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Record Sports



The Northville Mustangs fell to Novi Catholic Central Monday during the first round of state playoffs action. See what happened. And see how the Mustangs swimming and diving team is preparing for tits own state title run, starting this weekend. Record Sports!

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Some grumble downtown parking policy sends all the wrong messages

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Paulette Medvecky wanted to know if they just started cracking down.

The Wayne resident came to Northville with her daughter Jennifer last week and gasped when she saw an officer with a chalk stick approaching their vehicle.

"Do they really give tickets?" asked Medvecky. She said she has been visiting Northville for years, but for the first time Friday her outing was affected by parking concerns.

"We like to just come in for the shopping," she said. "My daughter had a day off from (teaching) school. All the years we've come here, I've never seen an officer marking tires before."

The women parked behind the Marquis Theatre in the cityowned lot, one of two lots they consider destinations. They said they were not aware of signs directing them where to park longer.

Both the Dunlap Street and

"I would ride away thinking Northville doesn't want me. Those people have too much money."

> Paulette Medvecky Downtown Shopper from Wayne

Wing and Dunlap lots are signed with a three-hour parking limit. "It just puts a little damper on

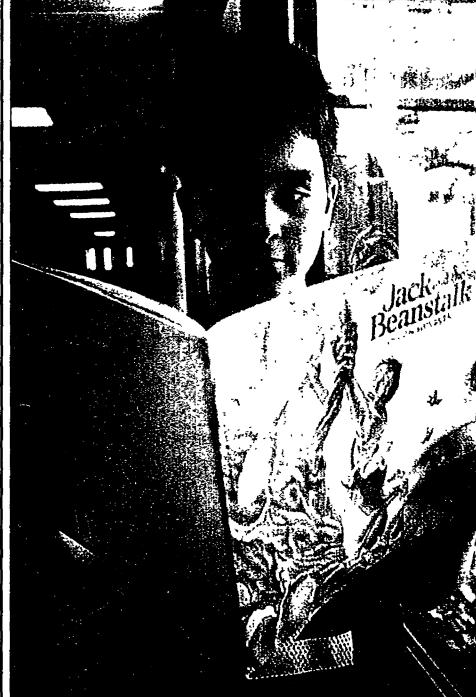
it," Medvecky said. "It's noon. We've got to be out by 3."

Medvecky, whose business and professional group takes in lunch and a play at Genitti's, said she would relay the parking limit information so her peers can avoid tickets.

Both mom and daughter questioned the intention of the threehour limit. The goal of city's parking management program is to shift all-day employees, leaving the most-convenient spaces for downtown patrons.

Rather than risk a licket after three hours, the Medveckys said they would be more inclined to

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Amerman Elementary School third grader Redding Haines reads a Jack and the Beanstalk book, part of the statewide March is Reading Month. For learning consultant book reccomendations, see Page 18A.

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By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

A week after voters rebuffed two Northville Public Schools bond proposals totaling nearly \$71 million, some residents are still reflecting on their ballot decisions.

District officials said following the Feb. 28 election they would begin looking into the message voters sent and reasons behind the defeat.

Two district proposals totaling \$71.67 million were turned down by area residents.

By 58 percent, voters denied



Results & Reasons

the district a \$45.43 million bond to construct a field house addition to the high school, changes to the district's Eight Mile Road stadium, construction of a transportation facility, capital improvements to all district buildings and technology updates.

The majority of voters, 59 percent, also cast 'no' ballots for a \$25.24 million bond request to purchase and develop property; construct an elementary school; acquire and install technology; and build a playground at the site. While voter reasons vary as

Hey, voters: what were you thinking?

much as their votes, others remain the same. Sixteen voters responded to a question asking for the motivation behind their decisions. Six granted permission for print. Here is what they had to say following the election, broken down by category: We want to know What was the reason behind your vote last Tuesday? How are you

What was the reason behind your vote last Tuesday? How are you affected by the outcome? The Northville Record wants to hear your story. Contact education reporter Victoria Mitchell: (248) 349-1700, ext. 122. Or by e-mail at vernitchell@gannett.com

Economy

• You have the fact that this is a down economy in Michigan, but our school board thinks it's OK to spend a total of \$71 million, and the voters should just rubber stamp it.

• In case they haven't noticed, the economy is tough. I haven't seen a raise since 2004, but I have seen my taxes and utilities continue to increase.

Leon Cornelius

• I have four children in school in Northville, but the attitude of

George Linker

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Growing up lead-free

Wayne County law requires landlords to fix their properties

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Amy Zubor made sure her new born baby, Michael, was safe from lead poisoning. After moving into her 1918 Northville home in

After moving into her 1918 Northville home in 1987, the 50-year-old Northville resident said she spoke with her pediatrician regarding the possibilities of poisoning. At that time, she wasn't too concerned.

"They didn't have disclosures about lead paint back then," Zubor said.

Zubor said her son is now a 17-year-old senior in high school and has never had any problems due to lead paint.

"We've painted several times since 1987," she said. "I'm sure there was lead paint in the house, but unless kids are picking at it and eating paint chips, there have been no problems."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed four of seven laws on Dec. 21, 2004 aimed at helping families avoid lead poisoning, primarily in homes or apartments

"The challenge is identifying the children who have been lead poisoned."

Mary DuFour Morrow Northville Resident and Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor

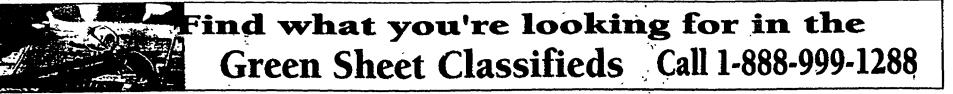
built before 1978.

Federal law requires individuals to receive information before renting, buying, or renovating pre-1978 housing, including:

• Landlords must disclose information on leadbased paint hazards before leases take effect. Leases will include a federal form about lead-based paint.

· Sellers must disclose known information on





Protecting Northville's history

Northville women work to preserve town's place in history

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Karen Poulos is looking to make history, and preserve it.

The 57-year-old Northville resident said preserving history found on the Northville Woman's Club, founded in 1892, is important for maintaining the city's legacy. She's been a member since 1989.

"I think people (in this community) are interested in history because Northville is such a town rich with historical interest," Poulos said. "A lot of the older members kept their books ... This was the (reason) for us to be preserving everything correctly."

The Northville Woman's club was organized by Lucy Stout Dowd in 1892. It's not only the oldest organization in Northville, but is also among the oldest woman's clubs in Michigan.

Dowd was elected as the club's first president in 1893 with a total membership of 70 local women.

Karen Olson, member since 1989, is the 150-member club's president.

"It's a look back in time to see how things were different," said the 67-year-old Northville resident. "Just as past organizations have, our club is looking to leave a footprint of what this group was about."

Wading through history

Olson said the club discovered the old records and wanted to preserve them, possibly making their files more accessible to the public. She said the club is planning to 🖩 Northville Woman's 🧏

Club Meetings: first and third -Fridays of every month October through March-Location: Northville Public Library Time: 1:30 p.m.

move the cabinets from the Northville District Library's basement to the historical society's archive storage next to Mill Race.,

Fran Mattison said she joined the Woman's Club in 1962 because it was an honor.

"When I joined, there was a waiting list," said the 86-year-old Northville Township resident. "Woman's Club is a tradition that I hope goes on and on forever. Anyone invited to join should feel honored."

Mattison, who is still attending regular meetings, said she has a perfect attendance record.

"It's interesting to see what was kept," Mattison said. "They have records with the original minutes of the club."

Mattison said the club started as a study group and volunteer organization. She said all events sponsored by the woman's club were run by volunteers.

Although the club has evolved over the years, offering a wider variety of programs during meetings, Poulos, past club president, said they haven't forgotten about their nast.

The Northville Woman's Club does not fund-raise. All proceeds for programs and events are raised by member dues.

"We have a letter from one of the (past members) thanking the club for their kind words after a death occurred in her family," Poulos said. "She wrote a letter about how

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHALLE RECORD Members of the Northville Woman's Club research the history of the organization. From left: Pat Allen, Sandy Basse, Karen Poulos and Phyllis Hebert.

"I think people (in this community) are interested in history ..."

Karen Poulos Member, Northville Woman's Club

thankful she was to have such dear remember what we came from."

"She wrote like a poet would write ... And here she was living in Northville that was such a rural community at the time. It's important to preserve all these things and

friends.

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Karen Poulos holds a ledger book showing Northville Women's Club dues (50 cents) paid by the members in 1900.

TOWNSHIP BRIEFS

Drivers needed

The Northville Senior Community Center needs drivers to transport residents to events and medical appointments. The center is offering part-time positions with flexible hours and free tickets to events. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

Listening to citizens

The Northville Township 2006 Board of Review will be holding meetings to hear appeals from citizens regarding their 2006 assessment at township hall. Residents are asked to appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by March 18. Postmarks are not accepted.

- The following dates are available by appointment:
- March 13, 1:30 -4:30 p.m.
- March 13, 6 -9:00 p.m.
- March 14, 9 a.m.-noon
- March 14, 1:30-4:30 p.m. • March 18, 9 a.m.-noon

Love and logic parenting

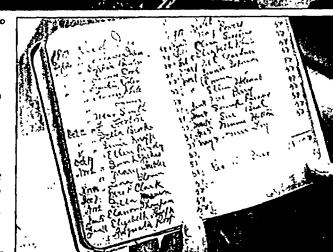
Northville Youth Assistance is sponsoring a three-part parent training course, "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent," to help parents learn effective strategies for dealing with power struggles, homework issues and

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 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.

To contribute an item for consideration in this column, email tmishler@gannett.com.







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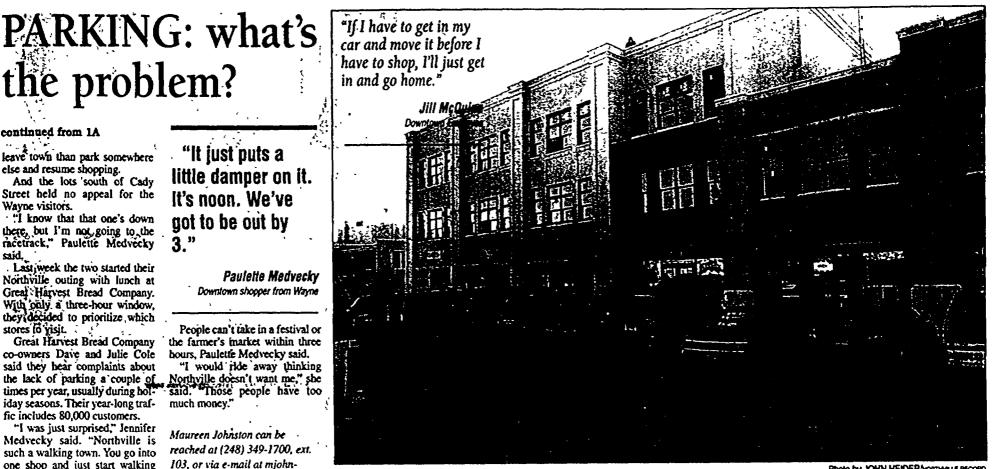


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHNELE RECORD

The city-owned parking lot near the 120 W. Main Street building is a popular place for Northville shoppers.

Parking criticism continues as planners try to balance supply and demand

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By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

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Wayne visitors.

said,

around.

leave town than park somewhere else and resume shopping.

And the lots 'south of Cady Street held no appeal for the

"I know that that one's down

there, but I'm not going to the

racetrack," Paulette Medvecky

Lastiweek the two started their

Northville outing with lunch at Great Harvest Bread Company.

With only a three-hour window, they decided to prioritize, which stores lo visit. Great Harvest Bread Company

co-owners Dave and Julie Cole said they hear complaints about

the lack of parking a couple of times per year, usually during hol-

iday seasons. Their year-long traf-

Medvecky said. "Northville is

such a walking town. You go into

one shop and just start walking

fic includes 80,000 customers. "I was just surprised," Jennifer

Jill McOuinn just doesn't get it, a familiar refrain when talking about downtown Northville parking.

What she does get is citation after citation for parking in the Dunlap Street city lot more than the threehour limit.

The 48-year-old Edward's Cafe and Catering employee says she knows parking enforcement officers are just doing their job. But, McQuinn said, the laws they're enforcing are insensitive to employees and out-of-touch with the customers they are designed to accommodate.

"It is sad because I think Northville has a lot to offer," she said. "They need employees to offer it.

"If I was a shopper from Birmingham and I got a ticket after three hours, I'd be pissed."

After McQuinn hustles her kids out the door, gets herself ready and drives into work from South Lyon. the last thing she wants to do is walk three blocks from south Cady Street to Edward's.

Nevermind the weather, she said, juarance of there will be warance of there will be warant parking places mere feet from her workplace door.

"I understand what they're trying to do, I just think they're going about it all wrong."

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Parking: problem

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For years, parking has been a bad penny for city leaders. In 2003, voters resoundingly rejected a parking expansion plan. Since then, parking management measures have been widely criticized, skirted and costly, to repeat offenders. Meanwhile, the parking restric-

tions have successfully shifted many all-day employees' cars to the residential area and to lots on the commercial distict's outskirts.

Parking was the single agenda item during a downtown strategic planning committee meeting Friday. After a two-hour review of the latest data with Beckett and Raeder partner John lacoangeli, committee members concluded more study is in order.

City administrators decided to prepare a survey of downtown business owners. Meanwhile, department of public works staff will continue occupancy counts. They will check twice a month, hoping to learn how many city-owned parking spaces are vacant four times per day.

Analysis included a report which points to an inadequate number of parking spaces.

AThe numbers say there's a deficit, "I lacoangeli said. "I don't .know if that's really indicative if there's a problem downtown."

He said continuing the occupancy survey for an entire year is the best course.

Concrete need?

lacoangeli, who has reviewed parking in several communities, said determining need is not an exact science. It is a combination of data, field observation and consumer psychology, including a driver's tendency to drive away if they perceive a lot to be 80 percent full.

The committee discussed the current parking management program, parking meters, the possibility of paid lots, and whether layered parking should be built for employees or customers.

Current ordinance requirements limit parking to three hours on lots behind the 120 West Main street building and behind the Marquis Theatre along Dunlap Street. The city's goal was to shift employee parking to all-day lots on Cady

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Street, east and west of Center. The planned June opening of 40 retail stores in The Village raised additional questions about sufficient parking in that corner of the city.

Erwin Tonch, partner of The Village development at Main and Wing streets, said more parking is needed for employees and customers.

'They say, 'Where are our customers going to park?"," he said. "I know for a fact I have lost possible tenants.

get the parking situation resolved, give us a call and we'll look at your space."

Before making a recommenda-

tion, Iacoangeli said it will be critical to match parking analysis numbers with an actual count of spaces occupied. "You're only going to be able to push employees so far away.

Regardless of where they are parking now, downtown employees have to be addressed as part of the equation, lacoangeli said

Right now, some employees feel their vehicles are targeted by enforcement officers, McQuinn said. Her co-workers similarly have worn a trail to city hall paying tick-

The penalties discourage downtown employees from patronizing their fellow businesses after their work day, McQuinn said.

"If I have to get in my car and move it before I have to shop, I'll just get in and go home," she said. "I've lost count of how many tick-

"It's punishment of the employees. You would think the city would have considered that."

McOuinn said if solving the parking problem means more months of study, she's all for it.

"The only time they seem to have problems is during festivals," she said. "Who comes to the art fair and spends three hours? I think their goal would be to keep them all day. "I think a lot of people feel this

way, they just don't know how to convey it.

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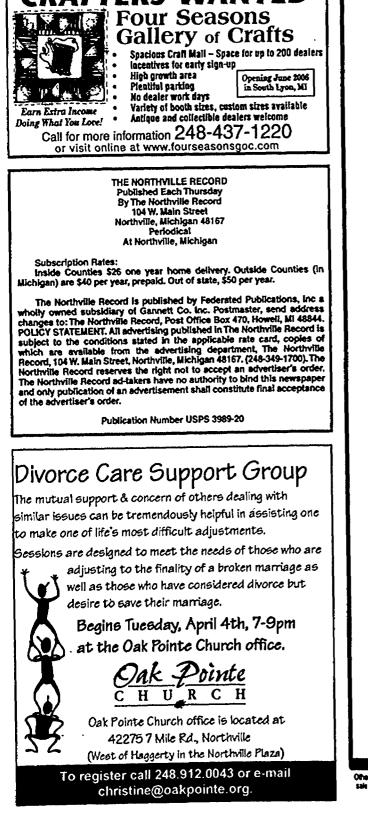
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There are landlords that are inten-

tionally neglecting their proper-

ties, but they're far and few

Morrow said the offense is a

criminal misdemeanor punishable

up to 93 days in jail and/or a

\$5,000 fine for first time offend-

ers and up to a \$10,000 fine for

"This makes it a criminal offense to knowingly rent premis-es that pose a lead-based paint hazard," Morrow said. "I think the

families with children.

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lead-based paint hazards before selling a house. Sales contracts will include a federal form about lead-based paint in the building. Buyers will have up to 10 days to check for lead hazards.

· Renovators have to provide a pamphlet entitled "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home" before starting work.

Preventing lead poisoning

Assistant Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney Mary DuFour Morrow, of Northville,

Hazards of lead-based paint

• Lead exposure can harm young children and unborn children. Even children that seem healthy can have high levels of lead in their bodies.

between."

· People can get lead In their bodies by breathing or swallowing , lead dust, or by eating soil or paint chips with lead in them. set People have many options for reducing lead hazards. In most

cases, lead-based paint that is in good condition is not a hazard. Removing lead-based paint improperly can increase the dan-

ger to your family. -

Renovating 'lead' safe

 Take precautions before you begin remodeling or renovations that disturb painted surfaces, such as scraping off paint or tearing out walks.

Have the area tested for lead-based paint

. Do not use a dry scraper, belt-sander, propane torch, or heat gun to remove lead-based paint. These actions create large amounts of lead dust and fumes. Lead dust can remain in your home long after the work is done

· Temporarily move your family, especially children and pregnant women, out of the apartment or house until the work is done and the area is properly cleaned.

Can cause brain damag in children Can cause a reduction In I.Q. May cause behavioral problems.
 More than

20,000 children in Michigan are known to have lead poisoning.

SOURCE: Wayne County Prosecutor's Office

second time offenders.

"The challenge is identifying the children who have been lead poisoned," Morrow said.

She said she works with the County Wayne Health Department, City of Detroit Health Department and Michigan Department of Community Health to find answers.

"Once we get information on a child with lead poisoning, physicians and medical providers are required to report all elevated blood lead levels," Morrow said. "When a child is determined (to have been poisoned), the health department goes out and does an Elevated Blood Level investigation.

They perform a risk assessment of the home to see if there are lead-based paint hazards. Then I send a notice violation stating (the landlord) has 90 days to hire a certified lead abatement contractor."

Morrow said there are more than 20,000 kids in Michigan with cases of lead poisoning.

"Testing is not as wide spread as it should be," she said. "There are cases I'm sure that we don't know about."

Morrow said since the law was enforced, she has reviewed more than 40 cases.

"I treat all cases the same," she



Northville-based Century 21 real estate agent Kathleen McLallen, right, and Northville homeowner Amy Zubor look at at window sill in Zubor's home that was built in the early 1900s. Sills can be a source of lead paint, especially in older homes. Zubor has maintained her windows.

said. "I've only had a handful who haven't complied. As soon as they're arrested with a warrant. we really have their attention."

Getting tested

Kathleen McLallen, a downtown Northville-based Century 21 Town and Country real estate agent, said anyone buying a home prior to 1978 has a right to have their home tested for lead.

"More than 90 percent of people don't have their homes tested," McLallen said. "(The problem) doesn't appear to be real to people. I don't think people think (lead poisoning) is a real risk." Morrow said especially in older

homes in communities like Northville, people should have a certified contractor renovate their homes.

"In Northville, we have a lot of lovely new homes, but we also

have a lot of old historical homes and a lot of lead dust can be created," she said. "My biggest focus is educating the community and educating parents on how to keep their children safe."

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NORTHVILLE TIES



Jody Folino

Jody Folino, a 1985 Northville High School graduate, has been appointed vice president of sales and marketing for Arrow Home fashions. Folino leads a development team responsible for new fabrications and textured top-ofthe-bed elements.

Folino graduated cum laude in 1989 from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. Previously, Folino served as sales manager/director of marketing for Rachel Ashwell Shabby Chic.

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Now that's an Art Walk! The social event, hosted by downtown's galleries the first Friday each month, was again a success based on the number of people strolling Main and Center up to and past the 9 p.m. designated final hour. Mover and shaker award of the week goes to Tom James, who had to be delirious Over The Turnon at his new gallery, Lots of OT and effort in recent; weeks converted what was formerly James' camera store at 117 E. Main Street into nearly 2,000 square feet of art exhibit space. The Tom James Gallery of Fine Art inaugural exhibit showcases four local painters. Check it out!

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Overheard in the city hall lobby during politing hours last Tuesday night ... three men talking on their cell phones. "Honey, how did you say I was supposed to vote? OK, thanks. Love you. Bye."

Word is the Baseline Road street signs on the west side of Center Street soon will be changed to Eight Mile Road, their proper designation.

Speaking of roads, Seven Mile was mentioned during Monday night's city councit meeting. Would it make sense to consider straightening the jog at Northville Road while developers are weighing options for the former McDonald Ford dealership site? Hhmm ...

The Mozart celebration at First Presbyterian Church Sunday night was awe-inspiring. Bob Williams' impressed his fellow congregation members and visitors with his mastery of the bassoon concerto. Under the direction of Darlene Kuperus, the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra, Northville Concert Chorale and soloists Karen Roberts, Wendy Bloom, Glenn



Perry and Chris Grapentine wowed a packed house. 'Afterward,' the 'artists mingled with their appreciative audience, enjoying punch and cake in honor of the 250th anniversary of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's birth. The Rev. Kent Clise opened the evening with a special thank you to the driving force behind the church's fine art series, Susan Hauseman. Bravo!

They won't be chanting, but they will be walking single file, holding signs and obeying traffic lights. The city council approved the request by the Northville Democratic Club to hold a Walk for Peace downtown' March 18. Local residents Carol Poenisch and Scott Craig are co-chairing the hourlong event, including guest speakers and folk singers at the downtown bandshell. They expect 50-80 people. Timed to mark the third anniversary of the beginning of the war in Iraq, the event is intended to raise levels of awareness about the war's impact.

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Got squares? Hands All Around quilting group members know they're out there ... quilt squares started, then abandoned. If you have unfinished projects or fabric you would like to donate, the local quilting group would love to take them off your hands. Drop them at the home of Carole Jean Stockhausen at 218 N. Dunlap, at the corner of High Street or call (248) 349-2833.

It's show time at the Northville Senior Community Center. Tomorrow's Friday Flick at 1 p.m. will be "Raising Helen," starring Kate Hudson, yes, Goldie Hawn's daughter, and John Corbett. Cost: \$1.

Silver Springs Elementary principal Scott Snyder may soon be saying so long to his current look. Snyder agreed to shave off his mustache in front of the entire student body if 90-95 percent of the kids reach their March reading goals.

Somebody's pet has been missing since Feb. 191 Police officers picked up a golden retriever near McDonald Drive in the northwest corner of the city. The Parkway Veterinary Clinic in Plymouth is holding the neutered male, about six years old. Call the clinic at (734) 453-2577 with details about his collar.

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Dr. James Payne, a local dentist who reconditions computers to send around the world, gets a little help from his friends. Among the companies helping the cause is Livonia-based Valassis Communications, which donated 118 computers. JDS, a non-profit (501-C3) organization with Web site at www.jdscomputers.netfirms.com fixed and donated more than 600 computers for our troops and needy schools last year.

A Beal Town neighborhood poll showed the majority of homeowners were in favor of the city's plan to reconstruct the Beal Street bridge at the south end of Griswold Street near Northville Downs. With that endorsement, the city council took the first step toward reconnecting the city's southeast corner to the city's core, signaling the state they will accept a grant to pay for 95 percent of the project's construction costs.

Are you a Queen Bee Mom or Kingpin Dad? Or perhaps a Steamrolled Mom, Caveman Dad, Starbucks Mom. or Throbbing Vein Dad? Rosalind Wiseman has something to say to you! Author of New York Times bestseller "Queen Bees & Wannabees" will be back in town Monday night. It's a free talk, open to the public, 7 p.m. at Hillside Middle School. She'll be addressing moms and dads who feel trapped in "Perfect Parent World," if you can relate ...



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POLICE BRIEFS

Running from police

Police were called to Kohl's on Haggerty Road Saturday after a 29year-old Novi woman was allegedly caught stealing from the store. Loss prevention officials observed the woman enter the store and place two pair of shoes, bed sheets, a set of drink mixers and a box of glasses into a cart and attempt to leave the store without offering payment. When approached, the woman ran to a car and fied the scene.

Livonia police stopped the vehicle on Beech Daly and township police were dispatched. The woman was arrested for retail fraud and her vehicle was impounded. A court date has not been determined. The case is closed.

Threats

Police were called to Northville High School March 1, after a 16year-old student threatened a teacher. According to reports, the 32-year-old teacher said the student threatened her life. The student was escorted to the school office and said he was mad because the teacher would not let him do his work on his own. The student was searched and released to his mother. The case is closed.

Vehicie damages

A 43-year-old Livonia man called police after finding several vehicles damaged at Robins Landscaping on Seven Mile Road in Northville Township. According to reports, the man believed a for-

II Sentoncing . . According to reports, Mark A. Peterson, 35, was sentenced last month to seven to 15 years in prison for the death of former. Northville High School student Todd Schoenheide, Peterson, formerty of Northville, had previously pleaded no The Cart Contained

Busted bike lock

The case is closed.

Underage drinking

21-year-old

Township man called police after an

unknown suspect unzipped his bag

on the back of his bike and stole his

bike lock. Police have no witnesses.

A 19-year-old Northville man

Northville police arrested the

man after pulling over a vehicle cir-

cling the area near Whitegate and

Glenhill drives. A Breathalyzer test

showed a .16 blood alcohol content.

After his arrest, the man was jailed

at the Northville Township Police

Northville police arrested a

Clinton Township man for drunk driving last Sunday after stopping

him for speeding. Police reports indicate an officer

running radar near Novi Road and

Allen Drive pulled the man over

after tracking his white Ford Escort

at 55 mph in a 40-mph zone. After

police asked him about the martini-

shaped stamps on his hands, the driver told police he had "a couple

of beers" at a friend's house, reports

When a preliminary Breathalyzer

Station, pending release on bond.

Couple too many

faces a March 16 court date for

underage drinking last Saturday.

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mer employee was responsible for the damage, which included several broken windows and flat tires. The man told police the former employee had left several threatening messages on his voicemail in the past. Police contacted the former employee who denied leaving messages or damaging the vehicles. The case remains open.

Money stolen

A 25-year-old Westland man reported his ATM card stolen and money taken from his savings account. The man told police he believed the suspect was his 22-year-old ex-girlfriend, a Northville resident. According to reports, the man said the suspect knew his personal identification number. The man told police he did not want to prosecute, he just wanted a reimbursement. Police were unable to contact the suspect. The case remains open.

Busted

Two men, 17 and 18 from Farmington Hills, were arrested at Meijer on Haggerty Road after they allegedly stole several bottles of alcohol. According to reports, the men put the bottles in their waist bands and attempted to leave the store without payment. They were both charged with larceny and given March 16 court dates at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

contest to one count of operating while intoxicate: ed causing death. Peterson's 2005 Ford Mustang struck Schoenheide about 8:09 p.m. Sunday, April 10 while he was biking with friends on Ann Arbor-Plymouth Road near Gotfredson Road in Superior Township.

> test indicated a .16 blood alcohol count, officers arrested the man and transported him to the Northville Township Police Station. He was jailed, pending bond and assigned a March 16 court date.

No excuse

A 35-year-old Northville woman who told police she was hurrying home to her sick baby is facing a March 16 court date on drunk driving and driving on a suspended license charges.

Last Saturday, reports indicate Northville police tracked the silver Mitsubishi SUV at 50 mph in a 35mph zone. When officers pulled the woman over on Seven Mile Road, just west of Clement, they reported smelling the odor of intoxicants.

A system check of the woman's license showed it was suspended by the Secretary of State. Reports indicated the woman failed to follow Breathalyzer instructions.

Officers arrested and transported her to the Northville Township Police Station where she measured a .08 blood alcohol content, reports said. She was held pending bond and assigned a March 16 court date.



OBITUARIES

Age 21 of Northville, MI and Lake Tahoe, CA, died suddenly on March 3, 2006. Beloved son of Todd and Denise Talbol, dear brother of Cory Talbot, and precloss grandson of Virginia Homer, of Orland, CA. Cherished nephew of Lori & George Perreault, Terri & Rick Speicher, Dan Betenbender, Dave Betenbender and Steve & Barbara Butler. Kyle is also survived by many other foring cousins, family members and friends. Kyle is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School, having also Jackson-Northwest attended Schools and Huron Valley Schools. Kyle was a Journalism major at the University of Nevada, Reno. He enjoyed snowboarding, music, arts and the humanities, languages, for-eign culture and Rugby. Kyle touched the hearts of everyone he met, loved the life God blessed him with and he will be dearly missed. Memorial service was held March 8th at Grace Countryside Church in White Lake, MI. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home. Memorial tributes suggested to Samaritans Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone NC 28607.

PHYLLIS A. JARRETT Age 68, of Northville passed away

March 3, 2006. Funeral services held Tuesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Memorial Contributions to ALS of MI, 21311 Civic Center Dr., Ste. 200, Southfield, MI 48076.

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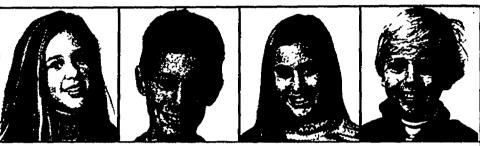
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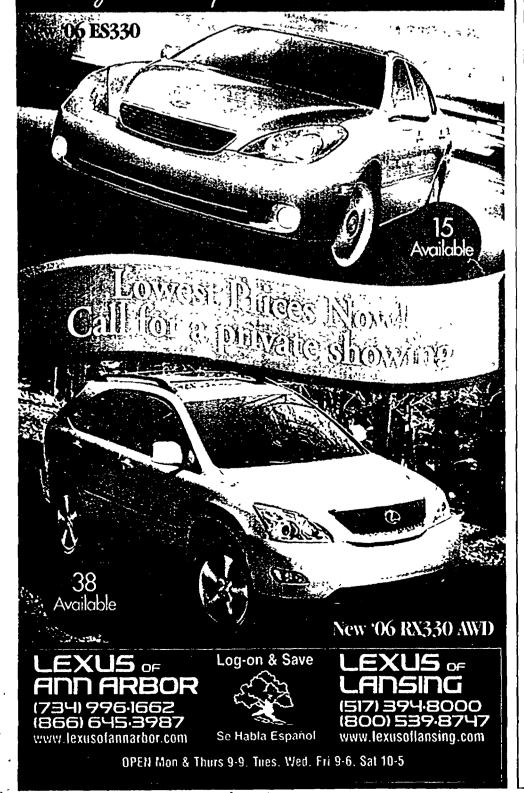
Mark and Cecilia Hutchison of Northville announce the engagement of their son, John Byron Hutchison to Maegan Michelle Long, daughter of David and Rebecca Long of Belton, Texas.

The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Northville High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is currently pursuing a masters degree in Medical Science at Wayne State University.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Belton High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Mary Hardin Baylor with a bachelor of science degree in Elementary Education. She is currently a Second Grade Teacher at Lakeview Elementary School, Belton, Texas. A June 2006 wedding is planned.



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You lucky dog

Rescued terrier is city's 2006 'Lucky Dog'

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By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mason is so intent on staying close to his companion, sometimes Douglas Reed has to nudge paws from his computer keyboard.

Three years ago, the Internet introduced the Northville resident and his Jack Russell terrier. Since Reed found Mason on the state's rescue, chapter Web site for the breed, the man and his dog have become constant companions.

One of their errands last week was going to city hall to collect a prize. Mason is the City of Northville's 2006 "Lucky Dog."

"I was pretty surprised because I didn't knew they had that," Reed said, when he received the congratulatory phone call from city offi-cials. "I told Mason he's top dog." 1

Tagged for 2006

Reed qualified his pet for the contest by meeting the March 1 deadline for annual dog license renewal. Mason's tag number was randomly selected as winner of the Lucky Dog contest.

Nine years ago city staff created the contest as an incentive for city pet owners to register their 400plus dogs. Police Chief Jim Petres drew the winning number from the list of 333 dogs that made the deadline

Clerk Wendy Gutowski, who handles the city's dog licensing, conducts the contest each year. She informed Reed of Mason's prize, a box of dog treats.

Unaware of the honor about to befall Mason, Reed said with a



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"He sits by the couch by me, he sleeps with me, he's a pretty good watchdog."

Douglas Reed Owner of "Mason," City of Northville's Lucky Dog

Canine companion

The pampering and fanfare contrasts Mason's existence prior to his 2003 adoption by Reed.

The 55-year-old Ford retiree said Mason caught his eye when he was searching the Jack Russell rescue Web site. He was familiar with the breed's characteristics through a pet he previously had rescued.

"I found the picture of this sweet looking little guy," he said. His variety of Jack Russell features a rough coat, long legs and a tri-color coat of white with black and tan markings

Mason had been shipped from "He was kind of neglected where

approved Reed's online application, an Ann Arbor rendezvous and compensation for foster-care expenses made Mason's new home

Northville.

together.

Now the two are inseparable.

guess." The two companions often walk by Ford Field or travel by truck

Mason was named the city's "Lucky Dog" for 2006, a competition open to all city-licensed dogs.

ny to me." Mason sits in a metal crate that

fits in the truck cab's second seat. "He can look at me and he's safe," Reed said "He's big compa-

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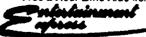
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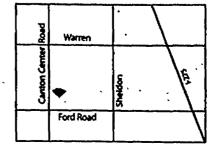
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Rebuilding a former library

Local historians eye Mill race project

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER .

Mark Chester has a story to tell about the tarp-covered lumber piled in the Mill Race Historical Village parking lot.

He wants it to be a building again.

On March 18, the Northville, Historical Society board member will describe the proposed project to rebuild Northville's first library, attempting to rekindle the spirit that created the historic park in the 1970s.

As guest of the Friends of the Northville District Library, Chester said he will talk about the volunteer effort that went into moving vintage Northville buildings to the Griswold Road site. And the historical society's plans for a 10th structure.

They were interested in learning a little bit about Mill Race Village," he said.

After the initial half-hour presentation, Frances Gazlay, author of "Welcome to Historic Mill Race Village: We Saved it for You," will be on hand to answer questions.

Planning ahead

Chester said he will talk about Northville's original library and the New School Church building. which served as Northville's library from Threatened demolition of the structure when it stood on Wing Street across from the current city hall helped spur the preservation movement that led to the creation of the historic park.

Donated money and services will be the key to reconstructing the first library, Chester said. Completely contracting the proj-ect would cost about \$240,000, he said.

The 50-year-old building, disassembled piece-by-piece and hauled from its former location at 166 E. Main Street, is piled at the south-end of the entrance to the historic park. Chester hopes it will re-open to the public as a general store by the summer of 2007.

That's an aggressive schedule," he said. "We would like to be able to get the site work and foun-

Library History

What: Friends of Northville District Library Annual Meeting Whó: Open tố public

Where: New School Church in Mill Race Historical Village, Griswold Road, north of Main Street

When: 10 a.m. Saturday, March 18

Cost: No charge - Ale

Project: General Store

To make a tax-deductible contribution to reconstruct the 166 E. Main Street building, mail to: Northville Historical Society, P.O. Box 71, Northville, MI 48167, with a note, "General Store."

There's all kinds of ways to participate," said society board member Mark Chester. Donated professional services will help lower the total project cost, he said, including foundation or infrastructure work, utility installation or roofing.

Friends host library talk,

The Friends of the Northville District Library selected Mill Race's evolution as the topic of their annual meeting.

Friends second vice president Barbara Baker said the meeting will include election of officers, officer and committee reports, as well as the history presentation.

"it's an opportunity for people to come, whereas at a regular board meeting, they wouldn't be able to," Baker said.

The volunteer group raises money for the library's "wish list," hosts guest speakers, runs the Book Cellar and helps preserve local history.

E Speaking

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dation in this spring. "In a perfect world, we'd like to have it enclosed by winter so we could work on the inside through the winter."

'New' general store

Chester, who with fellow historical society board member Keith Paterson, led the effort to preserve the structure, said the building eventually will be used as a meeting space.

Because of the building's history of diverse uses, society members were comfortable designating it as a general store. Using the main floor as the village's store would allow merchandise to be moved from the Mill Race blacksmith shop.

As part of the park, drawings show the building located just west of the Interurban Station, across from the Cady Inn.

In the 1800s, the building's first use as a library was for men only, Chester said. In records that date the building as far back as 1837, it also has housed a cigar and tobacco store, a steam laundry, an auto

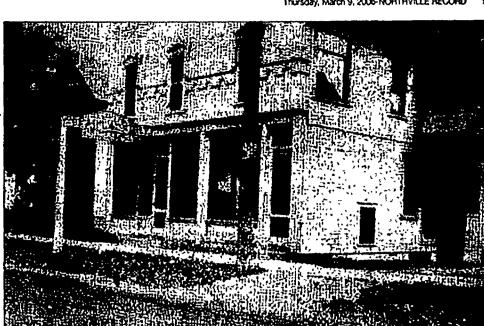
"In a perfect world, we'd like to have it enclosed by winter"

repair garage, bakery, hay and feed store, a sweet shop, Little Caesar's Pizza and a hair salon.

Also of historical note, the building is the last wooden balloon frame commercial building in downtown Northville.

Adding a general store to the Mill Race grounds will be another step in it's evolution, Chester said. "It's a work in progress," Chester said.

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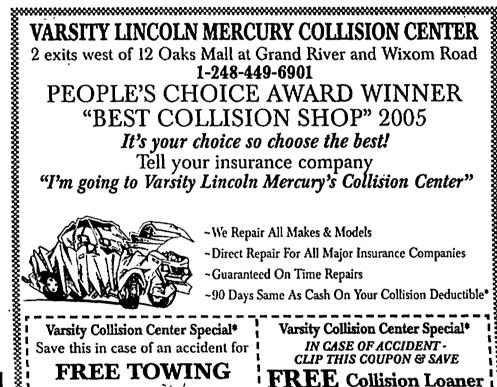
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Photo courtesy of the Northville Historical Society

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Northville's first library, awaiting reconstruction at Mill Race Historical Village, has undergone many transformations during it's 150-year history, here shown as Peerless Laundry.



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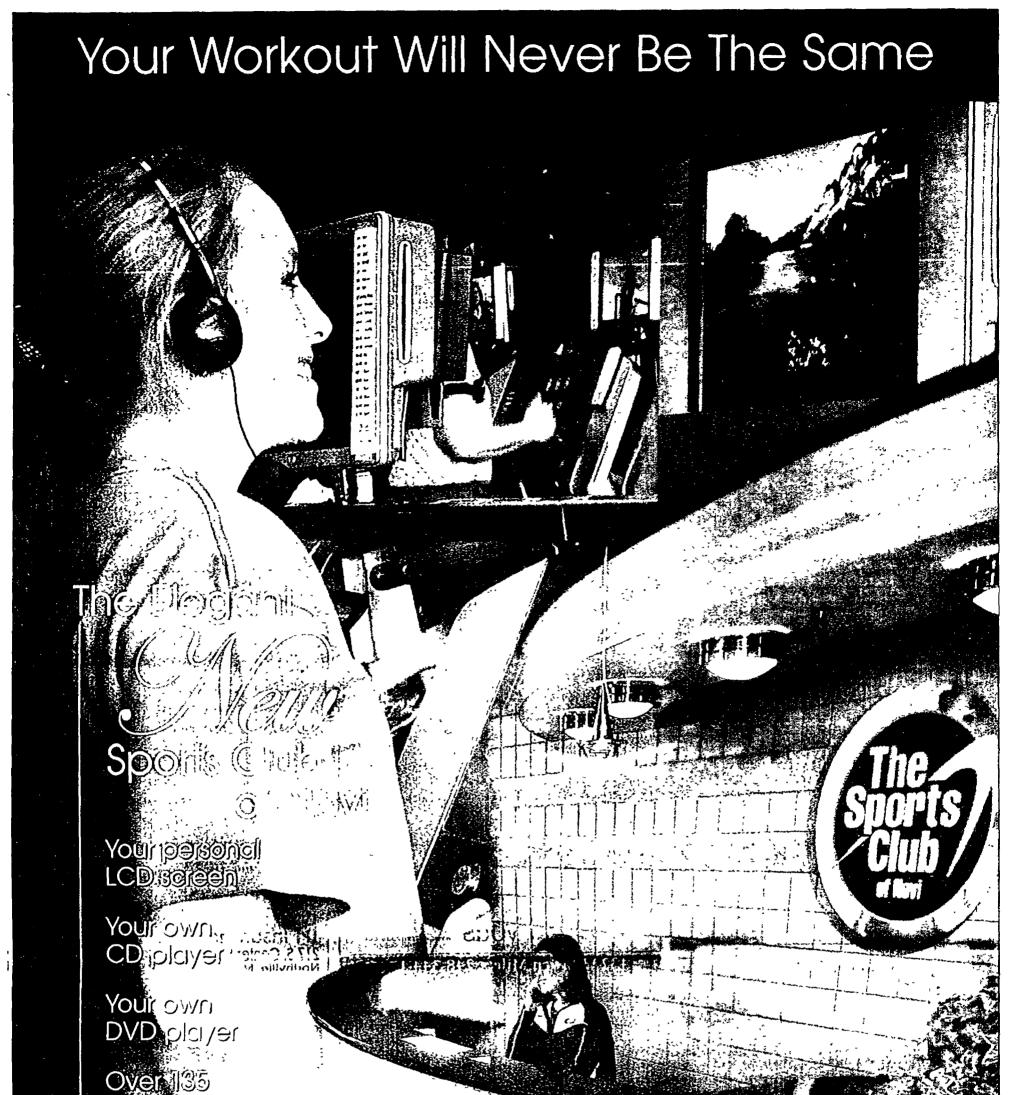
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Lenten mission: searching for a 'Purpose Driven Life'

Northville residents hunting for the meaning of life

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Geri Turnbull is looking for the purpose of her life.

The owner of Your Michigan Connection, located in down-town Northville, doesn't know if she's ever going to find it. But she thinks it's close.

"We're all here for a reason," Turnbull said, "and I'd like to find out why. I think I'm looking for change, but I'm not sure what it is."

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville wants to help people find their purpose in life.

For the next 40 days, more than 250 people from Northville and surrounding communities will be reading the book, "A Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I here For?", by author Rick Warren. They will discuss what they've learned during weekly meetings.

"It doesn't have to do with religion, but rather spirituality," Turnbull said. "I can only give myself the information 1 know. III."A Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Hore For Author: Rick Warren ;

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But to open up to others ... I'd like to see what they get out of

Bill Hahn has taken the lead and is guiding individuals through the 40 day study session.

"This book helps you find what you are looking for ... if you're looking," said the 42-year-old Northville Township resident. "There has to be something inside you and this book explains what that something clse is."

Hahn said the 40-day book study was planned around the Christian holiday Lent.

Lent is significant to Christians because it offers time for penitence, a period when people take stock of their lives and relationships, then they make positive changes.

Life perspective

"The (book) puts in perspective reasons for living and

relates them to every day life, whether you're Christian or not," Hahn said. "This is not just for church people ... We are able to share God's love with people who are not Christians. One way to do that is say, 'hey, we know what you're going through.'

"Our response to having a bad day is different. Our response is to not get frustrated beyond belief, but to ask for help."

More than 25 groups will be meeting every Wednesday night during the next five weeks, ending on April 9, Palm Sunday.

John Childers said his reason for joining the discussion group was to build his relationship with God.

"As you grow stronger in reli-As you grow stronger in reli-gion, you try to broaden your relationship with God," said the Northville resident. "A Purpose Driven Life appears to be the guide to being a better person." Turnbull said she is attending not only to find herself, but meet new people.

"We're all here for a reason, and I'd like to find out why. I think I'm looking for change, but I'm not sure what it is."

> Geri Turnbull Resident, Northville Township

"I'm looking forward to meeting new people that have the same type thoughts that I do," she said. "Not everyone will think this is the ideal thing to study ... you'll never know, unless you try it."

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John Childers and Ali Quitmeyer brushed up on "A Purpose Driven Life" before their first discussion group began last Thursday night.



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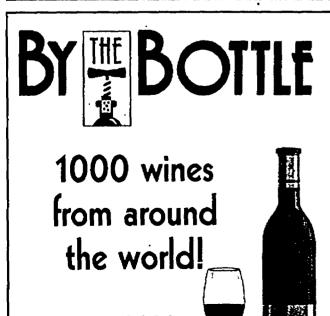
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On behalf of Northville Public Schools, Skanska USA Building Inc. will receive sealed proposals for the above project at the construc-tion managers main office, 26100 American Drive, Suite 200, Southfield, MI 48034, Attention: Chris Becker, Sr. Project Manager, until the stipulated bid opening date and time. Bids received after the stipulated date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened at a public meeting to be convened at 3pm on 3/14/06 at Northville Public Schools' Hillside Middle School (forum room), 775 North Center, Northville, MI 48167. Bids must be clearly marked with the project name and bid category(ies). category(ies).

All interested bidders may obtain copies of the drawings and speci-fications from West Side Reprographics (37660 Hills Tech Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48331) upon request and upon providing a bid deposit of \$100 (written to Northville Public Schools). Skanska USA Building Inc. will return all bid deposits to contractor(s) after bid date and when bid documents are returned to West Side Reprographics in good condition.

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All interested bidders may obtain copies of the drawings and speci-fications from West Side Reprographics (37660 Hills Tech Dr, Farmington Hills, MI 48331) upon request and upon providing a bid deposit of \$100 (written to Northville Public Schools). SkanskaUSA Building, Inc. will return all bid deposits to contrac-tor(s) after bid date and when bid documents are returned to West Side Persemptic in good condition Side Reprographics in good condition.

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VOTERS: residents reveal reasons behind 'no' votes

continued from 1A,

the school board and township is always to go back to the property owners for more money. Well, people on fixed incomes, and many families are under great amount of financial stress in Michigan. Our utility bills are rising and wages are falling. What has the township, city or schools done to reduce costs?

John Cauffiel

• My fear is what I see in Livonia, all those buildings that will be sitting vacant now that their growth is over. There are a number of houses for sale in Northville that just aren't selling and with the state of the economy in Michigan, will we really see that anticipated growth? We're an automotive family like many of families here - if the automotive companies can't get it together. Northville won't have to worry about over crowding - people will leave this state in droves.

Karen Collareno

Too extravagant

• The request for a field house was absolutely piggish. I heard there was going to be a Starbucks inside. Seventeen million dollars, and wrap up essentials for sports in the package, well we are not falling for this anymore. That's the old police and fire cut back scare tactics. John Cauffiel

· I have seen the facilities in Northville High School ... the gyms, the pool, etc. The resources dedicated to sports and physical education look pretty darned good to me. So do the hallways of the school. Ninety-five percent of students in America would be absolutely thrilled to practice their cheerleading in hallways like those.

Dave and Linda Gaertner

· Do we really need a field house? I think it's a luxury we can ill-afford right now.

George Linker

Northville Township

· Maybe the Township should have used the land for that grandiose township hall on Six Mile and energy hog, for an elementary school site. That was way over the top building that huge building, it's a monument in my mind for government run amuck, and bureaucrats spending

Continued coverage

During the next few months, the Northville Record will take an in-depth look at several issues pertaining to the Northville public school district, including:

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money that isn't theirs, I wish we could have voted on that hall.

John Cauffiel

• I can't speak for anyone else in the Northville school district, but I will be happy to tell you why I voted 'no' for both millage proposals. It was primarily to send a message to the people who keep approving all the building permits in the Northville area. We do not have the infrastructure (schools, etc.) to support the residents we currently have, yet we keep passing out building permits to every construction company who wants to build more homes on the few remaining parcels of open land. Those of us who have lived here for awhile are financing that infrastructure for all of the new resi Portable classrooms Renting out-of-district

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George Linker

· From a macro level, maybe folks are telling the administra-tion they are tired of all the development. Many of us who moved to Northville moved here because it wasn't a huge suburb with traffic problems. You can get around fairly easily and have a nice downtown. It seems as if the township want to sell every available square inch of land. Maybe the vote says enough is enough.

Leon Cornelius

Other options

· Instead of "increasing class size" and hauling in "portable classrooms," how about first kicking non-school groups out of existing classrooms? Here is a

"message" for. (school officials) from at least two voters: We will vote 'no' on every bond issue proposed until Parks & Recreation, private pre-school programs and any other outside group no longer occupy useable classroom space. Dave and Linda Gaertner

• In Thursday's paper, (The Northville Record editorial) stated "We agree with district officials that reconfiguring Cooke School or renting vacant Livonia schools is impractical and unfeasible." No one has convinced me. Why not? Sounds like a plan that can save millions of dollars.

Leon Comelius · I voted 'yes' although it was reluctantly. I have three children in the district, and I believe in supporting the schools. Maybe it is time to explore alternatives other than new construction?

Karen Collareno

Proposal packaging

· Even though there were projects I support, I was put in the position of having to vote 'no' in order to defeat the projects for which I did not want to pay taxes. The transportation facility is deplorable, and in need of significant repair or replacement. I would have liked to approve this, but not badly enough to spend my money on the field house. Dave and Linda Gaeriner

· People don't like the all-ornothing packaging, which is always done in this town. There are elements of bond II I would have voted 'yes' on, but not the entire package. I struggle to understand why we need a bond for the bus warehouse. Why aren't maintenance of and improvements to the facility part of the township's operating budget? There is no reason for the place to look that bad.

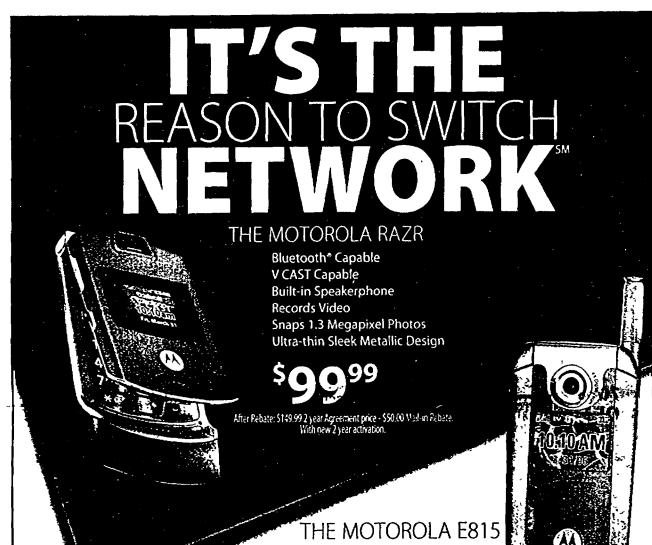
Leon Cornelius

Elementary school

 The real shame was losing an elementary school, which is badly needed.' The township and school board need to wake up, and realize costs are the problem, not revenues. We love our town, but taxing us to death is not the answer.

John Cauffiel

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CLASS NOTES

Board Meeting

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

Queen Bees

Author Rosalind Wiseman will present "Queen Bee Moms & Kingpin Dads," 7 p.m. Mooday 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.

Camp Invention

Northville Public Schools hosts Camp Invention, a week-long summer day experience for children entering grades one-six. The program will take place July 31- Aug. 4 at Ridge Wood Elementary School. Camp Invention is designed to inspire creativity and inventive-thinking through hands-on activities and fun. The program integrates science, mathematics, history and the arts in an environment conducive to learning. Ridge Wood teacher Tom Boomer will be the camp director with local certified teachers leading the lessons.

The registration fee includes snacks and a T-shirt.

Register before March 15 to receive \$20 off the base registration price. For more information, visit www.campinvention.org or contact Kathy Gualtieri, (248) 879-9535.

Hillside Family Carnival

Northville families are invited to join the fun at the Hillside Middle School Family Carnival 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 24. The carnival will feature a food court, tin can raffle, rides and games. Carnival fun will include a Velcro wall, bungee run, human foosball, game shows, video game tournaments and a cake walk. The event is the largest fund raiser for the Hillside PTSA, with proceeds directly benefiting students. The school is at the corner of Center Street and Eight Mile Road. Enter through the Parks and Recreation main entrance on the west slde of the building. For more information, contact Martina Stone, stonehome@peoplepc.com or (248) 465-1659.

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.

Book Donations

The Silver Springs Elementary School community is invited to donate gently used books no longer read at home. All books will be delivered to Wolverine Humane Resources. A drop box will be located near the school main office and a graph of the number of books donated will be posted in the hallway. The school is located at 19801 Silver Springs Drive.

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 Sjone 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 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/earlychildhood.

TAKE A BOW

Students

Matthew Ciric, a seventh grade student at Meads Mill Middle School, has been accepted to participate as a member of the People to People Student Ambassador Program to Europe this summer.

Northville High School student Chaitanya Malla received a \$700 scholarship through participation in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Hope College

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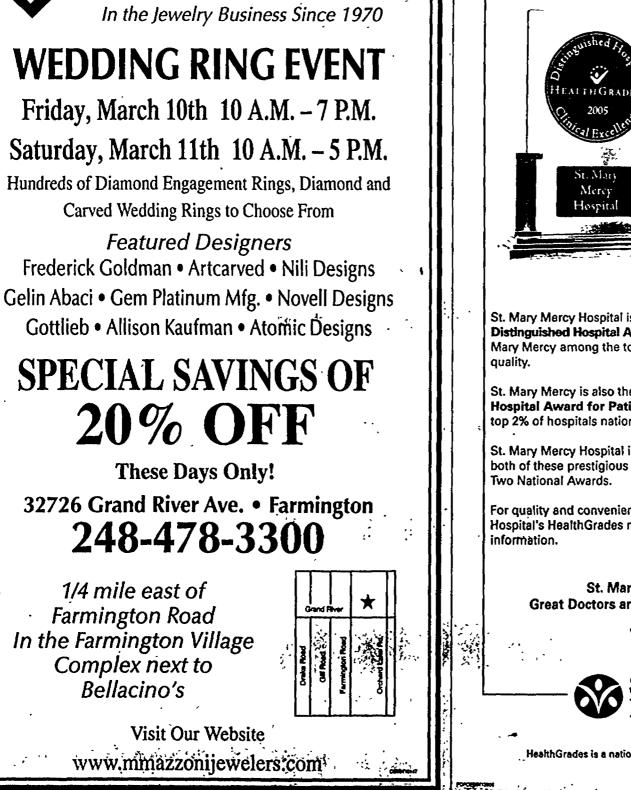
Jennifer Carr, of Novi, has been qualified as a swimmer for the NCAA Division III women's swimming and diving championships. They will be held in Minneapolis this month. Jennifer is a member of Hope College's Flying Dutch team.

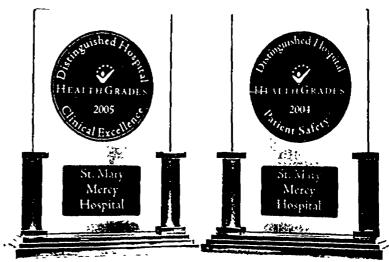
University of Kansas

Nicole Cauzillo, of Northville, has been named to the 2005 Athletic Director's Honor Roll at the University of Kansas.









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Spanish wines make big splash with connoisseurs

Better technology equals better quality

By Frank Sutherland and Kate Sutherland GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

Inexpensive Spanish wines have been filling the shelves recently and for good reason.

Spain boasts some of the most modern technology in the wine business today. As a result, many wineries can produce a much higher level of quality for less money.

Spanish reds get most of the attention, but Spain produces plenty of white wines, too. Although there are many regions in Spain making white wine, we focused in a recent tasting on Rueda, which primarily uses the verdejo grape, and Rioja, which mainly uses viura grapes, also known as macabeo. The results:

Wine of the week:

2004 Vina Sanzo Verdejo Rueda. • Price: \$14.99.

• Aroma: sweet grapefruit, pineapple, fresh vanilla bean and grass.

 Palate: green apples and oranges with baby aspirin on the mid-palate and a mineral finish.
 Verdict: Aromatic nose had a

a balance of tropical fruit and grassiness. The palate also provided a balance of bright acids with a creamy texture.

How the others stacked up:

2003 Faustino V Rioja Blanco Seco.

• Price: \$10.99.

• Aroma: An ammonia smell blew off to reveal tart gooseberries and white pepper.

 Palate: dry, with hay and spice tastes. It was juicy but not fruity. This wine was much better in the mouth than in the nose.

• Verdict: Although the aroma was lackluster, the palate was good enough to make this our second favorite.

Vida Nueva Blanco Rueda

+ Price: \$11.99

notes. • Palate: apples and pears with high alcohol and sharp acids.

• Verdict: The acids and alcohol threw the wine out of balance.

· Aroma: yellow pear and floral

2004 Con Class Rueda

• Price: \$9.99.

• Aroma: Delicate honeydew and lemon-lime aromas mingled with wet cotton, lanolin and musk. • Palate: We tasted a "vodka

tonic" — lime and quinine flavors with a sweet honey dew finish • Verdict: This was the most delicate wine, exhibiting classic Spanish wine aromas.

2004 Marques de Caceres White Rioja

Price: \$9.99.

• Aroma: suggested sour bananas, lemon oil and lemon meringue pie.

• Palate: creamy, juicy texture. Banana flavors yielded to a mineral finish.

• Verdict: The wonderful texture was the standout quality.

Surfing the wine shelves:

• 2004 Kathy Lynskey Wines Godfrey Reserve Mariborough chardonnay. S29. Aromas of tropical fruit, peaches, lime and oak. More oak on the palate in a creamy texture and notes of pineapples and butterscotch.

• NV Cantine Maschio Prosecco del Veneto. \$12. Aromas of sweet, ripe fruit with floral notes in the background. Tastes of candied fruits with persistent bubbles on the palate. Very short finish.

• 2002 Cellar No. 8 California cabernet sauvignon. \$9.99. Aromas of spices, ripe plum, black chemies and cassis. In the mouth lush fruits [mingled with black pepper with soft tannins with a short finish for a satisfying quaffing wine.

• 2001 Burgess Cellars Napa Valley syrah. \$22. Aromas of smoke, oak and black fruit. On the palate, blackberries blended with notes of tar, iodine. It would be a good with grilled steak and/or veg- a etables.

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IRS: Electronic tax filing hits 73 percent

By Brian Tumulty GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON - About 76 percent, or 39.5 million individual tax returns, out of the 54 million submitted 50 far this year have been filed electronically, the Internal Revenue Service reported Tuesday.

"The home computer is increasingly replacing the paper tax form," IRS Commissioner Mark Everson said in a press release. "Both individual taxpayers and tax professionals are turning to efile more and more because it's fast and accurate."

fast and accurate."

Some taxpayers with simple returns can prepare electronic returns for free using the IRS Web site (www.irs.goy). Those who buy software such as TurboTax and TaxCut have the added convenience this year of lower retail prices because the vendors have abandoned the use of mail-in rebates.

The percentage of electronic filers is only up slightly from the 72 percent who e-filed at the same time last year, but the IRS says other indicators show taxpayers are relying more on home computers for tax preparation:

• Visits to the IRS Web site have increased 6 percent since last year, with 70.4 million hits since January.

• About 76 percent of refunds have been made electronically, up from 73 percent a year ago.

"It just indicates how much (easier) the Internet makes what otherwise is an unpleasant process," said Joseph Bankman, a law professor at Stanford University who has been involved with California's experiment with the next generation of electronic tax returns.

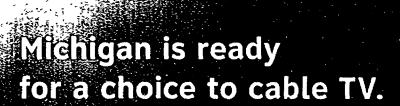
California's experiment, called Ready Return, sends an estimated income tax bill to citizens with simple tax returns who agree to participate.

For taxpayers who prefer to prepare their own tax returns, one bill pending in the California Legislature would allow taxpayers to gain electronic access to Form 1099 information regarding mortgage interest and other financial information.

Bankman said electronic access to Form 1099s would alleviate taxpayers of the burden of keeping track of paper and improve the accuracy of tax returns.

"It would be great to have you or your accountant or your computer download that information and check your numbers," he said.

Bankman testified last year about electronic filing to the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform. The commission filed its recommendations for tax simplification late last year, but the Treasury Department has not sent the White House its response to that report.



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Local resident uses unusual labels to make point

He says M-L'AW's goal is to improve civil justice system

By Ramez Khurl STAFF WRITER

A label on a baby stroller warns: "Remove child before folding."

A brass fishing lure with a three-pronged hook on the end warns: "Harmful if swallowed."

These are just a few examples of some wacky warning labels that have surfaced in the last 10plus years.

In fact, there have been so many that in 1997, Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch (M-LAW) began a contest to expose how frivolous lawsuits, and a concern about potential frivolous lawsuits, have led to the cultural phenomenon. Every year since, M-LAW has announced the winners of the contest during the first week of January.

The contest has been so popular that the company plans on putting out a book next year called ... "Remove Child Before Folding." Though Robert B. Dorigo Jones, president of M-LAW, resides in Northville, his execu-tive office is in Novi. He said though the contest is a fun event his company does every January, it also does very serious legal reforms designed to get people thinking about how to improve America's courts.

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"My job really is public educa-tion," Jones said. "We want to increase awareness among the public of how families and communities are affected by living in the most lawsuit-happy society on canh."

Jones said in order for anybody to take M-LAW seriously, he had to put together a dynamic team of leaders.

The credibility that comes with working with people who are known and trusted by those in the media is very important," he said. "If you're going to do something like this you can't do it by yourself."

What exactly is M-LAW?

M-LAW is a grassroots watchdog over the courts. It is a broad-

"Just think how much more constructive ways they could use that money, rather than have to spend it on insurance to protect themselves from lawsuits."

leaders. Jones described the com-

one thing in common: They

believe there are too many frivo-

lous lawsuits in our society today.

civil justice system so that the

courts can function better for

those people who have legitimate

lawsuits. And at the same time,

we're trying to remove the finan-

cial burden that has been placed

on families and communities and

businesses by excessive litiga-

tion," Jones said.

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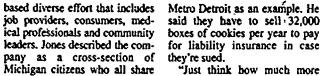
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Robert B. Dorigo Jones Resident, Northville



"Just think how much more constructive ways they could use that money, rather than have to spend it on insurance to protect themselves from lawsuits," he said.

In the nine years Jones has been president of M-LAW, he has seen a reduction in lawsuits by about a third. One of the things the company does is try to focus attention on the role the courts play, specifically judges. M-LAW has done a judicial

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Robert B. Dorige Jones **Age:** 42

Occupation: President of Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch

Family: wife, Denise; two sons, Johnny, 7, Bobby, 11. Both

ttend St. Fabian in Farmington Hills

Hobbies and/or Interests: biking, wind surfing and competitive Pino-Pong

Advice: "Learn as much as you can about your subject, and most important, assemble a good team that you can draw on for a \pm while variety of things."

Awards: Jones believes the best awards his company receives is the recognition and exposure on nation-wide and world-wide television on a regular basis.

Schools: A graduate of Cadillac High School and from James Madison College at Michigan State University.

Years in business: nine

Grew up in: Cadillac

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Supreme Court to help people understand which judges are better at limiting the spread of liabil-ity. By doing so, Jones said M-LAW has encouraged more people to vote in supreme court elections and for judges who will not legislate from the bench.

"The personal injury lawyers are not happy with us," Jones said. "We have a willingness to take on a segment of society that a lot of people would just assume not tangle with. Usually, when people think of lawsuits, they tend to think it's something that big business has to worry about. But it really is much more of a family and community issue."

For more information, visit www.mlaw.org or www.wackywarnings.com.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Northville Planning Commission will consider a request for a Special Use Permit submitted by Northville Lab (Mr. Dattu Sastry) for a distribution building located at 100 Rural Hill Drive (Parcel #3).

The proposed Special Use Permit will be considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on March 21, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, 248-349-1300. The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive public input on the Special Use Permit. The complete application can be reviewed at the Building Department during nor-mal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments will also be received at the above address during regular business hours.

This notice is sent as required by Section 16.01 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance to all persons to whom real property is assessed within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the property in question, and to the occupants of all structures within three hundred (300) feet.

| RICHARD STARLING, BUILDING OFFICIAL | |
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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 Oaldand 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: MARCH 14, 2006: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. TUESDAY

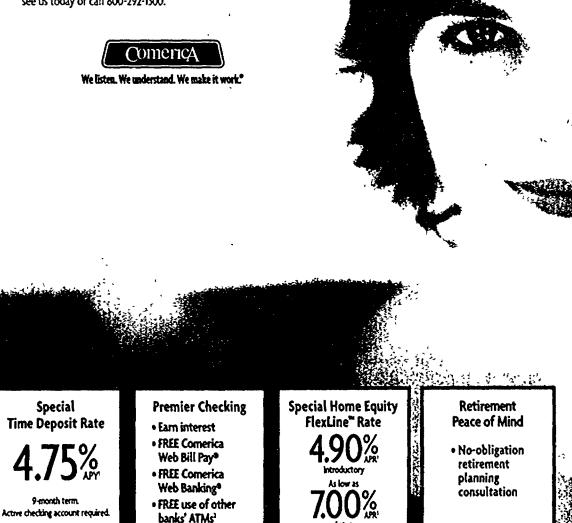
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Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2006, the Wayne and Oaldand County Equalization assessed value foi 2000, the Hermin and calculation county Expandent Departments have set the following lentative equalization 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 ments 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 2006. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regard-ing your 2006 taxable or assessed value.

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Moving forward!

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

Parenting 101: by the book

improve our local community.

We can attend public meetings, get involved with a community group or simply vote. Each are practical ways to keep things moving, or change directions for the public good.

But beyond conceptual renderings, focus groups and public debates, there are few things we can do in life that have as profound effect on the future as teaching, and encouraging, our children to read.

March is Reading Month, yet another in a long line of wellintentioned public awareness campaigns designed to improve reading aptitude and jump-start procrastinating parents who too often have other things more important going on.

But Reading Month will come and go. What should remain is our willingness to show children how important reading can be, as a skill neces-

There is much we can do to sary for life opportunities and as a creative escape.

Good or bad, kids mimic parents. If you read - to them, with them and beside them the likelihood of them becoming successful readers themselves greatly increases. Their confidence grows, grades and lifelong opportunities also improve.

A child's future is within our reach every day. It takes 15 minutes to start and nothing more than a borrowed book from a friend or the Northville District Library.

Start tonight. Read three pages. Ask them what they see, what they like, what they imagine. Remember, children value time spent reading far beyond the written words. They view it as a decision you've consciously made to spend time with them, because they have value. Imagine what they think when you choose not to read with them.

Mustang swimmer Chris Keady preps for the state finals this weekend. Northville has a 10-0 record.



Assessing assements

Most Northville township and city residents, too, I assume, received their annual property tax assessments (form L-4400.) The good news, so it seems, is the bold print at the top that says, "This is not a tax bill." Does anyone think that we don't know that the numbers below do translate into taxes? In our case, the "taxable value" of our home increased 3.3 percent and the "assessed value" increased 4.8 percent. In and out of themselves, these numbers are not troubling, but the problem is it is also an "annual thing" to increase our values every year, whether justified or not and the cumulative numbers over time are not justified.

When is the last time these numbers decreased? Try never. Don't get me wrong, if values truly increased by the amount and percentages we're told, it would be good for our ues increased in the last year or two in Northville? Try none, or at most very, very few of them. Has anyone sold a home in the area for anything near their asking price in the past couple years here? No. Most sellers had to reduce their price once, twice or more times to sell and many pulled their homes off the market rather than "take a bath." Thanks for Proposition A that holds our annual property tax increases to 3 percent or the costof-living index, whichever is lower. If not for that, we'd have a mass exodus from the Northville communities. As bad as it is with the law today and the way our assessments rise even when they should be decreasing, there have been movements in other communities to rescind the property tax provision from Proposal A and still retain the 6 percent state sales tax that we voted in to hold our property taxes down. The very thought that anyone could even entertain this, let alone vote for it, is absurd. But, let's start with getting some logic and reason back into our tax valuation assessments.

Clarification

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week Northville resident Meridith Mulcahy appeared on the front page of the Northville Record under the headline, "No-ville." Though the Record did not report Mulcahy voted "no" during the Northville Public Schools bond election, she has asked the Record to clarify that she voted "yes" for both proposals. We are happy to honor her request.

This is a more grandeurs version of the SPP which would eliminate borders between all countries within the western hemisphere including North, Central and South America.

Please inform yourself on these crucial issues. See www.stoptheftaa.org. Contact your representative in the House of Representatives and date. Tell them "No amnesty for illegals," no "guest worker amnesty," no "guest worker open bonders," no "SPP," no "FTAA." Your influence counts. Use it.

Nutty state politics

I would like to hear the arguments that proving the existence a full time Michigan State Senate fulfills any useful purpose. It appears that it has represented only a means to dilute responsibility for progress in the State. The Detroit News has hit upon something very productive in advocating a single legislative body in Michigan. There should be a public mission for anyone interested in efficiency to make such a unicameral legislature happen.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE

Then, I am heavily troubled by our governors jumping quickly on the Unions bandwagon to make changes to lift up the minimum wage. This, on the surface, appears to be a very generous thing, a correct thing to do. Given further thought, while it may have some great immediate appeal, this seems only a "political": maneuver. Passage will deny more jobless an opportunity to show their "stuff" to a potential employer, get experience and dump employers that do not recognize their contribution as a worker. My conclusion is the proposal will cause more harm than good to those who need a job. Therefore, will be at cross purposes to what we need in Michigan now. Finally, I believe our bureaucratic Michigan state government should simply hang their heads in shame when they chose not to take the opportunity to earmark and freeze windfall from the tobacco tax the state imposed for Michigan roads. This has brought billions and billions of reccuring of tax dollars of income to the state. No one I know is confident that the existing road fund has ever been properly safeguarded exclusively for the intended purposes. Also, in my view there have been many political and legal manipulations to protect the cost of constipated bureaucracies in tax supported units. This includes all funded efforts that could be dumped easily because results are neither met or measured Michigan as a sovereign state must be run like a business with our chosen elected CEO. It is an annoyance for state leaders and some adoring journalists to quickly shift the blame for our, problems to the President and Wal-Mart. This is again, nutty politics to me.

City: Kicking and screaming

Will Northville ever be done talking about parking? Probably not, but the most recent decision to survey people on the frontline daily while continuing to count occupied parking spaces puts planners on the right track. It's hard to endorse a prolonged look at a topic that seems discussed to death, but they may be on to something here. Experience tells us any request for investment in expansion takes solid rationale. Let's ensure this long, "last" look counts all concerned.

Township: Planning a smart move

The Northville Township Planning Commission is working to ensure all township property is being used to its fullest potential. For the next 15-18 months, the planning commission will be evaluating township land, both public and private. Although township officials said they may not change anything on the master plan, reviewing the designations with a fresh perspective could reveal potential future opportunities. This process, especially in a growing community, is time well-spent.

Schools: School lessons well-read

Public schools in Northville will be celebrating "March is Reading" month with a long list of activities focusing on the importance of reading. Special literary speakers will lecture students along with special events and incentives for logging high minute totals in reading logs. Northville-based Pizza Cutter is stepping up again this year by donating certificates to some Northville students readers. We feel the district and the community is doing a great job promoting an often overlooked basic educational fundamental.

Athletics: Well done, Mustangs

It's hard to believe another sports season has come and gone. As winter sports comes to a close, it's a good time to take a moment and applaud the athletes who have represented Northville High School with dignity, honor and pride.

Spring sports are right around the corner, another season blooming and greeting athletes to help them learn the important lessons in life that athletics can teach them.

Greg Arceri Northville

No U.S. amnesty

Years ago, President Lincoln prophesized that if America ever fell, its demise would come not from an external enemy, but from within. Today, our U.S. borders and national sovereignty are under attack. The enemy responsible for this attack is not Mexico, Iraq. Russia or some external country, it is the Bush Administration in Washington. George Bush, in keeping with his globalist agenda, is pushing several programs all of which will lead to an end of U.S. sovereignty and an end to our national borders. These programs include:

1. Outright amnesty for all illegal immigrants currently in the U.S.

2. A "guest worker" amnesty for illegal immigrants currently working in the U.S

3. A Guest Worker Open Border Bill that will allow unlimited numbers of new immigrants to cross our borders legally and take jobs, further lowering our U.S. standard of living. If unlimited numbers of "guest workers" can cross our borders to take jobs in the U.S., then as a practical matter, our borders are gone.

4. Another bill President Bush is pushing hard for is called the "Security and Prosperity Pact (SPP)." This bill would eliminate borders between the countries that comprise NAFTA (Canada, Mexico and the U.S.) Essentially, the countries that comprise NAFTA would become a giant country with its own Constitution, similar to what is being done for the EU in Europe.

5. Finally, President Bush is pushing hard for "Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)."

Gerald N. Wiggins South Lyon

Board of Ed. concerns

I read your editorial with interest, especially the part about redistricting. I have written an editorial to this issue.

Redistricting has been done quite freely during my eight years in Northville. My family has experienced it twice. This is less than some neighborhoods off of Six Mile Road. The Woodlands have gone through three elementary schools in the last seven years.

I agree with (the Nonhville Record editorial) statement, "Yanking kids and parents from schools, classrooms, teachers and friends where they've already found comfort, is a messy ordeal, causing turmoil and emotional unrest."

However, where was the outcry when this very same school board so carelessly relocated the Ridgewood kindergartners? This is the exact issue that my family is living with and so are displaced Ridgewood 128 other Kindergartners, Some of these families, mine included are divided between two elementary schools. The board didn't listen to us and our concerns last year to prevent this division. No, what did the School Board do? They retained the Early Childhood Centers and disrupted and tore families and neighborhoods apart. The school board refuted our plea. The board's only concern was the bottom line, income.

They retained the Early Childhood Centers, that don't pay rent and made our children suffer. Judy Wollack said she had a "nightmare" when she made her decision. Mr. Bolitho assured us, "our children will be just fine" when they get to school. The bus ride is nearly an hour one way. I am here to tell this community, our children are living the "nightmare" that this board voted into existence.

The bottom line was more important to them then the emotional trauma and division the board created between families, children, parents, schools, teachers and friends. It is sad that the board couldn't have foreseen the emotional unrest it has created prior to their decision. They have taken away a precious year for these little children. I hope they won't continue to make the children pay for their poor planning. The failure of these bonds should not cost the children their security, friendships and comfort. Let's not let any more children suffer the turmoil of poor board decisions.

> Carol Grimmer Northville

Jim Nowka Northville

Great game, poor sports

What a great game it was: Northville High School at 20-0 and the new kid in the neighborhood (Catholic Central High School) with a strong record, as well. Unfortunately, much of the fun was ruined for my seven-year-old son when the Northville High School student section began chanting obscenities at the opposing team and referees. What a shame. As a Northville resident I was embarrassed by this ongoing display and seriously question the atmosphere that is being fostered within the walls of our schools. If these "kids" cannot be taught the difference between right and wrong and how to positively represent their community and school, how can the taxpayers expect that simple building blocks, such as character, are important in our schools?

What a sharne indeed.

Larry Schlagheck Northville

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Leadership? Don't bet your bottom-dollar

Ah, conventional wisdom. The great thing about it is that it provides an easy guide to how to behave without really having to think very hard about what

you're doing. Endlessly reminding your kids to "eat your vegetables" is one example. "Don't go out without putting on a coat; you'll catch cold," is another. Those are

harmless enough. But the **Phil Power** risk of applying conventional

wisdom to important public policy matters is our politicians' well-developed and cowardly tendency to allow conventional wisdom to harden into dangerous dogma.

Take taxes, for example. The conventional wisdom is that voters don't like increasing taxes. True enough. But the dogma in Lansing is that any politician who advocates any increase in any tax, even for a compellingly good purpose, is dead meat.

The dogma stems from 1983 when Jim Blanchard had just taken over as governor, the state was in deep recession and the state's budget deficit was at an all-time high.

Blanchard proposed a temporary increase in the state income tax. Two Democratic state senators, Phil Mastin from Oakland County and David Serotkin from Macomb provided the necessary votes to adopt the tax hike. Both were recalled, resulting in a Republican domination of the state senate that has lasted to

rolled back to the original lev-

political masters in Lansing continually shy away from considering any increase in state revenues for any pur-pose, good or bad. "We could-

n't possibly do that," legislators squeal, "we'd be killed in the next election." Sadly, that passes for leadership in Michigan today. But are the voters really that mindless?

Two recent polls cast doubt on the total acceptance of the anti-tax

dogma that has paralyzed so much of our political life.

A recent national New York Times/CBS poll asked whether people would favor increasing the gasoline tax; 85 percent said no, 12 said yes. Big surprise! But when the question was framed to indicate an increased gas tax was a way to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil, 55 percent agreed.

And when asked whether they would support a tax gas that would help reduce global warming, 59 percent agreed. Here's a case where politicians' terror at being smeared as a tax lover overcomes rational discourse. Our present national gas tax is 18.3 cents per gallon, unchanged since 1993. But gas prices do affect consumer behavior. The slide in demand for big SUVs that has helped tear up our automobile industry was provoked by \$3 gas.

Only when the price of gasoline reaches the \$3.50 to \$4 range will large numbers of Americans demand cars ... that run on ethanol or offer hybrid power trains. And when demand shifts like that, our auto industry will quickly offer all kinds of innovative oil, reduce global warming

and (aha!) sèll more cars. In Michigan, a recent survey by Public Sector

Consultants makes the same point. Eighty-one percent of state residents would favor a tax increase to maintain or improve school programs, while 76 percent would favor a tax hike to fund early childhood education.

The conclusion? That the public "will support increased taxes" and that "Michigan residents believe that tax dollars spent on local schools represents a good buy and they reject the contention that lower taxes are more important than maintaining educational services and programs." The key point coming out

of both surveys is that people do not reject higher taxes out of hand. They are willing to consider raising taxes if the purposes for them are worthwhile. Amazing!

The politicians, for their part, are living in an ossified world of political dogma, scared of how their opponents might smear them if they ever displayed leadership and contemptuous of the intelligence of the public whose votes they covet.

With Michigan headed into an election this November, you can bet your bottom-dollar the politicians of neither party are going to talk about what long-term benefits increasing taxes might bring.

Sadly, all that does is postpone until next year a real discussion of how we are going to avoid becoming a terminally-damaged state depending on a floundering and declining rust-belt economy. With each passing month without action, it seems less and less likely that we'll find a plausible way of getting out of the jam we're in.....

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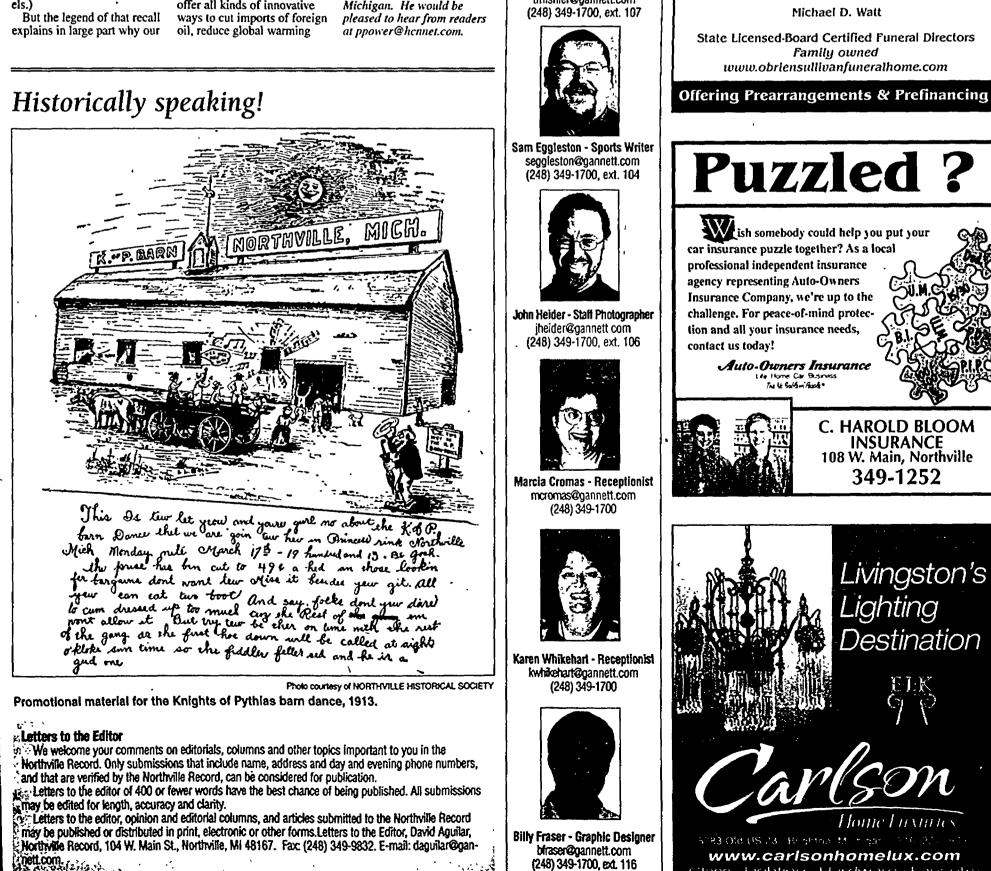
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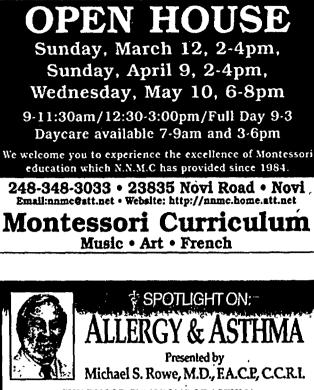


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NORTHVILLE **EVENTS**

Art Exhibit

- DATE: Through March LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St.
- DETAILS: This is an exhibit of
- acrylic artist d. Kessler's works.
- CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

Art Exhibit

DATE: Through March LOCATION: Studio 427, 122 W. Main St. DETAILS: This is an exhibit of

artist Scott Maggart's paintings. CONTACT: (248) 449-6501

Author Book Signing

DATE: Saturday TIME: 3 p.m. LOCATION: Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 17111 Haggerty Road DETAILS: Author Linda Alice Dewey will be signing her book, "AARON'S CROSSING: A True Ghost Story." CONTACT: Visit www.lindaalicedewey.com

Northville Garden Club

DATE: Monday TIME: noon LOCATION: Cady Inn. Mill Race Village DETAILS: Nikki Schmith will be speaking on "Dayhillies 101." The public is welcome. CONTACT: Julie Mantay,

(248) 349-1602

Gardeners of Northville and Navi

DATE: Monday

TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Library, 212 W.

Cady St. DETAILS: The program will be

"Wildflowers." The public is welcome.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1946

Education Equity Seminar

DATE: Tuesday

TIME: 6:45 p.m. LOCATION: Library, 212 W. Cady St.

DETAILS: Educator and gender equity advocate Bethany Rayl will speak on the issues of gender equity and gender bias in education. Rayl is the former Diversity Director of American Association of Univeristy Women, Michigan, Assistant Principal of Lapeer West High School and creator of the "Young Women's Success Corps," an after school math, science and engineering club for girls.

CONTACT: Beth Ann Knisely,



Lunch/Dinner Theater

DATES: Friday and Saturday DETAILS: The theme for March is "Mocha Madness." 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

Wildflower Walks

DATE: Friday and Saturday, May 5-6

TIME: 10:30 a.m. DETAILS: The Friends of Maybury are hosting this free event. All ages are welcome. Reservations are not required.

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.

Tot Storytime

TIME/DATE: 10:15 a.m. Monday, March 27-May 1; 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 29-May 3; 10:15 a.m., Thursday, March 30-May 4 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; 10:15 a. m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday DETAILS: Sessions as are designed for children who are 4, 5, or in kindergarten and comfort-

able attending without a caregiver present. CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020

Kid's Club

TIME/DAY: 4:15 p.m., Thursday (beginning March 16) DETAILS: This is an afterschool program for first, second and third graders featuring stories, game and crafts

Library Board of Trustee Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of every month

TIME: 7:30 p m. DETAILS: Public is welcome.

Church Events

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 "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

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/ NORTHMILLE RECORD

Read you like a bookl

Children's book illustrator and author Matt Faulkner sketches a portrait of an Amerman student during his visit to celebrate March is Reading Month. Amerman Elementary School learning consultant Margaret Carroll recommends reading these Matt Faulkner books: "The Moon Clock" • "The Pirate Meets The

Queen"

 "The Monster Who Ate my Peas"

- "Scatterbrain Sam"
- "Black belt"

Senior Events

Thursday, March 9 9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly 11 a.m.: Spelling Duel 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Tai Chi 1 p.m.: Bunco Games By appointment: Massage By appointment: Taxes Friday, March 10 10 a.m.: Strength Training 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Prescription Assistance 1 p.m.: Movie: Raising Helen By appointment: Massage Monday, March 13 10 a.m.: Line Dancing 10 a.m.: Oxycise I 11 a.m.: Oxycise II 12:30 p.m.: Euchre and Pinochle Tuesday, March 14 10 a.m.: Blood Pressure and **Glucose Check** 10 a.m.: Travel Show 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle Wednesday, March 15 10 a.m.: Oxycise Level I

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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 fea-

ture 130 exhibitors from retail, service and professional businesses around the community. Restaurants and caterers will provide samples from their menus. There will also be free give-aways, 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

School Carnival

DATE: Friday, March 24 TIME: 5-8 pm. LOCATION: Hellside Middle School, 775 N. Center St. DETAILS: The carnival will feature games, a food court and a

tin can raffle. CONTACT: Martina Stone, stonehome@peoplepc.com

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

Groups

old.

April I and 8

TIME: 8 p.m.

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.

and exhibits available in shops. CONTACT: Tom James, Northville Camera and Digital

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St.

www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or

DATE: Various days beginning

DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 per

DATE: Friday, March 24, 31

DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 for

adults and \$10 for seniors and stu-

dents; no children under 6 years

New Hope for Grief Support

and April 7: Saturday, March 25,

person; no children under 3 years

Imaging, (248) 349-0105

"The Little Mermaid"

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

"Vaudeville Tonight"

March 18

old.

Marquis Theater

CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhopecenter.net

New Pathways Support Group

DATE: Tuesday, April 4-May 23

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Arbor Hospice & Home Care, 331 Center Street DETAILS: This free group is for adults who have experienced the death of a significant person. Registration is required. CONTACT: Sandy VanKoevering, (248) 348-4980

Genitti's Little Theater

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

"The Teen Angels"

DATE: Friday, March 17 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: This concert is a tribute to Franki Valli. The cost is \$45 per person and includes dinner and show.

Blues Concert

DATE: Saturday, March 18 TIME: 2-3 p.m. DETAILS: Blues musician, Robert B. Jones will be perform-ing. He has been voted "Detroit's Best Blues Instrumentalist" by Metro Times Magazine. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.

CONTACT: Northville Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

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

Northville Genealogical Society

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Monday, ongoing and by appointment

DETAILS: Volunteers are available to offer individual help on genealogy

CONTACT: (248) 349-3020

March is Reading Month Activity

DETAILS: Children, preschool through sixth grade, can pick up a "Get Hooked on Books" reading log from the information desk. When your reading log is full, you've carned the prize of a paperback book.

Spring Break Fun

DATE: Tuesday

are invited to this comedy and juggling program with juggler Josh Casey. 100 free tickets will be available at the information desk five minutes prior to the program. Tickets not available in advance.

Spring Crafts for Kids

DATE: Wednesday

TIME: 4 p.m. DETAILS: Designed for all ages to make a cotton ball lamb. Children ages 5 and younger must attend with a caregiver. No registration required.

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

Junior Books, Chat and Chow

DATE: Wednesday, March 29 TIME: 4:15 p.m. DETAILS: This program is for fourth and fifth grade students. It will include snacks and discussing the book, "City of Ember" by Jeanne DuPrau.

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

Teen Movie

DATE: Monday, March 20 TIME: 4 p.m.

DETAILS: This program is for sixth through 12th grade students. The movie is "Pride and Prejudice." Refreshments will be served. No registration is required.

Gardening Seminar

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

DETAILS: Janet Macunovich, Free Press columnist and Master Gardener, will offer tips on how to make your garden grow with less effort. Registration required. CONTACT: (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.

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

College Age

DATE: Sunday

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

First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

Mind and Body Seminar

DATE: Tuesday

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

One Day Women's Retreat

DATE: Saturday, March 25 TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. DETAILS: "Cultivating Your Relationship with God" is the retreat's theme. The cost is \$20 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

- CONTACT: (248) 349-1144

Healing Service

DATE: First Monday of every month

TIME: 4 p.m. **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

Health Screenings

DATE: Tuesday, March 21 TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

11 a.m.: Identity Theft Seminar

11 a m.: Oxycise Level II

DETAILS: Advanced Screening of Michigan will conduct various health screenings. Fees vary. Pre-registration is required.

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Mixed Golf League Meeting

DATE: Thursday, March 30 TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

DETAILS: The cost is \$30 and includes prizes and a banquet at the end of the season. League play begins April 27. Registration required.

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

History of Maybury Sanatorium

DATE: Thursday, April 27 TIME: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

DETAILS: The Friends of Maybury State Park are hosting this free seminar. Registration is required.

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Board Games

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

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Ongoing Card Games

Bridge

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

continued on 21A

TIME: 4:15-5 p.m. DETAILS: Children of all ages



Finding the fountain of youth

By Tracy Mishler **RECORD STAFF WRITER**

John Treanor walks four miles a day to stay young.

The 82-year-old Northville Township resident believes staying active is the key to finding the fountain of youth.

"What are (seniors) doing? They're sitting at home watching television," Treanor said. "They need to get more involved, because as long as you stay active. you'll be happy all the time." Treanor said exercise is the key

to good health.

'I would like to see more seniors get involved," he said. "I'd like to see more dancing."

Dennis Smith said the Northville Senior Community Center has plenty of activities for seniors who want to stay young.

"People just need to take advantage of the opportunities," said the senior adult service program supervisor. "It's up to them to take the initiative."

The Northville Senior Community Center offers several exercise classes and opportunities for seniors to learn about their health.

"Some (seniors) have told us they need something to do," Smith said. "We offer several volunteer opportunities - they just want something to keep them busy. It's a reason to get up in the morning."

Smith said staying social is just as important to health as staying lactive.

"One thing we offer is computer training," he said. "Not only does it keep them busy, but more and more people over 65 have become competent."

Living life to the fullest

"I can't sit around all day," said Marty Arlington. "I'd wither up into a vegetable if I did." The 78-year-old Northville

Township resident said he participates in several activities in Northville and surrounding communities.

"My wife died five years ago and I was very lonely when I lost her," he said. "But I figured it wasn't my time, so I had to move

"So I met new people and am living my life to the fullest. When you sit on the couch and watch television you have no energy. I want to keep living, so I don't sit 1' on that couch anymore."

Rachel Zagaroli, senior services or the nager Center said the key ingredient to a longer life is both physical and mental activities.

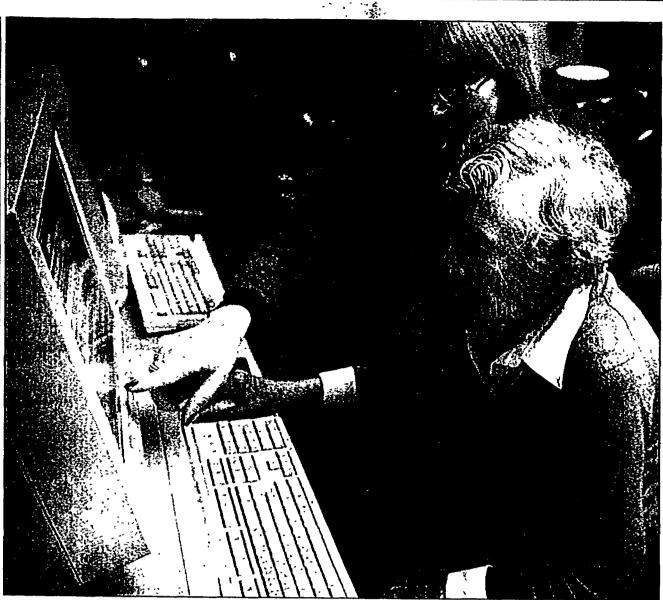


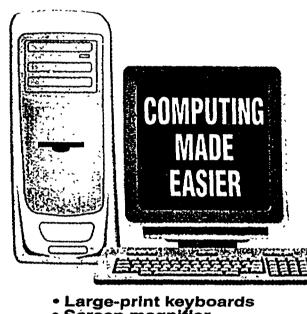
Photo by JOHN HEIDER/ RTHMILLE RECORD **Northville Housing**

Commission president Sue Hooper helps Allen Terrace resident Mildred Madigan navigate e-mail on the Internet.

What an untangled Neb you weave

Allen Terrace residents plugging into modern technology

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- Screen magnifier
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"Seniors have to do other things than just sitting at home," Zagaroli said.

nu Both Smith and Zagaroli agreed the mind and body have to work L together.

We offer activities like bounce -1 volleyball, table tennis and a 4 walking club to keep the mind and body active," she said. "There is something for everyone.

"Whether they're a couch potato or a highly active person, we're surrounded by senior activity centers that offer such an abundance of activities. We're all going to get old, it all depends on how you want to do it."

be Tracy Mishler is a staff writer 16 for the Northville Record. She can 1 be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. n: 107, or at tmishler@gannett.com.

Getting involved Northville Senior **Community Center**

Location: 303 W. Main Street Contact: (248) 349-4140 Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday Senior coed volleyball

Time: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside Cost: \$1

<u>Strength training</u>

Time: 9 a.m-noon, Fridays. 🕫 ongoing цř Location: Northville Senior

Community Center Cost: \$30 for six weeks

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Time: 1-2 p.m., Thursdays Location: Northville Senior **Community Center** Cost: \$59 for six weeks

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Ninety-three-year-old Mildred Madigan is getting used to the notification: "You've got mail." The other day her Yahoo! mailbox held 24 incoming messages.

"My granddaughter got me hooked," Madigan said. "Now my whole family thinks I'm going to send (e-mails) to them.

"They're waiting to hear from me, I'm still learning how to send."

The Allen Terrace resident is among Sue Hooper's legions of "Cyber Seniors." The president of the city's housing commission volunteers her time to teach computer beginners in the fourth-floor lab in their own building.

And she stays connected to Allen Terrace's three machines, so she can offer on-demand help from her home computer.

From the start

Through an inquiry to Dr. Jim Payne, a local dentist who repairs and donates used computers, Hooper helped launch Allen Terrace's technology a couple of years ago.

"We started out with six people all huddled around one monitor," Hooper said. "They were all just so eager to learn."

The seven-year housing commissioner's inquiries have earned the senior facility two more broken computers. Hooper picked up her own tools, rebuilding the abandoned recreation department models and bringing them online

Sue Hooper said it was her mom's desire for a computer that led to catering to her Cyber Seniors.

"It dawned on me --- there might be other moms who need help," Hooper said. The housing commissioner made it her mission to establish a computer lab in the city-owned senior residence, Allen Terrace.

Without funding, she aimed modestly: non-functional hand-medowns.

"I love to tinker," she said. "I have a little computer shop in my basement."

Hooper said her interest in rebuilding computers began when she had troubles with her own machine. Her son, Seth, led her through the repairs.

"Once I took the case off, I was no longer afraid," she said. "The beauty is it's one generation helping the next."

a year ago.

More seniors have ventured into the three-computer lab during the past year, said housing director Joanne Inglis. Hooper teaches basic computing classes every Thursday morning, then tutors onsite and from her home at other times

"We start from the power switch on the front of the machine," she said. "I keep it as simple as possible."

Continuous education

Inglis said residents have benefited from Hooper's commitment and her enthusiasm is contagious. "The numbers are growing."

Inglis said. "Sue has done all this. "She was so excited the other

day because residents were teaching residents." Of Allen Terrace's 110 resi-

dents, about 20 own their own computer, Inglis said. The addition of the lab opened the opportunity to everyone all day every day.

Mary Blakeman, 84, regularly attends Hooper's Thursday class. "Sometimes, we come up on

our own on the computer and get as far as we can," she said. "We play games. We get a lot of fun out of it.

"We're learning all the time, which is a good thing at our age." Inglis echoed the seniors'

emphasis on keeping their minds active. "How great is it, to have that

ability?" she said, "It's how to communicate with your grandkids."

Engaging variety

Hooper's students range from

"Once we're comfortable turning it on and turning it off, we start right away with Solitaire."

Sue Hooper Volunteer computer instructor, Allen Terrace

62-93. And her curriculum varies as widely.

"Sometimes we talk more about World War II and life lessons," she said. "I teach them and they teach me."

Cyber Seniors have asked their teacher's assistance to research organic foods, Scottish roots, the British Broadcasting Corporation, genealogy and the Antiques Roadshow.

"Once we're comfortable turning it on and turning it off, we start right away with Solitaire," Hooper said. "It's the easiest way to learn the mouse.

"It builds confidence in using the computer."

One morning this week, Betty Thomas, 75, was engrossed in Free-cell, a sophisticated game of Solitaire.

"I don't know it well enough to explain it," she said. "This is one of my highlights. I enjoy this and the exercise class."

Inez Johnson, 70, who moved into Allen Terrace in November, said her former workplace required a different type of computing, so Hooper has opened a

new world for her.

"Everything is pretty much new," she said. "I'm enjoying it, so I'm going to continue to come.'

Keeping pace

Hooper said she has seen seniors reinvigorated by their new hobby.

"I'm not a doctor or a computer technician," she said. "I just know what makes them happy - I get them on the road to cyber-space.

Whether a resident learns to play cards or surf the Internet is irrelevant. It's relevant that they are using modern technology."

Blakeman said she knows the younger generations are very computer-savvy. They're catching

"None of us have a computer," she said. "We're all just tiptoeing, babes in the woods."

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Finance 101: Officials look at future funding outlook

City, township facing long-term funding issues

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

A talk about municipal finance titled "System Failure" won't have the draw of "Crash."

But local officials say the titles conjure up an accurate image of the imminent impact of current state tax law.

Northville and City of Northville Township leaders are hosting tonight's 7 p.m. presentation on financial issues affecting communities statewide in the Nonhville Township Hall community room.

"I believe Plante and Moran are experts in understanding the ramifications of Headlee and Proposal A," said township Supervisor Mark Abbo. "Any

By Sharon Jayson

Gareis says.



additional insights we get on a going forward basis would be helpful.

"Right now, the township finances are OK," he said. "I'm more concerned about it in years ahead than I am at this moment in time."

Speaker Frank Audia, a partner for accounting and business advisory firm Plante & Moran, has extensive experience working with Michigan municipalities.

Audia will describe how Proposal A, heralded as tax reform when passed in 1994, interacts with the Headlee Amendment, which requires municipalities to roll back tax rates.

Without changes in those laws, the City of Northville will face difficult budget decisions in the next four to five fiscal years, said Mayor Christopher Johnson.

Already neighboring Plymouth has had to increase fees to avoid cutting services, he said.

"It's on our horizon now," Johnson said. "Northville Township is still growing. It's really only postponing when



those effects will take place.

"It's only a matter of time before all units of governments in all Michigan communities are on the slide," he said. "At some point, somebody is going to have to take the bull by the horns."

It will take a change in tax laws by the state Legislature to remedy the situation, Johnson said.

"I think every citizen in the community should be there," Johnson said "They need to hear what the state is doing to them" In the 1990s, voters over-

whelmed by taxes on their rising property values in communities like Northville, embraced Proposal A's limit of annual assessment increases to 5 percent or the inflation rate, whichever is less. Part of that law says when property is sold or transferred, assessments pop up to the current value.

Municipal revenues are most affected when property is sold, uncapping the assessment.

The combined impact of legislation that Audia will describe is the point when Headlee kicks in,

"It's only a matter of time before all units of governments in all Michigan communities are on the slide."

> Christopher Johnson Mayor, City of Horthville

Finance update

What: "System Failure: Michigan's Broken Municipal Finance Model"

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 9

Where: Northville Township Community Room, 44405 Six Mile

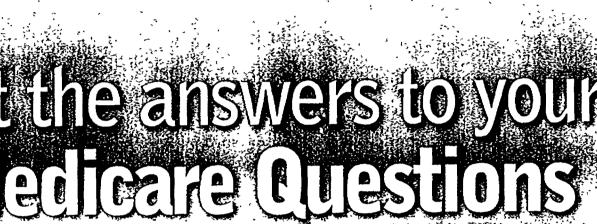
"It's almost a vote you can't win.

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Road Who: Public Invited Hosted by: Northville Township, City of Northville rolling back the local government's tax rate to limit gross rev-

enue, adjusted for inflation, to the same level collected on it at its prior assessed value.

Locally, officials can ask voters to override a Headlee rollback, Johnson said.



nights a week. Jeffrey, a tools salesman, used to travel two weeks a month to multiple states but now trayels only within the state and is home each night to care for Logan.

Although working the night shift or overnight shift pays more, there are other costs.

Harriet Presser, a sociology pro-fessor at the University of Maryland-College Park, analyzed data from more than 3,400 couples and found that for those with children, the risk of divorce is up to six times greater when one spouse works overnight. Presser, author of the 2003 book "Working in a 24/7 Challenges Economy: American Families," also will participate in the conference.

Vickie Gullung said "that (working) every other weekend was a little straining on the marriage." she says. "Now I'm off every weekend, and we have time to ourselves."

Work and family research has tended to focus on questions such as whether maternal employment hurts children (it generally doesn't) or whether shift-working disrupts the amount of time families spend together (it does). Gareis says much of the research has focused more on the individual employee rather than its effect on the family,

"I think that overall, not just researchers but policymakers and employers haven't really taken into consideration how one person's work hours affect lots of other people," she says.

Lonnie Golden, an associate professor of economics and labor studies at Pennsylvania State University-Abington College, will share findings of a study commis-sioned by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation on people's interest in working fewer hours for less pay.

The research found that 20 percent of dual-earner mothers wanted a shorter work week even if it meant less pay, and 50 percent would take off several weeks a year

(summer, for example) for less pay. But Golden says the responses change depending on the children's ages. "Once the youngest child reaches high school age, parents would take extra hours for extra income."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/ NORTHWILLE RECORD

Coach Dave East, of Leisure Unlimited, gives some baseball throwing pointers to Mark Isaacs, 4, and others kids during a Kiddie Sports session **Tuesday at the Recreation** Center at Hillside. Kiddle Sports is organized by Northville Parks and **Recreation Department.**

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

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

DATE: Tuesday

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road, Livonia DETAILS: Brad Lawrence, computer science leader for the United Space Alliance, NASA Kennedy Space Center, will speak about how NASA integrates high definition film and cutting-edge film analysis to study shuttle launches and spot problems. These technologies were keys to localizing the cause of the 2003 crash of the space shuttle Columbia.

CONTACT: www.semafx.net/nasa06

Cross Babysitter Training course offers youth the opportunity to learn the skills that every parent looks for in a babysitter. This 6-1/2 hour course provides youth with safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency action skills. Pre-registra-tion required. The fee is \$72 for residents; non-resident fees apply. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203 **Aromatherapy Class** 1. DATE: Thursday, March 23 Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W.

Baseline Road DETAILS: The American Red

TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION:

tal clarity. It is informational only

and not intended to be a substitute

for medical care. The fee is \$25

for residents; non-resident fees

CONTACT: (248) 349-3020

DATE: Saturday and Sunday,

Recreation Center, 700 W.

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

CONTACT: Joe Barberio,

(248) 449-9947 or e-mail jbarbe-

is \$85 per 3-4 member team.

DATE: Saturday, April 8

Community Center, 303 W. Main

DETAILS: This dance includes

crafts, designing cookies with

Great Harvest Bread Company,

and visiting the spring bunny. The

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TIME: 4-6 p.m.

LOCATION:

Bunny Hop

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3-on-3 Basketball

TIME: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tournament

March 25-26

LOCATION:

Baseline Road

Baseline Road

apply.

Spa Night

DATE: Monday, April 10

Northville Salon and Spa, 141 E.

Cady St. DETAILS: This women's will include demonstrations and information on hair styling, skin and nail care, make-up/color analysis and massage. The fee is \$50 for two residents; non-resident fees apply. Additional participants are

are full. Boys grades eighth-ninth and 10th-12th are eligible to play. Games will start April 1. Coaches are needed.

CONTACT: Dave DeMattos, (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

WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

Camera Club

every month

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every month

W. Cady St.

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Room B

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TIME: 3 p.m.

TIME: 7 p.m.

Housing Commission

Arts Commission

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

DATE: Second Tuesday of

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Northville Arts Commission.

DATE: Second Wednesday of

LOCATION: Art House, 215

Beautification Commission

DATE: Second Tuesday of

LOCATION: Northville City

Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting

DATE: Second Wednesday of

LOCATION: Allen Terrace.

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Pinochie (double deck) TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m.,

Monday and Thursday Pinochle (single deck)

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

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

Healthy Walking

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

Ole' Bag Sale Donations

DETAILS: This event will be Friday and Saturday, May 12-13. at the Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. Purses, belts, scarves and jewelry donations may be dropped off at the center now. All proceeds will benefit the senior programs. CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Mill Race Historical Village

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

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Thursday, March 9: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Hands All Around Quilt Workshop, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:45 p.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:45 p.m.

Friday, March 10: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Servie Unit B Scouts, 9:30 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 11: Daisy Scout Meeting, 10 a.m. Sunday, March 12: Mill Creek

Church, 10 a.m.; Heirloom Rug Hookers, I p.m.; Venture Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 13: Cluster Scout Meeting, 9 a.m.; Northville Garden Club, 11 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 4:15 p.m.; Lions Club, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 16: Archives, open 19 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting -3:30 - p.m.; Northville Society Historical Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

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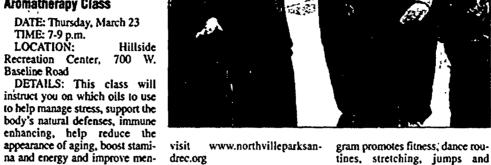
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Babysitter Training

DATE: Saturday, March 18 TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Hillside LOCATION: fee is \$10 per person. Recreation Center, 700 - W.

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TIME: 7-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside

DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per

Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road. DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$7

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Spend an afternoon at Greenhills

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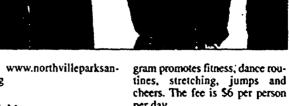
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Spring Basketball Leagues DETAILS: Register now through March 17 or until leagues

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Ready for the 'Rocks?

The undefeated (10-0) Northville swimming and diving team is preparing for state title competition, but they also picked up a league title.

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Hockey farewell

The Northville Mustangs bowed out of state compettion last weekend, losing to the No. 3 ranked Brighton Bulldogs, 6-0. - Page 5B



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Tankers, 10-0, ready to take mark for state title run this weekend

By Ramez Khuri GANNETTE NEWS SERVICES

Chris Keady knows he's a part of something special this year.

The Northville High School junior and his varsity swimming teammates hope to top off a perfect season tomorrow and Saturday, as they compete in the state championship at the University of Michigan.

The team reached the plateau by earning a 10-0 record in dual meets and by going 8-0 in the Western Lakes League. Seven swimmers qualified in two events each, along with two divers, junior Will Fankell and junior Steve Kruse, who will be competing in regional events.

"We've never been undefeated before, so it was really exciting this season," said Keady. captain of the team. "We won our conference and our league, and it's just really great knowing we are the ones to beat."

The team won a close battle with Livonia Stevenson in the conference championship last week and is now preparing for state championships by staying mentally focused and rested.

But it hasn't always been sailing for the smooth Mustangs. When coach Rich Bennetts was hired in 1999, things weren't going so well.

"Back then we had a lot of guys who just either weren't





Who's competing? Northville High School swimmers and the events they will be participating in: John Bardsley (so) 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle Brody Blickle (so) 200 I.M., 100 backstroke Will Blickle (jr) 200 J.M.,

500 Freestyle Chris Culkin (jr) 200 yard Freestyle, 500 Freestyle Brad Farris (sr) 200

freestyle, 100 backstroke Chris Keady (jr) 200 I.M., 500 Freestyle

Weston Laabs (sr) 200 I.M., 100 Breaststroke The team will also compete in all three relays.

"We've never been undefeated before, so it was really exciting this season."

> Chris Keady Swimmer, Northville High School

More swimming, Page 28.

best swimmers since he came in as a freshman," said Bennetts. "He's good in every event, and during the course of the season he swam in every individual event at one point or another, and qualified for the state meet in every one of them. That just shows you how versatile he is."

As an upperclassman, Keady

Mustangs' first loss costly; lose district playoff heartbreaker to Catholic Central, 56-55

By David Aguilar RECORD EDITOR

Northville's undefeated basketball season came to an abrupt end Monday night when a last-second shot fell off the rim and gave Catholic Central a stirring 56-55 win.

The first-round district playoff game, played at Novi High School, was the Mustangs' first season defeat. Northville finished the year 20-1.

Thanks largely to stingy defense and timely three-point shooting, the Mustangs battled back from a game-opening 17-5 deficit when they made only one of 16 shots. Later, they dug out of an 11-point fourth quarter hole, pulling to within a single point and setting up the game's final heart-stopping moments.

On the game's final play, Campy Smith rebounded a missed Catholic Central free throw and fed junior guard Alvin Storrs, who

"I'm going to remember that shot for the rest of my life."

> Alvin Storrs Junior Guard, Northville Mustangs



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/

Mustang guard Alvin Storrs

then raced into the open court.

Storrs dribbled the length of the

court, and with the season ticking

away, let fly an 8-foot running jumpshot that softly hit the back

rim and bounced twice before

rolling away and ending Northville's Cinderella season.

"It was a good shot," said head coach Darrel Schumacher. "The

play is Alvin ... We had two spec-

tacular opportunities. At 20-0, you

don't get that way without an awful lot of luck."

Storrs, whose buzzer-beater last

"It felt good coming off my fin-

It sure looked good, soft on its

way to the rim; content on its way

down. Yeah, it bounced off the

back of the rim, but that looked

harmless enough, like a child

bumping his head against a coffee table before moving on about his

Everyone dressed in orange had

For dramatics, the ball bounced

It was awful, like watching

gertips," Storrs said following the

game, the Mustangs' leading scor-

er with 22 points.

drives for a layup Monday

against Catholic Central.

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used to, or weren't willing to do the work it took to be a successful program," said Bennetts. "We were very undisciplined. The guys weren't used to morning practices, and they weren't used to having practice on the weekends."

But when everyone got on the same page, things improved quickly. The team snowballed into a championship contender.

This Mustangs team, which also won its league championship last year, became the first in Northville High history to win back-to-back league



Mustang swimmer Chris Keady hopes to make

We've had good individuals, meet championships. The team but this is the best team we've is currently ranked number three in the state behind Ann had in years."

Bennetts attributes the team's success to dedicated and talented swimmers who train yearround. And it helps to have a team captain as hard-working as Keady.

"Chris has been one of our

has plenty of experience in big meets and believes it's important to help out his classmates who haven't had the same experiences. At the same time, he'd like to see the team do its best so his senior teammates can graduate on top.

"We'll be losing a lot of people next year, and we're going to get as much as we can accomplished for them," said Keady. "We're hoping to finish within the top two in the state meet, and I am hoping to pull off some All-American times and hopefully win my events."

One is lonely, not defining, number

Tough loss will not shape Mustangs' legacy

> t first, it seems like you'll never crase those awful images from your mind

Campy Smith securing the rebound after the missed Catholic Central free throw, then

feeding junior Alvin guard Storrs, who then headed for the open court like a sports car merging fullspeed onto Interstate-275. Seconds waning. Time van-

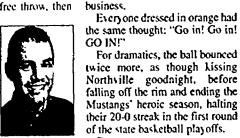
ishing. An undefeated

season and a 20-0 record on the line.

"Go, Alvin! Go! Get there, Alvin! Hurry up! SHOOT IT!"

Finally, just inside the Shamrocks' free throw line, Storrs released the ball from his hands, his body slightly contorted, a music box character who'd just popped out of a tin can. "Bing!"

There went the ball, straight and true. It missed. And there went the season. Done.



David Aguilar RECORD EDITOR

your dog get run over by a car. There was Storrs, standing beneath the Catholic Central basket, hands on his hips, looking up, looking down, looking nowhere. Then he melted into the floor, deflated.

Done.

Everyone looked at each other. It didn't go in? What, are you joking? But it felt so ... good.

Moments before a Novi High School gym, packed overwhelmingly with Northville fans had

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Leaping, leading by example

Local gymnast scores big with judges, teammates,

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

For Kylea Pohl, being a leader means being someone other gymnasts can look up to.

That's why Pohl, a senior captain for the Wild 'Stangs, focuses on being a visible example.

The more the team sees you working, the more they want to work," Pohl said.

"You have to show them that you work to get what you want, that it's not going to come easy,

especially this year."

With just 14 members on the combined Northville-Novi gymnastics team, Pohl and the other captains have had to get big scores. They've been doing that well enough to keep them in the running for a state finals berth this weekend.

waves in the state finals.

Arbor Pioneer and Zeeland.

"We're obviously hoping to

finish in the top three of the

state this weekend," said

Bennetts. "That will be the best

finish since the state champi-

onship the school won in 1972.

Pohl has qualified for the regional as an individual in her top three events: floor, vault and beam. She hopes to advance to the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD continued on 2B Northville-Novi Wild'Stang gymnast Kylea Pohl.

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Northville-Novi Wild 'Stangs' score during regional competi-t on last week



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state finals in at least one of them.

"Floor is my favorite," Pohl said. "I love to perform. I'm also a dancer, so that plays a role in it being my favorite. Floor really shows your personality, your presentation and how much fun you can have.

Others have noticed her passion for her floor routines.

"Her floor is a real strong point and she's hands down our most polished performer on that event," coach Erin McWatt said. "She really knows how to play the crowd and show everything off."

Big impact

Pohl started her career with the Wild 'Stangs as a sophomore, but has quickly made a mark for herself.

She quit club gymnastics that year, focusing on making friends at the high school level instead. Her determination in the sport hasn't wavered.

"Her work ethic, this season especially, is admirable," McWatt said. "Kylea is a most outstanding leader and captain for this team this year. She joined us two years ago as a sophomore, and even then as an underclassman she displayed a real maturity. She leads by example and the girls certainly look up to her.

It's a role Pohl enjoys. She said she tries to work hard in all aspects of her life. She maintains a 3.9 grade-point average, dances at Flex Point Performing Arts Center in jazz, ballet and lyrical styles and she puts in hours as an employee and Guernsey's restaurant.

But gymnastics holds a special place with Pohl.

"I started when I was 5 and though I can't remember back then, I must have had and interest in it because I stuck with it," she said. "Now I love the sport. It's a big part of my life."

Pohl's leadership extends beyond the beam, bars, floor and vault. McWatt said the way Pohl is capable of balancing all aspects of her life is an example for all to follow.

'She's also involved with dance and really excels in the classroom. which is a testament to how she manages her time," McWatt said. "This is a difficult sport and it's a long competition season for these girls. So the fact that Kylea is able to be as successful as she is in the classroom. on the competition floor and with her dancing in between really shows you what a dedicated person she is.

"I'm extremely proud of Kylea and the success she's had this year." With a Michigan High School Athletics Association decision looming over combined teams like the Northville-Novi gymnastics team, Pohl could become the last of the Wild 'Stangs.

Pohl said she hopes the gymnastics squad earns an exemption from the ruling, which will dissolve all combined programs in almost every sport across the state.

"I'm sad to see that as a possibility," she said. "We've kind of used that this season, telling everyone it could be their last year and they need to try their best and work their hardest.

'It's sad they might not be able to finish out their high school careers with the gymnastics team. Sad because of my great experience and the friends I've made. I'd hate to see it end."

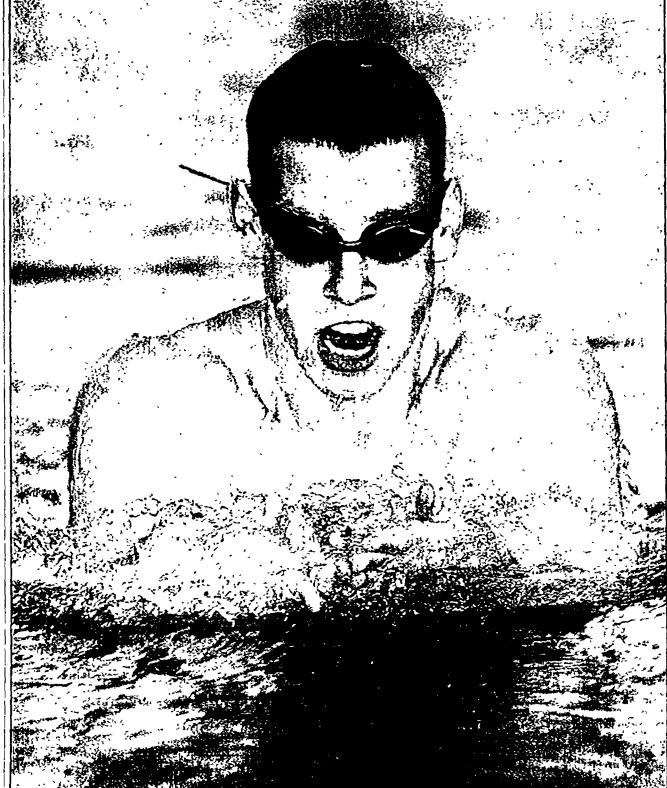
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/ DRITHVILLE RECORD Gymnast Kylea Pohl.

"Kylea is a most outstanding leader and captain for this team this year ... She leads by example and the girls certainly look up to her."

> Erin McWatt Coach, Wild Stangs



Mustang swimmer Weston Laabs plows through the water as he swims the breastroke.

Mustangs earn new title: 'Champs'

Morthville tankers. secure second league title, first seed in state finals

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Rich Bennetts is a magician. The Northville swimming and diving coach managed to keep a hidden card up his eeve this season, revealing it only at the Western Lakes Activities Association championships last weekend to help his team secure it's second straight league title. The Mustangs earned 628 points for first while Livonia Stevenson was second with 541.5 points. Canton, Walled Lake Northern and Salem finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively. The meet was expected to be between Stevenson and Northville and the two teams didn't disappoint. The Mustangs set the tone early with a shocking victory in the first event.

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Rich Bennetts Northville Mustanos Swimming and Drying Coach

100 butterfly, finishing first with a swim from Brad Parris (0:52.1) while Keady took second in the 100 freestyle (0:47.64). In the 200 freestyle relay, the Mustangs took second (1:29.21) behind Stevenson.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE

Northville took three places in the 100 backstroke as Brody Blickle took first (0:53.30) and Farris was second (0:53.57) while Bardsley was fifth (0:58.11). In the 100 breaststroke, Laabs finished second (1:01.89) behind David Gosdzinski of Stevenson.

Northville finished off the meet with a first in the 400 freestyle relay, easily winning by eight seconds with a 3:13.03.

Northville-Novi gymnasts finish third in regional meet

Next up: state finals tomorrow at Troy Athens

By Ramez Khuri GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

With a number of injuries and strong competition trying to earn a coveted state final position, the Novi-Northville gymnastics team finished third in its regional meet Saturday.

Novi-Northville's overall score of 144.25 would have placed the team first in two other regions and second in another. The effort carned a spot in the state final team competition tomorrow night at Troy Athens. Only Livonia and Canton High Schools tallied higher scores.

Overall, the Wild 'Stangs had the fourth highest score of all teams competing at the four regional events.

They had a somewhat disappointing start on floor, which is normally one of their stronger events," said coach Mark Foucher.

"But they rebounded with excellent results on the other three events."

Six girls qualified for the individual state meet this Saturday, at Troy Athens. Two of the team's seniors, Rachel Deneau and Sarah Ilkhani-Pour, qualified all around for the first time in their careers. A third senior, Emma Platt, qualified in three events. state

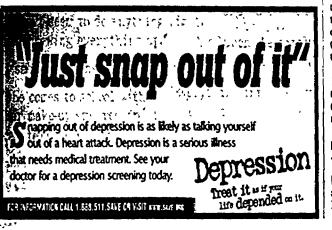
Individual qualifiers/regional finishes were:

· Division 1: Amy Reynoldsfourth on bars, seventh on beam

· Division 2: Sarah likhani-Pour: fourth on all around, first on bars, second on beam: Rachel Deneau: third on all around, first on beam, second on floor; Emma Platt: third on vault, fifth on bars, seventh on floor; Jacqueline Gazette: second on bars, second on vault; Lauren Duda: sixth on vault.

"The team is very excited about this weekend," said Foucher. While cracking the top three may be out of the question, there will be close competition for positions four through eight, just like the past several years.

"With another good meet, (Novi-Northville) may just find themselves finishing even higher than last year," he added



"We still had one surprise left for those old boys in Livonia," Bennetts said.

The ace in the hole was the 200 medley relay, an event dominated by the Livonia Stevenson Spartans all season. Northville put up a time of 1:36.63 to edge their rivals and to break the conference record previously set by Northville in 1994. Stevenson's time was a 1:36.71.

The two times are the fastest in the state and will seed the Mustangs first in the state

finals and Stevenson second.

"It was definitely the best event of the meet, by far," Bennetts said. "It was kind of fun. They don't lose that relay very often."

The Mustang went on to sweep the 200 freestyle with Chris Keady taking first (1:43.16), Chris Culkin in second (1:46.60) and Jon Bardsley in third (1:47.92).

In the 200 individual medley, Stevenson's Travis Hatt took first while Will Blickle was second (1:58.33). Weston Laabs was fourth (2:04.94) and Greg Sheppard was fifth (2:05.53).

In the 50 freestyle, Brody Blickle was second (0:22.13) behind Stevenson's Matt Massman.

The diving event found Northville taking fourth with 282.1 points from Will Fankel, who qualified for the state regional competition along with fellow Mustang Steven Kruse.

Northville was back in the saddle with the

"I'm real happy with the way the kids swam," Bennetts said. "We knew it was going to be a close meet between two very good teams."

Now, the Mustangs have to focus their attention on this weekend's state finals competition. Preliminaries will decide which tankers will move on to scoring heats Saturday.

Though the team will enjoy their championship, Bennetts said there are bigger fish to

fry. "It was a good stepping stone for us," he said of the championship. "The real test comes at the state finals. We're going to try to finish as high as we can."

Bardsley added himself to the state finals list with a strong swim in the 200 freestyle.

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JV BASKETBALL --- The Northville JV basketball team (19-1, 14-0 WLAA) defeated Walled Lake Central JV, 52-41, in the WLAA tournament championship game.

Northville led 32-7 at one point early in the game. Mustang sophomore co-captain Greg Hasse led all scorers with 21 points. Members of the Northville JV basketball team have compiled an extraordinary 32-2 overall (26-1 WLAA) record dating to the start of 2005.

The JV Mustangs scored 1,078 points (averaging 54) this season vs. 740 points (averaging 37) for their opponents.

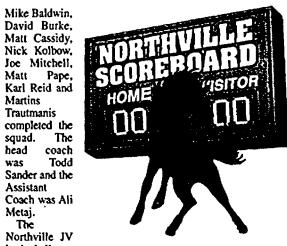
The JV team has now completed their 2005-06 season. All 13 players on this year's 19-1 squad were sophomores, led by co-captains Greg Hasse and Jeff Cheslik. Chris Adler, Kyle Asher, Steve Anderson,

David Burke, Matt Cassidy, Nick Kolbow, Joe Mitchell, Matt Pape, Karl Reid and Martins Trautmanis completed the The squad. head coach

was Todd Sander and the Assistant Coach was Ali Metaj.

> The Northville JV basketball

team also defeated Livonia Stevenson recently. All the Northville JV players saw action in the game. Co-captains Greg Hasse and Jeff Cheslik led the squad, along with David Burke, Steve Anderson and Martins



Trautmanis. Nick Kolbow, Joe Mitchell, Kyle Asher, Mike Baldwin and Matt Cassidy played aggressive defense. Matt Pape was injured, but Karl Reid and Chris Adler covered in the paint,

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SHOOTING STARS

You gotta believe

Northville cagers turn critics into believers

t was unbelievable. A last second shot, on the run, to secure a victory and a 20-0 record. Northville, on a single shot, became the only Class A basketball team in the state to secure an undefeated regular season record. On a single shot, they made history as only the second team in the history of Northville High School to go undefeated over 20 games.

Unbelievable. But true. In front of a packed house, heavily in favor of the Mustangs, the Northville cagers won a game, 68-66, and the hearts of their fans. It was unbelievable because it wasn't sup-

to posed happen. No one really thought Northville was going have such an impressive record.

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Sam Eggleston Most critics RECORD SPORTS had them finishing middle of the pack in their confer-

ence. This team was a bunch of inexperienced cagers who hadn't seen enough playing time to even be a threat until mid-season.

But, the Mustangs just, kept chugging along. Win after win. Close calls and big wins. Cheering fans and pumped-up teammates.

An undefeated record came down to an overtime game against Walled Lake Central. The Vikings had come back from a 14 point deficit to tie the game. Momentum was on their side. At one point, they even took the lead fore Northville knotted every-

the more it paid off. Defensively, they march like ants, swarming the basketball. The Mustangs gnaw at their opponents, wearing them down and chewing through their offensive pressure.

Good defense equals hard work. And work hard is what Northville does best.

But even more impressive is the way this team adapts. They haven't always led; sometimes they've battled back from tough deficits. Sometimes they press; other times they don't. Sometimes they man-to-man defense. Sometimes a zone is best.

Against Walled Lake Central, Alvin Storrs, who scored 34 points in the victory, took the ball and scored to secure the win. People cheered. It was a great play.

But it wasn't the intended play. Storrs was supposed to continue to rotate the ball around the perimeter, eventually finding senior Chris Lorente, who was supposed to take the shot. He was supposed to win the game.

But the Vikings' defense sniffed out Lorente as the potential shooter and they covered him. A pass would have led to a steal for Walled Lake, so Storrs hesitated a moment, glanced at the basket and then made his break.

He pushed his defender to the ed junior guard didn't have time to switch the ball to his dominant hand, and even if he did a Viking defender was in perfect position for the block.

Instead, he made the shot with his left, bringing the fans to their feet and a deafening roar throughout the Plymouth High School gym.

A play gone wrong. A season



Alvin Storrs drives for a layup against Walled Lake Central. The 68-66 win secured a Western Lakes Athletics Association title.

thing up again.

overtime When arrived. Northville dug deep. After all, this season wasn't built on fan support. It certainly wasn't built on media coverage.

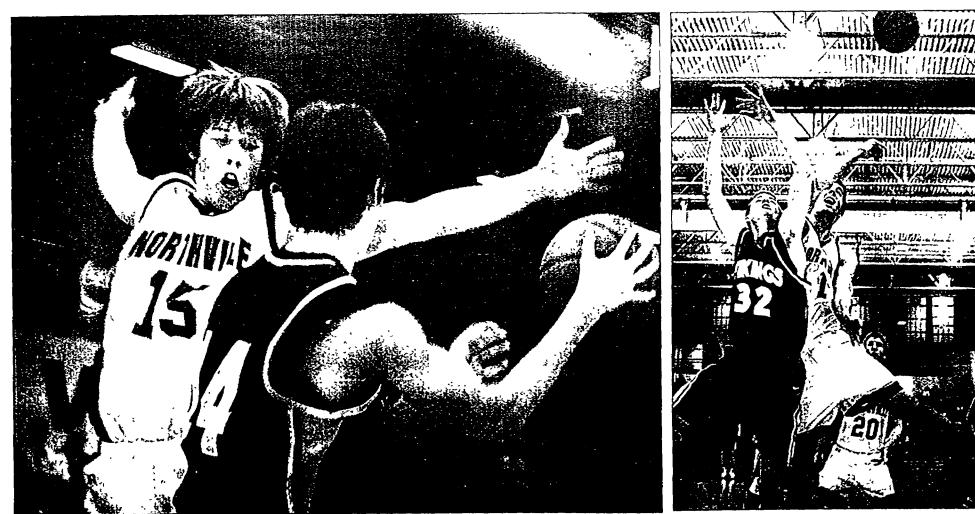
This was a season built on heart and desire. They weren't given an undefeated record. Truthfully, they a bunch of average players who didn't have enough experience to earn respect in their own conference rankings. Or so every-

one thought. But the Mustangs always had a strong work ethic. And they learned the harder they worked,

gone right. A right hander shooting with his left. A 20-0 record for the first time since 1962. A Western Division title, Western Lakes conference crown and a league tournament championship. Unbelievable.

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Mustangs' Nick Kaidis, left, tries to block the inbounds pass against Walled lake Central.

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Mustang Doug Hasse, right, leaps for a rebound.

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The Mustang bench battled plenty of anxious moments during the final seconds of Monday's district playoff game against Catholic Central.

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been a volcano, spitting hot lava onto the court after every made basket and every defensive stop.





This wasn't the real ending, was it? C'mon, joke's over. This is what happens to other teams.

And then one cold reality: It's over. Done. Go home.

Points of perspective

Head Coach Darrell Schumacher, who praised Catholic Central and credited his Mustangs for sticking together despite early and late deficits, never saw Storrs' final shot. He's lucky. When it went up, he said, two officials were blocking his view.

Someone had to tell him the ball bounced twice, hit the backboard ... then fell out.

"One bounce one way or another and we go on." Schumacher said.

It didn't. You're done. Go home.

And then another reality, the cold secret all coaches know, but seldom share with their players until moments like this: only four teams in the state truly go home happy each year. Winning streaks aside, most teams have their season end only one way: badly.

"We had them," Schumacher said. "The kids listened. They did what we asked them to do ... I couldn't be more proud of them."

But did they listen, really? Did someone really have to remind the Mustangs to work hard defensively, take good shots and never quit? How do you tell them during a time-out that everything they've worked for, who they are as a team, will be defined by how they battle back?

You don't. You simply look up and realize it's the only way they know. It's their collective DNA.

Tough lack

Monday's game was never easy. There was Northville, all game long, looking up at a scoreboard refusing to cut them a break. Down 17-5 to start the game, thanks to erratic 1-of-16 shooting, they shook early nerves, found their feet and closed the half-time gap to 31-27.

But down 11 points to start the

Mustang faithful packed the Novi High School gym Monday and cheered Northville loudly during a state playoff game against Catholic Central.

We had them. The kids listened. They did what we asked them to do ... I couldn't be more proud of them."

> Darrel Schumacher Head Coach, Northville Mustangs

final quarter, it looked like the Shamrocks had finally found a way to lay Cinderella down to sleep and park her orange pumpkin out back

But every time you wanted to count Northville out, there they were, climbing back on the rollercoaster for one more heart-stopping trip, their hair standing straight up, nerves frayed like sizzled electrical wire.

Alvin Storrs. Campy Smith. Chris Lorente. Nick Kaldis. Pick a name, any name. There's 13 in all. Not all of them played, but together they were a lucky 13.

Following the game, Mustangs forward Chris Lorente, who spent the past year working with a private trainer, hoisting 500 jumpshots per day and refining his ball-handling skills, didn't feel locky at all.

lucky at all. "This loss is going to last with me forever," he said, When Storrs' final shot went up was standing open along the same baseline where he'd made hig shots during the game. After the game, Lorente sat with his teammates in a back hallway, on a concrete school floor, all of them dressed in sweatsuits, hoods pulled tight around their heads, waiting for someone, anyone, to tell them it was OK to go home.

Turning 21 has never been easy, for people or state title runs. It's always been a tough door to pass through, the final parent-monitored gate leading into adulthood. Monday the Mustangs had the gate slammed against their fingers. And today it hurts.

History will remember this Mustangs team as one of two Northville basketball teams who raced to a 20-0 start, then lost during state competition. But in time, images of a missed shot will fade. And all anyone will remember

is how much fun it was once to see so much hard work paying off.

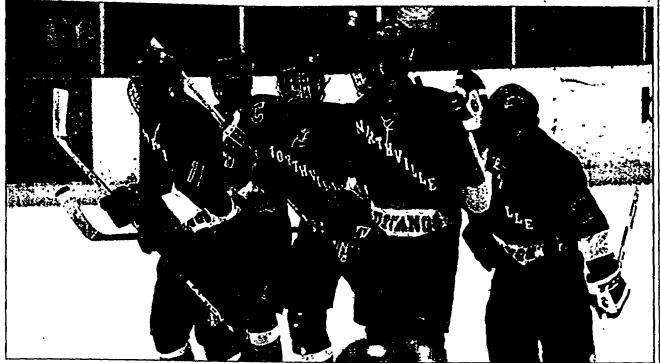
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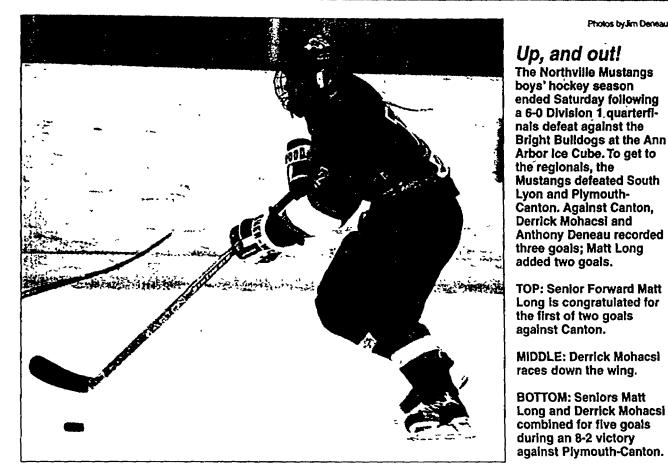
Mustangs assistant coach Tim Turner gives some advice to Mustang guard Alvin Storrs in the waning moments of Monday night's state playoff game against Catholic Central.

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Mustangs fall to Brighton, 6-0







SPORTS SHORTS

LTC camp hosts NCAA Division I coaches

Lacrosse Training Centers brings some of the top East Coast lacrosse coaches (and staff) during its June 23-25 lacrosse camp in Brighton.

Tom Mariano enters his 10th season as the head men's lacrosse coach at Sacred Heart University. Marino has helped the Pioneers evolve into a solid and competitive program as it enter its fourth sea-son as members of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA).

arguably one of the top lacrosse conferences in the country. Currently in his eighth season as head coach, Tim McIntee has been at the forefront of the successful turnaround of the Manhattan men's lacrosse program. McIntee joined Manhattan after a stellar playing and coaching career on the collegiate, professional and international level.

Darryl Delia is a certified US Lacrosse Progression Instructor, as well as a co- director of Run and Shoot Lacrosse Camps. Delia coaches at Fairfield University where his duties include serving as Offensive Coordinator as well as, Recruiting Director for the Stags. Register online at www.LacrosseTC.com or give (248) 788-7020.

Spring Learn to Skate at Novi

Novi Ice Arena will run an eight-week spring session of its Learn to Skate Program from March 8-May 13 (no classes April 12-23). Classes are offered Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and skate rental is available.

Learn to Skate students get a punch card for free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the program they are enrolled in. Classes will run once per week for 30 minutes with optional 30-minute practice sessions.

- Skater's Edge Accelerated Bridge Program

Photos by Jim Deneau

Open registration for Learn to Skate is underway and skate rental is available. The Learn to Skate Program is very popular so call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviicearena.com today to inquire about the proper class for your skater.

Sign up for Suburban Showdown

Team and individual registration is underway for the Suburban Showdown Youth Spring Hockey League. All West League games will take place at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills and Novi Ice Arena, while all East League games will take place at Suburban Ice-Macomb and the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena.

Two divisions will be offered for team registration this year - the Gold division permits up to three players who competed at the A. AA, Junior Varsity or Varsity level during the 2005-06 season, while the Silver division does not allow players from those levels to compete. Teams will only play other teams in their division at the mite (1998-99 birth years), squirt (1997-97 birth years), pee wee (1994-95 birth years), bantam (1992-93) birth years) and midget (1990-91) age classifications. All teams will play 10 games plus playoffs and practice ice can be purchased at a discounted rate based on availability.

Individual registrations are being accepted at the mite, squirt, pee wee and bantam age classifications. Players who competed at the A, AA, AAA, Junior Varsity or Varsity levels are not eligible to compete. New this year is a girls division. All girls ages 7-14 are wel-come to register, regardless of ability level. Players who sign up as individuals will participate in an evaluation skate to form teams, and will only play against other teams made up of individuals. Requests

to play together will be honored whenever possible. The Suburban Showdown Youth Spring League schedule will begin in April and end in mid-June, with no games during Spring Break, Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekend. All players in the Showdown will be eligible for a discount towards a Suburban Hockey Schools summer program if they register by April 30!

For more information, contact Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or go to www.noviicearena.com.

2006 pre-season baseball training camp

Rick Green, head coach of the Novi High School baseball team and winner of six consecutive KVC Championships (2000-05) is offering this fundamental camp for players ranging from 7-14-yearsold. Rick and his staff - Scott Combs, Mike Koceski, Paul Sabol and the 2006 Varsity Team will instruct participating players in the following:

Hitting

The following classes will be offered: • Beginning Tots Snowplow Sam 1-3 Basic 1-5

Adult

- Fielding
- Throwing fundamentals
- Pitching mechanics Base running
- Stretching/conditioning
- Video station and hand-outs included

The cost for each session is \$50 in advance/\$55 at the door. \$5 discount for registration of five or more players from the same team. Camp fee includes Novi Wildcat Baseball t-shirt. Pre-registration payment and application are due by March 15th.

Each player should be prepared to workout indoors and will need to bring their own glove, bat, and batting helmet. Baseball pants/sweats, athletic shoes (cross training or running) and athletic supporter/cup should be worn.

For more information, contact Jim Celeski at (248) 735-8781 or Doug Scott at (248) 374-6122.

3-on-3 basketball youth tournament

Northville Parks & Recreation will be hosting the first March Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament March 25-26 at the Recreation Center located at Hillside Middle School on the corner of Eight Mile Road and Center Street.

The cost is \$85 per team with three or four players on each team. T-shirts will be given to all particpants and awards will be given to the first-place team.

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

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp.

This camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls, ages 10-19, are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from every state and 18 countries attended the 2005 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.

OUCH: Mustangs battle, lose state playoff opener

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week against Walled Lake Central earned the Mustangs their 20th win and the Western Lakes tournament championship, thought the shot was true enough to advance the Mustangs to semi-final play.

"It felt good coming off my fingertips," Storrs said, whose 22 points led the Mustangs. He was happy about his team's undefeated run. but frustrated by the way the season ended.

"Right now this loss is going to sting for a little while," Storrs said. "I'm going to remember that shot for the rest of my life.

Mustang forward Chris Lorente was equally disappointed.

We had a chance at the end," he said. "We just didn't capitalize."

Battling to the end

Schumacher said his team battled nerves early in the game, misfiring its way to an early deficit before roaring back to close the halftime gap, 31-27.

"I think in the first quarter we were a little too uptight," Schumacher said of his team's shaky start.

Northville hung with Catholic Central early in the third quarter when the up-tempo Shamrocks also had difficulty getting untracked. Lorente's baseline jumper with 3:16 remaining in the third quarter pulled the Mustangs to within one point, much to the delight of an electrified standing-room-only gym packed mostly with Northville supporters.

But by the end of the quarter, the Shamrocks increased their lead to 43-34, and it appeared the game, and the Mustangs' perfect season, was fading into the mist.

That is, until timely three-point shooting by Nick Kaldis and key defensive plays once again pulled the Mustangs within four points with less than a minute remaining. Then with the score narrowed to 56-55 and only 8.4 sec-

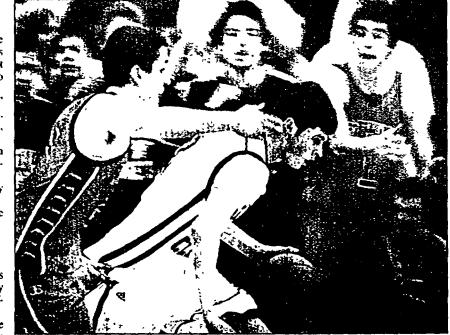


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Mustang Chris Lorente, left, tries to put pressure on a Catholic Central player during the final seconds of Monday's state playoff game.

onds remaining in the game, the Shamrocks gave Northville one final shot, failing to convert the front end of a one-and-one free throw. Smith's rebound and outlet pass left Storrs racing with the ball down a wide-open court.

With seconds ticking away, he hoisted a running jumper just inside the Catholic Central free throw line, then watched as the ball bounced softly off the back rim, and bounced twice more before rolling away.

Schumacher said the difficult loss was testimony to his team's unrelenting desire.

"They never quit," he said. "You feel bad about the one loss, but you look back at the 20

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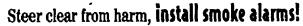
wins."

Schumacher said he told a "subdued" and "hurt" Mustangs team how he felt about all 13 players. "I'm proud of them. There's not enough words to describe ...'

He said a message Storrs delivered to the team said it best: "The reason that we beat the odds is those 13 guys. You pull one guy out of that equation and we're not the same team."

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s weight weighing heavy on your mind? If you or someone in your family needs to lose weight, you have lots of company: Nearly two-thirds of American adults and a third of American children need to lighten up.

Since the family is one of the most powerful influences on a child's weight and health, a new book from Betty Crocker rallies family members to tearn up in tackling their weight concerns. Win at Weight Loss: A Healthy Guide for the Whole Family maps out a game plan of simple steps that parents can take for improving their own healthy habits while allowing their kids to become more active and "grow into" a healthier weight. Parents are the role models and coaches of the family team.

The family that plays together enjoys good health and has fun together. In becoming more active and enjoying a wide variety of delicious meals, any family can be winners and gain healthy habits for a lifetime. This new book from Betty Crocker provides realistic steps for any family to take toward better health.

Eating well is an important part of the plan: Always begin with breakfast and leave room for a healthy dessert! This cookbook can be purchased wherever books are sold.

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From the Doctor's Kitchen

ames Hill, a nationally known weight loss authority. is a professor in the Department of Pediatrics Colorado and an adviser on obesity to the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Hill is cofounder in charge of the National Weight Control Registry and developed the "America on the Move" program. He is the co-author of The Step Diet Book.

Key Lime-Banana

Easy Corn Flake-Crusted Fish

- Positive self-talk is a powerful motivating tool. Rather than putting yourself down, think and talk positively about yourself to your kids. It can go a long way toward building your child's self-esteem (as well as your own!).
- Practice eating only until you are satisfied, not full. Over time this will easily become a habit.
- Focusing on what and how much you cat is important, but it's only part of the equation. The other big piece is how much you move. Become more active yourself, and encourage your kids to make moving a habit. You may all come up with a new discovery that it's fun!
- # Talk to your kids about the wholesome ingredients you use in baking and cooking. Involve them as much as possible in making dinner or breakfast on the weekend — chances are they'll be eager to help (and to eat what they've prepared!).
- # There may be many benefits in being active, but one of the most important is that activity strengthens your heart, allowing it to pump more oxygen to your muscles.
- Encourage your kids to share their creativity by helping you in the kitchen. Kids feel proud when they are learning a life skill, understanding the benefits of good nutrition and its relationship to good health.

Smoothie and Sunny Lemon-Raspberry



Key Lime-Banana Smoothie

Prep Time: 5 minutes Start to Finish: 5 minutes 2 servings (1 cup each)

- 1 container (6 ounces) 99% fat-free Key lime ple yogurt (2/3 cup)
- ripe banana, sliced 1/2 cup fat-free (skim) milk
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon dry lemon-lime-
- flavored soft drink mix (from 0.13-ounce package) 1 cup vanilla frozen yogurt

Family Favorite

1. In blender, place all ingredients except frozen yogurt. Cover and blend on high speed until smooth. 2 Add frozen yogurt. Cover and blend until smooth.

1 Serving: Calories 320 (Calories From Fat 30), Total Fat 3g (Saturated Fat 2g), Cholesterol 10mg, Sodium 150mg, Total Carbohydrate 62g (Dietary Fiber 2g), Protein 11g & Daily Value: Vitamin A 6%, Vitamin C 15%,

Calcium 40%, Iron 2% Exchanges: | Fruit, 2 Other Carbohydrate, | 1/2 Skim Milk

Carbohydrate Choices: 4

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Sunny Lemon-Raspberry Muffins

Prep Time: 15 minutes Start to Finish: 35 minutes 10 muffins

- 1 egg or 1/4 cup fat-free egg product 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1 1/2 cups Whole Grain Total cereal, slightly crushed (1 cup)

 - 1/3 cup sugar 1/4 cup fat-free (skim) milk
 - 1/4 cup canola or soybean oil
 - tablespoon grated lemon peel
 - teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1/2 teaspoon salt
- container (6 ounces) lemon fat-free yogurt (2/3 cup)
- 1/2 cup fresh or frozen (partially thawed) raspberries
- 1. Heat oven to 400°F. Line 10 regular-size muffin
- cups with paper baking cups. 2. In large bowl, beat egg slightly. Stir in remaining ingredients except raspberries just until moistened; gently stir in raspberries. Divide batter evenly
- among muffin cups. 3. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately remove from pan.

1 Muffin: Calories 190 (Calories From Fat 60), Total Fat 6g (Saturated Fat 0.5g), Cholesterol 20mg. Sodium 340mg, Total Carbohydrate 30g (Dietary Fiber 2g), Protein 4g

% Daily Value: Vitamin A 2%, Vitamin C 10%, Calcium 30%, Iron 25% Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Other Carbohydrate, 1 Fat

Carbohydrate Choices: 2

Easy Corn Flake-Crusted Fish **Family Favorite**

Prep Time: 30 minutes Start to Finish: 30 minutes 4 servings

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup water
- 3 cups Country Corn Flakes cereal, crushed (about 1 2/3 cups)
- cod fillets (4 to 6 ounces each)
- 2 tablespoons canola or soybean oil
- 1. In shallow dish, mix flour and salt. In another shallow dish, beat egg and water with fork. Place crushed cereal in third shallow dish. Dip fish in flour, coating well; shake off excess. Dip floured fish in egg mixture, then in cereal, coating all sides completely. Place coated fish on ungreased cookie sheet.
- In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Keeping at least 1 inch between fish fillets and cooking in batches if needed, cook fish in oil 3 to 4 minutes on each side, turning once, until well browned and fish flakes easily with fork. If needed, place cooked fish on paper towels on cookie sheet and keep warm in 225°F oven while cooking remaining fish.

I Serving: Calories 320 (Calories from Fat 90), Total Fat 10g (Saturated Fat 1.5g), Cholesterol 115mg, Sodium 600mg, Total Carbohydrate 31g (Dictary Fiber 0g), Protein

% Daily Value: Vitamin A 10%, Vitamin C 4%, Calcium 20%, Iron 40% Exchanges: 2 Starch, 3 Very Lean Meat, 1 1/2 Fat

Carbohydrate Choices: 2

Note From the Nutritionist: Using wholegrain cereals as a breading or in baking is an easy way to work in whole grains and boosts vitamins and minerals in your favorite recipes, because the cereal is fortified. You can pair these crispy fillets with seasoned rice pilaf, coleslaw and baby carrots.

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is Tim Allen's funniest movie yet."

RECIPE BOOK

Start your Irish breakfast with tea, soda bread

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IRISH BREAKFAST TEA

Fill a kettle with fresh, cold water, adding enough to make the desired amount of tea, plus some extra to allow for evaporation and to prewarm the teapot.

Wait until the water is near boiling, then pour a little into the teapot and swirl it around. This warms the pot so that it is at an optimum temperature for holding the tea. Empty the pot.

For each cup of tea, place 1 rounded teaspoon of loose leaf Irish breakfast tea leaves into the warmed pot. (If your pot has a strainer basket, use that.)

Allow the water in the kettle to reach a brisk, rolling boil. Pour the water from the teaket-

tle onto the leaves in the teapot. Let the tea steep for three to

five minutes, depending on the size of the leaves. Stir just before serving, then

strain the tea into cups.

WHITE SODA BREAD

I pound white flour, preferably unbleached

one-half teaspoon salt

one-half teaspoon bread soda

12 to 14-ounces sour milk or buttermilk

Sieve together the dry ingredi-

ents in a large bowl. Make a well in the center. Pour most of the milk in all at once. Using one hand, mix in the flour from the sides of the bowl, adding more milk if necessary. The dough should be soft, not too wet or sticky. When it all comes together, turn it out onto a well-floured worked surface. Wash and dry your hands.

Knead lightly and briefly, just enough to tidy it up, flip over. Pat the dough into a round about 1 and one-half inches deep and cut a cross into it. Let the cuts go over the sides of the bread. Bake in 450-degree oven for 15 minutes, then turn down the oven to 400 degrees for 30 minutes or until fully cooked.

If in doubt, tap the bottom of the bread. If it is cooked, it will sound hollow.

Note: For white soda bread with herbs, add 2 tablespoons of freshly chopped herbs (rosemary or sage, thyme, chives, parsley and lemon balm) to the dry ingredients and continue as above.

WHITE SODA SCONES

1 pound white flour, preferably unbleached

one-half teaspoon salt one-half teaspoon bread soda

12 to 14-ounces sour milk or buttermilk

Sieve the dry ingredients together into a large bowl. Make a well in the center. Pour most of the milk in all at once. Using one hand, mix in the flour from the sides of the bowl, adding more milk if necessary. The dough should be soft, not too wet or sticky. When it all comes together, turn it out onto a well-floured worked surface.

Wash and dry your hands. Knead lightly and briefly, just enough to tidy it up, flip over. Flatten the dough into a round 1 inch deep. Cut into scone sizes. Bake in a 450-degree oven for 15 minutes, then turn down the oven to 400 degrees for 30 minutes or until cooked.

Note: For rosemary and sundried tomato scones, add 1 to 2 tablespoons of chopped rosemary, 2 tablespoons of chopped sundried tomatoes to the flour and continue as in the basic recipe. Form into a loaf or scones.

SAUSAGE AND MUSHROOM PIE

1 pound of traditional breakfast sausages (bangers)

2 ounces butter 2 onions sliced one-half pound small button mushrooms

1 and one-half ounces plain flour one-half pint milk

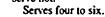
one-half pint chicken stock salt and pepper to taste one-half prepared pound puff

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degrees, putting in the sausages on a roasting tin to cook. Remove in about 20 minutes and leave to cool. Soften the onions in the melted butter over a low heat. Add the mushrooms and stir for one or two minutes. Sieve the flour over the mushrooms and cook for one minute. Add the stock and milk gradually, stirring continuously. Bring to boil and simmer for three minutes. Season to taste, and leave to cool. Roll out the pastry thinly on a floured board, and line a deep pie dish. Put the sausages into the dish, pour the sauce over them and cover with the remaining pastry. Press the edges well together. Brush over with remaining egg or milk. Make one or two small holes in the pastry lid with a skewer. Bake in the preheated oven for about 40 minutes and serve hot.

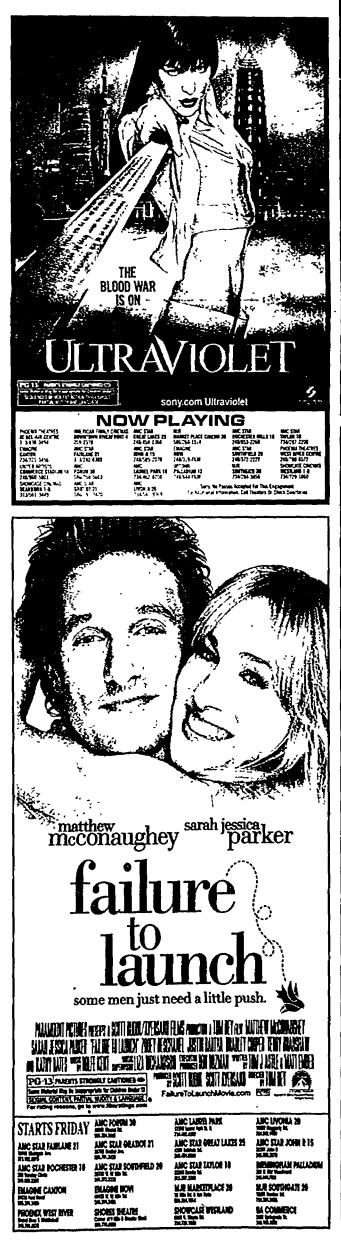
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Home Owners... How is Your Attic's Insulation and Ventilation?

During the winter, attic insulation prevents heat from escaping through the ceiling and into the unheated attic space. During the summer, attic insulation reduces outside heat from radiating downward through the attic into the home. All insulation materials work in the principle of trapping. The tiny air pockets in the on restrict heat from trying to pass through. The value of insulation is expresses in terms of R values. In general the thicker the insulation the more air pockets it has and the higher R value is gained thus increasing the ability to resist heat transfer. Generally older homes are under-insulated by today's standards and should be evaluated to determine if it is economically feauble to upgrade the attic insulation and help reduce your utility bills.

• Have a home attic inspection performed. Current knowledge of the home's artic condition, and improving the artic insula-tion and ventilation, will generally improve the home's utility cost as well as helps when placing the house on the market for sale

TYPES OF ATTIC VENTILATION: The general heat difference between the attic air tempera-

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shingles.

ture and the outside should be

approximately 10 to 15 degrees F. This

will help in avoiding the reduced lifespan of the roof

Never



block soffie venus by placing insulation **Randali** Patterson over them. This will

create condensation in the attic space and cause problems. In a properly insulated artic space, the ventila-tion is important and will not lower the temperature of the home living areas. In the Mid-West section of the country, the general rule of thumb for attic venulation is one to three square feet of vent area for each or 100 -150 square feet of artic floor.

 Soffit Vents – are provided on the underside of the cave either as grills or the continuous style. Soffit vents work in conjunction with gable, roof, or ridge vents.

* Roof Vents - are cut in the roof near the top of the roof line. The higher the better to allow HOT AIR to rise and dissipate to the exterior via these vents.

· Gable Vents - are louvered openings at the gable ends of the roofs. Generally on the side walls at the top of the roof height

• Ridge Vents - are cut into the ridge along the top of the roof line.

· Power & Gable Ventilators - are equipped with a thermostat that will turn the fan on when the attic temperature reaches a certain point and turns off when the attic temperature is properly reduced

TYPES OF ATTIC & ROOF CON-STRUCTION:

Gable & Hip Roofs - Common roofs that can easily be insulated by placing insulation between the ceiling joists or bottom chords of trusses. A vapor barrier must be placed under the insulation (towards the warm side of insulation) to reduce any moisture from entering the attic space from the house. It is recommended that soffit vents have baffles installed to help prevent the insulation from covering the



Gina's Bridal owners Gina Licavoli (left) and Judi Licavoli (right) help a customer find the perfect dress. Everyone at the Milford boutique will make sure you look perfect on your wedding day.

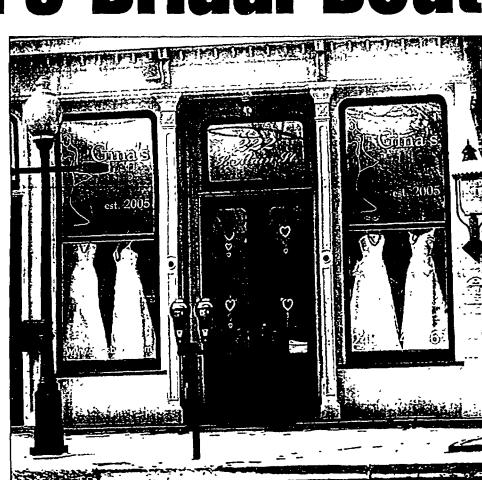
Gina's Bridal Boutique

Gina's treats brides like family

By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

Brides have been driving to Gina's Bridal Boutique from as far as Chicago and the East Coast. The Milford business has already created a reputation

since its fall opening. Just a step inside and it's clear that there is something different about Gina's. Old wooden floors and ornate antiques are combined with feathers, tulle and flowers to create a romantic look. Swirling white cloth billows about, forming soft edges. The bride can stand on a restored carpenter box as she peers into a heavy woodframed mirror. Crystal chandeliers shroud her in light. "I think people love that it's small and intimate with a romantic Ostyle," said owner Gina Licavoli. "And it's a very comfortable, cozy place." The space is organized so that there's enough room for a family or bridal party to look at dresses together. Custom built wooden dress racks border the walls, so the group has room to enjoy the experience. Those that call ahead can bring bridesmaids together for an evening celebration with champagne and hors d'oeuvres or could bring the entire family in for a morning of coffee and muffins. Bringing families together comes naturally to owners Gina and Judi Licavoli - a motherdaughter team. The longstanding Highland family has all pitched in to open the new



GINA'S BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

Location: 222 S. Main Street in Milford Phone: (248) 684-4462 Web: ginasbridal.com Hours: Open Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and other hours by appointment.

"Every girl wants to be original and have something different from what her sisters or friends had," explained Gina. "If you come here your dress won't be the same as any other."

Hanging on the rack is a light Georgette dress with beaded Chantilly lace and Georgette

vents thus allowing adequate airflow from the soffit vents to the roof, gable, or ridge vents installed in the attic for intended ventilation.

Cathedral Ceiling - Due to the inherent lack of access above cathedral ceilings, it is very important that adequate ventilation be provided in these roof structures. The best ventilation system is one that uses continuous ridge and soffit vents by venting each rafter bay. It is recommended that 1 _ " air space is provided above the insu-lation and below the underside of the exterior roof sheathing for proper air flow. This air flow is required to remove any condensation and avoid build up of heat, which can shorten roof shingles life span.

One & One Half Story Homes - These types of attics have several small sections that must be properly insulated and the knee walls, floors, sloped ceilings, and any flat roofs areas. The outer atric is treated as a non-heated area and should be insulated and properly ventilated. This allows air to enter through the soffit vents and exit up above the slopping ceiling to the attic space above the 1 _ story portion of the home. The top portion should have either roof or ridge vents installed

ONE LAST BIT OF ADVISE: Ensure the bathroom vents are not venting into the attic space which could cause excessive moisture build up and possible mildew/mold development Vent these to the exterior of home



Gina's Bridal Boutique, located in downtown Milford, offers a perfect customer service fit for brides.

shop. Sisters and cousins come in to work or just chat and even the men in the family help out with the heavier jobs.

"We're a close-knit family." explained Gina. "This is fun for us to do together."

And bringing customers into the family circle is a part of the experience at Gina's. By building relationships, Gina and Judi can make wedding preparations more special and they can serve the family better. They get to know the bride and look forward to the wedding like the rest of the family. The motherdaughter team sometimes lends a hand with decorations, clothing and other last minute details.

Many brides purchase bridesmaid dresses at Gina's so they can rest assured that the order will be processed correctly and on time. It's more convenient to take care of alterations at one place instead of making extra work during an already busy time.

"Trust is crucial with something as important as bridal

gowns and bridesmaid dresses," said Gina.

And one thing that Gina and Judi stress is that one-use dresses shouldn't cost a fortune. Both the bridal gowns and the bridesmaid dresses are priced modestly. Bridesmaid dresses start at \$140 while bridal gowns range from \$600 to \$3,000. That's quite a bit less than the typical boutique.

So Gina has worked hard to find unique gowns that are moderately priced. They are each a work of art.

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"What girl doesn't dream of having an incredible dress, said Gina. "It's the kind of dress that will make her so beautiful that when she opens the doors and walks in, everyone gasps."

"It's the perfect beginning to the journey together as husband and wife."

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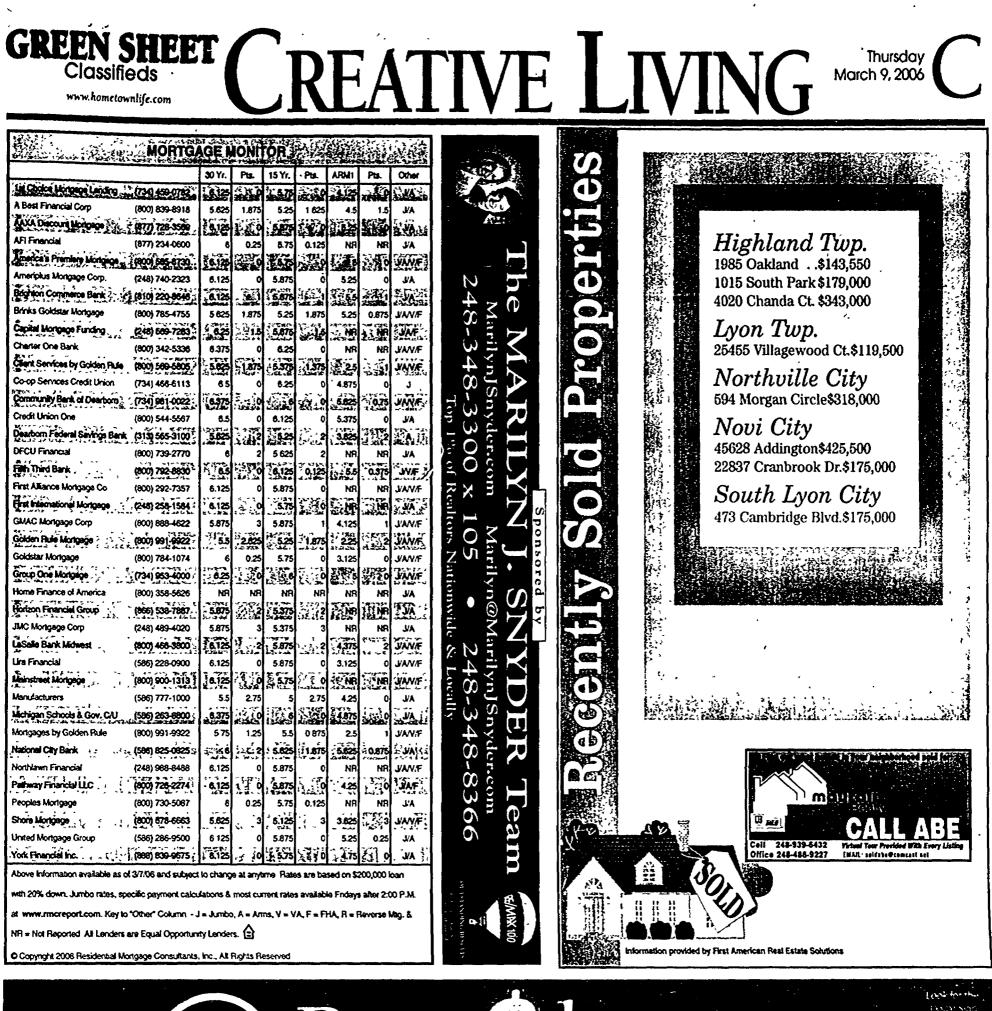
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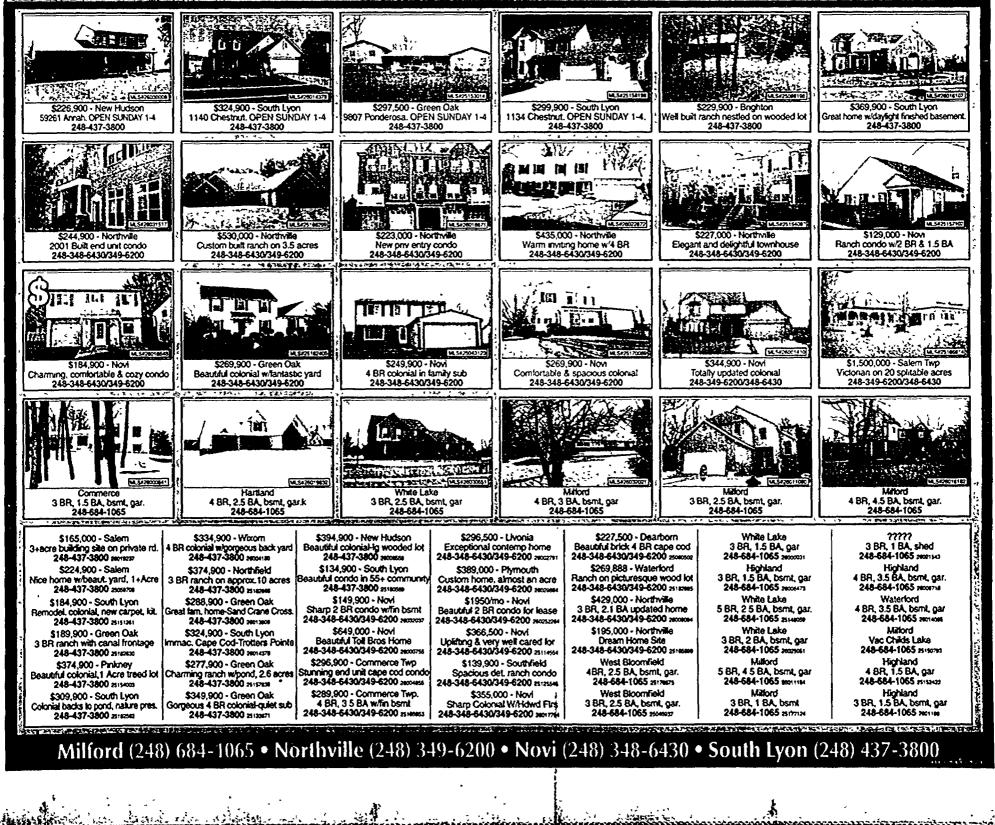
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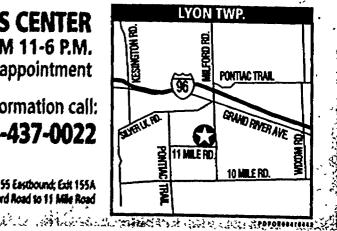
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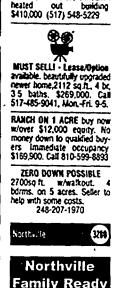
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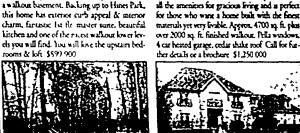
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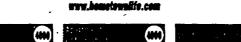
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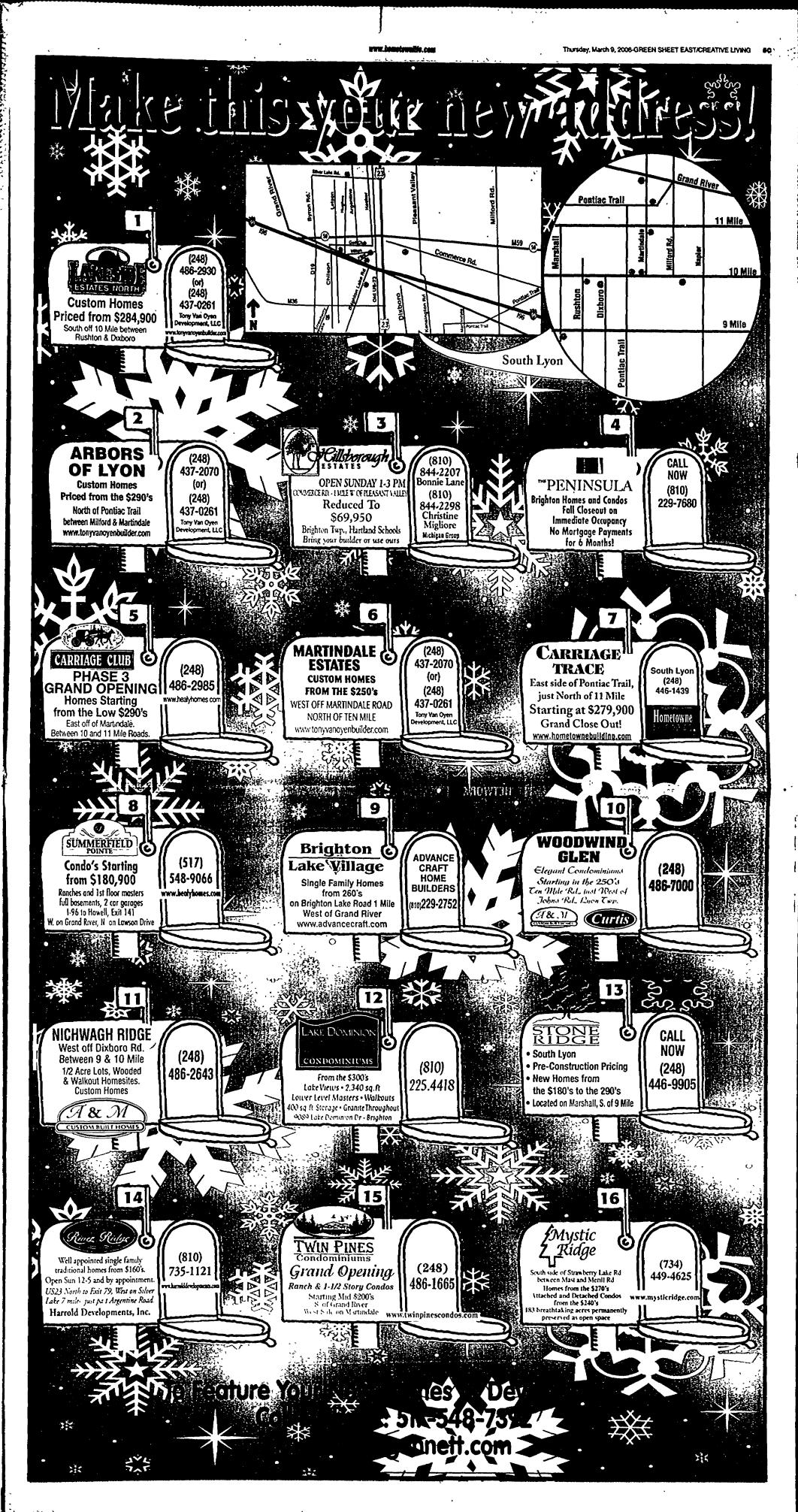
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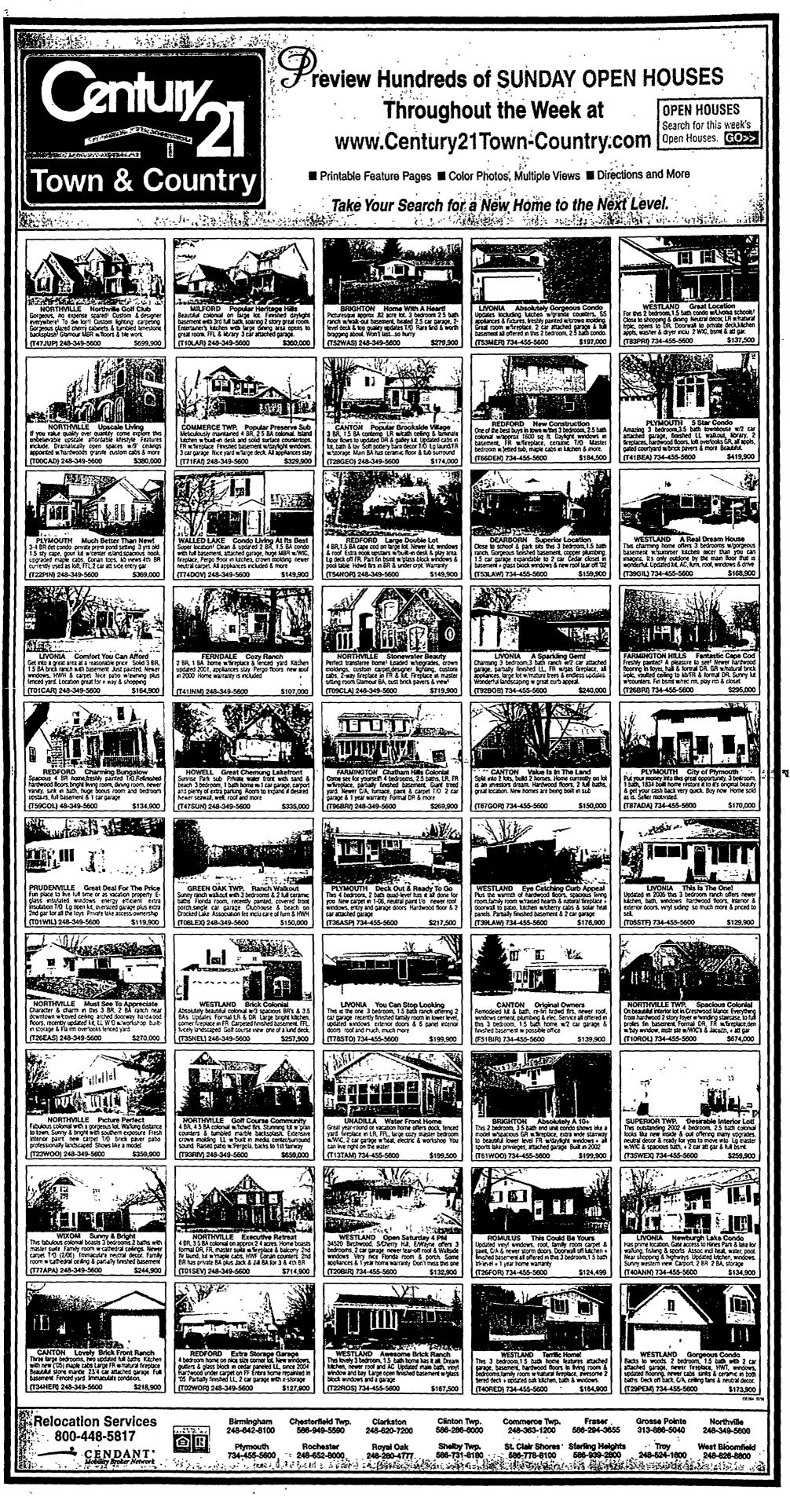
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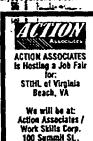
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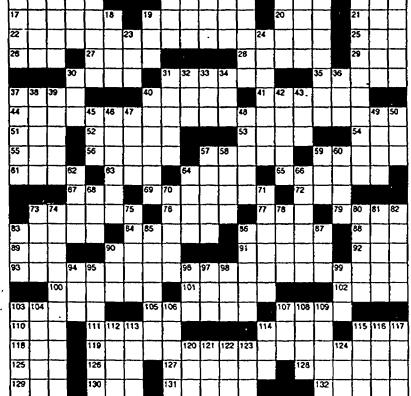
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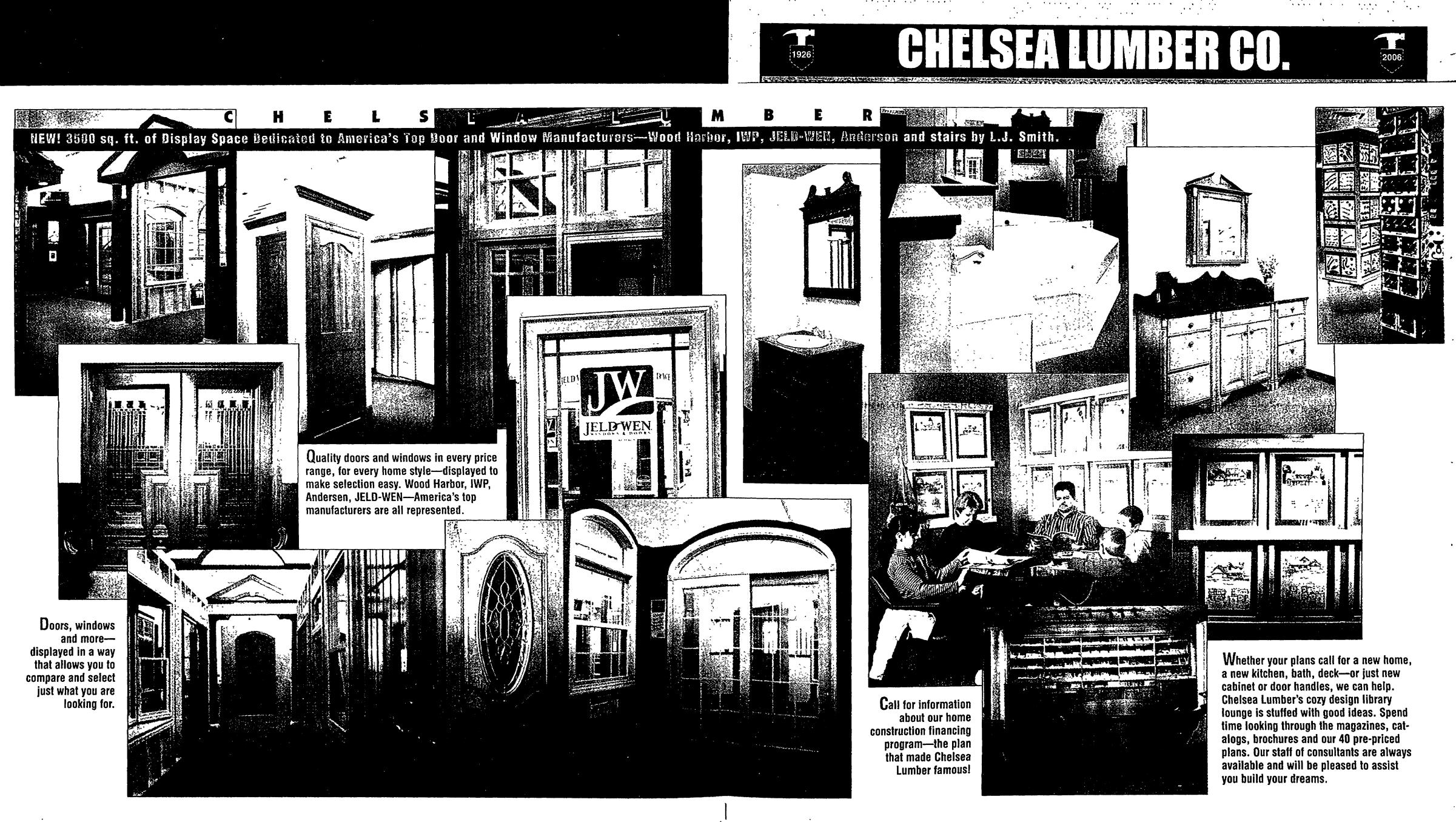
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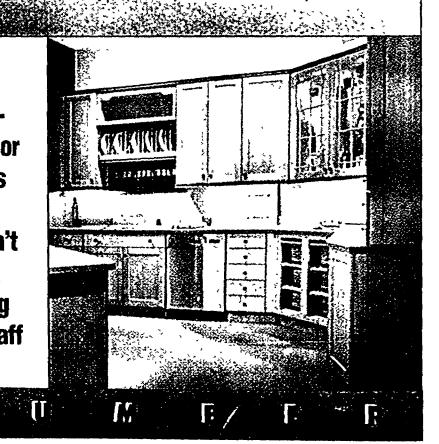
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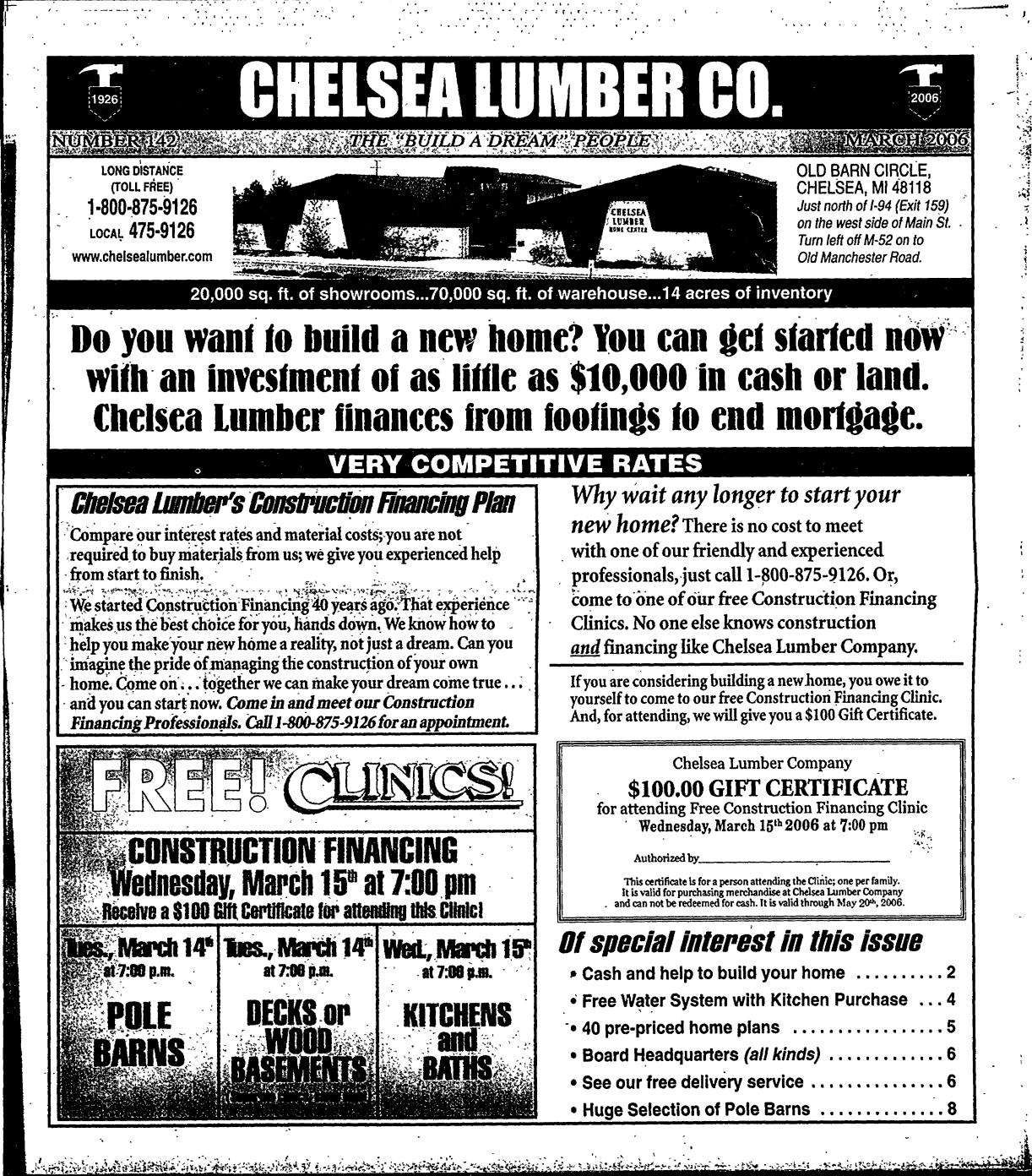
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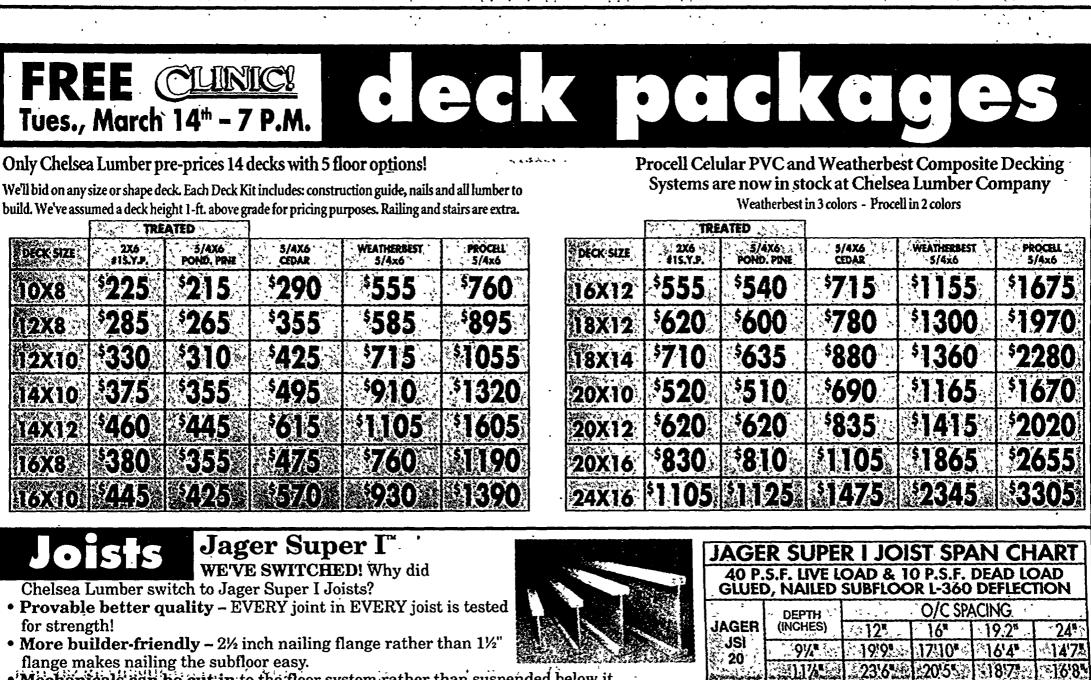
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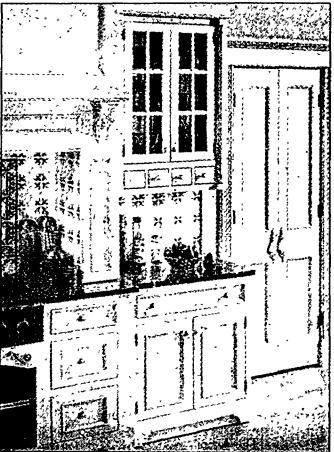
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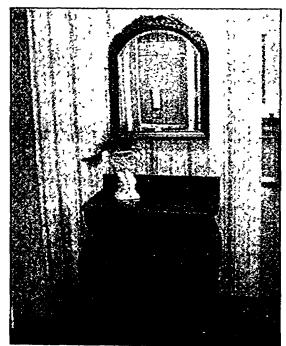


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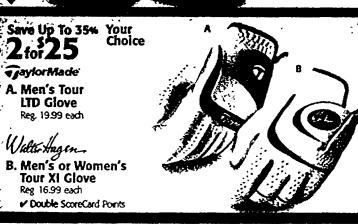
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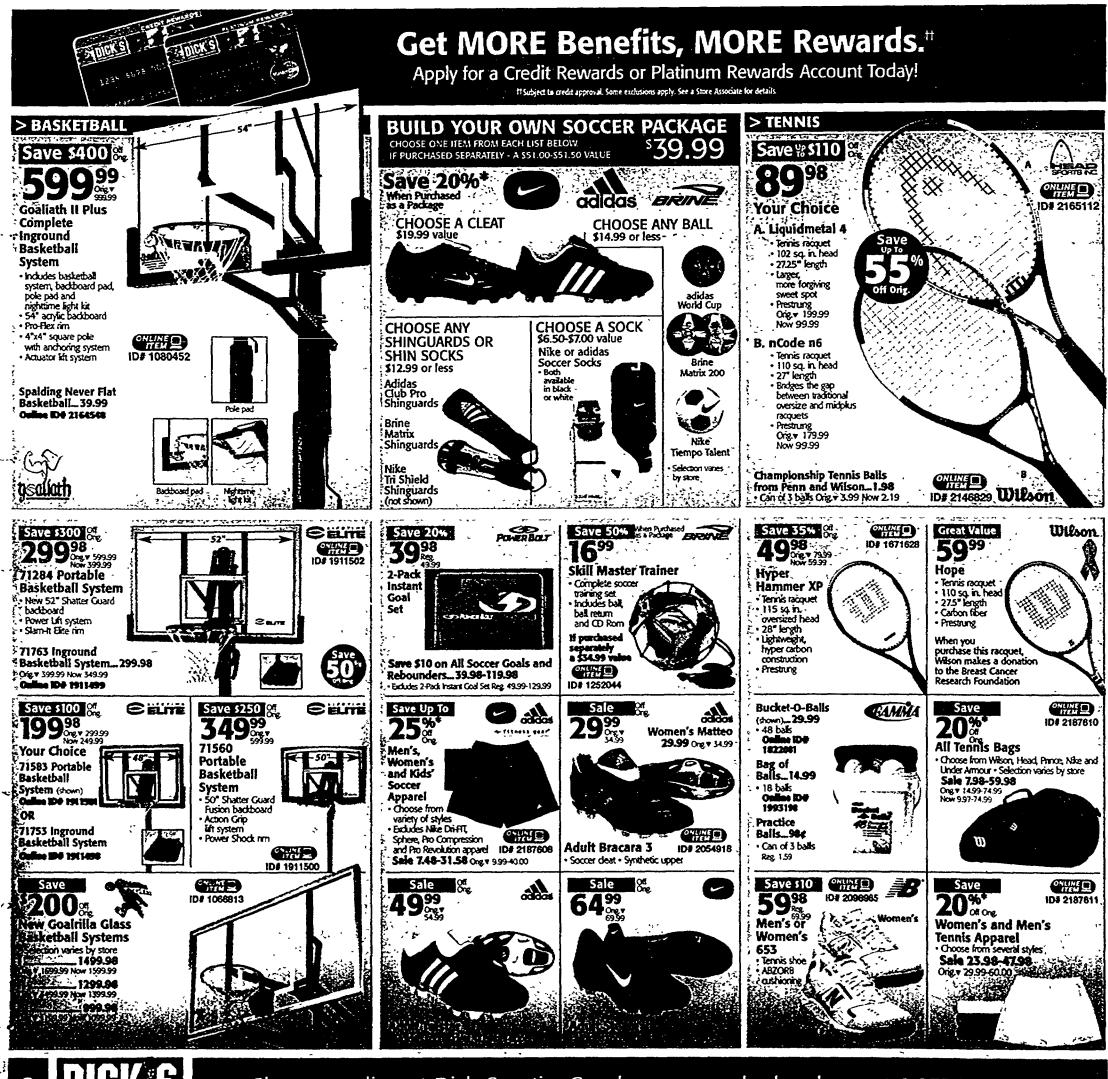
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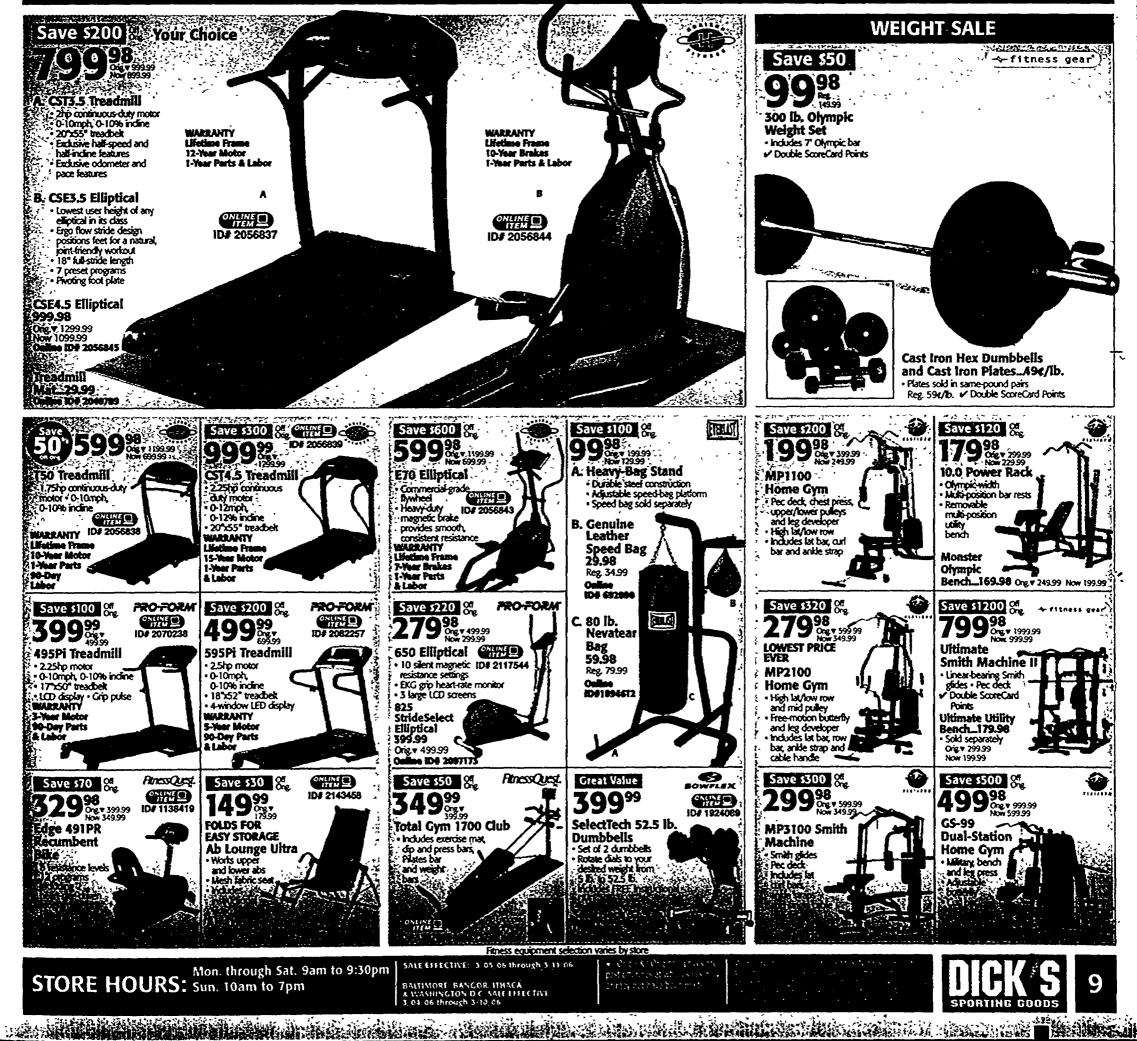
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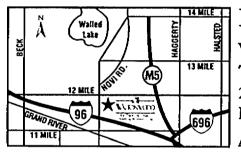
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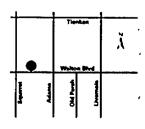
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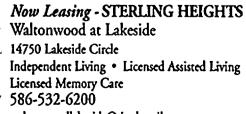




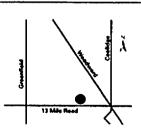
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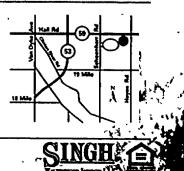


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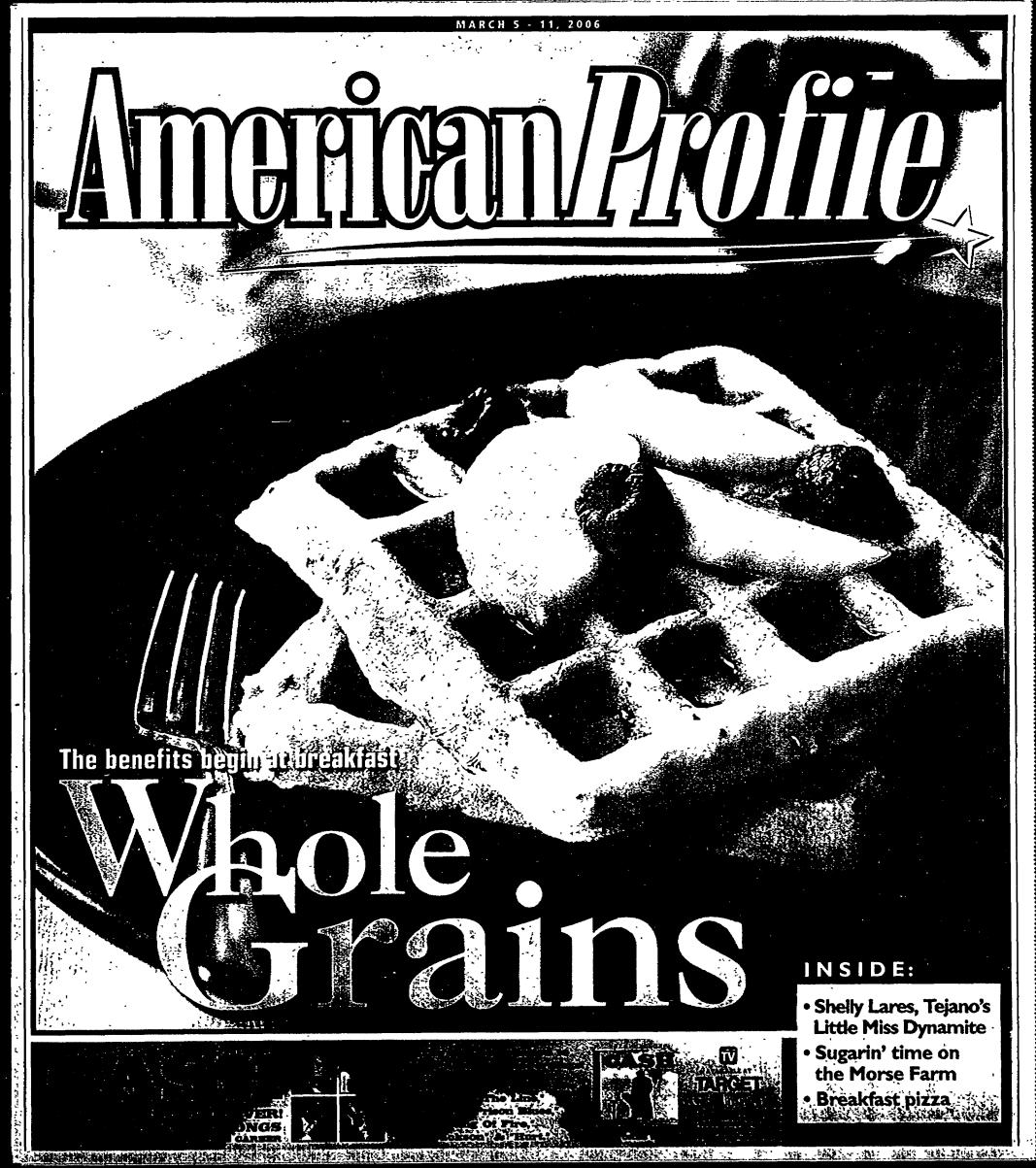


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Cheerleader Nation, a real-life drama on Lifetime Television premiering Sunday, March 12, at 10 p.m., reveals that there's much more to being a high school cheerleader than just high kicks and good times. "Filled with all the humor and heartbreak of adolescence, this series brings us into the lives of these competitive adolescent girls as they and their mothers struggle, together, to balance the difficult demands of high school," says Susanne Daniels, Lifetime's president of entertainment. "Cheerleader Nation is as much about parenting as about cheerleading."

Meet One of the Cheerleading Families

Lana and Eric Everhart are parents of 16-year-old cheerleader, Ayrica, who also is one of the top students at her school. Both parents work and share the parenting responsibilities, which include caring for three other daughters, ages 7, 5, and 17 months.

Since Lana often works long hours, she relies on her husband to be the "cheer mom". "He is this big masculine guy who is odd to see at cheerleading events," she says. "It's about his relationship with the team and stepping up to the plate."

"It gets into boyfriends and personal things because (the girls) are so close and they know everything about each other," says Lana, describing the gamut of emotions through which she counsels her daughter. "Sometimes I ride the ups and downs with her," Everhart says. "Other times I'll say, 'No Ayrica, I am not riding the roller coaster with you today." They don't know, like we do, that this too shall pass and they can be very emotional about things."

Pulling For The Team

"All of the families are so diverse and different-different backgrounds, different ways that we raise our children, everything," Everhart says. "But somehow the girls all come together and yell and make the national championship team. To me, it is what makes it such a unique show.

"Even with the parents, a lot of us don't have much in common, but when it comes to giving our girls what they need, we all pull together. It takes more than just them practicing. It takes the entire community to have a national cheering squad."



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Where is Richard Chamberlain these days? I haven't seen him in a movie or mini-series since The Thorn Birds back in the 1980s.

-Patricia Rains, Conway, Ark.

Chamberlain in the '60s'.

Chamberlain reprised his priestly role as Father Ralph de Bricassart in *The Thorn Birds: The Missing Years* (1996), and appeared in another mini-series, *Too Rich: The Secret Life of Doris Duke*, in 1999. In 2003, at 69, he published his autobiography, *Shattend Love*. Last year, he was on tour with *Scrooge: The Musical*, a stage adaptation of the holiday classic. "Scrooge really finds his heart in his exploration," Chamberlain told an interviewer, "which is what life is all about."



Q Is singer Eric Burdon still performing or writing songs?

-Fran Sanders, Kalispell, Mont.

Yes, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member Burdon—lead singer of the 1960s British pop group The Animals ("House of the Rising Sun," "We Gotta Get Out of This Place," "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood") and later the '70s funk powerhouse band War ("Spill the Wine," "The Cisco Kid," "Why Can't We Be Friends")—remains very active in music. He recently released a blues album, *Soul of a Man*, and is rehearsing for an upcoming world tour. Burdon, 67, loves the freedom of his life now, as opposed to the '60s. "I didn't quite like that period," he confesses. "All of the freedom I had experienced earlier was taken away from me when I ended up in a commercial product known as The Animals. We were told by management, 'You can't do this, you can't do that.' Now I have control over what I do."

Q Other than My Name is Earl, what else has actor Jason Lee been in?

---P. Brothers, Bowling Green, Ky.

Mostly movies. Born in Huntington Beach, Calif., Lee was a professional skateboarder until deciding to pursue acting. His big break came in 1995 with the lead role in the movie *Mallmats*, after which he started in *Chauing Anny*, for which he won an independent-film Spirit Award for best supporting male actor. That was Lee as the lead singer



Jason Lee went from movies to TV.

Robin Meade

of the fictitious band Stillwater in Almost Famous, and as Tom Cruise's best friend in Vanilla Sky. He played the demonic Azrael in the comedy Dogma, and has a cameo in the upcoming The Passion of the Clerks, and a voiced role in the animated comedy Monster House, due for release this summer.

Q What can you tell me about CNN's morning anchor Robin Meade? Who is her husband and does she have children? CNN anchor

---Virginia K., Crystal Lake, Ill.

Lead anchor of CNN's news morning show Robin & Company, Meade, 36, was born in New London, Ohio, where childhood friends recall her playing broadcaster on a small tape recorder as a youngster. She honed her skills at local TV stations in Ohio, Illinois and Florida before settling in Atlanta for CNN. She has no children but notes that her husband, Tim, has tolerated her unconventional schedule for 12 years-in bed by 6 p.m., at work by 3 a.m. She enjoys interior decorating (she's even sewn some of her own window treatments) and singing. Many viewers ask about her distinctive laugh. "It's real," she says. "Something this loud and different couldn't be fake!" ≯

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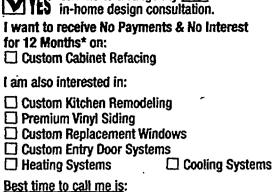
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Entertainment Tejano's Little Miss Dynamite

Shelly Lares was only 10 when her voice started opening doors. It was 1982, and her older sister, Laura, had hired a band for her wedding reception.

"She knew I wanted to be a singer," Lares recalls. "So she asked the band if I could perform a song with them." The band was so impressed that they invited Lares to become their lead singer. The following weekend, with her parents' permission, the youngster began singing with the band on weekends at weddings, festivals and other events.

"To be honest, we thought this was something she'd outgrow," says her mother and manager, Irene, 66. Instead, Lares, now 34, has become an international superstar of Tejano music, recording 13 solo albums and winning eight Tejano Music Awards trophies. Tejano means "Texan" in Spanish, and the musical genre reflects the mix of cultures in the area of south Texas near the state's border with Mexico. Originally a hybrid of Mexican

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Singer Shelly Lares shows off one of her numerous Tejano music trophies.

folk and the popular Big Band swing of post-World War II, Tejano now encompasses a broad, eclectic swath of influences from country to rock 'n' roll and hip-hop. "I know what I want my sound to be, and I know what the fans expect of me," says Lares, who tours primarily throughout Texas on weekends. "To the fans, the most important thing is that you're true to yourself musically."

Lares, who is single and lives in San Antonio, is Tejano's reigning female entertainer and female vocalist, a double-category victory she also won in 2002 and 2004. When the 2006 Tejano Music Awards are presented March 18 in Eagle Pass, Texas, Lares will vie for three more trophies: female entertainer, female vocalist and album of the year.

"One word can describe Shelly: *dynamite*," says Robert Arellano, chairman of the Texas Talent Musicians Association. "She comes onstage with lots of energy and charisma."

When Lares emerged in the late 1980s, Tejano music was dominated by all-male bands. Only a few female singers were making waves at the time, including Laura Canales, sometimes known as "Tejano's Barbra Streisand," and Selena, the 23-year-old rising star whose career was tragically cut short in 1995 when she was shot and killed by her former fan club president.

Selena's death brought national attention to Tejano music, and mainstream radio stations and their audiences found the genre's diverse blend had appeal well beyond Texas.

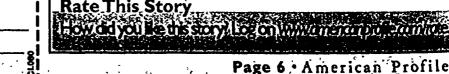
"Tejano music has definitely been expanding," says Lares, who, like many Tejano artists, sings in both Spanish and English. "Tejano artists are recording more in English and starting to get more airplay, especially on country radio stations in Texas." She teamed last year with two of the format's other top female stars, Elida Reyna and Stefani Montiel, to form the group Las 3 Divas, which entertained U.S. military troops on a tour of Guam, Korea and Japan. The trio also recorded an album that was nominated for a Grammy. Lares was such a hit on the tour that she was invited to return solo later this year.

Despite Tejano's growing national profile and her own success, Lares is down to earth and uses her talents to help others. She does charity work with youth organizations, and last year volunteered as a substitute teacher upon learning that local schools were in need.

Irene says her daughter is a superstar in the making who always remembers the hard work and support from fans and family that got her there. "Her dad told her early on, 'It takes everybody to get you where you are—it's not just about you," her mother recalls. "She's never forgotten that."

Katie Dodd is a writer in Nashville. Term.

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When geese start honking their way north and brooks burst out of their icy prisons, Burr Morse can be found stoking the wood fire in his "sugarhouse" in Montpelier, Vt. (pop. 8,035), and boiling maple tree sap into gallons of sweet amber syrup.

"On a good day we make about 60 gallons," says Morse, 58, the seventh generation of his family to practice the spring ritual. "One time we made 90, and that was working just about 'round the clock."

For Morse, making maple syrup is equal parts hard work and spring celebration.

It's also a time-honored, family tradition.



Morse can trace his family's sugar-making legacy to James Morse, who settled near the present-day town of Cabot, Vt., in the late 1700s. More recently, Harry Morse, who spent more than 70 seasons in the sugarhouse before dying in 1999, was the family's sixth generation to pass on the lore, love and technical aspects of making maple syrup.

"He loved it," says Burr Morse of his father, as he tends a long shallow stainless steel pan of boiling syrup and plumes of fragrant steam rise through a vent atop the one-room, wood-sided sugarhouse. "He was one of those natural sugar makers." Making maple syrup is an intense, sometimes

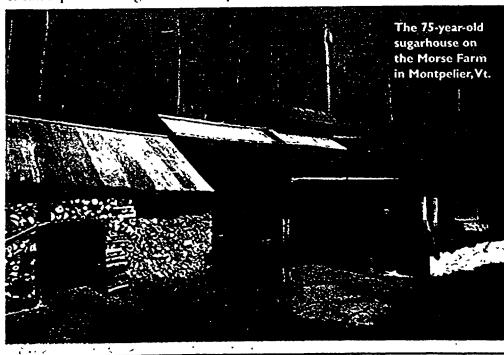
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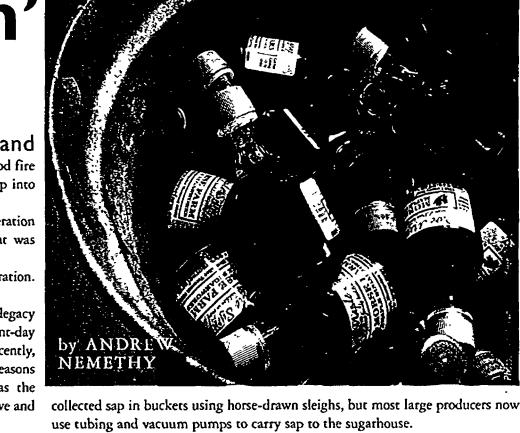
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lasts four to six weeks. When the key ingredients for a sap run come togetherfreezing nights and warm days-Morse, his son Tom, 26, and brother Elliott, 67, boil like crazy, until the sap tapers off and the maple trees start to bud in April.

On the Morse Farm, sap is boiled at least two hours to evaporate excess water, leaving a thick, delectable liquid that's drizzled over pancakes, waffles and biscuits. "It's wonderful as a topping on vanilla ice cream, too," Burr says.

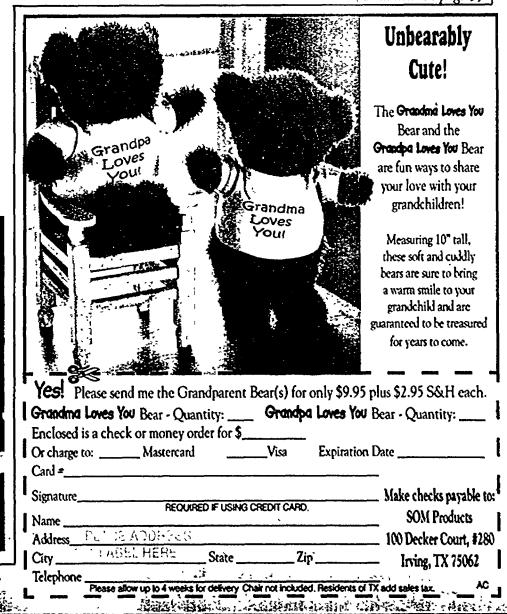
While sugaring season usually starts in earnest in early March, the work begins weeks earlier. As cross-country skiers glide by snow-covered trails, the Morses tromp through the woods on snowshoes or ride snowmobiles to check taps and five miles of small plastic tubing that draws sap from some 4,000 trees. Farmers traditionally





"Using buckets was more social in a way," Burr concedes, but he doesn't miss slogging through the snow toting 3- and 5-gallon buckets full of sap. "It was hard work."

Despite such tiresome chores, Morse has fond childhood memories of sugarin' time and traditions that accompanied the annual event. "We'd boil hot dogs in (Continued on page 9)





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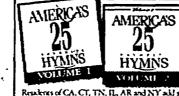
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Tips From Our Test Kitchen: Sliced tomatoes, olives, pepperoni, sliced peppers and green onions also make great toppings.

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Vermont is the nation's top maple syrupproducing state. In 2005, the state produced 410,000 gallons.

(Continued from page 7) the syrup-sugar dogs, we called 'em," he recalls.

Today, sugarin' time remains a social occasion on the 240-acre Morse Farm. As sap begins to flow, family members and friends gather to stoke the fire, boil sap and offer free tours of the 75year-old sugarhouse.

When talking with visitors, Morse keeps a keen eye on the pan of boiling sap while feeding wood chips into the furious fire below. On average, 40 gallons of sap must be boiled to produce one gallon of syrup, which can fetch \$40 to \$50, depending on its grade. The Morses make 800 to 1,000 gallons of syrup a year.

Like many Vermonters, Morse prefers the "medium amber" grade syrup over the "fancy" grade, the light golden standard. Maple syrup lovers can suit their own tastes during traditional "Sugar on Snow" events across the state in spring, when hot maple sugar is poured on crisp, clean snow and served with doughnuts, coffee-and often a dill pickle.

"It's sweet and sour," says Morse, who'll stick with doughnuts. "Some damn Yankee added the pickle," he adds with a laugh \Rightarrow

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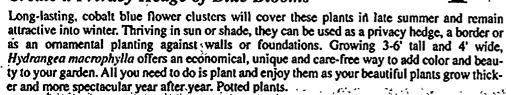


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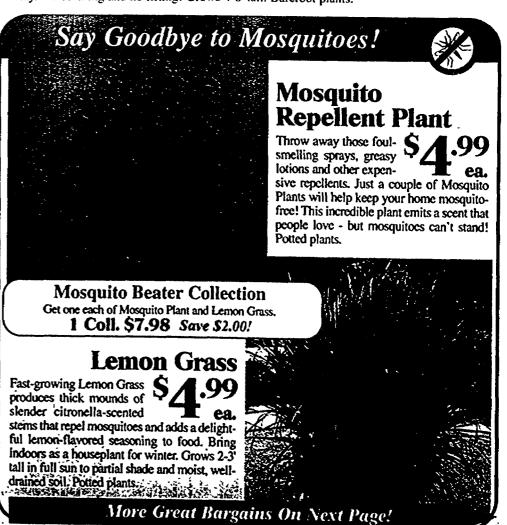


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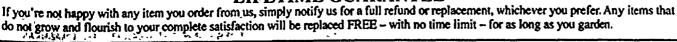


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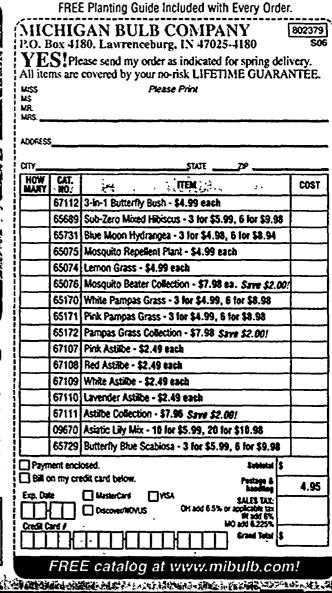




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JANET HELM

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Whole grains are the new darling in the nutrition world. The trouble is, most of us don't eat enough of them or know where to get them.

Scores of studies suggest that earing whole grains may offer protection against heart disease, stroke, diabetes and certain cancers. Whole grains may even help you manage your weight-particularly if you eat them for breakfast.

One recent study found that women who eat high-fiber cereal in the morning tend to weigh less than women who opt for other breakfast foods or skip breakfast entirely. They also eat less at lunchtime. That's because whole grains supply fiber, which promotes a feeling of fullness and delays hunger.

The new food pyramid, released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture last year, recommends that we eat at least three servings of whole grains every day. Because most of the breads, cereals and pasta on our grocery shelves are made from refined grains, not whole grains, nine out of 10 Americans fall short of the guideline.

If you're motivated to eat more whole grains, be sure you know how to spot them. Color is not a good indicator. Just because bread is brown doesn't mean it's whole grain, Caramel coloring, molasses or other ingredients often are used to darken bread. Look for the words "whole grain" or "whole wheat" on the front of the package or, listed as the first ingredient. Don't be fooled by the terms "multi-grain," "cracked wheat," "stone ground," "7-grain" or "100 percent wheat." More than likely, refined grains are used.

The best way to add whole grains to your diet is by eating whole grain breads, cereals, crackers, rice and pasta. Also consider adding popcorn and whole grain chips. If cooking with whole grains strikes your fancy, try some of these breakfast recipes. Each packs a good dose of fiber and provides a delicious way to start your day.

Janet Helm is a dietitian and nutrition consultant in Chicago."



Mixed Berry Whole-Grain Coffee Cake

Packing 3 grams of fiber per serving, this coffee cake is great for brunch or as a snack. The recipe is provided by Green Mountain at Fox Run, a women's retreat for healthy living without dieting, in Ludlow, Vt.

- 3 tablespoons butter
- I cup quick-cooking oats
- 1 and 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- I cup whole wheat flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- I cup skim milk
- I tablespoon baking powder
- I teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- l egg, slightly beaten
- I 12-ounce bag frozen, unsweetened mixed berries, thawed and drained, or 2 cups fresh berries 1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease, or coat with cooking spray, a 9-inch round or square cake pan. Mix butter, oats, 1/4 cup of the all-purpose flour and brown sugar in small bowl with a fork or pastry cutter until crumbly. Set aside. Combine whole wheat flour, remaining cup of ali-purpose flour, sugar, oil, milk, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and egg in large bowl. Beat mixture with whisk or mixer for 1 to 2 minutes, until well blended, Stir in berries. Spread half the batter in pan and sprinkle half the oat mixture on top. Add remaining batter and sprinkle with remaining oat mixture and walnuts. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Serve warm. Serves 12.

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Wild Rice Waffles

Bonnie Ponstein of the Red Bluff Cottage Bed and Breakfast in Montgomery, Ala., says she usually doubles this recipe and freezes any batter she has left over. To use after freezing, thaw the batter overnight. This recipe provides 4 grams of fiber per waffle.

1/2 cup unbleached flour

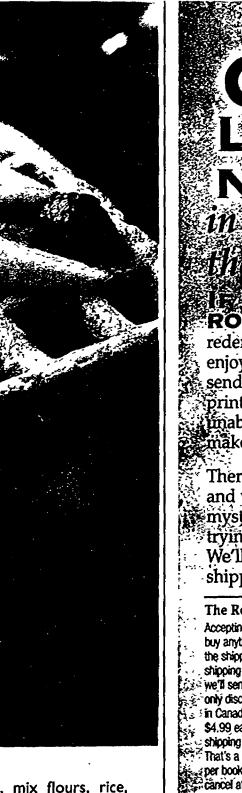
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- I and 3/4 cups cooked wild rice, well drained

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- 1/3 cup dried cherries or dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- I and I/4 cups buttermilk
- 2 large eggs, separated
- 1/4 cup melted butter

In a large bowl, mix flours, rice, cherries, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt until combined. In another bowl, combine buttermilk and egg yolks. Add butter and whisk until well combined. Add buttermilk mixture to dry ingredients. Stir well. [Recipe can be made 'several hours ahead and refrigerated.] Beat egg whites in a separate bowl, then slowly fold into batter. Ladle batter onto preheated, greased waffle iron; cook until browned and slightly crisp. Serve with fresh fruit and warm maple syrup. Yield: 4 waffles.



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Yogurt and Granola Parfaits with Blueberry Sauce

This recipe from *Fit Food: Eating Well for Life* by Ellen Haas (Hatherleigh Press, 2005) highlights the adaptability of whole grains. Each parfait has 4 grams of fiber.

Granola:

2 cups rolled oats 1/4 cup sliced almonds 1/4 cup honey 1/4 cup molasses 2 tablespoons water 1 and 1/2 tablespoons vegetable oil 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon 3/4 cup raisins

Blueberry sauce: I cup blueberries, fresh or frozen Juice of 1/2 lemon 2 to 4 tablespoons sugar

Parfaits: I cup cubed cantaloupe I cup blueberries 4 cups plain, nonfat yogurt

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine oats and almonds in a medium bowl. In a small saucepan, combine honey, molasses, water, vegetable oil and cinnamon. Heat through, stirring for about I minute. Pour over oat mixture and stir to blend. Spread on a baking sheet and toast, stirring every 10 minutes until golden-crisp, about 30 minutes. Remove from oven and add raisins. Cool completely before serving. Store in an airtight container for up to three weeks in the refrigerator or at room temperature.

Purée berries in a blender with lemon juice. Blend in sugar by the tablespoonful, tasting after each addition, until desired degree of sweetness is reached. Strain through a fine strainer, pressing with a rubber spatula to release the juices.

Layer granola, cantaloupe, blueberries and yogurt in glasses; drizzle with blueberry sauce. Serves 8.

Whole Wheat Muffins

For a breakfast-on-the-run, whip up a batch of these mulfins the night before. Each mulfin provides 2 grams of fiber. From *The Ultimate Muffin Book: More Than 600 Reciper for Sueet and Savory Muffins* by Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough.

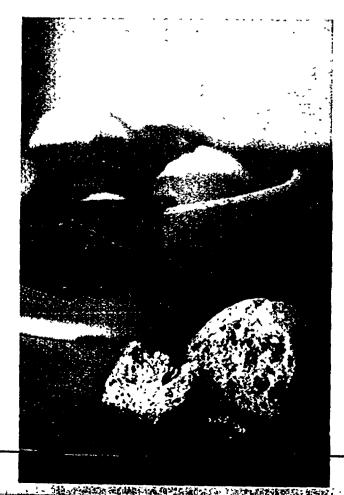
I and 3/4 cups whole wheat flour 3/4 cup all-purpose flour I tablespoon baking powder I/2 teaspoon sait 2 large eggs, at room temperature I/3 cup honey I/3 cup maple syrup 3/4 cup milk I/3 cup canola oil 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a 12-cup muffin tin with cooking spray or insert paper liners into cups. Whisk together whole wheat flour, all-purpose flour, baking powder and salt until well blended. In a large bowl, whisk eggs until lightly beaten. Whisk in honey and maple syrup until smooth, about 30 seconds. Whisk in milk, oil and vanilla. Stir in flour mixture until incorporated. Fill prepared tins three-quarters full. Bake for 22 minutes, or until muffins have rounded, cracked tops. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove muffins from tin and cool an additional 5 minutes on the rack before serving. Yield: 12 muffins.

Variation:

Whole Wheat Cranberry Walnut Muffins: Add 1/3 cup dried cranberries and 1/3 cup chopped walnuts along with the whole wheat flour.

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Coffee Can Boston Brown Bread

Boston Brown Bread is steamed rather than baked in an oven. You'll need a lidded pot deep enough to hold a coffee can. This recipe, which provides 2 grams of fiber per serving, is adapted from one provided by Bob's Red Mill Natural Foods of Milwaukie, Ore.

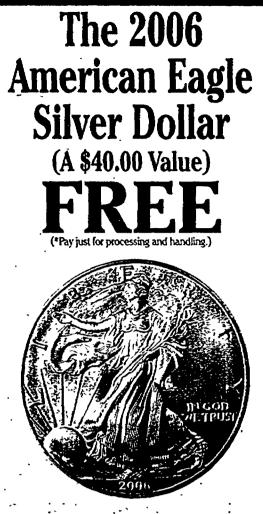
1/2 cup rye flour
1/2 cup whole wheat flour
1/2 cup cornmeal, medium grind
i teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup dark molasses
I cup buttermilk

Mix flours, cornmeal, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. Mix with a fork. Blend in molasses and buttermilk. Batter should be the consistency of pancake batter. Butter, or coat with cooking spray, a 13-ounce coffee can and pour in batter, filling the can no more than two-thirds full. Cover tightly with aluminum foil. Fill a large stockpot with water (enough to come halfway up coffee can) and bring to a boil. Place covered can in water. Cover stockpot and steam for about 1 and 1/2 hours over medium heat or until a skewer comes out clean when inserted in the middle. Remove can from stockpot and cool on rack for 15 minutes. Remove bread from can and serve warm with cream cheese. Serves 8. \Rightarrow

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