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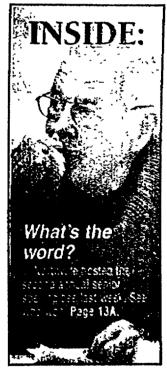
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escape Detroit water rate hike for the time being

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

While many suburbs are gurgling about the City of Detroit's erratic water rate policies, Northville rates remain still. Water rate hikes enacted last week by the Detroit City Council - totaling 6 percent for many of Northville's suburban neighbors - will likely have no impact on local spigots.

Starting in July, Detroit is expected to charge the City of Northville and Northville



SOURCE: City of Northville and Northville Township

Township less to provide municipal water service. But bills arriving in mailboxes may not be lower.

Northville property owners will likely pay the same rate as they

'In our budget process, we'll make a decision to hold the line or whether a rate increase or decrease is in order."

> Jim Gallogly Director of Public Works Department, City of Northville

did last year because local water departments have absorbed previous rate increases, officials said.

Hold the line?

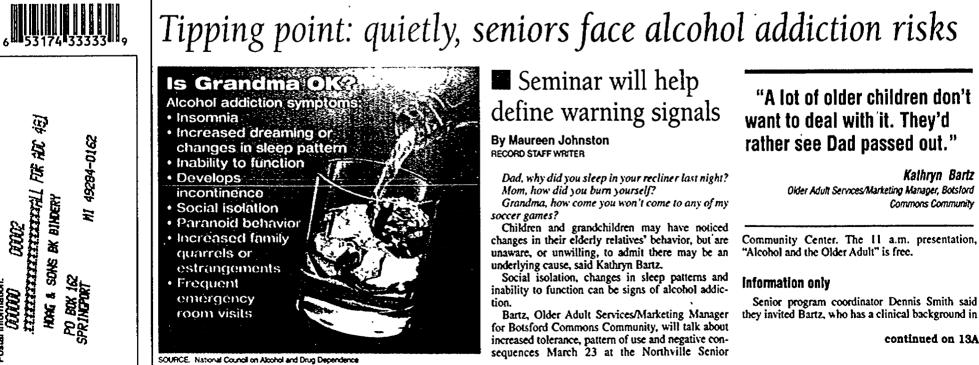
Northville water departments have not received official rates for Fiscal Year 2006, but both municipalities expect to pay lower wholesale water rates than previous years.

Based on projections, the city will pay 10 percent less for water provided to residents and businesses. The township is expected to pay 1 percent less. Both rate cuts would go into effect July 1.

Northville water bills reflect expenses for water pumped from Detroit and costs incurred locally. That's why only part of the city's

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Rebuilding a dream

Local dads rebuilding Maybury ball diamond for travel team

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Jay Wells has torn a page from Kevin Costner's script for a Field of Dreams: "If you build it, they will come."

The Novi father has thrown himself into rebuilding a baseball diamond at Maybury State Park for his son Alec's team. Weather permitting, work was expected to resume in earnest again this week.

Wells, along with fellow coaches and fathers lim Cox, Todd Beyer and Mike Magliocco. planned opening a new season at the field this summer.

Like the 1989 Academy Award nominated movie, creating a safe baseball field on a neglected site is taking more determination and effort than the dads ever dreamed.

Inaugural season

Last summer, the "Powercats" set their course for cracking bats and smacking leather. Fathers founded the Novi Travel Baseball Club with two teams, for undernine and under-10 players.

They planned an inaugural season for spring and summer of 2006. With all the competition playing on existing municipal fields, they needed to find a home of their own.

Maybury State Park granted approval for the travel team to use one of the two diamonds near the Eight Mile Road entrance as their home field in exchange for the teams sprucing up the facility. When the Powercats have not reserved the field for games or practice, it will be open for public

to the park," he said. "They're starting so see some opportunity there.'

Occasional pickup

Friends of Maybury State Park, the grassrools group of volunteers

Polishing the diamond What: Rebuilding Maybury baseball field

Who: Novi Travel Baseball Club

How much: \$20,000+ For more information: Contact Jay Wells at (248) 790-3914 or via email at info@novitraveibaseballclub.org. غوة *س* - - --

"If it was used, it was only by people picnicking who had a pickup game."

George McCarthy President, Friends of Maybury State Park

promoting activities at the facility, supports the Powercats effort, said Friends president George McCarthy.

He said he couldn't remember when the two diamonds were used on a regular basis.

"They weren't used effectively at all," McCarthy said. "If it was used, it was only by people picnicking who had a pickup game." Teams practiced soccer and

lacrosse on nearby fields, but only now is organized baseball returning to Maybury. "Anything that goes on in the park that gets people out there, e'll do whatever we can to help that organization," McCarthy said.

Enormous undertaking

Powercat dads and players discovered a diamond in the rough





Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Volunteers Jim Cox, Jay Wells and Todd Beyer work on draining the dugout area of a baseball diamond they hope to refurbish at Maybury State Park.

stripped the infield, spread clay gravel, bought benches and put fence posts in. Up next will be concrete slabs for the dugouts, installing fencing and rebuilding the backstop. Future projects also include building a shed and bullpen.

Our hope is to take the fences down to the corner, to keep the field enclosed," Wells said. Early into the project, Wells

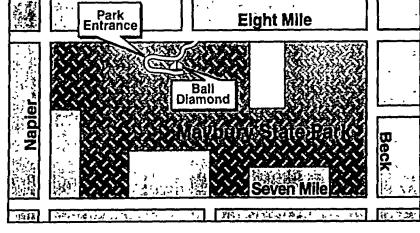
said, they realized the plan was much more expensive than they originally thought. All told, making the surface safe for play will cost more than \$20,000, he said.

Entry fees and parent contributions got the project rolling, Wells said, but they've also turned to the community for support. Sallie Mae Home Loans of Novi chipped in \$3,000 to be a sponsor, he said.

on the field.

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or via e-mail at mjohn-

Playing Ball at Maybury





Saddle up, for a Taste of Northville

Businesses. restaurants ready for the Wild, Wild West Taste of Northville

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Audrey Mistor's posse is ready for some vittles and yarns Saturday.

The Main Street Bank president and an employee crew will. giddy-up to the Northville Chamber of Commerce "Wild, Wild West at the Northville Ranch" from noon-4 p.m. at Northville High School.

For the third year, Main Street . Bank is joining nearly 100 local businesses exhibiting at the Taste of Northville business showcase.

"We really enjoy the opportunity," Mistor said. "New businesses come to Northville on a pretty regular basis. It gives us another opportunity to interact with them and them with us.

"It's nice to have a chance outside the regular business atmosphere to have a good time and share some good food."

Eats and treats '

While business and non-profit group representatives talk about their goods and services, restaurant booths will hand out taste samples. Visitors can enter to win give-aways, raffles and promotional goodies.

New this year, country music singer/songwriter Austin Scott will perform throughout the showcase. And Paul J. Miles, Detroit Music Awards Nominee for 2005 best R&B/Blues album, will be performing and strolling through the crowd.

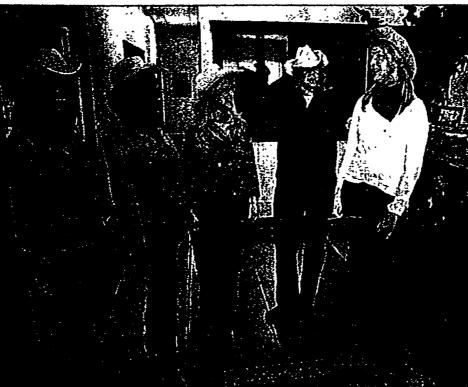


Photo by JOHN HEIDERMORTHMILLE RECORD

Main Street Bank employees Cortney Zamler, Muriel Ashley, Heldi Foust, Tracy Shipley and Leah Voytal will be among many business owners and local residents dressed up Saturday for the Taste of Northville Business Showcase.

Encore attendee

In 2004, Main Street Bank was just two weeks old when Mistor and co-founder Rick Shaffner first took advantage of the show to talk with new and potential customers.

"There are still people who are just discovering us." Mistor said. Occasionally, new customers recall the location at the corner of Main and Hutton streets as a former jewelry store. Mistor said she hopes the

Chamber shifting the event from an evening during the week to Saturday allows more people to attend. Because the event is during regular business hours, the staff will be split between the

"It's nice to have a chance outside the regular business atmosphere to have a good time and share some good food."

> **Audrey Mistor** President, Main Street Bank

bank and the high school. "Hopefully, Saturday will be a good turnout," she said. "It could really do well or people could be busy taking their kids

to games."

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

Want a sample? Restaurants participating in Saturday's Taste of Northville

www.northville.org.

This Saturday

When: Noon-4 p.m.

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- Bonfire Bistro & Brewery
- Edward's Café and Caterers
- Entrée Vous
- Genitti's
- Jet's Pizza
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For more info: Call the Chamber at (248) 349-7640 or visit

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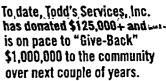
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From the small community of Hamburg, Michigan comes a Tandscaping company with a big heart. Todd's Services, Inc. (TSI) was started by what many in the community still refer to as two young local boys, brothers Todd and Kurt LaButte. They have grown their business from a single lawn mower and rake, to the largest residential land-





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All electors are hereby given notice that an Election will be held Tuesday, May 2, 2006, in:

Northville Township (Wayne County, Michigan) Northville City (Oakland and Wayne County, Michigan)

Electors who wish to vote in this Election must be registered no later than Monday. April 3, 2006. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office or local clerk's office.

Contact information for the local clerk is as follows:

Charter Township of Northville: 44405 Sbx Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167 248-348-5800 (call ahead for business hours)

www.two.northvile.mi.us 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 Northville City: 248-349-1300 (call ahead for business hours)

www.ci.northvile.mi.us Electors may also register by mail by completing and forwarding their Mail-In Voter Registration Application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Electors who register to vote by mail are required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the State of Michigan, are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

SUE HILLEBRAND, CMC. NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP, CLERK DIANNE MASSA, CMC, NORTHVILLE CITY CLERK scaping company in Michigan. TSI is celebrating 28 years of business and continues to grow.

In 2004 and 2005, TSI experienced record sales growth. This is amazing considering the economy in southeast Michigan is not the most robust. This unprecedented growth is the main reason why TSI developed the Give Back to the Community program with a commitment to give one-million dollars to local, non-profit organizations over the next couple years. Owner Todd LaButte states, "local fund raising groups and non-profit

TSI Donates to the Coach Carr Cancer Fund for the U of M **Cancer Center**

With deep appreciation we thank Todd's Services, Inc. for joining our extended team in the quest for the cure. Through their continued generosity to the Coach Carr Cancer Fund the faculty and staff of the **U-M Comprehensive Cancer** Center will be assisted in providing vital patient care programs for cancer survivors and their extended families through one of life's most difficult journeys.

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Todd's Services, Inc. has been transforming landscapes in and around the community for over 28 years, everything from design to implimentation

organizations are in need. We thought this would be the perfect way to thank our customers and reward their favorite local organization." Through the Give Back to the Community program, TSI donated tens of thousands of dollars to local organizations last year. They are on pace to give back one-million dollars over the next couple years. "We feel strongly that the community has supported us and we want to return the favor," says Sherry LaButte-Birk / Office Manager.

"After all, the quality of this community is why we all chose to live here and we want to do what we can to help support it."

This is how their Give Back to the Community program works. When TSI landscapes your project, they will donate 3% of the job total to the local non-profit organization of your choice. Local non-profit organizations qualify, including: fund-raisers, churches, schools, sports teams, subdivisions, and many more.

Todal's Servicea **BE your best value**

A major factor to TSI's success can be explained by the introduction of a new price guarantee program. "We made the bold statement that we guarantee TSI will be a customer's best value, or we will give the customer 10% of our bid in cash," said Todd." With our 10% price guarantee program, we had many more opportunities to make contact with homeowners a second time. "This has allowed us to help the customer compare apples to apples," commented Kurt LaButte, owner. "Landscaping can be expensive, and we want the customer to get the most for their money."

The price guarantee is simple; TSI will be a customer's best value on landscaping, if they are not, they will give the customer 10% of their bid in cash. In addition to being the customer's best value on landscaping, they will donate 3% of the job total to the local non-profit organization of the customers choice.

Kurt, Todd, Sherry and all the staff at Todd's Services, Inc. would also like to thank the public for voting them the best landscaping company 6 years in a row!

TSI still offers all of the services as in the past, including full color landscape designs, lawn installation, retaining walls, trees, shrubs, ponds and water features, sprinkler systems, decks and outdoor structures, brick pavers, concrete, sea walls, and much more. Various financing programs are available including up to 12 months same as cash with no interest or 8.9% financing with a monthly payment. If you are involved with a non-profit organization and would like your group to receive money, or if you want TSI to be your best value on landscaping, contact Todd's Services for details: 1 800 HYDROSEED, (810) 231-2778 or visit them on their website at www.ToddsServices.com.

Following is a short list of organizations that have been added to the program:

- Coach Carr Cancer Fund Ramburg Family Fun Fest
- St. Joseph Parish of Dexter
- Thin Blue Line of Michigan
- Fowlerville Rotary
- Hilton Elementary School
- Howell Nature Center
- Meals On Wheels
- Pinckney Varsity Football

Prairie View Hills Homeowners Assoc.

Dawn Farm

True 'green' colors

Residents celebrate their green heritage, Irish or not

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mike Drake is full of green spirit and plans to celebrate his Irish heritage tomorrow.

The 28-year-old Northville Township resident said he laughs seeing so many people wishing they were Irish on St. Patrick's

Day. "Green is everywhere," Drake said. "I think the holiday has become very commercial ... but I'll celebrate no matter what."

He doesn't believe many people know the true meaning behind the "green beer" holiday, but is glad they're at least showing support.

"If it weren't for St. Patrick, we Irish wouldn't be here right now and there would be nothing to celebrate," Drake said. "For some, it's just another reason to go out and party.

"For me, it's understanding where I came from."

Jim Gallogly said everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

The City of Northville's director of Department of Public Works said he plans to celebrate his Irish heritage by sitting down

E Celebrate and lend a hand

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Guernsey Farms Dairy, owned and operated by the McGuire Family since 1940, is offering St. Patrick's Day treats for customers while helping Maybury Farm.

Each person who makes a donation to the Northville

Community Foundation's Maybury Farm today and tomorrow, will receive a coupon good for a free ice cream cone.

"This is a fun way for us to help Maybury Farm and celebrate St. "Patrick's Day with our customers," said Colleen Ortman, restaurant manger for Guernsey Farms Dairy.

Guernsey's will be serving corned beef and cabbage dinners, and restaurant quests will be treated to a special edition and complimentary pint of fresh green Guernsey milk in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Guernsey Farms Dairy store will also feature sales on some of its best-selling products.

For more information, contact Guernsey's at (248) 349-1466 or visit www.gueinseyfarmsdairy.com.

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to a warm plate of corned beef and cabbage.

"it's the second most important holiday of the year," Gallogly said. "I promote my heritage throughout the month of March."

John Treanor said celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Ireland is similar to Independence Day in the U.S.

"There are a lot of parades," said the 82-year-old Northville Township resident. "Everyone wears green, white and gold ... We all remember this is when St. Patrick brought peace to our county."

Treanor left Ireland in 1948 to come to the U.S., and although he's made his home in Michigan, he still visits family and friends in his homeland.

"I like to wear the American

colors now," Treanor said. "But when I'm in Ireland, I wear my Irish colors proud."

Treanor said he doesn't mind seeing non-Irishmen wearing green on St. Patrick's Day.

"Irish welcome everyone to cel-ebrate," he said. "It's the culture of the country."

First Friday in six years

John Lamerato hopes to see a full-house celebrating in green Friday night.

"It's going to be a big day. especially since it falls on a Friday," said the owner of Poole's Tavern in downtown Northville. "(St. Patrick's Day) is one of the biggest days of the year for tavem owners.'

Lamerato said he will be pro-



Photo by TRACY MISHLER MORTHVILLE RECORD

Jim Gallogly takes pride in displaying his St. Patrick's Day decorations at Northville City Hall.

moting Poole's Irish menu items and green beer. Gallogly said he's looking for-

ward to seeing green on St. Patrick's Day.

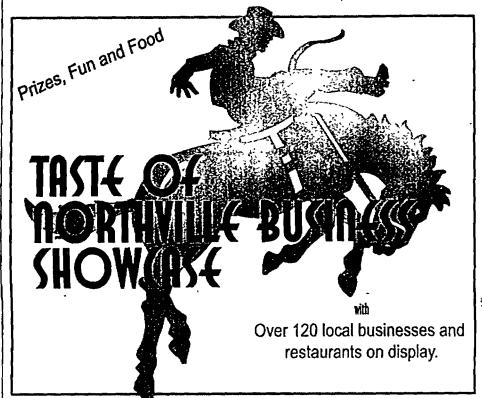
"There are those that are Irish and those that want to be Irish," he said. "But on St. Patrick's Day, we are all Irish."

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

"It's the second most important holiday of the year. I promote my heritage throughout the month of March."

> Jim Gallogly Director of Department of Public Works, City of Northville

Northville Chamber of Commerce presents



Saturday, March 18, 2006 High Noon - 4:00pm **Northville High School**

TOWNSHIP BRIEFS

Township meeting

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

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 cuizens-regarding their 2006 ressessment at formship hall. Residents are asked to call (248) 348-5810 to make an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by March 18. Postmarks are not accepted.

The following date is available:

• March 18, 9 a.m.-noon Walk-ins welcome

The Johnson Creek Protection group will meet at

Meeting

7 p.m. Monday at Township Hall,

Love and logic parenting

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

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

Classes will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 25 at Hillside Middle School. The cost is \$30 per person and includes a workboold 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, e-mail tmishler@gannett com.

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Interactive exhibits with area retail, service and professional businesses

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Mercury advertising spot will feature downtown Northville

A stop at city hall this time of year always means screamin' green decorations, thanks to public works director Jim Gallogly. Part of the St. Patrick's Day tradition has always included a showcase display, replete with Irish items. But this year, something's missing ... oh, where can the Blarney-Stone be?

.... Speaking of city hall, is that

glant frog outside the front door a mascot? 4944

Like books? The Friends of the Northville District Library board of directors might like you. They're seeking peers, to meet monthly and serve on a standing committee, like membership, summer reading, finance and so on. Right now, they're looking for someone with PR skills. The Friends raise funds through used book sales, the store and events more than \$300,000 over the past 12 years - to help the library buy items or host programs not covered in its regular budget. Call Friends president James Morche at (248) 380-4358.

In the old "new" Long building, Pear-aphernalia, at 184 E. Main St., is the downtown development authority's business of the month.

How does it go? If you get your photo in the Northville Record, you have to buy donuts - the green sprinkled variety if you're Jim Gallogly - to share with your co-workers. Sounds like a tradition worth preserving!

New in town? Northville Newcomers and Neighbors would like to say hello at a meet and greet coffee at 10 a.m. next Tuesday. They'll be talking spring events and interest groups. Interested? Call (248) 305-5460.

What are the rules for parking downtown? Police Chief Jim Petres says: In city-owned lots with a three-hour limit and on-street parking with a twohour limit, the regulations are in effect 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. About 100 downtown residents purchase permits allowing them to park overnight ĩn city-owned lots. Construction workers are exempt from the parking rules, only when their vehicles are needed to do their job. like a cement truck. Extended parking stays may have been overlooked early on due to confusion about which spaces are public and private behind the new 120 West Main building. Not any more, they're all public.

Speaking of parking, downtown development authority members on Tuesday morning reviewed a map of options free all-day, free three-hour and restricted parking - throughout the city. Parking enforcement officers will tuck the parking guide in with a first-time warning on the windshield of drivers who park past the limit.

***** And what are the rules for consumer fraud? Kevin Richards, a 25-year downtown employee, was hopping mad the



other day when he went into a local store and found the item he needed priced for "clearance." His glee at saving a couple of bucks was dashed when he was told the "Get it while it lasts" signage was just a promotion. Boooo!

And in the "say it ain't so" category ... word is that stylists from one downtown salon are deliberately snapping up parking spaces in front of another downtown salon, inconveniencing the competitor's patrons. Tsk, tsk.

Which leads to the note on stress management. Northville Newcomers and Neighbors members will be touring the Water Wheel Health Club at 10:30 a.m. next Wednesday, learning about the facility and its interactive stress management program. There's no cost and healthy snacks and smoothies will be served. Sound good?



Home fit for a city manager!

A 556 Langfield St. home has for the past three decades served as the home for City of Northville managers. Currently the home is owned by former City Manager Gary Word, who moved to Florida earlier this year.

Call (734) 487-8821 or (248) 344-4911 for mandatory reservations.

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Once again, it's showtime at Northville the Senior Community Center. Tomorrow's 1 p.m. Friday Flick is the unlikely love story called "Laws of Attraction," starring Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore, Two New York divorce attorneys, often working the opposite sides of the same case. can you guess the rest? Cost: \$1.

Off to Vegas with you! Theresa Schlerloh, owner of downtown boutique Dancing Eye Gallery, was feted at

All also In-Stock Wood Refinishing & Restoration

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Fabric

Andiamo's and the Dirty Martini in Novi last Saturday night by 40 of her closest friends as a send-off for her wedding this weekend.

.... To whet readers' appetites for the upcoming announcement of the 2006 Northville Record's People's Choice Awards, here's a sampling of some entries unlikely to win: Best Health/Fitness, Wagon Wheel (tavern); Best Men's Wear, VanDam's (women's boutique); Best Travel Agency, C. Harold Bloom (insurance); Best Hot Dog, Home Depot; Best Place for romantic dinner; "my place"; Best Hair Salon, Hair We Are and Justin York (both

> Kitchen Chairs

> > from

out of business). One person put "boo, hoo!" after her vote for Justin York.

Once again, marketing mavens recognized the appeal of downtown Northville as a backdrop for an advertising campaign. Last Wednesday night, crews set up shots in front of the Marquis Theatre and the MainCentre building to showcase Mercury car models. The extra Northville police officers assigned to help steer gawking traffic clear of the action were compensated by the promotion firms.

On Campus

Grand Valley State University

Northville residents, Kelly Bendert, Lauren Eathorne and Lisa Moiles, were among graduates during December 2005 commencement exercises at Grand Valley State University.

Washington University (St. Louis)

Justin Horowitz, of Northville, was named to the dean's list for fall 2005 semester at Washington University.





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POLICE BRIEFS

Deer accident

No one was injured Monday night after a 51year-old Northville woman struck a deer on southbound Sheldon Road, north of Wildflower. According to reports, the deer was attempting to cross the road when it was struck. Police closed both directions of Sheldon Road to remove the deer.

Stolen identity

A 63-year-old Northville Township woman reported someone using her name to purchase \$8,169 worth of items from Hewlett Packard. According to reports, the woman did not open an account with the company and did not allow anyone to use her name. Police are contacting Hewlett Packard. The case remains open.

Missing woman found

A 42-year-old Northville Township man called police after his girlfriend went missing last Saturday. According to reports, the man and the 38-year-old woman got into an argument and the woman left in her car. The man said the woman had been drinking, had no money and the car was out of gas. According to police, the woman took a pet and medication with her when she left. The woman arrived at the police station the next day and said she stayed with a friend in Farmington Hills to get away from her boyfriend. The case is closed.

Dog bite

A 24-year-old Northville Township man called police after being bitten by a dog while salting the sidewalk on Lagoon Court. According to reports, the dog was on a thin cable attached to its owner's front porch. Police advised the owner, a 49-yearold woman, to move the dog to the backyard in order to keep it. The case is closed,

Slip and fall accident

Police were called to Home Depot on Haggerty Road after a 31-year-old Garden City woman slipped on a patch of ice. According to reports, the woman was walking to her car and hit her face against the ground when she fell. The woman told police she wanted to file a report in case she decided to pursue the matter in civil court. The

after a 47-year-old South Lyon woman was allegedly caught stealing two DVDs, hairspray, body lotion, two knives and a child's jacket. According to reports, the woman had her threeyear-old child with her and tried to conceal the stolen items in her diaper bag. Loss prevention officials stopped the woman from leaving the store, and police arrested her for larceny. The woman was given a March 23 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

No account opened

A 40-year-old Northville Township woman reported receiving a bill for \$294 from SBC with an unknown telephone number. According to reports, the woman contacted SBC and she was told the Detroit account was opened with all her personal information. The case remains open.

Stolen alcohol

Police were called to Meijer on Haggerty Road after an 18-year-old man was allegedly caught stealing a bottle of alcohol. According to reports, the man attempted to hide the bottle in his jacket and exit the store without paying. He was arrested for larceny and given a March 23 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

No double date

An 18-year-old Northville male is facing a March 23 court date on underage drinking and marijuana possession charges.

Early last Sunday, Northville police questioned the driver of a blue Ford Mustang and his 17-yearold passenger who reportedly told officers they were parked on Potomac between N. Rogers and Lexington waiting for two female youths to join them.

A Breathalyzer test indicated the 18-year-old's blood alcohol content was .042. Police determined the younger man had not been drinking and released him.

After police confiscated the suspected marijuana, they arrested the 18-year-old and transported him to the Northville Township Police Station. where he was jailed pending bond.

K-9 assistance

A 17-year-old Canton youth is facing a March



DR. VILAS L. ALLEN Of Northville died March 12, 2006.

He was 82. Dr. Allen was born June 21. 1923 in Wichita, Kansas to Harry and Alma (Garrison) Allen. He served in the Army during WWII, with the 298 Combat Engineer Battalion, and went from England to Utah Beach in France on D+6 (June 12, 1944). He graduated from MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, and was the owner of Allen Animal Hospital PC in Livonia for 40 years. Vilas married Theresa (Barnes) Allen on July 9, 1977. He had been a resident of Northville for 28 years. Mr. Allen was a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, and Southeastern Veterinary Medical Association. He was a fan of MSU Spartan football and basketball and was a season ticket holder. He attended many out of town football and Bowl games. Survivors include his write Theresa Teoda Allen of Northville; children Judy (Randy) Hall of Lake City, KS, Vilas L. Allen Jr. of Sterling Heights, MI and Kristine (Albert) Bradfield of Holland, MI; siblings Michael Jane Lande of Santa Monica, CA and Sam (Evelyn) Allen of Marysville, Mi; and grandchildren Daniel Hall, Caleb Hall, Timothy Bradfield, and Sean Bradfield. Dr. Allen was preceded in death by his first wife humin. first wife Juanita J. Allen, his grand-daughter Miranda J. Hall, and his parents. Visitation will be held Friday -8 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home. Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A funeral service will be held Saturday 11 a.m. at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville 48168, with Rev. Douglas Thompson officiating the service. Vilas will be laid to rest in Greenlawn Memorial Park in New Martinsville, West Virginia. Memorial Contributions to MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, A 133 E. Fee Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824 or Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Attn: Mission Fund would be appreciated.

• OBITUARIES = ELANE J. SMITH

Age 60, of Northville, previously of Sivierdale WA, passed away March 6, 2006. A Memorial Service was held Thurs. at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Arrangements Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

DONALD EDWARD GRIEGER

86, of Alpena, passed away at Sally's Care Home on Friday, March 10, 2006. Born in Wanatah, Indiana on June 20, 1919 to the late Edward and Edith (Jones) Grieger, On January 15, 1944 he married the former Erna Rumminger in Detroit. She preceded him in death on April 29, 2004. He was an active member of the Church of the Straits of Mackinaw City. Beginning in 1957, Mr. Grieger enjoyed every Labor Day by walling the Mackinaw Bridge. Surviving are a daughter Judith (Rev. Dr. H. Robert) Case, 4 Grandchildren Allen Case; Joshua (Jami) Case; Joseph Case and his fiancee, Jen Scott; and Kristin (Nathan) Barden, 2 greatgrandchildren Mara and Everett, 1 sister Dorothy (Charles) Osborne, sister-in-law Army Grieger. Preceding him in death were a son, Kenneth; and a brother, Allen. Mr Grieger has been taken from the Bannan Funeral Home for cremation. A private interment service will be held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Alpena this spring. Memorials: First Congregational United Church of Christ, Hospice of Sunrise Shore, Church of the Straits in Mackinaw City.

LUCIEN SCOTT LOVEWELL

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Lucien "Lou" Scott Lovewell, 70, died March 1, 2006 at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. Mr. Lovewell was a draughtsman and helped design a tripod for the lunar landing on the Apolio mission. He also worked as a **Contract Technical Writer for Bartech** in Ypsilanti, MI in the Engineering Department of General Motors. He was a 1954 graduate of Northville High School and attended the University of Michigan from 1954-1958. He received a' Bachelors Degree in history and English from Eastern Michigan University in 1986 and a Masters Degree from Eastern in biblerule 1001 Us Kinton interin history in 1991. His lifelong interest in Aztec and Mayan cultures of Central and South America led him to do extensive research and write a book on the Amazon River basin. Lucien was a lifelong scholar, Preceded in death by his parents, Drs. Paul and Victoria Lovewell of Northville, he is survived by his for-mer wife, Peggy (Bruce) Christie of Florida; their daughter, Monika (Rob) Lovewell-Firth of Palm Springs, California: grandsons Jack and Benny Firth at home; his sister, Mary (Robert) Kirkey of Columbus, Ohio; nephews, Jeffrey (Michele) Kirkey and David (Stacey) Kirkey; niece, Colleen (James) Tiefenthal; and 6 great nieces and nephews, all of the Columbus area. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville.

OBITUARY POLICY

The first seven lines of an obituary are published free of charge. After that, there is a fee of \$3 a line. Pictures may be published for \$25.

*Deadline for obituaries is Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for publication in Thursday's newspaper.

For more information, call 888-999-1288, or contact your funeral home. *Holiday deadlines are subject to change



Council expected to name new city manager tonight

St. Clair superintendent chosen from field of seven

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

By next St. Patrick's Day, Northville's new city manager won't be green at all.

Patrick Sullivan, 43, city of St. Clair superintendent, was the city council members' unanimous choice after they interviewed seven applicants last week. Pending approval of final contract language, the council was expected to officially award him the position tonight.

"The quicker we appoint him, the quicker he can give notice," said Mayor Christopher Johnson, who negotiated Sullivan's salary and benefits on the council's behalf. The new city manager's annual pay will be between \$95,00-105,000, he said.

"Obviously, we want him to start as soon as possible."

Sullivan was in Northville Friday, house hunting for his wife and three children. They will soon put on the market their home in St. Clair, where Sullivan supervised day-to-day operations for 10-1/2 years.

"I think it's going to be approximately a month from whenever the new contract is approved by

Will New city manager Who: Patrick Sullivan Previous position: city of St. Clair superintendent Start date: To be determined

: Family: wife, Amy; son Casey, 13; and daughters, Laney, 10, and Annie, 8. Compensation: \$95,00-105,000 annual salary, phis benefits

the council," Sullivan said. Tomorrow will be a happy, but calm St. Patrick's Day in the Irish Sullivan household.

"With all that's happened. I'm planning on a quiet night home with the family."

Past experience

Sullivan's experience and accomplishments in St. Clair helped place him ahead of the other candidates the council interviewed, Johnson said,

St. Clair, a city of about 6,000 residents, is on the state's eastern shore, south of Port Huron.

"They have a downtown development authority he helped create," Johnson said. "He's obviously aware of what happens when you try to change a historic downtown.

"He's familiar with downtowns and how they operate. There were some similarities in our communities.

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> Christopher Johnson Mayor, City of Northville

Northville's consultant published during the executive search, he said he saw a match between his abilities and the council's requirements.

When I read it off at home --- downtown development, intergovernmental relations - I said I've done that, I've done that," Sullivan said.

Johnson complimented the new city manager's communication skills.

"We were definitely looking for a people-oriented person," he said. "He's got a lot of accomplishments in St. Clair and he's worked with a number of different entities."

New opportunity

In addition to a higher paycheck, Sullivan said he looked at Northville as a better employment

opportunity in a bigger city. "It's still got that small-town character and charm, the historic character," he said. "That's something we have here.

"I don't want to live in a big city, but I look forward to the opportunity to work with a vibrant downtown,"

The council conveyed that redevelopment and partnerships with surrounding entities were among their chief concerns, Sullivan said.

There's a lot to work with there, and I'm excited about that.

During Sullivan's tenure in St. Clair, the city built a new city hall and police station, formed a fire authority with three surrounding townships, created a downtown development authority and secured grants to help rebuild the boat harbor.

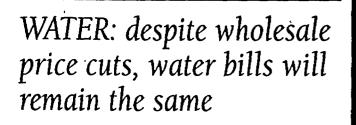
"It was a fantastic place to live," Sullivan said. But, he's ready to move on, he said, with his wife, Amy, a former city manager, his son Casey, 13, and daughters, Laney, 10, and Annie, 8.

The first of seven finalists the council interviewed, Sullivan was one of 50 applicants for the position.

The new manager will succeed Gary Word, who left Northville in January after 14 years to become village manager of Islamorada, Fla. The council appointed assistant city manager and finance director Nickie Bateson interim city manager.

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total water bill will be lower, said city department of public works director Jim Gallogly.

Last year, city officials negotiated down a 43 percent City of Detroit water rate increase to 24 percent. City water customers paid 6.5 percent more, and the city paid the balance, Gallogly said.

"We'll have to factor that in to our costs," he said. "In our budget process, we'll make a decision to hold the line or whether a rate increase or decrease is in order.

"That may not mean their individual rate will go down 10 percent."

The wholesale rate the city pays to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is 40 percent of the bill consumers pay. The remaining 60 percent is comprised of local

costs for operations, maintenance and capital improvements, Gallogly ... an triver and marine in said. 100 A Maria

A little help

The projected 1 percent decrease in the rate the township pays Detroit probably won't change consumer rates, said Don Weaver, township department of public services director.

"Last year, we had a bigger rate increase (8.1 percent) than what we passed on to our customers (3.5 percent)," Weaver said. The township's wholesale rate paid to Detroit is about half consumers' water bill, he said.

Weaver said the lower rate is due in part to residents adhering to the suggested alternate lawn watering policy during summer months.

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> Don Weaver Director, Northville Township Department of Public Services

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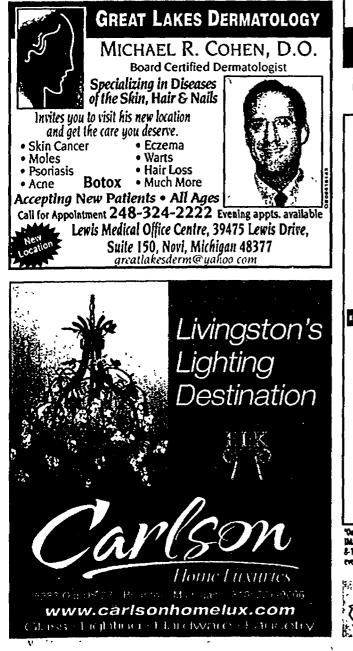
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Homeowners sprinkling on odd or even days, based on their address number, has helped reduce peak daily use, Weaver said, one of the factors the city of Detroit uses to calculate rates.

To help the entire western Wayne County area, Weaver said the cities of Northville and Plymouth and townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth will likely ask residents to voluntarily abide by the odd-even rule this summer.

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the 76 percent state average, data shows. State of Michigan Public

Information Officer Martin Ackley said state scores, on the whole, are also up.

Ackley said Michigan data shows students are beginning to reach the higher kindergarteneighth grades standards approved by the state board of education in 2004.

"This is very promising," said Gov. Jennifer Granholm, in a prepared statement. These are the fundamental skills our students need to succeed in high school, post-secondary and the global economy. It is exciting to see so many of our students meeting our high standards at these early

ENGAGEMENTS



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lally Christine Anne Goering and Adam Patrick Lally were married September 23, 2005 at Martha Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village. Rev. Elizabeth Foster officiated the ceremony. A reception was held at the Eagle Tavern.

The bride is the daughter of Marilynn and Karl Goering of Northville. She is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School and a graduate of Michigan Technological University. She earned a master of science degree in Mathematics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. and is currently Senior Financial Analyst for New York Power Authority.

The groom is the son of Lynne and Bernard Lally of West Springfield, Mass. He is a graduate of Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute with a bachelor of science degree in Computer Science, is pursuing a master of science degree in Computer Science at Columbia University, and is employed at the T.J. Watson Research Center of IBM.

Maid of honor was Lizz Goering, sister of the bride. Serving as best man was Justin n Completé results For complete Northville Public Schools Michigan

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grades."

Practical application

Snyder said he plans on using school improvement days to analyze Silver Spring's test results.

He hopes teachers will discuss scores and formulate plans of action "to determine if this is a grade-level problem or building problem."

Reason said results are used practically by the district.

We like to use it as another data point," Reason said. "We don't rely on it as our only data point, but we use it as another data point to evaluate our curriculum."

Use of MEAP scores also includes a letter to Northville par-

Reason said the district will send letters to the parents of students taking the MEAP with scores and descriptions of their performances.

Testing shifts

Ackley said 2005 is the first year students in grades 3-8 were assessed in math and English Language Arts to comply with fed-eral mandates, doubling the number of Michigan students tested to nearly one million. High School students also sit for the exam.

Prior to the 2005 test, students were assessed in different subjects in different grades.

Another MEAP change includes when students take the exam.

Students now sit for the MEAP in fall, compared to their usual spring exam schedule.

Northville school officials said the switch took a considerable amount of planning, coinciding learning with test material and timing of the MEAP.

Administrators were concerned with losing months of preparation time and testing students coming off of summer vacation.

"I can't imagine the fall would have been an advantage to us at all," Reason said.

"I'd say I'm please it didn't appear to have a negative effect that we were concerned about."

State officials said the timing and content exam changes rule out prior year across-the-board comparisons. MEAP test results are broken down into four performance levels: apprentice, basic, meets expectations and exceeds expectations.

The exam is one component used for the Michigan Report Cards and when assessing if schools meet criteria set in the No Child Left Behind federal legislation.

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CLASS NOTES

Board Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 at Thornton Creek Elementary School, 46180 Nine Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Open Enrollment Policy

The Northville Public Schools open enrollment deadline for 2006-07 is April 7. The policy addresses situations in which parents would like students to attend a school within the district that is not in their attendance area. Should you choose to make an open enrollment request to attend or remain at a school other than your designated school, letters must be submitted to the district no later than Thursday, April 7. Letters should be directed to Dr. Casey Reason, assistant duperintendent for instructional dervices, with copies sent to each of the building principals involved. Open enrollment letters must be submitted on an annual basis. Please be aware that final decisions regarding open enrollment are often not made until one to two weeks prior to the start of the school year due to enrollment fluctuations over the summer.

Auction

St. Paul's Lutheran School will be holding its annual school auction 6 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Proceeds from the auction are used to cover school operating expenses. For more information, contact the school office at

(248) 349-3146.

Camp Invention

Northville Public Schools hosts Camp Invention, a week-long summer day experience for children entering grades one-six. The pro-gram will take place July 31-Aug. 4 at Ridge Wood Elementary School. Camp Invention is designed to inspire creativity and inventivethinking 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 seachers leading the lessons. For more information, visit www.campinvention.org or contact Kathy Gualtieri, (248) 879-9535.

Hillside Family Carnival

Northville familie: are invited to oin 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. 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 side 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 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 Stone Water; and Winchester: Northville Hills West and Woodlands subdivisions. All Arcadia Ridge subdivision students will attend Thornton Creek for the 2006-07 school year.



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SADD appeal!

Students Against Drunk Driving members are reminding people about the importance of safe driving during St. Patrick's Day festivities. From left: Shruti Agrawal, Grace Huang, Audrey Bridges, Kelly Gleeson, Amy Song, Jullia Lee and Emily Minniear.

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 through Saturday 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, contactdirector 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-ofdistrict families in August. The ECC Web site www.northville.k12.mi.us/early-

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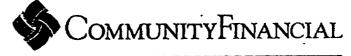


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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

MEAP results: a job well done

Congratulations to Northville students whose MEAP scores once again place them among the most academically successful programs in Michigan.

Northville students, staff, faculty and administrators deserve praise for committing themselves to challenging academic rigor and delivering on their public promise to offer kids a solid educational experience.

Achieving successful MEAP results, especially under the sometimes quirky "No Child Left Behind" standards, is no easy feat. Among Tri-county school districts, Northville students ranked first in seven of 21 academic categories. They performed well in all categories and demonstrated marked proficiency in math and reading.

Continued MEAP success is a testament to the administration's solid curriculum choices and its implementation by caring teachers who allow children to express and develop

their unique abilities.

Parents who choose each day to remain involved in their children's lives - especially those who read and write with them early --- should also be praised. Young, developing students need direction and positive role models. Parents who appreciate and refine the strong link between their personal involvement and their child's academic success are crucial to main-

Does a favorable MEAP result ensure every child a quality public education, or mean every student is performing at a suitable level? Absolutely not.

Schools has once again demonthose goals.

High marks deserve high praise. Congratulations to those who are getting the job done.

taining positive results.

But Northville Public strated the ability to understand sometimes sketchy state and federal academic requirements and the willingness to shape a quality curriculum matching



A Northville public school classroom, circa 1930s.

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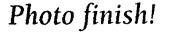
Defending students

Mr. Larry Schlagheck's letter remarking on poor behavior by Northville High School students at the recent state district basketball game at Novi High School could not be further off the mark.

As the parent of two former NHS student athletes I have attended athletic events for many years. Therefore, when I arrived at the sold-out Novi gym it was with some disappointment that the only seats my wife and I could find were not with other parents, but directly adjacent to the NHS student section at the south end of the gym.

However, I was pleasantly surprised during the game at how well behaved the kids sitting next to me in the student section were. Only once during the game did I hear any chanted obsceni-ty begin in the adjacent student section, and it was immediately squelched by Principal Dennis Colligan, Athletic Director Brian Masi and their on-site and attentive staff. It was hardly an "ongoing display," Were the kids raucous? Yes. Were they enthusiastic? Yes? Solwere the other 1,200 people in g gym that was at capacity. The atmosphere was truly electric.

I don't doubt that Mr. Schlagheck heard some obscenities during the game in his seats. It is unfortunate and perhaps symptomatic of the current cultural climate for which we all bear some responsibility. But to smear all Northville High School students and administration with this broad stroke is contrary to what really happened and a disservice to our kids, the school administration and the community that turned out in force to support their hometown team. As to his assertion that this behavior reflects poorly on character education in our schools, I would submit that responsibility for our children's character starts at home. We are surely lost if we as parents abrogate this important assignment Kudos to the Northville students I witnessed being great fans and the staff that helped them understand how to positively support their team.



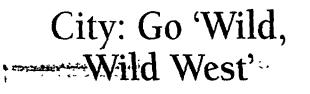


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Northville Township residents Lisa Coleman, Robyn Boyd and Cheryl Chaveriat are joined by Kathy Milczarski, second from left, of Farmington Hills, during an early Sunday morning run.

Discover Northville!

Your comprehensive guide to the Northville community is included in this week's issue. Check it out - and keep it close all year 'round!



From noon-4 p.m. Saturday, the Northville Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase event at Northville High School, a chance for area residents to sample local restaurant fare, local business products and services and local non-profit causes, the operative word being local, local, local. There are new and familiar faces event visitors can meet in a relaxed atmosphere, with food and entertainment

to boot. Want to learn more about what your hometown has to offer? Head West for an informative, enjoyable afternoon.

Township: On St. Pat's Day, be careful

Police will be out in full-force Friday as St. Patrick's Day celebrations get under way. For those looking to sip a few pints of green beer, don't forget to have a designated driver. The excitement of having one night of fun with friends isn't worth the consequences, if you're caught drinking and driving. Enjoy the Irish festivities, but celebrate with caution.

Schools: Support local blood drive

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski challenges members of the community to pull up their sleeves for a good cause and attend the Northville High School student congress blood drive. The event will take place 8 a.m-2 p.m. tomorrow at the school, 45700 Six Mile Road. Rezmierski challenges residents to collectively donate 200 pints this year. Students at least 17-years-old and weighing a minimum of 100 pounds are also encouraged to give. According to the American Red Cross, the blood supply in southeastern Michigan is dangerously low, We support the school district's effort at rallying together for a worthy cause.

Athletics: Springing into sports action

With winter sports behind us and spring sports ready to begin, sports fans are probably wondering just who are going to be the athletes to watch. Make sure to pick up a copy of the April 6 Record Sports section featuring the spring sports schedules and previews for the season's sports.

Jeff Jacobs Northville

Defending students II

To the gentleman that was so disturbed by the students obscene chant at last week's basketball game, I would like to point out that I too find their behavior inappropriate as well but ...

Remember these are still young kids and like your son, they make mistakes. It is our responsibility to point that out to them, as the administrators in attendance did very quickly. That chant did not happen again, which I consider a very positive result.

I attend many NHS activities and don't remember that ever happening before. Maybe you should take your son to a fall play, spring musical, band or choir concert or any of the other fabulous events that these kids put on. You will find far more positive things to talk about than one isolated incident.

There are over 2000 students at the high school and a vast majority of them are great kids. That is the true atmosphere your son will find at NHS.

1 am proud of the students, administrators and teachers at NHS for job they do representing our community.

> Bill Collins Northville

SADD thanks

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is an organization at Northville High School. We work within our school district to help students become aware of the dangers of drugs and alcohol and to make positive life choices. We also try to work in the community to educate and prevent alcohol-related injuries and **fatalitics**

Alcohol involvement remains one of the leading factors in motor vehicle deaths. St. Patrick's Day is approaching and when it comes to alcohol related crashes the statistics show that unfortunately the numbers are not far behind New Year's Evo.

For the past four years, we have initiated a project to remind people on St. Patrick's Day to be responsible. We have designed a table tent with the logo: Don't let your luck run out. Always wear a seat belt and never drive drunk. A friendly reminder from the students of Northville High School SADD.

SADD would like to recognize the following restaurants that have decided to support this project by displaying the table tents at their estab-lishments: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill, Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, Border Cantina (Novi), Mothers Pizzeria (Plymouth), Nassau Grill & Bar (Plymouth), Poole's Tavern, Red Hot & Blue BBQ (Novi), Rio Wraps (Plymouth), Rocky's of Northville, Sheehan's On The Green (Plymouth).

We are grateful for their support and hope their patrons will be just as appreciative.

> Carolyn Miranda Northville High School

Bond: no time soon

Why did I vote "no" on the school bonds? It started as a conscience-guilt issue but finalized as a common sense decision. I couldn't believe it but ex-President Clinton was my inspiration, "It's the economy, Stupid!" Pure and simple.

Although I've lived in the township 27 years, this was the first "no" vote I ever cast. Evidently there wasn't a millage or bond I didn't like: library, police, fire, green space, senior renovations and education were bubbled yes. Not this

I couldn't pick up my No. 2 pencil fast enough to bubble in the "nos." I ask the board and its advisors; when was the last time you bought a gallon of milk, filled your car with gas, bought shoes for your children, bought prescriptions, paid medical premiums, water and utility bills? Did you experience sticker shock? They aren't going to come down. You probably paid your taxes and recently received a notice they would be raised again next year. Plymouth, Northville

III Letters to the Editor

We welcome your comments on editorials, columns and other topics important to your in the Northville Record. Only submissions that include name, address and day and evening phone numbers, and that are verified by the Northville Record, can be considered for publication.

Letters to the editor of 400 or fewer words have the best chance of being published. All submissions may be edited for length, accuracy and clarity.

Letters to the editor, opinion and editorial columns, and articles submitted to the Northville Record may be published or distributed in print, electronic or other forms Letters to the Editor, David Aguilar, Northville Record, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Fax: (248) 349-9832, E-mail: daguilar@gannet.com. HIGH STATES AND a history of

city and the township hired an independent company to inspect all the houses for improvements, thus having a basis for increasing your assess-

And then you have the unconscionable and outrageous gall to ask for 70-plus million.

When the high school plans were presented to the public, we were assured that administration would be most satisfied with the Eight Mile Road athletic field. Such is not the case. In the proposed bond, \$17.2 million would have been allocated for a field house addition to the high school. If the directors had been honest upfront, they would have included the field house in the original plans. Clever, intelligent managing and planning of the high school will provide adequate space for activities and events.

The board missed an opportunity when the last bond was floated. Meads Mill could have been incorporated with Cooke at the present Hillside. There was ample room for both schools to co-exist either separately or as one unit. Much money was expended to enlarge class rooms to accommodate Cooke students and the left over space was "donated" to Parks and Recreation. Two schools can and have co-existed on one campus. I proposed this solution by mail to the board, but it was never considered.

Meads Mill is a great facility and would have been most suited as an elementary school.

Finally, the residents were informed that the cost of the millage on a \$400,000 home would be \$318 for 20 years - but then again - it could be reduced to \$180. All contingent on the number of new residents who move into the area. It's not going to happen. The board will give us \$138? I don't think so.

Just look at your new notice of assessment. It will increase every year for eternity.

Be prepared for more voting. As the old teacher joke goes: "You will do it over and over again until you get it right." It won't be until the board and its advisors show some economic restraint that I will vote "yes."

Mary Elizabeth Braddock Northville

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Fixing state requires trip to 'The Center for Michigan'

Michigan is in a profound state of crisis.

And a few of us are finally are trying something new in an effort to do something about it. I'll explain more soon, but first, here's a hard look at

reality. Most people don't yet realize how serious our situation is.

Basic manufacturing, the traditional core of our 'economy, is hemorthaging jobs --jobs that will never return, Qur largest employers Ford, General Motors and much of the automotive

Phil Power supply chain ---are losing market share, and money. Some, like

Delphi, are flirting with bankruptсу The City of Detroit and the

Detroit public schools are on the brink of insolvency. Our unemployment rate tops the nation. month after month.

And our family income has plummeted.

Today's economic crisis is quite different from the periodic tough times we've faced in the past. It's the result of uncontrollable changes in the way the world economy works. This has been aggravated in the case of the auto industry by a cost and labor-management business model that simply can no longer be sustained in the era of the global village.

Nobody who understands what is going on thinks this crisis can be resolved simply by an upturn in , auto sales. Instead, the state needs • to adopt a far-reaching and broadly acceptable economic policy agenda to help us get through our time of ^Ytroubles, and to set in place the groundwork for a better economy and a brighter future for us and our families

Sadly, however, Michigan's political system has proven largely paralyzed, preoccupied with partisan squabbles, and unable or unwilling to develop comprehensive solutions to our problems. How come?

Simply, Michigan politics today are dysfunctional for three reasons:

· First, partisanship. The coming election is succeeding in bringing out the worst in everybody. The Republican-dominated legislature is hell-bent on making sure noth-

ing happens to help the state that Gov. Jennifer Granholm can claim credit for, regardless of what happens to the rest of us in Michigan.

Yet the governor's office isn't much better. When not consumed by political paranoia, it is fixated on micromanaging the various departments of state government for

Granholm's political advantage. Second, ideologues.

Traditionally, Michigan politics depended on moderate civic leadership that, when all was said and done, would work across the partisan divide to develop and implement practical solutions to problems. But over the past decade, ideologues - particularly of the hard right, but also the semi-socialist left --- have hijacked the political system.

. Third, well-funded single interests, coupled with term limits. Aggressive and wealthy interest groups buy "face time" with legislators through their campaign contributions. And term-limited lawmakers lack the experience, information and perspective to resist.

Moreover, knowing they'll soon be booted out of their present positions, they've got their eyes fixed on the next job they want to run for. What that means is that holding the hand out for campaign contributions has become Lansing's most highly-developed reflex.

The overall result is a growing alienation between most voters, who occupy the middle of the road, and an increasingly partisan and ideological political class. This has contributed to the public perception that at our time of crisis our political system is essentially broken.

What we're getting these days from our political leaders is an odd combination of harsh metoric and failure to do anything other than

pussyfoot around our greatest problems.

This helps nobody. So some of us have decided to do something about it. We're starting a "think-and-do tank," which we call The Center for Michigan.

You can learn much more about the Center at www.thecenterformichigan.net. Briefly, however, it will have two basic missions that feed upon and reinforce each other. It will assist in developing a broadly acceptable, high-impact, practical strategic agenda for the rebirth of our economy. And it will work to make our politics more civil, less ideological, and more effective by re-energizing Michigan's bipartisan civic leadership and countless thousands of moderate grass-roots voters

The Center will have a definite stance in the sensible center. It will be non-ideological, muscularly moderate and anything but weak. The Center is not interested in fighting the battles of the past management vs. labor, city vs. suburb, white vs. black, east side vs. west side. Instead, it is aimed at rallying moderates who have brains, courage and backbone.

The Center's first initiative was a conference held this week, cosponsored with the Center for State, Local and Urban Politics at the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan.

A cross-section of Michigan's civic, business and labor leadership gathered to consider "Where Do We Go From Here?' in attempting to develop a broadly acceptable economic agenda for the state.

As one of the founders of The Center, I am saddened and appalled at the economic disintegration of what was once --- and can and should be again -- one of the most beautiful, rich and successful states in the union. Our situation is dire and brings to mind the famous observation that all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men and women to do nothing.

Phil Power is the Chairman of . . The Center for Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com. More information about The Center is available on its Web site: www.thecenterformichigan.net.

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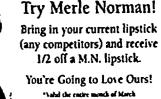
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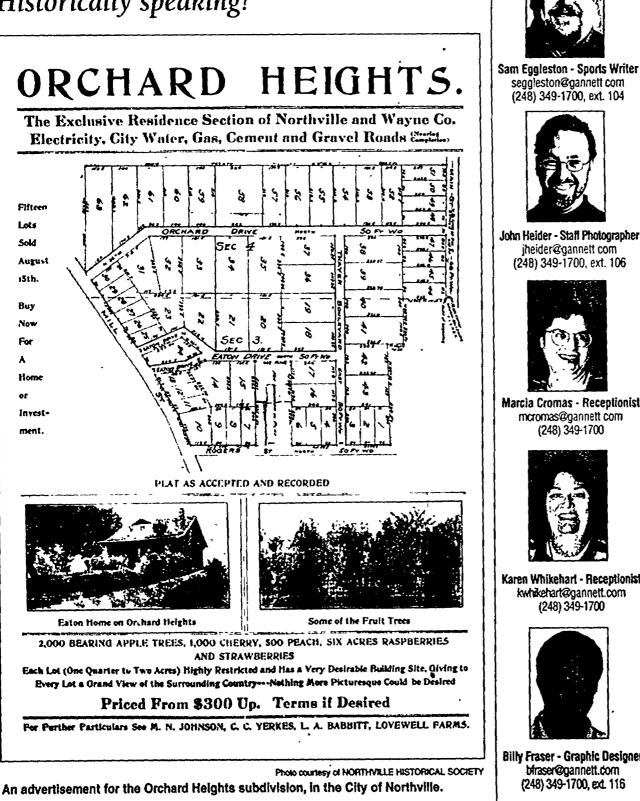
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NORTHVILLE **EVENTS**

Art in the Sun

DETAILS: Regional artists are invited to apply for this downtown juried fine art show, June 17-18. All art mediums are eligible. The deadline to apply is Friday. CONTACT: Chamber of

Commerce, (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org

Art Exhibit

DATE: Through March LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center SL DETAILS: This is an exhibit of

acrylic artist d. Kessler's works. CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

Art Exhibit

DATE: Through March LOCATION: Študio 427, 122 W. Main St.

DETAILS: This is an exhibit of artist Scott Maggart's paintings CONTACT: (248) 449-6501

Taste of Northville Business Showcase

DATE: Saturday TIME: noon-4 p.m. LOCATION: Northville High

School, 45700 Six Mile Road DETAILS: This event will fea-

ture 130 retail, service and professional business exhibitors. Restaurants and caterers will provide samples from their menus. There will also be free give-a-ways. raffles and promotional goodies. Ticket are \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors 65 and over; and \$4 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

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

Johnson Creek Protection Group

DATE: Monday TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

DETAILS: Everyone is welcome to this monthly meeting. + CONTACT: (734) 214-1885 --

School Carnival

DATE: Friday, March 24 TIME: 5-8 pm. LOCATION: Hillside Middle

School, 775 N. Center St. DETAILS: The camival will feature games, a food court and a tin

can raffle.

DATE: Friday, March 24, 31 and April 7; Saturday, March 25, April 1 and 8 TIME: 8 p.m.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students; no children under 6 years

New Hope for Grief Support Groups

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

visit www.newhopecenter.net

New Pathways Support Group

DATE: Tuesday, April 4-May 23 TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Arbor Hospice and

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

DATE: Friday TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: This is a tribute conshow.

Blues Concert

DATE: Saturday TIME: 2-3 p.m. DETAILS: Blues musician, Robert B. Jones will be performing. 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

between Beck and Napier roads CONTACT: (248) 349-8390

DATE: Friday and Saturday, May 5-6

CONTACT: Martina Stone, Maybury are hosting this free event.



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Thornton Creek Elementary School second graders Angela Lindow, left, and Brooke Allgeier read "Click, Clack, Moo. Cows that Type" as part of March Is Reading Month acitivities.

Thornton Creek Elementary School learning consultant Kathleen Starosciak recommends reading these books varying in difficulty and genre:

- "Alphabet Under Construction" by Denise Fleming
- "Roller Coaster" by Marla Frazee
- . "Edward and the Pirates" by David McPhail
- "Enemy Pie" by Tara Calahan
- "The Honest-to-Goodness Truth" by Patricia C. McKissack
- "Uncle Jed's Barbershop" by Margaree King Mitchell
- . "The Gardener" by Sarah Stewart
- . "The Dragon and the Unicorn" by Lynne Cherry



Storyteller Laura Pershin entertains Thornton Creek stu-dents with tall tales during March is **Reading Month** activities.



Maybury State Park Events LOCATION: Eight Mile Road

Wildflower Walks

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

DETAILS: The Friends of

"The Teen Angels"

cert to Franki Valli. The cost is \$45 per person and includes dinner and

aonenome @peoplepc.com

Dance Performance

DATE: Saturday, April 8 TIME: 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Nonhville High School Auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road

DETAILS: Center Stage Dance Company will perform the ballet. "The Wizard of Oz." Tickets are \$8 per person.

CONTACT: (248) 380-1666 or email csdc5678@sbcglobal net

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: Nonhville 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 Nonhville

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

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

Marguis Theater

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

"The Little Mermaid"

DATE: Various days through March TIME: 2:30 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 per person; no children under 3 years old.

"Vaudeville Tonight"

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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 appoint-

ment. Winter hours are noon-5 p m. Friday-Sunday.

Library Lines

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

about programs, services or to request or renew library materials, (248) 349-3020

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

Northville Genealogical Society

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

able to offer individual help on genealogy. The next meeting will be 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12. Diane Oslund will give tips for effective letter writing in genealogy research.

CONTACT: Grace Wilfong, (248) 349-9079 or visit www.rootsweb.com/~mings

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 earned the prize of a paperback book.

March Storytime

DATE: Wednesday, March 22 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Northville Police Chief, Jim Petres and Steve Ott from the Northville Fire Department, will share a lively storytime for children of all ages. Children will also receive goodies from Community Financial Credit Union. No registration is required.

is Reading Month activity.

Tot Storytime

10:15 a.m. TIME/DATE: 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, April 10-May 15; 10:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 11-May 16 DETAILS: Sessions are designed for children who are 4, 5, or in kindergarten and comfortable attending without a caregiver present.

CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020 or in person beginning Tuesday

Kid's Club

DATE: Today, "Stories from Hawaii"; April 13 "Tangrams"; May 18 "Families" TIME: 4:15 p.m.,

DETAILS: This is an afterschool program for first, second and third graders featuring stories, game

and crafts. 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 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, Detroit Free Press columnist and master gardener, will offer tips on how to make your garden grow with less effort. Registration is 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

DETAILS: Public is welcome.

Church Events

St. Paul Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 201 Elm Street CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

Concert Series

TIME/DATE: Sunday, Buddy Budson Trio; April 30, Daniel Foster and Martha Folts Violin and Harpsichord; May 21, "The Music of St. Pauls"

TIME: 4 p.m.

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: (248) 374-5966

Single Adults

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

College Age

DATE: Sunday

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

First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

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

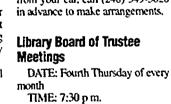
DATE: First Monday of every month TIME: 4 p.m.

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

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Thornton Creek students listen to storyteller Laura Pershin for the school's March



Northville resident Herb Stalzer awaits his turn during last week's spelling bee, heid at the Northville Senior Community Center.

SENIORS SPELL-BOUND

Northville hosts second annual senior spelling bee; stumbles as Milford takes crown for second consecutive year

By David Aguilar RECORD EDITOR

For the second consecutive year, Milford sauntered into Northville and walked away with the senior spelling bee crown.

Milford resident Max Kirshke clinched the victory last Thursday by correctly spelling the word "geisha" during the second annual event, hosted each year by the Northville Senior Community Center.

Participating communities also included Novi, South Lyon and Highland Township. "Next year, Nonhville will win. I promise," said Sue

Koivula, Northville Senior Adult Services Coordinator and event organizer. She said despite a disappointing final result, the event was a success.

"It was great," she said. "We doubled our spellers from last year, and more people came out to watch. It was a lot of fun."

Fun? At times, it looked more like a public root canal as dour-faced spellers publicly sorted through words, such as "magnanimity," "buccinator" and "salicylate." Words like "brouhaha, "ochlocracy" and "rhyolite" evoked frustrated initial responses from befuddled would-be spellers: "Can I spell it two ways?" ... "Oh, for heaven's sake" ... "Rhy-o-what?"

Senior center employee Ken Murray, who advanced to the second round by correctly spelling "sergeant" but was tossed when he couldn't draw a bead on "hieroglyphic," said he enjoyed being part of Northville's seven-person team. He was on the team last year.

"It's a lot of fun, but you do get a lot of butterflies," Murray said. "You get nervous, because you never know what word you might get"

Northville Township resident Don Sherman said he joined Northville's team this year after friend and fellow Northville resident Harry Hartshome convinced

"Then he headed for Cancun," Sherman said, laugh-ing. Sherman, a retired public relations Ford employee, bowed out during the first round after misspelling the word "zeppelin." Prior to event, he said his journalism background should not be held against him.

Sherman may have already spelled out Northville's strategy for breaking a two-year spelling slump: "This is a lot like golf," he said. "Cheat, if you can."

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John Treanor competes for Northville during last week's spelling bee.



Contestants ready themselves for the 2006 Senior Spelling Bee, held at the Northville Senior Community Center last Thursday afternoon.

Northville Senior Spellers DON SHERMAN Round 1, out ("zeppelin") JOHN TREANOR





INEZ JOHNSON Round 1, out ("grievous") HERB STALZER Round 1 ("alternatively"); Round 2, out ("conscientious") **KEN MURRAY** Round 1 ("sergeant"); Round 2, out ("hieroglyphic") PEGGY MEYER Round 1, ("accommodate"); Round 2, out ("disastrous") **BOB KETTERER** Rounds 1-3 ("deterrence," "rhyolite," "supersede"); Round 4, out ("infintesimal")

* Millord linshed first. South Lyon Finished second and third.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record

Northville resident Don Sherman tries, but misspells the word "zeppelin." Upon hearing his word, Sherman looked toward the judges, and said: "You hate me, don't you?"

ALCOHOL: seniors at risk for alcohol dependency

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chemical dependency and mental health, as part of an ongoing series of talks on health considcrations for aging adults.

Future topics include smoking and medication hazards.

According to the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence, alcohol is the number one drug abused by older adults. Statistics show 3-4.5 million of the 30 million Americans aged 65 and older may be addicted to alcohol.

Although Smith said he has not been asked for alcohol addiction help in the past, the staff would be able to refer patrons to an appropriate agency. No one should shy away from attending next Thursday's talk, he said.

This is more for just infor-

thing we thought would be beneficial."

Families tied

Bartz said a social stigma is attached to asking for help with an addiction problem, particularly for those age 70 and older.

"Many of our seniors grew up in a time you didn't talk about your issues in front of a group," she said. Baby boomers are less wed to the notion that if you have a problem, you must solve it yourself, Bartz said.

The other key to addressing a problem like alcohol addiction a desire to change, she said.

You have to decide what you want your life to be like," she said. "Some people say, 'I want my alcohol.'

They have to be willing. If

mation," he said. "It's just some- they're not willing, there's always the intervention route." But adult children can be loathe to delve into Dad or Grandma's drinking habits.

"A lot of people will drink to cover up other issues," Bartz said. "A lot of older children don't want to deal with it. They'd rather see Dad passed

out. "The whole recovery process is a big deal."

Signs, symptoms

Seniors addicted to alcohol tend to fall into two categories, Bartz said, those who have been steady drinkers their whole life and those who start at age 50 or 60, bored after retirement.

"We're going to look at both of those trends," she said. "We'll also look at the physical part. As

people age, they need less alco-

When Mom or Grandma stays in her housecoat a good part of the day, neglects hygiene or regularly has a disheveled appearance, it could be signaling something other than dementia,

Bartz said. "You can tell when something's just off," she said. "They might be drunk."

And addictions come in forms other than hard alcohol, Bartz said. "It can be cough syrup."

Part of her talk will be directed toward a friend or family member of someone who might

have a problem. "I have no idea who I'm going to get," she said. "It's for anybody, to get information.

"It might be the granddaughter or the grandson saying, 'Grandpa, you missed all my

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🔳 Warning signs

Three telitale signs of a potential alcohol problem are:

. If Grandpa's tolerance for alcohol is increasing, as in he needs more

. If there is a pattern of use, whether it's every day or before events.

 If there are consequences, such as burning themselves, passing out or a traffic ticket.

Sample questions from the geriatric assessment:

. Does alcohol make you sleepy so that you often fall asleep in your chair?

Do you hide your alcohol bottles from family members? . Did you find your drinking increased after someone close to

you died? · After a few drinks, have you sometimes not eaten or been able

to skip a meal because you didn't feel hungry? and the second second

soccer games.""

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What's Going On? (cont'd)

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Senior Events

Thursday, March 16 8:30 a.m.: Ford Rouge Plant Tour 9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle I p.m.: Tai Chi By appointment: Massage By appointment: Taxes Friday, March 17 10 a.m.: Strength Training 11 a.m.: St. Patrick's Day Luncheon 1 p.m.: Movie: Laws of Attraction By appointment: Massage Monday, March 20 10 a.m.: Line Dancing 10 a.m.: Oxycise I 11 a.m.: Oxycise Il 12:30 p.m.: Euchre and Pinochle Tuesday, March 21 Cardiovascular a.m.; Screenings-registration req. 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 4:30 p.m.: Three Mo Tenors at the Fisher Theatre Trip Wednesday, March 22 10 a.m.: Oxycise Level I 11 a.m.: Oxycise Level II

noon: Bridge **Health Screenings**

DATE: Tuesday TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: Advanced Screening of Michigan will conduct various health screenings. Fees vary. Preregistration 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 St. DETAILS: The cost is \$30 and includes prizes and a banquet at the end of the season. League play begins April 27. Registration is

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 St. 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: I p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Ongoing Card Games Bridge

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

Pinochie (double deck)

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

Pinochie (single deck)

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

Euchre

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

Healthy Walking

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

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 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 16: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:30 p.m.; Northville Historical Society Board Meeting. 7 p.m. Friday, March 17: Archives open.

9 a.m.; Junior Scout Meeting, 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 18: Friends of the Library, 9 a.m.; 24th Michigan, 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 19: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.; King's 8th, 10 a.m.; Boy Scout Eagle Court of

Honor, 2 p.m. Monday, March 20: Cub Scouts,

9 a.m.; Weavers Guild, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:45 p.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:45 p.m. *Grounds closed to public

Looking for You

Graduation All Night Party

DETAILS: Volunteers are needed to help with decorations for the Senior All Night Party, June 3. You may drop in 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday until the party at Northville Plaza on Seven Mile Road (former Rite Aid store.) Call Karen Poulos at (248) 349-4684 before you attend to make sure the building will be open and that volunteers will be there.

Friends of the Rouge

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

Meals-on-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers needed CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace, (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday or Judy LaManna, (248) 348-1761

Camera Club

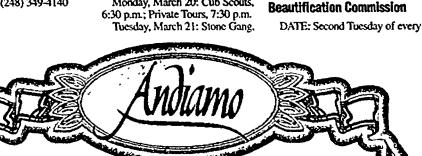
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northville-Ken

camera@sbcglobal.net, Naigus at kdn@comcast.net or Northville Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

Arts Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.



month TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting

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Housing Commission

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

High St.

Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: Youth Assistance office, 775 N. Center St. CONTACT: (248) 344-1618

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

Parks and Recreation

Babysitter Training

DATE: Saturday TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road DETAILS: The American Red

Cross Babysitter Training course offers youth the opportunity to learn the skills every parent looks for in a babysitter. This 6-1/2 hour course provides youth with safety tips, basic child care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency action skills. Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$72 for residents; non-resident fees apply.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Aromatherapy Class

DATE: Thursday, March 23 TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Recreation

Center, 700 W. Baseline Road DETAILS: This class will instruct you on oils to use to help manage stress, support the body's natural defenses, immune enhancing, reduce the appearance of aging, boost stamina and energy and improve mental clarity. It is informational only and not intended to be a substitute for medical care. The fee is \$25 for residents; non-resident fees apply. CONTACT: (248) 349-3020

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

DATE: Saturday and Sunday, March 25-26

TIME: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Recreation

Center, 700 W. Baseline Road



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHMILLE RECORD

Main water supply!

An asphalt barrier re-directs water along South Wing Street, near Main Street, to a public drain after city of Northville workers two weeks ago accidentally damaged a water main further up the street. A city of Detroit crew Is expected to repair the problem, though no repair date has been set.

Bunny Hop

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

Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: This dance includes

crafts, designing cookies with Great Harvest Bread Company and visiting the spring bunny. The fee is \$10

per person. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203 or visit

www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Spa Night

DATE: Monday, April 10

TIME: 6-8 p.m. LOCATION: Margo's of Nonhville Salon and Spa, 141 E. Cady St.

DETAILS: This event 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 \$15. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Spring Basketball Leagues

DETAILS: Register through Friday or until leagues are full. Boys grades eighth-ninth and 10th-

Center, 700 W. Baseline Road DETAILS: This drop-in program promotes fitness, dance routines, stretching, jumps and cheers. The fee is \$6 per person per day. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Open Basketball

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

Teen Basketball

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

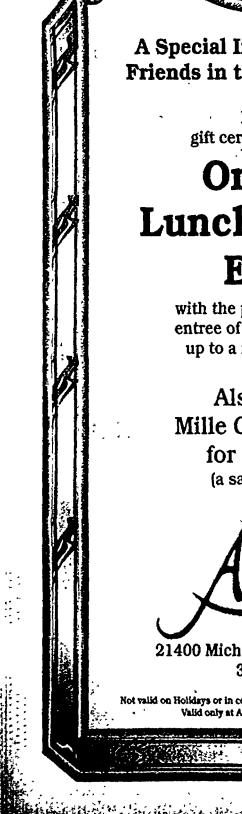
Open Badminton

DATE: Every Tuesday and Friday

TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road. DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill lev-

els are welcome. The cost is \$7 per



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

CONTACT: Joe Barberio, (248) 449-9947 30 c-mail jbarberio@ci.northville.mi.us

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

12th are eligible to play. Games will start April 1. Coaches are needed. CONTACT: Dave DeMattos, (248) 349-0203, extension #1405

Drop In Cheerleading

night

Table Tennis

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



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Mother lode

Schools win as bidding heats up Mothers' Club auction

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Irene Zannis and Marc Russell went head-to-head on a live Shawn Riley Band performance.

When the local band leader chipped in a second performance, both bidders went home \$2,200 lighter.

The Northville Mothers' Club was the real winner last Saturday night, raking in the proceeds from its live auction at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

Terry and Laurie Marrs yielded to Judith and Robert Wollack's \$1,600 bid for a diamond bracelet from Orin Jewelers.

Other bidders stepped back when Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski claimed the basketball signed by the conferencechampion Northville High School varsity boys' basketball team.

Coaxed by encee Thom Barry, school supporters upped the Mothers' Club kitty through 12 high-ticket items.

Laurie Wooderson, event cochair with Libby Smith, said final tallies for the fund-raiser were not yet available, but she was very pleased with the club's strolling dinner-dance.

"It went without a hitch."

> Laurie Wooderson Northville Mothers' Club

"It went without a hitch," Wooderson said.

Approximately 300 guests purchased \$75 tickets for the five-hour event. The club's profits came from the live and silent auction of donated items.

Entertainment was provided courtesy of the Northville High School acapella groups, The Backbeat Boys and Treble Makers, as well as the soughtafter Shawn Riley Band, featuring Hillside Middle School Principal Jim Cracraft.

Theme baskets, designed by club members and stocked by local business donations, were among the 146 items sold by silent auction, Wooderson said.

The 35-member group alternates years hosting the dinner auction with publishing its community phone directory. The two projects are the club's biggest fund-raisers.

Last year, the Mothers' Club donated more than \$51,000 to Northville schools. The money paid for a variety of items,

During the Mothers' Club live auction last Saturday, irene Zannis and Marc Russell congratulate each other after competing for the Shawn Riley Band performance while emcee Thom Barry and club member Judith Wollack watch.

including new video editing equipment for the broadcast classroom, computer-operated Leggo robotics and learning bins filled with puzzles, software and books.

Past projects paid for with

natural habitat pond at Silver Springs Elementary School and fund-raising proceeds include: supplies for a district-wide elementary art show.

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'IDOL'-IZED

Northville graduate earns singing stripes on national TV

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

For Steven David Jr., 15 minutes of "American Idol" fame erased years of being the odd kid out.

"It was my time, after years of being teased in school," David said. "It really hit me. It was an overwhelming kind of thing."

David said when he saw himself plastered all over TV and celebrity magazines serenading "American Idol" judge Paula Abdul, he knew

social justice was served of the transformed of the School graduate's recent dance with Abdul made a media splash while he made his way to the semifinals.

And despite his early round elimination, David is pleased with his vindication. "I was the one in high school that

was attacked and always picked on," David said. "I was ashamed of my name. "And then here is one day, when

I go to "American Idol" and I sing. Now everyone knows my name, and I'm not ashamed anymore."



Photo courtesy American Idol Steven David Jr, right, stands alongside Paula Abdul during his American idol performance.

Abdul hit the pages of "Star," "in Touch Weekly" and "Esquire" magazines.

"I received 35 calls within the first day," David said. "I talked to at least 25 radio stations."

David auditioned for Idol before, but said he was told he didn't have enough stage presence. That changed this year, along with an invitation to make it to the semifinals.

After auditioning in Hollywood, singing "If I Ever Fall in Love" by Shai, David was cut.

"American Idol" process. The two have remained in contact throughout the years.

"He really did it himself. I was his cheerleader," Pryce said. "It was great to see him on the show."

Dreams to remember

David is a Staff Sgt. in the Air National Guard stationed at the McEntire base in South Carolina.

He is married to Ashleigh David and has a 3-year-old daughter Jada Faith.

He dreams of being the best husband and father, advancing in the military and pursuing his singing career.

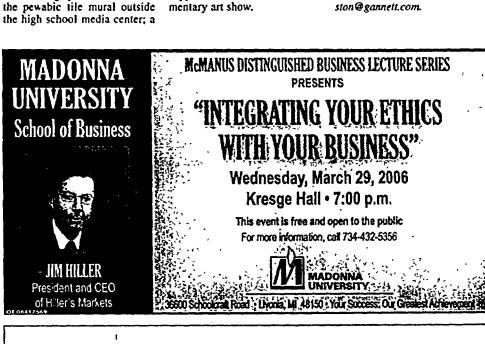
"For a long time I would dream of being an American Idol. Every night I would think about it," David said.

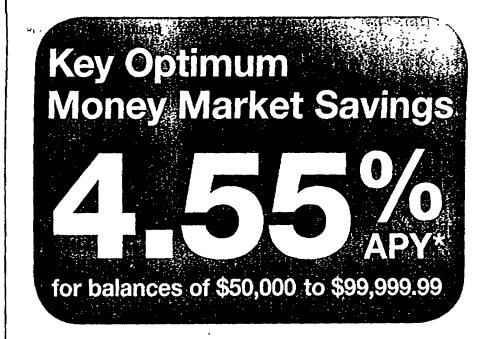
"And then this phrase popped into my head" 'I guess dreams aren't something that you don't just do in your sleep.

"You don't have to have one dream."

David hopes to audition for Idol one more time before he passes the age limit.

Victoria Mitchell can be reached







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The road hesitantiy traveled

When David walked the hallways of his former school, he said kids would spit on him.

That was me. I was a nerd, and I didn't know who I was and who I wanted to be," he said.

When he entered Northville High School as a junior and met choir director Mary Kay Pryce, David said everything clicked.

"She is the best person," he said. "I would do anything for her."

David quickly joined choir and became a member of the all-male ensemble, Backbeat.

"I was so used to people labeling me a loser," David said. "So for me going into choir at Northville High School was a huge step."

His favorite stand-out moment was during Spirit Week, performing during a pep assembly.

"We sang the song Earth Angel and all the cheerleaders came and sat in front of us," David said.

Pryce remembers David's love for singing.

"Many, many times it was the only thing that got him through," she said.

David, now 28, said he knows the lesson many high school students often don't learn: "It is more important to make yourself happy than the next person happy."

A brush with fame

David received the words every "American Idol" longs to hear while waiting hours, and sometimes days, to hear, "You made it to Hollywood."

For "American Idol" watchers, David was the clean shaven, military man serenading Paula Abdul and leading her in dance with Marvin Gayes', "Let's Get It On."

The clip of David's audition appeared everywhere.

His audition aired on "Entertainment Tonight" and photos of David dancing with Paula

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He said he often talked with at (248) 349-1700, ext. 122 or Pryce for advice during the vemitchell@gannett.com.

Who will win?

Former American Idol contestant Steven David Jr. isn't picking a winner.

He said his military career, schooling and personal life does not leave a lot of time for TV viewing, but he has well wishes for the finalists he forged friendships with during the audition process.

David said he had the pleasure of getting to know finalists Chris Daughtry and Bucky Covington, and says they are great guys both deserving of a bright future.

Starting young

Vickie David's memories of her singing, celebrity son Steven David Jr. begin at an early age.

"He was 3 when he started performing," she said. "I would take him to Jamie's on 7 Mile and he used to perform little skits.

"He would get up there at 3 years old and do his ABCs." David said at 2, her son would let loose on his Playskool micro-

phone. "He didn't care what he picked up, he would use it as a micro-

phone," she said.

David said Steven's father was a performer, a source of his talent showcased on the "American Idol" singing talent show.

The gushing mom couldn't be happier about her son's personal and professional accomplishments.

"He's always been very positive, aggressive and one of the nicest people you'd ever know," Vickie said. "I'm just so proud."

SOURCE: Xidzworld.com

"American Idol" Fun Facts

"American Idol" is the United States version of the British hit TV show, "Pop Idol." Other versions of the show include "Canadian Idol and "Australian Idol."

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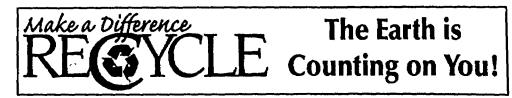


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Make an assessment

Residents seek answers about property assessments

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

John Guzik thinks he has the most undesirable location in Blue Heron Condominiums, so he wants his property taxes lowered.

After researching other properties in his area, Guzik and his wife, Joy, don't understand why they are paying the same amount in taxes as other condos in prime lake locations.

"It's the same footprint, just a different location," Guzik said. "We live on a canal looking at other buildings, while other units look onto the lake."

🖬 Tax lingo

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property taxes.

Taxable value: amount

property taxes are based on;

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Assessed value: also

known as State Equalized

used to determine annual

Value, represents 50 percent

of a home's market value; not

Guzik is among several Northville Township residents taking the opportunity to appeal their 2006 property tax assessments before the township's Board of Review.

"We just want our taxes to be more equitable," Guzik. "Based on the land value, we're paying as much as units on the bigger lake."

Wayne County appraiser John McLenaghan said people shouldn't be as concerned with their assessed value but rather more concerned about their taxable value.

"People need to make sure what

they are paying isn't greater than what their property is worth," McLenaghan said. According to township officials, residents are seeking to appeal their

assessments because they disagree with their assessed value, which represents approximately 50 percent of market value.

McLenaghan said when a home is built, an appraiser comes out to look at the house, inside and out, to determine a value for the home.

Each year, the costs are compared to the actual selling price of homes in that neighborhood," McLenaghan said. "The cost that we get is then

adjusted based on the actual sale of homes in that area.

"Using that process, we get the true cash value of the property."

Seeking a higher court

Township appraiser Holly Adams said taxable value is the value used to determine property taxes.

"Due to this economic climate, there (was) an increase in appeals this year," Adams said. "Every year, when someone gets their assessment, this is their only appeal process."

Once the board makes its final decision, residents may appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal in Lansing.

"If (residents) go to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, they have to have a full appraisal done of their property," said member Kellianne Nagy. "It's a formal litigation process."

Market changes

Kathleen McLallen, a downtown Northville-based Century 21 Town and Country real estate agent, said 2005 residential housing prices were erratic. "Housing sale prices are in a constant state of flux," McLallen said.

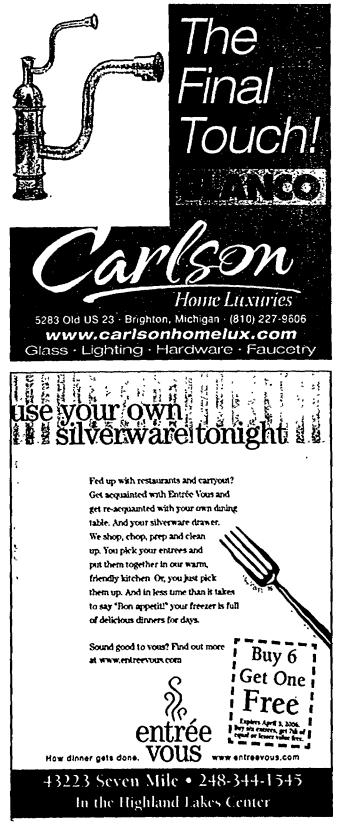
According Proposal A, passed in 1994, local governments can increase property taxes each year up to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

McLallen said each year the taxable value will be adjusted based on Proposal A.

-She said as house values continue to rise or fall, the 5 percent cap helps keep the taxable value under control, while the assessed value fluctuates with market conditions.

Nagy said the biggest misconception among residents regarding their assessment is not understanding the difference between taxable value and assessed value.

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Timber!

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The City of Northville escaped major damage from bad weather Monday, with the exception some downed trees, like this one near the corner of High and Randolph streets. Northville Township fire crews fielded five calls between 3-9 p.m., responding to reports of trees down at Five Mile and Sheldon roads, Eight Mile and Beck roads and near Jamestown Circle, as well as problems with downed wires or leaning poles near Reservoir Road and at Six Mile Road and Maple Hill Drive. No injuries were reported.

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Peace of mind Community activists plan Northville march to protest War in Iraq

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Scott Craig doesn't mind standing out in a crowd, as long as it involves protesting the war in Iraq.

Craig is among some Northville residents protesting the war, which began three years ago this month.

"Northville is like small town America," said the 51-year-old vice president of the Northville Democratic Club, "When people in small town America start protesting war, it's the beginning of the end for any kind of support for this war."

The club is sponsoring Walk for Peace noon-2 p.m. Saturday in downtown Northville.

The walk is aimed at raising awareness about the impact of the war and the effect it's having on southeast Michigan.

Signs of peace

With signs ready. "Another family for peace. Bring the troops home," Craig hopes to spread the word throughout downtown Northville and help residents speak up.

"We're going to meet at the gazebo (in Bandshell Park), listen

to a few speeches, then walk almost single-file through downtown with signs," he said. "The key is to make people aware and the visibility is doing a walk with signs (to spread a message)." Craig hopes more than 150 people will participate.

"America is caught in a war and occupation with no end in sight," he said "Meanwhile the war (is draining) resources from education, health care and needed domestic programs.

"Our children are being left with a massive debt as their legacy from this war."

Co-hosting the event is Northville Township resident and club chair Carol Poenisch, a teacher for the Detroit Public School District.

Reliving history

Speakers for the Walk for Peace include Iraq war veteran Paul Brown, who served two tours in Iraq and his mother Debra. Brown returned to Michigan in February. "At the end of the Vietnam War, we started to see veterans form their own groups against the war," Craig said. "(Brown) is against

the war. He will be talking about his experiences, how it felt to be a soldier there, his doubts about the

Walk for Peace Location: Gazebo at

Bandshell Park Tima: noon-2 p.m. Saturday

What: The Northville Democratic Club is sponsoring Walk for Peace to raise awareness on the impacts of the war in Iraq and the effect it's having on southeast Michigan.

war and he will share views from other soldiers he served with." Craig said the walk is open to

anyone in favor of peace.

Eventually there will be some resolution (to the war)," Craig said. "During the Vietnam War, Walter Cronkite said we're stuck in quagmire and we couldn't get out of it.

"I believe the war in Iraq has become the modern day quagmire."

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Members of the Northville Democratic Club met this past weekend to make signs, protesting the war in iraq, to carry during Saturday's Walk for Peace in downtown Northville. From left to right: Jamle Turner, Dar Wolford, Annette Malson, Frank Kalinski and Scott Craig.

"Northville is like small town America ... When people in small town America start protesting war, it's the beginning of the end for any kind of support for this war."

> Scott Craig Northville Democratic Club





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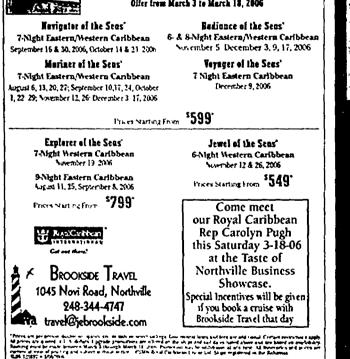
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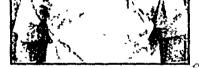




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Bringing home a trophy The Northville swim team brought home a fourth-place trophy after a strong performance at the state finals last

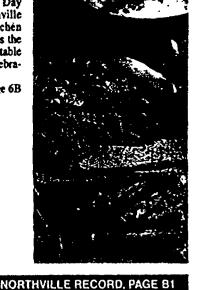
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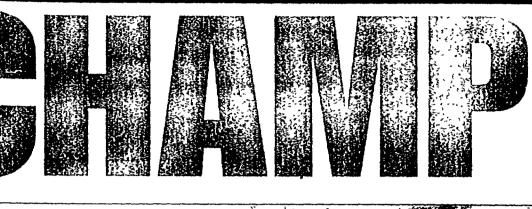
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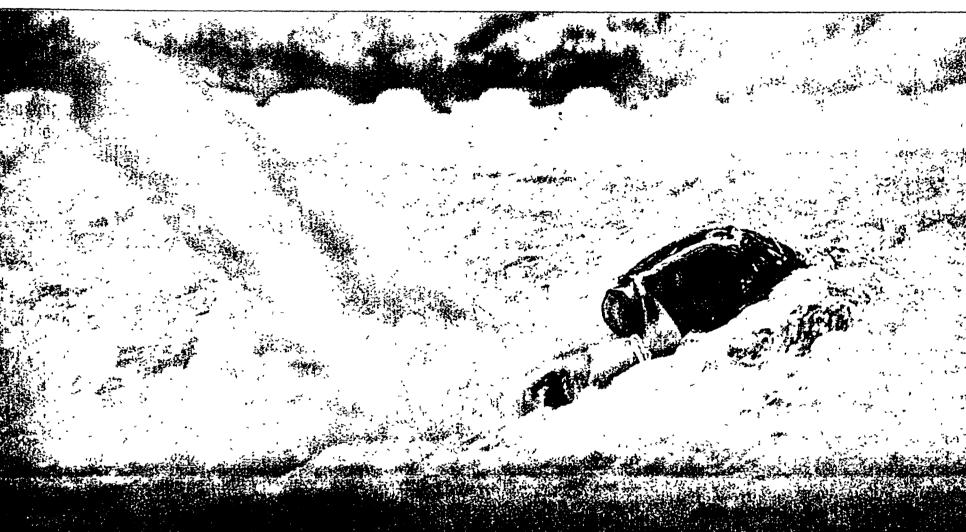


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Mustang junior Chris Keady swims the 500 meter freestyle during last Friday's MHSAA finals in Ann Arbor.

Chris Keady silences the critics with state swimming title

Junior wins 200 IM, takes second in 500 freestyle

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Chris Keady could have thrown his hands in the air and let out a visceral roar of victory after winning the state title in the 200 individual medley last week.

Instead, he turned and shook the hand of the swimmer that was supposed to beat him, Tony Wahl.

"I think there were only two people in the entire place who thought Chris could beat him," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "That was Chris and myself."

Keady was ranked second in the medley race behind Wahl, who swims for the University of Detroit Jesuit.

Wahl was considered a heavy favorite, not having lost a race in the medley all season before the finals.

Keady took a strong lead after the freestyle leg and it quickly became apparent to the crowd that Keady wasn't going to be caught.

"It got real quiet after the backstroke," Bennetts said. 'Chris buried him in the freestyle. It was a very impressive swim.

"I think everyone just waited for Tony to get moving. They were cheering and then it got real quiet. Everyone was 'Wait a minute. Tony 1sn't going to catch him.""

Keady touched the wall, took a deep breath and then leaned across the line to shake his Coming into the finals swim, opponent's hand. He won the

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"I think I got everything out of this season I could have wanted. It's nice for this team to be getting some recognition. Now our reputation can start to grow."

> Chris Keady Junior swimmer

ished in 1:53.01.

Though no one could tell by

"I just told myself to keep on

Keady also finished second in the 500 freestyle. He finished in 5:34.98, breaking the varsity swim record at Northville by over three seconds.

ish in the state for Division I schools.

Silencing the critics

Keady came into his high school career a highly touted tanker. He was expected to finish high at the state finals but didn't.

Last year, he put up better numbers as a sophomore but still didn't quiet his critics.

This year's results may have done the trick.

"I'm real proud of that kid," Bennetts said. "There has been a lot of talk about him and not being able to swim real well at the big meets. He pretty much shut up everyone in the state.

"He swam a 1:52.66 in the 200 IM, the event he won. There are only a handful of guys his age in the United States that could swim that time."

Keady said earning individual recognition was nice, but bringing home a trophy and putting Northville on the swimming and diving radar meant more to him. With a senior season still

ahead of him, Keady said he hopes to help lead Northville back to the finals for a repeat performance.

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"I think I got everything out of this season 1 could have wanted," he said. "It's nice for this team to be getting some recognition. Now our reputation can start to grow."

Keady, a junior, said he expects to improve his swims during the off-season while in the pool with the Bulldog Aquatic Club.

It's a year Bennetts said the Mustangs are looking forward

"That kid really found him-self," Bennetts said. "He had a lot to prove and he showed people what he was capable of doing. He's going to be a hig part of this team next year."

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He didn't pump his fists or cheer. He left that to his coach.

looking at him, Keady said he was thrilled with the results: He was a state champion.

going," Keady said. "I was very excited. It was amazing. I finally won an event."

Keady's finish helped the Mustangs to a fourth-place fin-

race in just 1:52.66. Wahl fin-

MUSTANGS SCOREBOARD

It was a good year to be a Northville Mustang. Two teams won conference championships, four won division titles and all of them showcased their talent and ability.

Swimming and diving takes fourth in the state

The Northville swimming and diving team, led by coach Rich Bennetis, took fourth place in the state finals last weekend, the best finish in 30 years at Northville High School.

"It was a really good season," Bennetts said. "I'm real proud of how well the kids swam. They did everything I asked them to do."

The Mustangs also secured their conference and division titles for the second year as they compiled a 10-0 record during the regular season dual meets.

Northville's season came to a close with their showing at the state finals.

Basketball makes history

More than 40 years ago, the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team earned the only undefeated regular season record and went on for a 20-1 showing. This year's team duplicated that mark, climbing to a 20-1 record.

Their only loss came during the first round of the district tournament to Catholic Central, 56-55, and ended their season.

Volleyball wins division --- again

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team earned their second division title in as many years with a 5-0 run in the Western Division. It's the second division title in school history for the program.

The Mustangs compiled a 40-13-3 record while earning such accolades as the championship of the U-M Dearborn Tournament and making the final game six out of seven tourneys.

"I'm really happy with this season," coach Steve Anderson said. "We wanted to earn the respect of the other team's in our division and our conference. We've done that."

Northville's season came to a close in the final round of the district tournament as they fell to state-ranked Churchill in five games.

Hockey earns Western Division title

The Mustangs boys hockey team made quite a run this season, despite tough obstacles standing in their way. The team earned the Western Division title for the third straight season.

Northville's season came to a close after they advanced to the regional tournament finals with wins over South Lyon and Canton. They fell to eventual Division I state champion Brighton, 6-0.

Gymnasts make state finals

The combined Northville-Novi gymnastics team --- the Wild 'Stangs - earned a berth to the state finals with a third-place finish at the regional meet.

The finals didn't prove easy for the Wild 'Stangs as they finished 12th out of 13 teams to end their season.

The squad compiled a 5-3 mark this season.

"I'm very proud of the girls and the work they've done this year," coach Erin McWatt said. "We had a lot of girls step up to the plate for us and they did a great job."

Cheerleaders take fourth at regional

It was a year of improvement for the Northville Mustangs cheerleading squad this season.

The team, coached by Mindy Gentz, collected a 20-25 record while finishing fourth in the Western Lakes Activities Association and fourth place in the regional tournament.

"In our second year competing in the MHSAA competitive cheer we made tremendous improvement," Gentz said. "We have improve in every aspect of the sport."

The team took second at the Northville Invitational and earned two selections to the All-Region team for the first time in school history. Selections were Ashley Flohr and Megan Narus. Flohr also earned two scholarships, one each from the CCCAM and the Michigan | Cheerleading Coaches Association.



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Mustangs earn second division title

Northville volleyball team spikes with season success

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville volleyball coach Steve Anderson said at the beginning of the season he wanted his team to earn respect.

Mission accomplished.

The Mustangs compiled a 40-13-3 record, earning their second consecutive Western Division championship in as many years. The only two in school history.

"It's just part of the next step in the development of the program," Anderson said, a second year head coach for Northville. "We'll see where that goes.'

The Mustangs finished their season in the district tournament, advancing to the finals against state-ranked Churchill before losing in five games.

Northville dropped the first game but rallied to win the next two.

"Churchill, being the strong program they are, came back and won the fourth and the fifth games," Anderson said. "We played right with them,"

In the fourth game, Northville fell 25-21 and was edged in the fifth game, 15-11.

Northville beat South Lyon in three games before advancing to the finals.

The future is bright

The Mustangs have plenty to be excited about for next season.

The squad graduates only three seniors,

including all-around starter Morgan Daul. Returning next year: Joanna Foss, Krysta Cicala and Amanda Marquardt.

"The juniors and sophomores, across the board, performed just awesome," Anderson said. "The experience they developed playing against older players is important. Now they'll be the older players and that's going to work to their advantage thanks to all the experience they have."

Though Anderson said he doesn't like to make predictions for next season, he is thinking positive.

He said the key is maintaining the current roster.

"I hate to speculate about next year," Anderson said. "Are kids going to transfer? Will people move in? I don't want to speculate, but if the roster stays intact, the future is pretty bright."

Anderson said his juniors and sophomores won't be the only ones returning. He plans on being back again next season as well.

But next year the Mustangs won't just be going into games hoping to earn respect. Instead, they'll be playing a new role as a team considered a serious threat.

Anderson said his team has earned the respect they were looking to get and he expects they'll see the difference next season.

"The cat is kind of out of the bag," he said. "We won our division, took Churchill to five games, and half of our losses, were to stateranked teams.

"We've accomplished our goal of getting respect from other programs. Now, they won't just anticipate Northville being an automatic win for them."

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> Steve Anderson Head Coach, Northville Volleyball

What a season!

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Mustangs earned plenty of milestones. Team record of 40-13-3 with a .754

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. , Finalist in 6-of-7 tournaments • Two All-Division players: Joanna Foss

and Krysta Cicala

 Four honorable mention players: Morgan Daul, Amanda Marguardt, Katie Moran and Allison Holmes

• Three All-Regional selections: Joanna Foss, Krysta Cicala and Morgan Daul



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With my diabetes under control, I feel a lot better and have more energy. Best of all, I'm going to be around for my family ... for my friends... for life.



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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 season 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.

www.LacrosseTC.com or

Spring Learn to Skate

Novi loc 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 30minute practice sessions. The following classes

will be offered:

- Beginning Tots Snowplow Sam 1-3
- Basic 1-5

 Skater's Edge Accelerated Bridge Program Adult

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.

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 welcome 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.

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Pre-season baseball 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-years- old. Rick and his staff - Scott Combs. Mike Koceski, Paul Sabol and the 2006 Varsity Team will instruct participating players in the following:

 Hitting · Fielding · Throwing fundamen-

tals

· 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 1shirt. 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 wom, 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 3on-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.

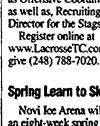
For more information, call (248) 349-0203 for more information.

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.



Wild 'Stangs finish 12th;

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that out the hard way last weekend when they took 12th in the state finals. There were some falls costing the team points, but coach Erin McWatt said she's not upset over the results. "Overall, I'm happy with how states went for the girls," she said. We had a few problems here and there on Friday that you just can't afford if you want

the state finals, any little slip can make the differ-

The Northville-Novi gymnastics team found

to grab those top

"But the girls fought for every

places.

The Wild 'Stangs scored 137.2 points. Their final tally wasn't too far off from third-time state champi-

Not to mention the injuries. With only 14 gymnasts on the team, one

injury makes a huge difference. "It's nice to work with a smaller

group of girls so you can give each more individual attention, but we were also coping with more than a

handful of injuries this year," McWatt said. "When you have a

small pool of competitors to pull

from, that can sometimes be stress-

One of the most unfortunate

As a top all-around scorer.

Foucher's points helped make a lot

of difference in the final total. Her

McWatt, "She's amazingly talented

and I know it was heartbreaking for her to sit out the second half of the

The Wild 'Stangs graduate six

seniors and will return eight. But the

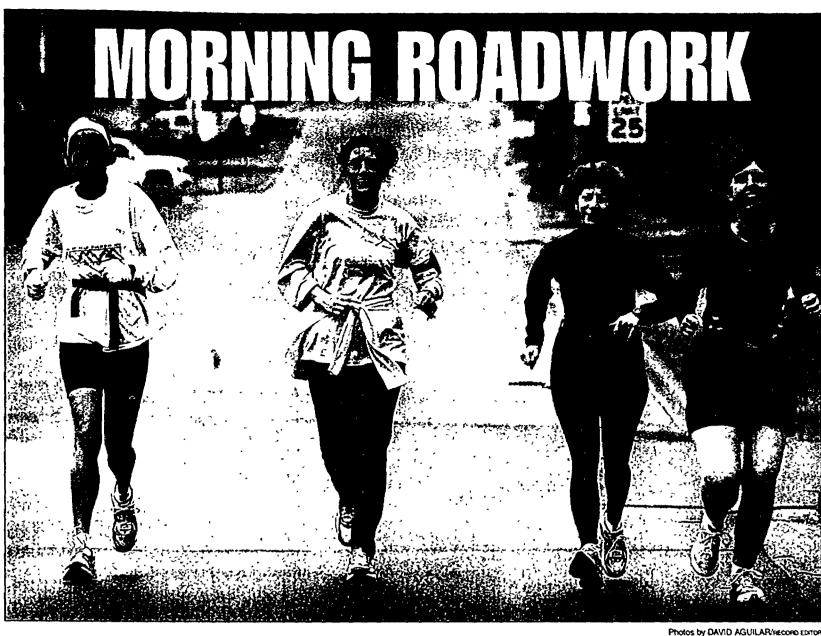
future is uncertain for the team, comprised of athletes from both

loss impacted the entire team. "It was hard to lose her," said

injuries was the loss of Julie Foucher, who broke her foot.

on Tri-Farmington's 146.2. The Northville-Novi team finished their season with a 5-3 mark, taking third at the regional and fourth at their conference meet. But the state finals are a different story. The best of the state's best are there. The slips and the falls count-

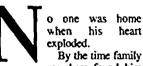
ed against the squad.



Northville Township residents Lisa Coleman, Robyn Boyd and Cheryl Chaveriat are joined by Kathy Milczarski, second from left, of Farmington Hills, during an early Sunday morning run spanning from Northville High School through the streets of the City of Northville.

Road to physical fitness sometimes takes Northville off the beaten path

During the next six months, Northville Record editor David Aguilar will be walking local footpaths and running alongside Northville residents, then sharing their unique stories.



members found him hours later, laying on the living room floor, it was too late. At 52, he was dead. Mark 2569

Tangborn was 12 when his father died that summer day, when the heaving heart that weathered decades of fac-



heart

tory work, double-shifts and David Aguilar countless packs

feet and a strong throwing arm -play shortstop, or hit the only home run of his playing career, the championship game-winner against a previously undefeated team.

The game was deadlocked, 1-1, when Mark came up that day, his mind reeling from the fact that his father had missed the biggest game of his career. "How could he not be here?" he thought to himself. "We've worked so hard ... talked so much ... where's he at?"

No one told him his father died the day before. His mom chose to swallow her pain and for one day longer preserve the pureness of her son's fleeting youth. Let him play one last game as a child, she reasoned. Tomorrow he can become a man.

But all Mark knew was that every time he looked up his father wasn't in the stands encouraging him, his booming voice was not lifting him up or propelling him forward. Mark couldn't see past his own broken heart: Where's Dad? Why isn't he here? He promised.

I remember heading to the plate with the game tied," Mark said. "I was 0-4 that day, with two errors, something that never happened. I was so mad at my dad, so disappointed he wasn't there, that I think I took it out on the ball. I just closed

brother, gave up the real score. Mark was still wearing his uniform.

"I want to talk to you about

something ..." "I never forgot that day," Mark said. "Now I try to stay fit, because I'm about the age my father was when he died ... he taught me many lasting lessons."

Among them: "Good health is important."

Looking for an Angel

And so it goes along Northville's city streets and public pathways, where lives intersect without notice or fanfare. This is where Northville's real roadwork gets done.

Some run to shed unwanted ounds. Others walk as part of heart bypass rehabilitation. And some are simply getting out of the house, tired of looking at the same four walls all winter long or hearing the persistent drone of a sibling spouse who just won't let up.

Dorothy Cortes walks two miles every day, sometimes twice. She moved into her Northville Township home along Cypress Court four years ago and cuts a path past Millennium Park, south on Sheldon Road, then home again. Every time, she takes Angel, a 4year-old golden retriever known best for energetically pouncing upon strangers, then running scared when deer get too close. Cortes never thought another dog could replace Stormy, a pet she'd had for 14 years. But when she moved to Northville, she realized it was time to move on. She'd first seen Angel at a Novi dog show. The dog was a runt, the breeder said, good for little else than companionship. What else is there? Cortes thought. "She was an angel because she took the place of my other dog," she said Sunday morning, near Six Mile and Sheldon roads. "She's been a Godsend."



golden retriever, Angel, along a Northville Township path.

peaceful. Simultaneously, they are that a good way to keep pace is to at work. And at rest. It's disgusting.

running. 'We're doing this more as a

say a nursery rhyme while you're All four women --- each "about

Novi and Northville high schools. An unwise decision by the Michigan', High School Athletic Association could find all cooperative teams being disbanded.

season."

The results could be devastating for the Wild 'Stangs as Novi may not be able to host a team and the Northville squad would struggle to field enough participants.

"It's definitely a shame and certainly won't benefit our girls," McWatt said. "It would be devastating for our juniors from Novi if they



RECORD EDITOR of cigarettes, decided to

finally check out. Mark's little league baseball team had a big playoff game the next day, against an undefeated cross-town rival.

Mark and his father constantly talked baseball while standing in the Livonia back yard where Mark grew up. They discussed strategy while playing catch, Ernie Harwell, the broadcasting voice of the Detroit Tigers, bouncing off suburban homes

"My dad used to tell me, 'Never look at the scoreboard. Just play hard. Play hard and the score will take care of itself," Mark said.

Mark Tangborn is now closer to 50 than he cares to concede, walking five to six times per week along a Northville Township public path to keep the pounds off, and a genetically-sensitive heart strong.

He has two grown sons of his own, who've each heard their share of Dad's lectures.

They never met their grandpa, though they've heard countless stories about his work ethic, quirks and upstanding character. And they never saw their father --- once a skinny kid with long limbs, quick

my eyes and swung as hard as I could."

It wasn't pretty, he said, a line drive that found a gap with one out in the final inning. The ball hit the ground hard and skipped along uneven terrain, bouncing along like a young boy chasing his father around the back yard. Mark took off, quick feet carrying him around the bases as young outfielders clumsily gave chase. The echo of his father's voice bounced around in his head, like loose change a parent quietly surrenders, hoping one day it will amount to something better for their children: "Play hard, son. Always play hard."

Mark turned for home, tears pouring down his cheeks: "I'm running, Dad. I'm playing hard. Where are you?"

In a cloud of dust, he beat the throw the throw home. His team won, 2-1. The stands erupted, including members of Mark's extended family, who'd quietly deferred funeral arrangements to attend the game. Later that night, out back where Mark and his father had played catch so many times, a favorite uncle, his dad's older

City sidewalks

In the city, eight feet march quietly through a fading early morning fog. It's Sunday. Early. And quiet, like church. Four women approach, dressed alike in personalized versions of the same running outfit: body-shaping running pants, Tshirts and running shoes. Their bodies are taut; their expressions

social thing," Lisa Coleman said, a Northville Township resident who's run her share of marathons and trains regularly with two friends and her sister, Kathy Milczarski of Farmington Hills.

A social thing? By the time they hit Cabbage Town, an older portion of the city east of Center Street and south of Eight Mile Road, they'd already run 7.8 miles. Their morning run began at Northville High School.

For Coleman and Milczarski, Sunday was a routine workout: 13 miles. But for township residents Robyn Boyd and Cheryl Chaveriat, who ran three miles before officially getting started, the Sunday goal was a bit more ambitious: 16 miles. Chaveriat is training for her first

marathon, though she's run a halfmarathon before and currently takes classes at Running Fit in Novi, teaching her how to properly train for a marathon.

Isn't that like someone saying they've never actually had a child, though they've read a book about it? someone asks.

We learn about how to warm up, keep your muscles toned, and about nutrition ... we also learned

50" --- said they've participated in the Detroit Free Press Marathon, though two quietly concede they subscribe to the Detroit News.

"I read the Record," Chaveriat said, as though trying to make points along a deserted city street in the hope they'll somehow add up to another mile run. It doesn't, and shortly the group moves along. More miles to log. More roadwork awaits.

The foursome also runs during the week, as part of the Northville Road Runners group that meets at Maybury State Park every Tuesday evening. As a group, they've run all winter long, sub-zero temperatures or not. Begrudgingly, they concede when the roads turn icy or the skies turn to lightning.

Chaveniat has even run snowshoe races before, though she's partial to Northville's mystic ambiance.

The streets of Northville and the pathways are beautiful," Chaveriat said. "It's truly a gift."

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didn't get a chance to compete in gymnastics their senior year if the teams are separated."

McWatt said she believes there will still be a team at Northville High School, especially with the support of Bryan Masi, the district's athletics director.

To supplement the team at Northville --- or the combined team if the appeal the Wild 'Stangs filed is approved by the MHSAA --- the gymnasts will showcase their sport to incoming freshmen.

"In April, we have a high school athletic fair which attracts many incoming freshmen," McWatt said. The girls also post fliers throughout both high schools at the beginning of the school year reminding girls to check out the gymnastics team in October."

But no matter if there is a team next year or not, McWatt said this year's squad will still have plenty to remember.

Improved skill levels, top-seven finish in each invitational the team attended and the fourth highest regional score in the state are all things to reflect on.

"It was a lot of fun," McWatt said.

No doubt she and the returning girls want to do it again. Hopefully the MHSAA lets them.

🔳 Individual results Division 1

Army Reynolds: Bars: 9.05 (16th place); Beam: 8.625 (25th)

Division 2

Rachel Deneau: Beam: 9.4 (2nd); Floor: 8.9 (9th); Vault: 8.7 (33rd); Bars: 7.85 (38th); All-Around: 34.85 (11th)

Sarah Ilhkani-Pour: Bars: 8.6 (13th); Beam: 8.575 (28th); Floor: 8.4 (35th); Vault: 8.4 (39th); All-Around: 33.975 (21st)

Emma Platt: Vault: 8.85 (21st); Bars: 7.85 (38th); Floor: 8.65 (23rd)

Jacqueline Gazette: Beam: ^{(9.05} (12th); Bars: 8.525 (17th) 🕐 Lauren Duda: Vault: 8.75 🦾 👎

Like taxes, NCAA tournament depends on your bracket

Some practical tips for filling out those mystical office brackets

By Reid Chemer GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

It is said that the beauty of the NCAA tournament is that anybody can win. But in the past 15 years, the title has been won 12 times by a team from three leagues: Atlantic Coast, Big East or Southeastern. And of the 60 spots in the Final Four in those years, the Big Ten, ACC and SEC have accounted for 60 percent of those slots.

Your seeds in the Final Four should total in the single digits but not too low. Last year the total was 11 (two No. 1s, a No. 4 and a No. 5). It was just the third time in 13 years it has been above nine. But it was below seven just twice in the same period.

Since 1979, all four No. 1 seeds have never made it to the Final Four. The only year at least one No. 1 didn't make the Final Four was 1980.

In the last seven years, there have been two teams from the same conference in the Final Four.

In 2000, two No. 8 seeds made the Final Four. Since then, 18 of the 20 spots were taken by teams seeded No. 3 or higher.

If you want to knock off the top seed, your best chance comes in the Final Four, where they are 19-17. They are 214-26 in the first three rounds.

The top three seeds have won 18 of the past 21 titles. If you are looking below that, know that one title has been won by a No. 4, No. 6 and No. 8. No other seed has won a national title.

Since 1985, a No. 11 seed has made one Final Four but there has never been a No. 7, 9 or 10 seed make it in that time.

The No. 9 seed is 46-38 against the No. 8 seed in the first round. But the No. 9 is 3-43 in the next round.

The No. 5 seed is 5-25 in the third round but 4-1 in the

fourth round.

The Nos. 13-16 seeds have won five second-round games in 21 years.

The No. 12 seed is a better long-shot bet than the No. 11. Since 1985 the 12 has won 27 first-round games and are 14-12 in the second round. The No. 11 is 25-59 in the first round and 10-15 in the second round.

A team that enters the tournament with just one loss has not won the national title since 1974. A team with two losses has won the title six times since then.

No team with a .500 record has ever won an NCAA game.

If yow"are betting on coaches here are the top winning percentages in the tournament: Mike Krzyzewski, Duke, .786; Tom Izzo, Michigan State, .767; Rick Pitino, Louisville .756; Roy Williams, North Carolina, .732; Tubby Smith, Kentucky, .711; Jim Calhoun, Connecticut, .706; Bruce Weber, Illinois, .692; Gary Williams, Maryland, .667. All except Weber have won a national title.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville Mustang Brad Farris competes in the 100 meter backstroke during the MHSAA Division I state finals last weekend.

State finals results

The Northville Mustangs finished 46 points out of first place when they took fourth at the state finals with 200 points last Saturday.

<u>Swimmer</u>	<u>Event</u>	Place	<u>Time</u>
Chris Keady	200 IM	1st	1:52.66
-	500 freestyle	2nd	4:33.47
Brad Farris	200 freestyle	* 4th	1:42.19
	100 backstroke	4th	0:53.14

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Swimming: Tankers take fourth

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think the coach came up a little short on this one."

Bennetts said nothing should be taken away from his team though. A fourth-place finish brings home a trophy for the ' Mustangs' display case. The team scored 200 points while first-place finisher Ann Arbor Pioneer finished with 246. Taking second was Brother Rice with 228 and Livonia Stevenson was third with 201.5.

The Mystangs found themselves trailing by over 50 points following the preliminaries. At the time, they were also behind

Stevenson by 20 points. A strong showing Saturday during the finals helped the Mustangs maintain a fourth-place finish and cut into the leads by making up 19 points.

The most notable swims came from junior Chris Keady, who took first in the 200 individual medley and second in the 500 freestyle for the Mustangs.

Also placing in the finals was the 200 medley relay team of Brad Farris, Weston Laabs. Will Blickle and Brody Blickle with a third-place showing.

Farris notched a fourth-place finish in the 200 freestyle followed by Chris Culkin in 13th. Farris also swam well in the 100 backstroke, finishing fourth, followed by Brody Blickle's fifth-place showing.

Behind Keady in the 200 individual medley was Brody Blickle in 10th and Will Blickle in 12th. Laabs finished 14th in the 100 breaststroke.

In the 500 freestyle, Culkin took sixth and Will Blickle was ninth. Finishing 11th in the 200 freestyle relay was the team of Brody Blickle, Laabs, Culkin

"We had a great season. We finished fourth in the state, had a ton of All-Americans, a ton of great swims and we set the standards pretty high. I'm awfully proud of their efforts and their swims."

> **Rich Bennetts** Northville Swim Coach

and Keady.

Rounding out the state finals was a second-place showing from the 400 freestyle relay team of Keady, Will Blickle, Culkin and Farris.

• "We had a great season," Bennetts said. "We finished fourth in the state, had a ton of All-Americans, a ton of great swims and we set the standards pretty high. I'm awfully proud of their efforts and their swims." The Mustangs finished their

regular season undefeated and won the Western Division and Activities Western Lakes Association titles.

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Brody Blickle
Chris Culkin
Will Blickle
Weston Laabs Relay team Relay team Relay team

E Leaving it all in the pool

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team had plenty of great moments this year and the honors have poured in to prove it.

ll-American (automatic)	
Event	<u>Swimmer</u>
200 Free	Brad Farris
200 IM	Chris Keady
500 Free	Chris Keady
400 Free Relay team (C. Keach	., W. Blickle, C. Culkin, B. Farris)
200 medley relay team (B. Blc	ikle, W. Laabs, B. Farris, C. Keady)

All-American (consideration)

Event	Swimmer
200 free	Chris Keday
100 Fly	Brad Farris
100 Free	Chris Keady
500 Free	Will Blickle
100 Back	Brad Farris and Brody Blickle
	lickle, w. laabs, C. Culkin, C. Keady)

All-State Honors

Event	Swimmer
200 Free	Brad Farris
200 IM	Chris Keady
500 Free	Chris Keady and Chris Culkin
100 Back	Brad Farris and Brody Blickle
	ty, W. Blickle, C. Culkin, B. Farris)
200 Medley relay team (B. F	arris, W. Laabs, W. Blickle, B.Blickle)

Varsity Records Broken this season

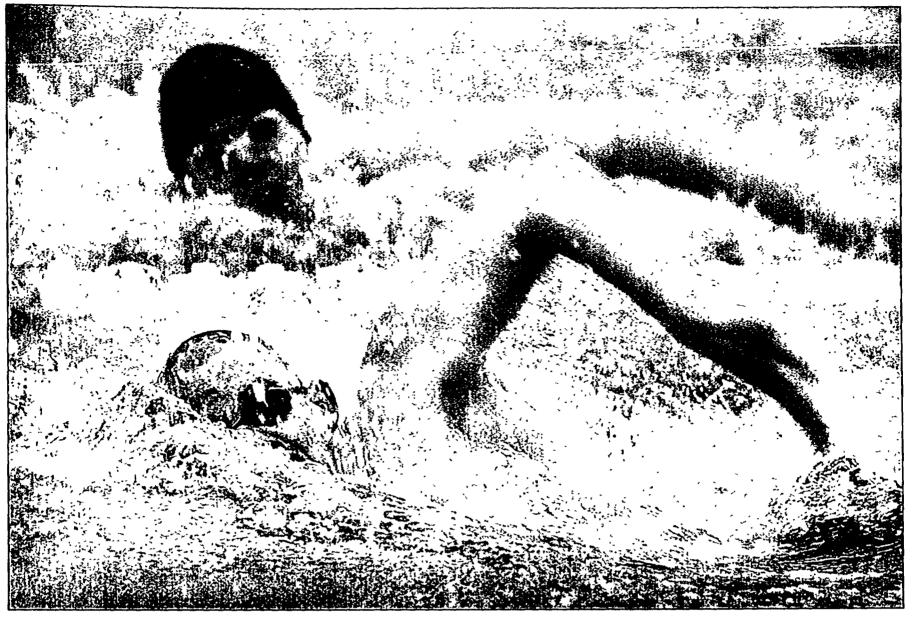
Event	Swimmer	<u>Time</u>
200 Free	Brad Farris	1:41.72
200 IM	Chris Keady -	1:52.66
100 Fly	Brad Farris	0:52.10
100 Free	Chris Keady	0:47.23
500 Free	Chris Keady	4:33.47
400 free relay (C. Keady, W. Blickle	, C. Culkin, B. Farris)	3:10.32
200 medley Relay (B. Blickle, W. La		1:36.63

100 backstroke	5th	0:53.24
200 IM	10th	1:57.57
500 freestyle	6th	4:43.68
200 freestyle	13th	1:45.21
500 freestyle	9th	4:42.50
200 IM	12th	1:58.01
100 breaststroke	14th	1:01.67
400 freestyle relay	2nd	3:10.32
200 freestyle relay	11th	1:28.86
200 medley relay	3rd	1:36.95



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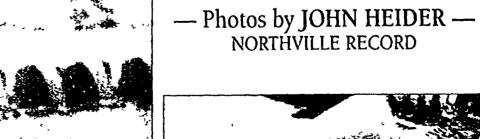


Northville's Chris Culkin swims the 500 freestyle at the state finals.



Northville's John Bardsley swims the 500 freestyle at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Mustang Brody Blickle emerges from beneath the water and begins swimming the 100 meter backstroke during MHSAA state finals last Friday at Univeristy of Michigan.





Mustang swimmer Chris Keady was a huge part of Northville's state finals success, winning the 200 mediey.



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IN THE KITCHEN

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Corned Beef Brisket With Roasted Vegetables & Lemon-Mustard Sauce

Total preparation and cooking time: 3 hours to 3 hours and 40 minutes

3-1/2. to 4 pounds boneless corned beef brisket

- with seasoning packet
- medium cloves garlic, peeled teaspoons whole black peppercorns
- 2 cups water
- pound carrots, cut into 2-1/2 x 1/2-inch pieces
- pound parsnips, cut into 2-1/2 x 1/2-inch pieces
- pound savoy or green cabbage, cut into 4 wedges 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Checky to the July for giving us St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Brisket Tips

Lemon-Mustard Sauce (recipe follows)

- 1. Position oven racks in upper and lower thirds of oven. Heat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Place comed beef brisket in roasting pan; sprinkle garlic, contents of seasoning packet and peppercorns around brisket. Add water; cover tightly with aluminum foil. Braise in upper third of 350°F oven 3 to 3-1/2 hours or until brisket is fork-tender.
- 3. Meanwhile place carrots, parsnips and cabbage on rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with oil and toss gently to coat. Season with salt and ground pepper. Cover with aluminum foil. Roast in lower third of 350°F oven with brisket 55 minutes. Uncover; continue roasting 10 to 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender and begin to brown.
- 4. Remove brisket from roasting pan. Cover and refrigerate 1/2 of brisket (about 12 ounces), 3/4 cup each carrots and parsnips and 1/2 cup Lemon-Mustard Sauce for Corned Beef & Roasted Vegetable Salad With Lemon-Dill Dressing (see recipe).
- 5. Carve remaining brisket diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Serve with remaining roasted vegetables and Lemon-Mustard Sauce.

Makes 4 servings

Lemon-Mustard Sauce: Heat I tablespoon olive oil in small saucepan over medium heat. Add 2 tablespoons finely chopped shallot; cook and stir about 2 minutes or until tender. Remove from heat; cool 1 minute. Stir in 2/3 cup dairy sour cream, 1/3 cup Dijon-style mustard, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill and I teaspoon honey. Season with 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Cover; set aside.

Cook's Tip: If seasoning packet is not included with corned beef brisket, substitute 1-1/4 teaspoons pickling spice.

Corned Beef & Roasted Vegetable Salad With Lemon-Dill Dressing

Total preparation and cooking time: 20 minutes

- 12 ounces reserved cooked corned beef brisket, coarsely chopped
- cups thinly sliced savoy or green cabbage (about 1 pound) cups mixed salad greens (about 3-1/2 ounces)
- 3/4 cup reserved roasted carrots
- 3/4 cup reserved roasted parsnips
- 1/2 cup toasted chopped walnuts

Lemon-Dill Dressing:

- 1/2 cup reserved Lemon-Mustard Sauce 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar or white wine vinegar Salt and pepper
- 1. Whisk Lemon-Dill Dressing ingredients in small bowl. Set aside.
- 2. Combine comed beef, cabbage, salad greens, carrots,
- parsnips and walnuts in large bowl. Add Lemon-Dill Dressing; toss to coat evenly. Season with salt and pepper, as desired.
- Makes 4 servings

istorically, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland was a time of dancing, drinking and feasting (to break the Lenten prohibition against eating meat). But, the feast was typically Irish bacon and cabbage Our beloved tradition of eating comed beef probably began in the late 19th century with Irish immigrants to Canada and America. Beef and salt were less expensive, so brined or pickled beef was more accessible. Despite its origins, comed beef and cabbage has certainly become our celebration meal in honor of St. Patrick,

along with an accompaniment of potato rolls or Irish soda bread. For dessert, serve shamrock-shaped cookies for extra good luck!



Corned Beef Reuben Dip

Total preparation and cooking time: 19 to 22 minutes

- 6 ounces cooked corned beef brisket or deli corned beef, finely chopped (about 1-1/3 cups)
- 3/4 cup drained sauerkraut with caraway seeds
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons shredded Swiss cheese, divided
- 1/3 cup prepared Thousand Island dressing
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper Chopped green onlons or fresh parsley (optional) Pita chips, whole-grain crackers, rye crackers or rye cocktail bread

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Combine corned beef brisket, sauerkraut, mayonnaise, 1/3 cup cheese, dressing, horseradish and red pepper in small bowl. Spread evenly into 9-inch pie plate. Sprinkle with remaining 2 tablespoons cheese. Bake 9 to 12 minutes or until heated through and bubbly. Gamish with green onions, if desired. Serve with pita chips, crackers or cocktail bread. Makes 20 appetizer servings (about 2 tablespoons each)

Cook's Tip: Dip may be prepared up to 24 hours in advance; do not bake. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Bake, uncovered, in 425°F oven 15 to 16 minutes or until heated through and bubbly.

Reduced-Fat Variation: Prepare recipe as above, substituting reducedfat mayonnaise, Swiss cheese and Thousand Island dressing.

Brisket Tips & Serving Suggestions

- Corned beef brisket can be purchased fully cooked from the deli, but it's easy to cook at home, too.
- The secret is simple: cook it long and slow, tightly covered. Comed beef brisket needs to gently simmer. The steam created ensures forktender, moist beef.
- Do not boil! Boiling does not speed up the cooking process; it only toughens the beef. Just be patient - it cooks unattended --- no need to turn or open the pan. Just check it at the end of the suggested cooking time.
- To determine doneness, insert a fork into the brisket; the beef is fork-tender when fork inserts without resistance and releases easily.
- Always carve brisket across the grain into thin slices for the most tender eating experience.
- A Reuben sandwich is the classic way to enjoy leftovers. But, for a change of pace, layer thinly sliced beef brisket on a crusty baguette with grainy mustard, chopped marinated artichokes, red onion rings and a slice of Muenster cheese.
- Thinly sliced brisket adds delicious protein to green salads. Pair with thinly sliced apples and chopped green onion. Toss with balsamic vinaigrette.
- Toss sliced brisket with roasted potatoes and onion wedges, chopped chives and a creamy mustard dressing for a main dish salad.

For additional beef recipes and cooking tips, visit www.BeefltsWhatsForDinner.com.



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Lt's been called "magic." At least that's how it seemed in 1856 when Gail Borden transformed fresh milk into safe and shelf-stable sweetened condensed milk.

A return voyage from London in 1851 prompted Borden's invention. He saw children fall ill from lack of fresh milk and set out to find a way to preserve milk while maintaining its taste and quality. Borden developed a vacuum method to remove water from milk, adding sugar as a preservative.

Eagle Brand first became a staple during the Civil War, when troops needed milk that wouldn't spoil. It is also credited with significantly reducing the infant mortality rate in North America. When the two World Wars brought rationing and shortages to American households, Eagle Brand proudly provided a "magic" way to make desserts. Today, Eagle Brand is still America's most trusted sweetened condensed milk.

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150 YEARS OF DESSERT "MAGIC"



Created in the early 1900s, this pie was touted as "magic." Adding lemon juice to Eagle Brand creates a rich, creamy filling, without cooking, that is easy to make, delicious every time and never fails, even for first-time bakers. Prep Time: 10 minutes

Makes one (8- or 9-inch) pie

1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk

Celebration Lime Cheesecake Bars

Throughout its long history, Eagle Brand has served as the secret ingredient in many decadent desserts. This recipe commemorates Eagle Brand's 150th anniversary by taking the old and making it new. It combines two of the oldest and most popular recipes --Key Lime Pie and Cheesecake - to bring you something modern and versatile - perfect for any occasion.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Makes 18 to 20 bars

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

1/3 cup sugar



- (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
 - teaspoon grated lemon rind or 1/4 teaspoon lemon extract
 - eggs, separated 2
 - (8- or 9-inch) graham cracker or 1 baked pie crust
 - 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
 - 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1. Preheat oven to 325°F. In medium bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice, lemon rind or extract and egg yolks; stir until mixture thickens. Pour into chilled graham cracker crust or cooled pie crust.
- 2. In medium bowl, beat egg whites and cream of tartar on high speed until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in sugar on medium speed, I tablespoon at a time; beat 4 minutes longer or until sugar is dissolved and stiff glossy peaks form.
- 3. Spread meringue over pie, carefully sealing to edge of crust to prevent meringue from shrinking, Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until meringue is lightly browned. Cool. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

Coconut Macaroons

A macaroon recipe with Eagle Brand was featured in magazines as early as 1919. Developed for simplicity, it can be made and baked in minutes - no flour, baking powder, rolling or cutting needed.

Prep Time: 10 minutes Makes about 4 dozen

- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- I egg white, whipped
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract

1 (14-ounce) package flaked coconut

- 1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Line baking sheets with foil; grease and flour foil. Set aside.
- 2. In large bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk, egg white, extracts and coconut; mix well. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls onto prepared baking sheets; slightly flatten each mound with a spoon.
- 3. Bake 15 to 17 minutes or until lightly browned around edges. Immediately remove from baking sheets (macaroons will stick if allowed to cool); cool on wire racks. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

Macaroon Kisses: Prepare and bake as above. Press solid milk chocolate candy piece in center of each macaroon immediately after baking.

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- tablespoons butter or margarine, softened and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- egg yolk, beaten
- 1/3 cup flaked coconut, packed
- (8-ounce) packages plain cream cheese, softened
- (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)

eggs

1/2 cup lime juice

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F. With mixer fitted with flat paddle, combine flour and sugar; add butter and egg yolk; blend until combined. Mix in coconut. Press dough evenly into bottom of greased 13x9-inch glass baking dish.
- 2. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until edge of crust is golden brown. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F.
- 3. With mixer, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs; mix until just combined. Stir in lime juice. Pour batter over baked crust. Once oven has cooled to 350°F, bake 17 to 22 minutes or until center is set.
- 4. Cool. Cover and chill 2 hours. Serve with toppings (optional, recipes follow). Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

OPTIONAL TOPPINGS

Ouick **Raspberry Sauce** Makes 3 cups

- 2 (12-ounce) packages frozen raspberries, thawed
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice 2 tablespoons water

Combine all ingredients in food processor or blender and r ix until smooth. Store covered in refrigerator.

Quick **Berry Sauce**

Makes 2 1/2 cups

- 1 cup raspberries
- tablespoons lemon juice 2 tablespoons sugar or
- to taste
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup diced strawberries

In large bowl, combine raspberries, lemon juice and sugar. Using large fork or potato masher, smash berries to make purce. Fold in blueberries and strawberries. Store covered in refrigerator.

- White Chocolate Glaze With Toasted Coconut and Pecans
 - 4 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
 - 1/2 cup flaked coconut
 - 1/3 cup chopped pecans
- 1 1/4 cups white chocolate chips or white vanilla chips
 - 1/4 cup lime juice

In skillet, melt 1 tablespoon butter. Add coconut and pecans; continue mixing until coconut is light brown. Remove from heat. Cool. In large bowl, combine chips, lime juice and remaining butter. Microwave on medium-high 30 to 40 seconds. Mix until smooth. Pour glaze over bars, spreading evenly. Top with coconut mixture.

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Mixed Fruit Salsa

Makes 2 1/2 cups

- 1 mango, peeled, pitted and diced
- cup chopped pineapple
- cup diced strawberries
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice 1/4 cup sugar

'Mix all ingredients in bowl. Chill at least 1 hour. Stir before serving.

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Wixom, Mich., March 16, 2006 - Mold claims cost homeowners more than \$3 billion last year, with average claims ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000 per homeowner, according to the Insurance Information Institute. So when protecting your home against water damage and freezing temperatures, it is also important to protect your home against mold growth. Allstate Agent Louis Kirby offers the following winter safety tips:

•Look around your home for water leaks and cut off the source of the leak as soon as possible. Check plumbing fixtures, roof gutters and air conditioners regularly, as well as appliances like refrigerators, dishwashers and washer and dryers.

•Be aware of potential signs of future water leaks, like moisture on your windows and damp, musty smells.

•Open windows and use fans for good ventilation in your home, particularly humid areas such as the laundry room, kitchen and bathrooms.

•When you go on vacation, turn off the water source to your home and set the thermostat above 50 degrees if it's cold outside. This can help prevent undetected water damage from leaky appliances or pipes.

•Mold can also settle on the decaying leaves of houseplants, so plants should be pruned regularly.

"Your home's humidity level is key in keeping mold at bay," said Allstate Agent Louis Kirby. "Set your humidistat between 35 percent to 40 percent during the winter months. If your windows begin to develop water condensation, lower your humidity level."

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Chris Meredith uses friendly customer service and unique interior design ideas to make "Your Nesting Place" feel like home.

At home, with Your Nesting Place

Unique Milford store offers friendly service, fresh design ideas

By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

Chris Meredith follows only one hard and fast rule when it comes to design - and that's to expect the unexpected. "We like to keep them guess-

ing," explains the owner of Your Nesting Place in Milford. "I like to push the edge of what's in." Come see what robin's egg blue

looks like on a wall, or a leopard print crown moulding --- maybe even dare to try it at home.

"We just came out of a period



YOUR NESTING PLACE

Location: 332 North Main St., in downtown Milford. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Phone: (248) 685-7314.

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Mercury glass fixtures are among the many unique offerings at Your Nesting Place, located in downtown Milford.

"I'd like to think something like remember what you bought last time, and we'll remember your name."

> Chris Meredith Owner, Your Nesting Place

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Louis Kirby also suggests the following tips:

•If you must use a room humidifier or vaporizer, keep it clean and change the water often, to avoid contamination by mold and bacteria.

•If there is mold, clean the area as quickly as possible to prevent mold from spreading.

•If you're ever unsure if a water leak may be occurring or see gray or black water leaks, call a professional to take a look.

For more information on this and other safety topics, contact Allstate Agent Louis Kirby, located at 49357 Pontiac Trail, Suite 103 in Wixom. Louis can be reached at 248-669-0755.

"I HAVE A HOUSE AND TWO CARS. IS THERE SUCH A THING AS ONE-STOP INSURANCE SHOPPING?"

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where everything was earth tones. Now we're moving back to some exciting bright colors," she explained.

As a designer, Chris Meredith refuses to be pigeon-holed into a safe category, and has developed a faithful following who've discov-ered her fun and refreshing approach to design.

Now clients can enjoy more of a good thing with double the space at their new location in the center of downtown on Main Street in Milford.

"It's bigger, it's brighter and it's easier to display stuff," she explained.

That sign with the overstuffed chair is symbolic of the store --laid back, comfy and inviting. Those comfortable seats are one of the first things customers notice in Your Nesting Place. There are sofas, love seats, overstuffed chairs and ottomans in tapestry, leather, olive creen and even plum. There are thousands of fabric selections so clients can find that perfect match

Because of their recently

expanded facilities, they can feature an even larger display of Flexsteel merchandise, which is the backbone of their merchandise.

Much of the charm of Your Nesting Place lies in its relaxed ambience. Customers might come in to a dish of chocolates or a beverage. Meredith's dog, Sarah. might offer a friendly welcome. They even open doors between their neighbors, "Some Gals," so that customers can pass back and forth between both stores. They would love nothing better than for customers to have a little fun and break out of their comfort zone while they're at it.

"I'd like to think the attitude is something like Cheers ... we remember what you bought last time, and we'll remember your name," said Meredith.

True to her free spirit, she warns that her sales are at a whim.

'So if you see it advertised, it's a big deal. When we have one, you hetter show up."

There are also bi-annual Flexsteel sales, a product she feels is an exceptional value, and of course Milford Memories and Sidewalk Sale time.

Meredith uses the same approach to her merchandise. where she focuses mainly on oneof-a-kind pieces.

"If you see it, you better buy it, because it might be gone, and I don't know if I will get more of that item in stock," said Meredith. On the flip side, she promises there's new stuff every day, so there's always something fresh and new to inspire. "It's a good show place. People

can come in and get ideas," she added. The creative crew makes it easy for customers, because items are placed in groupings, so they can imagine how it looks when it's all put together.

"I want people to look at this and say, 'I can do this,'" said Meredith. "My new mantra is 'get inspired, be creative,' I've been following that a lot more."

Indeed, many clients make regular visits to see what's new and for a little design inspiration.

Another fun way they encourage a client's sense of style is by tagging certain merchandise as "favorite things." It's their equiva-lent of the Oprah picks, some of Chris Meredith's favorite items including rugs, tables, and more.

As a service to her clientele she also keeps a "wish list" where they can request a certain type of merchandise.

We'll look for something to see if maybe we can get it for them," she added. Another great way to take advantage of their creative genius includes their design services. A member of the design crew, Jeanne Imboden notes, "We're here to please."

Searching for new and innovative merchandise is literally a job seven-day-a-week for Meredith. It comes from a variety of sources - exactly where is part of the mystique that keeps customers coming back. Some items are from vendors and purchasing trips or hunted down at antique runs and estate sales. Part of the fun is combining the old with the new, just like any home.

Although it was a challenge to meet their opening date, they met

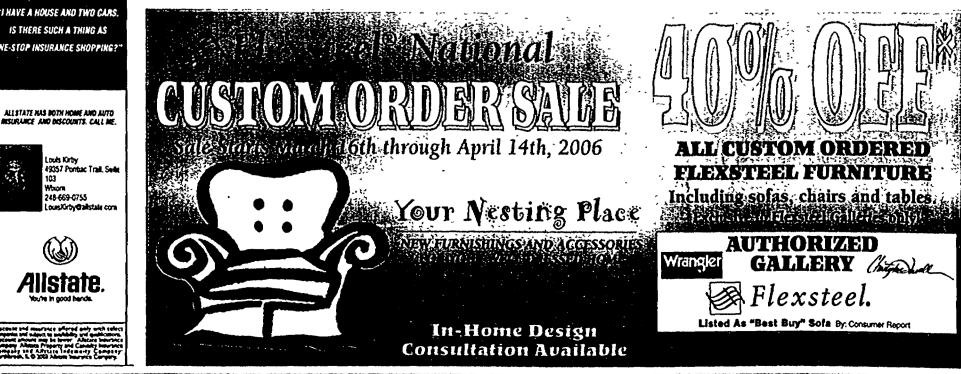
their goals with flying colors. She credits builders, Tim and Paul Brandt and decorative painter, Dolores Carlton. But most of all. she appreciates her partners in design, who contribute their own dimension of style and make the store what it is today. That includes Jeanne Imboden, Sandi Hinzmann, Nancy Hinzmann and Holly Brandt.

"I wouldn't have believed it's possible. But I knew I had to move if I wanted to grow the business I had to do something."

Meredith notes that she believes in dealing honestly with her customers, and won't mark up merchandise in lieu of "big savings" later. "We're fair in our pricing," she said.

Your Nesting Place's new location is at 332 North Main St. in downtown Milford. To go along with the newly expanded facilities are expanded business hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p m. or call (248) 685-7314.

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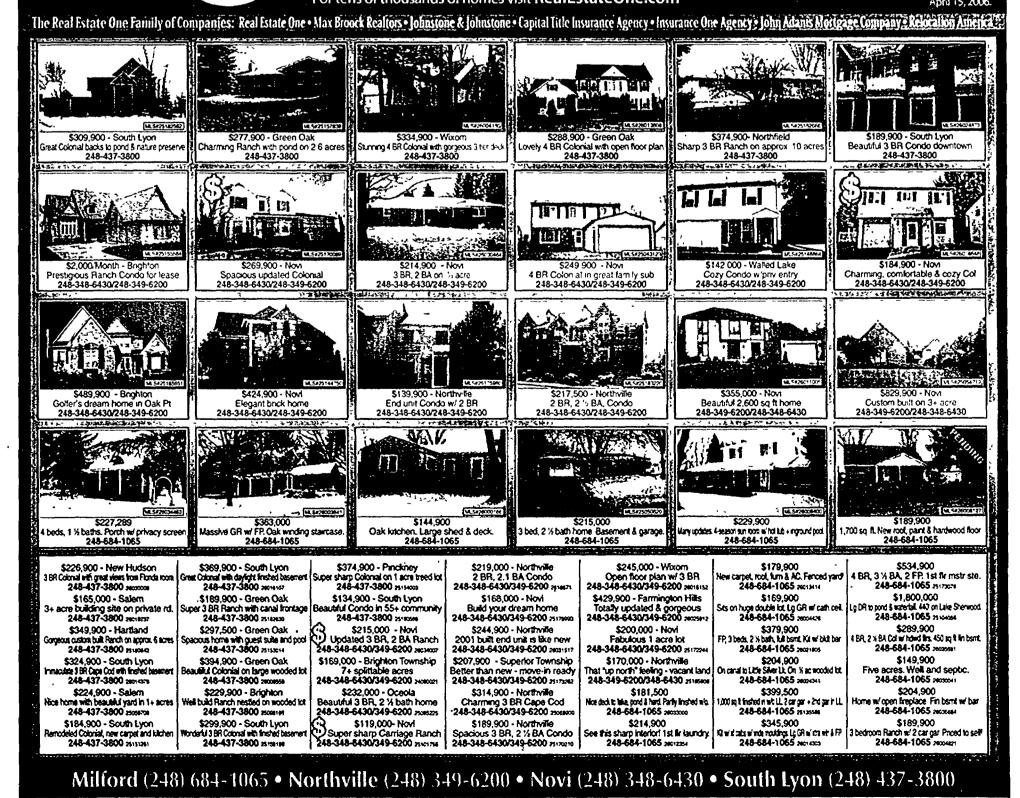
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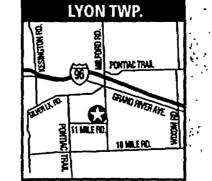


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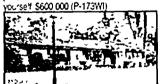
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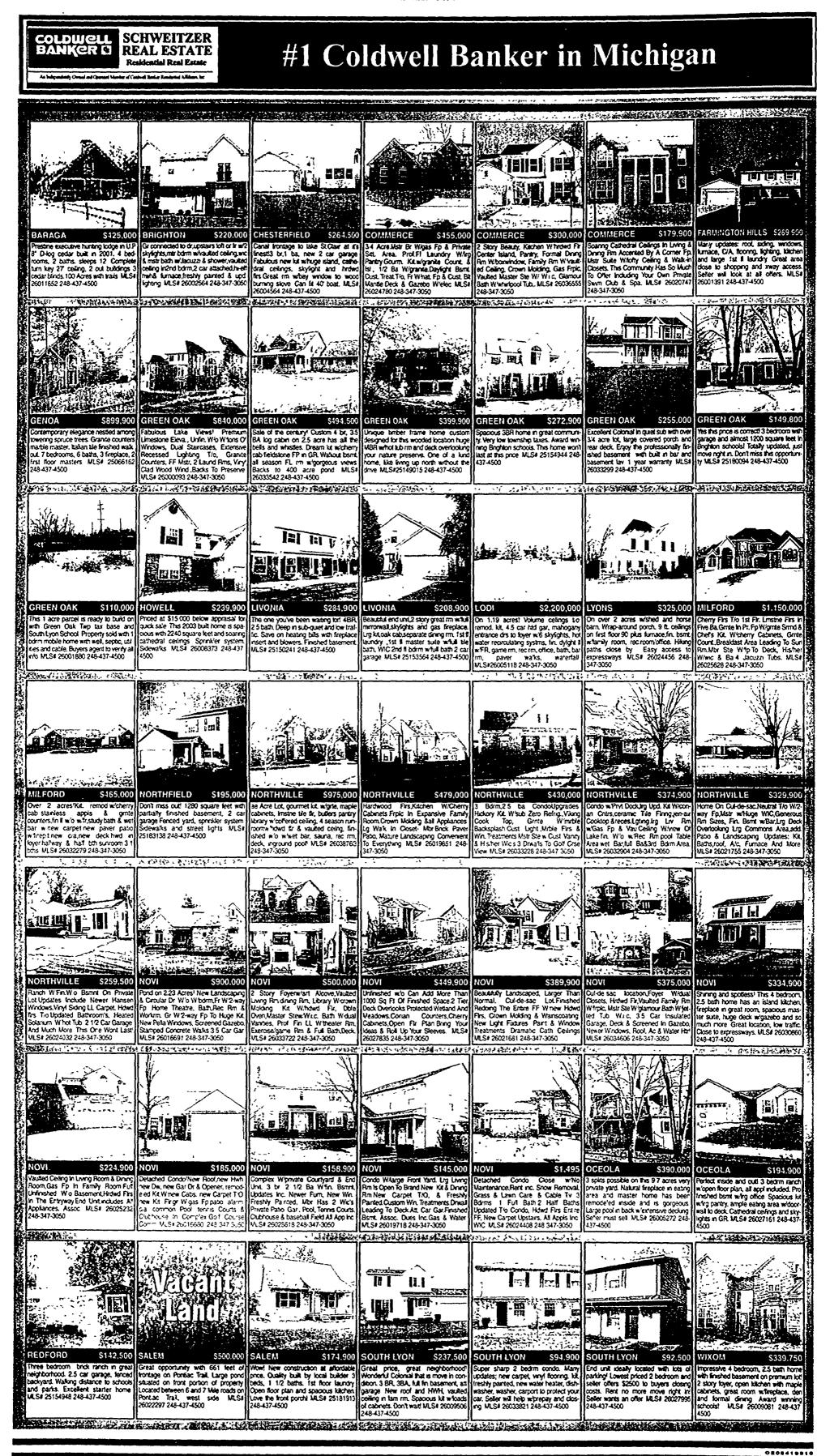
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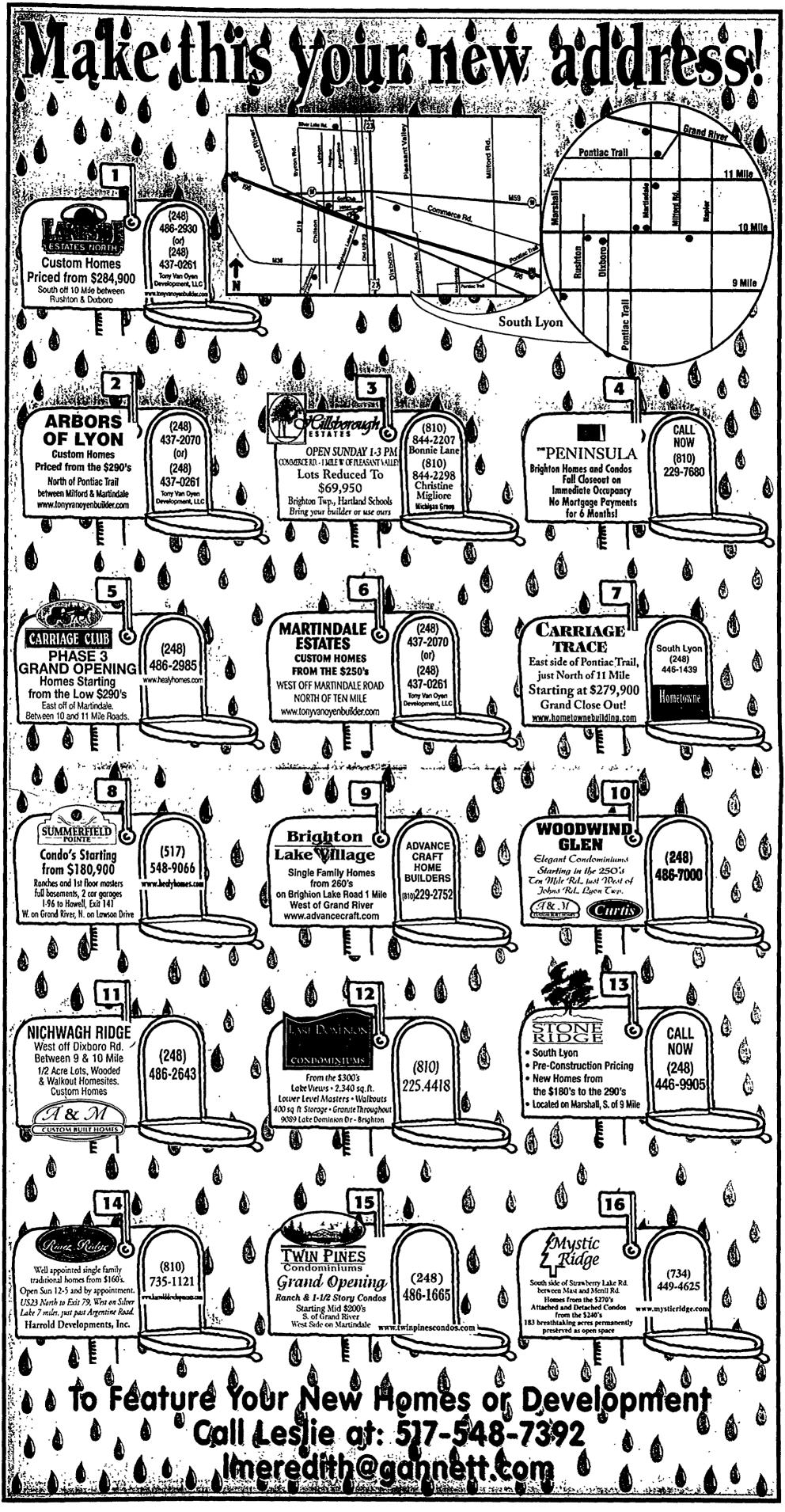
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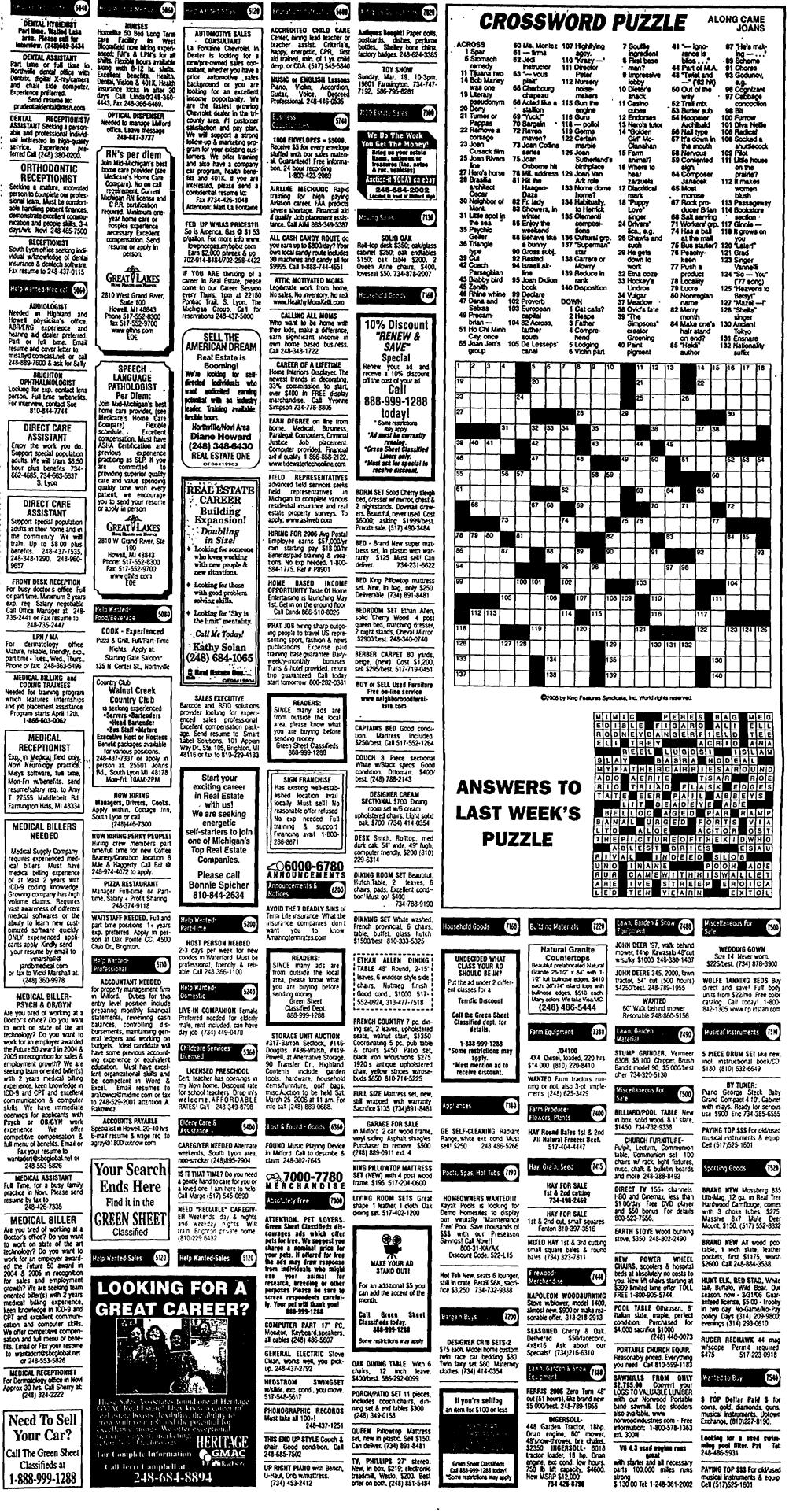




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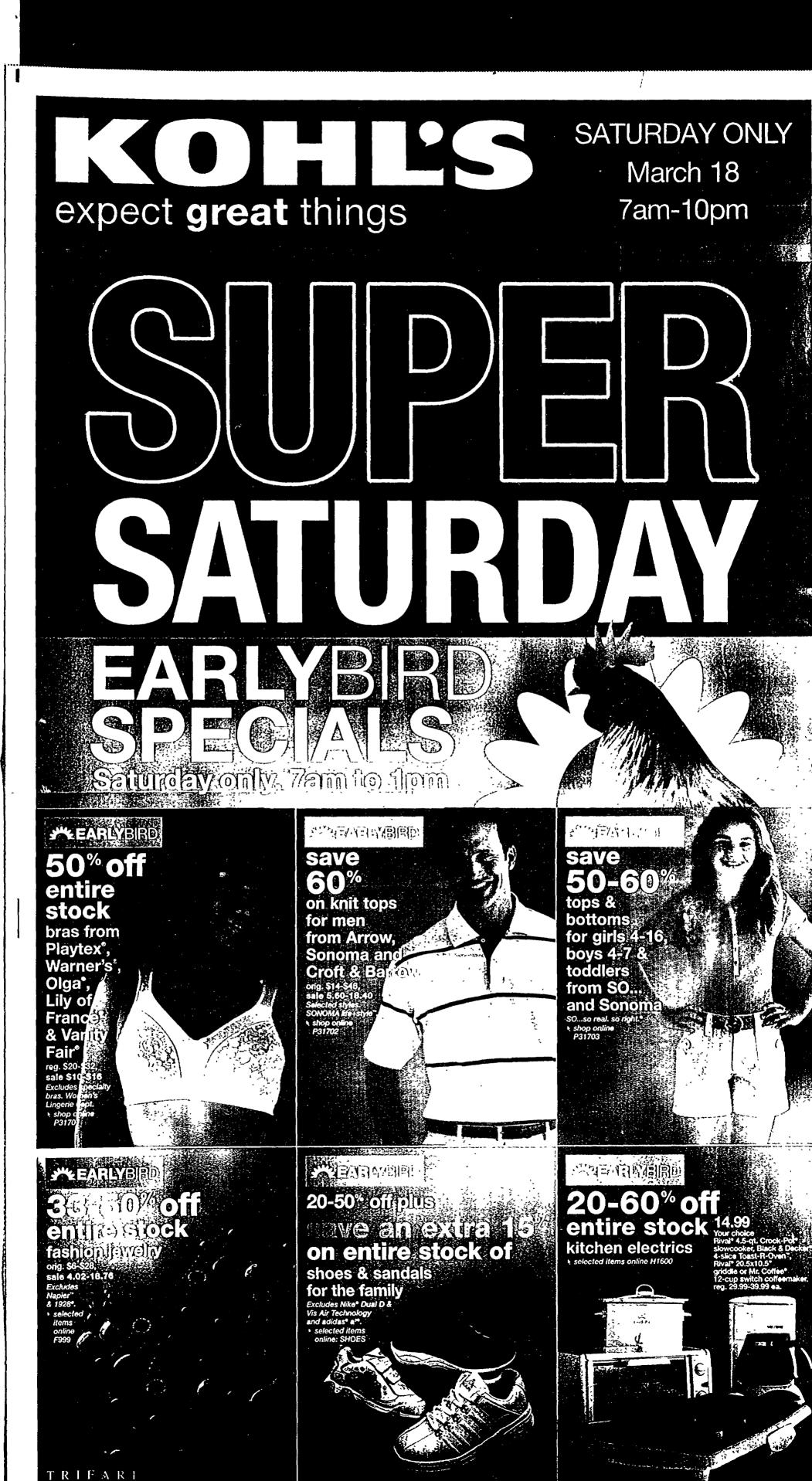


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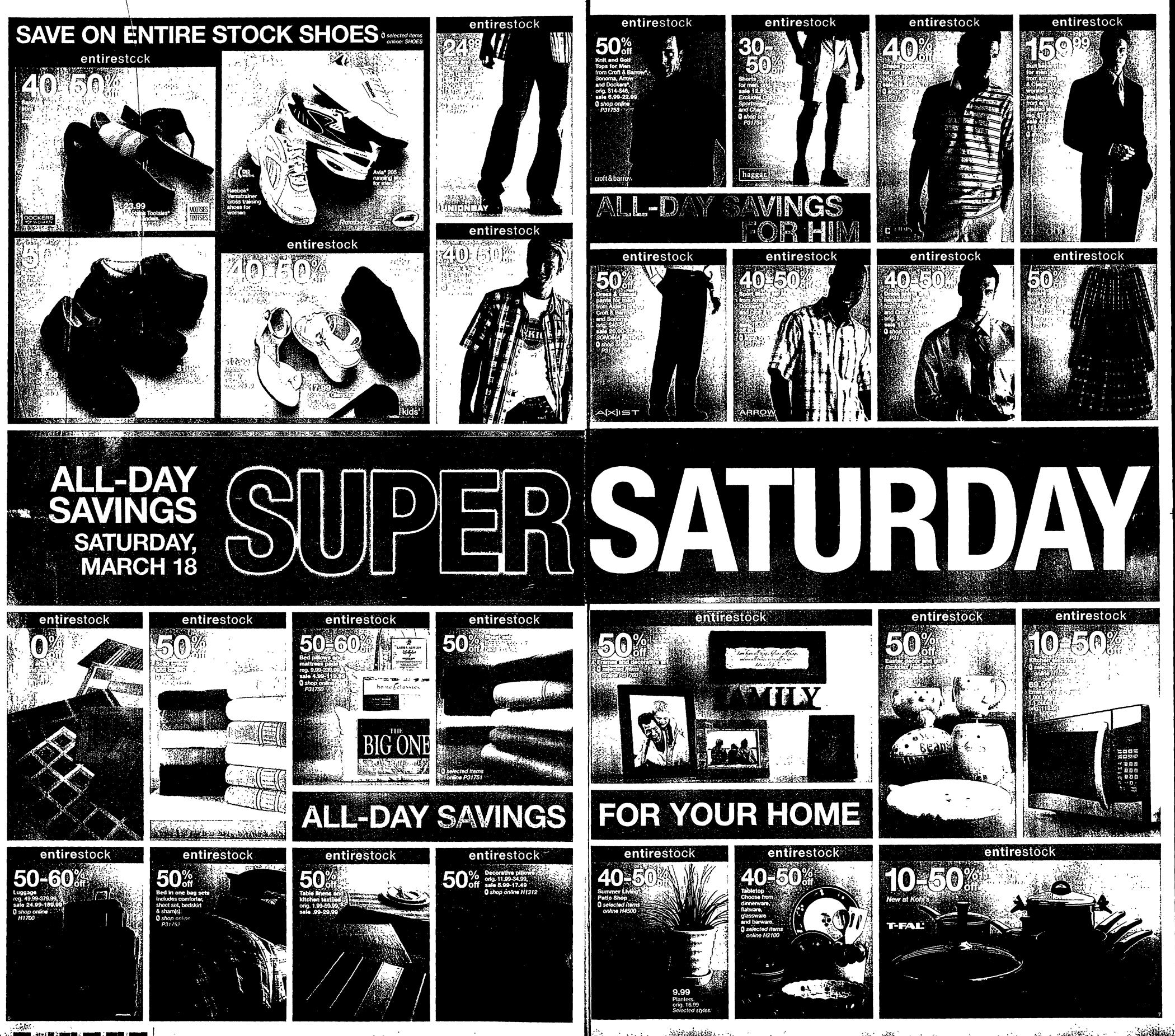


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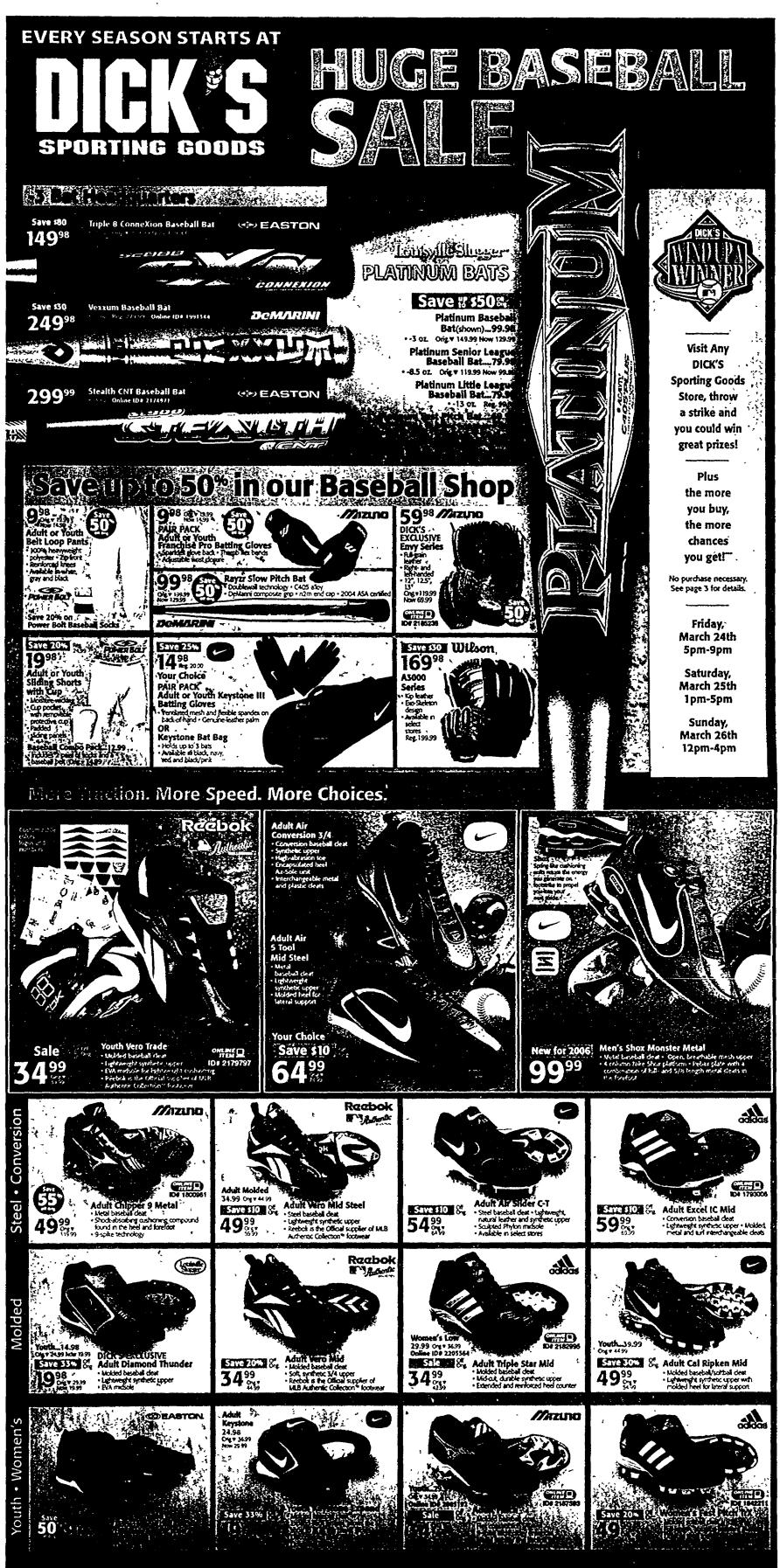
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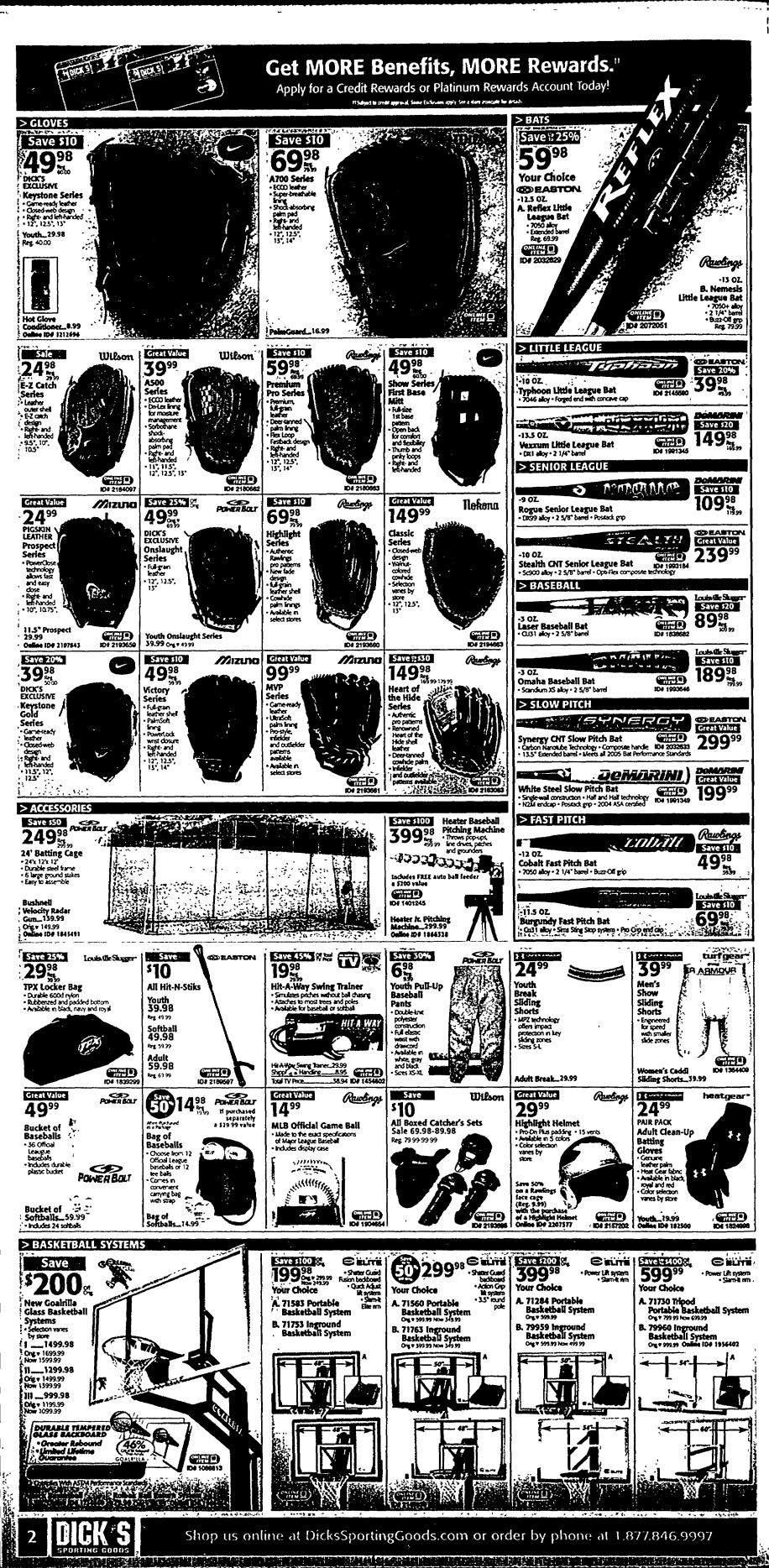
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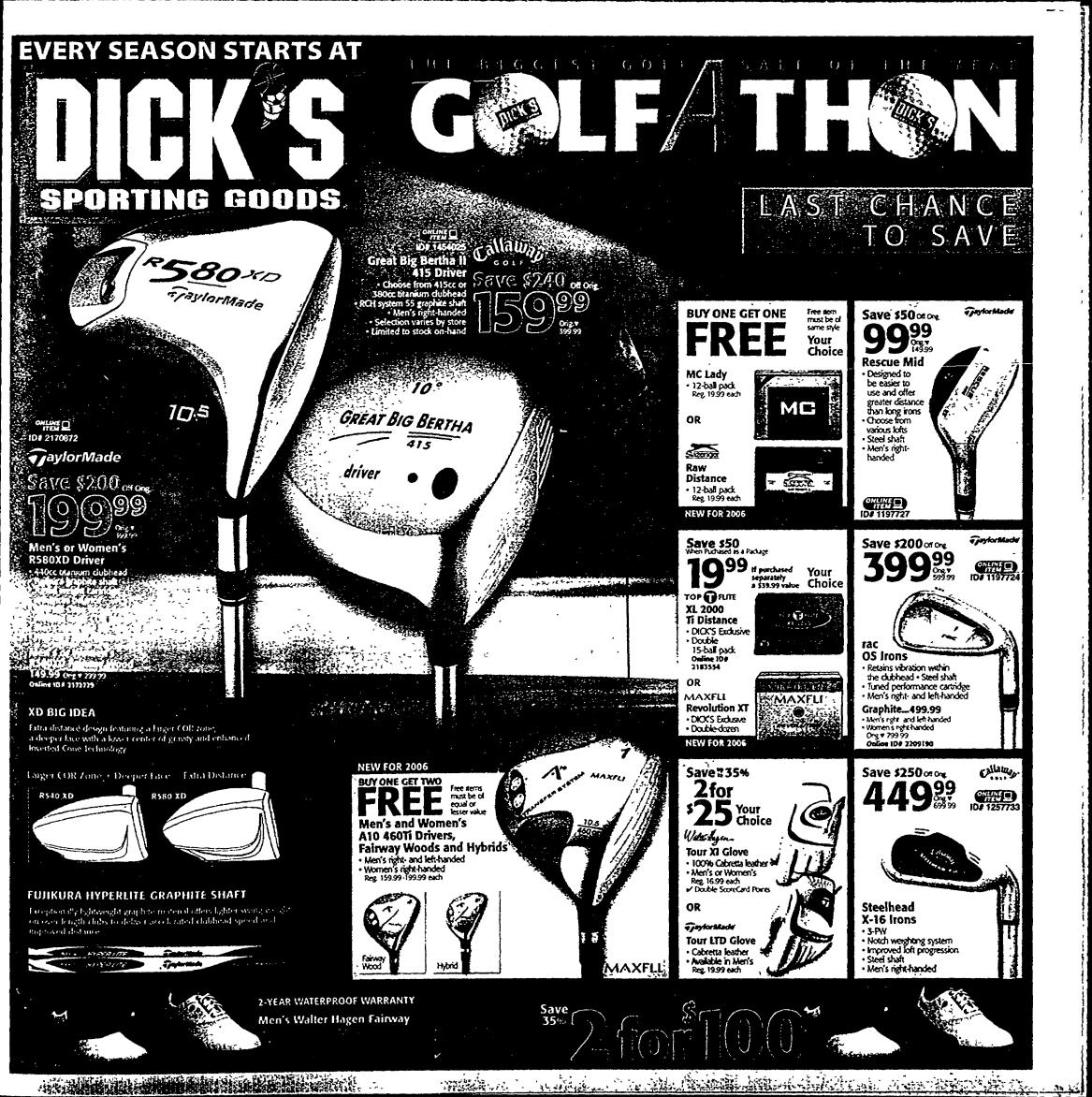




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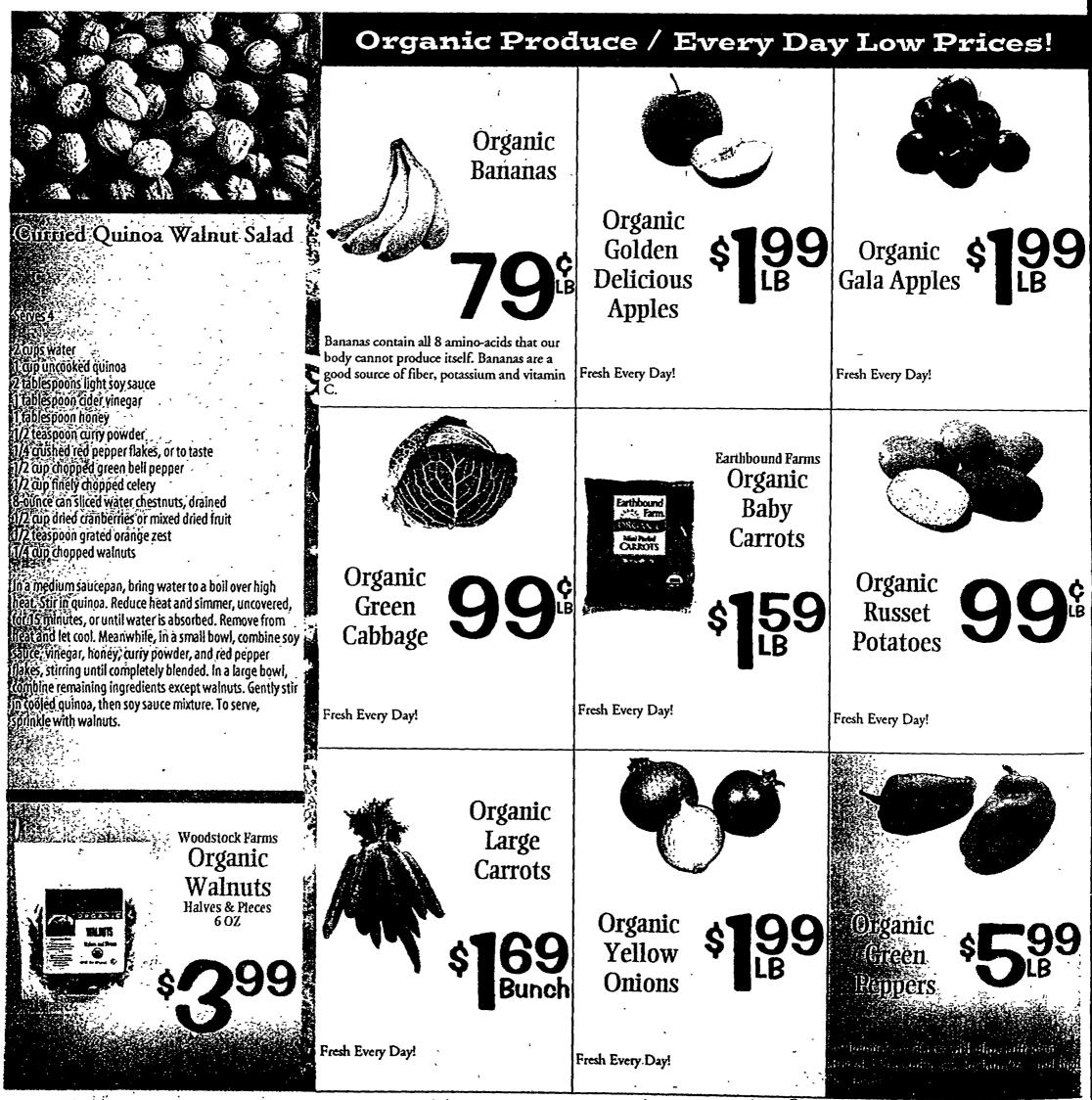
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How is Olympic skater Scott Hamilton doing since his brain surgery? -H. Cooper, Rutland, Vt.



After Hamilton's diagnosis in November 2004 of a noncancerous tumor in the region of his pituitary gland, he opted for non-invasive surgery that has reduced his tumor in size by more than 10 percent. He's keeping busy, producing the 20th anniversary U.S. tour of Snucker's Stars on Ice, and he recently hosted the Fox-TV series Skating with Celebrities, which is similar to Dancing with the Stars. He also was a commentator for the figure skating competitions at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy.

Q I've seen stuntman Buddy Joe Hooker for years on television and in the movies. I think Burt Reynolds made a movie about him. What can you tell me about him?

-P. E. Edwards, Waycross, Ga.

Yes, the 1978 movie Hooper was based on hot-dog Tinseltown stuntmen Buddy Joe Hooker (played by Jan-Michael Vincent) and Hal Needham (played by Reynolds). In one of those only-in-Hollywood twists, the filmmakers hired



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Hooker to perform as Vincent's stunt double. "There were a lot of great stunts in that film because it was a movie about stunts," says Hooker, who began his career at age 11 as an actor on Leave it to Beaver (in a recurring role as Wally's friend Chester). His twin sons, now 13, began following in dad's stunt-double footsteps at age 6 on the movie Spy Kids, taking spills for the movie's lead child star. Hooker's most recent work has been as stunt coordinator for the movies The 40 Year Old Virgin, Skelton Key and Déjà Vu, as well as for TV's Fear Factor.

I would like to know more about Bobbi Brown, the makeup and beauty expert l've seen on Today and Oprah.

-Diana M., Olney, Ill.

Internationally renowned makeup expert Bobbi Brown, Today's beauty editor and the CEO of her own company, Bobbi Brown Cosmetics,

earned a degree in theatrical makeup Beauty pro Bobbi Brown from Emerson College in Boston. Later, a fateful meeting with a chemist led to her idea of developing Brown Lip Color. a collection of 10 brown-based lipsticks that could be mixed and blended. Now her numerous cosmetic products are sold in hundreds of stores in more than 20 different countries. Also the author of two best-selling beauty guides, she lives in New Jersey with her husband and three sons.

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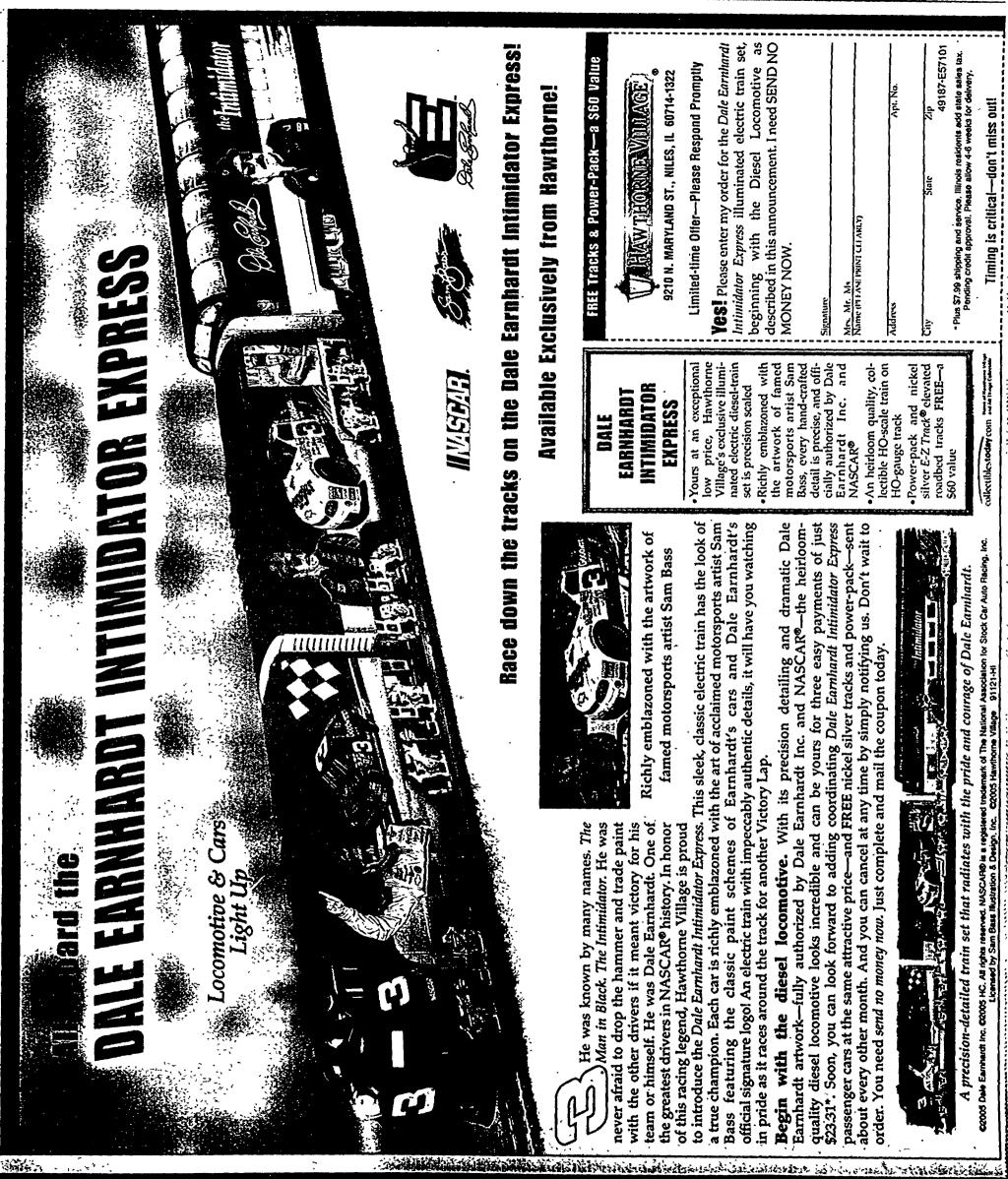
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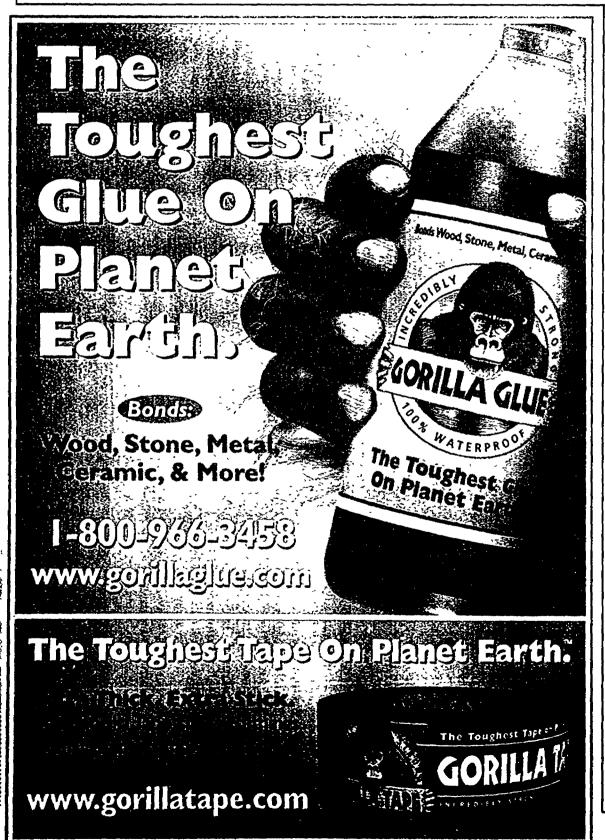
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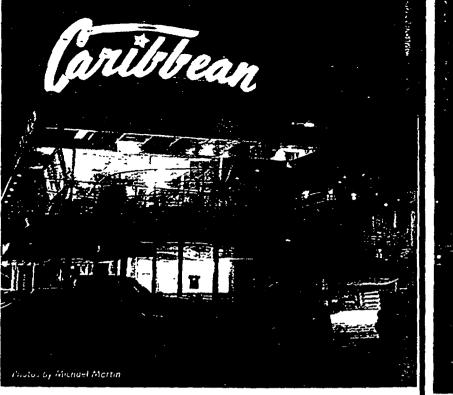


When Robert Hentges started his sign business in Wildwood, N.J., in 1964, most of his work involved designing and installing the large flashing neon signs that attracted motorists to motels along the southern New Jersey shore.

Today, his son, Randy, carries on the neon tradition in Wildwood (pop. 5,211), North Wikdwood (4,801) and Wildwood Crest (3,862), thanks in large part to local efforts to preserve and celebrate the region's glitzy architectural style.

"Neon glass-blowing is difficult to learn, but once you have it mastered, it's pretty easy," says Randy, 40, owner of ABS Sign Co.





Over the years, the Hentgeses have created and serviced hundreds of neon signs for motels, restaurants and shops in the seaside resort communities collectively known as the Wildwoods. The towns, located along a seven-mile stretch of beach, contain a peculiar and stunning array of modernist architecture featuring pulsing neon signs, angular roof lines, bright colors and plastic palm trees.

In the Wildwoods, the flashy architecture of the mid-20th century has been dubbed "Doo Wop" after the popular 1950s musical style. And with business owners and nostalgic residents leading the way, a powerful movement is about to preserve and build upon the area's kitschy, postwar architecture. In fact, the towns now feature Doo-Wop motel tours, Doo-Wop-themed building renovations and a 1950s music festival.



We just want to keep what three or four generations have enjoyed," says Dan MacElrevey, 64, president of the 125-member Doo Wood Preservation League.

"Doo-Wop" architecture is not easy to define. With its big, bold signs and daring designs, it dabbles in different architectural styles and features

everything from boomerang-shaped roofs to faux-lava facades. Still, the objective is basically to attract the attention of passing motorists.

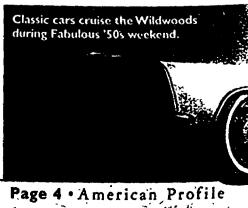
As Americans drove their cars to vacation spots in the 1950s and 60s, the Wildwoods offered more than 250 roadside motels from which to choose. If you wanted cars to pull into your morel, you had to stand out-thus, the emphasis on unique names, signage, colors and building designs. The result was motels celebrating the Space Age (the Satellite), exotic locations (the Singapore), other resort areas (the Cape Cod) and the automobile itself (the Bel Air).

Vacationers flocked to the Wildwoods, as did the nation's rock 'n' roll icons. It was a tour stop for pop stars such as Bill Haley and the

Comets, Chubby Checker, Buddy Holly and Bobby Rydell, who celebrated the area with the 1963 hit Wildwood Days.

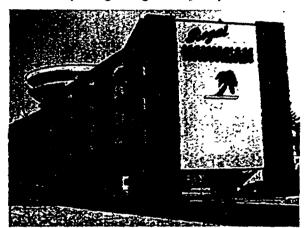
"You name it, they played here," says Ernie Troiano Jr., Wildwood's mayor.

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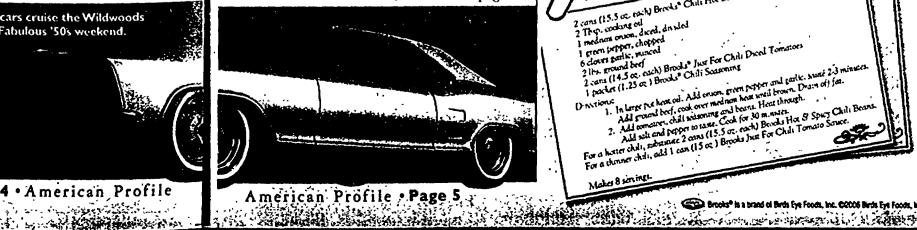


in Las Vegas."





inates the Jersey Shore entertainment business, but tourists still come to the Wildwoods for its wide beaches, dazzling boardwalk and funky motels. People still want to see the rotating lighthouse atop the Cape Cod Inn Motel, or stay in their favorite room inside the Singapore Motel's pagoda.



"Driving down Ocean Avenue, you <u>can fantasize you're</u>

Glowing neon signs and flashy architecture attract motorists passing though New Jersey's Wildwoods.

The Wiktwood-based Doo Wop Preservation League was founded in 1997 when a group of local business owners and residents sought to preserve and expand upon the towns' glitzy architecture. Local businessman Jack Morey asked Philadelphia-based architect Steve Izenour to study the motels. Izenour and a group of university students found that the Wildwoods boast the nation's largest collection of mid-century commercial architecture. His advice: Celebrate and (Continued on page 14)



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O'the Greenes

Tommy Greene steps out of his Madison, Fla., home in a lime-green suit with grass-green suspenders, a tie decorated with leprechauns, pickle-green socks and leather shoes polished to a swampy sheen. He hops into his forest-green GMC truck to deliver green cakes to friends around town.

Sure, it's St. Patrick's Day, but Tommy's green garb wouldn't raise an eyebrow in May or December. He has dressed gung-ho green every single day for 42 years. So has his wife, Mary Ellen. Their pea-green house is carpeted, draped, wallpapered, furnished and heavily festooned in green. The same color scheme overwhelms the office of their newspaper business. They even named their daughter Emerald and helped name some of their grandchildren—Kelli, Forest, Hunter, Jade and Matthew JohnDeere. "Every day is St. Patrick's Day" says A monument to

"Every day is St. Patrick's Day," says Tommy, 66, a 5-foot-7-inch back-slapping Scot-Irish country publisher and business tycoon, who is colorful all the way down to his green boxers.

"When you see him dressed up in his leprechaun outfit, he looks like he fell right out of Irish folklore," Madison County Judge Wetzel Blair says, "He's a character and has one of the most fertile minds I've ever met."

Tommy, who grew up amidst northern Florida's cypress swamps, hasn't always worn green. He adopted his green-only dress code and motto—"If it ain't green, it ain't mine"—in August 1964 to grab attention and promote his new career.

Tommy worked in his dad's sawmill at the time, while his green-eyed bride, whom he'd dated since they were 15, taught English at nearby Greenville (pop. 837) High School. After a load of logs shifted and pinned him under a pile for three hours, Tommy decided to find another line of work. He listed two dozen job possibilities on a Winn-Dixie grocery sack and noticed a common thread—all involved advertising.

Mary Ellen, 65, will never forget that lifechanging decision. "He woke me up at 3 a.m. and said we were going to publish a newspaper. The first thing I said was, Tommy Greene, you failed English seven times.""

No problem, he assured her. She could fix his spelling and he could do the figuring. Madison (pop. 3,061) already had a 100-year-old newspaper, *The Madison Enterprise-Recorder*, but that didn't deter Tommy. He hit the pavement selling ads and the couple remodeled a vacant beauty shop for an office for the *Madison County Carrier*. Even Mary Ellen doesn't know how Tommy dreamed up the newspaper's name, but he's been accused of being unable to spell "courier."

"We survived on sheer ignorance and energy," Tommy quips.

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On-the-scene Breene

The Carrier thrived, in part, because Tommy filled the pages with local news, showing up with his camera and scribbling notes in green ink at family, reunions, church gatherings, government meetings and local disasters.

"I worked wrecks and fires day and night," he says. His message to "put Tommy Greene on the scene—call Tommy Greene first" clicked with subscribers. A frantic woman telephoned him one night and whispered that someone was trying to break into her house. "Did you call the police?" Tommy asked. Not yet. She'd called Tommy Greene first.

Ten years after starting the Madison County Carrier, Greene served green grits to members of the Florida Press Association who elected him president. With their three green-clad children, the Greenes attended press meetings and traveled the state.

By age 10, daughter Emerald was proofing ads and doing darkroom work. Today, Emerald Greene Kinsley is publisher of the two weeklies, the *Carri*er and the *Enterprise-Recorder*, which Tommy bought from his competitor.

"I sleep with a scanner beside me," says Emerald, 36. She doesn't wear green religiously, though, and neither do brothers Harvey, 40, a paramedic, and William, 38, a police officer, who both work in Madison. The whole Greene gang lives on the family estate; which over the years has been home to cats and dogs dubbed Gangrene, Shamrock, Lime and Olive.

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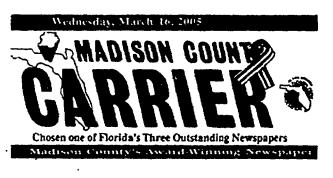
Through the years; the Greenes have left a colorful mark in Madison by sporting green gar-

ments, gathering the local news and promoting positive thinking.

On the front lawn of the plantation-style Greene Publishing Co. building are four celerygreen tombstones inscribed with R.I.P. above the words "Impossible," "Can't," "But" and "If." Tommy clipped the words from his dictionary and buried them.

"We weren't allowed to say 'can't' growing up," Emerald recalls. "Daddy taught us that whatever you put your mind to, you can do it. And he taught us to work."

Teachers bring students on field trips to the newspaper office to talk about the power of positive thinking. Tommy's positive, can-do reputation is legendary in Madison, where he promotes not only his own interests, but those of the community at large. "Tommy started the Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycees," says Blair, the judge. "One of the biggest things he did was bring a meatpacking facility here that at one time employed over 1,000 people."



Now Tommy is spearheading an effort to build a new hospital in Madison County. "Everything interesting in Madison County, he played a part in," says local businessman Jimmy Davis.

Lifelong resident Princess Roebuck describes Tommy in grander terms. "He's the John Wayne





Greene serves green grub to members of a Masonic group.

of Madison County," she says. When Roebuck's husband lost his barbershop in a 1989 fire, Tommy offered one of his buildings rent-free. "Tommy has a heart that is bigger than he is," Roebuck says. "He tries to leave you laughing, too."

Forever green

On St. Patrick's Day, Tommy Greene notches up the fun and fixes green pancakes or a vat of green rice and chicken for community dinners and fund-raisers. One year, he even colored his hair with green vegetable dye. As the day warmed up, he began to sweat green. "By evening Tommy was green clear down to his belt, which acted like a fire wall," Mary Ellen says, gesturing with hands that flash green diamonds and emeralds.

But for the most part, it's easy being matriarch of the Greene family, she says. "It's been fun. People all over the United States, if they see something green, will send it to us," says Mary Ellen, who drives a green Lincoln, eats off green plates, sleeps under green sheets and doesn't fret a bit about the latest color fashion whims.

"When I go into a department store, I just head for the green," she says, "but if I bring a shirt home and it's not green-green, Tommy will give it away."

For funerals, Tommy "dresses down to forest green." For his installation as a Shrine potentate, he dressed up in a shimmering green tuxedo.

The color green has kept the Greenes in the limelight for four decades.

"They're just part of our town history and we all love it," says Marie Mayfield, an English instructor at North Florida Community College in Madison. "I left town for 30 years and moved back and they were still wearing green."

"No one in town would even recognize us," Tommy says, "if we wore orange." 3

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Great! You're going to get into shape. Often,

the first inclination after deciding to exercise is to purchase equipment or join a gym, but club membership and a garage full of pricey exercise paraphernalia does not equal fitness. Physical fitness is a lifelong endeavor that requires a lot of commitment and very little money. Finding and doing an activity that fits your lifestyle is more crucial to success than monies spent.

Walking is one of the best overall aerobic exercises. A comfortable, supportive walking shoe, loose fitting clothing and, depending on weather, a windbreaker, hat and gloves, and you're ready. You also can turn on some lively music and walk in the house for 20 minutes. If your home has stairs, all the better. Briskly climbing úp and down is a great workout addition. If you live near a shopping center, consider joining or starting a "mall walkers" group. And day hiking requires little more than

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supportive shoes and the clothes on your back. Keep an eye on the newspapers. Sporting goods stores run regular shoe sales.

Aerobic videos offer a variety of exercise routines, and store rental fees are minimal. Videos also are available in most public libraries. When you find one you like, buy it used.

Rummage through the basement for some old clothesline and try rope skipping.

If cycling appeals to body and soul, look into bike sharing with kids



or grandkids. A simple seat height adjustment may be all that's needed. Or, peruse yard sales. Once you've matched temperament to instrument, great exercise equipment purchases can be made in a neighbor's backyard. Road and stationary bikes, treadmills, ski machines, rowers and stair steppers are popular yard sale items.

Weight lifting is a must for fitness. The American College of Sports Medicine's Health & Fitness Journal has noted, "Progressive strength training has been demonstrated to be a safe and effective form of exercise that enhances bone mineral density."

Strength training is for every "body" and every pocketbook. A total-body workout can be executed with simple hand weights. Getting started is as easy as opening the pantry and beginning your lifting program hefting two cans of chili.

When you are ready to purchase weights, avoid the brightly colored expensive variety. There's no difference between lifting a 5-pound generic black weight or 5 pounds of chartreuse. Again, yard sales are great places to look for hand weights. Money well spent would be for a lesson or two in proper weight lifting techniques. Or, trade favors with a personal trainer. And remember to check with your doctor before starting any new exercise program.

Fitness is priceless. To maintain the commitment without cost:

- Change your routine every few months
- Give yourself an exercise day off each week
- Get a friend involved

As Albert Einstein used to say, nothing happens until something moves.

Carole Marshall is a writer based in Port Townsend, Wash.



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Diabetes by the Numbers

Diabetes is a growing health concern in the United States. Below are statistics from the America

in the United States. Below are statistics from the Ame Diabetes Association about the medical disorder.

By population

- 20.8 million people—7 percent of the population—had diabetes in 2005. Of those, 14.6 million were diagnosed with the disease and 6.2 million were undiagnosed.
- The number of Americans with diabetes is projected to increase to 30.3 million by the year 2030, according to World Health Organization researchers.

By disease type

- Type 2 diabetes, often associated with older age, obesity and lack of exercise, accounts for 90 to 95 percent of all diagnosed cases.
- Type 1 diabetes, which usually strikes children and young adults, accounts for 5 to 10 percent of all diagnosed cases.

By age

- 20.6 million people 20 years or older-9.6 percent of all Americans in this age group-have diabetes.
- 10.3 million people 60 years or older-20.9 percent of all Americans in this age group-have diabetes.
- About 176,500 people under 20 years of age--representing 0.22 percent of all Americans in this age group--have diabetes.
- One in every 400 to 600 children and adolescents have Type 1 diabetes.

By gender

- 10.9 million men-10.5 percent of all men-20 years or older have diabetes.
- 9.7 million women-8.8 percent of all women-20 years or older have diabetes.
- By ethnicity
 - 13.1 million non-Hispanic whites—8.7 percent of all U.S. residents in this ethnic category—20 years or older have diabetes.
- 3.2 million non-Hispanic blacks—13.3 percent of all U.S. residents in this ethnic category—20 years or older have diabetes.
- 2.5 million Hispanic/Latino Americans—9.5 percent of all U.S. residents in this ethnic category—20 years or older have diabetes.
- 99,500 American Indians and Alaskan Natives—12.8 percent of residents in this ethnic category—20 years or older, receiving care from Indian Health Services have diabetes.

Deaths

• In 2002, diabetes was the sixth leading cause of death listed on U.S. death certificates. This rating was based on 73,249 death certificates in which diabetes was listed as the underlying cause of death. Altogether, diabetes contributed to 224,092 deaths.

The costs

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In a large saucepan, boil potatoes until tender. Meanwhile, heat 4 tablespoons of the butter in a skillet, and sauté peppers and onions. Add garlic and parsley after onions and peppers are soft. Preheat oven to 350 degrées. Lightly grease a 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Drain potatoes and return them to the saucepan. Add sautéed vegetables, remaining butter, cream, cheese, salt and pepper. Mash potatoes and vegetables together until most of the lumps are gone; this dish is not meant to be creamed. Spoon into prepared dish and bake for 45 minutes, or until potatoes begin to turn golden. Serves 8 to 10.

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Superstar Potential

The town of Waitsfield, Vt. (pop. 1,659), is dotted with small businesses led by creative do-it-yourself types. Among them is Grace Porter, 22, a singer and keyboardist who, with her band, The Nocturnals, is on her way to becoming the state's first breakout rock star.

"There's a lot of sculptors, a tea company, a lot of homemade entrepreneurial companies," Potter says of Waitsfield. "I think that affected how we've approached the growth of the band."

Indeed, Potter's organization is homegrown: Up until now, all of her albums have been released

independently, distributed through manager Justin Goldberg's Indie911 company, self-promoted locally or sold over the Internet. She and the other band members even live on the same property, in buildings that her parents, Sparky and Peggy (who live just down the hill), construct-



Instruct- Singer Grace Potter

ed for businesses they operated in the 1970s.

Those buildings are also where Porter grew up and started playing piano at age 7, feasting on her parents' collection of 4,000 LPs and performing locally by her late teens. Today, they're where she writes and rehearses the mixture of rock, soul, blues and funk that's drawing rave comparisons to Bonnie Raitt and Norah Jones. "There's just a certain sense of truth that she seems to be able to connect with, a pure soulfulness that shakes you to the core," Goldberg says. "I think her potential is unlimited."

That potential was recognized in December by Disney-owned Hollywood Records, which signed Potter to a contract. The label will rerelease her latest independent CD, Nathing but the Water, in April. The deal could make her a superstar, but Potter's ultimate goal is for her music to share a certain characteristic with some of the other solid, well-made items that come out of Waitsfield: durability.

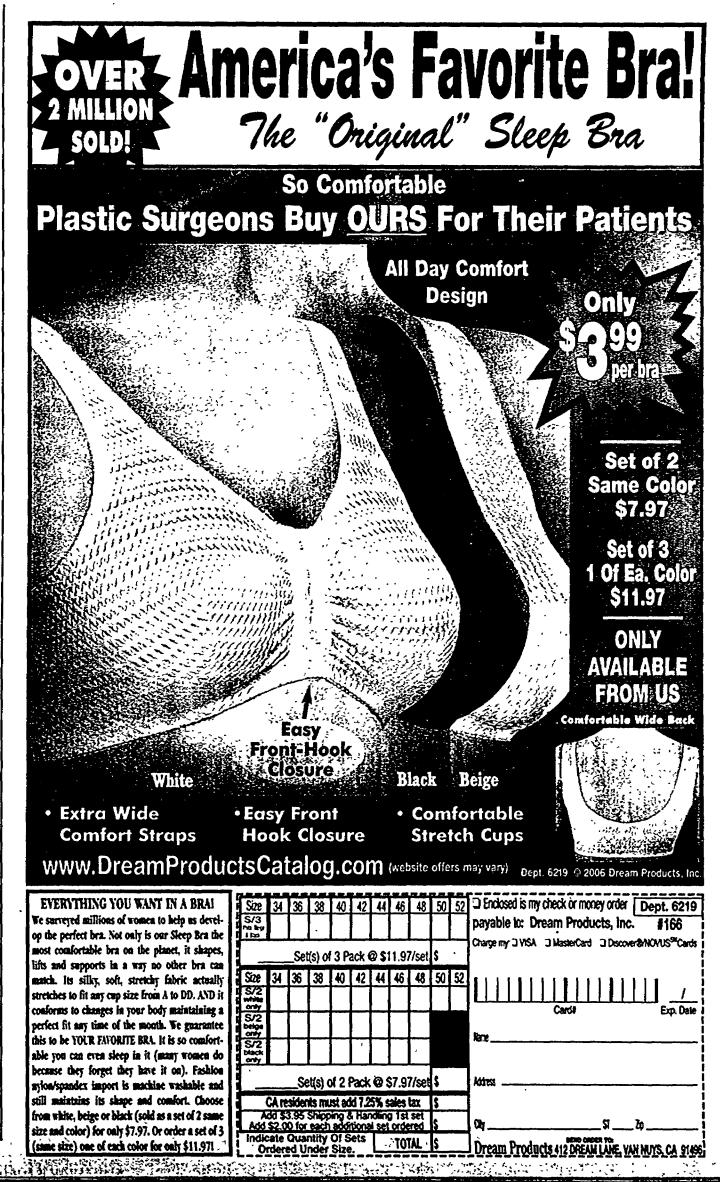
"My long-term goal is to be long-term," she declares. "We're not going with the trends. The music we're making is timeless."

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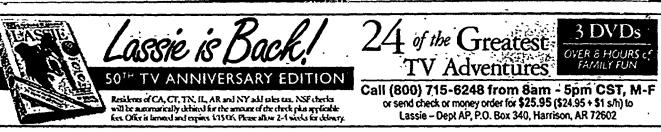


ILLINOIS—Dick Tracy creator Chester Gould (1900-1985) made his home in Woodstock (pop. 20,151) for 50 years. The artist and his famous comic strip are showcased at the Chester Gould-Dick Tracy Museum in Woodstock and celebrated each June during Dick Tracy Days.

INDIANA — Known as the "Castle on the Hill," Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand (pop. 2,277) is home to 126 Benedictine sisters, making it one of the nation's largest convent communities. The monastery also is known for its architectural magnificence, with 16 stained-glass windows and a dome 87 feet tall and 32.5 feet in diameter.

IOWA—George Gallup, born in 1901 in Jefferson (pop. 4,626), popularized polling after contradicting *The Literary Digest*, the poll-of-record at the time, and correctly predicting Franklin Roosevelt would defeat Alf Landon in the 1936 presidential election.

KANSAS—Muralist and crop artist Stan Herd of Lawrence is best known for his field-size works of art. He creates "earthworks" by manipulating crops, soil and rock, and photographs them from an airplane. Herd was born in 1950 in Protection (pop. 558).



MICHIGAN—In 1917, Kenneth Sawyer, a Marquette County highway engineer, painted a stripe down the middle of a dangerous stretch of road to help drivers stay in their own lanes. Other states soon adopted the center line safety measure.

MINNESOTA—Millions of undeliverable letters and packages wind up in the U.S. Postal Service's Mail Recovery Center, formerly called "the dead letter office." The St. Paul office is one of three such centers where letters are shredded and unclaimed items are auctioned.

MISSOURI—Osage Catfisheries in Osage Beach (pop. 3,662) has the only federal permit to sell paddlefish flesh, caviar and live eggs in the United States and overseas. Paddlefish are valued and in demand for their black caviar eggs.

NEBRASKA—Curris (pop. 832) is the stare's official "Easter City," in recognition of its annual Easter pageant. Held since 1958, the pageant presents 17 biblical scenes with residents portraying characters and events relating to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. NORTH DAKOTA—Minot (pop. 36,567) was known as "Little Chicago" during the Prohibition era because the town was a hub for liquor smuggling operations.

OHIO—Platted in 1834, Centerburg (pop. 1,432) is the geographical center of the state. The town was named for a midway tavern at the crossroads of a stage line between Columbus and Mount Vernon (pop. 14,375).

SOUTH DAKOTA—In 1935, the Army Air Corps and the National Geographic Society launched the Explorer II manned balloon from a 500-foot hollow, which became known as the Stratobowl, near Rapid City (pop. 59,607). Explorer II gathered information that paved the way for the space program.

WISCONSIN—A 1,336-pound grand champion steer raised by Brock May, 12, of Mineral Point (pop. 2,617) was sold last October for a record-serting \$100,000 at the American Royal Junior Premium Livestock Auction in Kansas City.



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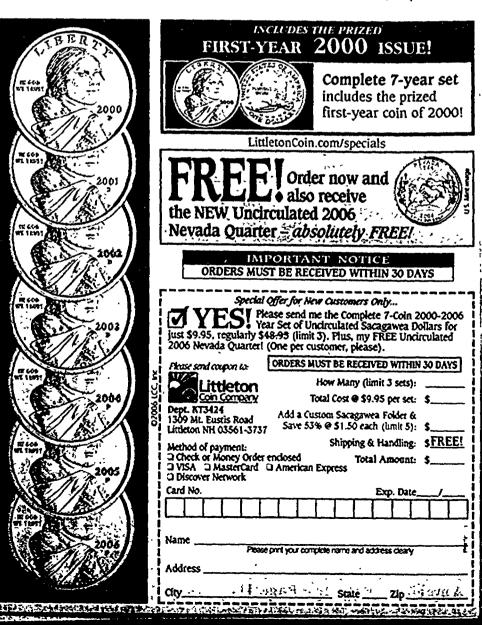
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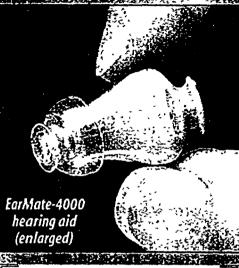
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accentuate the towns' kitsch. Motel owners heeded his counsel, leading to new and creative neon signs for Randy Hentges to design and more orders for plastic palm trees and retro furniture.

Today, a new convention center welcomes boardwalk visitors with an angular roof, curved entranceway and neon signature; a Doo Wop museum, featuring vintage furniture, neon and street signs from the 1950s, is being developed thanks to a combination of community activism and corporate support; and last October, Chubby Checker headlined the second-annual Fabulous '50s music festival.

"It's part of the culture and character of Wildwood---the plastic palm trees and neon," says Tom Byrne, a lifelong Wildwoods resident whose family insurance business is paying for museum construction. "Driving down Ocean Avenue, you can fantasize you're in Las Vegas." 🌫

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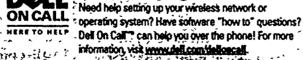
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