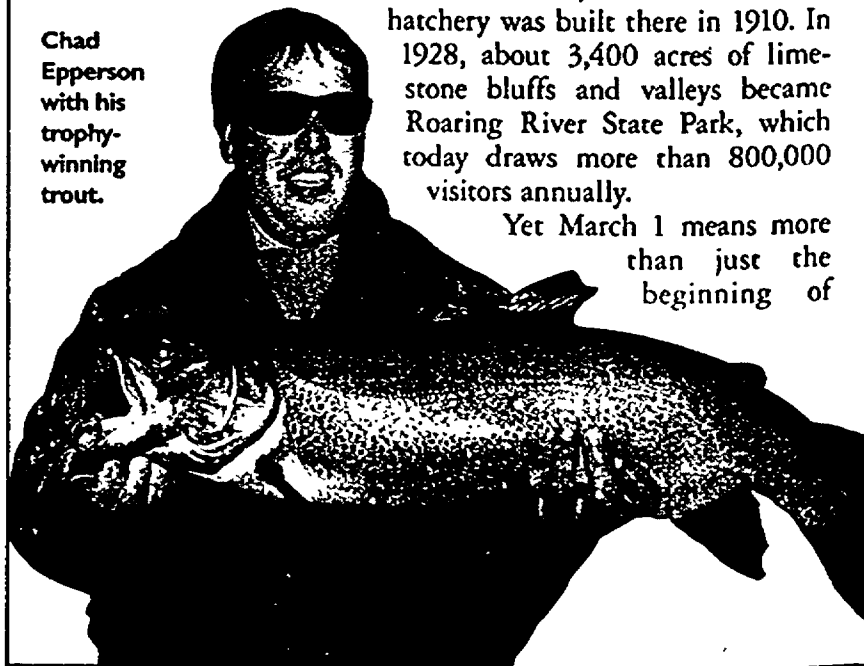
"Fishing certainly teaches patience," Orrell says. "And it's a good opportunity to get out and enjoy nature."

Cassville Police Chief Lonnie McCullough also supports the town's official fishing holiday and believes in the merits of the sport. "Fishing gives kids something to do and channels their energy," says McCullough, who teaches kids how to fish in the Hooked on Fishing Club at Cassville Middle School.

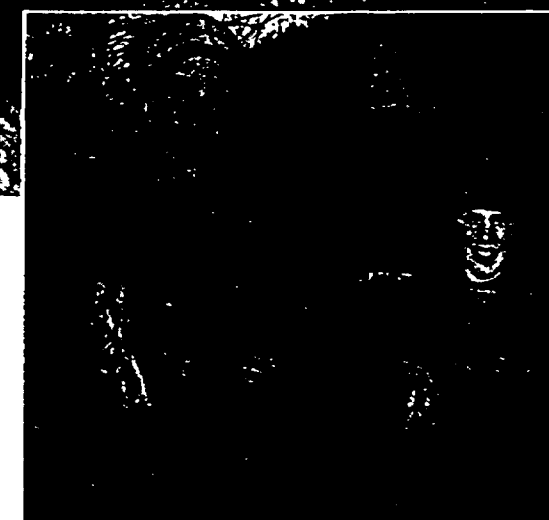
Neighbors Thomas Ashwell, 15, and Jeremy Thomas, 12, have fished together on opening day for three years. "It's fun. Half our friends are here," Ashwell says.

Cassville has a historical link with the crystal clear spring-fed waters of Roaring River. Settlers built their first gristmill along the water in 1836, and the first trout hatchery was built there in 1910. In 1928, about 3,400 acres of limestone bluffs and valleys became Roaring River State Park, which today draws more than 800,000 visitors annually.

Chad Epperson with his trophy-winning trout.



Yet March 1 means more than just the beginning of



From left: Emily, Jim and Kimberly Orrell the eight-month trout season in Cassville. It's a time for 4,000 anglers—gathered shoulder-to-shoulder on the riverbank—to visit with friends and neighbors.

Elmer Hancock, 82, has reeled in trout every opening day at Roaring River since moving to nearby Purdy, Mo. (pop. 1,103), in 1957. "The crowds were half as big then," he recalls. "The roads weren't paved and people didn't have cars to go and no way to get around."

Weather on opening day has held constant through the years—unpredictable. Hancock shrugged off last year's 20-degree temperatures, recalling previous years when he's stood knee-deep in snow to fish.

"Nothing stops us," he says, standing alongside his son, Floyd, 55, and grandson Mikel, 28. "Those fish don't know what the weather is up here."

Long before sunrise, members of the Cassville Chamber of Commerce serve hot coffee to fishermen who visit in the dark with their empty stringers. The chamber also sponsors a

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Bradley Lueckenhoff, 8, enjoys a fishing holiday.

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fishing contest and provides trophies for prize catches.

Some fishermen spend the night along the stream bank to secure a good spot. "Some of these people have been standing on the same rock for 30 years and they're not giving it up," says Park Superintendent Kevin Bolling. "They get here early."

Last year, Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan fired a pistol to signal the official 6:30 a.m. start of trout season, which sent fishing lines up and down the river whipping in the air.

"Reeling them in is the best part," says Emily Orrell, who caught a trout on her second cast.

The biggest challenge on opening day, says her brother Tim, is "not casting in other lines." Neighborliness is another lesson learned.

Wendy Lueckenhoff relaxes in a folding chair, while keeping a close eye on her young fishermen—Jordan, 12, Jessica, 11, and Bradley, 8. "Fishing gets kids away from TV and video games," she says. "It brings them back to a simple life here."

At 11:58 a.m., two minutes before the weigh-in deadline for the morning's biggest fish, Chad Epperson races to the scales with his winning 9.45-pound trout. "I was fishing by the dam and he came out of nowhere," says Epperson, 32.

In the children's contest, Keifer Schmueser, 4, clutches his 3.2-pound prize-winning trout along with a trophy nearly as tall as he is.

"He sure beat me," says proud father Keith Schmueser. "It was worth it."

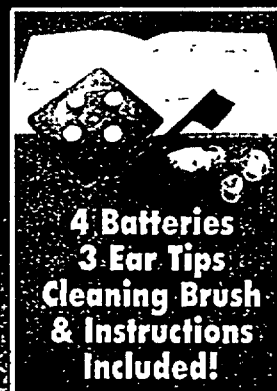
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