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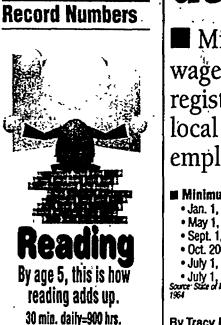
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#### Minimum wage rates

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#### **By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER**

Jody Humphries wonders how small businesses are going to survive when the minimum wage rate is increased in October.

The president of the Northville Chamber of Commerce said she's for people trying make a livable wage, but in the state of Michigan's current economy, she questions, why now?

"It's not good timing," Humphries said. "It's definitely going to be tough ... How are these small businesses going to cover the increase?"

The current minimum wage rate is \$5.15.

By 2008, the rate will increase to \$7.40, according to state officials.

"We believe that a fair day's work should get a fair day's wage," said Liz Boyd, spokesperson for Gov. Jennifer Granholm. We've seen inflation increase over the past nine years ... We've seen prices and the cost of living increase ... It has not had an adverse affect on employment or the economy as a whole."

Once the bill reaches Granholm's desk, Boyd said she will have 14 days to sign.

#### Tipping the scales -

Along with the minimum wage rate, the tip wage rate will also increase.



The Cat in the Hat (Ron Ketelhut) and JoJo (Katya Frimenko) rehearse a scene from Northville High School's upcoming musical production of "Seussical." For a complete preview, see Page 19A.

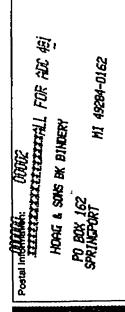
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### Seniors: there's no place like home

### Local residents wrestle with long-term care decisions

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Helen Austin has watched Beal Street from the same front window for 70 years.

She arrived as a young bride, kissed her four children as they bounded from the porch. She gave birth to her son Edward there.

So, when 95-year-old Austin was unable to keep up with day-to-day chores in her home, her children knew she would resist moving.

#### "For me, it's home. It's the only home I've had for a long time."

Helen Austin 95-year-old Northville resident

"For me, it's home," she said. "It's the only home I've had for a long time."

Enter Ester Rondaris, Austin's key to independence. She

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### Resident taken for ID theft ride

Detroit man charged with buying a Bentley with false ID

#### **By Tracy Mishler** RECORD STAFF WRITER

Blair Langston was arraigned March 1 at the 35th District Court in Plymouth for allegedly stealing the identity of a 30year-old Northville Township man, then driving away with a German sports sedan.

The 24-year-old Detroit man was charged with two felony

identity theft counts, resulting in up to five years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine. Langston was also charged with obtaining person-

al identity card information under false pretenses.

According to police, Langston obtained a school identification from Henry Ford Community College

in Dearborn in order to obtain a drivers license in the victim's name.

Detective Sgt. Matthew Mayes said Langston used the bogus license to open a home equity line of credit in the amount of \$77,000.

"Langston has had other felony convictions in his past and could be subject to increased penalties for being a habitual offender," Mayes said. "He used \$42,000 of the money obtained to purchase a 2003 BMW."

Mayes said the victim is not being held liable for any of the financial loss.

The victim told police had never lost any personal information and believes it was compromised through personal transactions.

"(The victim) had to clear up his credit history,"

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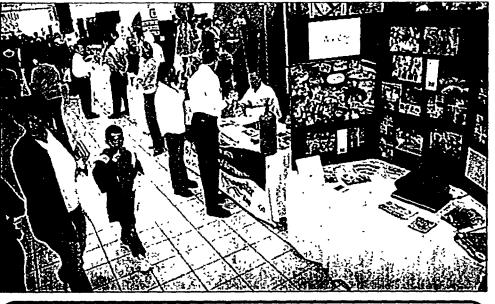
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Margo's Salon employees Whitney Greco, left, and Sheri Morgan have some fun during last Saturday's "Wild, Wild West" Taste of Northville Business Showcase.





# **Expo-mation** Point

The Northville Chamber of Commerce held its annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase last Saturday at Northville High School, Visitors enjoyed music and food while learning about area businesses. To see which local businesses were recognized for standout displays, see Page 4A.



La Bistecca owner and chef Jerry Costanza, right, and Jerry Beasley greet a visitor at their table during last Saturday's Taste of Northville Business Showcase.

### Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Left: The hallways of Northville High School are crowded with visitors during last Saturday's Taste of Northville Business Showcase.





Marginal snowfall means tough sledding for some local businesses

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Keith Shurmur wouldn't mind at all if March went out like a lion

Mild winter temperatures and limited snowfall have left his snowplowing business with few assignments and many idle hours.

"I'm kind of up in the air," Shurmur said. "It's hard to plan anything."

The owner of Northvillebased KMS Services, who has 20-year customers, said he has been hesitant to take on another job because he committed to be on-call for inclement weather. He tunes in to weather forecasts, ready to hit the streets in early morning hours.

has rained on his family of four's parade. Shurmur may have to make a career change soon.

#### 'Less snow'

living," said Shurmur, 38. of one-inch snowfalls.

"I need to have something else in the wintertime that's more reliable than the snow plowing."

industries --- snow sports, salt suppliers, earth movers - who share his love-hate relationship with Mother Nature, watching their businesses suffer at her 🍧 "I think we're done. I've plowed snow on Easter before. It's such a hit or miss."

Keith Shurmur

warmer," Shurmur said. "We're getting less snow."

#### **Global warming?**

According to the Michigan Land Use Institute, ski resort operators in northern Michigan. report the average length of the

harder to get residential or commercial customers to sign plowing contracts because they wonder about the amount of snow

Plus, he said, layoffs in other industries have compelled more people to strap on a snow-plowing blade and pile more competition onto an already beleagured business.

own health benefits, but recently canceled them because he can no longer afford them. His fiancee, Angela Steele, 25, stays

at home with their two children, ages 3 and 5. The house he recently built is up for sale. He's stretching dollars to pay for his trucks until the weather breaks enough for his spring work to begin -landscaping, installing brick pavers, building retaining walls

A report last year by the Scientists predicted that by the

winter temperatures in Michig degrees and summer temperature

to 13 degrees. Michigan sum

industries would be "hard-hit.

from longer growing searons

winters would be wetter, agriculturol

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tuating winter temperatures.

prediction for a blustery March close.

He just knows it wasn't much of a snow-pushing season. "I think we're done," he said. Easter could offer one final job, but even that is "hit or miss," he said.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Keith Shurmur and his flancee, Angela Steele, have weathered a tough winter, enduring the strain limited snowfall has caused on their plowing service.



#### The other season **Owner, KMS Services** Shurmur used to purchase his

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### A sweet 'taste' of victory

#### Photos by Steve Fech

And the winners are ... Last Saturday, Northville High School halls and cafeteria were filled with visitors sampling the products and serv-ices during the Northville Chamber of Commerce Taste of Northville Business Showcase. Making the most of the Wild, Wild West theme, 2006 winner for "Best Business" display went to Margo's of Northville. Independence Village of Plymouth took "Best Restaurant" honors. The runners-up were Custom Furniture Refinishing and Station 885.



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### Spring's just around the corner ... babies arrive at Maybury Farm

Bus riders participating in . programs offered through the Northville Senior Community Center say thanks! The Kings Mill Woman's Club donated \$200 and Allen Terrace \$300 to the transportation fund.

Way to go! Northville Public Schools board of education member Dr. Karen Paciorek received the Distinguished Faculty Award from Eastern Michigan University, the highest award any faculty member can earn from the university. Paciorek is a professor of Early Childhood Education. \*\*\*\*\*

Northville resident Judy Lombardo has an invitation on behalf of The Zonta Club: "Step Out in Style"! The international professional woman's service organization is hosting its 12th annual fund-raiser for First Step, the western Wayne County project on domestic violence and sexual assault, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at the Laurel Park Place Parisian. The \$25 tickets include discounted shopping, a strolling supper and entertainment. For more information, visit www.zontafarmingtonnovi.org.

It's time to fill Easter baskets at Northville Civic Concern and they could use a hand with the ingredients. How about a grocery gift certificate a family could use to buy a ham? Prepared baskets from the bunny? Or other non-perishable items? As families continue to join the emergency service agency's client list, director Marlene Kunz said the need is greater than ever. Items always in demand: canned fruit, tuna, macaroni and cheese, laundry detergent and dish soap. If you can help, drop items 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. any Monday and Wednesday, and the first and third Friday, at 42951 Seven Mile Road in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center.

Introducing himself as the master of a Northville-based Web site, Fred Shadko used the public comment portion of Monday night's city council meeting to ask councilmember Michele Fecht what she didn't like about his forum. Can Matt Drudge questioning coun-Where site an? With lead - Daughler, Mary 'in like that ... Wendy's, 'of course. Thousands of young artists throughout Michigan will exhibit their work in Wendy's restaurants during Wendy's 18th annual "Celebrates Youth Arts" month through April 2. At the



Northville Wendy's on Haggerty Road, Silver · Springs Elementary School pupils will participate in the art awareness event.

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And guess what local downtown attraction is the latest to be featured on full-color glossy pages? The Old Village School playground adjacent to the home for the Northville Public Schools developmentally disabled program! From a southwest view of the structure, kids are shown having a blast climbing, swinging and in the sand on page 43 of the 2006 Little Tikes commercial catalog.

#### .... Keith Parmenter returns to the Tuscan Cafe tomorrow night! Owner Will Hundley invited his regulars and newcomers to come in to his Center Street coffee house for a relaxing evening of acoustic guitar and vocals from 8-10:30 p.m.

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Speaking of Tuscan, and other places around town that sold hand-painted Christmas ornaments as a fund-raiser for the Friends of Maybury State Park history trail ... club member Jennifer McFall reported the effort brought in \$3,840. Nice job. That cash and other donations brings the trail planners that much closer to the seed money needed to release the project.

#### Also at Maybury State Park. the Friends Bill Watson and Adam Danes are working toward purchasing and installing a memorial bench for long-time club member, the late Elise cilmember Jim Allen, be fac . McGoug A spot on the Friend's succed with the flake, was a succed with the flake, was a succed with the flake of Elise's

Planning a party, shower or reception? The Northville

Senior Community Center is starting to rack up some impressive rental statistics. Traci Sincock, director of the

Northville Parks and Recreation Department which oversees the facility, said they are planning to partner will local restaurants to begin offering catering packages for special occasions. .....

WE STILL NEED 86 E-MAIL ADDRESSES" was the message reunion-planning classmates sent to alumni they had located. Parents, friends and family members of the class of 1981 are asked to direct their graduate to c-mai Northvillehigh1981@yaboo.co c-mail m whether he or she is interest-ed in attending the 25th reunion at Western Country Club Aug. 12 or not. That way the rest of the planners can stop looking for them!

#### ....

The Northville community welcomes educators this week visiting from Japan as part of the Fulbright Memorial Fund teacher program. Little Italy hosted the foreign guests for a welcome dinner Sunday, kicking off an activity packed visit. The guests will enjoy a departure party at Genitti's at the end of their visit.

Nicholas Hopwood, financial consultant for Park Financial Services, turned to the NCAA tournament for an analogy in his weekly e-mailed commentary. A cameraman who zooms in on the point guard during a playoff game may create a great movie of the player, but he will miss what is really happening in the game. Likewise, in investing, zooming in on one brief period of historical performance may give you a misleading impression of what is really happening in the market. Instead, consider using a wide-angle lens when viewing the stock market- over a multi-year measurement period - and you may get a clearer picture.

#### Wonder which lens the Northville Township Board of



#### In fashion!

On Sunday, Katle Trevardek, in a slik crinkle white top with a black jersey knit skirt, models for 40 fashion show guests hosted by Dawn Gallagher. The personal shopper and image consultant showcased her new contemporary casual clothing lines, available through her Dawn's Day Spa and Skin Rejuvenation Center, at Little Italy Ristorante, co-owned by her husband, John Gallagher, and Jeff Jepko.

Trustees used when they unanimously approved another \$18,000 for a relocated barn at

Thayer Corners Park? ....

Tomorrow's Friday Flick at the Northville Senior Community Center is "Pride and Prejudice." The \$1 show starts at 1 p.m. ....

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center'teachers are busy working with their pupils, helping them prepare for their April as the Month of the Young Child exhibit. The show titled "The Children's Exhibit-Learning through Literacy," will be held at the Northville Senior Community Center in the lobby outside the gym April 7-11, with opening night scheduled

#### for 5-7 p.m. April 6.

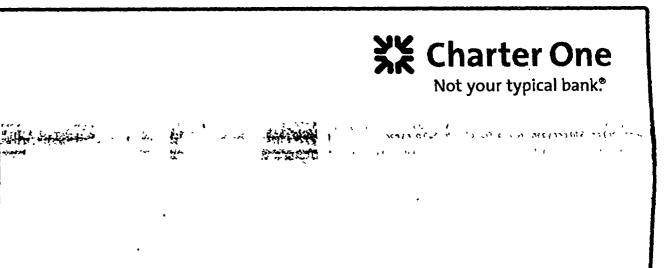
It was only a matter of time ... the Northville Post Office is going 24 hours. Patrons will be able to pick up their box mail in the lobby, weigh letters and parcels, apply postage and mail packages using an automated machine. Tentative starting date: April 1. More next week.

Evidence spring is right around the corner ... new babies at Maybury Farm. The two sets of twin goat kids and two new lambs are sticking very close to their moms right now. Construction of pasture pathways is planned so farm guests can see the animals up close when they join the rest of the goats and sheep in about a

The Northville month. Community Foundation is continuing its "Buy a Board" campaign, for a \$250 taxdeductible donation, to purchase the lumber necessary. For information about donating, farm hours or booking group tours call (248) 374-0200.

Submitted Photo

Speaking of Maybury Farm, a check for \$2,102 is on the way to the Northville Community Foundation courtesy Guernsey Farms Dairy, which matched donations. All who came by Guernsey's to celebrate St. Patrick's Day had lot's of fun, like Nolan and Olivia Sikina, who enjoyed homemade ice cream after contributing to the \$1.051 raised for the farm.



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#### WAGE: business owners, employees debate minimum wage increase

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wages, but (the bill) says if (servers) don't make sufficient tips to bring them to that level," Boyd said, "then the employer would have to make up the difference."

Nick Berisas said increasing tipped wages is not worth it. "Waitresses make good

money," said the owner of downtown Northville's Joseph's Coney Island. "\$130 for six or seven hours of work ... it's not worth it to increase."

"We can afford to pay them ... it's the cooks and dishwashers that deserve the increase."

According to the Michigan Restaurant Association, the tipped wage will increase from \$2.65 to \$4.60 by Jan. 1, 2007, if the bill is passed.

Andy Deloney, director of public affairs for the Michigan Restaurant Association said, an increase in minimum wage will kill Michigan jobs at a time when the state can't afford to lose more.

"Michigan's constitution was never intended to guarantee automatic annual pay raises to a select group of people," Deloney said in a statement. "Not to minimum wage workers, not to lawyers, or teachers, or lobbyists or politicians.

"Making the constitution a vessel for automatic annual pay raises is radical, wrong and an assault on the state's most sacred legal document and job provider."

#### Mixed emotions

Not everyone is against the increase. Kelly Ragatzki said she is all for the increase.

"It's good for people trying to get by," said the owner of Girly

"Waitresses make good money ... \$130 for six or seven hours of work ... it's not worth it to increase."

#### Nick Berisas

Owner of Joeph's National Coney Island

Girl in downtown Northville. 'Maybe (an increase) will boost moral and get employees to come in and want to work."

Ginger, manager of SBarro's in Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall said any increase in pay is better than no increase.

"It's about time," she said. There's too many older people that make minimum wage. You can't live on \$5.15 an hour.'

Joe Hatter said raising wages nearly \$2 is too much.

"It's not fair to people who've been here for years," said the owner of the Great Steak and Potato Company in Twelve Oaks Mall. "It's going to hurt small businesses ... If they have to, businesses are going to fire a lot of people to compensate (for the increase.)"

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.

#### ARAMINTA "LIZ" ELLISON

Age 91, of Northville, passed away March 17, 2006. A Funeral Service. Tuesday, March 14th. Mother of was held Wed. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Memorial Contributions to Michigan Humane Society or Cat Connection appreciated.

#### **MARY L. MARKOVICH**

Mary L. Markovich, age 78 of Northville, passed away March 17, 2006 in Plymouth. She was born on May 28, 1927 in Chicago, IL to Muhali and Catherine (Marco) Mush. She married Steve P. Markovich.on January 14, 1950, and has been a resident of Northville for 5 years; she was previously of Stuart, FL. Mrs. Markovich's greatest love was for her family, but she would help anyone in need. She was a wonderful homemaker, and a great companion to her adoring husband. Survivors include her devoted husband Steve P. of Northville; her daughter Mary Kay (Wayne) Pryce of Northville; her brother Jim (Bonnie) Mush; and her orandchildren, Kati Pryce and Steven Pryce. She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother George. A Funeral Service was held Monday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Pastor Bob Shirock from Oak Point Church of Novi officiated the service. Mrs Markovich was laid to rest in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial Contributions to Oak Point Church, 42275 7 Mile

**- OBITUARIES -**

#### SOPHIA D. BARBARA ·

90 of Warren, OH. Passed away John (Sandy) Barbara of Northville. Memorial service will be held in Newton Falls, OH. Memorials can be made to Make a Wish of Michigan.

#### **CONNIE THERESA DREW**

Age 91, died March 15, 2006 in her residence in Northville. Mrs. Drew was born on February 16, 1915 in Buffalo, New York. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Drew in 1972. Mrs. Drew was a homemaker. She has been a resident of Northville since 1975 and a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Services for Mrs. Drew will be 12:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 16, 2006 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home. Fr. Terry Kerner will officiate. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Lackawanna, New York, Mrs. Drew is survived by one son Frank (Madeleine) Drew of Northville, three grandchildren and two great granochildren and one brother Norbert (Mary) Ruda of Kenmore, New York. Memorial contributions to Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity, 730 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, New York 14218 would be appreciated. Arrangements by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home. (Northville)

. DONALD HICKMAN 🗤 Age 61, of Canton, formerly of Northville, passed away March 13, 2006. Funeral service was held Monday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Memorial contributions to Michigan Humane Society.

#### **GERALDINE I. VAN DAM**

Age 75, of Wixom, MI, passed away March 19, 2006. She was born on April 14, 1930, to the late Milton and Esther (Toole) Densmore. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert, beloved mother of Christie (Edward) Sherwood of Hudson, OH, Scott (Diana) Van Dam of South Lyon, MI, loving grandmother of Mike, Greg, Brian and Eddie Van Dam, and Kimberly and Craig Sherwood, sister Ruth Cooper of NC, and Gene Densmore of MI. She was preceded in death by her siblings: Madeline Hodge, Delbert Densmore, and Ronald Denšmore. Visitation Thursday 2 - 4 & 6 - 9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon, MI. Funeral Service will be held Friday, March 24, at 11:00 a.m. with final visitation at 10 a.m. at the New Hudson United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Cross Road Hospice, 1742 Georgetown Road, Suite J, Hudson, OH 44236 or to the New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River, New Hudson, MI 48165.

#### **MARIE "MESA" CAMPBELL**

Age 76, of Northville, passed away March 17, 2006. She was born on May 26, 1929 in Lake Forest, Illinois to Hempstead and Mary (Dennehy) Washburne, She married James H Campbell on May 17, 1958, and resided in Northville since 1966. Mesa was a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church In Northville. She volunteered with the American Red Cross, Meals-on-Wheels, Angela Hospice and others. She was a member and past director of the Huron Mountain Club. Mesa loved nature and the outdoors, which she enjoyed through hiking, fly fishing, gardening, and birding. She often traveled with her husband, family and friends fly fishing for trout. Survived by her husband James of 47 years; her children, Anne (Tim) Gardner of Menomine, Jamie (Peggy Garties) Campbell of Wisconsin, and Mary (John Larch) Campbell of Petoskey; her brother Thomas (Katherine) Washburne of Maryland, and sister Virginie Isham of Illinois; and six grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents and her brother Hempstead Washburne, Jr. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 25th at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 770 Thayer Blvd. in Northville. Father Terrance Kerner to officiate the service. Memorial contributions to the Huron Mountain Wildlife Foundation, Our Lady of Victory Building Fund, or to Angela Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

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# Senior programs: What to serve?

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#### Senior survey gauges support for program offerings

#### By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Iris Antuna said it only took her a few minutes.

The four-page Northville Senior Adult Services User Survey is easy to complete, she said, just a series of check marks and circles. Antuna is one of about 150 local residents who have picked up the white 7by-8-1/2-inch flier in the Northville Senior Community Center.

The survey asks about frequency of participation in programs and services such as van trips, cards, computer classes and holiday luncheons. The second section covers reasons for participation, from socialization to improved physical and emotional health.

The last page attempts to gauge convenience of program offerings and compiles demographic data.

Endorsements like Antuna's active involvement will aid the campaign for continuing to publicly fund the program when residents go to vote Aug. 8.

Senior program coordinator Dennis Smith said visitors have been completing the surveys at the reception counter or taking them home to fill out and bring back. It is a voluntary and anonymous, he said.

#### Feedback, please

Smith said the survey results will help him and senior adult services coordinator Sue Koivula evaluate the popularity of the programs they offer through the Northville Parks and Recreation Department and plan accordingly.

Survey results also will be a tool for publicizing the popularity of the senior program, one component of the shared services package voters will weigh in on during the Aug. 8 election. The city and township share the cost of providing senior,. recreation and youth assistance program to the Northville community.

The township's dedicated millage expires Dec. 31; the city has been paying for the senior, recreation and youth assistance programs from its general fund.

#### Millage or not

A special shared services com-

Trustees and April 24 to the Northville City Council.

The city and township shared the cost of hiring a consultant to host focus groups during the past two months and a telephone poll starting next week.

**Community Center last Friday.** 

"It will be a recommendation from the blue-ribbon committee how much and for what," said Township Supervisor Mark Abbo. "Whether, it's done or not will be, up to the 'individual' board of trustees and the city council."

Northville City Hall intern Timothy Davis is collecting the senior program data as part of a University of Michigan graduate research class. He hopes to collect at least 200 surveys by the end of the month, tabulate the data and present his finding to the senior advisory board at their next meeting, April 27.

#### What about me?

There will be something for everyone to vote on when Northville voters go to the polls Aug. 8. The township proposals will include continued funding for public safety services, and services shared with the city, including senior, parks and recreation and youth assistance programs. City residents are expected to face a proposal dedicated to funding shared services, pulled from the general fund for voter consideration for the first time.

"Whether it's done or not will be up to the individual board of trustees and the city council."

> Mark Aboo Supervisor, Northville Township





Ken Murray, left, and Jim Platt serve up corned beef, potatoes and cabbage during the St. Patrick's Day luncheon held at the Northville Senior

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mittee, with representatives from both communities, still is debating how to package its funding request. Their presentation is scheduled during budget hearings April 20 to the Northville Township Board of

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**RIGHT: Iris Antuna smiles as she awaits traditional St.** Patricks' Day fare of corned beef and cabbage at the Northville Senior Community Center last Friday.

Contact the Northville Senior Community Center at: (248) 349-4140. Office hours: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Seniors: searching for familar surroundings

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does simple things: stirs cocoa, washes dishes, runs errands.

Together they add up to personal dignity Austin can hold on to.

Thanks to the latest trend of agencies supplying in-home care, Rondaris has become Austin's lifeline five days a week.

"I talk to Ester a good deal more than anyone," Austin said.

#### At home, by choice

Allowing people to stay at home with an assigned caregiver is the newest option for family members choosing care for their aging loved ones, said Marie Policelli, who with her husband Kim, owns Comfort Keepers.

The Center Street business has 60 Nonhville clients, she said.

"Our senior population is growing faster than any other segment of the population," Policelli said.

According to the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments projections, more than 20 percent, or 9,334 Northville community residents will be 65 and older by 2030.

While performing duties as an in-home nurse, the former hospice nurse said she saw a need for helping the ill and aging with medical and non-medical needs.

When she and her husband founded Comfort Keepers in Northville, Policelli changed her role to screener and matchmaker.

"What I'm looking for are the disabilities of the client and the abilities of the caregiver," she said. "Sometimes we need a certified nurse assistant and sometimes just a good-hearted person."

Comfort Keepers caregivers undergo exten-

sive background investigation, Policelli said. We interview 50 (people) a week to end up with three," she said. "You have to screen them and present scenarios and they have to answer the right way."

#### The old familiar

The segment of the U.S. population reaching the "golden years" is growing rapidly at the same time families are no longer geographically bound to an area.

At the same time, younger generations are choosing a dual-income lifestyle, leaving fewer hours for home life.

Left in the shadow of those opposing realities are some tough decisions.

Where will I make my retirement community? Assisted living facility? Nursing home?

One of Austin's daughters called Comfort Keepers to arrange care for her mother.

"I had to think of it first," Austin said.

The Northville woman is still sharp. It's just her traitor body parts that won't always coopcrate.

#### A new routine

Since last June, professional assistance has allowed Austin to stay in her environment, among her familiar things.

Rondaris helps Austin maintain her routine: oatmeal and banana for breakfast, feet soaked, hair combed.

We do groceries and pick up prescriptions for her," the caregiver said.

Austin's two remaining daughters and son chat with Rondaris on the phone.

They know she tends to their mom, her only client, six hours per day, four or five days a week. On the weekend, other staff members

#### Residence options

#### · Home, with contracted care

 Assisted living: promotes maximum independence for each resident through a combination of supportive services and assistance, such as help with eating, bathing, dressing and personal hygiene, supervision of self-administration of medications, laundry service, housekeeping, and 24-hour staffing.

 Independent living: residential setting for elderty or senior adults that may or may not provide hospitality or supportive services. Under this living arrangement, the senior adult leads an independent lifestyle requiring minimal or no extra assistance.

Nursing home: 24-hour medical care.

Considerations for deciding on residential options include: whether assistance is needed for walking, bathing, eating, toileting and medicating; mobility, memory, pets, oxygen, tube feeding, vision/sight, hearing and budget. Source: minusenior-comminipate

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#### fill in around her schedule.

"It's so neat to see people stay in their own home," Policelli said. "They're so happy to be in their own home. We want people to age in place."

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Comfort Keepers employee Ester Rondaris serves some hot cocoa to client Helen Austin, 95.

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Why convert to a bank? How will member-owners benefit? How will management benefit? Historically, other conversions to banks have shown that it's executive management and board members who make millions in stock options and other compensation. And, did you join a credit union only to have it become a bank? I did not!

It is expected that members will soon receive a packet of disclosure information with a ballot from DFCU Financial. I urge you to read all disclosure information very carefully before you vote. Your vote is important. In a credit union, it's one member/one vote. This conversion will be successful if passed by only a simple majority of those who vote.

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#### Credit card fraud

A 55-year-old Highland Park woman reported having her corporate credit card from Home Depot on Haggerty Road duplicated. According to reports, there were several unauthorized purchases made with the credit card. Police advised the woman to close the account. The case is closed.

#### Harassed at work

A 36-year-old Westland woman reported being harassed by her cupervisor while working at Hiller's Market on Haggerty Road. According to reports, the woman said she's been accused of stealing and being on drugs. The woman told police her union is investigating the incidents and does not want to press. charges at this time. The case is closed.

#### Attacked

Police were called to

Innsbrook Apartments near Seven Mile Road after a 12year-old Northville Township boy was allegedly attacked by a 16-year-old girl in the complex's laundry room. According to reports, the boy was playing basketball earlier, that day, and the girl got hit with the ball. The boy told police the girl struck him five times. Police spoke with the girl, who said the boy hit her first. Police spoke with the girl's sister and told her it was difficult to determine the truth. The case is closed.

#### Stolen camcorder

A 41-year-old Northville Township man reported his digital camcorder stolen from his home. According to reports, the man told police the only people who had access to his home were employees from the cleaning company he uses. The man told police the company had been contacted. The case remains open.

#### Unknown caller

A 52-year-old Northville Township man called police after receiving several anony-mous calls. According to reports, the man said his caller ID shows the calls are from Florida. He said when he answers the phone, the caller does not say anything or hangs up. The man said he contacted his phone company in order for police to trace the calls. The case remains open.

#### Road rage 🕓

A 38-year-old Northville Township woman called police after she was allegedly harassed by another driver on Seven Mile Road near Silver Springs. According to reports, the woman was stopped at a red light when another car pulled up next to her and began yelling. She began backing her car up, but the man got out and attempted to open her locked door. She told police the light turned green

#### and she drove off. The woman said she was too upset to make a statement, but she was able to describe the male driver. Police were unable to locate the driver. The case is closed.

#### Busted

Police were called to Meijer on Haggerty Road after an 18year-old Redford man was caught allegedly stealing a bot-tle of alcohol. According to reports, when confronted by Meijer loss prevention officials, the man threw the bottle at the ground and attempted to run. Police noticed a strong odor of intoxicants on the man's breath and checked his blood alcohol level. He was arrested and charged with retail fraud and being a minor in possession. He was given a March 30 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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Mayes said. "New transactions kept showing up ... he had several fraud alerts out, including one with the Secretary of State, which helped us."

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taken for identity theft ride

Police were able to identity Langston through the Clemis Facelink database, which shares mug shots with area police departments in the metro Detroit area.

The new computer technology allows us to search unknown photographs of individuals and come back with instant results of anyone who has been arrested in the metro Detroit area," Mayes said. Without this computer system, we would not have been able to break this case."

Langston is being held at the ayne County Jail on a \$40,000 bond.

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He is awaiting a March 31 preliminary examination at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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#### IN THE MILITARY

#### Kurt M. Roller

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kurt M. Roller, whose wife, Jessica, is the daughter of Christine and Peter Ricard of Northville and his fellow shipmates are in the middle of a scheduled deployment while assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Oscar Austin, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

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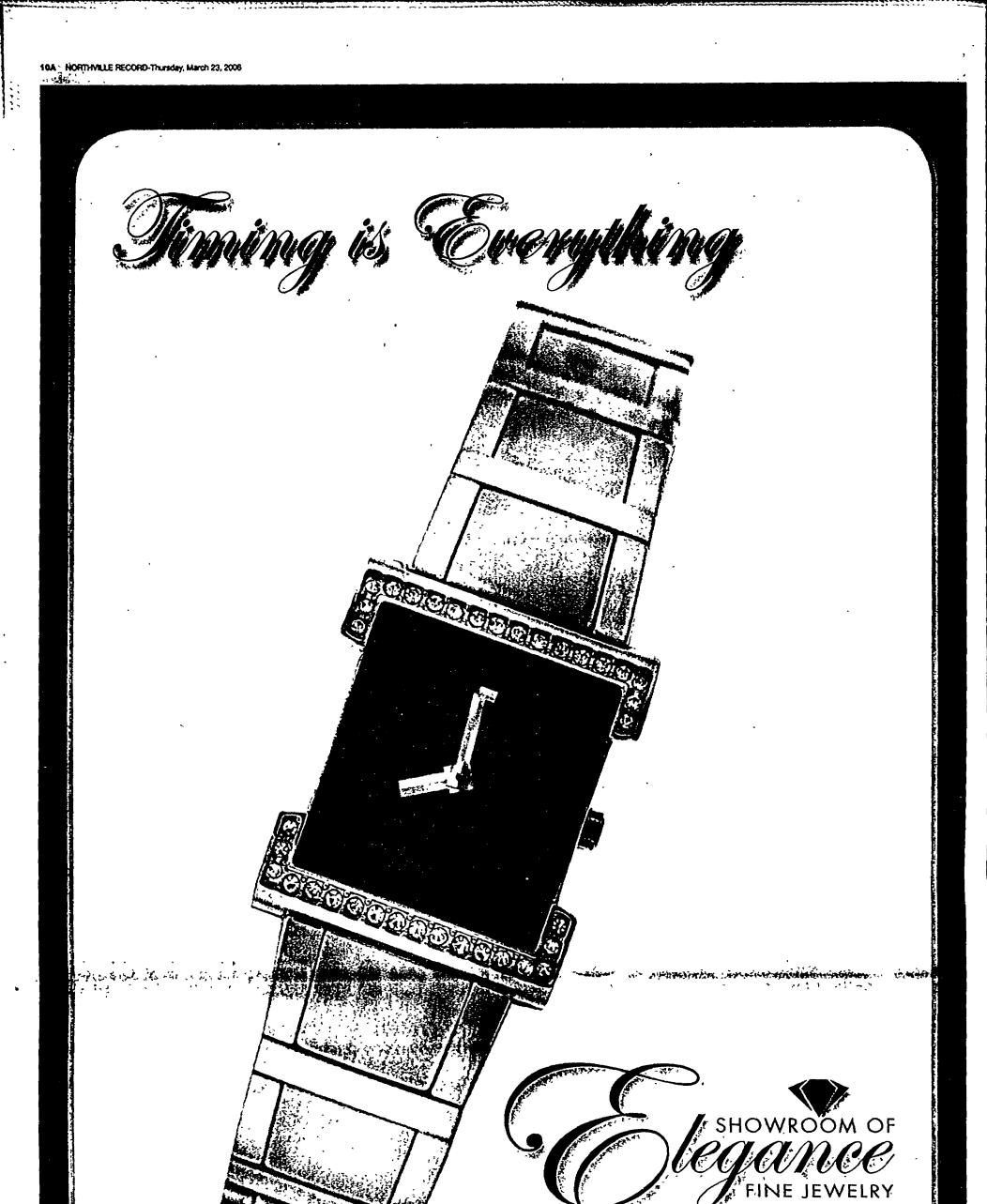


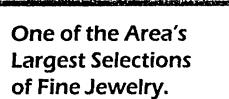
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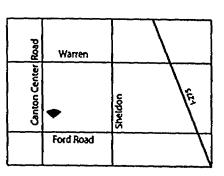
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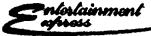
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#### Valenti-Chmura

Ronald and Mary Valenti of Forest Hill, Md. announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Marie Valenti to Jason Alexander Chmura, son of Stanley and Sherry Chmura of Willis, Mich.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of John Carroll High School, BelAir, Md. and a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently employed as a Marketing Coordinator at Watson Wyatt Worldwide, Southfield.

The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of Romulus High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is currently employed as a Membership Director at the Society for Nonprofit Organizations, Canton. A May 2006 wedding is planned.



#### Maitese-Baughman

Mr. and Mrs. Dominic J. Maltese, Jr. of Northville, announce the engagement of their son, Andrew D. Maltese to Melissa Ann Baughman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Holland of Jonesville and Mr. Dale Baughman of Litchfield.

The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Dearborn High School and is currently employed with the family construction business of D. J. Maltese, Plymouth,

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Hillsdale High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in Kinesiology. She is currently employed at Northville Physical Rehabilitation as a Physical Therapy Technician. A summer 2006 wedding is planned.



#### **Banner-Walton**

Mark and Marjorie Banner of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexandra to Stephen Walton, son of Garry and Diane Walton of Portage, Mich.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in Biology. She is currently employed by NSF International, Ann Arbor, as a Certification Project Manager.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Portage High School, and a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He earned a master of engineering degree from the University of Michigan in 2005 and is currently a Ph.D. engineering candidate also at the University of Michigan.

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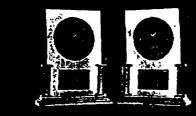
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### **CLASS NOTES**

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#### **Hillside Family Carnival**

Northville families are invited to join the fun at the Hillside Middle School Family Carnival 5-8 p.m. Friday. The carnival will feature a food court, un 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.

#### Children's exhibit

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center is planning a community exhibit, 'The Exhibit-Learning Children's through Literacy," highlighting the importance of literature in early childhood and school age care programs. The exhibit will provide an opportunity to share children's work with the community while expressing their thoughts. The exhibit will be held in the lobby of the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. Opening night is 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 6. The event will run April 7-11.

#### **Board Meeting**

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

#### Auction

St. Paul's Lutheran School will be holding its annual school auction 6 p.m. Saturday at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Proceeds from the auction go toward school operating expenses. For more information, contact the school office at (248) 349-3146.

#### **Open Enrollment Policy**

The Northville Public Schools open enrollment deadline for 2006-07 is April 7. The policy addresses situations where parents would like students to attend a school within the district not in their attendance area. Those choosing to make an open enrollment request must submit a letter to Dr. Casey Reason, assistant superintendent for instructional services, with copies sent to each of the building principals involved. Open enrollment letters must be

submitted on an annual basis. Please be aware final decisions regarding open enrollment are often not made until one to two weeks prior to the start of the school year because of enrollment fluctuations throughout the summer.

#### **Camp Invention**

Northville Public Schools hosts Camp Invention, a week-long summer day experience for children entering grades one-six. The program will take place July 31-Aug. 4 at Ridge Wood Elementary School. Camp Invention is designed to inspire creativity and inventive-thinking through handson activities and fun. The program integrates science, mathematics, history and the arts in an environment conducive to learning. Ridge Wood teacher Tom Boomer will be the camp director with local certified teachers leading the lessons. For more information, visit www.campinvention.org or con-tact Kathy Gualtieri, (248) 879-9535.

#### **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

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is located at 19801 Silver Springs Drive.

#### Kindergarten

Nonhville Public Schools is accepting kindergarten registra-tions 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.

#### **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



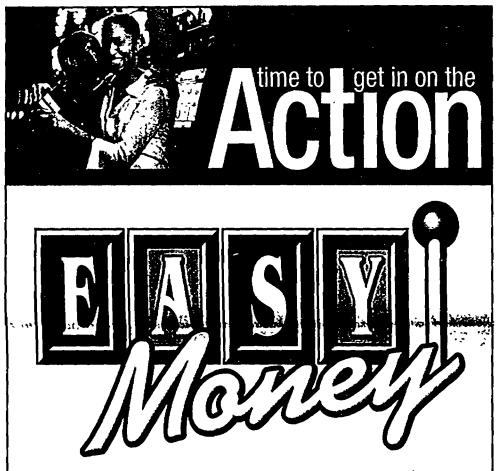
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Northville High School seniors Lindsay Williams, front, and Amanda Milar donate a pint of blood during a Red Cross blood drive held at the school last Friday.

private elementary schools interested in school-age programs may contact the ECC office in July and out-of-district families in August. The ECC Web site is www.northville k12.mi.us/earlychildhood.

**RIGHT: Gordie Lemasters,** a Northville High School junior, donates a pint of blood during a Red Cross blood drive. More than 160 students and staff were scheduled to donate blood.





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### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOTEBOOK

#### March 14 meeting

• All members were present. • Next Meeting: March 28

#### **Revised graduation requirements**

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski and assistant superintendent Casey Reason testified last week during legislative hearings regarding proposed revised state graduation requirements. Rezmierski said up for debate are two world language courses and a mandatory online course. Rezmierski said the graduating class implementation date is also in question.

#### NHS basketball

Members and coaches of the Nonhville High School boys basketball team were recognized for their conference championship finish and regular season. The 20-0 Mustangs lost to Catholic Central, 56 55, during the first round of state playoffs.

#### MySpace

District administrators voiced ongoing concern for the Web site MySpace.com. "This issue is one we continue to monitor," said Casey Reason, Northville Public Schools assistant superintendent for instructional services. The district is concerned the popular blogging site poses significant safety issues for minors not realizing anyone, including child predators, may read postings and view personal information.

#### Policy

Members of the board of education unanimously approved the first reading of board policy 5119, relating to students leaving or entering the district. Changes to the policy include specific language relating to a 45-day occupancy date and \$500 tuition deposit for future students.

#### Drivers ed

Members of the Northville Public Schools board of education

unanimously agreed to offer driver's education training this summer. The course will cost \$375 and require a minimum enrollment of 50 students with additional enrollces added at increments of 25. The course will be held at the high school.

#### MEAP

Northville Public Schools MEAP results were released by the state for grades third, fourth, figh, sixth, seventh and eighth. School administrators said Northville's performance was outstanding. School administrators said they hope the MEAP date will be pushed back later in the year in the future to accommodate the state-mandated late start date next year.

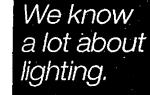
#### Cable cast

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD Silver Springs Elementary students enjoy story time with children's book author Steven Kellogg.

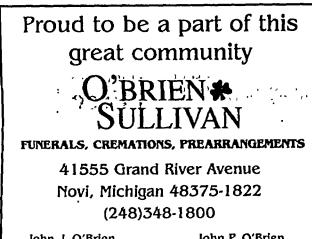




#### I have a story for you!



Illustrator Steven Kellogg talks to Silver Springs Elementary School students about one of his characters: Pinkerton the dog.



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### For \$9,300, more surveys

### Council antes up for additional downtown surveys

#### By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

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Where are you going and how long are you going to be there?

Shoppers climbing from cars and strolling Northville streets will be greeted by clipboard-toting inquisitors this summer as the City of Northville tries to get a better grip on the habits of downtown visitors.

But at least one leader thinks it's a waste of shoe leather.

Councilman Tom Swigart, a staunch supporter of rationale to planning strategies. back' Monday night drew a line at collecting additional data. He said he had not heard a clear answer about how the city's strategic planning consultant will translate information into recommendations.

Swigart cast the lone "no" vote when the council majority approved 3-1 two more assignments totaling \$9,300 to Ann Arbor-based Beckett and Raeder.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carolann Ayers was absent.

#### Final report: June

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Results of a \$3,600 business owner survey will be included in Beckett and Raeder's final report, which will be presented to council in June.

The two-part \$5,720 survey of

downtown patrons will be conducted over three weeks during May, June, August or October. The goal of the questionnaires is gathering information on preferences for goods and services, as well as determining the average time parking spaces are used in a given day.

This data collection will be in addition to the \$54,500 contract the city awarded Beckett and Raeder last fall. The consultant came to Northville in September, hosting public forums, meeting with local steering committee members and analyzing a variety of data, with a six-month timetable to deliver a downtown strategic plan.

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In response to Beckett and Raeder senior associate Connie Pulcipher's delivery of the firm's sixth status report to the council, Swigart repeated his past criticism that community members have not been involved sufficiently in the planning process.

"I think the level of energy that we saw at the first public meeting has diminished," Swigart said. He questioned whether the public will support projects identified as priorities when it comes time to spend the approximate \$5 million Northville Downtown Development Authority has set aside

for revitalization efforts.

#### Consedsus anyone?

But the majority thought approving more research was a good idea.

Mayor Christopher Johnson said the surveys were needed to gather information to help planners make the best decisions.

The strategic plan draft Pulcipher presented to the council included as top priorities: build a new town square; determine future parking expansion needs; integrate farmers market into the downtown; encourage sidewalk cafes and outdoor seating, and implement streetscape and parking lot improvements.

Before the votes Monday. downtown steering committee member Lisa Malpede and Northville Central Business Association president Sherri Mewha encouraged the council to support surveying downtown business owners

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"The merchants and downtown businesses rep-

resent a group of constituents that deserve to be heard," Mewha said. "They've invested in doing business in town."

about parking habits and get business owners to buy into the process.

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTEBOOK

#### **March 20 Meeting**

 Mayor Pro-Tem Carolann Ayers was absent. Next Meeting: April 3

#### Carnival's coming

A carnival midway will be set up on Nonthville Downs parking lot Thursday-Sunday July 13-16. Monday night, the Northville City Council unanimously approved the Chamber of Commerce's request to host the event. Hours will be 1-10 p.m., Thursday; noon-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and noon-8 p.m., Sunday, All loud music will be turned off at 9 p.m.

#### **Dispatch: A-OK at 18 months**

Northville City Police Chief Jim Petres told the city council the joint public safety dispatch and with lock-up arrangement Northville Township continues to operate smoothly.

Since the joint system started in September 2004, only a small number of concerns have arisen and been addressed, Petres said. During 2005, the city's 25 percent share of the dispatch workload for police service was 5,617 calls and for fire runs, 689 calls, both down

#### from 2004 numbers.

#### Tweaking the deal

The Northville City Council authorized staff to proceed with the \$400,000 purchase of parking lot property behind Old Church Square from Bob and Margene Buckhave. After a final survey of the parcel, the city ended up with 389 square feet less to accommodate the sellers' right to retain eight feet along the back of their building to continue parallel park.

#### Banners up

The City of Nonhville will allow banners to hang over Main and Center streets for the first time in decades.

Monday night, the city council unanimously voted to revise the municipal banner system policy allowing two signs at a time advertising events 10 times per year, with content subject to the city manger's final approval.

#### **Temporary tower**

Cellular communications company Metro PCS Michigan Inc. was granted permission by the Northville City Council to place a temporary trailer antenna near the city's elevated water storage tank until approval of a long-term contract is accomplished.

The City of Northville already receives \$20,000 per year from four other companies for allowing equipment to be mounted on the tower. Councilman Jim Allen dissented, saying temporary council approval circumvented the formal planning commission approval process.

#### **Demolition men**

S &V Contractors of Plymouth will be ready to roll when Edward's Cafe and Catering moves from 116 E. Dunlap St. to its new location in 115 E. Main St. The city council awarded a

\$12,500 contract to demolish the building in April to make room for another 20 parking spaces in the parking lot behind the Marquis Theatre.

#### Park naming policy

Accepting the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Northville City Council updated the city's policy for naming parks and open space. Parks and Recreation Director Traci Sincock said five official city parks are not yet named.



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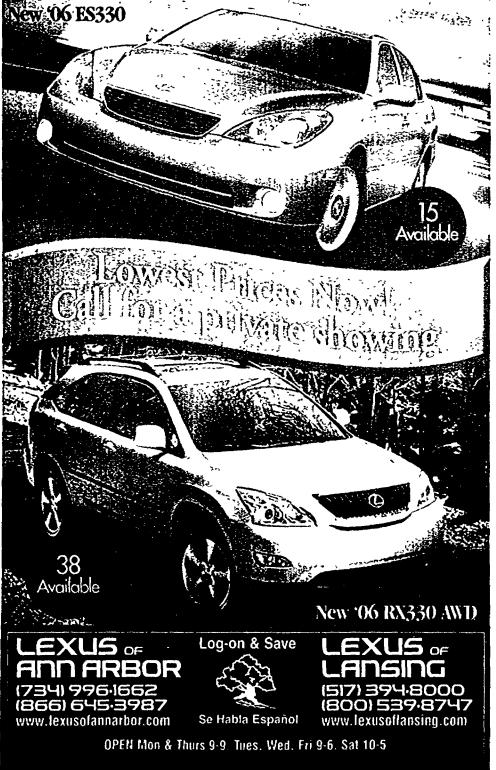
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# Hey, get organized

Personal organizer says getting rid of clutter reduces stress

#### By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ann Medonis doesn't believe in closet doors.

Kids forget to close them. They take up space in a room or hallway. And they collect dust in the crevices.

It helps that the professional personal organizer keeps her non-perishable food in rows, arranges decorative articles on shelving, and uniformly hangs or stacks clothes. "I just enjoy it," she said. "It does

come naturally for me. "l always stress simple is better."

But the mother of six acknowledges her hingeless existence is an extreme of orderliness. She has plenty of suggestions for regular folks who need to close the door on their belongings.

In a talk next Tuesday titled Organization with Flair! (For a More Tranquil Life)," Medonis will share tips at the Northville Senior Community Center.

As soon as her audience drives home, they can try her suggestion to establish a key location. Keeping them in the same place every day eliminates the stress of trying to find them when trying to get some place on time.

#### Stressful surroundings

A chaotic environment creates stress, Medonis said. Parents split between work and family might feel they have neither the time nor the talent to organize their household, she said.

"I had one woman say, 'Gosh, I need you. I've got three girls and I'm always running here and there," she said. "I never have time. I'm so stressed out."

Trained as a professional skater, Medonis, 53, said from an early age her life was full of structure and discipline. Widowed four years ago, she took on the task of supervising construction of her Orchard Drive hame when she decided to down-

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"I tell them, 'It's not like you're throwing it away. It's going to make you feel good knowing someone else is using it."

> Ann Medonis Owner, Ducks in a Row

everything. She turned those lessons and instincts from ordering life for her troupe of six into an organizing business she named, "Ducks in a Row."

Twenty years ago, she put cereal bowls on shelves even her youngest could reach. Her grown sons nicknamed the space she maintains for their return visits "the barracks."

"I wanted my kids to do as much as possible and be as independent as possible," she said. Medonis' talk next week will

highlight principles homeowners can incorporate themselves. She has a list of agencies to take discarded items and an array of resources she recommends for closet organizers and storage cabinets.

'You don't have to go that route," she said. "You can go other ways. It's all about being creative."

#### Purging required

Her suggestion: set a date every labels according to your lifestyle, what to read, what to save, and con-

#### Clutter just happens, Medonis said. "We're inundated with paper," she said. "It's something we all struggle with." three weeks to go through files

tinually throw away and recycle. Medonis said every home needs As the layout of her new home to be purged occasionally. It's OK to have a junk drawer, she said, just

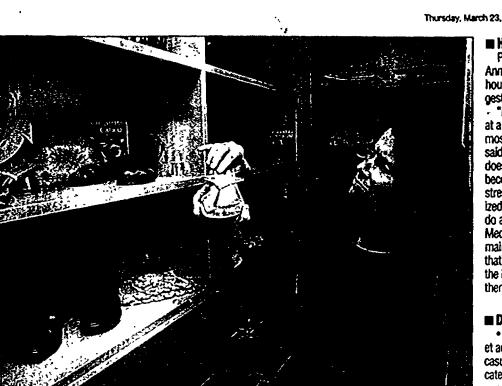


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Ann Medonis tidies up a closet in her well-ordered Orchard Street home. She'll be talking about "Organization With Flair" at the Northville Senior Community Center March 28.

so you look at it every once in a while.

"It's OK to have a room that's not being used they can store things in," Medonis said. It's important to keep in clear view items representing your identity, she said.

Ducks in a Row assignments have included helping clear a home after an elderly relative's death, she said.

"I'm very careful with them," she said. "You can get attached to things. I ask, 'How often do you use this, how often do you use this?

"I tell them, 'It's not like you're throwing it away. It's going to make you feel good knowing someone else is using it.""

When it's too soon to part with something little used, Medonis said she suggests labeling it with a date and putting it in the basement for one year.

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STORAGE SIMPLICITY In storage, it should be easier to put something away than it is to get it out. Bras and underpants can be in an open-topped plastic basket on a shelf rather than stuffed in a lingerie drawer.

#### House calls

Professional personal organizer Ann Medonis visits homes, for an hourly rate, to give on-site suggestions or to do the re-ordering.

\*L come in and start, one room at a time, and ask what is the most important room first," she said. "That's what organization does, it helps a family or person to become more functional and less stressful. Once a home is organized, people usually don't have to do a major overhaul again, Medonis said. They just need to maintain it, she said. "Sometimes that's all they need is to just get the ball rolling. They can do it themselves."

#### Ducks in a Row Tips:

Arrange clothing in your closet according to your use: casual/dressy/work clothes, by category, by color.

. When stocking cupboards, keep heavy items lower, keep regularly used items within close reach and put like items together. Never go up or down steps

empty-handed.

 Keep pet records, leash, food and grooming items in pet area.

 Only bedroom owner belongings should go in that room.

 Designate locations for mail, keys, school books and your everyday purse.

· Keep a family calendar.

· Put out the night before items for the next day: notes, videotapes to be returned and dry-cleaning.

· Rather than hiding purses and shoes in boxes, neatly arrange them on closet shelves so your choices are visible.

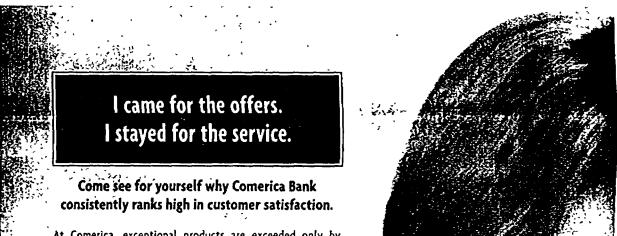
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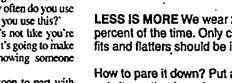
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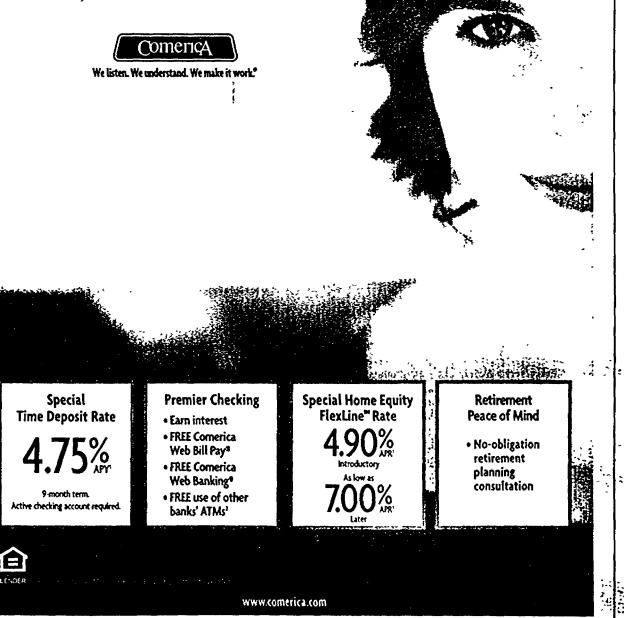
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# Where's all the money going?

During the next year, the Northville Record will be reviewing with heightened scrutiny all public expenditures, evaluating public spending priorities and clarifying the financial philosophies of local public officials.

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Why now? First, serving as a public watchdog is the fundamental role of any credible newspaper. Second, the Feb. 28 rejection of two school bond requests totaling nearly \$71 million elicited considerable public reaction, including concerns about an unstable Michigan economy and efficient use of existing resources.

For the past two years, we have beat a steady drumbeat about the need, especially when times are good, to utilize resources efficiently and spend, or save, money wisely. Much to the chagrin of some who'd prefer we not discuss such issues, those views were not always

well-received.

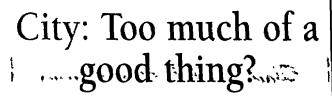
But the time is now ripe for all local officials — city, township, public schools, downtown development authority, community foundations and Lansing politicians — to stand accountable and once again explain the rationale behind some of their decisions.

In Northville, where Republican mantras are common and local officials tout themselves as "fiscal conservatives," we'd hope evidence of financial constraint and prudent decision-making will not be hard to find.

If not, we'll ask why. Then we'll ask again. And again.

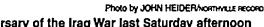
Are local officials doing yeoman's work with ever diminishing funds? Absolutely. But at a time when money is tight for everyone, could more be done, with less? Maybe. Maybe not. Either way, it's a fair oues-

Either way, it's a fair question, begging an honest answer.



Who would ever think the city's stickler for precise planning would find himself on the short end of a vote to further study an issue? That's what happened Monday night when Tom Swigart was the lone city council member to shy away from spending more strategic planning consultant dollars accumulating data. Swigart's most valiant point was the importance of holding Beckett and Raeder to their promised deliverable: a plan on a firm foundation the community will be able and willing to exe-

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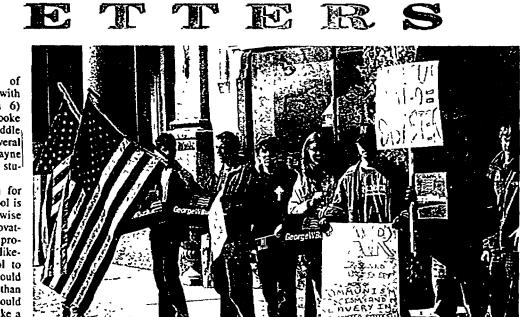


Korean War veteran Frank Delewsky, center, protests the third anniversary of the Iraq War last Saturday afternoon in downtown Northville. Delewsky was visited by "Pro-Victory" counter-demonstrator Michael Cullen, left.

#### As a former resident of Northville, I need to differ with Ms. Bradddock's (March 6) assessment of the former Cooke

Als. Bladdock's (March O) assessment of the former Cooke Middle School. Cooke Middle, School was renovated several years ago to help, Wayne County's special education students.

To offer the suggestion for NPS to take back that school is not necesssarily a wise option. The school was renovated to accommodate the program's special needs. In all likelihood to bring the school to serve the district's needs would probably cost much more than to build another one. I would strongly suggest that she take a tour of the school and see the wonderful opportunities that it affords the children of Wayne County. Each Wayne County school district has a special needs program that reaches out to its neighboring districts. Northville should continue the former Cooke Middle School as a special needs facility.





### Township: Get out, and enjoy Northville

This week marks the first week of spring. And Northville Township officials have worked hard to ensure there are plenty of parks, including the future completion of Community Park, available for residents to get out and get some exercise and fresh air. It's time to hang up your winter coats, open the windows and step outside.

# Schools: Simply a 'Seussical' success

Members of the Northville High School theater department are working hard preparing for their spring musical, "Seussical." The production offers a high quality opportunity for family fun. The production, almost entirely in song, brings the magic of many popular Dr. Seuss characters to one stage in a colorful and dynamic way March 30-April 1. We applaud the high school theater department for choosing such a family-friendly production for its spring show.

### Athletics: Sports, and spring cleaning

Spring sports means moving from the cozy indoor gymnasiums to the sometimes unpredictable weather of outdoor athletics.

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### Thank you

The Biloxi Little League Board of Directors would like to thank you for all the support and generosity you have given to us. We greatly appreciate the donation of the new gloves and bats as well as the used equipment

our baseball facilities due to Katrina, but luckily our new Sports Complex received only minor damage. We have given out approximately 70 percent of the gloves and bats to our kids who lost everything. You have no idea how many smiles you have put on our kids faces due to your generosity. We are hoping to have our Opening Day on April 1, 2006. We are really looking forward to making this baseball season one to remember. We would like you to follow our progress through our web site

and uniforms. We lost three of

town Northville last Saturday afternoon.

www.Biloxilittleleague.com.

#### Thank you again for all of your support and generosity.

A group of counter-demonstrators stand near those protesting the Iraq War in down-

Greg Eleuterius Biloxi Little League-President

#### T-h-a-n-k-s

As an inept but enthusiastic participant in the recent Senior Spelling Duel, I would like to thank Sue Koivula and Ken Murray of the Northville Senior Community Center staff for their encouragement and support, and for their organizational skills in dealing with sometimes cantankerous elders not only from Northville but also from Novi, South Lyon, and Highland Township. The Northville Record also treated the event with the correct mix of fun and entertainment. In the brouhaha of organizing all the spellers, pronouncers and judges. Sue and Ken made certain everyone had a good time and did not feel too chagrined about being eliminated early.

It was a festive event and from spectator reaction a good time was had by all. Thank you again.

> Don Sherman. Northville

### **Record Sources**

We're looking for you! The Northville Record is currently looking to interview local residents regarding the following topics:

• Are you a high school student who receives an allowance from your parents?

Are you a high school student who has an interesting job?
Are you a Northville senior

• Are you a Northville senior citizen with an interesting job or hobby?

 Are you a working woman, who has recently returned to work?

• Are you a Northville resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough times?

• During the past six months, have you moved into a newly constructed home?

• Do you spend more than \$100



per week on gasoline?Are you a single parent?

• Has your home been for sale for more than one year? • Is there something specific

about Northville you would street wh

change, update or eliminate?

• Are you planning a unique holiday party or family gettogether?

• Is there someone on your street who needs a helping hand?

Contact Northville Record editor David Aguilar at (248) 349. 1700, ext. 102, or via e-mail at daguilar@gannett.com.

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# Michigan's problems as diverse as solutions

"We are in a pickle. The state of Michigan is in the midst of serious structural economic trouble, probably its worst crisis in our lifetime. Since 2001, the state has lost

one-quarter of its automotive work force and is in its sixth consecutive year of job loss, a period of decline unequaled in the 50 years for which we have data.'

George Fulton University of Michigan eco- Phil Power nomics professor

That dash of cold water from a nationally recognized authority was just one of many bracing moments at last week's "Where Do We Go From Here?" economic policy agenda-setting conference in Ann Arbor.

Two hundred and fifty policy experts and civic leaders gave up their entire day to take turns listening to detailed policy papers and then huddling in small groups to discuss Michigan's situation which vitally concerns all of us.

The objective of the conference, co-sponsored by The Center for Michigan and the U-M's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy, was to see if a cross section of Michigan's leaders could reach broad agreement on an economic policy agenda that could work - and make a major impact.

And remarkably, though it was a highly diverse group, broad agreement was reached on a number of topics. They

The yast majority of the public woefully lacks under-standing about the true nature of our state's present financial circumstances.

For example: Michigan has a reputation as a high tax state, but we actually rank below average. We were 29th in the nation in state and local taxes as a percentage of personal income for 2002, the last year for which data are available. That's down considerably from 1972, when only a dozen states ranked above us. The experts' best guess is that we may be even lower today. Michigan's government is also, believe it or not, malnourished. The state has experienced a \$1 billion-plus state operating budget deficit for

the past six years. The politi-cians have covered the deficit by cannibalizing rainy day funds and selling off assets. But without serious structural tax and spending reform, this

deficit can only get worse, according to Tom Clay, the highly respected budget expert of the non-partisan Citizens Research Council. And our leaders' actual spending patterns seem bizarrely out of whack. For example, con-

ferees were astonished to discover that Michigan spends \$1.8 billion on our prison system in 2006 with substantially higher incarceration rate and operating costs than our neighboring states.

This expenditure just about equals the total amount we spend on all our colleges and universities. We spend more to keep a prisoner behind bars each year than it would cost to send them to Harvard Law School.

Participants wondered if very expensively warehousing felons was more important to us than educating our young people.

The conference agreed farreaching tax reform is necessary, beginning with the Single Business Tax (SBT). Most felt the SBT has become politically so unpopular that, as a practical matter, any serious discussion of tax reform must take on the SBT, either by substantial revision or outright repeal.

However, an equally strong consensus was that any reve enue loss from SBT reform or repeal must be replaced. Not doing so would be "financially irresponsible to an extreme degree," according to Michigan State University Professor Charles Ballard. A review of state-by-state economic data revealed that no evidence could be found that further tax cuts, in and of themselves, could contribute in any serious way to economic growth. The leading candidate to plug the \$1.9 billion hole left if the SBT was repealed is extending the sales tax, now levied on goods, to services while reducing the rate from the current 6 percent. Another possibility, politically less popular, would be to make the

state income tax more progressive.

The conference also examined issues of competitive advantage for Michigan's economy and actual spending patterns in labor force skills and education. Participants agreed that it is vital for Michiganders to come to terms with the fact that the state is deep into a fundamental transition from a relatively low-skilled manufacturing base to a higher skill- and knowledge-based economy.

To that end, conferees agreed that Michigan needed to make substantial investments in education and knowledge infrastructure.

Education, ranging from very early childhood through high school and on through community college and fouryear and graduate universities. was regarded as suffering from years of underinvestment by the state.

Lately, the lack of investment has turned into something even worse — actual budget cuts, which threaten to cripple our future.

Many participants expressed frustration that many basic issues lying at the heart of Michigan's economic crisis have not been addressed by our state's leaders. They believed many Michigan citizens were yearning for a way to express their concerns and get something practical done without political posturing or ideological diatribe.

As a co-sponsor of the conference, I ended the day by saying that "a successful conference is just the first step in a journey of structural reform that could last many miles," while pledging that our new think-and-do tank, The Center for Michigan, was committed to investing in the process for the long haul, the conference with the conference with

turns out to be a one-day flash in the pan or the start of something really big will depend on the willingness of people to step forward. As the famous comment goes, all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men and women to do nothing.

Phil Power, the former



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### **Carpal Tunnel** Syndrome?

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chairman of Hometown Communications Network, is a long-time observer of Michigan politics, public policy and economics. He is the founder of The Center for Michigan, which co-sponsored the conference in Ann Arbor. For more information on The Center, go to www.thecenterformichigan.net.



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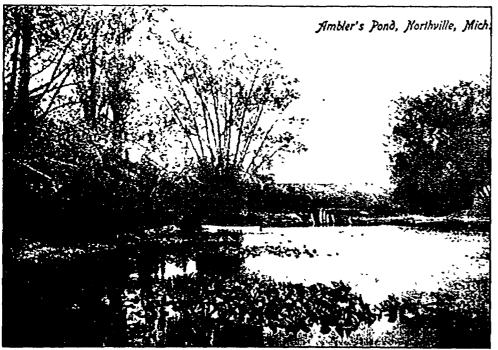


Photo courtesy of NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY A postcard depicting Ambler's Pond, located across from 240 Fairbrook, circa 1908.

#### Letters to the Editor

We welcome your comments on editorials, columns and other topics important to you 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.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Northville's Official Events Calendar • For a complete calendar, visit www.northvillerecord.com... Northville Record... Around Town

#### NORTHVILLE **EVENTS**

#### School Camival

DATE: Friday TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Middle School, 775 N. Center St. DETAILS: The carnival will feature games, a food court and a tin

can raffle. CONTACT: Martina Stone, stonchome@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 Wizard of Oz." Tickets are \$8 per person.

CONTACT; (248) 380-1666 or e-mail csdc5678@sbcglobal.net

#### Art Exhibit

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

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

#### Art Exhibit

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

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

#### **Open Mic Night**

DATE: Third Saturday of every month through May

TIME: 6:15 p.m., sign-up: 7 p.m., performance LOCATION: Art House, 215 W.

Cady St.

DETAILS: Northville Arts Commission hosts this event for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. The cost is \$5 at the door.

Performers are free. CONTACT: (248) 449-9950

#### Art Walk

DATE: First Friday of every month TIME: 5-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Downtown 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

#### "Chicken soup for the mouth"

DATE: Friday TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: This is an improv show. Tickets are \$25 per person for dinner and show. Reservations are required.

#### **Dinner Show**

DATE: April 22, "The Vogues"; June 17, "The Shades of Blue"; July 15, "The Reflections" TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner and show. Reservations are required.

#### **Maybury State Park Events**

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

#### Wildflower Walks

DATE: Friday and Saturday, May 5-6 TIME: 10:30 a.m.

DETAILS: The Friends of Maybury are hosting this free event. All ages are welcome. Reservations are not required.

#### **Maybury Farm Programs**

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

CONTACT: (248) 374-0200 DETAILS: Groups by appoint-ment. 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. CONTACT: Grace Wilfong, (248)visit

349-9079 or 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.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD Storyteller Linda Day visits a Thornton Creek Elementary School.

#### March is Reading Month

A 60-foot boa constrictor greeted author Steven Kellogg as he visited Silver Springs Elementary School Monday.

The paper creation crafted by students illustrated the snake from Kellogg's book, "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash."



Kellogg met with students, discussing his craft as part of the school's March is Reading Month celebration.

Other Kellogg books include: "Best Friends," "Clorinda,"

- "Johnny Appleseed," and "Is your Mamma a Llamma?" Silver Springs Elementary School learning consultant Diane Vanston also recommends reading these books:
  - . "Kitten's First Full Moon" by Kevin Henkes
  - . "The Day Eddie Met the Author" by Louise Borden
- · "Gooney Bird Greene" by Lois Lowry . "My Lucky Day" by Keiko Kasza
- "I Wanna Iguana" by Karen Kaufman



Thornton Creek kindergartners play along with storyteller Linda Day.

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.

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. **Single Place Ministry** 

DATE: Thursday, ongoing DETAILS: This Beyond Divorce" workshops. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

#### Ward Evangelical

**Presbyterian Church** 

Tuesday, March 28 10:30 a.m.: Organizing with

12:30 p.m.: Euchre and

10 a.m.: Strength Training

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By appointment: Massage St. Monday, March 27 10 a.m.: Line Dancing 10 a.m.: Oxycise I 10:30 a.m.: Pulmonary Seminar 11 a.m.: Oxycise II noon: Blood Pressure Check

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

**Ole' Bag Sale Donations** 

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main **Healthy Walking** 

Monday

DATE: Monday-Friday Senior

Northville

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

includes "Divorce Recovery" and "Living

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Flair Seminar

Pinochle

#### **Marguis Theater**

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

#### "The Little Mermaid"

DATE: Various days through March

TIME: 2:30 pm. DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 per person; no children under 3 years old.

#### "Vaudeville Tonight"

DATE: Friday, March 24 and 31 and April 7; Saturday, March 25, April 1 and 8

TIME: 8 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students; no children under 6 years old.

#### New Hope for Grief Support Groups

DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support offers groups for 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**

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

When your reading log is full, you've earned the prize of a paperback book.

#### **March Storytime**

#### DATE: Wednesday TIME: 7 p.m.

DETAILS: Nonhville Police Chief Jim Petres and Steve Ott, Northville Fire Department, will share a lively storytime for children of all ages. Children will also receive treats from Community Credit Union. Financial Registration is not required.

#### . Tot Storytime

TIME/DATE: 10:15 a.m. Monday through May 1; 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Wednesday through May 3; 10:15 a.m., Thursday through 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 pres-

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

#### Kid's Ciub

DATE: 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, games and crafts. CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020

#### Junior Books, Chat and Chow

DATE: Wednesday

"Pride and The movie is Prejudice." Refreshments will be served. Registration is not required.

#### **Gardening Seminar**

DATE: Monday

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 in advance to make arrangements.

#### Library Board of Trustee Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Public is welcome.

#### Church Events

#### St. Paul Lutheran Church

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

#### **Concert Series**

TIME/DATE: 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

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 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. Registration is not required. CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net

#### Senior Events

Thursday, March 23 9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly 11 a.m.: Alcohol and the Older Adult Seminar 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle I p.m.: Tai Chi By appointment: Massage

By appointment: Taxes Friday, March 24 9:30 a.m.: Focus Hope/Liquid Nutrition

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle Wednesday, March 29 10 a.m.: Oxycise Level J 11 a.m.: Oxycise Level II noon: Bridge By appointment: Massage

#### **Mixed Golf League Meeting**

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

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

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

#### Pinochle (single deck)

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

#### Euchre

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

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

Friday, March 24: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Daisy Scout Meeting, 2 p.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 4;15 p.m.

Saturday, March 25: Daisy Scout Meeting, 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 26: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.; Venture Scout Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Thursday, March 30: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:30 p.m.; Eclipse Baseball, 6 p.m.

\*Grounds closed to public

Looking for You

**Graduation All Night Party** 

DETAILS: Volunteers are need-

ed 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

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# 'Dr.' in the house



Northville High School students run through a musical number from their "Seussical" production.



All the "Whos" in Who-ville sing a song during a rehearsal for Northville High School's production of "Seussical".



## 'Seussical' hits high school's center stage

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER



elcome to a vivid place where dust specks speak and dreams come true with whimsical effort. The event: "Seussical," the Northville High

School spring musical.

- Students dressed in vibrant costumes are bringing the Broadway hit to the Northville High School stage March 30-April L
- to the Northville High School stage March 30-April 1. Director Christina Johnson said "Seussical," was chosen as the 2006 spring musical as a way of bringing families to the theater.
- spring musical as a way of bringing families to the theater. Johnson said never before has the high school produced such a family-oriented show.
- "It is so upbeat," said student Laura Van Valkenburgh. "This year is a kids' show."
- The Northville High School senior is playing the role of Gertrude McFuzz.
- "Anyone who reads Seuss recognizable books will have something to connect to," Van Valkenburgh said.
- The musical intertwines characters from Dr. Seuss books, introducing them in a series of stories with a central theme.
- "It's about imagination," said student Deanna Willis. "Trying to be something you're not is a big theme."
- The senior is playing the role of the kangaroo.
- Johnson agrees the production, though light in appearance, is deep in meaning.
- "It's about acceptance, belief in people, love, peace ... all the things Dr. Seuss wanted to reveal through his books," she said.
- The Whos, The Cat in the Hat, the Grinch. Horton, General Genghis Khan Schmitz, Wickersham Brothers, Thing 1 and 2 and Mayzie bird will fill the stage during the show.
- The production, running slightly longer than one hour, is performed entirely in song with the exception of a sprinkling of rhyming narration.
- "It is unlike any show we've done in the part it is very unique," said student Ron Ketelhut. "We've been working very hard.
  - "I'm really looking forward to seeing people's reactions."

The Cat in the Hat, played by Ketelhut, narrates the play and the story to freshman Katya Frimenko playing the role of JoJo as Dr. Seuss characters act the story out on stage. The Cat in the Hat allows the audience to see a story book come to

- "The Cat in the Hat allows the audience to see a story book come to ufe," Frimenko said. "It makes me smile.
- "As the story develops more and more, you get to know the characters."
- Frimenko is one of many underclassman in the spring musical this year.
- "We're cultivating a lot of new talent," Johnson said.
- In conjunction with the production, the theater department sent Dr. Seuss bookmarks to Northville elementary school, encouraging students to come and see their favorite characters come to life.
- Victoria Mitchell can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 122 or vemitchell@gannett.com.



Northville High students work on their production of "Seussical".

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#### The NHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS THE 2006 SPRING MUSICAL CODE SPRING MUSICAL SHOW DATES: March 30–31 and April 1 SHOW TIMES: 7 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Saturday matinee SHOW PLACE: NHS Auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road TICKET PRICES: \$5 for students and senior citizens; \$10 for adults TICKET PURCHASE: Will Call at (248) 344-8420 or NHS box office from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. or 2:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.



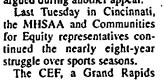
The ensemble cast of Northville High's springtime production of "Seussical."

### Battle over high school playing seasons wages on, and on

#### MHSAA continues appeal; local officials ready for either outcome

#### By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Another step in the legal battle for gender equity was taken last week when the Michigan School Athletics High and Association the Communities for Equity lawyers argued during another appeal.



based organization that originally filed the civil suit in June 1998, claims female athletes are hurt by playing seasons that aren't aligned with other states and collegiate seasons. The end result, the group has said, is

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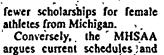
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sion expected within 30-90 days, it's expected the losing side will again appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Right now I'm hearing what everyone else is hearing," Northville athletic director Bryan Masi said. "It's probably going to be appealed and there most likely won't be any changes for next season."

Northville and Novi are prepared to make the switch, thanks respective leagues, the Western Lakes Activities Association and Kensington Valley the Conference.

"We are prepared," Novi ath-letic director Curt Ellis said. \*Both internally and as a conference we have talked a lot about our plans. We were prepared (for the switch) last year and when the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case the plans were put in mothballs.

"We are prepared to take them out again at a moment's notice." Ellis and Masi said change to plans developed by their will not come without glitches.

but the ongoing case has given both schools pleaty of time to prepare.

1 think most districts have a plan in place," Ellis said. "Some districts will experience more turmoil than others because of their plans.

"It's been a topic of discussion long enough now that districts ought to be prepared when it happens."

Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@gannett.com.

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> Bryan Masi Athletic Director, Northville

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Here's a designer tip: highgloss vinyl finishes give a new, clean, contemporary look to kitchens or baths, while matte finishes, considered more traditional, are at home even in the den.

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### Striking back at strokes

### Local church tries to help save lives

#### By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Karen DeBenedet welcomes any opportunity to save lives in the Northville community.

As parish nurse for the First United Methodist Church, DeBenedet said hosting events that enhance the physical wellbeing of the community is very important.

First United Methodist Church is hosting Life Line Screening, Friday, March 31, with the goal of saving lives.

Residents living in and around the Northville community can be screened to reduce the risk of having a stroke.

The importance of this program is screening persons for conditions that could have serious consequences if they go undetect-ed," DeBenedet said. "The tests that are done during this event are normally not part of routine annual physical exam."

A stroke, also known as a brain attack, results from the disruption of adequate blood flow to the brain.

According to the American Stroke Association, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the world, and the second among women.

"A lot of people have the thought that they're looking for the quality of life," said Dr. Mark Koss of the Medical Clinic of Northville. "Some people think once they've had a stroke or attack that that's the end ... That's not the case with most patients.

"Prevention of stroke is a way to maintain a higher quality of life down the read."

Koss said exercise, weight loss and not smoking are ways for younger people to avoid stroke.

"After the age of 50, a baby aspirin every day and an annual physical is recommended," he said. "The idea is to catch it as early as possible."

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· Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination .

. • Severe headaches with no known cause .

Source: American Sirola Association

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#### E Life Line Screening Date: Friday, March 31 Time: Appointments begin at

9 a.m. ; Location: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road

For more information, contact (800) 697-9721. Pre-registration is required.

"The importance of this program is screening persons for conditions that could have serious consequences if they go undetected."

> Karen DeBenedet, parish nurse First United Methodist Church

#### Behind the screens

DeBenedet said there are 93 people signed up for the screening next Friday.

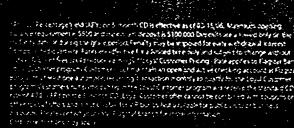
Screenings are fast, painless and low cost.

According to Life Line Screening, testing involves ultrasound technology and a scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries, which can lead to stroke, aortic aneurysms and other vascular diseases.

Screenings require 10 minutes or less to complete. The cost

ranges from \$109 to \$129. "It's important to the mission of , our church to grow strong," DeBenedet said. "We want people to be healthy."

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.



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Freezing and thawing cycles can produce potholes this time of year when weather starts to take a toll on Michigan roads. The Department Michigan of Transportation has a toll-free number available for motorists to report potholes they observe on state roads. Information about trouble spots also can be e-mailed to the department. Reports of potholes on state roads will be routed nearest MDOT the to Transportation Service Center.

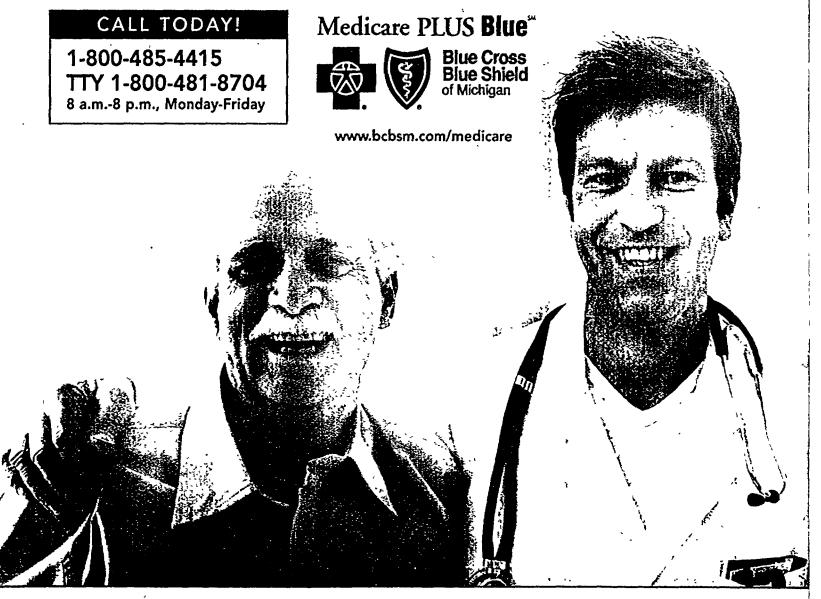
The pothole hotline is an easy and efficient way for residents to help us identify potholes which need to be repaired on state roads," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "We are committed to fixing potholes as quickly as possible in order to ensure a smoother, more dependable ride for everyone who uses roads maintained by MDOT."

To report a pothole, call (888) 296-4546, or use the "Report Potholes" link on the MDOT Web site (www.michigan.gov/mdot). Those reporting pothole locations are asked to provide the route name, county, nearest community and the closest cross street or interchange. Potholes on nonstate-owned roads should be reported to local road commissions

Information about how potholes are formed is available on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot.

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### TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING NOTEBOOK

#### March 16 Meeting

• All members were present • Next meeting: April 20

#### Historical barn funding

The township board unanimously approved an additional \$18,000 to complete restoration of a barn at Thayer Corners Park.

The barn, moved last year from a Sheldon Road location near Six Mile Road, was purchased by the township and moved to its new location at the northeast corner of Six Mile and Napier roads.

Last year, the board approved \$62,500 from the township's general fund to contribute to the relocation effort.

Last week, trustee Marv Gans offered the motion, requesting additional money.

Gans said unexpected costs resulted in his request for additional funding.

Before voting in favor of the measure, township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said any future funding would have to wait until the results of the township's August millage election.

To date, more than \$176,000, worth of monetary and in-kind donations have been offered.

#### **Printers for public safety**

The board voted unanimously to allow the township police department to spend \$14,506 for two Ricoh printers.

#### Paving lots

By a vote of 5-2, the board approved \$81,894 to paving parking lots and begin driveway work at Community Park, located on Beck Road between Five and Six Mile roads.

Trustee Mary Gans and Marjorie Banner dissented. Gans said he would rather not put the money toward roads and parking lots.

Banner said paving roads does nothing for the kids going to the park.

"The best use (for the money) is for the kids and what (the park's) purpose is for," Banner said.

#### Denied

Board members unanimously denied a rezoning request for 4.9 acres, located on the east side of Haggeriy Road, north of Five Mile Road. The request asked to changing the zoning from single family to business.

#### Waiting for adoption

The township's revised sign ordinance and dog license ordinance were unanimously approved. Members voiced concerns regarding "snipe" signs, illegal signs advertising an event from a seperate location. They also discussed window signs. Both motions were passed.



Photo submitted by SHAWN CLANIN

### Township Briefs

#### What happens when you flush?

Northville Township residents are invited to attend a septic system workshop 6:30-9 p.m. tonight at township hall. Residents will learn how a septic system works, what can harm their system, how to maintain it and the risks of possible malfunctions.

The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information, contact (248) 348-5820.

#### **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.

#### Registration required

Monday, April 3 is the last day to register for the umn, e-mail tmishler@gannett.com.

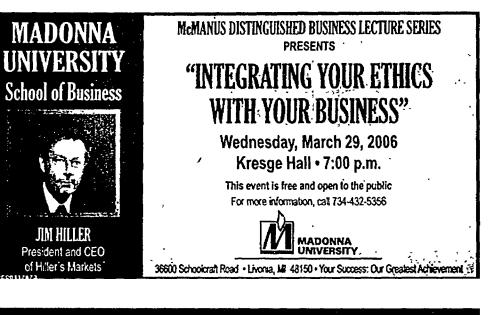
May school board election.

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



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# back to the community...

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is coming to Northville on May 20-21 for 24 hours of cancer fighting fun, remembrance and celebration.

Event planners are currently looking to local businesses and organizations for help in sponsoring or donating to the Relay For Life. If you are interested, please call Barb Iovan of the American Cancer Society at 248.483.4317 or visit www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/northville.



### WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

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hefore you attend to make sure the building will be open and 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 twohour training workshop. Surveys are conducted several times a month now through July. Pre-registration is required by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing picoordinator@therouge.org.

#### Meals-on-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing

TIME: 11 am-12:30 pm DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers needed

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

#### **Camera Club**

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sbcglobaLnet, Ken Naigus at kdn@comcast.net or Northville Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

#### Arts Commission

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

#### **Beautification Commission**

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

Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B

#### **Housing Commission**

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High SL

#### 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

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,

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

#### Spring Basketball Leagues

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

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

#### **Drop In Cheerleading**

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

LOCATION: Hullside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

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

#### **Open Basketball**

DATE: Every Sunday TIME: 6-9 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per per-500\_

#### Teen Basketball

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

#### Open Badminton

DATE: Every Tuesday and Friday

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

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$7 per night.

#### **Table Tennis**

TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m., Monday and noon-4 p.m., Saturday LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road DETAILS: Eight tables are avail-

able. All skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$4 per day.

#### Regional

#### Children's Clothing/Equipment Sale

DATE: Saturday TIME: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. LOCATION: William<sup>3</sup> Costick

Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills DETAILS: Tri-County Mothers of Multiples will be selling chil-

drens' clothing, equipment, toys and

#### "Grace & Glorie" Play

maternity clothing.

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday

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#### Piano Workshop

Thester, Cherry Hill Road, Canton

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by playwright Tom Ziegler. The opening gala will be held 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Village Theater.

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\$75 each; \$40 each for other per-

CONTACT: Glenda Gordon

Kime, Arbor Hospice & Home

Care, (734) 662-5999, extension

or

LOCATION: VisTaTech Center,

DETAILS: This is a black-tie din-

ner and auction hosted by the

Culinary Arts Department. Tickets

CONTACT: (834) 462-4400,

specialevents@arborhospice.org

Schoolcraft College Fund-

DATE: Saturday

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

are \$150 per person.

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DETAILS: Arbor Hospice and

DATE: Saturday, April 8 TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. workshop; 7:30 p.m. recital

LOCATION: VisTaTech Center, Haggerty Road, Livonia

DETAILS: Oberlin piano professors and concert artists Angela Chang and Alvin Chow will present this workshop and recital. Registration is required.

CONTACT: Janice Derian, (734) 455-3103

#### Mom-2-Mom Sale

DATE: Saturday, April 8

TIME: 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia (between Seven and Eight Mile roads)

DETAILS: This sale is sponsored by Plymouth/Canton Mothers of Multiples and includes baby and childrens clothes, equipment, toys, strollers, car seats and maternity wear. No strollers before 11 a.m.

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#### Parks and Recreation

#### **Aromatherapy Class**

DATE: Today 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) 349-0203

#### 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

DATE: Saturday and Sunday TIME: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road DETAILS: Team classifications will be girls, ages 8-10, 11-13, 14-15 and 16-17 and boys, ages 8-10, 11-13, 14-15, and 16-17. The fee is \$85 per 3-4 member team. CONTACT: Joe Barberio, (248) 449-9947 c-mail jbarberio@ci.northville.mi.us

#### Bunny Hop

DATE: Saturday, April 8 TIME: 4-6 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: This dance includes crafts, designing cookies with Great Harvest Bread Company and visiting the spring bunny. The fee is \$10 per person. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org

#### Spa Night

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#### 10 steps to a safer, drug-free workplace

Most drug users are employed, and when they arrive for work, they don't leave their problems at the door. Some absences, accidents and errors are obvious. Others, such as low morale and high illness rates, are less so, but their effects may be equally harmful. Small businesses are often burdened with these costs, since they often do not have the resources to address the problem. In fact, according to the United State Department of Labor, 87 percent of full-time employed illicit drug users work for businesses with less than 500 employees. More than 40 percent work for businesses with less than 25 employees.

To protect your business and employees, consider the following 10 reasons to establish a drug-free workplace policy.

1. Creating a policy is easy: It can be as simple as adding a drug-free provision to an employee handbook stating, "Employees are prohibited from unlawfully consuming, distributing, possessing, selling, or using controlled substances while on duty. In addition, employees may not be under the influence of any controlled substance, such as drugs or alcohol, while at work, on company premises or engaged in company business. Prescription or over-the-counter medications, taken as prescribed, are an exception to this policy. Anyone violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination." All policies should be in writing and effectively communicated to all employees. 2. Reduce workplace injuries:

2. Reduce workplace injuries: One in six workplace deaths, and one in four workplace injuries, involve drugs or alcohol use. Implement clear rules and communicate the consequences of using drugs or alcohol during work.

3. Improve productivity: Employees who frequently use drugs or alcohol tend to miss work or run late more often than nonusers. Additionally, those who use drugs are twice as likely to change employers three or more times in a year than non-users. A drug-free policy holds workers accountable.

4. Establish safe, healthy work environments: Show your desire and commitment to having a safe, healthy work environment.

5. Decrease workers' compensation claims: The National Institute | of Drug Abuse found that substance | users cost employers twice as much | in workers' compensation and medical expenses as non-users.



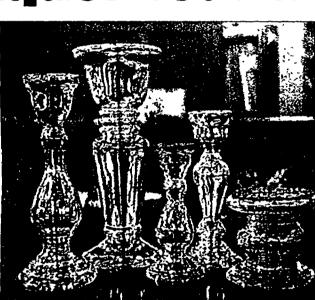
Chris Meredith uses friendly customer service and unique interior design ideas to make "Your Nesting Place" feel like home.

# **Be unique: Your Nesting Place**

#### Unique Milford store offers friendly service, fresh design ideas

#### By Annette Jaworski special writer

Even after 11 successful years in business, Chris Meredith is amazed to find there are still area residents who haven't checked out her popular Main Street shop. True, a faithful following has developed for Your Nesting Place. In fact, many travel from neighboring communities to explore their one-of-a-kind merchandise. At this point, she doesn't want to be Milford's best kept secret any longer. "I want to stand on the roof and holler 'Come check us out!'" said Mcredith. "We're not snobbish and we're not expensive. We have expertise, quality furnishings and we're not going to hound you." She sees trucks from the big box stores pass by, and wonders why people haven't checked out their downtown merchants first. It's time to clear up the misconceptions. You can find exactly what you're looking for and we're your neighbor," she emphasized. "We have thousands of samples for custom design, or if you're in a hurry you can purchase a sample right off the floor."



#### YOUR NESTING PLACE

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- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Thursday and Friday, 10
- a m.-7 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
  Closed Sunday
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Photo by HAL GOULD' CANNETT NEWS SERVICES Mercury glass fixtures are among the many unique offerings at Your Nesting Place, located in downtown Milford. "The big box stores are not going to give you their personal... time and extra touches ... I" mean, where else can you talk to the owner?"

> Chris Meredith Owner, Your Nesting Place

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Additionally, substance abusers are five times more likely to file workers compensation claims.

6. Decrease workers' compensation premiums: To encourage businesses to implement drug-free workplace programs, some states, such as Florida, Georgia, Texas, Virginia and Washington, have passed laws that enable businesses to receive workers' compensation insurance premium credits of as much as 10 percent, if they employ a drug-free workplace program.

7. Educates employees about the affects of drug use on the company: A drug-free workplace program should contain an educational component that informs employees on the health and safety risks drug use imposes on all employees. You should also point out to employees the costs drug use has on your company's bottom line, productivity and increased health-care costs.

8. Show employees you have a vested interest in them: By providing helpful resources, such as confidential hothne numbers or names of treatment centers, to assist employees who have substance abuse problems, you show your commitment to seeing your employees get help and improve their quality of life.

9. Overall cost savings improve the bottom line: Benefits from implementing a drug-free workplace program include lower absenteeism, increased productivity, reduced workers' compensation filings and fewer accidents. More discrete savings include improved employee morale, creativity and emotional stability.

10. Federal government contracts: If your business wants to contract with the government, you must have a drug-free policy in place, mandated by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1998. The Department of Transportation requires companies operating any commercial vehicle in interstate commerce to have a drug- free workplace policy.

For more information, visit: www.dol.gov/elaws/drugfree.htm.

Beth Gaudio is a member of the National Federation of Independent Business Legal Foundation

#### Affordable style

Meredith stresses that although they offer the latest

merchandise on the cutting edge of home fashion, there's something to suit everyone's taste, and great quality is guaranteed. Yes, many ideas are fresh and funky, but there are equally as many items with a more traditional flair. Plus they're affordable.

"We're fashionable, but we're sure that what you choose will stand the test of time."

Not only do you get good quality at a fair price, Your Nesting Place offers something the big box stores can't - their flair for style and personal attention. Meredith and her staff provide expert advice on pulling it all together. You won't find that personalized service or distinctive style elsewhere.

"The big box stores are not going to give you their personal time and extra touches ... I mean, where else can you talk to the owner? I'm involved in every detail of the business. I know as a consumer that's important to me," she said Let's say you shop out of state and it comes in damaged, you don't'have an advocate to help you out. Those who don't deal directly with Meredith at Your Nesting Place are in good hands with her knowledgeable staff. Her mother "big Chris" has now joined the staff adding her unique creative talent, and "she's great for putting things together," adds her daughter.

#### Sizes for every need

With a gallery of Flexsteel furniture and over 2,000 samples, you can easily build the décor of a single room or an entire home. On the other hand, you can also find a unique \$10-\$20 gift. Your Nesting Place now carries their own line of custom candles; with inviting new scents. As always, when shopping here, if something catches your eye, take it with you With one-of-a-kind merchandise, chances are it'll disappear quickly.

#### What's New?

Just fresh in from the latest home furnishing shows, Your Nesting Place is bringing in a springy cheerful look to chase winter blahs. away the Meredith's observations? Furniture has cleaner look, with simpler more modern lines - a neat and tidy look. Brown, orange, and aqua are popular new colors. Look for unexpected media. For example a traditional design sideboard/bookcase in a non traditional material --- like distressed stainless steel. Coral prints are hot; Your Nesting Place has a set of four in beautifully mirrored frames. Mercury glass, a hot new item in the marketplace can be found throughout the store.

Your Nesting Place now features several areas where she groups like items together in little vignettes, for example gardening items, candles, etc. And as always, she is a great source

for design ideas, with groupings that illustrate how to put together a stylish decor. Unlike uppity designers, Chris' down to earth attitude welcomes others to be inspired. After all, it's the highest compliment she could be paid.

"I'm not afraid of copycats because that means they like what they see," she explained. Floor models are currently on sale for up to 60 percent off. Check the windows for other sales/specials. New merchandise is arriving continuously following the design shows.

Design Associate Jeanne Imboden agrees, "The store has never looked this good!"

Explore Your Nesting Place at 332 North Main Street in downtown Milford. They welcome customers to stop by frequently as the landscape changes daily. Free parking is available at Mtlford Auto Parts, just have the ticket validated

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## **VIN STORRS IS SIMPLY**











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### **IN THE BUSINESS OF BASKETBALL**

lvin Storrs felt the ball come off his hand. He watched it kiss the rim. Twice. Then, the ball fell away and Northville's undefeated record shattered, along with their Cinderella season. In a split-second, everything Storrs and his team worked toward came crashing down.

"Losing that game was painful," Storrs said. "Especially since I was the one who took the shot."



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Storrs, a junior guard, averaged more than 19 points a game this year. He had a hot hand. He was a team captain. A leader.

There was no doubt in anyone's mind that Storrs should be the one to take a last second shot.

Could he have passed it though? Was there another open player flanking him who would have had a steadier hand? A more balanced shot?

"It has been one of the roughest things in my life," Storrs said of the missed shot. "I can't sit back and wonder who else might have been open though.

"You always want to be the guy who takes the shot and makes it to win. You never want to be the one who takes it and loses."

#### What's next?

Coming into this season, the Mustangs were hoping to earn a division title. Maybe, with some luck, they'd vie for the conference championship as well.

Storrs and his friend, senior captain Chris Lorente, were really the only two Mustangs with any kind of real playing experience. A season rested on their shoulders as leaders during games and practices.

Somehow, the magic happened. Lighting in a bottle.

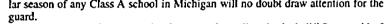
For the first time since 1962, Northville High School had a boys basketball team march through 20 games without taking a loss. Their 20-1 record ties the best-ever season history, a mark that was made when there were only 15 games in a regular season.

With the year over, Storrs knows it will be hard to repeat this season, especially without the seniors who helped make it happen.

The hardest thing about seeing them graduate is knowing it will be hard to be able to put together another team like this one," Storrs said. "It has yet to be seen if we're going to have more talent or less next year, but I'm not sure we're ever going to have the same team chemistry."

Storrs said he plans on hitting the weight room to improve his strength. The thought of playing football his senior year has danced through his mind, but he's not ready to commit one way or the other.

But what about college basketball? Leading a team to the only undefeated regu-



"I want to try my best to get the chance to play college basketball," Storrs said. "I haven't been contacted or anything yet. I have a lot of things I have to focus on right now, but it's something I'd be interested in if the opportunity came along."

#### The real Alvin Storrs

When Storrs is in a basketball game, it's not uncommon to see him celebrate a shot or a big play. He pumps a fist, shouts in approval. It's innocent excitement. But will that change? Storrs has the potential to

be a college-bound basketball player, fueled by natural talent. Could he become arrogant and egotistical?

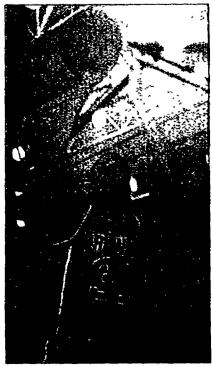
No way, he said.

"I just want to do my best to help my team." Storrs said. "I don't see myself as a cocky player. I'm not into myself, personally. I don't want to turn into the type of people I don't like."

But 19 points a game, eight rebounds and four assists are statistics any player would hate to give up. Teams are going to focus on him next year, trying to shut him down in order to stop the Mustangs. He'll have to be just a little more selfish in order to keep those numbers up, right?

"I don't have to score for us to be a good team," Storrs said. "I'll score no points if that means we'll win."

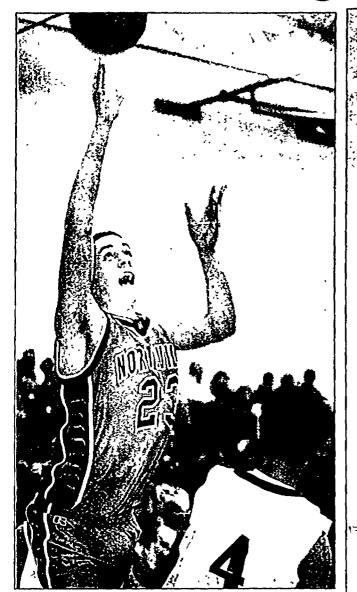
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Photos by JOHN HEIDERhommus neco Mustang guard Alvin Storrs has been named All-Area Player of the Year.

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## All-Area cage team boasts true talent



Mustang Chris Lorente puts up a shot over Wildcat Todd Janer.

#### By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

This winter was all about basketball.

The Northville Mustangs were the biggest story, going 20-0 through the regular season before bowing out in the district tournament to the Catholic Central Shamrocks. Though Novi wasn't the powerhouse they've been in the past, they finished second in the Kensington Valley Conference.

#### The once and future king

And standing tall, well above the competition? None other than Northville junior Alvin Storrs. The rest of the field is intermixed with outstanding players who boast amazing talent, but Storrs is a beast all his own.

Scoring over 19 points per game, he led his team in nearly every contest they played. He put together five assists per Player of contest and the Year banged bodies for eight rebounds on

average. re than shoo Northville coach Darrel Schumacher said. "He isn't afraid to go in for rebounds and he's a good defender." But what Storrs brings to a game is more than just ability. It's emotion. Leadership. He's the kind of player a team can look to when times get tough. As a sophomore, his team stumbled and fell, but he led the charge. This year he continued his leadership and led his teammates to a 20-1

record, going undefeated during the regular season. It's tied for the best start in school history - the first since 1962.

With a year left, Storrs has a bright future. Northville is expecting plenty from him as well.

We know Alvin is a leader and what he's capable of," Schumacher said. "He's an outstanding basketball player and, just like this year, we're going to want him to be the leader of this team."

#### One smooth player

The fact that Novi's A.W. Stanek only picked up seven points a game doesn't even come close to climinating him from the All-Area Dream Team A player who is quick on his feet

and fast on the break, Stanek has made a name for himself as Novi's go-to player this year. The Wildcats struggled all season long, losing close games to finish with an 9-12 record.

But Stanek didn't need flashy records and big scoring to draw attention. When the selection meeting for the All-Area team took place, his name was brought up first by several coaches. Why? Stanek contributes with a maturity and leadership that is hard to find in most high school cagers. He's calm, collected and he's capable of bringing out his best game in the worst situations.

As a junior, Lorente burst onto the scene with strong shooting skills and a solid court awareness As a senior, he was the target for most teams' defenses and the player most coaches underlined as needing to be shut down.

Throughout his seni

son --- the only undefeated season for any team in Class A.

#### The Dean of students

When Novi sophomore Caleb Dean walks into the room, the first thought to cross any sports fan's mind is he better be playing basketball. Lucky for the Wildcats, he does. At 6-foot-9-inches. Dean towers over much of the competition. As a sophomore, he only has room to grow The Wildcats brought Dean up to the varsity level this year with hopes to see him turn into a major factor. Though a rough season blinded much of Dean's personal successes, his ability and future impact still shone clear. Novi used Dean's size, speed and the floor." shooting ability to help bring about a second-place finish in the Kensington Valley Conference. Next year, the Wildcats will no doubt be looking for even more from their inside presence. With hopes of an eventual Division I college scholarship, Dean's game will need to find improvement. But, as a sophomore, his all-out attitude, natural ability and sheer size makes him an ideal selection for this year's All-Area Dream Team

#### The sixth man

Call Northville senior Nick Kaldis anything you want: the sixth man or an off-the-bench performer. What he's called at Northville High School is "Hustle."

Kaldis plays a tough role for the orthville Mustanes. As the sixthplayer on the starting lineup, he always had to wait his turn to come into the game and showcase his abilities. But Kaldis never complained. Instead he went out, played his hardest and made an impact on every game he played in. "Nick is our sixth player, but he could easily start for pretty much any other team," Schumacher said. "It's a relief to know you've got a player that can go into the game that is as good as any of your starters on Kaldis did it all. From rebounds to steals to wacky, yet successful shooting, the Northville guard managed to wow the fans and his opponents. His seemingly limitless energy and determination made Kaldis an easy choice when it came to an All-Area benth.

but rather his leadership ability. The kind of player who knows how to get the best out of his teammates, Hart made his squad better just by being on the hardwood. He passed the ball when he could have shot and he took the shots the team needed to win.

Leading a team to second place

in the always-tough Kensington

Valley Conference is no easy task,

any big scores or last-second shots

to brag about. The best thing about

being a defensive specialist is

knowing the guy you guarded does-

n't have those things to be proud of

Northville senior Brandon

When a team comes onto the floor with a stud shooter who has

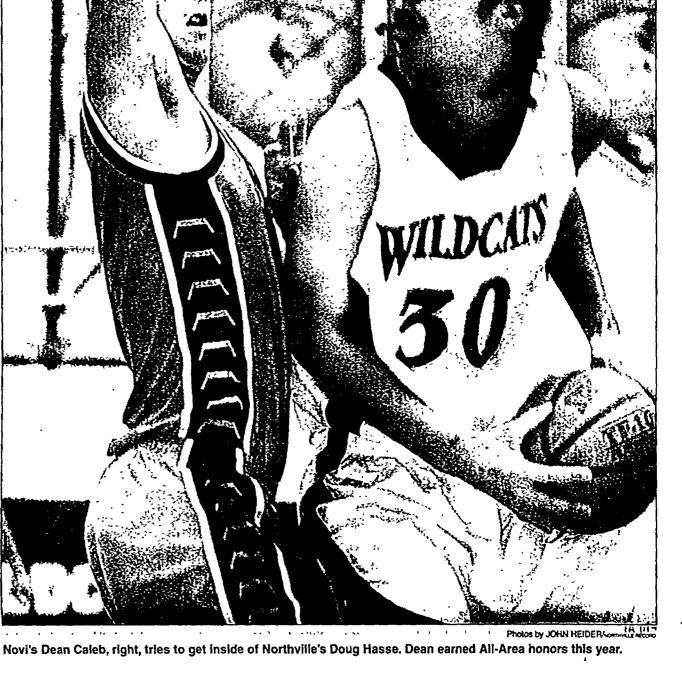
won games off his ability alone,

then Baroski is called into action.

When the game's over, he's the one

Barkoski is a defensive specialist.

He's great at what he does.



#### Keep your eye on the guard

One of the most impressive attributes Northville senior Chris Lorente brings to the game of basketball is his inability to be deterred.

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Lorente wasn't able to surprise anyone. Opponents watched him and focused on him.

Yet he still managed over 10 points per game along with four assists and four rebounds.

"Chris is a very capable basketball player," Schumacher said. "He doesn't like to lose, but he doesn't have to be the leading scorer to find ways to help us win.

Lorente was a key player in Northville's undefeated regular sea-

#### **Pure shooter**

Northville senior Campy Smith loves to make the tough shots.

An accomplished golfer, Smith made a name for himself on the links by making shots most high schoolers would struggle with. On the hardwood court, Smith added to his reputation by nailing shots in the most difficult situations --- namely last-second scenarios.

"Campy definitely came through for us this year," Northville captain Alvin Storrs said, "We wouldn't (have been) undefeated if it wasn't for Campy's shooting."

Down by two and only seconds remaining on the clock, Smith was called into action twice for lastditch efforts from beyond the threepoint arc. Both times he hit the buckets for the victory.

But Smith isn't one to talk about himself. In fact, he's one of the first to give credit to other players.

Smith's shooting and team-minded play helped make him an easy selection to this year's All-Area squad.

#### You gotta have Hart

Novi senior Steve Hart had big shoes to fill this year as a captain of the Wildcats varsity basketball team.

An inside presence, Hart had the responsibility of picking up some of the Kensington Valley Conference's best players and keeping them from making a game-deciding impact. It was a role he played well.

But Hart wasn't picked to this year's team for his defensive ability.

#### All-Area Basketball First Team

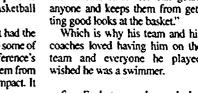
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"Brandon is our best defender," Schumacher said. "He can guard anyone and keeps them from getting good looks at the basket." Which is why his team and his

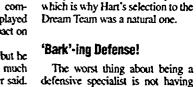
coaches loved having him on the team and everyone he played wished he was a swimmer.

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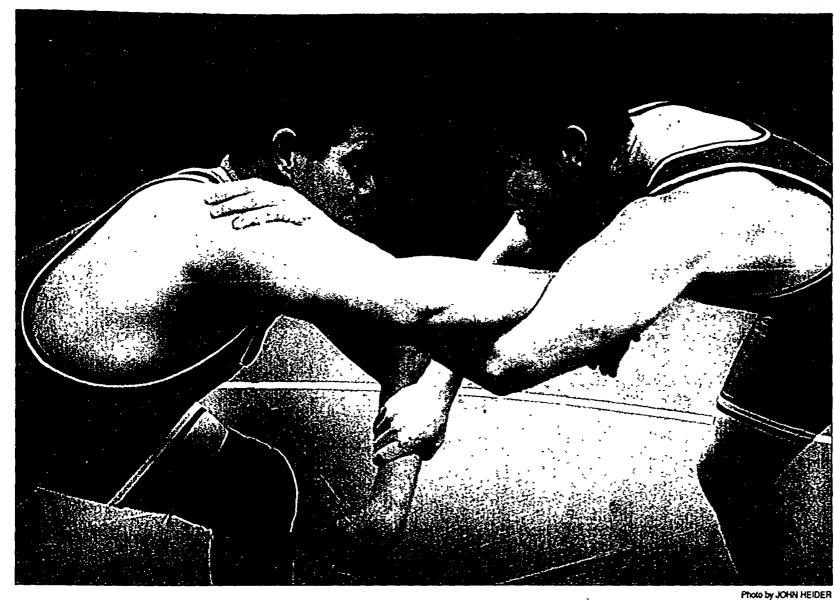
Through a maze of outstretched arms, Mustang Alvin Storrs takes a shot against the Wildcats.



who's smiling.



either.



Northville wrestlers Tim Resnick, left, and Grant Garber spar in the team's training room. Resnick earned All-Area honors this year.

# Northville has two Area nods

By Sam Eggleston **RECORD SPORTS WRITER** 

Wrestling is one of those sports where you're either really, really good or you're not.

This season was a tough one for both the Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats. Neither team advanced past the district, running into the powerhouse known as Catholic Central in the district tournament.

But that didn't mean the two teams didn't boast individual talent. The area happens to be Chokked full.

#### Big Al .....

1: 10 mm At 103 pounds, it's hard to describe anyone as "big," but Novi junior Al Vellathottam wrestles much bigger than his sizc.

individual, As an Vellathottam earned a secondplace showing in the district tournament, advancing as an individual to the regional where he bowed out.

But Vellathottam has a

#### **Bright future**

Northville's wrestling team is experiencing some growing pains right now, finding itself as it builds a competitive program.

One wrestler who experienced some of the pains this year but will be around for the next two is sophomore Jonny D'Anna.

D'Anna comes from a line of Northville wrestlers who competed for titles and made names for themselves on the mat. He's continuing that tradition, nearly earning a berth to the regional tournament in the 119-pound division. An electrical outage board indicated D'Anna was in the lead. He and his coach. adjusted their strategy accordingly and when all was said and done, the official ruled against D'Anna and he lost by one point and failed to make the regional.

But D'Anna isn't deterred. He'll be back next year and he'll be looking to make sure that's a scenario that doesn't' repeat itself again.

his way to fourth in the district tournament, taking on some of the most talented wrestlers in the post-season event.

Young helped secure a name for himself this year and will be a factor in Novi's continued success next year.

#### **Big name brawler**

John Favorite is the kind of athlete that belongs on an All-Area team. He's tough, agile, fast and furious when the need calls for it.

Favorite wrestled this year in the 160-pound division, turning during the district tournament. in a strong record while taking came back-on-and the score-is on some of the Kensington

Valley Conference's finest.

Though he didn't advance as far this year as last year, Favorite still made his mark by leaving an example for younger wrestlers to follow. As the team's captain, he helped lead them on their path of growth and advancement, helping build the foundation for future success at Novi High School.

We're going to miss Favorite Sprys has become known as an athlete with determination, ext season, as he's been a repeat member of several All-Area teams and a great athlete to follow. Dream Team.

Other members of the All-Area wrestling team **PLAYER OF THE YEAR** — Billy Curry (Milford)

- Kyle Liddell (Milford)
- Jason Rhodes (Milford)
- Brandon Duke (Lakeland)
- Jeremy Sherman (Lakeland)
- Chris Mauney (South Lyon)

wanted to win; to help his team division, Resnick picked up 31 and to build a reputation for pins and made a run for the himself as one of the area's top regional tournament.

He was a captain this year, helping build tradition and talent at Northville High School.

But what Resnick does is more than wrestle. His leadership style makes him popular because he finds ways to make all the work, sweat and tears of wrestling fun. He cracks'jokes, tells stories and makes friends.

Resnick moved to Northville

**Sports Shorts** 

#### Softball tryouts

The Northville U11 girls softball team will be holding tryouts next week for girls born after Jan. 1, 1994.

Tryouts will be March 30 from 6:45-8 p.m. at the Bullpen in Farmington; April 1 from 2-4 p.m. at Milennium Park in Northville; and April 2 from 4-6 p.m. at Millennium Park.

For more information, call Leroy Asher at (248) 380-0402.

#### LTC camp hosts NCAA **Division I coaches**

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

Tom Mariano enters his tenth 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 they enter their 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.

Register at online www.LacrosseTC.com or give (248) 788-7020.

#### Spring Learn to Skate at Novi

Novi Ice Arena will run an eightweek spring session of its Learn to Skate Program from March 8-May 13, 2006 (no classes April 12-23). Classes are offered Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and skate rental is available.

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

The following classes will be offered: •

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- 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.

Alex Chandler (South Lyon) Mark Caristo (South Lyon) Joey Snyder (South Lyon)

year left ahead of him and he has high hopes. A state finals berth. A title.

Who knows what Vellathottam will be capable of come his senior year, but odds are he'll be in the running for all his goals and, of course, another berth on the All-Area wrestling team.

#### Mighty Jeremy Young

It's all about adjusting on the fly in the world of wrestling and few do that as well as Novi junior Jeremy Young.

Young wrestled in the 140pound weight class this year, known for scrappy and quick grapplers, and he had plenty of success. This season he brawled

#### Oh, Danny boy!

Setting tough goals can sometimes lead to tough seasons. Novi senior Dan Sprys had high hopes this season, grappling in

determination and skill and he's a fine addition to the All-Area

The first goal didn't come easy, especially with some of

the best athletes in the area

grappling in his division. The

second was difficult because of

the competitive nature of the

Kensington Valley Conference.

The third was a success.

#### From Dubai to Northville

wrestlers.

Northville senior Tim Resnick brings plenty to the seggleston@gannett.com. table. He's a talented wrestler, there's no doubt about that. the 189-pound weight class. He Grappling at the 215-pound

from Dubai in the United Arab Emirates two years ago. Their loss was Northville's and the All-Area team's gain.

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# Just another brick in the wall

jobs in the Detroit area are playing quarterback for the Lions and goalie for the Red Wings.

But that only gives Wings goalie and Novi resident Manny Legace part of the motivation he

needs to go out on the ice and play to the highest of his abilities each and every night. The other part:

the team's hometown fans.

"As the goalie, you're either the hero or the goat," said Legace after practice last Friday. "There's no in between. It's the fans here are Ramez Khuri

so knowledgeable of the game, you want to play well for them."

Legace described his experience of playing for the Red Wings as an "unbelievable" one.

"Every city we go to there are more and more people in Red Wings jersey's then there are whoever we're playing against," he said. "We come out for warm-ups and start games and arenas go crazy. It's just amazing the following this team has, and it just extends from its history. It's an original six team, and they've won a lot of

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It's been said the two hardest (Stanley) Cups. That's what Life in Novi makes it Hockeytown, the fans." The Red Wings have won 10 Stanley Cups in team history, including two the same years of

the 1998 and 2002 Winter Olympic games. Being that 2006 is another

one of those Olympic years, Legace hopes to keep the trend going.

"It would be nice to be playing in the end of June," he said. "Let's hope we can do that.' Some believe winning the National Hockey League's

President's Trophy as the

team with the best regular season record just adds more pressure, but Legace doesn't see it that way. By press time, the Wings had 93 points in the standings, just ahead of the Carolina Hurricanes' 92. The team that wins the trophy is guaranteed home ice advantage throughout the playoffs.

"It's important to have home ice," said Legace. "And last time we won the Stanley Cup, we also won the President's Trophy, so it's definitely not a jinx."

Legace has lived in a few of Detroit's suburbs in the past, including West Bloomfield, but he finds Novi to be the best.

"West Bloomfield is just too cluttered," he said. "But when I looked into Novi, I just fell in love with it."

That was six years ago, when Novi was a bit smaller. "It's booming now," he said.

"And I'm enjoying it. More restaurants and bars are opening up. Now if we can just get our city council to let things boom a little bit more, instead of trying to make it a small town, maybe open it up tike a Birmingham area, it would be great for Novi.

Legace explained by doing that, Novi would be able to draw more people from the north.

"Instead of going up to Birmingham, why don't we keep our money in Novi?" he asked. "I think if we can get our council to open up the doors to more businesses, we could turn it into an even better area than it is now."

#### Deeeetroit Basketbaaall

Legace may be one of the best goalies on one of the best teams in the league, but he still has time to take notice of some of the other talented athletes



Photo courtesy of the Detroit Red Wings

Manny Legace, a Novi resident and starting Detroit Red Wings goalie, stops a puck during a recent game.

#### Detroit has to offer.

"I love what the Pistons are doing," said Legace. "They're unbelievable. They've finally just got into double digit losses, and the season is almost over. It looks like they're going to do well this year and make a good run. I can't see anyone beating them, really. They look so solid from top to bottom."

And during the summer time, don't be surprised to find Legace taking in a baseball

"I love the Tigers, too," he said. "I love opening day at Comerica and taking my son to the games. I'm not a big television watcher for baseball, but I love the whole atmosphere of going."

game at Comerica Park.

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#### Sign up for Suburban Showdown

Team and individual registration is underway for the Suburban Showdown Youth Spring Hockey League, All West League games will take place at Suburban loe-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 binh 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 301

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



# Northville spikers earn nods

#### By Sam Eggleston **RECORD SPORTS WRITER**

In the world of high school volleyball, its all about spikes, blocks and aces.

The squads at Northville and Novi have plenty of all three. Novi had some rough moments this year, struggling in an everimproving Kensington Valley Conference while the Northville Mustangs earned their second Western Division title and made a run at the conference and district crowns.

Talent is something that's not lacking in the area and plenty of recognition is being handed out to both programs.

#### Volleyball is life

Jenna Kuhn, a Novi senior, has made a career out of being one of the best around when it comes to volleyball.

She's tenacious and she's furious and few players bring the same level of intensity to the game like she does. A captain for the Wildcats this year, Kuhn had hoped to make her final season her best. Individually she continued to stand above the crowd even as the team went through some growing pains as the younger members of the squad gained experience.

Though Kuhn's season didn't roll along as smoothly as many would have liked, she earned honors with an All-KVC selection and another All-Area nod.

#### No doubt about it

Has anyone seen Northville's Joanna Foss play? If not, you're missing out. She's quite the dominating player.

Foss stepped up this year, leading the Northville Mustangs to a back-to-back Western Division title. Foss helped them push along into a run for the conference crown before making another run at the district tournament title, where the season came to a close against state-ranked Churchill.

This season, Foss led her team in several categories, earning 105 blocks, 378 kills and a .398 kill percentage and an All-Region nod. She's also one smart cookie, earning an Individual Academic All-Region honor, too.

With a season left ahead of her, there's no doubt Foss will be looking to have another impact year and perhaps even another berth to the All-Area team.

#### Determination

Novi is lucky enough to have one of the most determined athletes in the entire area in Jessica Barndt.

She's smart, talented and she can play with the best of them. Barndt was an easy selection to this year's All-Area team. Her ability is only matched by her intensity, which is hard to believe when you meet her. She's normally all smiles and as friendly as they come, until she's competing, that is.

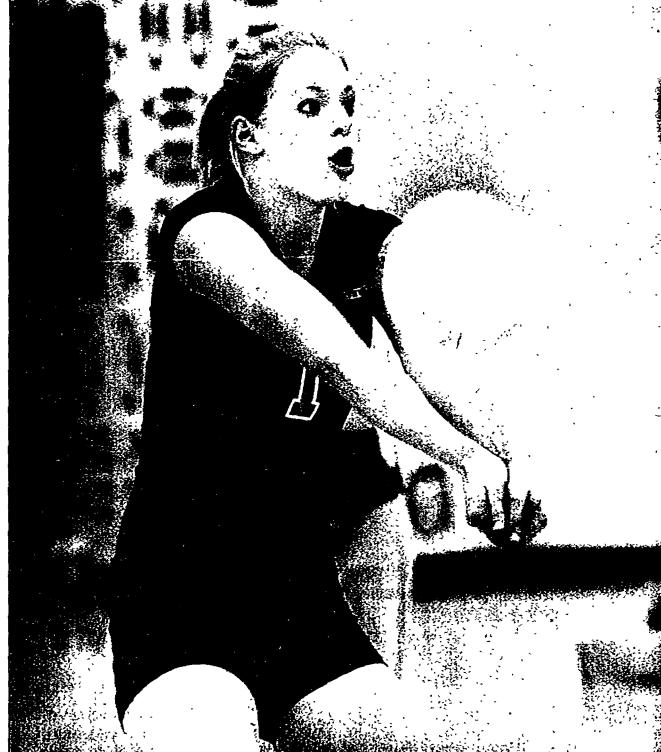
Barndt earned All-Kensington Valley Conference honors this season, a tribute to how well she played despite going against some of the state's best volleyball talent.

#### What injury?

You'd never know it by watching Northville sophomore Krysta Cicala play, but she actually missed a big chunk of this season thanks to an unfortunate injury.

But Cicala bounced back. Nicely.

Cicala notched some impressive numbers, including a .368 assist percentage and 71 total aces. Cicala also collected an All-Region nod despite being excluded from the All-WLAA squad. She did, however, earned an All-Western Division honor. Big things are expected from



Joanna Foss returns a volley during Northville's home match against Walled Lake Northern. Foss earned several accolades this year, including an All-Area Dream Team selection.

Cicala in the coming years. She'll be a leader, a factor and a role player. Not to mention she'll probably have a couple of All-Area Dream Team spots waiting for her.

#### sophomore

There's nothing wrong with having a young All-Area team. It just means the future for the team's the players represent as well as the All-Area Dream Team — is bright.

Stephanie Cripps is a sophomore at Novi High School and has the potential to be one of the best volleyball players the Wildcats have ever had. She's tall, talented and determined. The key to her success this year was her ability. The key to her success in the coming years is going to be experience.

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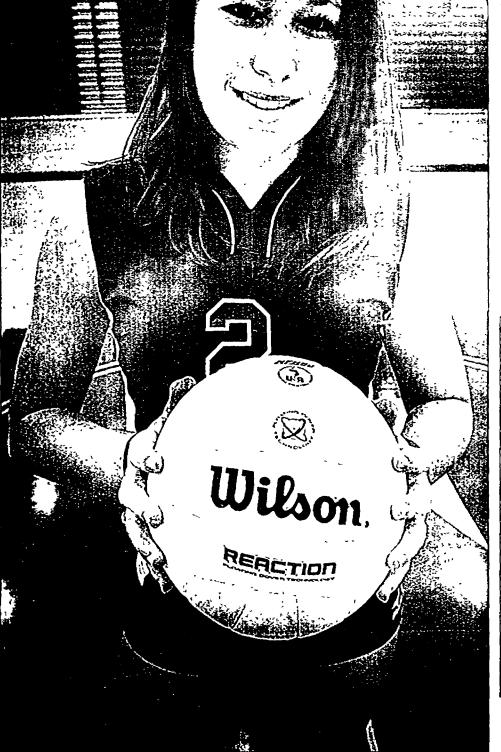
always looks to be a moment of three captains this year, includadjustment as players move ing Kristen Ehehalt. about the court to position themselves in just the right place to receive it. Northville's Amanda Marquardt is always in the right spot. This year the Mustangs knew she would be in the right spot at the right time as she gathered an impressive .837 serve reception percentage. Thanks to her ability, teams' choices for where they could place the ball were greatly reduced. Her ability earned her an All-Division Honorable Mention spot.

Kaitlyn Schultz (Milford) Laura Adler (Milford) Lauren Smith (Milford) 🖓 🗰 Laura Ward (Lakeland) Hannah Stocker (Lakeland) Emily Fallert (South Lyon) E Stephanie Cripps (Novi) Morgan Daul (Northville) Amanda Marquardt (Northville) Kristen Ehehalt (Northville)

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Ehehalt knows the

Another notable



Novi's Jenna Kuhn earned All-Area honors this season as one of the KVC's top players.

#### what a Daul!

When it comes to seniors. attitude is everything. Morgan Daul, a senior at Northville High School, has the right attitude at all the right times.

She's a very talented and determined athlete, and a smart one too. A 3.68 grade-point average placed her on the individual Academic All-Region team while her ability landed her an Honorable Mention All-Division nod and a first-team All-Region selection.

Daul also led the team with her sever percentage, collecting a .959 as one of the top servers in the entire area.

#### One the receiving end

When the serve is hit, there

#### Senior leadership

Finding a senior who can step up and lead without worrying about personal gain is tough. Northville was lucky with their

volleyball. She plays it as well as anyone else on the All-Area team but she does it with plenty of intelligence. Her 3.55 gradepoint average was one of the top on the team, earning her All-Region academic accolades.

Beyond her ability on the court and in the classroom, Ehehalt had a genuine care for her team and the success of her teammates. Her team-work and her desire to make those around her better by being the best she can be made Ehehalt a natural choice for this year's All-Area squad.

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#### CHAMPIONS!

The Northville Mustangs volieyball team earned a Western Division titile and a WLAA crown. The squad is coached by Steve Anderson.

# Mustangs earn plenty of All-Area selections

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

If Detroit is Hockeytown than Northville and Novi have become it's most recognizable suburbs.

Both areas boast plenty of hockey talent, with the Mustangs and the Wildcats fighting their way into the post-season and as deep into the playoffs as they can.

This year the Northville Mustangs ran up against the eventual state champions, Brighton, in the regional finale. The Wildcats won their regional but bowed in the following round against a very talented Saline squad.

Both teams are well represented on this year's All-Area team.

#### Forget me not

You'd never guess it, but for two years straight Novi senior Steve Rousseau was omitted from the roster for the hockey preview.

Rousseau didn't let it get to him. A simple phone call reminding people he was actually on the team was all that was involved and then he went out to show why people shouldn't forget him.

This year he brought out his best, ending his career as the team's leading scorer with 37 goals and 11 assists. His numbers alone propelled him to the top of the All-Area list, earning

him Player of the Year hon-**Player** of ors. "He's quite the Year the player and he

\_ really \_stepped\_up\_for لحمققانا us h Novi coach Dan Phelos said. "Steve was on fire this year and he made a big difference for our team."

Rousseau was a key member of Novi's squad as he scored several goals to help lift them from what looked to be a finished season with a 3-6 mark heading into the Wildcats annual game against Northville. Novi won that game and set up a winning streak that took them into

roster can help lead his team to a regional title and the respect the Novi Wildcats deserve.

#### **Repeat selection**

There are few reasons why Derek Mohacsi wouldn't make the All-Area team and plenty reasons why he would.

A prolific scorer who managed 20 goals despite missing several games this season, Mohacsi makes all the difference when he's on the ice. Not only does Mohacsi have the ability to score, he knows the value of dishing the puck as well. This season he picked up 25 assists to help the Mustangs make the trek to the regional final where they bowed out to eventual state champion Brighton.

"Derek was our best offensive player," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said. "He's gifted offensively. He has great hands and can score from anywhere. He played in every type of situation for us.

Mohacsi wrapped up a threeyear varsity career this year as a captain for the Mustangs and one of the all-time leading players for the program. He is the only returning first-team All-Area selection from last year.

#### Oh captain, my captain

At the beginning of the season, Novi senior captain Tom Ciaverilla said he hoped to become a good leader. It was a goal he reached without much trouble.

Ciaverilla has become a staple when it comes to Novi hockey. His name is brought up in nearly every conversation about the team. And why not? He's been on the squadefor years, scoring goals and making big plays for his coaches, teammates and fans. It's not uncommon to see signs in the stands cheering him on.

Why? Because Ciaverilla is a good hockey player and a great representative of Novi High School.

"We rely on Tom to be a leader for us and he doesn't let us down," Phelps said. "He's a talented hockey player who has played a big role for us." Ciaverilla scored 22 goals and notched 25 assists this year, showing he's more about team than personal accomplishment. When he was defended, Ciaverilla passed. When he had an open look, he scored. That's why he was an obvious selection to this year's All-Area Dream Team.

member of the All-Area Dream Team. What's next?

#### Defense!

Wildcat senior Ryan Fox pulls down a Hartland player along the glass.

When it comes to the defensive side of the puck, few players on the All-Area team can match up with Pat Uetz, a Northville senior.

Ueiz earned all-league honors thanks to his presence on the ice, which helped him net eight goals

she's already an All-Stater and a ure out a way to fill. That sounds like a big job.

#### Oh, so Clos

In the beginning of the year a Novi hockey fan asked if it was necessary to say who took the loss or earned the win as a goalie. It's a tough stat to follow because goalies, like pitchers in baseball, are one of the few players in any sport who are held accountable for wins and losses. Novi goalie Brad Clos took a

few bumps early on, helping his

team to just a 3-6 record to

begin the year. But Clos, and his

team, buckled down and went on

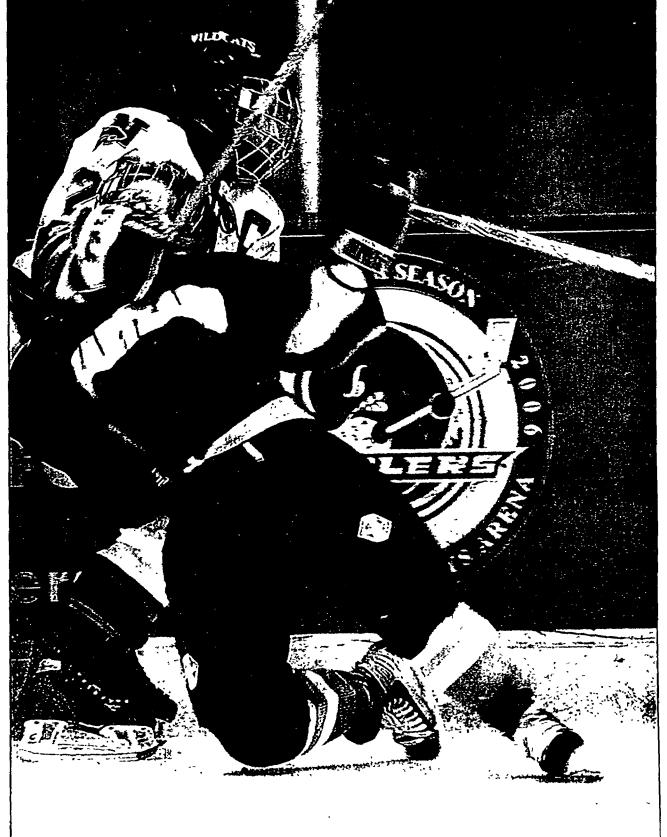
a winning streak that included

Putting up over 20 points this year, Fox almost tripled his output from each of the last two years.

"Ryan really stepped up for us this year," Phelps said. "We were very happy with him and how well he played."

#### Well done

Following in the footsteps of the great girls hockey players to come out of Northville these past few years is no easy task. But Anjali Saran managed to do it.



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leave it all on the ice.

the playoffs and to a regional title. Their final loss came against Saline during the state playoffs.

But Rousseau's impact isn't one that will be forgotten after he graduates this year. Instead, it's the kind of year coaches will use it as an example of how a season can be turned around and how even the quietest player who is accidentally left off the

way for her to be recognized for her ability."

What can't Andrea Soloko do?

The Northville junior defender

was an assistant captain this

year, one of the top defenders in

the state and Northville's leading

player," Northville coach Bill

Holden said. "Being selected to

the All-State team was a great

"Andrea is an outstanding

Ali-State pick

scorer.

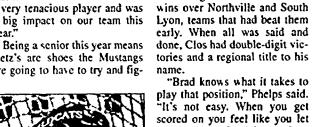
Soloko notched 11 goals and nine assists from the defensive side of the ice, leading her team throughout the season. She brings speed, offensive awareness and skating ability to the game and isn't afraid to feed the puck to another player for a chance for them to score.

As a junior, Soloko has a full season left ahead of her and

and 23 assists this season.

"Pat had an outstanding year," O'Neill said. "He logged a lot of ice for us. He played physical yet provided us with a lot of offense from the blue line. Pat is a very tenacious player and was a big impact on our team this year.'

Uetz's are shoes the Mustangs are going to have to try and fig-



people down. Brad knows how to handle it. He doesn't let it get him down and he gets right back up and ready for the next shot."

Clos may not have had the best start as a goalie, but when the season was over he proved he could finish strong. In sports, the opening minutes never matter as much as the performance in the final ones.

#### First-year player

Junior Brandon Wales was quick to find a place where he was comfortable in the Northville hockey program. As a first-year player, Wales earned playing time as a forward and quickly climbed through the ranks as one of the team's leading scorers. He notched 16 goals and 16 assists throughout the year.

"Offensively, Brandon is very strong around the net and has very good hands," O'Neill said. "He's a dangerous player when he has the puck in the offensive zone. Brandon works very hard on his game and will be a big player for us next season."

Wales earned All-Western Division honors this year, indicating his future with Northville is a bright one indeed.

#### Foxy player

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As a sophomore and a junior, Novi's Ryan Fox played a role for the Wildcats, but it wasn't as a standout. This year, as a senior, Fox dug deep and decided to

A senior center for the Mustangs, Saran notched seven goals and five assists as she helped her squad along this year. A tough post-season draw ended up finding the Mustangs bowing out in the early rounds, but Saran did her part in leading the team through actions and examples.

#### **Timid Timar?**

As a sophomore, most people would expect a varsity player to be quiet and a little timid. Novi's Ryan Timar must not have received the memo.

This season, Timar notched over 30 points to help lead the Wildcats to a regional championship and a strong late-season showing. Though he's only an underclassman, Timar's ability and determination makes his future look to be bright.

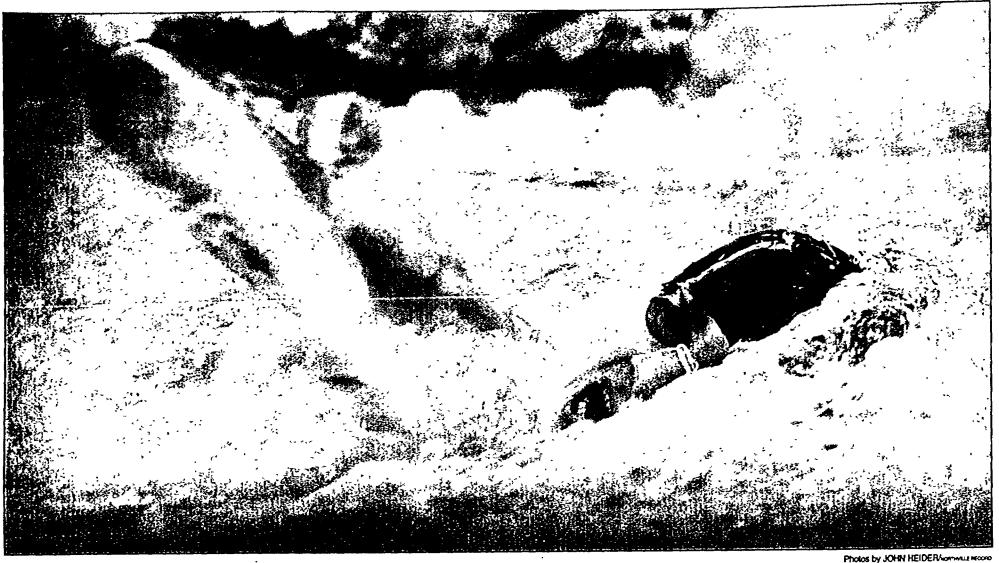
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Submitted Photo Andrea Soloko earned All-**Area First-Team honors** this season.



With teammates and traffic near his net, Wildcat goalle Brad Clos keeps his eye on the puck.



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

# Area tankers are some of state's best swimmers, divers

#### By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

What a year for swimming in the coverage area of the Northville Record and the Novi News.

From a state champion to All-Americans to All-State swimmers and divers, the tankers at Northville and Novi high schools had it all. This year's All-Area Dream Team was one of the largest to date and it features the most talent of any team selected so far.

#### The champion

Will the real Chris Keady please stand up?

The Northville junior swimmer found himself in a bit of an identity crisis during the past couple seasons after turning in impressive and competitive times, only to fail to live up to post season expectations.

All-American nods. His name is finally carved on the record books and the mark is set high enough that it will be a long time and will take a special diver to break.

There's one thing that is never in doubt when it comes to All-Area selection: Chris Alberty is a natural choice and a great athlete to have aboard.

#### Farris wheel keeps churning

-If there's one swimmer the Northville Mustangs are going to miss next year it's Brad Farris.

The senior swimmer earned state finals cuts in the 200 freestyle and the 100 backstroke and took a fourth-place finish in both events to help secure a fourth-place finish in the state for the Mustangs as a team.

And Farris still has plenty career left ahead of him with an lvv League spot at University of Pennsylvania. "You can't replace Brad Farris," Bennetts said. "He's an outstanding swimmer and we're really going to miss him. It's going to take two or three guys to be able to fill in for him." Farris not only made a name for himself in the pool, but as one of Northville's captains as well. He helped lead his team to another division and conference championship.



But this year was different. Keady came into the state finals with some of the best times in the state of Michigan. He left with the best time in the state in the 200 individual medley and

second the best time in the 500

Swimmer freestyle. "Chris is an outstanding

of the Year

swimmer. Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "He silenced a lot of his critics at the finals this year."

And he's only a junior. Keady has a full season left ahead of him and already tucked under his belt is a state title, All-American status and All-State honors.

Even with all the accolades and accomplishments, Keady doesn't bother saying anything about how well he has done. He's happy with his results, proud of his team and he's glad to finally have a state championship.

Keady wants to Now improve. He wants to better himself through hard work and dedication to his sport.

That's why Keady wasn't even contended with when it came to Swimmer of the Year honors. He's the best and, like any true athlete, he's only looking to get better.

#### Dive right in

There are times when the All-Area Dream Team presents difficult decisions and tough choices. This year, it was easy, especially with tankers like Chris Alberty around.

The Novi senior had one goal his entire career: to break his brothers' high school diving records and to earn All-State honors. It was a goal hampered by injury the past couple of seasons, but one he stayed true to and determined to reach-

Alberty finished fifth in the state, putting up some of his best numbers this year as he earned All-State and potential

#### **Pride of the Wildcats**

Novi junior Sean Bugbee should be proud of what he's accomplished this year.

The Wildcat took second in the Kensington Valley Conference in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:49.39 to earn a qualifying cut to the state finals. Bugbee didn't place in the finals, but he still represented his school and his team with pride.

But the beauty of making the state finals as a junior is that he has all next year to earn an even better mark, which gives the Wildcats a solid base to build on.

#### Welcome back

Northville's Chris Culkin should get used to being on the All-Area team. He made it as a sophomore, now as a junior and he'll most likely make it as a senior, too.

But why not? Culkin continues to showcase his ability, qualifying for the state finals yet again. This year, he made the trek to Ann Arbor in the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle events, placing in both of them to help the Mustangs to a fourth-place Division I finish.

Culkin is a pretty quiet athlete, letting his actions speak louder than his words. Those actions pretty much scream in favor of his All-State and All-American honors and a selection to the All-Area Dream Team.

Novi's Sean Bugbee swims freestyle for the Wildcats.

#### All-Area Swim & Dive Player of the Year — Chris Keady (Northville) Anthony Payne (Milford) Chad Patton (Lakeland) # Jake Campbell (Lakeland) Matt Witkowski (South Lyon) Greg Sillence (South Lyon) Zack Kadykowski (South Lyon)

As a junior he helped lead his team to another Western Division title and helped stave off Livonia Stevenson for a back-to-back Western Lakes Activities Association title. If all goes well, he'll be leading his team for those crowns again next year.

#### **Chemistry Laabs**

Senior Weston Laabs was more than just a senior captain who qualified for the state finals in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke this year. He was a perfect example of the glue that held the Northville Mustangs so close together.

For the past four years, Laabs has pretty much been the breaststroke specialist of the team, helping the Mustangs with individual performances as well as

E Chet Jankowski (South Lyon) Chris Alberty (Novi) Sean Bugbee (Novi) Chris Culkin (Northville) Weston Laabs (Northville) Will Blickle (Northville) Brody Blickle (Northville) John Bardsley (Northville) Brad Farris (Northville) 

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ing points in the state finals and

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son, and left a legacy behind

that will be a tough act to follow

in one of the toughest events

"He's not going to be easy to

replace," Bennetis said. "He's

basically been our breaststroke

Laabs will leave knowing he

has his name on the record

board thanks to his performance

in the 200 medley relay, helping

his team set the mark by show-

casing his breaststroke talents.

Laabs is one of the best in the

state in his event and an easy

choice for the All-Area Dream

It's hard to talk about one

**A Blickle situation** 

Team.

swimmer his entire career."

swimming has to offer.

with the highly successful relay Blickle brother without talking about the other, so it was a relief when the siblings made the All-Area Dream Team together.

Will Blickle, a junior, earned his stripes and state cuts this year in the always competitive 200 individual medley and the draining 500 freestyle events. Brody Blickle, a sophomore, also made the cut for the finals in the 200 individual medley and another in the 100 backstroke.

Having the siblings on the same team is a blessing for any coach. The Mustangs use the brothers in their relays, too, finding that two Blickles are indeed better than one.

With both returning next season, the Mustangs will be expected to compete for their division and conference titles once again. A return trip to the state finals is no doubt in the

future of both tankers, as well as a return berth to the All-Area team.

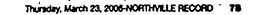
#### Sophomore sensation

Who knew John Bardsley was going to be so good? He did, probably.

The Northville sophomore came into this season overshadowed by his teammates. When the year was done, he wasn't standing in any shadow. Bardsley earned state cuts in the grueling 500 freestyle and in the 200 freestyle.

Sure, he didn't earn All-American status, but Bardsley is far from finished slicing time from his events. With two years left ahead of him, he's probably going to find himself in the upper echelons with the state's best tankers. He's already earned the cut and even placed in the finals, so now he just has to dig deep and find ways to improve. There's no doubt he'll do just that and earn himself many more accolades along the way, including another bench to the All-Area Dream Team.

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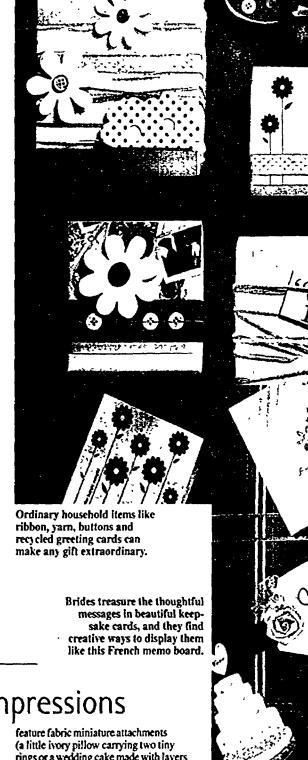


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Trend Spotter Offers Tips for a Hip Bridal Shower

Shower Time

Wedding shower and gift trends are reflected in American Greetings cards and gift wrap available at Target stores.





FAMILY FEATURES

**Creative bridal** shower gift ideas include a "bouquet" of cooking utensils and silk flowers and accented with bows. Just add a card and it's ready to go!

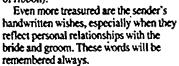
### Wrap Like a Pro

hen it comes to gifts, presentation is everything. Wrapping that incorporates details and added touches can magnify the perceived value of what's inside, so don't forget to wrap and tie with style.

"For soft goods or items that do not easily fit in a box, use gift bags. They combine convenience and style in all shapes and sizes," says Patty Flauto, American Greetings gift wrap design guru. There are even gift bags designed for specific items. And they keep getting better and better looking, with fashionable details like ribbon handles, scalloped or cuffed "necklines," trendy colors and prints.

New gift wrap designs reflect today's elegant wedding fashions. Wrap featuring photos of trendy wedding flowers, like white roses and hydrangeas, and embellished with clear sparkling crystalline glitter are recommended for the well-dressed gift. Accessorize with ribbon, a bow and fun new package decorations, like a 10-karat "diamond ring" or a feather boa pompom. Flauto suggests even ordinary household

items can make a wrapped gift the star of the gift table. The key is to pick a few accent colors to complement your wrapping paper. For example, to dress up a gift wrapped in paper with black and white photo images, add a few pink, black and white accent items from sewing supplies. Layer two kinds of ribbons, sheer and satin or thick and thin, or two shades of yam. Use hot glue to add a flower cut from a greeting card or a key phrase, like 'I do,' and top it with a button or two or three. If you're wrapping a smaller gift box, you could pick up two of the same shower card, using the extra to decorate the entire top of the box."



### Make Lasting Impressions

very bride treasures her shower and wedding cards. Many lovingly store Athem in a special box or binder. Some even find crafty and creative ways to display them.

Keepsake cards today shine with satin, lace, ribbons, minestones, sequins and even embroidery - three rhinestone "bubbles" hover over a line drawing of two champagne glasses, or the piece may

rings or a wedding cake made with layers of ribbon).

EDITORIAL SYNDICATE



'f you've been to a wedding shower recently, you've probably noticed

the time-honored tradition is changing. The typical Sunday afternoon gathering of ladies playing word games and snacking on pastel Jordan almonds has been replaced by sophisticated themed evenings. And sometimes men are invited too!

"We monitor trends in both weddings and showers so we can incorporate the freshest and most modern themes in our cards," explains Gale Thomson, American Greetings trend spotter. "We've found wine, gourmet kitchen and couples themes are the new wave. Changes in dating and relationship etiquette and other social factors, like career women postponing marriage, have directed showers away from providing basic necessities and more toward reflecting the couple's interests.

Thomson offers these tips for planning some of today's top trendy bridal shower themes:

Wine tastings reflect a popular interest. The wine theme can influence the menu, party activities and gifts. Invite guests to bring two bottles of wine: one to serve at the party and a second to give the couple. Search online for menu items to complement each wine, and display wine-pairing notes at each food and wine station.



Couples showers are a great way to include both the bride's and the groom's friends, and they tend to be cocktail, dinner or summer barbeque parties. Couples showers are a good option for smaller guest lists or as one of multiple showers. A note on the invitation could suggest gifts for future entertaining. American Greetings has taken note of this hot trend by introducing special couples shower cards to its Target line, like one with tiny pink and blue "His" and "Hers" cloth towel . icons attached to the front.

Kitchen showers have moved away from providing basic necessities and become more sophisticated, reflecting already-established brides and gourmet cooking trends. High-end stainless steel fondue pots, blenders and food processors are topping gift registries and wedding Website wish lists. Invite guests to bring their favorite recipe to share with the bride.

Personal gifts, indulgences the bride would never buy for herself or honeymoon trip items are also a fashionable shower theme option for second marriages or brides who are already established in their households. Spas are a great personal shower venue, and a gift certificate for spa services presented in a pretty card makes a wonderful gift.

Showers may be changing, but they are still an important part of the wedding tradition. If you're planning a shower and want it to be the latest and greatest, try one of these party concepts.

# HEALTH

### A balanced vegetarian diet is actually possible

#### By Jolene Ketzenberger GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Although parents might worry that a vegetarian diet isn't healthful, rest assured that kids can get plenty of protein and other nutrients without eating meat. The U.S. Dietary Guidelines state "vegetarian diets can be consistent with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and meet Recommended Dietary Allowances for nutrients."

According to the American Dietetic Association. "appropriately planned vegan, lacto-vegetarian and lacto-ovo-vegetarian diets satisfy nutrient needs of infants, children and adolescents and promote normal growth."

Experts warn against dropping meat without finding other protein sources.

Margie Bryan, a registered dietitian with The Care Group, an Indiana network of cardiologists and primary care physicians, says teens going veg should strive for variety:

"Kids think they're eating healthy, but they're not reading the labels. The key to a healthy vegetarian diet is variety. You have to be concerned if you're only eating salad and potato chips."

She also notes that anyone going veg should be aware of the calorie content of foods that often accompany carbs, such as high-fat cheese, dips and toppings for baked potatoes.

'We can't hang the problem just on carbs," she says. "Portion distortion becomes more the focus than overloading on carbs. The risk of increasing

calories would probably come from the accompani-ments of carbohydrate foods."

But there's more to going veg than simply what is on your plate. Eighteen-year-old Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis freshman Jessica, Collins, a vegetarian who has taught a class for teens considering the switch, offers some practical advice on how to go veg:

- Bring your own dish to family gatherings so you won't have to go hungry if there are no veg options. Bring enough to share - you never know whom you might inspire with delicious food.

- Never make anyone feel uncomfortable while they're cating - don't say, for example, "You know you're eating the flesh of an animal who was brutally tortured before it was murdered just so you could eat its body, right?"

Be prepared to be criticized, but we all know how it feels, and doing it ourselves is not an effective way to shed a positive light on vegetarians.

- Craft a polite, constructive response to criticisms and questions about your lifestyle. For example, "I'm doing this for my health and for the animals, and I feel great."

- Don't think that you're going to last as a healthy vegetarian if you live on mashed potatoes, Fritos, Sour Patch Kids and Twizzlers. Just because you're eating food sans animal products doesn't necessarily mean it's healthy. Maintain a diet full of fresh vegetables, whole grains, fruit, beans and nuts (and lowfat yogurt, cheese and milk if you're not vegan).

### ASK THE EXPERT

I travel a lot, so going to the gym isn't always practical. What can I pack for a hotel-room workout that won't weigh down my luggage?

You can make it very simple and pack walking shoes and maybe a pedometer in order to count your steps. Lace up the shoes and walk the hotel including up and down the stairs for half

an hour or go for a brisk walk. You will find you burn more calories in this type of activity than you do in most regular gym workouts because it is continuous as well giving you the ability to make it as challenging as you like (e.g. stairs, hills, speed, etc.). Try to complete at least 2500 steps in the 1 hour time

frame. If you want to take hotel/travel workouts to higher level, add an exercise ball (deflated of course with the hand pump that comes with it) and tubing for resistance training. Use the equipment as directed for resistance training basically you will be attaching the bands/tubes to the furniture in the room or standing on it in order to perform the workout. Many trainers in a single session can outline a safe and effective travel workout to assure you are getting

the most out of your effort. You can put your travel workout together including a pedometer, exercise ball, resistance band and a one hour instruction session all for under \$100.

The bottom line is to do something! The act of sitting still for excessive amounts of time on a daily basis is what you are trying to avoid. Keep moving and good luck!

> My Mother always urged me to eat my breakfast, I am trying to lose weight so should I eat breakfast or skip it to save the calories?

This nutrition advice and "take your vitamins" Chris Klebba your mom got right. The name breakfast says it all: "Break the overnight fast," and this is accomplished by eating

something. When the body has no food for a certain amount of hours, it goes into a fasting or semi-starvation state in which the metabolism slows down. If your last meal was about 7pm and you skip breakfast until lunch, that adds up to over 16 hours between meals. This generally leads to a greater appetite when you have that first meal, causing poor food choices and overeating in order to

compensate for those excessive hours with no food. Data from the National Weight Control Registry and other studies clearly show an association between skipping breakfast and being overweight. Other studies suggest omitting breakfast interferes with cognition and learning. An extended fast (missing breakfast) is perceived by your body as a stress event, and therefore, your body releases stress hormones in order to maintain brain nutrition. This may lead to irrational or less controlled thinking.

Being on the run, as most of the population seems to be today, is no reason to skip breakfast. There are many healthy, tasty bars and smoothies that meet the nutrition criteria to qualify as a healthy breakfast. So next time your mom tells you to eat a healthy breakfast, think twice before thinking you are saving calories. Most non-breakfast eaters are only redistributing them, probably eating more, and not performing at their best in the process!

This column was written by Chris Klebba. Chris owns and operates the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, is a certified fitness trainer, regular columnist, and public speaker. For more information call 248-449-7634 or go to www.wtrwheel.com

### Research suggests baby reflux meds could raise death risk

#### **By Robert Preidt** GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Drugs called H2 blockers. commonly given to premature infants to treat acid reflux, may increase their risk for a potentially fatal bowel infection called necrotizing enterocolitis, new research suggests.

'This study strongly suggests that the common practice of prescribing H2 blockers to prevent or treat acid reflux in premature infants be discontinued, until more evidence on the safety of this practice becomes available," Dr. Elias A. Zerhouni, director of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, said in a prepared statement.

H2 blockers - which include over-the-counter products such as Axid, Pepcid, Tagamet and Zantac - inhibit the production of stomach acid.

The study was conducted by ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

researchers at the Neonatal Research Network, part of the U.S. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD).

Necrotizing enterocolitis affects about 5 percent to 10 percent of extremely premature babies. With this disease, tissue lining the wall of the intestines dies and any surviving tissue becomes swollen and inflamed. The digestive tract becomes unable to digest or transport food.

In some cases, portions of the intestine have to be removed, but sometimes the damage is so severe the infant dies. Experts still don't know the exact causes of necrotizing enterocolitis.

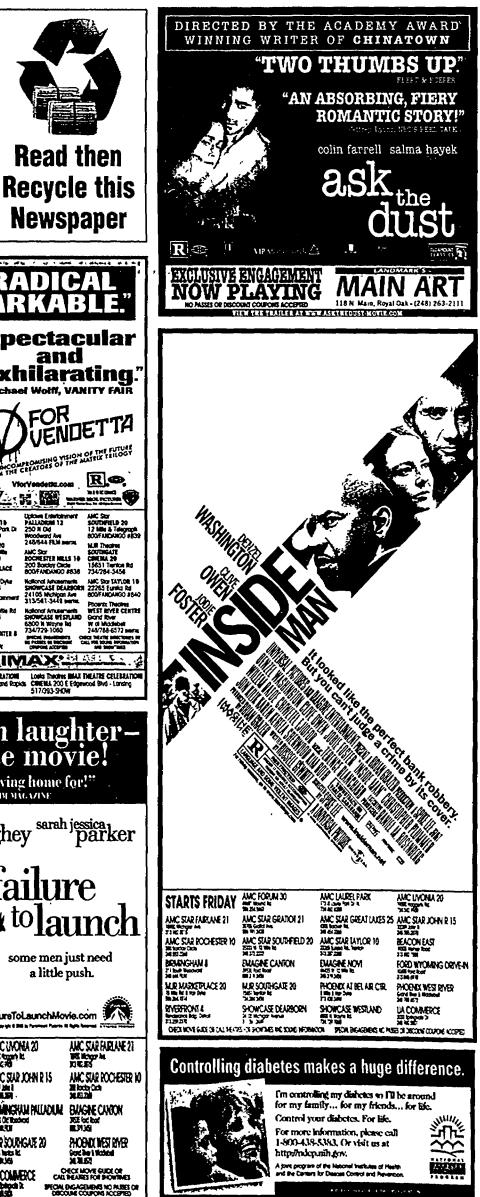
The NICHD study found that premature infants who received H2 blockers had a 71 percent higher risk of developing the condition than infants who hadn't been given the drugs.

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The researchers stressed that they weren't able to determine if H2 blockers actually cause necrotizing enterocolitis. Instead, it could be that infants likely to develop the condition may also have symptoms that require treatment with H2 blockers. However, they advised caution in the use of H2 blockers in premature infants.

The findings appear in the February issue of Pediatrics.





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# IN THE KITCHEN

Chicken & Vegetable Stir-Fry

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he U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) MyPyramid symbolizes a personalized approach to healthy eating, allowing you to choose from a variety of options in each food group to meet your needs based upon your age, gender and level of physical activity.

Adding soup to your menu plan is a quick and simple way to help you meet the new recommendations. Most prepared soups are " moderate in calories, low in fat and provide a good source of nutrients, as well as vegetables, lean meats and grains. There are also many varieties of soups to choose from, including reduced- and low-sodium selections, so you're sure to find a soup that's right for you!

Visit Campbell's Center for Nutrition & Wellness at www.campbellwellness.com for "Souper" Ways to Meet Your MyPyramid Goals

**Guide to MyPyramid** based on a 2000 calorie reference diel

O oup has been called a "secret weapon" for weight loss success because you can actually eat more to weigh less. Because soup is a "low-calorie-dense" food, Vyou can fill up on fewer calories and stay satisfied longer.

Why does soup work?

- More for less! You can eat larger portions of water-rich foods, like broth-based soups, which have relatively few calories per serving.
- Variety! With so many soup options, you can enjoy a different soup every day. Satisfaction! No matter what your personal goals, soup can add taste, variety and
- satisfaction for a plan you can stick with. Nutrition You Need! Cutting calories can often result in cutting nutrients your body needs. Choosing foods like soup that are low in calories but provide fiber and important vitamins and minerals, such as calcium, iron and vitamins A and C, can help ensure that losing pounds doesn't mean losing out on nutrition.



To get a FREE copy of Campbell's Soup for Life Plan, customize your own meal plans or obtain product information and recipes, visit www.campbellwellness.com.

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articles on ways to choose foods that meet the new MyPyramid recommendations. And get a FREE copy of Campbell's Soup for Life Plan, a flexible meal plan that you can customize to help you to meet your individual MyPyramid requirements.

Following are some "souper" delicious ideas that can help the whole family put MyPyramid into practice!

#### **Chicken & Vegetable Stir-Fry**

Prep/Cook Time: 25 minutes Serves: 4

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 3/4 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, **Certified** Organic or Natural Goodness)
  - 1 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce
  - pound boneless chicken breast, cut into strips
  - 5 cups cut-up vegetables (use a combination of broccoli florets, sliced carrots and green or red pepper strips)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder or 1 clove garlic, minced
- 4 cups hot cooked rice, cooked without salt

MIX cornstarch, broth and soy sauce.

SPRAY nonstick skillet with vegetable cooking spray and heat 1 minute. Add chicken and stir-fry until browned. Remove chicken. ADD vegetables, ginger and garlic, and stir-fry until tender-crisp. STIR in cornstarch mixture and cook until mixture boils and thickens. Return chicken to skillet and heat through. Serve over rice.

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving (with Swanson Chicken Broth): Calories 413, Total Fat 4g, Saturated Fat 1g, Cholesterol 74mg, Sodium 633mg, Total Carbohydrate 59g, Dietary Fiber 4g. Protein 33g

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving (with Swanson Certified Organic or Natural Goodness Chicken Broth): Calories 413, Total Fat 4g, Saturated Fat 1g, Cholesterol 72mg, Sodium 469mg, Total Carbohydrate 59g, Dietary Fiber 4g, Protein 34g

#### 'MyPyramid contributions (per serving)

- Vegetables: 1 1/4 cups
- Grains: 2-ounce equivalent (Substitute whole grain brown rice for white rice in this dish and you add 3 grams of fiber and whole grain to your meal.)
- Meats & Beans: 3-ounce equivalent

Vegetables: 2 1/2 cups Fruit: 2 cups Grains: 6 ounces (make at least 3 ounces whole grains) Dairy: 3 cups of milk or milk products Meat & Beans: 5 1/2 ounces \*Visit www.mypyramid.gov for your individual needs.

#### Soup & Sandwich Lunch

#### Serves: 1

1 serving (8 ounces prepared) Campbell's Healthy Request Tomato soup

Turkey Sandwich: 2 slices Pepperidge Farm 100% Whole Wheat Whole Grain Bread, 2 ounces sliced turkey breast, 1 teaspoon mayonnaise, 2 pieces leaf lettuce and 2 tomato slices

1 cup total carrot sticks, celery sticks and red pepper strips

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving with Campbell's Healthy Request Tomato soup: Calories 457, Total Fat 9g. Saturated Fat 2g, Cholesterol 50mg, Sodium 869mg, Total Carbohydrate 67g, Dietary Fiber 10g, Protein 29g

- MyPyramid contributions (per serving)
- Vegetables: 1 1/2 cups
- Whole Grains: 2-ounce equivalent
- Meats & Beans: 2-ounce equivalent

#### **Breakfast Omelet** Sandwiches

#### Prep/Cook Time: 15 minutes Serves: 2

- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped tomato
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup cholesterol-free egg substitute 2 teaspoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- slices Pepperidge Farm 9 Grain Natural Whole Grain Bread

SPRAY nonstick skillet with vegetable cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms, green pepper, tomato and onion. Cover and cook until softened. Remove from skillet. Wipe out skillet with paper towel.

SPRAY nonstick skillet with vegetable cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium heat. Add 1/4 cup egg substitute and top with half the cooked vegetables. Cook until set but still moist on top, lifting edges of omelet with spatula. Sprinkle with half the cheese and fold in half. Place on 1 bread slice and top with another. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving: Calories 236, Total Fat 3g, Saturated Fat 0g, Cholesterol Img, Sodium 430mg, Total Carbohydrate 35g. Dietary Fiber 7g, Protein 16g

#### MyPyramid contributions (per serving)

- Vegetables: 1/2 cup
- Whole Grains: 2-ounce equivalent
- Meats & Beans: 1-ounce equivalent

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#### Home Owners... Do You Know the 10 Most Common Home Maintenance Problems?

I am always amazed to find that many homes have very similar conditions and problems. Some of the issues listed below can be related to the age of the home or the systems in the home. However it is interesting to note that many of the 10 issues listed are related to water and moisture concerns.

1. Improper Surface Grading and Drainage. By far the most frequent problem. It is responsible for the most common household aggravations, including water penetration into the basement or crawlspace. All basements will eventually leak if the water is not moved away from the foundation.

2. Improper Electrical Wiring. This includes such situations as insufficient electrical service coming into the home to meet modern day requirements. It also includes inadequate overload protection, and amateur (often dangerous) wiring connections



3. Roof Damage Ranked third. leaking roofs are a frequent problem. This is caused by old or damaged shingles or improper flashing and drainage which has not been repaired. terson

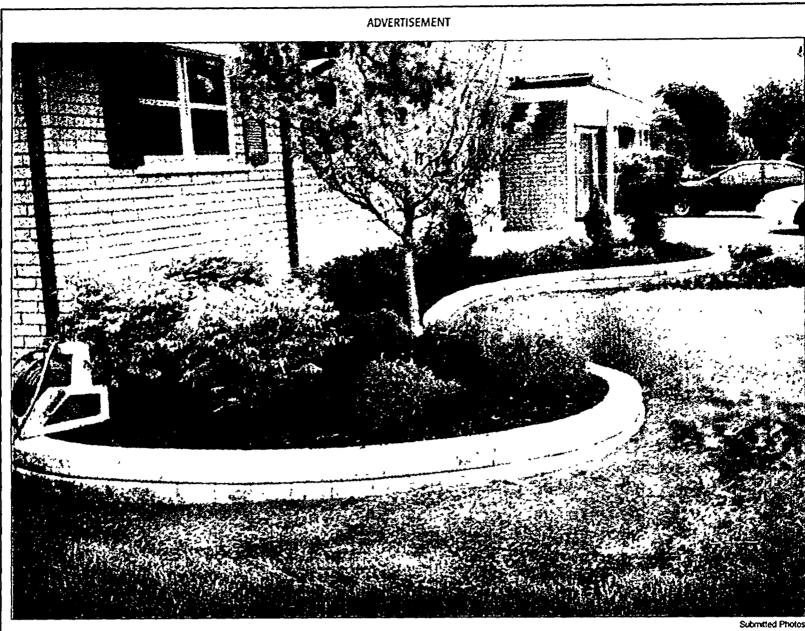
4. Heating Systems. Defect items in this category include broken or malfunctioning controls, blocked chimneys and exhaust, dirty filters, humidifiers which are not functioning properly, and older conventional furnaces which are operating past their useful life and are a potential for carbon monoxide in the home.

5. Poor Overall Maintenance. A common problem with all homeowners. Some of the signs of poor maintenance include cracked, peeling or dirty painted surfaces; crumbling masonry; makeshift wiring or plumbing: broken lighting fixtures and/or appliances. damage exterior trim, gutters, downspouts, and driveway/walkways in need of repair. Every home needs to have TLC in order to look nice and have proper protection from weather.

6. Structurally Related Problems. As a result of problems in one or more of these categories, damage is sustained by such structural components as foundation walls, floor joists, rafters, windows, and door headers. Having a leak go unnoticed or repaired can allow water to penetrate into the wall and create various issues as a result.

7. Plumbing. Though not ranked as a number one problem, plumbing defects still rank high. This includes the existence of old or incompatible piping materials, as well as dripping faucets, faulty fixtures, and damages or clogged waste lines.

8. Exteriors. Flaws in this category, such as exterior seals around windows, doors and wall surface joints, rarely have structural significance but may pose discomfort to the occupants due to water and air penetration. The most common culprits are inadequate caulking and/or weather-stripping.



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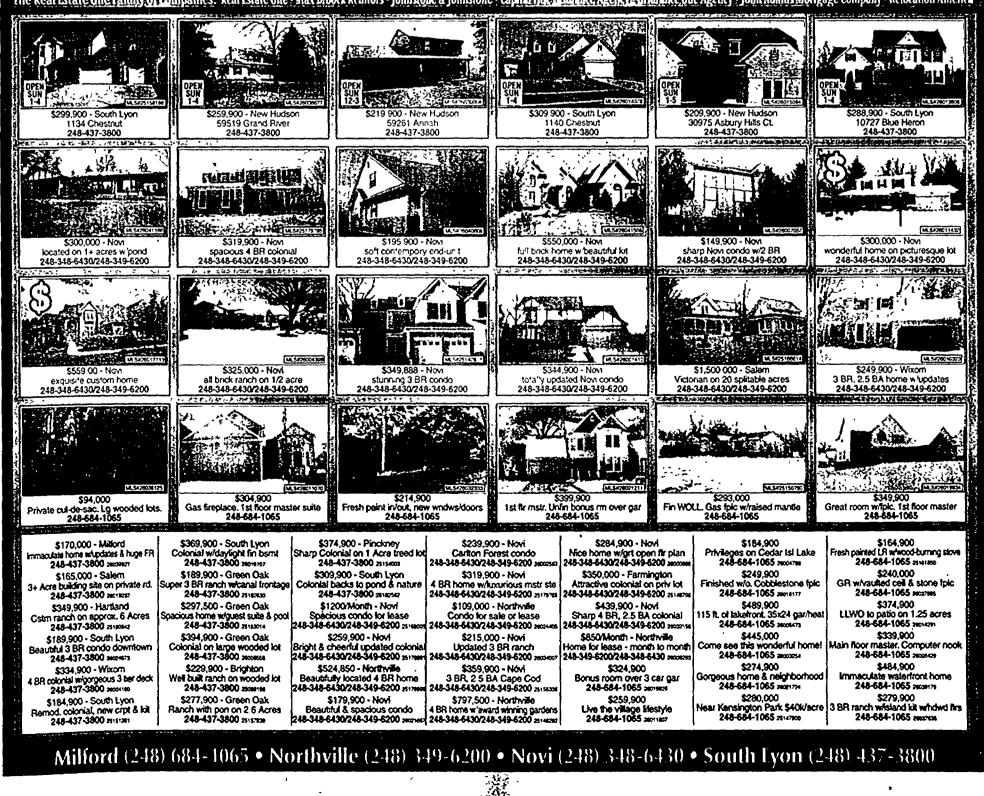
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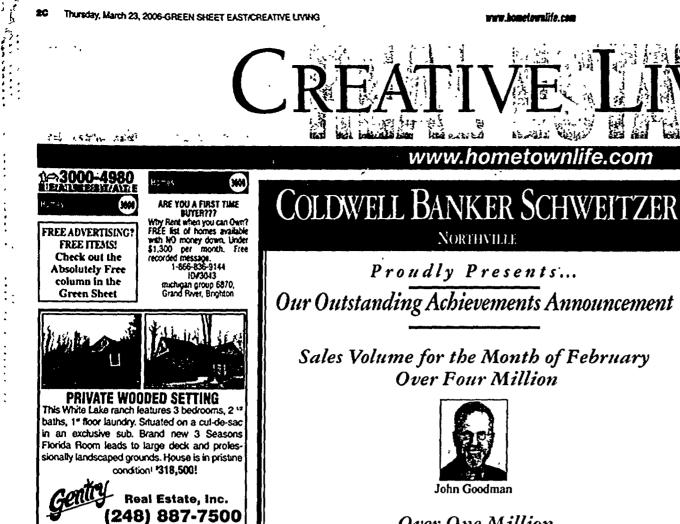
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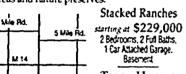
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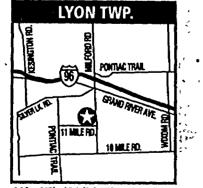






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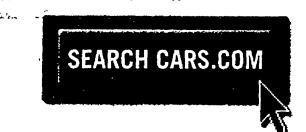
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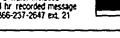
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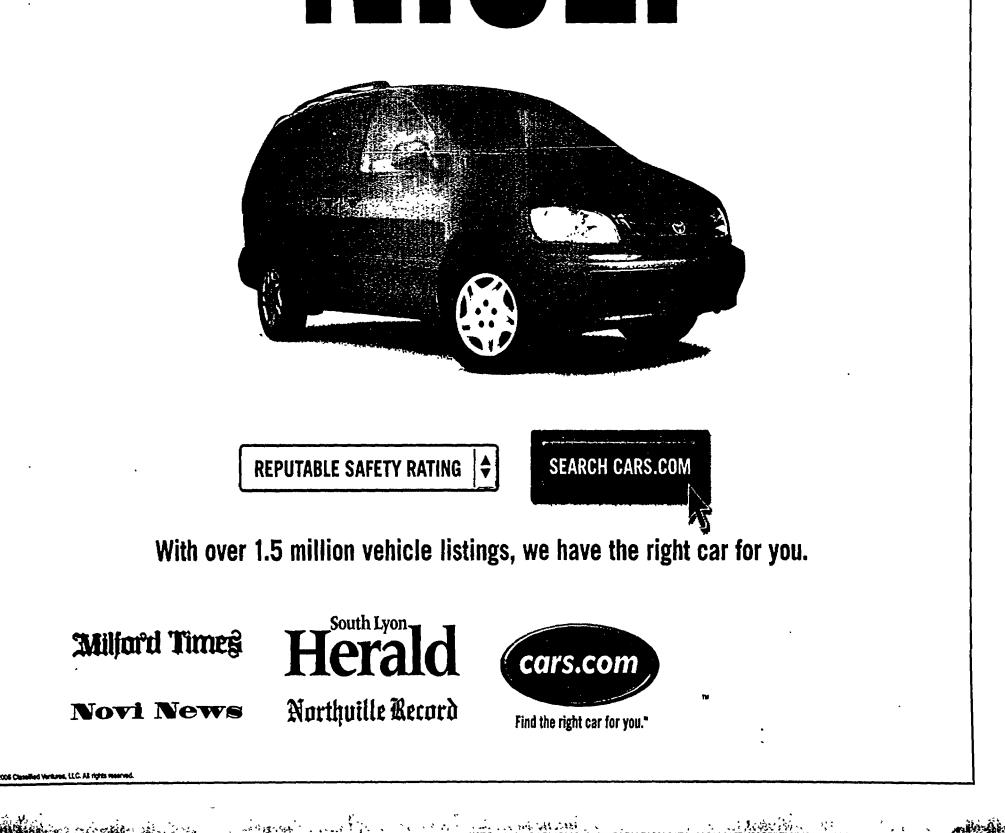
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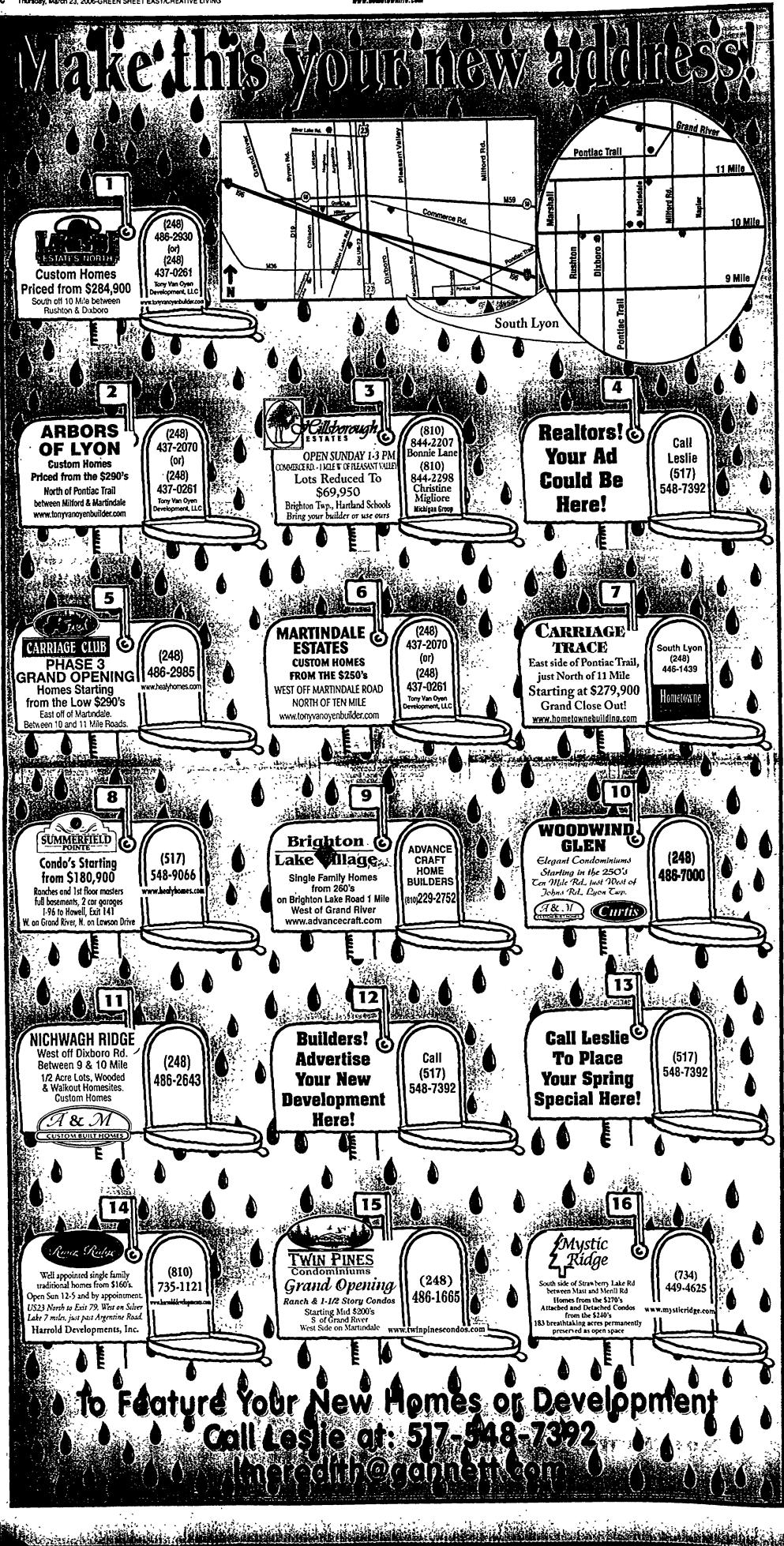
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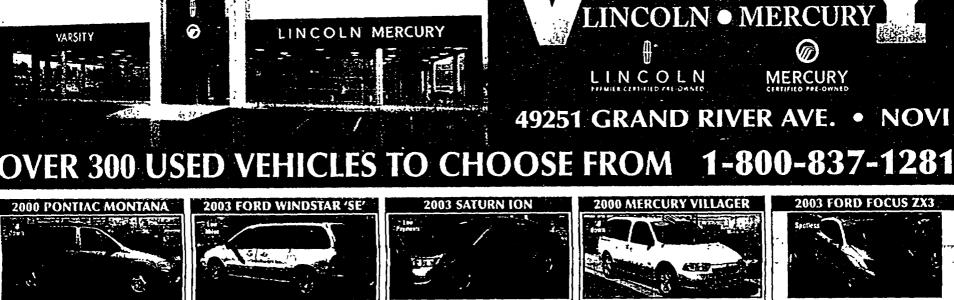
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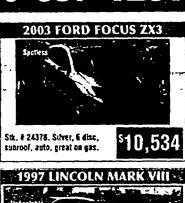




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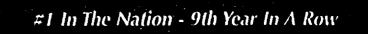
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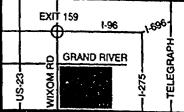
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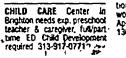
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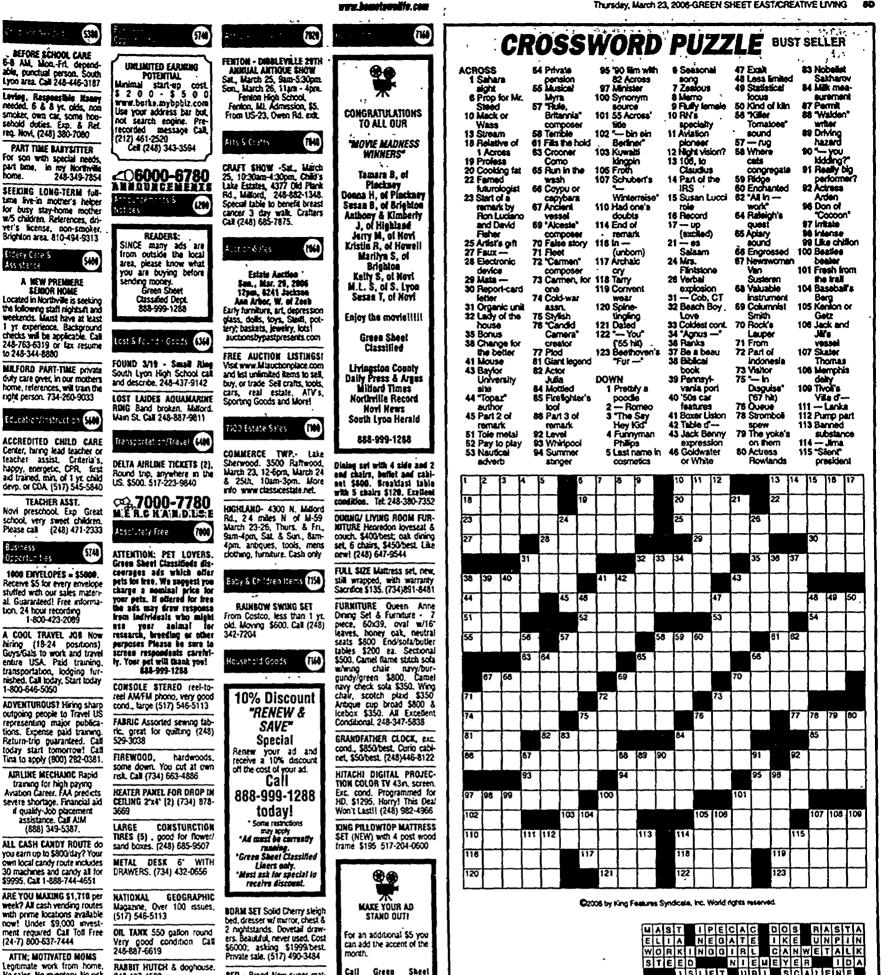


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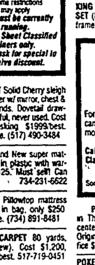
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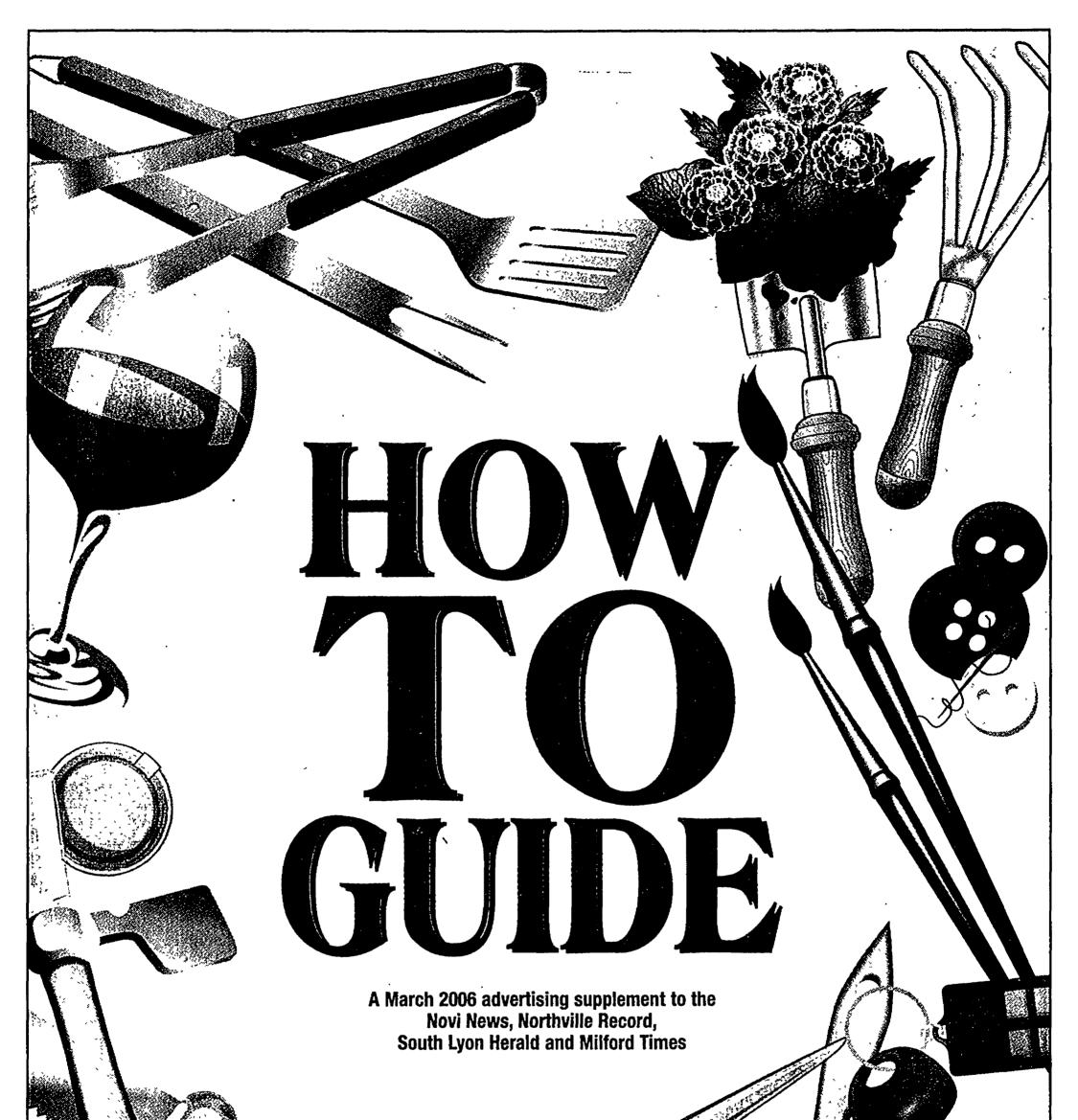
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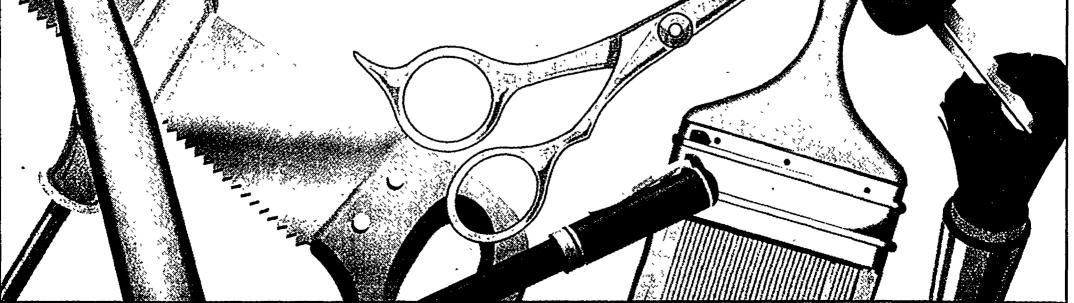
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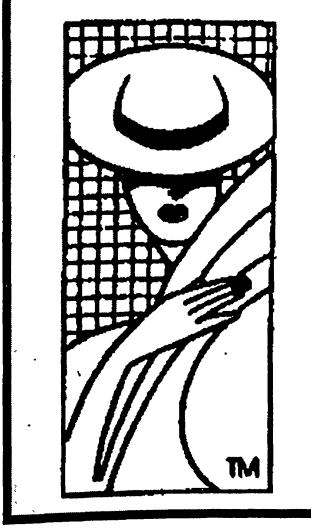
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# Health & Beauty

# HOW TO HAVE A SAFE PEDICURE

pedicure should be a relaxing way to rejuvenate the feet and welcome the return of sandal season.

However, if the pedicure equipment is not properly cleaned and cared for, a trip to the salon could result in a painful skin infection and permanent scarring.

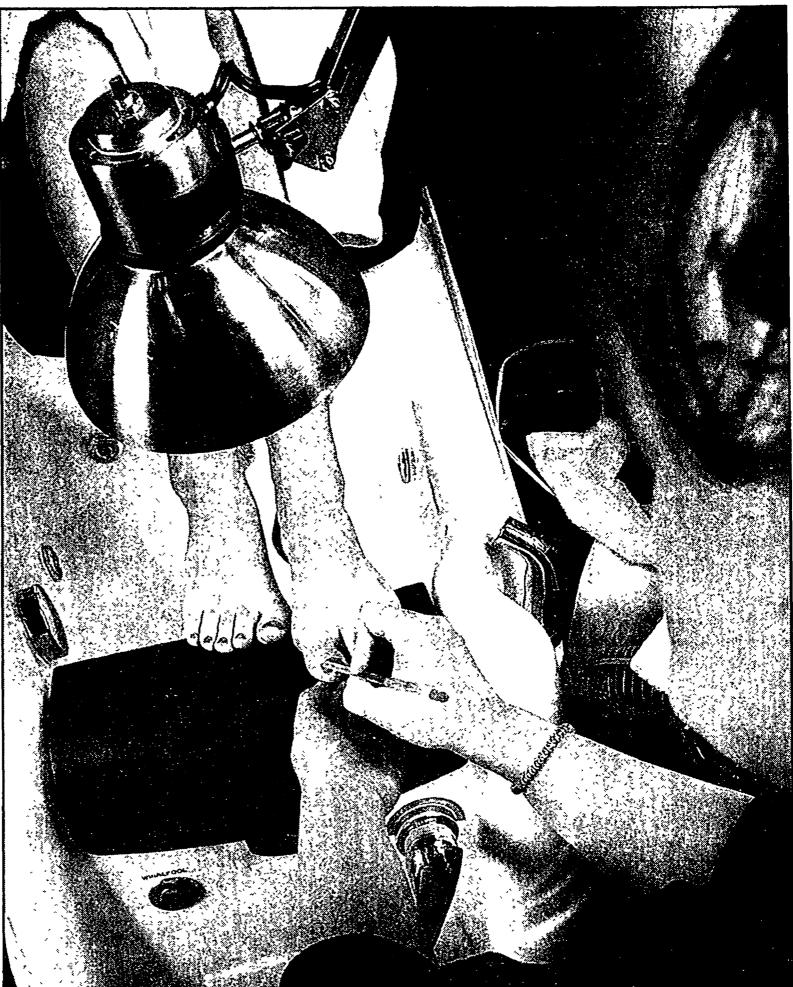
The Center for Disease Control traced the skin infections of several California women to whirlpool footbaths. The CDC discovered the screen that protects the bath's plumbing from hair, dirt and skin, also collects them. If not cleaned daily, a bacteria that creates painful boils and permanent scars on a person, can grow there. The infection can be transferred through any small cut or abrasion on the skin. Since then, 11 other states have reported similar infections.

Of course, people can still enjoy safe, relaxing pedicures at the salon, as long as the nail technician cleans the equipment properly.

How does one determine if the salon is safe?

For starters, make sure the nail technician is licensed, that there is adequate ventilation and that the workstations are neat and clean. Also take a look at the bathrooms — they give an idea of general cleanliness in the salon.

Then, ask the following questions as recommended by the International Nail Technicians Association and the International Pedicure



Association:

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Were the basins and bowls cleaned and disinfected?

■ Is the disinfectant hospital grade and EPA approved?

Is the screen on the whirlpool footbath cleaned and disinfected daily?

Was a disinfectant circulated and flushed through the whirlpool?

Have the tools been cleaned and disinfected after

each client?

Have the tools that cannot be disinfected, like sponges, files, gloves and buffers, been discarded after each client?

Are the towels freshly laundered?

Does the pedicurist ask some simple health questions and examine the client's feet before starting?

A razor tool should never be used.

Before having a pedicure, make sure there are no open sores or nicks on your feet or legs and that you are free of infection or communicable diseases.

Also, refrain from shaving for at least 24 hours before

the pedicure. Shaving can create tiny nicks, giving bacteria an opening.

"Above all, use common sense," the INTA's Web site says. "If you are not comfortable with what you see or experience in a salon, the best thing to do is leave."

— By Candy Spiegel

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# How to Have Good Posture

our mother always told you: "Don't slouch. It's not ladylike!" Though it may be tough to admit, your mother did have a good point. Bad posture can make you look shy, shorter and heavier — plus, it's bad for your back. People often focus their health efforts on diet and exercise. While those aspects of your health are important, practicing good posture can also help you look and feel better about yourself. Bonus: The results are instantaneous. You'll look confident, poised and 10 pounds lighter — all in a matter of seconds. Sound good? Then follow these Do's and Don'ts.

### DO'S

• Make a conscious effort to stand up straight. Pretend you're like a marionette. Slouch forward and dangle your arms like you're hanging by your neck. Then lift your head up and roll your shoulders back. Now, you're standing up straight!

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### your butt moves in.

• Level your chin. The highest point of your body should be the top back region of your head. Relax your jaw and neck muscles.

• In a seated position, put both feet flat on the floor and scoot forward to strengthen back muscles. Your shoulders should be aligned vertically over your hips. • Don't stay seated all day. Take a break, stand up (following that first "Do" above) and walk around the office. Then when you sit back down, reinstate your seated posture.

• Don't sleep on a mattress that is too soft or use more than one pillow. Both things can interfere with your attempt to maintain a neutral spine position in bed. It's best to lie on your side or your back, not on your stomach, which arches the natural curves of your back, causing strain. The key to good posture is awareness and practice, practice, practice. Standing or sitting up straight won't feel natural immediately. - Metro News Service

• Pretend you have elephants on your shoulders. Pull your shoulders back and down like you just took a deep breath.

• Stand against a wall so you know what a perfectly straight spine feels like. While this technique won't feel too comfortable — your spine has a curve — it will give you the idea that your shoulders have to go back as

### **DON'TS**

• When you sit, don't lean on the back of your chair, and avoid crossing your legs.

• Don't sit in a chair that's too high or too far from your desk. Leaning forward can lead to back pain.

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# Finances

# How to Choose Life Insurance

hat would happen to your family if something happened to you? Although everyone plans to live a long, prosperous life, accidents and illnesses can take a life unexpectedly at any time. A tragedy like this may leave family members with high medical bills and funeral expenses — not to mention the loss of the income the deceased contributed to the household. By having life insurance, one can plan for an untimely death and know their family will be protected financially.

#### 1. Choose a company

The first step is to choose a reputable company. Allstate (www.allstate.com) recommends examining the insurance company's finances.

"Stability and reliability are the most important considerations in choosing a life insurance company," the site said.

This process is made simpler by several companies who rate life insurance companies, including A.M. Best, Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service. Look for a superior or excellent rating from these companies to know your investment, and your family's future, is secure.

### 2. Determine amount needed

Determining the amount of insurance needed for a family depends on what expenses a family has, as well as what debts and assets they have accumulated. Allstate offers an online calculator at www.allstate.com to make the process simple. They recommend calculating the amount of money needed for the following expenses:



- Mortgage balance and home equity loans
- Auto loans
- Credit cards and other debts
- Dependents' care
- Home maintenance
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permanent.

*Term life insurance* provides coverage for a specific amount of time.

It does not generate a cash value and if the person outlives Permanent life insurance has no specified term. Premiums on a permanent plan are paid as long as the person lives.

Since it accumulates cash value, loans can be made against the policy — often at a lower rate than offered by a bank. When a person dies, the death benefit is paid minus any loans and interest due. If the policy is discontinued while the person is still alive, it can be surrendered for cash. This is a useful tool for estate planning, retirement or as part of a general savings program.

- Medical and hospital costs
- Funeral
- Attorney fees
- Probate costs
- Estate taxes (for those with large estates)
- Home and auto repairs
- Medical emergencies
- Children's education costs

• Food and clothing expenses Add that total and then subtract all liquid assets, including cash and savings accounts. The difference is the amount of life insurance needed.

As an estimate, Allstate recommends multiplying the annual salary by seven.

**3. Select type of insurance** The two most common types of life insurance are term and the time specified on the policy, no benefits are paid.

However, it is usually the least expensive coverage.

Term insurance is good for people who may need to change the amount of coverage they need or can't yet afford to purchase a permanent plan.

Many insurance companies allow an individual to convert a term policy into a permanent policy later on.

- By Candy Spiegel

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# Home Interiors HOW TO CUT ENERGY COSTS

Heating and cooling costs continue to soar, but there are many things that can be done to reduce monthly bills by addressing energy wasting.

The government Web site, www.energystar.gov, points out many tips and tricks to make homes energy efficient.

### Maintain existing equipment

A yearly check-up of a home's heating and air conditioning systems can improve efficiency and comfort. Clean or replace filters once a month or as needed. A qualified technician can assess the capacity of the existing system for the home's needs. A system that is overtaxed may need to be replaced.

### Plug air leaks

Gaps between duct joints are common in both new and old homes. Seal and insulate exposed ducts in attics or crawl spaces to improve the system's efficiency. Check for drafts around doors, windows, fireplaces, and electrical outlets. Use the proper methods to close off these leaks. This can include caulk, weather stripping, door sweeps or plastic sheeting.

Be aware that ventilation fans, such as in a kitchen or bath can pull out a houseful of warmed or cooled air in under an hour. Turn fans off as soon as they have done the job.

### Increase air flow

Clean warm air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators as needed; make sure they're not blocked by furni-



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Make sure heating and cooling equipment is operating properly to keep energy costs low.

• Set the thermostat at the desired temperature for the time of day. A higher setting won't heat the house up any more quickly and will make the furnace work harder. Turn the heat down in the winter when the house is unoccupied or residents are sleeping. Be aware that turning it down too low can actually cost more because the contents of the house have to be reheated in addition to the air. The government recommends keeping the house between 68 to 70 degrees during awake or occupied times, and 60 to 65 degrees during sleep or vacation times.

and turn down the thermostat or turn off the heating for that room or zone. However, do not turn the heating off if it adversely affects the rest of your system. For example, if the house uses a heat pump, do not close the vents — closing the vents could harm the heat

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Perform yearly maintenance checks on furnace, air conditioner and water heater.

Plug air leaks in duct work, windows and walls, insulate attic and water heater, install insulating curtains.

Use a programmable thermostat.

- Launder clothing in cold water.
- Shorten hot showers.

them as soon as the sun goes down to retain the solar heat. Close curtains on the shady (north) side of the house. Curtains made from heavy fabric with lots of folds (fullness) can prevent cold air from seeping in and warm air from seeping out.

# The water heater — a hidden energy thief

• Preventative maintenance is essential. Mineral build-up, especially in homes serviced by a private well, can cut a water heater's efficiency and service life dramatically. Drain the heater once a year to remove the sludge build-up accumulating at the bottom of the tank.

• Check the temperature setting on the hot water heater. Dishwashers need water heated to 120 degrees. Otherwise, it can be somewhat lower. • To prevent heat loss, wrap the water heater in an insulation blanket. This is especially important if it is located in an unheated space like an unfinished basement. • Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible. • Limit long hot showers on cold mornings. Cutting shower time in half can save up to 33 percent on hot water heating costs.

ture, carpeting, or drapes.

### **Temperature control**

Use a programmable thermostat to adjust the home's temperature during unoccupied times.

Proper use of pre-programmed temperature settings can save \$100 each year in energy costs. Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable in the winter and as high as is comfortable in the summer.

• Close an unoccupied room that is isolated from the rest of the house, such as in a corner, pump.

### Insulate

Air leaks and a poorly insulated attic send precious heat and cooling air outdoors. Properly seal air leaks, add insulation and cut energy bills by up to 10 percent.

Windows can be an ally. In winter, open the blinds and curtains on the sunny (south facing) side of the house when the sun is shining and close

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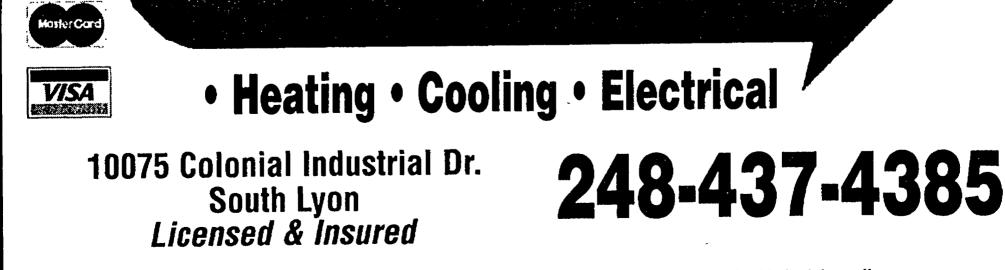
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# Home Interiors HOW TO FRAME ARTWORK

rtwork sets the tone of the house. It is the first thing people see when they walk in the door and gives visitors a glimpse into the homeowner's personality.

Artwork should be placed around the home to add beauty, warmth, comfort and color. It can be hung on the wall, displayed on a shelf or set on an accent table.

Anything can become a work of art when framed properly. There is only one rule — it must be visually appealing to its owner. With the right combination of frame, mat and molding, nearly anything can be used to add visual interest to a room.

Favorite prints, posters, limited edition artwork, photography, canvases, scrapbook pages, items found on vacation and other items can easily be framed and used to pull together any room.

Children's artwork is another item that can easily be framed. Kids will be excited to see their artwork receiving such special attention. And parents and grandparents will be amazed at what a difference a frame makes. It can be scattered around the house or kept in a special area. It can even be changed out on a regular basis to provide something new to enjoy.

Family items can be protected from dust, yet out where family and friends can enjoy them if placed in a frame. Consider framing old photos, purses, watches, jewelry and



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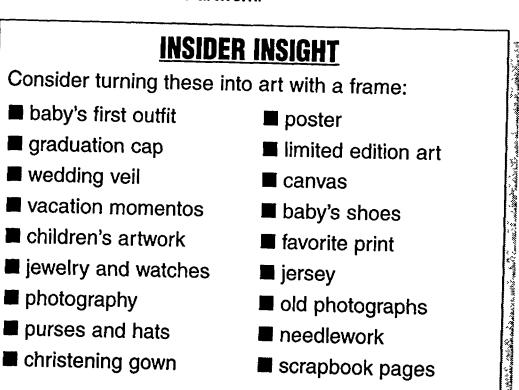
Place memories under glass for one-of-a-kind memorable artwork.

your particular piece of art. By working together you create a design in presentation that expresses your unique style and personality within your home. If you are going to spend the time and money to create an elegant piece, do it in style.

The experts at Wind River Gallery in downtown Milford offers these additional suggestions and ideas to create stunning, memorable pieces of art.

## Preserve history.

Preserve and display a period of history, a unique accomplishment or a gathering of moments that will bring tears to your eyes. The ingredients for a wonderful assemblage can be found right in your closet and drawers.



similar items individually or in groups.

While all of these items will look better framed, there is more to framing than sticking something inside of a rectangle of wood and glass. The frame must complement the items inside, as well as the decor of the room.

It is best to rely on the assistance of a professional custom framer. They can help you create the best design possible for

### Get a unique look.

Combine the incredible new frame designs and mat assortments with your own sense of style for terrific results.

Moods can be highlighted by the visual effect that you create on the walls of your home or work place.

Add a little color.

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Remember, this is not your grandmother's house. New shades, tones and textures of mats allow you to create a colorful display without being gaudy. Don't be afraid to dash it up with a little color.

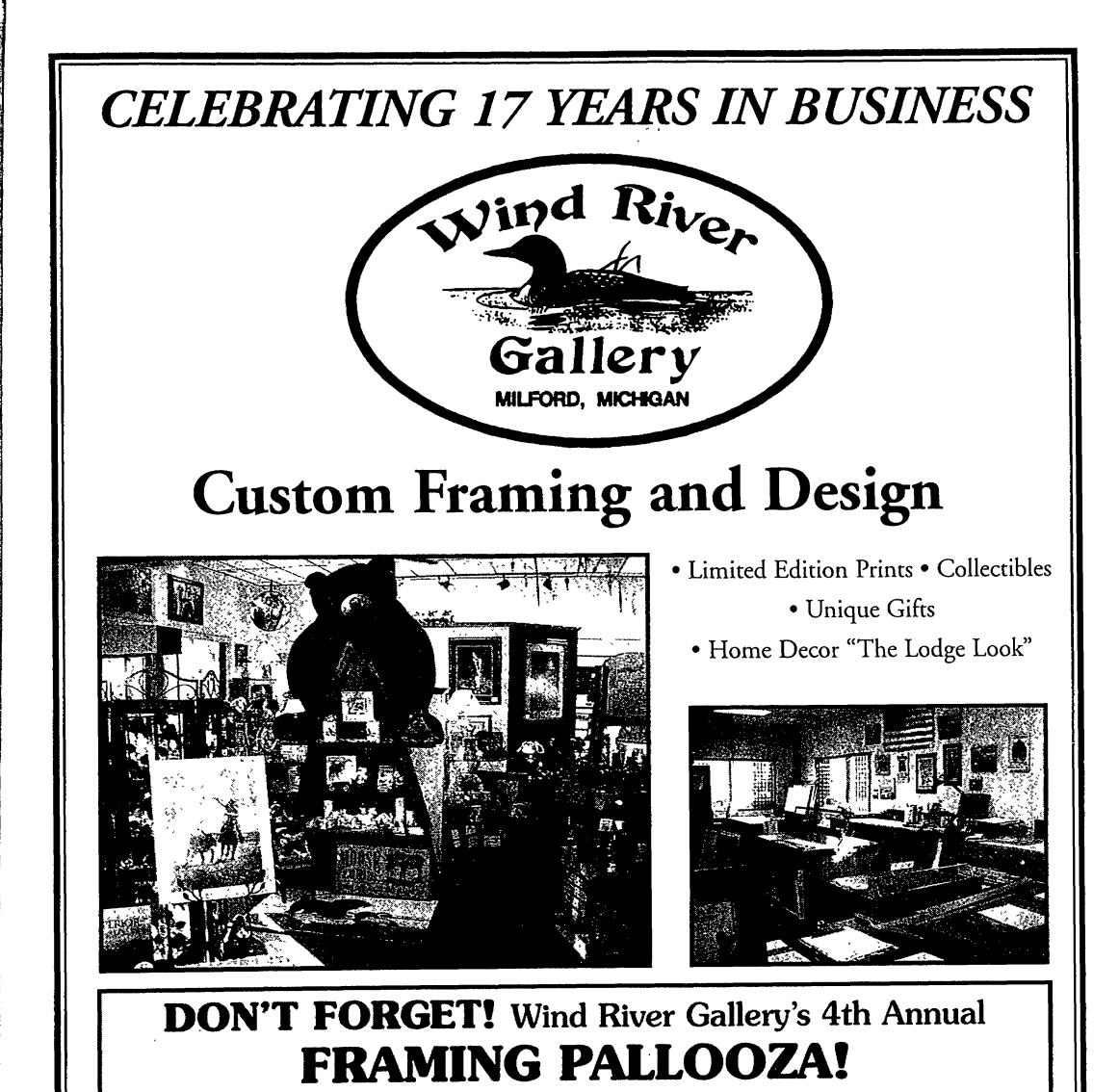
Change the size.

You can regulate the size of your art by increasing or decreasing the mat size. Getting away from the mat norms can create a bold presence on the wall.

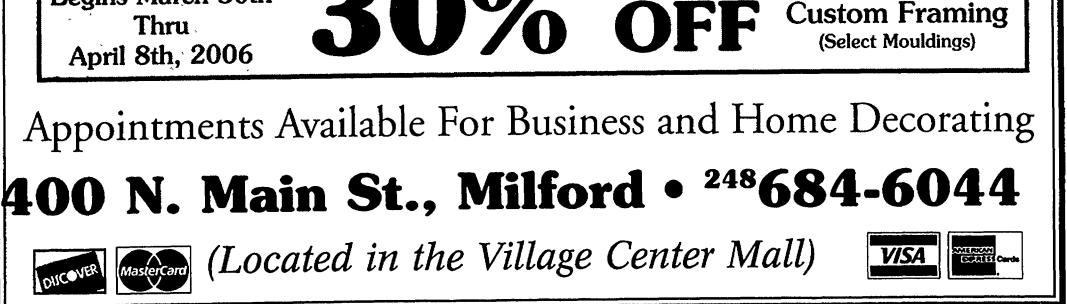
## Layer the frames.

You can combine today's frames to create a one-of-a-kind eye-catcher. Double framing adds a unique spark to that special piece of art. It's bold and stands out from standard frame layout formats.

— By Candy Spiegel



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# Funeral Planning HOW TO PREPLAN A FUNERAL

It isn't anybody's favorite task. But pre-planning your own funeral can save your family money, time and stress during what will already be an emotionally charged grieving period. Doing it now will be one less thing your family has to do later. An adult of any age can pre-plan his funeral.

Here are five critical elements to consider when planning a funeral:

### Draw up a will

Often, attorneys draw up wills and base their fees on the degree of detail in the document. The attorney will ask for copies of documents that identify your real estate, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, annuities and life insurance. Financial liabilities — like mortgages, loans and outstanding credit-card charges should also be turned over.

Any kind of personal property can then be legally earmarked for family members and friends. An executor of the will, who will have power of attorney to oversee the distribution of the assets documented, should be designated. Unsure about who should get what? Don't worry: Wills can be changed up until the day you die.

# Choose funeral director and type of ceremony

There are different ways to choose a funeral director. Some families bury their dead in the same cemetery that they've used for generations and, therefore, use the same funeral director associated with that cemetery. Others pick the funeral director in their local community. If there are multiple funeral directors in the area, it is common practice to choose a funeral director based on price. Funerals can actually be paid for beforehand with life insurance or a bank trust, which saves money because

Rest easy knowing your last wishes will be carried out.

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costs don't inflate.

A traditional funeral service generally consists of a service at either a house of worship or a funeral home, followed by a visitation. Such ceremonies are overseen by a member of the clergy. You may also choose to have a less formal memorial service at a place of your choosing.

### Choose the burial method

When working with a funeral director, he or she will ask if you want your body cremated or buried. If you do decide to have your body cremated, there are three options: 1. Store the remains in a columbarium — a vault with spaces for storing urns of ashes; 2. Scatter the remains, such as at sea; or 3. Bury them in a traditional cemetery plot. If you don't choose cremation, you will have to purchase a cemetery plot or mausoleum crypt. According to Key Ridge

Funeral Urns, a company that provides urns for ashes, cremation is an increasingly popular means of disposing remains. More than 25 percent of bodies in America are cremated. In Canada, the rate is 45 percent, and it is 90 percent in England.

Some choose to donate part of their body — like organs and tissues — to a medical school to be studied, or to a hospital to be transplanted into ill patients. To make this wish legal, carry a donor card or document indicating your desire to donate on your driver's license (depending on your state). friends and business associates who should be notified about your death.

List the location of the funeral service and cemetery, the names of the pallbearers and of those who wish to say a few words at the service, and any specific musical or reading selections for the funeral.

# Prepare the obituary

Your obituary should include your spouse's name and the names of your children and

### Get it in writing

It is important to draw up a document, much like a contract, listing the specific provisions for your funeral and to tell those you trust where to find it.

Include the names and contact information of family, other immediate relatives (surviving and deceased).

Include your birth date, past military service, education, occupation and awards. Note whether flowers or donations to charities should be given on your behalf.

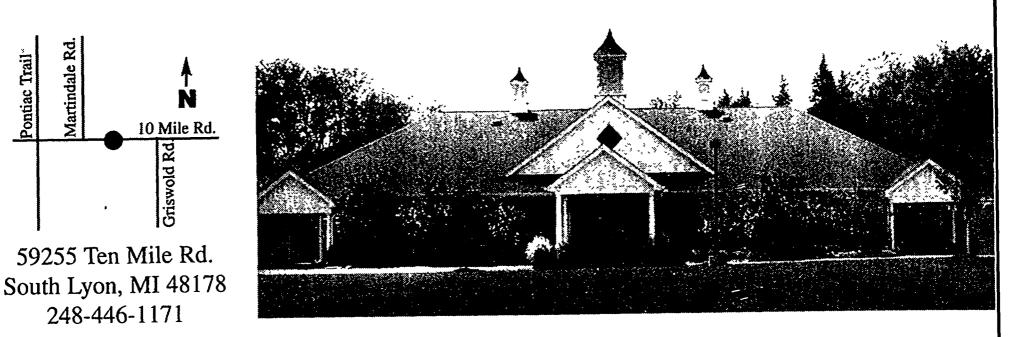
Give this document to your family and friends before you die so they can pass it on to the appropriate newspapers upon your death.

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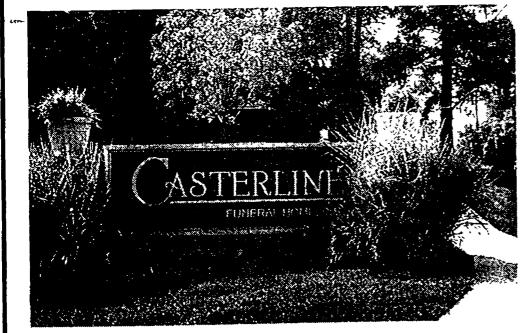


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# Health & Beauty

# How to Choose a Day Spa

day spa is the perfect place to relax while being pampered. Guests will leave feeling refreshed and rejuvenated, free of stress and worry, and ready to take on the world again.

In fact, the most stressful part of a trip to the day spa is probably choosing the perfect one. Patrons should always tour the facility before scheduling an appointment to make sure they are comfortable with the environment and the atmosphere.

The Day Spa Association recommends looking for the following when visiting a spa:

- A clean, peaceful and nurturing environment
- Private rooms for massages and other personal services
- Changing facilities
- Spa robes and slippers
- Licensed, trained and professional staff
- Professional spa products

Next, visitors should look through the menu and see what services are available. Some offer package deals that are less expensive than selecting items individually.

All spas are different, but they may offer the following:

Massages

Reflexology



Body treatments

Waxing

Facials

Make-up consultations and applications

Aromatherapy

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- Full-service hair salon
- Manicures and Pedicures

Lunch or refreshments Potential clients should ask

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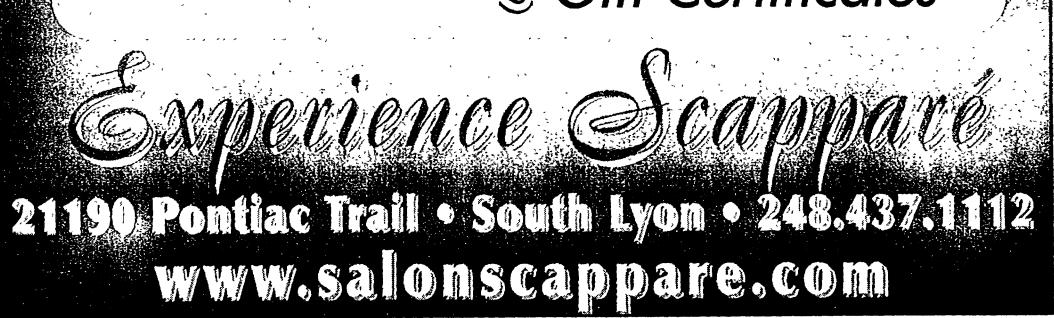
- and methods are used by the staff?

Also, when visiting for the first time, clients should

expect the staff to explain the procedures and treatments to them and make sure they feel

welcome, comfortable, relaxed and pampered at all - By Candy Spiegel times.





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# Home Interiors HOW TO INSPECT A HOUSE

In the past, home inspections were only thought of by prospective buyers when considering a new or previously owned house. Today more and more homeowners are using home inspections to improve not only their house's eventual sale, but their family's health and utility costs.

Homeowners who have spent the past 5, 10 or 15 years plus in the same home without conducting a professional home inspection may be putting their health and their home's resale value at risk.

A home's check up is best done by a professional home inspection company certified in radon testing, mold inspections, well & septic, pest inspections, air quality, and home energy surveys.

### Health

Radon levels, mold and air and water quality should be looked into especially if any members of the household suffer from allergies, headaches, runny nose, dry skin, or other noticeable conditions.

Ensuring the home is in good health is similar to having a personal health check up. An inspection can identify harmful issues which may be invisible to a homeowner.

Radon, an odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas, has been shown by the EPA to be the second leading cause of lung cancer next to smoking. Over 35,000 deaths have been contributed to radon according to the EPA.

Many heating systems are capable of emitting deadly carbon monoxide if they are not inspected for improper operations. itchy eyes, headaches, and other allergy effects.

Damp basements can also allow mildew and mold to develop. A professional home inspection can identify the causes behind the dampness and suggest solution options.

Homes with wells should have the water tested approximately every 5 years as a part of general home maintenance program to identify concerns about drinking and cooking water.

A failed septic system is unpleasant, unhealthy and very costly. A professional home inspection can identify the system's health and offer maintenance guidelines based on the household's needs. A family's sewage output changes over the years as occupancy and habits change. What was adequate care for the septic system when the house was originally purchased may be different now. Energy

A home energy survey keeps both the household and the checkbook happy.

Poorly operating heating and cooling systems, insufficient insulation and leaky ducts, among other things, can strain a homeowner's energy bills.

Professional inspectors know all the usual suspects in a home that can slowly and silently waste water, gas, electricity and oil.

By keeping on top of necessary repairs and improvements to the furnace, air conditioner, water heater and other energyusing systems, lower utility bills result. At the very least, addressing poor heating and cooling will improve everyone's comfort level during winter and summer months.



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A professional home inspection, like a medical check up, can identify problems before they become critical, costly issues.

# **10 MOST COMMON REPAIRS**

- 1. Improper surface grading and drainage
- 2. Improper electrical wiring
- 3. Roof damage
- 4. Heating systems
- 5. Poor overall maintenance such as crumbling masonry and broken fixtures and appliances.
- 6. Structurally related problems include damage in such structural components as foundation walls, floor joists and rafters
- 7. Plumbing problems
- 8. Exterior problems such as inadequate caulking

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- 9. Poor ventilation
- 10. Minor cosmetic adjustments

the home, but peace of mind from surprise repairs and poor

home sales by as much as 30 percent. The small investment of a home inspection can really pay off since it is cheaper to fix issues rather than negotiate the price down. It's been suggested that for every \$1 of identified repairs, the buyer would be looking for double that in price reduction. Paying as much as \$5,000 to repair a leaky roof becomes cheaper than having to lower the selling price of the entire home by \$10,000.

Another issue to consider is the attic ventilation and insulation condition. When bathroom exhaust vents are venting into attic space rather than the outdoors, the attic is subjected to excessive condensation giving mildew and mold a perfect breeding ground. Mold is known to cause various reactions in people such as dry skin,

### Future Sale

Homeowners looking to sell within the next few years should consider having a home check up inspection before placing it on the market to understand the issues and conditions of their home.

This will not only provide the family with a safer and more energy efficient environment during their remaining time in market value.

Uncovering necessary repairs and tending to them now will keep small problems from growing into more costly ones. Making repairs now, instead of under the pressure of an impending sale, will do wonders for a homeowner's attitude and budget.

A buyer will be more likely to commit to a home with no major flaws.

Inspecting a home and repairing such problems can speed

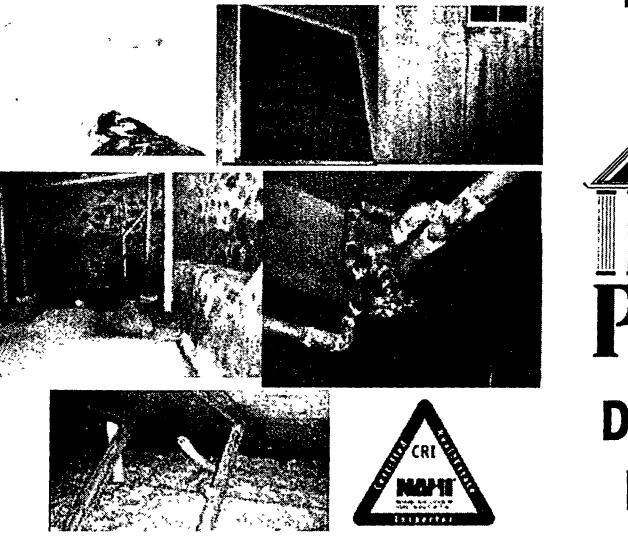
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# Health & Beauty

# HOW TO SHAKE HANDS CORRECTLY

he most common form of greeting one another in America is the handshake. Etiquette experts and image consultants say that the handshake is a crucial part of communication between acquaintances, friends and family members — in both professional and social situations, regardless of sex.

Shaking hands is part of our personal and cultural psyche, and it is the most accepted form of physical contact between strangers.

A refusal to shake someone's hand is considered offensive, and a weak handshake can reflect poorly on the individual, making him or her seem intimidated or disinterested.

Because of its importance, there is actually somewhat of an art to shaking hands.

Here are general guidelines to follow when shaking hands in America:

• If it is necessary — and if there is time — discreetly wipe any sweat from your palm on your pants. If your hands are cold, warm your right hand in your pocket for a few moments before it's time to shake hands.

• If you are holding packages or carrying files, just nod



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and smile instead of shaking hands. Expending too much effort to rearrange the load you're carrying could be awkward, so don't try it,

• Try to stand whenever shaking one's hand, as this implies respect.

• If you're wearing gloves, it is proper to take them off to shake hands.

• If you're at a bar or cocktail party, hold your drink in your left hand during introductions so you can keep your right hand empty and dry for shaking hands.

• Extend your right hand for the handshake in between the person's chest and waist.

• So you seem more approachable, offer the hand-

shake immediately upon approaching the person, regardless of whether the person is male or female.

• Make eye contact and smile, and keep your body directed at the person.

• The hands should meet where the thumb joints come together at the web. Then, wrap your hand around the other person's hand. The skin between your thumb and index finger should have full contact with the same part of the other person's hand. Squeeze the hand once, and hold between two and four seconds. You can pump your hands once or twice by bending your elbow (not wrist) up and down.

Don't linger. End the handshake within four seconds, and before the verbal introduction is over.

• Perhaps most importantly, squeeze the hand firmly. A flimsy handshake is a sign of disinterest, timidity or intimidation. It is even okay to grip a bit firmer than the other person. But don't squeeze too hard, as this is a sign of dislike, aggression and hostility. Also, this could complicate the other person's medical issues — like fragile bones — that you may not be aware of.

• If you receive a flimsy or partial handshake, understand and respect this. Don't treat it as anything unusual.

• For an extra measure of sincerity, grab the right bicep or forearm of the individual with your left hand.

This is not recommended for first introductions to new people, as it shows a level of affection and comfort. It is, however, a good way of shaking hands as an expression of congratulations to someone you know. Both men and women can do this.

• Friends sometimes let their handshakes evolve into "body shakes," in which they partially hug each other with their left arms while shaking hands with their right hands.

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# Home Interiors

# HOW TO MAKE THE BED NEATLY

1. Put the bottom sheet on the mattress. A fitted sheet will fit snugly. For a flat sheet, make hospital corners described in step 2.

2. Lay the top sheet on the mattress so there's enough to tuck under the mattress on all sides. To make hospital corners, tuck the sheet snugly under the mattress at the foot and head of the bed. Tuck the corners under the mattress on the long side, keeping the folds flat. Tuck in the sides

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and pull the sheet taut.

3. If using a blanket, place it over the top sheet and make hospital corners.

4. At the head of the bed, fold the blanket and top sheet. Pull back about a half foot and tuck under the side flaps.

5. Slip pillowcases over pillows.

6. Place the pillows on top of the blan-

kets and sheets at the head of the bed. Lay them flat, or prop them up against the headboard or wall.

7. Or, place a bedspread, quilt or comforter on the bed. Fold the top of spread down, lay pillows on top and fold spread over them, leaving part of the spread tucked under the pillows.

8. Add any decorator pillows in front of other pillows. — *Metro News Service* 

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# HOW TO INCREASE BRAINPOWER

all know some- $\Delta$  one who is the "go-to person" - that person who has all the answers. He has the ability to solve any kind of problem. He is so smart you are in awe of him.

Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to be born with brainpower: You can do things to increase it on your own. In turn, your increased brainpower can sharpen your intelligence, boost your recall ability and help you solve problems creatively and quickly.

Here are some tips to get you thinking:

### Concentrate

If you can focus, you can increase your brainpower.

So, if something is distracting your ability to focus, deal with it. If you need to wash the dishes, either wash them right away or put it on your "to do" list. That way your mind can relax and go onto the next task.

#### Sleep

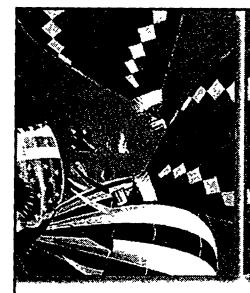
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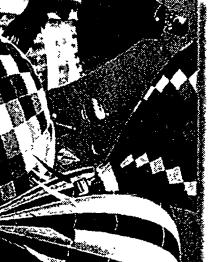
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#### Exercise

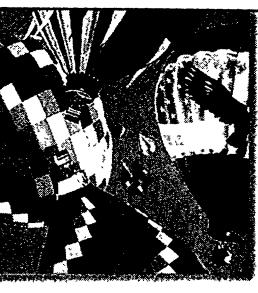
Ten to 15 minutes per day of exercise has been shown to increase brainpower.

Try working out a problem while you walk. As you walk, you increase blood flow to the brain, which relaxes it. And a











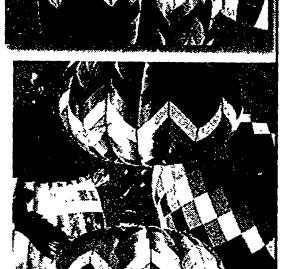
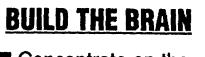




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and solving brain-teaser puzzles helps kids and adults exercise problem-solving skills. Manipulating the pieces and fitting them into their proper spaces sharpens their fine motor skills. Puzzles can also help children learn to solve problems. By trying several ways to fit a puzzle piece in place, kids are learning the value of flexible thinking and persistence. A hand-held puzzle, such as Scramble Squares, lets kids solve puzzles with hand-mind coordination. The puzzles teach patience, perseverance

and critical thinking skills and help maintain mental agility in older persons.



relaxed brain can think clearer.

### **Puzzles and games**

Putting together a puzzle helps people actively practice important skills such as inference, deductive reasoning and the notion that whole objects are generally made up of parts. And learning those skills improves brainpower. According to Kathie Gavin, president and CEO of b.dazzle, inc., manufacturer of Scramble Squares<sup>®</sup>, playing

There are over 100 exquisite styles of puzzles, including the Hot Air Balloons version as well as nature, science, technology, sports, occupations, gourmet, history, geography and culture. Adults and seniors love Scramble Squares puzzles as do children, teenagers and college students.

For more information on how to increase your brainpower, visit www.bdazzle.com.

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Concentrate on the task at hand.

Study something important before going to sleep.

Exercise 10 minutes to 15 minutes a day.

Put together puzzles and enjoy hand-held games.

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# Home Interiors HOW TO SELECT CARPETING

hen the shoes are off, nothing beats the feel of walking on thick, plush, soft carpeting.

Other types of flooring may look nice, but they don't have the warmth or quietness of carpeting. And, with the number of choices available, there is certain to be a carpet that is perfect for nearly every room in the house.

Selecting carpet can be overwhelming unless a person understands what the features mean. For starters, there are several different types of carpet. Each provides a different look and feel in a room. Homeowners should consider the look they want in the room,

as well as the amount of traffic and activities that happen in the room before selecting a type of carpet.

Look at the carpet's construction as well. Flip it over and examine the backing. A poorly constructed backing may cause the carpet to wrinkle over time. Carpets with luxury or premium backings are softer and provide better thermal and sound insulation, resulting in quieter and more comfortable houses.

#### **Types of Carpet**

Cut pile, in which the yarn stands straight up from the backing, has a smooth, plush surface. Cut pile typically comes in solid colors and is usually made with nylon fibers. Cut pile is durable and resilient and works well in traditional and formal rooms. Berber features large bulky loops of multi-colored yarn. It usually is made from olefin. wool fibers or nylon. Berber comes in a variety of colors including pastels, dark tones and neutral colors. It's construction means it has excellent durability and is ideal for rooms where there is a lot of foot traffic. Berber can provide a casual or elegant look to a room. Velvets provide a fine, smooth, uniform surface. They are elegant and work well in

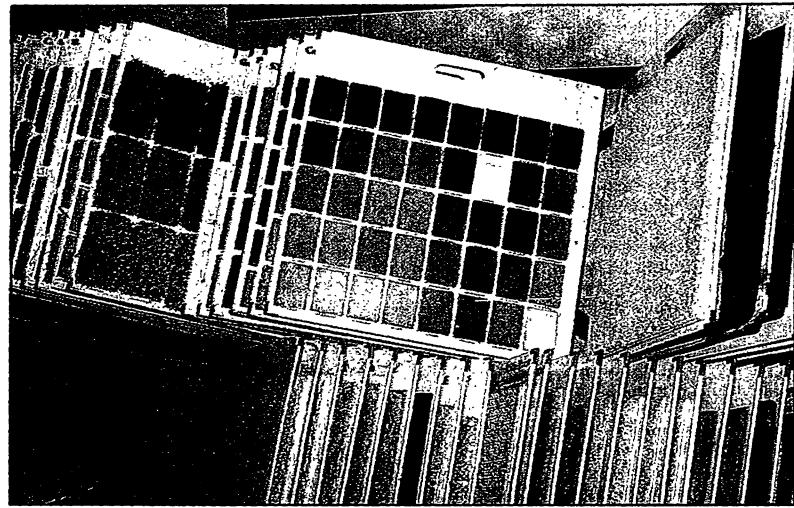


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very formal rooms.

Plush has a velvety, even-cut pile. It is luxurious and elegant. Plush is stain resistant, but does show footprints and vacuum marks. It is ideal in formal rooms and bedrooms.

Saxonies are elegant and rich looking. They require little maintenance and are stain resistant. They generally come in solid colors and are ideal for living and dining rooms.

Frieze is a type of cut pile that is textured and twisted. It usually comes in either wool or man-made fibers. It is durable and resilient. Frieze is easy to clean and is well suited for high-traffic rooms.

Cut and uncut patterned

# **INSIDER INSIGHT**

For high-traffic areas, nylon fibers will be the most durable.

To hide dirt and stains, select a color as dark as possible while still matching the decor of the room.

If you have kids or dogs, choose carpet for high-traffic areas.

The most expensive isn't always the best. Tighter carpet will last longer. Feeling the carpet and examining its density is important.

Salespersons can demonstrate the differences and help you get the most for your money.

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choice for family rooms, basements and other rooms that have a lot of traffic.

level loops. They are stain-, static-, mold- and mildew-resistant. Polyester has good color clarity and a soft feel. It is easy to clean and resistant to watersoluble stains. It is best in lowtraffic areas. Acrylic has the look and appearance of wool. It is used in level loops, bath mats and some velvet carpets. Wool is naturally soft and gives a versatile and elegant look. Make sure wool is treated to make it stain-resistant.

carpet offers a variety of surface levels. It is usually multi-colored and fits in a variety of room settings.

Level loop, in which the loops are all the same height, provides a pebbly look on the carpet. It comes in a variety of colors and textures and offers a casual appearance. It is usually made with olefin fiber and is durable, strong and more resistant to mildew and stains than other carpets. Since it is easy to clean, level loop is a good

Multi-level loop patterned carpet offers unique textures and patterns. It is casual and durable and well suited to family rooms and basements.

#### **Types of fiber**

Nylon comes in brilliant colors, is wear-resistant, easy to clean and hides dirt and traffic well. Soft carpet fibers are strong and feel like cotton. **Olefin and polypropylene** are often found in berbers and

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# Home Interiors HOW TO CHECK GARAGE DOORS

pring is the ideal time to take a look at the largest moving part of your house — the garage door — and make sure that it is operating safely and properly. A 10-minute garage door checkup will ensure the safe operation of typical garage doors.

Most homeowners use their garage and garage door without thinking about maintenance. Taking a little time each spring and fall can avoid serious problems.

There are three key areas that can be quickly checked by a homeowner.

### **Spring Balance**

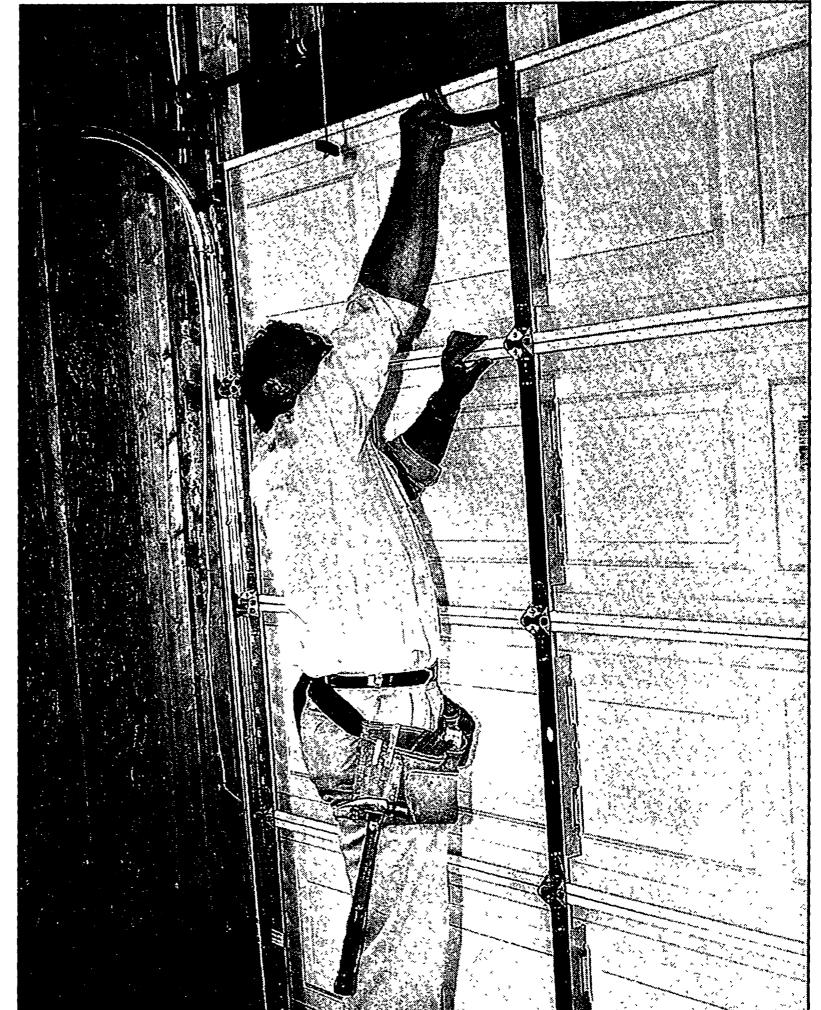
Garage door springs are designed to counter the weight of the door. Garage door openers should not be lifting the weight of the door.

To check how well the garage door is balanced, with the garage door closed, homeowners should disconnect the garage door opener (pull the cord that is attached to the garage door opener unit). If the door is heavy to lift or difficult to close, it is unbalanced.

While some garage-door maintenance can be performed by the homeowner, spring balancing is dangerous.

Unbalanced doors should be repaired by a professional to avoid physical harm to homeowners.

Frayed Cable



Minor fraying of a garage door cable can be expected. Fraying can lead to broken cables which, in turn, leads to major repairs. Cable problems are rare but significant.

To check cable condition, a simple visual inspection is adequate.

If minor fraying exists, the problem should be regularly monitored.

If major fraying exists, a garage door professional should be contacted.

Simple maintenance checks on the garage door can save money and safeguard against injury.

#### **Loose Hinges**

Single-width garage doors typically include nine to 12 hinges. Each of these hinges helps hold the door in place. Rarely, these hinges can loosen over time.

A simple manual inspection of the screws on each hinge is required.

Loose screws should be tightened and checked peri-

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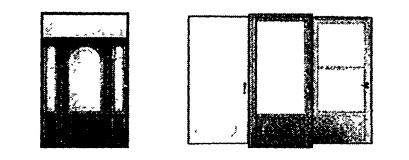
These simple maintenance checks can save homeowners significant repair bills. More importantly, they can also safeguard against injury.

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## Home Exteriors –

# HOW TO INSTALL BRICK PAVERS

Pavers provide design flexibility and come in a multitude of colors, shapes and styles. Once installed, pavers require low maintenance and return a lifetime of use.

Installing patio pavers is truly a do-it-yourself project. In just 10 steps a homeowner can make a quality investment in their outdoor living space.

Unilock, a leading manufacturer of paving stone products, maps out the following 10-step, do-it-yourself guide to installing a paver patio.

#### Planning

Draw a plan view showing measurements and grade elevations. A Unilock authorized dealer can assist in the calculation for the amount of materials needed from this plan. A dealer will also have color samples and instructional videos.

#### Preparation

Mark out the location of the patio with stakes and string or spray paint. Call the utilities, like the phone, electric, gas and cable TV companies.

Assemble the tools you will need: Wheel barrow, rake, level, string, tape measure, shovel, a compactor, a guillotine and/or masonry saw, gloves and safety glasses.

#### Excavation

For a patio, walkway or pool deck, excavate a minimum of 4 inches to 6 inches deep. Excavate more if the area had been dug up or filled in the past. Remove all loose soil. Excavate a minimum of 3 inches wider than the area you are paving.



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the minimum slope. The gravel should be 3 inches below finished height. Compact this gravel with several passes of the compactor until solid.

#### Screeding

the screeded bed of sand. Start along the longest straight side.

Keep lines straight using a string guide. Keep the lines of your pavers square (90 degrees to each other).

For designs with circles, fans

### **INSIDER INSIGHT**

Brick pavers may add value to the property, are easy to install, have a long life with low maintenance, offer design flexibility and come in a multitude of colors, shapes and styles.

Free seminars and demonstrations are often available at suppliers or dealers.

Dealers may also help create a design.

Professional contractors are also available for those who don't want to do it themselves.

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at local rental outlets.

#### Edging

To prevent pavers from moving and shifting over time it is critical to use edge restraints. These restraints are secured in the ground snug to the edge pavers.

#### Compacting

Once all pavers and restraints are in place, sweep the pavers clean. Next, run a plate compactor over the pavers to help settle the pavers into the bedding sand. Applying jointing sand to patterned areas is recommended to stabilize smaller pieces.

Unilock recommends three passes with the compactor, going in different directions, to assure a flat walking surface.

#### Base

Fill the area with clean wellgraded sand/gravel mixture (crusher run). Grade the base as closely as possible to the final contour of the finished job. Slope the installation away from the house for drainage. A  $\frac{1}{2}$ inch slope over 10 feet should be Lay 1-inch to 1½-inch diameter pipe on top of the gravel as guides for the screed. A paver laid on top of the pipe should come ½ inch above the finished level to allow for compacting. Place coarse sand on top of the gravel and level it evenly by pulling a board along the pipes. Remove the pipe guides and fill in the grooves. Do not walk on the screeded surface.

Laying the Pavers Place the pavers directly on or a paver border around the area, place these designs first before laying the rest of the pattern.

#### Cutting

Pavers that do not fit along the edges or around objects will have to be cut. Mark the cut line on the pavers, don protective safety gear, and then cut.

A guillotine cutter is the easiest method. A masonry saw provides an exact cut.

Cutters and saws are available

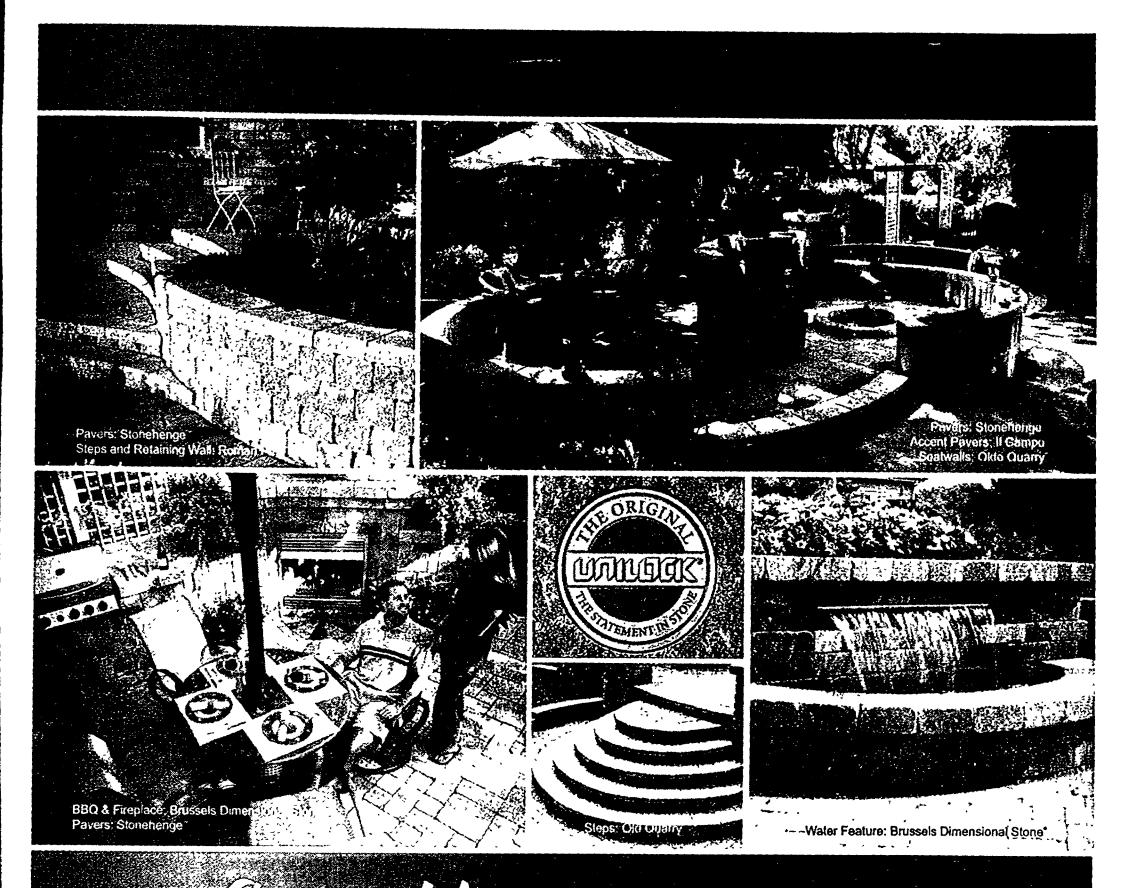
#### Finishing

Sweep jointing sand between all the pavers to lock them together. Special sealant sand can be applied at this time to help pavers resist erosion, weeds and insects.

Last of all, pull out the grill and pull up the outdoor furniture and enjoy a job well done.

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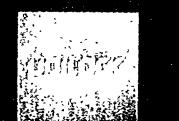
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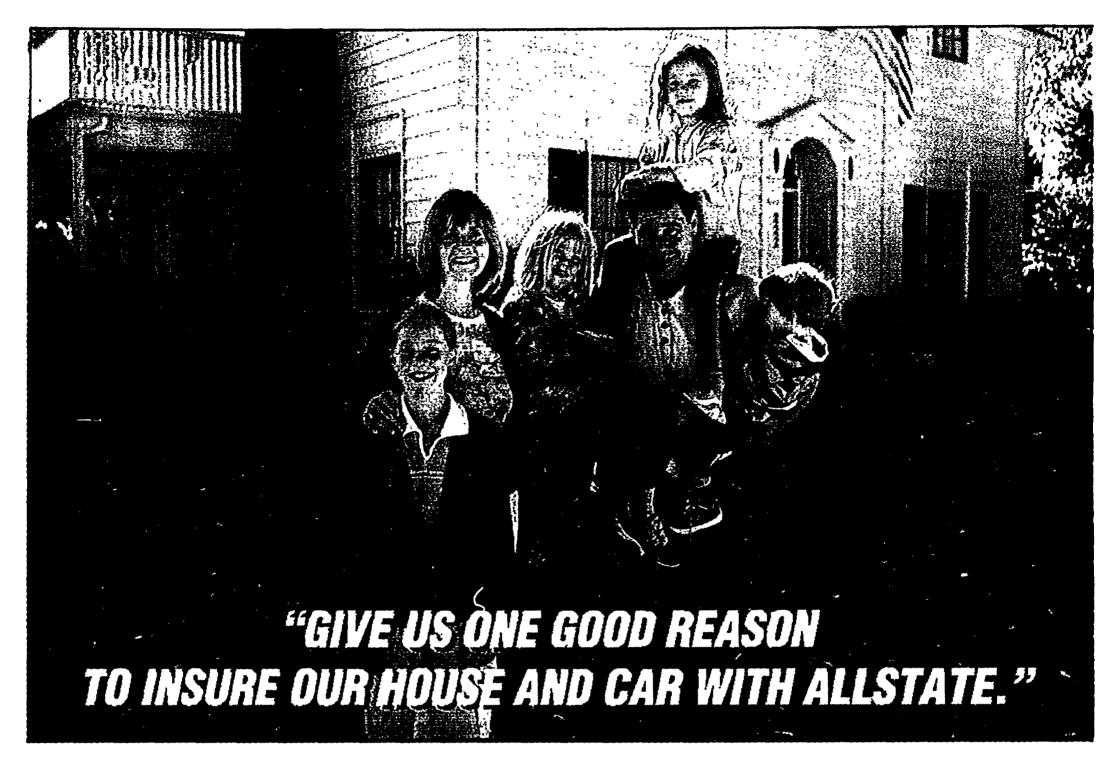
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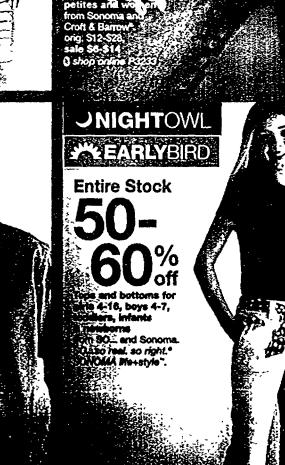
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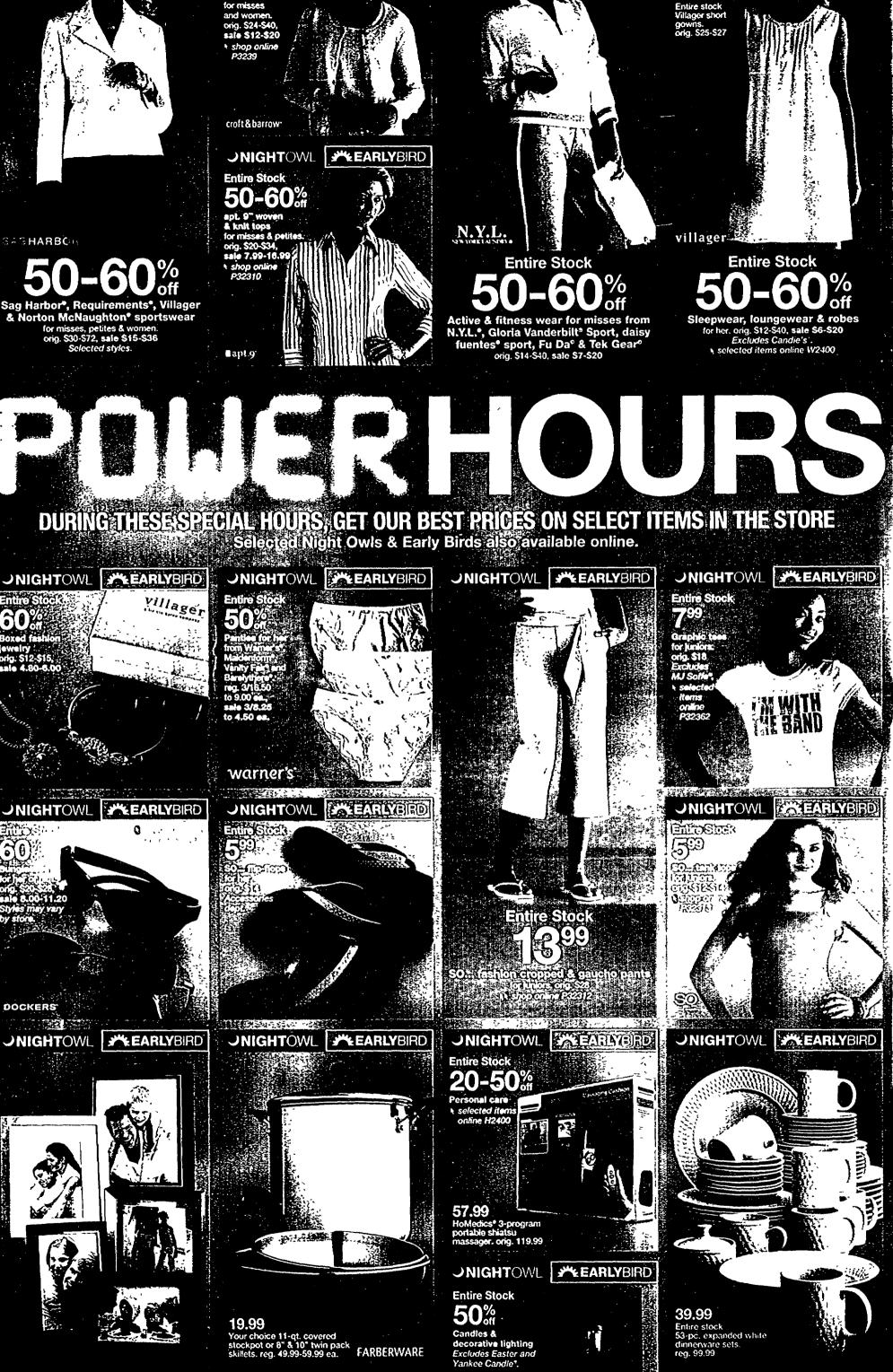
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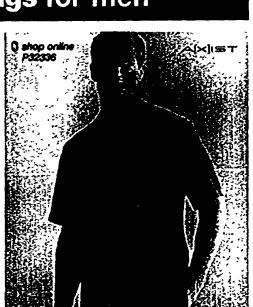


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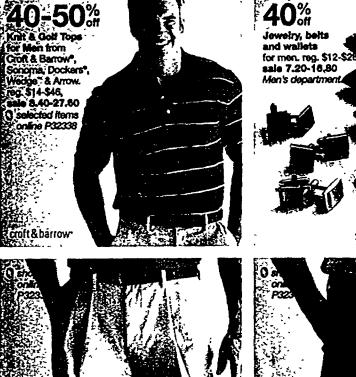














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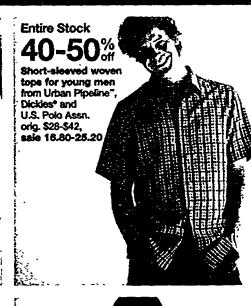
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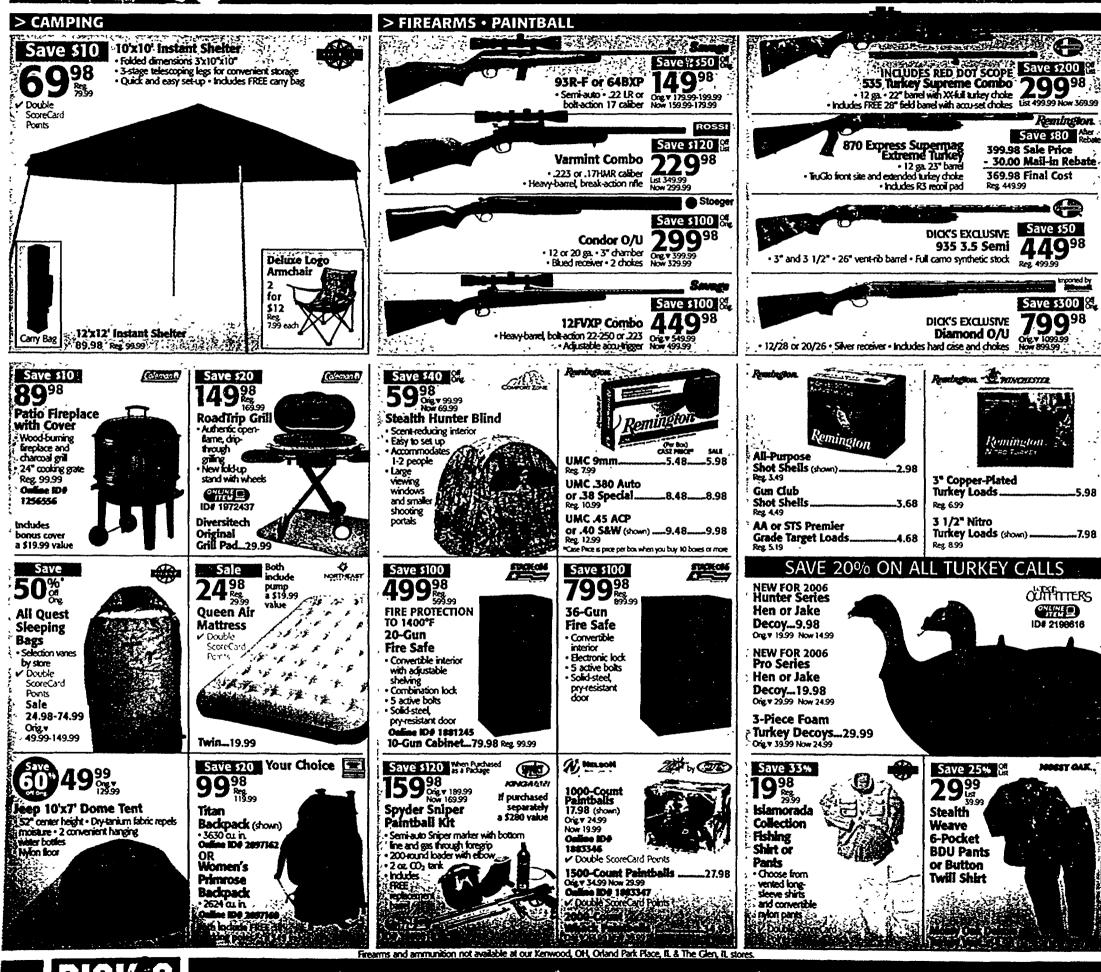




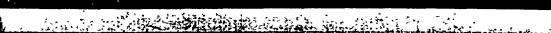




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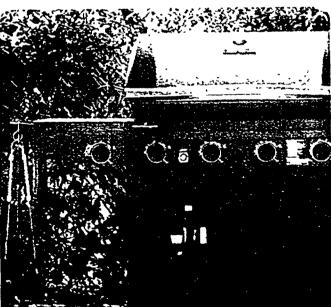
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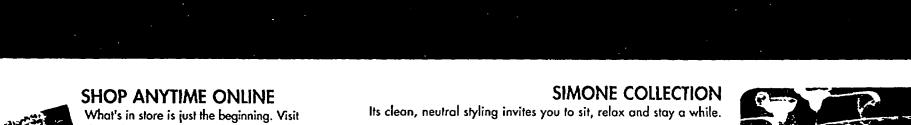
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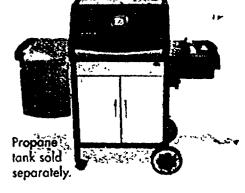
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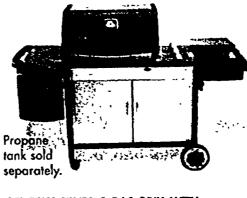
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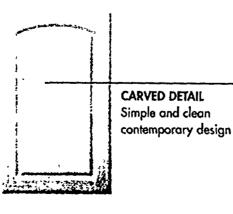
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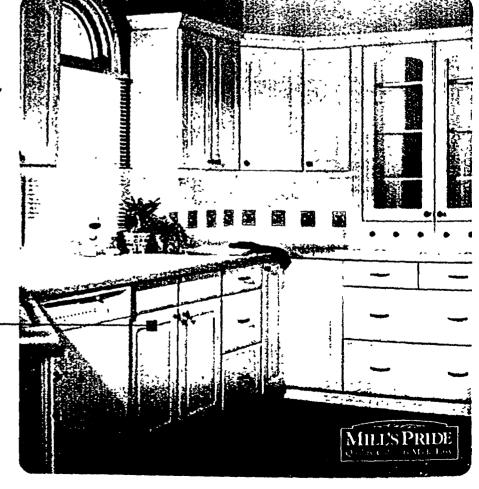


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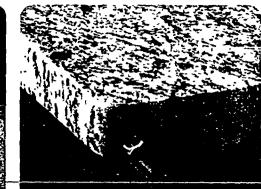
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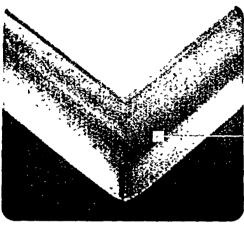
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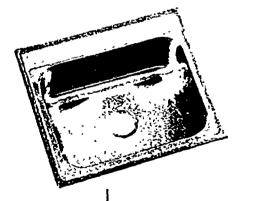
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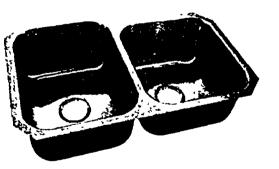




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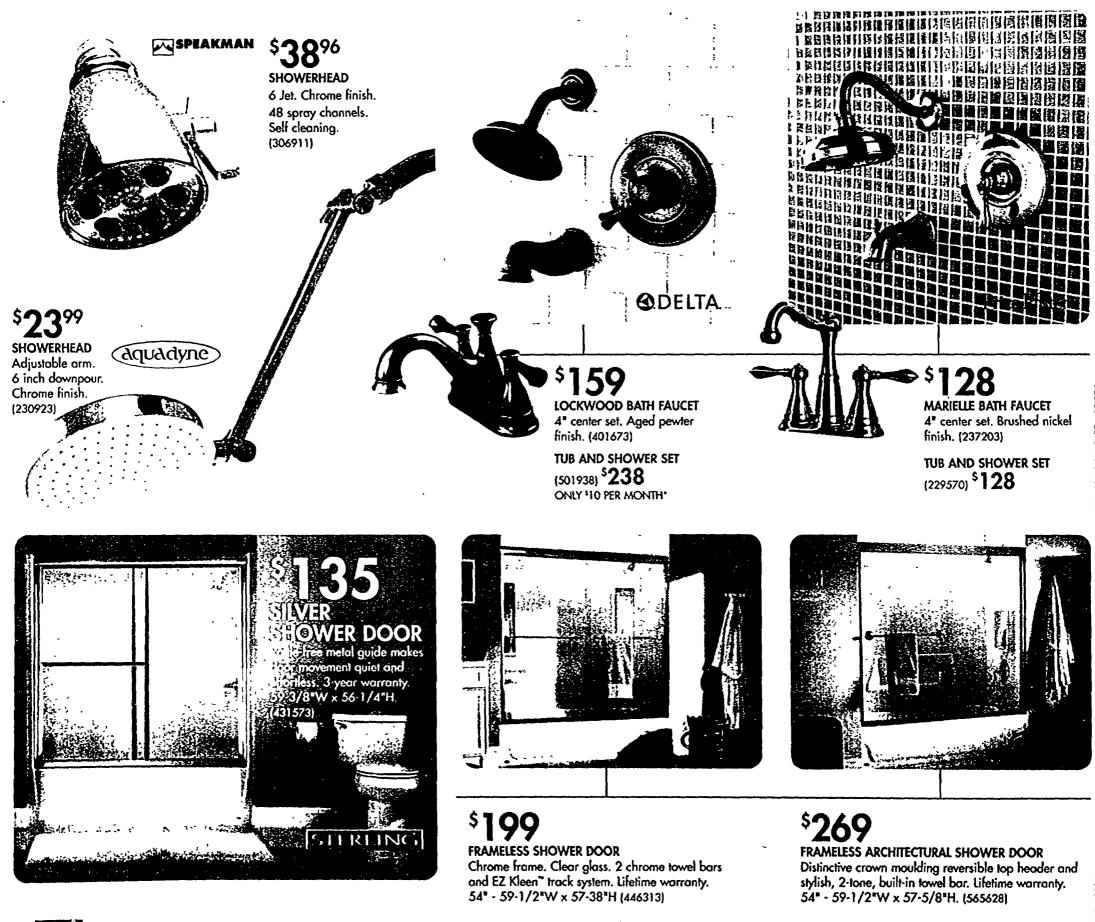
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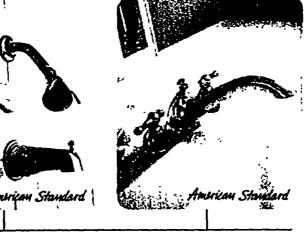
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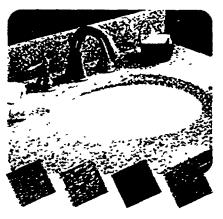
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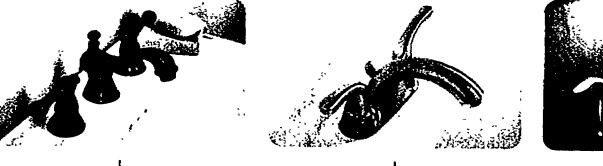




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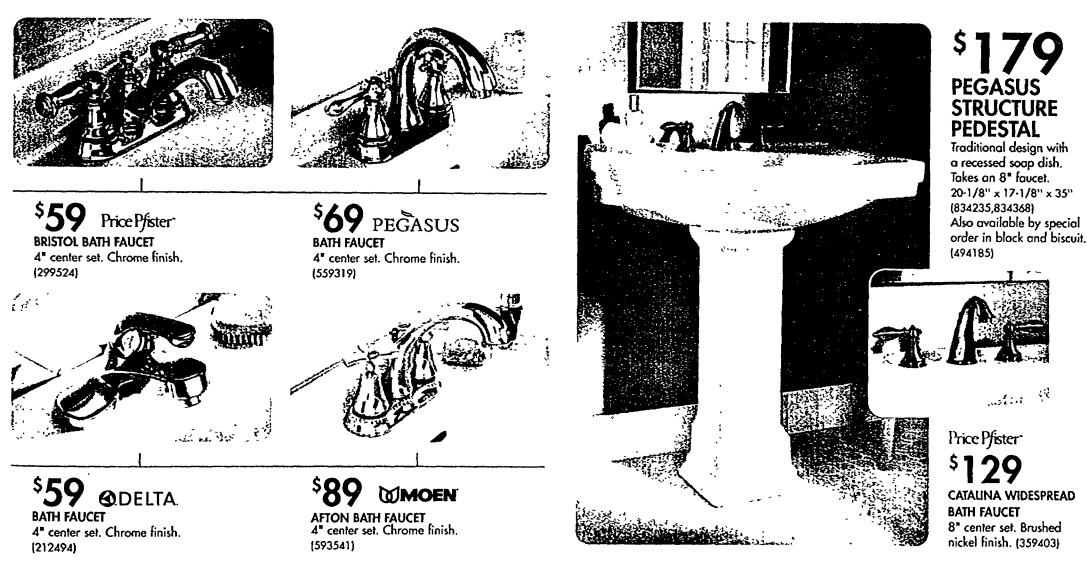
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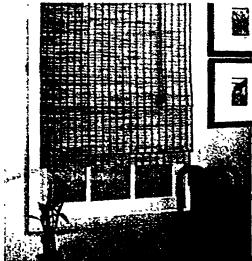
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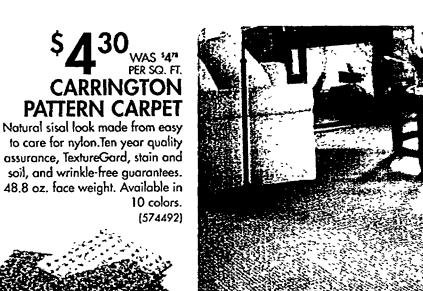
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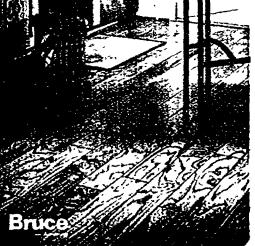
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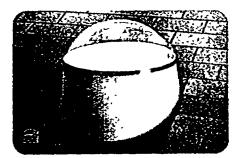
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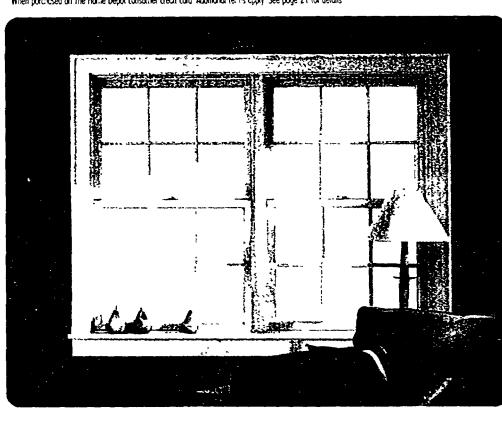


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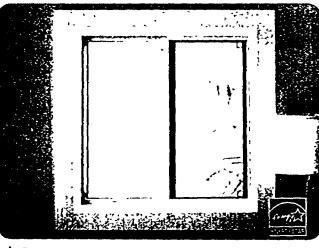
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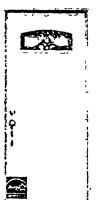
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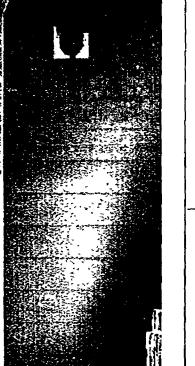
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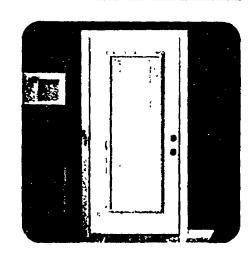
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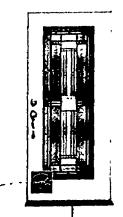




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Ask American Profile

Q What can you tell me about the star of Dog, the Bounty Hunter on the A&E network? One time on the show, he said he was the father of 12. Wow, is that true?

--Lois Calloway, Manito, Ill. Yes, Duane "Dog" Chapman, 53, is indeed the father of 12 children, and the grandfather



Bounty hunter "Dog" Chapman

of nine. Chapman overcame his own troubled past—he once served 18 months in a Texas prison for first-degree murder, for which he claims he was wrongly charged—to become a flamboyant, born-again Christian bail-bondsman. As a "bounty hunter" tracking down accused criminals who skip bail, he's helped capture some 6,000 fugitives. Chapman says his canine nickname stems from his efforts to turn around the life of a troubled friend. "I started praying for him," he says. "I became known as Dog—'God' backwards."



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icday, 51 years after his recording debut, Johnny Cash has certainly taken his place among the immortals of American music. The Leg-

end of Johnny Cash is the first collection to span his entire career, from 1955 until his death in 2003. Featuring 21 of Cash's recordings from the Sun, Columbia, Island and American Recordings labels, the package also includes a deluxe 16-page CD booklet. Signature anthems such as "I Walk The Line" and "Ring of Fire" are included, along with "Cry, Cry, Cry," his very first hit; "Jackson," his classic duet with wife June Carter. Cash; and the autobiographical "Man In Black." Cash's boundless appeal is represented by "The Wanderer," a duet with rock band U2, as well as with his version of Soundgarden's "Rusty Cage."

#### Q Can you tell me where the TV show Ghost Whisperer is filmed? Is it a real town or a Hollywood set? I love your profiles of small towns, as I am looking for one to retire to.

-Carol M., New Mexico

Sorry, but you won't be able to retire, to the setting of *Ghost Whisperer*, which stars Jennifer Love Hewitt. The show is filmed entirely on the Universal Studios back lot in Hollywood. In fact, the town square is the same one used in the *Back to the Future* movies, but modified to represent the fictional town of Grandview.



Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt

Anderson Cooper does an excellent job on CNN. Is it true that his mother is Gloria Vanderbilt? —Robert Putnam, Columbus, Ohio

> Yes, Anderson Cooper's mom is indeed Gloria Vanderbilt, the famous international socialite, artist and fashion designer whose last name adorns a line of blue jeans and perfume. Cooper, a graduate of Yale University, has received

several honors for his reporting, including a National Headliners Award for his tsunami coverage and an Emmy for his contribution to ABC's coverage of Princess Diana's funeral.

Q All of the actors on TV's M\*A\*S\*H are great, but I really like Larry Linville, who plays Maj. Frank Burns. His facial expressions are amazing. Is he still alive and acting?

-Nadine Stellman, Pahrump, Nev.

Linville worked steadily in movies and television until his death in 2000 from pneumonia due to complications following a cancer operation. His last acting appearance was in the movie West From North Goes South, which was not released until 2004.

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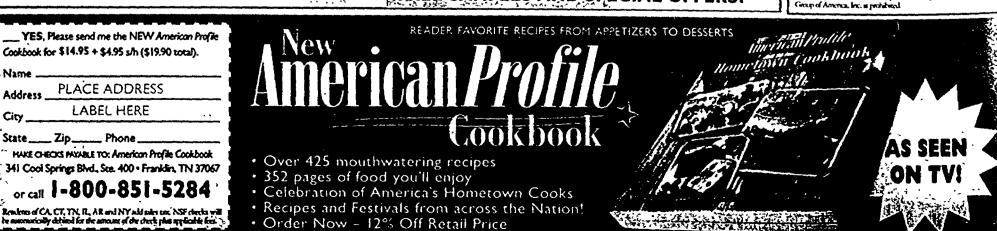
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In 1996, art teacher Kirt Giovannoni was fed up with the destructive and demoralizing graffiti that frequently appeared on the campus of Manteca (Calif.) High School. So he devised a plan—dubbed The Mural Project—to discourage and replace the unsightly spray-painted mess with student-painted re-creations of famous works of art.

Ten years later, The Mural Project has produced 128 murals—some as large as 8-feet-by-7-feet—at the Manteca (pop. 49,258) high school, where Edouard Manet's 1866 masterpiece, *The Fife Player*, shares wall space with Andy Warhol's 1962 cutting-edge *Soup Cans*. School groups and art lovers from throughout the state tour the eclectic collection. Best of all, graffiti has become a rarity and



school pride is on the rise. "We're respected for the work we do on the murals," says Mark Ryser, 18, a senior in Giovannoni's advanced art class. "Usually, it's an accident if a pencil mark shows up or a

mural gets scuffed." Each year, Giovannoni, known to students as "Mr. G," breaks his class into teams of three and assigns each a particular wall space

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in the school for their mural. That's when the research begins.

"The kids interview the teachers whose rooms are near the proposed murals to get an idea of any special elements, like science or music, that should go into the selected picture," says Giovannoni, 50, who's been a teacher for 27 years. "Then they go through art history books, the senior students present a few of their ideas, and I'll usually narrow the choices down to a final dozen that's reviewed by school administrators."

Next, Giovannoni and his teacher assistants clean the walls of the work area and create chalked grid lines to guide students as they transfer the work of art from its original scale to a mural.

"Working on the murals is just like having a job," says Daniel Sanchez, 18, a senior who plans a career in fine art and graphic design. "We have a lot of room to express ourselves, and Mr. G really shows us how to push ourselves."

Teams only have seven to eight weeks, working 55 minutes each school day, to finish their projects. If they procrastinate, pace themselves poorly or don't learn to work together, the space is painted over-something that's only



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Art teacher Kirt Giovannoni created The Mural Project to instill school pride.

#### happened twice, Sanchez says.

Taking original art and reproducing it on a large wall can be just as daunting as figuring out how to work with project teammates, says junior Trevor Neuner, 17. While his love of art leans toward commercial art and comic books, Neuner is taking in stride his team's assignment of re-creating an oil painting of frothy ocean waves and boats by German artist Eugene Garin. And even though a crack in the school wall and a metal electrical box in his mural's grid give Neuner pause, he's already working them into the mural's background.



It's this flexibility, along with the chance to discover new elements---both in the art they're reproducing and in themselves--that's at the heart of Giovannoni's program.

"The Mural Project gives the kids a test run of the real world, as once they're on the teams, they can't move out," Giovannoni says. "If they have problems with each other in terms of the mural, they have a chance to work on communication and teambuilding, two skills I hope they take with them when they leave the class."

Gayl Wilson, treasurer and a founder of the Manteca Mural Society, a nonprofit organization that commissions large paintings on the city's downtown buildings, believes The Mural Project's educational value reaches beyond the art students themselves.

"With all the TV and mass media, teenagers watch, I don't imagine they see much art," Wilson says. "But the students who are just walking down the hall to math or biology get exposed to a huge amount and variety of art they might never see in their lifetime otherwise. Now that's a cool thing to find here in Manteca!" 🎝

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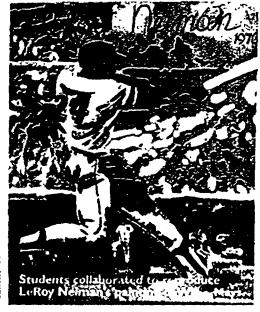
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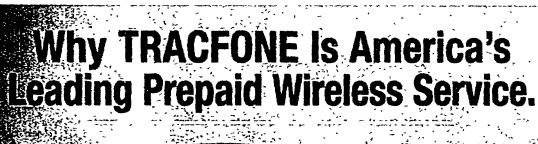
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# Volunteer pilots, who follow a Jüglier, calling

When Paul Himes' phone rang at 6:30 on a Sunday morning, he feared a family member or friend was in trouble. Instead, a stranger 3:50 miles away desperately needed his help.

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Himes didn't hesitate.

"You voluncer for these flights knowing it might be tomorrow or two years from now," says Himes, 47, one of 6,200 volunteer Angel Flight America pilots who fly their own planes at their own expense to help people with specialized—sometimes urgent—medical needs.

The Oakton, Va. (pop. 29,348), pilot was on standby for Phyllis Rader, a Lizemores, W.Va., resident who was notified that two lungs were available for transplant if she could quickly travel to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Rader, 56, had been tethered to an oxygen tank for three years, so the hospital's call last March came none too soon. "She was waiting to die," says her daughter, Melissa Young, 33.

Himes had flown two dozen missions for Angel Flight in four years but never had transported a transplant patient. "You have roughly four hours from the time you get the call to get to the destination airport," he explains.

He checked the weather conditions—ice and snow across the Appalachian Mountains and into Charleston, W.Va., where Rader and her husband, Carl, would be waiting at the airport. "I threw my clothes on and drove to the airport in Manassas (Va.) and had them pull out my plane and heat it up," Himes says.

With help from air traffic controllers, he flew in and out of ice and strong headwinds and couldn't see the runway in Charleston until the plane had dropped below 700 feet.

"He didn't even shut the plane off, and we got in," Carl says. It was Phyllis' first plane ride.

"I never got upset," she says. "He was real sweet and concerned and let us know everything that was happening." After Himes landed at the Allegheny County Airport outside Pittsburgh and the Raders were driven to the hospital, he made the most satisfying call of his life to the Angel Flight coordinator in Virginia Beach, Va.: "Your patient was down at 10:38, seven minutes to spare."

Himes, who owns a real estate firm in Fairfax, Va. (pop. 21,498), downplays his contribution. "If you have the unique skills and the ability and the assets to help someone, you've got to do it.

"I like to donate my time and money where I can see results," he says.

#### Paul Himes, of Oakton, Va., has flown dozens of free flights.



Today, Phyllis shows no sign of organ rejection. When she thinks about the selflessness of the donor family and her Angel pilot, she cries. "Sometimes it seems like a dream."

by MARTI ATTOUN Contributing Editor

#### A grassroots takeoff

In the 1980s, groups of pilots began organizing around kitchen tables to give life-saving lifts to people in their regions of the country. In 1999, pilots from coast to coast met and founded the nonprofit charity Angel Flight America with six regional branches based in Santa Monica, Calif.; Leesburg, Fla.; Kansas City, Mo.; North Andover, Mass.; Virginia Beach, Va.; and Addison, Texas.



Angel Flight's Ken Rusnak

"The pilots run the gamut from those with crop dusters in the hinterlands to entrepreneurs with small jets," says Ken Rusnak, executive director of Angel Flight America in Addison, Texas (pop. 14,166). "The one thing in common is they all love to fly and they're willing to donate their time and aircraft."

In 2004, Angel Flight flew 16,140 missions. Last year, the organization flew nearly 25,000. Angel Flight also transports blood and organs, flies children to special-needs camps and works with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Angel Flight pilots rescued hundreds of evacuees in Louisiana and Mississippi. Other volunteers help on the ground shuttling patients between hospitals and airports.

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To qualify for an Angel Flight, parients must be able to travel in a small, non-pressurized plane. They must be in financial need, which is common for people with serious illnesses. Some parients can afford commercial flights, but their weakened immune systems can't tolerate the risk of infection from other passengers. People in rural areas especially need the free flights because they often live hundreds of miles from specialized medical care.

"Even the best doctor in the world can't heal someone if the patient can't get there," says Jim Weaver, executive director of Angel Flight's western branch. "For some patients, this is their only chance of treatment."

#### Multiple missions of mercy

Halfway across the country, 17-month-old Brodie Zenner is still groggy from surgery as his father, Zachary, carries him into the waiting plane at the Addison Airport in Texas.

In the six-seater plane, Catherine Zenner faces her son, watching every squirm and sigh. "We're going home now, baby," she says softly.

The family has flown between the Dallas Craniofacial Center and their home in Fredericksburg, Texas (pop. 8,911), 15 times-each a gift from Angel Flight-since Brodie was born with a rare genetic defect that left his skull prematurely fused. (Continued on page 8)

For the Zenners, Angel Flight pilots are "a blessing."



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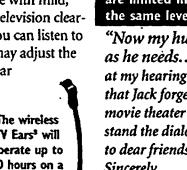
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As a cancer survivor, Texas pilot Phil Rosenbaum can relate to his ailing passengers.

A scar circles his head from surgery two months earlier that is enabling his brain to grow normally.

"These pilots are a blessing, more than they will ever know," says Catherine, 29. Living under a crush of medical bills, the couple cannot afford commercial airfare.

Pilot Phil Rosenbaum, 55, says Angel Flight missions let him combine good deeds with his love of flying. At age 3, he was building model airplanes and his fascination with flight soared.

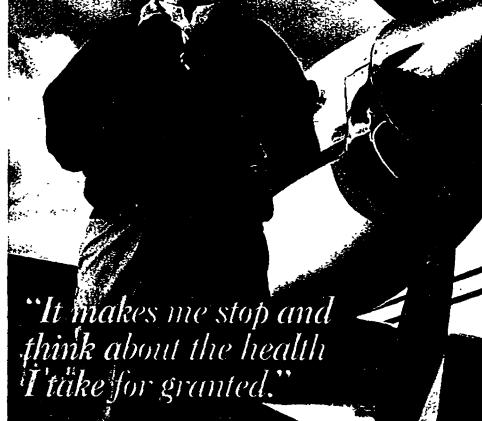
"I've been rewarded by society and now I have an opportunity to do something good," says the Austin, Texas, businessman, who has flown 75 missions in six years.

Rosenbaum helps strangers who are sick because he can relate. "I was diagnosed four years ago with prostate cancer and I'm cured," he says. "That gives patients some feeling of additional hope."

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Pilot Greg Kaaz, of Leavenworth, Kan., volunteers his time and plane for 20 flights a year.

#### Spiritual lift

Another Angel Flight pilot, Greg Kaaz of Leavenworth, Kan. (pop. 35,420), gets a boost spiritually from the 20 flights he makes annually.

"These people are fighting for their lives and you're their means of survival," says Kaaz, 45, a highway contractor. "It makes me stop and think about the health I take for granted. It makes my problems seem very minor."

Grateful passengers say their Angel pilots make it possible not only to receive life-saving medical care, but also to carry on a somewhat

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normal routine at home. Gayle and Rocky Tom in Stevensville, Mont. (pop. 1,553), can stay in the town they love while getting care for their daughter Addie, 12.

In December 2000, Addie became gravely ill and ended up on kidney dialysis until she was healthy enough in March 2004 to receive a kidney transplant 500 miles away at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle.

"With all of her medical care, we would have had to move," says Gayle, who donated a kidney to her daughter. "These pilots have been able to fly us and it means less time to be away from the rest of the family. They've never made us feel guilty. They've just been there for us."

Pilor Dale Terwedo, 46, a financial adviser in Edmonds, Wash. (pop. 39,515), has flown 30 missions in two years, including three for Addie.

"She's the sweetest little girl," he says. "One time, the kids had baked cookies for me. That's the kind of thing that's really rewarding."

Four years ago, Terwedo took stock of his 16-hour workdays and decided "to devote more time and energy to making a difference.

"Some things are more important than money," he says.

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Addie is back in school and playing violin beside her sister, Anna. She requires regular medical follow-ups and looks forward to visits with "Pilot Dale," as she calls him, and the other pilots.

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An aerial lift truck slowly hoists bee extractor Reed Booth skyward toward a massive antenna at the U.S. Army's Antenna Test Facility at Fort Huachuca in southeast Arizona. A huge hive containing 50,000 angry killer bees doesn't take kindly to his intrusion. Within seconds, Booth is attacked by a swarm guarding the hive housed within the structure.

"Come to daddy," Booth coos from inside his protective suit.

The week before, test facility chief Allison Kipple made an urgent call to Booth-one of the nation's few experts on the removal of killer bees-following an attack on her and rwo other base personnel.

"One of our people had to go to the hospital," Kipple says. "We needed somebody to

take care of it, so I called some companies in Tucson that I knew and they recommended the killer bee guy, Reed Booth."

Odd

The extraction was Booth's most challenging removal since he began working with bees more than 15 years ago. At the time, a U.S. Department of Agriculture bee inspector had suggested Booth cultivate bees

in his backyard because she knew of Booth's passion for making homemade mead, a wine made with fermented honey.

"She called me up one day and said, "I have a gunnysack full of bees for you," recalls Booth, 47, of Bisbee, Ariz. (pop. 6,044). "I told her I didn't know anything about bees. She said, 'I've got an old beekeeper that will give you a couple of hives and I have a bee suit for you.' That's how it started."



Booth of Bisbee, Ariz, checks a honey-filled hive.

Booth's education on his new profession was not without trial. "I got stung

Beekeeper a lot," he says, estimating **Reed Booth** he's endured thousands of stings since his first

killer bee extraction in 1993. "Observation and experience have been my greatest learning tools," says Booth, who charges an average of \$195 to remove the dangerous insects.

> When it comes to killer bees, there's been a lot to learn, Booth says, calling the aggressive bees the result of an experiment gone wrong. "Man tinkering with nature once again," he says. "In 1956, Dr. Warwick Kerr, a scientist in Brazil, went to Africa and procured 36 African queen bees. He brought them back [to South America] for experi-

ments and crossbreeding, hoping to come up with a calmer bee that would produce a lot of honey and be resistant to disease. Well, they got two out of three on that one."

The bees escaped and by 1990, the "killer bee" hybrid arrived in the United States. "They estimate today that in the state of Arizona alone there are between 4 and 5 million wild Africanized hives," Booth says.

The Africanized bee, slightly smaller than its European counterpart in America, also is surprisingly less toxic per sting. However, victims don't get stung just once. Within seconds, a swarm of aggressive killer bees will attack any living thing-from livestock to humans-that gets too close to a hive, and they'll chase a victim for up to two miles. As far as nesting habits, killer bees are erratic.



Booth uses an aerial lift truck to extract a killer bee swarm from a U.S. Army antenna.

"Tve removed them from some pretty strange places," says Booth, citing broken TV sets, old couches and even a computer monitor left outdoors. "Wherever there's an eighth of an inch hole or more, you've got a potential home."

Booth attempts to save the killer bees when possible, relocating them to one of several hives he maintains in the surrounding Cochise County desert and harvesting the honey for his retail honey shop on Main Street in Bisbee.

While at Fort Huachuca, due to high winds and the great height of the hive's location, Booth is forced to employ a "nuke and seal" approach, killing the queen bee and closing off the entrance hole with steel wool and a foam-like substance that hardens

over the wool, ultimately killing the remaining bees inside.

"Once Reed got up there, he was so quick and efficient. You can just see his knowledge," a pleased Kipple exclaims. "He had a very fine touch, which is nice around all the expensive equipment."

In Booth's line of work, the pay is sweetened by the gratitude of his customers.

"I get thanked a lot," he says. 🌫

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- 3 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed in 2-inch pieces I large carrot, sliced
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2 and 1/2 to 3 pounds boneless chicken breasts

Prepare a marinade by combining lemon juice, curry, red pepper, turmeric, black pepper, cinnamon, cloves, salt and water in a shallow pan. Cut chicken into 1-inch strips and place in the marinade for 20 minutes, turning at least once. In a heavy skillet or Dutch oven, heat oil and sauté onions for 2 to 3 minutes. Add potatoes and carrots and brown them slightly, stirring constantly for about 4 minutes. Add tomato sauce, chicken and marinade. Simmer for 45 minutes to 1 hour, stirring frequently. Serves 6.

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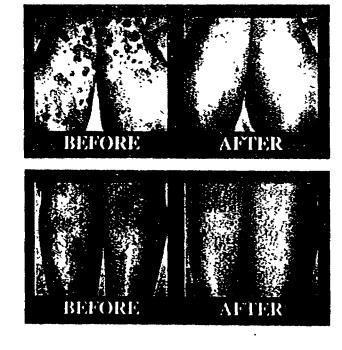
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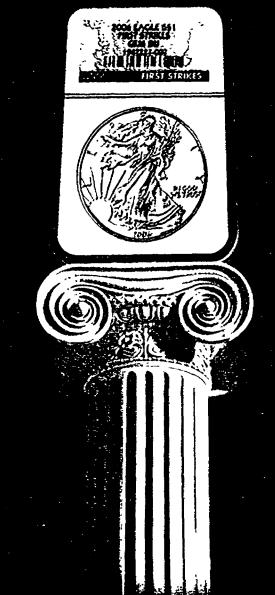
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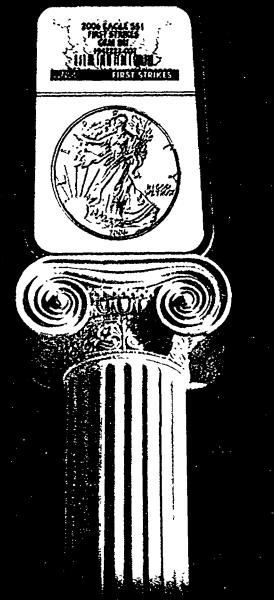


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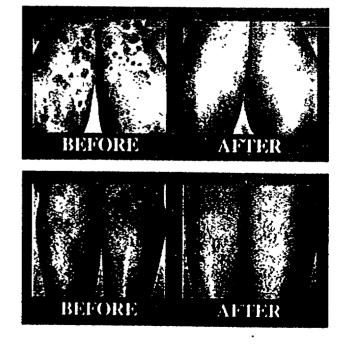
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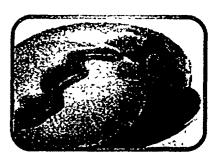
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