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student-teacher death threat. School teacher's special-educa-

impaired student) just said he was going to kill me," his report said. "She appeared visibly upset."

The teacher told police she was trying to help the student with an assignment when he said "you're not my teacher, you can't tell me what to do." According to the report, the student eventually told the teacher he was going to kill her.

Northville High School principal Dennis Colligan said bullying can be student-to-student, student-to-teacher or teacher-to-student.

the most, I think is student-to-student, but it can take on the look of its own," he said. "We always talk to our teachers about sensitivity issues and in our orientation programs for new teachers we talk about it like the very, very selective use of sarcasm."

Take action

Colligan said student bullying at the high school level is less overt.

GOVERNOR'S EDICT

Granholm says every district should have official bullying policy; three years after local hazing incident, Northville remains without one

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Bully

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"The thing that we watch for What's inside:

How do you get your kids to tell you they're being bullied at school? How can you help prevent bullying? Page 10A. iv hills:

■ What's being proposed? state legislature, including one co-sponsored by local State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth).

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listration by Steven Wells

■ Oct. 28, 2003 ·

During a football ritual monitored by three coaches, Meads Mill Middle School seventh grader Garret Drogosch is hit several times by eighth grade players, resulting in multiple bone fractures. State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) calls the incident hazing. The coaches are fired. Statewide scrutiny results in Michigan anti-hazing legislation.

December 2004

A group of Meads Mill Middle School females reportedly threaten a fellow classmate as part of a "hate club" targeting the girl. Police reports indicate the girl was repeatedly taunted, concluding with a

Schools: August election 'unlikely'

Officials hedge on November; 2007 next stop?

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

It doesn't look like voters will be casting late summer ballots during a Northville Public Schools bond election.

"It is highly unlikely we will be coming back in August," said Karen Paciorek, Northville Public Schools Board of Education president.

District officials said holding an August election is the last oppor-tunity to have a seventh elemen-tary school open for the 2007-08 school year.

The message Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo received is a bit stronger.

"The school administration has communicated to us that they will not bring forward a millage question to the voters in August," he said.

This August, the City of Northville and Northville Township will be asking voters to approve their own millage requests.

Paciorek said a residential survey would likely be the district's next step, followed by plotting a new strategy. She said board officials and district administrators would first have to meet.

"We haven't had time to do that," she said.

Last month, voters soundly rejected, by about 1,200 votes apiece, two bond proposals total-ing nearly \$71 million. The pro-

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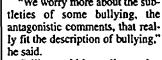
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Colligan said immediate action is taken against high school bullies, under the guidance of policies including improper communication, hazing, discriminatory harassment, intimidation, threats, fighting, violent assault and verbal assault. Northville parent Cecilia Bruck

feels intervening against bullies in the higher grades is too late.

She is rallying for an anti-bullying policy at the elementary school level.

"It is all about stepping up the anti-bullying program at the ele-mentary school," Bruck said. "I

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Next week:

Northville's policy

Northville Public Schools does not have an official bullying policy. Instead officials rely on school principals to make decisions and host appropriate antibuilying programming on a caseby-case basis. Find out who's really calling the shots.

🖬 'i lost my son'

Hear how one Michigan man lost his son to school bullies and a hazing ritual left unchecked.

Moraine meeting One local parent is taking matters into her own hands.

downloaded death threat played over the telephone. The accused girls say the clip from the movie "Phone Booth" is just a prank call. The 13year-old victim is removed from public school by her parents and enrolled in private school. The suspects, also 13, tell police the incident is just a "joke." District officials take no action, citing the alleged incident occurred off school premises.

■ Challenge Day 2005

Hillside Middle School seventh graders participate in the first Challenge Day event, widely viewed as a necessary mechanism for shifting dangerous peer pressure to positive support, and helping students see past race, social status and personal differences. The twoday program is funded by the Hillside Middle School PTSA, Northville Youth Assistance and community donations. The school will host the event again in 2006. No other school has sponsored the program.

■ Death threats 2006

According to police reports, two Northville High School students are suspended at the beginning of the school year after posting teacher death threats on the Internet. The students allegedly posted the threats against a Northville High School teacher on a Myspace.com blog. Both boys say they are not serious and are ordered to appear in juvenile court for threatening language. Earlier this month, a police report is filed after a special needs student threatens to kill a Northville High School teacher. The teacher does not press charges

What do you think?

Would school district officials be making the right move, if they chose not to hold an August bond election? Do you think the district can afford to wait another year before beginning work on what officials called "urgent needs" in the Feb. 28 bond? E-mail us a letter to the editor (400 words or less): daquilar@gannett.com

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Eagle

Raising the stakes

Officials defend additional \$18K for historic barn

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mary Gans needed more money to restore a historic Northville Township barn.

So he asked his fellow township board members for help.

Due to unexpected expenses during the township's plan to relocate a barn from Six Mile and Sheldon roads to Thayer Corner's Park in October, Gans recently asked the board for an additional

\$18,000, above and beyond the \$62,500 approved by the board

two mailings (to inform residents of the barn relocation)." Gans said, a board trustee. "We also had attorney fees relevant to the barn, acquiring the barn and what we would have to do on the original

about \$1,400.

to be taken down the day of the move, traffic light fees from Wayne County and requirements needed for getting the barn up to

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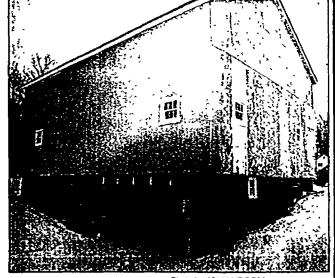


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD A historic barn is under renovation at Thayer Corners Park, located at Napler and Six Mile roads



last year. "We didn't anticipate having

site to restore it." Gans said attorney fees cost

He cited an electrical line had

Giving is receiving

Executive slowed by illness, guided by mantra

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Linda Marshall was used to traveling at the speed of a cell phone connection.

Boardroom leadership, global travel and executive decisions charged the telecommunications industry veteran.

Then, reception began to fade and the always-healthy yoga enthusiast fell ill.

Afflicted by Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, a rare disease blistering her entire body, Marshall defied statistics by rebounding from death's door.

After an arduous recovery, she has programmed her gratitude and professional aptitude into charitable contributions and rededicated herself to her lifelong mantra: "Giving is receiving."

"When you just get too busy, you don't listen." Marshall said. "You're not aware. I was forced to listen."

Soul searching

A self-described Type-A personality, Marshall said she was always used to doing things for others her employer, her family, her friends and charitable causes. In her 40s, she was active and dedicated to yoga's breathing, meditation and stretching regimen.

The greatest thing I've learned is to be open to embrace change," she said. "We all should affect something, whatever it is

In the year following her hospital stay, Marshall left behind the corporate trappings and went soul-search-

"I forced myself not to go back to work," she said. "I really furthered my yoga and I spent a lot of time just learning to be." Marshall said she learned to slow

down and savor the people in her life.

"I'd always been doing charity work," she said. "When I got sick, I had to learn to receive."

For months, she stayed inside her Pheasant Hills home, recovering, and baking banana nut bread for friends, and dog cookies for the humane society.

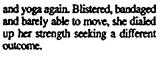
Against all odds

Marshall said a neighbor recognized her cough and rash as a drug reaction. It's probably what saved her life.

In June 2004, she had been taking prescription pain relievers for an injury she suffered while tending to her grandmother's nursing home bedside during the final four months of her life. Hours after her grandmother's death, Marshall was rushed to the hospital for her own rapidly progressing illness.

"My eyes were bleeding," she said. "Every inch of me was blisters. "They told my family I would have a 10 percent chance of living."

During her drug-numbed hospital stay, Marshall said dreamed she would not be able to enjoy people



Healing energy

Marshall attributes her recovery to her dedication to yoga, strength of will and the support of friends and family who supported her through the ordeal.

There's nothing like the power of quiet, silence and that healing energy," she said. "The wealth of my life is the people in my life. Nothing else touches that."

Marshall's non-profit employers became the Judson Center for foster care in southeastern Michigan, the Cranbrook Art Academy, Northville Civic Concern and Childhelp USA for abused children.

"I've used my business experience for fund-raising," she said. People have always come to me for ideas. I finally found my answer.

"I can help people help other peo-

Marshall also provides transportation for people in need of cancer treatment and to yoga classes.

"Until I was in the hospital and at the nursing home, I had no idea how many people are sick and alone," Marshall said. "I had no idea. I'm thankful every day."

Giving and receiving

On Sept. 11, Marshall hosted an "I'm alive" party when she asked guests to bring gifts for community service organizations.

"People don't know how to get involved," she said. "It's not that they don't want to."

When Marshall's mother died six



Linda Marshall gives a treat to her pomeranian, Webster.

■ What is SJS?

Stevens-Johnson Syndrome is a serious medical condition commonly caused by an allergic reaction to drugs such as penicillin, sulfa's and prescription pain relievers, Celebrex.

Linda Marshall said she didn't realize how ill she was until she looked in a mirror.

"I looked awful," she said. Doctors told her 70 percent of the people afflicted with SJS die and 50 percent go blind.

"The rest never go back to work again," she

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said. Marshall said she has to protect her skin from the sun, but her skin is not scarred. And, the fingernails and toenails she lost have grown back.

My neighbors think it's the yoga or the power drinks I drink. When I look at it, I'm still mesmerized."

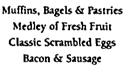
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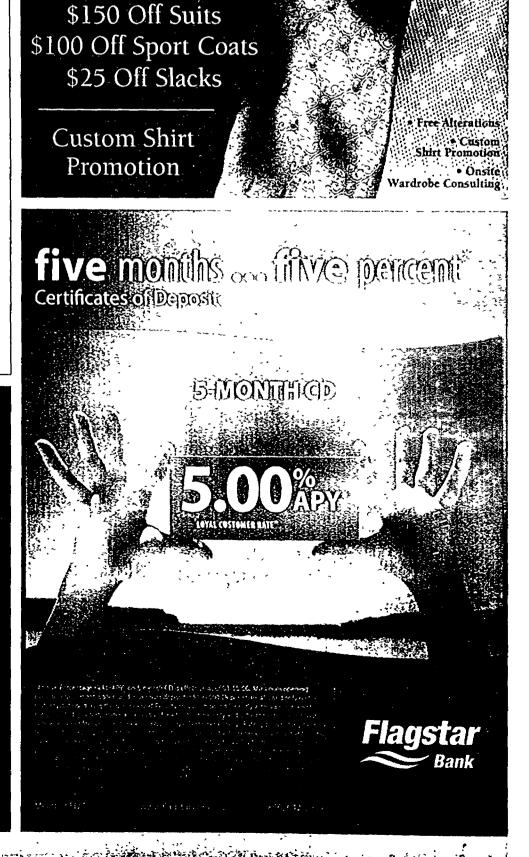
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Post office goes 24/7

Customers benefit from competition

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

At 3 p.m. last Wednesday, Glenn Brown was in and out in a flash.

The retired Northville Township resident said his schedule allows him to climb the Wing Street post office steps when lines are short and counters are staffed.

Still, he said the Northville post office extending service to 24 hours seven days a week held

appeal. "I would probably use it," Brown said. "Probably not very often. I usually do get by during the day."

The post office recently stepped up its service: Around-the-clock package weighing, stamping and posting will be available at 200 S. Wing St. starting Saturday.

"We're all so busy," said Northville Postmaster Tony Hubbard. "We just want to make the post office more accessible. During our regular hours, in the middle of the night or whenever it might be, we're available for them."

Increasing competition

Late-night shipping is nothing new for Northville. A block away, UPS store owner Mike Ladwig said service is the name of the game for businesses competing for customers.

His international-shipping parent company pro-motes UPS's "three free" options: automatic package tracking, free e-mail notification of package delivery and up to \$100 worth of insurance free. But, Ladwig said, the main advantage of his independently-owned Center Street business is his

personable staff. "The post office can duplicate our hours, but

they can't duplicate our level of service," he said. "You can get a box there, but we pack the box.

"Our lines our shorter."

Since the post office added evenings and a fullday Saturday last September, more customers have been taking advantage of walk-in hours, Hubbard said. Likewise, use of the year-old automated system in the lobby has picked up, he said.

"People have said it's pretty user-friendly and they would use it again," he said. "When we added

"Everything is competitively driven," Hubbard.

E Staying put

Northville Postmaster Tony Hubbard said despite cramped quarters and bustling business the post office has no plans to move from 200

S. Wing Street. Plans to find an annex location to serve the

growing 48167-48168 ZIP code population are on hold, he said.

Even when we were entertaining creating an annex hot and heavy, we never anticipated moving from this location," Hubbard said. "I don't . know of any plans to move from this location."

Nationally, the postal service is reconsidering space requirements, Hubbard said, as process-

ing mail shifts to more automated systems from manual labor.

 Upcoming events
 Passport Acceptance Day: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at the Northville District Library, 215 W. Main St. The post office is adding the Saturday off-site opportunity to apply for a passport to regular 10 a.m.-3 p.m. hours for the service.

USPS.com live presentation: also April 1. Staff members will explain which services are available online, Postmaster Tony Hubbard said. Most people use the Web site for ZIP code and address information.

There are a lot of useful tools there," he said. "Talking to business people, most already are aware of the site and use it on a daily basis.",

• Annual food drive for Northville Civic Concern: coming in May.

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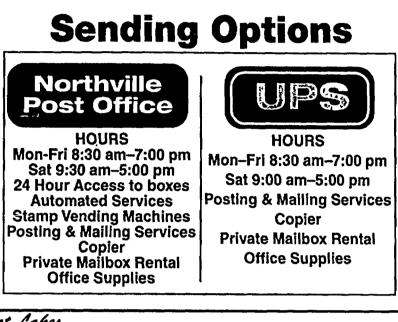
"It can't be anything real big or you won't be able to get it into the drop-off slot," Hubbard said. Ladwig said the UPS store beats the competition by offering additional services, such as copying, selling office supplies, faxing, binding and

box lobby will prohibit 24-hour customer access



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville Post Master Tony Hubbard uses the new Automated Postal Center. The APC and post boxes behind Hubbard will be available 24 hours per day, beginning April 1.







Local arts commission leader heading to Disney World

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

"Hey, Ken Naigus, you've led Northville's arts movement the past 10 years, what are you going to do now?

The 55-year-old Northville resident is going to Disney World.

In fact, Naigus and his wife Jan will be able to visit the Orlandobased entertainment giant's theme parks whenever they want. The 33year GM executive has traded in his wheels for a Disney white collar.

Aside from his information technology role for the automaker. Naigus was the driving force behind Northville's burgeoning art scene. His Arts Commission peers said it will be hard to replace Naigus' passion. "I think he's going to leave a

huge hole," said arts commissioner Sue Taylor.

Changing workplace

Naigus said his decision was not a result of recent media reports about GM's plans to downsize its workforce.

"In IT in GM we're actually low on headcounts," he said. "My job did not seem to be in jeopardy. But that did weigh on my mind."

Naigus is known as a fervent supporter of American-made automobiles. He said his job change is not an escape.

"I wasn't looking for it," he said. "They made me an offer I couldn't refuse.

Today will be Naigus' last day as a manager of strategy and planning in GM information systems organization.

Disney tapped him for his background in strategy, change management and organizational learning, he said. His challenge will be pulling together separate information technology systems within Disney-owned movie studios, theme parks, and ABC and ESPN networks

Hometown feeling

The Naigus family, including



III Arts Commission Highlights

As chairman of the Northville Arts Commission, Ken Naious worked on a number of projects:

 Supervision of the summer clock concerts on Friday nights

• Establishing the Art House b as the commission's home and

Shiring a curator consultant Promotion of the public art

program, including installing of the Treble Clef in Bandshell

Park and the Baseline Monument at Eight Mile Road

and Center Street Formation of the Northville

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children Kristin and James, moved to their Ridge Court home in 1989.

As soon as they sell that home, Jan said she will join Ken in Florida, their children's new summer destination after completing University of Michigan studies.

About 10 years ago, Naigus and Taylor, dove into the then-15-yearold Northville Arts Commission.

We are a passionate group of volunteers," Naigus said. "We think moving the agenda of the arts forward in the community is important."

Naigus lined up the acts for the commission's summer clock concert series. For the past eight years, he oversaw the set-up through the tear-down of the Friday night events.

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Taylor said the commission will ' need several volunteers to fill

Naigus' many roles. "Ken just had so much knowledge," she said. "I can't help but believe there are people who have a similar passion for one of these, music, sculpture, student art.

"He's a very dedicated volunteer. There's going to be a lot of community members affected." More info: Call (248) 449-9950 or e-mail info@northvil-

III Farewell open house fee for Ken Naigus Who: Public is invited When: 2-4 p.m. Sunday,

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most active members," Taylor said. "The outreach of the Northville arts program has certainly expanded under his chairmanship.

"Not only is the community going to lose a tremendous soul, I feel like I'm going to lose one of my best friends."

While Naigus said he is looking forward to his new Disney adventure, he will miss the Northville community.

"We've developed some wonderful relationships with folks," he said. "It's the best of a small-town environment. I felt like we all knew each other."

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. or via e∙mail at



Submitted photo As chairman of the **Northville Arts** Commission, Ken Naigus introduced cultural events to the community, including the 2004 opening of the Art House.

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> Ken Naious Former chairman, Northville Arts Commission



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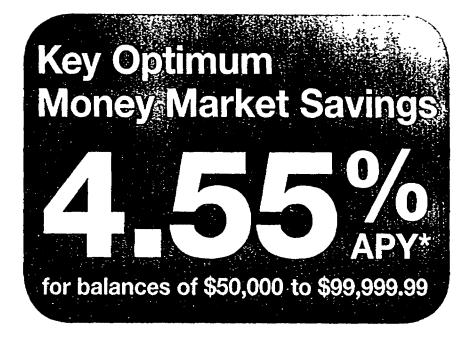
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Young artists invited to portray 'Awakening Spring'

Could your new neighbor be Josh McCown? It was at Northville's very own Main Street Bank that radio talk show host Mitch Albom caught up with the free agent quarterback signed by the Detroit Lions March 20. During Albom's live broadcast last Wednesday, McCown talked about getting his "housing stuff situated. ... We should be here by the middle of April." Taking the snap in yard near you: McCown, his wife and kids

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Even with the City of Detroit water department, ask and ye shall receive ... eventually. Detroit crews were out last week to repair the broken water main sending streams down Wing Street the previous three weeks. City of Northville department of public works crews were right on their tail, lowering the protruding manhole cover - the cause of the problem in the first place - and removing the barricades.

What was that ruckus at Hillside Middle School Friday night? After a full night of games, raffles and food concession dining, happy Family Night visitors streaming toward the gym exit were taken aback by two adult volunteers arguing. Something about one of the prizes stolen ... Come on, let's think about the example set for the youngsters.

Wow, lots of great feedback from visitors to the Northville Record's "Wild, Wild West" booth at the Taste of Northville Business Showcase about how the paper should be changed. Among the suggestions: cheaper, a gambling column and "better grammer." On a serious note, look for winners of subscriptions and lunch with the "Gang" in next week's column.

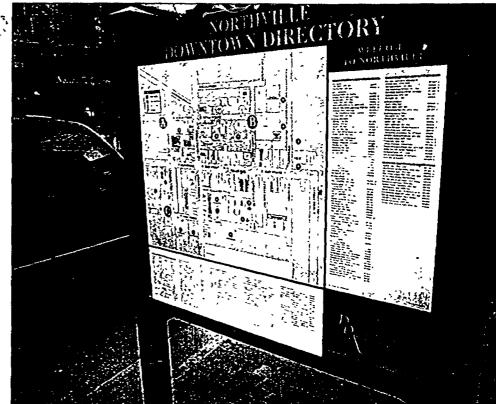
***** It's fast approaching, the Northville Senior Community Center's "Ole' Bag Sale, with jewelry!" Now that all the predictable guffaws are out of the way ... what's in your closet? Donations are being accepted now through the May 12 and 13 sale dates. For more information, call (248) 349-4140 or drop of "gently used" purses, jewelry, belts, scarves and wallets at 303 W. Main St. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Going, going, gone to the bene-fit of Northville Public Schools. The Northville Mothers' Club raked in more than \$26,000 during their March 18 strolling dinner event at the Inn at St. Johns organized by Laurie Wooderson and Libby Smith. Encee Thom Barry led the live auction of donated items attended by more than 300 guests.



Tomorrow's Friday Flick at the Northville Senior Community Center is "Dreamer," inspired by a true story and starring Kurt Russell, Dakota Fanning and Kris Kristofferson. Showtime is 1 p.m. Cost is \$1.

Buy one, get one to give. Through Saturday, you can pur-chase pre-bagged groceries for \$10 at the Meijer store at 8 Mile and Haggerty Road that will go to the Northville Senior Community Center. The Northville Community Foundation will deliver the purchased bags for distribution. Senior adult services coordinator Sue Koivula said she will let local needy seniors know and



Finally!

The two "You are Here" directional signs --- the ones the downtown development authority hoped to have in place to beat the Christmas shopping rush - have been erected downtown. The directory of stores, restaurants, services and public restrooms can be found near the gazebo, the other by Old Church Square.

make sure Northville Civic is offering a chance to showcase it Concern benefits, too.

Are you amazed by your little Picasso's artistic ability? Awakening ... the Artist Inside

during an April 25-30 'Awakening Spring" exhibit. Starting Saturday, parents of children ages 3-12 can pick up an application to enter an original

artwork in the contest. The dead-line is April 25. Winners will be announced during a noon- 2 p.m. April 29 cookie reception. Prizes for different age categories.

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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 Michigan Department 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 to the nearest MDOT 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 non-state-owned roads should be reported to local road commissions.

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'59 team was Northville's first to go undefeated

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ronald Schipper's legacy includes coaching the first Northville team to have a perfect season.

The former Northville High School teacher and coach died March 27, 2006, at age 77 after a heart attack.

"I talked to him just a couple of days ago," said long-time friend Don "Dutch" Van Ingen. Schipper's assistant coach, Van Ingen recalled their team's victorious run from 1955-59 when they boasted a 36-8-I record.

"We had the first undefeated season in Northville,

the class of '59," Van Ingen said. Schipper's Mustangs won their league championship four years in a row with only a tie with Milford to mar their perfect record.

In 1998, the Northville teammates gathered for a 40th reunion, Van Ingen said. Friends since their days as fraternity brothers at Hope College, Van Ingen said he and Schipper stood up in each other's wedding and kept tabs on each other's families through the years.

"He was a good Christian," Van Ingen said. "We have a lot of good memories."

The two coaches met up at various sporting events during the years, long after Schipper left to lead other teams, including students who went on to become professional athletes.

After the 1959 season, Schipper went to Jackson for one year before commencing his successful college coaching career at Central College in Pella,

seasons for 36 years, he retired in 1996 as one of the top-winningest NCAA Division III coaches. He guided the football team to 36 consecutive winning seasons and 18 Iowa conference championships. Central won the 1974 National Division III Title, and finished runner-up in 1984 and 1988.

In 2004, Schipper received the Amos Alonzo Staff Award from the American Football Coaches during the group's annual convention in Orlando. Honoring those "whose services have been outstanding in the advancement of the best interests of football," the award placed Schipper in the company of coach leg-ends like Paul W. Bryant, Woody Hayes and Bo Schembechler.

Schipper, a graduate of Hope College in 1952, began his coaching career in Nonhville as an assistant coach and became head coach in 1955. He and his wife, Joyce taught school in Northville from 1952-59. Ron Schipper also coached tennis.

Born in Zeeland, Schipper married Joyce Post in 1951. After their retirement, the couple resided in Holland where Ron helped his son Tim coach football in Fennville.

Schipper is survived by his wife Joyce and children Tim, Sarah and Tom and their families.

Visitation is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at the Dykstra Mulder Chapel, 188 West 32nd SL, in Holland. Services will be at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Christ Memorial Church.

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

OBITUARIES

POLICE BRIEFS

Shaky grounds

A Starbucks day shift manager preparing the daily bank deposit Monday turned over to Northville police what she believed was a bogus \$20 bill.

Police confiscated the bill and sent it to the Detroit U.S. Secret Service office.

Wanted for larceny

A routine traffic stop by Northville police last Friday turned up a 32-year-old Northville man wanted by Wayne County for larceny from a building.

An officer on patrol reported seeing the red Volkswagen Rabbit driver go through a red light before he pulled him over. After a system check revealed his wanted status, the officer arrested the man and cited him for not having a driver's license and disobeying a light.

He was held at the Northville Township police station until being surrendered to Wayne County officers.

Vandal attack

A Novi man who parked in

the city parking lot at Dunlap and Hutton streets found his side mirror broken and graffiti on his window when he returned to his car an hour later.

Police reports indicate the estimated \$200 damage to the black Honda Civic occurred between 7-8 p.m. last Friday. The case is closed.

Unhappy ending

A 39-year-old volunteer at the Hillside Middle School's family night Friday discovered her purse was stolen during the event.

Northville police were called to the school after the woman realized her black leather Coach purse valued at \$300 was not where she left it while she tended a concession stand near the northwest entrance. Contents missing included: two checkbooks, a wallet, a gift card, cash and five credit cards, which the owner has since canceled.

Officers advised the woman to watch her bank account activity and inform credit bureaus about the theft.

Stolen Identity

52-year-old Northville Township man reported someone stole his identity after finding three unauthorized purchases on his credit card. According to reports, the withdrawals were for \$12 each. The man gave police the name of a man living in Arizona he believes the purchases were made from. The man closed the accounts and has reported his identity theft to his crediting agency. The case is closed.

Dog bites

Oakland County Animal Control contacted police after an unlicensed dog bit a 20-year-old Northville Township woman. According to reports, the victim said the dog bit her because he was scared. The woman was treated at Providence Hospital in Novi for four puncture wounds. The dog was taken from the owner's home for not having a township license and information on updated shots. Police advised the owner the dog would be observed at the Parkway Clinic for 10 days.

Police arrested a 26-year-old Northville woman after stopping her for drunk driving. According to reports, the woman failed several sobriety tests. While attempting to put handcuffs on the woman, police said she tried to pull away and began swearing at them. The woman was also restrained later at the Northville Township jail with ankle cuffs after banging on the cell door.

The case remains, open pending

Assault and battery

Suspended license

a court date.

During a routine traffic stop, police arrested a 24-year-old Detroit woman for driving while her license was suspended. According to reports, the woman had been arrested and a hearing was scheduled to get her license back. She was given an April 6 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth. The case remains open.

RONALD SCHIPPER

Age 77 died on March 27. Born in Zeeland, MJ. Attended Hope College from 1948-52. In 1951 married Joyce Post. The two taught school in Northville from 1952-1959. Ron was football and tennis coach. In 1961 Ron was named head football coach at Central College at Pella, lowa. He coached there for 36 years and never had a losing season. He is survived by his wife Joyce and chil-dren Tim, Sarah and Thom and their families. Visitation Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 at the Dykstra Mulder Chapel located at 188 West 32nd St in Holland. Service Friday at 1:00 p.m.from Christ Memorial Church.

SAMUEL CAMPBELL, JR. Age 86, died March 20, 2006 in St.

Mary's Hospital. Mr. Campbell was born on October 19, 1919 in Butte, Montana. Mr. Campbell served with the United States Navy during World War II. He attended the Ford Trade School. In 1986 he retired from the GM Tech Center as a tool & die maker. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks. Services were held at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home (Northville). Rev. Paul Bousquette officiated. Entombment was at Glen Eden Cemetery. Mr. Campbell is survived by his wife Jean Campbell; Two children, Sandra (Robert) Wilkinson and Samuel Campbell III; six grand children and three great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions to the American Lung

KENNETH L. HARPER

Age 67, died March 24, 2006 at Botsford General Hospital In Farmington Hills. Mr. Harper was born on September 11, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Carles Harper and Dorothy Sage Harper. He was also preceded in death by a son Mark Harper and sister Sharon Harper. Mr. Harper was a retired district supervisor with Farmer Jacks a retail grocery company. He served in the United States Navy and was a member of the Scottish Rite, Kismet Masonic Lodge, Moslem Shrine, the Moslem Horse Troop and the Livonia Elks. In addition he was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Northville and was a volunteer at Botsford General Hospital, Services for Mr. Harper were on Monday, March 27, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church in Northville. The Rev. John H. Hice and Rev. Lisa Cook officated. Interment was in Glen Eden Memorial Park. Arrangements by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home. Mr. Harper is survived by his wife Sharon L. Harper: Three sons Gregory (Loretta), David (Joan), and Gary (Arny) Harper: and seven grandchildren, Aaron, Chase, Rachet, Nicolette, Hayden, Jenna and Elizabeth. Memorial contributions to the First United Methodist Church of Northville or the Shriners Hospital for Children in memory of Kenneth L. Harper would be appreciated by the family.



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BARN: unexpected costs lead to \$18K township board approval

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code for public use,

"I don't think (citizens) will look at this as impractical spending because we've raised \$176,000 from the public, not from the township," Gans said.

He said those donations may reduce the need for using the entire \$18,000 approved by the board two weeks ago.

Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said Gans' work on the barn has been remarkable, even though she was opposed to committing too quickly.

"I wasn't in favor of it until it was budgeted," Hillebrand said. "When this was all being proposed (last year), I asked the Ravines (subdivision) to sit on it, and if (the project) fit into our budget, we'd wait to move it this spring.

"I've heard it may not have lasted that long, however."

Township Briefs

Registration required

Monday, April 3 is the last day to register for the May school board election.

Closed

Township Hall will be closed Friday, April 14 for Good Friday.

Drivers needed

Northville The · 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.

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

ENGAGEMENTS



Hillebrand said all the money spent on the barn was used to restore the barn to sound condition.

Time's up

"I'm at the point where I want to stop (work) right now, work on the master plan and figure out what we want to do with that park," she said. "The work that was being requested and over budget was to get the barn in good condition for the future."

said all projects have the potential

for unexpected situations.

"I think with any redevelopment and any site that incurs moying one structure to another location," Snider said, "you are bound to come across circumstances that are uncontrollable."

Snider said he is not concerned about the public perceiving the additional spending negatively. "The input that I've been

receiving has been nothing but positive," he said.

Board members said local residents will be asked prior to the August operating millage election about possible Thayer Corner's Park uses, during a telephone survey.

"I think we've gotten our value for (the barn)," said township supervisor Mark Abbo. "I think it's a worthwhile project ... I'm interested in getting it to that point when we first authorized it."

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer

Thoney needed To complete the 8250 Napler and part, located at Thayer omors Park, trustee Marv 2,000. There is still \$4,000 left over from the previously pproved budget. Two weeks approved an additional oo, the Board of Trustees \$18,000. Remaining repairs include:

· decking for the floor .

building's exterior • labor

- electricity
- floor joists

- III Unexpected cests:
- Total: \$18,000
- Second mailing: \$594
- Attorney fees: \$1,417
- Electrical line removal:
- \$1,500 • Traffic light fees: \$6,542

Gans said the additional money Getting up to code: about will also be used for remaining for the Northville Record. She can finishing of the staircase \$8,000 Township manager Chip Snider barn repairs, before shutting its be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. · priming and painting of the doors. 107, or at tmishler@gannett.com. The power of competition. Back where it belongs.

Schleh-Kasak

Carl and Robin Schleh of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Lauren Carl Schleh to Krystin Elizabeth Kasak, daughter of Robert Kasak of Tampa, Fla. and Marcella Kasak of Washington D.C.

The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Northville High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan earning a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He is currently pursuing a law degree at the John Marshall School of Law, Chicago.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Wharton High School, Tampa. She is also a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan carning a bachelor of arts degree in communications. She will begin studies at Northwestern University for a master's degree in journalism this summer.

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CLASS NOTES

Board Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11 at Old Village School (Early Childhood Program), 405 W. Main St. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

High School Musical

Northville High School's Drama Department will perform "Seussical" 7 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday in the high school auditorium. There will also be a matinee performance 2 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. For ticket reservations, call the school office, (248) 344-8420.

Parent Program Cancelled

Parent Awareness The Committee at NHS regrets that its April 12 evening with motivational speaker Jeff Yalden has been cancelled. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Yalden will not be able to meet with students or parents as originally planned.

Open Enrollment Policy

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

Camp Invention

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

Teacher of the Year Award

Marie Thomas, first grade Wood teacher at Ridge Elementary School, has been nominated for the 2006 Wayne **RESA** Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. Northville Public Schools in partnership with Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and Ford Motor Company gives this award annually to an elementary school teacher. A "Celebration of Excellence" ceremony will be held May 3 to honor all county honored teachers. Mrs. Thomas has taught in the Northville schools for 17 years.

Kindergarten

Northville Public Schools is accepting kindergarten registrations for fall 2006. Guardians of children age 5 on or before Dec. 1 should contact their local elementary school for registration information. Ridge Wood area kindergarten students for the 2006-07 school year will attend other district schools as follows: Moraine: Fox Hollow, Pine Creek and Paramount Estates; Silver Springs: Woodlands North, Woods of Edenderry, Hills of Crestwood and Links of Northville; Thornton Creek: Northville Ridge and Stone Water; and Winchester: Northville Hills West and Woodlands subdivisions. All

Arcadia Ridge subdivision students will attend Thornton Creek for the 2006-07 school year.

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

Literature Exhibit

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center is planning a community exhibit, The Children's Exhibit-Learning 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, express the thoughts of young children and to advocate for young children. It will be held at the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main St. in the lobby. The exhibit is open April 7-11.

Drivers Education Training

Northville Public Schools will host driver's education training the summer of 2006. The cost per pupil is \$375 and classes will be held at the high school. A minimum of 50 students must participate and students will be further added in increments of 25.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Hillside Middle School students Hannah Craik, left, and Annie Thurber were lifted last week by Bryan Dorsey, a member of the Stand Strength Team during an assembly at Northville's First Baptist Church. The event attempted to inspire pupils to believe in themselves, resist drugs and alcohol and follow their dreams.

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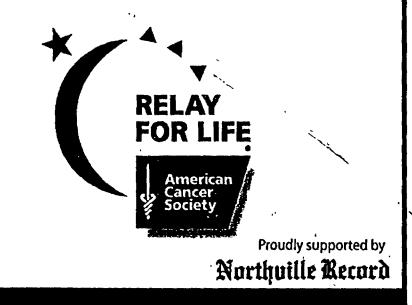
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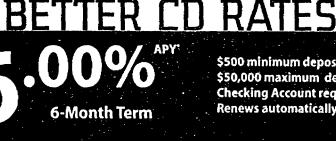
Event planners are currently looking to local businesses and organizations for help in sponsoring or donating to the Relay For Life. If you are interested, please call Barb Iovan of the American Cancer Society at 248.483.4317 or visit www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/northville.



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SCHOOL BOARD NOTEBOOK

March 28 Meeting

Board trustee Judy Handley was absent
Next Meeting: April 11

NHS boys varsity swimming

Members of the Northville High School varsity boys swimming team were congratulated by school officials Tuesday for finishing the season as conference champions and finishing fourth in the state championships. The team of 35 boys was led by head coach Rich Bennetts, assistant coach Bob Holdnidge and diving coach Danya Azzopardi.

Thornton Creek

Principal Sharon Irvine presented to members of the board of education steps taken toward reaching Thornton Creek's school improvement goals and initiatives. Irvine said school goals include looking at optimal student learning for all students, writing improvement and increasing understanding of economic principles. The entire school will also continue championing for Thornton Creek's new building theme: Making a Difference in Our Own Backyard.

On-line learning

Members of the board of education unanimously approved the first reading of existing public school policy outlining online learning. Currently, high school students may earn a maximum of two credits (four classes) of academic credit to be applied toward graduation requirements by completing board approved on-line courses offered by an accredited institution of higher education during the regular school year. Added to the existing policy: The superintendent shall establish procedures regarding online courses. Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard

Rezmierski said reviewing the policy couldn't be more timely-as mandatory online courses are part of the new high school graduation requirements proposed by the state.

Standard & Poor's

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said the newly released Standard & Poor's school match report analyzing all districts in the country will be posted on the Northville Public School Web site this week. Log on to www.northville.k12.mi.us for more information.

Cable cast

The regular board meeting was taped by Brad Leidal for cable casting in cooperation with Comeast programming. The meeting will air to Comeast subscribers 9 p.m. Channel 18 on Monday, April 3.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Ridge Wood student Tony Miller reads "Arnie the Doughnut" by Laurie Keller.



An open book!

Back from Chicago, Come in to see what's "IN"

During the weekend of March 3rd, Margo Kramar and a few of her staff members attended the Midwest Beauty Show in Chicago. This is the largest show of its kind in the Midwest, which all stylists should see. During this weekend each year, business owners and cosmetology professionals learn what the spring seasons hottest looks and trends will be.

Do you want to be "in style" this year? Do you want to be there before everyone else? If your answer is yes, then you should definitely schedule your next appointment today.

The staff of Margo's of Northville is continuously re-educating themselves in the techniques and trends of today. "We have an energetic staff that want to learn so that they can pass it along to their guests." Seeing that spark in my staff and how it rubs off to one another and their guests is what really makes it special." Margo says.

Over the last several months, Margo has expanded the number of skilled stylists with the additions of Sheri Mazurek and Sheri Morgan. Each brings new style and experience to the expanding salon.

Sheri Mazurek brings an up-beat, vibrant style. With her well defined artistic touch, she has the ability to really make you happy that you came in. Sheri's services include formal up-do's, chemical straitening, pedicures and manicures including acrylic, gels and nail art. "It feels like family the second you walk through the door" Sheri has said of Margo's salon and spa.

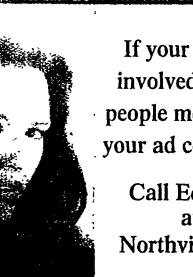
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BULLY: Governor's edict sends ripples through statewide school districts

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have been doing a lot of research and it turns out the that the bullying problem is actually larger at the elementary school level than at the higher levels."

State nod

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, State Superintendent of Schools Mike Flanagan and members of the state legislature agree.

They spoke out last week in support of anti-bullying policies for all grade levels, suggesting Michigan public school districts should have a written bullying policy. Northville does not have a written policy.

A bill sponsored by State Sen. Buzz Thomas (D-Detroit) calls for every Michigan district to tures in his right leg, sending have a policy protecting children from harassment and bullies at lance. The 85-pound boy spent school.

State Rep. Glenn Anderson (D- therapy. Westland), the bill itemizes policy specifics and requires districts to train teachers, report bullying and establish consequences for students violating anti-bullying policies. State Rep. John Stewart (R-

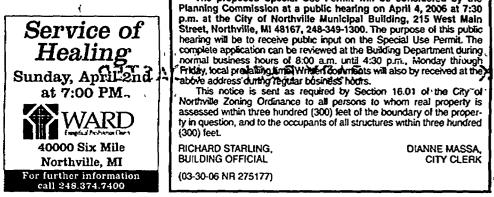
Plymouth) introduced an antibullying bill last year.

Stewart said the bill, stuck in Education House the Committee, allows policy-drafting control to rest with local school boards, as long as it defines bullying and establishes a procedure for investigation. Critics of the anti-bullying

legislation cite limited funding, inefficiency and unwarranted state contro Stewart said developing state-

mandated policy would help fight the increase of school-yard bullying, but said he also has faith in the job some local districts already employ.

"When you have some of the best administrators, teachers, most mature, most intelligent in the Plymouth-Canton and



Northville schools, they don't need to be micro-managed by state government," he said.

District history

In May 2004, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed Garret's Law, a package of bills named after former Meads Mill Middle School student Garret Drogosch. The package of bills sponsored in part by State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) makes it a crime to engage in school hazing activities.

Drogosch testified in Lansing he was struck several times during an October 2003 middle school football drill, called by many as "eighth-grade hit day." Cassis identified the "right-ofpassage" incident as hazing after Drogosch suffered multiple frachim to the hospital in an ambutime in surgery, a wheel chair, Sponsored by Thomas and on crutches, a leg brace and

Northville Public Other School incidents include student death threats during a 2004 weekend prank phone call between Meads Mill Middle School students and a Civil Rights lawsuit claiming discrimination after a Meads Mill Middle School student was allegedly called racial slurs by fellow students. In August, two Northville High School students were sus-

pended after posting death threats against a teacher on the Web site MySpace.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Northville Planning Commission received an application for a Special Use Permit as submitted by Northville Lab (Mr. Dattu

Sastry), for a distribution building that includes the compounding and pro-cessing of food products, located at 100 Rural Hill Drive (Parcel #3 - Tax

The proposed Special Use Permit will be considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on April 4, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, 248-349-1300. The purpose of this public

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CITY CLERK

n Advies for builled kids Are you bullied? Just ask

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

Forget milk and cookies. Sometimes bedtime is

the best time to talk to kids about bullying. That is the advice of Dr. Arnold Keller, executive director of Psychotherapy & Counseling Services in downtown Northville.

"Often kids don't want the shame of expressing fear and they are reluctant to express their fear, especially the male students," Keller said.

Different discussion techniques may be useful, he said, including asking children later in the evening how their day went. "A good time to talk is at bedtime because kids

don't want to go to bed," Keller said. "And maybe they will talk 'about what happened to them or their friends." But Keller said parents who talk to their chil-

dren about their school day should never focus only on academic issues. "Parents should be focusing on social issues ..

particularly in school and with their friends," he said. "It is a good opportunity to help their kids develop social competence. "Social competence includes social skills and it

includes social information important to reaching 'boodtlubs Keller recommends asking children:

specific questions;

· about the behavior of other students; and

How parents fight against builles . Encourage children to share their problems, assuring them it's not tattling

. Praise and encourage your child - a confident child is less likely to be bullied · Heip your child develop new friendships ---

new péers can provide a new chance Maintain contact with your child's school,

keeping a detailed record • Encourage children to participate in sports or

other physical activities to improve self esteem source fight crime lowes in Kds

· follow-up questions to people or instances brought up in the past Keller said follow-up questions are important

because they give parents an opportunity to coach children on bullying. Keller said if it appears a child is being victim

ized at school, that should set off alarms. "It is a signal that the child, and possibly the parents, need some help," he said.

Keller said talking with children is important and in cases of multiple victimization, speaking with school officials and seeking medical attention is often key.

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By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Stephen Cho is stepping out of his research lab to find the

in Ann Arbor. a.m. and noon-2 p.m. Thursday ous system. and Friday, March 30-31 at the

Pfizer Global Research and Development Laboratory in Ann Arbor. "The eighth grade time frame is when students start wavering

away from science and math," not we're going to meet the Cho said. "Not only is this a needs of the patients we're trygreat opportunity to light 'a ing to help." spark in their eyes, but it's a great way to show that (science) Beyond the lab coat can be fun and exciting." As senior principal scientist When the lab coat is off, Cho for Pfizer. Cho said he will be said he tries to spend as much leading a demonstration called, time as he can with his wife and "Let Their Be Light," to teach Pfizer colleague, Lucy, and students different methods of their children, Elizabeth, 5, and generating light beyond what David, 2. they already know. Aside from regularly attend-He said science and math are ing church, Cho enjoys coach-

ing his daughter's soccer team important in everyone's daily for the Northville Soccer "There are ways we use sci-Association. ence and math every day at "I'm very active in sports, home," he said. "People aren't both playing and watching," he aware how much we really use said.

in our daily lives." finances and home renovations are examples of using science high school.

Playing along! RIGHT: Alice Peterson and the Musica Antigua de Toledo play Colonial and

Revolutionary War-era music for an assembly at Moraine Elementary School.

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and math daily. He said science has always

played an important role in his

"When I was young,

"While part of my day is

doing research, the other part is

meeting with people and for-

mulating strategies to deliver

new medicines," he said. "Our

goal is to find out whether or

next generation of scientists. thought I wanted to be a med-The 36-year-old Northville ical doctor," he said. After graduating from the University of Michigan in 1991 Township resident is among more than 250 Pfizer Laboratory scientists trying to with a bachelor's of science and make science more exciting for pursing his doctorate in organic kids at the 4th Annual Science chemistry from Stanford and Math Jamboree (SAM Jam) University, Cho is now part of a team focusing on finding new The event will be held 9-11 medicines for the central nerv-

Cho said he and Lucy would Cho said cooking, personal like their children to pursue math and science throughout

"Personally, I think kids shy away from science and math because society doesn't glamorize scientists."

> Stephen Cho, scientist Resident, Northville Township

"But what path they choose is up to them," he said. "As a scientist, it's my job to keep the general public interested and educated about science." Cho will be teaching more

than 1,600 students Friday, March 31, how glow sticks can be used to generate light. "This is a good way of introducing them to chemistry," he

said. "Personally, I think kids" shy away from science and math because society doesn't glamorize scientists ... We're trying to catch their attention."

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will be thinking positive thoughts tomorrow, sending long-distance

"He is a really good student and overall well-rounded academical-

ly," said Shelley Woodrich, Meads

If Townsend takes the state title,

he will represent Michigan in an

expense-paid trip to the national

finals at the National Geographic

Townsend would also win \$100 and

the shot at becoming the national

champion with a \$25,000 college

"It would be a good thing to put

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on a college application or resume,"

Townsend is hopeful.

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headquarters Washington, D.C. this spring.

Mill Middle School teacher.

well wishes.

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scholarship.

he said.

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his credentials.

Townsend said.

RECORD STAFF WRITER

well," Townsend said.

Steven Townsend will be nervous

As he steps onto the campus of

"I will be trying to hope I do

As he waits for his name to be

Townsend, a Meads Mill Middle

Don't believe him? Take a look at

According to rules set by the National Geographic Society, the only way to the state finals stage is

by scoring in the top 100 of all

Michigan school-level winners on a

'Townsend won the Meads Mill

"I only had one question wrong,"

standardized geography bee test.

Middle School geography bee this , winter, completing step one.

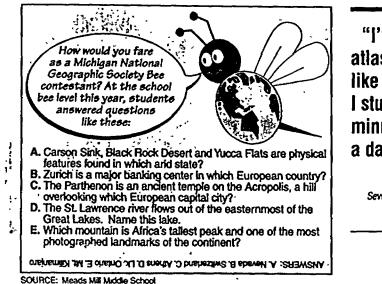
He then joined all Michigan school bee winners in grades

fourth-eighth, taking the National



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Meads Mill Middle School seventh grader Steven Townsend will participate tomorrow in the National Geographic Geography Bee.



"I'm reading atlases and stuff like that every day. I study about 45 minutes to 1 hour 🛰 a day."

Steven Townsend Seventh Grader, Meads Mill Middle School

Geography Society qualifying test where he emerged among the top 100 scores. "It was a lot of questions," Townsend said. There were questions about rivers and state capitals."

But that is all in the past. Now the focus is tomorrow.

"I'm reading atlases and stuff like that every day," Townsend said.

"He is like a living MapQuest."

You're here

Meads geography expert heads to bee

Ray Balutowicz Assistant Principal, Meads Mill Middle School

"I study about 45 minutes to 1 hour a day.

It's not a chore, he said, more like phone, Townsend will wish hard for an enjoyable hobby. "He is like a living MapQuest,"

said Ray Balutowicz, Meads Mill Middle School assistant principal. Townsend shyly skirts his accomplishment, coming up short

as to why he does so well. "My mom says I have a good

memory," he said. Meads Mill staff and students

Being in the Bee

The last time Meads Mill Middle School student Steven Townsend participated in a knowledge contest was fourth grade.

He participated in a spelling bee while a student at Amerman Elementary School.

Townsend said his performance wasn't memorable. "They are fun," he said. "I like the competition."

According to the Washington Post, more than 10 million children compete in spelling competitions across the country.

Last year, 273 students participated in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee, airing on ESPN Televisión.

The sports broadcasting station began airing the national competition live in 1994.

According to the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee organization, bees have seen a recent surge in popularity, with the biggest increase in corporate and senior citizen competitions.

The competitions have also received publicity on the big screen. Spelling bees were the focus of the Academy Award-nominated documentary "Spellbound" and the off-Broadway musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."



He is on the wrestling team and plays recreational basketball.

Peter's Eagle project was rebuilding four horseshoe pits at Maybury State Park. The project included building side rails, adding

Send and cementing stakes, which is a second stakes

pouring coment to accommodate generators used for recreational purposes by park visitors.

Peter and Paul Join Eric Rohlf as the newest Eagle Scouls of First Presbyterian Church of Northville Troop 755

The project consisted of building forms and

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Northville High School student Eric Rohlf recently completed work on rehabilitating the trails at Fish Hatchery Park, earning him Eagle Scout honors...

OPINION

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Northville Record

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

Leadership shouldn't wait

Northville Public Schools' unofficial, if not hedging, decision to eschew an August election and not ask voters to approve additional school bond money is sound - strategically and practically. On Feb. 28.,

Northville sent the Board of Education a clear message about a \$71 million proposal: no thanks.

Since then, many have tried to fill in the blanks: Why did voters react so negatively against a school district they commonly embrace and hold up as a community benchmark?

Was it the economy? Was it perceived bond lavishness --- a \$17.2 million field house and a renovated football stadium? Did voters feel cornered by having to vote for items they didn't want with the same check-mark that also improved dilapidated infrastructure?

Or was the district's primary miscue poor planning and bad communication? After all, the district's own survey last year indicated 62 percent of those polled did not favor the field

house concept. What do you think? We welcome your Letter to the Editor. that Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or

less. We may edit for clarity, space and con-tent. Letters to the Editor, David Aguilar, Northville Record, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Fax: (248) 349-9832. E-mail: daguilar@gannett.com.

At the time, district officials said number merely indicated more public education needed to be done. Then the proposal lost by 1,200 votes, begging the question: Who should

learn a lesson? Officials worked hard to bring two bond proposals to the public last month. But hard

work, like good spelling on a resume, earns no extra points.

Because a November election is unlikely --- who wants to be on the same ballot as two contentious gubernatorial candidates? - the district will likely have one year to figure out what went wrong last month, how to fix it and how to develop more effective ways of tuning into what Northville has on its mind.

Maybe a year from now the economy will turn around. Or the district will temper its appetite. Or both.

Either way, parents and children will once again be left standing in the lurch, waiting for leadership they deserve. Let's not disappoint them.

Border dispute

People that risk crossing the border with abandon are not interested in legal systems. Therefore, having nothing to lose but to be returned to their home country. This seems to be awkward for our current crop of enforcement people to accomplish. In failing to get a grip on an obvious problem responsible people should just stop paying taxes for a government that has shown such an inability to enforce the law and being intimidated now by a problem they in fact created. You cannot blame the immigrants if the border remains a sieve and it is so easy for them to intimidate the failed legal system.

Eastern Democrat elites on their own road to power cheerfully adopt any new malleable splinter group, viewing an easy route to votes from any who might bite on a liberal socialistic plan for America. Then Republicans presuming support' to agricultural business with cheaper labor, are learning they have completely ignored the unseen collective costs of the surge. They may be in for November surprise as voters have finally lost patience in the dance now being done by the seemingly brighter legislators. The weaker Senate and senators should be taking the largest losses because they are windy, apt to compromise on anything putting their own politics above what might be good for the country.

> Jim Nowka Northville

March support

The Northville Democratic Club would like to thank the City of Northville for the opportunity to sponsor the recent Walk for Peace t the downtown Gazebo on Saturday, March 18 regarding "Peace of Mind." The police officers who monitored the event were relaxed and professional, and the event was organized and peaceful. We appreciate the support of everyone who came out to help us raise awareness about the impact of the Iraq war and the effects it will have on future generations.

> Jamlė Tumer Northville Democratic Club

Ides of march

On Saturday, March 18, several undred concerned citizens of Northville held a peace rally to demonstrate their opposition to the war in Iraq and their support of American troops by insisting the Bush Administration bring our soldiers home, take responsibility for thousands of unnecessary American and Iraqi deaths, and end the massive war spending which has helped create the largest federal deficit in U.S. history. A small counter-demonstration was held by citizens who support the Bush Administration's position that the United States must continue the war because, as some believe, to do anything less would dishonor U.S. troops, allow terrorists to thrive and make the loss of our soldiers' lives pointless. This debate, raging across the nation, has rarely been so promivisible nent and in Northville. People on both sides of this issue felt strongly enough to gather, openly disagree and support their opinions with placards and American flags. The names of Michigan's fallen troops were read out by the pro-peace demonstrators and a solider who spent two tours of duty in Iraq spoke about his experience. A reverend - a Vietnam veteran - said an opening prayer. Participants on both sides of the debate were respectful and were invited to continue the dialogue at an open forum in April. This Northville event represented an important demonstration of democracy and First Amendment rights in our community. My family and I were disappointed we were unable to attend, and we looked forward to reading about it in our local newspaper. But there was no story. All that appeared were a couple of photos on the editorial page. Why such shockingly poor coverage from the Record? To relegate the opinions of these citizens to a few sentences under a picture is an incredible disservice to the community and a disturbing example of how out of touch the media can be on matters of local and national importance. Polls across the country show that the war in Iraq is the biggest issue on the minds of Americans. By failing to give full, in depth news coverage to such a significant local event, the Record ignored its readers. It ignored those who feel strongly enough about their concerns to speak out, pro or

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Historically speaking!

LETTERS



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King Starkweather, dressed in a Civil War uniform, circa 1860s.

con, and negated the values of this community.

Cheryl Eberwein

Northville

Mothers say thanks

On March 11, 2006 the Mothers' Club of Northville hosted their bi-

and a second and 111-1-1-0-10 able goods or education.

However, I think business owners can rest easy, knowing the higher minimum wage will help them recruit and retain higher level employees.

Parents can rest easier, knowing that their children who are trying to earn money for college have a better chance to do so, relieving the strain on the parents from always escalating college tuition.

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Bob Moreillon Northville On March 11, Mothers' Club of Adanac Donna

City: Time for

balances and checks

For taxpayers who wonder what city leaders do with all their money, the time has arrived for them to watch the budget process up close. To develop their five-year spending plan, the city council annually schedules a series of special meetings, open to the public. The first one is at 7 p.m. Wednesday night in the council chambers, followed by sessions April 12 and 24. It's an opportunity to put your mouth where your money is, if you want to have a say in how it's spent.

Township: About that \$18K ...

Money doesn't grow on trees. Or in barns. But in order to restore history, the Northville Township Board of Trustees has agreed to spend an additional \$18,000 to preserve a barn, moved last year from Sheldon Road to Thayer Corners Park. Although board members were torn between preserving history and waiting to see what citizens want for their community, board members believe the barn will serve as a glimpse of Northville Township's past. Maybe so. But the board should take into account their own recent history of repeatedly running into "unanticipated" expenses before they take on any similar projects. A dollar here, a dollar there. Pretty soon, it's real money.

Schools: Students shine brightly

Often it is the small accomplishments that go unnoticed. But not for Northville Public School students. Every day students in the district shine in their own ways. Whether it is reaching the rank of Eagle Scout or winning a coveted spot in a state Geography Bee, Northville students stand out. Good job to parents, teachers and building principals paving the way to individual student achievement. And most of all, good job to the students who work hard at reaching their accomplishments each and every day. Wester and Stra

annual Dinner/Auction to benefit the students of the Northville Public Schools. Over 300 members of the Northville community attended the event at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

As a result of your generosity, the Mothers' Club was able to generate over \$20,000 from this year's combined silent/live auction. These funds will go toward student enrichment programs and activities in the Northville schools. Recent contributions include: Peer mediation training at Northville High School, a pond habitat at Silver Springs Elementary that provides hands-on learning, Building Bridges gym equipment, etc.

Without your very sincere generosity and the support of the community, this would not have been possible. Again, thank you on behalf of the Mothers' Club of Northville and the students of the Northville Public Schools.

> Diana Birdsall Northville Mothers' Club Member

Waging battle

It's amusing to see the array of highly-paid people objecting to the raise in minimum pay from \$2.65 to \$4.60 for restaurants and from \$5.15 to \$7.40 for other interstate businesses (Northville Record, March 23.)

We can certainly understand where Chamber of Commerce and Restaurant Association are coming from.

Yet, we wonder if those paid spokespeople have had a raise or bonus since 1997, the last time those minimum wage people had a raise.

In fact, the minimum wage people have had an effective decrease in wages every year since them because of inflation.

Gov. Granholm made the right decision to help those minimum wage earners, pumping more money into the economy through the people who will go out and spend every dime of it on consum-

Mothers say thanks II

Northville held its bi-annual dinner/auction at the beautiful setting of the Inn at St. John's. Mothers' Club offers its heartfelt thanks to the following donors whose gencrosity provides funds for enrichment opportunities for Northville schoolchildren: Contracting, LLC, Alisa Lowman, American Girl, American Spoon, Amerman PTA, Andy Koupal. Angela Carson Photography, Animal Haus Bed, Arbonne International, Awakening the Artist Inside, Baby Bliss, Bailey and Shamoun Interiors, Baldwin Capital, Barb Anderson, Barnes and Noble, Bed, Bath and Beyond, the Bee's Knees, Mr. Balutowicz at Meads Mill, Bob Sellen, Brett Wheatley, Busch's, Bushwood Golf, Carpenter's Greenhouse, the Caucus Club Restaurant, Chase Nedrow, Conrad Charitable Foundation, Charley's Deli and Grill, Chris Johnson, Chris Sellen, Chris Trumbull, Cindy Ferriman, Cokebury, Compuware Arena, Costco, Cranbrook Institute of Art, Cranbrook Art Museum, Curves of Plymouth, Custard Time, Cutting Edge, Detroit Science Center, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Donna Shannon, McDonald, Dr. Susan Meyer, Dwight Sieggreen, Ed and Rita Furdak, Einstein Brothers, Emily's Restaurant, Entrez Vous, Elective Team at Meads Mill, Ford Motor Company, Fordyce Certified Massage, Fox Hills Chrysler/Jeep, Gardenviews, Genitti's, Good Time Party Store, Great Harvest Bread Company, Great Lakes Roses, Helen's Uptown Café, the Henry Ford Museum, Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, Hilberry and Bonstelle Theatres at Wayne State, Hiller's, Hillside Middle School PTSA, Hungry Howie's Pizza, Iain MacDonald, Images Salon, Industrial Electric, Inn at St. John's,

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Cheap politics net Michigan costly lessons

Fiddling while Rome burns. Substitute "Michigan" for "Rome" and you have a precise

description of our political system, now totally in partisan gridlock over what to do about the Single Business Tax (SBT).

The Republicans who run the legislature are hell-bent on passing legislation that would repeal the SBT, taking effect, most likely, year from October. The tax, widely now reviled as a "job killer," brings in \$1.9 billion a year

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That council is composed of 47 members drawn from every possi-

humor?

ble interest group. It has as much chance of coming up with a broadly acceptable tax plan as the Detroit City

Council has of being declared a league major baseball team. This time, I'll side with Granholm. It's just outright irresponsible to even talk about eliminating one of the biggest sources of state revenue without a serious plan to replace it - or specific

ideas about what cuts you're going to make to save \$1.9 billion.

By the way — all the easy cuts were already made, long ago. It is cheap and easy to let the partisan rhetoric fly. But here are a few uncomfortable facts that most of the blowhards would prefer to avoid:

· Michigan is generally regarded as a high tax state. Not true, We were 29th in the nation in state and local taxes as a percentage of personal income, the last year for which data are available.

 There is no evidence whatsoever that cutting taxes alone produces economic growth, as some ideologues claim. The states with the highest growth rates tend also to be relatively high tax states.

Forget all the propaganda -Michigan's government is, in fact, undernourished. The state has run a \$1 billion-plus operating budget deficit for the past six years. The politicians have plugged the hole so far by selling off assets, cannibalizing rainy day funds and accounting gimmicks, but the fact is that state income today is far below what it was six years ago. And the piggy bank is just about empty.

Michigan today faces a supremely difficult and supremely necessary transition from brawndependent manufacturing to a brain-based knowledge economy. Yet state spending on higher education has been cut repeatedly cians don't have a sense of over the past four years, while our

political masters spend more and more on the prison system and Medicaid.

Other than mere irresponsibility by our politicians, the underlying reason for all this gridlock is Lansing's supposed Iron Rule that any politician who can be labeled (fairly or unfairly) as being for increasing taxes is toast. And to be fair, most voters, when facing proposals to increase taxes with no clear idea what for, will find themselves somewhere between skeptical and outraged.

I don't blame them. But lots of voters are willing to tax themselves for specific purposes, such as fixing the potholes in the street in front of their house or making sure their kids get a decent education.

So here's a modest suggestion to get out of the gridlock: Repeal the SBT. How do you replace the money the state needs?

Simple. Take the monkey off the lawmakers' backs, and let the voters decide. Put something on the ballot that gives us a choice:

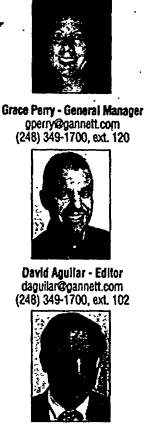
A) Either replace the SBT by broadening the sales tax to include services (like haircuts, for example) and lower the overall tax rate from the present 6 percent, or

B) Increase the state income tax by a large enough amount to make up the money.

In either case, earmark a specific part of this revenue stream to create a system of lifelong learning. As part of that, provide vouchers for each Michigan citizen that would cover either an associate's degree from a community college or a four-year degree from a state university. And provide serious job retraining for the thousands of workers who are taking buyouts or permanent layoffs (from General Motors now --- and, inevitably, the other auto companies scon.

If the lawmakers have a better idea, let's hear it. But we need action, now. And most of all, we need for our leaders to quit fiddling.

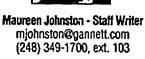
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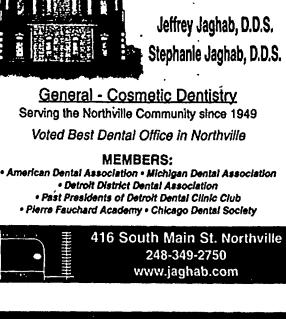


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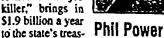
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONT'D)



Gov. Jennifer Granholm, having tried and failed to get the Republican-controlled legislature to consider her 2005 proposal to cut the SBT rate from 1.9 to 1.2 percent, now says she'll veto any outright repeal. Why? On the grounds that it's financially irresponsible to blow a \$1.9 billion hole in the state's \$9.3 billion General Fund without replacing that money - or showing how that much spending can be cut without destroying essential services, like our universities.

But the Republicans are chortling. They think they've put Granholm into a difficult political situation, forcing her to veto the repeal of an unpopular tax. So legislative Republicans have clammed up and aren't talking about what replacement tax on business they'd favor or how they'd cut the state's budget.

Doing the latter would not be pleasant - \$1.9 billion is about what the state spends on our colleges and universities or on the entire prison system. Show me a lawmaker who wants to eliminate either and I'll show you a lawmaker with a very short political future.

And just to be cute, GOP lawmakers tossed into the bill plans to repeal the tax instructions for the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors. They want them to come up with a replacement plan by Jan. 1, 2007. Who says politi-

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'Center' of debate

I appreciate the relevant information presented and made available to the public by "The Center for Michigan" think tank, but after reading much of the material, I am disappointed and concerned about the Center's direction.

Despite words of sympathy for the people of Michigan, regarding the loss of jobs and lower family income, and a goal of working towards a " sensible center," there seems to be an overwhelming "tax and spend" theme throughout the discussions.

It also appears that some of the

information is "framed" in a certain way to try to convince taxpayers that Michigan taxes are not really high - if you are considering both state and local taxes combined. Nevertheless, when considering state taxes alone, the presenter notes that Michigan state taxes are well above the national average, and among the highest of the seven-state comparison group. That is reality, not a misperception.

I was impressed with another paper regarding Michigan's budget crisis, until I reached the conclusion, stating "It may be that the most significant problem on the spending side of the problem --health care --- will only be solved by national intervention."

Perhaps the Center's good intentions should be focused on reducing state-funded health care costs,

so that the state could make more effective use of our present taxes/fees.

A disturbing attitude is that if the state appoints a "commission" of experts to make tax policy recommendations that would be binding, this would take the pressure off of our elected officials.

Further burdening the taxpayers/consumers in Michigan, particularly when combined with other factors that are contributing to a lower standard of living, could drive even more residents and businesses out of the state.

In our great nation of taxation with representation, and accountability in the voting booth, I believe that the Center should think again.

> Laura J. Lorenzo Novi

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Northville's Official Events Calendar • For a complete local events calendar, visit www.northville.com.

NORTHVILLE **EVENTS**

Dance Performance

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

Northville Garden Club

DATE: Monday, April 10 TIME: noon LOCATION: Cady Inn, Mill

Race Village DETAILS: Jane Kenyon Geisler

will be presenting "Beautiful Butterflies." Guests are welcome. CONTACT: Julie Mantay, (248) 349-1602

Author Presentation

DATE: Tuesday, April 11

TIME: 6:45 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

DETAILS: Robert H. Bartlett, MD, will be discussing his first novel. He is a professor of surgery at the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor. This program is presented by the Northille/Novi American Association of University Women (AAUW.)

CONTACT: Beth Ann Knisely (248) 305-8992

State of the Community Address

DATE: Wednesday, April 12 TIME: noon-1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 Eight Mile Road

DETAILS: City and township officials will speak on the future of the community. Speakers include Township Supervisor, Mark Abbo; City of Northville Mayor, Christopher Johnson; Northville School Superintendent, Dr. Leonard Rezmierski and Northville District Library Director, Julie Herrin.

CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-7640

Daughters of the American Revolution

DATE: Monday, April 17 TIME: noon

LOCATION: Mill Race Village

DETAILS: The topic for this

meeting will be "Antique Buttons." CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

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

Art Walk

DATE: First Friday of every month

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

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

Northville Camera and Digital Imaging, (248) 349-0105

Marguis Theater

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

"Little Mermald"

DATE: Monday through Friday, April 17-21 and Saturday and Sunday now through April 30 TIME: 2:30 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 per person; no children under 3 years old

"Vaudeville Tonight"

DATE: Friday-Saturday and April 7 and 8

TIME: 8 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students; no children under six 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 through 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 someone close. Registration is required. CONTACT: Sandy VanKoevering, (248) 348-4980

Genitti's Little Theater

Dinner Show

TIME: 7 p.m.

Wildflower Walks

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

are not required.

May 5-6

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD As Northville's Great Harvest Bread Company owner Julie Cole looks on, Rian Tuza, 1, grabs for a frosted cookie. Great Harvest will sponsor cookie-decorating, April 8 at the Northville Senior Community Center.

"We're going to do healthy snacks, things a bunny would eat."

Nichole Passmore Recreation supervisor, Northville Parks and Recreation Department

Bunny Hop

Families invited to rock, roll

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Families are going to rock it and roll it, bop it and even stroll it next weekend.

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and children are invited to the inaugural Bunny Hop, hosted, by, the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. The event is from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 8 in the gym at the Northville Senior Community Center.

"We wanted to do something for the Easter holiday," said Nichole Passmore, recreation supervisor. "We thought we'd do a family dance."

Participants will be able to dance to current and classic music, Passmore said, led by Rennie Kaufmann, the disc jockey and

entertainer who hosts department's the Tunes on Tuesdays concerts in Bandshell Park.

Other Bunny Hop activities will include

snacks, crafts and cookie decorating.

Great Harvest Bread Company co-owner Julie Cole, who is supplying the cookies and icing, said kids have had a great time cookie decorating when they provided the

she said.



Saturday, April 8 • 4-6 pm Northville Senior Community Center Open to the public • \$10 per person For information call (248) 349-0203

> Parents are invited to dig into their wardrobes for jeans, bobby socks and poo-10 dle skirts for dance songs dating back to the '50s, Passmore said

We're really hoping parents, children and families will come out and spend quality time together," she said. "And celebrate the start of spring."

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supplies in the past.

For the crafts, youngsters will make a spring-theme door hanger, Passmore said. The snacks provided also will fit the theme,

"We're going to do healthy snacks, things a bunny would eat."

Art Contest

DETAILS: Children ages 3-12 are invited to submit an original work of art expressing theme of "Awakening Spring." All art mediums are welcome. Applications are available at Awakening...The Artist Inside, 111 N. Center Street beginning Saturday. Submission deadline is 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 25. All entries will be displayed April 25-30 with a reception for artists and their guests noon-2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at Cooke School. CONTACT: (248) 347-0807

Art Exhibit

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

Art Exhibit

DATE: April 7-30 LOCATION: 427 Regina Abraham Gallery of Art, 122 W. Main St.

DETAILS: This is an exhibit of artist Mimi Prussack's oil and wax landscapes. A wine and cheese exhibit opening reception will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 7. It is free and open to the public. CONTACT: (248) 449-6501

Art Exhibit

DATE: April 7-May 5 Swearingen LOCATION: Visions, 118 W. Main St.

DETAILS: This is a portrait exhibit of Michigan business women of distinction. Nancy Swearingen, owner of Swearingen Visions, creates these portraits for the National Association of Women Business Owners and as a personal project.

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

www.genittis.com

DATE: April 22, "The Vogues";

DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road

DATE: Friday and Saturday,

DETAILS: The Friends of

Maybury are hosting this free event.

All ages are welcome. Reservations

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road,

DETAILS: Groups by appoint-

ment. Hours are noon-5 p.m.

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St.,

TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.,

Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,

Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m.,

CONTACT: For information

about programs, services or to

request or renew library materials,

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Monday,

DETAILS: Volunteers are avail-

CONTACT: Grace Wilfong,

able to offer individual help on

Northville Genealogical

ongoing and by appointment

near Northville City Hall; parking

one mile west of Beck Road, look

CONTACT: (248) 374-0200

Maybury Farm Programs

for farm entrance sign

Library Lines

Friday-Sunday.

off Cady Street

(248) 349-3020

Sunday

Society

genealogy.

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person for dinner and show.

Maybury State Park Events

between Beck and Napier roads

CONTACT: (248) 349-8390

Reservations are required.

June 17, "The Shades of Blue"; July 15, "The Reflections"

www.rootsweb.com/-mings

March is Reading Month Activity

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

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 present.

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

Kid's Club

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 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 349-9079 or visit

Jeanne DuPrau. CONTACT: To register, call

Teen Movie

(248) 349-3020

DATE: Monday

TIME: 4 p.m. DETAILS: This program is for

sixth through 12th grade students. The movie is "Pride and Prejudice." Refreshments will be served. Registration is not required.

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

materials are needed by the Friends of the Library. The library adds to the collection and donates the rest need assistance unloading books

Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Church Events

St. Paul Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 201 Elm Street

Foster and Martha Folts Violin and Harpsichord; May 21, "The Music of St. Pauls"

First Presbyterian Church of

LOCATION: 200 E. Main SL

Single Place Ministry

DATE: Thursday, ongoing TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. DETAILS: This includes "Divorce Recovery" and "Living Beyond Divorce" workshops, CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

Ward Evangelical **Presbyterian Church**

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 374-5966

Single Adults

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

College Age

DATE: Sunday

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

First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

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 30 9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly 10 a.m.: Golf League Meeting 10:30 a.m.: Aging to Perfection Discussion 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Tai Chi

By appointment: Massage

By appointment: Taxes Friday, March 31 10 a.m.: Strength Training 1 p.m.: Movie: Dreamer 3 p.m.: 50/50 Drawing By appointment: Massage Monday, April 3 10 a.m.: Line Dancing 10 a.m.: Oxycise I 10 a.m.: AARP Driver Safety 11 a.m.: Oxycise II 12:30 p.m.: Euchre and Pinochle Tuesday, April 4 10 a.m.: AARP Driver Safety noon: Rummy 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1:30 p.m.: Games Wednesday, April 5 9:30 a.m.: "Baseball as America" Trip 10 a.m.: Oxycise Level I 11 a.m.: Oxycise Level II noon: Bridge

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

Ongoing Card Games Bridge

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

Pinochie (double deck)

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

Pinochle (single deck)

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

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Concert Series TIME/DATE: April 30, Daniel

TIME: 4 p.m.

Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

DETAILS: Public is welcome.

in advance to make arrangements. Library Board of Trustee

DETAILS: Used books and

to the Friends for sale, with proceeds benefiting the library. Donations are tax deductible. If you from your car, call (248) 349-3020

WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

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

Healthy Walking

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

Ole' Bag Sale Donations

DETAILS: This event will be Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, at the Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. Purses, belts, iscarves 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, bonth of Main Street, near Ford Field

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Thursday, March 30: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:30 p.m.; Eclipse Baseball, 6 p.m.

j Friday, March 31: Archives open, 9 a.m. Saturday, April 1: Wedding

Shower, 11 a.m. Sunday, April 2: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.; King's 8th, 10

a.m Monday, April 3: Hands All Around Quilt Workshop, 9 a.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Country Garden Club, 11 a.m.; Northville Democratic Club, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5: Mill Race Basket Guild, 9 a.m.

Thursday, April 6: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Service Unit B Scouts, 9:30 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:45 p.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:45 p.m.

*Grounds closed to public

Looking for You

Graduation All Night Party DETAILS: Volunteers are 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 before 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 two-hour 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 a.m.-12:30 p.m. DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers needed CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Теттасе, (248) 231-9950, 10 а.т.-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 northville-

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

Arts Commission

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

Beautification Commission

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

Housing Commission

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

Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every The fee is \$6 per person per day. month TIME: 8 a.m. LOCATION: Youth Assistance office, 775 N. Center St. CONTACT: (248) 344-1618

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

Parks and Recreation

Bunny Hop

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

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

visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Spa Night

DATE: Monday, April 10 TIME: 6-8 p.m. LOCATION: Margo's of Northville 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 eighthninth 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 Hillside LOCATION: Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road DETAILS: This drop-in pro-

gram promotes fitness, dance routines, stretching, jumps and cheers.

d' CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Open Basketball

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

son.

Teen Basketball

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

DETAILS: The fee is \$2 per person.

Open Badminton

DATE: Every Tuesday and Friday TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.

Hillside LOCATION: 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 Hillside LOCATION: Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

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

Regional

Fashion Event

DATE: Sunday TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Parisian Store, Laurel Park Place, I-275 and Six Mile road, Livonia

DETAILS: "Stepping Out In Style" is bosted by The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area. The event includes discount shopping. entertainment and food from local restaurants. All proceeds will benefit the First Step Project Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. CONTACT: (734) 414-0553

Plano Workshop

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) .

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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.

Auditions

TIME/DATE: By appointment, Thursday, May 18

LOCATION: Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

DETAILS: Auditions are for the 2006-07 season with rehearsals beginning in August. Mail resume and headshot to Elizabeth Production Anderson, Coordinator, Michigan Opera Theater, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226

Angela Hospice Groups

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

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

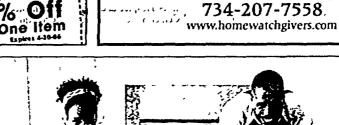
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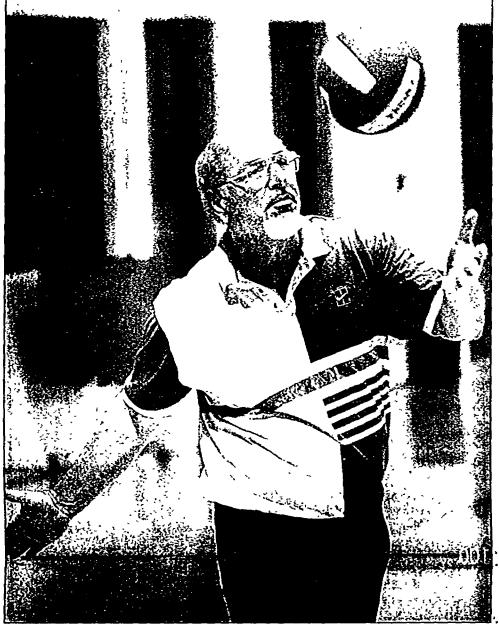
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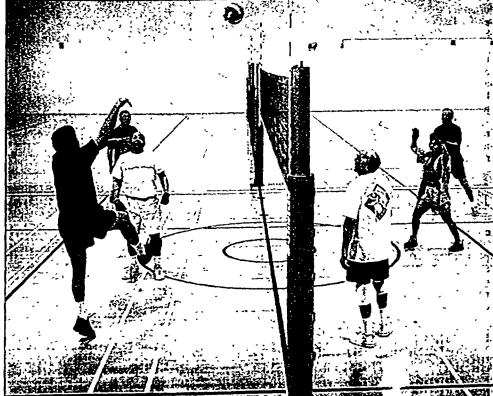
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An active group hits the floor for Senior Volleyball at the recreation center located at Hillside Middle School. Senior Volleyball is scheduled Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-noon. The fee is \$1.



LEFT: Vanita Sink prepares to serve during a senior vollevball game at the recreation center located at Hillside Middle School.

FAR LEFT: Ali Hamadeh serves,

Preventing free fall

SAVVY SENIOR

Adjusting environment can prevent serious falls

By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER

Alice Johnston relies on her wheelchair instead of her own two feet.

The 78-year-old Novi resident has the ability to walk, but said she feels safer in her mobile chair.

"I broke my leg a few years ago," Johnston said. "I don't feel I'm strong enough to be walking around."

Johnston's daughter, Susan, said she believes her mother's dependence on her wheelchair is a result of fear from falling again, a common among many sen-

"No one wants to see their parents sick or in pain," said Susan, 56. "I just want to make sure she's safe. And if the chair makes her feel comfortable, then so be it."

According to the Michigan Department of Public Health, more than two-thirds of seniors who fall will fall again in the next six months.

It is also the number one reason people die of injuries, said Kay Renny, registered nurse and manager of community programs for the Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan.

"It's sad, but a lot of seniors fall," Renny said. "It may be as simple as wearing improper shoes."

There are little things (seniors) can do to prevent falling," she added.

The Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan offers seniors, age 65 and older living in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, a no-cost falls prevention assessment to reduce the risk of falling in the home.

"We go into the home and do a free falls assessment, focusing on four major areas: environment, medication, vision and muscle strength," Renny said. "When was the last time they had their eyes checked? Who fills their prescriptions? Are (medications) they are taking leading to drug interactions?"

Renny said nurses also perform the "Get Up and Go" test.

"We ask them to sit, stand up and walk out about 10-feet, turn around and come back and sit down," she said. "Most people can do this is about 10 seconds.

"But this way we can see how they sit, how they turn and how they walk. We can relay the information back to their physicians and they may need physical therapy."

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Renny said nurses will also assess each room in their client's home.

Bathrooms are the number one place where most falls occur," Renny said. "When we're done, we leave behind recommendations and 40 ways to prevent a fall."

Preventing a fall

· Exercise regularly to maintain strength, flexibility, mobility and balance

 Check your vision at least once a year. Poor vision can increase your chance of falling.

· Remove throw rugs or secure them firmly. Clear electrical and telephone cords from

pathways.

 Use handrails to steady your balance; install handrails on staircases if needed.

 Use reflecting tape at the top and bottom of the stairs to see them better

. Do not climb stairs while carrying packages that obstruct your field of vision.

· Paint door sills a different color to prevent tripping.

Source: Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan

Getting in shape

Sue Koivula said falling can be a problem for many seniors, but not all.

"It's a problem for seniors in that age range when (falling) does become a problem," said the senior adult service coordinator for the Northville Senior Community Center. 'There are many organizations that provide home health assessments and it's a valuable tool."

Senior centers in both Northville and Novi offer several classes to keep seniors in shape and on the move.

Northville's center offers strength training, yoga and tai chi, and Koivula said even basic walking helps.

Tony Logan said the best way to avoid falling is to stay active and in shape.

"As people get older, their bones get brittle," said Logan, wellness coordinator for Novi-based Fox Run Senior Community. "We in America have become lazy ... The bones get weaker."

Logan recommends a solid 15 to 25 minutes of continuous exercise five to seven days a week.

"Getting up and staying active could be as little as walking up and down the street or to the mailbox," he said. "Strength in bones adapt to the amount of pressure put on them. When you don't use them, your bones get brittle and you could fall."

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Practical solutions for those who suffer from heartburn problems

Dear Savvy Senior

Can heartburn lead to other serious health problems? My husband, who's 54, has a belching problem along with occasional heartburn and I would like to help him. What can you tell me? Ignoring the Burn

Dear Ignoring,

Heartburn is so common in the United States today that most people don't think much about it but they should. It's estimated that 40 million Americans experience heartburn at least once a week, most of who are over age 45. Here's what you should know.

Dangers of Heartburn

Heartburn symptoms can show up in a variety of ways - as a painful burning sensation in the chest sometimes spreading to the throat, a sour or bitter taste in the mouth, frequent belching, coughing, wheezing or a sore throat. If your husband is experiencing some of these symptoms at least twice a week, he needs to see a doctor. Frequent heartburn symptoms may indicate gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), which if left untreated, can lead to serious health problems such as asthma, trouble swallowing, debilitating sleep problems, Barrett's esophagus, esophageal cancer and more.

Lifestyle Remedies

Depending on the frequency and severity of the symptoms, there are several things you can do to prevent or reduce heartburn. Here are some lifestyle tips to help you get started:

• Diet changes: Certain foods can trigger heartburn symptoms like citrus fruits and juices, toma-

toes and tomato products, fatty foods, chocolate, garlic, onions, spicy foods, mints, alcohol, coffee and sodas. Keep a food diary to track which foods cause you the most problems and avoid them. · Fating habits: Eat slower and

take smaller portions. Having a full stomach can cause acid reflux. Also avoid exercising, bending or lying down for two hours after eating. And don't eat at least 2 to 3 hours before bedtime.

· Monitor your meds: Drugs used to treat arthritis pain, asthma, osteoporosis, depression, insomnia, high blood pressure and more can cause heartburn. Consult your doctor.

· Weight management: Being overweight is a big contributor to heartburn because the excess pounds put pressure on your abdomen, pushing up your stomach and causing acid to back up into your esophagus. A 10 percent drop in weight can improve heartburn symptoms.

• Stop smoking: Smoking can increase stomach acid and weaken the valve that prevents stomach acid from entering the esophagus.

 Loosen your belt: Clothes that fit tightly around your waist puts pressure on your abdomen and can cause heartburn.

· Relax: Over 50 percent of heartburn sufferers say stress increases their heartburn.

 Sleeping tips: To help keep the acid down in your stomach while you sleep, elevate the head of your bed six to eight inches by placing blocks under the legs or insert a wedge between your mattress and box spring to elevate your body from the waist up. Sleeping on your left side may also help keep the acid down.

Medical Remedies

If the lifestyle adjustments don't solve the problem, there are a variety of over-the-counter and prescription medications that can help. Talk to your doctor about which one is best for you:

· Antacids: These provide fast, short term relief by neutralizing the acid in your stomach. You know them as Alka-Seltzer, Maalox, Mylanta, Rolaids and Tums.

• H-2 Blockers: Available both over-the-counter and prescription strength, H-2 blockers (Pepcid, Tagamet and Zantac) reduce how much acid your stomach makes but may not be strong enough for serious symptoms.

 Proton-pump inhibitors (PPI): If you have frequent and severe heartburn symptoms, PPIs are long-acting prescription medications that block acid production and allow time for damaged esophageal tissue to heal. They include Nexium, Prevacid, Prilosec, Protonix and Aciphex. Prilosec is also available over-thecounter.

 Surgical option: An alternative to drug treatment is antireflux surgery, a procedure that tightens the leaky valve so gastric fluids can't wash back up into the esophagus.

Savvy Tip: The National Heartburn Alliance offers two practical brochures on heartburn and the foods that can trigger heartburn. Visit www.heartburnalliance.org or call 877-471-2081 to order your free copies.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a regular contributor to the NBC Today Show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

City police chief gives notice; heading for Novi department

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Gone is the wide-eyed 20-yearold aspiring officer who first reported to Northville Police Department in 1972.

Next week, James Petres will formally announce his retirement after 34 years on the force, the last eight as chief. On April 26, he will start his new job as an analyst and planner for the Novi Police Department. In a city that boasts a low crime

rate, Petres' career accomplishments include establishing a sense of security more than collaring criminals

for high-profile transgressions. He's seen two homicides in 34 years and a handful of headline thefts.

Service first

"To be responsive to the community is important, to be a service organization," Petres said. "At some times in law enforcement, that might sound kind of strange. A lot of times our contact with people is when they're in situations they prefer not to be in.

"I think the things we do we try to do for the good of the community as a whole."

Even after he unpins his gold

badge, Petres and his wife Sue will captain, then chief, is his greatest continue to reside in Northville. "As a person, he's a great person,"

said Capt. Michael Carlson, a 13year member of the Northville department. He said the chief served as mentor and role model.

"As a chief, you couldn't ask for a nicer, smarter guy. He's been really good to work for."

It's the people

Petres counted his staff as his greatest accomplishment during his tenure. He said he believes the force he assembled to serve the city as contribution. Retirement during the past 18

months of the Northville department's three veterans -- Petres, Capt. Norm Kubitskey and Det. Sgt. Dave Fondelet — means the city police department is embarking on a new era.

"We've still got people who have been here a good number of years," Petres said. "They've got good training and good experience behind them.'

Carlson said he was impressed by Petres' ability to cite relevant law by code number.

"He's a very intelligent man," Carlson said. "He definitely knows the ins and out of the job.

Throughout the years, he's been throwing stuff our way as sergeants, Sgt. (Dustin) Krueger and myself. In this department, you do a number of jobs."

Varied challenges

Petres said his job challenges varied. Some tested his experience; others required wading through

administrative red tape. Petres recalled his department's response to a plane crashing into trees along Eight Mile Road in 1983.

"You can plan for that, study for that, train for that and when something like that happens it's a whole new experience," he said. "Dealing with federal agencies, things like that.

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"Administratively, the (establishing a community public safety) dis-patch was a challenge," he said. We had our direction to make it work. I think it's worked out well." Petres began eyeing the chief's

chair early in his career, not long after turning from part-time dispatcher to cadet to patrol officer.

BOND: no August vote?

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posals would have given the district approval to build a new elementary school, shore up aging infrastructures and update technology

Since then, speculation about the district's next planning step has been ongoing.

"We're actually back to square one," said Joan Wadsworth, Northville Public Schools Board of Education treasurer.

Why step one?

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None of the uncertainty sits well with Northville parent Dan Sharp, who wonders why no contingency plan exists. He believes residents still want to approve the construction of a seventh elementary school.

Sharp said residents simply didn't want to give the district a blank check by approving the \$25 million project without first knowing where the school would be built.

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but that of about 4,000 residents," he said.

District officials said the decision to wait does not undermine year-long claims made by bond supporters touting the two recently failed proposals as "urgent" and need-based."

Paciorek said the urgent need still exists for bond projects.

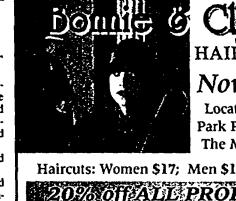
"We are the most concerned about the boiler in the administrative building," she said. "The need is still there."

Paciorek said making individual project resolutions including funding is part of the decision process. According to Michigan election

law, the district could offer a proposal in November.

But district officials have repeatedly said a November return is unlikely because school elections generally do not have a fair chance when placed alongside a gubernatorial race and a full ballot boasting multiple requests.

According to state law, school districts may hold elections in February, May, August or November.



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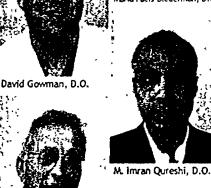
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- Symptoms of a heart attack in men The most common symptom of a heart attack is not chest pain, but is really chest pressure.
 - The uncomfortable pressure increases with activity, like shoveling snow, and decreases with resting.
 - Discomfort in other areas of the upper body including one or both arms, back or stomach
 - Shortness of breath, with or without chest pain
- Other signs include cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness

- Symptoms of a heart attack in women Shortness of breath or fatigue which may be combined with chest pressure.
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - · Back, neck, shoulder, abdominal or jaw pain.

If I have chest pain or pressure, should I go to the hospital? An electrocardiogram is a test used to record the electrical



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What is a Chest Pain Center?

While a large percentage of hospitals maintain chest pain units, the definition of these centers varies by institution. If you choose to go to a hospital with an accredited chest pain center, you are partnering with physicians and nurses who have initiated care processes, which will give you the best possible medical outcome.

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What is a cardiac catheterization?

A cardiac cath, or angiogram, is a procedure used to take x-rays of the heart muscle and valves. It shows how well these are working, the extent of the damage after a heart attack, which coronary arteries are narrowed, and the degree of narrowing.

The procedure uses a catheter (a long, thin, flexible tube) inserted through an artery (blood vessel) usually in the thigh up to the heart. A colorless dye is injected in the catheter and x-ray pictures are taken of the heart and coronary arteries. This is a nonsurgical procedure and a patient receives a mild sedative but remains awake during the procedure.

What is the difference between cardiac cath and angioplasty? A cardiac cath is used to take x-rays or pictures of the heart. Once done, an angioplasty, or balloon angioplasty, may be immediately performed.

The angioplasty procedure uses a catheter, like the cardiac cath, with a deflated balloon on the tip and is inserted through an artery to the heart. When the catheter reaches the narrowed artery in the heart, the balloon is then inflated and deflated several times to open up the artery.

What do stress tests show?

These tests show heart functions and malfunctions - at rest and while under stress through exercise or IV medications to simulate exercise. There are four types of medical tests two using echocardiography and two using nuclear imaging. Botsford General Hospital was instrumental in pioneering ultrasound procedures. Testing is available seven days a week at our Chest Pain Center.

activity of the heart through electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs. It helps tell if there is a decreased supply of blood and oxygen to the heart, if there are any irregular heartbeats or rhythm and if a heart attack has occurred. It also tells what part of the heart was damaged.

A stress echocardiogram produces images of the beating heart made by bouncing high-frequency (ultrasound) waves off the heart. This is generally more accurate to diagnose blockage in arteries than an electrocardiogram. It also helps determine if more cardiac tests and treatment are needed.

A nuclear medicine exercise treadmill stress test evaluates coronary blood flow to determine which areas of the heart are not getting enough blood and oxygen, how quickly the heart recovers after exercise, any irregular heart rhythms and if a heart attack has occurred in the past. During this test, electrodes are placed on the chest and an intravenous line allows the medicine to flow in the heart. A special camera to record blood flow photographs the medicine.

My relative has congestive heart failure and, when admitted to a hospital, stays seven or more days. I heard Botsford has a program to reduce this stay. Yes, some patients may be treated and leave within 24 hours with excellent results in our Observational Heart Failure Program. Botsford developed this specialized program in partnership with physicians at the Cleveland Clinic. It is one of the first of its kind in Michigan.

A lot of hospitals seem to be advertising that they give excellent heart care. How can I compare area hospitals and treatments?

The federal government has already done this for you. You can go to www.hospitalscompare.hhs.gov to compare hospitals in Michigan and review their compliance in treating heart failure and heart attacks. If you experience a heart problem, Botsford's board-certified physicians are ready to provide the treatment and care you will need.

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Double trouble

The Murphy twins have never been the competitive type. In fact, this is the first year they've even been on the same athletic team together. - Page 3B

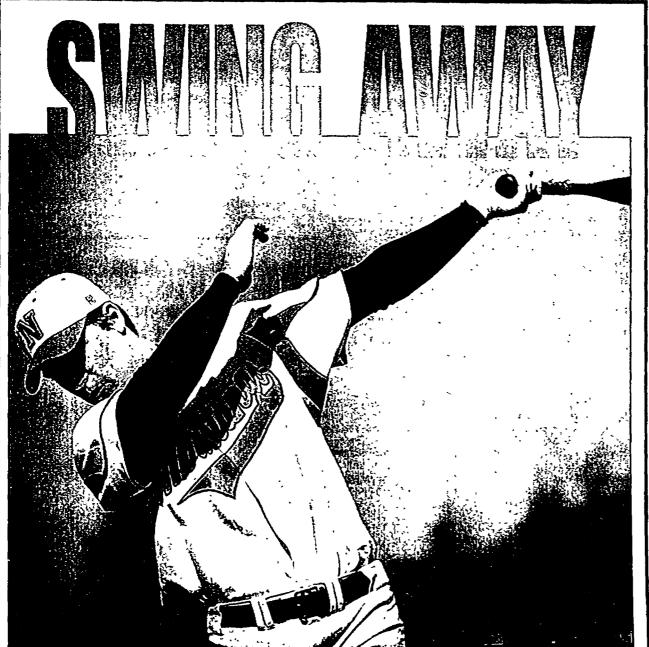


The Northville Mustangs lacrosse team notched an 8-6 victory over the visiting Highlanders Howell Monday. - Page 4B



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Mustang Charlie Thomas takes a swing as spring baseball season begins.

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Mustangs senior baseball captain Charlie Thomas says personal sacrifices worthwhile

By Sam Eggleston

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Playing through pain

Northville softball standout Jenna Dumbleton refuses to let injury keep her sidelined

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Jenna Dumbleton is disappointed.

The Northville sophomore varsity softball standout had high expectations for her season with the Mustangs this year. But an injury during her summer league with a Compuware-sponsored team has hampered those expectations.

Dumbleton injured the ulnar collateral ligament on her right arm during a slide into second base. The injury resulted in physical therapy and some additional complications, like numbness in her elbow.

"I'm incredibly disappointed," Dumbleton said. "I thought by the time the season started I'd be able to pitch fully. I can practice at full speed, but it starts hurting."

Dumbleton said she believes she's around 85-90 percent of her capabilities, but hopes to be back up to speed by mid-season.

The biggest disappointment doesn't come from Dumbleton's reduced ability, but rather her reduced responsibility.

Since the pain is more promi-nent when she throws overhand, Dumbleton said she will not be playing in her normal shortstop position. Instead, she may find herself spending some time at first base or not on the field at all unless she's pitching. Her batting is most likely out of the question, too.

"I was really looking forward

"Jenna will be a huge part of this team's success."

Terỳn Fox Northville Softball Coach

ical treatment.

As the closing weeks of her summer season began dwindling, Dumbleton said the pain began to increase. It was then she went to see a doctor. The initial outlook wasn't a bright one.

"They thought it could have been a stress fracture," she said. Worse, it could have been a complete tear of the ligament and it would have required surgery. Instead, it's a partial tear and I had to go to physical therapy instead.

For three days a week, Dumbleton went to therapy to work on her biceps and triceps muscle groups in order to help strengthen the ligament. In the process, she started to feel a numbness in her elbow, a sensation she also experiences while pitching.

Armed, but no quite ready

Dumbleton said when she throws, her elbow sometimes strikes her hip and it goes numb as though she just hit her funny bone. Doctors have indicated she may need to unde electromyogram, or an EMG, to test nerve conductivity. If needed, Dumbleton may have a surgery that will bury the nerve in the muscle tissue to prevent it from being exposed.

harlie Thomas had a tough choice to make last fall. The Northville senior was an

all-conference and all-area football player with a bright future on the baseball diamond. Nagging injuries hampered him during high school baseball, due to time spent on the football field, so he thought long and hard about a solution.

Then he announced he wouldn't be back on the gridiron.

"I don't regret it," Thomas said. "I definitely missed playing football though. It was tough going to the games because I still wanted to play. But I knew in the long run it wasn't the right decision for me and I

wooldn't be happy." So Thomas stayed away from Northville's athletics during the fall season. He worked on his baseball ability, attending a camp in New York and drawing collegiate interest.

He knew he'd have to face his peers in the halls of the high school and expected to be in the occasional awkward situation because of it. Instead, he was pleasantly surprised.

"Everyone was actually very supportive of my decision and were very understand-ing," Thomas said. "I appreciated the way everyone responded. It meant a lot to me."

And Thomas made the best of it.

He said he believes his defensive capabilities have increased along with his batting. Thomas said he focused on defense for the majority of his workouts, a field he wanted to shore up before showcasing his ability in front of college coaches during the camp in New York.

"It was a good experience," he said of the camp. "I got some (college interest) letters as a result. It was kind of cool because I got the chance to experience that different kind of life. I think I really benefited from it."

Thomas' focus is on three schools at the moment, though he admitted that could change. Michigan State, Purdue University and Kalamazoo College are currently leading as his top choices.

MSU has indicated the most baseball interest, though they haven't brought a scholarship to the table yet.

"Anything could happen this season," Thomas said. "If I have a good year, then I may end up dealing with coaches I haven't even talked to yet.

Thomas, who is a captain for the Mustangs this spring, is hoping to lead his team to a division and conference title.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/wonthingle record

Charile Thomas is looking forward to his senior year on the baseball diamond.

Then, he said, as far into the playoffs as his team can go.

Diamond mining

Thomas knows it takes more than a strong bat to fulfill those goals.

"Our team is going to be good this year," he said. "I think we have the potential to go real far in he playoffs, further than we ever have. We have a deep pitching staff and some very good players.

Thomas said he's ready for the season to begin. He has no regrets about an off-season schedule, which included three-day-perweek morning workout sessions stacked with swimming, weight lifting and running as well as batting, agility and fielding work.

All he can do is play his best. "There's always a pressure, especially since I don't know where I'm going to school yet and that can be stressful," Thomas said. "The past two years there has been pressure, too, and I've pulled through that. I'm confident in my ability. I've done

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"I've done everything I can to prepare myself and whatever happens, happens."

Charlie Thomas Baseball Captain, Northville High School

everything I can to prepare myself and whatever happens, happens.

"There is nothing more I can do to get ready. I can't think there was more I could do. I have to throw that out the window. The season is on top of us and I've got to go out and play."

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to playing short and pitching this year," Dumbleton said. "I guess I should be happy I can still play."

Dumbleton's injury came in late June, but she didn't go see a doctor until August. She said the pain wasn't so intense that she thought she needed to seek med-

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Photo courtesy of the Snow family

From left to right: Philip Snow, 17, Debra Snow, Phil Snow and Jacob Snow, 14.

A Lions' share of Snow in Northville

Detroit Lions linebacker coach Phil Snow is home in Northville

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By Ramez Khuri GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Phil Snow is a happy guy. The Northville resident has two boys attending Northville High School, lives near a golf course, and he can boast he's one of only 32 people in the world who gets paid for coaching line-

backers in the National Football League.

Snow has been coaching football for over 30 years, and is about to start his second year on the job with the Detroit Lions.

"When you work for the NFL you're in an elite group," he said.

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lustangs start year off on fast track NORTHVILLE SPORTS SCHEDULE

The Northville girls track team opened up their season by competing in the EMU Indoor meet competing against 19 other teams in a non-scoring meet.

25 "The performances today were great for only being in practice five days," said coach Nancy Smith. "I stressed offseason conditioning this year and the girls who competed today showed that they did this.

Northville had a great showing and came ready to compete. In the field events, Brianna Jenkins started the season on a high note, placing third with a jump of 5-feet-2-inches.

The distance team proved to be strong again and showed that their off-season conditioning prepared them for the upcoming season. The 3200 relay team of Lindsay Hagan, Bryn Smetana,

Karina Puskorius captured first with a of HOME Lindsay

Hagan ran to a first place victory in the mile with a time of 5:27 and Jenny Murphy was fifth in 5:47. In the two mile Jenny Murphy

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Lacrosse earns victory in opening-day game

The Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team started the season off on the right foot with an opening-day victory over the Howell Highlanders, 8-6.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was junior Patrick Larabell and senior Jackson Doyle. Both earned two goals and two assists in the contest.

Senior Michael Zervos had 17 saves to get the victory.

The Mustangs will play again today when they host Novi in a. cross-town rivalry game. The contest will be played at the football stadium at 7 p.m.

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Let it Snow: Lions coach lives in Northville

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"Everybody all over the world who plays football looks to the NFL because we are the ultimate. Really, it is a privilege to be at this level. I think everybody in the league understands how fortunate they are."

Growing up in Winters, California, Snow started coaching high school for three years, then went on to coach junior college for three more. After that he moved up to 1-AA and 1-A football. For 18 years he was a defensive coordinator in the Pac 10 Conference at California University, University of Washington, University of California-Berkley, Los Angeles and Arizona State.

But now he's in charge of professional linebackers, a position much different than the college ranks. Snow said each level has its benefits, though he doesn't miss chasing 18-year-old college recruits four months of

the year. "There are a couple huge differences in that, college athletes have to go to school and professional athletes don't," said Snow. "When you're coaching college you're concerned about their academics. You're also involved in recruiting, which we don't do as much at this level."

Snow said the only recruiting the Lions do is when they covet a free agent. NFL free agents are commonly wined and dined by many teams, each hoping he'll sign a contract and play for them.

"When a player gets in trouble in college, it's the coach's responsibility. But in the NFL, these are grown men, so it's their responsibility," Snow said. "Another thing is college kids might think something, but they'll never say it. But in pro football. players are going to say what's on their minds. When you coach them it's a little bit different in that regard."

Linebacker coaching 101

In the Lions system, seven vie for three starting positions. Snow coaches the second line in a 4-3 defensive scheme.

The linebackers control the front seven. said Snow, "There are three linebackers and four lineman, so we're in charge of getting everybody to be in the correct gaps during the run game."

Your 2006 Detroit Lions

Snow described new Lions head coach Rod Marinelli, who is also moving to Northville soon, as a no-nonsense guy who's going to evaluate how the team is doing by how it plays.

"He's going to make everybody accountable," said Snow. "Does that mean we're going to win every game? Probably not. We only won five games last year, so I don't know how good we really are, but I think the structure we're going to put these guys through will help us get to a point where

we'll know what kind of talent we'll have because I think we'll play to our record. "I think we underachieved a little bit last

year," he added. "I think the city of Detroit will like Rod Marinelli because he's aggres-

sive, and he's not going to make excuses." Snow said former Lions head coach Steve Marriucci and Marinelli are very different in their approaches. All three once worked together on the same staff at the University of California-Berkley.

"Everybody has their own style," said Snow. "Sometimes the situation you're in just doesn't work for you at that particular time. That doesn't mean you're not a good coach.

"I think that's what happened to Steve because he's had success coaching. Now it's Rod Marinelli's era, and I think he's going to bring what we need — discipline, struc-ture and accountability."

But before the Lions start thinking about the playoffs, Snow said the team must first get tougher. He said practice will refine toughness.

"You win in practice and all the preparation you put in before the game," he said. "I don't think we truly understand that, which we will begin to with Marinelli. I'm looking forward to it."

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Dumbleton will play through the pain

It's a procedure Dumbleton said will wait until after both spring and summer softball as it doesn't encumber her pitches.

"I can still pitch through it," she said. "It's just not supposed to happen. If I need to, I'll get the surgery. Thankfully, the doctors told me it can wait until

continued from 1B numbness, "Dumbleton's still made a point of working on her game during the off-season. She's focused on four of her six pitches, honing her fastball, change-up, riseball and dropball. Though she still has a screwball and a curveball, she said she hasn't needed them as much as the other four.

Dumbleton also worked with coach Doug Gillis at Wixom's Iotal Sports complex 10

"I'm, definitely, going to be pitching this year," Dumbleton said. "We're going to be a pretty good team this year and it's going to be a really fun year. I wouldn't miss it."

And that's exactly why she's still penciled in as the team's starting pitcher, said first-year head coach Teryn Fox.

"Jenna is still slated to be our starting pitcher," the coach said. "She will not be able to pitch improve the spin and speed on every game, but she will pitch at (248) 349-1700, ext 104 or at her pitches. when she feels she can be effec- segcleston@gannett.com

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"Jenna will be a huge part of this team's success.'

Fox said if Dumbleton isn't able to pitch, the squad will rely underclassmen. three on Sophomore Allison Holmes, freshman Samantha Doud and freshman Sarah Rounsifer will all see time on the mound this year.

Sam Eggleston can be reached





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Twin sisters and Mustang athletes Jenny, left, and Becky Murphy.

DOUBLE DOWN: Murphy twins are finally teammates at Northville

It's an unexpected sight when twins are as a member of the Mustangs' distance team scheduled to walk into a room and the Murphy sisters appear.

Becky walks in, her red hair and bright eyes drawing quick attention. Her sister, Jenny, is right beside her sporting dark brown hair and equally dark eyes. The former is quiet, shy at first. The latter is talka-

tive and giggly. Becky sometimes runs behind schedule. Jenny is usually 10 minutes early.

And that's just the begin-ning of the differences.

"I really have no idea why, but we've always seemed just like total opposites." Jenny said, technically the younger sister by two minutes. "A lot of people just thinks we're really good friends."

They are, of course. The Murphy twins cal funch together, talk together and walk the hallways of Sam Egg Northville High School together. They tell each other things they'd

never tell even their closest friends.

Despite their closeness, the Murphy sisters at times are at the opposite ends of the spectrum. They don't even participate in the same sports like many siblings do.

Becky is a gymnast specializing in vault and floor routines. This year she's doing the It for the "field" side of track

during the track season. Last year she qualified for the state finals.

"I just wanted to try something new, so I decided to do pole vaulting," Becky said. "People said I should try it. They thought I'd be good."

Already Becky has cleared the 6-foot-6inch mark on her first hand-

ful of tries. This season is the first the sisters have been on the same

The connection

The Murphy twins were inseparable in their early years. Their mother Karen said that even at just a year old, the sisters would climb over the railing of their cribs to meet each other outside of their rooms and babbled with their own language.

It was a friendship that helped them when they moved from

school," Jenny said. "That helped out a lot. Northville was very nice and the people

Their friendship has lasted, even resulting

Becky and Jenny figured that they had graduated from the bunny slopes to some real hills when they visited Crystal Mountain.

We decided to go down the expert course last year to see if we could do it," Becky said. "It was just something we decided on all of a sudden. It wasn't easy, but it was pretty funny."

Similarities

Though many differences stand out between the Murphy sisters, they're still twins.

The girls share an April 24th birthday, their sweet 16 this year, and have similar tastes in clothing, entertainment and food.

We both love pizza and pasta," Jenny said. "And we both love Starbucks. We're hooked on their Frappacinos."

The sisters also shop at the same stores. watch SpongeBob SquarePants together, hang out with many of the same people and share their time with their little sister Christy, who is 13 years old.

The same or different? The Murphy sisters said it doesn't really matter. What means the most to them is their friendship. "It's cool that people don't think we're sisters when they see us together," Jenny

said. "I'm not a very independent person because I love having Becky there with me. It's nice to know you always have someone there with you."

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SPORTS SHORTS

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 online at 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:

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

Sign up for Suburban Showdown

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

Ice-Macomb and the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena.

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

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

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

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

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

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

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

College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Lebanon, Tenn., Prescott, Ariz., Thousand Oaks, Calif., Sterling, Colo., Bridgeport, Conn., Babson Park, Fla, uniting Gainesville, Ga., Champaign, Ill., North Manchester, Ind., Towson, Md., Ypsilanti, Glassboro, N.J., Schenectady, N.Y., Hickory, N.C., Commerce, Texas, Blacksburg, Va., Lyndonville, Va. and Beloit, Wis. For more information and a free brochure, cali (704) 373-0873.



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Sam Eggleston

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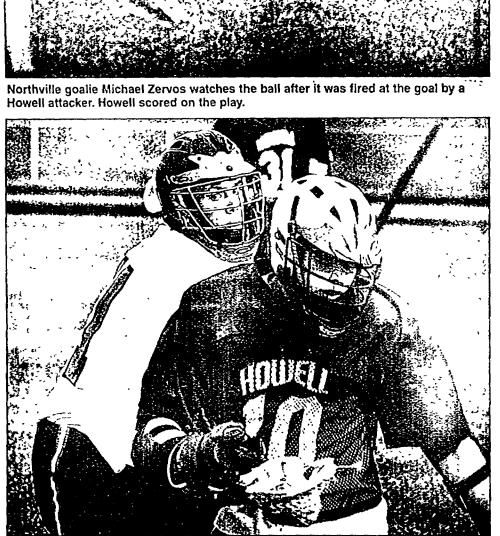
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Notch one for the Mustangs Lacrosse team earns win, 8-6, in first game of the season

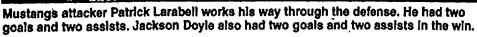






Mustang Erik Rieger tries to defend the outer edge of the field.





Northville's Nick Thurber keeps tabs on a Howell player trying to make his way into the Mustangs' zone.



A Mustangs defender uses his stick to keep a Howell player at bay Monday.

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IN THE KITCHEN



Caffè Diable

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etween the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, a "coffee belt" encircles the globe.

Here, abundant sunshine, moderate rainfall and yearround warm temperatures nurture coffee trees. At harvest time, those trees are laden with bright red coffee cherries. Encased in a thin layer of fruit is a coffee

bean — the seed of the coffee cherry.

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

of the place."

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

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

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

Tasting Terminology

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

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

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Acidity

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

Body

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



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

The most important tasting term describes the total impression of

fuller in body than those brewed

by other methods.

Havor

aroma, acidity and body. It can be used generally — "this coffee is flavorful" — or with specific attributes in mind — "this coffee has a chocolaty flavor."

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

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Great coffee with dramatic presentation Serves 4

1/2 cup Starbucks Colombia coffee 2 1/2 cups cold,

- filtered water 8 sugar cubes
- 2 teaspoons orange extract
- 4 lemon peel twists
- 4 cinnamon sticks

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

Hot Coffee Cocoa

Coffee and chocolate blended together Serves 6 to 8 For the coffee: 1/2 cup ground Starbucks French Roast coffee 4 cups water For the cocoa: 1 cup water 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder 1/3 cup granulated sogar Pinch of salt 3 cups milk or half-and-half 1/4 teaspoon vanilla

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measured amounts of coffee and water, using customary method. Keep coffee hot.

- 2. To make cocoa, in saucepan over medium heat, stir together water, cocoa powder, sugar and salt. Cook, whisking constantly, until mixture is smooth; then bring just to boil. Add milk and return to simmer. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.
- 3. Combine hot coffee and hot cocoa. Serve in mugs or heat-resistant glasses.

Spiced Coffee Elegant spices paired with heavy-bodied Sumatra coffee Serves 8

ji ji 2/3 cup ground (Starbucks Sumatra coffee 4 cinnamon sticks, crushed or broken into small pieces 6 cups water

- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom2/3 cup honey
- Half-and-half or milk
- Mix together coffee and cinnamon sticks. Using coffee-cinnamon mixture and water, brew coffee by customary method.
- 2. Add cardamom and honey to hot coffee and stir until honey dissolves.
- 3. Serve warm. Pour about 2/3 cup coffee into each cup. Pass half-and-half or milk.

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ADVERTISEMENT **Tips for Selecting** a Repair Shop and **Maintaining Your** Vehicle

WIXOM, Mich., March 30, 2006 -When it comes to cat cate, the two challenges most people face are where to go and what to do. Louis Kirby with Allstate Insurance Company is offering ips on selecting a repair shop and creating a checklist of preventive maintenance activities.

"Recent studies show that about five percent of all motor vehicle fatalities are caused by automobile mainte-nance neglect," said Executive Director of the National Car Care Council Richard D. White, "The National Car Care Council, like Allstate, encourages drivers to take an active role in maintaining their whi-active role in maintaining their whi-cle. It is the best way to avoid costly repairs down the road and ensure the safe up-keep of your automobile."

Louis Kirby says that many of his cus-tomers are not familiar with the pre-yentive checks and are also unsure of how to select a repair shop. "I work with my customers to help them understand the importance of auto-mobile maintenance," said Louis Kirby. Preventive service will extend the life of the vehicle and, more importantly, ensure proper and reli-able operation, which may mean increased salety for drivers and pas-sengers. sengers.

Allstate, the largest insurer of private passenger vehicles in the state, pro-vides its customers with the following tips for finding and working with a repair shop:

Recommendations are typically reliable. Friends, family members, colleagues, and others whom you trust can sometimes be the best resources for selecting a repair shop.

• Find a repair shop before you need a repair shop. Decisions made at the last minute or under duress may not have the best results. Research and select your repair shop before you are pressured to do so.

 Seek a seal. When visiting a repair shop, look for appropriate licenses and certifications. Typically, those certifications indicate that some or all of the technicians on staff have met basic standards of knowledge. Also, check to be sure the certifications are treent. recent.

Shop around. Research capabilities, prices, and technicians for the best deal and most efficient service. Also, try to find a shop that honors your vehicle's warranty, if applicable.

• Get Estimates and Keep Receipts. Always get and keep a signed written cost estimate for the work to be per-formed. Make sure the estimate is detailed and states that the shop will contact you for approval before going forward with work. When completed, get a repair order that offers a detailed description of the work that has been done.

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Photo by HAL GOULD/GANNETT NEWS SERVICES Proud homeowners, Bruce and Deauna, stand in their recently renovated kitchen with members of the Jim Seghi Renovations crew: Kevin Barnes, Jim Seghi, and Mike Schmitt.

Seghi Renovations: dream homes

Local builder transforms vision into home reality

He may not use a crystal ball, but builder Jim Seghi does have a clear vision when it comes to home design and renovation. While many homeowners may see only four walls in desperate need of improvements, the New Hudson builder sees only potential.

"I have the vision. I've seen ugly is as ugly does. My job is turning dreams into reality," said Seghi. "That's our motto."

As a specialist in renovations, he knows clients are always pleasantly surprised when they realize what can be accomplished with their existing home. After all, con-



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as well. It's not unusual for him to drive around the block to get a feel for what fits best in the neighborhood.

"I'm there to prevent them from making mistakes," he adds.

Finally, his signature trademark is building a "wow" factor to polish off each home or project. There are certain things you can do which don't cost a lot, but make the difference between ordinary and extraordinary," said Seghi. One of his favorites includes turnbled marble or ceramic backsplashes in the kitchen and or bath.

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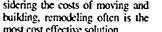
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more bumping into people in the

kitchen," he added. "We couldn't

be happier with the way it turned

The costs came in within esti-

South Lyon homeowners,

mate and the project was finished

DeAnna and Bruce, were planning

to remodel for several years before

they contacted Jim Seghi. So, they

had a pretty good idea of what they

wanted. A couple who enjoys

entertaining, their main goal was

to "make the kitchen more user

"We actually had more than

Making It Happen

The first step is to focus on the homeowner's priorities. "That why I go to the job per-

sonally. I take the time to listen to them," Seghi explained.

The initial consultation usually lasts an hour to two hours, depending on the size of the project. At the time, he's brainstorming the possibilities with the prospective client. It's kind of like putting together the pieces to a puzzle, he remarked. Years of experience help him guide customers through the planning process.

"I pull the whole job together. I help them choose everything from soup to nuts."

Most often he brings up ideas the owner hasn't considered. Mitch of Northville says he was impressed with the suggestions Seghi made during the initial consultation for his kitchen remodel. "He just had a good vision since

he's done so many remodels," DeAnna with the original concept, and Seghi for showing them how it For example, he suggested that a could be done.

One major change included removing two smaller windows and installing a large 10-foot window to open up the kitchen.

"That in itself opened up the area. It makes the kitchen warm and more alive," he added. The whole process "went more smoothly than we thought. Jim stayed on top of it, and cleaned up every day."

Upon completion, Bruce remarked it doesn't look like a "remodel" it blends perfectly with the rest of the home. "People are floored with the difference." It's now DeAnna's favorite room.

Joining the 21st Century

Now joining the electronic generation, a laptop and the internet are now Seghi's latest planning tools. With the addition of a

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"portable office" he's able to show

customers before and after pictures

for illustrations or hook up to a

supplier's Web site to help select

materials, such as new faucets. It's

just one of many ways Seghi

works to make the entire planning

point. It saves lots of legwork," he

This is such a good starting

As a contractor he understands

the importance of providing value

to the customer. He'll work hard to

find the smartest choice by asking

Is the investment worth the

cost? Does the renovation and its

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Color is another way you can "spice up" a décor without spending extra cash.

"It doesn't have to be off white to be neutral. There are a lot of great colors that you can use that will blend well."

Remodel Even If You Plan To Move

It may sound impractical at first, but in many cases, remodeling may be necessary to sell your home. Seghi says that often homeowners put their home for sale, and then realize they need to add features for marketability. Right now there are three popular items customers demand in the \$250,000 and up category, including a master suite with bath and walk in closet, three car garage and first floor laundry. It's not surprising that once improvements are complete, the home owners like it so well they decide to stay.

Ask Jim Seghi's to expand your home's possibilities. Contact his New Hudson office at (248) 437-2454.



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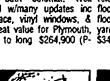




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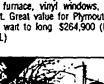


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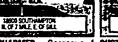






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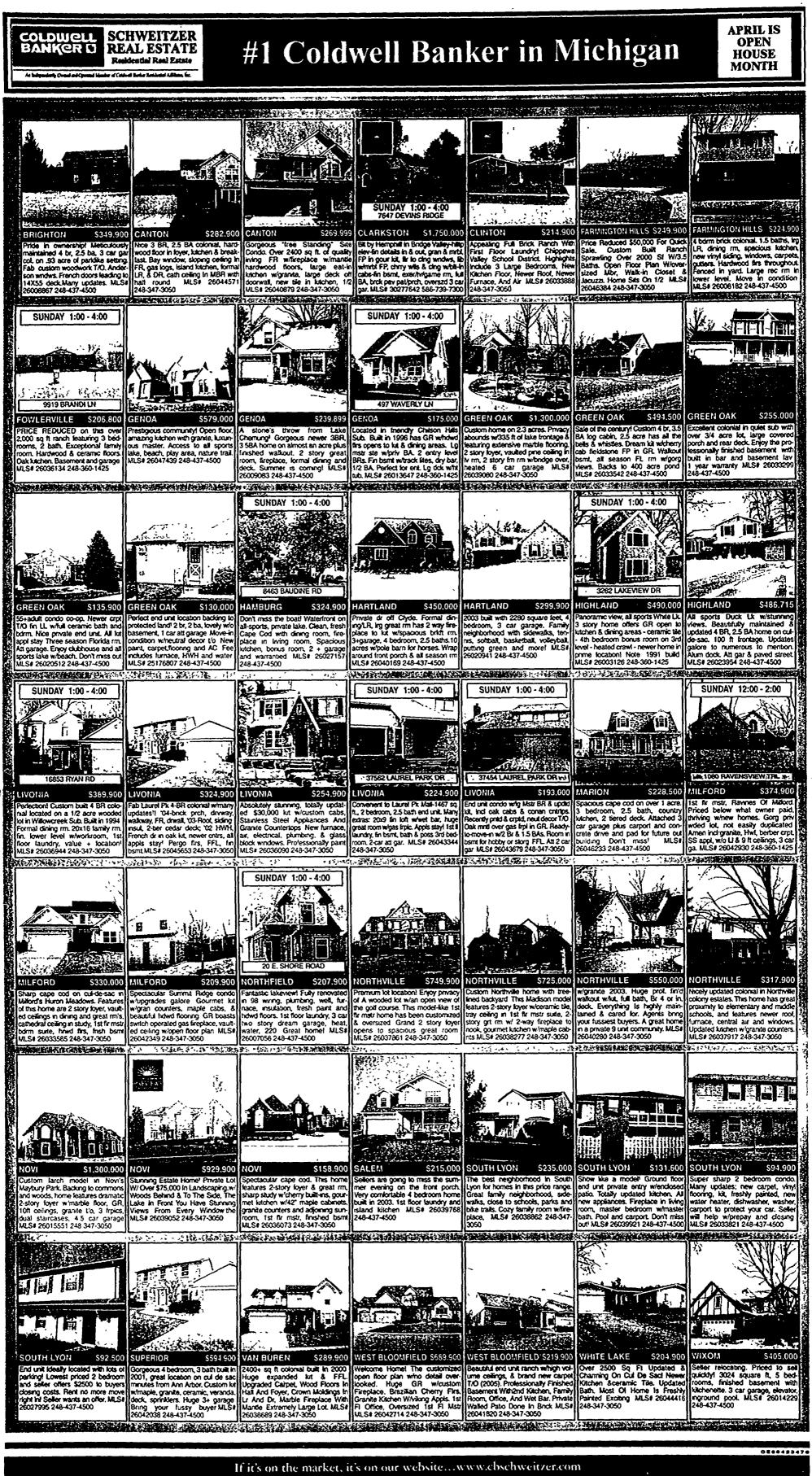




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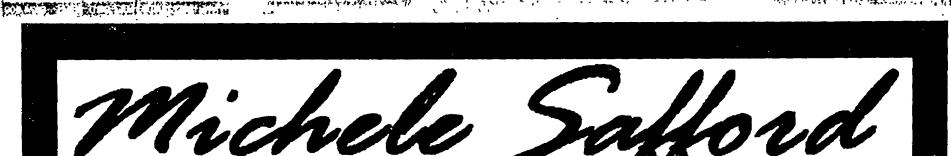
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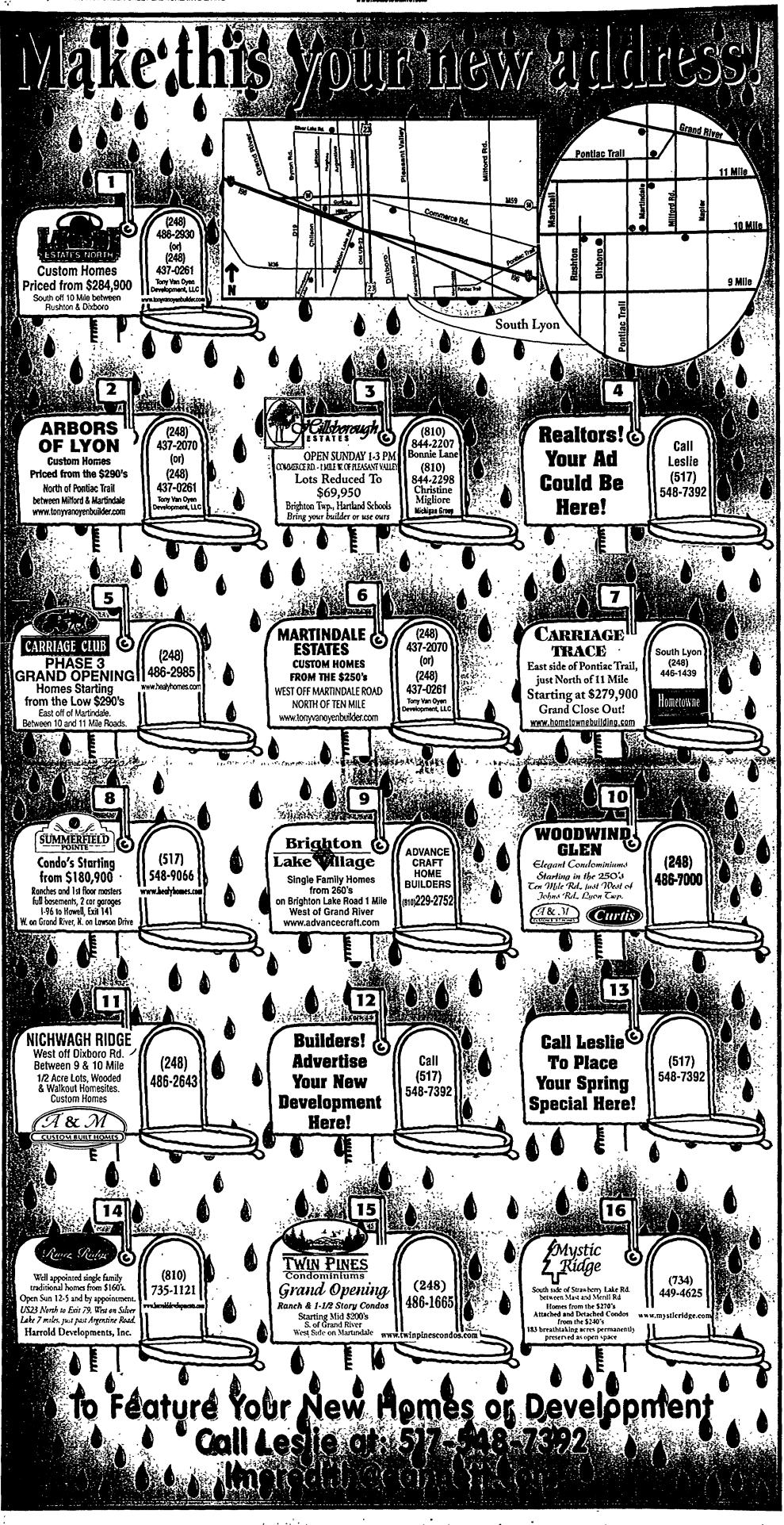




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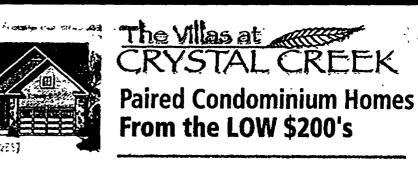
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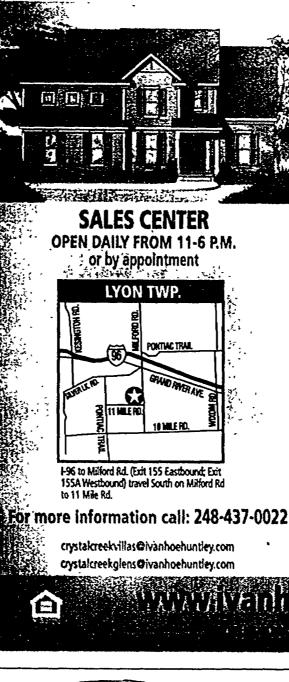




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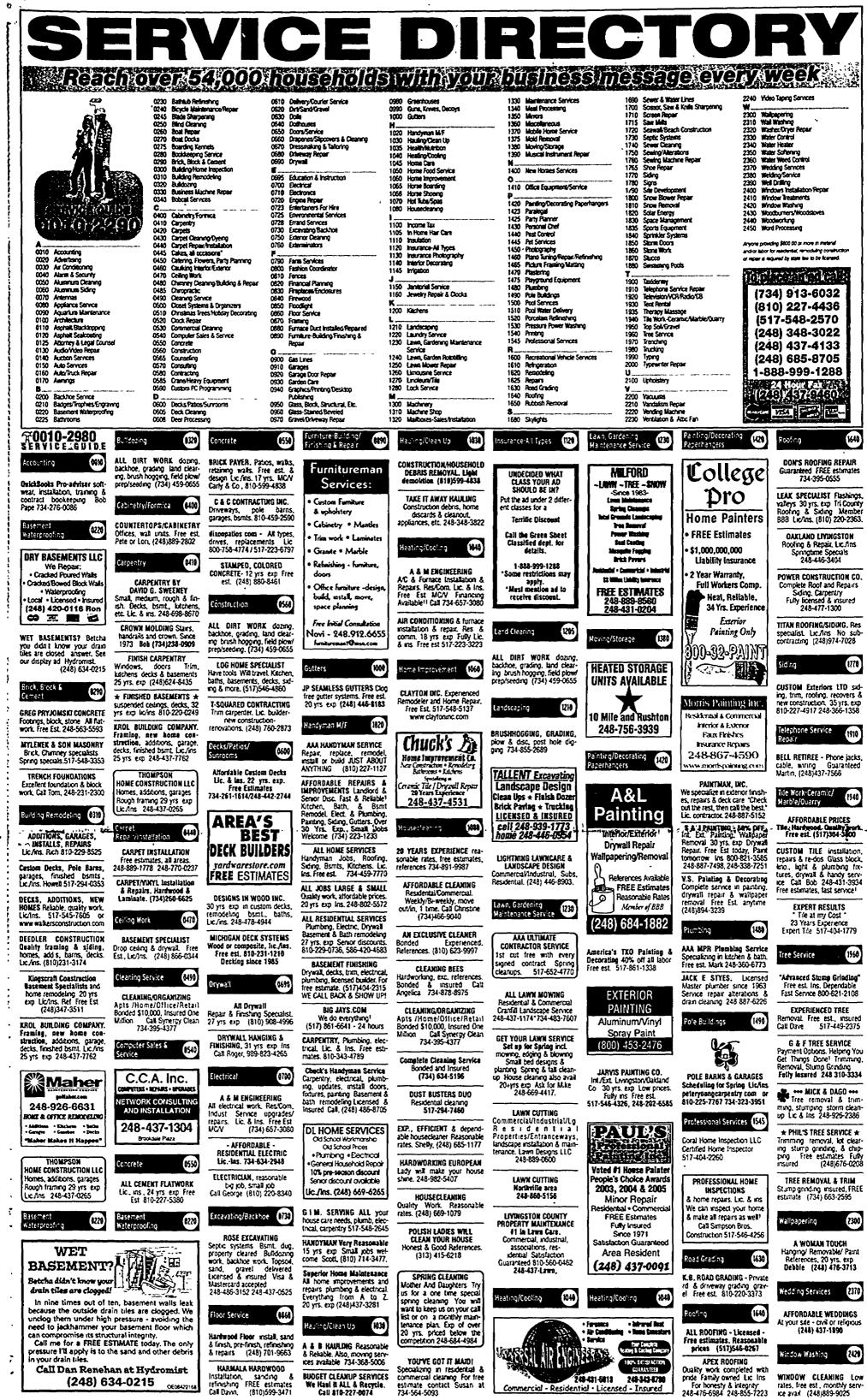
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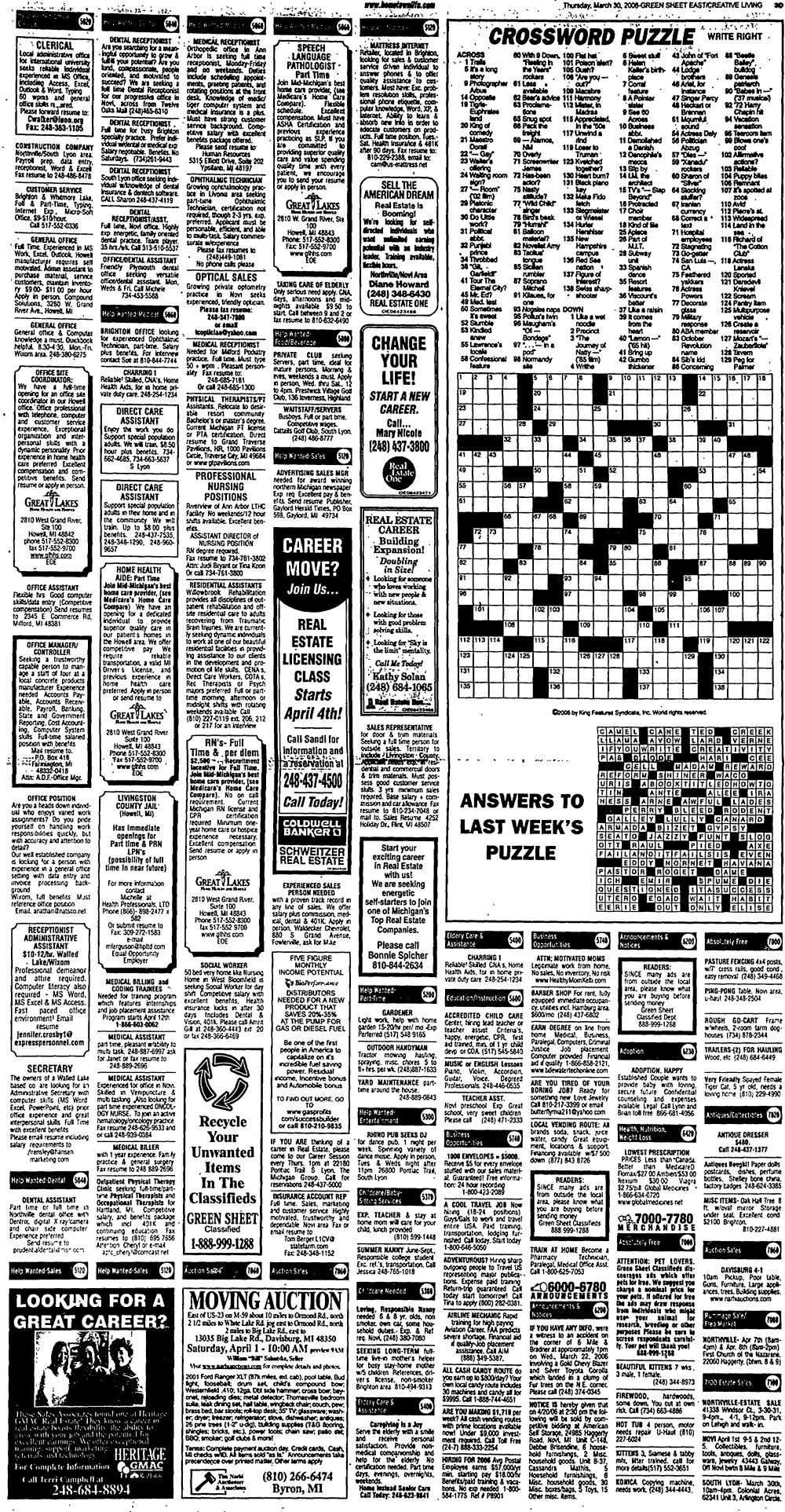
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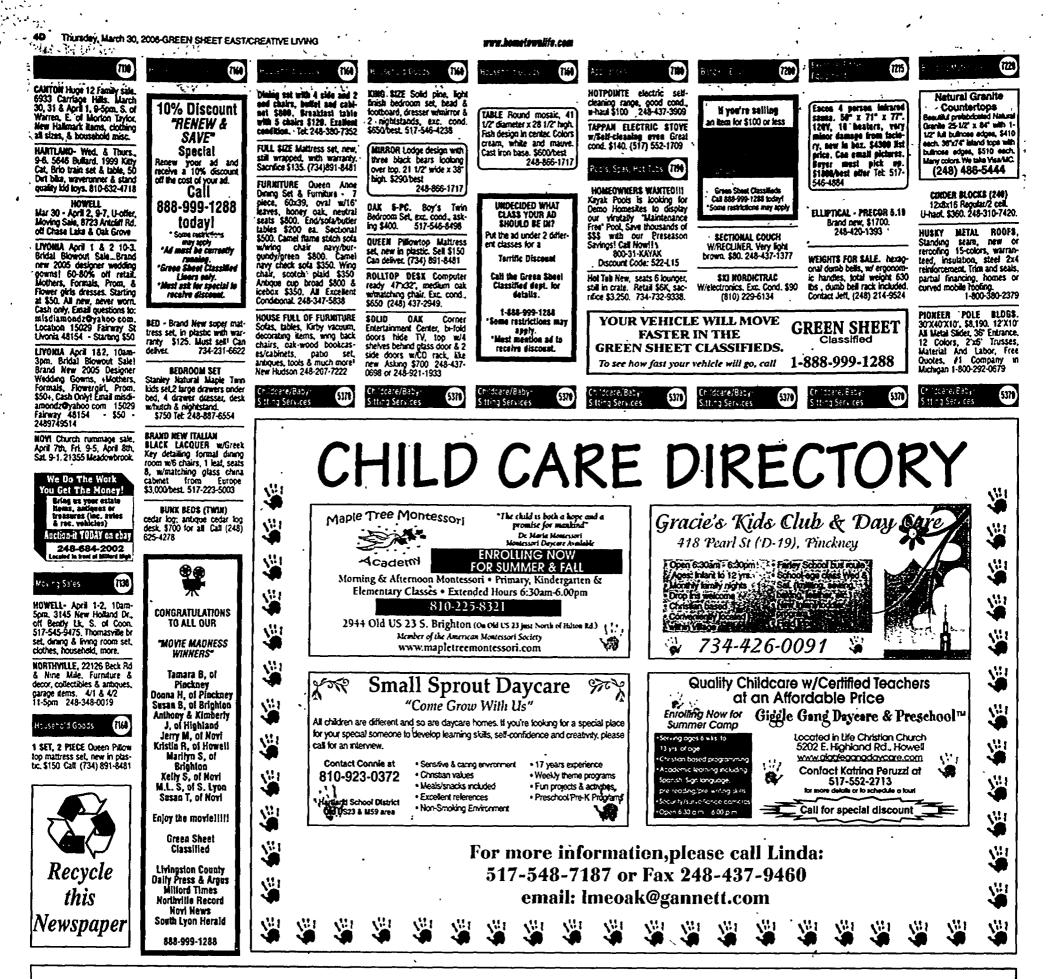


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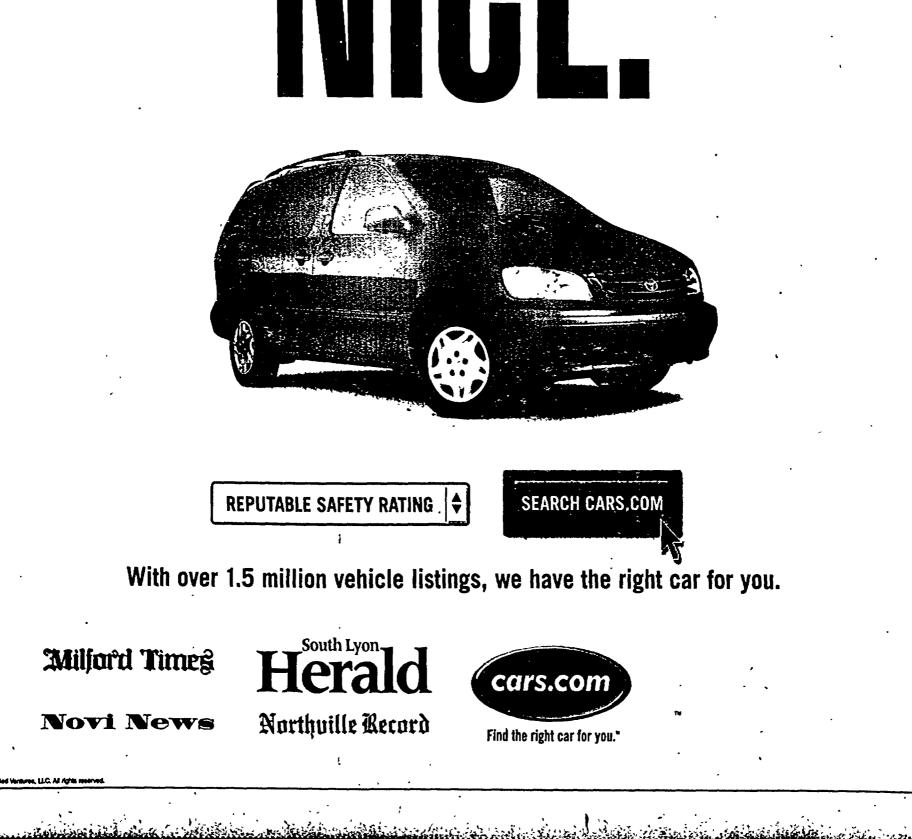
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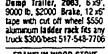
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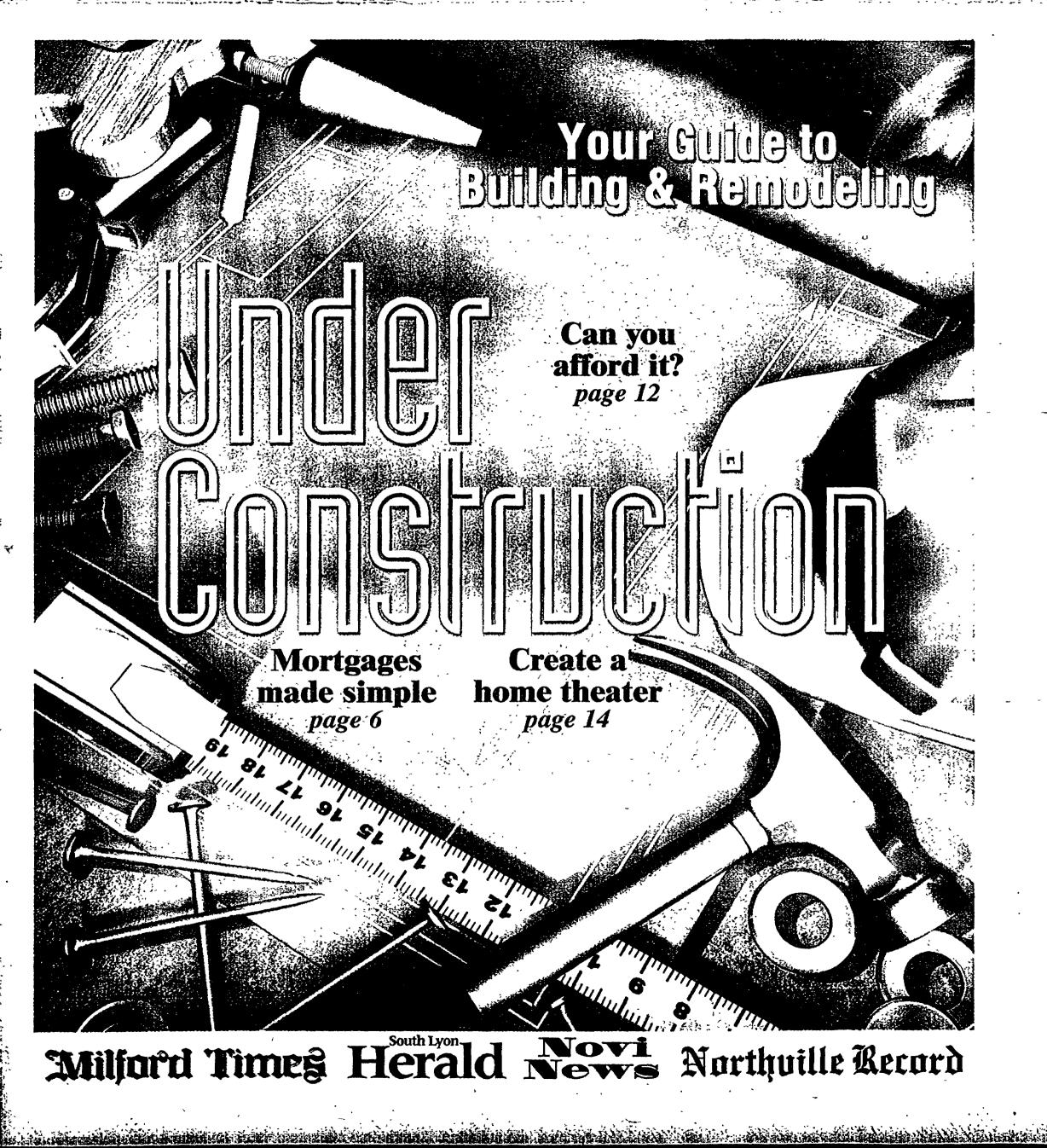
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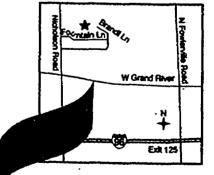
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### Create a low-maintenance home

**H** ectic schedules, long work hours and business travel leave little time for homeowners to keep up with the regular maintenance needed to care for a home. During the past several decades an abundance of products have been introduced that are designed to reduce the hassles and efforts needed to keep a home in top shape.

"The evolution of low-maintenance products is one of the greatest achievements in the building products industry," according to Don Zeman, host of the home improvement radio show, "Homefront with Don Zeman."

"From the introduction of vinyl window frames that never need painting to porch rail systems that don't rot, decay or attract termites, everyone wins with low-maintenance products," says Zeman, who was a contractor and builder for 25 years before starting his nationally syndicated show. "Homeowners find that the labor and money saved with lowmaintenance products allow them more free time to enjoy their homes."

According to a survey of customer preferences conducted by the National Association of Home Builders, low maintenance figures prominently into building product purchase decisions. In the report "What 21st Century Home Buyers Want," low maintenance ranked as the second-highest reason for selecting wall materials for the front exterior of the home and the primary reason for choosing wall materials for the other three sides of the home. In the survey, low-maintenance brick and vinyl sidings were the most requested choices for siding. "Two key things have occurred that make homeowners more conscious of low-maintenance materials," says Zeman, whose "News from the Homefront" television segments are seen nationwide. "First, the quality and variety of products in this category continue to increase each year. Second, the free time homeowners have available to spend on home maintenance continues to decrease so they're constantly seeking out ways to create an easycare home."

From his vantage point of reviewing thousands of products and projects each year, Zeman offers several ways homeowners can make their homes easier to maintain.

**Project 1** — Accessorize the exterior of your home with durable urethane products. Easy-care shutters, window and door trim pieces, louvers and balustrade systems resist warping, weather damage and insect infestations. These products are longer-lasting than wood products because they don't absorb moisture and are weather resistant.

**Project 2** — Try composite decking. Made from plastic and wood fibers, this low-maintenance product installs and cuts like wood, but resists rot and insects. There's no painting or staining required and in many cases fasteners are hidden. The investment in composite decking pays back during the resale of a home and during all those weekends you're not forced to strip and reseal a wood deck.

**Project 3**—Invest in vinyl siding with insulator boards behind them to create the most energy-efficient and low-maintenance exterior possible. There are a wide variety of vinyl siding textures and colors available, including woodgrain replications.

**Project 4** — Forget about hanging shades or blinds in areas of the home where you desire privacy. Instead, install obscure acrylic block windows that guarantee privacy. Both the blocks and vinyl frames are easy to maintain with mild soap and water. Acrylic block windows in operable casement and awning styles along with large, fixed picture windows are available.

**Project 5** — When ordering windows for your home, make sure to request the tilt-in sash option. This feature eliminates the need to clean the outside of your windows by standing on a ladder because you can use the tilt-in feature to quickly and easily clean the glass from the inside of the house.

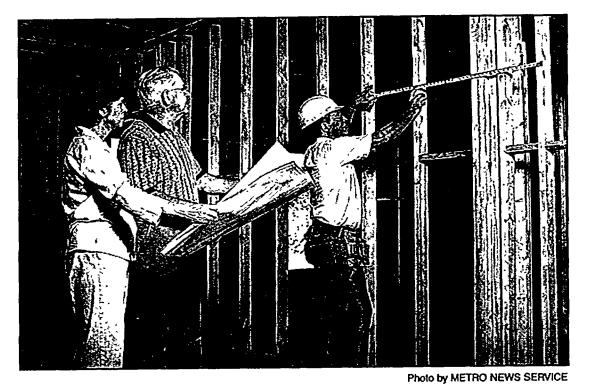
**Project 6**— Install moisture resistant urethane mouldings and decorative millwork in extremely humid areas of the home, such as bathrooms and kitchens. No matter how much steam is produced from showers or cooking, these products won't warp.

**Project 7** — Invest in a solid-surface countertop for your kitchen. This man-made material can have the look and feel of stone or marble while offering the advantage of needing only soap and water for cleanup. Most solid-surface countertops are seamless and resist stains, chemicals and scratches. Color and style options are almost limitless and there are no veneers to chip, crack, peel or wear out.

For more tips and ideas on making your home more comfortable, along with information on products discussed here, visit www.homefront.com.



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New home plans now include more of what homeowners want.

## Consumers want their homes to fit lifestyles

he booming real-estate market of recent years has challenged builders to meet the demand of consumers in the way of new house construction. What's more, builders have also been given the task of producing not only more homes, but ones that are affordable and meet the evolving preferences of today's home buyer. As a result, homes are being built that cater to the lifestyles of the modern homeowner.

Drive around a new home development and you're likely to discover one obvious fact instantly: new homes are much larger than their older counterparts. According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, square footage of homes built in 2004 was nearly 140 percent greater than homes built in 1950.

However, you may also notice that although houses are bigger, yards may be smaller or non-existent. Why? Homeowners want large homes to house their toys, but may have less interest in maintaining outdoor living spaces.

Here is a look at some of the interior home trends.

In addition to offering larger square footage, many of today's new homes are designed to include useful living spaces. As telecommuting becomes increasingly popular in today's business environment, dedicated home offices top the list of wants from home buyers, and these rooms are wired for business. A recent study by the Consumer Electronics Association said that approximately 60 percent of new homes include a network of high-speed data, voice and HDTV-capable wiring.

An open floor plan is also a common theme among new construction. Buyers are no longer interested in a formal dining room and living room to act as an unused showcase. Rather, some builders have nixed the living room in lieu of a great room, which includes a spacious eat-in-kitchen that opens up to a den or game room. The recreation area is decidedly designed around flat-screen televisions and elaborate home- theater systems. Gone are the days when homeowners would house electronics within an entertainment center or behind closed doors. Today's gadget lovers want their top-of-the line products on display and in use.

With living spaces adjacent to the kitchen/eating area, family members can congregate in the same area while enjoying their respective activities. These spaces are also great for homeowners who enjoy entertaining in their homes.

Elaborate laundry rooms have also been added to new construction master plans. Yet the jury is still out as to the preferred location of such laundry rooms. Some homeowners prefer it on the ground floor, off the kitchen, to act as a mudroom or transition space into the body of the home. Others want it upstairs or by the bedrooms where the majority of dirty laundry is generated.

Another room which has popped up as of late is a private space for some family members, like in-laws or caregivers. That is why bedrooms off the kitchen or garage have become common. And in regard to the garage: It's bigger than in past years. Many new garages are built two feet deeper so that minivans and SUVs will fit comfortably.

With homes much larger, energy costs are likely a concern for homeowners. That's why many builders are also including "smart home" features, equipping their houses with technology that controls home systems from one location. Heating, security, cooling, audio and other systems can be programmed, helping owners use fewer resources. These systems are also accessed via the Web, so homeowners can turn the heat down a notch anywhere they have access to the Internet.

As homeowners' preferences continue to evolve through the years, builders will surely have an ear open to their wants and needs to build homes that will offer the most bang for their buck.

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### Desired features determine floorplan

#### By Candy Spiegel SPECIAL SECTIONS

Before finding deciding on a floor plan, make sure it has all of the features that are important to the family.

Use this worksheet to determine which features of a home are the most important.

Mark wish list-items with a "W" and necessary items with an "N."

Fill in additional details and take it to the builder. From this, they can help select the floor plan that will work best. And, they canmake sure extra funds in the budget are spent on what is most important to the homeowners.

For example, if a fireplace in the master bedroom isn't important, but a large dressing room is, they can take the money from the fireplace and put it into building a dressing room.

Items to consider when designing or selecting a floor plan:

#### Outside

\_ Number of stories

\_\_\_ Garage Number of cars: \_

\_\_\_\_ Shed or outbuildings Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Pool or spa

\_\_\_\_ Deck or large porch

\_\_\_\_ Walk-out basement

\_\_\_\_ Basement

### Rooms

\_ Number of bedrooms

- \_\_\_ Number of full bathrooms
- \_\_\_\_ Number of half bathrooms
- \_\_\_\_ Formal dining room
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- \_ Additional master bedrooms \_ Mother-in-law suite \_ Great room
- \_\_\_\_ Exercise room

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- \_\_\_\_ Morning room
- \_\_\_\_ Theater or media room
- \_\_\_\_ Laundry room
- \_ Room for unique or special furnishings Explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_

### Details

- Eating area in kitchen
- \_\_\_\_ Sitting room in master suite
- \_\_ Walk-in closets Where?\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ Fireplaces Where?
- \_\_\_\_ Bar \_\_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_\_
- <u>\_\_\_\_\_ Special considerations</u> Explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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### Add living space with a basement remodel

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By Aaron O'Hanlon Special Writer

already have. Basement remodeling can be more economical than building an addition, because, with the walls, floor, ceiling and utilities in place, your space is already about 30 percent finished.

"Basements are the lowest cost living space you can add to a home," said Jim Faydenko president of Remodeling Remedies, located in South Lyon, Michigan, "Cost ranges from a low \$45 per square feet to over \$65 for high end remodels".

Also, since you're building within the existing envelope of the house, you don't have to worry about zoning issues such as setback from property lines, height restrictions, or solar shading of your neighbor.

Yet, before you even consider contacting a contractor there are some important things to consider about basement remodeling.

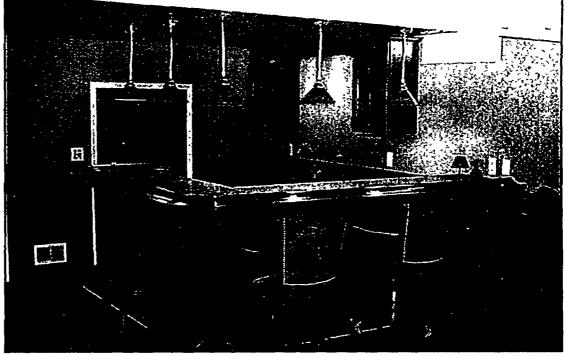
#### Moisture

Basements are the largest source of moisture in homes and typically, let in over 15 gallons of moisture each day. That is much more than cooking and showering combined (3-5 gallons per day). Most moisture infiltrates into basements in the form of water vapor, which is invisible, unlike steam condensing above a pot with boiling water. Low air pressure inside buildings draws in soil gas with water vapor from the ground through all openings and pores in the concrete. Concrete is not a rock. Just like wood, it needs a sealer — protection against water and deterioration. Seal the concrete before finishing the basement, enclosing the walls or covering the slab, or just painting concrete. It is a simple do-it-yourself project and avoids putting your basement remodeling investment, as well as your family's health, at risk.

Safety

Both the Michigan Residential and the Michigan Building Codes require emergency escape and rescue openings in residential and I-1 use groups for buildings applicable to the bottom three stories and basement of buildings. If a basement contains rooms or spaces meeting the requirements for habitability an emergency escape and rescue window or exterior door is required.

Give special attention to the heating and ventilation system. Proper ventilation will keep basements from feeling damp and stagnant. When your home was first built, the odds are that there were few if any registers or vents installed in the basement. When you remodel your basement, you need to think about the need for good air circulation, adding openings where necessary. You'll also have to include a return air duct, but it's important that it be located far from the furnace. Otherwise, it may suck dangerous furnace exhaust fumes back into the house.



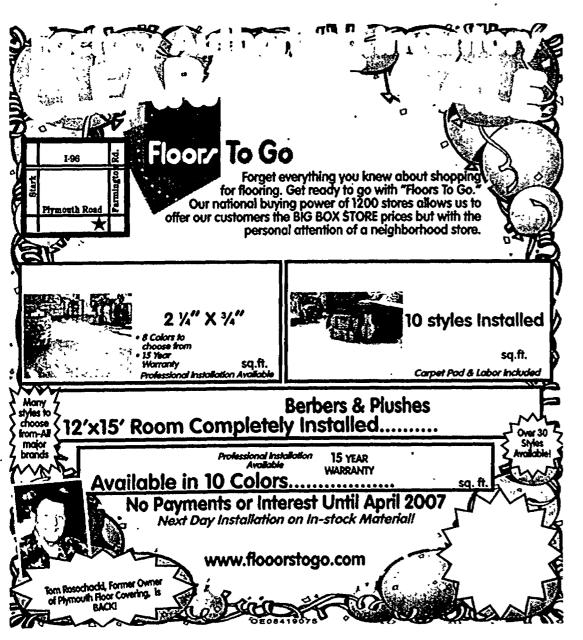
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Because a basement exists in the envelope of the house, zoning issues, height restrictions and solar shading of neighbors are not considerations when remodeling a basement. These factors and more contribute to basements being the lowest-cost living space that can be added to a home.

#### Design

Think carefully about your family's needs — now and in the future. When you design, keep those changing needs in mind. A playroom now will need to become something else in a few years. Plan for it and you won't have to do a complete overhaul again.

"You want to work with a company that has a qualified design person. They can transform a basement into a lower level," said Faydenko.





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# Mortgages made simple

o you want to buy a new home. Unless you have the cash to entirely finance the purchase, you'll need to get a mortgage — a legal contract that pledges a property as security for a loan. The property is basically the collateral for the mortgage that you take out. If you don't make payments as agreed in the mortgage contract, the lender can take possession of your home through foreclosure.

Since the cost of a home can run into hundreds of thousands of dollars, a mortgage loan tends to be for a very large sum of money that you get to pay off over a long period of time --- usually around 15 to 30 years. You can obtain a mortgage from a bank, a mortgage broker or wholesale lender.

Since a mortgage represents a hefty investment on your part, and there are many kinds from which to choose, it's wise to be diligent in your research and selection of a particular mortgage loan. Be absolutely sure that it is well suited to your needs and that you can afford to pay it for as long as you plan to remain in the home.

To help you get started, here's a rundown on the different types of mortgages available, courtesy of MortgageLinks.org and Homestore.com, two online informational resources on home buying and mortgage loans.

#### Most common mortgages

Fixed Rate (FRM): The mortgage-payment rate and loan payments remain fixed for the life of the loan, usually 30 years.

Shorter term fixed rates (usually 15 or 20 years) carry lower interest rates, higher payments, and less money paid out than with longer term loan mortgages.

Longer term fixed rates have smaller monthly payments and are easier to budget than shorter term mortgage loans.

Adjustable Rate (ARM): Interest rates start lower than with a fixed-rate mortgage, but then become variable. At specific intervals (typically every year), a lender adjusts the rate up or down as interest rates fluctuate.

Its lower initial rate can help you qualify for a larger mortgage loan. If you know your income will rise to keep pace with an ARM's periodic adjustment, and you plan to move in a few years, an ARM could be a good choice.

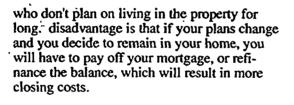
#### Less common mortgages

Although the majority of buyers will go with the standard fixed-rate or adjustable-rate mortgages, there are other types of mortgages that are available to finance your piece of real estate:

■ Balloon: Gives borrowers lower rates and payments for a specific period of time — anywhere from three to 10 years. After that point, the borrower has to pay off the principal (amount borrowed) balance in a lump sum.

Under certain conditions, they can be converted to fixed-rate or adjustable-rate loans. Many borrowers either sell their homes before they get to their due dates, or end up refinancing their balances into new mortgages.

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■ Jumbo: Considered a non-conforming loan because it exceeds the loan limit set by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the two publicly chartered corporations that buy mortgage loans from lenders), thereby ensuring that mortgage money is available at all times in all locations around the country.

If you require more money in your loan, then a jumbo mortgage may be a good option. You'll have the opportunity to purchase larger, more expensive properties, but you'll also be paying a higher interest rate in exchange for the lender's higher risk.

■ Subprime: reserved for individuals with less-than-satisfactory credit, based on their FICO scores (FICO scores are a number assigned to you based on your credit rating).

These mortgage loans have higher interest rates and more burdensome terms than conventional loans, but they give bruised-credit borrowers a chance to reap the benefits of homeownership just like their more creditworthy cousins.

Be prepared for inconsistent terms because interest rates, fees, and underwriting guidelines can vary drastically among lenders.

Assumable: Relatively rare, but a home-

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If rates are low and you can get one, by all means, do so. If rates rise, buyers will be able to assume your loan at the rate you currently pay (and will be willing to pay more for your house) because it will be much cheaper than any loan they could get from a bank or other source.

An advantage of an assumable mortgage is that it reduces monthly payments and saves money on closing costs

A disadvantage is that sellers will charge more for their property, so buyers need more cash to cover the difference between the asking price and the loan balance.

Two-step: Combines elements of fixed and adjustable-rate mortgages. Features a fixed rate and payment for an initial period, followed by one adjustment, then a fixed rate and payment for the remainder of the loan term.

These mortgages will have names such as 2/28, 5/25 or 7/23. A 7/23 mortgage, for example, has an initial fixed period of seven years, an adjustment, and then 23 more years of payments following the adjustment. These mort-gages give borrowers with damaged credit an opportunity to buy a home and to establish better credit.

However, if your credit does not improve, you could be stuck in a high-rate loan for much longer than two or three years.

**Biweekly:** a fixed-rate mortgage in which

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payments are made every other week instead of monthly. It is a method used to shorten the life of a 30-year mortgage simply by dividing what would be your monthly payment into two. That means you will be paying 26 "halfpayments" a year (the equivalent of 13 monthly payments), with the 13th monthly payment being applied entirely to the balance of the principal. By making more payments, you'll have a dramatic impact on the length of the loan.

For example, a 30-year loan can be paid off in about 23 years through this method. The only tricky part of changing to a biweekly mortgage is in making sure your lender accepts your payments and correctly credits the extra portion to the principal.

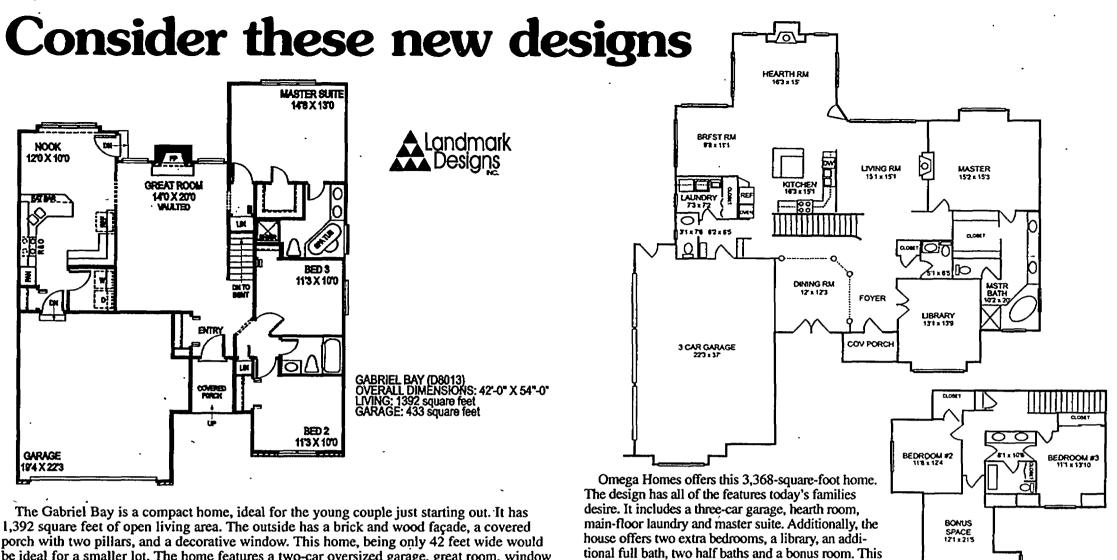
Besides cutting your mortgage short, biweekly payments could serve as a good budgeting tool for many people, although it is not recommended for people who may encounter financial problems since these payments are made so close together.

■ Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Eligible parties may qualify for a down payment (as low as three percent). Loans come from lenders approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

■ VA loans: The Department of Veterans Affairs helps eligible veterans and service personnel to get loans through conventional lenders. Down payments may not be required. -- Metro News Service

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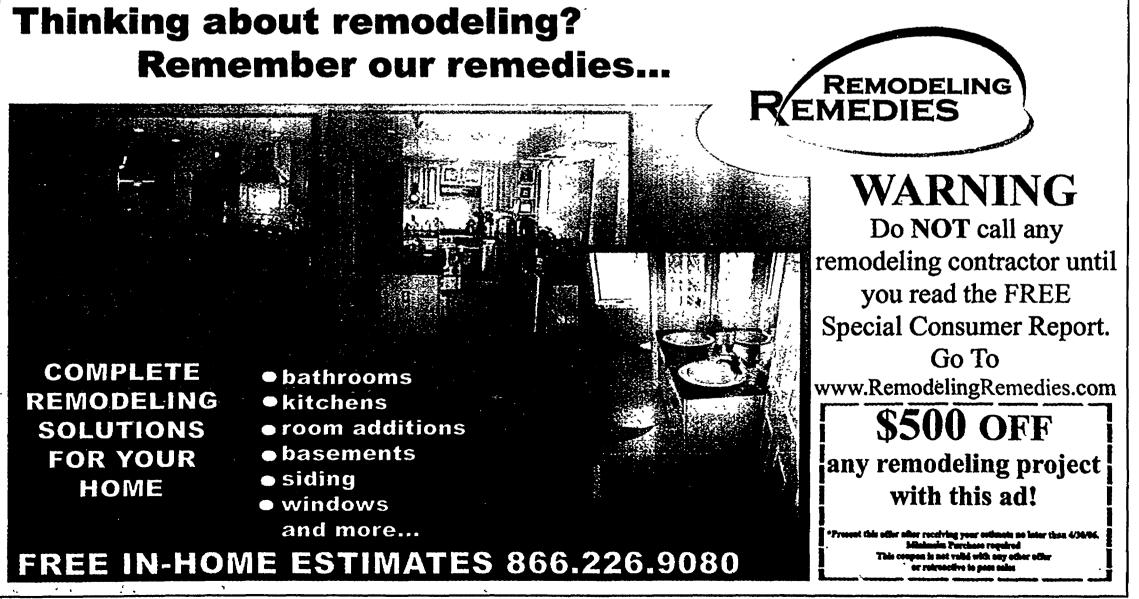
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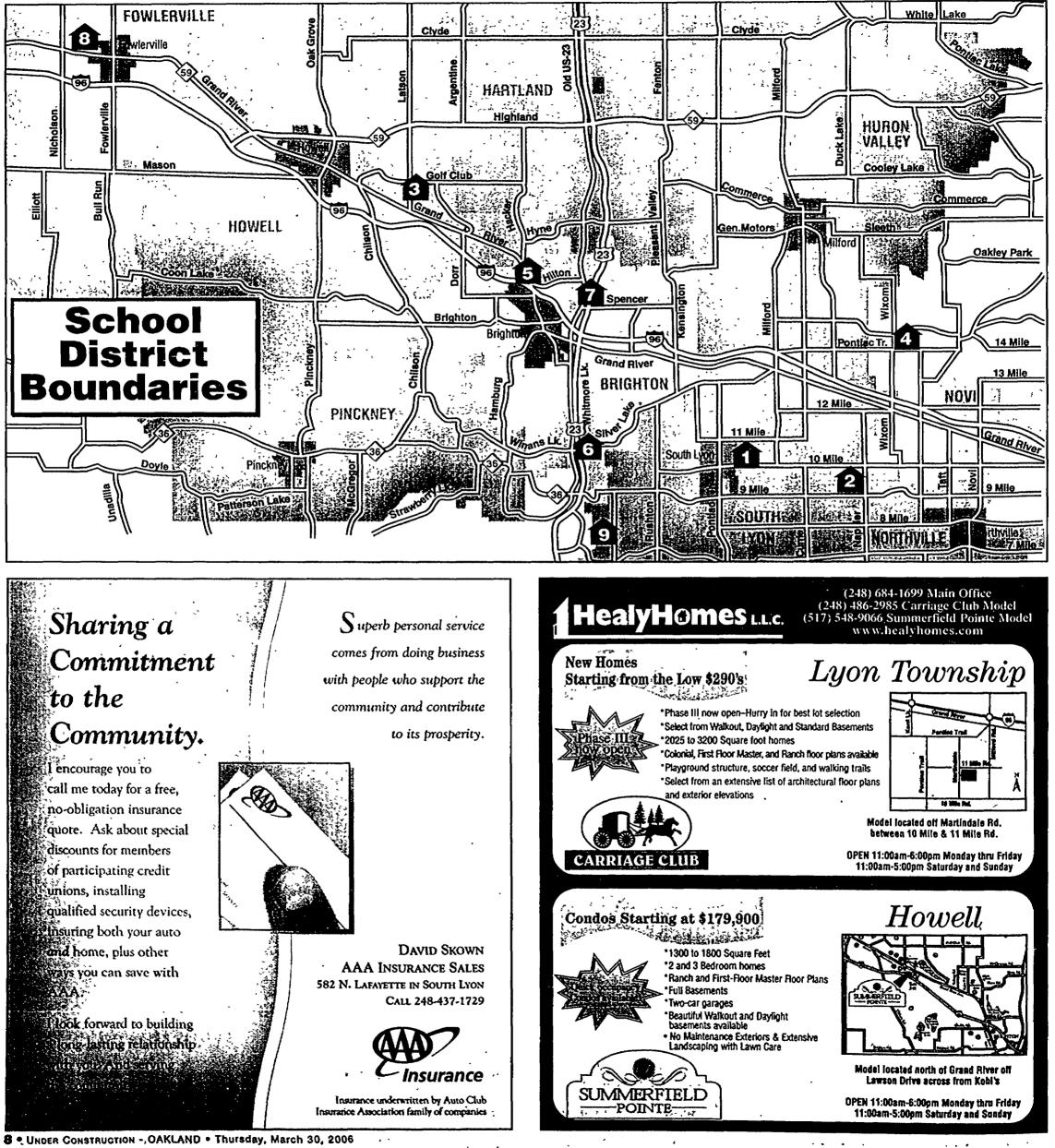
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### Consider school system when selecting new home

By Candy Spiegel SPECIAL SECTIONS

Location. Location. Location. In real estate, it's all about location. In addition to finding the right house, today's families must also consider which school district their new home will be located in.

Although each of these area schools offer exceptional learning environments, parents may have a preference of one school over another. To make it easy, the map at the left shows where these new home developments fall in the local school districts.

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### Plan energy efficiency into new construction

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The best time to incorporate energy-efficient heating and cooling systems into a home is during initial construction. Some components may be pricey, but the savings in lower monthly energy bills will quickly add up.

#### Insulation

When building a house, the first important energy-saving step a homeowner can take is having the correct insulation for the home installed properly.

Ask the builder to recommend a reputable insulation contractor, preferably someone the builder has worked with in the past. Ask the insulation contractor about his insulation packages. A basic new construction package may not offer the extra sealing and caulking around electrical boxes and outside wall outlets that will stop air leaks.

#### Windows and doors

Since windows and doors are actually holes in a house's insulated walls, the biggest energy loss is due to what covers these holes.

Purchasing the best windows affordable with the lowest E coating and highest R value available is the next important step in building an energy efficient house.

Thermal windows with a low E coating barrier or argon gas between the double or triple panes prevent sun from heating up a cooled house or heated air from transferring to cold outdoor air.

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Since wood is a natural insulator, wooden frames provide the best thermal gap, preventing conductivity between the inside and outside air.

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When choosing outside doors for the new house, choose one with the highest R value affordable.

Door seals are rated according to the infiltration of air and are separate from the R rating of the door itself. When rating door seals, the lower the number the better the seal.

#### Heating

When installing a new home's heating and cooling systems, "get the highest efficiency units you can," Paul Fallert recommended. Fallert, who has owned and operated Fallert Mechanical for the past 25 years, pointed out several energy saving options for heating.

"For natural gas and propane users, a furnace rated plus 90 is the way to go," he recommended. These furnaces operate at 90 percent or better efficiency.

"A geothermal unit is the best value for the dollar because of the rising price of gas and propane," Fallert said. "The initial cost is more but the payback is pretty quick."

Fallert said he is seeing growing interest in air heat pumps in Michigan as the cost of gas goes up.

#### Air conditioning

For cooling the indoor air in the summer months, Fallert points to air-conditioning units with the new Department of Energy SEER rating of 13 or better.

"A 13 rating means you can realize a 30

percent savings on your cooling bill," Fallert said. "The higher the rating the higher the savings."

Fallert recommends air conditioners that use the new R410A refrigerant. Known as Puron in one manufacturer's line, R410A is safer for the environment and more efficient in the cooling process. Units with less efficient and environmentally unfriendly R22 and R12 are still available, but will be phased out by 2010.

### Water heater

How the home's water will be heated is another area to consider for energy savings when building. "The best thing is to get a well- insulated water heater," Fallert said. "Remember, most of the time, the hot water is just sitting there." On-demand hot water systems, where water is heated the instant it is needed, have been around for years in Europe. "Installing one of these during new construction makes sense since the unit has to be near an outside wall for a direct vent," Fallert explained. "They are expensive but the payback is pretty short."

#### Mechanical ventilation

As houses are built tighter to prevent heating and cooling losses, air quality becomes more of a concern. According to Fallert, people planning new construction have the perfect opportunity to consider installing mechanical ventilation systems.

These systems, known as HRV for heat recovery ventilation or ERV for energy recovery ventilation, recover some of the heating or

### **ENERGY-WISE BUILDING**

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- Choose door seals with the lowest rating number available.
- Install a Plus 90 gas or propane furnace.
- Consider geothermal or air heat pumps.
- Install an air conditioner with a SEER rating of 13 or above.
- Install an insulated water heater or consider an on-demand unit.

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cooling when air is exhausted from the house. A ventilation unit is separate from the heating and cooling systems but can use the existing duct system.

"There are a lot of them in use in northern areas like Wisconsin and Minnesota," Fallert said. "As houses get tighter, we'll see a lot more of these units in Michigan."



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## Tackle those remodeling projects with these tips

ow do I find a contractor? Where should I invest my limited remodeling dollars? What building materials are the best to use? If these remodeling questions haunt you and cause sleepless nights, then step back and take some tips from a professional.

Remodeler Danny Lipford, host of the television show, "Today's Home-owner with Danny Lipford" and resident home-improvement expert on "The Weather Channel" and "The CBS Early Show," has identified 10 easy steps to tackling home improvement projects.

"Remodeling your home should be an exciting venture, not a trek through alligatorinfested waters," says Lipford, who has operated his Alabama-based remodeling company for more than 20 years. "Knowledge is powerful. Understanding how contractors work and especially how you can work as a team with your contractor is your best step towards having a successful start-to-finish remodeling project."

Based on his extensive remodeling work, Lipford has identified the following tips for homeowners who are overseeing either large or small remodeling projects.

Tip No. 1 — Spend More Time Checking Out Your Contractor Than Your Countertops. The most critical factor in any remodel is your contractor — without him or her, nothing happens. First check out whether your candidates have current licenses and insurance (worker's comp and liability), and how reputable they are in business. Next, talk to several past clients (from a list of at least 10) and look at their work (one several years old and one that is currently being worked on). Finally, make sure you are comfortable with how this person works with you. Does he or she answer your questions? Pay attention to details? Listen to your wants and concerns?

Tip No. 2 — Don't Take the Lowest Bid. It's tempting to go for the lowest price, but this isn't like shopping for an item online or in a store. Every contractor offers a different level of service and skill. In most cases, the lowest bidder is offering the lowest level of these key ingredients — not sufficient for many homeowners when the inevitable complications start piling up.

Tip No. 3 — Don't Bite Off More Than You Can Chew At One Time. To maintain both your finances and your sanity, don't try to turn your dreams into reality all at once. Stage your project by deciding which things you need to correct first in your house — it may not always be the fun stuff like redoing a kitchen or creating a master bath. Start with projects that involve the structure including basics like windows and major systems; and then move on to updating finishes.

Tip No. 4 — Don't Cheap Out on What's Inside The Walls, Roof and Floors. The finishes are what you'll be showing off to friends and neighbors, but it's the structure, insulation, and electrical, plumbing, and heating/cooling systems that make your home safe and comfortable long after the finishes wear out. Spend the extra dollar here, and everything else works better. If you don't spend, it is very expensive to go back and correct your mistakes later.

Tip No. 5 — Invest in Windows and Doors

--- You Won't Regret It. Windows and exterior doors can be a big part of your remodeling budget, but they aren't the place to cut costs. When you research window options, for instance, look for the brands with the best energy efficiency and lowest maintenance possible. For both doors and windows, pay attention to how well they operate, how they seal to the weather, and the quality of the hardware used.

Tip No. 6 — Plan On Spending At Least 15 Percent 'More Than The Contract Price. If you've talked to friends, family or neighbors about their remodeling efforts, you know that the final bill always costs more than the estimate. Why? Undiscovered surprises and the "While we're at it ..." decisions. There's not much you can do about the former — you don't always know that there's an electrical line running through the wall where you wanted an opening — and the latter is laced with both good opportunity and overspending danger.

Tip No. 7 — Get Some Design Help Early On With Floor Plans. The key to how well your remodeled home will "live" is the new floor plan you create. There are lots of standards that need to be applied that will help you size rooms effectively and create a traffic flow that works. Contractors who work with designers (design-build firms) are a great source for this information. So are independent designers, who sometimes set up their own offices, but more typically work with a kitchen and bath showroom or even home centers. Architects, though more expensive, should be considered if you're considering major changes to your home.

Tip No. 8 — Consider Non-Traditional Materials — They're Often Better. Many of today's look-alike materials have been engineered to be better than what they replace. Medium- and high-density fiberboard (MDF and HDF), for instance, are stable, dense substrates used in the best cabinets, furniture, and flooring. Interior trim like moldings, walls niches, and ceiling medallions are another example. Urethane pieces are lighter in weight and less expensive than plaster, and aren't affected by moisture or insects like the same products available in wood.

Tip No. 9 — Choose Classic For a Finished Look That Will Last. It's fun to create a kitchen with the latest look, but if you keep the trendiest elements to casily replaceable finishes, it will be easier and less expensive to update in the future. Better yet, use classic materials, styles, and colors throughout the room and updating won't be a topic anytime soon.

Tip No. 10 — Never Let Your Payments Get Ahead of the Work. Contractors, like anyone in business, are anxious to please their customers in order to secure the next payment. It's important to keep this leverage so your contractor's attention doesn't wander. (Remember that you are competing with your contractor's other clients to a degree.) Always withhold 10 percent to 15 percent of the job cost at the end of the remodel to make sure your contractor completes everything to your satisfaction.

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### Lending institutions can help determine house affordability

By Cynthia Grochowski DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

B efore the floorplan books are leafed through, before any touring is done through model homes, a future home-builder needs to determine how much house he can afford.

"People tend to put the cart before the horse. They find the home first, then look at financing," said Don Oleske, the real estate lending manager for Telcom Credit Union in Novi. "They need to get themselves in line financially before they shop."

Their first stop when building a new home, according to Oleske, should be to a lender. "See what you can afford first, then go out and plan your dream house," Oleske said.

### **Pre-approval**

A visit to a bank, credit union or mortgage company is in order to fill out an application for pre-approval. Applying for pre-approval can be done in person at the

lending institution or online through the institution's Web site. Applicants need to have on hand a recent pay stub and monthly bill and income statements to complete the form.

The lender will run a credit report and interview the applicant to gain a general idea of how they intend to go about the down payment and closing costs.

"With this information a lender can give an opinion on what a person can qualify for," Oleske said. Once an individual is approved they are given a preapproval certificate.

"Real estate agents and builders will ask to see the certificate," Oleske said. "They want to make sure the person can obtain financing."

Oleske warns that preapproval is not the same as pre-qualifying.

"To pre-qualify means that given these circumstances you could probably qualify for the loan," he explained. "Pre-approval means that you do qualify for the loan, and the lender will back that up with a letter saying you do."



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Lending institutions such as banks and credit unions can assist individuals in determining their financial standing and how much house they can afford to build.

The pre-approval process can assist people in other ways outside of building a new home.

"Maybe they don't qualify right now, but the pre-approval process is a nice time to sit down with them, go over their credit and determine how they can best put themselves in a position to build a home in the future," Oleske pointed out. "It's good to hear from a professional on how to get a better credit score."

### Basic rule of thumb

A quick formula to judge how much house a person can afford says that the total house payment (including tax and insurance) and car payment should come to 45 percent of a person's monthly income. Automated underwriting programs may put the number as high as 60 percent.

That doesn't mean a person should jump on it, according to Oleske.

"A person can be approved for that, but they have to look at their lifestyle and their other expenses," Oleske said, saying that a lending institution will "make sure the numbers fit the client."

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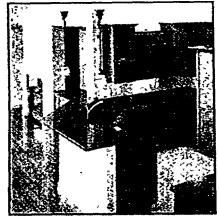


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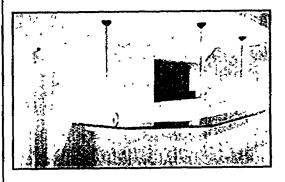


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### Create a home-theater system of your own

www.alk into any of the major electronics/appliances chains these days and, chances are, your desire to begin building your own home-theater system will skyrocket.

Advancements with respect to televisions, surround sound, and just about all things entertainment make having your own private, personal movie theater a winning idea.

But with electronics prices that can make this project a costly venture, you'll want to know exactly what you'll need and want before starting out.

### Television

The first thing you'll want to do is decide on your centerpiece, otherwise known as your television.

There are many televisions from which to choose, but keep your home-theater room size in mind before picking out your television — you don't want one that will overconsume the space.

Thanks to advancements, though, many televisions are now of the wall-mounted variety, meaning you can essentially get any television you want (regardless of screen size) so long as it fits into your budget and onto your wall.

### Build the room

After you've chosen where to put your television, it's time to start building the room around your sweet spot, the spot in your home theater where you can hear each speaker exactly the same. This spot is essentially the whole point of having a home-theater system, so create it wisely.

The best way to do that is to follow the triangle method. Place each of your television's front-channel speakers on either side of your TV (angle them in slightly), with each equidistant and between 8 feet and 12 feet from your TV. Use the parallel distance between these two speakers to form the base of a triangle. You can then fill out the rest of the triangle by creating two imaginary lines, each coming from one of the speakers, which will eventually converge to form your triangle. Somewhere in this triangle should be your viewing area.

After you've determined where to put your couch or easy chair, place the rear speakers directly behind and equidistant from your seating. It's also best to put these speakers at ear level. These speakers can also be wall mounted or ceiling mounted, but only if that is their suggested and intended use.

You'll likely have a center channel speaker that's best placed directly above your TV screen. If you have a wall-mounted TV, try and keep the screen at the eye level of your viewers when seated.

After you've placed everything, it's also important to consider the type of furniture you'll have in your new home theater.

Fabric drapes and soft furniture are best, as they will absorb sound and not cause any distortion. Avoid glass or marble furnishings if possible, as they reflect sound and might negate the theater atmosphere you've worked so hard to create.

### Master control

It is possible to get a master control center where you can control everything from your television, stereo system, volume and even your home theater's lighting. If you want something such as this, it will add considerably to your home-theater budget. Master control home-theater systems typically can cost several thousand dollars, not to mention these usually require a professional to install. Such installations can cost up to \$1,000 or more depending on the number of speakers you have. Also, prices will go up should you need help mounting your television. Should you choose to go the master control route, you'll want to place this behind your seating area, as it will only be a distraction if it is anywhere near your TV screen.

### **Conceal cables**

The last thing you'll want to do is conceal your cables.

This can be a more difficult process than you might think, as the more appliances you have as part of your home theater, the more cables you'll have as well. Leaving these cables exposed opens up the possibility for disaster, as people might trip over them or pets might chew on them.

These can be concealed in a number of ways, be it in the wall, in the ceiling or beneath moldings. Split-loom tubing is also an option. With split-loom tubing, you can route all your cables into one tube. This is

### **MAKING SENSE OF SOUND**

Deciphering between the different types of surround sound for your home-theater system can be akin to trying to read a language you don't speak.

Here's a quick guide to the differences between the two most common systems:

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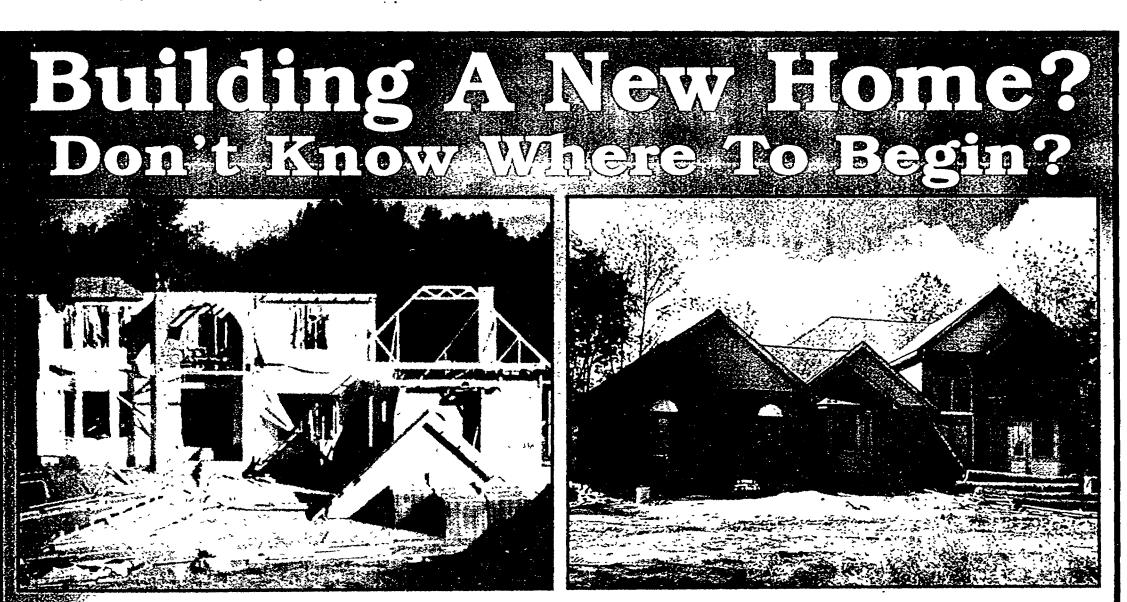
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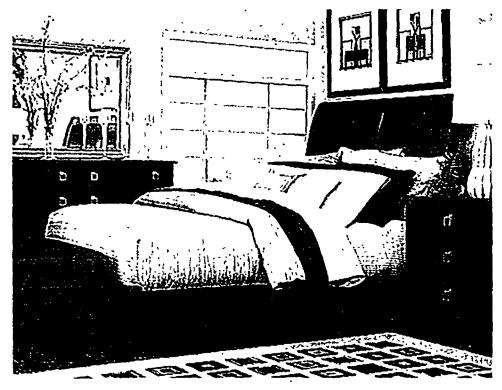
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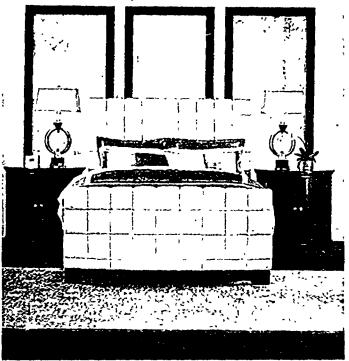
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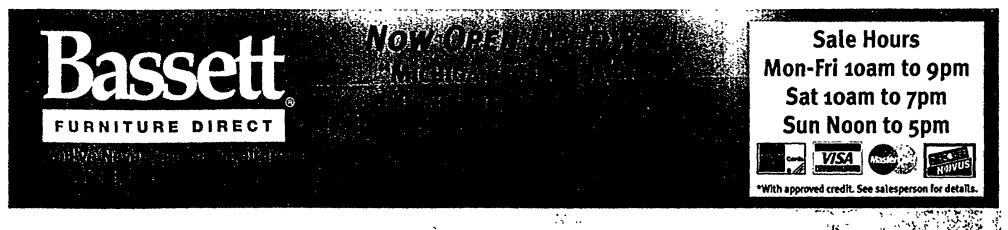


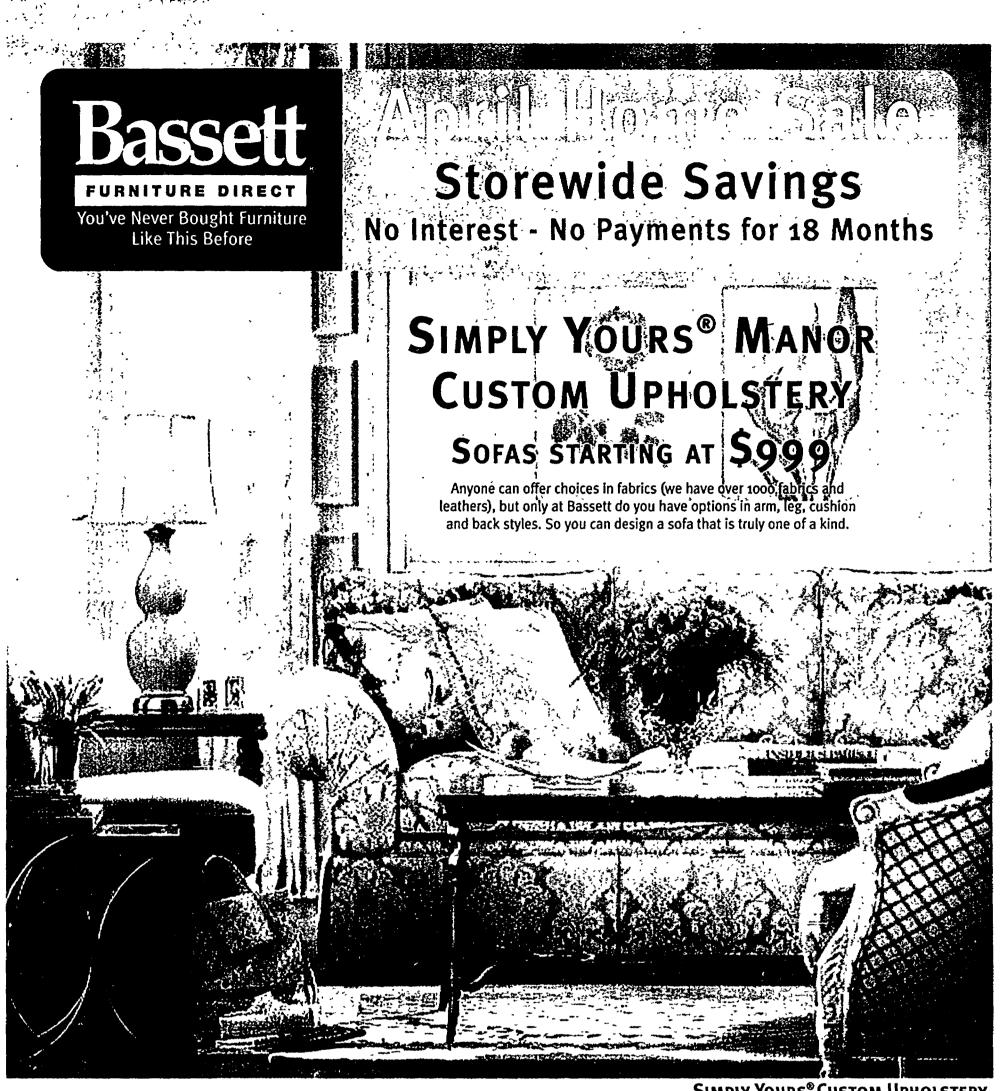
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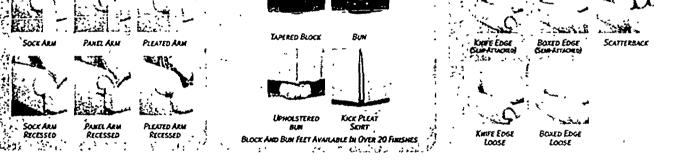
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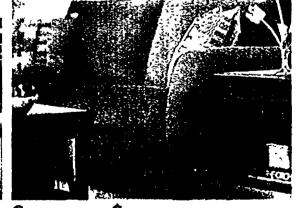
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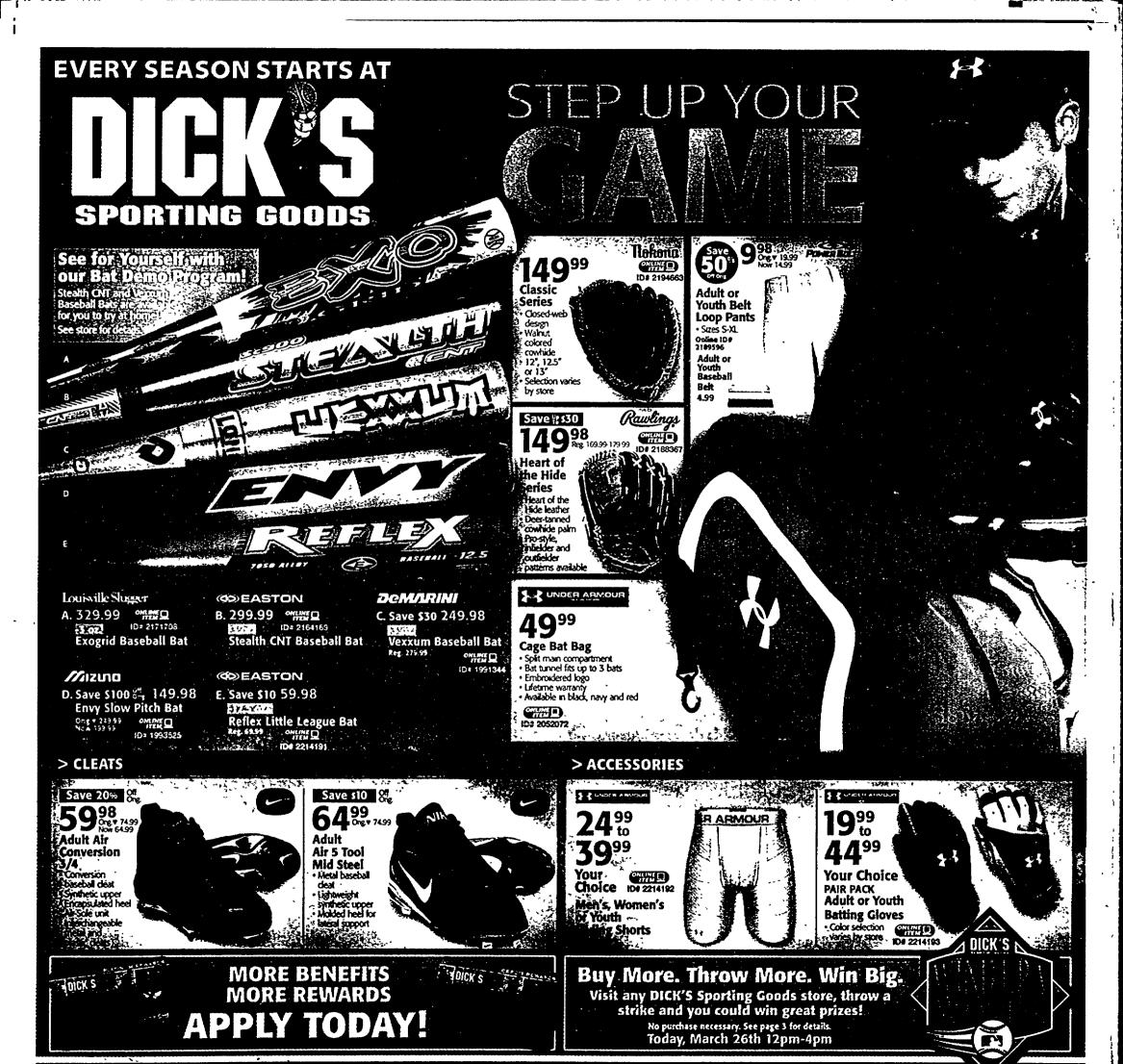
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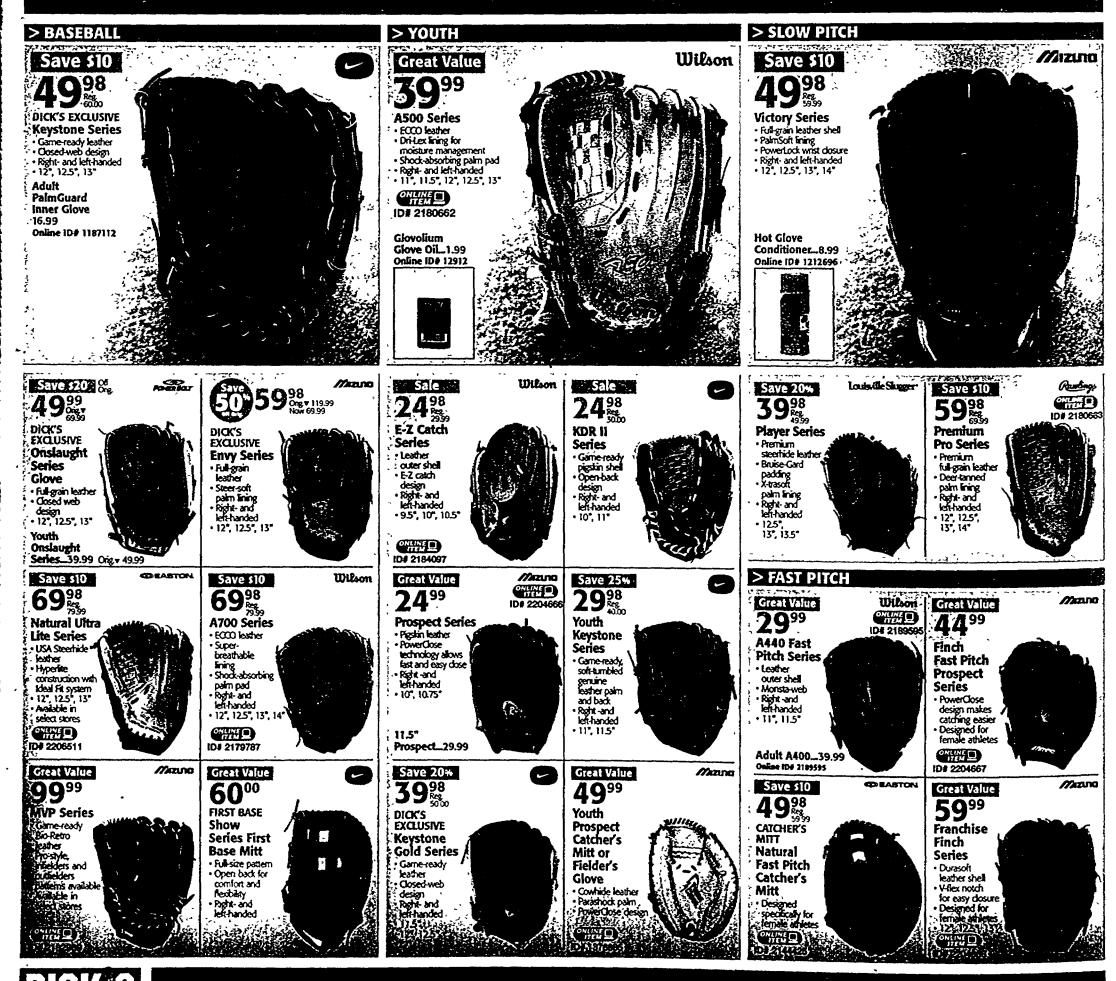
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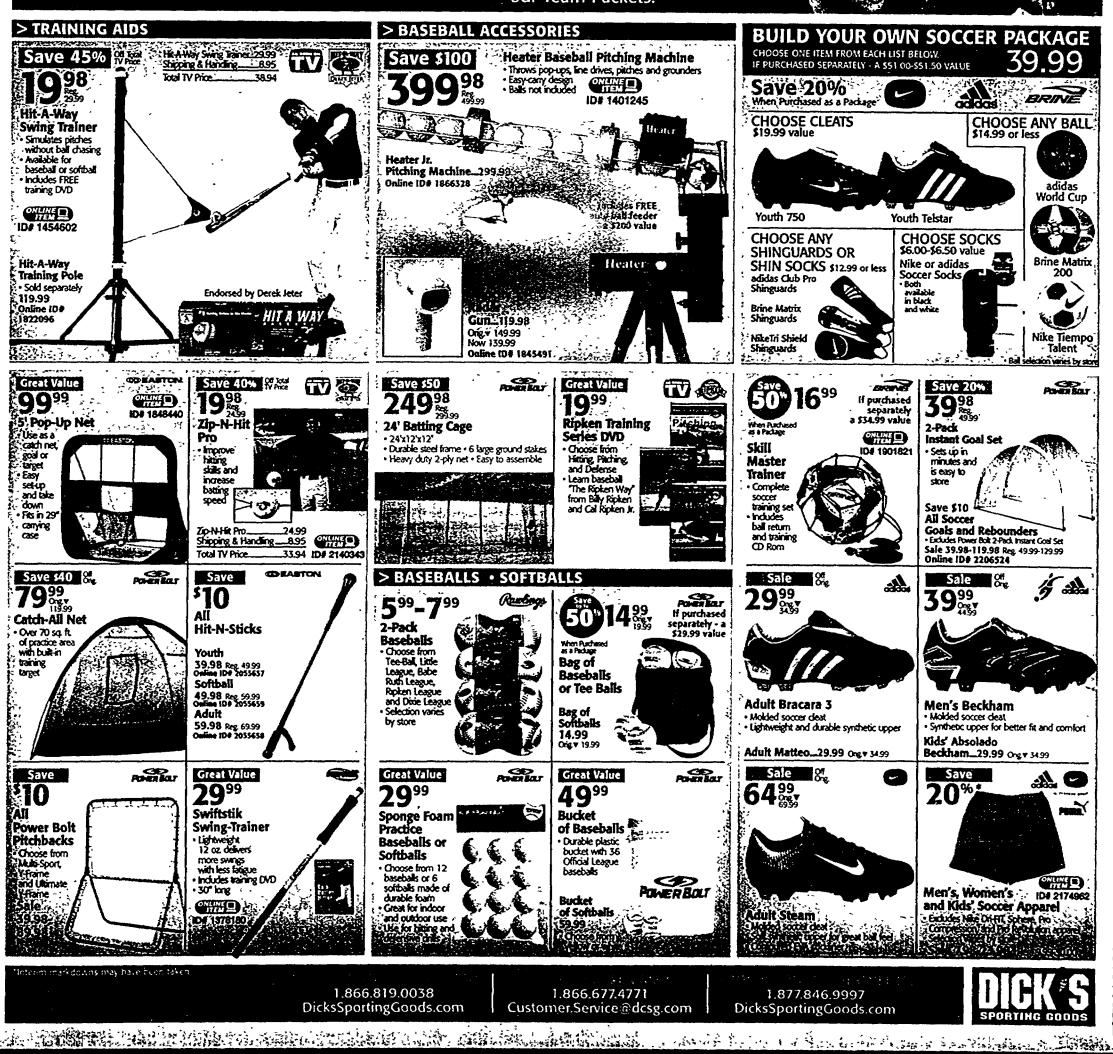
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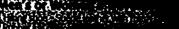




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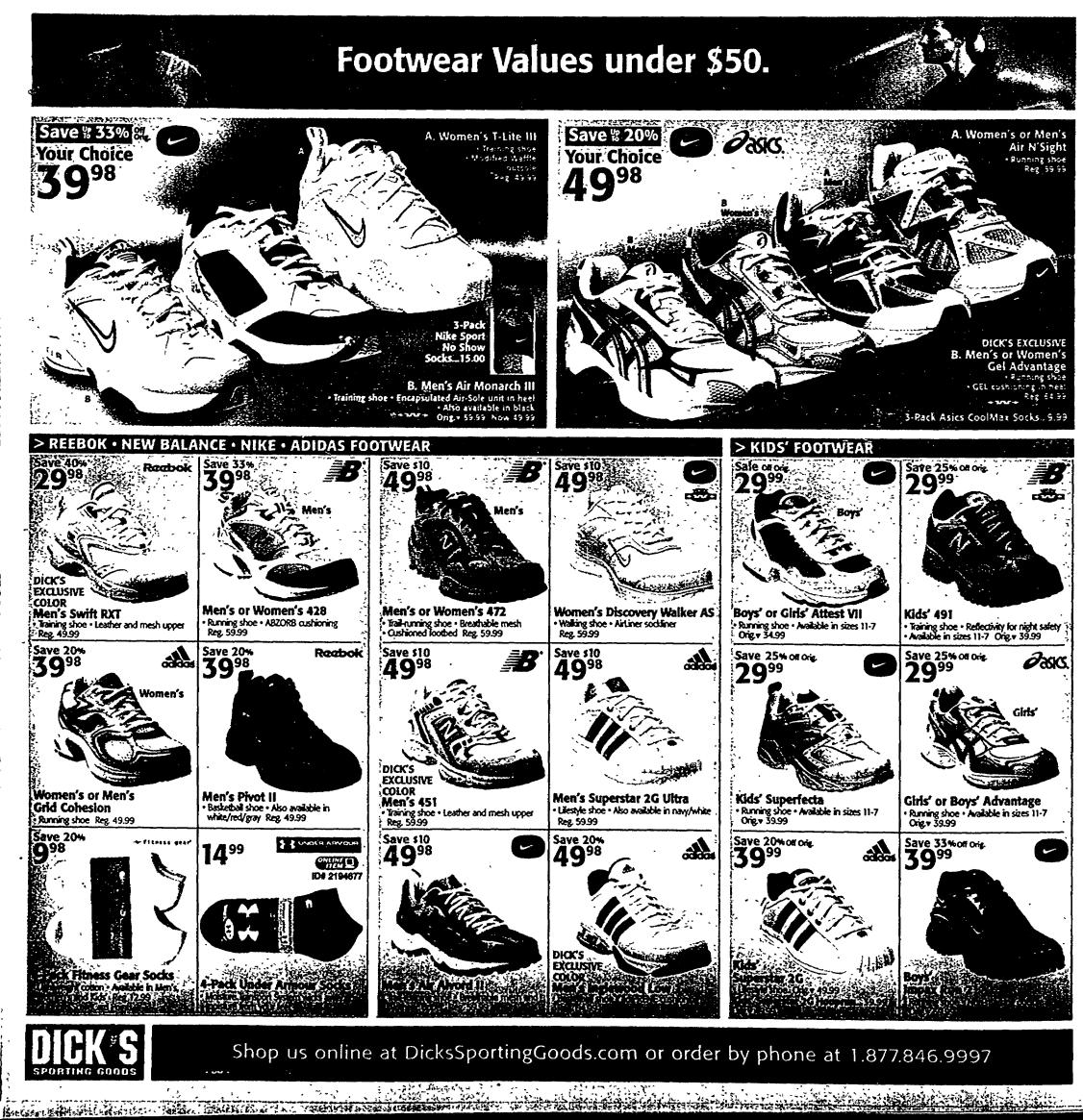
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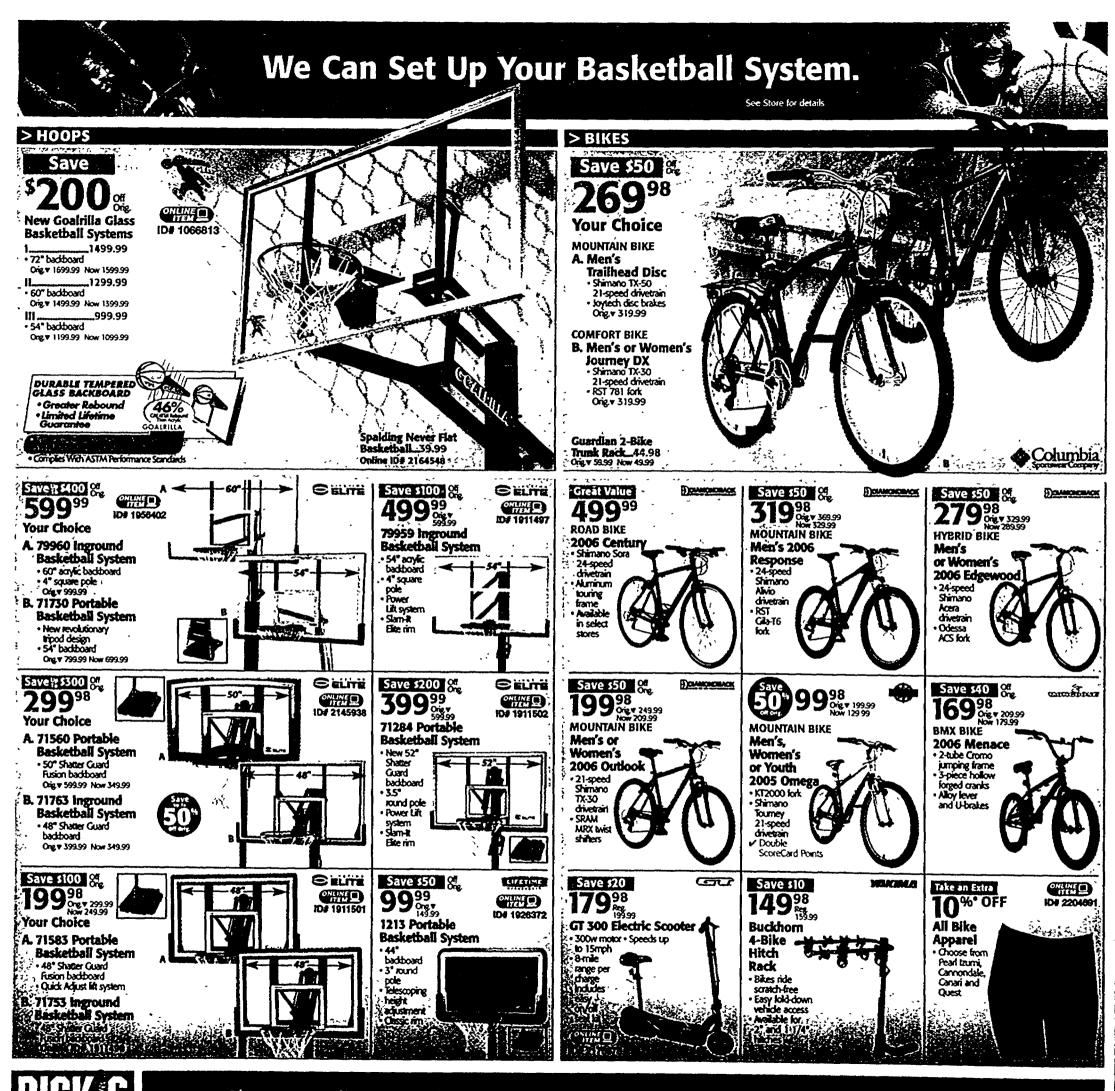
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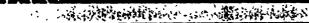
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Q I have followed John O'Hurley for many years and enjoyed his shows and TV commercials. I think he's terribly underrated as a



Singer and actor John O'Hurley

performer. What can you tell me about him and what his next project might be? --Jan McCanless, China Grove, N.C.

The highly recognizable, distinctively voiced O'Hurley, whose career catapulted with his recurring role on TV's Seinfeld in the 1990s, says his appearance on last year's Dancing With the Stars TV competition series was life altering. "Physically it changed me," he says. "I lost 25 pounds, but also, at the age of 50, you wonder how you are going to reinvent yourself, so I am doing things I probably would never have done if I hadn't been on the show." Also musically gifted, O'Hurley has performed as a vocalist with numerous symphonies and recently collaborated with cellist Marston Smith on a double-disc CD of his original classical piano compositions, *Peace of Our Minds.* O'Hurley recently made his Broadway debut as the male lead, Billy Flynn, in the hit musical *Chicago*, and has just released a dance DVD with his *Dancing With the Stars* partner, Charlotte Jorgensen.

Q I have the series Beauty and the Beast with Ron Perlman and Linda Hamilton. I'd love to see what he looks like without all that Beast makeup. ---Irene Reed, Hubert, Mich.



Ron Perlman

Although Perlman is well known for his portrayal as the Beast in the 1980s TV series, he continues to work consistently, appearing in the CBS-TV series *Magnificent Seven* and in *Wild World* and *Operation* 

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Sandman, both of which were UPN Movies of the Week. He's also appeared on the big screen in *Enemy at the Gate, Blade II, Star Tirk: Nemesis* and *Hellboy*: You can see him this summer in the TV movie *Desperation*, based on a book by Stephen King.

# Double Dose of Lynyrd Skynyrd

Two new releases from the classic Southern rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd offer proof that the group's legacy lives on. In addition to helping create the musical template for countless Southern rockers that followed, Skynyrd spawned a number of spinoffs as other groups branched out from various shakeups of the original band. The new Family CD brings together for the first time the biggest hits by Lynyrd Skynyrd as well

as "blood-kin" acts 38 Special, the Rossington Collins Band and the new Van Zant duo of brothers Johnny and Donnie. *Gimme Back My Bullets* originally was released by Lynyrd Skynyrd in 1976 and has been expanded to include six bonus tracks and a DVD featuring performances from a 1975 BBC-TV appearance.



On TV, Susan Oliver was Andy Griffith's "Prisoner of Love."

aviator who in 1967 became the first woman to fly a singleengine aircraft solo across the Atlantic Ocean, a feat she detailed in her 1983 memoir, Odyssey: A Daring Transatlantic Journey. She was named Pilot of the Year in 1970 and later nominated for an Emmy for her role as Amelia Earhart in a TV movie.

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Susan Oliver, a very

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on Peyton Place back in

the 1960s. She also guest

starred on an episode of

The Andy Griffith Show in

1964, "Prisoner of Love," in

which she played a prisoner

who both Andy and Barney

-A. Smithee, Bangor, Maine

Blond-haired, blue-eyed Susan

Oliver (whose real name was

Charlotte Gercke) made dozens

of TV appearances throughout

the 1960s and '70s and died of

lung cancer in 1990 at age 58.

The actress also was a TV direc-

tor and even an accomplished

## **Q** Do you know if Judy Woodruff is doing anything specific now that she's no longer with CNN?

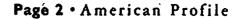
-Marli Neumann, Bullhead City, Ariz.

Woodruff replies: "I'm actively exploring a number of journalistic projects, among them consulting with the Pew Charitable Trusts about producing a year of televised reports on what's on the minds of America's younger generation. I'll be a senior fellow this fall at Harvard's Shorenstein Center for the Press, Politics and Public Policy. I remain a consultant and occasional contributor for CNN, have appeared on NBC News' Meet the Press as an analyst and am preparing to pack two sons off to college." Woodruff was born in Tulsa, Okla., and now lives in Washington, D.C., with her three children and husband, Al Hunt, who recently left 'The Wall Street Journal to become managing editor of Bloomberg Neus.

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# Family-oriented Funnyman

## by MELONEE -McKINNEY HURT

It's a Tuesday morning and comedian Jeff Foxworthy is running late. One of his duties as a parent of two has put him slightly behind schedule.

"We're the family that does the power slide into the front of the school in the mornings," he explains, providing a vivid image of his kids jumping out of the vehicle, tying shoelaces and combing hair in a last-minute rush to beat the bell.

It may not sound glamorous, but one of America's most widely recognized funnymen wouldn't want to be anywhere else. He lives in Alpharetta, Ga. (pop. 34,854), where he drives a Ford truck, shops at Home Depot and gets to be involved in the daily goings-on of his family. He's been happily married to wife Gregg for 22 years and has two daughters, ages 14 and 12.

From 1995 to 1997, Foxworthy started in his own sitcom, *The Jeff Foxworthy Show*; filmed on a Hollywood soundstage next door to the shooting stages for *Roseanne* and *Seinfeld*. That period showed him the effects a Hollywood career can have on life.

"I was around some of the most wealthy people in the workl—and some of the most miserable people I've ever seen," he says. "It was a blessing. It was like God showing you, "This isn't what it's all about.' As soon as they canceled the show, we moved back to Georgia." (Continued on page 4)



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Foxworthy has parlayed his Southern roots into a 20-year career that shows no signs of slowing . He has stand-up tour dates lined up in comedy clubs and other venues throughout 2006, hosts a weekly country countdown radio show and is working on athird Blue Collar Canedy Tour movie.

He's also planning to host the upcoming CMT Music Awards, which will air live April 10. He hosted the show in 2005 and it received record ratings for the network.

But even with one foot in the show-business fast lane, Foxworthy says he has purposely made his life as normal as it can be. "I got invited to host a dinner at the White House once, but I couldn't go because it was the same night as my daughter's play at school," he says. "Twenty years from now, the president won't remember if I came to the White House. But my daughter will remember if I wasn't at her play."

Foxworthy's career evolved out of a friendly good-ol'-boy-next-door routine, which he admits was never much of a stretch for him. The "You might be a redneck" jokes that put him on the map came out of playing gigs in big, non-Southern cities where club owners would often tell him, "Foxworthy, you're just an ol' redneck from Georgia."

On one such occasion, Foxworthy looked outside a window of the comedy club and saw a bowling alley next door---with a valet-parking stand. He laughs. "I said, 'You don't think you have rednecks here? Look out the window!""

So he decided to jot down 10 ways to tell if you're a redneck. That list blossomed into one of the most durable routines----and career tracks----in the business of professional comedy.

"That little yellow piece of paper," he says with a smile, "is now framed in our kitchen." ≯

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# \* Train Whistles and by STUART ENGLERT Senior Editor

A northbound Amtrak train pulls into Union Station in Meridian, Miss. (pop. 39,968), and immediately a conductor begins unloading—and loading—passengers and baggage. After a brief stop, the engineer blows the whistle, alerting everyone to clear the tracks before the train departs on its journey from New Orleans to New York City.

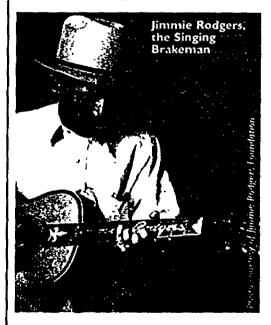
"That's a signal for the smokers to get on board," says Mick Nussbaum, director of the Meridian Railroad Museum, standing on Union Station's second floor overlooking the downtown rail yard. "He'll give two more blasts and he's leaving."

Hometown

Spotlight

Meridian has been a railroad stop since the first track was laid in Lauderdale County in 1855. Through the years, the railroad has provided jobs for townspeople, inspired the songs of country music's first superstar, Jimmie Rodgers, and fascinated rail fans like Nussbaum, whose hobby is photographing the trains that rumble through town.

"We're the best-kept secret for rail fans; not many places have what we have," says Nussbaum, 40, motioning to the 1906 depot, which was rebuilt in 1997 and today serves as a transportation center, accom-



modating hundreds of train and bus passengers each day.

The railroad boomed and the population swelled in the early 1900s, making Meridian the largest city in Mississippi. Today, the city is the state's sixth largest and the railroad continues to be an economic force, employing 1,900 people.

"Meridian has always been a railroad town," says Fonda Rush, a Meridian native whose 23-year-old son, Elliott, helps maintain the rails. "If you've lived in Meridian very long, you've probably had someone in your family work for the railroad. That's been a family tradition."

Another Meridian tradition is fostering and discovering musical talent.

Jimmie Rodgers, Meridian's most famous railroad man, went on to become the Father of Country Music. Born in nearby Pine Springs in 1897, Rodgers grew up in Meridian, working on the railroad, and plucking and strumming his guitar. The Singing Brakeman, as Rodgers was called, combined the rhythms of black railroad workers with the yodels of Western cowboys and became a national sensation, selling more than 10 million records between 1927 and 1933. Among his biggest songs were T for Texas, Waiting for a Train, In the Jail House Now and My Carolina Sunshine Girl.

"His music related to a lot of the working class during the Depression," Rush says. "His music was a release for them and their problems. He felt their pain."

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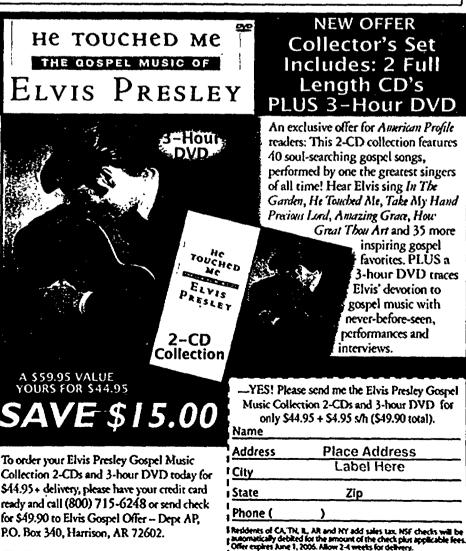


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A Kansas City Southern luxury train pauses at Union Station in Meridian, Miss.

Rodgers, who died of tuberculosis in 1933 and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Meridian, influenced a long list of country, bluegrass and rock artists, including Ernest Tubb, Merle Haggard, Bill Monroe and Jerry Lee Lewis. "All the artists respect Jimmie Rodgers and what he did," says Betty Lou Jones, president of the Jimmie Rodgers Foundation, whose mission is to perpetuate the memory and history of Rodgers, and pay tribute to his contributions to American music. (Continued on page 15)



by ALAN ROSS Photos by Gary Bogdon

# The Naster's Touch

## At 76, legendary golfer Arnold Palmer finds new rewards

It's been 40 years since Arnold Palmer was awarded the green blazer traditionally given to the winner of professional golf's most prestigious event. And though he won't take part in this year's Masters Tournament April 6-9 at the Augusta (Ga.) National Golf Club, the man who set golf on fire in the 1960s remains plenty busy today as a business executive, aviator, advertising spokesman, golf course designer/consultant, philanthropist and humanitarian.

And he still manages to play a little golf, too.

"Golf is still his life," says Doc Giffin, Palmer's agent. "He practices or plays a round almost every afternoon."

But over the past two decades, Palmer's famous swing has taken a backseat—at least publicly—to his other roles, including sharing his famously big heart with people in need.

His own father was born with polio, a fact that Palmer, now 76, admits steeled him with resolve to help others. "I am extremely pleased if I can help anyone do something that will help them in their lives," he says. "It's an ongoing situation for me to try and be somewhat of a philanthropist. But I also feel like people who are not extremely wealthy, but who make contributions to charity, show something even more giving and helpful."

For 20 years, throughout the 1970s and '80s, he served as honorary national chairman of the March of Dimes, which works to prevent infant mortality, birth defects and premature births. And his passionate concern for children opened the door two decades ago to help young people even more directly—as founder of the Arnold Palmer Medical Center in Orlando, Fla.

"When Mr. Palmer toured our pediatric intensive care unit at what was then the Orlando Regional Medical Center, he was finishing up and casually said to some of the folks in the group that 'It just seems like we could do better than that for our kids," recalls John Bozard, 56, head of the Arnold Palmer Medical Center Foundation. The foundation embraces both the Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women and Babies (named after Arnold's late wife, Winnifred, to whom he was married for 45 years before her death of cancer in 1999) and the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children.

### Palmer visits the Florida hospital that bears his name.



Palmer smiles in recollecting the moment. "The next thing that happened, the city fathers came back to me and said, 'You object to some of the things the hospital has done in pediatrics—why don't you help us and lend your name to doing a children and women's hospital?""

## His word is gold

Through a simple handshake, Palmer agreed to help. The center's immediate need, not surprisingly, was for an infusion of philanthropic dollars. Palmer dug deep, as he has done numerous times over the years. While the foundation does not reveal specific amounts of money contributed by donors, Bozard calls Palmer's sum "substantial." And he has continued to support the facility over the years. "I don't know of a time when he's told me he'd do something that he didn't do it," Bozard says. "When Arnold tells you something, you can take his word to the bank. He is as solid as gold."

A gilded standard is exactly what Palmer set in 1960, when he first began to entrench himself in sports lore with his stalking, warrior-like charges that took golf and the country by storm. His legendary saga started at only 4 years old when his father, a course superintendent at Latrobe (Pa.) Country Club—a course that Palmer now (Continued on page 8)



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owns-first cut down a pair of clubs to young Arnold's size. The future champ began swinging away, eventually launching an astonishing career that would include seven major tournament triumphs and 92 career wins worldwide.

Palmer's headline-making triumph in the 1960 U.S. Open, following his second of four lifetime Masters wins two months earlier, almost single-handedly energized the entire sport, ignited a legion of fanatical Palmer fans-the fabled "Arnie's Army"-and educated the entire country on the excitement of competitive golf.

Almost half of Palmer's time today is split among golf-related business and personal appearances. Competitively, he remains active with the Champions (PGA Senior) Tour, though he has cut back, making just eight appearances last year.

Off the links, Palmer and wife Kit, whom he married in January 2005, divide their time between homes in Latrobe, Pa. (pop. 8,994), and Bay Hill, Fla. (pop. 5,177).

Palmer's admirers point to the sense of integrity, sportsmanship and confidence he has brought to every phase of his career. "He's a true-blue person and it shines through," says Jerry Palmer, 61, Arnold's younger brother and general manager of Latrobe Country Club as well as his brother's residential and commercial properties in Latrobe. "What he says, he means."

Palmer's well-known integrity in the golfing world spawned his long-running offshoot career as an advertising spokesman, something that came naturally. With everything from automobile oil to home-health

care and long-lasting batteries, Palmer's friendly face invited consumers to try the product.

"I'm pleased if I can help anyone do something that will help them in their lives, says Palmer, who now devotes much of his time to philanthropy.



## Valuable lessons learned

But even the man with the Midas touch wasn't invincible to life's occasional arrows. Palmer is a prostate cancer survivor who has crusaded tirelessly for early detection through regular testing ever since his encounter with the disease in 1997. "Early detection is the key to almost all cancers," says Palmer, who has raised millions of dollars for prostate cancer research by serving as honorary chairman of Arnie's Army Battles Prostate Cancer, a golfing program affiliated with the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Ultimately, the scary event was just a bump in the road for Palmer, who says he has learned some valuable lessons during times of difficultly and defeat. One came in 1966 at a tournament on the Cherry Hills course outside Denver. Solidly ahead entering the final round of the U.S. Open, Palmer saw his commanding lead whittled away by the relentless, ironically Palmer-like charge of Billy Casper, who ultimately edged Palmer for the title. That defeat is not lost on him to this day.

When you reflect on something like losing a sevenstroke lead, it's difficult," Palmer concedes. "But after having won the Open and then losing the Open, like I did then, I found out a lot more about life, friendships and what life was all about. It was extremely gratifying to know that winning a golf tournament such as the Open at that point in time wasn't the only thing in the world that can be gratifying."

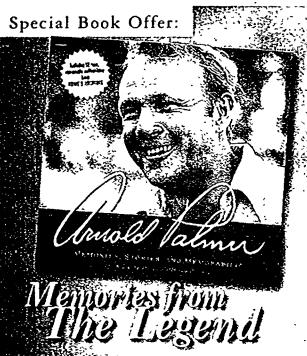
A large part of that gratification for Palmer continues to be giving his best effort to whatever he's involved with. And, as always, the Palmer method is a personal one.

"He'll walk down the halls and take time to talk," says Bozard of the golfing icon's visits to the medical facility bearing his name. "I've seen him stop and gather two or three of our housekeeping staff around him and tell them just how much he appreciates them keeping the place so clean." During moments like that, Palmer's reputation as a sports immortal, wealthy benefactor and astute businessman are overshadowed by a more immediate, more intimate impression.

"We just really see him," Bozard says, "as a very kind, gentle, tenderhearted person."

### Alan Ross is a freelance writer living in Bisbee. Ariz.

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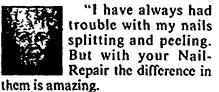
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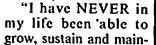
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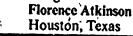
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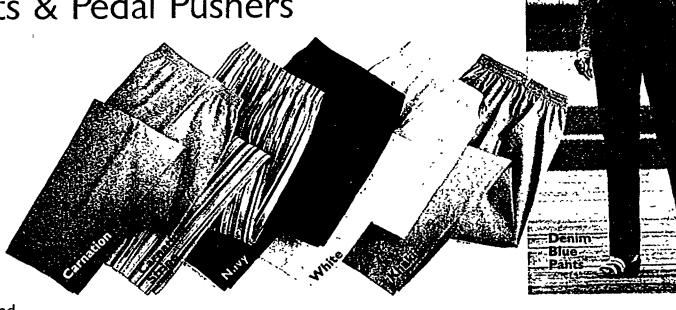
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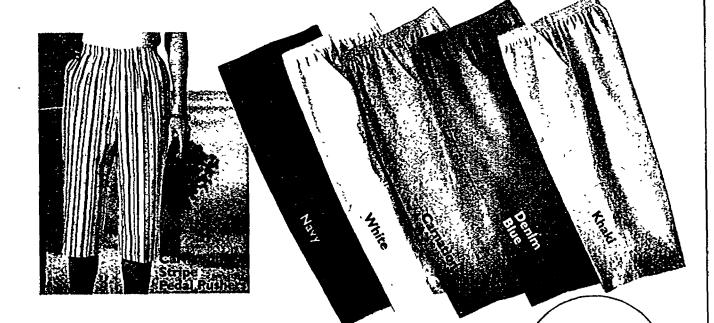
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# Hometown Hero

# Hope Chest founder Barbara Hensley

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# Generating "Hope" for Breast Cancer by SUSAN PALMOUIST

When Barbara Hensley decided to leave her corporate job in 2001, retirement was the furthest thing from her mind. Hensley, of Shakopee, Minn. (pop. 20,568), had lost two sisters to breast cancer and her plan was to help others with the disease. Using marketing experience she'd gained while working as

Using marketing experience she'd gained while working as an executive for various companies, Hensley decided to help raise money for breast cancer programs while enabling other women to become what she calls "social entrepreneurs." "I carefully researched other foundations and decided the

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The Hope Chest store in Orono, Minn., raises money to fight breast cancer. best way to raise money was to open stores where women could be successful entrepreneurs and at the same time they would be able to give back to their community," says Hensley, 58.

So she asked companies and individuals to donate overstocked and used items to sell in an upscale store. The result was a nonprofit foundation named Hope Chest for Breast Cancer and a forprofit retail store called Hope Chest, which opened in November 2002 in Orono, Minn. (pop. 7,538), and has contributed more than \$150,000 to breast cancer causes.

What sets the 6,000-square-foot Hope Chest store apart from other stores is that each day customers can find something different among the merchandise, from a sterling silver tea set and ornate wooden frames, to an 1890s oak table and high-end clothing.

Julie Riff, one of 200 Hope Chest volunteers, says Hensley is an inspiration. "Barbara is incredibly dedicated to the Hope Chest mission," Riff says. "She's always positive and sincere and has created a great place to work. I think her work ethic and unflagging



enthusiasm and graciousness have inspired me the most."

Kari Berscheit, a breast cancer survivor, also volunteers at the Hope Chest store. "I always enjoy working there and I can't believe all these items are donated," Berscheit says. "I just love Barbara."

Childhood photos of Hensley and her late sisters decorate a store counter.

While many cancer char-

late sisters decorate a store counter. it is raise money for one specific purpose, Hope Chest donates money to four different areas—research, hospice cate, financial support to those with breast cancer and programs for early detection.

Hensley believes that helping people with breast cancer meet financial burdens, such as paying medical bills and living expenses, is crucial. "When both my sisters were going through treatment, I got to meet women who sometimes had to put off taking chemotherapy because they had inadequate or no insurance," she says.

Financial aid given by Hope Chest often means a breast cancer patient can buy food or even pay rent. One example is a donation to the Western Communities Action Network, a social service center that aids low-income families, in Mound, Minn. (pop. 9,435).

"We had one client who was a single mom and taking chemotherapy," says Jessie Billiet, a family advocate with the network. "She needed some help paying her mortgage, so we contacted



A customer talks with Hensley inside the store.

Barbara and she sent a donation which allowed the client to stay in her home."

Ultimately, Hensley hopes to expand the Hope Chest concept by establishing stores in all 50 states, which combined would raise an estimated \$10 million annually.

"Doing what I am is important to me because I lost the dearest women in my life," says Hensley, whose sisters Kathy and Patsy died in 1994 and 1996, respectively. "One day I'd love to be sitting on my front porch surrounded by my great-grandchildren. They'll ask me what I did with my life and I'll say I had the opportunity to work with wonderful people to help fight breast cancer. And they'll look up at me and ask, 'What's breast cancer?'" ≯

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# SPORTS TECH NEWS - 2006 New lure's catch rate may be too high for some tournaments.

Out-fishes other bait 19 to 4 in one contest.

**Uses** aerospace technology to mimic a real fish.

ORLANDO, FL-A small company in Connecticut has developed a new lure that mimics the motion of a real fish so realisti-



cally eight professionals couldn't tell the difference between it and a live shad when it "swam" toward them on retrieval. The design elimiby Charlie Allen nates ' wobbling, angled swimming

and other unnatural motions that problem other hard bait lures. It swims upright and appears to propel itself with its tail.

Curiously, the company may have designed it too well. Tournament fishermen who have used it said it's possible officials will not allow it in contests where live bait is prohibited. They claim it swims more realistically than anything they have ever seen. If so, that would hurt the company's promotional efforts. Winning tournaments is an important part of marketing a new lure.

Fish would probably prefer to see it restricted. I watched eight veteran fishermen test the new lure (called The KickTail<sup>e</sup>) on a lake outside Orlando FL for about four hours. Four used the KickTail and four used a combination of their favorite lures and shiners (live bait). The four using the KickTail caught 41 fish versus 14 for

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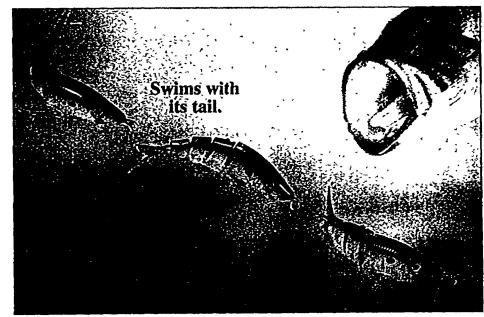
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advantage can mean thousands of dollars to a fisherman, and hundreds of thousands in sales to the company.

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New lure swims like a real fish--nearly triples catch in Florida contest.

known principle called aeronautical flutter causes the tail to wag left and right, as if the lure were propelling itself with its tail. Unlike other hard baits, the head remains stationaryonly the tail wags. A company spokesman told me this.

"Fish attack live things, and they determine if something is alive by watching its movements. Marine biologists will tell you that the more a lure swims like a real fish, the more fish it will catch. Well, the only live thing the KickTail doesn't do is breathe. It's better than live bait! It lasts longer and it never hangs half-dead from a hook. It's always swimming wild and free. Fish can't stand it. We've seen fish that have just eaten go for the KickTail. It's like having another potato chip.

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"The flutter technology also allows the KickTail to swim at the water's surface. Other top water lures must be worked to have any live action, or have a bill that makes them dive on retrieval. Our diver version is the only deep crank bait that let's you do tricks like 'walk the dog.' Twitch it at deep levels and it gives an irresistible, lifelike action. Other lures 'dig.' And there's no need for rattles. The five tail segments click together as you pull it through the water, call-ing fish from a distance."

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INDIANA-In 1957, Bob and Joyce Newton began building racing tires by re-treading street tires in a South Bend horse barn. Today, their Hoosier Racing Tire Corp., headquartered in Lakeville (pop. 567), is the world's largest manufacturer of racing tires.

IOWA-No news was bad news for Lost Nation (pop. 497) when the local newspaper folded. So in 1986, an entirely volunteer staff began producing and publishing The Community Scoop, a nonprofit weekly newspaper. The hometown paper published its 1,000th issue last year. Now that's good news!

KANSAS---The most famous murals in the state Capitol in Topeka were left unsigned and unfinished in 1941 by artist John Steuart Curry after a public outcry that his paintings of abolitionist John Brown and tornadoes reflected poorly on the state.



MICHIGAN-With a slope descending 641 feet, Porcupine Mountains Ski Area at the Porcupine Mountains Wiklemess State Park in Ontonagon (pop. 2,954) has the highest vertical ski drop in the state.

MINNESOTA --- Actor James Arness, who was born in 1923 in Minneapolis, lassoed the role of Marshal Matt Dillon for the television Western Gununoke from 1955 to 1975. John Wayne declined the role and recommended his 6-foot-7-inch friend.

MISSOURI-The Black World History Museum in St. Louis documents the lives of ordinary and famous African-Americans, including scientist George Washington Carver and civil rights leader Martin Luther King. Artifacts from an archaeological excavation of a slave's cabin are showcased.

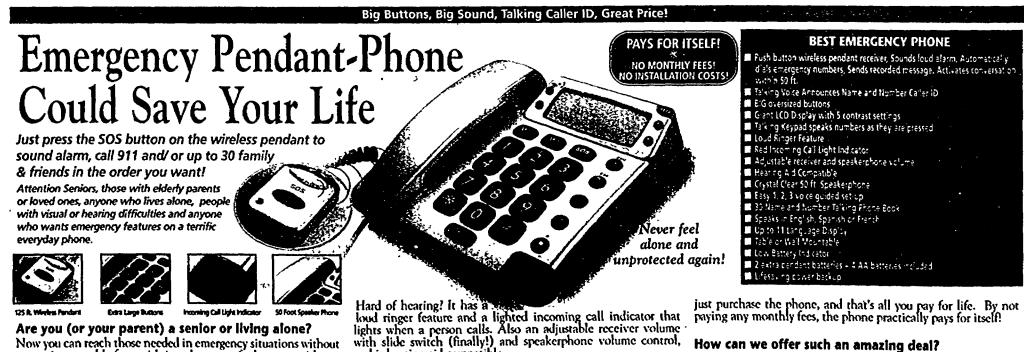
NEBRASKA-Musician Roger Williams, born in 1924 in Omaha, is America's best-selling pianist with 18 gold and platinum albums. His 1955 hit, "Autumn Leaves," reached No. 1 on the Billboard charts and the song remains the best-selling piano recording of all time.

NORTH DAKOTA-Arrow-Tech Inc. in Rolla (pop. 1,147) manufactures equipment to detect biological, chemical and nuclear agents and is the only manufacturer of the Federal Emergency Management Agency-designed pocket dosimeter, a device used to detect radiation.

OHIO—The 1868 Zoarville Station Bridge at Camp Tuscazoar in Dover (pop. 12,210) was designed by Albert Fink and is believed the last through-truss bridge of its kind. The 105-foot bridge features Phoenix columns of hollow wrought-iron tubes, known for their strength.

SOUTH DAKOTA-Buffalo, bighorn sheep, prairie dogs and "begging" burros may be encountered while driving along the open grasslands and rolling hills of the 18-mile Wildlife Loop State Scenic Byway in Custer State Park in Custer (pop. 1,860).

WISCONSIN-On Dec. 31, 1967, the Green Bay Packers beat the Dallas Cowboys at Lambeau Field in Green Bay to win the NFL championship in minus-13-degree weather with a wind chill of minus 46. The game was dubbed the "Ice Bowl."



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Kimberly Gayle Odom and Cary Laine won last year's Jimmie Rodgers Talent Contest.

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Rodgers is honored at Meridian's Jimmie Rodgers Memorial Museum, which houses memorabilia and artifacts from Rodgers' railroad and singing careers, including his 1928 Martin guitar, railroad trunk and cowboy boots, personal correspondence, records and sheet music.

Meridian also hosts Jimmie Rodgers Days each spring. This year's event, scheduled April 28-30,



features a yodeling contest, barbecue cookoff, car show and musical entertainment in Singing Brakeman Park. During the Jimmie Rodgers Talent Contest, aspiring performers will try to follow in the footsteps of Elvis Presley, who finished second in the inaugural contest in 1953 and went on to become the King of Rock 'n' Roll.

Rodgers' 1928 Martin guitar

business, we definitely want to be country singers," says Cary Laine, 19, of Deer Park, Ala, who won the adult com-

"If we're in the music

petition last year with singing partner Kimberly Gayle Odom.

"It's a lifelong dream," adds Odom, 21.

As long as singers dream and train whistles blow, the legacy of Jimmie Rodgers and the railroad will live on in Meridian.

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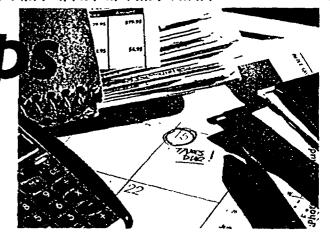
Each year Americans overpay their income taxes by \$400 due to missed tax breaks and savings incentives, according to H&R Block.

Whether you file your taxes yourself or hire someone to do it for you, be aware of tax law changes and be sure you're not paying more than required by law. Here are some tax tips as well as a few common, but often overlooked, deductions your family may qualify for this year:

- STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAX VS. INCOME TAX. If you live in a state with no state or local income tax, you can deduct the general sales tax you paid in 2005 from your federal tax return. If you do pay state/local taxes, you can either deduct the state/local taxes you paid or what you paid in sales tax for general purchases, whichever is greater. So if your purchases were high and your state/local taxes are low, you may choose to deduct your sales tax.
- CHARITABLE DONATIONS. You can deduct the value of items or money given to churches and

other 501C-3 non-profit organizations. Get receipts for donations of more than \$75 when goods or services were exchanged, or if more than \$250 was donated and no goods were received.

• RETIREMENT. You have until April 15 to make a tax-deductible contribution to a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA). For tax year 2005, the maximum IRA contribution that can be deducted is \$4,000 (\$4,500 if you're age 50 or older). This is a good way to save for the future and lower your taxes at the same time.



- EDUCATION EXPENSES. You can receive taxfree distributions from Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, or ESAs, and Qualified Tuition Plans, known as QTPs. The main attraction for these programs is the same that draws you to a qualifying retirement account: distributions from ESAs and QTPs are tax-free when withdrawn and used for your child's education.
- DISASTER OR THEFT. If your home was damaged by flood, ice storm, earthquake, other natural disaster or thieves, you may be able to deduct what your insurance doesn't cover.
- REAL ESTATE. Your mortgage interest is deductible, and if you refinanced this year, you may be eligible to deduct some costs associated with the loan.



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- MEDICAL EXPENSES. You can deduct medical expenses if your bills exceeded 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income. Medical expenses that can be itemized include the cost of medical insurance, prescriptions, outof-pocket medical expenses, and mileage to and from medical facilities.
- JOB-RELATED EXPENSES. Out-of-pocket job expenses not reimbursed by employers are deductible. And if you were job hunting, you can deduct most expenses related to the search, including the cost of resumes, phone expenses, postage, career counseling, and travel to and from interviews.
- STOCK LOSSES. You can use stock losses to offset taxes owed on stock gains in a given tax year. If the losses exceed the gains, you can use up to \$3,000 in losses to offset ordinary income.
- TAX PREPARATION. Sometimes it pays to hire someone to prepare your taxes. You can claim the cost of tax preparation software or the cost of hiring a professional.
- CLAIM THE RIGHT WITHHOLDING. While it may seem like a windfall to get a large tax refund, your goal should really be to break even. If you're getting a refund, you've basically been loaning the government money-without interest. To strike the right balance, fill out a new Form W-4 with your employer to have the proper amount of taxes withheld from each paycheck.
- ORGANIZE YOUR RECORDS. Keep a file of receipts, pay stubs and various financial forms so that, by the end of the year, it's easier to retrieve the numbers you need to file your tax return. This includes general financial documents, receipts for deductible items, insurance and medical records, theft or loss documentation, charitable records and self-employment records.

Though following these tips can save you money, every family's financial situation is different. Check with your financial or tax adviser to clarify these suggestions or if you have specific questions. You also can get information from the IRS website, www.irs. gov, or helpline at (800) 829-1040.

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